

THURSDAY, DEC. 14, 2023

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Fishers students dominate!

Two teams take top spots at “We the People” state contest

The REPORTER

Fishers Junior High School won this year’s Indiana Bar Foundation Middle School We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution state championship.

Fall Creek Junior High School from Fishers finished second and Forest Ridge Academy from Schererville finished third in the annual competition held this week at the Historic Union Station and Crowne Plaza Downtown.

Unit Awards were given to these schools:

- Unit One: St. Richard’s Episcopal School, Indianapolis
- Unit Two: Castle South Middle School, Newburgh
- Unit Three: Woodside Middle School, Fort Wayne
- Unit Four: Helfrich Park STEM Academy, Class A, Evansville
- Unit Five: St. Malachy Catholic School, Brownsburg
- Unit Six: Carroll Middle School, Culbertson, Fort Wayne

The awards ceremony keynote speaker was Indiana Secretary of Education Dr. Katie Jenner.

“The Indiana Bar Foundation cannot be praised enough.



Photo provided

The Fishers Jr. High School team won this year’s “We the People” state competition.

The Bar Foundation is a lot of the reason our state has made a high level of progress,” Dr. Jenner said to a standing-room-only gathering in the Grand Hall of the Historic Union Station.

The Foundation administers the We the People program for Indiana.

“Congratulations to the state champions and to all 350 students participating in the finals,” Foundation President & CEO Charles Dunlap said. “The Foundation is thankful to teachers, administrators, parents, school communities, volunteer judges, and those whose finan-



Photo provided

Fall Creek Jr. High School placed second in the competition.

cial support allows the Foundation to provide We the People to more than 10,000 Indiana students annually.”

The We the People competition consists of simulated congressional hearings. Students

demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of constitutional principles through presenting their views on a specific topic and then defending their positions by answering questions from a panel of judges.

Letting my mom tell her history

My mother wrote about her personal history. She told the following story:

Sterling, a small village in Fountain County, Indiana, was my birthplace. Sterling lies next to Veedersburg, which being larger, has a post office. That was our address. I believe Sterling has now been incorporated with Veedersburg.

My father, the Rev. Charles E Howard, began his ministerial career in the Christian Church. Later it merged with the Congregationalists. He continued preaching for a total of 50 years. When I was almost 12, I made a public confession of my faith in Christ. A few months later my father baptized me in running water.

Verna F. Wilson from near Wingate, Indiana, was my mother. She was a fine Christian and dedicated to her home and family. There were seven children; I am the youngest having been born February 19, 1917, in my parents’ home.

These were Depression years. My father’s salary was never large, so there was no money for college. There were no jobs available. I had doubts about my future. About three weeks before the fall term began, one of my married brothers offered to loan me money for two years teachers’ training. I had already chosen Indiana Central College (now University of Indianapolis) as the place I wanted to attend. This was a United Brethren college and preachers’ kids were given a discount.

Two years later, armed with a teacher’s certificate, I began my job hunt. All kinds of jobs were still very scarce. Still hoping to find a school by fall, I found work at R.R. Donnelley’s in Crawfordsville, Indiana. I was fortunate in starting in immediately to work in the bindery at \$.33 an hour. I soon made timekeeper for the day shift during the summer. Later I became a cost clerk and was moved upstairs.

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COLUMNIST

RAY ADLER

Ask Adler

Students learn & earn through paid teacher apprenticeship program

By SHANA SLOMA
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Westfield High School (WHS) is giving students interested in teaching an opportunity to earn both income and college credit through Indiana’s first registered teacher apprenticeship program.

The program was created by The Pursuit Institute’s (TPI) Founding Executive Director Carrie Lively, in partnership with Ball State University. The program gives students a chance to receive college credit, obtain invaluable work experience within their own district, and potentially receive

greater than minimum wage during a federally approved apprenticeship. The five-year educator-focused program creates a pathway for college-bound students seeking a career in education beginning in their junior or senior year of high school and supports students throughout their academic journey.

Through dual enrollment at Ball State University, students can obtain as many as 34 transferable credit hours toward a degree in elementary education prior to finishing high school. Prospective teachers will have the opportunity to work as paid apprentices alongside teacher

mentors in a team teaching environment throughout various Westfield Washington elementary schools.

The apprenticeship program kicked off in 2022 through Noblesville High School with only one student. It expanded this year to include other interested students throughout Hamilton County, including three Westfield High School juniors ready to pursue the goal of becoming educators.

Through Hamilton County schools’ collaborative career center, TPI, Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) initiated a program that not only

taught students how to educate others but helped students obtain necessary hours in the field while earning income. Westfield’s program offering a paid employment opportunity was then opened to other students within the district whose own programs were more limited in scope.

Mackenna Johnson, the first student to enroll in the registered teacher apprenticeship program through Noblesville High School, spent her junior year apprenticing at the Boys and Girls Club of Noblesville after school.

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Kiwanis Club of Cicero serves local children through King’s Treasure event

The REPORTER

The members of the Kiwanis Club of Cicero are the embodiment of serving others throughout the year, but during the holiday season they take the “season of giving” to heart.

“For most of us, the holiday season is a time for joy and giving,” explained Jan Unger, Kiwanis Club of Cicero member and chair of the King’s Treasure event. “Unfortunately, for families and individuals struggling during the holidays, it can be anything but joyful.”

King’s Treasure was started in 1996 by Cicero Firefighter Danny Kelly. When Kelly was transferred to another department the Cicero Fire Department and the town of Cicero continued the holiday event until 2006, when Kiwanis Club of Cicero took over the event.

King’s Treasure is a day-long event, months in the making. Unger and her committee members work to solicit donations and sponsorships throughout the year. They wrap and place toy collection boxes throughout the communities during the months of November and December. They work out all the “day of” event details with the Cicero Christian



The Kiwanis Club of Cicero does everything it can to make sure no kid goes without a toy to open on Christmas morning. And Club President Todd Clevenger (far right) will be the first to admit this season of giving brings out his inner kid!

Church. They spend a delightful day shopping for truckloads of gifts and arrange for all the food the day of the event.

Finally, families arrive at the church and the children are greeted by the sight of hundreds of toys from which they get to choose anything they want. Once they have decided on their treasures, they have lunch with their families and at some point, during the afternoon, the jolliest of elves arrives to visit with the children.

“Christmas is a magical time for children,” Kiwanis Club of Cicero President Todd Clev-

enger said. “It is heartbreaking to imagine a child not being able to experience the joy and wonderment of the season, or the thought of a parent working hard to pay bills and buy food, knowing they just don’t have anything extra for Christmas.”

The Kiwanis Club of Cicero works with the Good Samaritan Network to determine which families to invite to the King’s Treasure event each year, and this year 160 children were invited to participate. Invitations are sent out to the families in November and the Kiwanis members count down the days in

anticipation until the event. Any toys left over from the event are donated to Riley Hospital for Children, which gives out approximately 4,000 toys a month.

“As children we’re often taught that giving is better than receiving,” Clevenger said. “Looking around the gym at the faces of our club members during the event, I am going to have to challenge that adage. Giving back during the holidays is more than just spreading good cheer, it’s about ensuring everyone can experience the joy of this special time of year. By giving, we receive so much more!”



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Life changing

The last two years I have poured my heart and soul into serving as the National Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. I have had my life shaped in great ways on many different occasions. Aside from the birth of my two boys and raising them, no other single experience has changed my life in such a positive way as that role did.

Public speaking and vulnerably sharing my story about my lifelong journey as a disabled person used to be two things that used to caused me great anxiety. My role as the National Ambassador was full of moments like that, and guess what? I learned to face my fears, and the more I did those things, the more I realized that by facing the things that caused me the most fear and anxiety, I was changed for the better.

I learned that standing up and speaking, sharing my story as someone living with a rare form of Muscular Dystrophy, it really wasn’t about me just getting through the speech, or writing the blog post. It was about who I was helping by doing those things.

I lived the first 44 years of my life searching for a reason for my weak muscles and difficulty walking. Searching for answers, wanting a diagnosis instead of being referred to in the medical world as “unidentified.” All I wanted was to find someone in the world who understood me on the level of understanding I was desperately seeking. I just wanted that one person who could say, “I get it.” To fill that gaping hole of loneliness I felt from being so physically different from those around me.

I had a very loving and supportive family, and wonderful friends. But still, I needed someone who was just like me. So, when I was finally diagnosed with Muscular Dystrophy five years ago, I immediately set out on a mission. That mission was to find those feeling that same loneliness and meet them where they were, and tell them, “I get you.” To be the person for someone else that I always longed for.

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COLUMNIST

AMY SHINNEMAN

Disability in the City

TEACH

Desiring a more formal classroom setting aligning with her teaching goals, Johnson sought out the opportunity to teach through the WWS district’s more comprehensive program. WWS Superintendent Paul Kaiser allowed Johnson to enter Westfield’s program, giving both Johnson and WWS the benefit of a joint approach to education.

The registered teacher apprenticeship program not only creates better prepared teachers, but it also aids the ongoing teacher shortage by driving teacher retention within each of Hamilton County’s districts.

“The teacher apprenticeship was a natural fit for our

community,” Lively said. “We have highly desired schools that people want to teach in, and if we can grow our own teachers early and create a pipeline of teachers filling those gaps as educators then we can better serve all students and create systemic change.”

Director of Teacher Pathway Programs for Ball State University Mary Rinehart also supports the “grow your own” model of forming new teachers. When asked about the university’s goal of the registered teacher apprenticeship program, Rinehart said, “The vision behind this program is that through early experience within their school district,

[the students] are motivated to go back and become an asset for their entire community.”

According to WWS Director of College Careers and Strategic Development Lindsay Tomamichel, one important feature of the apprenticeship program is the opportunity for employment. Students must go through an interview process in order to be hired through the district if they wish to be paid employees.

Although Ball State has generously donated a grant to WWS, Tomamichel said the money is used to provide a stipend for the teacher mentors and that the district has chosen to pay students

out-of-pocket. She said WWS is “committed to giving every opportunity possible to the students,” which is why there is no cap on the number of students permitted into the teacher apprenticeship program. The cost of employing the students and for dual enrollment does, however, rest solely on the district.

The program currently focuses on elementary education with no internships available in the high school due to the age of the students. There is potential for student apprentices to gain experience in the middle school setting, but Tomamichel indicates that so far there has been no interest

expressed for that age group.

Apprentices are peppered throughout the WWS elementary schools providing a variety of services supporting the needs of the classroom.

Along with observing teacher mentors, student interns assemble materials for lessons, teach small groups, assist with playground duty, and provide additional support as needed.

Sara Sundo is a kindergarten teacher mentor at Washington Woods Elementary School who said she thoroughly enjoys her role inspiring the next wave of future educators.

“I love to have them because they are young

and excited,” Sundo said. “Teaching is about building relationships especially in early education. Showing the student teachers how to connect with students and manage behavior is also an important skill.”

Though changes and enhancements are expected as the registered teacher apprenticeship program continues to evolve, Lively maintains that the goal of TPI remains the same.

“We want to be able to expand career and technical education opportunities to all students no matter what their ZIP code might be, so that they have equitable access to education and training,” Lively said.

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HER HISTORY

The work was pleasant and pays adequate for the times. There were opportunities for advancement. However, I still wanted to be a teacher. After two years with Donnelley’s, I resigned to teach at Rob Roy a few miles from my parents.

While in college I met Thomas Adler. We were married May 3, 1941, by

my father in our home. Tom was buying a farm in Adams County, Indiana, near his folks. We have lived on that farm for 52 years. Besides farming he taught school for 39 years. I taught for some years and did a lot of substitute teaching. With three children and helping with farm chores, there was hardly time for full-time teaching.

We continued our education and by 1956 both of us had earned Bachelors’ Degrees at Huntington College, Huntington, Indiana. In 1970, we received Masters’ Degrees in Guidance in Education from St. Francis,

a Catholic College in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Our church background is varied. Tom’s family was members of the Reformed Church, which later merged with the Evangelical Church. Soon after our marriage, he and I joined a Methodist church. For several years we attended a Church of the Brethren. In 1954, we united with Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church, Decatur, Indiana. It was in the early 60s when we merged with the CC Church.

We have been active in each church we have attended. Both of us have

been Sunday School teachers. On occasion both of us have filled in when the pastor was away. At times we do dialogues in lieu of a sermon or when teaching adult classes. These are always well received. We have been writing our own scripts for Sunday School lessons and talks for men or ladies groups. We also give talks for various groups outside the church and have been featured as after dinner speakers a number of times. Usually these talks are given solo, but we get some requests for, “Tom and Dorothy do something together.”

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I have been overwhelmed with those reaching out and thanking me for being so open and vulnerable to help others. It is not always easy sharing some of those difficult memories of what life has been like living with a disability, but I have seen firsthand what a difference that can make. I have heard from parents of children who are disabled, young women and men, and many people around my age who are also living with a disability who have become great friends.

As I transition out of the role of National Ambassador, I am excited for this new opportunity to share

my story on a different level. I hope to continue to raise awareness for those living with disabilities while sharing some past and present ups and downs of what life is like from my view. I grew up in Noblesville, so being able to share this with the community I was raised in is an honor for me. Until next time ...

Amy Shinneman is a former National Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, disability blogger, wife, and mom of two boys. You can find her blog at humblycourageous.com and reach her on Instagram @ashinneman.

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You truly cannot put a price on the smiles of so many happy local children at Christmastime. Photo provided

57 local children will now have Christmas thanks to Shop for Kids

Submitted by Dustin Dixon

Last Saturday, Dec. 9, approximately 50 law enforcement officers from the Indiana State Police, Cicero Police Department, Arcadia Police Department, and Sheridan Police Department took 57 Hamilton County kids Christmas shopping in the annual Shop For Kids shopping event.

The organization estimates that approximately \$13,000 was spent during the shopping trip this year to ensure that each child has Christmas presents during the holiday season.

The officers and families met at Harbour Shores Church in Cicero for break-

fast and then paired up in police cars for the ride to Target.

Shop For Kids is a local non-profit organization founded in 2009 by Todd Green. Green is a retired county law enforcement officer but was an active law enforcement officer during that time. After pitching the idea to then-Hamilton County Sheriff Doug Carter, the tradition was born. Each year, law enforcement officers volunteer their time to treat local children to breakfast and then a ride complete with lights and sirens to Target in Fishers. The kids are referred to Shop For Kids from various organizations including

Good Samaritan Network, Youth Assistance, township trustees, etc.

Shop For Kids is made up of several board members, according to Board President Dustin Dixon. Dixon is a local law enforcement officer who has been involved since the inception along with several local officers.

Other board members include Brandon Oburn, Beth Oburn, Lori Tragesser, Danielle Roque, Ryan Horine, Scott McAllister, Nicky Cremer, and Chuck Werckenthien. Green serves in a founder role and gets to focus on selecting and interacting with the families chosen on an annual basis.

While no longer affiliated with a specific law enforcement agency, Shop For Kids partners with local law enforcement agencies to complete the annual shopping trip. For further information, please contact Shop For Kids at shopforkidshc@gmail.com or visit [Facebook.com/ShopForKidsHC](https://www.facebook.com/ShopForKidsHC).

Shop For Kids holds an annual golf outing fundraiser, which is scheduled for Sept. 30, 2024, at Sagamore Golf Club in Noblesville.

Donations are accepted year-round via check or Venmo @therealshopforkids. You can mail your donations to: Shop For Kids, 176 W. Logan St., Suite 116, Noblesville, IN 46062.

Bishop Julius Trimble calls for unity, prayer & peace in urgent message against antisemitism

As a Christian leader, I bear a profound obligation and responsibility to oppose antisemitism whenever and wherever it occurs. As an African American United States citizen, I refuse to be ambiguous or approach this commitment to stand against violence and hatred directed toward Jewish people as somehow a binary choice or a denial of suffering of some over others. Injustice *anywhere* and hatred directed toward *any* people are a threat to the whole of the human family.

While the term antisemitism is used to address both attitudes expressed and acts of hatred and violence, it is experienced as expressed prejudice against Jews.

Reported acts of antisemitism and violence against Jewish people have been documented and are on the rise. Protests on college campuses and the aftermath of the attack by Hamas on Oct. 7, followed by Israeli military response in Gaza, has elevated pain and suffering to the world's stage for all to see.

Lost in the debates and devastating humanitarian crisis is the decades-long commitment of many people in the Jewish and Palestinian communities who have labored together to charter a peaceful future for all the people who call the Holy Land their home. As a United Methodist Christian, I am aware that Christians, too, have been complicit in antisemitism, Islamophobia, and the marginalization of peoples we choose, at times, to segregate by

culture, race, language, or religion. A resolution dating back to 2016 by The United Methodist Church on Christian Jewish Relations still has merits for our challenge today: "As followers of Jesus Christ, we deeply repent of the complicity of the Church and the participation of many Christians in the long history of persecution of the Jewish people. It is our responsibility as Christians to oppose antisemitism whenever and wherever it occurs."

As my Jewish neighbors celebrate Hanukkah, I pray for safety and peace in their homes and places of worship, the safety that has eluded thousands who are on the move across the globe in search for sanctuary and safety.

As I celebrate Advent and the days and nights leading up to Christmas, I recognize that we all share one planet, and our religious and ethnic identities cannot excuse us from the work that will yield a world free from the grip of hatred and violence.

It is indeed the peacemakers who will be called the children of God (Matthew 5:9). In the words of the Gospel song by Rev. Hezekiah Walker, "I won't harm you with words from my mouth, I love you, I need you to survive."

We need each other to build the world with a landscape of peace and justice for all.

Julius C. Trimble is the Resident Bishop of the Indiana Conference of The United Methodist Church.



A time-honored tradition without all the hassle

The REPORTER

As Christmas nears, the lines at the mall to get photos taken with Santa get longer and longer. This year, people in Noblesville can skip the lines and get their photos done quickly at Outlook Hamilton instead.

From 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 21, the 55+ Active Adult community is opening its doors to the public for "Selfies with Santa."

People can bring their kids and grandkids – and pets on a leash – to the community to get those cherished photos with Santa taken.

Outlook Hamilton is located at 12975 Harrell Pkwy., Noblesville, and is just northwest of the Hamilton Town Center mall.

"Our staff members would be happy to take the photos, or people can take photos themselves using

their camera phones," Outlook Hamilton Community Manger Mark Idlewine said. "The idea is to take advantage of the great technology offered today to capture memories."

The free event also serves as another opportunity to enjoy a fun holiday party. Cookies and cocoa will be served.

About Outlook Hamilton

Outlook Hamilton is

a 55+ Active Adult apartment community that offers residents a renewed sense of purpose with the luxury of time to explore a lifestyle that fulfills them and brings meaning to their day. The community celebrated its grand opening in May 2023. For more information about "Selfies with Santa," call (317) 463-0558 or go to [OutlookHamilton.com](https://www.outlookhamilton.com).

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(Micah 5:5)

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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!

Hamilton County Parks Director recognized as “Outstanding Advocate”

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Director Chris Stice was presented the Outstanding Advocate of the Year Award at the Indiana Park & Recreation Association (IPRA) Annual Conference recently held in Fort Wayne, Ind.

The statewide association bestows awards on individuals and agencies that have contributed to the parks and recreation field in a manner worthy of recognition by the professional organization and its members. During the ceremony, IPRA leadership conveyed to their members and guests that “Chris’s passion, leadership, and tireless advocacy have truly set a standard of excellence for us all.”

Stice, who began his career with Hamilton County Parks 28 years ago, has served as the department’s director since 2020.

“I was humbled by the recognition I received from my fellow parks professionals and will continue to passionately advocate for the advancement of parks and the responsible stewardship of our county’s parklands and green spaces,” Stice



Hamilton County Parks Director Chris Stice (middle) was presented with IPRA’s Outstanding Advocate of the Year Award by IPRA Board of Directors President Steve McDaniel and Susan O’Connor, past president.

said. “Of the number of projects with which I am currently involved, I am especially excited about *Project AWARE Goes to the Parks*, a program that provides opportunities for parks departments to receive staff training on mental health and/or

create youth programming in outdoor spaces that positively impact mental health and physical activity.”

To learn more about Hamilton County Parks and the department’s mission, visit MyHamiltonCountyParks.com, follow the

park department on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/hcparks) or call (317) 770-4400. Information regarding Indiana Park & Recreation Association is available online at inpra.org. Additional *Project AWARE* details can be found at projectawarein.org.

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Noble PC moves to spacious new location

Submitted

Noble PC, a beloved local business known for its exceptional customer service and expertise in computer services, has announced its relocation to a new, more spacious facility in Noblesville.

Starting January 2024, Noble PC will welcome customers at its new address: 17555 Willowview Road.

The new location, conveniently situated at the intersection of State Road 32 and Willowview Road (just west of Randall & Roberts

Funeral Home), promises a host of improvements aimed at enhancing the customer experience. The most notable upgrade is the availability of ample parking space, addressing one of the most common feedback points from customers at their current location.

Noble PC Owner Nik Roberts expressed enthusiasm about the move.

“Our commitment to providing the best service to our customers remains our top priority,” Roberts said. “This relocation is a significant step towards improv-

ing accessibility and convenience for all our patrons, including those with special accessibility needs.”

The new facility features a customer-friendly layout with the entrance at the rear of the building, complete with handicap access. Clear signage will guide customers to the new entrance, ensuring a seamless transition to the new location.

Noble PC’s loyal customer base have expressed excitement about the move. Regular customer Tim Stewart commented, “I’ve always appreciated the quality of

service and lack of pressure at Noble PC. The new location with better parking and accessibility sounds fantastic, and I can’t wait to visit.”

Customers are encouraged to keep up to date with the move and other announcements by following the Hamilton County Reporter or visiting Noble PC’s website at noble-pc.com. The team at Noble PC looks forward to continuing to serve the Noblesville community from their new home and thanks their customers for their ongoing support and patronage.

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Westfield Post Office offers extended hours

The REPORTER

The Westfield Post Office will offer extended hours for holiday mailing and shipping from Saturday, Dec. 16 through Friday, Dec. 22.

Those hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

Shipping & mailing deadlines

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

U.S. by Christmas Day:

• **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.

No holiday surcharges

The Postal Service has announced it will not levy any additional surcharges for customers this holiday season, offering increased predictability in pricing

for customers. There will be no additional fees for residential area delivery, for Saturday delivery, or for minimum volumes. USPS will continue to be the most affordable way to mail and ship this holiday season.

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Local DAR Chapter honors Vietnam Veteran

The REPORTER

Vietnam era veteran, Richard Steckley, 85 years young, was honored for his service to our country at the Horseshoe Prairie Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution Christmas meeting on Dec. 9.

Mr. Steckley, a Bronze Star recipient, served two tours of duty during the conflict.

Chapter Regent Shirley Smith presented Mr. Steckley with a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol Building at the request of Representative Victoria Spartz in honor of Steckley. The members of the Horseshoe Prairie DAR Chapter thanked Richard for his service with applause and a standing ovation.

Steckley and his wife, Jean, will present a program in September recounting their experiences when he served, and their months



(From left) Jean Steckley, Richard Steckley, and Horseshoe Prairie Regent Shirley Smith.

Photo provided

of separation as husband, wife, and parents during the Vietnam War.

About NSDAR

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a women's service organization whose members can trace their lineage to an individual who contributed to securing American independence during the Revolutionary War. Today's DAR is dynamic and diverse, with over 185,000 members in 4,000 chapters in the United States and abroad.

DAR members annually

provide millions of hours of volunteer service to their local communities across the country and world. DAR chapters participate in projects to promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism. Over one million members have joined the organization since its founding in 1890.

If you are interested in learning more about DAR membership, visit dar.org or contact Shirley Hunter Smith at Shirley1776@yahoo.com.

Rep. Spartz announces local students nominated to military academies

The REPORTER

This month, Rep. Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) announced the names of several high school seniors across Indiana's Fifth District who have been nominated to attend the United States Military Academies. These academies allow young people to serve our country while receiving full scholarships from some of our world class institutions of higher learning.

"It is a privilege to nominate these extraordinary students," Rep. Spartz said. "This year's applicants represented our district's best and brightest to be considered for these prestigious positions."

Academy at West Point

- Reed Alexander – Hamilton Southeastern High School
- Joseph Del Busto – Carmel High School
- Chloe De Leon – Carmel High School
- Maxwell Johns – Noblesville High School
- Dominic Moringiello – Guerin Catholic School
- Harold Williams, III – Hamilton Southeastern High School

Air Force Academy

- Chloe De Leon – Carmel High School

- Tillman Etchison – Hamilton Heights High School

- Christine Hu – Carmel High School

- Maxwell Johns – Noblesville High School

- Spencer Luhrs – Carmel High School

- Caleb Myers – Fishers High School

- Jackson Nevil – Tipton High School

- Jack Roby – Fishers High School

- Jack Roby – Fishers High School

Merchant Marine Academy

- Tillman Etchison – Hamilton Heights High School

- Luke Osborne – Homeschooled

- Caleb Ritter – Fishers High School

- Wyatt Wade – Noblesville High School

Naval Academy

- Chloe De Leon – Carmel High School

- Tillman Etchison – Hamilton Heights High School

- Sean Halvorsen - Noblesville High School

- Christine Hu – Carmel High School

- Maxwell Johns - Noblesville High School

- Jackson Nevil – Tipton High School

- Luke Osborne – Homeschooled



Spartz

Community News

See Santa in Cicero

Santa is coming to the Hamilton North Public Library in Cicero!

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.

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Local artists get greatest commission of their lives

Submitted by HCAA
Were you able to stop by the Conference Room in Noblesville’s South Alley to see the live Santa Claus model painting?
Several artists came by to paint St. Nick along with countless people stopping by to watch while art was being created. Actually, Santa says he is so overwhelmed right now because most folks have been especially good this year, and the Hamilton County Artists’ Association (HCAA) was lucky to get him to stop by and model.
Dec. 2 was Shop Local Saturday, and along with the

Holiday in Lights Parade, downtown Noblesville was hopping. HCAA is always happy to partner with the city of Noblesville for the pop-up exhibit for Small Business Saturday and Shop Local Day.
HCAA’s Open Studio Live Model Painting is always on Thursdays from 6 to 9 p.m. at 195 S. 5th St., Noblesville. Any artist is invited to join and paint for a \$10 fee, which goes to the model. Any art enthusiasts are invited at no cost to watch HCAA artists create and even converse with them.
At HCAA, artists love



Photo provided by HCAA
Santa needed a new portrait, so his friends at the Hamilton County Artists’ Association helped out.
creating fine art and, they are always willing to serve the art-appreciating community of Hamilton County.



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Limited offer: Westfield Christmas ornament

Submitted
Introducing the Special Edition 2023 Westfield, Indiana Ornament – a timeless keepsake capturing the essence of this vibrant community. This limited-edition ornament is a celebration of Westfield’s unique charm and is the perfect addition to your festive decor.
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[Click here](#) to purchase your ornament before they’re gone. All proceeds will go to the Westfield Chamber of Commerce.

Westfield Mayor-elect Scott Willis selects director of communications

The REPORTER
Westfield Mayor-elect Scott Willis has announced Kayla Arnold as the new Director of Communications for the City of Westfield.
“Communication and transparency are cornerstone components of my vision that I have emphasized over the last two years,” Willis said. “One of my primary goals for my administration is to advance communications with the community. Kayla Arnold has excelled in the field of community engagement at the municipal level, and I am elated to promote her to this vital role with the City of Westfield.”
As Director of Communications, Arnold will be responsible for all functions of the communications strategy and engagement tactics for the City of

Westfield. This includes public and media relations and timely dissemination of information through social media, digital, and email to support city initiatives. She will also ensure the city’s communications align with the administration’s goals and objectives while fostering a culture of positivity, engagement, and awareness.
“I am thrilled to continue my work with the City of Westfield in this exciting new role with Mayor-Elect Willis and the new administration,” Arnold said. “Westfield is at a pivotal point in its history, and I am eager to



Arnold



Willis

utilize my skills and experience to help advance Westfield.”
Arnold, who has nearly a decade of municipal government experience, currently serves the city as the Director of Westfield Welcome, in which she oversees the team responsible for planning and executing events within the community on behalf of the city. She has a degree in mass communications, marketing, and public relations from Indiana University. She is a Certified Public Manager from Ball State and is pursuing a Master of Public Administration from Purdue.

Arnold will begin this new role on Jan. 1, 2024.
Kelley Wells, a Community Events Coordinator with Westfield Welcome, will assume the role of Westfield Welcome Manager on Jan. 1, 2024. Wells has been with the city for nearly nine years.



Photos courtesy MashCraft Brewery

The folks at MashCraft think Santa Claus may have had enough cookies, and he’s probably quite thirsty for a special pop . . . and they’re right!

Jingle Brews: MashCraft welcomes Santa to Fishers

The REPORTER
Ho, ho, ho! Santa Claus is coming to town, and he will make a stop at [MashCraft Fishers](#) from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16.
During this free event, families are invited to come visit Santa, and one of his elves will offer face painting for the kids.
What about food and beverage options? MashCraft has you covered.
For years, the MashCraft Brewing team has grown tired of seeing Santa’s reindeer stuck with carrots while he eats a plate full of cookies at every house. Not this year! During the event on Saturday, MashCraft will release a new seasonal beer for adult attendees aged 21 and over: Reindeer Cookies, a

holiday spiced ale featuring beautiful holiday spices and a malty finish.
As for food, MashCraft Fishers’ [full menu](#) will be available, with a special addition: cinnamon sugar pretzels – which pair perfectly with the Reindeer Cookies spiced ale.
Additionally, MashCraft will accept donations during the event for sweatpants, sweatshirts, underwear and socks for girls and boys sizes 3T to 8 for children at [St. Mary’s Early Childhood Center](#). MashCraft encourages you to share the joy this holiday season and bring smiles to children in need.
Feel free to stay at MashCraft Fishers after seeing Santa, since the holiday fun will continue with the Indianapolis Colts game on

TV during the afternoon and Ugly Sweater Karaoke starting at 7 p.m.
All event details for Saturday can also be found [here](#).
About MashCraft
MashCraft is a locally-owned and operated craft brewery with taprooms that serve three distinct communities in Fishers, downtown Indianapolis and Greenwood. MashCraft takes pride in its variety, offering more than a dozen rotating mashed in-house beers on tap each month. Every taproom offers a full food menu, and a family-friendly and dog-friendly environment. For more information about MashCraft Fishers, [click here](#) and follow MashCraft on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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INDems name Dayna Colbert as new Executive Director

The REPORTER

The Indiana Democratic Party announced on Wednesday that Dayna Colbert will serve as the party's new executive director beginning in January. She currently serves as the Hamilton County Democratic Party Chair.

"After years of building up the party as chair in Hamilton County, I am excited and eager to join the IDP statewide team as the next executive director in

the new year," Colbert said. "Over the last few years in Hamilton County, we have made considerable inroads that can give us a blueprint for more statewide success. In 2024

and beyond, we will continue to be the party working to bring back balance to our state, improve, protect, and restore healthcare options and personal freedoms, fund our local schools, and expand economic opportunities for all.

"Hoosiers are eager for change after 20 years of a one-party race to the bottom. Now more than ever, Hoosiers are looking across state lines and seeing our neighbors with more rights and more freedoms than we have in Indiana, and that is simply unacceptable. I'm ready to work hard to build up our party across the state."

Colbert has served as Chair of the Hamilton County Democratic Party since March 2021. Under her leadership, she saw



Colbert

Destiny Wells win both Carmel and Fishers, and come within 5 percent of winning Hamilton County during the 2022 Secretary of State race. She is also the first Black chair of a political party in Hamilton County history.

During the 2023 municipal cycle, Colbert led the largest grassroots Democratic political effort ever in Hamilton County. This helped the party identify hundreds of new donors, volunteers, and activists while receiving a record number of votes.

In addition to serving as Hamilton County Democratic Party Chair, Colbert has also served as 5th District Chair for the Indiana Young Democrats since March 2020 and was Chair of the Hamilton County Young Democrats between 2017 and 2021. She is an alumna of Hoosier Women Forward, a political and civic leadership program designed to encourage Democratic women to be more involved politically in their

communities and state.

Colbert received her BA in journalism from Ball State University in 2012 and her MS in Information and Communication Sciences from Ball State in 2013.

Outside of politics, Colbert has accumulated significant private sector experience, helping businesses succeed with a focus on market research and project management.

"We are excited for Dayna to help lead our party as we enter a critical election year for Indiana," Indiana Democratic Party Chair Mike Schmuhl said. "Over the last few election cycles, she has shown her dedication to the party by working on large coordinated campaigns, serving as a leader in the Young Democrats, and leading as our chair in Hamilton County, one of the most politically important counties in our state. The team at IDP is eager to work with Dayna as we work to break the supermajority, elect more Democrats to office, build our bench, and put in place programs to welcome more Hoosiers to our coalition."

Sen. Braun's bill to combat opioid crisis passes committee

The REPORTER

The Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions has passed a bill by U.S. Senators Mike Braun (R-Ind.), Joe Manchin (D-W.V.), and Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.) to combat the opioid crisis. The bill, the Ensuring the FDA Fully Examines Clinical Trial Impact and Vitalness before Endorsement (EFFECTIVE) Act, would allow the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to deny a new drug application for an opioid analgesic drug on the basis of the drug not being clinically superior to other commercially available drugs.

"The opioid epidemic has permeated every corner of Indiana and left communities devastated from the loss of life and opportunity," Sen. Braun said. "Drug overdoses are now one of the most common causes of death in Indiana. I'm proud we were able to pass this bill out of committee because it's a much-needed bipartisan

solution to slow the growth of the crisis by tightening up the FDA approval process for opioid drugs by taking efficacy into account when approving new ones."

Background

The EFFECTIVE Act would allow the FDA to deny a new drug application for an opioid analgesic drug on the basis of the drug not being clinically superior to other commercially available drugs.

This bill would provide further authority to the FDA so they can review the public health impact of every new opioid approval and deny new drug applications even if the pharmaceutical company sponsored clinical trials show that a particular drug is "safe." Importantly, this bill fulfills a request to ensure that the FDA is able to fully implement the recommendations from the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine's (National Academies) 2017 report, Pain Management and the Opioid Epidemic.



Braun

Meeting Notices

The Westfield City Council will hold its last meeting of the year at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2023, at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St., Westfield.

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 5 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 18, 2023, at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St., Carmel.

The Mt. Vernon Board of School Trustees will meet for a work session from 5:15 to 6:45 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 18, 2023, at the Mt. Vernon Administrative Service Center, 1806 W. State Road 234, Fortville.

A regular meeting will follow from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the same location.



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New T-shirt commemorates Mayor Jim Brainard's legacy

Submitted

A local designer working with the All Things Carmel store on Main Street has created a unique T-shirt that honors and commemorates Mayor Jim Brainard, who is leaving office after seven terms.

The design, created by Carmel-based Blue Bear Clothing & Accessories, reflects an image of the Mayor with several key elements of his work in creating one of the best places to live, work and play in America.

"Our purpose was simple. We feel fortunate to be able to experience each and every thing that Carmel has offered us," said Sai V Chakuri, CEO of Blue Bear, who is originally from Visakhapatnam, India, a sister city of Carmel. "The opportunities that the city has

offered us have been overwhelming. When I came to Carmel I was like, wow, this is the place to be. And I have stayed here."

The shirt made its debut at the State of the City event held at the Palladium on Dec. 4. All Things Carmel now has the commemorative shirt for sale at the store and online at AllThingsCarmel.com.

Blue Bear Apparel describes the shirt as made with 100-percent sustainable products, including 95 percent cotton and 5 percent spandex (consisting of recyclable materials). All shirts come with branding tags that can be planted and will produce basil plants.

The shirt comes in all sizes from Small to 4X. The price is \$29.99 for all sizes.



Graphic provided

According to Blue Bear Apparel, all proceeds from the

sales will go toward a future honor for Mayor Brainard.

Indiana 'still working to determine cause' of 911 outage

By GREGG MONTGOMERY
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The Indiana state treasurer said Wednesday that the cause of **Tuesday's 911 "outage" in several Indiana counties** remained a mystery.

After 911 service was restored Tuesday night, the **Indiana Statewide 911 Board** posted on social media that "some Indiana counties experienced some 911 issues" but gave no details. The board's post indicated that the back-up and text-to-911 systems "worked as intended" during the outage.

Indiana State Treasurer Daniel Elliott oversees the Indiana Statewide 911 Board. He was elected to the job in

November 2022 and took office this year. The former Morgan County Council and Morgan County Redevelopment Commission leader has a 25-year background in software design and creation for information technology and cybersecurity, according to his biography.

In a Wednesday news release, Elliott said, "Since last night, I've been working with my team and other partners to understand why our 911 systems suffered a temporary outage. We are still working to determine the cause of the problem and we will share information more when it is appropriate. Last night's outage demonstrates the resiliency of our 911 sys-

tems. I have asked my team to find out what happened so that we can prevent future outages of that nature from occurring again. I remain fully confident in our statewide 911 systems."

The first reports of the outage were shared on social media about 5:45 p.m. Tuesday.

The treasurer says "normal service" of 911 systems was restored by 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Counties affected included Hancock, Hamilton, Johnson, Lawrence, Madison and Shelby. News 8 confirmed with local first responders.

Michael R. Hubbs, executive director of Hamilton County Public Safety Com-

munications based in Noblesville, said in an advisory issued to the media during the outage that the 911 center remained operational and was receiving emergency 911 calls although it's been "impacted by an unknown disruption involving the 911 system through the Indianapolis Metropolitan Area that involves numerous counties."

Some social media posts Tuesday from local public safety agencies had indicated the 911 outage involved AT&T systems.

The outage did not appear to affect Indianapolis, the police and Marion County Emergency Management Agency said.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

JACOB'S DREAM AT BETHEL

Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haran. When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. There above it stood the Lord, and he said: "I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it." He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."

Genesis 28:10-17 (NIV)

David Edwin Allen Jr.

January 28, 1953 – December 5, 2023

David Edwin Allen Jr., 70, Nowata, Okla., passed away on December 5, 2023, at his residence with his family by his side. He was born in Noblesville on January 28, 1953, to David Edwin Allen Sr. and Jane (Bragg) Allen.

David married the love of his life, Chris Allen, on September 14, 1979, in Oglesby, Okla. He worked as an Ammonia Technician Specialist at the Walmart Distribution Center for several years before retiring.

David was very a down-to-earth and adventurous soul. He enjoyed playing the guitar, gardening, and traveling. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Those left to cherish the memory of David include his loving wife, Chris Allen; his incredible daughter, Heather Williams; his awesome son, Zackary Allen; and his beautiful daughter, Sierra Allen; and his four grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be planned later. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the loving staff of Benjamin Funeral Service. Online condolences may be left at honoringmemoriesnowata.com.

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Girls Basketball

University sails past Mooresville Christian

By **RICHIE HALL**
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CARMEL – The University girls got a nice win on Wednesday, and they did it the right way.

The Trailblazers beat Mooresville Christian Academy 53-30 at the U Center. University never trailed, scoring the first nine points of the game, and the ‘Blazers outscored the Eagles in every quarter.

Mooresville Christian is a relatively new program, although it did play tough and had some nice moments against University. Trailblazers coach Lisa Pryor was happy with the respect that her team showed against the Eagles.

“They did exactly what we asked them to do,” said Pryor. “That game could’ve gone different if we wanted it to, but we really wanted to respect our opponent, and then also, we really wanted to work on some things we needed to work on.”

Ten different players took to the floor for University, and everyone contributed something. Keira Bright opened the game with a 3-pointer and went on to score seven points in the first period, which ended with the ‘Blazers up 16-5. Leah Norvell also hit a 3 in the opening period.

University led 23-11 at halftime. The third quarter belonged to Anyah Jordan-Turley, who took over with eight points in that pe-



Reporter photo by Julie Brown
Charlotte Conyers scored six points for the Trailblazers in the fourth quarter.

UNIVERSITY 53, MOORESVILLE CHRISTIAN 30				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Meg Rohloff	2	0-0	4	0
Keira Bright	4	0-0	9	1
Anyah Jordan-Turley	10	0-0	20	1
Leah Norvell	4	2-2	11	0
Mack Feeney	0	1-4	1	1
Charlotte Conyers	3	0-0	6	0
Samantha Purdie	0	0-0	0	0
Jayda Dawn	1	0-0	2	0
Naaima Mahmood	0	0-0	0	0
Jiyoun Lee	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	24	3-6	53	3
Score by Quarters				
Mooresville Christian	5	6	10	9 – 47
University	16	7	18	12 – 53
University 3-pointers (2) Bright, Norvell.				

riod, and another six in the fourth. Jordan-Turley led the scoring with 20 points, and Pryor said she was also impressed with her three assists.

“If she’s able to do those other things, that’s going to bring her shot up even more,

because people are not only going to play her to score and drive, but they’re going to have to play her for everything else,” said Pryor, saying that will “free her up even more.”

Norvell finished the game with 11 points. Mack



Reporter photo by Julie Brown
University’s Anyah Jordan-Turley scored 20 points for the Trailblazers during their Wednesday win over Mooresville Christian Academy.

Feeney collected six rebounds and made five steals, while Bright had six assists and six steals.

Charlotte Conyers scored six points in the fourth quarter, while Jayda Dawn got her teammates pumped up by scoring a

third-quarter basket.

“I tell the girls, no matter what five we have on the floor, the expectations are the same,” said Pryor. “There’s no letdowns, right? Although they don’t have as much experience, I don’t want to give them

any lower expectations, that bar is always high, and so they’re always improving. I think that’s why they’re improving as quickly as they are.”

University is 5-3 and plays at Bishop Chatard tonight.

Blackhawks undertake epic takedown of Tipton

The REPORTER

Sheridan’s girls began their stretch of three games in three nights with an overwhelming win at Tipton Wednesday.

The Blackhawks beat the Blue Devils 61-12. Sheridan led 22-2 after one quarter and 43-4 at halftime, so the entire second half was played under a running clock. The ‘Hawks never allowed Tipton more than five points in a quarter.

Thanks for reading

All nine Sheridan players scored at least four points, led by Nova Cross’ 11 points. Cecilia Timme scored 10 points, made eight steals and dished out seven assists. Brielle Garner made nine steals and Mac Smith provided five assists. Cross, Sadie Timme and Mac Smith all had four steals, with Sadie Timme, Smith, Makenzy Terry and Shelby Eaton all pulling four rebounds.

The Blackhawks are 7-2, having won all seven of their games in a row. They host Bethesda Christian tonight in a 6 p.m. varsity-only contest.

SHERIDAN 61, TIPTON 12				
Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Cecilia Timme	3-7	4-7	10	4
Shelby Eaton	2-11	0-0	4	2
Nova Cross	4-7	3-4	11	2
Brielle Garner	3-7	0-0	7	0
Sadie Timme	4-9	0-0	8	2
Mac Smith	2-6	1-1	5	1
Makaley Terry	3-6	0-0	6	0
Makenzy Terry	2-4	0-0	4	1
Kennedy Zachary	3-5	0-0	6	1
Totals	26-62	8-12	61	13
Score by Quarters				
Sheridan	22	21	10	8 – 61
Tipton	2	2	3	5 – 12
Sheridan 3-point shooting (1-7) Garner 1-1, Smith 0-3, Eaton 0-2, Makaley Terry 0-1.				
Sheridan rebounds (22) S. Timme 4, Smith 4, Makenzy Terry 4, Eaton 4, Cross 2, Garner 2, Zachary 1, C. Timme 1.				



Photo by Dwight Casler
Sheridan’s Kennedy Zachary scored six points for the Blackhawks during their Wednesday win at Tipton.

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Girls Basketball—
Guerin Catholic shoots right past Perry Meridian

The REPORTER

Guerin Catholic's girls pulled their record back to .500 on Wednesday by cruising past Perry Meridian 59-22 in an away game.

The Golden Eagles took care of business in the first half, leading 20-6 after one quarter and 38-12 at half-time. Lucy Collins hit three 3-pointers during the half for nine points, with Annie Murphy making two triples on her way to 10 points. Ava Bills added two 3s in the third quarter. Guerin Cath-

olic led 52-18 after three, never allowing the Falcons more than six points in a period.

Murphy led the nine GC players that scored with 13 points, while Bills added 12. Collins' three 3s gave her nine points, while Kori Dues scored eight.

The Golden Eagles are 6-6, having won five of their last six games. Guerin Catholic is idle until Friday, Dec. 22, when it competes in the Ivy Tech Holiday Classic at Whiteland.

GUERIN CATHOLIC 59, PERRY MERIDIAN 22

Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Annie Murphy	4	2-2	13	1
Reagan Haines	1	0-0	2	3
Ava Bills	4	2-2	12	3
Emery Cardinal	1	1-4	3	1
Lillian Behrle	2	0-0	5	4
Lucy Collins	3	0-0	9	0
Kori Dues	3	0-0	8	0
Caroline Ford	2	1-1	5	1
Dana Dues	0	0-0	0	0
Lainey Rott	1	0-0	2	0
Evie Worman	0	0-0	0	0
Madi Cain	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	21	6-9	59	13

Score by Quarters

Guerin Catholic	20	18	14	7 – 59
Perry Meridian	6	6	6	4 – 22
Guerin Catholic 3-pointers (11) Murphy 3, Collins 3, Bills 2, K. Dues 2, Behrle 1.				

SPORTS SCHEDULE

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

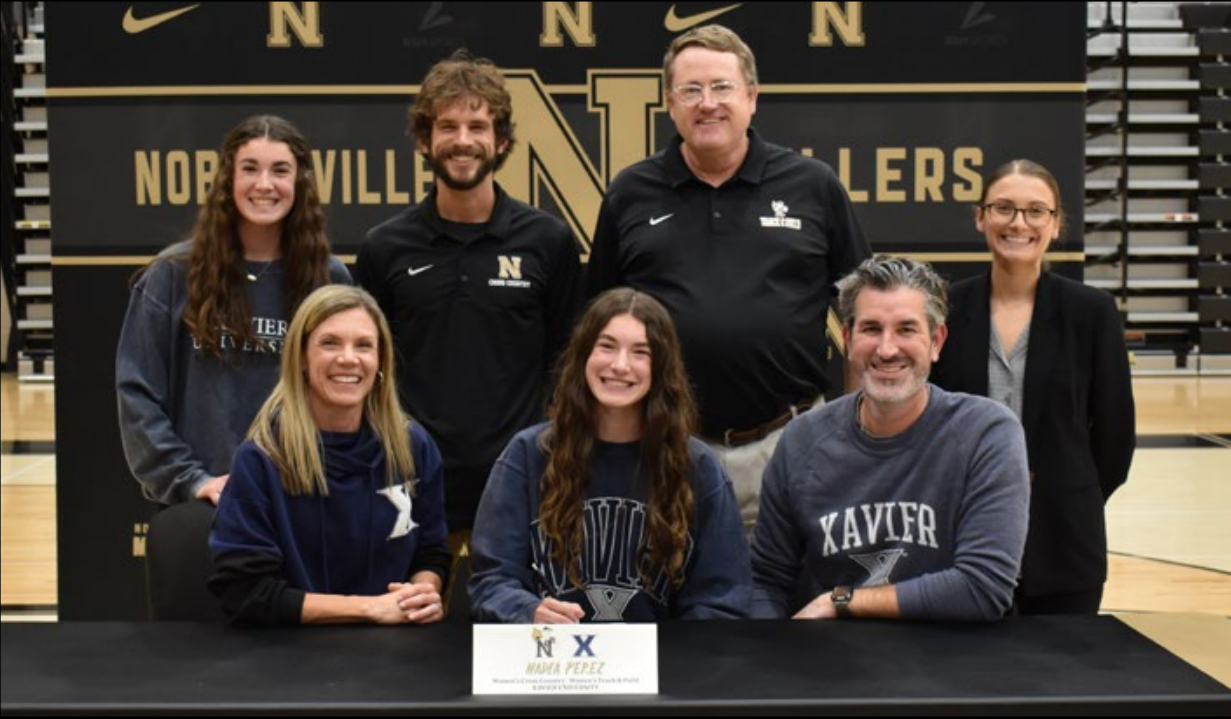
Fishers at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Western, 7:30 p.m.
Heritage Christian at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.
North Central at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.
Sheridan at Eastern, 7:30 p.m.
University at Brebeuf Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.
Westfield at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

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

Please email schedule changes or corrections to sports@readthereporter.com.

Two Millers make college commitments



Photos courtesy Landon Denison, NHS Shadow Yearbook

(TOP) Noblesville's Myles has committed to play soccer at Loras College. (Front row, from left) Jeff Tucker (father), Myles Tucker, and Heather Tucker (mother). (Back row, from left) Jake Hart (Noblesville Boys Soccer Assistant Coach), Michael Tucker (brother), Max Tucker (brother), and Ken Dolaske (Noblesville Boys Soccer Head Coach). (ABOVE) Noblesville's Nadia Perez has committed to run on the Xavier University cross country and track and field teams. (Front row, from left) Tatum Perez (mother), Nadia Perez, and Jose Perez (father). (Back row, from left) Sonia Perez (sister), Aaron Becker (Noblesville Girls Cross Country Head Coach), and Jim Pearce (Noblesville Girls Track & Field Head Coach).

Development of INDYCAR hybrid unit sees significant steps in preparation for 2024

The REPORTER

Since the initial on-track testing of hybrid components over a year ago, development of the new NTT INDYCAR SERIES 2.2-liter twin-turbocharged V-6 engine with hybrid technology has passed many significant milestones.

The INDYCAR SERIES 2.2-liter twin-turbocharged V-6 engine was initially paired and tested with the

hybrid unit Aug. 16, 2023, at Sebring International Raceway. In just three months, a total of 15,256 miles of testing have been successfully completed with the new power unit among 13 NTT INDYCAR SERIES drivers. The much-anticipated debut of the new power unit is expected to launch after the 108th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge, during the second half of the 2024



Photo courtesy IMS

INDYCAR SERIES season. "The partnership between Chevrolet and Honda has been phenomenal," INDYCAR President Jay Frye said. "The INDYCAR-specific hybrid power unit is dynamic and an engineering marvel, and we're completely committed to its successful introduction next season."

The INDYCAR SERIES, Chevrolet and Honda are working in collaboration on the development of the first-of-its-kind hybrid unit with testing on tracks that mirror the disciplines of the NTT INDYCAR SERIES. Sessions have included ovals at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Milwaukee Mile and World Wide Technology Raceway, road courses at IMS, Road America and Barber Motorsports Park and the street circuit-like surface at Sebring.

INDYCAR's hybrid power unit will enhance the racing action with additional horsepower and further the series' efforts to deliver the most competitive motorsport on the planet. The new powerplant unit will feature additional overtake ("push-to-pass") options, ultimately giving INDYCAR SERIES drivers more choices and control — enhancing the

on-track competition and excitement.

The start of the 2024 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season is expected to feature enhanced possibilities of track records with lighter chassis components (aeroscreen, bellhousing and gearbox) prepared for the hybrid addition. Once the hybrid unit is integrated, the remaining 2024 races will feature the intensified engineering and wheel-to-wheel precision of the hybrid power era.

The hybrid system is made up of the Motor Generator Unit (MGU) and Energy Storage System (ESS), which both fit inside the bellhousing, located between the INDYCAR SERIES combustion engine and the gearbox. Multiple strategies for regeneration and deployment have been tested as the power unit builds and transmits energy through the MGU before being saved in the ultra-capacitor ESS. The additional horsepower is deployed through the same motor generator. Unlike the traditional INDYCAR "push-to-pass" system, the hybrid power unit will not have a restriction on total time used over the course of a race.

Additional testing and continued development of the hybrid package will continue throughout the winter and spring months ahead of the first race in 2024. More information on the competitive launch of the hybrid unit will be announced at a later date.

The 2024 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season begins Sunday, March 10 at the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg presented by RP Funding. Coverage will be available via NBC and Peacock with audio coverage provided by the INDYCAR Radio Network, SiriusXM channel 218 and the INDYCAR App powered by NTT DATA.

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