

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6, 2023

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**TODAY'S WEATHER**

Today: Mostly cloudy morning.  
 Partly sunny afternoon.  
 Tonight: Partly cloudy.  
 HIGH: 40 LOW: 33



# GOP ladies name new officers and give to Shepherd's Center

# The One Where We Broke 11 Snow Globes

**The REPORTER**

The Hamilton County Republican Women (HCRW) held their annual Holiday Luncheon last Saturday at Bru Burger Bar, 12901 Old Meridian St., Carmel.

Carmel Mayor-elect Sue Finkam served as the guest speaker, and the ladies collected \$25 gift cards to donate to Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County.

The mission of Shepherd's Center is to promote and support independent lifestyles for adults aged 55 and over in Hamilton County. The Shepherd's Center achieves this mission through its five signature programs: Together Today, Reaching Resources, Community Caring, Counseling, and Guardianship. [Click here](#) to learn more about Shepherd's Center.



HCRW met for their annual luncheon at Bru Burger Bar in Carmel.

Also during the luncheon, HCRW elected its officers for 2023. They are President Adrienne Rogers, Vice Pres-

ident Emily Pearson, Second Vice President Teresa Ayers, Secretary Angie Frazier, and Treasurer Lisa Elmore.

Great job on working to spread Christmas cheer, HCRW! [Click here](#) to learn more about HCRW.

One thing my husband and I started when we first got together was a tradition of exchanging a snow globe and a Christmas village.

I remember one day as a young girl visiting a family friend's house and admiring the collection they had accumulated over the years. All throughout their home there were various displays of Christmas villages – little towns and people that seemed to tell a story. I would always remember the vast collection and how enchanting they looked when they became a magical Christmas town. When their tiny lights turned on, the whole village came to life and were truly something to behold.

As much as I've always loved Christmas villages, my husband has always loved snow globes. They, too, are a little story waiting to be told to any onlooker who gets to experience their magical glitter dome and tiny song.

I remember the first snow globe I received was from my Nana. It was a Jim Shore snow globe of carolers in a little dome huddled together dressed like something from a Dickens novel. The tune "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" softly played when the crank was gently turned. My Nana enclosed with it a note that said, "For you to have in your own home when I am an old ... older woman someday." Every time I hear "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" play, I think of that snow globe and my Nana.

My husband and I both decided that we would exchange a snow globe for him and a Christmas village for me each year. And each year since then, that is how we have kicked off our holiday season. I remember the first snow globe I gave him was a beautiful Santa sitting on a green base to the tune of "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas." He gave me a church and each year we've added to our collections.

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**COLUMNIST**



MEGAN RATHZ  
 When Nature Speaks

# Countdown to Christmas overload started everywhere this weekend!



Photo provided by Town of Arcadia



Reporter photo by Stu Clampitt

There are already radio stations that have switched over to 100 percent holiday music. There have been multiple sightings of the Grinch and Santa, and pop culture holiday references have been sprinkled across the county and across the pages of this very newspaper. You know what that means, kiddos: welcome to the first week of December! Cicero had its Christmas parade Nov. 25, and you can catch up on photos on [our website](#). Noblesville's parade was last Saturday, and we have a ton of photos on Page 5. (Above left) Arcadia lit the tree and danced in the streets last Saturday and we have photos on Page 7. (Above right) When Atlanta lit their tree last Sunday, the Dotsons were the first to take a family photo with it. They were also kind enough to let The Reporter get this shot. See more Atlanta holiday spirit on Page 6.



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(From left) Kiwanis Club of Cicero Military Veterans: Mark Bailey – Army Reserve, Mary Ringer – Army, Brent Harrison – Marines, Andrea Carlile – Outreach Director for HVAF, Jim Dashiell – Army Reserve, Paul Gibson – Army, Doug Barney – Marines, and Bill Symon – Coast Guard.

# Cicero Kiwanis learn about services for homeless veterans & their families

**The REPORTER**

The Kiwanis Club of Cicero recently had the honor of hosting and hearing from Andrea Carlile, who is the outreach director for Helping Veterans And Families (HVAF), an organization dedicated to providing hope, housing, and

self-sufficiency for all veterans and their families.

"Since 1993, HVAF has been helping homeless veterans return to self-sufficiency and engaging at-risk veterans and their families to prevent them from becoming homeless by providing support-

ive housing assistance, case management, employment support, therapy, and basic needs including food, hygiene products and clothing," Carlile said. "We provide services for all veterans, Active Duty, Reserve, and National Guard members, regardless of dis-

charge status." Annually, HVAF serves over 1,200 veterans, provides more than 33,000 services, permanently houses over 200 veterans, and hosts over 2,200 pantry visits. To learn more about HVAF, visit [HVAF.org](#) or call (317) 951-0688.



All Things New: FAC features emerging artists & invites you to get involved

**The REPORTER**

It's time for the last Second Friday of 2023. Fishers Arts Council (FAC) is showcasing artists brand new to the FAC Hub Gallery for the month of December with a free, all-ages, Second Friday celebration from 6 to 8 p.m. on Dec. 8.

The exhibit is open now through Friday, Dec. 29. The gallery is located at 11810 Technology Drive inside the Collaboration Hub at the Hamilton County Community Foundation.

Ten local artists will be featured this month, two of which are youth artists. The artists on display are Susan Cook, Ciera (CiCi) Eadler, Sam Irish, Beth Miller, Travis Park, Karissa Rumsey, Lisa Bliss Rush, Preeya Sikand, and Cristal Williams. These talented individuals represent Camden, Carmel, Fishers, Indianapolis, McCordsville, and Noblesville.

Acrylic, mixed media, digital art, colored pencil, and more media are represented in the gallery.

"We love helping artists showcase their work for the first time and introducing artists to the Fishers community who have not shown with us before," FAC Executive Director Les Reinhardt said. "This exhibit is always a great mix of skill levels with every individual sharing their best work."

Many of the artworks are for sale at a variety of price points. The gallery

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# EMERGING ARTISTS

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is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Friday gallery visits are by appointment only by contacting Fishers Arts Council directly. The gallery will close at noon on Friday, Dec. 22 and will be closed on Dec. 25.

During the Second Friday reception on Dec. 8, there will be live music from Eric Salazar "The Clarinet Guy," along with snacks, drinks, and a cash bar featuring Sun King beer and Daniel's Vineyard wines. The featured artisan will be Tracy Gordon of Noblesville. Gordon's business is "Gem Geek" where she creates unique handmade gemstone jewelry using (mostly) nat-



You can see works from several emerging artists at the FAC Hub Gallery, including (from left) "Sunflowers" by Susan Cook, "Free Spirit" by Lisa Bliss Rush, and "Electric" by Ciera Eadler.

Art provided

ural gemstones created to enhance the beauty of the individual gemstones. Each piece is made using a modified pearl knotting technique and designed to

layer or look great worn alone. Additionally, FAC board member Pat Grabbill will interview several of the artists on display at 6:45 p.m.

Additionally, the FAC board is accepting applications for new members. These applications are available on the FAC website ([fishersartscouncil.org/how-to-help](http://fishersartscouncil.org/how-to-help)), at the Second Friday reception, and via email at [info@fishersartscouncil.org](mailto:info@fishersartscouncil.org). Appli-

cations are due by Jan. 4, 2024.

### 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.

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# SNOW GLOBES

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Fast forward 12 years, this past April and I'm standing at our kitchen sink and hear the garage door; my husband is home from work. I noticed what sounded like a large crash sound. I fling open the back door to see if he ran over something in the garage. After all, this was a really loud sound. He tells me I'm merely dramatic, and after coming inside and going upstairs to change, he quickly realizes the origins of the sound I heard. It wasn't the garage; it was 11 snow globes that had collapsed a shelf in our master closet.

When we bought our home, we assumed (Yes, I know. Please spare me. I know what happens when you assume.) that the shelves had been hung by the studs and could easily support the weight of the winter wonderland we had been collecting. Nope, the former brainiacs threw up shelves into drywall and we were too stupid to double-check before placing our cherished

items on it. What came next was a grave realization of the magnitude of what had been lost. Glitter, glass, and water was everywhere—it looked like a stripper took a shower in our closet with the amount of water and glitter on our floor. My normal self would have had a full-blown blackout laced with obscenities, to the point of dizziness at this mess. That wasn't the case though.

We silently cleaned, vacuumed, and carefully picked up the mess and memories. My husband was sad at the loss and so was I. Fortunately, not all of them perished in the fall, but 11 of them did. I held my breath to see if my one from Nana made it. Unfortunately, it was one of the casualties. I made it my mission to try and remedy this as much as possible. I started replacing some of our most cherished ones. My husband's collection isn't what it once was, but he's got a decent start, and we will continue to rebuild. It's life. I was able to find

my exact snow globe from Nana and replaced it, too. I still have her note and the original box.

Since having children, we've brought them in on the experience, and in addition to our exchange of the snow globe and village, they each get a special ornament. Mary always gets a special Santa ornament and Pat gets a snowman ornament. I imagine one day when they move out and start on their own, they'll have their first tree and it will be filled with their special ornaments, each dated with a year. That's really what this time of year is anyway – it's about traditions and making memories to take with you.

I've also learned how to use a stud finder and make sure to never put anything precious on a shelf without first checking to make sure the shelf is in studs.

*Megan Rathz is a wife, mother, and teacher. She says everything she has ever learned in life came from her Master Gardener mother.*

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# Chief Deputy Coroner attains national death investigator certification

## The REPORTER

In a significant milestone for the Hamilton County Coroner's Office, Chief Deputy Coroner Bruce Gipson recently achieved certification from the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators (ABMDI).

ABMDI is a voluntary, national certification that was created to uphold the highest standards of practice in medicolegal death investigations.

ABMDI certification is a rigorous process consisting of an application, employment verification noting at least 640 hours of work experience in a coroner or medical examiner's office, professional references, and a 250-question

test. This certification signifies that Chief Deputy Gipson has met the standards in education, training, and experience, ensuring the utmost professionalism and competence in the field of medicolegal death investigations.

The Coroner and Deputy Coroners of Hamilton County attend as much continuing education as possible to further their understanding of the complexities of death investigations, and this achievement not only reflects the dedication of the office's investigators but also reinforces its commitment to providing accurate and thorough death investigations for the citizens of Hamilton County.



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# Tony Cook named Executive Director of Indiana Coalition for Growing & Suburban Schools

## Submitted

On Dec. 1, the Indiana Coalition for Growing and Suburban Schools announced that Anthony Jay Cook accepted the position of Executive Director.

The focus of this newly created position is to identify, clarify, and address and advocate for the interests of the growing and suburban schools (currently 24 school corporations) as chief spokesperson to the legislature. The position will also foster relationships and promote cooperation with other agencies, universities, chambers of commerce, and the Indiana Department of Education.

Mr. Cook will create an annual strategic plan, develop organizational goals of the Coalition, provide positional statements on behalf

of the coalition with topical information, and research supporting data.

Tony Cook was a 42-year educator, serving as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, and superintendent, with 37 of those years as an administrator. Following retirement as superintendent of



Cook

Hamilton Heights School Corporation, he served in the Indiana General Assembly from 2014 to 2022 representing portions of six counties, including northern Hamilton County and Westfield, Sheridan, Arcadia, Cicero, and White River Township. He retired at that time and now works as an advisor to the Commissioner of the IHSAA.

Cook lives in Cicero and grew up in Arcadia and Cicero.

# Noblesville Lions & Kiwanis Noon Clubs ring bells for Salvation Army



Photos provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll

On Saturday, Dec. 2, the Kiwanis Noon Club rang bells at Walmart in the morning, and the Noblesville Lions Club rang in the afternoon. As a member of each club, Joe Arrowood was the chairman of this event. Lion members who participated included Gene Beck, Ron Williamson, Steve Shaw, Joe Arrowood, George Long, Susie Long, Kim Luckey, Dave Marsh, Jen Carr, Mark Bachar, and Cheryl Helton. The clubs thank the many Walmart customers who donated to the Salvation Army cause. (Above left) Three generations of Arrowoods included Nate Arrowood, Derek Arrowood, and Lion Joe Arrowood. (Above right) Three happy Lions: Jen Carr, Mark Bachar, and Cheryl Helton.

# County Coroner sounds alarm about new drug found in overdose deaths

By KODY FISHER  
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A new drug is popping up in toxicology reports of people who've died in an overdose. Hamilton County Coroner Jeff Jellison is sounding the alarm to keep the community safe.

The drug, bromazolam, was noticed in toxicology reports from other states, but now it's here.

"We were aware on the surface of other states that

were experiencing this; Ohio, Illinois, and that's really typically the way we see things here in Indiana," Jellison said. "It emerges in neighboring states and then all of a sudden you see it here at home."

Jellison said he learned about this issue a couple of weeks ago from a warning sent out by the Indiana Department of Health. He says the drug comes in many different forms.



Jellison

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## Christ Lutheran Church

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Sunday Service on Dec. 24th 9:00 p.m.

Dec. 24th The Service of Lessons and

Carols 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 24th Candlelight 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Celebration 10:00 am



The King Will come!

# County Councilman Mark Hall's November Timesheet

Welcome to the Timesheet. This column is a report of work done on behalf of the people of Hamilton County. It's to be informative, too – a place to learn about projects and how our county government works.

As your employee, it's important to me that you know what is being worked on as transparently as possible in government. You hired me as your County Councilman, and my hope is that you'll choose to be informed by regularly reading this column, getting involved, and by asking questions. Council meetings are at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the Judicial Center in downtown Noblesville. They are also available to watch online for those unable to attend in person.

Here is where my time this past month has been spent.

November was filled with meetings and events. Being invited to so many county, holiday, and fundraising events is both humbling and a bit daunting. Trying to honor as many requests as possible is tough. Balancing personal and business commitments during the holiday season with council commitments makes me feel like the guy in the circus juggling chainsaws. That said, nearing the end of my first year of serving on the council, the work has settled into a normalized flow.

This month, our in-person personnel committee meeting was canceled. Without a meeting, personnel requests are voted on as they occur, at the next regular council meeting. The highway committee meeting was light with only a few requests, all of which were addressed at the full council meeting. Many of our highway projects require council members' sponsorship. Project details are reviewed



MARK HALL  
The Timesheet

in advance, sponsored, and then moved to votes at a subsequent full council meeting. This process, along with statutory regulations that govern procurement, are in place to ensure value and multiple checks and balances on behalf of the taxpayers.

In addition to the County Council public meetings, November's work included attending Board of Commissioners public meetings, meeting with the Human Resources and Communication department heads, a joint executive Council and Commissioners meeting, a joint public meeting, Council Caucus meetings, a Council work session, two Noblesville City Council meetings, Cicero Town council and Cicero Utilities planning meetings.

The month included two constituents service meetings. Usually, requests require research with a county department, securing the correct answer and then following up with the taxpayer. November's taxpayer questions were both Public Safety related. One regarding the outfitting of first responder vehicles with radios and one regarding Hamilton County's move to the latest Motorola radios. Again, this month, the review of several candidates for council board appointments continued. I also received a briefing from our Human Resources leadership regarding the Workday software package implementation and how county retirees received the news of their updated benefits and lower costs.

As a council, in addition to the normal county operations financial oversight, we are investing time and continue to work on the expansion of the judicial center, attainable housing initiatives, the creation of a community development corporation, ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) spend management, a domestic violence

center, a new 911 Communications center, county participation in CIRDA (Central Indiana Regional Development Authority), a pedestrian bridge to connect a Fishers and Carmel park, highway projects, board appointments, utility services to the North and planning for the services that will be needed to accommodate our growing county population.

Of note this month was working to assist Cicero with funding for local utility projects. I had the honor, along with Kathy Williams, to represent the County speaking about servant leadership with several dozen high school freshmen as part of the Purdue Extension ACTS Program. It was an honor to represent you at the Central Indiana Police Foundation Breakfast, at the Noblesville Youth Assistance Haybale Ball, at the Indianapolis Executive Airport runway expansion grand opening, at Carmel's Christkindlmarkt opening day, at the Good Samaritan Network's Festival of Trees, and speaking at the Sheridan Kiwanis meeting.

This is my timesheet. This is where my time went during month 11. There are quite a few projects in the queue for 2024, and while my job is primarily the financial oversight of the county budget it is important to understand the Board of Commissioners' priorities and balance them with the stewardship of taxpayer dollars. That is the job, and I am excited to do the people's business.

As a taxpayer myself, and listening to so many of you, our employers, it's important for the taxpayers to have access to all the information you want. I work for you and although you may not choose to do a deep dive into what your County Council does, it's important that you can always do so.

Feel free to contact me at (317) 832-1104 or [mark.hall@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:mark.hall@hamiltoncounty.in.gov) with questions, feedback or if you would like to talk about county business.

# Tiffanie Ditlevson resigns from Hamilton East Public Library Board

## The REPORTER

Tiffanie Ditlevson has officially submitted her resignation from the Hamilton East Public Library (HEPL) Board. This decision follows her recent election victory as she secured an At-large seat on the Fishers City Council. Ditlevson penned her resignation letter to the Hamilton County Council, the body responsible for her appointment to the HEPL Board. In the letter, she expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to serve on the library board and highlighted her commitment to the community during her tenure.

Ditlevson will join incumbents Cecilia Coble and

Todd Zimmerman on the Fishers City Council. She says her successful campaign is a testament to her dedication, vision, and the trust the community places in her leadership.

In her new role on the Fishers City Council, Ditlevson said she intends to bring the same level of professionalism, integrity, and fiscal responsibility that she exhibited during her service on the HEPL Board. She says her focus on community well-being and her ability to navigate complex issues with a thoughtful and



Ditlevson

principled approach make her a valuable asset to the Fishers City Council.

"It has been an honor to serve on the Hamilton East Public Library Board, and I am immensely grateful for the support and collaboration with my fellow board members," Ditlevson said. "As I transition to the Fishers City Council, I am excited to continue my commitment to public service, working tirelessly to address the needs of our community with dedication and transparency."



Photo by Lydia Brown Moody

(Clockwise from bottom) Vincent Kitchen as Klarence, Hillary Riley as Sugar Plum Fairy, Megan Webb as Drosselmeyer, and Audrey Holloway as Nutcracker.

# Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre stages new take on *The Nutcracker*

By AMBER SHATTO  
*A Seat on the Aisle*

This is not your father's *The Nutcracker*. Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre (GHDT) offers a thrilling, reimagined contemporary work of the classic tale where magic remains a focus but the theme of kindness takes center stage.

Performances take place over two weekends in the intimate setting of The Florence at The Academy of GHDT by the dancers of the pre-professional students of GHDT (G2), students from The Academy of GHDT, and other young student dancers.

Under the direction of Gregory Hancock with assistant direction from Abigail Lessaris and instruction from GHDT's talented company dancers, an array of contemporary compositions replaces Tchaikovsky's suite in this alternative version of *The Nutcracker*. The music selection fittingly follows the story line taking audiences through the enchanted journey and experiences of the child who receives the magical Nutcracker. Inspiring choreography from Mr. Hancock, Dawn Deahl, and Shari Washington Rhone paired with endlessly dazzling costumes at each turn (also from Mr. Hancock) create an environment filled wall-to-wall with brilliance. Thomas Mason's lighting design also contributes to GHDT's production of *The Nutcracker* through effectively creating another layer of emotion to each scene.

The first two visual differences appear to audiences immediately in Act I: the setting is not in a comfortable home but rather in the cold streets. Also, there is no Clara to be found, but Klarence (Vincent Kitchen) can be – why not, of course? It is a one-two punch of originality that piques curiosity and subscribes audiences to the storytelling journey.

As the other performers take the stage, more contemporary elements emerge as we see children dressed in modern, colorful winterwear self-recording TikTok dances, toting multiple shopping bags, and engaging in fashion-clad fitness routines – all of whom are too distracted and disinterested in offering the homeless, orphaned Klarence any type of charity. These events set the tone as the rest of the story plays out including presentation of the thrifted Nutcracker gift from the homeless Drosselmeyer followed by the magical transformation, mouse battle, and beginning of the enchanted journey led by the Nutcracker (Audrey Holloway) where an impressive and delicate snowflake performance marks the end of Act I.

Klarence's journey with the Nutcracker continues in Act II where he encounters the beloved Sugar Plum Fairy (Hillary Riley). The Nutcracker and the Sugar Plum Fairy both perform solo pieces in this scene in two distinctive styles that fully demonstrate their athleticism, grace, and disciplined technique as dancers. Klarence joins them

in an energetic and infectious joyful performance under crimson and golden lights. Klarence then conveys peace and comfort as he performs with the Snow Fairy (Zoe Hacker) who beautifully dances en pointe throughout *The Nutcracker*. A particularly extraordinary section of traditional dances from diverse cultures follows – a true Gregory Hancock signature despite international presence in the original work – with Klarence then dancing in kind for his new community.

G2 dancer Vincent Kitchen is small but powerful as Klarence. Young Mr. Kitchen executes graceful motion with mature strength and precision as well as unwavering poise. All the performing artists throughout GHDT's *The Nutcracker* offer beautifully skilled movement and coordination across all ages and training levels which is a treat to experience. Dancers rotate in and out of various roles during the production's run, including a Klara (Violet Kitchen) who performs in five of the 10 performances.

This year's *The Nutcracker* from the team at Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre is sold out, but I would encourage you to be on the lookout for an opportunity to experience this imaginative, moving production that highlights compassion, strength, and community next holiday season performed by a troupe of talented artists.

Read more great play reviews from *A Seat on the Aisle* at [asota.wordpress.com](http://asota.wordpress.com).

## DRUG

"They're getting it in pill form, powder form, gummy form," he said. "It's really being manufactured by black market internet pharmacies."

This is the first year the Indiana Department of Health has tested for bromazolam when someone dies of an overdose. Jellison said it typically shows up alongside other drugs in someone's system.

"This drug is obviously

very powerful, and people are buying it assuming it's this drug, but oftentimes when we see these toxicology reports, you'll see fentanyl and other drugs associated with it simply because that's what it's being cut by," he said.

Statistics from the Indiana Department of Health show that 64 overdose victims tested positive for bromazolam during the most

recent reporting period.

It might seem like a small number, but Jellison said he is concerned this is only the tip of the iceberg.

"If you take these gummies, these powders, these pills from black market internet pharmacies, you run a very good risk of overdosing," he said. "If you have a problem with this type of drug, please reach out and get some help."

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# MOON OVER BUFFALO

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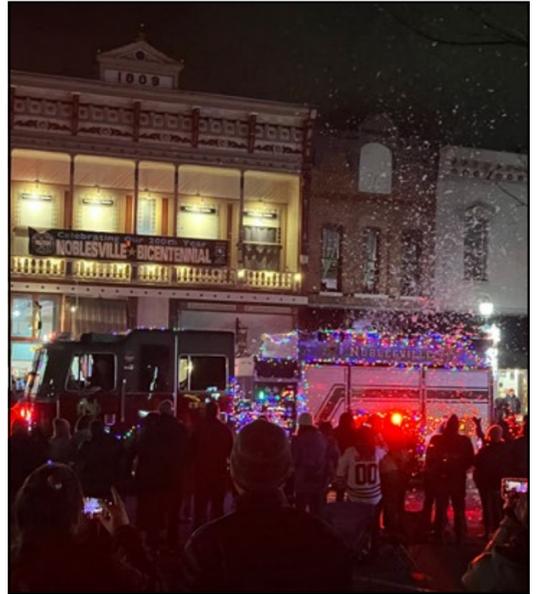
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# Night lights up with Noblesville parade

The people spoke out online and in our pages when Noblesville almost kept the COVID-era Christmas tours instead of a parade last year. They spoke out again when that parade was moved back to the traditional route, but it was not quite the kind of event they remembered. But lo! If the packed streets and happy faces on this page are any indication, the people are joyful and full of the Christmas spirit after the Holiday in Lights parade last Saturday made the town merry and bright. Merry Christmas, Noblesville.



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Reporter photo by Hayden Parsons  
Hayden Parsons said he was glad to experience Noblesville's new tradition of a nighttime parade.



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## Newer traditions

The holiday season approaches and with it comes the traditions. A wonderful expression to our past, traditions bring the young and old together over the simplest of things. Hopefully the Christmastime traditions you are used to are more akin to the likes of a Norman Rockwell painting rather than *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*.

**COLUMNIST**



**HAYDEN PARSONS**  
Exploring Hamilton with Hayden

I bet. You didn't know the traditions they had. Maybe your spouse or fiancé tried to warn you about what the expectations were. *Maybe that warning wasn't as helpful you needed it to be.* That exercise of the mind is a good reminder

er on how it feels being the newcomer to the traditions. It's always easier to stay with the traditions you grew up with. But eventually you have your own kids. You create your own holiday traditions. Your traditions become special to you.

So what am I really excited for this upcoming holiday season? To experience new holiday traditions with you.

Every community has its own traditions. Many towns will put up a few ribbons and bows, toss up a few decorations on the street lights, and call it a day. These traditions have become more of a standard than something to bring a community together. Let me be clear – I always enjoy seeing the holiday lights that brighten the small-town main streets I find myself passing through. However, I'm also appreciative of the communities that aren't afraid of branching out into new ideas to grow the holiday spirit. I'm glad I found myself in a community that fits the bill.

I got to experience for the first time, along with the entirety of Hamilton County, the Noblesville Holiday in Lights Downtown Parade. (Finally! Something newer to Hamilton County than I am!) It was a nice parade with a great turnout! The bubbles from the fire engine seemed to be a hit. What made it most special to me was having a bit of time to slow down and have a fun conversation with my wife while we watched and sipped on the hot cocoa we brought from home.

For all you married readers out there, try to remember the first time you spent a holiday with your in-laws. A bit of an awkward experience,

I hope to enjoy this new tradition for years to come. So enjoy your traditions this holiday season, but don't be afraid to make some new ones! Have a very Merry Christmas, Hamilton County!

*Hayden C. T. Parsons is the newest associate at Adler Attorneys in Noblesville.*

# Duke helps Atlanta's Christmas be bright

## The REPORTER

The people of Atlanta came out in droves last Sunday evening to help welcome the Christmas season with the annual Tree Lighting ceremony. Atlanta Clerk-Treasurer Jennifer Farley said the weather had cleared up just in time for the fun to begin.

"It is always nice seeing the community come together," Farley said. "Residents enjoyed warming themselves by the fire and singing Christmas carols. The Christian church and Wesleyan church provided

a meal along with treat bags. This year we added a live nativity with some of the Sunday school students."

Farley thanked local businesses and volunteers for their work in creating a successful event.

"Mid-Indiana Marine and Johnson Woodworking also donated to help make it a success," Farley



Farley



LaBarr

Duke Energy. We also received a \$500 donation from Santa for our food pantry.

said. "Town Council President Murry Dixon decorated the tree with nearly 7,000 lights. Andy Emmert and Luke Brown worked hard at installing our new permanent light polls that were made possible with a \$1,000 donation from Santa for our food pantry.

We also have few faithful residents that always lend a hand. We are very thankful and blessed."

Duke Energy Government and Community Relations Manager Mark LaBarr said the company was happy to help the town.

"We're pleased to have made this investment in the Atlanta community, making Dolles Park a destination for residents and visitors to enjoy for years to come," LaBarr said.

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# Holy mackerel! That's a lot of Christmas!

Whatever iconic activity you think of as the beginning of the small-town American Christmas season, Arcadia probably had you covered on Saturday. Santa and Mrs. Claus greeted kids in a little wood elf-made house. [Editor's note: in the 1970 Rankin/Bass claymation TV movie "Santa Claus is Comin' to Town," Mrs. Claus was identified with the name "Jessica." Thank you to Reporter Columnist Megan Rathz for pointing this out to us after our last reference to Santa's unnamed wife.] Trucks were stung with lights. Streets were danced in. Costumes were worn for the amusement and "aww that's cute" factor. And a tree was lit. Oh yes, Arcadia lit the heck out of their tree surrounded by a proud crowd. Oh, and lest we forget, this was an all-volunteer event! (Photos provided by Town of Arcadia)



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# Etchison Memorial Foundation supports Noblesville & Heights area youth programs



Photo provided by Tony Etchison Memorial Foundation  
 During the Nov. 22 Hamilton Heights vs. Noblesville season opening boys basketball game, the Tony Etchison Memorial Foundation made generous \$5,000 donations to both the Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance and Noblesville Youth Assistance programs. Learn more about Hamilton County's Youth Assistance Programs at [youthassistance.org](http://youthassistance.org), and find out more about the Tony Etchison Memorial Foundation at [etch21.com](http://etch21.com). (Above, from left) Gus Etchison, Toby Etchison, NYAP Board President Todd Thurston, HHYAP Early Intervention Advocate Mary Ann Haymaker, and JP Etchison.



Photo provided  
 David Henry, PA, and Dr. Jeremy Fisk outside the new facility in Cicero.

## Riverview Health continues commitment to serve Cicero & northern Hamilton County

### The REPORTER

Cicero Family Care, a primary care practice of Riverview Health, opened the doors to its new office space on Nov. 20. Now located at 1160 S. Peru St., the practice has expanded its patient capacity with nine exam rooms and a larger waiting room.

Riverview Health will hold an open house and ribbon cutting from 3 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 7. The OneZone Chamber of Commerce will join for a ribbon cutting ceremony at 4 p.m.

Cicero Family Care has been a part of the northern Hamilton County community for decades. The practice was opened by Dr. Charles Harris on the north side of downtown Cicero. The office space was converted from Dr. Harris' home at the time and over the years has grown

to respond to the community's healthcare needs.

When Dr. Harris retired in 2019, Dr. Jeremy Fisk, longtime physician with Riverview Health, stepped in to ensure care was continued for the Cicero community. Along with David Henry, physician assistant, the team at Cicero provides care for all ages. Dr. Megan Eaton will join the practice in January 2024.

"This new location for Cicero Family Care allows us to expand our services and be better able to provide timely, high-quality care in the community of Cicero," Dr. Fisk said. "As the needs of the community change over time, we will have the flexibility to respond. I am looking forward to the opportunities that having this location will provide to continue to serve the people of

Cicero and surrounding areas with exceptional care."

For more information, visit [riverview.org](http://riverview.org). To schedule an appointment with Cicero Family Care, call (317) 984-9311.

### About Riverview Health

Riverview Health is an independent community-based health system comprised of a full-service, 156-bed hospital in Noblesville, a 16-bed hospital in Westfield, as well as freestanding combined ER and urgent care facilities. Also included are 14 distinct primary, immediate and specialty care facilities across Hamilton County. Riverview Health provides comprehensive inpatient and outpatient services in more than 35 healthcare specialties and has been frequently recognized for its clinical and service excellence.

## Meijer surprises over 10,000 customers with "12 Days of Meijer Pickup" event

### The REPORTER

To thank customers for choosing Meijer, the retailer is randomly surprising more than 10,000 pickup customers this holiday season. The "12 Days of Meijer Pickup" event will continue to take place at all Meijer supercenters and Meijer Grocery stores throughout the retailer's six-state footprint until Dec. 12.

"Our customers have truly embraced our pickup program because of its ease and convenience," said Justin Sessink, Director of Digital Shopping for Meijer. "The holidays are a perfect time to show how much we appreciate them, and this event allows our stores to have fun while do-



ing it."

Throughout the event, each Meijer supercenter and Meijer Grocery store will surprise multiple random pickup customers each day with a coupon valued at \$50, \$100, \$250 or \$500, or a gift box that includes several holiday-themed items.

Meijer continues to provide customers with

multiple shopping options so they can shop in the way that's most convenient to them. During the past several years, a growing percentage of Meijer customers have embraced the convenience of the retailer's pickup and home delivery options.

Learn more at [Meijer.com](http://Meijer.com).

## CCHA Law welcomes Aaron Hernandez to Sports Law team

### The REPORTER

Church Church Hittle + Antrim (CCHA Law) welcomes Aaron Hernandez, who will assist CCHA's Sports Law section with Title IX matters and NCAA compliance.

Hernandez will continue to serve in his role as Assistant Dean and Executive Director of the Allan "Bud" Selig Sports Law and Business Program with the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University.

Hernandez has been at ASU since 2019 and was named Assistant Dean and Executive Director in the summer of 2023. As the Executive Director, he supervises the Sports Law and Business (SLB) Program and ensures its continued success. Prior to joining Arizona State, he was an Associate Director of Football on the enforcement staff at the NCAA, where he specialized in stakeholder engagement in Division I (FBS). He also served as the primary liaison to the Big 12 Conference, American Athletic Conference, Under Armour, and the College Football Playoff for all football-related matters. He conducted numerous investigations of institutions that may have violated NCAA rules and focused on matters involving Division I college football while at the NCAA.

Hernandez is a 2013 graduate from Marquette University Law School in Milwaukee, Wis. He is licensed as an attorney only in Wisconsin.

"Aaron's experience in college sports and on a college campus is invaluable to our Collegiate Sports Law and Higher Ed practice groups," Collegiate Sports Law Practice Group Chair

Kelleigh Fagan said. "More importantly, he's a great person, and we're excited for how he will support the continued growth of both of these practices."

In light of his outstanding performance, renowned coaches across the country have expressed their admiration for Hernandez's dedication and skillset. Here's what they are saying:

"Aaron Hernandez is one of the people I count on in my professional and personal pursuits," said Matt Rhule, head football coach at the University of Nebraska. "First, in his work at the NCAA and then with guidance when needed after, Aaron is intelligent, informative, and has built great relationships all across the country. I have always believed that having knowledgeable people I can trust is the best way to build an organization and I am grateful to count Aaron amongst those people I count on."

From coast to coast, Hernandez has been praised for his remarkable athleticism and unwavering commitment to the sport.

"I have known Aaron Hernandez for a number of years while he worked for the Enforcement Department of the NCAA," said Charlie Strong, football analyst at the University of Alabama. "He was responsible for supervising our school on rules and guidelines of the NCAA. He did an excellent job in this position and was an asset to our organization. I found him to be very motivated and dependable. He has the ability to take good advice and the ability to accept constructive criticism. A



Hernandez

very hard worker who would add value to any organization."

It comes as no surprise that coaches from prestigious institutions have been quick to acknowledge Hernandez's exceptional abilities.

"Aaron Hernandez is one of the finest attorneys, professors, and collegiate athletic administrators I have been associated with," said Charlie Jackson, assistant head coach at the United States Air Force Academy. "He is whip-smart and his labor produces results at an elite level. I have witnessed firsthand his dedication to excellence in many organizational leadership capacities and know him to be an extremely well-rounded, passionate, and committed executive."

### About Church Church Hittle + Antrim

Founded in 1880, CCHA Law is the oldest law firm in Hamilton County. As a full-service law firm, CCHA Law provides a myriad of legal services to clients across a wide variety of practice areas, including complex litigation, personal injury, governmental entity and municipal law, education, business formation and representation, divorce and family law, estate planning and administration, real estate law, criminal law, labor and employment law, mediation services and appellate litigation. CCHA Law serves clients across the state with offices in Noblesville, Fishers, Fort Wayne, Tipton, Crown Point, Westfield, and Zionsville.

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# Noblesville man dies in I-69 crash

**The REPORTER**

At approximately 2:30 a.m. Tuesday, deputies from the Hamilton County Coroner's Office were dispatched to the area of Interstate 69 and the 204 mile marker for a fatal crash involving a passenger car and a semi.

Chevy Cruze was pronounced dead at the scene. Hamilton County Coroner Jeff Jellison has identified the deceased as Joshua Hicks, 28, Noblesville. The cause of the crash is under investigation, and the official cause and manner of death are pending autopsy and toxicology results.

## Letter to the Editor

### Reader says Reporter should pay better attention to details

Dear Editor:

As a former teacher who has left education to pursue other interests in recent years, it's becoming increasingly problematic for me to hear the confused interpretations of education shared in the public realm.

**A column published on Wednesday, Nov. 29 in The Reporter was no exception.**

In her column, Melba Kiser discussed highlights of the new Noblesville teachers contract with unique and uneducated opinions given on the New Dependent Leave clause. Since Ms. Kiser seems to have misinterpreted the contract, I thought it prudent to discuss it more in depth.

Teachers receive their sick leave at the start of the year. Noblesville awards 13 days the first year, according to the contract, and 10 thereafter. These days are labeled as "sick leave," and include a separate delineation of paid time off (PTO). Hamilton Southeastern has a similar structure. There are restrictions on how many days of PTO a teacher can use, regardless of accrual, and there are restrictions as to where these days can be taken, such as in conjunction with other scheduled days off or holiday breaks. Each year, teachers accrue their number of days, even if they haven't used them all. The Noblesville contract states teachers can accrue up to 184 days.

The New Dependent Leave allows teachers to use up to 30 days of their accrued time to be with their new baby. The language reads: "a bargaining unit member may elect to use up to 30 sick days within a year of a child's birth or foster or adoptive placement ... the thirty day maximum applies regardless of the number of births or placements in a given year. If the bargaining unit member does not have accrued sick leave, PTO may be substituted ... New dependent leave runs concurrently with FMLA."

In her column, Ms. Kiser stated that "this is a new addition to the teachers' contract and is over and above all other time out of school ... I believe that the 30-day policy may be ripe for misuse." This statement is factually incorrect according to the Noblesville teachers contract language. This is not 30 "EXTRA" days to take - it is allowing teachers to use the sick or PTO time they have accrued with less restriction than usual.

As an example, if a teacher had 30 days saved up, and wanted to go on an Alaskan cruise all through March, they would not be able to do so. That would connect to spring break, first of all, and second of all, they would not be granted permission to use those days concurrently during the school year. However, a teacher who has a newborn at home, or a new foster placement, may need to take multiple days in a row during the first year. Teachers, like anyone, can have premature babies or babies with health problems. Additionally, there can be multiple issues that arise for mothers following birth, and Indiana does not have stellar maternal health statistics.

Perhaps Ms. Kiser needs to reflect more on raising children and how difficult it can be in the first year. How would supporting your new child or growing family be "ripe for misuse?"

As the parent of a child with complex medical issues, I had to take multiple days off while I was a teacher to prepare my child for procedures and to be with him while he recovered. Had my district enacted such a policy, I wouldn't have had to submit doctor's note after doctor's note and hope I would be approved to take four consecutive days while he was in the hospital or recovering at home. Any teacher in Noblesville or Indiana as a whole has a right to use their accrued sick time to support their new or growing family without judgment or manufactured confusion. How this could be "misused" is beyond me, but I do know this: we can't continue to pretend to be family-focused communities if we don't work to support families.

Kudos to the Noblesville School District for enacting a policy that allows for its teachers and their families to do whatever they need in their first year.

Going forward, I hope The Reporter and Ms. Kiser pay more attention to details and evidence before insinuating problems that do not actually exist.

**Alyssa Roberts**  
Fishers

# Police: 'No clear motive' for deadly shooting of Noblesville man on I-65 in Indianapolis

By **RICHARD ESSEX**  
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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street exit.

Almost every single day, someone on the interstate in Marion County pulls out a gun and, almost once a week, someone pulls out a gun and pulls the trigger.

Just before 2 p.m. Sunday, a caller to 911 reported a man in a Nissan van was having a medical issue. **Police arrived to find** Luis Martinez, 52, Noblesville, slumped over the steering wheel in the driver's seat. Martinez had been driving north on Interstate 65 when his van veered onto the shoulder and came to a stop on the West Street/

The Indiana Department of Transportation traffic camera caught the last half mile of his drive.

INDOT cameras cover nearly every mile of interstate within Marion County, but the video is not recorded or saved by the state. Sgt. John Perrine of the Indiana State Police said Monday, "Right now we don't have a clear motive. All we know is that there was a homicide, and a man lost his life on I-65."

About the need for using the state's cameras more effectively, he added, "We are still looking for optional technology that may

be out there that would be of assistance to the investigations."

I-Team 8 has reported extensively on interstate shootings. According to police, in the past two years, central Indiana has recorded an increase of more than 200 percent in interstate shootings.

In 2019, state police investigators, on average, had one case a month. Now, they have more than one a week.

The latest numbers from state police show 54 reported interstate shootings since Jan. 1, and another 213 incidents where someone displayed a gun but didn't pull the trigger.

"For context, in 2018 and 2019, each of those two years, we only had nine interstate shootings, and the following year we had in the 20s, and then, in 2021, it shot up significantly," Perrine said.

In 2022, 66 interstate shootings were recorded in Marion County.

Police have been alarmed at how easily drivers will pull a gun.

Investigators have asked that drivers on that section of I-65 about 1:45 p.m. Sunday who have dashcam video to contact the state police post in Indianapolis at 317-899-8577 or call Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana at (317) 262-8477.

## Letter to the Editor

### Arts prove to be wise investment for Carmel

Dear Editor:

As President and CEO of the nonprofit Center for the Performing Arts and the Great American Songbook Foundation in Carmel, I read with interest the letter to the editor submitted by local resident Bill Shaffer under the headline "**Shaffer concludes Center for the Performing Arts has enough money.**"

He questions the fundraising and the public support that enable us to continue serving the community with fine arts performances, popular entertainment, arts education opportunities, and free community events.

Mr. Shaffer has every right to express his thoughts about public spending, but when he repeatedly attacks the city's investment in the arts, he leaves out a key fact: that investment is paying off handsomely for this community.

According to a national study by Americans for the Arts, nonprofit arts and cultural events in Carmel in 2022 supported the equivalent of 981 full-time jobs and generated \$42.7 million

in economic activity, \$30.2 million in personal income, and \$10 million in local, state, and federal tax revenue. The Center alone attracts more than 100,000 ticketed patrons each year, most of them from outside the city. With each event they attend, according to the study, those visitors spend an average of \$36.43 at local shops, restaurants, and hotels.

The city built, owns, and pays to maintain the Center's three-venue campus. To manage and operate the facilities, the city pays the Center an amount equivalent to just over 20 percent of our annual budget. The vast majority of our revenue comes from ticket sales, event rentals, individual donations and corporate partnerships. As part of our management duties and mission, the Center coordinates maintenance and security, books performers, conducts educational programming, provides rent-free rehearsal and performance space to six outstanding Resident Companies, provides the community with free events such as school

matinees, public debates, military band performances, masterclasses, naturalization ceremonies, and much more.

Great cities have great amenities, including excellent schools, outstanding fire and police departments, well-maintained roads, beautiful parks and trails, and yes, arts and cultural offerings. Most of these amenities do not generate any direct income, but we know they attract new residents and businesses that enable the community to grow and thrive. The Center for the Performing Arts is a key attraction for the corporate headquarters and other investments that keep the City of Carmel's property tax rate among the lowest in central Indiana.

In other words, Carmel's investment in the arts is a proven success in terms of economic development and quality of life. All one needs to do is look at the big picture.

**Jeffrey C. McDermott**

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# Bill Gutrich announces candidacy for Indiana House District 24

**Submitted by Gutrich for Indiana**

Republican Bill Gutrich has officially launched his campaign for Indiana State Representative in District 24. Gutrich is a corporate executive leader and small business owner with a profound commitment to his community.

Gutrich is driven by a vision to serve the 24th District as a representative who brings a business-focused, results-driven approach to public office. His extensive experience in corporate leadership equips him with the skills necessary to navigate complex legislative issues, drive economic growth, and promote a business-friendly environment in the district.

“As your state representative, I will first and foremost serve,” Gutrich said. “I have been fortunate to gain broad experiences and perspectives through my upbringing, career, and raising a family in Hamilton County, and I will work hard to accurately represent the true voice of Indiana’s fastest growing area. I will work to assure that we continue to be one of the best places in the country to live, raise a family, start a business, or build a career.”

Gutrich will focus his campaign on the themes



**Gutrich**

of: Transparent and Responsible Government, Excellence in Education and Parent Empowerment, People-Centric District Representation, and Public Safety.

“I believe in a limited, fiscally responsible, and citizen responsive state government, applying smart budgeting principles to keep taxation low. The legislature should be truly empowered only by the people and working only for the people of Indiana,” Gutrich said.

Gutrich’s overarching goal is to be the voice of the people, not just a legislator making decisions on their

behalf. He recognizes the importance of understanding the district’s needs. Gutrich’s vision aligns with the district’s values, emphasizing affordability, strong schools, and the preservation of great Midwest values.

“I believe deeply with humility, as Indiana House Representative for the 24th District, I will be entrusted to cast ‘our’ vote, not ‘my’ vote,” Gutrich said. “We have much to reflect proudly on in our communities that comprise the 24th District, yet so much more to do. I believe our future is incredibly bright. I will work with all my ability to assure Indiana’s 24th District remains the very best for future generations to come.”

With a strong business background in leading major partnerships for industry giants like Coca-Cola and Samsung, and extensive experience in agriculture – having served with Indiana-based industry leader Elanco, Gutrich is well-prepared to represent the 24th District.

Gutrich and his wife, Janet, moved to Hamilton County in 1996 to pursue their careers and raise their three children, Eric, Emily, and Alexander. He also plays an active role in his community as HOA President for the Woodshire Neighborhood in Westfield, and as a former board member of the Ronald McDonald House of Indiana.

Indiana State Representative District 24 includes Westfield, Sheridan, and portions of west Carmel and eastern Boone County.

Learn more about the candidate at [GutrichForIndiana.com](http://GutrichForIndiana.com).

# Lowry comments on Smith entering Indiana House District 24 race

**Submitted**

*Following former Colts punter Hunter Smith’s announcement that he has entered the race to represent Indiana House District 24, which includes portions of Boone and Hamilton counties, Josh Lowry released the following statement.*



**Lowry**

“Anyone who steps up to try and serve their community and be a voice for the greater good is doing something commendable,” Lowry said. “However, after years of operating with a supermajority, Indiana’s Republican Party has stopped working for the greater good of Hoosiers. I am running and promise to give voice to what Hoosiers want. I’ve talked to thousands of district residents, and it is abundantly clear that Hoosiers need someone to fight for them to improve outcomes for their kids

and community.

“While I do not personally know the opponent, I know I will fight for the House District. I know I am the best choice for House District 24. My experience defending clients as a lawyer, foster dad, and committed community member has prepared me to advocate in this role.

“It’s time that we show the people of Indiana that someone is listening to them. I am running to give Hoosiers a voice in local government. Let’s ensure families control their household decisions. Let’s ensure Hoosiers have a great lifestyle for themselves and their families’ future. I know that when we work together, that is when we can bring Hoosier Hospitality back to the district.

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## Community News

### See Santa in Cicero

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# ATI invites you to “Celebrate the Holidays” with actor & jazz vocalist Wayne Powers

**The REPORTER**

**Actors Theatre of Indiana** has announced that jazz vocalist and actor Wayne Powers will be a special guest for ATI's *Celebrate the Holidays*.

Powers promises two unforgettable performances as he and his jazz trio join ATI on Dec. 13 and 14 at the Studio Theatre in Carmel.

Known as one of the last of the real “Saloon Singers,” Powers is internationally acclaimed for his extensive work on stage, screen, recordings and his 20-year network TV career. “The Great American Songbook” is Powers’ playground. This, along with some Hollywood stories, laughs, surprises and a swingin’ 108th birthday

tribute to Frank Sinatra will provide a generous helping of Christmas cheer.

Powers started out as a nightclub singer in New York at age 16. He performed across the country, finally landing in Hollywood where he worked for Henry Mancini. He launched his decades-long network television career after being discovered in a live improv comedy show with a then-unknown Robin Williams.

Williams went on to *Mork & Mindy* and movies, while Powers went on to *Laverne & Shirley*, *Elvis*



**Powers**

*and Me, One Day at a Time, Murder She Wrote, Simon & Simon, Full House, Alf, Doozie Howser, M.D.*, and many others, including starring for two seasons in his own popular NBC sitcom, *13 East*. Equally at home on television, radio, theatre, club or concert stage, music is his first love. He has played top jazz rooms and jazz festivals, consistently drawing large, enthusiastic star-studded crowds.

The critics agree: “Get yourself to a Wayne Powers show. The guy is really terrific!” (*L.A. Jazz Scene*) “Powers invests deep emo-

tion into standards ... bringing a mature understanding to lyrics that sound as if he has lived each one. Like the Jazz greats before him – Sinatra, Eckstine, Prysock, Hartman – Powers understands that great singers are equal parts poets and performers, technicians and thespians. As he’s proven over the course of a long career, he’s the complete package.” (*JAZZIZ Magazine*)

Don’t miss this chance to catch Powers at the Studio Theater at the Center for the Performing Arts on Dec. 13 and 14. Both shows will begin at 7:30 p.m. You can get your tickets at [atistage.org](http://atistage.org) or by calling The Center for the Performing Arts box office at (317) 843-3800.

# USPS unveils Ansel Adams stamps for 2024

**The REPORTER**

On Thursday, the U.S. Postal Service announced four new stamp subjects for 2024: Dungeons & Dragons, John Wooden, Carnival Nights, and Ansel Adams.

This group, along with the stamps announced in October, make up only a partial list, with more to be revealed in the weeks and months ahead. All stamp designs are preliminary and subject to change.

**Ansel Adams**

One of the most renowned and influential artists of the 20th century, Ansel Adams (1902-1984) made thousands of awe-inspiring photographs that collectively create a rich visual portrait of the American landscape.

A masterful photographer and dedicated environmentalist, Adams sought to imbue each of his black-and-white prints



Graphic provided

with the power and wonder he felt in the presence of nature. These 16 stamps feature some of Adams’s

most famous images in his signature “straight photography” style, an approach defined by its precision and

directness. Derry Noyes, an art director for USPS, designed the stamps.

# It’s the most wonderful time of the year at Feinstein’s

**Submitted**

It’s the most wonderful time of year at Feinstein’s with holiday-themed programs and tributes to classical Christmas performers. Throw in a Broadway legend and an ugly sweater event, and your holiday will be complete.

This evening and again on Thursday, Dec. 7, Broadway legend Franc D’Ambrosio takes the stage performing his favorite holiday songs in “Christmas in Carmel” wherein he joyously celebrates the music and magic of the holidays. The moment he steps up to the microphone, you will immediately get into the spirit of the season with classics like “Here Comes Santa Claus” and “It’s Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas.” You’ll enjoy hearing Broadway standards such as Irving Berlin’s “White Christmas” and “My Favorite Things” from *The Sound of Music*, followed by D’Ambrosio’s Nativity Medley, including “The Little Drummer Boy,” “Do You Hear What I Hear?” and his heart-stopping rendition of “O Holy Night.”

Like a parting gift tucked under the Christmas tree, he leaves you with the songs that made him famous: “The Music of the Night” from *The Phantom of the Opera*, and “Speak Softly Love” from *Godfather III*. There may be no place like home for the holidays, but there’s no one like Franc D’Ambrosio to guide you there. Both shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

Meet Jolly Saint Nick for breakfast on Saturday, Dec. 9. Beginning at 8 a.m. and continuing throughout the morning, breakfast With Santa allows you and your little ones to make holiday memories at Feinstein’s at Hotel Carmichael. Enjoy

a holiday breakfast which includes an appetizer for the table (one per four people), personal choice of one entrée, and one dessert for the table, plus pictures with Santa – included in the ticket price. There will be alcoholic beverages available for purchase during the event. Also, there will be a live singer crooning Christmas classics while children are escorted onto the stage to take a picture with jolly St. Nick.

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Experience an unforgettable evening with New York City-based vocal group T.3 with The Option Up Tour. This show is on Saturday, Dec. 9.

T.3 is made up of Liam Fennecken, Jim Hogan, and Brendan Jacob Smith, who have appeared in musicals such as *School of Rock*, *Waitress*, and *Kimberly Akimbo*. The #TikTokTensors gained popularity on social media platforms with covers of Disney, Broadway, and pop songs. Their videos have amassed over 20 million views since they debuted with their viral version of “Into the Unknown” from Disney’s *Frozen 2*.

Get ready to immerse yourself in a night filled with music, excitement, and pure fun.

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On Sunday, Dec. 10, jazz up your Sunday with *Jazz Brunch – Christmas* featuring Blair Clark. Join Feinstein’s for a jazzy Christmas brunch with the amazing Blair Clark, where great music and food collide. Experience Clark’s captivating vocals that have thrilled audiences worldwide. Clark has also collaborated with Grammy winners and legends like Evelyn “Champagne” King.

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If you’re a Sinatra fan,

you won’t want to miss this holiday show: *A Sinatra Christmas*. Frank Sinatra and Christmas go together like mistletoe and mulled wine ... having one without the other is unthinkable.

At 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 13, from the team that brought you the hit shows *All the Way: A Frank Sinatra Tribute* and *One Voice: The Music of Manilow*, join Don Farrell and the Terry Woods Orchestra for a Christmas celebration in true Sinatra style. You won’t help but be full of the holiday spirit with enchanting tales of how such great classics that define the season came to be like “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day,” “The Bells of Christmas,” “Silent Night,” “Mistletoe and Holly,” “I’ve Got My Love to Keep Me Warm,” “Let It Snow,” “The Christmas Song,” “Jingle Bells,” “Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas,” and many more.

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On Friday, Dec. 15, Brittany Brumfield presents *Baby Grand Dueling Pianos – Ugly Sweater Night*. Put on your best or your worst ugly sweater come out for an evening full of fun, sing-along, and holiday cheer.

Have you ever been to a concert and wished you could pick the set list? Here’s your chance. Often referred to as a living jukebox, dueling pianos is the show where the audience takes control. You pick the song, artist, genre, and era, and the dueling pianos play it. It’s a lively, interactive show for the whole family. Whether you’re celebrating a special occasion or just a night out on the town, come sing along, laugh along, and maybe even get on stage. The show starts at 6:30 p.m.

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A Nat King Cole Christmas with Bryan Eng is sure to brighten up your holiday season on Saturday, Dec. 16. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. The Bryan Eng Trio helps you celebrate the yuletide with Nat King Cole classics for all. From New York City, multifaceted jazz

pianist, singer, and actor, Eng is one of the most promising and accomplished entertainers of his generation. With performances on Broadway, the Kennedy Center, Jazz at Lincoln Center, Birdland, and an ongoing residency at the Carlyle Hotel, the 25-year-old entertainer has already made his mark on the world’s most esteemed stages.

Eng graduated from Northwestern University where his Chicago acclaim proved inevitable. Maintaining multiple performance residencies and starring at award-winning regional theaters, the *Chicago Tribune* confirmed, “Bryan Eng is one of Chicago’s bright stars.” Soon, Eng relocated to New York City to join the Broadway cast of *Plaza Suite* with Sarah Jessica Parker and Matthew Broderick.

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Feinstein’s at Hotel Carmichael is located at 1 Carmichael Square, Carmel. Call Hotel Carmichael at (317) 688-1947.

Consider having your corporate gatherings at Feinstein’s. For groups of 10 tickets or more, email [sales@hotelcarmichael.com](mailto:sales@hotelcarmichael.com).

**About Feinstein’s at Hotel Carmichael**

Feinstein’s is situated in the heart of Carmel City Center and adjacent to The Center for the Performing Arts. Partnering with the legendary Michael Feinstein, the live entertainment venue offers an unforgettable nightlife experience, combining performances by some of the best with exquisite dining in an elegant setting. Featuring up to five events weekly, accommodating 135 people in the main dining room and bar, including an exclusive private dining room for up to 16, this small intimate venue offers you the perfect “front row” seat no matter where you are.

Subscribe to Feinstein’s newsletter to learn about upcoming shows and receive exclusive specials at [feinstein-sch.com/contact](http://feinstein-sch.com/contact). Follow along on Facebook at [facebook.com/FeinsteinsHC](http://facebook.com/FeinsteinsHC).

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# Finkam praises Brainard for making Carmel a great city

**The REPORTER**

Following Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard's final State of the City address he gave Monday evening, Carmel Mayor-elect Sue Finkam praised Mayor Brainard on his work to make Carmel great.



**Brainard**



**Finkam**

"At [Monday's] State of the City, Mayor Brainard highlighted several key points including infrastructure, public safety and our world-class parks and amenities that make our city great," Finkam said. "Thanks to the mayor's leadership, vision and strong working relation-

ships with our city council, Carmel has been recognized year after year for being one of the best places in the country to live, work, raise a family and retire. I'm honored to have learned from Mayor Brainard and look forward to building upon his successes and continuing to elevate Carmel as a model for excellence."

## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

*Esau said, "Isn't he rightly named Jacob? This is the second time he has taken advantage of me: He took my birthright, and now he's taken my blessing!" Then he asked, "Haven't you reserved any blessing for me?"*

*Isaac answered Esau, "I have made him lord over you and have made all his relatives his servants, and I have sustained him with grain and new wine. So what can I possibly do for you, my son?"*

*Esau said to his father, "Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me too, my father!" Then Esau wept aloud.*

Genesis 27:36-38 (NIV)

## Nancy Mae Fjeldsted November 10, 1940 – November 30, 2023

Nancy Mae Fjeldsted, 83, Cicero, passed away on November 30, 2023, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

She was born on November 10, 1940, in Sheboygan, Wis., to Harold and Virginia (Rutherford) Pergande.

She attended school in California and graduated from John Muir High School in Pasadena, Calif., with the Class of 1957. She furthered her education and earned a dental hygienist degree. She then worked as a dental hygienist for a while, later becoming a manager for a dental office.

Nancy married Theo Warren Fjeldsted and they were blessed with a daughter Elin Lara (Fjeldsted) Bravo, who survives her. Also surviving Nancy is a grandson, Ethan Manuel Bravo.

Her family related that she was an amazing mother and grandmother. She dearly loved her family and it was obvious in her relationship with them.

Nancy enjoyed cooking, baking, and occasionally traveling.

Those preceding Nancy in death include her parents, her husband, and a sister, Sandra Greene.

Arrangements are entrusted to Hartley Funeral Home Cicero Chapel. No services are planned at this time. You may send condolences at [hartleyfuneralhomes.com](http://hartleyfuneralhomes.com).



## Larry Eugene Kinkead June 1, 1940 – December 1, 2023

Larry Eugene Kinkead, 83, passed away at his home in rural Kirklin, Ind., surrounded by his loving family, on Friday morning, December 1, 2023. Born on June 1, 1940, in Lebanon, Ind., he was the son of the late Ray and Annabelle Marie (Snyder) Kinkead.

He graduated with the Sheridan High School Class of 1958.

Larry was a self-employed carpenter, who, with the right set of tools, could tackle just about anything. He was a hard-working jack-of-all-trades who never met a project he couldn't figure out. Many people who work with their hands always have a passion project, and for Larry, it was building houses. Building homes for both himself and his daughter was among his favorite accomplishments.

Larry enjoyed crossword and jigsaw puzzles and loved to play Bingo. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, and camping whenever he had some free time. When he needed downtime, Larry had favorite TV programs. Watching Jeff Gordon race was always high on the list, as were Western movies, but afternoons were reserved for *The Young and the Restless*. He watched enough of his favorite soap that even his grandkids became avid fans.

There was nowhere Larry would rather be than at home with his family. He and Jannette considered themselves homebodies; that gave them plenty of time to spend with their growing family. Larry loved his grandkids and cherished every minute he was able to spend in their lives. He got a real kick out of teaching them to walk and talk ... putting their feet on his and walking them around the house over, and over, and over again, until they got the hang of it (or *The Young and the Restless* came on), then after some quality soap time with them, it was back to the lessons at hand.

His infectious smile was always guaranteed to brighten your day, and he will be deeply missed by everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

Larry is survived by his daughter, Teresa Evans (Tracy) of Kirklin; stepdaughter, Judy Shields (Gary) of Thorn-town; stepson, Niles Cummins (Tammy) of Sheridan; eight grandchildren, Leana Marcum (Orry), Ashley Boyles (Cory), Jake Evans (Taylor Reed), Shawn Gunn, Ryan Gunn (Brandy), Rachelle Cummins, Josh Lintz (Erin), and Heather Lintz; 16 great-grandchildren, Parker, Paisley, Quinn, Quenton (on the way), Evan, Jamison, Lexie, Carter, Emma, Natalie, Austin, Keegan, Kobe, Kailie, Jordan, Whitney, and Dakota; two brothers, Rex Kinkead (Robert) of Lebanon, and Randy Kinkead (Marilyn) of Sheridan; sister, Marlene Burroughs (Ronald) of Sheridan; brother-in-law, Grover Cooper (Geneva); and many, many, many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Annabelle Marie (Snyder) Kinkead; brothers, Charles Kinkead, Kevin Kinkead, and Jerry "Smiley" Kinkead; sister, Marcia Ann Kinkead-Melvin-Duncan; father- and mother-in-law, Bee and Vicky (Haynes) Cooper; sisters-in-law, Beverly Irene "Bev" Kinkead and Shirley (Jennings) Kinkead; seven brothers-in-law, Kenny Duncan, Garland Cooper, Leander Cooper, George Cooper, Jimmy Cooper, Calvin Cooper, and Harold Cooper; and by his loving wife, Jannette (Cooper) Kinkead, on February 24, 2007. He and Jannette were married on August 26, 1966.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, December 7, 2023, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan, with visitation from noon until the time of service.

Burial will follow at Spencer Cemetery in Sheridan. Larry's nephew, Mark Kinkead, will be officiating. Condolences: [kerchevalfuneralhome.com](http://kerchevalfuneralhome.com)

**UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

**More lane restrictions on 146th Street**

Beginning on or after Thursday, Dec. 7 through Friday, Dec. 8, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. both days, the contractor will utilize lane restrictions of the eastbound lanes on the 146th Street bridge over the White River (146th Street west of Allisonville Road). One lane of traffic will be maintained at all times.

Use extreme caution while driving through this construction zone.

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### Meeting Notices

The Carmel Economic Development Commission will meet at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

The Hamilton North Public Library Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(9) To discuss the job performance of an individual employee.

The Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Board will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 11, 2023, at Osprey Pointe Pavilion, 19777 Morse Park Lane, Noblesville.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5(a) the Hamilton County Community Corrections Advisory Board will meet to discuss agency business at noon on Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023, at Hamilton County Community Corrections, 18104 Cumberland Road, Noblesville.

The Sheridan Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 11, 2023, at the library, located at 103 W. 1st St., Sheridan.

The TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold a joint Budget & Finance Committee and Board of Trustees meeting at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.

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## Boys Basketball



Photo by Allison Waitt

Sheridan's Trent DeCraene scored 30 points for the Blackhawks during their Tuesday win over Faith Christian.

# Blackhawks get their highest score in 10 years, have fun taking down Faith Christian

By RICHIE HALL  
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**SHERIDAN** – Family and fun are the themes of this year's Sheridan boys basketball team.

The Blackhawks were definitely having fun Tuesday night at Larry Hobbs Hall. Sheridan put on an offensive show and played solid defense while beating Faith Christian 86-53.

It had been almost a decade since the 'Hawks scored that many points; the last time Sheridan had scored 86 points in a game was on Dec. 21, 2013.

The Eagles led 4-0 to start the game, but the Blackhawks skipped off on a 20-1 run to lead 20-5. Caleb Wright scored eight points, while Trent DeCraene threw in two 3s, which was a preview of things to come.

"I think the difference between this year and last year is, we're more connected," said DeCraene. "Our motto this year, throughout the summer ball and just throughout the season so far

has been 'Family.' I feel like this team has been more of a family and sharing the ball and having fun."

Faith scored the last six points of the first quarter

to cut the lead to 20-11. Sheridan began the second period with another big run, this one a 17-2 spurt. DeCraene poured in the first seven points of the quarter, then Damon Winston made back-to-back lay-ins to put the Blackhawks up by 20 points for the first time, at 31-11. A Tyler Garner putback made it 33-11.

Sheridan coach Bill Bowen called his defense "pretty good."

"We started man and it was okay," said Bowen. "Then we got into some foul trouble, so we were rather small, so we felt we had to go to zone and it was very effective." Bowen said once the Eagles began to handle the Blackhawks' zone better in the third quarter, they went back to man and finished the game with that.

The 'Hawks led 43-19 at halftime. Faith Christian



Caleb Wright

### SHERIDAN 86, FAITH CHRISTIAN 53

Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Trent DeCraene	10-16	7-11	30	1
Tyler Garner	7-11	3-3	19	5
Trey Page	2-11	0-0	6	1
Caleb Wright	5-12	4-5	16	5
Carson Wright	0-0	0-0	0	4
Evan Krupp	2-4	1-2	5	3
Damon Winston	3-5	2-7	8	1
Chance Spencer	1-2	0-0	2	1
Devon Hamilton	0-1	0-0	0	0
Nate Hinshaw	0-2	0-0	0	0
Ashton Medsker	0-1	0-0	0	0
Totals	30-65	17-28	86	21

#### Score by Quarters

Faith Christian	11	8	18	16	53
Sheridan	20	23	22	21	86
Sheridan 3-point shooting (9-25) DeCraene 3-6, Cal. Wright 2-7, Page 2-6, Garner 2-3, Winston 0-2, Hamilton 0-1.					
Sheridan rebounds (40) Winston 15, Garner 8, Krupp 4, Car. Wright 4, Hamilton 4, Page 3, DeCraene 1, Cal. Wright 1.					

put up a little resistance in the third quarter, but a 9-0 run got Sheridan ahead 57-32. Garner made another putback while being fouled, then made the free throw for an and-1. Garner hit two more free throws, then DeCraene made four consecutive foul shots in a 16-second span.

The Blackhawks led 65-37 going into the fourth, which began with a Garner 3, then Trey Page drained his second 3 of the game. Garner scored seven points in the

fourth quarter, his last two being a two-handed dunk.

DeCraene finished with 30 points, scoring in every quarter, and dishing out six assists. Garner added 19 points, with Wright scoring 16. Damon Winston had a tremendous game, with 15 rebounds and three blocked shots to go with eight points. Wright and Page both handed out four assists.

Sheridan is 2-1 and travels to Clinton Central on Friday for a Hoosier Heartland Conference game.

## Girls Basketball

# Rocks hold the line over Hounds

### The REPORTER

Westfield held off Carmel in an all-county girls basketball game Tuesday at Eric Clark Activity Center, with the Shamrocks winning 42-41.

The teams played to a 10-10 tie after one quarter. Lauren Perry hit two 3-pointers for the Greyhounds, while Ellie Kelleher scored five, including a triple, for Westfield. The 'Rocks began to pull away in the second quarter, leading 22-17 at halftime, then increased their lead to 34-22 after three periods. Lindsey Van Dyke took over by scoring 11 points in those two quarters, including a pair of 3s.

Carmel came back in

the fourth quarter to tie the game at 41-41, with Perry scoring seven points. Kelleher put Westfield back in front with a free throw, and that combined with a defensive stop helped the Shamrocks hold on for the win.

Van Dyke finished the game with 15 points for Westfield. Perry scored 15 for the 'Hounds, followed by Mackenzie Woods with 10.

The 'Rocks are 7-1 and winners of five straight games. They play a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game Saturday at Zionsville. Carmel is 5-5; the Greyhounds beat Richmond 53-25 last Saturday. Carmel hosts Fort Wayne Snider Saturday afternoon.

### WESTFIELD 42, CARMEL 41

Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ellie Kelleher	3-7	1-2	8	2
Aubrey Crockett	0-3	0-0	0	1
Kiki Loveless	0-0	0-0	0	2
Reagan Lorenzen	2-9	0-0	5	1
Lindsey Van Dyke	5-9	3-4	15	0
Meg Hamilton	0-1	0-0	0	0
MaKayla Hatcher	2-5	2-2	7	2
Sam Price	2-5	3-4	7	0
Totals	14-39	9-12	42	8

Westfield 3-point shooting (5-20) Van Dyke 2-5, Lorenzen 1-6, Kelleher 1-3, Hatcher 1-3, Crockett 0-2, Hamilton 0-1.

Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Keaton Gatlin	0-2	0-0	0	1
Izzy Shepherd	1-8	0-0	3	0
Mackenzie Woods	2-6	5-6	10	2
Lauren Perry	3-7	6-6	15	1
Taryn Fisher	1-6	0-0	2	1
Jamie Elliott	1-5	0-0	2	0
Megan Hamm	3-8	1-2	7	2
Ava Carter	0-0	0-0	0	1
Sydney Bonds	1-1	0-0	2	0
Totals	12-43	12-14	41	8

Carmel 3-point shooting (5-16) Perry 3-6, Shepherd 1-4, Woods 1-2, Gatlin 0-2, Elliott 0-1, Fisher 0-1.

#### Score by Quarters

Westfield	10	12	12	8	42
Carmel	10	7	5	19	41

# Huskies put hammer down on Northwestern

### The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights blasted through its Hoosier Conference East Division opener on Tuesday, winning at Northwestern 72-29.

The Class 3A No. 1 Huskies led 10-8 after one quarter, but only allowed the Tigers seven points in each of the next three periods. Heights led 29-15 at halftime, then poured in 26 points in the third quarter. Camryn Runner scored 15

points in the third period; she led the Huskies scoring with 39 points.

Meanwhile, Katie Brown had an outstanding performance from beyond the 3-point line. She nailed five triples, connecting on four in the first half and one more in the third quarter. Brown finished the game with 17 points. Hadleigh Cherry added eight points.

Heights is 8-1 and plays Saturday afternoon at Concordia Lutheran.

# Never behind, 'Blazers beat Cardinal Ritter

### The REPORTER

The University boys evened their record at 2-2 with a convincing 68-51 win over Cardinal Ritter Tuesday night at The U Center.

Blake Gray led four Trailblazers in double figures with 14 points. Max McComb had 13 points, including 10 in the first quarter. Robert Russell had 11 and Bryce Gray added 11 points and a team high seven assists.

University never trailed in the contest and took control in the first quarter. Zien Bland opened the scoring for the Blazers before McComb added a three-point play for a 5-0 lead just 56 seconds into the game. The Trailblazers opened up a 10-point lead at 14-4 on a pair of Bryce Gray free throws. University led 20-11 after one.

Ritter closed within six points early in the second quarter before a 9-0 Blazer run restored the lead to dou-

ble digits at 31-19 and Ritter got no closer than 11 the rest of the game. Russell started the run with a three pointer before Blake Gray finished it with a three pointer and a three-point play.

The Blazers scored twice in the last 30 seconds of the half when Russell had a lay-in off a Blake Gray steal and Cooper Cammack fed McComb for a bucket. University led 38-23 at halftime and cruised home to victory, leading by as many as 22 points.

University had a season-high 41 rebounds, led by 11 from Cammack and seven from Montgomery Holland.

The Blazers took care of the basketball handing out 19 assists while committing only nine turnovers.

University will travel to Anderson Saturday evening to take on Liberty Christian in a key Pioneer Academic Athletic Conference contest.

### UNIVERSITY 68, CARDINAL RITTER 51

University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Bryce Gray	2-8	6-6	11	1
Zien Bland	3-4	2-2	8	2
Max McComb	5-10	3-5	13	5
Robert Russell	4-12	1-2	11	3
Cooper Cammack	1-1	0-0	2	2
Jackson Bledsoe	0-2	0-0	0	0
Blake Gray	5-8	2-3	14	1
Montgomery Holland	4-6	1-2	9	4
Totals	24-51	15-20	68	18

#### Score by Quarters

University	20	18	13	17	68
Cardinal Ritter	11	12	12	16	51
University 3-point shooting (5-15) Bl. Gray 2-3, Russell 2-2, Br. Gray 1-3, McComb 0-4, Holland 0-2, Bland 0-1.					
University rebounds (40) Cammack 11, Holland 7, Russell 6, Br. Gray 5, McComb 4, Bland 3, Bledsoe 2, Bl. Gray 2, team 1.					

### HAMILTON HEIGHTS 72, NORTHWESTERN 29

Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ella Hickok	2	0-0	6	5
Katie Brown	6	0-0	17	0
Camryn Runner	14	8-8	39	3
Kassidy Schakel	0	0-0	0	4
Hadleigh Cherry	2	4-5	8	1
Kamryn Rhoton	1	0-0	2	0
Norah Reiger	0	0-0	0	1
Lillie Champion	0	0-0	0	0
Presley Cherry	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	25	12-13	72	14

#### Score by Quarters

Heights	10	19	26	17	72
Northwestern	8	7	7	7	29
Heights 3-pointers (10) Brown 5, Runner 3, Hickok 2.					

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Wrestling

# Westfield hosts four other county teams for Shamrock Duals

**The REPORTER**

Five Hamilton County wrestling teams participated in the annual Shamrock Duals, which took place last Saturday at Westfield.

Carmel finished as the team runner-up. The Greyhounds went unbeaten in its pool with wins over Noblesville, Greencastle and Fort Wayne Carroll, beat Hamilton Southeastern in the semifinals before dropping the championship match to Roncalli. Caleb Mattingly (at 132 pounds) and Eli Penquite (at 138) both went undefeated.

Fishers took third place as a team. The Tigers beat Norwell, Homestead and Lawrence North to place first in their pool, lost to Roncalli in the semis, but beat Southeastern in the third-place match. Four Fishers wrestlers went unbeaten: Chayce Yant (126), Teyon Leonard (138), Xavier Smith (165) and Chris Quarles (190).

Southeastern finished in fourth place. The Royals won their pool by beating Yorktown, Ben Davis and Mount Vernon to reach the top four. Adam Gerstner (150) and Zach Lang (157) were undefeated for the day.

Westfield finished in fifth place. The 'Rocks were 2-1 in their pool, beating Mundelein and Whiteland before falling to Roncalli. Westfield finished fifth with placement wins over Lawrence North and Noblesville. Four Shamrocks were unbeaten: Porter Temples (120), Carter Niccum (3-0 at 126), Jake Saez (138) and Riley Davison (3-0 at 190).

Noblesville placed sixth overall. The Millers beat Greencastle and Carroll in their pool while falling to Carmel. In the placement matches, Noblesville beat Ben Davis before losing to Westfield. Undefeated Millers wrestlers were Aidan Kincaide (157), Gage Gully (175) and Austin Hastings (285).

# Four county football players make Top 50 All State team

**The REPORTER**

Four Hamilton County football players were named to the Indiana Football Coaches Association's Top 50 All State team, it was announced this week.

Two Hamilton Southeastern stars earned Top 50 honors on offense. Senior Donovan Hamilton was named to the list as a wide receiver, while senior Styles Prescod received honors as an offensive lineman. On the defensive side, Westfield senior William Goodvine was named to the list as a defensive lineman and Carmel senior Christian Peterson earned a place as defensive back.

Many other local football players earned places on the IFCA's Class Senior and Junior teams. Here is a list of those honorees.

**Class 6A Senior OFFENSE**

- Max Nosler, Westfield tight end
- Ransom McDermott, Noblesville offensive lineman
- Trent Fisher, Carmel offensive lineman
- Jackson Gilbert, Westfield quarterback
- Khobie Martin, Fishers running back
- Logan Shoffner, Noblesville running back
- Jalen Alexander, Hamilton Southeastern running back

**DEFENSE**

- Brady Wolf, Fishers defensive lineman
- Artemas Bryant, Carmel linebacker
- Jack Osiecki, Hamilton Southeastern linebacker
- Austin Hastings, Noblesville linebacker

**Class 6A Junior OFFENSE**

- JonAnthony Hall, Fishers wide receiver

- Evan Parker, Carmel offensive lineman
- Avery Huggins, Westfield offensive lineman
- Cameron Gorin, Hamilton Southeastern offensive lineman

**DEFENSE**

- Mikeah Webster, Westfield linebacker
- Mason Alexander, Hamilton Southeastern defensive back
- Jimmie Winbush Jr., Carmel defensive back
- Gabe Arambolles, Westfield athlete
- Aiden Brewer, Noblesville athlete

**Class 3A Senior OFFENSE**

- Josh Holba, Guerin Catholic offensive lineman
- Dean Mason, Hamilton Heights offensive lineman
- Ryan Zimmerman, Guerin Catholic quarterback

**DEFENSE**

- Elijah Taylor, Guerin Catholic defensive lineman
- Carson Fetting, Hamilton Heights linebacker
- Aaron Keller, Guerin Catholic defensive back
- Jaylyn Pugh, Hamilton Heights defensive back

**Class 3A Junior DEFENSE**

- Malcolm Houze, Guerin Catholic defensive back

**Class 1A Senior OFFENSE**

- Eli Kolb, Sheridan running back
- Joe Franco, Sheridan athlete

**DEFENSE**

- Zach Bales, Sheridan linebacker

**Class 1A Junior OFFENSE**

- Owen Bell, Sheridan kicker

## IBCA girls basketball poll – Week of Dec. 3

Rank	School	Points	Record
1	Columbia City (19)	399	9-0
2	<b>Hamilton Southeastern (1)</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>8-1</b>
3	Lawrence Central	353	6-1
4	Lawrence North	337	7-1
5	Fort Wayne Snider	336	9-1
6	Center Grove	264	8-1
7	Bedford North Lawrence	239	8-1
8	Jennings County	230	7-1
9	Homestead	226	5-1
10	Lake Central	188	7-1
11	Franklin Community	185	9-2
12	South Bend Washington	170	7-2
T13	Northridge	155	9-1
T13	Zionsville	155	6-2
15	<b>Noblesville</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>5-4</b>
16	Norwell	86	7-2
17	Plainfield	77	8-1
18	<b>Hamilton Heights</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>7-1</b>
19	<b>Fishers</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>7-3</b>
20	Indian Creek	47	7-2

First place votes are in parentheses.

**Other schools receiving votes, with records**  
 Borden (8-0), Caston (8-0), Eastern Hancock (8-0), Fort Wayne Northrop (5-2), Franklin Central (3-3), Gibson Southern (6-2), Greensburg (7-2), Lanesville (9-0), Marquette Catholic (8-0), Mooresville (8-2), North Knox (9-1), Rensselaer Central (10-0), Silver Creek (6-1), South Knox (7-1), Twin Lakes (6-2), Warsaw (6-3), Western (8-0), **Westfield (6-1)**.

## IBCA boys basketball poll – Week of Dec. 3

Rank	School	Points	Record
1	Lawrence North (18)	436	2-0
2	<b>Fishers (4)</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>5-0</b>
3	Cathedral	384	4-0
4	<b>Westfield</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>3-0</b>
5	Kokomo	321	3-1
6	Ben Davis	302	2-1
7	Brownburg	282	3-1
8	Crispus Attucks	280	2-1
9	<b>Noblesville</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>2-1</b>
10	Chesterton	237	3-0
11	<b>Guerin Catholic</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>4-0</b>
12	Center Grove	181	3-2
13	Scottsburg	150	4-0
14	Brownstown Central	142	3-1
15	Fort Wayne Wayne	120	1-1
16	Penn	91	3-0
17	Anderson	53	4-0
18	Jeffersonville	49	1-1
19	Blackhawk Christian	44	1-1
20	Zionsville	40	1-1

First place votes are in parentheses.

**Other schools receiving votes, with records**  
 Bishop Noll (3-0), Brebeuf Jesuit (2-1), **Carmel (2-1)**, Delta (3-0), Evansville Harrison (2-0), Evansville Memorial (1-0), Fort Wayne North Side (2-0), Greenfield-Central (2-0), Hammond Central (3-2), Heritage Hills (3-0), Indianapolis Lutheran (0-0), Lawrence Central (2-1), Leo (1-1), Manchester (3-0), Morgan Township (3-0), New Palestine (2-0), North Central (2-1), Northridge (3-1), NorthWood (0-0), Orleans (2-1), Plainfield (3-1), Richmond (2-0), South Bend Riley (4-0), South Bend St. Joseph (2-1), Tipton (3-0), Wapahani (3-0).

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, Dec. 6**  
**BOYS WRESTLING**

- Hamilton Heights at Bishop Chatard, 6 p.m.
- Fishers at Carmel, 6:30 p.m.
- Hamilton Southeastern at Zionsville, 6:30 p.m.
- Westfield at Warren Central, 6:30 p.m.

**GIRLS WRESTLING**

- Lebanon at Carmel, 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Dec. 7**  
**BOYS BASKETBALL**

- Westfield at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.

**BOYS WRESTLING**

- Frankton at Noblesville, 6 p.m.
- Sheridan at Clinton Central, 6 p.m.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**

- Rossville at Sheridan, 6 p.m.
- Guerin Catholic at Cathedral, 7:30 p.m.

**SWIMMING/DIVING**

- Lewis Cass at Hamilton Heights, 6 p.m.

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- 6:00 pm Frankton at **Noblesville** | Wrestling | HCTV Sports
- 7:30 pm Rossville vs **Sheridan** | Girls Varsity | Bragg Sports Media
- 7:30 pm Greenwood Christian vs Covenant Christian | Boys | Indiana SRN
- 7:30 pm **Westfield** vs **Guerin Catholic** | Boys Varsity | Indiana SRN

**Fri Dec 8 - Basketball**

- 5:50 pm Chatard vs Heritage Christian | Girls Varsity | Indiana SRN
- 6:00 pm **Fishers** vs **Noblesville** | Girls Junior Varsity | HCTV Sports
- 7:30 pm **Fishers** vs **Noblesville** | Girls Varsity | HCTV Sports
- 7:30 pm Avon vs **Hamilton Southeastern** | Girls | Southeastern Sports
- 7:30 pm Chatard vs Heritage Christian | Boys Varsity | Indiana SRN
- 7:30 pm **Sheridan** vs Clinton Central | Boys Varsity | Bragg Sports Media

**Sat Dec 9 - Basketball**

- 6:00 pm Plainfield vs **Noblesville** | Junior Varsity Girls | HCTV Sports
- 7:20 pm Scecina vs Covenant Christian | Girls Varsity | Indiana SRN
- 7:30 pm Plainfield vs **Noblesville** | Varsity Girls | HCTV Sports
- 7:30 pm Elwood vs Providence Cristo Rey | Boys Varsity | Indiana SRN

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