

**CHRISTMAS EVE 2022**

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**TODAY'S WEATHER**

Today: Partly cloudy.  
 Wind gusting to 40 mph may still cause some blowing snow.  
 Tonight: Partly cloudy.  
 Wind gusting to 25 mph.  
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**CrossRoads never stops giving back to neighbors**

**Simply having a wonderful WHAMAGEDDON time**

**The REPORTER**

CrossRoads Church at Westfield provided two weeks' worth of food for 19 families in Westfield this past week for the school winter break.

Families vary in number from four and 10 members, and though other helping agencies in the area provide food, these families run short of healthy and nutritious food to sustain them for the entire break.

As part of the church's For Our Neighbor initiatives to care for the community, CrossRoads Church adopted its local neighborhood Washington Woods Elementary School providing help in areas that other groups don't offer. During the fall, winter, and spring school breaks when students do not get food at school, CrossRoads provides food for the students and their families. CrossRoads also provides new athletic shoes in August each year for any



Photo provided by CrossRoads Church at Westfield  
**CrossRoads Church at Westfield proves that caring folks can do great things together.**

of the students who need them.

Find out more about CrossRoads Church's For Our Neighbor Initiatives online at [ForOurNeighbor.Life](mailto:ForOurNeighbor.Life) or by email at [forourneighbor-info@gmail.com](mailto:forourneighbor-info@gmail.com). CrossRoads provides a weekly Celebrate

Recovery, free Zumba, pet food and supplies, and will provide free repairs for over 40 homes in the area in June 2023.

**COLUMNIST**



**SCOTT SAALMAN**  
 Scaramouch

I started the current Christmas season trying to avoid "Last Christmas" by Wham!.

You see, my brother-in-law, Tim, texted an invitation to participate in WHAMAGEDDON, a game making the rounds in social media circles. The objective is to see how long you can go without actually hearing the holiday heartbreaker "Last Christmas," which is sappier than a cut, live Christmas tree. If you hear it between Dec. 1 and Dec. 24, you lose. The game hinges on the honor system.

Tim's invitation arrived Dec. 2. My wife Brynne admitted to already hearing the song the day before. "Does that mean I'm out?" she asked. That Brynne heard "Last Christmas" Dec. 1 gives you an idea of how hard it is to avoid the song. We granted her a GET OUT OF WHAMAGEDDON JAIL FREE CARD, allowing her to be part of the WHAMAGEDDON thrill ride.

Brynne and I did our best to avoid playing Christmas music at home, even though there were times that we accidentally turned on our favorite Indy radio station during a meal, totally forgetting about WHAMAGEDDON, thus posing the risk of us being eliminated simultaneously. A WHAMAGEDDON DOUBLE WHAMMY!

Soon, I developed a gambler's thrill from intentionally turning on the radio when alone – odds being good that "Last Christmas" was the bullet in the chamber of the station's rotation – but then experiencing a sigh of relief when a different song aired, thus remaining a contest contender. It was akin to Russian Roulette – Radio Roulette in this case.

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**Heights' 2<sup>nd</sup> IDES Meal Pack yields 15,960 meals bound for Honduras**

**The REPORTER**

The 2nd annual International Disaster Emergency Services Team (IDES) Meal Pack, sponsored by the Hamilton Heights School Corporation Wellness Team, took place earlier this week.

This gathering and service project was designed to focus on staff social/emotional wellness in this season of giving. In traditional Heights fashion, several student teams joined in bringing together a total of 90 staff, some of their families, and students who packed and boxed 15,960 meals that will be sent to Honduras.

Emily Beechler, Media Center Specialist at Hamilton Heights Middle School, has helped spearhead the event for a second year in a row. She said it's a privilege and honor to support a local ministry that serves with heart, soul, and resources that make



Photo provided  
**Staff and students from Hamilton Heights gathered for fellowship and service assembling and packaging nearly 16,000 meals as part of the 2nd annual IDES Meal Pack in partnership with the Noblesville-based nonprofit.**

a life-changing impact around the world.

**About IDES**

The Noblesville-based International Disaster Emergency Service (IDES) is a 501(c)(3)

non-profit that seeks to meet the physical and spiritual needs of suffering people throughout the world by partnering with Christian Churches / Churches of Christ and their missionar-

ies. Since its founding, IDES has carried out relief projects in more than 100 nations around the globe averaging more than 200 projects in 30 to 35 nations annually.

**Articles, columns, editorials & letters**

The Reporter's editor and I were recently talking about how an opinion is not a fact, no matter how hard someone wants to believe otherwise.

Facts can be verified.

I enjoy the presence of cats. It is a fact that I wrote that.

If I were to say cats are good pets, that's not a fact at all. It's just an opinion. With apologies to Paul Poteet, there is no world in which it is objectively true that cats are good pets.

This is relevant because, like many newspapers, The Reporter publishes both opinion pieces and fact-based reporting.



**STU CLAMPITT**  
 Publisher's Perspective

This, for example, is a column. It is, by definition, an opinion piece. The opinion being expressed is mine, speaking solely in my capacity as a man who has been chasing wisdom for decades. (Editor's note: the cat thing belies the wisdom chasing.)

News articles deal with facts. Thing X happened on a particular day and time at a particular location.

Many news articles will have quotes from someone who was interviewed, and in those quotes, there may be opinions expressed. When asked about thing X, person Y said they

think or feel something.

It is still fact-based reporting because it is a fact that the person quoted said the thing inside the quotation marks.

An editorial is a piece of writing that expresses the viewpoint of the publication itself. Like a column, it is an opinion piece. It exists to give you the perspective of the owners or the editorial board rather than that of any individual writer. In this newspaper, our rare editorials are clearly labeled as such.

A column, like this one, expresses an individual writer's perspective. This is not necessarily the perspective of the newspaper, but it is an opinion that The Reporter finds value in sharing with our readers.

Letters to the Editor are opinion pieces published because a reader has something to say that the newspaper thinks has value to other readers or to the community at large. The Reporter do not always agree with the content of letters published in these pages, but unless they border on libel or contain inappropriate language, we usually publish them.

We call this newspaper The Hamilton County Reporter for a reason. It is your newspaper, Hamilton County, and your voice has a place here.

Before things hit the page, those lines can get a little fuzzy. Our editor sometimes wears his

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**The Real Santa Claus**

By JENNY ASHCRAFT  
 Newspapers.com

Did you know the real Santa Claus came from Missouri?

On April 4, 1888, William and Henrietta Claus of Saline County, Mo., gave birth to a baby boy. They named him Santa. When he was



young, Santa Claus was often teased about his unique name, but eventually, he learned to embrace it. During his lifetime, Claus responded to tens of thousands of 'Dear Santa' letters, grew a beard, and became somewhat of a local celebrity. He died in 1957 and was remembered for his efforts to make the world a happier place.

Santa Claus (some records spell the name Clause) was born in Blue Lick, Mo., the son of a farmer. "Naturally, when I was a child, I took a lot of punishment over my name. I continually was the object of jokesters, and as I grew older, the name had its drawbacks," said Claus in a 1936 interview. In attempting to explain his unusual name, he said, "My father had a sense of humor."

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**Fishers Arts Council seeks talented artists with disabilities**

**The REPORTER**

During the month of March 2023, the City of Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability, Fishers Arts Council (FAC), and Conner Prairie are looking to invite small performing arts groups featuring individuals with developmental or intellectual disabilities to show off their talent at Conner Prairie and at FAC's Collaboration Hub Gallery.

These events are a way to demonstrate the importance of all artists in celebrating "Building Our Future Together" during 2023 March Disability Awareness Month in the City of Fishers.

**Deadline for submission**

Performing Artists interested in participating must submit a request by 3 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 13, 2023, to [info@fishersartsCouncil.org](mailto:info@fishersartsCouncil.org) indicating their



desire to participate. All submissions should include in the Subject Line: March Disability Awareness Month and include

the following:

- Artist/performance group name
- City of residence
- Phone number
- Email address
- One or two sentences regarding their performance art area (for example: poetry reading, vocal, instrument performance, etc.)
- How much space is needed for the performance art

• A video link or social media link showcasing your talent (if available)

**Eligibility**

Performing artists must:  
 • Have one or more members who have a disability  
 • Be a performance artist  
 • Be able to appear at the Conner Prairie Arts Reception

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## WHAMTASTIC

On Dec. 7, Tim's wife Shannon texted to us a "LAST CHRISTMAS I GAVE YOU MY HEART" GIF, followed by a second text stating, "I am out of #whamageddon."

Then there were three. WHAMAGEDDON taught me that you can't avoid Christmas music while in public. The holiday songs play overhead incessantly in grocery stores, big box stores, medical offices, restaurants – even at the gas pump. I caught myself speed shopping through the local grocery store while staring up at the ceiling

speakers in fear, as if fleeing that mouthy, floating predator in Jordan Peel's "Nope."

Aisle 1: "Deck the halls with boughs of holly . . ." Aisle 7: "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas . . ." Aisle 13: "Simply having a wonderful Christmastime . . ." I'd rather have heard "Last Christmas" in Aisle 13 and cut my WHAMAGEDDON losses than hear "Wonderful Christmastime" one more time. I hate how the song's saccharine synth sound worms through my ear holes, oozes its syrupy "oohs" and "doo doo doos" into my head,

and parasitically latches onto my psyche with its "ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding" lyrics.

When I hear Paul McCartney sing, "Simply having a wonderful Christmastime," my holiday spirit becomes humbugged. It's too much sugar for the ears. I'm all for happy holidays . . . but not THAT HAPPY! It puts me in such a foul mood that I begin wishing The Beatles had never even been hatched just to avoid Sir Paul's later solo career resulting in this song.

Fab Four fans, before you hate, hate me do, please note that I LOVE THE BEATLES! I simply hate "Wonderful Christmastime" more than I love The Beatles. It is the coal chunk in Santa's sack of tunes, the audible, cringy fruitcake of holiday music.

On Dec. 11, I took my stepson Zach to a restaurant. He's 18. I explained WHAMAGEDDON to him.

"If you hear 'Last Christmas' by Wham! then you lose," I said.

"What's Wham!?" "They're from the '80s."

He looked at me like I was making the whole thing up, including the '80s.

"You know, 'Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go.'" "Nope."

I opened the Spotify app on my cellphone.

"You haven't heard this song?" I asked and hit play. "Last Christmas I gave you my heart . . ."

"I've never heard that song in my life," he said.

A few nearby customers gave me the stink-eye. Perhaps they were participating in a WHAMAGED-

DON of their own. It sucks to be them, I thought.

"Doesn't that mean you lose?" Zach said. "You just heard the song."

What Zach said was akin to hearing a turntable's needle scratch across the grooves of spinning wax. Had Zach feigned Wham! ignorance? Had Brynne plotted this out? Yes, I had played Wham! a moment before but it felt like I was the one being played.

I outed myself to Brynne and Tim. Brynne texted a GIF showing George Michael twerking in a black and white Choose Life T-shirt. Tim responded, "I'm going to leave you hanging solo."

Then there were two.

On Dec. 16, Brynne sent an audio text to us. It was a recorded snippet of Wham! in mid-song: "Last Christmas I gave you my heart . . ." I suspected it was Brynne's attempt to WHAMBUSH her brother, Tim, with the audio link, the lowest of WHAMAGEDDON lows. But then she texted, "Whammit!"

Her snippet of "Last Christmas" had been recorded from her car radio on I-465. It was her way of announcing to us that she'd been Whammed while driving home, not a booby trap meant for her brother. It meant Tim was the WHAMAGEDDON winner.

In hindsight, WHAMAGEDDON proved how even the worst of holiday songs can be fun. I can't wait for Christmas 2023 just so I can try not to hear "Last Christmas" all over again.

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## REAL SANTA

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It wasn't until 1929 that Claus's fame extended farther than his hometown. While working on the Missouri River, he **broke his leg**. Papers all over the country carried the story of Santa's accident, bringing fame to the **young father**, now **living in Marshall, Mo.**

Letters addressed to Santa Claus began arriving at the Claus home. Claus was a part-time minister and struggled to support his family, taking on odd jobs, **including plumber and ditch digger**. Nevertheless, he worked hard to respond to each child's letter. In 1935, he **appeared on the national radio broadcast for Ripley's Believe It or Not**. **His fame spread**, and soon Claus was **respond-**

**ing to 6,000 letters each holiday season**. When the postage became a financial strain, others stepped in to help. Claus received checks from the local **Chamber of Commerce** and even **Hollywood actress Mae West**.

In 1944, Claus's wife died. He **remarried in 1948**, and the new Mrs. Claus stepped in to help Santa Claus keep up the holiday tradition. On April 1, 1957, **Santa Claus died** of a kidney ailment in Marshall, Mo. He was eulogized as a man who always **lived up to his name**.

*Do you have any unusual holiday names in your family tree? Learn more about Santa Claus and search for stories about your relatives on [Newspapers.com](http://Newspapers.com)™ today!*

## FISHERS ARTS

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(March 3, 2023) or at the FAC Collaboration Hub Gallery Second Friday Arts Reception (March 10, 2023)

- Provide their own equipment necessary for the performance (speakers, music, microphones, etc.)
- Agree that the Committee may adjust the size and or length of your performance if said performance does not properly fit the space and or time allotment

**Selection process**  
The Fishers Arts Advisory Committee on Disability will review all submissions and select the participating artists for the receptions.

**Notification**  
Artists will be notified of their acceptance into the exhibit by January 20, 2023, via email.

**Compensation**  
A small compensation stipend will be awarded.

**Performance**  
Artists will be required to arrive at the designated performance venue at least 30 minutes before they are scheduled to perform.

**Questions**  
For more information, email [info@fishersartsCouncil.org](mailto:info@fishersartsCouncil.org).

**About the Fishers Arts Council**

Fishers Arts Council is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization whose mission is to support, advocate, and cultivate visual and performing arts opportunities that educate and/or enhance the lives of those who live, work, and visit Fishers. Visit the art gallery space at the Collaboration Hub at Hamilton County Community Foundation, 11810 Technology Drive, Fishers, online at [FishersArtsCouncil.org](http://FishersArtsCouncil.org), or call (317) 537-1670.

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**THE REPORTER**



Advocating for Victims of Crime & Abuse


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

- Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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# HELP FIND DONALD MILLER

**The REPORTER**

The Hendricks County Sheriff's Office is investigating the disappearance of an Avon man with ties to Hamilton County.

Donald K. Miller, 56, Avon was reported missing last Thursday.

Miller was last known to be driving a black Jeep Wrangler Rubicon similar to the one pictured. The car had a Florida license plate with the number G8T AHH.

Miller was driving back to Avon from Florida when he disappeared.



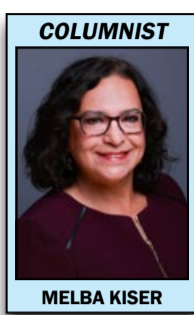
Miller



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# Noblesville School Board approves new high school courses, adopts policy on public comment

The last meeting of the 2022 Noblesville School Board was held Tuesday, Dec. 20. This was also the last meeting before the newly elected board members are sworn in.



COLUMNIST

MELBA KISER

ulum, including the addition of the requirement for civics education in grades 6, 7, or 8 as per state law. New policies were adopted on Dress and Grooming, Staff Dress

It was an agenda-packed meeting beginning with the recognition of many of our athletic championship teams. For the sake of brevity, I will skip through several of the agenda items.

Once the meeting progressed to Consent agenda items, votes were approved for claims, donations, overnight trips, and personnel changes. There was also the approval of Action items under the **proposed NHS course additions**, which I would encourage the reader to review. In addition, approval was received for the resolution establishing supplemental payment for teachers as well as the bid for the high school athletic addition project.

Of note was the speed with which the board moved through the second reading of 19 policies and straight to the adoption of such. The policy on Participation at Board Meetings was finally amended to reflect that public comment must be allowed as enacted by our state legislature at the last session. There were several changes to the policy on Mandatory Curric-

and Grooming, as well as Staff-Student Relations.

Missing from any new policy was a means to address many of the concerns expressed by parents and other community members during the last year of meetings. Some of the concerns arose out of the revelations brought to light during the virtual learning of the COVID-19 shutdowns.

Other concerns were a result of the direct knowledge of parents regarding the quality or bias in the instruction of their children. Although the 2023 board will see the return of the incumbent president and one newly elected member, let's hope that the makeup of the new school board will lead to improved responsiveness, greater communication, and more transparency with the Noblesville community.

The first School Board meeting of 2023 will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 10 in the ESC Board Room. The newly elected members of the board will be sworn in, followed by a regular meeting.

[Click here](#) to read the NHS course additions.

# The differences between school & travel basketball

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

Growing up, I would always think about how high school basketball was going to be the best thing that would ever happen to me. That was until I started to play travel basketball (AAU).

Travel basketball is a different type of basketball: it isn't like your normal high school basketball or your rec leagues, and it is very intense and competitive. You could have the country's best players on a team, and they could still lose by 20; you never know the outcome, you just play until the buzzer sounds.

On the other hand, with high school basketball you typically can guess the outcomes. If you have the best team in the state against a couple of good people, you can tell who is going to win based on experience and skill. This is why I believe that school and travel sports are completely different from one another.

I have played both high school and travel basket-



COLUMNIST

KENZIE GARNER  
Sheridan High School Student

ball in my career, and personally, I enjoy travel basketball way more than school ball. However, there are many good things that school basketball has to offer. During school basketball, you have cheer

blocks, you can play with your friends, there are more people cheering you on, and you can get rewards for your stats or your team making it far in the state tournament. Unlike school basketball, in AAU you don't have these things. Yes, you have people cheering you on, but it's not like your hometown rooting for you to win your home games. You also don't get awards for playing AAU unless you win a tournament.

Another difference between school and AAU basketball is the level of competition. In school basketball you may not play against the level of competition that you play against in an AAU game. In AAU, depending on the bracket or age group that you play in, you can play against some of the best players in the country of that age group. During school ball, you may not always play against

the best competition there is. Most people who play school basketball don't do AAU because they want to focus on another sport, or they don't want to play basketball at a higher level.

The ways that you prepare yourself for school basketball and AAU basketball also vary. During school ball, you can prepare yourself a lot more efficiently than you can during an AAU game. For example, during school basketball we watch film, break down different players' strengths and weaknesses, as well as practicing against what they would most likely do while playing against us.

This is not the same for AAU; you can't really prepare yourself for what the team will do, you just have to go out and play and respond to what they do. That is what I like most about AAU: the fact that you can just go out and play and not have to worry about what certain players are good at. For me, I find it a lot easier to go out and play than watch film on the other team and break it down because when I play, I don't think about what I am going to do, I just do it in that moment.

Although school basketball and AAU have many

similarities, the differences are the easiest things to pick out when you go to an AAU tournament.

One of the biggest differences that you can see is the way you play the game. During an AAU game, the refs let you play. What I mean by that is they don't necessarily call fouls, they let you hack other people and only call it every once in a while. Sometimes this can cause the game to get very out of control, but most of the time the referees know when to start calling fouls and tell people to settle down. This may also be one of my favorite parts because unlike school basketball, instead of getting five fouls you get six. This can make a big difference because it allows you to play more and not get in foul trouble if you have three or four fouls in the third quarter.

Overall, I think that both school basketball and AAU are useful to anyone who wants to play basketball at any level. However, if you plan on playing basketball at a higher level, it is smarter and more beneficial to play AAU instead of just playing school basketball. Playing AAU gives you the opportunity to play in front of college coaches who can recruit you to play for them.

## Labor – Class I, II, III Position

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

For a full job description, please visit the Town of Cicero's website at [www.ciceroin.org](http://www.ciceroin.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)

## OPINION

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U.S. Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart hat when explaining why a particular piece gets published as a column or a letter instead of a submitted piece of news content, saying of the difference. "I can't always explain it, but I know it when I see it."

By the time words are on pages for you, dear readers, we make the distinction as clear as we can.

The Reporter publishes letters on a background that looks like a yellow notepad.

They begin with "Dear Editor," and they end with the name and city of residence of the author.

Columns, like this one, have a headshot of the author, above which COLUMNIST or GUEST COLUMNIST, appears.

Columns by Janet Hart Leonard, Amy Shankland, Megan Rathz and Scott Saalman are rarely – if ever – mistaken for being fact-based news reporting.

Ray Adler and I sometime blur that line a bit. Especially when our columns, like this one, contain some facts.

This column also contains my personal opinions, which are not necessarily the perspective of this newspaper, but which The Reporter finds value in sharing with our readers. (Editor's note: except the thing about cats being good pets.)

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# Merry Christmas & God bless us, each & everyone

This month's column is being written during the aftermath of the storm ensuring that Hamilton County gets a White Christmas. It's minus 7 degrees this morning, and the pantries are stocked for the Christmas weekend. The pantries are in use even today.



**COLUMNIST**  
**MARK HALL**  
The Feeding Team Feature

You see, hunger in its cruelty doesn't care about the weather. Hunger doesn't care that it's the Christmas season either. Hunger is simply a fact of life for far too many of our neighbor's.

This is the season of giving. We give because we care about the people in our lives, and we give to support our community, too. We are pleased to report that this month has been one of the most generous in our history. Between individual donations, the reverse advent program, and corporations running food collection programs, we have been blessed to receive thousands of meals in donations. Many

of these contributions from the community have already made their way into pantries and then to neighbors in need. Many more meals will be deployed over the weeks ahead. This past month we exceeded 10,000 meals placed in pantries.

In Hamilton County, an ever-changing group of neighbors in need use Feeding Team pantries to supplement what they can obtain elsewhere. As a no-questions-asked food source, some neighbors use the pantries as the primary source of food for their families. This is a big challenge for Feeding Team, as we are designed to provide a few meals for many, rather than many meals for a few.

In the spirit of Christmas, your giving makes a tremendous difference in the lives of hundreds of people every week. We are thankful for your partnership with Feeding Team. We wish a Merry Christmas

to our hosts, neighbors who use the pantries, volunteers, and donors (those known and unknown). May your holiday season be one of peace and joy. May your new year be filled with good health.

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With over 27,000 food-challenged neighbors in Hamilton County, **FeedingTeam.org** is a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that provides outdoor 24/7/365 no-questions-asked free food pantries throughout the county.

The pantries exist to meet the food insecurity needs of gap families, neighbors who may not qualify for public assistance and could use a few meals before payday. The pantries serve as many food-challenged neighbors as possible, and our hearts are with those who, like my family, could not always make ends meet.

Thank you for embracing the pantries. We

love serving with so many neighbors across Hamilton County. In future columns, we will share more stories about how your generosity served neighbors in times of need. The face of hunger in Hamilton County is not what you may think.

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**FeedingTeam.org**  
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## Carmel Christkindlmarkt closed, will reopen Monday

**The REPORTER** through Dec. 30 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day. Due to the extremely cold temperatures, the Carmel Christkindlmarkt will be closed on Christmas Eve, as well as closed on Christmas Day as previously scheduled. The Market will reopen on Monday, Dec. 26 and will remain open



The Market closes for the season starting on Dec. 31. Any changes to this schedule will be posted on the Market's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts, as well as on its website.

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## Donate to Kids TRI for Kids & celebrate 15 years of helping children get active

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3. Educating all kids on affordable fitness options: swimming, biking and running
4. Partnering with Best Buddies to help get all kids involved with physical activity
5. Expanding fitness awareness to all kids

[Click here](#) to learn more.

## Register for 2023 Waterfowl Workshop by Jan. 23

**The REPORTER** DNR's Division of Fish & Wildlife (DFW) will host its annual waterfowl workshop from noon to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 1 at Fort Harrison State Park in Indianapolis.

This workshop is required for all contractors who want to become qualified Water Control Operators (WCOs) and conduct waterfowl trapping, transporting, relocation, or eu-

thanasia for hire. All first-time WCOs must attend the workshop. All other WCOs must either attend the workshop or test out. To take the test, contact Debbie Walter at [dwalter@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:dwalter@dnr.IN.gov) or call (812) 789-2724, and she will send the test to you. The test will be available to take beginning Feb. 1.

Employees of WCO contractors are welcome to attend the training, but only

those physically conducting waterfowl trapping, transporting, relocating, or euthanizing for hire are required to attend.

Those pursuing qualifying status for goose euthanasia for the first time will also need to provide a certificate of attendance to the Nuisance Wildlife Control Operators Association (NWCOPA) goose management course or DFW approved eight-hour equivalent goose

course. WCOs are not qualified to conduct any waterfowl management activities until all necessary paperwork has been received.

Registration for the workshop must be completed by Jan. 23. For more information on becoming a WCO and to register, contact Jessica Merklung, urban wildlife biologist, at [jmerklung@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:jmerklung@dnr.IN.gov) or (260) 244-6805.

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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](http://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 installation 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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# National roadside cleanup effort comes to State Road 37

## The REPORTER

A nationwide cleanup drive dedicated to the Birth Centennial of Dr. Shri Nanasaheb Dharmadhikari was undertaken on July 9 and again on Oct. 15 by residents and volunteers of the non-profit organization Dr. Shri Nanasaheb Dharmadhikari Pratishthan (DSNDP) at the Hamilton County Auto Auction, located at 22221 State Road 37, Noblesville.

These events were organized by DSNDP in collaboration with Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT). The Adopt-A-Highway (AAH) program is part of a year-long Nationwide Cleanup Drive undertaken by DSNDP across 14 states and 16 cities in the United States.

The clean-up drive was held over a two-mile stretch of SR 37 from mile markers 179 to 180. INDOT's AAH Program is a partnership between the INDOT and DSNDP volunteers, working together to make Noblesville better, two miles at a time. More than just a cleanup campaign, this innovative program works to educate citizens of all ages about the responsibilities of land stewardship – the care and repair of the environment. Ulti-



Photos provided by DSNDP

The Adopt-A-Highway initiatives are driven by hundreds of DSNDP volunteers.

mately, the AAH Program is about people caring enough to make a difference.

The Noblesville Adopt-A-Highway drive was held concurrently with Chicago, Ill., and the state of California and will be followed by other states. DSNDP has collaborated with 14 states and 16 cities for running these cleanup drives across the United States from July this year until October 2023.

The year-long 'Adopt-A-Highway/park/beach/street/reservoir' initiatives are driven by hundreds of DSNDP volunteers. To achieve concrete results by the implementation of these teachings, DSNDP committed to social services was founded in the name of Dr. Shri Nanasaheb Dharmadhikari by Dr. Shri Dattatreya Narayan Dharmadhikari Alias Appasaheb Dharmadhikari - a



prominent, multiple / global award winner, global social reformer who transformed millions of lives throughout the world with his humanitarian teachings.

The non-profit DSNDP is driven by over a million volunteers worldwide, who strive to keep the legacy of Dr. Shri Nanasaheb Dharmadhikari alive by running

massive blood-donation drives, cleanliness drives, tree plantation and conservation drives, conserving natural water reservoirs, assisting hearing-impaired children with free hearing-aids, free adult, and children's literacy classes, etc. A mega health camp which was organized by DSNDP in India, entered the Guinness World Records as the largest health camp benefiting 152,000 people attended by 1,571 doctors and 5,000 paramedics in a single day.

For more information, please visit [dsndp.com](http://dsndp.com).

Recent Blood Donation Drives organized by DSNDP across the United States, India, Australia, UK, Canada, UAE, Oman, Qatar, Nigeria, and Singapore to name a few, stand as strong examples of the impact of mobilizing communities within neighborhoods and the world.

# Public invited to Fishers Arts Council annual meeting

## The REPORTER

The Fishers Arts Council will hold its annual meeting from 7 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 13, 2023, in the Fishers Pavilion at the AMP, located at 10 Municipal Drive, Fishers.

The public is welcome to attend this meeting, which will review the budget for 2023, elect new officers to join the board, and they will also vote on executive committee positions.

If you wish to attend, please notify Fishers Arts by calling (317) 537-1670.

**About Fishers Arts Council**

Fishers Arts Council is



a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization whose mission is to support, advocate, and cultivate visual and performing arts opportunities that educate and/or enhance the lives of those who live, work, and visit Fishers. Visit the art gallery space at the Collaboration Hub at Hamilton County Community Foundation, 11810 Technology Drive, Fishers, online at [FishersArtsCouncil.org](http://FishersArtsCouncil.org), or call (317) 537-1670.

# Post Offices closed on Dec. 26 & Jan. 2

## The REPORTER

Christmas 2022 and New Year's Day 2023 both fall on a Sunday, when Post Office locations nationwide are already closed. Post Offices will observe these federal holidays on Monday, Dec. 26, 2022, and Monday, Jan. 2, 2023.

There are no residential or business deliveries on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 except for Priority Mail Express, which is delivered 365 days a year in select locations for an additional fee. All Post Office locations will be open for business and regular mail delivery on Tuesday, Dec. 27 and Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Some Post Offices may have limited hours on Christmas Eve. There are

currently no plans for limited hours on New Year's Eve, Saturday, Dec. 31. Customers can visit the online Postal Locator tool at [tools.usps.com](http://tools.usps.com) to find Post Office locations and hours of operation.

Blue collection boxes with final collection times before noon will not be affected by an early closing Dec. 24. If a box normally has a final collection time after noon, its mail may be picked up earlier that day. For mail pickup on Dec. 24, customers are asked to either put their mail into blue collection boxes by noon regardless of the final collection times posted on the box or take their items to one of the more than 34,000 Post Office locations.

**Merry Christmas, Hamilton County!**



**Thanks for reading!**

# Are You Troubled, Anxious or Dismayed?



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# Rep. Spartz releases poll results for U.S. Senate race

**Submitted by Rep. Spartz's Press Office**

Congresswoman Victoria Spartz on Wednesday released a statewide poll of likely Republican primary voters in Indiana. The poll included a question of who voters would choose for the open U.S. Senate race in 2024.

Spartz placed second in the poll behind former Governor Mitch Daniels.

"I am very honored to be one of the top-tier contenders for a potential U.S. Senate seat after just two years

servicing our great state of Indiana in Congress," Rep. Spartz said. "I know that with my strong fundraising capabilities and proven successful track record of fighting for our freedoms in trenches not just on TV channels, I would be a strong candidate in this race. I am also kind of tired of the good old boy networks trying to pick nominees and believe the Senate could use more capable conservative women and independent thinkers who can deliver results for

the people. However, I also understand that it will divert my energy from some other important issues I have been working on in the House, so I will have to decide what I need to prioritize in the next two years to bring the most value."

[Click here](#) to see the poll results.

The poll was fielded Dec. 9 to 16 and used a multi-mode Computer-Administered Web Interviewing methodology combining online panel respondents

with SMS text-to-survey. Results were controlled to be representative of the Republican primary voting population by gender, age, education and region of the State. The margin of error is +/- 4.3 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level, +/- 3.7 percentage points at the 90 percent confidence level. The poll was conducted by Response:AI, a market research firm based in Washington, D.C., with offices in Dallas, Prague, and Tokyo.

## Rep. Spartz's war crimes bill passes both chambers, heads to President's desk

**The REPORTER**

The U.S. House of Representatives on Thursday passed the Justice for Victims of War Crimes Act, led by Reps. Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05), David Cicilline (D-R.I.-01), Sens. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), Dick Durbin (D-Ill.), Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), and Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.).

The bill passed the

Senate by unanimous consent earlier this week.

"War criminals should never be able to escape justice in the United States," Rep. Spartz said. "I was proud to co-lead this bipartisan, bicameral legislation with Rep. Cicilline and I am grateful to my



Spartz

colleagues for voting to close this loophole for good."

If enacted, the Justice for Victims of War Crimes Act would close a loophole in the federal statute

to enable prosecution of war criminals who commit atrocities against non-U.S.

citizens overseas. Currently, aliens who commit war crimes abroad could be immune to prosecution on U.S. soil, effectively giving them safe haven in the United States. This legislation would ensure that all war crimes are prosecutable under our law.

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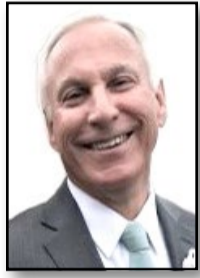
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## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

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Jude 1:24-25 (NIV)

### Richard Keith "Rick" Mahoney March 24, 1955 – December 20, 2022



Richard Keith "Rick" Mahoney, 67, Noblesville, passed away on December 20, 2022, surrounded by his family. He was born March 24, 1955, in Madison, Ind., the son of Norman Delbert and Bonnie Jean (Andrew) Mahoney.

Rick graduated from Tell City High School, Class of 1973. He went on to receive a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management degree from Purdue University and a Master of Business Administration from Butler University.

Rick recently retired as Assistant Vice President of Technology from Pension Fund of the Christian Church.

Rick is survived by his wife of 43 years, Cheri (Rowe); his daughter, Courtney; son Cameron, and his wife, Joanna (Yarbrough); his loving grandchildren, Bella and Beau; his grand-pup, Mac; his brother, David M. Mahoney and his wife, Diane of Tell City, Ind.; his brother, Darrell Mahoney of Madison, Ind.; his sister, Norma Jean Mahoney of Madison, Ind.; his brother, Patrick Mahoney of Jackson, Tenn.; as well as many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his parents and eldest brother, Ron Mahoney of Indianapolis.

Rick suffered from amyloidosis for the past six years, despite the care and support of a wonderful team of doctors.

Family and friends may visit at 10 a.m. on Friday, December 30, 2022, until the 11 a.m. service at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers.

In lieu of flowers, Rick had requested that memorial contributions be made to the Amyloidosis Foundation in hopes there would one day be a cure for this disease. Amyloidosis Foundation, 7151 N. Main St., Suite 2, Clarkston, MI 48346 ([amyloidosis.org](http://amyloidosis.org)).

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



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## Where was singer Bobby Helms from?

### The REPORTER

**1848** – Paris Dunning became the ninth governor of Indiana when James Whitcomb resigned the office to go to the United States Senate. Dunning is the only person in state history to hold the offices of governor, lieutenant governor, state senator, president pro-tempore of the senate, and state representative.

**1861** – John Wilkes Booth opened a six-day engagement at the Metropolitan Theater in Indianapolis. Called the "celebrated tragedian," he played six roles in a Shakespeare festival that included Macbeth, Hamlet, and Richard III. Considered the first professional theater in the city, the



Metropolitan stood on the northeast corner of Washington and Tennessee (now Capitol) Streets.

**1927** – The Walker Theater opened in Indianapolis. Designed by the architectural firm of Rubush and Hunter, the building had a pipe organ, ballroom, and offices for the Madam C. J. Walker Cosmetics Company. A fine example of African Art Deco, the theater is on the

National Register of Historic Places and serves as a cultural center for the city.

**1930** – The Purdue University Research Foundation was established. It was the invention of David E. Ross, who was from Brookston. He had become interested in machinery when he visited the engine room while on a steamboat ride. He graduated from Purdue in 1893 as a me-

chanical engineer. Ross and Josiah K. Lilly each gave \$25,000 in starter money to the foundation.

**1957** – Singer Bobby Helms from Martinsville ended a highly successful year in his career with the release of "Jingle Bell Rock." The song became an instant hit, along with "My Special Angel," another big song for Helms in a year he also appeared on *The Ed Sullivan Show*.

**1977** – Starting in the final three days of December, Indiana weather turned dramatically cold. Temperatures would stay below freezing for over 880 hours or 35 days. During this time, a historic blizzard paralyzed the state in January of 1978.

## New at Hamilton East Public Library

### The REPORTER

Here are the new library items lists for the week of Dec. 19:

#### New Adult Fiction Books

1. Hunting time, by Jeffery Deaver
2. A Christmas memory, by Richard Paul Evans
3. The Red Cross orphans, by Glynis Peters
4. Secluded cabin sleeps six, by Lisa Unger
5. Desert star, by Michael Connelly
6. Christmas at Fireside Cabins, by Jenny Hale
7. June, reimagined, by

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8. The hollow kind, by Andy Davidson
9. Toad, by Katherine Dunn
10. Nightwatch over Windscar, by K. Eason

#### New Adult Nonfiction Books

1. Tutankhamun's trumpet: ancient Egypt in 100 objects from the boy king's tomb, by Toby Wilkinson
2. The Grimkes: the legacy of slavery in an American family, by Kerri K. Greenidge

#### 3. When the Hart speaks: whimsy and wisdom from

#### the little house on the alley, by Janet Hart Leonard

4. Fall baking, by Taste of Home Books
5. Nature's wild ideas: how the natural world is inspiring scientific innovation, by Kristy Hamilton
6. Feed these people: slam-dunk recipes for your crew, by Jen Hatmaker
7. The wine bible, by Karen MacNeil
8. Hold the line: the insurrection and one cop's battle for America's soul, by Michael Fanone
9. A gift of joy and hope, by Pope Francis
10. The blood and guts: how tight ends save football, by Tyler Dunne

#### New DVDs

1. Matchmaker mysteries: 3-movie collection
2. Outlander. Season six
3. Blade of the 47 Ronin
4. Dead for a dollar
5. Doom patrol. The

complete third season

6. Bring it on. Cheer or die
7. Intregalde
8. One way
9. Peacemaker. The complete first season
10. I love my dad

#### New Music CDs

1. Mr. Sun, by Little Big Town
2. Meet the moonlight, by Jack Johnson
3. Midnights, by Taylor Swift
4. Mr. Saturday night, by Jon Pardi
5. Pawns & kings, by Alter Bridge
6. Just like that..., by Bonnie Raitt
7. Come home the kids miss you, by Jack Harlow
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9. Tornillo, by Whiskey Myers
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# The Boys of the Old Southside

Recently, I watched the movie *Invincible*. It was about the life of Vince Papale who grew up on the south side of Philadelphia and played tackle football (without pads on) with his grade school to high school friends.



DR. TERRY COOMER

and cousins were tough and good athletes too!

I remember a tackle football game that was precipitated by the Bradfield boys and the Camp boys. We chose up sides and it was tackle football at its best!

When Dick Vermeil became the football coach of the Philadelphia Eagles in 1976, the Eagles were in the midst of several losing seasons. He called for an open tryout of men in Philadelphia. He wanted to let the veterans know he expected some growing up and toughing up! Thirty-year-old Vince Papale tried out. He was the only player from many trying out that made the team! In the try out, Papale ran a 4.5 second 40-yard dash! That was fast and that got Vermeil's attention. Each week Papale and his friends, who were lifelong friends, to now grown men, played tackle football each week on a park field. They played in the rain, cold, and all the elements. Papale and his friends lined up each week to beat the tar out of each other! These were tough guys! Papale went on to play three seasons with the Eagles. Unheard of! As I watched the film I told my wife Kim, who grew up on the northside of Noblesville, "Wow, that reminds me of the old Southside Park in Noblesville!"

From the 1950s until Jan. 1, 1991, the boys from the Old Southside of Noblesville played whatever sport was in season. I am going to apologize up front if I forget anybody's name or I did not remember their contribution.

I can tell you one thing, these boys were tough and yes, we played tackle football without pads! There were some sprains, broken bones, some blood on the shirts, and extra-curricular activity after the plays! The boys of the Old Southside also made their marks on Noblesville High School sports as well. The playground of learning was Old Southside Park.

When I think of the Old Southside Park, the first name that comes to my mind was Jimmy Camp. The Camp boys were all tough kids, but Jimmy was an outstanding athlete. He was fast, played hard and gave it all he had. He was a great football player at Noblesville High School and held some records for quite a while. His brothers

Jim Belden and Phil Shelby would have been proud! We lined up and hit each other. There was some vicious tackling, great blocks, and some great drawn up offensive plays. You know you go left; you go right, and I will hit you over the middle and heaven help the kid who caught the ball!

Some of the guys who played sports that I remember were: Denny Russ, Ray Dixon, Jim Tittle, Tom and Tim Netherly, Genie Bradfield, Bertie and Sammy Camp and (Camp cousins and brothers), Joe and Donnie McKinley, the Schoolcraft boys (several of them), Jimmy Atwell, Steve Coverdale, Randy Hatfield, Steve King, Larry and Theron Howard, Tom and Bill Cowart, Roger and Tommy Tharp, Danny Gray, Larry Castetter, Larry Stidham, Gary Holt, Sam Jamison, and Dennis Hampton to mention a few.

I am very thankful for all the guys who played at Southside Park. They challenged me! In the summer we played baseball daily. Hit one into Fourth Street on the fly and it was a home run! Mr. Lockridge had a fence around his garden in center field. The only house in Southside Park itself. Let's just say when we jumped the fence to get the ball and got into his garden he was not amused! Sometimes we even got a tomato or two!

I learned to play baseball, basketball, and football from these guys, and I got a lot better playing against the older boys. Jimmy Atwell, who lived one house down from me, and I made a pitching mound right off Fourth Street and put a home plate right in front of Mr. Lockridge's fence to stop the ball when we missed it! Jimmy and I threw for hours at a time to each other. When we threw to each other, we would put the glove at a certain place. So, it was not a strike if it did not hit the glove spot. We made it a game! Jimmy ended up being a pretty good pitcher and athlete at NHS. I ended up being drafted by the San Francisco Giants as the 78th player taken in the 1973 Major League Baseball draft,



SOPHOMORE TERRY COOMER (center) is grabbed by freshman battery mate Alan Dunlop. Noblesville hurler fired a perfect game against Tipton in the sectional finale. Ray Lyttle, who is no-hitters for the Millers this season, is at the left and still another Noblesville hurler, pictured at the right.—Photo by Ray Streib.

Terry Coomer's success as a Noblesville High School athlete (shown here after pitching a perfect game against Tipton in the 1971 baseball sectional championship) was developed by many years of playing with the Boys from the Old Southside. Coomer and his friends played many sports at the Old Southside park.

the first player from Indiana taken that year. We won the Advanced Babe Ruth Indiana State Championship and some of the players from the Old Southside played in 1969 (Noblesville's population was 7,548) on the first baseball team ever in Noblesville High School history to win the baseball sectional. Larry Howard pitched for NHS and did a fantastic job! You got it, Larry was from the Old Southside of Noblesville!

Just after Christmas 1990 on New Year's Eve 1990 and New Year's Day 1991 everything changed for the Old Southside of Noblesville. A devastating flood took place. Everyone had to evacuate their homes if you lived west of Fifth Street. It was a 100-year flood per the National Weather Service. The weather service says White River crested around midnight Dec. 31, 1990 at 21 feet, with 14 feet being flood stage. There were about 4 to 8 inches of snow on the ground. Some of the flood waters froze due to the bitter cold. My dad lived on Fourth Street and on the afternoon of Dec. 30, the Noblesville Police came to tell him to evacuate. He called me and I went to help. His house was destroyed after living there since 1951.

On the morning of Jan. 1, 1991, the Old Southside was changed forever. Many houses were destroyed. Everyone that lived below the hill had their home totally flooded. My father's home

had water inside to the top of the windows. All the people, many who had grown up there and others who had lived there for years stood on the top of the hill, at Fifth and Washington Street, and looked at the devastation below. Many of us boys and girls who were now men and women, looked below at their lives washed away by the flooding of White River. Friends who had not seen each other for years, wept and hugged each other that day and the boys and girls from the Old Southside were coming to the aid of their parents and grandparents who had made their lives around Southside Park. Memories were shared and friendships were revisited from years gone by.

Yes, there were heroics that day. We were told that the gas company had turned off the gas to the homes. I noticed smoke coming from my father's chimney and mentioned it to a fireman, Mr. Reddick. He took a boat down and I gave him the keys to the house. He got in somehow and said the gas was not off and the water was hitting the heating unit. He said, "It will blow soon." My childhood friend, and neighbor one house down, Gary Holt, one of the boys of the Old Southside, did some heroics. Gary at that time owned his own heating and cooling company asked me where the gas meter was, and I told him. He went down in a boat with a fireman. He had to go underwa-

ter to get to it, but he turned off the gas and saved what was left of the house and probably others. The Noblesville fireman, Mr. Reddick, courageous as he was, contacted the gas company immediately to get them to turn off gas to the area. Obviously, it could have been a lot worse! Some of the Noblesville firemen and police officers watched from the hill with us and sought to help the elderly and comfort people. We greatly appreciated their help and kindness.

As we tried to clean up and sort through items in the houses, I was hauling carpet out to a dumpster and standing at our sidewalk was Bob Harber, fifth grade teacher at Third Ward School, who was in tears looking at me. He had volunteered to go through the neighborhood for the Red Cross and give cleaner, buckets, and mops. If you needed something, you told Bob, and he would try to get it for you. We did not have water, electricity or heat and it was cold! I found what we could to heat, but Bob Harber was another hero for the folks of the Old Southside with words of comfort and showing compassion for all that were hurting. After all, he had taught most of the boys and girls from the Old Southside at Third Ward School. He knew all the boys of the Old Southside as he refereed our murder ball games every day at recess, and we had some wicked murder ball games! We could really

throw the ball! When you got hit it rattled you!

The city of Noblesville got grants and the first buy of houses from the owners of 44 homes were purchased. Other homes were purchased later. I remember signing the papers for my father who was seriously ill. It stated, "that no one could put a house back on the property. It would be torn down and would become part of the park area." I was sad as I signed those papers that day because I knew a way of life was over.

While there are a few homes still there in the area, the neighborhood as it had been known for all those years was now over. Thankfully, Old Southside Park is still there, and some children still play there today. Any time I am back in Noblesville, I drive down there and look at where my parents' home and my friends' homes were. There is still a tree in the yard that my father and I planted together when I was a young boy 60 years ago. I always sit there and look for things I remember, especially that tree. I look out over the old Southside Park and think about the Boys of the Old Southside.

I will never forget the Boys of the Old Southside, the sports we played, and how much fun and good times we had down there in the Old Southside of Noblesville.

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Basketball

# Noblesville girls gearing up for next week's Hall of Fame Classic

**The REPORTER**

The Noblesville girls basketball team will be traveling to New Castle next week to play in the biggest holiday tournament of all: The Hall of Fame Classic.

The girls tournament is set for Thursday at the famed New Castle Fieldhouse. The Millers open play against East Central in the second semi-final game, which will start at approximately 11:45 a.m. The first semi-final, between Bedford North Lawrence and Mishawaka Marian, begins at 10 a.m. The consolation game begins at 6 p.m., with the championship game immediately following.

This will be the second time Noblesville has played in the Hall of Fame over the past 10 years. The Millers played in the 2015 edition, beating Benton Central in the semi-finals before falling in the championship game to Princeton.

"It's a neat event," said Noblesville coach Donna Buckley. "We're excited to play in it. Four great teams.

It's just such a cool gym." The Millers are also looking forward to seeing the nearby Hall of Fame and the exhibits there.

Noblesville has a solid first-round opponent in East Central. The Trojans are 11-5 this season, and are leading the Eastern Indiana Conference standings at 4-0. In conference play, East Central has beaten South Dearborn 63-23, Franklin County 57-26, Greensburg 53-42 and Batesville 60-38.

"I know their coach does a great job," said Buckley. She also mentioned the Trojans' "big kid" – Josie Trabel, a 6-foot senior who is averaging 21.6 points and 8.9 rebounds per game. Trabel had a 40-point game during East Central's 68-35 victory over the Indianapolis HomeSchool Wildcats on Dec. 13, then put up another 37 points on Dec. 17 in the Trojan's win over Batesville. Trabel has committed to Wofford College, a Division I school.

"We will definitely have to play well," said

Buckley. "We're going to have to do a great job of controlling the big kid and making sure she doesn't get going. That's definitely a team that we will have to play well to beat."

Another player to watch is senior Laney Baker, who is averaging 12.9 points per game. Sophomore Emily Klem collects 3.9 rebounds per contest, while Trabel leads in assists (3.4), steals (2.7) and blocks (1.5).

Noblesville is doing well this season, too. The Millers are 11-3, including a four-game winning streak. Sophomore Meredith Tippner is leading the way with 15.9 points, 9.6 rebounds and 3.6 assists per game. Junior Reagan Wilson adds 13.1 points, 3.3 assists and leads in steals with 3.0 per contest. Senior Dani Mendez is on top of the rebounds with 4.9 per game, and senior Kaitlyn Shoemaker puts in 8.8 points per game.

In the first semi-final, Bedford North Lawrence comes into that game with a 13-2 record, while Mish-

awaka Marian is 12-2. The Millers played BNL at the Stars' tournament on Wednesday, winning 54-44.

Junior Chloe Spreen is the top scorer for Bedford North Lawrence at 20.5 points per game, followed by senior Karsyn Norman at 16.3 points. Senior Mallory Pride leads the rebounds at 6.2 per game, with Spreen pulling 5.5 and junior Madison Bailey collecting 5.3. Norman also leads in assists (4.6) and steals (3.2).

As for Marian, senior Neveah Foster has been scoring at an impressive clip, 26.6 points per game. Foster, a Western Kentucky commit, scored a Marian school record 42 points in the Knights' recent win over Portage. Two more seniors, Aliyah Hershberger and Shayla Alexander, are averaging 11.5 and 10.4 points respectively.

Sophomore Christa Porter is the top rebounder with 7.9 per game, followed by Foster (6.9) and Alexander (5.4). Foster also leads in assists (4.1) and steals (4.3).



Reporter photo by Kent Graham  
Noblesville's Meredith Tippner is averaging 15.9 points and 9.6 rebounds for the Millers this season. Noblesville travels to New Castle on Thursday to compete in the Hall of Fame Classic.

## Guerin Catholic girls make runner-up at Pohlenz tournament

**The REPORTER**

The Guerin Catholic girls basketball team finished as runner-up at the Casey Pohlenz Memorial Tournament Thursday at Richmond.

In their first game, the Golden Eagles beat the host Red Devils 55-41. Guerin Catholic got off to a strong start by outscoring Richmond 18-8 in the first quarter. Six different Golden Eagles players scored at least two points during that period. Guerin Catholic led 30-16 at halftime; Annie Murphy made a pair of 3-pointers, then threw in two more triples in the third quarter.

Murphy led the GC scor-

ing with 16 points, totaling four 3-pointers. Ava Bills added 13 points and Natalie Fernandez scored 12 points; both players had six in the fourth quarter.

The Golden Eagles fell to Purdue Polytechnic 52-48 in the championship game. Guerin Catholic led 32-26 at halftime, with Fernandez pouring in nine points during the first half. The Techies cut the GC advantage to 42-39 after three periods, then outscored the Golden Eagles 13-6 in the fourth.

Fernandez scored 14 points, while Bills had 13 points.

Guerin Catholic is 5-8 and is off until Jan. 4, when it plays at Park Tudor.

**GUERIN CATHOLIC 55, RICHMOND 41**

Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ava Bills	4	4-5	13	0
Reagan Haines	1	0-4	2	3
Natalie Fernandez	6	0-0	12	2
Annie Murphy	6	0-1	16	0
Megan Cobb	3	1-2	7	3
Kori Dues	1	0-0	3	1
Caitlyn Sharpe	0	0-0	0	1
Sutton Worman	1	0-0	2	2
Mia Bair	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	22	5-12	55	12

**Score by Quarters**

Guerin Catholic	18	12	6	19-55
Richmond	8	8	5	20-41

Guerin Catholic 3-pointers (6) Murphy 4, Bills, Dues.

**PURDUE POLYTECHNIC 52, GUERIN CATHOLIC 48**

Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ava Bills	5-11	2-3	13	4
Reagan Haines	3-10	0-0	6	3
Natalie Fernandez	5-13	2-2	14	3
Annie Murphy	1-8	0-0	3	2
Megan Cobb	3-5	0-0	6	3
Kori Dues	1-1	0-0	2	0
Caitlyn Sharpe	0-2	0-0	0	0
Sutton Worman	1-1	0-0	2	1
Mia Bair	1-1	0-0	2	0
Totals	20-52	4-5	48	16

**Score by Quarters**

Purdue Polytechnic	11	15	13	13-52
Guerin Catholic	14	18	10	6-48

Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting (4-14) Fernandez 2-3, Murphy 1-6, Bills 1-2, Sharpe 0-2, Cobb 0-1.

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# Noblesville's own Owen Mejia commits to Army West Point



Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics  
Noblesville's Owen Mejia has committed to play soccer at Army West Point. (Front row, from left) Eli Mejia, Mia Mejia, Owen Mejia, and Jorge Mejia. (Back row) Noblesville boys soccer head coach Ken Dollaske.

# Noblesville's own Landon Huber commits to Wabash College



Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics  
Noblesville's Landon Huber has committed to play soccer at Wabash College. (Front row, from left) Addison Huber, Andy Huber, Landon Huber, and Natalie Huber. (Back row, from left) Noblesville boys soccer head coach Ken Dollaske and Avery Huber.

# SPORTS SCHEDULE

## Tuesday, Dec. 27

### BOYS BASKETBALL

#### Alexandria Tournament

Sheridan vs. Cardinal Ritter, 10 a.m.  
Southwestern Shelbyville vs. Alexandria, noon  
Third-place game, 6 p.m.  
Championship game, 8 p.m.

#### Noblesville Holiday Tournament

Lawrence Central vs. Chesterton, 11 a.m.  
Columbus North vs. Norwell, 12:45 p.m.  
Crown Point vs. Castle, 2:30 p.m.  
Northridge vs. Noblesville, 4:15 p.m.  
Consolation games, 6 and 7:45 p.m.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

#### Twin Lakes Tournament

North White vs. Rochester, 3 p.m.  
Mount Vernon vs. Crown Point, 4:30 p.m.  
Westfield vs. Kankakee Valley, 6 p.m.  
Clinton Prairie vs. Twin Lakes, 7:30 p.m.

## Wednesday, Dec. 28

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Anderson at Carmel, 4:30 p.m.

#### Homestead Tournament

##### Pool A:

Hamilton Southeastern vs. South Bend St. Joseph, 10 a.m.  
Munster vs. Homestead, 11:30 a.m.  
Munster vs. Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.  
South Bend St. Joseph vs. Homestead, 7:30 p.m.

##### Pool B:

Fishers vs. Mishawaka Marian, 10 a.m.  
Bishop Dwenger vs. Valparaiso, 11:30 a.m.  
Valparaiso vs. Fishers, 6 p.m.  
Mishawaka Marian vs. Bishop Dwenger, 7:30 p.m.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Fishers at Jeffersonville, 5:30 p.m.

#### Alexandria Tournament

Tri-Central vs. Alexandria, 10 a.m.  
Seeger vs. Sheridan, noon  
Third-place game, 6 p.m.  
Championship game, 8 p.m.

#### Paul Logan Memorial Invitational, North Central

Avon vs. North Central, 10 a.m.  
Henderson County (Ky.) vs. Gibson Southern, 11:45 a.m.  
Springsboro (Ohio) vs. Hamilton Southeastern, 1:30 p.m.

#### Twin Lakes Tournament

Semi-finals and consolation games, 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.  
Seventh-place game, 4 p.m.  
Fifth-place game, 5:30 p.m.  
Third-place game, 6 p.m.  
Championship game, 7:30 p.m.

### SWIMMING

Carmel diving at Homestead (with Zionsville), 10 a.m.  
Fishers at North Central Holiday Invitational, 11:30 a.m.  
Homestead and Zionsville swimming at Carmel, noon

### WRESTLING

Carmel, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Southeastern at Mooresville Holiday Classic, 9 a.m.

## Thursday, Dec. 29

### BOYS BASKETBALL

#### Homestead Tournament

##### Pool A:

Munster vs. South Bend St. Joseph, 10 a.m.  
Hamilton Southeastern vs. Homestead, 11:30 a.m.

##### Pool B:

Mishawaka Marian vs. Valparaiso, 10 a.m.  
Fishers vs. Bishop Dwenger, 11:30 a.m.  
*Placement games:*  
Seventh place, 6 p.m.  
Fifth place, 6 p.m.  
Third place, 7:30 p.m.  
Championship, 7:30 p.m.

#### Noblesville Holiday Tournament

Semi-final games, 11 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.  
Seventh-place game, 2:30 p.m.  
Fifth-place game, 4:15 p.m.  
Third-place game, 6 p.m.  
Championship, 7:45 p.m.

#### Phil Cox Memorial Tournament, Kokomo

Warren Central vs. Guerin Catholic, 10 a.m.  
Columbia City vs. Brownsburg, noon  
Center Grove vs. South Bend Riley, 6 p.m.  
Bishop Luers vs. Kokomo, 8 p.m.

#### Roncalli Tournament

University vs. Roncalli, 10:30 a.m.  
Floyd Central vs. Mount Vernon, noon  
Third-place game, 6 p.m.  
Championship game, 7:30 p.m.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Carmel at Penn, 1:30 p.m.

#### Hall of Fame Classic, New Castle

Bedford North Lawrence vs. Mishawaka Marian, 10 a.m.  
Noblesville vs. East Central, 11:30 a.m.  
Third-place game, 6 p.m.  
Championship game, 7:30 p.m.

#### Paul Logan Memorial Invitational, North Central

Gibson Southern vs. Avon, 10 a.m.  
Henderson County (Ky.) vs. Hamilton Southeastern, 11:45 a.m.  
Springsboro (Ohio) vs. North Central, 1:30 p.m.

### WRESTLING

Carmel, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Southeastern at Mooresville Holiday Classic, 9 a.m.  
Fishers at Connersville Spartan Classic, 9 a.m.  
Noblesville at North Montgomery Holiday Duals, 9 a.m.  
Sheridan at Eastern Classic, 9 a.m.  
Westfield at Mishawaka Tournament, 10 a.m.

## Friday, Dec. 30

### BOYS BASKETBALL

#### Phil Cox Memorial Tournament, Kokomo

Consolation games, 10 a.m. and noon  
Semi-finals, 10 a.m. and noon  
Seventh-place game, 4 p.m.  
Fifth-place game, 4 p.m.  
Third-place game, 6 p.m.  
Championship game, 7:30 p.m.

### WRESTLING

Fishers at Connersville Spartan Classic, 8:30 a.m.  
Noblesville at North Montgomery Duals, 9 a.m.  
Sheridan at Eastern Classic, 9 a.m.  
Westfield at Mishawaka Tournament, 9 a.m.

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## Wednesday, DEC. 21, Basketball

Boys Basketball  
7:10 pm Central Christian Championships | Boys Varsity | Indiana SRN

## Thursday, DEC 22, Basketball

Girls Basketball  
3:55 pm Carroll vs Fishers | Girls JV | Fishers Sports Network  
5:20 pm Carroll vs Fishers | Girls Varsity | Fishers Sports Network  
7:10 pm Lebanon vs Guerin Catholic | Boys Varsity | Indiana SRN

## Tuesday, DEC. 27, Basketball

11 am Lawrence Central vs Chesterton | NHS Holiday Tourney | HCTV Sports  
12:45 pm Columbus North vs Norwell | NHS Holiday Tourney | HCTV Sports  
2:30 pm Castle vs Northridge | NHS Holiday Tourney | HCTV Sports  
4:15 pm Northridge vs Noblesville | NHS Holiday Tourney | HCTV Sports  
6:00 pm TBD | Noblesville H.S. Holiday Tourney | Game 5 | HCTV Sports  
7:45 pm TBD | Noblesville H.S. Holiday Tourney | Game 6 | HCTV Sports

## Wednesday, DEC. 28, Basketball

11 am TBD | Noblesville H.S. Holiday Tourney | Game 7 | HCTV Sports  
11:10 am Morristown Holiday Classic - Morning Session | Indiana SRN  
12:45 pm TBD | Noblesville H.S. Holiday Tourney | Game 8 | HCTV Sports  
2:30 pm TBD | Noblesville H.S. Holiday Tourney | Game 9 | HCTV Sports  
4:15 pm TBD | Noblesville H.S. Holiday Tourney | Game 10 | HCTV Sports  
4:40 pm Morristown Holiday Classic - Evening Session | Indiana SRN  
6:00 pm TBD | Noblesville H.S. Holiday Tourney | Game 11 | HCTV Sports  
7:45 pm TBD | Noblesville H.S. Holiday Tourney | Championship | HCTV Sports



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