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# Ten Heights students win Coffee Bean Award

**The REPORTER**  
Hamilton Heights High School recognizes the following students who were named as Coffee Bean Award recipients for the month of November and December. They include Leslie Acosta, Olivia Cosand, Cole Darnell, Sam Dawson, Katie Herbert, Esther Martin, Alexandra Prince, Kaitlyn Roa, and Ethan Swart.

The name and award, inspired by *The Coffee Bean*, a book written by Jon Gordon and Damon West, delivers a simple, yet powerful message on positive change. All students nominated receive a certificate of recognition. At the end of the month, the names of the students who were nominated during the month are included in a drawing where the first five to seven names drawn are called down to the office to enjoy a hot chocolate or coffee and a donut.

The monthly award objective is to encourage more acts of kindness, positivity, school



Hamilton Heights High School November/December Coffee Bean Award recipients include Katie Herbert, Sam Dawson, Leslie Acosta, Esther Martin, Olivia Cosand, and Cole Darnell. Not pictured: Kaitlyn Roa, Ethan Swart, and Alexandra Prince. Congratulations!

Photo provided

spirit, and help foster a closer school. Students and staff can sense of community at the high nominate students. Nomination forms can be downloaded at [hhschuskies.org/domain/82](https://hhschuskies.org/domain/82).

## The King of Kings

There is magic in the air, right? And by jolly magic, I mean there is a great deal of stress. We all have our to-do lists. There are last-minute gifts we haven't purchased and loose ends needing to be tied before we can have some time off to celebrate Christmas and close out the year.


At this point, it often feels like we've run a marathon getting here.

I find myself clinging to the quiet this time of year. There's so little of it that I experience as a mom of two small children, with two rambunctious dogs, and a classroom full of eager fourth graders. I get easily overwhelmed making sure my to-do list gets completed, making sure everyone is remembered, finding thoughtful gifts, and making sure that not only do our children have a magical Christmas; I want them to understand what Christmas is and why we celebrate it.

Christmas is such an extravagant and expensive time. We find ourselves indulging in things that oftentimes we don't merely because it's a special occasion. We find ourselves agreeing to things we wouldn't normally do simply in the name of the season.

When you really stop and think about what this season is all about, it really is so simple.

COLUMNIST



MEGAN RATHZ  
When Nature Speaks

# Westfield announces new private partnership to manage Grand Park

By RICHARD ESSEX  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](https://www.wishtv.com)

The City of Westfield will remain the owner of the **Grand Park** campus, but the day-to-day operation of the facility will now be handled by a newly formed private organization.

The **announcement** of the new management was made at the sports complex Tuesday.

"We don't want to sell the park, but we are interested in a public-private management arrangement," current Mayor Andy Cook said.

The understanding is a basic agreement that the newly formed Grand Park Sports & Entertainment will take over the management of Grand Park once all the details are worked out.

The city is asking for \$300 million over the next 40 years. Mayor Cook is leaving office in two weeks, and Mayor-elect Scott Willis will have to work out the details.

"Well, we have together the different entities and we have to agree on which comes first, the chicken or the egg, and lay out a timeline for how that development will happen," Willis said.

The team behind Grand Park Sports & Entertainment consists of Ersal Ozdemir, the owner of Keystone Group and Indy Eleven soccer team; Greg Stremlaw,



WISH-TV / File photo

president of Indy Eleven and Indy Sports and Entertainment; and Ken Kocher, the owner of Bullpen Ventures.

Kocher's company has run the baseball operation at Grand Park from the beginning. They are hoping to turn Grand Park into a live-work-play-and-stay complex with retail, hotels, restaurants, and multifamily housing – all on the Grand Park campus.

"We want to create a better experience here at Grand Park, we have our own initiative that we want to push," Willis said. "So, both sides need to come together we need to develop time



Cook

and commitments in how that will happen."



Willis

Indy Eleven and the Keystone group are knee-deep in the development of a new soccer stadium in downtown Indianapolis, which Ozdemir says will not distract from this project. He

says the focus of Grand Park will remain youth sports-oriented.

"We are in a unique position the best sports complex for a true work-live-play environment in the country that is our vision that is our goal," Ozdemir said.

If this deal is completed and all parties agree to whatever terms need to be worked out, the city told I-Team 8 that it is expected to pay off its debt to build Grand Park.

Next year, the Westfield City Council will need to approve the deal in order for it to go into effect.

## Caucus votes Jamie Mills as next Westfield Washington Township Trustee

**The REPORTER**  
A Westfield caucus has voted to appoint Westfield resident and local business professional Jamie Mills as Westfield Washington Township Trustee. This follows the resignation of Trustee Danielle Carey Tolan, who will serve as chief of staff under Westfield Mayor-elect Scott Willis.



Mills

Westfield Washington Township is one of nine townships in Hamilton County. The Township services include poor relief assistance, fire protection, parks and recreation programming, cemetery maintenance, burials, weed control, fence disputes, and other community services. Trustees are elected and serve a four-year term. Mills will complete Carey Tolan's term ending in 2026.

As a successful business leader, Mills has a proven background in building and leading sales, marketing, service, and operations teams. She is highly successful in organizational change management and has experience in expanding and developing markets, increasing market share, and managing substantial budgets.

"As an already established and trusted member of this community and a known asset to executive teams, Jamie is committed to delivering remarkable outcomes for the Township and its residents," Carey Tolan said. "She takes immense pride in always going beyond what is expected to deliver continuous improvements to an organization's bottom line and success. I look forward to collaborating with Jamie in our new roles."

Mills said her experience coupled with Carey Tolan's mentorship has positioned her to transition smoothly into the job.

"My leadership experience, extensive business acumen and professional success have put me in a position to leverage those experiences and serve our community," Mills said. "Danielle Carey Tolan is a mentor to me and her dedication and commitment to this community has inspired me to continue my service to our wonderful residents. I believe this mentorship will lead to a smooth transition as the newly appointed township trustee."

# Indiana DOE Report: Nearly half of state's public schools don't teach cursive

By GARRETT BERGQUIST  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](https://www.wishtv.com)

A state lawmaker said she will again push for mandatory cursive writing instruction following a new report that shows large numbers of Indiana schoolchildren never learn it.

This year, in response to legislation authored by Sen. Jean Leising, R-Oldenburg, the Indiana Department of Education surveyed schools that teach grades K through 6 to find out if they teach cursive writing. In a report published Dec. 1, 42 percent of schools said they did not teach the skill, and 48 percent of traditional public schools and

55 percent of charter schools said they did not include cursive writing in their curriculum. By comparison, a little more than 8 percent of private schools told the department they do not teach it.

Leising said a lack of cursive writing instruction puts Indiana students at a disadvantage, especially when comparing public and private school pupils. She said many of her colleagues already have noticed a generation gap in cursive skills.

"I've had legislators tell me that they've written their out-of-state grandkids a note in cursive and then they actually find that the grandkid couldn't read

it, that their parent had to read it," Leising said. "And these are kids that are healthy kids."

Leising said she will file legislation this session to require every school in the state to teach elementary-age children both print and cursive handwriting. She said her most immediate concern has long been the ability of Indiana children to form a legal signature. She also said she views handwriting instruction as one way to reverse Indiana's poor reading scores. A 2020 study in Norway found physical handwriting led to greater brain activity in children than keyboarding. Leising said the

cognitive development benefits plus the action of forming words could help students learn to read more effectively.

Additionally, Leising said the ability to read cursive is key to understanding the nation's past. Legal documents created prior to the widespread adoption of typewriters or computers, such as the Declaration of Independence, typically were written in some form of cursive.

Leising has proposed similar legislation in previous sessions without success. Since the 2024 session is only scheduled to last about two months, she said getting it through in time will be challenging.

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A I write this, I wonder what Mary must have been thinking that night when she gave birth. She was so young. Was she scared? Did anyone check on them? What noises could be heard from the stable? What were the animals doing as the Messiah lay swaddled in a feeding trough?

It's easy to get swept away with all of it. I know it will still happen to me. I will still fret and want to make sure that the house looks perfect, and I know my husband will want to make sure his beef tenderloin is cooked to perfection. The gifts will be wrapped, and I suspect Santa will pay us a visit. I hope so at least.

And like anything else, it will come so pass. The season will draw to a close. The wrapping paper will be strewn all about, tree needles on the ground, glitter from decorations for weeks



Photo provided by Megan Rathz

to come. The most important thing though will be making sure that not only am I teaching the Christmas story to my children, but that I remember it myself.

The quiet will come one day in my life, and I know I

will ache for the chaos, but today, I cherish the noise and the excitement of the season.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given. His name shall be Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty

God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

– Isaiah 9:6

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

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# Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana sees significant spike in need

The REPORTER

Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana President and CEO Fred Glass reports that Gleaners is seeing a significant spike in the number of households seeking food assistance which began last summer and is continuing through the holidays.

“In our fiscal year 2023, ending in September, Gleaners distributed an all-time record 48 million meals throughout our 21-county service area, 17 percent higher than the last year and 88 percent higher than the year before the pandemic,” Glass said. “Since June, the number of households we’re serving just at our own on-site pantry has increased by nearly 28 percent.”

Many people don’t realize that Gleaners must buy nearly half of the food that it in turn provides to people facing hunger. Glass noted that Gleaners’ food purchase budget of \$7.7 million, the

highest in the organization’s 43-year history, is already being stretched.

“Despite having conservative-planned this year for a significant increase in our food budget, our recent distributions are running well over that increased budget,” Glass said. “My big concern is that even this record budget may not be enough.”

The increase in need is not just being seen at Gleaners’ on-site pantry or just in Marion County pantries, but throughout the food bank’s 21-county service area.

“Marion County, our most populous, is up 11 percent, but so is Hamilton County. Wayne County is up 16 percent, Bartholomew County is up 13 percent. It’s across the board,” Glass said. “The trend is national.



Glass

The October 2023 USDA report on household food insecurity in the U.S. in 2022 revealed that one in seven Americans (44 million) live in food insecure households including one in five children (15 million). This is a 30 percent and 40 percent increase, respectively, from the previous year and the highest percentages since 2014.”

Despite indicators showing a strong economy, hundreds of thousands of Hoosiers are struggling. Rent increases place Indianapolis as high as third nationally. While food inflation has slowed, it is still outpacing wage gains for low-income workers.

“We hear from our neighbors that while the vast majority are working, sometimes more than one

Households served at Gleaners Drive through Pantry

- July 2023: 13,045
- August 2023: 17,633
- September 2023: 17,257
- October 2023: 17,080
- November 2023: 20,685

job, their wages simply aren’t sufficient to meet the family’s basic needs,” Glass said. “Of those needs – such as housing, utilities, child-care, and health care – food is the most accessible and flexible to successfully address. If a neighbor goes to one of our pantries, they will receive food. This not only helps them meet their immediate need to eat but can free up time and resources to help them pay their rent, keep on their lights, and buy medicine.”

To learn more about hunger in your community and how you can get involved, visit [gleaners.org](http://gleaners.org).

## Sephora suspects seen in ebony & ivory



Photo provided by Carmel Police Department

The Carmel Police Department is investigating a theft from Sephora on Dec. 2. The individuals pictured above are persons of interest. If you have any information on who they are, please call Officer C. Larrison at (317) 571-2500.

# Carmel business owner questions motive behind land seizure

By KODY FISHER  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

The owner of **BCforward** is questioning the motives of the City of Carmel over its attempts to seize his land using eminent domain.

From the second floor of his business, Justin Christian can see his property that the city wants to seize for a roundabout and road project. “We’ve invested millions in acquiring these properties, right, and what was offered was pennies on the dollar,” Christian said.

Christian says he doesn’t think the proposed seizure fits the legal definition of when eminent domain can be used by the government.

“Eminent domain is only supposed to be leveraged in instances where there is a public need to seize that property,” he said. “I don’t understand the public value of this land seizure. If I saw there was going to

be a fire station over there, if I saw there was going to be a school over there, I could get my mind wrapped around that. This is something else that’s going on that just doesn’t feel right.”

For Christian, that something else might have a racial component to it.

“Eminent domain abuse targeted at people of color, targeted at African Americans – there are several instances of that have happened here in Indiana where that is an unfortunate reality,” Christian said.

I-Team 8 asked if the process by which Carmel went about seizing the property made him question the city’s motives, to which he said, “Absolutely.”

In a statement from the city, it highlights the need to create safe roads to support the business community. The city’s project calls for putting a roundabout in the area of College Avenue, just north of 96th Street.

To do that, they would

need to purchase 0.295 acres of Christian’s land.

According to the city’s statement, Carmel has built “151 roundabouts” and “similar acquirement of partial parcels have been done across the city, without consideration of race. While building the city’s roundabout network, it has had to purchase more than 225 acres to complete those projects.”

The city says the city manager had reached out to Christian about the project, saying they thought he knew their plans. When Christian sent the city a letter outlining his concerns, they learned he might not have been as informed as they thought.

“We remain open to discussion about future development and are open to negotiation over the purchase price of the land needed to build a new roundabout,” the city said in the statement.

Carmel Mayor James Brainard said in a state-

ment, “We respect the right of all property owners to control their own future and continue to thrive and be successful. The City of Carmel does all it can to support our corporate community, while also addressing the need to improve public safety for everyone. The city welcomes all business owners and investors, which includes those from the minority community.”

Brainard only has less than two weeks left in office, so I-Team 8 reached out to Mayor-Elect Sue Finkam for comment. She said, “BCforward chose to invest here for undoubtedly strategic reasons and we must implement a collaborative economic development strategy and infrastructure program that encourages continued business investment.”

Christian told I-Team 8 that he’s considering legal action against the City of Carmel because of this situation.

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Put on your dancing shoes and groove to the beats of live DJ, DJ INDIANA, who will spin the best tunes from the past and present. Enjoy the company of friends and fellow partygoers as you sip on delicious cocktails crafted by expert mixologists.

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some items you will not want to miss. And, as the clock strikes midnight, prepare for a champagne toast.

Don’t miss out on this epic celebration. Grab your tickets now at [this link](#).

**Will there be drinks?**

Of course! You will get two drink tickets with your ticket, as well as the midnight

champagne toast. There will be additional drink tickets available for purchase.

**Will there be food?**

The West Fork Whisky Chef will prepare Italian food, which will be available from 8 to 9:30 p.m. at the Mash house. Afterward, there will be “small bites” and desserts.

## DILLINGER

has coached The Noblesville Grinders’ elementary football travel team for 25

years. Dillinger was elected as an inaugural Inductee into the Elementary Foot-

ball Hall of Fame in 2010. He resides in Noblesville with his wife and cherishes

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spending time with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Meeting Notices

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a), the Hamilton County Airport Authority will meet in an Executive Session at 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 5, 2024. The meeting will be held virtually. The purpose of the meeting is to receive information about and interview a prospective consultant (5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5) concerning the implementation of a security system (5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(C) and any other airport business as needed.

The Hamilton County Commissioners will meet at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023, in the Commissioners’ Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

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# Westfield Washington Schools

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*Oak Trace Elementary*



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*Carey Ridge Elementary*



**Eleanor Springer**  
*Washington Woods Elem.*



**Jackson O'Brien**  
*Shamrock Springs Elem.*



**Jackson Gilbert**  
*Westfield High School*



**Brenna Fuller**  
*Westfield Intermediate*



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# Community Health Network agrees to pay \$345M fine to settle alleged False Claims Act violations

**The REPORTER**

Community Health Network, Inc., a healthcare network headquartered in Indianapolis, has agreed to pay the United States \$345 million to resolve allegations that it violated the False Claims Act by knowingly submitting claims to Medicare for services that were referred in violation of the Stark Law.

The Stark Law seeks to safeguard the integrity of the Medicare program by prohibiting a hospital from billing for certain services referred by physicians with whom the hospital has a financial relationship unless that relationship satisfies one of the law's statutory or regulatory exceptions. Under the Stark Law, when a hospital employs a physician, the hospital may not submit claims for certain services referred by that physician unless the physician's compensation is consistent with fair market value and not based on the value or volume of their referrals to the hospital.

In this lawsuit, the United States alleged that the compensation Community paid to its cardiologists, cardiothoracic surgeons, vascular surgeons, neurosurgeons, and breast surgeons was well above fair market value, that Community award-

ed bonuses to physicians that were tied to the number of their referrals, and that Community submitted claims to Medicare for services that resulted from these unlawful referrals.

The United States' complaint alleged that beginning in 2008 and 2009, senior management at Community embarked on an illegal scheme to recruit physicians for employment for the purpose of capturing their lucrative "downstream referrals." Community successfully recruited hundreds of local physicians, including cardiovascular specialists, neurosurgeons, and breast surgeons, by paying them salaries that were significantly higher – sometimes as much as double – what they were receiving in their own private practices.

Community was well aware of the Stark Law requirements that the compensation of employed physicians had to be fair market value and could not take into account the volume of referrals.

Community hired a valuation firm to analyze the compensation it proposed paying to its recruited specialists. The Complaint alleged that Community knowingly provided the firm with false compensation figures

so that the firm would render a favorable opinion. The Complaint further alleged that Community ignored repeated warnings from the valuation firm regarding the legal perils of overcompensating its physicians.

In addition to paying specialists excessive compensation, the Complaint alleged that Community awarded incentive compensation to physicians, in the form of certain financial performance bonuses that were based on the physicians reaching a target of referrals to Community's network, again in violation of the Stark Law.

"The Stark Law was enacted to ensure that the clinical judgment of physicians is not corrupted by improper financial incentives," said Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Brian M. Boynton, head of the Justice Department's Civil Division. "Today's recovery demonstrates the Department's resolve to protect the integrity of federal health care programs and to safeguard the taxpayer dollars used to support these important programs."

"Hoosier Medicare patients deserve to know that their care is based on their medical needs, not their doctor's financial gain.

When doctors refer patients for CT scans, mammograms, or any other medical service, those patients should know the doctor is putting their medical interests first and not their profit margins," said Zachary A. Myers, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana. "The United States alleged that Community Health Network overpaid its doctors, and that it paid doctors bonuses based on the amount of extra money the hospital was able to bill Medicare through doctor referrals. Such compensation arrangements erode patient trust and incentivize unnecessary medical services that waste taxpayer dollars. The U.S. Attorney's Office's Civil Division, working alongside the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General (HHS-OIG) and the Justice Department's Fraud Section are committed to holding companies accountable when they knowingly seek to profit off of Medicare patients through greedy compensation schemes."

"HHS-OIG remains steadfast in our efforts to protect our health care programs and the people they serve, including holding those accountable who violate the Stark Law," said Deputy In-

spector General for Investigations Christian J. Schrank of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General (HHS-OIG). "Our work will not cease here. Following the settlement, HHS-OIG will enter into a five-year Corporate Integrity Agreement with the defendant, further demonstrating our unwavering commitment to protecting federal health care programs."

Under the settlement, in addition to paying the United States \$345 million, Community will enter into a five-year Corporate Integrity Agreement with the Office of Inspector General for the Department of Health and Human Services.

The settlement announced Tuesday stems from a whistleblower complaint filed in 2014 by Community's former Chief Financial and Chief Operating Officer, Thomas Fischer, pursuant to the False Claims Act's qui tam provisions, which permit private persons to bring a lawsuit on behalf of the government and to share in any recovery. The Act also permits the Government to intervene and take over the lawsuit, as it did in this case as to certain of Fischer's allegations. Mr. Fischer's share has not yet been deter-

mined in this matter.

The United States' intervention and settlement in this matter illustrates the government's emphasis on combating healthcare fraud. One of the most powerful tools in this effort is the False Claims Act. Tips and complaints from all sources about potential fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement, can be reported to the Department of Health and Human Services, at 800-HHS-TIPS (800-447-8477).

The matter was handled by Trial Attorneys Arthur Di Dio, Kelly McAuliffe, Claire Horrell, and David Finkelshtein of the Civil Division's Fraud Section and Assistant U.S. Attorneys Justin Olson and Shelese Woods, from the Southern District of Indiana. The litigation team received investigative support from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General.

The case is captioned *United States and the State of Indiana ex rel. Thomas A. Fischer v. Community Health Network, Inc., et al.*, No. 1:14-cv-1215 (S.D. Ind.). The claims resolved by this settlement are allegations only and there has been no determination of liability.

## In other news . . .

### Riverview Health earns 2023 Great Place To Work Certification Community-based healthcare system recognized for exceptional employee experience

**The REPORTER**

Riverview Health, the only independent healthcare system in Hamilton County, has been Certified by Great Place To Work. This distinction was awarded based on employee feedback regarding the level of organizational trust and the consistency of employee experience.

Of the Riverview Health employees who provided feedback, 73 percent said that the health system was a great place to work in 2023 – compared to 57 percent of employees at a typical U.S. company.

"We are honored and

excited to receive the Great Place To Work Certification. Working in the high-pressure healthcare environment, a strong culture is not only important, it is a necessity," Riverview Health President and CEO Dave Hyatt said. "Our vision is to become the best place to work, practice medicine, and receive care in the communities we serve. This distinction shows we are well on our way to achieving this goal, thanks to the continued efforts and dedication of each and every Riverview Health team member."

Riverview Health's

commitment to uplifting and engaging employees is exemplified in its tight-knit culture, dedication to community, support of professional development activities, and career pathways and pipelines. For years, Riverview Health's employees have engaged in culture-building activities, such as friendly pumpkin and holiday tree decorating competitions, volunteering in the Hamilton County community and regularly celebrating team mem-



Hyatt

ber accomplishments.

"Our people are a top priority every day, and we are thrilled to be a certified Great Place To Work," Chief Operating and Strategy Officer Elizabeth Walker said. "We celebrate and thank every Riverview Health employee for all they do to earn this incredible recognition."

According to **Great Place To Work research**, job seekers are 4.5 times more likely to find a great boss at a Certified great

workplace. Additionally, employees at Certified workplaces are 93 percent more likely to look forward to coming to work and are twice as likely to be paid fairly, earn a fair share of the company's profits, and have a fair chance at promotion.

"Great Place To Work Certification is a highly coveted achievement that requires consistent and intentional dedication to the overall employee experience," says Sarah Lewis-Kulin, the Vice President of Global Recognition at Great Place To Work. She emphasizes that Certifi-

cation is the sole official recognition earned by the real-time feedback of employees regarding their company culture. "By successfully earning this recognition, it is evident that Riverview Health stands out as one of the top companies to work for, providing a great workplace environment for its employees."

Riverview Health is currently hiring across a variety of clinical and non-clinical positions and locations. Want to grow your career at an organization that puts people first? Visit the Riverview Health **[careers page](#)** for more information.

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# Senator Mike Braun introduces Tyler’s Law to direct ERs to screen for fentanyl

The REPORTER

U.S. Senators Mike Braun (R-Ind.) and Joe Manchin (D-W.V.) introduced Tyler’s Law, a bill directing the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to provide hospitals with guidance on how emergency rooms can implement fentanyl testing in their routine drug screens.



Braun

The bill is named for Tyler Shamash, a teenager who lost his life to a fentanyl overdose in part because – unbeknownst to the physician – he was not tested for fentanyl upon being checked into the emergency room. Fentanyl and fentanyl-related substances are the leading cause of drug overdose deaths, with almost 70 percent of all overdose deaths last year being related to fentanyl.

“Fentanyl and other synthetic opioids have become the leading cause of drug overdose deaths, devastating communities all over the United States,” Sen. Braun said. “Passing Tyler’s Law is imperative, so emergency rooms across the nation are directed to screen for fentanyl and we can put a stop to these preventable deaths.”

Currently, many drug screenings in emergency rooms only test for marijuana, cocaine, amphetamines, opiates, and phen-cyclidine (PCP) – but not fentanyl. Since fentanyl is a synthetic opioid, it does not show up on most rapid drug screenings. Adding fentanyl to routine drug screenings in emergency rooms could prevent many fentanyl-related deaths, which increased 97-fold in the United States from 1999 to 2021, according to HHS.

U.S. Representatives Ted Lieu (D-Calif.), Bob Latta (R-Ohio) and Sydney Kamlager-Dove (D-Calif.) introduced companion legislation in the House of Representatives.

The bill would direct the Secretary of HHS to:

- Complete a study to determine how frequently emergency rooms are currently testing for fentanyl when patients come in for an overdose, as well as the associated costs and benefits/risks, and
- Issue guidance to hospitals on implementing fentanyl testing in emergency rooms.

[Click here](#) to read the full text of the bill.

# Rep. Victoria Spartz introduces bill to address farm equipment cost & safety

The REPORTER

Rep. Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) introduced on Tuesday a first set of bills for the 2024 Farm Bill re-authorization to improve the safety and cost of farm equipment: the Farm Freedom to Repair Act and the Farm Equipment Safety Act.

“Food security is a national security issue,” Rep. Spartz said. “Ever-increasing government regulations have led to significant consolidation in agriculture and material increases in input costs. The Farm Bill should be a time to discuss how we can improve innovation and competition for value in agriculture. The two bills I introduced today will help to significantly reduce cost and improve safety of farm equipment, which is critical for all farmers, but particularly significant for smaller enterprises.”

The Farm Freedom to



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Repair Act would ensure that farmers have the right to repair digital agricultural equipment they own. “Big Ag” manufacturers have been abusing copyright law to deny farmers the right to repair their equipment.

The Farm Equipment Safety Act would exempt offroad farm equipment from burdensome emission regulations, which have led to unsafe, expensive, and inefficiently manufactured agricultural equipment.

Military equipment is already exempt from such regulations for national security reasons.

[Click here](#) to read the Farm Freedom to Repair Act.

[Click here](#) to read the Farm Equipment Safety Act.

# Sen. Todd Young’s office reports helping record number of Hoosiers in 2023

The REPORTER

U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) and his staff have helped 3,763 constituents resolve cases before federal agencies this year, a 20 percent increase over the number assisted in 2022. The constituent service work resulted in more than \$20 million being returned to Hoosier taxpayers.

Since joining the Senate in 2017, Sen. Young has helped 14,438 Hoosiers recover approximately \$87 million from federal agen-

cies.

This year, Young’s office saw a surge in passport cases as a result of a large backlog at the Department of State that caused travel worries for hundreds of Hoosier families. In 2023, Young’s office helped process 1,076 passports.

The vast majority of the money recovered this year and returned to Hoosiers



Young

came from IRS cases. Senator Young helped Hoosiers recover nearly \$17.4 million owed to them by the IRS. An additional \$2.6 million was recovered from Social Security and VA claims.

“Helping Hoosiers navigate federal red tape has always been a top priority for me and our team,” Sen. Young said. “We take every

call that comes in seriously, and our team is committed to helping Hoosiers resolve issues involving federal agencies.”

Sen. Young’s office also helped eleven families complete international adoptions and aided 26 family groups still stranded in Afghanistan following U.S. withdrawal in 2021.

Hoosiers who think they may need help with a federal agency can visit [young.senate.gov](#) and click “Help for Hoosiers.”

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## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

## JACOB ARRIVES IN PADDAN ARAM

Jacob asked the shepherds, "My brothers, where are you from?"

"We're from Haran," they replied.

He said to them, "Do you know Laban, Nahor's grandson?"

"Yes, we know him," they answered.

Then Jacob asked them, "Is he well?"

"Yes, he is," they said, "and here comes his daughter Rachel with the sheep."

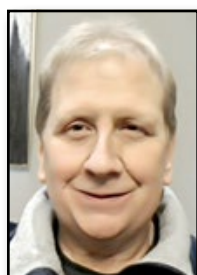
"Look," he said, "the sun is still high; it is not time for the flocks to be gathered. Water the sheep and take them back to pasture."

"We can't," they replied, "until all the flocks are gathered and the stone has been rolled away from the mouth of the well. Then we will water the sheep."

Genesis 29:4-8 (NIV)

## Staten B. Zook

October 15, 1962 – December 14, 2023



Staten B. Zook, 61, Greenfield, passed away on Thursday, December 14, 2023. Born on October 15, 1962, in Indianapolis, he was the son of Joseph Clemens Zook and Norma Pauline (Sexson) Zook.

Staten graduated from Hamilton Heights High School in Arcadia and attended Ball State University. From 1989 until 1992, he served in the United States Navy. For many years, he worked as a security guard. Staten was a big sports fan, especially the Colts and Pacers. He was an animal lover and loved his cats.

Staten is survived by his brothers, Jay (Jeanine) Zook of Greenfield, Jerry Zook of Indianapolis, and Joe (Lori) Zook of Cicero; sister, Jenny (Howard) Joe of Crawfordsville; nephew, Brandon (Maira) Howard of Lafayette; and nieces, Jada (Eric) Lutzke of Jacksonville, Fla., and Jena Zook of Indianapolis. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Norma.

Services will be held on Friday, December 22, 2023, at Erlwein Mortuary & Crematory, 1484 W. U.S. Hwy. 40, Greenfield. Visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m. A memorial service will begin at 5 p.m.

Friends may share a memory or condolence at [erlweinmortuary.com](http://erlweinmortuary.com).

# Attorney General Todd Rokita announces \$700M settlement with Google over Play Store misconduct

## The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita announced on Tuesday a \$700 million agreement with Google in a lawsuit over Google's anticompetitive conduct with the Google Play Store.

"When companies unlawfully monopolize markets, they cause real harm to Hoosiers," AG Rokita said. "They rob consumers of the ability to choose from a wider array of product options that would otherwise be available, and they artificially inflate the prices of the choices that remain available. This settlement demonstrates our commitment to protect consumers and hold companies accountable."

A bipartisan group of 53 attorneys general sued Google in 2021 alleging that Google unlawfully monopolized the markets for Android app distribution and in-app payment processing. Specifically, the states claimed that Google signed anticompetitive contracts to prevent other app stores from being preloaded on Android devices, induced key app developers who might have launched rival app stores, and created technological barriers to deter consumers from directly downloading apps to their devices.

The states announced a settlement in principle on Sept. 5, 2023, and released the finalized terms of that

deal on Tuesday.

Google will pay \$630 million in restitution, minus costs and fees, to consumers who made purchases on the Google Play Store between August 2016 and September 2023 and were harmed by Google's anticompetitive practices. Google will pay the states an additional \$70 million in penalties.

People eligible for restitution do not have to submit a claim. They will receive automatic payments through PayPal or Venmo, or they can elect to receive a check or ACH transfer. More details about that process will be forthcoming.

The agreement also requires Google to reform its business practices in the following ways:

- Give all developers the ability to allow users to pay through in-app billing systems other than Google Play Billing for at least five years.
- Allow developers to offer cheaper prices for their apps and in-app products for consumers who use alternative, non-Google billing systems for at least five years.
- Permit developers to steer consumers toward alternative, non-Google



Rokita

billing systems by advertising cheaper prices within their apps themselves for at least five years.

- Not enter contracts that require the Play Store to be the exclusive, pre-loaded app store on a device or home screen for at least five years.
- Allow the installation of third-party apps on Android phones from outside the Google Play Store for at least seven years.
- Revise and reduce the warnings that appear on an Android device if a user attempts to download a third-party app from outside the Google Play Store for at least five years.
- Maintain Android system support for third-party app stores, including allowing automatic updates, for four years.
- Not require developers

to launch their app catalogs on the Play Store at the same time as they launch on other app stores for at least four years.

- Submit compliance reports to an independent monitor who will ensure that Google is not continuing its anticompetitive conduct for at least five years.

For much of this case, the attorneys general litigated alongside Epic Games and Match, two major app developers. Match announced a separate settlement earlier this year, while Epic Games took its case to trial. Early last week, a jury unanimously found that Google's anticompetitive conduct violated federal antitrust laws.

Attorneys general from all 50 states participated in this lawsuit – along with attorneys general from the District of Columbia and the territories of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

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Photo by Joshua Herd  
Hamilton Southeastern's Maya Makalusky was named the IBCA/Franciscan Health Player of the Week for girls District 2 after her performance in the Mudsock game last Saturday.

# HSE's Makalusky earns Player of the Week designation

### The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern junior Maya Makalusky is among the six players that have been selected as the IBCA/Franciscan Health Player of the Week for Dec. 11-Dec. 16 in the recognition program coordinated by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association. Makalusky, the girls District 2 honoree, has had an outstanding season, but last week in the Royals' lone game, the 6-3 junior wing was the hero twice over the final four-plus minutes. The now 11-1 Royals faced backyard rival Fishers in the annual Mudsock game, and it took an extra frame to win, 70-67 in overtime. Not only did Makalusky score 28 points, but she buried the two free throws that pushed the game into OT, then proceeded to score eight of HSE's 10 points in the overtime period. In addition to her scoring, the Indiana

University commit added seven rebounds, two assists, a steal, and a blocked shot to her effort. If that wasn't enough, the junior wing topped the 1,000-point mark for her career. This is the 16th season for the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association Player of the Week program, and the fourth season it is being presented by Franciscan Health, a corporate sponsor of the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association. Makalusky is the first Player of the Week from Hamilton County in the 2023-24 season. Player of the Week winners are chosen each week from each of the IHSAA's three districts. Girls' winners will be chosen through the Monday following the IHSAA Girls State Finals. Boys' winners will be chosen through the Monday following the IHSAA Boys State Finals.

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# Swimming — Huskies paddle to victory in dual meet with Golden Eagles

### The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights swim teams celebrated their Senior Night Tuesday with a dual meet win over Guerin Catholic. The Huskies girls team won 110-68, taking 11 of the 12 events. Heights had three double individual winners, starting with Amira Leer in the individual medley and 100 freestyle. Ayla Madara triumphed in the 50 free and 500 free, while Sophia Hulen was first in the 200 free and backstroke. Teegan Madara won the butterfly and breaststroke. Campbell Mason-Lively was first in diving, and Heights won the medley and 400 free relays. The Golden Eagles won the 200 free relay, which consisted of Maggie Schlick, Molly Deppen, Bridget Keller and Kara Van Woerkom. In the boys meet, the Huskies won 108-72. Both Heights and Guerin Catholic split the six events. Heights began by winning the medley relay, then Aiden Clarke took the 200 free and Rudy Bowman was first in the IM. Ethan Swart and Nathan Cox went 1-2 in diving; Swart is the defending state champion and Cox last year's state runner-up. Rowan Donald won the 100 free and the Huskies claimed the 200 free relay. Two GC swimmers won two individual races: Drew Wilhite was first in the butterfly and backstroke, while Will Ladine paced the 50 free and breaststroke. Sam Holl won the 500 free and the Golden Eagles took the 400 free relay.

### GIRLS MEET

**Team score:** Hamilton Heights 110, Guerin Catholic 68.

**200 medley relay:** 1. Heights "A" (Amira Leer, Teegan Madara, Ayla Madara, Sophia Hulen) 1:56.45, 2. Guerin Catholic "A" (Maggie Schlick, Katie Scott, Kalen Moe, Ellie Gove) 2:18.46, 3. Heights "B" (Adalyn Gould, Adi Amos, Shanna Hackett, Rachel England) 2:22.84.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Hulen (HH) 2:03.25, 2. Kara Van Woerkom (GC) 2:10.47, 3. Bridget Keller (GC) 2:14.92, 4. Mary Bowman (HH) 2:35.52, 5. Juliana Springman (HH) 2:45.24.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Leer (HH) 2:20.10, 2. Gould (HH) 2:46.49, 3. Molly Deppen (HH) 2:49.81, 4. Katie Scott (GC) 2:57.12, 5. England (HH) 2:57.94.

**50 freestyle:** 1. A. Madara (HH) 26.57, 2. Gove (GC) 31.30, 3. Allie Bushey (HH) 32.84, 4. Brooke Bunnell (GC) 33.56, 6. Hattie Graham (HH) 34.12.

**One-meter diving:** 1. Campbell Mason-Lively (HH) 262.15, 2. Anna Ososki (GC) n/a.

**100 butterfly:** 1. T. Madara (HH) 1:00.92, 2. Van Woerkom (GC) 1:09.14, 3. Anna Monnin (HH) 1:19.49, 4. Moe (GC) 1:26.85.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Leer (HH) 57.68, 2. Schlick (GC) 1:04.73, 3. Amos (HH) 1:07.44, 4. Hackett (HH) 1:12.96, 5. Ava Klinker (GC) 1:18.28.

**500 freestyle:** 1. A. Madara (HH) 5:20.06, 2. Keller (GC) 5:59.52, 3. Gove (GC) 7:02.67, 4. Springman (HH) 7:07.00.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Guerin Catholic "A" (Schlick, Deppen, Keller, Van Woerkom) 1:58.65, 2. Heights "A" (England, Amos, Monnin, Bowman) 2:01.63, 3. Heights "B" (Springman, Bushey, Hackett, Graham) 2:12.87.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Hulen (HH) 1:06.65, 2. Schlick (GC) 1:13.62, 3. Gould (HH) 1:17.60, 4. Hackett (HH) 1:22.53, 5. Klinker (GC) 1:32.65.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. T. Madara (HH) 1:12.44, 2. Scott (HH) 1:18.02, 3. Amos (HH) 1:23.64, 4. Ella Capofari (GC) 1:31.73, 5. Bunnell (GC) 1:34.42.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Heights "A" (A. Madara, Leer, T. Madara, Hulen) 3:51.44, 2. Guerin Catholic "A" (Moe, Gove, Keller, Van Woerkom) 4:24.34, 3. Heights "B" (Mon-

Reporter photo by Richie Hall  
Hamilton Heights' Sophia Hulen was first in the girls 200 free and backstroke (pictured) at the Huskies' Tuesday dual meet with Guerin Catholic.

Reporter photo by Richie Hall  
Guerin Catholic's Will Ladine won the boys 50 free and breaststroke.

nin, England, Bushey, Gould) (GC) 1:07.59, 5. Kunkel (GC) 4:30.10.

**BOYS MEET**

**Team score:** Hamilton Heights 108, Guerin Catholic 72.

**200 medley relay:** 1. Heights "A" (Gabe Roosa, Owen VanHaaren, Aiden Clarke, Cameron Wheat) 1:49.43, 2. Guerin Catholic "A" (Charlie Jurewicz, Will Ladine, Sam Holl, Drew Wilhite) 1:49.59, 3. Heights "B" (Cole Martin, Owen Semester, Blake Blackhurst, Isaiah Heuer) 2:08.50.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Clarke (HH) 1:54.33, 2. Holl (GC) 1:54.46, 3. VanHaaren (HH) 2:08.05, 4. Jurewicz (GC) 2:10.33, 5. Jack Powell (HH) 2:52.11.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Rudy Bowman (HH) 2:23.00, 2. Wheat (HH) 2:28.57, 3. Martin (HH) 2:29.79, 4. Joey Kunkel (GC) 2:30.09, 5. Ethan Nimri (GC) 2:39.54.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Ladine (GC) 23.47, 2. Blackhurst (HH) 24.85, 3. Rowan Donald (HH) 24.89, 4. Adam Jurewicz (GC) 27.01, 5. Semester (HH) 30.60.

**One-meter diving:** 1. Ethan Swart (HH) 405.40, 2. Nathan Cox (GC) 380.35.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Wilhite (GC) 54.88, 2. Wheat (HH) 59.59, 3. R. Bowman (HH) 1:07.31, 4. Jude Hubner (GC) 1:07.59, 5. Kunkel (GC) 1:08.51.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Donald (HH) 56.36, 2. A. Jurewicz (GC) 1:02.58, 3. Isaac Correll (HH) 1:05.62, 4. Owen Eshelman (HH) 1:10.10, 5. Isaiah Gaskill (HH) 1:13.77.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Holl (GC) 5:11.51, 2. Roosa (HH) 5:58.61, 3. Lucas Morse (GC) 6:23.12, 4. Heuer (HH) 6:36.23, 5. Nick Stumpf (HH) 7:19.50.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Heights "A" (Donald, Martin, VanHaaren, Wheat) 1:39.04, 2. Guerin Catholic "A" (Nimri, Kunkel, Morse, A. Jurewicz) 1:48.80, 3. Heights "B" (R. Bowman, Swart, Max Bowman, Cox) 1:50.71.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Wilhite (GC) 56.12, 2. Clarke (HH) 59.66, 3. C. Jurewicz (GC) 1:05.73, 4. Eshelman (HH) 1:26.54, 5. Stumpf (HH) 1:38.58.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Ladine (GC) 1:06.23, 2. M. Bowman (HH) 1:20.12, 3. Heuer (HH) 1:25.51, 4. Semester (HH) 1:29.93, 5. Oliver Morse (GC) 1:44.19.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Guerin Catholic "A" (C. Jurewicz, Holl, Ladine, Wilhite) 3:34.05, 2. Heights "A" (Clarke, Donald, Blackhurst, Correll) 3:51.71, 3. Heights "B" (R. Bowman, Roosa, Powell, VanHaaren) 4:12.16.

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Wrestling

# No luck required in Royals' 13<sup>th</sup> Mudsock win over Fishers

The REPORTER

The Royals had to work for it, but their Mudsock wrestling win streak continued Tuesday night.

Hamilton Southeastern hosted Fishers in the Mudsock meet, and after overcoming an early deficit, the Royals won a thriller over the Tigers 28-25. It's the 13th consecutive Mudsock win for Southeastern.

Fishers won the first two bouts. Xavier Smith posted a major decision victory at 175 pounds and Julian Burgett won at 190 in a 10-8 decision after trailing 5-0.

The Royals took the next three matches. Evan Lawhead picked up a major decision win at 215, then Nate Ingalls got a pin to take the 285-pound match. Will Lakes' decision at 106 gave HSE a 13-7 lead.

Fishers' Will Hruskoci won at 113 by decision, but the Royals' Tyler Jackson answered with a decision of his own at 120. Chayce Yant delivered a pin at 126 pounds, and Fishers had tied the match at 16-16.

Southeastern freshman Max Inman won at 132 pounds in a screamer; Inman absorbed two early takedowns but moved ahead in the third period to win a 13-12 decision. The

Royals led 19-16, but the Tigers' Teyon Leonard tied it at 19-19 with a decision win at 138.

HSE's Chris Casler took the 144-pound bout by decision, but Fishers' Stephen Breck won at 150 by decision, and the score was tied 22-22 with two matches to go. Zach Lang stepped up for the Royals at 157, and he made a pin to clinch the match for Southeastern. The Tigers' Camden Funk won the 165-pound match by decision.

Both teams are off until Dec. 29. The Royals will compete in the Mooresville Classic, while Fishers travels to the Connersville Invitational.

**HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 28, FISHERS 25**

*Meet started at 175 pounds*

**175:** Xavier Smith (F) def. Landon Hicks (HSE) by major decision, 11-3

**190:** Julian Burgett (F) def. De Shawn Temoir (HSE) by decision, 10-8

**215:** Evan Lawhead (HSE) def. Kyle Gunawan (F) by major decision, 10-0

**285:** Nate Ingalls (HSE) def. James Keller (F) by fall

**106:** Will Lakes (HSE) def. Seth Lamb (F) by decision, 6-5

**113:** Will Hruskoci (F) def. Dihn Nguyen (HSE) by decision, 5-1

**120:** Tyler Jackson (HSE)



The Hamilton Southeastern wrestling team won its 13th consecutive Mudsock meet Tuesday at the Royals' gym. Southeastern won 28-25; a pin in the next-to-last match clinched the meet for the Royals.

def. Owen Inglass (F) by decision, 3-0

**126:** Chayce Yant (F) def. Aidan Smalley (HSE) by fall

**132:** Max Inman (HSE) def. Aidan Lamb (F) by decision, 13-12

**138:** Teyon Leonard (F) def. Parker Culp (HSE) by decision, 4-2

**144:** Chris Casler (HSE) def. Zeke Kramer (F) by decision, 6-1

**150:** Stephen Breck (F) def. Adam Gerstner (HSE) by decision, 4-3

**157:** Zach Lang (HSE) def. Andrei Bogdan (F) by fall

**165:** Camden Funk (F) def. Cohen Davis (HSE) by decision, 7-6



Fishers' Chayce Yant got a pin for the Tigers at 126 pounds during the Mudsock match.



Sheridan's Timmy Vyner won by fall at 215 pounds during the Blackhawks' dual meet Tuesday at Clinton Prairie.

## Sheridan falls to Clinton Prairie

The REPORTER

The Sheridan wrestling team dropped a close dual meet a Clinton Prairie on Tuesday.

The Blackhawks fell 45-36 in the boys meet, winning six matches. Five of those victories were by pin; winners were Ryker Ream at 165, Jaden Dunbar at 190, Timmy Vyner at 215, Hayden Alexander at 144 and Alex Cravens at 150. Zach Bales got a forfeit win at 175.

Sheridan's girls fell to the Gophers 18-6. Avery Hayden won the 155-pound match by fall.

**BOYS MEET**

**Team score:** Clinton Prairie 45, Sheridan 36

*Meet began at 157 pounds*

**157:** Eli Bales lost to Matias by decision, 10-3

**165:** Ryker Ream def. Cooper by fall, 0:25

**175:** Zach Bales won by forfeit

**190:** Jaden Dunbar def. Rapp by fall, 1:54

**215:** Timmy Vyner def. Hughes by fall, 3:02

**285:** Douglas Earley lost to Fatcher by fall, 2:25

**106:** Sheridan forfeited

**113:** Sheridan forfeited

**120:** Aiden Todd lost to Bousom by fall, 3:04

**126:** Caleb Alexander lost

to Habbirga by fall, 2:50

**132:** Trai Fitzgerald lost to Dieterle by fall, 1:51

**138:** Eli Smith lost to Luper by fall, 5:05

**144:** Hayden Alexander def. Price by fall, 2:59

**150:** Alex Cravens def. Hillman by fall, 0:40

**GIRLS MEET**

**Team score:** Clinton Prairie 18, Sheridan 6

**115:** Pearl Henderson lost to Fearnow by fall, 1:46

**135:** Devyn Pewarski lost to Luper by fall, 1:14

**140:** Eva Todd lost to Day by fall, 0:44

**155:** Avery Hayden def. Wheeler by fall, 1:40

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

Girls Basketball

Wednesday, Dec. 20

BOYS WRESTLING

Center Grove at Carmel, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 21

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Hamilton Heights at Blackford, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING/DIVING

University at Lebanon, 6 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 22

BOYS BASKETBALL

Carmel at Cathedral, 7:30 p.m.

Fishers at Center Grove, 7:30 p.m.

Huntington North at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.

Lebanon at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.

Noblesville at Anderson, 7:30 p.m.

Roncalli at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Westfield vs. Fort Wayne North Side, 5 p.m. at Trine University

Fishers at Fort Wayne Carroll, 7:30 p.m.

Guerin Catholic at Ivy Tech Invitational, TBA at Whiteland

University at Carroll Holiday Tournament, TBA

GIRLS WRESTLING

Carmel at Mooresville Holiday Classic, 9 a.m.

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IBCA girls basketball

poll – Week of Dec. 17

Rank	School	Points	Record
1	Lawrence Central (19)	399	12-1
2	Hamilton Southeastern (1)	366	11-1
3	Columbia City	362	11-1
4	Fort Wayne Snider	343	12-1
5	Center Grove	313	12-1
6	Jennings County	278	11-1
7	Lawrence North	238	9-3
8	Homestead	232	8-1
9	Bedford North Lawrence	230	12-1
10	Lake Central	220	11-1
11	Northridge	200	12-1
12	Franklin Community	181	12-2
13	Norwell	145	11-2
14	South Bend Washington	129	11-3
15	Zionsville	113	10-2
16	Fishers	92	9-4
17	Indian Creek	70	11-2
18	Rensselaer Central	60	14-0
19	Noblesville	54	7-5
20	Hamilton Heights	34	11-2

First place votes are in parentheses.

**Other schools receiving votes, with records**  
Borden (10-1), Eastern Hancock (12-0), Evansville Memorial (9-1), Fort Wayne Northrop (8-3), Gibson Southern (9-3), Greensburg (10-2), Lanesville (13-0), Mooresville (12-2), North Knox (12-1), Scottsburg (12-1), South Knox (10-1), Valparaiso (10-2), Warsaw (8-4), Western (11-0), **Westfield (8-3)**.

IBCA boys basketball

poll – Week of Dec. 17

Rank	School	Points	Record
1	Lawrence North (16)	433	5-0
2	Fishers (6)	424	7-0
3	Westfield	388	5-0
4	Cathedral	381	6-0
5	Noblesville	311	4-1
6	Kokomo	297	6-2
7	Ben Davis	277	4-2
8	Crispus Attucks	247	5-2
9	Anderson	223	5-0
10	Brownstown Central	216	6-1
11	Brownsburg	182	5-3
12	Greenfield-Central	160	7-0
13	Guerin Catholic	159	6-2
14	Fort Wayne North Side	144	6-0
15	Lake Central	132	6-0
16	Penn	117	5-1
17	South Bend Riley	76	6-1
18	Evansville Harrison	71	4-1
19	Chesterton	59	3-2
20	Plainfield	44	6-1

First place votes are in parentheses.

**Other schools receiving votes, with records**  
Bishop Luers (5-0), Blackhawk Christian (5-1), Brebeuf Jesuit (5-1), Crown Point (4-1), Danville (6-0), Delta (6-1), Fort Wayne Wayne (5-2), Franklin Community (7-1), Gary West Side (7-1), Greenwood Christian (6-1), Jeffersonville (3-2), Lawrence Central (4-3), Mishawaka (4-1), North Central (4-3), Northridge (6-1), Richmond (6-0), Tipton (6-0), Wapahani (7-0), Warren Central (2-3).

Shamrocks get conference

victory at Franklin Central

**The REPORTER**  
Westfield picked up a Hoosier Crossroads Conference win at Franklin Central Tuesday by the score of 54-44.  
The Shamrocks led 15-13 after one quarter, then jumped ahead 29-20 by halftime. Lindsey Van Dyke scored nine first-half points. The Flashes cut Westfield's lead to 36-33 after three quarters, but the 'Rocks clinched the game with 18 points in the fourth quarter.

Van Dyke led the way for Westfield with 11 points. All eight players that took to the floor scored for the Shamrocks; Reagan Lorenzen and Makayla Hatcher both had nine points and Sam Price contributed eight points.  
Westfield is 3-2 in conference play and 9-3 overall. The 'Rocks play in the Parkview Sports Medicine Shootout at Trine University beginning Friday; Westfield takes on Fort Wayne North Side at 5 p.m.

WESTFIELD 54, FRANKLIN CENTRAL 44				
Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ellie Kelleher	2	0-0	5	1
Aubrey Crockett	2	1-1	5	0
Kiki Loveless	2	1-2	5	0
Reagan Lorenzen	4	0-0	9	3
Lindsey Van Dyke	4	3-3	11	0
Makayla Hatcher	3	3-5	9	4
Sam Price	4	0-2	8	2
Meg Hamilton	1	0-0	2	0
Totals	22	8-13	54	10
Score by Quarters				
Westfield	15	14	7	18 – 54
Franklin Central	13	7	13	11 – 44
Westfield 3-pointers (2) Kelleher, Lorenzen.				

Blackhawks can't stop winning

**The REPORTER**  
Sheridan's girls continued their long win streak on Tuesday, beating Lebanon 39-37 at the Tigers' Rosenstihl Gymnasium.  
Lebanon led 17-12 after one quarter and 23-16 at halftime. The Blackhawks cut the Tigers' lead to 35-31 after three periods, then surged ahead in the fourth quarter by allowing Lebanon only two points in that period. Sheridan forced 28 turnovers in the game.  
Kenzie Garner led the

scoring with 19 points, followed by Cecilia Timme with 10 points. Kenzie Garner led the rebounds with nine and also had five assists, three steals and three blocked shots. Timme made five steals and dished out three assists.  
The Blackhawks are 10-2 and are next in action Dec. 28 at the Alexandria Tournament. Sheridan plays Beech Grove at noon, then takes on either Tri-Central or Alexandria later that evening.

SHERIDAN 39, LEBANON 37				
Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Cecilia Timme	5-12	0-3	10	4
Kenzie Garner	6-21	7-9	19	3
Shelby Eaton	0-4	1-2	1	3
Nova Cross	1-1	0-0	2	3
Brielle Garner	1-1	0-0	3	0
Sadie Timme	0-1	0-0	0	3
Mac Smith	2-2	0-0	4	0
Totals	15-42	8-14	39	16
Score by Quarters				
Sheridan	12	4	15	8 – 39
Lebanon	17	6	12	2 – 37
Sheridan 3-point shooting (1-11) B. Garner 1-1, K. Garner 0-7, Eaton 0-2, S. Timme 0-1.				
Sheridan rebounds (15) K. Garner 9, B. Garner 2, C. Timme 2, Cross 1, Eaton 1.				

Heights gets big win over Lapel

**The REPORTER**  
The Hamilton Heights girls basketball team got a tremendous win on the road Tuesday.  
In a battle of ranked team, the Class 3A No. 4 Huskies took care of 2A No. 5 Lapel 53-42 at the Bulldogs' gym. Heights got off to a good start, leading 13-5 after one quarter. Camryn Runner scored seven points, including two 3-pointers, and Ella Hickok and Katie Brown each had one 3.  
Lapel cut Heights' lead to 19-15 by halftime, but the

Huskies poured in 21 points in the third quarter to move ahead 40-29. Runner took over in the third period by scoring 15 points, including an 8-of-8 performance from the free-throw line.  
Seven points from Hickok helped Heights to seal the game in the fourth quarter. Runner finished with 28 points, going 12 of 14 from the line and making four triples. Hickok scored 15 points, including three 3s.  
In an earlier game, the Huskies won 65-17 at Clinton Prairie last Saturday.

HAMILTON HEIGHTS 53, LAPEL 42				
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ella Hickok	6	0-0	15	1
Katie Brown	2	0-0	6	2
Camryn Runner	6	12-14	28	3
Kassidy Schakel	2	0-0	4	3
Hadleigh Cherry	0	0-0	0	4
Kennedy Cherry	0	0-0	0	1
Kamryn Rhoton	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	16	12-14	53	14
Score by Quarters				
Heights	13	6	21	12 – 53
Lapel	5	10	14	13 – 42
Heights 3-pointers (9) Runner 4, Hickok 3, Brown 2.				

Runner scored 35 points, The Huskies are 12-2 with Hickok adding eight and play Thursday at Blackford.

Greyhounds beat Heritage Christian

**The REPORTER**  
Carmel got back in the winning column on Tuesday, beating Heritage Christian 41-39 at the Eric Clark Activity Center.  
The Eagles led 12-9 after one quarter, but the 'Hounds came back in the second period, scoring 19 points for a 28-22 lead. Mackenzie Woods scored nine points in that quarter. Carmel led 39-28

after three periods, then held on as Heritage made a fourth-quarter comeback.  
Woods finished the game with 13 points, while Keaton Gatlin scored nine.  
The Greyhounds are 6-7 and play in the Walt Raines Classic at Franklin Community on Saturday. Carmel plays Castle at noon, then takes on either Zionsville or the host Grizzly Cubs later that afternoon.

CARMEL 41, HERITAGE CHRISTIAN 39				
Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Keaton Gatlin	3-4	0-0	9	1
Jamie Elliott	1-2	0-0	2	3
Brooke Thoren	0-0	0-0	0	0
Megan Hamm	2-3	0-4	4	1
Ava Carter	0-0	0-0	0	0
Izzy Shepherd	1-6	0-0	2	1
Mackenzie Woods	5-11	2-2	13	2
Lauren Perry	1-4	0-0	3	3
Taryn Fisher	2-4	2-5	6	0
Sydney Bonds	0-0	0-0	0	1
Rilee McBride	1-1	0-0	2	0
Totals	16-35	4-11	41	12
Score by Quarters				
Heritage Christian	12	10	6	11 – 39
Carmel	9	19	11	2 – 41
Carmel 3-point shooting (5-14) Keaton 3-4, Perry 1-3, Woods 1-2, Shepherd 0-3, Elliott 0-1, Fisher 0-1.				

Thanks for reading

The Reporter!

Boys Basketball

Millers beat Marion, will take

on unbeaten Anderson Friday

**The REPORTER**  
The Noblesville boys basketball team got a road victory on Tuesday, beating Marion 58-46 at the Giants' Bill Green Arena.  
Noblesville, ranked No. 5 in Class 4A, slowly but surely pulled away from Marion, leading 11-9 after one quarter and 25-17 at halftime. Hunter Walston scored nine points in the first half, while Aaron Fine added eight points. Six different Millers scored in the third quarter to move Noblesville ahead 44-32 after three periods.  
Fine led the Millers with 17 points, followed

NOBLESVILLE 58, MARION 46				
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Hunter Walston	6	0-1	14	2
Justin Curry	2	1-2	6	1
Will Smits	4	2-2	10	1
T.J Davidson	2	0-0	5	2
Aaron Fine	7	2-2	17	2
Aiden Brewer	2	0-2	4	0
Luke Etchison	0	0-0	0	0
Baron Walker	0	0-0	0	1
Ryan Vetur	1	0-0	2	2
Adam Fine	0	0-0	0	0
Luke Davis	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	24	5-9	58	11
Score by Quarters				
Noblesville	11	14	19	14 – 58
Marion	9	8	15	14 – 46
Noblesville 3-pointers (5) Walston 2, Curry, Davidson, Aa. Fine.				

by Walston with 14. Will travel to Anderson Friday. Smits scored 10 points. The Indians are No. 7 in Noblesville is 5-1 and 4A and unbeaten at 5-0.

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