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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly sunny.
Tonight: Clouding up.



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HSE headed to nationals

Both Fishers high schools take top two spots at 'We the People' competition

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern High School is the 2023 Indiana Bar Foundation We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution State High School Champion and will represent Indiana in the national finals this Spring.

Fishers High School finished second and Plainfield High School finished third. Fourteen classes and 350 students competed in the annual event held at the Historic Union Station and Crowne Plaza in Indianapolis.

"We say this each year, and it rings true with today's competition," Foundation President & CEO Charles Dunlap said. "Our students are remarkably impressive with their preparation, work ethic, their presentation skills, and their knowledge to answer questions related to the Constitution in such depth."

The Foundation administers Indiana's We the People program.

The keynote speaker was Hon. Christopher M. Goff, Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court. During his remarks, Justice Goff congratulated the assembled students for their hard work and dedication. He challenged the group to continue their participation in civics.

During the awards ceremony,



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These HSE High School students will proudly represent Indiana at the national finals.

ny, Unit Awards were presented to the following schools:

- Unit One: Homestead High School
- Unit Two: New Palestine High School
- Unit Three: Shepard Academy
- Unit Four: Castle High School
- Unit Five: Franklin Central High School
- Unit Six: Mississinewa High School

The We the People competition is based on a series of simulated congressional hearings exploring various aspects of the United States Constitution. Students demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of constitutional principles through presenting their views



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Fishers High School earned second place in the state.

on a specific topic and then defending their positions by answering questions from a panel of judges.

On Tuesday, 14 middle school teams participated in the

We the People state finals. **Fishers Junior High School won the competition.** Fall Creek Junior High School finished second, and Forest Ridge Academy finished third.

Have you lightened your mental load? Keep it that way!

Today's column will be the last one in my series on reducing our mental load. I've been thrilled to share some of the tips I've discovered with you these last six months.

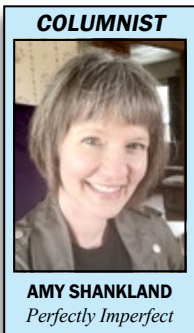
I still have a long way to go on this journey and of course will always be working to improve. There are still days where I feel overwhelmed. But just knowing I have all these tools at my fingertips is a huge help. Creating awareness in my own family has been good as well. I've slowly seen my husband and sons relying a little less on me and more on themselves to get things done.

One of my missions will be to continue to find new ways to reduce this mental labor. I won't be perfect, and it will never be completely gone, but just understanding the term and knowing I don't have to be a stressed-out working wife and mother is amazing. I hope you feel the same way.

I beg you, now that you're thinking through and taking the steps to lighten your mental load, don't ever stop. If we don't guard our time and resources well, we can't lead the amazing life we are meant to live. We can't just use every suggestion in this series and think we're all done and that our mental load won't ever grow again. Be careful dear readers – that mental labor is sneaky and can start to increase the moment we let our guard down.

But please just don't help yourself in this area. We must make certain to not add to the mental load of others.

Folks, there are two keys to changing our society's behavior when it comes to the mental load. We must 1) make things better in our own lives and households; and 2) Work together to help others do the same. Stop asking wives only to help with planning vacations and social outings.



AMY SHANKLAND
Perfectly Imperfect

Boys & Girls Club grateful for Hare's support of youth sports



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The Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville recently presented Hare Chevrolet with a token of appreciation for its generous title sponsorship of the 2023-24 Youth Basketball League. More than 500 youth and teens will participate in the Club's basketball and cheerleading leagues that take place December through March. Hare's support enables the Club to keep the league affordable for local youth, provide registration scholarships and purchase uniforms and equipment. (From left) Accepting a framed league jersey and Hare's check are Todd Thurston, Hare Truck Center Sales Manager; Tony Eslamirad, BGCN Community Center Director; and Jason Horack, Hare Chevrolet General Manager.



Photo provided by Fishers Police Department

Fishers police arrest the Grinch before he could steal Christmas

By HERNAN GUTIERREZ
WISH-TV | wish-tv.com

Fishers police recently arrested a suspicious-looking someone for attempting to steal Christmas from the children of Hamilton County.

On Monday, officers from the Fishers Police Department found a green male taking decorations from the lobby of their police station on Municipal Drive. The "Scrooge" in question was described in a news release as a green male wearing a white sweater with jingle bells.

Officers tried to stop the suspect, who ran away toward the Nickle Plate Trail. FPD used a drone and K-9 Officer Archer to follow the suspect.

The man was quickly taken into custody following the use of the tools. He identified himself as Mr. Grinch.

Police say Grinch was found with the stolen Christmas decorations and is being "charged" with theft and resisting arrest.

News 8 reached out to the Whos down in Whoville for comment on the Grinch's arrest. Their spokesperson, Dr. Seuss, provided the following statement:

Every Who down in Whoville liked Christmas a lot, but the Grinch – who lived just north of Whoville – did not. The Grinch hated Christmas – the whole Christmas season. Now, please don't ask why; no one quite knows the reason.

It could be, perhaps, that his shoes were too tight. Or it could be that his head wasn't screwed on just right. But I think that the most likely reason of all ... may have been that his heart was two sizes too small.

– Dr. Seuss's "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas"

Past & future combine to bring history to life at Coxhall Gardens in Carmel

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Parks and Recreation, in collaboration with Eidolon LLC, has introduced a state-of-the-art interpretive resource that will provide visitors to Coxhall Gardens the opportunity to travel back in time to "meet" John Williams, the Hamilton County pioneer who constructed the Historic Williams House located in the park.

Using the cutting-edge technology of augmented reality (AR), the program allows visitors to download an app to view a digitally animated likeness of Mr. Williams on their smart phone screens, as he provides details about himself, his family

and the home he built in 1865.

"Overlaying the digital content of John Williams' image onto the real-world landscape, heightens viewers' perceptions and personalizes the interpretive experience," said Jordan Clevenger, Eidolon founder and app developer.

Because the historic structure is undergoing renovation, making its interior inaccessible to the public for months, this innovative approach to interpretation has become all the more necessary.

"We want to continue to share key details about the Williams family and their historic



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Christy Brocken, Historic Resource Specialist for Hamilton County Parks and Recreation (behind sign), and Jordan Clevenger (second from right) provide augmented reality program instructions to guests attending the Preserving History event held at Coxhall Gardens' and the Historic Williams House.

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Don't ask a mother about what her child can do to help you if he or she is old enough to talk or text on the phone.

Let's remove the stigma when someone hires help to clean their home or do other household tasks. Maybe your friend gets that monthly massage to help her relax and manage some chronic illness, which enables her to be a better wife and employee. Don't roll your eyes when a man says that he's got a lot on his plate. He may very well be a single working dad, or holding down a job and managing an entirely separate company.

By managing our tasks better, we can set great examples for others. We can show them that life doesn't have to be this constant stressed out "busy-ness."

By reducing our own mental loads and being kind and watching out for the loads others carry, maybe we can all finally become our best selves and help improve our world.

Do you want to learn how to lighten your mental load in more aspects in your life? You can purchase a copy of my book, *Lighten Your Mental Load*, at Noble Made in downtown Noblesville.

It's been a pleasure to be on this journey with you. May your mental load stay light, and your joy increase!

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significance to Hamilton County with interested visitors, even during the construction that will prevent access to the residence," said Christy Brocken, Historic Resource Specialist for Hamilton County Parks. "This unique interpretive approach allows us the ability to make that information continuously available to the public during all park hours."

The AR program will remain operational indefinitely at the site and will augment content presented by parks staff and docents once the historic residence's renovation is completed and tours of the house interior commence. Both Brocken and Clevenger envision this cutting-edge technology being used in similar applications where historians wish to convey information and material in a novel and memorable fashion.

To learn more about the Historic Williams House and Coxhall Gardens, visit MyHamiltonCountyParks.com or call (317) 774-2574. For details about this remarkable augmented reality project, visit eidolonllc.net or contact Jordan Clevenger at jordanclevenger@eidolonllc.net.



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(Top left) Members of the Williams family pose in front of the residence, circa 1890, with John Williams pictured at top right. (Above left) Jordan Clevenger, Eidolon founder and developer of the AR application that brings Hamilton County pioneer John Williams to life on users' smartphones, standing next to signage that provides historic details and AR viewing instructions. (Above right) The Williams House exhibits Italianate architectural details and is one of the few remaining examples of homes constructed in that style in Hamilton County. Renovation of the structure by Hamilton County Parks and Recreation, with support from the Friends of Hamilton County Parks, Inc., Foundation, is now underway.

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New principal announced for Fall Creek Junior High School

Familiar name for staff & families will lead the school

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern Board of School Trustees has unanimously approved the appointment of Michael Ryan as the new principal of Fall Creek Junior High School.

The decision comes after a lengthy search for a permanent replacement following the departure of Stacey Swan, who accepted another school leadership position in a neighboring district back in July.

Since 2021, Ryan has been instrumental in overseeing student attendance and discipline with a commitment to fostering a positive and inclusive school culture. In his current capacity as assistant principal, his

dedication also extends to ensuring building safety measures and providing comprehensive staff training.

Notably, Ryan brings a wealth of experience to his new role, working specifically with students in grades 7 and 8. He previously served as a middle school grade-level principal in Brownsburg Community Schools for seven years. During that time, Brownsburg West Middle School was designated a National Blue Ribbon School. Ryan is credited with using data to properly assign and track students' academic and be-



Ryan

havioral success, while also overseeing professional development opportunities for staff. "We are confident that Mr. Ryan's proven track record and familiarity with the FCJ community will be invaluable as he takes on the responsibilities of principal," Interim Superintendent Dr. Matt Kegley said. "His leadership style and dedication to academic success make him an excellent fit for this role, and we look forward to witnessing the continued positive impact he will have on Fall Creek Junior High School."

Ryan has also served as a teacher and coach throughout his 18-year career in public education.

"I am excited to transition into the principal role at Fall Creek Junior High and continue serving our school community," Ryan said. "We have tremendous students, supportive parents and hard-working staff that make FCJ a truly special place to work and learn."

Ryan holds a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics education from Purdue University and a master's degree in education administration from Ball State University.

He will officially begin in his new role on Jan. 8, 2024.



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TODAY ONLY: Horizon Bank challenges customers to give to Salvation Army

The REPORTER

The Salvation Army has announced that two Horizon Bank locations Hamilton County will host special Red Kettles in their lobbies as part of a \$5,000 match challenge today, Dec. 15.

For **one day only** Horizon Bank customers and visitors will have a chance to double the impact of their donations to their local Salvation Army.

Those locations are:

- 1216 W. Carmel Drive, Carmel
- 44 S. 8th St., Noblesville

"We can't reach our goals without partners and collaborators like Horizon Bank," said Major Rachel Stouder, Area Commander for The Salvation Army of Central Indiana. "Their initiative and creativity to welcome us in their doors this way is an exciting opportunity, and we look forward to celebrating the success!"

Horizon Bank, which has over 70 locations across Indiana and Michigan, has offered the match to encourage their customers to support the important efforts of The Salvation Army as they help their neighbors in need. 2023 has been a challenging year for many Hoosier households, making the match especially appreciated in each service area.

"The Salvation Army continues to do an amazing job addressing the needs and serving our local communities," said Josh Shelley, VP and District Manager with Horizon Bank. "We are excited to support the kettle drive again this year and encourage others to donate if they can."

Vital services at these facilities include housing and support for homeless and abused women, food pantries and feeding programs, emergency financial assistance, youth camps and sports, addiction treatment, and so much more.

"I am grateful for all our community partners as The Salvation Army continues to serve the needs of our communities throughout the state of Indiana," added Major Marc Johnson, Divisional Commander for The Salvation Army Indiana Division. "Our friends at Horizon Bank continue to support our efforts, for which we are deeply grateful."

Every donation given to The Salvation Army through the annual Red Kettle Campaign provides help and hope to those in need, and all gifts stay right here in Indiana. Visit [SalvationArmyIndiana.org](https://salvationarmyindiana.org) to learn more about how you can help The Salvation Army share *Love Beyond Christmas* in 2024.

From the desk of Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood

Update No. 199

As I reflect on the first half of the school year, I am proud of all we have accomplished together as a school community to challenge, educate, and inspire every student, every day.

I continue to be grateful for the leadership and vision of our school board, and passionate teachers and staff and their commitment to our students. I remain proud of our students for their efforts to learn and achieve in the classroom, on the stage, and on the athletic fields. I appreciate our families support and involvement that is a gamechanger for positive student outcomes.

On the topic of involvement, one of our district parents who works in the local food security sector reached out to see if we could help spread the word about a new app, [Community Compass](https://communitycompass.org). This free, quick, and easy tool provides information about when and where free food is available in our area. This can be a helpful resource for those navigating



DR. DEREK ARROWOOD
Heights Superintendent

the pantries and alternative food distribution system. Most of us aren't immune to facing difficult times or challenges. Finding nutritious, readily available food shouldn't be one of them. We all could use a helping hand now and then, especially when the unexpected happens.

Hamilton County Youth Assistance Program (YAP) was selected as this year's recipient for the *Partners in Service Award* recently presented at the Hamilton County Trustee Association annual awards ceremony. There are 11 YAP advocates serving Hamilton County's six public schools.

Jackson Township Deputy Trustee Nicole Duncan said, "It was our direct relationship with YAP Youth Assistance Early Intervention Advocate for Hamilton Heights, Mary Ann Haymaker, that influenced our decision to select this organization for the award. We love her and the work she does at Heights through YAP and is deserving of this honor."

We couldn't agree more! Thank you to all our Hamilton County Youth Assistant Advocates for their investment in our students and community through the YAP. Learn more about the impact of YAP in our schools at youthassistance.org.

Our Band Director, Mark Snelson, is offering a special opportunity for middle school students to participate in the first of what could be an annual, half-day Flag Camp for HHMS students (grades 5 to 8) this Saturday, Dec. 16. Students are invited to practice and perform with Heights' award-winning high school Color Guard live on court at halftime during the boys' varsity basketball game.

The camp consists of practice during the day, mentored by our amazing Color Guard Squad, pizza lunch, flag, T-Shirt, and creating a great memory in front of Husky fans and visitors alike. The deadline to register is today, Friday, Dec. 15. More information and registration can be found [here](https://www.hhschools.org).

Members of the Hamilton Heights Girls Basket-

ball team cordially invite the community to wear pink and come out in force at the fourth annual Pink Out on Friday, Jan. 19 at Hamilton Heights. Our annual Pink Out campaign is something we all look forward to as we recognize those who have survived, remember those who fought, and bring awareness about breast cancer in our community. Proceeds benefit the IWIN Foundation.

Calling all former Hamilton Heights boys basketball team players, managers, cheerleaders, and coaches to participate in the Hamilton Heights Alumni Boys Basketball game and related festivities on Saturday, Jan. 20. The afternoon "fun"-raiser and evening recognition is designed to connect the sport's rich past with our current players and fans. Details and registration information can be found [here](https://www.hhschools.org).

May your holiday season be filled with the most precious gifts of all: time with friends and family, rest and relaxation, and cheerful laughter.

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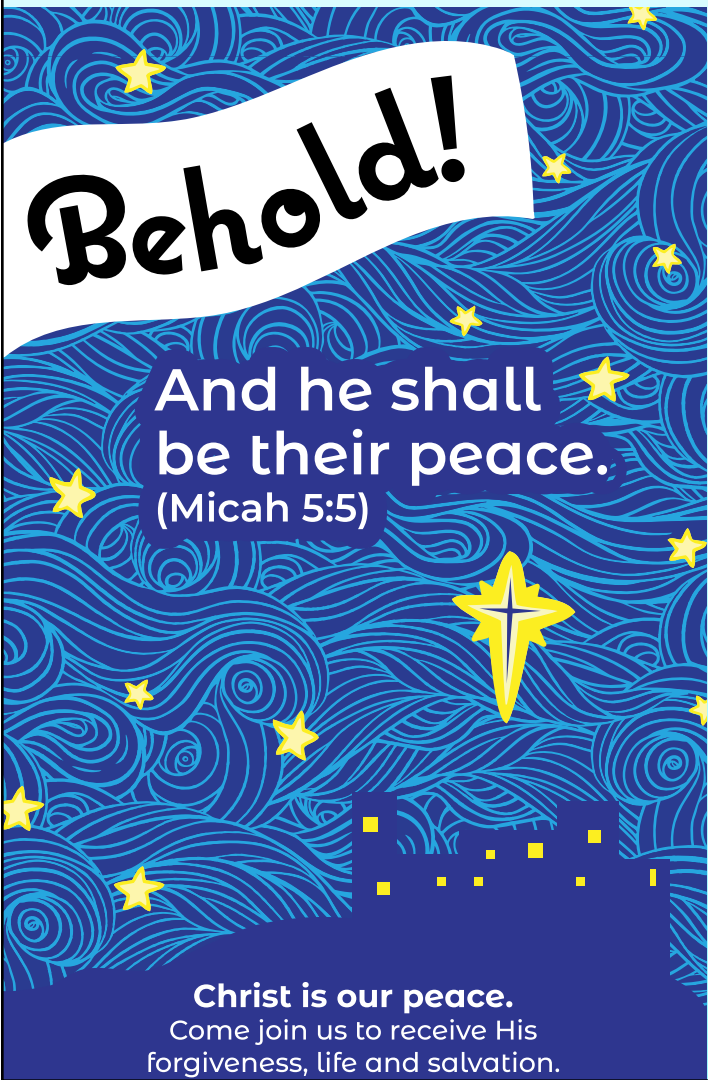
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Dec. 24th The Service of Lessons and Carols 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 24th Candlelight 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Day Celebration 10:00 am

Glory to the Newborn King!

Fishers Century Club selects Youth Mentoring Initiative as December meeting’s winning charity

The REPORTER

Fishers Century Club has announced that Youth Mentoring Initiative (YMI) has been selected as the winning charity for the Dec. 12 meeting. The meeting took place at The Club / Knowledge Services building in their appealing recreation room, where members gathered to hear compelling pitches for deserving charities.

Matt Kegley, currently serving as the Board Chair of Youth Mentoring Initiative, was randomly chosen from a hat to present the charity of his choice. Dr. Kegley passionately spoke about YMI's mission to actively engage Hamilton Southeastern School students by nurturing positive relationships with a caring adult mentor to inspire future generations and build a better community.

"I am honored to have had the opportunity to share the impactful work of Youth Mentoring Initiative with the Fishers Century Club," Kegley said. "The club's mission is commendable, and I am thrilled that YMI received the most votes for the crowd-giving funds."

The Fishers Century Club is still in the process of tallying the total funds raised from both in-person

and online contributions, but it is anticipated to exceed \$3,000. The generous donation will support YMI's initiatives to expand into additional schools within the Hamilton Southeastern School District.

YMI Executive Director Brittany Rayburn expressed gratitude for being selected as the winning charity.

"We are incredibly thankful to the Fishers Century Club members for recognizing the value of our mentoring programs," Rayburn. "This generous donation will enable us to make a meaningful impact on even more students within the HSE district, creating lasting connections and positive outcomes."

Fishers Century Club is known for its unique approach to philanthropy, bringing members together each quarter to pool their funds and support a chosen charity in a 'shark-tank' sort of way.

Another YMI board member, Joe Eaton, attended the club meeting and emphasized the positive experience and impact of the club.

"Fishers Century Club provides a fantastic platform for like-minded individuals in the community to come together, make a



Photo provided

Money raised by the Fishers Century Club, which is expected to exceed \$3,000, will help the Youth Mentoring Initiative expand into more schools with the Hamilton Southeastern district.

difference, and contribute to the betterment of our community," Eaton said. "I'm excited about the ongoing impact the club can make as they continue to grow their members."

The other two charities that were randomly chosen to present were, Recovery Café of Hamilton County and Hollis Adams. The club's next quarterly gathering is scheduled for March, and details about the event will be announced in the

near future. Fishers Century Club remains committed to fostering community engagement and supporting local organizations that make a significant difference.

For more information and a list of previous winners, please visit FishersCenturyClub.com. To participate in the crowd-giving group online, visit their Grapevine site at [this link](#).

About Fishers Century Club

The Fishers Century

Club is a group of individuals committed to making a positive impact on the local community. Through collective giving and active participation, the club aims to support and uplift deserving charities, ultimately contributing to the betterment of Fishers and the local community. For media inquiries, please contact the Fishers Century Club at fisherscenturyclub@gmail.com.

Ben’s Ranch Foundation assumes management of Koteewi Stables & Trails

The REPORTER

The nonprofit Ben's Ranch Foundation (BRF) has assumed management and operation of a [public trail riding stable](#) located at Strawtown Koteewi Park near Noblesville. The modern facility is one of several amenities available to the public at the 750-acre park, which is owned by the Hamilton County Parks Department.

Ben's Ranch Foundation creates paid, part-time internships and small group programs on farms and at stables for teens struggling with mental and emotional health issues. The organization believes that exposure to physical labor, nature, and animals complements traditional therapies by helping teens relieve stress, build confidence and learn new skills.

"The Koteewi facility will give Ben's Ranch important capacity in the heart of our service territory and serve as a hub for our network of host facilities,"

Ben's Ranch Executive Director Brose McVey said. "The revenue we will generate by offering trail rides, pony rides and similar activities will help pay for this wonderful new asset. Our interns and small group participants will be involved in all aspects of the operation including business management, horse care and facility maintenance. We are excited to partner with Hamilton County Parks to turn a popular amenity into something even more powerful for the community."

BRF will continue to serve teens across central Indiana through partnerships with individual farms, stables and similar agricultural facilities, while striving to increase collaboration with area schools.

"Hamilton County Parks and Recreation is extremely pleased and fortunate to have Ben's Ranch managing Koteewi Stable & Trails," Hamilton County Parks Director Chris Stice said. "Not only will the equine expe-



periences they provide mesh well with those offered by our other Adventure Area operators at Strawtown Koteewi Park, but their compelling operational philosophy aligns closely with the mission of our parks department."

To learn more about the Koteewi stables, trail ride offerings or to purchase a gift card, go to KoteewiEquineExperience.com.

About Ben's Ranch Foundation

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GOP gubernatorial candidates spar over LEAP district & taxes

By GARRETT BERGQUIST
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Republican gubernatorial candidate Brad Chambers on Wednesday defended his work on a high-tech development park as his rivals called the approach paternalistic.

Chambers and his four chief rivals in the 2024 primary met at a forum hosted by the law firm Dentons, part of its annual legislative conference at the Indiana Convention Center.

Rivals attack LEAP district approach

Landowners and local officials have complained for months about the process behind the approval of the **LEAP Lebanon Innovation District**, a large high-tech park planned for Boone County. The project is meant to mimic similar developments in other states such as Research Triangle Park in Raleigh, N.C.

Many living nearby have told I-Team 8 preliminary work already has negatively impacted their well water. A group opposing the project **released a report earlier this week** which calculated the project would require up to 100 million gallons of water a day, though Lebanon’s mayor has disputed the report’s findings.

As part of a broader discussion about economic development policy, Chambers said he stands behind his work on LEAP. He said Indiana needs to compete not just with other states, but also with other countries for high-wage jobs of the future.

“We would be pouring concrete and erecting steel

and hiring high-wage jobs for Intel if we had LEAP two years ago,” Chambers said. “We have to play economic offense because everyone around us is, and to keep these kids here, we need to recruit high-wage industry.”

Chambers’ rivals all said they agree with the idea behind LEAP but they disagree with the process behind it.

Eric Doden, himself a former president of the Indiana Economic Development Corp., said the IEDC should not act as a developer and should not buy land with taxpayer money.

Curtis Hill went a step further, saying the IEDC has acted as a shadow government in recent years. He said Indiana should double down on what makes its own economy unique and attractive rather than trying to mimic other states.

Suzanne Crouch said the LEAP uproar illustrates the need to work continuously with local economic development organizations to ensure the local relationships needed for a LEAP-style project are already in place.

Mike Braun said the concerns over the LEAP district’s impacts on water quality show the need to make sure economic development officials have investigated every possible problem before they proceed.

Crouch splits from field on income taxes

Chambers wasn’t the only candidate to split with the rest of the field at Wednesday’s forum. In August, **Crouch called for eliminating the state income tax**. She reiterated that position at the forum, saying

it was the best way to grow the economy and put money back in Hoosiers’ pockets. Crouch said her plan would include economic triggers to prevent the state from cutting taxes too far too fast.

The other four candidates said they would move more cautiously on tax cuts, pointing to the large role income tax revenue plays in funding the functions of state government:

Hill said eliminating other taxes such as the gas tax or the corporate income tax would provide more immediate relief and pose less of a financial risk.

Braun said while he wouldn’t rule out getting rid of the individual income tax, he would first want to look for waste and inefficiencies in state agencies.

Chambers said every CEO he talked to during his time running the IEDC raised quality of life concerns, but none ever complained about Indiana’s tax climate. He said he would be willing to lower taxes as long as they didn’t jeopardize basic services such as education.

Doden said any reduction in taxes would have to be fair and equitable, and only steady growth in all 92 counties would truly grow the economy.

Legislative hearings began in August on an idea to eliminate or overhaul the Indiana income tax.

Public safety unites field

The candidates were less divided over public safety. All five said they would protect qualified immunity for police officers, with Chambers saying it needs

to be codified into state law. They also said they would provide additional resources and training to police officers and other public safety workers.

Crouch said she would especially like to add mental health response teams for mental health crises and make mental health check-ups part of public safety workers’ annual physicals.

Doden said he would launch a recruitment campaign to encourage people to join law enforcement.

The future of education

The candidates struck similar tones on Indiana’s education needs. All of them said they support continued use of school choice vouchers.

Braun said Indiana’s public schools need to get back to basics in education and ensure high schools better train students to succeed as soon as they earn their diplomas.

Chambers said high schools should work with colleges and universities to develop career pathways for those interested in civic jobs such as public safety, similar to programs already in place to promote the trades.

Crouch said she would expand early childhood education and reorganize the Department of Education, combining career training-oriented elements of other agencies to create a single “cradle-to-career” agency, in her words.

Hill said he would increase investment in language and arts training in schools, and prohibit teaching of critical race theory or other social justice concepts.

Don’t brush off the winter blues

We are once again facing the start of winter and shorter days ahead. There is less sunshine, and the cold weather can keep us inside leading to less activity and social engagement.

These colder months can carry stress around planning, family events, and the holidays; but you may be feeling more than just the holiday or winter blues.

Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD)

Like the seasons, moods can change over the course of a year. Seasonal affective disorder (SAD) is a type of depression that tends to start right around the seasonal changes of late fall/early winter (i.e., the “winter blues”).

With shorter days, there is less sunlight for you to soak up. SAD is thought to be caused by a lack of light, serotonin, and Vitamin D. Symptoms can include:

- Loss of interest in activities you typically enjoy
- Lower energy
- Feeling sluggish or agitated
- Challenges with sleeping
- Changes in appetite or weight
- Difficulty concentrating

SAD affects up to 5 percent of Americans in the winter. Having depression puts someone at higher risk for SAD symptoms. In 2022 the CDC’s Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System showed 22.8 percent of adults in Indiana had ever been told they have a form of depression. Brushing these symptoms off as merely temporary and not actively treating them can result in more prolonged mental health issues down the road.

Beat the winter blues

Do not brush these symptoms off as the “winter blues” – there are treatments that can help you be intentional and enjoy life in the winter. Treatments can help improve SAD symptoms, including:

- **Light therapy:** If



CARA HANNEMANN

GUEST COLUMNIST

weather keeps you from being out in the natural light, consider easy-to-use light therapy boxes and lamps. The light simulates outdoor sunshine.

• Psychotherapy:

Setting up sessions to speak with a licensed therapist can give you the tools to navigate SAD symptoms. A great site to search for support is in.gov/bewellindiana.

• **Vitamin D:** We all need it, especially during the winter. Sunshine is one of the best sources of vitamin D but when the weather gets in the way, vitamin D supplements are a great alternative. You can also pack your day with vitamin D rich foods, like salmon, egg yolks and mushrooms.

• Antidepressant medications:

Consider talking to your health care provider about the possibility of prescription antidepressants. We know we will likely feel better as the longer days return with more sun, warmer weather, and opportunities to be outside. However, acknowledging the shift in your current behavior and emotional wellbeing is an important step. Letting symptoms linger without treatment beyond the typical winter period can result in more prolonged mental health issues.

If symptoms persist or make it difficult to get motivated to do the things you usually enjoy doing, it may be time to reach out to a mental health professional or your family doctor.

If depressive symptoms worsen or include thoughts of suicide, call the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline for immediate help at 988.

Dr. Cara Hannemann is a Fishers resident and clinical psychologist with the Indiana Hemophilia & Thrombosis Center in Indianapolis. Dr. Hannemann helps patients navigate the complex mental health issues that can coincide with their rare and chronic bleeding and blood disorders.

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First cottage homes set to open in January at Promenade of Noblesville

Submitted by the Justus Companies

Promenade of Noblesville, a Planned Urban Development (PUD), located on the northeast corner of Little Chicago Road and State Road 32, has announced the growth and development taking place within its vibrant pedestrian-friendly community.

With a focus on creating a thriving living and working space, Promenade of Noblesville is set to become the epicenter of activity, offering an unparalleled experience for residents and visitors alike.

The centerpiece of this growth is the construction of Promenade Trails, an active adult (55 and over) rental community, featuring 151 apartment homes in the main building and 59 cottage homes. The first cottages are set to be available for move-in in early January, with a multitude of lifestyle options becoming available in the spring of 2024. Prospective residents can get a sneak peek of the community by visiting the fully decorated model cottage home, which opens its doors in early January.

Promenade of Noblesville will welcome new businesses that enhance the community's offerings. Pep Boys, the renowned automotive service and retail company, is now fully operational, providing a range of automotive services. Additionally, parents in the community will soon have access to a convenient childcare option with the opening of The Learning Center, a daycare facility for children.

In 2024, Promenade PUD is set to become even more convenient with the arrival of Meijer, a leading grocery store chain. Meijer will feature a drive-through pharmacy, electric vehicle charging stations, a grocery pick-up area, and a full-ser-

vice grocery store, catering to the diverse needs of the community.

Martial arts enthusiasts will have a reason to rejoice as Master Yoo's Taekwondo & Martial Arts plans to start construction along SR 32 in 2024, offering a space for physical fitness and personal growth.

Furthermore, the Justus Companies, the visionary developers behind the Promenade of Noblesville, are making significant strides. They will break ground on their new corporate office early in 2024 and are also planning the construction of additional professional office space available for lease, creating a true multi-use live and work environment within the Promenade of Noblesville development.

Promenade of Noblesville isn't just a collection of buildings; it's a cohesive community connected by thoughtfully designed sidewalks and walking paths. The existing Promenade Apartments, constructed in 2020-2021 by The Justus Companies, is a fully functioning multi-family community within the PUD, offering modern, comfortable living spaces to its residents. A future walking path along Mill Creek Road, winding through the lush tree line, is currently under construction, enhancing the community's natural appeal.

"The Promenade Planned Urban Development has rapidly transformed into a bustling hub of activity and opportunity," The Justus Companies CEO Walter Justus said. "We are dedicated to creating a harmonious living and working environment for everyone, and we are confident that the new additions and developments will further enrich the lives of our residents and visitors."

Promenade of Nobles-



Rendering provided by the Justus Companies

ville invites everyone to explore this beautiful place to live, work, dine, shop, or simply enjoy leisurely strolls amidst the scenic surroundings. This PUD is not just a development; it's a lifestyle.

About Promenade Planned Urban Development

Promenade of Noblesville Planned Urban Development is a dynamic and inclusive community developed by The Justus Companies. Comprising residential spaces, businesses, and recreational facilities, Promenade of Noblesville offers a holistic living experience where residents can thrive, and businesses can flourish. For more information, call (317) 353-8311.

About The Justus Companies

The Justus Companies is a visionary real estate development firm dedicated

to creating innovative and sustainable communities. With a focus on quality and community well-being, The Justus Companies has suc-

cessfully developed several prominent projects, enhancing the landscape of central Indiana. For more information, visit Justus.net.

Carmel Education Foundation's Taste of Carmel tickets on sale

The REPORTER

Carmel Education Foundation's **Taste of Carmel** will have a Starry Nights theme in celebration of the 20th year of this popular event.

Mark your calendars for Friday, March 8, 2024, and plan to purchase tickets early as it is always a sell-out affair. Featuring more than 40 local eateries, distilleries, caterers, wineries, and breweries, attendees will not leave hungry and may be lucky enough to go home with an incredible auction package or one of three raffle items.

Benefiting the **Carmel Education Foundation**, the State Bank First Taste VIP Party will feature exclusive auction items, a gift package, star studded credentials, a special menu and full pour cocktails. The main event has over 50 seated tables that parties of ten guests can purchase, and plenty of tall tables and alternative seating areas for all guests to enjoy. A special thank you to CoasterStone for an array of commemorative gifts all guests will enjoy.

Following the main event, DJ Fred Lockstar will spin popular hits from 9 to 11 p.m. at the second annual Last Taste party sponsored by 185 Promotions.

"Taste of Carmel has a tremendous legacy in Carmel and we are thrilled to host this event to raise funds so that we can provide resources that elevate learning and inspire all Carmel Clay students to be lifelong learners," CEF Executive Director Jennifer Penix. "Taste of Carmel is far more than a fantastic event for all guests, it is an essential element of the partnership between the

foundation and the schools."

Joining Jeff Worrell, a longtime CEF supporter and the iconic Taste of Carmel emcee, will be Jack Russell from OneZone. This dynamic duo will shine a light on the true stars of the evening: the students and teachers that the foundation supports with classroom and school resources, grants, scholarships, and hands-on learning experiences. Though the event is for guests who are 21 or older, students will definitely be illuminated throughout the evening.

Along with the featured food and libations, a raffle will be available to guests featuring: a one-of-a-kind piece of jewelry handcrafted by Indy Facets, a 2025 Taste of Carmel VIP Package for 10, and a Pedego electric bike. Raffle tickets are \$40 each or three for \$80. Complimenting the raffle is a silent auction that is considered "the best of the best," featuring travel packages, local experiences, CHS graduation tickets, and so much more.

Tickets to Taste of Carmel go on sale at noon on Friday, Dec. 15. Through Jan. 14, 2024, individual tickets are \$75, State Bank First Taste VIP Party individual tickets are \$175 (includes general admission to the main event), Last Taste tickets are \$40 each, and reserved tables for 10 guests are \$1,200. Reserved table guests may add First Taste VIP tickets for \$50 per person and/or Last Taste party tickets for \$40 per person. All ticket prices will increase on Jan. 15, 2024. Tickets may be purchased at TasteOfCarmelIndiana.com – quantities are limited.

Based on past event attendance, Penix expects a sell-out crowd, and anticipates that the reserved tables will be especially popular.

Sponsor packages, which include event tickets, are still available, as are a limited number of booths for **food and beverage vendors**. Additionally, companies who would like to have an experience or product featured in the **auction** are invited to contact Penix at foundation@ccs.k12.in.us.

Members of the planning team include CEF staff, board members, and community volunteers. Penix extends a thank you to all the local businesses who support this event to make it a special evening for everyone. A special thank you to State Bank, CoasterStone, 185 Promotions, Ed Martin Automotive, Fanning Howey, and the City of Carmel who have invested as a Premier Sponsor.

About Carmel Education Foundation

One of the oldest foundations of its kind, the Carmel Education Foundation was created to help Carmel Clay students achieve their full potential. Since 1966, the Foundation has awarded over \$2,100,000 in college scholarships to Carmel High School seniors and over \$850,000 in education grants to inspire lifelong learning for Carmel Clay students. The Carmel Education Foundation is governed by a volunteer board of directors who give their time and energy to accelerate the Foundation's mission by funding grants, awarding more than 85 scholarships annually and expanding resources for Carmel Clay Schools.

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Anderson Museum of Art unveils stunning new look, gratefully acknowledges community support

The REPORTER

The Anderson Museum of Art (AMOA) has unveiled its newly transformed appearance, just in time for the holiday season, thanks to the extraordinary efforts of the facilities team at Ascension St. Vincent Anderson. The collaboration has resulted in a revitalized space that reflects the museum's commitment to providing an immersive and inspiring artistic experience for the community.

The AMOA team extends heartfelt gratitude to Ascension St. Vincent Anderson for their dedication to this project, which has brought a fresh and inviting ambiance into AMOA's beloved institution. The team not only replaced lighting throughout the gallery spaces, but fixed exterior lighting issues, and purchased a new 12-foot tree for the organization to share with the community.

New Exhibitions for the Holidays

In celebration of this exciting transformation, AMOA will present two captivating holiday/winter exhibitions, providing visitors with an enchanting blend of artistic expression and seasonal cheer. The exhibitions showcase the tal-

ents of local and regional artists, contributing to the rich cultural tapestry of the community.

Capturing the Spirit of the Season

As visitors explore AMOA's renewed space, they will find delightful photo opportunities throughout the building. Notably, a specially designed mantle, crafted and assembled by Seasons of the Heart in Anderson, adds a festive touch to the museum's ambiance.

Invitation to the Public

Come immerse yourself in the beauty of art, experience the joy of the season, and explore AMOA's upgraded space and the beautiful new tree. You're also invited to look for that special holiday gift in the AMOA Shop, an internal gift shop featuring items from local crafters and artists. Gift cards for AMOA Memberships, classes, and the AMOA Shop are also available.

AMOA is grateful for the support of the local community and these incredible organizations, making the organization's renewed vision a reality. The people at AMOA look forward to welcoming you to the Anderson Museum of Art for a season



Photo provided
The Anderson Museum of Art now has a 12-foot Christmas tree just in time for the season.

of art, joy, and community spirit. Visit the museum at 32 W. 10th St., Anderson. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Learn more at AndersonArt.org.

Local legislators invite Carmel & Fishers residents to town hall

The REPORTER

State Sen. J.D. Ford (D-Indianapolis) and State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D-Fishers) are inviting residents of Senate District 29 and House District 32 to attend a joint legislative town hall from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 18.

The town hall will take place in Multi-purpose Room A at the Monon Community Center, 1235 Central Park Drive East, Carmel.

As the 2024 legislative session approaches with a January start date, Ford and Garcia Wilburn consider it imperative that they fully understand the sentiments of their constituents on key issues facing their communities.

"These town halls are a great opportunity to take the temperature of the district and check-in with each other as neighbors," State Sen. Ford said. "It's a joy for me to work with Representative Garcia Wilburn and come together with the communities we serve to

hear about the issues facing Hoosiers firsthand. The feedback I get from forums like our town hall helps me

to be a better legislator and advocate for District 29."

"I am excited to share information about my filed legislation with district constituents and learn how I can best support the residents of Carmel, Fishers and Indianapolis at the legislature," State Rep. Garcia Wilburn said. "It's my goal as a state representative to make government more accessible, and

coming to a town hall is a great way to let me know what matters to you."

Additionally, the town hall will be an opportunity for residents to learn about legislation passed during the 2023 legislative session and available state resources. Ford and Garcia Wilburn are also encouraging attendees to be good neighbors by bringing non-perishable food to donate to a local food pantry in time for the holidays.



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The Salvation Army begins Angel Tree Toy Shop distribution

The REPORTER

The Salvation Army of Central Indiana kicked off its annual Angel Tree Toy Shop distribution on Thursday. The five-day distribution will take place through Tuesday, Dec. 19 at three locations in Marion and Hamilton counties.

The program serves 5,000 children from central Indiana whose families are in need of a little extra help this Christmas.

A new addition to the traditional Angel Tree program this year is the opportunity for parents and guardians to shop for gifts through a "Toy Shop" at each distribution location. After shopping from thousands of donated toys and choosing the perfect gifts for each child, parents are able to take the presents home, wrap them, and give them to their children on Christmas morning. Each Angel participating in the program will also receive a package of socks, underwear, and a Bible.

"Shifting to this model allows us more time with families so that we can have a deeper impact and provide more care," Central Indiana Area Commander Major Rachel Stouder said. "This gives parents more control over and choice of what they are giving to their children. Data is showing that the impact of continuing to provide choices and an opportunity for greater participation on the part of the parents is not only noticed in increased dignity but there's also a higher volume of families

who are happy to be a part of other caring programs."

Parents and guardians will shop for their children at a designated location. Each site is equipped with thousands of toys from which they can shop.

• **Carmel United Methodist Church, 621 S. Range Line Road: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 16**

• The Salvation Army Fountain Square Corps Community Center, 1337 Shelby St., Indianapolis: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 15, 18, and 19

• The Salvation Army Eagle Creek Corps Community Center, 4400 N. High School Road, Indianapolis: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 15 and 19

Many local families and companies sponsored Angels in 2024, including Mavpak, Bastian Solutions, and Flexware Innovation. The Indiana Pacers also donated hundreds of toys to ensure that every child can receive a toy through the Angel Tree Toy Shop. This year's 19th annual Circle City Toy Run provided several truckloads of toys to give parents plenty of options when shopping for their children.

Volunteers have been invaluable through this months-long process and in recent weeks have helped to sort and conduct quality checks of each donation. Volunteers are still needed for several of the upcoming distribution days. To learn more or sign up, visit SACentralIndiana.org/AngelTreeToyShop.

Jennie Delilah (Corey) Kimmel January 15, 1936 – December 11, 2023

Jennie Delilah (Corey) Kimmel, 87, Noblesville, passed away peacefully on December 11, 2023, with her husband Jerry and daughters at her bedside.

She was born on January 15, 1936, to the late Paul E. and Ancinohie E. (Smith) Corey in Guys Mills, Pa.

She graduated from Randolph East Meade High School in Guys Mills, Pa., Class of 1953.

Later that same year on November 7, 1953, Jennie married the love of her life Jerome "Jerry" W. Kimmel also in Guys Mills, Pa. The two of them have been at each other's side for over 70 years.

Jennie was a woman of faith, and she was a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Cicero.

She loved to learn and challenge her mind; she was an avid reader and enjoyed the challenge of crossword and jigsaw puzzles. She loved to cook and looked forward to feeding her family and friends. She loved playing games with her family.

Jennie and Jerry loved to square and ballroom dance, she was a past president of the Indiana Square Dancing Assoc. She and Jerry have traveled the United States square dancing and ballroom dancing from New York to California.

Family was the most important thing to Jennie and when it came time for the two of them to start their family, they wanted to raise their children on a strong foundation. Jennie passed on a lot of valuable life lessons to not only her children, but her grandchildren who she will always cherish. One of the things her family will always remember about her is she always carried a big purse that contained everything you would need in case of an emergency, if you lost a button she carried a sewing kit, if you fell and scraped your knee she would pull a Band-Aid out ... Jennie was ready for anything.

She will be greatly missed by her family: her husband Jerry and their three children Paula G. (Mickey) Fenn, Marilyn K. Gregory, and Tammy J. (Dean) Rickenbach. Jennie was a loving grandmother to David (Tiffany) Stanesa, Michael (Courtney) Stanesa, David (Kaitlin) Gregory, Melissa (Don) Karomanis, Robert (Shae) Asbery, and Hunter and Logan Rickenbach, and a proud great-grandmother to 13 great-grandchildren.

Preceding Jennie in death is her son Jerome "Buddy" in 1959, her son-in-law David in 1988, and her three sisters Mary E. VanSlyke, Adora A. Yokum, and Paula G. Brown.

The family would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers.

Everyone is invited to sign the online guestbook, send a condolence, or share a memory at fisherfunerals.com. Fisher Family Funeral Services is honored to serve the Kimmel Family.



TODAY'S BIBLE READING

JACOB'S DREAM AT BETHEL

Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. He called that place Bethel, though the city used to be called Luz.

Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear so that I return safely to my father's household, then the Lord will be my God and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God's house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth."

Genesis 28:18-22 (NIV)



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Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023, in the Board Room at the Noblesville Schools Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road, Noblesville.

The Carmel Board of Works and Public Safety will meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2023, in the Council Chambers at Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

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Wrestling



The Westfield and Noblesville wrestling teams shake hands after their dual meet at CSI Gymnasium on Thursday. The Shamrocks won 34-28. Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Shamrocks prove being a “lightweight” is not a bad thing

By **RICHIE HALL**
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WESTFIELD – The Westfield wrestling team beat Noblesville 34-28 Thursday in an all-county dual meet at CSI Gymnasium.

The Shamrocks built a big lead thanks to their solid cast of light to middle weight wrestlers, and that helped Westfield to stay in front when the meet got to the middleweights, where the Millers have some strong wrestlers.

“Once we started at 190 (pounds) we knew we needed to build a pretty big lead

going into the last four or five matches of the meet,” said Shamrocks coach Tom Griffin.

Westfield did just that, with some help from its upper weights. Hunter Jones, the 190-pound wrestler, won that bout in a close decision, with Alex Arambolles taking the 215-pound match. That early 7-0 lead helped the ‘Rocks absorb a forfeit at 285. Noblesville’s Austin Hastings took that match.

Westfield then ran off three consecutive pins from Keegan Carson, Abe O’Neill and Porter Temples to jump ahead in the

meet. Carter Niccum, Chase Camire and Jake Saez then got decision victories which clinched the team win.

“I thought our effort was outstanding,” said Griffin. “I thought we battled, all of our kids fought. Even when they got put to their back, we battled off our back and we continued to fight, fight, fight. That’s what we keep preaching in the room is effort and attitude and we controlled those two things tonight.”

Noblesville won the last five matches of the meet. Luke Chastain and Caleb Leeman both got major de-

cision wins, freshman Aidan Kincaide won at 157 by fall, Carter Richardson won at 165 with a tough decision, and Gage Gulley finished the match with a pin at 175.

“We wrestled them earlier in the year, it was a three-point dual,” said Millers assistant coach Andy Fleenor. “So, we knew it was going to be close and points were at a premium, so we were hoping for a few more bonus points from our guys and to limit their bonus points. That was a big part of the dual.”

Both teams will be idle for a couple weeks before

WESTFIELD 34, NOBLESVILLE 28
Meet started at 190 pounds

190: Hunter Jones (W) def. Luke Hargess (N) by decision, 6-5
215: Alex Arambolles (W) def. Cale Metzler (N) by major decision, 13-4
285: Austin Hastings (N) won by forfeit
106: Keegan Carson (W) def. Cody Prater (N) by fall, 4:33
113: Abe O’Neill (W) def. Daniel Munoz (N) by fall, 2:54
120: Porter Temples (W) def. D.J. Collier (N) by fall, 0:56
126: Carter Niccum (W) def. Josh Kauzlick (N) by decision, 10-4
132: Chase Camire (W) def. Mason Presits (N) by decision 4-1
138: Jake Saez (W) def. Evan Nichols (N) by decision 5-2
144: Luke Chastain (N) def. Hank Temples (W) by major decision, 13-4
150: Caleb Leeman (N) def. Grayden Staley (W) by major decision, 13-5
157: Aidan Kincaide (N) def. Eli Turner (W) by fall, 3:01
165: Carter Richardson (N) def. Hunter Lancaster (W) by decision, 9-5
175: Gage Gulley (N) def. Jayden Dewey (W) by fall, 1:34

returning to action on Dec. 29. Westfield will compete at the Mishawaka Invitational, while Noblesville will travel to the North Montgomery Duals.

Hoop Shoot champs set to compete in Greencastle

The REPORTER

The 52nd Elks Hoop Shoot local contest took place last Sunday morning at the Boys & Girls Club. Six winners were decided from some outstanding shooters.

In the girls’ divisions, Riley Suarez tied Bayleigh Eisele by knocking down 23 of their 25 free throw attempts. Riley earned the victory by making all five of her free throws in the first tiebreaker to win the 12-13 age group. Stella Dell hit 13 free throws to win the 11-12 age group. The 8- to 9-year-old

winner was Cora Dell, who made six shots.

The boys’ competition was just as competitive. Hudson Wade won the 12-13 group by making 21 free throws. In the 10- to 11-year-old group Russell Lewis sank 14 free throws to win. And in the 8 to 9 age group Luke Glassley drilled 23 out of his 25 attempts.

The champions now advance to compete in the 2024 West Central District competition at Greencastle’s McAnally Center on Jan. 13, 2024.



Awards were presented to first, second, and third place contestants at Sunday’s Elks Hoop Shoot contest. They were (front row, from left) Russell Lewis, Luke Glassley, Rory Collett, Gavin Glasser, Addison Coonfield, Cora Dell, Caitlin Horton, Dylan Sloneker, and Emmitt Bradshaw. (Back row, from left) Hudson Wade, Blake Glassley, Addison Blum, Riley Suarez, Bayleigh Eisele, Stella Dell, Yvonne Wilson, Max Everson, and Director Pete Smith. Photo provided

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Noblesville-Westfield game postponed

The REPORTER
The Noblesville-Westfield boys basketball game that was

scheduled for tonight has been postponed. A make-up date will be determined.

Heights falls to West Lafayette

The REPORTER
The Hamilton Heights girls basketball team lost to West Lafayette 63-44 on Thursday.

Stats were not available at press time. The Huskies are 10-2 and play Monday at Clinton Prairie.

Look for the Reporter's all-county volleyball team in Saturday's edition

Girls Basketball

University falls to Bishop Chatard

The REPORTER

The University girls battled foul trouble and a size disadvantage throughout the game and came up short against Bishop Chatard, dropping a 52-45 road contest.

Anyah Turley had 12 points and five assists to lead the Trailblazers and Charlotte Conyers came off the bench to score 10 points and add team-high six rebounds and six steals.

The teams traded baskets early in the game with Turley giving University their first lead at 4-2 after an offensive rebound from Leah Norvell. After Alyx Kendall tied it for Chatard, Norvell made a three pointer from the left corner to give the Blazers a 7-4 lead. Kendall tied it for the Trojans and Chatard took the lead for good on an Anna Caskey basket.

The Trojans led 20-15 after the first quarter with Turley scoring six points and Norvell adding five for University. The contest slowed in the second quarter with Chatard taking a 26-22 half-time lead.

Chatard pushed the lead to 34-27 midway through the third quarter but University answered with back-to-back baskets by Keira Bright cutting

ting the lead to three. Chatard led 41-34 after three quarters. University faced its biggest deficit of the night early in the fourth quarter at 43-34 before Conyers made a three pointer and scored on a baseline drive to cut the lead to 43-39 with 6:10 left. The Chatard lead was at 47-40 midway through the final period when Meg Rohloff scored for the Blazers.

After Bright fouled out with 2:55 left, University made one last run when Turley converted a three point play after Conyers made a steal. The Blazers were down just 47-45 with 1:36 left. University post Mack Feeney fouled out six seconds later and Chatard added five free throws down the stretch for the 52-45 final.

University falls to 5-4 on the season while Chatard improves to 6-3.

The Trailblazers are off until Friday, Dec. 22 when they travel to Carroll to play the host Cougars in the first round of the Carroll Tournament. The Blazers will play twice on Dec. 23, with their first game Saturday against either Lewis Cass or Western Boone. Tippecanoe Valley, Western, Riverton Parke and Covenant Christian round out the field.



Sheridan's Kenzie Garner scored 24 points and pulled 10 rebounds for the Blackhawks in their 43-40 win over Bethesda Christian on Thursday. Sheridan has won eight games in a row.

Blackhawks zoom to another win, this time over Bethesda Christian

The REPORTER

Sheridan's girls kept their win streak rolling on Thursday by toughing out a victory over Bethesda Christian 43-40 at Larry Hobbs Hall.

The Blackhawks zoomed out to an 18-6 lead after the first period. Kenzie Garner had an outstanding quarter, draining four 3-pointers on her way to 14 points. The Patriots cut into Sheridan's lead slightly in the second quarter, but the 'Hawks still led 29-19 at halftime.

The third period was a defensive one, with Bethesda holding Sheridan to three points and cutting the Blackhawks' lead to 32-28. The fourth quarter was close, but Sheridan held on, with Cecilia Timme scoring five points to help secure

the victory.

Garner reached double-double status with 24 points (including five 3s) and 10 rebounds; she also had four assists and four blocked shots. Timme scored nine and pulled seven rebounds, while Mac Smith added eight points, going 4-for-4 from the free-throw line.

The Blackhawks are 8-2, having won their last eight games. Sheridan travels to Eastern tonight for a 6 p.m. Hoosier Heartland Conference game.

SHERIDAN 43, BETHESDA CHRISTIAN 40				
Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Cecilia Timme	3-11	3-6	9	3
Kenzie Garner	8-23	3-6	24	3
Shelby Eaton	0-3	0-0	0	2
Nova Cross	1-5	0-0	2	3
Brielle Garner	0-3	0-0	0	0
Sadie Timme	0-1	0-0	0	3
Mac Smith	2-4	4-4	8	1
Makenzy Terry	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	14-50	10-16	43	15
Score by Quarters				
Bethesda Christian	6	13	9	12 - 40
Sheridan	18	11	3	11 - 43
Sheridan 3-point shooting (5-19) K. Garner 5-12, Eaton 0-3, Cross 0-2, B. Garner 0-2.				
Sheridan rebounds (24) K. Garner 10, C. Timme 7, Eaton 2, B. Garner 2, Cross 1, S. Timme 1, Terry 1.				

BISHOP CHATARD 52, UNIVERSITY 45				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Meg Rohloff	2-3	0-0	5	0
Keira Bright	3-8	0-0	6	5
Anyah Turley	5-11	2-3	12	3
Leah Norvell	3-8	0-0	8	1
Mack Feeney	2-2	0-0	4	5
Charlotte Conyers	3-14	3-6	10	1
Samantha Purdie	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	18-46	5-9	45	15
Score by Quarters				
University	15	7	12	11 - 45
Bishop Chatard	20	6	15	11 - 52
University 3-point shooting (4-11) Norvell 2-6, Conyers 1-4, Rohloff 1-1.				
University rebounds (21) Conyers 6, Turley 5, Conyers 3, Bright 2, Norvell 2, Feeney 2, Rohloff 1.				

Sheridan's fall teams produce several all-conference players

The REPORTER

Sheridan had several athletes receive all-conference honors in the Hoosier Heartland Conference for their performances during the fall season.

In girls soccer, the Blackhawks finished 5-0 and four All-Conference players: Emma Alexander, Cecilia Timme, Mac Smith and Sadie Timme. Makaley Terry and Makenzy Terry were both named as Honorable Mention.

Sheridan's boys soccer team was 1-4, with two All-Conference honorees: Carsen Aleman and Conner Stuart. Donovan Aleman-Lewis and Evan Krupp received Honorable Mention.

In volleyball, the Blackhawks finished 5-3, placing them fourth. Kenzie Garner

was named All-Conference, while Nova Cross and Trinity Parkin were Honorable Mention.

Sheridan placed third in football with a 5-2 record.

Zach Bales, Joe Franco, Eli Kolb, Trent DeCraene and Nolan Page received All-Conference honors, with Parker Williams and Erich Retz named as Honorable Mention.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

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.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

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

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6:00 pm **Sheridan vs Eastern(Greentown)** | Varsity Girls & Boys | Bragg Sports
7:15 pm **Hamilton Southeastern vs Fishers** | Varsity Boys | Southeastern Sports
7:20 pm Heritage Christian vs **Guerin** | Varsity Boys | Indiana SRN
7:20 pm Shelbyville vs Mt Vernon | Varsity Boys | Indiana SRN
7:30 pm **Westfield vs Noblesville** | Varsity Boys | HCTV Sports

Sat Dec 16 - Basketball

6:00 pm **Fishers vs Hamilton Southeastern** | Girls Basketball | Fishers Sports
7:20 pm **Sheridan vs Frankfort** | Boys Varsity | Bragg Sports Media

Wed Dec 27 - Boys Basketball - 2023 Noblesville Holiday Tournament

10:00 am Crown Point vs Castle | Game 1 | HCTV Sports
11:45 am McCutcheon vs **Noblesville** | Game 2 | HCTV Sports
6:00 pm Consolation Game | Game 3 | HCTV Sports
7:45 pm Championship Game | Game 4 | HCTV Sports

Thurs Dec 28 - Girls Basketball - 2023 Noblesville Holiday Tournament

10:00 am Valparaiso vs **Noblesville** | Game 1 | HCTV Sports
11:45 am Ft. Wayne Snider vs Norwell | Game 2 | HCTV Sports
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Two more Millers announces commitments to play at college



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(ABOVE LEFT) Noblesville’s Ransom McDermott has committed to play football at the University of Louisville. (Front row, from left) Jason McDermott (father), Ransom McDermott, and Connie McDermott (mother). (Back row, from left) Dave Sharpe (Noblesville Football Head Coach), Mason McDermott (brother), and Mike Campbell (Noblesville Football Assistant Coach). (ABOVE RIGHT) Noblesville’s Nataley Blackburn has committed to play lacrosse at Ashland University. (From left) Michelle Blackburn, Nataley Blackburn, and Bill Blackburn.

Pacers legend George McGinnis has passed away

Submitted by the Indiana Pacers

Indiana Pacers great George McGinnis, the 1969 Indiana Mr. Basketball who went on to a professional career that culminated in his enshrinement in the Naismith Hall of Fame, passed away early Thursday morning. He was 73.

McGinnis succumbed to complications from a cardiac arrest suffered last week at his home. He was taken to Community North Hospital where family, friends, and former teammates maintained a vigil of support until his passing.

McGinnis starred on an unbeaten Indianapolis Washington High School team that won the 1969 state championship, led the Big Ten in scoring and rebounding as a sophomore at Indiana University, then helped guide the Pacers to two of their three American Basketball Association (ABA) championships. He earned the ABA’s co-most valuable player (with Julius Erving) in the 1974-75 season. McGinnis then moved on to the Philadelphia 76ers in the National Basketball Association (NBA), where he was twice named an All-Star. He later played for the Denver Nuggets before returning to the Indiana Pacers, closing his 11-year professional basketball career in 1982.

He is one of four Pacers (Roger Brown, Mel Daniels and Reggie Miller being the others) to have his Pacers jersey – No. 30 – retired. He was inducted into the Naismith Hall of Fame in 2017.

At 6’8”, 235 pounds, McGinnis defined the position of “power” forward but was also a tremendous rebounder, floor leader, and teammate. In the 1975 ABA playoffs, for example, he averaged 32.3 points, 15.9 rebounds, and 8.2 assists.

As 1969 Mr. Basketball, he was best known for his 53-point, 30-point rebound performance in the Indiana’s All-Star victory over Kentucky in Louisville’s Freedom Hall.

Although plagued by severe back issues in later life, McGinnis was affable, approachable, and immensely loyal to his friends, former teammates and former Pacers coach Bobby “Slick” Leonard. He was also a successful businessman, forming and running GM Supply, a wholesale industrial supply firm.

The son of Willie and Burnie McGinnis, George married his high school sweetheart, Lynda, who passed in 2019. He is survived by his sister, Bonnie.

Statement from the Simon Family and Pacers Sports & Entertainment:

“From his all-state high school days to his time as an IU All-American and, of course, to his legendary ABA championship runs with the Pacers, George McGinnis shaped so many of the fondest basketball memories for generations of Hoosiers. He was the very definition of an Indiana basketball legend, a champion, and Hall of Fame athlete. But he was more than that. George was family. A passionate advocate for his fellow ABA players and a present, smiling face around the franchise, George has been as synonymous with our Pacers franchise as anyone. He will be greatly missed, and all of us at Pacers Sports & Entertainment will keep George and his family in our prayers.”

The burial will be private, but a celebration of life will take place in Gainbridge Fieldhouse after the first of the year. Details to be announced.

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