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The annual Shop for Kids event was another huge success this year, with more than 50 children getting a shopping trip at Target in Fishers so they could have a Christmas they otherwise may not have had. The Indiana State Police got in on the action, and Santa even showed up in an ISP helicopter. Everyone gathered at Harbour Shores Church, 8011 E. 216th St., Cicero, before heading out to Target. The Shop for Kids Board thanks every business, organization, and individual who helped make Christmas come true for these kids. While there are too many sponsors to name here, you can see a full list at this link. Learn more about the program at Facebook.com/ShopForKidsHC. See more photos on Page 5.

Sheridan honors its veterans in banners & Christmas ornaments

Submitted by Sheridan Historical Society

Earlier this year, the Sheridan Historical Society was approached by local resident Vance Wallace and asked if we would be interested in creating military veteran banners for local soldiers past and present. The banners would be displayed from streetlamp posts along Sheridan's Main Street.

Several other regional communities have done this, and it sure seemed like a promising idea to our Society members, so when this opportunity came up, we jumped right on it. At first, submissions were slow, and we thought the community was not too interested. But as previously reported, within a couple of weeks we found ourselves inundated with applications and

Jump ahead to early November when the Historical Society did last year, we wanted to have museum. trees inside the Museum all decthrough our front windows. Last lights, but Vice President Steve button, which is designed with



Photo provided by Sheridan Historical Society

Veterans Tree helpers include (from left) Pamela Drury, Connie Mossburg, Bess Coppess, and Donna Jessup. Thank you, ladies, for your contribution of time and hands on work for this project.

over, we had someone donate a why not create a special ornabeautiful 12-foot artificial tree ment for each of our veterans and this Christmas we had the for which we have a banner? As for decorations, yes, we add veteran pictures and then the museum – and it is beautiful. orated and lighted and visible did the usual ornaments and make that into a three half-inch

January, after Christmas was Martin had a special thought: a red ribbon for hanging on the tree. A prototype was made, and it looked great and was easy to suspend on the branches of the was beginning to think about perfect spot for it: right smack. They are easy to make if you big tree in the walkway. Now, Christmas decorations. As we dab in the main walkway in the know how to create simple 140 buttons later, we have a 12graphics on the computer and foot Veterans Christmas Tree at

See Veterans . . . Page 2

15 things to know before having an estate sale

We commonly find ourselves in the position of overseeing affairs when our parents decide to downsize or, God forbid, get "called up."

Dealing with the belongings inside the home or finalizing the estate is an expensive proposition. I frequently receive the question,



"Does Mom have any valuables inside the home, and would it be worthwhile for me to try to obtain that value?" Let's take it in two bites since that's a big question.

Let's suppose that in the initial case that Mom and Dad are still with us, but that it is finally time to minimize and purge some belongings. The following tips will help you approach the "clean out" in a methodical way and with less stress.

1. Create a plan of action: It is beneficial to create a plan of action before you start. This can involve making a list of the things you wish to keep, donate, or sell as well as establishing a cleaning schedule.

2. Enlist help: Cleaning out a house may be a taxing physical and emotional endeavor. Getting assistance from family, friends, or a professional organizer might be beneficial. If it appears too difficult or you just don't have the time, HALO Senior Solutions can manage the entire procedure.

3. Go through the items and determine what to keep, donate, or sell. Start by going through your parents' belongings. Making piles or boxes for each category may be useful. Your parents' propensity to see value in everything and to not want to let anything go may make them in need of objective or outside professional assistance.

4. Dispose of hazardous materials: Be sure to properly dispose of any potentially harmful substances, including chemicals and prescription drugs. This can mean getting in touch with the local organization in charge of trash to get advice on how to get rid of it right.

5. Give or sell stuff: Take into consideration giving in-good-condition items to a neighborhood charity or offering them for sale at a garage sale or on Facebook Marketplace. A thorough list of regional organizations and the products they will accept is kept up to date by HALO Senior Solutions.

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Photo provided

Maestro Commanday is a renowned conductor with an incredible reputation across three continents.

David Commanday named new Music Director of CSO

The REPORTER

The Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) announced on Tuesday the hire of David Commanday as Music Director of the CSO.

A brilliant leader who immediately captured the hearts of CSO audiences and musicians since stepping into his role conducting the early concerts of the season, Maestro Commanday serves as CSO Music Director immediately, with an initial appointment that continues through the 2024-2025 season.

Commanday's career has brought renown on three continents. Lauded as a remarkable conductor with the ability to make his musicians soar through his soul and risk taking, his performances have been recognized for their "effervescent brilliance and intelligent creativity." (Neue Zeit, Berlin, Germany)

Westfield's first mayor presented with Sagamore of the Wabash





Photos provided by City of Westfield Westfield Mayor Andy Cook will conclude his fourth and final term at the end of this year. Cook, who is also the city's first mayor, was honored with a Sagamore of the Wabash award during a surprise luncheon held last Friday at the Grand Park Events Center. Nearly 200 guests came to wish Mayor Cook well and thank him for his service to Westfield. Joe Hereens and Sam Frain from Governor Eric Holcomb's office presented Cook with the award in the governor's stead. Turn to Page 8 to read a story from Christy Heitger-Ewing and the Westfield Chamber of Commerce about Cook's legacy.

CSO

currently serves as Artistic Director/Conductor of the be found at CarmelSym-Heartland Festival Orchestra (HFO), an innovative ensemble now celebrating its 15th season, as well as tivities and Instructor of Cello at Eastern Illinois University.

by this appointment and the opportunity to work with the wonderful musicians of the CSO in the seasons ahead," Commanday said. "Carmel has a treasure in this orchestra, and in the Palladium, the truly world-class con- For more information visit cert hall that is their home. carmelsymphony.org.

Maestro Commanday I can't wait to get to work!" His full biography can

phony.org/DavidCom-

About CSO

The Carmel Sympho-Director of Orchestral Ac- ny Orchestra is a professional orchestra dedicated to providing excellence in live music performance "I am deeply honored and education in Hamilton County. CSO presents classical, pops and education programming in its home at the Palladium for the Center for Performing Arts, and in surrounding schools and community environments.



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Photo provided Maestro Commanday sharing bows with the Carmel Symphony Orchestra at opening night on Oct. 7.

VETERANS

Veterans Christmas tree.

Sheridan residents are invited to visit the museum to see all our Christmas decorations and especially the

information and pictures for Sheridan community veterans so they can have a banner on our Main Street celebrating their service, and next year a button ornament on our special tree. We ask that you donate \$100 for each banner submission because it isn't cheap to have them made, and if you would like the button ornament of your veteran, we can make that available to you for \$5 a button when the Christmas season is over.

While we have your attention, we want to lay out another idea for veteran recognition.

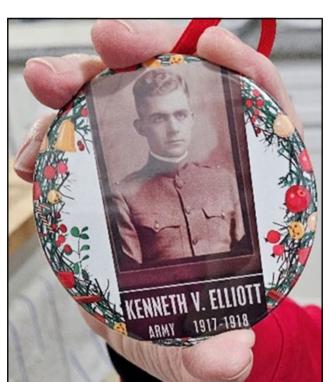
We know the banners we currently have will not last forever even though they are of heavy-duty vinyl, so serious thought and discussion has been given to an engraved brick monument to be placed on the flag plaza in Veterans Park. Engraved bricks would be relative-

ly indestructible, to say the least, but again, they would not be cheap. We are looking at \$150 each for a brick.

The Historical Soci-We are still accepting ety would like to hear your thoughts about a brick memorial. Is it too much in light of \$100 for a banner? Please let us know how you feel about this.

Thank you to the Sheridan community for your support of the Society's veteran's banner project. It has turned out better than we had imagined it ever would and we will continue to add banners as they come in in the future. And if the \$100 donation is a problem for you, come talk to us. We have had very generous people in our community come forward and your veteran's banner could still be created and displayed at little to no cost. The important thing is that we want our military veterans recognized for the sacrifice they have made to

our country. The Sheridan Historical Society Museum is open on Tuesday, Friday, and Satur-



Photos provided by Sheridan Historical Society **Sheridan Historical Society Vice President Steve** Martin had the idea of creating these Christmas ornaments (above) from the banners already made to hang throughout the town. The ornaments now decorate the 12-foot tree (right) at the Historical Soceity Museum, located at 315 S. Main St.

p.m., and at special times ful uptown Sheridan, the with advanced arrangement. northwest gateway to his-Our museum is located at toric Hamilton County. You day afternoons from 1 to 4 315 S. Main St. in beautiought to visit with us.



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Merry those people Christmas

In the Rathz house, we have distinct two Christmas season philosophies. 1) When it's time, it's time. We are going all out. Every hall is decked, every light is lit, and every corner of the house is

barfing red and green. 2) When it's done, it's done. Starting December 26, every light is haphazardly ripped off the house, all trees are chucked out the door, and every stocking and ceramic elf is shoved into the nearest available box, not to be seen or heard from again until next year. And if anyone as much as hums a bar of a Christmas tune after that, he or she will be living in solitary confinement until they get their mind right.

There is a reason we are so over Christmas by the end of December. That's because, by that time, we will have been living it for almost two months.

That's right, we're **those**

Pretty much the second we're done sorting the Halloween candy haul for the year, we enter the Christmas zone. We start in stages. I try to get the outside lights up as soon as possi-



ble in November before the Indiana weather turns nightmarish. We always tell ourselves we'll keep them unplugged until after Thanksgiving so as not to seem obnoxious. We typically get over

that sentiment within five or 10 minutes of putting them up. Over the course of Outside-Light-Day, we angrily untangle last year's lights, naively believe they will work this year, get frustrated when they don't, take six or seven trips to the store for more lights, use several choice un-Christian words, then somehow figure out how to get electricity to all the lights without blowing the city power grid. By the time the day is done, we figure we didn't go through all that just to wait several weeks to turn them on.

So yes, we are those people, who are fully fa-lala'd by early November, and we've learned to be okay with that.

are up, the mantle, snow globes and villages follow suit. And of course, you re- ed the beautiful, food-coma alize, that this entire time, day that is Thanksgiving, Amazon Music Christmas did you? No way! Howevplaylists are playing on a er, in the Rathz house, our loop. I mean, if we're going turkeys are gobbling next to December with Christmas you are suddenly blinded



Photo provided by Tim Rathz

You've got that right. The Rathzes are definitely those people when it comes to Christmas decorations.

might as well be dripping with glad tidings, right?

By the time the Starbucks holiday cups have been released in early November, our house has been transformed to the perfect After the outside lights decoration mix of Thanksgiving and Christmas. Oh, you didn't think we neglect-

to get the season rolling, we Christmas trees. It's just the music, Yuletide Celebrafake trees though. We don't tion, the Sullivan Express, buy the real tree until the Winterland Light Show in weekend after Thanksgiv- Danville, a drive around the ing, when Christmas decorating is more acceptable to the general public. I mean, after all, we're not total sav-

> We make sure to get all the shopping and wrapping done as quickly and early as possible, so we can enjoy the season without anxiety.

Circle, several Christmas movie nights, holiday baking, parties, and countless other seasonal events. So, we basically trade in anxiety for exhaustion, but the kids love it (and so do I).

So, when you're driving through a neighborhood in early November and nearly We then fill the month of steer into a mailbox because

by an unexpected patch of bright lights wrapped around a house, don't worry. That house isn't on fire. It's just a family of those people, merrily enjoying a two-month-long holiday.

The moral of the story is ... No matter how you celebrate (or how long), merry Christmas from our family to yours.

Tim Rathz can be reached at 40somethinginfishers@gmail.com. Follow on Facebook or Instagram.

Indianapolis Symphonic Choir's traditional Festival of Carols returns

The REPORTER

Tickets are on sale now for the Indianapolis Sym-Choir's annual fan-favorite Festival of Carols performances.

The holiday shows will Arts in Carmel (Dec. 16 singers Anthony Nunzi- tures a selection of fan-fa-

Clowes Memorial Hall on tradition filled with a vathe campus of Butler Uni- riety of holiday favorites, versity (tonight, Dec. 13) the Choir will be joined by and The Palladium at the guest artists including one Center for the Performing of Indy's favorite cabaret

course, Santa.

vis High School, and of of the Year," "The Prayer," and "O Little Town of

ESTATE SALE

6. **Hire experts:** If you require further assistance, think about hiring experts like an estate sale firm or a cleaning service. To make this process considerably paying a qualified appraiser handle these responsibilsimpler, HALO Senior Soluto determine the value of ities, you might also want with reliable resources.

Take Throughout the cleaning process, it's critical to give yourself breaks. Rest and look after your personal health throughout this peri-

Now, let's take a look at the sad and inevitable. Mom, Dad, or both have passed away and you are carrying out the duty on your own (or with siblings). Although it may be painful, keep in mind that it could also be a chance to celebrate the life of a loved one, support the family in entering a new stage, or even find healing. Here are some suggestions for organizing and carrying out an estate sale.

1. Let's not forget how tough and traumatic losing a parent may be. Give yourself and everyone else around you some grace and take your time. The process of cleaning out a parent's home can be difficult when you're grieving.

2. Collect crucial papers: Prior to starting the estate sale process, you must collect crucial papers such as the will, property titles, bank records, and other vital papers. These documents can help you comprehend the estate's entire breadth and assure that everything is disbursed in accordance with your parents' intentions.

you must determine the eshouse values and guidance nearby. on the selling procedure. To assist in this area, HALO qualified real estate compasenior-age clients.

that will be sold: Following your evaluation of the estate's value, you must choose the objects that will be offered for sale. It may be beneficial to consult other Once the sale has been com- place" homes that are more family members in this decision, as they may have their own memories and relationships to certain items.

5. Pick a day for the sale: Once you've decided what will be sold, you'll need to choose a date for the occasion. Since most people have more casual time on the weekends, estate sales are frequently scheduled on those days. To draw in more people, you might also want to think about advertising the sale in regional newspapers or on online classified sites.

6. Get ready for the sale: You'll need to do some work in the weeks before the sale. This could

tate's value: After gather- other display places for ing the necessary papers, items as well as cleaning and sorting the objects that tate's value. This may entail will be offered for sale. To tions can put you in touch some particular items such to think about working as jewelry or works of art. with an experienced estate **pauses:** If the property is part of sale company. If it sounds the estate, you might also like a lot of effort, that's want to take its value into because it is! You can ask account. This may be ac- HALO Senior Solutions complished by establishing to take care of everything, a connection with a knowl- or we can put you in touch edgeable, licensed Realtor with some top-notch eswho can offer comparable tate sale service providers

7. Conduct the sale: You must be present on the **Realty Group** is a highly day of the sale to oversee the proceedings and adny specializing in serving dress any queries that prospective buyers may have. 4. Select the objects For the sale of any larger or more expensive objects, you might also wish to think about working with a professional auctioneer.

pleted, you must complete suitable for aging in place.

from Page 1 3. **Determine the es-** entail setting up tables or the distribution of the estate in accordance with the decedent's intentions. This could mean giving the rightful people a share of the money made from the sale or giving the people who should own certain things the right to own those things.

Regardless of your situation, it will take some work to find out if there is a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. Call HALO Senior Solutions and find out how they may help if you're not looking forward to this physically demanding, emotionally taxing, and unpleas-

ant project. Todd Howard, Halo Senior Solutions' founder and CEO and a licensed Indiana Realtor, holds the SRES® (Certified Seniors Real Estate Specialist) designation. He has helped a lot of older clients move out of their big homes and into retirement 8. Complete the sale: communities or "age in

celebrate the season at and 17). A Midwest family at and the Indianapolis vorite and traditional hol- stage with newer (and Chamber Orchestra, Spot- iday music such as "It's brand new) compositions light Choir from Ben Da- the Most Wonderful Time certain to become treasured Festival of Carols fea- Bethlehem" sharing the choir.org/foc.

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Cicero, The Kringle has landed











Photos provided by Mark Hall

It's a little early in the season for Santa to pull Rudolph out of the barn, so the Indiana State Police, along with a host of volunteers who reportedly identify as elves, handled flying Father Christmas into Hamilton County for the annual Shop For Kids event. After landing in Cicero, police escorts took kids and Mr. Claus to Target in Fishers to help make young holidays merry and bright. We leave it to Hoosier Weather Daddy Paul Poteet to make sure all their Christmases are white.

Here's a great stocking stuffer from ATI

The REPORTER

Need that last-minute gift for the theater lover in your life? Actors Theatre of Indiana has a great lineup of shows coming in 2024.

Route 66 is running Feb. 2 to 18, 2024, at the Studio Theater. Take a dollop of Grease, mix in some Pump Boys and Dinettes and add Man's Curve," "King of Off-Broadway hit musical a generous dose of *Forever* Plaid and you've got the from Pasadena," "Beep est musical legends meet stage.org. high-octane fun of Route 66. Beep," "Six Days on the Broadway's greatest satirist

of 1950s Chicago and trav- Fun, Fun," and many more. eling along the "Main Street Get your kicks with this of America" to the California coast with the surf music of the 1960s, this exciting hits of the 20th century.

Songs include "Dead

smash coast-to-coast hit jukebox musical.

The new season will musical revue features 34 of wrap up with Forbidden the greatest 'Rock 'n' Road' Broadway running April 26 through May 12.

In this long-running the Road," "Little Old Lady revue, Broadway's great-

Beginning with the sounds Road," "Little GTO," "Fun, in this hilarious, loving and endlessly entertaining tribute to some of the theatre's greatest stars and songwriters. This world-renowned show will be a hit among seasoned theatergoers and newcomers alike. Forbidden Broadway is your one-stop ticket to non-stop laughs.

Purchase tickets at ATI-

Bring your letter to Santa at Cabela's in Noblesville

The REPORTER

For more than 150 sending letters to Santa with their Christmas wishes. Did you know that in bring your letter to Santa

the months of November in-person to Cabela's as it to Santa's Wonderland and December, Santa re- you experience the beloved now until Christmas Eve vears, children have been ceives around 32,000 let- tradition of visiting Santa at ters daily?

In Noblesville, you can Wonderland.

Claus this season at Santa's

Guests can book a vis-

cabelas.com/santa. Guests will receive a free photo with Santa and enjoy games and crafts.

Merchants Bank welcomes new Treasury Management Sales Officer Derek Elston

The REPORTER

Merchants Bank announced on Wednesday the hiring of Derek Elston as said. "Derek is a prime nor relationships, sup-Treasury Management Sales example of an individual Officer, based in Carmel.

Prior to join-Merchants Bank, Elston op-

erated as a community development officer at United Fidelity Bank where he collaborated with

his team to create strategic plans for meeting annual goals and projections, resulting in a substantial increase in deposits during his tenure. Within this new role with Merchants Bank, he will oversee several key consumer and business relationships, advocating for their cash flow needs and improving and further developing their banking experience.

"We are thrilled to wel-

& CEO Michael Dunlap

with unwavering commitment and dedication to his craft. His financial and development expertise will be a true asset in our bank's ongoing efforts to build stronger businesses

communities."

Elston

In addition to his time spent in the banking industry, Elston's career has been heavily influenced by the game of basketball as both a player and a mentor. He played collegiate basketball at Indiana University (IU) from 2009 to 2013 and professionally in Malta, Portugal, and England from 2013 to 2015. Returning to his alma mater as the director of player develop-

come Derek to our team," ment in 2015, he worked and program development. Merchants Bank President on behalf of IU basketball to build and maintain doport community outreach efforts, mentor the next generation of players and collaborate with coaching staff on recruiting, scouting

Elston is a graduate of IU's School of Public Health and holds a master's degree from IU in athletic administration.

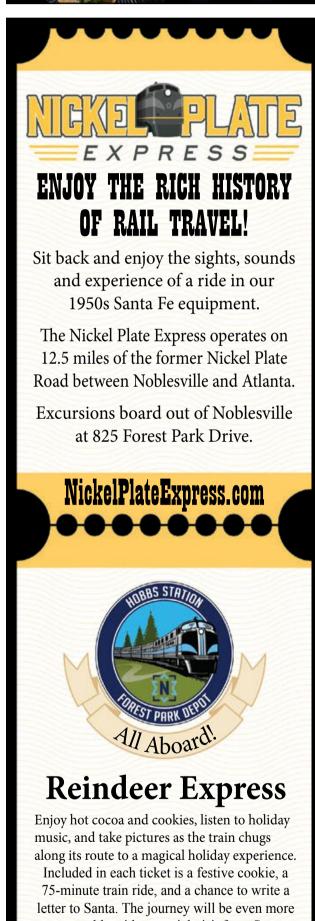
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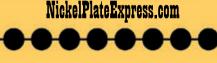






memorable with a special visit from Santa Claus himself.

November 11 - December 23



New Year's Eve Masquerade Ball

Join us for the exclusive New Year's Eve Masquerade Express. Departing from Hobbs Station in Noblesville, Indiana on December 31st at 8 p.m., this one-time only train ride promises to be a memorable experience.

December 31

NickelPlateExpress.com

Noblesville might grow, but its small-town spirit lives on

"Well, I was born in a small town, and I live in a small town. Probably die in a small town. Oh, those small communities." – John Mellencamp

Yes, those are the lyrics John

"Small Town." I, too, was born, raised, and live in this small town. Many people say it's not anymore.

It's Christmas time in this town and we just had the holiday parade enjoyed by many. It is officially announcing "He's here! He's here!" He, or course, is Saint Nicholas.

In the late 60s the parade also brought shopping and light in the store windows, along with his house. The tiny red house. The house magically appeared on the courthouse lawn for every-

This house has been photographed, oil painted, and pencil drawn by our local artists from 60s, 70s, some of the 80s, and on until there was a need for repair and restoration of the courthouse. Then Santa's house was gone, never to return. Or so it seemed.

One joyful day in the late 60s, after shopping was complete, Mom took me there. Crossing the street to toward Nick's house, our turn had come to enter.

We entered to a "Ho Ho Ho! Merry Christmas!" She sat me on his lap, and I heard, "Now tell Santa what you want for Christmas." I was numb. My mouth would not move. The man *lschwartz2@hotmail.com*.



in the red suit said, "Well, how about I bring you a doll?"

Snap went the camera and my only four-yearold thought was "Just get me out of here!"

Years flew by Mellencamp's popular song in this small town and I was working at the 5 and dime. Every Christmas we had the traditional parade, all the lights, the shopping, but no Santa house.

> During restoration the red house had been stored at a farm for years, not to

> One day in the 1990s a friend - who has now passed – Mr. Roberts, came in my store and said, "I want to build a Santa house. We need one on the courthouse lawn."

I told him I thought it was a great idea, that I wanted to help, and I asked what I could do. We talked and my family donated lumber and some red paint for Santa's new house.

We learned permission needed to be granted by the commissioners, but who could say no to Santa Claus in this small town?

Santa's house is still here today.

I used to volunteer for as many hours as I could. Knowing how those three-, four-, and even five-yearolds felt, I thought handing them a candy cane first would help.

I love this small town! Some things should nev-

Email Lori Schwartz at



Photo provided by Lori Schwartz Santa looks less than jolly, and young Lori looks scared . . . ah, small-town Christmas memories!



Local artists have drawn, photographed, and oil painted the courthouse square at Christmastime throughout the decades. Can you spot Santa's house?

Community News

See Santa in Cicero

Santa is coming to the Hamilton North Public Li-

From 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 16 in the Storytime Room, the young and young at heart can meet with Santa and be sure he hears their Christmas wishes just in time for the big day.

Don't miss your chance to see the jolly old elf himself.

Letter to the Editor -

Noblesville Postmaster: we're ready to handle your holiday packages

As the Postmaster for Noblesville, I want to assure you that the United States Postal Service is ready to deliver for the upcoming holiday season. My dedicated team and I have worked to ensure we are prepared to handle the expected surge in package and mail volume that occurs in December.

As you and your family prepare for the holidays, it's always advisable to send your holiday mail and packages well in advance to ensure they reach their destinations on time, but we understand that sometimes cards or packages are sent last minute.

Here are the key recommended holiday shipping and mailing dates for expected delivery within the U.S.

- Dec. 16: USPS Ground Advantage (five-day); First Class Mail (five-day)
- Dec. 20: Priority Mail (three-day); USPS Ground Advantage (two-day); First-Class Mail (two-day); and Priority Mail Express (two-day)
- Dec. 21: Priority Mail Express (one-day); and Priority Mail (two-day)

For complete recommended holiday shipping and mailing information, please visit usps.com/holidaynews.

We are grateful for your trust in the United States Postal Service this holiday season. With no holiday surcharges, your postal team at the Noblesville Post Office is ready to be the most affordable and reliable way to ship and mail this year.

Terri Sawyer Noblesville Post Office

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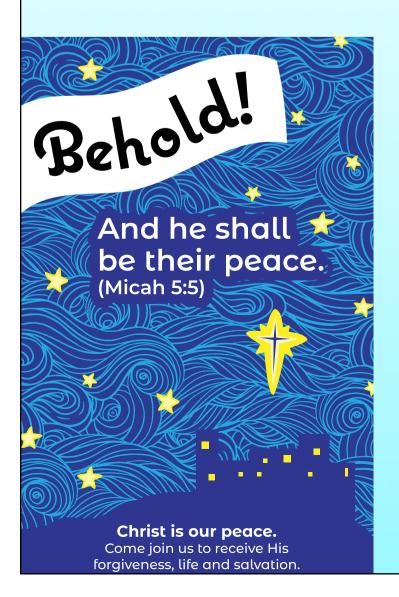
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All are welcomed to join us as we celebrate Advent and Christmas the entire month of December!



Sunday Services 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Thursdays Advent Dinners 5:30 p.m Thursday Services 7:00 p.m. Dec 17th Children's Program with Hymn **Sing** 10:30ish a.m.

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**

Glory to the Newborn King!

News 7

CSO lights up stage with first-class Christmas

Carmel Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of guest conductor Paul Langford, brought a holiday concert to remember to audiences on Sunday afternoon and evening at the Palladium. Performers included Broadway actor Ben Davis, Carmel native and recurring cast member of Disney's "Sydney to the Max," Amelia Wray, the Indiana Ballet Conservatory, and the Second Presbyterian Church Choir. Santa showed up, passing out candy to young audience members, waving to the crowds, and to mayor-elect Sue Finkam. He also hopped on stage and tried to conduct for a moment. It was a colorful evening in many ways. The 7 p.m. show even had outgoing mayor Jim Brainard playing French Horn with the symphony for a couple numbers. (Reporter photos by Stu Clampitt)





















8 News

Santa does Sheridan right







Photos provided by Dave Mundy

Santa & Mrs. Claus stopped in Sheridan Saturday for the town Christmas Party at the Masonic Lodge, 930 S. White Ave. The party was a huge success with 108 kids in attendance, as well as an additional two families that will receive direct help so they can have a wonderful Christmas holiday. The Christmas Party was organized by former Sheridan police Officer Bill Curl and put on by many volunteers.

Grinch sighting in Noblesville!



Photo provided by NPX Sunday the Grinch was seen on the Nickel Plate Express (NPX). On Nov. 30 in the article "Spreading Christmas cheer all over HamCo" we noted that NPX Executive Director Emily Reynolds had "Grinchy and Scroogie ways." Well, Emily, we take it all back. You and the Grinch have in fact been seen in the same

place at the same time. Your heart for this community is at least three times the size of anyone else's. Oh, and Conductor Jake was

there as well. Happy holidays!

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Westfield: big city, big heart

By CHRISTY HEITGER-EWING

Westfield Chamber of Commerce

Andy Cook has been the only mayor of Westfield, having taken the post in 2008 when Westfield became a city. He's now serving in his fourth and final term.

"It's crazy to think that when he became the mayor, there were about 10,000 people in Westfield," said Chris Proffitt, Director of Communications for the City of West-

field. "Now we're knocking on the door of 60,000. Imagine the changes he's seen!"

When Cook took the helm, he knew the city needed an industry, so he became a leader in sports tourism and launched Grand Park, which put Westfield on the map! Out of that came \$1.5 billion of commercial development. Over the past 16 years, Mayor

Cook Cook has been instrumental in creating a ner when working on road closures and orplace where people want to be. Not only is ganizing volunteers for various events. Westfield the sixth fastest-growing city in America but in October, it was named the fourth best small city by both the Business Insider and WalletHub. Another cool tidbit deeper dive into Facebook community is that of the top five cities in America, Carmel was ranked first and Fishers fifth.

"It's rather astonishing that three of the top five cities come from the same county in what they like, what they want," Proffitt Indiana. That says a lot about the quality of life here," Proffitt said.

While Westfield may not have mountains and oceans, the city does have vibrant nering with the Chamber, Downtown Westtrails and parks, and, of course, Grand Junction Plaza. Soon, the city will be celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Grand Park sports complex.

said. "Grand Park is the only one of its kind, which is why it has a reputation all across the country as the leader of youth sports."

Adds Sara Blazier, Digital Communications Specialist with the City of Westfield, "You can't talk about Westfield without talking about Grand Park."

Every city department partners with the Westfield Chamber of Commerce in different ways, from community events to communication outreach programs. For example, the city is redeveloping State Road 32 through downtown Westfield and has partnered with the Chamber regarding communication outreach. The Communications Department worked with the Chamber to create **32connects.com**, a website that provides residents and business owners with in- helps prevent kids in danger of entering the formation and enables folks to answer their judicial system from going down that path. questions about the construction project.

"We rely on the Chamber as our extension to the business community," Proffitt said.

If there are concerns that the business community has with, say, infrastructure, then city officials can work with the Chamber to address those concerns one-on-one to prevent problems down the line.

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"As a communications division, we want to keep that open communication channel among the residents, development, the business community, and the city," Proffitt said.

The City of Westfield partners with the Chamber on a variety of events, including the Farmers Market, which runs from May through October. They also part-

"The Chamber is part of our fabric," Blazier said.

In the future, Proffitt plans to take a groups to understand better what matters to people.

"I want to know what bothers them, said. "It's a good way to stay ahead of the needs of your community."

This is partly why the city enjoys partfield, and other local organizations to work together to ensure the information that's "out there" is factual.

"We don't want any false info being "It's a momentous time for us," Proffitt spread around and causing panic," Proffitt

> One of the things that sets Westfield apart from other communities is the sense of care and compassion as local organizations and nonprofits all communicate the needs of residents and then collaborate to meet those needs. It's a culture from the top down from Mayor Cook down to the street crews patching potholes and plowing snow.

> "Mayor Cook has always said a city has to have a heart, and Westfield does," Proffitt said. "If you were to ask the mayor what his best accomplishment has been, I imagine he'd say the Westfield Youth Assistance Program."

> Years ago, Mayor Cook developed the Westfield Youth Assistance Program that

> "Mayor Cook worked with local law enforcement and the county to get kids positive role models," Proffitt said. "It's been successful. It's prevented at least 50 percent of kids who would have gotten in trouble and ended up in the judicial system and instead set them on a path in life that's crimefree. The outcomes are astounding."



News 9

Noblesville's Megan Broviak named Lilly Scholar







Photos provided by Noblesville Schools

Noblesville High School senior Megan Broviak was surprised to learn that she has won the prestigious Lilly Endowment scholarship, which provides a four-year, full-ride scholarship to any college or university in Indiana. This is the second year in a row that NHS has had a Lilly Scholarship winner. Broviak said she plans to study medicine and hopes to become a pediatric oncologist. She is still deciding where she will attend college. (Above left) Megan is surprised to learn that she has won the Lilly Endowment scholarship. (Above center) Eric Thornbury, director of bands at NHS, congratulates Megan, a member of the Marching Millers band. (Above right) Several of Megan's teachers, counselors, school leaders, family members and community leaders were part of the surprise announcement.

Santa thanks Jackson Township's first responders





Photos provided by Jackson Township Fire Department

The Jackson Township Fire Department recent held its annual Christmas Party, and Santa came to show his appreciation for the first responders! (Man, he really is all over this county!) The department recognized several employees for their service. (Above left) Chief James Carter honored Doug Stoops for 50 years of community fire service. (Above right) Several other awards were given, including Paramedic of Year Michael Kimball (second from left), Chief's Award to Ryan McIntyre (eighth from left), EMT of the Year John Moore, Jr. (ninth from left), and Firefighter of the Year Nick Rainbolt (far right).

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Motorists continue to be confused by construction lane markers

The primary goal of the Hamilton County Highway Department is and always has been the safety of Hamilton County motorists and construction crews alike.

Crews have noticed an influx of motorists crossing the yellow pavement markings on Allisonville Road south of 146th Street, which are in place to keep traffic to the right on Allisonville Road at this location.

The contractor plans to install additional bollards at this location to help prevent this from continuing to happen. As always, continue to use caution while driving through this construction zone.

Click here for more project information.



Photo illustration provided by Hamilton County Highway Department

FORWARD

INDOT launches "421 Forward" website for Zionsville project

The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has launched a new website for its 421 Forward project in Zionsville, which is intended to address driver and pedestrian mobility needs in the community.

421Forward.com has launched, featuring updated information about the project, including the schedule and benefits the project will provide. The project is located on U.S. 421 between Greenfield/Templin Road up to County Road 300 South/146th Street.

website will drive additional public engagement, which is begin in Summer 2027.

at the heart of what we do," said Blake Dollier, INDOT Crawfordsville District public relations director. "This website will ensure people can get in touch with the project team, submit questions and comments, and learn more about the project in a new, dynamic way."

Various roadway imincluding provements, pavement rehabilitation, added auxiliary lanes, intersection improvements, pedestrian facilities, and storm drainage enhancements are anticipated.

Design for the project "We hope the updated will begin in 2024, with construction anticipated to



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Photo provided by Salvation Army of Central Indiana A gold American eagle coin, with a face value of \$50.

Golden moment while counting **Salvation Army** kettle receipts

By GREGG MONTGOMERY \$1,980 on Monday. WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A gold coin worth about \$2,000 was found while counting receipts last week from the Salvation Army's annual holiday campaign in central Indiana.

The Protestant Christian church and international charitable organization announced Monday that the gold U.S. American eagle coin, with a face value of \$50, was put into a red kettle collection location outside the Walmart store on East Main Street in Plainfield. The coin contains 1 troy

ounce of gold. The highest price ever for gold on the U.S. market was reached Dec. 4:

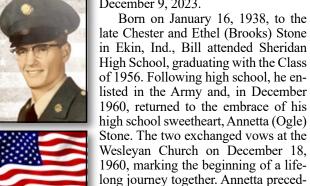
The coin will support programs and ministries at the Salvation Army Eagle **Creek Community Center** based on the northwest side of Indianapolis. It serves western Indianapolis and adjoining Hendricks County, where Plainfield is located.

A news release added, "This isn't the first time valuable coins have been donated to The Salvation **Army of Central Indiana.** Five coins made of silver, gold and platinum were dropped into Central Indiana Red Kettles last year. The coins had a total value of \$1,800."

This holiday season, the central Indiana effort known for its volunteer bell ringers \$2,148.78 per troy ounce. next to the red kettles hopes That price was around to raise \$3.8 million.

Billy W. Stone January 16, 1938 – December 9, 2023

Billy W. Stone, 85, a lifelong resident of Sheridan, answered the heavenly call on Saturday, December 9, 2023.



ed him in death in 2021. After his military service, Bill embarked on a career at Dow Chemical while simultaneously pursuing his education at Purdue University (IUPUI). Juggling night school, family responsibilities, and farming, he demonstrated remarkable dedication. Fourteen years later, he proudly earned his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Transitioning to Indianapolis Power and Light, Bill applied his skills as an electrical engineer, relishing the challenges of intricate projects. Notably, he served as the lead engineer for the completion of the Circle Center Mall in downtown Indianapolis, showcasing his ability to conquer any project.

A devout couple, Bill and Annetta were active members of Northview Church in Carmel and the Wesleyan Church in Sheridan. Their shared passions included gardening, travel, and RV adventures across the United States, with memorable journeys to Texas and Alaska. A skilled woodworker, as he was in the early 60s, he built the family home. Bill also found joy in crafting cabinets and refurbishing pedal tractors and airplanes. His collection of die-cast metal toy tractors was a testament to his appreciation for craftsmanship.

An enthusiastic sports fan, Bill cheered on the Indianapolis Colts and remained loyal to his alma mater, the Purdue Boilermakers. Golf, skeet shooting, and fishing were among his favorite pastimes, each pursued with a competitive spirit and a love for the outdoors.

A man of unwavering faith and integrity, Bill imparted these values to his three sons, Bruce (Diana) Stone of Fairland, Ind., Barry (Stephanie) Stone of Vincennes, Ind., and Brad (Wanda) Stone of Sheridan. Proudly, he was a grandfather to Zachary, Kristin, Kaitlyn, Brent, and Jackson Stone, and great-grandfather to Miles Crider. Survived by his brothers Ron (Mary), Randy (Vicki), and Jerry, he was preceded in death by his infant son Brent in 1967 and siblings Wade, Arbie, Rosemary, Berbina, Ray, and Helen.

Funeral services in celebration of Bill's life will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, December 18, 2023, at Six Points Church, 1545 W. 226th St., Sheridan. Family and friends are invited to gather from noon until the time of services. Burial will follow at Crown View Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Northview Church, 12900 Hazel Dell Road, Carmel, IN 46033, or at northviewchurch.us/memorial.

To share condolences, memories, or sign the online guest book, please visit fisherfunerals.com. Fisher Family Funeral Services is honored to assist the Stone Family during this time.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

So Isaac called for Jacob and blessed him. Then he commanded him: "Do not marry a Canaanite woman. Go at once to Paddan Aram, to the house of your mother's father Bethuel. Take a wife for yourself there, from among the daughters of Laban, your mother's brother. May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and increase your numbers until you become a community of peoples. May he give you and your descendants the blessing given to Abraham, so that you may take possession of the land where you now reside as a foreigner, the land God gave to Abraham.' Then Isaac sent Jacob on his way, and he went to Paddan Aram, to Laban son of Bethuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, who was the mother of Jacob and Esau.

Now Esau learned that Isaac had blessed Jacob and had sent him to Paddan Aram to take a wife from there, and that when he blessed him he commanded him, "Do not marry a Canaanite woman," and that Jacob had obeyed his father and mother and had gone to Paddan Aram. Esau then realized how displeasing the Canaanite women were to his father Isaac; so he went to Ishmael and married Mahalath, the sister of Nebaioth and daughter of Ishmael son of Abraham, in addition to the wives he already had.

Genesis 28:1-9 (NIV)

Meeting Notices

The Hamilton Southeastern Schools Board of Trustees will meet for a work session at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 18, 2023, in the board room at the HSE Schools Administration Office, 13485 Cumberland Road, Fishers. A executive session will follow at 6 p.m.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5(a) The Hamilton County Safety Committee will meet to discuss occupational safety topics at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023, at the Hamilton County Highway Department, 1700 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Adams Township Board will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023, at the Adams Township Trustee's Office, 201 S. Main St., Sheridan. The agenda will include contracts for cost share and consultant, and the Volunteer Fire Department.

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The Hamilton Heights School Corporation Board of Trustees staff, and construction team will meet to discuss project planning at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023. at the Hamilton Heights Student Activity Center, 420 W. North St., Arcadia.

missioners will hold their last meeting of the year at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Hamilton County Com-

The Noblesville Economic Development Council Committee meeting scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2023, has been canceled.

The Westfield-Washington Advisory Plan Commission meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 18, 2023, has been canceled due to lack of an agenda.

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Sports

Swimming



Reporter photo by Julie Brown

Hamilton Southeastern's Jihoon Jung was first in the boys 200 free.

Greyhounds sweep HSE at Monday's dual meet

By RICHIE HALL

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CARMEL – The Carmel swim team hosted Hamilton Southeastern Monday evening in dual

competitions, with the said the team came into this the individual medley, and girls winning 146-40 and week with "a lot of energy," the boys triumphing 135-50. Carmel's girls swept every single event, while the Greyhounds boys were of 37 consecutive state

The Greyhounds swept opportunity," said Carm- veteran swimmers. Junior

and it was the Greyhounds' Senior Night as well.

Carmel's girls, winners winners in 10 of 12 events. championships, had sol-"It was a good racing id performances from its both the girls and boys el coach Chris Plumb. He Lynsey Bowen was first in

junior Alex Shackell won the 50 freestyle. Sophomore Molly Sweeney won the breaststroke, one of the events she won state in as a freshman last year. Carmel also swept all three relays.

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Dual Meet Results

GIRLS MEET

Team score: Carmel 146, Hamilton Southeastern 40.

200 medley relay: 1. Carmel "A" (Grace Dougherty, Molly Sweeney, Faith Gorey, Alex Shackell) 1:44.04, 2. Carmel "B" (Priscilla Smith, Juliana Wenrich, Brooke Cummings, Lily Clark) 1:52.03, 3. Carmel "C" (Rachel Dawson, Payton Clark, Emma Kou, Whitney Fung) 1:56.61, 4. Southeastern "B" (Izzy Schmitt, Lauren Ing, Lacey Huston, Anna Irish) 1:58.15.

200 freestyle: Sophia Floyd 1:54.88, 2. Addy Czarnecki 1:56.94, 3. Charlotte Fagin (C) 1:59.96, 4. Natalie Powers (C) 2:00.75, 5. Elise Herman (HSE) 2:13.39

200 individual medley: 1. Lynsey Bowen (C) 2:06.82, 2. Alyssa Street (C) 1:58.10, 3. Hannah McNally (C) 2:15.55, 4. Eloise Harrison (HSE) 2:15.56, 5. P. Clark (C) 2:22.60.

50 freestyle: 1. Shackell (C) 22.26, 2. Maddy Lathrop (C) 24.96, 3. Smith (C) 24.97, 4. Irish (HSE) 26.25, 5. Lily Clark (C) 26.26.

One-meter diving: 1. Melaina Munson (C) 231.85, 2. Eeva-Liisa Gibson (C) 176.75, 3. Ayla Abassi (C) 169.00, 4. Zoe Rehm (HSE) 166.60, 5. Adriana Salgado (HSE)

100 butterfly: 1. Gorey (C) 58.24, 2. Savannah Irizarry (C) 59.38, 3. Cummings (C) 1:01.49, 4. Meghan Voelker (HSE) 1:01.92, 5. Samantha Powers (C) 1:02.67.

100 freestyle: 1. Kayla Han (C) 52.68, 2. Lucy Enoch (C) 53.80, 3. Ella Chesterfield (HSE) 57.37, 4. Kou (C) 57.46, 5. Fung (C) 58.23.

500 freestyle: 1. Czarnecki (C) 5:11.78, 2. Floyd (C) 5:14.42, 3. N. Powers (C) 5:29.08, 4. Madison Conley (C) 5:35.22, 5. Schmitt (HSE) 5:36.28.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Carmel "A" (Lathrop, Street, Smith, Floyd) 1:39.69, 2. Southeastern "A" (Audrey Crawford, Meghan Voelker, Ellason Miller, Naomi Haines),

3. Carmel "C" (S. Powers, Weinrich, McNally, N. Powers) 1:45.09, 4. Carmel "B" (L. Clark, Cummings, Fung, Kou) 1:45.20.

100 backstroke: 1. Kayla Barr (C) 57.06, 2. Crawford (HSE) 58.40, 3. Lexie Ward (C) 58.67, 4. Fagin (C) 1:00.05, 5. Dawson (C)

100 breaststroke: 1. Sweeney (C) 1:02.26, 2. Lathrop (C) 1:09.43, 3. Dougherty (C) 1:09.75, 4. Weinrich (C) 1:10.71, 5. Haines (HSE) 1:11.69.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Carmel "A" (Han, Bowen, Enoch, Ward) 3:34.40, 2. Southeastern "A" (Kiley Zoeller, Henderson, Julia Kiley, Crawford) 3:38.26, 3. Carmel "B" (McNally, Fagin, Cummings, L. Clark) 3:46.29, 4. Southeastern "B" (Kelsey Graham, Voelker, Chesterfield, Schmitt) 3:52.77.

BOYS MEET

Team score: Carmel 135. Hamilton Southeastern 50.

200 medley relay: 1. Carmel "A" (Anderson Kopp, Brandon Malicki, Andrew Shackell, Michael Gorey) 1:34.42, 2. Southeastern "A" (Jacob Frey, Collin Huston, Jihoon Jung, Derek Robison) 1:37.59, 3. Carmel "C" (Freddy BruBaker, Tyson Haynes, Jack Street, Reilly Sweeney) 1:45.12, 4. Carmel "B" (Drew DuBois, Luke Feller, Cameron Harrell, Bryce Lowe) 1:45.16.

200 freestyle: 1. Jung (HSE) 1:45.39, 2. William Lathrop (C) 1:45.41, 3. Luke Pugh (C) 1:46.75, 4. Noah Moeller (C) 1:51.11, 5. Austin Bruford (C) 1:52.61.

200 individual medley: 1. Brian Qian (C) 1:55.36, 2. Cory Han (C) 1:58.10, 3. Kopp (C) 1:58.19, 4. DuBois (C) 2:07.10, 5. Alden Sealls (HSE) 2:11.42.

50 freestyle: 1. Malicki (C) 21.47, 2. Trent Allen (C) 22.47, 3. Camden Bailey (HSE) 23.29, 4. Jude Bearden (C) 23.81, 5. Frey (HSE) 24.45.

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Huskies come out on top at their own invitational

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights swim teams won both the girls and boys competitions of their own Husky Invitational last Saturday.

The Heights girls scored 299 points, comfortably ahead of runner-up Guerin Catholic's 221 points. The Huskies won nine of the 11 events, including double wins for Teegan Madara (200 freestyle, breaststroke), Sophia Hulen (50 and 100 freestyles) and Amira Leer (500 free and backstroke). Ayla Madara was first in the individual medley. Heights also won the medley and 400 free relays, both times with the above four swimmers.

The Golden Eagles' Kara Van Woerkom placed second in the IM and 500

In the boys meet, Heights scored 276 points to Lebanon's 259 and Guerin Catholic's 251. Aiden Clarke was first in the butterfly and was also part of the Huskies' winning medley relay, joining Owen VanHaaren, Blake Blackhurst and Rowen Donald.

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The Hamilton Heights swim teams swept both the girls and boys competitions at their own Husky Invitational last Saturday. The Heights girls won nine of 11 events, while the Huskies boys won two events and used their depth to win a close team competition.

The Golden Eagles won the most events with seven. Will Ladine was first in the 200 free and breaststroke, Drew Wilhite won the IM and backstroke, while Sam Holl was first in the 500 free. Guerin Catholic also claimed the 200 and 400 free relays, with Charlie Jurewicz joining the afore mentioned GC swimmers.

GIRLS MEET

Team scores: Hamilton Heights 299, Guerin Catholic 221, Kokomo 191, Lebanon 190, Tipton 171, Anderson 117.

200 medley relay: 1. Heights (Amira Leer, Teegan Madara, Avla Madara, Sophia Hulen) 1:54.19, 3. Guerin Catholic (Maggie Schlick, Katie Scott, Molly Deppen, Kalen Moe) 2:15.57.

200 freestyle: 1. T. Madara (HH) 1:58.98, 3. Bridget Keller (GC) 2:16.56, 5. Anna Monnin (HH) 2:24.47, 7. Moe (GC) 2:37.87.

200 individual medley: 1. A. Madara (HH) 2:17.53, 2. Kara Van Woerkom (GC) 2:27.72, 5. Schlick (GC) 2:43.74, 7. Adisynn Amos (HH)

50 freestyle: 1. Hulen (HH) 25.91, 5. Rachel England (HH) 29.23, 7. Ellie Gove (GC) 30.62, 9.

100 butterfly: 2. A. Madara (HH) 1:01.19, 6. Deppen (GC), 1:22.8, 7. Shanna Hackett (HH)

1:27.25, 8. Moe (GC) 1:29.16. 100 freestyle: 1. Hulen (HH) 56.41, 6. England (HH) 1:06.41, 7. Gove (GC) 1:08.79, 10. Capofari (GC) 1:13.97.

500 freestyle: 1. Leer (HH) 5:27.12, 2. Van Woerkom (GC) 5:48.00, 3. Keller (GC) 5:53.74, 6. Monnin (HH) 6:39.26.

200 freestyle relay: 4. Heights (England, Adalyn Gould, Monnin, Amos) 1:57.21, 5. Guerin Catholic (Scott, Gove, Keller, Van Woerkom) 2:01.86

100 backstroke: 1. Leer (HH) 1:04.15, 3. Schlick (GC) 1:13.70, 5. Gould (HH) 1:17.51, 6. Deppen

(GC) 1:24.93.

100 breaststroke: 1. T. Madara (HH) 1:12.04, 3. Scott (GC) 1:18.37, 5. Amos (HH) 1:23.09, 8. Brooke Bunnell (GC) 1:35.45.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Heights (Hulen, Leer, T. Madara, A. Madara) 3:51.25, 3. Guerin Catholic (Moe, Schlick, Keller, Van Woerkom) 4:20.51

BOYS MEET

Team scores: Hamilton Heights 276, Lebanon 259, Guerin Catholic 251, Anderson 184, Kokomo 130, Tipton 32.

200 medley relay: 1. Heights (Aiden Clarke, Owen VanHaaren, Blake Blackhurst, Rowen Donald) 1:49.24, 3. Guerin Catholic (Jude Hubner, Ethan Nimri, Joey Kunkel, Adam Jurewicz) 2:03.70.

200 freestyle: 1. Will Ladine (GC) 1:54.25, 2. Rudy Bowman (HH) 2:01.76, 3. Cole Martin (HH) 2:03.96, 10. Lucas Morse (GC) 2:21.65

200 individual medley: 1. Drew Wilhite (GC) 2:04.76, 2. Clarke (HH) 2:06.81, 4. VanHaaren (HH) 2:19.64, 7. Kunkel (GC) 2:37.87.

50 freestyle: 4. Donald (HH)

24.75, 6. Nimri (GC) 26.46, 7. A. Jurewicz (GC) 26.65, 9. Isaac Cor-

rell (HH) 29.44.

100 butterfly: 1. Clarke (HH) 55.17, 3. Sam Holl (GC) 58.36, 4. Blackhurst (HH) 1:02.15, 7. Kunkel (GC) 1:06.32.

100 freestyle: 3. Charlie Jurewicz (GC) 54.89, 4. Donald (HH) 56.20, 8. A. Jurewicz (GC) 1:02.00,

10. Owen Eschelman (HH) 1:06.19. 500 freestyle: 1. Holl (GC) 5:11.64, 2. R. Bowman (HH) 5:37.78, 3. Martin (HH) 5:42.61, 8.

Nimri (GC) 6:19.14. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Guerin Catholic (Ladine, C. Jurewicz, Holl, Wilhite) 1:35.05, 3. Heights (Donald, Blackhurst, Martin, R. Bow-

man) 1:41.72. 100 backstroke: 1. Wilhite (GC) 56.15, 3. C. Jurewicz (GC) 1:06.33, 4. Blackhurst (HH) 1:10.40, 8. Eschelman (HH)

1:21.56 100 breaststroke: 1. Ladine (GC) 1:05.87, 3. VanHaaren (HH) 1:09.72, 6. Max Bowman (HH) 1:20.70, 9. Hubner (GC) 1:30.01.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Guerin Catholic (Holl, C. Jurewicz, Ladine, Wilhite) 3:32.36, 3. Heights (Clarke, Martin, R. Bowman, Van-Haaren) 3:43.46.





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(Above left) Sheridan's Hayden Alexander was one of four Blackhawks to win by fall at the Blackhawks' meet with Guerin Catholic on Tuesday. Pictured for the Golden Eagles is Stephen Collins. (Above right) Guerin Catholic's Peter Nguyen won by technical fall; he was a state qualifier last year. Pictured for Sheridan is Eli Bales.

'Hawks ground Golden Eagles

By RICHIE HALL

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NOBLESVILLE

The Sheridan wrestling team won an all-county dual meet over Guerin Catholic 54-17 Tuesday at the Eagles Nest.

10 of the 13 contested matches, which included

(at 144) and Bailey Cra-click a little bit and they're leader of the team going Ryker Ream and Caleb win." Alexander were decision other wins.

"We have a lot of inexperience, but every match by technical fall. The Blackhawks won that we're wrestling, we're getting better," said Black- leading the team," said GC hawks coach Steve Leon- coach Dan Hubbard. "He four pins. Zach Bales (at ard. "I'm seeing a lot of really stepped it up last 175), Pablo Mendez (at improvement from the new year. He saw that he was

vens (at 150) each got falls. starting to get hungry to

Guerin Catholic was led winners, and Sheridan by Peter Nguyen, the Goldpicked up forfeits for their en Eagles senior who was a state qualifier last year. He won his 126-pound match

"He's doing a great job 138), Hayden Alexander kids. Things are starting to going to need to be the one."

into this senior year. And he's leading by example."

Dominic Moringiello got a pin at 157, and JP Hoefflin was a forfeit win-

"Three of our wrestlers are brand-new wrestlers, so we're still learning," said Hubbard. "It's a long season. "We'll bounce back from it and work harder and get ready for the next

SHERIDAN 54, GUERIN CATHOLIC 17 Meet started at 157 pounds

- 157: Dominic Moringiello (GC) def. Eli Bales (S) by fall, 1:10
- 165: Ryker Ream (S) def. Jack Hubbard (GC) by decision, 6-3
- 175: Zach Bales (S) def. Jonathan Sims (GC) by fall, 1:52 190: Jaden Dunbar (S) won by forfeit
- 215: Timmy Vyner (S) won by forfeit
- 285: Carsen Aleman (S) won by forfeit
- 106: Double forfeit
- 113: JP Hoefflin (GC) won by forfeit 120: Carson Ney (S) won by forfeit
- 126: Caleb Alexander (S) def. Sam Wagner (GC) by decision, 12-7 132: Peter Nguyen (GC) def. Trai Fitzgerald (C) by technical fall, 15-0
- 138: Pablo Mendez (S) def. Nolan Scheu (GC) by fall, 1:39
- 144: Hayden Alexander (S) def. Stephen Collins (GC) by fall, 1:50
- 150: Bailey Cravens (S) def. John Ring (GC) by fall, 2:21

MEET

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Other victorious Greyhounds girls were sophomore Kayla Hann in the 100 free, junior Addy Czarnecki in the 500 free and Kayla meet. Other boys winners Barr in the 100 backstroke for Carmel were sophoand senior Melaina Munson more Brian Qian (individual in diving. Meanwhile, two medley), sophomore Carter freshmen also won events: Hadley (100 free), freshman Sophia Floyd in the 200 Eddy Zhu (500 free), jufree and Faith Gorey in the nior Anderson Kopp (backbutterfly.

"They're doing great," know they're going to make relays as well. an impact in the lineup come sectional time."

Several of those swimmers were days removed from outstanding performances at the 2023 Speedo East Winter Junior Championships, which took place at Ohio State last week. (More about that meet will appear in a later edition of the Reporter.)

Brandon Malicki won the

Gregg Enoch was first in the butterfly. Both were part of state champion relays for Carmel at last year's state stroke) and freshman Trent Allen (breaststroke). The said Plumb. "I definitely 'Hounds claimed all three

> Southeastern had two victories, first from junior Jihoon Jung in the 200 free. Another Royals junior, Gavin Tucker, won diving.

"I was happy with the way that they competed," said HSE coach Christian Hanselmann. "One of the things that we're focusing on is learning how to race and practicing those, and In the boys meet, senior taking what we do in practice and putting it into place 50 free, while his classmate in competition. I think they



Reporter photo by Julie Brown

Carmel's Kayla Han won the girls 100 freestyle race during the Greyhounds' meet with Hamilton Southeastern on Monday.

did a good job tonight doing

RESULTS

Tucker (HSE) 262.20, 2. Henry Summers (C) 222.95, 3. Dryden Moore (HSE) 131.75, 4. Joey Justice (HSE) 99.45.

100 butterfly: 1. Gregg Enoch (C) 51.31, 2. Emile Haig (C) 52.46, 3. Pugh (C) 54.07, 4. Carson Szotek (C) 54.14, 5. Frey (HSE) 57.66.

100 freestyle: 1. Carter Hadley (C) 48.23, 2. Lathrop (C) 49.72, 3. Ethan Johnson (C) 51.50, 4. Bryce Lowe (C) 51.74, 5. Andrew Lu (HSE)

500 freestyle: 1. Eddy Zhu (C)

One-meter diving: 1. Gavin 4:48.65, 2. Lukas Biller (C) 4:53.97, 3. C. Harrell (C) 4:59.07, 4. Colin Cammack (C) 5:07.41, 5. Huston (HSE) 5:13.46.

> 200 freestyle relay: 1. Carmel "B" (Noah Moeller, Landon Holmes, James Porterfield, Lewis Zhang) 1:32.51, 2. Southeastern "A" (Robison, Bailey, Jung, Jack Waren) 1:32.58, 3. Carmel "C" (Feller, Ethan Johnson, Conner Fletchall, Alex Harrell) 1:35.96, 4. Southeastern "B" (Pugh, Huston, Jagger Chan, Xan-

der Goss) 1:36.25. 100 backstroke: 1. Kopp (C) 51.96, 2. Jung (HSE) 52.80, 3. Bru-Baker (C) 57.88, 4. Sweeney (C)

59.08, 5. Holmes (C) 59.11. 100 breaststroke: 1. Allen (C) 1:00.61, 2. Han (C) 1:00.68, 3. Ethan Zhang (C) 1:01.45, 4. Feller (C)

1:03.03, 5. Pugh (HSE) 1:03.92. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Carmel "A" (Hadley, Allen, Pugh, Shackell) 3:11.44, 2. Carmel "B" (Qian, Lathrop, Haig, Han) 3:14.54, 3. Southeastern "A" (Huston, Bailey, Robison, Waren) 3:24.02, 4. Carmel "C" (Cammack, Zhu, Holmes, Bruford)







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McDonald commits to Ball State



Photo courtesy Landon Denison, NHS Shadow Yearbook

Noblesville's Maya McDonald has the Ball State University women's swimming team. (Front row, from left) Maya McDonald and Brady McDonald (brother). (Back row, from left) Jim Pearce (Noblesville Girls Track & Field Head Coach, Aleks Fansler (Noblesville Swimming & Diving Head Coach), Matt McDonald (father), Shannon McDonald (mother), and Kristin Hetzel (Noblesville Girls Soccer Head Coach).

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Rank	School	Points	Record
1	Lawrence Central (15)	395	10-1
2	Hamilton Southeastern (5)	366	10-1
3	Columbia City	343	9-1
4	Fort Wayne Śnider	341	11-1
5	Lawrence North	299	8-2
6	Center Grove	293	10-1
7	Jennings County	256	9-1
8	Bedford North Lawrence	251	10-1
9	Homestead	233	7-1
10	Lake Central	209	10-1
11	Franklin Community	194	10-2
12	Northridge	171	11-1
13	South Bend Washington	157	9-2
14	Norwell	145	9-2
15	Zionsville	104	8-2
16	Fishers	97	8-3
17	Hamilton Heights	94	9-1
18	Noblesville	50	6-5
19	Indian Creek	45	8-2
20	Rensselaer Central	29	12-0

First place votes are in parentheses.

Other schools receiving votes, with records

Brownsburg (5-6), Caston (10-0), Eastern Hancock (10-0), Evansville Memorial (7-1), Franklin Central (3-4), Gibson Southern (6-3), Greensburg (9-2), Lanesville (11-0), Mooresville (10-2), North Knox (10-1), Plainfield (8-3), Scottsburg (10-1), Silver Creek (6-2), South Knox (8-1), Tippecanoe Valley (10-1), Warsaw (7-3), Western (10-0), Westfield (7-2).

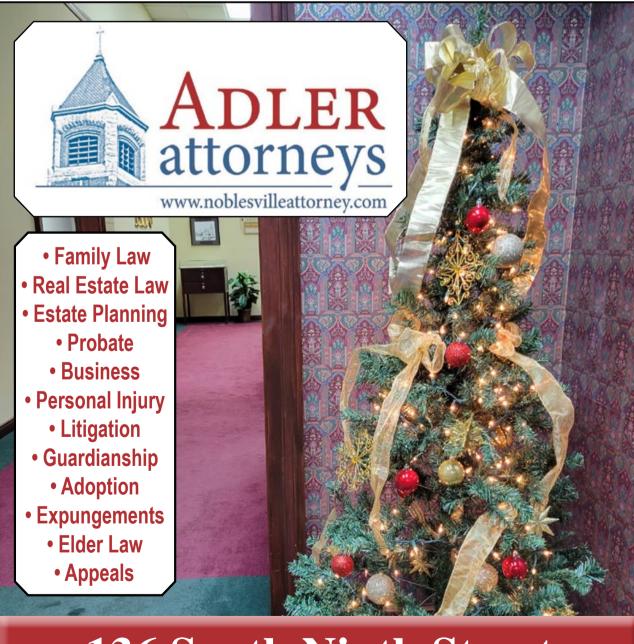
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	School	Points	Reco
11	Lawrence North (17)	434	4-0
2	Fishers (5)	423	6-0
3	Westfield	374	5-0
4	Cathedral	368	5-0
5	Noblesville	317	4-1
6	Ben Davis	310	3-1
7	Kokomo	232	4-2
8	Brownsburg	211	4-1
9	Crispus Attucks	210	4-2
10	Guerin Catholic	194	5-1
11	Brownstown Central	180	4-1
12	Chesterton	174	3-1
13	Anderson	163	4-0
14	Penn	110	4-1
15	Greenfield-Central	93	5-0
16	Evansville Harrison	86	4-0
17	South Bend Riley	84	5-0
18	Fort Wayne North Side	7-1	4-0
19	Lake Central	59	4-0
20	Fort Wayne Wayne	57	3-2

First place votes are in parentheses.

Other schools receiving votes, with records

Blackhawk Christian, Brebeuf Jesuit, Center Grove, Crown Point, Danville, Delta, Evansville Memorial, Fort Wayne Snider, Franklin Community, Gary West Side, Harrison, Heritage Christian, Heritage Hills, Lawrence Central, Manchester, North Central, Pike, Plainfield, Richmond, Scottsburg, Silver Creek, South Bend Adams, South Bend St. Joseph, Terre Haute South Vigo, Tipton, Wapahani, Warren Central, Zionsville.



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Girls Basketball—

Tigers, Huskies & Rocks off to good starts this week

The REPORTER

Fishers used a strong start to win over Pendleton Heights 70-49 Monday at the Tiger Den.

The Tigers jumped out to a 21-8 lead after one quarter, with Joirdyn Smith, Nevaeh Dickman and Allison Scheu all hitting 3s; Dickman scored seven points. Fishers led 32-22 at halftime, then surged again in the third quarter by outscoring the Arabians 19-7 for a 51-29 lead. Smith drained two more 3s, then made another one in the fourth period.

Scheu led the Tigers with 18 points, followed by Dickman with 16, Smith with 14 and Talia Harris with 11.

Fishers is 9-3 and hosts Hamilton Southeastern Saturday in the Mudsock game.

No. 1 team in Class 3A, rolled past Kokomo 52-23 Tuesday at the Wildkats' Memorial Gym.

The Huskies led 10-2 after one quarter and 25-9 at er HCC contest.

halftime. Heights had a perfect performance from the free-throw line by making all 13 of its shots. Camryn Runner was 8-of-8 and Ella Hickok went 5-for-5.

Runner scored 24 points, while Hickok added 16

Heights is 10-1 and hosts West Lafayette on Thursday.

Westfield won a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game at Avon Tuesday 65-

The game was tied 27-27 at halftime, but the Shamrocks roared ahead by scoring 23 points in the third quarter. Reagan Lorenzen poured in 23 points, with Ellie Kelleher adding 17 and Makayla Hatcher scoring 11 points off the bench.

A complete boxscore Hamilton Heights, the was unavailable at press

> Westfield is 2-1 in the conference and 8-2 overall. The 'Rocks host Noblesville Saturday afternoon in anoth-

FISHERS 70, PENDLETON HEIGHTS 49 Fishers Joirdyn Smith 3-6 Talia Harris Kate Thomas Nevaeh Dickman Allison Scheu Morgan Roberts Olivia Brookshire Alanna Anthony Makayla Triplett 0-0 **Natalie Thomas** 12-19 Totals **Score by Quarters** 20 - 49Pendleton Heights 8 19 - 70**Fishers** Fishers 3-pointers (8) Smith 4, Roberts, Dickman, Scheu, N.

HAMILTON	I HEI	GHTS 52	2, KC	KOMO 23					
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF					
Ella Hickok	5	5-5	16	0					
Katie Brown	3	0-0	8	0					
Camryn Runner	8	8-8	24	4					
Kassidy Schakel	1	0-0	2	4					
Hadleigh Cherry	1	0-0	2	2					
Taylor Harley	0	0-0	0	0					
Norah Reiger	0	0-0	0	0					
Kamryn Rhoton	0	0-0	0	0					
Presley Cherry	0	0-0	0	0					
Totals	18	13-13	52	10					
Score by Quarters									
Heights	10	15	17	10 – 52					
Kokomo	2	7	5	9 – 23					
Heights 3-pointers (3) Brown 2, Hickok.									

Royals wrestle to victory over Millers

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern boys wrestling team won a 38-23 dual meet over Noblesville Tuesday at the Royals' gym.

A full recap of this meet will appear in a later edition of the Reporter.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Dec. 13

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Seton Catholic at University, 6 p.m. Guerin Catholic at Perry Meridian, 7:30 p.m. Sheridan at Tipton, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 14 **BOYS WRESTLING**

Carmel at Kokomo, 6:30 p.m.

Noblesville at Westfield, 6:30 p.m. **GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Bethesda Christian at Sheridan, 6 p.m. University at Bishop Chatard, 7:30 p.m. West Lafayette at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING/DIVING University and International at Clinton Central, 6 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 15 **BOYS BASKETBALL**

Fishers at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m. Hamilton Heights at Western, 7:30 p.m. Heritage Christian at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.

North Central at Carmel, 7:30 p.m. Sheridan at Eastern, 7:30 p.m. University at Brebeuf Jesuit, 7:30 p.m. Westfield at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

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

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