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### TODAY'S WEATHER

**Today:** Mostly cloudy, with a few flurries. Wind gusts to 25 mph. Chills in the teens!  
**Tonight:** Partly cloudy.

HIGH: 30    LOW: 18



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# Student Impact of Westfield receives \$10K gift from Meijer

**The REPORTER**

Student Impact of Westfield is the recipient of a \$10,000 donation from the local Meijer as a part of the Meijer Gives campaign. Based on employee voting at the store, Student Impact was chosen to receive this significant grant.

"We are extremely thankful to Meijer and their staff for recognizing the difference Student Impact is making here in Westfield," Student Impact Executive Director Danyele Easterhaus said. "I also want to thank the leadership at Meijer for making grants like this possible and improving the lives of so many in communities across the nation."

Westfield Meijer Store Director Chad Clark presented the \$10,000 check to Student Impact staff last week and a small



ceremony at the store. Student Impact will direct these funds toward its fundraising campaign to build a large addition on the Student Impact property with the goal of serving more kids in the community.

Learn more at [TheRock-Westfield.org](http://TheRock-Westfield.org).

# Christmas 2016 was a ruff one

In 2016, after two failed attempts at dog ownership, I firmly declared to my daughter Delaney: NO. MORE. DOGS.

Don't get me wrong: I like dogs. Well, I like the idea of dogs, just not dog ownership. I like dogs in other people's houses.

While Delaney didn't share similar feelings on this matter, for two years after losing our previous dog, she at least extended a common courtesy to not hound me about getting another dog. Secretly, though, she pined for a dachshund, the breed of our first dog.

Then came Max.

Max is not a dog's name by the way. Max is a boy's name. More specifically, Max is my daughter's boyfriend's name.

Max, so smitten with Delaney, so stupidly in love, decided to do the one possible thing that would secure for him my daughter's heart, possibly through all eternity: He surprised Delaney with a puppy for Christmas. It was no coincidence that the puppy was a dachshund. It was like he had given her a furry Hope Diamond.

Since father and daughter live under the same roof, that meant Max, in essence, decided to surprise ME with a puppy for Christmas, too. Bad Max.



# Cherish presents Gaylor Electric with its 2022 Impact Award

**Submitted**

Cherish, the nationally accredited child advocacy center for Hamilton County, has presented Gaylor Electric with the 2022 Impact Award.

The Impact Award highlights the success and contribution of community members who have made a significant impact in the fight to make children's lives better over the past year. The award is designed to recognize an organization's impact on the community and the clients Cherish serves.

Gaylor was chosen for this award as it has been an ongoing partner of Cherish for many years. Not only does Gaylor



consistently support Cherish's events, but it is always willing to assist with facility needs as well. Gaylor regularly lends its gifts and influence to make an impact beyond its work as the Highest Performing National Contractor of Excellence. Gaylor truly delivers on its genuine care for people.

Cherish, a non-profit founded in 2009, is the child advocacy center (CAC) for Hamilton

# Hamilton County Coroner set to retire

Jellison: Chalfin to go down as "best coroner this county has seen"

**The REPORTER**

Hamilton County Coroner John Chalfin is set to retire on Dec. 31 when the second of his two terms expires. He was first hired on as a part-time deputy for the Coroner's Office in 2008 and won the first of his two elections in 2014. Coroners are limited to two four-year terms in the State of Indiana.

"It's been an honor to serve the people of Hamilton County and help them in some of their darkest hours," Chalfin said.

Chalfin and his team investigate nearly a quarter of the county's deaths. They are responsible for tending to suspicious and unattended deaths – primarily homicides, suicides, and accidental deaths.

"We owe it to people to treat their loved ones with dignity," Chalfin said. "Anything we can do to provide them with more comfort and decency, we want to do."

During his tenure as Coroner, he has done his best to keep pace with the county's growth. The department's caseload has increased 200 percent in the past decade, from 200 cases a year to over 600 cases a year. He said his proudest accomplishment is building a new morgue in 2018.

"If we hadn't built the morgue when we did, we would have been sunk, especially when COVID hit," he said. "I'm also proud of our new office space, our increased manpower, and the fact that we now have vehicles that allow us to do our own transport."



Chalfin

# Westfield Lions & SOS Club team up to help Afghan refugees in Indiana

**By LARRY CLARINO**  
*Westfield Lions Club*

On Dec. 8, a great group of high school kids joined with the Westfield Lions Club to fill personal hygiene bags for distribution to Afghan refugees here in Indiana.

Lions Club Secretary Jeff Larrison delivered some 300 bags provided by the students from the Service-Over-Self Club, along with a load of furniture gathered by the Westfield Lions, to Exodus Refugee Immigration Inc. of Indianapolis.

Westfield High School's (WHS) Service-Over-Self Club is an all-volunteer organization of students who serve their community and learn life skills. The Lions' Leo Club, a student affiliate group of the Lions, is part of the WHS program.

Lions International has a long history of reaching out to help refugees from all over



(From left) SOS Club President Hanna Dykema helps load up personal hygiene bags for Afghan refugees. Helping are Lions Jeff Larrison, WHS teacher Stephanie Rokop, and SOS member Fatima Djour.

the word. The Westfield Lions Club continues that tradition, joining with the youngsters in the Westfield area through the Service-Over-Self group at WHS.

"We are proud of the way the kids are getting involved with service," Lion Jeff Schneider, the Leo Club

# Carmel Christkindlmarkt once again voted No. 1

**The REPORTER**

The Carmel Christkindlmarkt has been voted Best Holiday Market in the [USA Today](http://USA Today) 10Best competition for the third time.

This honor confirms that Carmel has become a major tourism attraction in the holiday season, drawing visitors from around the country to experience the Market and the City of Carmel's major entertainment venues.

The holiday market candidates from across the United States were selected by a panel of experts and 10Best editors, followed by the public voting for their favorites. The Carmel Christkindlmarkt also received the first-place spot in 2019 and 2021.

"When I walk around the Christkindlmarkt and meet people, I always ask where they are from ... and I am always amazed at what I hear. They come from Illinois, Michigan, Kentucky, Tennessee and all across the country," said Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard, whose inspiration led to the creation of the Christkindlmarkt in 2017. "What is really special is when I meet travelers from Germany who tell us that this Market is as good, if not better, than the Markets they see in their homeland."

Maria Murphy, market master and CEO of the Carmel Christkindlmarkt, works all year long to make connections in Germany so that



Photo provided

each holiday season brings something new to the Christkindlmarkt. She and her staff are thrilled to earn this title for the third time.

"We are honored to be the Best Holiday Market in the U.S. once again," Murphy said. "We work hard to ensure our guests have a magical experience when they visit us, and we are humbled by the support they've shown us in return by voting for us in this competition."

Voting took place throughout late November and early December, and participants could vote every day, once per day.

The Carmel Christkindlmarkt will remain open through Dec. 30.



# RUFF

“Dad, I want you to see something,” was how Delaney delivered the dog news to me on the eve of Christmas Eve. The dachshund was six-weeks small, hamster size. Delaney held the pathetic pooch up to her face, trying to melt my heart with two sets of pleading eyes.

“No,” I said. “Our house is too small for a house dog.”

I saw hurt in her eyes. I read her mind: it was my heart, not my house, that was too small for a dog.

Declaring then that our house would continue being a dog-free zone did indeed make my heart feel like it had shrunk three sizes, but I was doggedly determined to not throw my daughter the proverbial bone. “The day after Christmas, Max will return the puppy to the original owner,” I barked.

The Three Wise Men delivered to Jesus gold, frankincense, and myrrh on Christmas. Max delivered to Delaney a dog. Max, knowing my feelings on the matter, deliberately going against my wishes, clearly was not a wise man, though he did demonstrate enough smarts to not be present for the puppy’s unveiling. My 17-year-old daughter eyed me like I was the bad guy in this scenario.

“Out of here in two days,” I shouted, getting

madder by the minute. The hurt in her eyes made me feel like I meant Delaney would be “out of here in two days.”

As you can imagine, Christmas 2016 was not a happy time in the Saalman household. There was a lot of whining, growling, and wetting oneself – the dog also did this. Christmas Eve was an uncomfortable time of silence between father and daughter. I don’t think this is what the lyricist for “Silent Night” had in mind.

On Christmas day, I was alone – and a bit lonely. My parents, on their way to the casino, invited me to Denny’s for brunch for some family quality time. Over a Grand Slam, I fumed and frothed about the dog that destroyed Christmas.

A stranger interrupted my rant, pleading pathetically for gas money so he could get to his family. I snapped, shut him down, told him I was trying to enjoy the holiday with my own family without interruption. My dad reached for his wallet, but I vehemently shook my head no, sending the vagrant on his way without so much as a penny for his empty pocket. My parents looked shocked. Typically, I’m not a heartless son. BUT. A. DOG. FOR. CHRISTMAS. COME ON!

Leaving Denny’s, I actually



Photo by Delaney Aby Saalman  
**Rory the Christmas dog. Sadly, Rory passed away recently but the fond memories remain – even for Dad.**

ally felt bad for the beggar. I noticed him sitting at a stool, hunched over the counter. I dropped a twenty by his coffee cup. “God bless you,” he said to me. I actually felt my heart enlarge a notch. I realized I needed to give him the money as much as he needed me to give it to him. I envisioned him driving home in time for Christmas dinner with his daughter. I’ll Be Home For Christmas! Oh, hear it play, hear it play! Oh, the swell of my holiday heart!

A couple hours later, my dad texted a photo from the casino. He wrote, “Look familiar?” The man in the picture was the same man I had given \$20 to at Denny’s. I kid you not.

Oh, the deflation I felt within realizing I was the sucker of a Christmas con job. I returned home to Christmas silence and sat on the floor in darkness.

Get this: Later, Delaney had the gall to interrupt my holiday brooding and ask me to hold the puppy while

she showered. Defeated, I mustered a grunt. The dachshund fit in my right hand. It licked my face, trying to con me into thinking it cared. The tongue tickled my neck a bit, and I swear my stern face cracked a smile, a slight one, but a smile just the same.

“You can keep the dog,” I announced after her shower. Delaney’s smile was like a Christmas gift. My heart tripled in size. It wouldn’t have surprised me at that moment to hear the whole world simultaneously break into the chorus of “Joy To The World.”

No longer was I made to feel like the holiday bad guy, the Scrooge, the Grinch. Suddenly, I was the world’s greatest dad who had, in essence, just given his daughter the ultimate Christmas gift: a puppy: a dachshund. Take that, Max.

Full disclosure: Max and Delaney married in 2020 – well played, Max.

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# SOS

coordinator, said. “The Lions’ motto is ‘We Serve’ and the students are doing just that.”

Exodus Refugee Immigration is an Indianapolis-based charity that is dedicated to helping refugees from over 50 nations get established in new homes right here in central Indiana. Currently many Afghan ref-

ugees have relocated here with a need for assistance.

The WHS Service-Over-Self Club is jointly sponsored by local Lions Club, Kiwanis and Rotary chapters in Westfield to provide hands-on service projects to build character and develop leadership skills with an educational twist.

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# IMPACT

County. Cherish provides intervention and prevention services for victims of abuse and neglect. Services include child forensic interviews, advocacy, community education, trauma therapy intervention, and psychoeducational groups that focus on healthy relationships and safe dates. As an Accredited Member of National Children’s Alliance, Cherish is dedicated to providing comprehensive, coordinated, and compassionate services to victims and their families.

“We want to sincerely thank Gaylor Electric for their steadfast support of Cherish,” said Wendy Gamble, Executive Director and Founder of Cherish. “This partnership means so much to us, as we depend on it to be able to provide much needed services to children and families who have been affected by traumatic events. We are grateful that Gaylor Electric has supported not only Cherish but has shown their commitment to the safety and well-being of children and families in our community. Their generosity will have ripple effects throughout our community for years to come.”

The mission of Cherish is to serve and protect the lives of abused and exploited children in Hamilton County and to provide regional leadership on child

abuse and exploitation issues. Children come first in all Cherish does, and by operating closely as a team, Cherish strives to provide justice and restore hope to victims. Cherish conducts between 400 and 500 forensic interviews a year as the only nationally accredited CAC serving Hamilton County. For more information about Cherish, visit [cherishcac.org](http://cherishcac.org). You can also follow along on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

## About Gaylor Electric

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# CHALFIN

Chalfin will be 79 in March, but he has no plans to slow down. Once he completes his wife’s “honey do list,” he plans to either attend auctioneering school or apply to law school.

“I certainly won’t miss being on call 24/7, but I still want to do something that allows me to give back,” Chalfin added. “I feel like as long as I’m alive, it’s my God-bound duty to do something to make the

world a better place.” Jeff Jellison, the current chief deputy at the Coroner’s Office, will take over as Coroner on Jan. 1, 2023. He has spent the past six years working as a part-time deputy coroner with Chalfin. “John is a tremendous mentor,” Jellison said. “He carries a ton of wisdom and has been a father figure to many of us. He will easily go down as the best coroner this county has seen.”

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Thanks for reading!

## Hello, Hamilton County!

One White Christmas, just for you!  
**Click to play video**

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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SCAN ME



## First Spotlight on Art raises \$50K for three local youth organizations



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The committee for the Spotlight on Art, Benefiting Children, recently presented a check to representatives from the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville, The Children's TherAplay, and Prevail, Inc. In its inaugural year, the Nov. 10 event held at the Hotel Carmichael raised \$50,000 to support the work of the three organizations. Pictured with event founder and committee chair Esther Lakes are organization executive directors and board presidents. (Front row, from left) Esther Lakes, Mindy Konrath, Kathy Pelletier, and Daryl Petry. (Back row, from left) Debbie Johnson, Lisa Kobek, and Becky Terry.

## Community News

### You're invited to Hanukkah service in Carmel Sunday evening

Hanukkah greetings to those who celebrate! The City of Carmel extends its wishes for a meaningful celebration.

This year, Hanukkah will begin on the evening of Sunday, Dec. 18 and will end on the evening of Monday, Dec. 26.

Please join the Jewish community at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 18 at the Winter Pavilion at the Christkindlmarkt for the Menorah Aflame Hanukkah Service.



### Easthaven & Lochaven bridge work delayed

Due to oncoming winter weather and cold temperatures, the Hamilton County Highway Department has decided to delay bridge wearing surface work within the Noblesville neighborhoods of East Haven and Lochaven until spring.

The Highway Department anticipates being able to complete these repairs in March and the bridge wearing surface conditions will be monitored over the winter.

A specific date will be announced in the future.

## UH-OH, HERE COMES CHRISTMAS!

by Robert Fulghum

Friday, December 9 - 7:30 pm  
Saturday, December 10 - 7:30 pm  
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## An Rx for rising healthcare costs

Inflation has hit all Hoosiers hard, and consumers are bracing themselves for rising costs across all industries. Unfortunately, the healthcare industry is no different. Nationwide, employers expect significantly higher healthcare costs and outsized premium increases in 2023.

Indiana may be especially hard hit. The Kaiser Family Foundation studied 13 states, including Indiana, to estimate the expected health care cost increases in 2023. Its analysis estimated that the average increase in costs would be a notch above 10 percent nationwide. Given these accelerating costs, the Federal Trade Commission was directed to investigate, and potentially limit, the market power of pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs). This action is puzzling since PBMs actually help reduce the rising costs of prescription medicine.

Pharmacy benefit managers are intermediaries who negotiate with pharmaceutical companies on behalf of insurers, unions, state Medicaid agencies, and large employers. PBMs negotiate on behalf of consumers to obtain rebates and fees that reduce the net cost of prescription drugs to consumers and insurers. The FTC's core concern is that PBMs have become too large and have accumulated

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TIMOTHY F. SLAPER

too much market power. This perspective overlooks that negotiations result in more equitable outcomes through balancing market power.

Think of these negotiations as a wrestling match. To make a match fair, both wrestlers need to be in the same weight class. Pharmaceutical firms are huge, and consumers are comparatively microscopic. Without PBMs, pharmaceutical companies are heavyweights beating up on the little guy. PBMs serve to reduce the market power of pharmaceutical companies and level the playing field. Since consumers and the retail pharmacies cannot organize to use their collective market power, PBMs exist to leverage that market power into lower drug prices.

Those who consider PBMs as superfluous "middlemen" ignore this imbalance of power. Pharma owns government-granted monopolies on their latest, cutting-edge drugs, and seek a healthy return on their investment. For Pharma, patient protection incentivizes research, advances medicine and improves health outcomes, but removing PBMs from the negotiations will not reduce drug costs in the slightest. It will just give Big Pharma more market power while harming consumers who will no longer have a

seat at the negotiating table.

PBMs also help their clients by encouraging home delivery for prescriptions. Depending on the medication, home delivery helps ensure consistent uptake by consumers. Research shows that patients with chronic maladies, such as cholesterol management, achieve better health outcomes and lower health care system costs when they receive their prescriptions by mail, especially those with mobility concerns or living in rural areas. One study showed that Medicare beneficiaries afflicted with hypertension could save the government \$13.7 billion annually by using prescriptions delivered by mail.

PBMs serve a valuable, competition-enhancing market function, but regulators and policymakers have turned them into a boogeyman to distract from real problems. The bottom line is that PBMs balance the market power between Pharma and retail pharmacy chains to lower drug costs for consumers and healthcare providers. If those advocating against PBMs are successful, the likely outcome will be higher healthcare costs to all Hoosiers, the state of Indiana, and the federal government, along with compromised health outcomes across all constituencies.

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— Good news from Stony Creek Church of Christ —

# The Baby grew up!

Nothing brings a smile as quickly as the innocent glow of an infant cuddled tenderly in the embrace of a mother's arms. We can easily lose awareness of the world around us while watching in amazement the slightest movement, gurgle or simply peaceful slumber of this precious gift. You watch an infant very long and you'll begin to take on the contented countenance of the infant.

Perhaps this helps to explain why so many people get excited and find comfort in celebration of the birth of Jesus. The sight of the Prince of Peace humbly lying in Bethlehem's manger is pleasant and soul-stirring. The coming of Emmanuel – “God with us” – as an infant helps to take away much of the fear associated with God in the Old Testament when men shrank back and trembled when He appeared.

Many are fascinated with baby Jesus – but the Baby grew up and the "grown-up" Jesus is not so fascinating, appealing, or easy



to behold. The mission of Jesus put Him at odds with the world even though His mission was their salvation. The Messiah was born in Bethlehem (left heaven to take on the form of a man) that He might die in Jerusalem on a cross of shame and agony. Between these two great events, the Son of God challenged the conventional religious thinking of His day and called men to a higher plane of living.

The adult Jesus called on men to lose self-interest (Matthew 23:8-12). He challenged people to control their thoughts and showed that they were answerable for thoughts as well as actions (Matthew 5:27-30). He demanded single-minded devotion (Matthew 6:24, 33). A Jesus who challenged is not as easily accepted nor as appealing as Bethlehem's infant.

The Son of God, the Prince of Peace, The Great I Am came not to be served, but to serve others. His was a mission of selfless sacrificial service (Mat. 20:26-

Write or call and let us know what you think. Would you like more information or a personal study of this issue? I would love to accommodate your request. Do you have questions or disagreements? We will be happy to study God's Word with you and help you find the "peace that passes understanding" (Philippians 4:7). We hope you will accept our offer to visit and investigate. We meet at 15530 Herriman Blvd. in Noblesville. Our phone number is (317) 219-5852. We meet for Sunday morning Bible Study at 10 a.m. and have classes for all ages. Worship begins at 11 a.m. and we have a Bible Study Wednesdays at 7 p.m. A warm welcome awaits!

28). By His teaching and life, He taught that the pathway to greatness in the sight of God was not in being served but serving others. His standard of greatness is not measured in how many people serve us, but how many people we serve. The multitudes followed Jesus until He began to talk about sacrifice, and many were offended by such teaching and the crowds quickly began to dwindle.

As a result of His teaching, the adult Jesus was hated. In John 1:9-11, John informed man that Jesus, the True Light, came into the world but the world did not know Him or receive Him. Much earlier Isaiah had prophesied that the Messiah would be despised and rejected although He would bare our sorrows and griefs.

He would be smitten, afflicted, and wounded because of our transgressions (Isaiah 53:3-11). The adult Jesus is not as easy to look upon as the sweet innocent Baby in Bethlehem's manger.

If we want to receive the blessing of the peace proclaimed by the heavenly hosts long years ago, we must face the adult Jesus. We must move beyond the gurgling infant held tenderly in Mary's arms to see the One Who died alone on Calvary's hill and Who calls us to a life of humble obedience.

What about you and me? Do we want the Baby to grow up? Will we accept the adult Jesus? Will we follow His teaching? Will we take on His yoke? Will you move beyond Bethlehem to surrender to the Savior bleeding on the cross?

## Letter to the Editor

### Is Jesus the reason?

Editor's note: Catholic churches within Hamilton County will have Midnight Mass on Christmas Day. Our friends at Stony Creek Church of Christ will have service at 10:30 a.m. Christmas morning. Our friends at CrossRoads Church at Westfield will have service at 10 a.m. Christmas morning. We cannot speak to other churches' plans, but they are welcome to send their schedules to [News@ReadTheReporter.com](mailto:News@ReadTheReporter.com).

Dear Editor:  
I am truly saddened to hear that so many churches are going to close their doors on Christmas Day. I thought the real reason for Christmas was to celebrate the Birth of Jesus.

I think it is great that many churches are having Christmas Eve services, but the most important day is Christmas Day when God sent His only Son into this world to help us be strong in troubling times. And if you don't think things are in trouble today, then you need to look around and see how many people – even some of your neighbors – are going without the necessities in this world ... and I am talking about the United States of America, which was founded on God.

Christmas Day only falls on a Sunday about every seven years, and most of our churches are closing their doors. People go around saying, “Jesus is the reason for the Season.” Is Jesus really the reason for Christmas Day when churches close their doors on Christmas Day?

**Cyndi & Rick Watson**  
Noblesville  
P.S. If you are wondering if our church is open, yes, Faith Life Church in Muncie, Ind. will be open Christmas Day.

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## Letter to the Editor

### Carmel business owner: monopolized hospital systems are major contributing factor to rapidly rising health care costs

Dear Editor:  
As a business owner, I need the U.S. healthcare system to succeed. The health of employees is the lifeblood of any business. Unfortunately, I am afraid that our healthcare system is failing some of us. While researching healthcare costs, I have found **stories about low-quality services for significantly higher prices**, and even the **statistics showing that U.S. per capita healthcare spending** is more than twice the average of other “wealthy” countries. It is no surprise that open government spigots have turned America's healthcare system into one big money grab. Businesses, like my own, are paying more money than ever to give workers quality healthcare, everyday Americans are paying more individually for insurance than ever, and most of us now live at the whim of consolidated hospitals that have little to no competition in many markets. Despite all that, we absolutely need hospitals. COVID-19 proved that hospitals

are more critical to our communities than ever. However, the hospital business model has evolved over the past several years. Some of these once-charitable institutions serving the sick have slowly transformed into corporate powerhouses, prioritizing revenue over health. Hospitals maximize revenue by providing as many services as possible for the highest prices possible. While that may be a smart business tactic, it converts patients from people in need into sources of profit. Many corporate hospital systems have maximized revenue by eliminating their competition through acquisitions. Once a hospital system dominates an entire market and monopoly control is solidified, as in any business, hospitals are positioned to set and control patient pricing unchecked. What's terrifying is that **one study found** that more than 1,600 hospitals have merged in the past decade alone. In Indiana, we've seen smaller hospitals consolidate and once-independent practices be taken over by big hospitals. In

many businesses, this kind of consolidation would create efficiencies that produce savings for the companies, but anyone who has ever visited a hospital or seen a doctor knows that healthcare is not just any business. Healthcare prices have risen in conjunction with increased consolidation rates, with **hospital prices alone spiking 31 percent since 2015**. Today, hospital prices account for nearly one-third of all U.S. healthcare spending, a **rate that has grown four times faster** than workers' paychecks. Major hospital systems can also exploit their monopoly power to apply unnecessary 'fees' to patient bills. This shady revenue-driving tactic is known as dishonest billing, which occurs when hospital systems acquire independent physician offices and begin tacking 'hospital facility' fees onto physician bills, despite those services not being delivered in a hospital setting. Typically, hospitals justify 'facility fees' on hospital bills due to the high costs of operating a hospital campus. But with dishonest billing, patients who never

stepped foot onto a hospital campus can be **billed as much as 10 times more** than what was charged prior to the hospital system purchasing the doctor's office, despite receiving the same treatment, from the same doctor, in the same setting. Understandably, dishonest billing is hard to track since patients themselves often don't recognize the billing errors, but simple legislative solutions such as restricting dishonest billing **could reduce healthcare spending by nearly half a trillion dollars** over the next decade. We need our legislators to step up and call out the abuse of power that has become all too common in our healthcare system. Supporting legislation that cracks down on predatory billing practices is a step in the right direction. Our healthcare system needs to re-instill the sense of community and charity that has since been sacrificed in the name of profits to restore Americans' access to quality, affordable healthcare.  
**Ryan Allio**  
Carmel

## Are You Troubled, Anxious or Dismayed?



We live in a troubled world and trying times. The economy is teetering. Gas prices are up. Inflation rages. Crime is on the rise. There are lots of things to shake the foundation of our lives. Where can we turn for help and stability? God and God alone holds the key! Turn to the Messiah for peace, security and hope. May we help you come to know Him?

Isaiah 41:10 **“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”**

At the **Stony Creek Church of Christ**, we assemble on Sundays and Wednesdays to seek a better understanding of Jesus and His ways. You are encouraged and invited to join us for those studies or call for a private study.



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Letter to the Editor

Help keep Civic Theatre thriving by donating today

Dear Editor:

Civic Theatre has been on a steady path of artistic, financial, and institutional growth over the last several years. Each season is comprised of accomplishments, surprises, disappointments, and celebrations. It is because of the lessons learned from these moments that the organization has been able to evolve, securing its future in central Indiana.

As I reflect on the overwhelming transformation Civic Theatre has made during its 10-year tenure at the Center for the Performing Arts, I am struck by the generosity of our Civic Family members and your commitment to Civic's success. As a community theatre, Civic exists for and because of its community. For over 100 years, people like you have been the backbone of this organization, and we could not do it without you. Thank you.

As Civic continues to grow and evolve, our community of advocates is more important than ever before. Please consider contributing to Civic Theatre this holiday season to invest in the artistic landscape of central Indiana and support your local community of artists, students, and volunteers. A tax-deductible gift at any level goes a long way toward ensuring Civic's future.

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Please visit [CivicTheatre.org/support](http://CivicTheatre.org/support) to contribute today. On behalf of the staff, board, students, alumni, artists, and volunteers, thank you for your support of Civic Theatre. We can't do it without you!

With thanks and very best regards,  
**Michael J. Lasley**  
Executive Artistic Director  
Civic Theatre

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The life of being a two-sport athlete

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



Being a two-sport athlete teaches you skills like time management, teamwork, communication, problem-solving, and responsibility. I play high school soccer, high school basketball, and travel soccer. I am a sophomore at Sheridan High School, and I don't have an easy schedule. I have practices or games six days a week, which isn't awful, but it could be better.

I have learned to do my homework and study for tests during my study hall and the time between practices and school. I am in one accelerated class, two classes

for juniors, and an AP class. I get stressed sometimes, especially during the week when I have two games and all my teachers decide to have their tests on the same day. I manage it by taking a little bit of time on all them and then going back to the ones that I need more time on. I try to do all, or most, of my homework during the school day, so I don't have much to do that night.

For high school basketball, we have weights twice a week in the morning. I have to wake up at 6 a.m. to make it there. Then practice is from 3:15 to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, unless we have a game. On Saturday practice is from 8 to 10 a.m. Then I have soccer practice on Monday

and Wednesday from 8 to 9 p.m. The soccer faculty is about a 20-minute drive from my house.

During the travel soccer season, we will practice three times a week and then have games on Saturday and Sunday. Travel soccer is the season that I have the most time to spend on schoolwork because I only have practice three times a week. The weekends definitely fly by during travel soccer.

I don't really have an off season. The summer is kind of like my off season, but I have basketball and high school soccer practices five days a week during the whole summer.

Basketball has helped me with soccer and vice versa. I use a lot of skills I have learned in basketball and use in a game for soccer. Playing on a travel team has also helped me

because I have met people from different schools. I don't see them every day, so when I do get to see them it's like Christmas morning. It has helped me become more aggressive because I don't know them that well. Basketball also keeps me in shape for the travel soccer season. I am not out on the field not being able to breathe and having to be taken out of the game.

In conclusion, being a two-sport athlete has taught me many skills. I could not go through life without having basketball or soccer. It can be stressful at times, but I am glad I do it. The coaches and players that have coached me and played with me have taught me everything I know. From when I was four years old to whenever I get too old to play, they will always be a part of my life and journey to wherever life takes me.

Many hungry Hamilton County families & children need your help

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"Winter is the time for comfort, for good food, for warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand, and for a talk beside the fire; it is time for home." – Edith Sitwell

According to the Hamilton County Harvest (HCH) Food Bank, Hamilton County ranks seventh highest among Indiana's counties in number of food-insecure individuals – approximately 24,270 people. A total of 21 percent of working adults are not earning enough to afford essential resources for their families.

Food pantries and children's meal programs primarily rely on food banks and donations to supply the food they distribute to people in need.

At HCH, this has been a second record year for food distributions. It is because of you, HCH's wonderful supporters, that the food bank can provide food and hope for neighbors.

Because of your generosity, Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank has distributed over 1.2 million MEALS to the local community since beginning in 2009.

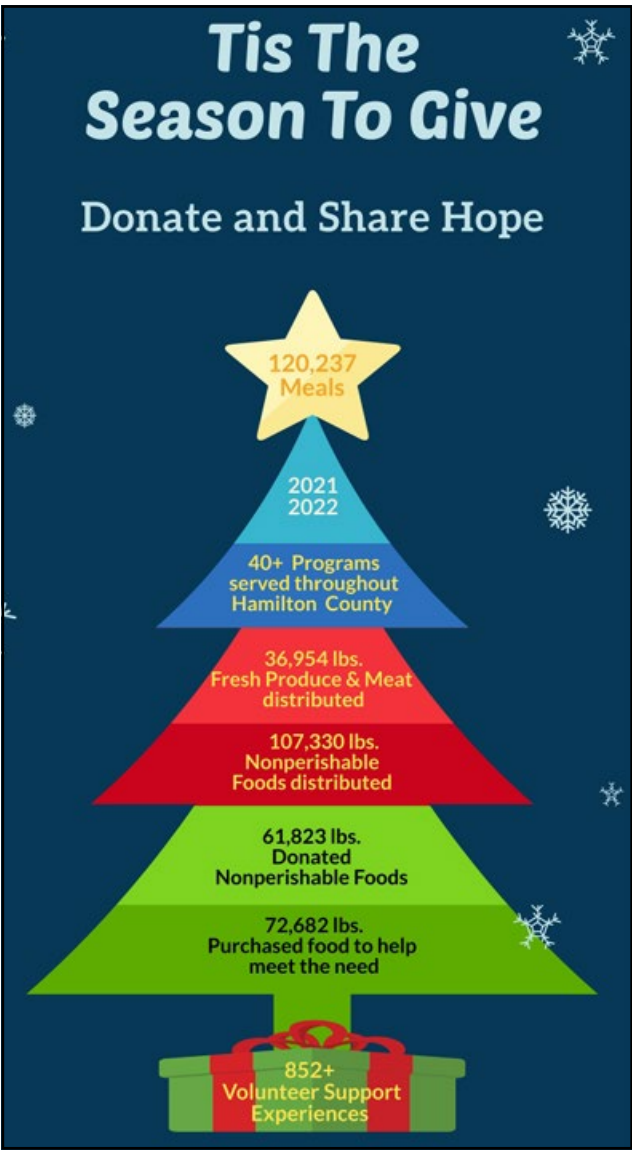
**But hunger still exists in Hamilton County.**

HCH Food Bank needs your help. If you'd like to help fill the barrel and **host a food drive**, HCH can help. [Click here](#) to fill out a form and someone from HCH will contact you.

If you'd like to donate online, go to [HCHFoodBank.org/donate](http://HCHFoodBank.org/donate).

Please consider doing what you can to take care of neighbors who you use a little extra help this holiday season. Your efforts could change a life.

If you'd like to learn more about Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank, go to [HCHFoodBank.org](http://HCHFoodBank.org).



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Six steps to stop porch pirates this holiday season

The REPORTER

The rise of **online marketplaces** and expedited delivery services is a convenient service for many consumers across the nation, allowing **holiday purchasers** to search for the perfect gift for friends and family. Unfortunately, purchasing and having the item delivered to the proper address does not guarantee you will receive it.

According to market research firm **C+R Research**, package theft continues to be an issue for many Americans, with approximately 14 percent of consumers experiencing package theft in 2022.

Package thieves, also known as "porch pirates," often take advantage of an opportunity and may frequent a neighborhood or community multiple times before moving on to another. They will often target houses that provide a quick in-and-out route, especially

if the porch or area where **packages are delivered** is within 25 feet of the street and are easily visible. Over the past five years, internet searches using the keywords "package stolen" nearly doubled **during December**, demonstrating the impact of this crime on households across the nation.

As a crime of opportunity, preventing or discouraging package theft can be accomplished in several ways, depending on the location of your residence, type, and community. For instance, preventing package theft at an apartment complex in the middle of the city differs from a suburban residential community. However, consumers can use specific strategies to discourage the act no matter where they live.

BBB provides the following tips to prevent package thieves from affecting your holiday plans (and the

rest of the year):

- **Check with neighbors.** Sometimes, your package may not be stolen, just simply at the wrong address. Before filing a report or contacting the sender, check with your neighbors and see if the delivery service may have dropped off your package at the wrong address. Many delivery companies will take pictures of your package in the designated location – be sure to check for the photo and verify it is at the right spot.
- **Don't leave unattended packages.** When possible, do not leave delivered packages unattended for long periods. If you are expecting a package, attempt to schedule its delivery when you know you will be home. Ask your neighbors if they wouldn't mind holding on to packages delivered if you plan to be gone for an extended time during the holidays.
- **Ship to store.** If purchasing an item from a retailer that has a physical location near your home, consider shipping it there instead. Retailers will require proof of purchase or identification before releasing packages they have received, and this is a sure way to avoid porch pirates.
- **Use a security camera.** Installing a **home security system** with cameras or simply a **camera-enabled doorbell** is a great way to deter package theft, especially when highly visible. Consider including a sign that specifically states that the residence is under surveillance. Even if a package is stolen from your porch, the video evidence will help

law enforcement track down the thieves (but be wary of the risk of **internet-connected devices** and research before you purchase).

- **Require a signature.** Many delivery companies include the option to require a signature before leaving a package, letting you take physical possession of the item as soon as it is delivered. While this option works well for those who are often at home, especially for expensive items, it may create difficulties in receiving packages if your schedule and the delivery service are different. Be sure to check with the delivery company on their policy for packages that are not signed for; they may return it to the sender after a certain number of attempts.
- **Consider a package receiving service.** Some major retailers, such as Amazon, offer secure package receiving locations away from your home that you can access with a key or code. Some independent businesses also specialize in this service, allowing you to designate a different delivery location for your packages and the ability to pick them up on your way home.

If you fear that your package has been stolen, file a report with your local police department and the delivery company. Depending on which delivery service you use, they may offer insurance or other policies to reimburse you for your losses.

For more resources and tips on how to avoid scams this holiday season, visit [BBB.org/Holiday](http://BBB.org/Holiday).

Report scams to **BBB Scam Tracker**.

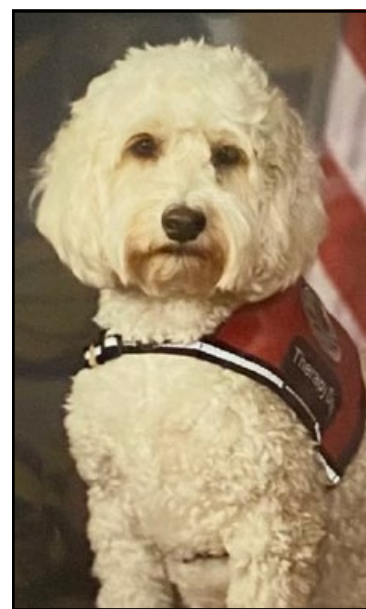
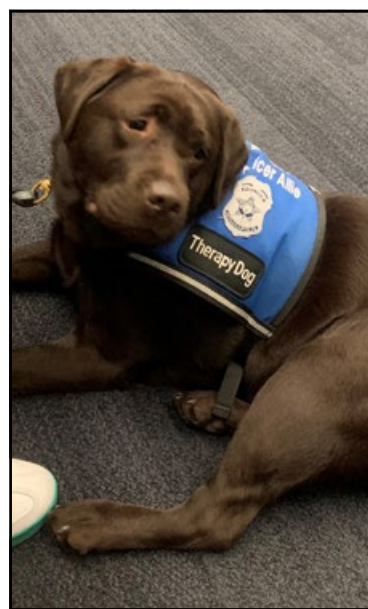
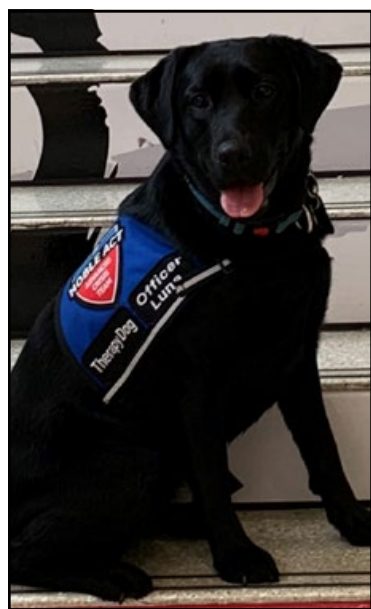
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These five pups were the stars of the show Thursday at the Public Safety Therapy K9 Expo in Indianapolis. (From left) K9 Luna of the Noblesville Police Department, K9 Carbon of the Noblesville Fire Department, K9 Simon of the Hamilton County Coroner's Office, K9 Allie of the Indianapolis Metro Police Department, and K9 of the Franklin Police Department.

# Every therapy dog has its day!

## The REPORTER

Five K9 therapy dogs and their handlers gathered for the Public Safety Therapy K9 Expo on Thursday morning at the IMPD FOP Lodge #86, 1525 Shelby St., Indianapolis. Ultimate Canine training academy of Westfield was also present at the event.

The purpose of this event is to highlight and advocate for the implementation of therapy dogs within public safety.

The five therapy dogs were K9 Luna of the Noblesville Police Department, K9 Carbon of the Noblesville Fire Department, K9 Simon of the Hamilton County Coroner's Office, K9 Allie of the Indianapolis Metro Police Department, and K9 of the Franklin Police Department. The Lawrence and Fort Wayne police departments were invited to attend, but were unable due to scheduling conflicts.

Read more about each dog below.

### K9 Luna Noblesville PD

Luna is a black English Lab born on March 4, 2021. After completing her therapy dog certification with Ultimate Canine, Luna came to the Noblesville Police Department (NPD) where she became the first therapy dog within a public safety agency in Hamilton County.

Luna serves the community by responding to 911 emergency calls involving behavioral health, addiction, homelessness, death scenes, and other emotionally charged incidents. She

uses her specialized skills to de-escalate tense situations and provide unconditional love to those in need.

Luna has responded to over 150 different incidents ranging from community relations, officer wellness, 911 crisis deployments, and with NPD's Crisis Negotiations Unit.

Luna served as the 2022 Noblesville 4th of July Grand Marshal and has travelled as far away as Dallas, Texas, to highlight her special skills to a national audience. Luna supports the Noblesville Police Department and the Noblesville community with unwavering loyalty and unconditional love.

Her handler is Officer Ben Lugar, CCIS-II.

### K9 Carbon Noblesville FD

Carbon is a therapy dog for the Noblesville Fire Department (NFD). He is a black English Lab who celebrated his first birthday on Nov. 4, 2022. Carbon began his rigorous therapy training with Ultimate Canine when he was just three days old and graduated as a certified therapy dog on Oct. 26, 2022.

Carbon and his training were donated by very generous citizens who wished to remain anonymous.

He is stationed at NFD Station 71 with his primary handler, Division Chief Trevor Hash.

### K9 Simon Hamilton County Coroner's Office

Simon is a one-year-old Boxer who serves as the therapy dog for the Hamil-



Reporter photo by Nik Roberts



Photo provided by Noblesville Police Officer Ben Lugar

(Above) The five therapy K9s and their handlers were ready to take questions from the audience. (From left) K9 Carbon and NFD Division Chief Trevor Hash, K9 Benny and Franklin PD Social Worker Karen Shaffer, K9 Luna and NPD Officer Ben Lugar, K9 Allie and Rob Turner (ret.), and K9 Simon and Deputy Coroner Sarah Lockhart.

ton County Coroner's Office. He is certified through Alliance of Therapy Dogs and has his AKC Canine Good Citizen.

Simon's job is to comfort grieving families and the staff at the Coroner's Office after traumatic death investigations, and he's also in the beginning stages of being implemented for police, fire, and dispatch. His favorite toys are tennis balls, and his tongue pretty much always sticks out of his mouth, which adds to his cuteness.

He has his own trading cards, gives the best hugs ever, and his whole life motto is to snuggle and serve.

His handler is Deputy Coroner Sarah Lockhart.

You can follow Simon on Instagram at [@Deputy\\_Coroner\\_Simon](#).

### K9 Allie Indianapolis Metro Police Department

Officer Allie joined IMPD on March 26, 2020, which was a time when not only the department, but the entire world was starting to suffer from COVID complications.

Officer Allie was unfortunately introduced to officers during COVID, but also during a tragic time for IMPD. In April, IMPD lost an officer in the line of duty, Officer Breann Leath, and Officer Allie was tasked with meeting officers for the first time and providing therapy and comfort to officers and family members.

Since then, Officer Allie has been able to visit officers at roll calls and other events through the department. Officer Allie has also been out to Police Week in Washington, D.C., to visit with surviving family members of officers killed in the line of duty from all over the country. She has also helped with other line-of-duty deaths in Indiana. She continues to provide unconditional love to everyone she meets.

Officer Allie has assisted or visited over 120 times with officers and/or family members since she joined IMPD. #LoveOnALeash

Her handler is Rob Turner (ret.).

### K9 Benny Franklin PD

Benny is a 2 1/2-year-old Australian Labradoodle from Ultimate Canine. He was given to the police department by Victory Church in Franklin.

As the embedded Social Worker for the Franklin Police Department, Karen Shaffer is the main handler for Benny. Shaffer's role is primarily in the community, but Benny has been invaluable when meeting with clients in the office. There have been many times that Benny has been able to relieve fears or anxiety so Karen could meet with folks who otherwise might not have been able to sit through a meeting.

Benny has become quite the celebrity around Franklin and people know who he is long before introductions are made. The community loves to come into the office and give him some love and get their picture with him.

The most important role for Benny has become his interaction with the officers and other staff. Benny will often greet the officers as they come into the building and many of them look

forward to that interaction. Benny is able to distract from whatever might be happening on the job and just allow the officers to relax and decompress.

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### About Ultimate Canine

Ultimate Canine is an award-winning dog training academy located in Westfield. With well over 50 years of combined experience, Ultimate Canine provides training for therapy and service dogs, police and military dogs, as well as family pets.

Ultimate Canine has developed a Facility Therapy Dog Program with fully trained dogs being placed around the country into Police departments, hospitals, schools, fire departments, children advocate centers, Ronald McDonald Hospitals, drug rehab centers, dental offices, and funeral homes. Full handlers' courses and certifications are also provided onsite for the new handler teams.

Ultimate Canine implements the most renowned techniques, studies, and practices obtained throughout the years from around the world, and continues to serve the community, helping veterans in need, law enforcement agencies, animal shelters, rescue groups, and various foundations.

Learn more at [UltimateCanineTraining.com](#).



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(Above left) Hamilton County Deputy Coroner Sarah Lockhart and K9 Simon. (Top right) Noblesville Police Officer Ben Lugar speaks to the crowd at the Public Safety Therapy K9 Expo. (Above right) K9 Luna of the Noblesville Police Department is always on duty, and she has a lot of love to give.

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# Carmel Christmas festivities, where Grinches & Santas come together



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It was a great day in the Carmel Arts & Design District as Santa, the Grinch, the elves and even reindeer made their annual visit to the District. Visitors were treated to holiday performances by local elementary school choirs, visited Santa in the Santa House, and enjoyed crafts and activities.



## Central Indiana Orthopedics' Fishers & Anderson offices partner with OrthoAlliance

**The REPORTER**

**OrthoAlliance** (OA), one of the nation's leading orthopedic management services organizations, is expanding further into the Midwest through its newly announced relationship with the Anderson and Fishers offices of **Central Indiana Orthopedics** (CIO).

Through the partnership – which, including Anderson and Fishers, adds four main locations, two satellite locations and 26 physicians to OA's growing network – CIO will continue to focus on providing personalized and expert orthopedic patient care while OA will deliver important administrative and clinical support to CIO patients throughout central Indiana.

"For more than 70 years, Central Indiana Orthopedics has been delivering compassionate and expert care to the residents of Central Indiana," said CIO Orthopedic Surgeon P. Jamieson Kay, M.D. "Joining OrthoAlliance allows us to further our mission of getting patients back to doing what they love by offering orthopedic services provided by board-certified doctors and licensed specialists."

Based in Cincinnati, Ohio, OA is a management services organization formed in partnership with leading Midwest physician practices and Revelstoke Capital Partners, a Denver-based private equity firm. The company is building one of the country's leading orthopedic management organizations, providing operations, marketing, and patient experience expertise and resources to partner practices working at the forefront of life-changing advances in orthopedics and sports medicine.

In just the last few years, OA has grown quickly to nearly 150 physicians and 2,000 employees.

"Aligning with Central Indiana Orthopedics allows us to introduce OrthoAlliance's network of like-minded orthopedic and sports medicine experts who are passionate about our mission to provide patients instant access to high-quality and low-cost care to an entirely new market," said OA CEO Andy Blanke-meyer. "As we continue to grow and expand through a successful model that includes practices in Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana, we remain excited about the future of our new partnership and the future of outpatient orthopedic medicine in central Indiana and all of the markets and patients that



we serve."

Patients will experience no changes in the doctors they trust or the services they rely on from CIO. They will benefit from greater access to the latest surgical and medical advances as well as additional resources and investment as the partnership flourishes.

"With this partnership, and OrthoAlliance's proven track record, we will be able to continue growing our organization while focusing on exceptional care and service that our doctors and medical providers bring to every patient we serve," Dr. Kay said.

**About OrthoAlliance**

OrthoAlliance is a nationally leading patient-centered, physician-led management services organization that helps orthopedic practices grow and thrive in an ever-changing healthcare landscape. Formed in partnership with leading Midwest physician practices and Revelstoke Capital Partners, a Denver-based private equity firm in 2019, OrthoAlliance's partner practices feature nearly 150 physicians across all orthopedics and sports medicine specialties. OrthoAlliance strives to attract the most talented physicians and staff and deliver the highest quality care in the industry.

**About Central Indiana Orthopedics**

Founded in 1950, Central Indiana Orthopedics (CIO) is a premier, independent orthopedic practice in central Indiana that delivers compassionate and expert care to patients with bone, joint and muscle injuries and conditions. CIO has locations in Fishers, Anderson, Muncie, Marion, and satellite offices in Elwood and Winchester, and proudly serves as team physicians for Anderson University and Ball State Athletics as well as several local high schools. Specializing in neck-to-toe orthopedic care, patients benefit from the expertise CIO's board-certified physicians and licensed specialists offer in joint replacement and revision, podiatry, psychiatry, regenerative medicine, sports medicine and treatment of work-related injuries. CIO also offers imaging services, physical therapy, outpatient surgery and Walk-In Clinics for immediate orthopedic care.

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## Fishers road construction updates, week of Dec. 19

**The REPORTER**

**State Road 37**

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

**113th Street**

On Tuesday, Dec. 27 and Wednesday, Dec. 28, 113th Street will be closed between Florida Road and Southeastern Parkway for the installa-

tion of a storm sewer. View detour map **[here](#)**.

**Development Dashboard**

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

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Photo provided by Noblesville Police Department

Fall 2022 academy graduates included Angela Szumski, Blair Smith, Brad Wariner, Carl Johnson, Cassie Broadwater, Steve Broadwater, Jackie Wariner, Mark Greiner, Merry Penn, Norma Bishop, Rick Lorch, Saroj Priyadarshi, Sydney Sparks, Todd Thurston, and Zeke Bolinger.

## Apply now for Noblesville PD's spring 2023 Citizens Academy

### The REPORTER

The Noblesville Police Department (NPD) is currently accepting applications for the next Citizens Police Academy classes.

The academy is a 12-week course, free of charge, designed to provide community members with an opportunity to become better acquainted with NPD's professional staff and to learn about police procedures.

The academy familiarizes citizens with the operations of the police department. This includes classes on patrol procedures, criminal law, narcotics, search

and seizure, tactical operations, investigations, juvenile law, emergency vehicle operations, use of force issues, and a police canine demonstration. Participants will also have the option to ride with a patrol officer and witness the activities officers encounter on a day-to-day basis.

The objective of the Citizens Police Academy is to produce informed citizens. The academy is intended to open lines of communication between the community and the police department. By allowing citizens a firsthand look at the police de-

partment and how its operations are handled, citizens take away a better understanding of the police role in the community. Additionally, citizens bring a wealth of knowledge about their community. In this way, police officers learn and better understand citizens' concerns.

Eligible candidates must:

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NPD is accepting applications through Feb. 7, 2023, for the spring 2023 session, which will begin on Feb. 8 and will conclude on April 26 with a graduation ceremony. Classes are held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. every Wednesday evening.

Applications are available online at [cityofnoblesville.org/police](http://cityofnoblesville.org/police) or at NPD headquarters. Class size is limited, so be sure to apply as soon as possible. For further information, please contact Lieutenant Bruce Barnes at (317) 776-6340 ext. 1243 or [bbarnes@noblesville.in.us](mailto:bbarnes@noblesville.in.us).

## What you need to know to pursue a career in structural engineering

### The REPORTER

The latest episode of American Structurepoint's *Making Our Point* podcast explores structural engineering as a career choice. This is the first in a series of podcasts focusing on providing insights about the different types of engineering to help young adults determine whether engineering is right for them.

American Structurepoint's Structural Engineering Group Leader Luke Nisley shares insights about the projects structural engineers often tackle. He also gives excellent information for people considering a structural engineering career, such as the current job market, salary expectations, career paths, and more.

Structural engineering is a specialty within civil engineering. Structural engineers often work hand in hand with architects. The architects envision a project and structural engineers help them achieve their vision. They use problem-solving skills to design a structure and choose the right materials so that the building remains standing in all kinds of environments and is safe and stable throughout its use.

"I like to tell people being a structural engineer is like building a puzzle and also being responsible for designing the puzzle pieces as well," Nisley said.

Nisley also says American Structurepoint is a great place for engineering



graduates to begin a career because the group takes on many different types of building projects while also focusing on mentoring and career development of each team member.

To learn more about structural engineering and to find out if this career is for you, listen to the podcast episode titled "What You Should Know About Structural Engineering." You can find the pod-

cast at [structurepoint.buzzsprout.com](http://structurepoint.buzzsprout.com), under the "Company" tab on [structurepoint.com](http://structurepoint.com), or on any of your favorite podcast streaming platforms such as Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts, Amazon Music, Stitcher, and more.

If you are a job seeker reading this, be sure to check out [structurepoint.com/careers](http://structurepoint.com/careers) to see all job openings.

## New at Sheridan Public Library

### The REPORTER

Here are some of the new items that can be found at the Sheridan Public Library:

#### Fiction

1. Couple at Table Nine – Sophie Hannah
2. Favor – Nicci French
3. Forever, Interrupted – Taylor Jenkins Reid
4. Hopeless – Colleen Hoover
5. Losing Hope – Colleen Hoover
6. Night Shift – Robin Cook
7. Personal Assistant – Kimberly Belle
8. Real Murders – Char-laine Harris

#### Non-Fiction

1. 2022 CLEP Official Study Guide
2. Christmas Movie Bookbook – Julia Rutland

#### Children's

1. Best Me I Can Be – Mercedes Miller
2. Blurps Book of Manners – Cindy Derby
3. Bright Winter Night – Alli Brydon
4. Christmas Owl – Ellen Kalish
5. Count – A. Pos-

ner-Sanchez

6. How to Catch a Love-saurus – Alice Walstead
7. How to Do A Science Experiment – Jean Reagan
8. How to Welcome a New Baby – Jean Readan
9. Little Owls Love – D. Srinivasan
10. Mystery of the Library Cats – Candy Rodo
11. Stella the Starlight Dragon – Maddy Mara
12. Thank you Book – Sanna Smith
13. Turkey's Valentine Surprise – Wendi Silvand
14. Underground Railroad (History Smashers) – K. Messner
15. Yetis Are the Worst – Alex Willan

#### Movies

1. Aurora Teagarden
2. Magpie Murders
3. Paw Patrol: Big Truck Pups

#### Young Adult

1. Bloodmarked – Tracy Deonn
2. Legendborn – Tracy Deonn
3. Lightlark – Alex Aster
4. Scattered Showers – Rainbow Rowell

## New at Hamilton East Public Library

### The REPORTER

Here are the new library items lists for the week of Dec. 12:

#### New Adult Fiction Books

1. Peril in Paris, by Rhys Bowen
2. Murder at Black Oaks, by Phillip Margolin
3. Hunting Time, by Jeffery Deaver
4. The Perfect Assassin, by James Patterson
5. Under the starry skies, by Tracie Peterson
6. Jackal, by Erin E. Adams
7. The hidden prince, by Tessa Afshar
8. When we were sisters, by Fatimah Asghar
9. Legends & lattes: a novel of high fantasy and low stakes, by Travis Baldree
10. The atlas paradox, by Olivie Blake

#### New Adult Nonfiction Books

1. Teach yourself Visually Excel 365, by Paul McFedries
2. The Grimkes: the legacy of slavery in an American family, by Kerri K. Greenidge
3. Stuff they don't want you to know, by Ben Bowlin
4. Dying of politeness, by Geena Davis
5. Hold the line: the insurrection and one cop's battle for America's soul, by Michael Fanone
6. Boldly go: reflections on a life of awe and wonder, by William Shatner
7. Fall baking, by Taste

of Home Books

8. Making a scene, by Constance Wu
9. Home is where the eggs are: farmhouse food for the people you love, by Molly Yeh
10. Manhattan phoenix. the great fire of 1835 and the emergence of modern New York, by Daniel S. Levy

#### New DVDs

1. Mack & Rita
2. Martha's Vineyard mystery: 3-movie collection
3. The Munsters
4. This is going to hurt
5. The time traveler's wife. The complete series
6. Titans. The complete third season
7. A true Christmas
8. The turning point
9. Vengeance
10. Bel-Air. Season one

#### New Music CDs

1. Another Laurie Berkner Christmas, by Laurie Berkner Band
2. Denim & rhinestone, by Carrie Underwood
3. Meet the moonlight, by Jack Johnson
4. Planet zero, by Shine-down
5. Stereotype, by Cole Swindell
6. Bleed out, by Mountain Goats
7. Sunrise on Slaughter Beach, by Clutch
8. Traumazine, by Megan Thee Stallion
9. A bit of previous, by Belle and Sebastian
10. Stranger things 4: soundtrack from the Netflix series

## Labor – Class I, II, III Position

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

**Applications will be accepted through Friday, January 6, 2023.**

Please send application, along with any other pertinent documents to Terry Cooper, 1159 Stringtown Pike, P.O. Box 391, Cicero, IN 46034 or [tcooper@townofcicero.in.gov](mailto:tcooper@townofcicero.in.gov)

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# Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch speaks on upcoming legislative issues at Dentons Conference

**The REPORTER**

Just weeks before she gavels in the Indiana Senate to begin the 123rd Indiana General Assembly, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch was a featured panelist Thursday during the 31st Dentons Legislative Conference at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis.

The annual conference is an opportunity for attendees to get a preview of key issues that are expected to be discussed during the upcoming legislative session. The event attracts professionals in areas of law, business, industry, higher education, public education, and government service including mayors, county and municipal leaders, legislators, lobbyists, school superintendents, and the Statehouse press corps.

“It was an honor to be invited to participate at the Denton Legislative Conference this year,” said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, who



Photo provided by Office of Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch

also serves as the Indiana Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. “The conference is the premier event to hear about key issues in the state and what to expect in the upcoming legislative session.”

Lt. Gov. Crouch participated on a panel to discuss mental health and addiction issues. Serving on the panel with the Lieu-

tenant Governor were New Haven, Ind. Mayor Steve McMichael, Recovery Centers of America at Indianapolis Vice President Kevin Rudd, and Stone Street Group Partner Ryan Kaczka.

As a co-chair of the Indiana Roundtable on Mental Health, Lt. Gov. Crouch has made the fight against mental health and addiction issues a primary focus

during her second term.

“We are battling a mental health and addiction crisis here in Indiana,” Lt. Gov. Crouch said. “One out of five Hoosiers struggles with mental health or addiction, including members of my own family. So, this fight is also personal for me. We are working hard to make treatment and recovery more accessible and affordable.”

# When was the Sony Betamax released?

**The REPORTER**

**1935** – A 22-foot, 40-ton statue of St. Nicholas was unveiled at Santa Claus, Ind. The *Lafayette Journal & Courier* reported that “a thousand persons braved the cold weather and slippery pavements to come to the little village for the ceremony.” The statue still stands tall in the festive community.

**1947** – Country music star Janie Fricke was born in South Whitley. Twice named "Female Vocalist of the Year," she has sold 14 million records.

**1948** – Over 1,400 children packed the Rotunda of the Indiana Statehouse for a Christmas party sponsored by state employees and the Salvation Army. Santa Claus and Governor Ralph Gates handed out toys of all kinds. The top gift was a three-foot doll donated by actress Shirley Temple.

**1958** – *Some Came Running* was released to theaters across the country. Based on the novel by James Jones, the movie was filmed in Madison, Ind. Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Shirley MacLaine, and other stars

lived in the city during the production. Famed MGM director Vincente Minnelli was also on location for the filming, which included hundreds of local residents as extras.

**1976** – The Ball Stores in Muncie advertised “The Next Thing” in Christmas gifts. It was the amazing Sony Betamax. The ad said, “Take a situation . . . there are two TV shows opposite of each other and you want to watch both of them. Well, believe it or not, you can!” This was the year you could be the first one on your block with a videotape recorder. The ad listed the price as \$1,300.

**2016** – William H. Hudnut III died in Chevy Chase, Md. A Presbyterian minister, he represented Indiana in Congress from 1973 to 1975. Then he began a long tenure as mayor of Indianapolis. During his 16 years of service, he guided the city into a position of national and international importance.



# Representative Victoria Spartz

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# Mark Boice to seek reelection to Noblesville Common Council

**Submitted**  
Mark Boice has announced his candidacy for reelection to the Noblesville Common Council representing District 4.  
“I am honored to serve this outstanding city and to help continue making this the best community to live, work and raise a family,” Boice said.  
Boice is filing to go back to his previous District 4 position in lieu of the at-large position he currently holds.  
“There is a better opportunity to work with and help the community on a

local level as a district representative,” he said. “I would love to return to that level of serving for the next four years.”  
Boice says he will help keep Noblesville safe. During his terms on Noblesville’s Common Council, he has served as a liaison to the Police Department, the Fire Department and the 911 Dispatch. He continues to work with Public Safety Director Chad Knecht to research and develop new strategies



Mark Boice

for public safety. He was instrumental in the plan to hire incremental officers and provide additional resources to keep Noblesville Schools safe.  
Boice says he would like to continue using the knowledge gained as a professional with Chrysler as well as his experiences running a local business to help Noblesville’s economic development department attract and retain businesses. Local businesses bring

new job growth, help lower taxes, and bring additional funding to the city.  
“I absolutely love Noblesville,” Boice said. “I have lived in the city nearly my entire life, and now, with my wife Kristen, I am raising two daughters in the community I am extremely passionate about. I look forward to serving our great community and citizens another four years on Noblesville’s Common Council.”  
For more information, please visit [MarkBoice.com](http://MarkBoice.com) and [Facebook.com/MarkBoiceForCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/MarkBoiceForCouncil).

# Amazon offers these tips to stay safe from scammers

**The REPORTER**  
Stay safe from scammers this holiday season by getting to know their most common scams:  
**Order confirmation scams**  
These are unexpected calls, texts, or emails that often refer to an unauthorized purchase and ask you to act urgently to confirm or cancel the purchase. These scammers try to convince you to provide payment or bank account information, install software to your computer or device, or purchase gift cards.  
Remember, if you received correspondence regarding an order you weren't expecting, you can verify orders by logging into your Amazon account. Only legitimate purchases will appear in your order history – and Customer Service is available to assist 24/7.  
**Tech support scams**  
Scammers create fake websites claiming to provide tech support for your devices and Amazon services. Customers who land on these pages are lured to contact the scammer and fall prey to their schemes.  
Remember, go directly to the help section of the Amazon website when seeking help with Amazon devices or services. If you do use a search engine, use caution. Legitimate Amazon websites contain "amazon.com" such as "amazon.com/support."  
Here are some important tips so that you can identify

scams and keep your account and information safe:  
1. **Trust Amazon-owned channels.** Always go through the Amazon mobile app or website when seeking customer service, tech support, or when looking to make changes to your account.  
2. **Be wary of false urgency.** Scammers may try to create a sense of urgency to persuade you to do what they're asking. Be wary any time someone tries to convince you that you must act now.  
3. **Never pay over the phone.** Amazon will never ask you to provide payment information, including gift cards (or “verification cards,” as some scammers call them) for products or services over the phone.  
If you receive correspondence you think may not be from Amazon, **please report it to Amazon.** For more information on how to stay safe online, visit Security & Privacy on the Amazon Customer Service page.  
**Additional resources**  
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• Amazon offers **Cybersecurity Awareness Training** free to individuals and businesses around the world.  
• If you're concerned about your account security, go to **Protect Your System** for tips and recommendations.

# Mike Davis to seek reelection to Noblesville Common Council

**Submitted**  
Mike Davis, lifelong Noblesville resident, business owner and local leader, has officially announced his intentions to run for a second term on Noblesville Common Council, District 1. Davis was first elected to public office in 2019.  
“I am looking forward to continuing my service on the Noblesville City Council because I truly love Noblesville,” he said. “I’ve been ingrained in Noblesville for my entire life. I want to continue giving back and building on the accomplishments of the last few years. Every day I count my blessings, and I’m thankful to live in one of America’s greatest

cities.”  
Davis says he plans to continue his focus on Noblesville’s growth through:  
• Making public safety the number one priority – in schools, neighborhoods, parks, downtown and throughout the city.  
• Building a brighter future by making sound financial decisions, proactive and proper planning and respecting the past while making decisions for a successful city.  
• Focusing on roads, parking, and traffic, making sure the current and future infrastructure will support



Davis

a growing population  
Since his time in office, Davis has accomplished these three areas of focus by being fiscally responsible, using his business skills and experience, hardworking values and involving feedback from Noblesville citizens.  
Since joining the Council, Davis has been on the following Common Council Committees: Finance, Public Safety, Wastewater, Economic Development, and Building/Land Acquisition.  
Community involvement is a strong passion

for Davis. Throughout the years, he has been on boards for the Noblesville Elementary Football League, Hamilton County Fifty Club and North Harbor HOA. He is the past President of the Noblesville Redevelopment Authority Board.  
Davis married his wife, Bobbi, in 1991. They have three adult children, Karli, Jake, and Hank, all Noblesville Schools graduates. The family has lived in North Harbor for 29 years. He has enjoyed coaching varsity football at Noblesville High School and is a big supporter of the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville, Noblesville Elks Club 576, and the Humane Society for Hamilton County.

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*These people are blemishes at your love feasts, eating with you without the slightest qualm—shepherds who feed only themselves. They are clouds without rain, blown along by the wind; autumn trees, without fruit and uprooted—twice dead. They are wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shame; wandering stars, for whom blackest darkness has been reserved forever.*

Jude 1:12-13 (NIV)

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Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Common Council will meet in an executive session at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2022, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(4)(I). Interviews and negotiations with industrial or commercial prospects or agents of industrial or commercial prospects by a governing body of a political subdivision.

Another executive session will follow at 6:30 p.m., pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D)(iv). For discussion of strategy with respect to a real property transaction, including a transfer.

A regular meeting will take place at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Noblesville Board of Works and Public Safety will meet in an executive session to discuss land acquisition at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2022, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D)(iv). For discussion of strategy with respect to a real property transaction, including a transfer.

A regular meeting will follow at 9 a.m. in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Noblesville Common Council organization meeting scheduled for 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 2, 2023, has been changed to Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023, in room A213 of Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

Send Meeting Notices to:

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The Atlanta Town Council will hold its last meeting of the year at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 29, 2022, at Atlanta Town Hall, 105 E. Main St., Atlanta.

Timothy Joel Finke

August 20, 1959 – December 14, 2022



Timothy Joel Finke, 63, Carmel, passed away after a short illness on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born on August 20, 1959, to the late Gerhard and Wilma (Stuckey) Finke in Columbus, Ind.

Tim received a bachelor's degree in marketing from IU and worked for Quaker Windows as Director of Marketing. Most of all, Tim loved his grandkids who called him "Pa T." He was a wonderful father and grandfather who was very involved with all of their activities. Tim was an avid drummer and enjoyed watching *Star Wars* as well as old black & white science fiction movies. Family outings were very important, and he loved traveling and sitting around the fire pit.

Tim is survived by his wife, Tami Finke; daughters, Ashley Lease, Taylor Gonzalez, and Morgan Finke; grandchildren, Bryer Lease and Ruby Lease; brother, Jon (Sandy) Finke; sister, Judy Finke; and his nephew and two nieces.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon, with services at noon, on Wednesday, December 21, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Pastor Ryan Bramlett will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to Indianapolis Animal Care & Control, 2600 S. Harding St., Indianapolis, IN 46221 ([friendsofindyanimals.org/donate](http://friendsofindyanimals.org/donate)).

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

Rosemary A Castellani

September 18, 1931 – December 14, 2022



Rosemary A Castellani, 91, Fishers (formerly of Gary/Crown Point), passed away on December 14, 2022. She was born on September 18, 1931, in Gary, Ind., to the late Charles Mesaric and Rose (Tomasic) Frisch.

Rosemary was a cashier in the lunchroom at Harrison Jr. High School in Merrillville, Ind., after she retired from U.S. Steel. She was a former member of Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church in Merrillville and a current member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Noblesville.

Rosemary is survived by her son, Louis Castellani (Julianne); stepson, Arthur Castellani (Mary Anne); five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and sister, Ann Stan-kovic. She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis J. Castellani Sr.; and sisters, Kay Rapo and Dorothy Benac.

Final care and arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel. The family will hold a private burial.

Donations can be made to the Altar Rosary Society, c/o Our Lady of Grace 9900 E. 191st St, Noblesville, IN 46060.

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

Gregory Allen Barlow

September 17, 1963 – December 15, 2022



Gregory Allen Barlow, 59, Cicero, passed away recently at his home.

He was born on September 17, 1963, in Indianapolis to Kenneth Paul and Betty Coleen (McCart) Barlow. He attended Carmel Schools and graduated from Carmel High School. He played football during his school years and loved watching and participating in most outdoor sports.

Greg, as he was fondly known, also enjoyed coin collecting, hunting morel mushrooms, and gardening. He often shared the produce and flowers from his garden with others. He loved helping others and just being with people. They found him to be a fun jokester and very quick-witted.

Preceding him in death was his father, Kenneth Paul McCart.

Survivors include his mother, Betty Coleen Barlow of Carmel; and brothers, Bradley Joe Barlow of Indianapolis and Stephen Paul Barlow of Carmel.

No services are planned at this time. Arrangements are entrusted to Hartley Funeral Home Cicero Chapel, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero. You may send condolences at [hartley-funeralhome.com](http://hartley-funeralhome.com).

Barbara Lou Roberts

June 15, 1937 – December 15, 2022



Barbara Lou Roberts, 85, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, December 15, 2022, at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis. She was born on June 15, 1937, to Clifton and Mildred (Landes) Hartley in Cicero.

Barbara graduated from Jackson Central High School in Arcadia. She was the Hamilton County Clerk for eight years and worked in the clerk's office for 35 years. Barbara was a member of the Arcadia Church of the Brethren. She was a Cub Scout Den Mother and was a 10-year 4-H leader.

She is survived by her son, Brian Roberts; daughter, Cheryl (Glenn) Birge; sisters-in-law, Nancy Hartley and Patty Hartley; grandchildren, Zach (Melissa) Birge and Tonya (Josh) Smith; several nieces and nephews; and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Don J "DJ" Roberts; brothers, Ralph and David Hartley; and daughter-in-law, Patty Roberts.

Visitation will be from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 18, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Private burial will be at Arcadia Cemetery in Arcadia at a later date.

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Basketball

# Tigers' socks still muddy!

## Sold-out crowd packs Fishers' Tiger Den for Mudsock Mayhem

By **RICHIE HALL**  
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**FISHERS** — Friday night's Fishers-Hamilton Southeastern boys basketball game was filled with energy, occasional moments of chaos and overwhelming emotion from players, fans and coaches alike.

In other words, it was a typical Mudsock game. This year's edition was played in front of a sold-out crowd at the Tiger Den, and the home team Fishers prevailed 65-60 to win the Mudsock trophy for the second consecutive year.

Remarkably, the Tigers never trailed in the game. Fishers scored the first five points and held the lead for almost the entire contest, save for a few seconds in the second quarter when the Royals tied it up. At the same time, both teams were on edge for the entire game, as they were each playing with that high energy. Both teams made several scoring runs during the contest as well, making any lead not safe.

"I think in a game like this, you don't have to do a lot of motivating," said Tigers coach Garrett Winegar. "They're excited. It's a rivalry game, so both teams are going to play hard. That's never going to change. So, my message was just like, let's make sure we match their toughness

and let's make sure we are mentally sound. Let's not let the game become more than a game, right? It's a big game, obviously. But we got to calm down. We got to play how we always play and play our game."

JonAnthony Hall scored on a putback and Taden Metzger hit a 3-pointer to get Fishers that initial 5-0 lead. Reph Stevenson broke the ice for Southeastern by draining a 3, and the game was on.

The Tigers eventually led 13-5 late in the first quarter, with Keenan Garner scoring six points. Jalen Haralson made a dunk, and hit a couple free throws to give Fishers a 15-6 lead. Stevenson finished the quarter with a buzzer-beating dunk, and that got the Royals within 17-10 to start the second.

The Tigers led 20-14 early in the quarter before Southeastern made a 6-0 run to tie the game for the only time at 20-20. Joe Karwowski made a layin, Stevenson hit two foul shots, and Deion Miles' layin brought HSE even with Fishers.

But the Tigers responded with their own 6-0 run. Haralson made two layins, with a Garner dunk in between. Fishers eventually stretched its lead to 34-25 by halftime, with Garner making two putbacks, and Hall getting one rebound basket.

The Royals got within



Photo by Joshua Herd

**The Fishers boys basketball team won the Mudsock trophy for the second consecutive year on Friday. The Tigers retained the trophy with a 65-60 win over Hamilton Southeastern.**

36-32 during the first couple minutes of the third quarter; Stevenson helped out with four points. Metzger then put in a 3-pointer, and Zimmer drained his initial 3, and suddenly the Tigers were up 42-32. A three-point play by Grant Haworth made it a 9-0 run.

Southeastern was able to keep pace with Fishers during the latter minutes of the quarter, with Donovan Hamilton scoring five points during that time. As a result, the Tigers led 49-39 going into the fourth quarter. Zimmer started the period by

nauling another triple, then seconds later hit another 3 to put Fishers up 55-41.

Garner's late layin put the Tigers up 64-49 with around 1:20 to go in the game. Southeastern finished the game on a furious 11-1 run, which included five points from Hamilton and four from Stevenson, but Fishers was able to hang on.

"Our message is always keep fighting," said Royals coach John Ashworth. "I probably called a timeout a little too late. The message to our kids is to keep playing till the whistle blows."

"That's just the Mudsock," said Winegar. "We saw it last year. That's what I kept telling our guys, like, 'You got to keep playing. The game's not over.'" After the Tigers got up by 15, Winegar said he thought his team "kind of took a breath, and then they hit some shots and got some turnovers and made it close."

Garner led the way for the Fishers, totaling 18 points and 11 rebounds for a double-double. It's been quite the season for Garner, who had lived in Germany for the past five years before

moving to Fishers near the start of the school year.

"It was definitely different," said Garner. "It was definitely something I'd never experienced before. The energy, I just absolutely loved it." He also enjoyed seeing "all the fan support" and people going crazy.

Haralson finished with 14 points, Metzger scored 13 and Zimmer's three 3-pointers totaled nine points. Hall led the rebounds with 13, and both he and Garner blocked two shots.

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**FISHERS 65, HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 60**

Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Donovan Hamilton	8-16	3-5	22	2
Reph Stevenson	6-9	4-4	17	1
Deion Miles	1-9	1-2	3	2
Joe Karwowski	1-3	2-2	4	1
Eli Robinson	1-4	2-3	5	3
Myles Holman	1-2	1-2	3	2
Braeden Totten	0-0	0-0	0	0
Michael Griffith	3-6	0-1	6	2
Totals	21-49	13-19	60	13

**Southeastern 3-point shooting (5-15)** Hamilton 3-7, Robinson 1-2, Stevenson 1-1, Karwowski 0-2, Miles 0-1, Holman, 0-1, Griffith 0-1.

**Southeastern rebounds (26)** Stevenson 8, Hamilton 4, Robinson 4, Karwowski 2, Miles 1, Holman 1, Griffith 1, team 5.

Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Taden Metzger	4-12	3-4	13	1
Jalen Haralson	5-11	4-7	14	4
Aiden Zimmer	3-3	0-0	9	5
JonAnthony Hall	3-9	0-1	6	3
Keenan Garner	9-12	0-3	18	2
Millen McCartney	1-3	0-0	2	0
Parker Perdue	0-2	0-0	0	2
Grant Haworth	1-2	1-1	3	1
Totals	26-54	8-16	65	18

**Fishers 3-point shooting (5-14)** Zimmer 3-3, Metzger 2-8, Haralson 0-2, McCartney 0-1.

**Fishers rebounds (37)** Hall 13, Garner 11, Metzger 3, Haralson 3, Perdue 3, McCartney 1, team 3.

	Score by Quarters			
Southeastern	10	15	14	21 – 60
Fishers	17	17	15	16 – 65



(Above left) Southeastern's Donovan Hamilton led all scorers with 22 points. (Above right) Fishers' JonAnthony Hall collected 13 rebounds for the Tigers.



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Basketball

# Big first quarter helps Eastern edge Sheridan

The REPORTER

The Eastern Comets had one thing in mind when they came south to Sheridan on Friday night and that was continuing their winning streak.

That's exactly what the visitors did and now have a five-game winning streak following a 57-52 win at Sheridan.

The Comets jumped out early through one quarter 15-4 and that's what doomed Sheridan and put the 'Hawks in a hole that they ultimately couldn't fully climb out of.

The Blackhawks matched Eastern in the second at 13-13, but still trailed at the halftime break, 28-17.

Sheridan started closing the gap in the third with a 20-16 takeover, but still trailed by seven 44-37.

The home-standing

Blackhawks owned the fourth as well 15-13, but that wouldn't be enough, as Eastern was able to keep Sheridan away enough for a 57-52 win.

The first quarter woes kept Sheridan from being able to overcome Eastern. The Blackhawks outscored the Comets 48-42 over the final three quarters, but fell short.

Trent DeCraene led Sheridan with a team-high 16 points on four of seven shooting and seven assists. Caleb Wright had 12 points and three steals, while Carsen Aleman also added 12 on five of 10 field goals and five boards. Owen Bell chipped in with 10 points.

Sheridan (3-4, 1-2 Hoosier Heartland) gets to stay home on Saturday evening and face the Frankfort Hot Dogs (1-3).



Photo by Si DeVaney III  
Sheridan's Trent DeCraene goes up to the basket during the Blackhawks' boys game with Eastern.

# Huskies top Western at home to end four-game slide

The REPORTER

On Friday night at The Husky Dome, the Hamilton Heights Huskies accomplished two big feats early on in this basketball season.

They grabbed a crucial Hoosier Conference Eastern Division win, their first of the season, and also snapped a four-game losing streak in the process with a win over the Western Panthers, 57-52.

Leading through one quarter at 19-14, Heights was able to fend off Western in a low-scoring second quarter to claim a 28-22 lead at half-time.

The Panthers came storming back in the third, outscoring the Huskies 16-9 and taking the lead through three with a score of 38-37.

Heights was able to overcome the Panthers' third quarter by taking advantage of its home court in the final period, pulling away just enough with a 20-14 quarter and won by the count of 57-52.

John Irion led with a team-high 15 points on 4-for-9 field goals and going 6-of-6 at the foul line. Tillman Etchison had a solid game with 14 points, three rebounds, four assists and was also perfect at the charity stripe, knocking down all seven of his free throws.

Sam Dawson chipped in a steady night with 12 points, making three of his six from outside the arc and also grabbed two rebounds, two assists and added a pair of steals. Maddox Bohland also scored seven and added six rebounds. The Huskies also were able to go perfect from the free throw line, going 16-for-16 as a team.

Hamilton Heights (2-5, 1-1 Hoosier Conference East) finishes off its back-to-back weekend with a Saturday evening road trip at West Lafayette (3-3, Hoosier Conference West 0-1). The Red Devils lost at home to Benton Central last night, 55-45.

EASTERN 57, SHERIDAN 52				
Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Tyler Garner	0-2	0-0	0	3
Trent DeCraene	4-7	6-8	16	0
Caleb Wright	5-12	0-0	12	4
Parker Williams	1-1	0-0	2	2
Carsen Aleman	5-10	2-2	12	0
Owen Bell	3-8	2-4	10	3
Evan Krupp	0-1	0-0	0	0
Eli Kolb	0-0	0-0	0	4
Nate Hinshaw	0-1	0-0	0	0
Totals	18-42	10-14	52	16
Score by Quarters				
Eastern	15	13	16	13 - 57
Sheridan	4	13	20	15 - 52
Sheridan 3-point shooting (6-17) Wright 2-7, Bell 2-6, DeCraene 2-3, Krupp 0-1.				
Sheridan rebounds (14) Aleman 5, DeCraene 2, Kolb 2, Hinshaw 2, Garner 1, Bell 1, Williams 1.				

HAMILTON HEIGHTS 57, WESTERN 52				
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Maddox Bohland	3-10	0-0	7	1
Tillman Etchison	3-7	7-7	14	2
John Irion	4-9	6-6	15	0
Sam Dawson	4-8	1-1	12	1
Evan Williamson	2-6	0-0	5	2
Simon Knott	1-1	2-2	4	2
Phoenix Vondersaar	0-0	0-0	0	0
Isaiah Grimsey	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	17-41	16-16	57	8
Score by Quarters				
Western	14	8	16	14 - 52
Hamilton Heights	19	9	9	20 - 57
Heights 3-point shooting (7-16) Dawson 3-6, Williamson 1-4, Irion 1-3, Etchison 1-2, Bohland 1-1.				
Heights rebounds (23) Bohland 6, Irion 6, Etchison 3, Knott 3, Dawson 2, Williamson 2, Vondersaar 1.				

# Carmel boys take down North Central

The REPORTER

Carmel picked up a big rivalry win at North Central on Friday, by the score of 48-40.

The Greyhounds led 14-9 after one quarter, with the Panthers cutting that lead to 22-21 by halftime. Carmel used a defensive third period to build a 34-

28 after three periods, then poured in another 14 points in the fourth.

Sam Orme scored 15 points for the 'Hounds, with Jake Griffin contributing 11 points. Spencer White led the rebounds with seven, while Orme collected five rebounds.

Carmel is 5-2 and plays tonight at Kokomo.

CARMEL 48, NORTH CENTRAL 40				
Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jake Griffin	5-7	0-0	11	2
Alex Couto	2-7	2-2	8	2
Spencer White	1-4	0-0	3	0
Sam Orme	6-9	1-2	15	3
Jared Bonds	2-3	2-3	6	1
Ryan Clevenger	0-2	5-6	5	0
Logan Reinhart	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	16-32	10-13	48	8
Score by Quarters				
Carmel	14	8	12	14 - 48
North Central	9	12	7	12 - 40
Carmel 3-point shooting (6-14) Couto 2-5, Orme 2-3, White 1-4, Griffin 1-1, Clevenger 0-1.				
Carmel rebounds (22) White 7, Orme 5, Couto 3, Clevenger 3, Griffin 2, Bonds 2.				

# MUDSOCK

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(Above left) Hamilton Southeastern's Deion Miles had eight assists for the Royals.  
(Above right) Fishers coach Garrett Winegar was fired up during the Mudsock game.



Photos by Joshua Herd

Hamilton was the Royals' leading scorer with 22 points, followed by 17 from Stevenson, who led Southeastern's rebounding with eight. Miles dished out eight assists, Hamilton had four steals and Stevenson made

two blocks.

"It's just one of those games where we didn't get off to a good start early," said Ashworth. "You got to give credit to Fishers and how tough they played. They outworked us and beat

us on the boards. And that's another key factor in the game."

The Tigers are 4-3 and also picked up their first Hoosier Crossroads Conference win of the season with this victory, making them

1-1 in the league. Fishers' next game is also at home, as it takes on Fort Wayne Carroll Thursday.

The Royals are 1-1 in HCC play and 2-2 overall. They host Brebeuf Jesuit this afternoon.

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Basketball

Sheridan overwhelms Eastern

The REPORTER

The Sheridan girls basketball team was looking for its first Hoosier Heartland Conference win of the season Friday, and the Blackhawks got it in overwhelming fashion, beating Eastern 54-21 at Larry Hobbs Hall.

Sheridan took care of this one early, leading 20-4 after one quarter and 36-8 at halftime. Ashley Webel scored

11 points during the first half, including three 3-pointers. The 'Hawks then outscored the Comets 15-6 in the third quarter for a 51-14 lead.

Webel finished the game with five 3-pointers on her way to 17 points. Kenzie Garner and Shelby Eaton both added 10 points.

Sheridan is 1-2 in conference play and 4-7 overall, and hosts Lebanon Tuesday.

SHERIDAN 54, EASTERN 21				
Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Lilly Chesney	3	0-0	6	2
Ashley Webel	6	0-0	17	1
Kenzie Garner	5	0-0	10	0
Chaney Smith	1	2-6	4	1
Jacquelynne Bates	2	0-0	4	1
Nova Cross	0	0-0	0	3
Shelby Eaton	4	2-4	10	1
Mac Smith	1	0-0	3	1
Makaley Terry	0	0-0	0	0
Kennedy Zachary	0	0-0	0	0
Makenzy Terry	0	0-0	0	0
Brianna Duke	0	0-0	0	0
Mariana Lopez	0	0-0	0	1
Totals	22	4-10	54	11
Score by Quarters				
Eastern	4	4	6	7-21
Sheridan	20	16	15	3-54
Sheridan 3-pointers (6) Webel 5, M. Smith.				



Sheridan's Lilly Chesney makes a block out for a rebound during the Blackhawks' girls basketball victory over Eastern on Friday.

Photo by Si DeVaney III

Carmel falls to North Central

The REPORTER

Carmel dropped a home game to North Central 56-38 Friday at the Eric Clark Activity Center.

The Panthers got up early on the Greyhounds, leading 13-5 after one quarter and 27-8 at halftime. North Central extended that lead to 43-18 after three periods. Carmel kept fighting, scor-

ing 20 points in the fourth. Mackenzie Woods scored 16 points for the 'Hounds and was one of four Carmel players with four rebounds. The others were Keaton Gatlin, Brooke Thoren and Hannah Lach. Taryn Fisher made four steals.

Carmel is 1-12 and hosts Columbus North on Thursday.

NORTH CENTRAL 56, CARMEL 38				
Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Izzy Shepherd	1-10	2-4	5	1
Mackenzie Woods	7-11	2-3	16	3
Jamie Elliott	2-4	1-2	5	0
Taryn Fisher	3-7	3-5	9	1
Hannah Lach	1-4	0-0	2	4
Keaton Gatlin	0-2	0-0	0	1
Brooke Thoren	0-2	0-0	0	3
Mallory Bourquein	0-4	1-2	1	3
Totals	14-44	9-16	38	16
Score by Quarters				
North Central	13	14	16	13-56
Carmel	5	3	10	20-38
Carmel 3-point shooting (1-12) Shepherd 1-5, Fisher 0-2, Gatlin 0-2, Woods 0-1, Elliott 0-1, Lach 0-1.				
Carmel rebounds (25) Gatlin 4, Woods 4, Thoren 4, Lach 4, Elliott 3, Fisher 3, Bourquein 2, Shepherd 1.				

Cain raises University over the top in front of standing crowd

The REPORTER

Sabien Cain's four-point play with 7.5 seconds lifted University to a thrilling 65-63 win over Class 3A No. 6 Brebeuf Jesuit before a raucous standing room only crowd at The U Center.

Cain's heroics capped an improbable rally from a 14-point fourth quarter deficit and gave University their first lead of the night. The Braves missed an off balance three pointer that was rebounded by Seth Hogg as time expired.

Cain finished with 27 points including 14 in the fourth quarter as University outscored Brebeuf 19-5 over the last 6:17 of the game. Robert Russell had 12 points for the Blazers.

Trailing 58-44 the University comeback began when Cain scored with 6:17 left in the game. Cain scored on an assist from Steven Scott and then Scott scored with 4:17 left to get University within 59-50. After a defensive stop, Kahmi Bracey came up with a huge of-

fensive rebound while falling out of bounds and got the ball to Cain who scored at the rim with 3:10 left to cut the Braves lead to 59-52.

Russell stole the ball on the ensuing possession and scored on a drive to the basket to get the Blazers within five at 59-54. Brebeuf made a pair of foul shots with 1:57 left before a seven-point possession allowed University to tie the game.

Cain was fouled with 1:42 left as he drove the lane. Brebeuf was also assessed a technical foul and Cain made all four foul shots to get University within in 61-58. Russell converted a traditional three-point play on the ensuing possession to tie the game at 61 with 1:23 left.

Evan Haywood split a pair of foul shots with 1:25 left to put Brebeuf back on top and after a University miss, the Braves Quinn Warren also split a pair of foul shots with 32 seconds left. University coach Brandon Lafferman used his last

UNIVERSITY 65, BREBEUF JESUIT 63				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Kahmi Bracey	2	4-4	8	5
Robert Russell	4	3-5	12	2
Sabien Cain	9	6-7	27	3
Andre Ozlowski	0	0-0	0	0
Seth Hogg	2	1-2	6	1
Bryce Gray	3	1-2	7	5
Steven Scott	1	0-0	2	3
Zien Bland	0	0-0	0	0
Jackson Bledsoe	1	0-0	3	0
Totals	22	15-20	65	19
Score by Quarters				
Brebeuf Jesuit	19	16	18	10-63
University	10	13	19	23-65
University 3-pointers (6) Cain 3, Bledsoe, Russell, Hogg.				

timeout with 16.7 seconds left. The Blazers got the ball to Cain and he made a three pointer from the right win while getting fouled to give University their first win over Brebeuf since 2006. The Braves had won the last four games between the north side rivals.

Lafferman praised his team's effort after a subpar first half performance that found the Blazers down 35-23 at the break. "I can't say enough about our second

half effort. The toughness and the togetherness. At halftime we preached playing harder than them and giving it everything you had and to have fun. Our guys went out there and that's exactly what they did. They kept grinding and clawing their way back and they deserved it. That was a great win and now we go on the road Monday to try to get another conference win."

The Blazers got contributions up and down the lineup. Bracey had eight points in the game, including six in the third quarter to help University stay in the game. Jackson Bledsoe added a big three pointer in the third quarter. Russell had five of his 12 points in the closing quarter. Bryce Gray had seven points and Hogg had six, including a third-quarter three pointer.

University's game against Traders Point Christian Academy on Saturday has been postponed due to illness and injury within the Knights program.

The Blazers will play Monday at Seton Catholic in a huge Pioneer Conference North Division contest.

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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.

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.

Thursday, Dec. 22

BOYS BASKETBALL

Fort Wayne Carroll at Hamilton Southeastern, 11:30 a.m.

Fort Wayne Carroll at Fishers, 5:30 p.m.

Lebanon at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.

Franklin County Tournament

Seton Catholic vs. Franklin County, 10 a.m.

Triton Central vs. Hamilton Heights, noon

Third-place game, 4 p.m.

Championship game, 8 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Fort Wayne Carroll at Hamilton Southeastern, 10 a.m.

Columbus North at Carmel, 2:30 p.m.

Fort Wayne Carroll at Fishers, 4 p.m.

Casey Pohlenz Memorial Tournament at Richmond

Pool A:

Indianapolis HomeSchool vs. University, 11 a.m.

Bishop Chatard vs. University, 2:30 p.m.

Bishop Chatard vs. Indianapolis HomeSchool, 6 p.m.

Pool B:

Guerin Catholic vs. Purdue Poly Englewood, 12:45 p.m.

Purdue Poly Englewood vs. Richmond, 4:15 p.m.

Guerin Catholic vs. Richmond, 7:45 p.m.

Limestone Classic at Bedford North Lawrence

Lake Central vs. Bedford North Lawrence, 10 a.m.

Noblesville vs. Lake Central, 2 p.m.

Noblesville vs. Bedford North Lawrence, 6 p.m.

WRESTLING

Hamilton Heights at Rensselaer Invitational, 10 a.m.

Friday, Dec. 23

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Casey Pohlenz Memorial Tournament at Richmond

Pool A third place vs. Pool B third place, 11 a.m.

Pool A second place vs. Pool B second place, 12:45 p.m.

Pool A first place vs. Pool B first place, 2:30 p.m.

Fifth-place game, 4:15 p.m.

Third-place game, 6 p.m.

Championship game, 7:45 p.m.

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