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TODAY'S WEATHER



Today: Scattered showers, mainly in the afternoon.
Tonight: Rainy.

HIGH: 50 LOW: 42



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Surveyor's Office staff graduate AIC's Institute for Excellence

The REPORTER
Recent graduates of the Association of Indiana Counties (AIC) Institute for Excellence in County Government included three staff of the Hamilton County Surveyors Office.
Receptionist Pamela Louks, Engineering Technician/CAD Reuben Arvin, and Section Corner Party Chief Robert King graduated from the program after accruing 30 credit hours of study within a two consecutive-year period. The courses are geared specifically to county government and include courses on Leadership, Human Resources, Legal and Ethical Issues, Budget and Finance, Cybersecurity and Communications to name a few. Graduation was during the AIC's annual conference in French Lick.
AIC is made up of elected



(From left) Reuben Arvin, Robert King, and Pamela Louks. Congratulations!
county officials and was founded in 1957 for the betterment of county government. Each of Indiana's 92 counties are members of the association. The AIC Board of Directors is responsible for overall AIC policy and management. AIC serves its members through lobbying, education, publications, research, and technical assistance.



Virtual school offers skill development courses through local career centers

The REPORTER
Career centers provide guidance on choosing a career path, exploring different industries, and understanding the job market. This support can help students make informed decisions about their future careers.
Indiana Connections Career Academy provides students with a safe, engaging environment that offers STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) and career-focused courses for specific skill development and career exposure.
Logan Johnston, Indiana Connections Career Academy student and Noblesville resident, attends [ABC Construction Prep Academy](#) in Fishers. Last summer, he completed an internship with Gaylor Electric.
"I am completing training to become an Electrician," Johnston said. "I am currently in the first year of my apprenticeship. It has been fun going to ABC. We work on electrical circuits and study the course work."
In its seventh year of operation, Indiana Connections Career Academy students utilize the same long-standing and developed online curriculum and technology as its companion school, Indiana Connections Academy. The difference between the two high school programs is that Indiana Connections Career Academy students pursue graduation requirements to earn a high school diploma while also completing a career-focused program that prepares them for joining the workforce in one of Indiana's high-growth fields. By engaging in Career Education Live Lessons, completing career-facing activities, and demonstrating employability skills, students earn badges, gain elective credit and are better prepared for life after high school.
For more information about Indiana Connections Career Academy, visit [IndianaConnectionsCareerAcademy.com](#).



Bringing historic Nutcracker to a whole new generation of audiences



Last weekend, the Ballet Theatre of Carmel Academic (BTCA) staged a version of *The Nutcracker* that harkened by to the original fairy tale. Featuring backdrops and costumes from Karl Kauffman, the founding artistic director of Indianapolis Ballet Theatre and the Lexington Ballet, the production told the story as though the fantasy were real rather than a dream. Performances took place at the STAR Bank Performing Arts Center in Zionsville. Thanks to the generosity of our friends at BTCA, The Reporter's own Megan Poteet and her family were able to enjoy the show and bring you these photos. See more pictures on Page 4 and at [ReadTheReporter.com](#).

Reporter photos by Megan Poteet

At least one of these guys isn't Santa!



Hamilton Heights School Corporation Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood (left) snapped a selfie with the newest and most seasoned school board members, Ben Lehman (center) and Arnie Cooper (right), at the last school board meeting of the year. Their festive holiday spirit helped fill the room with smiles and good cheer. One of the blessings Dr. Arrowood shared about his more than decade tenure as superintendent at Heights is working with a school board who always put students first. #WeAreHuskies

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The REPORTER
Finally, the band is back together!
This week, the City of Carmel will place all six of the jazz musician sculptures on the west side of the Palladium, the home of the Great American Songbook. This six-piece set is the artistic creation of J. Seward Johnson and is titled *My Sixteen-Year-Old Jazz Dreams*.
Three pieces of this set were previously placed at Carter Green, but had to be moved when seasonal activities took place each year. The city is now ready to install all six pieces in a permanent location.
A concrete platform has been placed on the west side of the Palladium for this installation. The sculptures will be facing 3rd Avenue SW with the Palladium as a backdrop. In the new location, the public will have a better chance to interact with the sculptures, as will visiting artists and performers who will be more apt to see them as they arrive at the Palladium.
Below is a description of each of the sculptures:

- Gene Krupa**
Drums: Gene Krupa (January 15, 1909, Chicago, Ill. — October 16, 1973, Yonkers, N.Y.), considered to be the "founding father of the modern drum set," was an American jazz drummer who was perhaps the most popular percussionist of the swing era.
- Jack Teagarden**
Trombone: Jack Teagarden (August 20, 1905, Vernon, Texas — January 15, 1964, New Orleans, La.), was an American jazz trombonist who was unique, in part because he developed a widely imitated style that appeared to have arrived fully formed. He is considered the most innovative jazz trombone stylist of the pre-bop era.

JAZZ GREATS

from Page 1



Photo provided by City of Carmel

This six-piece set is the artistic creation of J. Seward Johnson, titled *My Sixteen-Year-Old Jazz Dreams*, features Gene Krupa, Jack Teagarden, Sidney Bechet, Louis Armstrong, Milt Hinton, and Hoagy Carmichael.

Louis Armstrong
Trumpet: Louis Armstrong (August 4, 1901, New Orleans, La. — July 6, 1971, New York, N.Y.), nicknamed “Satchmo,” was among the most influential figures in jazz. Armstrong’s career spanned five decades and several

eras in the history of jazz. His songs include “What a Wonderful World,” “Dream a Little Dream of Me,” and “When the Saints Go Marching In.”

Sidney Bechet
Soprano Sax: Sidney Bechet (May 14, 1897, New Orleans, La. — May 14,

1959, Paris, France), was a jazz musician known as a master of the soprano saxophone and clarinet. Together with Louis Armstrong, he was the first to develop the loose, fluid rhythmic style that set jazz apart from ragtime and that came to be known as “swing.”

Milt Hinton
Double Bass: Milt Hinton (June 23, 1910, Vicksburg, Miss. — December 19, 2000, Jamaica, Queens, N.Y.), known as the “Judge” because he was considered the ultimate timekeeper. Hinton became one of the favorite bassists of post-World

War II jazz. With a recording career that lasted more than 60 years, Hinton is considered the most-recorded jazz musician of all time.

Hoagy Carmichael
Piano: Hoagy Carmichael (November 22, 1899, Bloomington, Ind. — December 27, 1981, Rancho

Mirage, Calif.), was an American composer, singer, self-taught pianist, and actor. Carmichael composed the music for “Stardust,” “Georgia on My Mind,” “The Nearness of You,” and “Heart and Soul,” four of the most-recorded American songs of all time.



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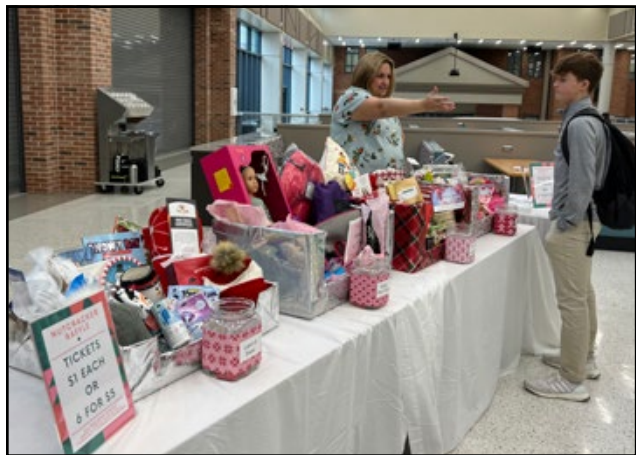
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Most of the state’s older
foster youth are on Medic-
aid. The waitlist to get into a
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accepts Medicaid can be four
to eight weeks. In a time of
crisis, that is unacceptable.

That’s why Foster Suc-
cess recently launched a
new program to help teens
and young adults who have
been in the foster care sys-
tem overcome barriers to
mental health treatment.
The Mental Health Accep-
tance, Promotion & Support

(M.A.P.S.) Initiative works
to connect participants to
continuous mental health
services, while providing
up to eight free therapy ses-
sions in the meantime.

The program is for those:

- Between 18 and 25
years old
- Who have spent at
least one day in foster care
in Indiana at or after the age
of 14
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to a mental health provider
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services.

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tal health service providers
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services to fill the gap until
these young people can find

a more permanent provider.
The initiative also works
with young people to over-
come consistent barriers to
treatment such as accessibil-
ity, finances, and more.

M.A.P.S. is funded by
the Indiana Division of
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tion through a two-year,
\$291,250 grant.

The hope is that the inter-
vention will strengthen the
social networks and resourc-
es for these young adults and
help them gain the long-term
treatment they need, allow-
ing them to heal, find peace,
and lead thriving lives.

*Hannah Milner is the
Director of Health & Fi-
nancial Well-Being at Fos-
ter Success. Learn more at
FosterSuccess.org.*



Photo provided by Franklin College

The ceremony serves as the halfway mark of the 25-month, full-time program at Franklin College.

Westfield’s own Zachary Penley earns his Physician Assistant white coat

The REPORTER

The Franklin College
Master of Science in Physi-
cian Assistant (PA) Studies
Program held its White Coat
Ceremony on Dec. 14. The
college’s cohort of 22 PA
students from the class of
2025 received their white
coats and recited a medi-
cal oath before family and
friends inside the Clarence
E. & Inez R. Custer Theatre
in Old Main on the Franklin
College campus.

Among those 22 stu-
dents is **Zachary Penley of
Westfield**. He completed his
undergraduate degree at Ha-
nover College.

Jasmina Cheeseman, PA-
C, MLS, program director
and assistant professor of
physician assistant studies,
welcomed attendees and de-
livered the opening remarks
for the ceremony. Franklin
College President Kerry N.
Prather addressed the guests

next, congratulat-
ing the students
on the significant
milestone. He
spoke of the data
that shows the
pressing demand
in Indiana and
throughout the
entire country for
skilled and com-
passionate health care pro-
viders, and the important role
these students will one day
play in their communities.

The ceremony is the half-
way mark of the 25-month,
full-time program. Chris-
topher Zietlow, M.D., pro-
gram medical director and
adjunct assistant professor
of physician assistant stud-
ies, addressed guests, ex-
plaining the symbolism of
the ceremony as a rite of
passage welcoming students
into health care practice
by providing a white coat
signifying professionalism



Penley

of the class of 2025, ad-
dressed the guests next.
Smith is from Avon, Ind.,
but he represents a class
that has come from all ar-
eas of the country to learn
and work together.

Following Smith’s re-
marks, the students partic-
ipated in the cloaking cer-
emony, led by members of
the physician assistant fac-
ulty, and then recited the PA
Professional Oath, pledging
to perform their duties with
honesty and dedication.

During the ceremony,
the students and faculty hon-

ored Dr. Mary Beth Hens-
ley, of Columbus Regional
Health, with the Preceptor
of the Year award. Clinical
Coordinator and Assistant
Professor of Physician As-
sistant Studies Jennifer Sim-
mons, PA-C, presented the
award to Hensley, citing her
dedication and commitment
to the students.

Hensley earned her
undergraduate degree at
Franklin College and com-
pleted her medical degree
from Indiana University
School of Medicine. She is
a family medicine specialist
in Columbus, and is affili-
ated with Columbus Regional
Hospital and Johnson Me-
morial Hospital.

The ceremony is the fifth
for Franklin College. The
program’s sixth cohort of PA
students will begin their stud-
ies in January 2024. The pro-
gram’s accreditation history
can be viewed at this link.

Live Music Dec. 22 - Tony Burton
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Westfield Chamber Calendar of Events

JANUARY

Westfield Lantern Awards

6 to 9 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 25

Location: Prairie Waters Event Center

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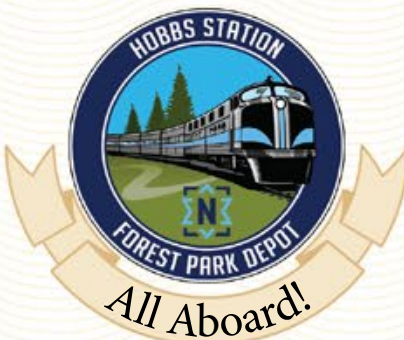
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February 14

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March 23, 24 and 30

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Submitted

Today only, you can get the Special Edition 2023 Westfield, Indiana Ornament for \$15.

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truly special with the Special Edition 2023 Westfield, Indiana Ornament.

You can also find this ornament at some local Westfield retail locations including Collective Beauty Salon & Med Spa, Rivet Coffee Bar & Roastery, Something Splendid, West Fork Whiskey, and Westfield Wine Vault.

[Click here](#) to purchase your ornament before they're gone. All proceeds will go to the Westfield Chamber of Commerce.

Come see author & humorist David Sedaris at the Palladium

The REPORTER

WFYI presents An Evening with David Sedaris, author of the bestsellers *Calypso*, *Naked*, *Me Talk Pretty One Day*, *Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim*, and regular National Public Radio contributor. He will appear for one night only at the Palladium at 7:30 p.m. on April 29, 2024, following the release of his newest books *Happy-Go-Lucky* and *A Carnival of Snackery*.

This is a unique opportunity to see the best-selling humorist in an intimate setting. As always, Sedaris will offer a selection of all-new readings and recollections, as well as a Q&A session and book signing. Books will be available for sale at the event, courtesy of McArthur Books.

With sardonic wit and incisive social critiques, Sedaris has become one of America's preeminent humor writers. The great skill with which he slices through cultural euphemisms and political correctness proves that Sedaris is a master of satire and one of the most observant writers addressing the human condition today.

If you love Sedaris' cheerfully misanthropic sto-



Photo by Jenny Lewis

Tickets are on sale now to see David Sedaris on April 29, 2024, at the Palladium in Carmel.

ries, you might think you know what you're getting into at his live readings. You'd be wrong. To see him read his own work on stage allows his autobiograph-

ical narrative to reveal a uniquely personal narrative that will keep you laughing throughout the evening. Don't miss this event.

All seats at the Palladi-

um are reserved, range from \$45 to \$65 and are subject to additional taxes and fees. Tickets are on sale now at [DavidSedarisOnTour.com](#) and [TheCenterPresents.org](#).

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Huntington Bank in Fishers helping Salvation Army on final day of Red Kettle Campaign

The REPORTER

With Christmas Eve falling on a Sunday this year, The Salvation Army's annual Red Kettle Campaign will wrap up a day early, on Saturday, Dec. 23.

Helping to make the most of this final day of bell ringing is Huntington Bank, which is stepping up to sponsor a Red Kettle in Fishers and match all donations made that day up to \$2,500. Last-minute Christmas shoppers can stop by the Kroger Marketplace at 11700 Olio Road to drop a donation in the Red Kettle before it disappears for another year.

Donations made to this Red Kettle supports The Salvation Army's Harbor Light Center in Indianapolis, which provides life-changing and life-saving addiction treatment programs to

adult men and women from across Indiana. Funds raised in November and December of this year will help to keep this essential program operating through 2024 so that more Hoosiers can break the chains of addiction and rebuild their lives.

"We are so grateful to Huntington Bank for their support during our Red Kettle Campaign," said Dr. Alicia Hoskins, Executive Director at the Harbor Light Center. "Their generosity of \$2,500 will help provide food, housing, clinical treatment, and medical care to individuals battling homelessness and addiction. Thank you for your kindness and compassion to serve those in need."

For those wishing to support The Salvation Army's ongoing efforts, there are many options available:

- Visit a Red Kettle and make a cash donation or use your smart phone or smart watch to donate with a credit card, Apple Pay, Google Pay, Venmo, or PayPal.

- Go online to [salarmy.us/virtualkettle](#) and donate to The Salvation Army's Virtual Red Kettle, or sign up for your own kettle and become a Virtual Bell Ringer.

- Text the word HOO-SIER to 24365 to give online.

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 central Indiana. Visit [SACentralIndiana.org](#) to learn more about how you can help The Salvation Army ensure that they can *Love Beyond Christmas* in 2024.

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Dec. 24th Candlelight 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Day Celebration 10:00 am

The King-Priest who came to Die for You

AG Todd Rokita calls on EPA to halt new standards on power plants without assessing potential impact

Submitted

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita continues to call on the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to stop plans to impose stringent new emissions standards on power plants in Indiana and elsewhere without fulfilling its legal duty of first weighing costs and energy impacts.

“These ill-considered rules would force the closure of coal- and natural gas-fired power plants,” AG Rokita said. “They would put Hoosiers out of work, raise Hoosiers’ energy prices and erode the reliability of our energy grid.

We will not stand idly by while federal overreach strangles the Indiana economy.”

Along with attorneys general from 15 other states, Rokita called this week for retraction of the proposed new rules in a [letter to EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan](#).

The EPA has admitted to the validity of concerns [expressed in a letter earlier this year](#) from Rokita and others. Instead of fixing problems with the new proposed rules or withdrawing them, howev-



Rokita

er, the EPA simply tasked other stakeholders with coming up with solutions.

Rokita noted that the new rule-making exceeds the EPA’s statutory authority and would reshape the nation’s electricity grid in an unlawful and destructive manner. The Clean Air Act requires that the EPA consider the cost and energy impacts of emission reduction measures.

“Hoosiers expect and deserve federal policies that protect both America’s

environment and its energy infrastructure now and into the future,” Rokita said. “These rules completely fail on that count. That’s why we are taking action to scuttle the flawed new rules and produce a better blueprint to serve businesses, communities and individual households.”

Elevate Carmel launches website

Residents encouraged to apply for boards & commissions

The REPORTER

Delivering on a campaign promise, Carmel Mayor-elect Sue Finkam launched a new website for Elevate Carmel, Inc., featuring a portal for residents to apply for seats on boards and commissions active in city hall.

“Community engagement has been a key pillar

of our campaign,” Finkam said. “This new website provides Carmel residents with more opportunities to participate in city activities, including serving on newly-formed committees regarding transportation, arts,



Finkam

financial investment and more. We have an amazing community and together, we can do more.”

Carmel residents seeking involvement are encouraged to apply at [ElevateCarmel.com](#).



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Transparency concerns arise after LEAP pipeline meeting

By **RICHARD ESSEX**
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Concerns over transparency are growing following a meeting that included the governor, two top lawmakers, and a select group of officials in Tippecanoe County.

The main topic for discussion: water.

The transparency concerns come from those not included in last **Friday's meeting that discussed the LEAP pipeline**, such as city council members from both Lafayette and West Lafayette, along with groups opposed to the state taking water from the Wabash River.

West Lafayette City Council member David

Sanders, said, "There was no discussion about local control of water resources and that is the fundamental issue."

Sanders was not invited to the meeting with the governor.

He is one of the leaders of a group called "Stop the Water Steal," and co-authored a resolution opposing any water taken from the Wabash River for the LEAP project, a huge industrial development in Boone County.

At the center of this water controversy is a water study, first commissioned by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, and now under the Indiana Finance Authority

umbrella.

Results of the study were expected in January, but the Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce issued a statement Tuesday claiming the results will not be released anytime soon.

The statement read, "Speaker Huston and President Pro Tem Bray provided assurances from the legislative branch that, aligned with the Governor's commitment, no action would be taken to advance a water project before the IFA completes its water study, which is expected to take until the fall of 2024."

Sanders said in response, "My impression is they are expanding the scope of the study, it is pos-

sible the pressure from all of these groups are placing on them are making them consider other sources of water for the project."

The issue of local control of water resources has become one of the dominant issues.

Sanders says the state is using taxpayer dollars to promote development in Boone County with little regard given to Tippecanoe's future development plans.

Recently, "Stop the Water Steal" organizers led a letter-writing and phone campaign directed to statehouse leadership. Sanders says he believes some of the efforts by his group prompted the governor to hold the meeting.

No lions have escaped from Indianapolis Zoo

By **HUNTER GODBY-SCHWAB**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The Indianapolis Zoo reports all their lions are safe and sound after a viral internet hoax claims they had escaped Wednesday night.

The Indianapolis Zoo made a **post on Facebook** saying lions escaping from their enclosures never happened. The viral photos of two lions are actually from a safari trail camera in Africa.

So technically, the lions in the photo are free, just far away from Indiana.

"Who knew that April Fools' Day came in December? Reports of lions escaping from our Zoo are not true," said the Indianapolis Zoo.

The hoax has gone viral with over 3,000 shares on social media, with one instance saying the lions escaped from the Nashville Zoo as well.

The origins of this alarming internet prank are not yet known.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

JACOB MARRIES LEAH AND RACHEL

After Jacob had stayed with him for a whole month, Laban said to him, "Just because you are a relative of mine, should you work for me for nothing? Tell me what your wages should be."

Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel had a lovely figure and was beautiful. Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, "I'll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel."

Genesis 29:14-18 (NIV)

Thanks for reading!



NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS Board Highlights

Dec. 19, 2023 Meeting

Submitted by Noblesville Schools

The school board has responsibility for major district functions including school district governance and oversight, setting school policies, approving funding, strategic planning, and hiring and evaluating the superintendent.

- The school board recognized more than a hundred students for their achievements in art and athletics, including state championship boys and girls soccer teams.
- Hazel Dell Elementary students and staff demonstrated classroom techniques they use to increase engagement and learning.
- Learning Department leaders provided an update and recommendations from their science curriculum review process.
- A new adult education initiative, in partnership with Washington Township Schools, was approved.
- A new employee benefit that will provide financial planning assistance for all full-time staff members was approved by a vote of 4 to 1, with Laura Alerding voting against the proposal.

Visit the school board area of the Noblesville Schools website for meeting agendas, minutes, videos and more.

Meeting Notice

The Jackson Township Trustee's Office will hold a public information meeting to discuss the potential reorganization of governing bodies within Jackson Township. All residents of Jackson Township, unincorporated and incorporated, are encouraged to attend.

The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2024, at the Hamilton Heights Student Activity Center, 420 W. North St., Arcadia.

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Historical achievement at Hamilton Heights

Swart, Cox & Madara make Division I commitments for diving & swimming

By **RICHIE HALL**

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Quick! Name an Indiana high school swimming and diving program that has three Division I athletes on its roster.

If you live in the Indianapolis area, several schools come to mind, including one in southern Hamilton County that has won a whole bunch of state championships. There's also a school in the northern part of the county that can say it has three D-I signees as of this week.

Hamilton Heights celebrated that achievement on Wednesday as its two history-making divers on the boys team and a senior leader of its girls team put their signatures on paper. Ethan Swart, last year's diving state champion, committed to Auburn University, while his teammate and state runner-up Nathan Cox signed with Virginia Tech. Meanwhile, two-time state qualifier Teegan Madara has committed to Xavier University.

Campus feeling

When it came down to making their decisions, both Swart and Cox said that the look of their respective school's campuses was one of the factors.

"When I took my visit, I really liked the campus and the way it was placed out," said Swart. "It was a big campus, but everything was together. You got the big campus feel, but it was all put together at a small school."

Swart is leaning towards studying business at Auburn — "sports management, business marketing," he said. He called the academics "really good," and found his interest sparked by the Tigers' new diving coach, John Fox, who took over this summer after longtime coach Jeff Shaffer retired after 24 years.

"He really sparked my interest because I've heard a lot of good things from him," said Swart. "I just know the diving program in general with Jeff was really good, so I know John Fox is going to come in there and just make it a lot better."

Cox said his choice of Virginia Tech came down to the same reason as his teammate's choice of school.

"When I went there, the campus just stood out to me out of all the other colleges that I visited," said Cox. He enjoyed the atmosphere, saying that everyone is "super connected."

"Talking to the coach and the diving team, I really felt that I'd fit in and I could really bond with them, and I felt like it was someplace



Photo provided

Three members of the Hamilton Heights swimming and diving program signed with Division I college programs on Wednesday. Pictured from left to right are Ethan Swart (Auburn University), Teegan Madara (Xavier University) and Nathan Cox (Virginia Tech).

that I could call home for the next four years," said Cox, who plans to study engineering. He also was impressed by the Hokies' aquatic facilities, dryland training and medical facilities, calling them "top notch."

Working the way up

Swart and Cox have been top-notch divers during their time as Hamilton Heights Huskies. Cox is a three-time state qualifier, having placed 13th as a freshman and sixth as a sophomore.

Meanwhile, Swart was working his way up the ladder. He placed seventh in the sectional as a freshman, then was fifth at sectional in his sophomore year, just missing advancement to the regional.

Swart said it took him "a while to get up to the type of skill I am at now. My freshman year and sophomore year, I was close, but I wasn't close enough."

It all came together in his junior year. At the Hamilton Southeastern sectional, Cox finished first while Swart was third, sending them both to the regional at Fishers. Cox placed third and Swart was fourth at the regional, but since the top eight go from regional to state, there was no worry about advancement.

Once at state, the two Huskies battled with two other qualifiers out of the Southeastern sectional, Fishers' Jacob Schade and Oak Hill's Grant Cates. Cox was leading by 14 points in the semifinals, but Swart surged to the top during the final three dives, scoring 512.15 points. Cox totaled 503.65.

"Sectional's going to be very difficult for us because it hasn't changed and it won't change," said Swart. "It's just going to really be up to how well we perform."

"Only four go to regionals and there's five or six divers that have an opportunity," said Cox.

Getting along

Madara is a two-time state qualifier for Heights. She swam at state her sophomore year, placing 21st in the individual medley and 22nd in the 500 freestyle.

In her junior try at state, Madara improved her place in both events. She took 12th in the 500 free, scoring five team points for the Huskies and setting a new school record time of 5 minutes, 3.36 seconds. Madara also moved up in the IM, placing 19th.

"It's really cool, but it's also scary knowing that I'm leaving next year," said Madara. "My little sister's a freshman." Ayla Madara is already making an impact for the Heights team.

Teegan Madara said she went on "multiple visits" to Xavier, where she spent several nights with the swimmers on the Musketeers team and got along with them well.

"Their academics are really good," said Madara. "I want to go into nursing, so their nursing program was really good."

Girls Basketball

Huskies waste no time knocking off No. 10 Blackford

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights girls basketball team took down another one of Class 2A's top 10 teams on Thursday.

The 3A No. 4 Huskies overwhelmed 2A No. 10 Blackford 58-26 in an away game. Heights outscored the Bruins in each quarter, leading 11-5 after one period and 30-12 at halftime. Katie Brown hit four 3-pointers in the first half.

The Huskies continued

to roll in the third quarter, adding another 19 points. Camryn Runner scored eight points, she led the Huskies with 20 points overall. Brown finished with 15 and Hadleigh Cherry drained three 3s on her way to 10 points.

Heights is 12-2 for the season. The Huskies are back in action on Dec. 30 when they play two games at the Huntington North Classic. Heights takes on Plymouth at 11:45 a.m. and Wawasee at 6 p.m.

HAMILTON HEIGHTS 58, BLACKFORD 26

Heights	FG	FT	TP
Ella Hickok	2	3-4	9
Katie Brown	5	1-2	15
Camryn Runner	7	4-4	20
Kassidy Schakel	2	0-2	4
Hadleigh Cherry	3	1-2	10
Kamryn Rhoton	0	0-0	0
Taylor Harley	0	0-0	0
Norah Reiger	0	0-0	0
Presley Cherry	0	0-0	0
Vivian Lynch	0	0-0	0
Totals	19	9-14	58

Score by Quarters

Heights	11	19	19	9-58
Blackford	5	7	10	4-26

Heights 3-pointers (11) Brown 4, H. Cherry 3, Hickok 2, Runner 2.

Swimming

University takes part in Zionsville Eagle Invitational

The REPORTER

The University swim teams competed at the Zionsville Eagle Invitational last Saturday.

Both the Trailblazers boys and girls teams finished seventh in their respective divisions. The University boys scored 121 points, with Neiman Kumler placing second in the 100 freestyle and third in the 50 free. He also joined Zach Sullivan, Owen Ascoti and Gabe Pryor to take third in the 200 free relay.

University's girls scored 25 points. Nia Williams led the 'Blazers by taking eighth in the 100 free.

University competed in a three-team meet at Lebanon, with Purdue Poly Tech also there. Results from that meet will appear in a later edition.

GIRLS RESULTS

200 freestyle: 10. Evie King 2:37.47.

50 freestyle: 12. Nia Williams 29.24.

100 freestyle: 8. Williams 1:06.38.

100 breaststroke: 15. King 1:46.98.

BOYS RESULTS

200 medley relay: 8. University "A" (Zach Sullivan, Gabe Pryor, Neiman Kumler, Owen Ascoti) 1:58.77.

200 freestyle: 10. Pryor 2:11.84.

200 individual medley: 11. Cael Head 2:53.56.

50 freestyle: 3. Kumler 21.89.

100 freestyle: 2. Kumler 47.85, 13. Sullivan 59.62.

500 freestyle: 13. Ascoti 6:45.75.

200 freestyle relay: 3. University (Kumler, Sullivan, Ascoti, Pryor) 1:41.20.

100 backstroke: 10. Pryor 1:09.96, 11. Sullivan 1:14.14.

See swimming results from last weekend on Page 10

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Millers float past Shamrocks

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.
University at Carroll, 7:30 p.m. (tournament)
Bedford North Lawrence Classic
Lake Central vs. Bedford North Lawrence, 10:30 a.m.
Lawrence Central vs. Noblesville, noon
Consolation game, 6 p.m.
Championship game, 7:30 p.m.
Ivy Tech Holiday Classic at Whiteland
Guerin Catholic vs. Whiteland, 10 a.m.
Tri-West vs. Bloomington South, noon
Consolation game, 4 p.m.
Championship game, 6 p.m.
GIRLS WRESTLING
Carmel at Mooresville Holiday Classic, 9 a.m.

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The Noblesville swim teams swept a dual meet with Westfield last Saturday at the Shamrocks' Aquatic Center.
In the girls meet, the Millers won 100-83. Haddie Vohs was a double winner in the 200 freestyle and butterfly events. Noblesville also got first-place finishes from Maya McDonald in the individual medley, Ellie Hayward in the 50 free, Eryn McMahon in diving and Amelia Field in the 100 free. The Millers swept all three relays. Shamrocks winners were Kate Cassidy in the 500 free, Ellie Hill in the backstroke and Alex Irvin in the breaststroke.
Noblesville's boys won their part of the meet 111-

74, taking seven events. Graham Kulp was a double winner in the butterfly and breaststroke races, while Mason Snyder won the 200 free and Colton Suhan was first in diving. The Millers won all three relays.
Westfield's Griffin Barents Froman picked up a double victory in the 50 free and backstroke, while Gareth Thomas paced the IM and 500 free. Ben Morse won the 100 free.

GIRLS MEET

Team score: Noblesville 100, Westfield 83.
200 medley relay: 1. Noblesville "A" (Olivia Motz, Exley Tricker, Haddie Vohs, Amelia Field) 1:55.07, 2. Westfield "A" (Ellie Hill, Maggie Alley, Gracie Alley, Kate Cassidy) 2:01.01, 3. Noblesville "B" (Alli Knott, Emily Knott, Mallory Mehrlinger, Kyra Blackwell) 2:01.51.
200 freestyle: 1. Vohs (N) 1:58.72, 2. Cassidy (W) 2:04.63, 3. G. Alley (W) 2:05.14, 4. Blackwell (N) 2:10.99, 5. Ava Middleton (N) 2:18.88.
200 individual medley: 1. Maya McDonald (N) 2:15.46, 2. M. Alley (W) 2:19.48, 3. Nora Sperry (W) 2:20.71, 4. Hill (W) 2:24.16, 5. Kirsten McCormick (N) 2:35.15.
50 freestyle: 1. Ellie Hayward (N) 25.66, 2. Alex Irvin (W) 26.10, 3. Tricker (N) 26.19, 4. Anna McKeown (W) 27.03, 5. Alina Reuter (W) 28.48.
One-meter diving: 1. Eryn McMahon (N) 215.40, 2. Alexis Ball (W) 148.35, 3. Gracie Obremski (N) 85.00.
100 butterfly: 1. Vohs (N) 1:00.16, 2. M. Alley (W) 1:04.97, 3. Motz (N) 1:06.25, 4. Macy Brown (W) 1:08.84, 5. Mehrlinger (N) 1:10.54.
100 freestyle: 1. Field (N) 56.03, 2. Kiarra Thomas (W) 56.66, 3. E. Knott (N) 57.03, 4.

Motz (N) 58.56, 5. Greta Smith (W) 1:02.67.
500 freestyle: 1. Cassidy (W) 5:26.17, 2. G. Alley (W) 5:29.95, 3. Hayward (N) 5:35.38, 4. Bella McNally (W) 5:47.68, 5. Blackwell (N) 5:48.12.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Noblesville "A" (Vohs, Hayward, Tricker, McDonald) 1:42.32, 2. Westfield "A" (Thomas, M. Alley, Sperry, Irvin) 1:43.56, 3. Noblesville "B" (Julia Santerre, A. Knott, Middleton, Blackwell) 1:49.99.
100 backstroke: 1. Hill (W) 1:03.95, 2. Thomas (W) 1:04.03, 3. Mehrlinger (N) 1:07.08, 4. McDonald (N) 1:08.24, 5. Brown (W) 1:08.81.
100 breaststroke: 1. Irvin (W) 1:11.38, 2. Tricker (N) 1:12.31, 3. Sperry (W) 1:14.11, 4. E. Knott (N) 1:17.06, 5. Marie Rocca (W) 1:18.89.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Noblesville "A" (Field, Motz, McDonald, Hayward) 3:48.65, 2. Westfield "A" (Irvin, Sperry, Cassidy, Thomas) 3:56.38, 3. Noblesville "B" (E. Knott, Santerre, Middleton, Katie Sutton) 4:00.03.

BOYS MEET

Team score: Noblesville 111, Westfield 74.
200 medley relay: 1. Noblesville "A" (Caleb Mathis, Mason Snyder, Graham Kulp, Zak Armstrong) 1:42.06, 2. Westfield "A" (Harrison Barents Froman, Will Chambley, Luca Barbosa, Locke Taylor) 1:45.28, 3. Noblesville "B" (Shepard Huff, Liam Hayward, Josh Naas, Mark Berger) 1:48.90.
200 freestyle: 1. Snyder (N) 1:51.15, 2. Liam Hayward (N) 1:55.19, 3. Barbosa (W) 1:59.16, 4. Drew Setmeyer (N) 2:00.19, 5. Sagan Blansette (W) 2:00.72.
200 individual medley: 1. Gareth Thomas (W) 2:02.35, 2. Lane Monger (N) 2:03.99, 3.

Sean Halvorsen (N) 2:04.07, 4. Anthony Mathis (N) 2:04.47, 5. Chambley (W) 2:05.28.
50 freestyle: 1. Griffin Barents Froman (W) 23.58, 2. Naas (N) 23.70, 3. Henry Pham (W) 23.83, 4. Connor Pearson (N) 24.44, 5. Taylor (W) 24.50.
One-meter diving: 1. Colton Suhan (N) 196.10, 2. Noah Flynn (W) 186.15, 3. Aiden Kless (N) 103.45, 4. K.J. Gordon (N) 79.70.
100 butterfly: 1. Kulp (N) 53.65, 2. Naas (N) 58.34, 3. Barbosa (W) 58.46, 4. Owen Hudson (W) 1:00.20, 5. Oliver Mark (N) 1:03.11.
100 freestyle: 1. Ben Morse (W) 48.94, 2. Snyder (N) 50.70, 3. Armstrong (N) 51.88, 4. Huff (N) 53.13, 5. Pham (W) 54.50.
500 freestyle: 1. Thomas (W) 4:58.38, 2. Mark (N) 5:11.15, 3. Pearson (N) 5:17.75, 4. Berger (N) 5:19.59, 5. Blansette (W) 5:30.82.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Noblesville "A" (Kulp, Snyder, Monger, C. Mathis) 1:32.09, 2. Westfield "A" (G. Barents Froman, Pham, Thomas, Morse) 1:33.57, 3. Noblesville "B" (Sean Halvorsen, Mark, Hayward, Berger) 1:35.22.
100 backstroke: 1. G. Barents Froman (W) 59.13, 2. Morse (W) 1:00.09, 3. A. Mathis (N) 1:00.14, 4. C. Mathis (N) 1:02.06, 5. H. Barents Froman (W) 1:02.22.
100 breaststroke: 1. Kulp (N) 1:00.28, 2. Chambley (W) 1:02.33, 3. Armstrong (N) 1:04.35, 4. Silas Hendrix (W) 1:10.79, 5. Esteban Roussel (W) 1:11.11.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Noblesville "A" (Halvorsen, Hayward, Huff, Armstrong) 3:24.48, 2. Westfield "A" (Thomas, G. Barents Froman, Barbosa, Morse) 3:27.14, 3. Noblesville "B" (Monger, Naas, Berger, Brayden Wright) 3:35.82.

Southeastern dominates both divisions of Holiday Splash

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern swim teams won both divisions of their own Forum Credit Union Holiday Splash, which took place last Saturday.
In the girls meet, the Royals dominated by scoring 703.5 points and winning eight of the 12 events, including the last six of the meet. Audrey Crawford picked up two individual wins in the 500 freestyle and backstroke. Other event winners were Anna Irish in the 50 freestyle, Mia Henderson in the 100 free and Eloise Harrison in the breaststroke, where HSE went 1-2-3. Southeastern swept all three relays.
The Royals boys scored 620 points to win their division and also took first place in eight events. Southeastern had three double winners: Jack Warren in the 200 and 500 freestyles, Collin Huston in the individual medley and breaststroke, and Jihoon Jung in the butterfly and backstroke. The Royals were also first in the medley and 400 free relays.
Results are listed below, featuring the top three Southeastern finishers in each event.

GIRLS MEET

Team scores: Hamilton Southeastern 703.5, Harrison 462.5, Homestead 436, Munster 434, Oak Hill 241.
200 medley relay: 1. Southeastern "A" (Naomi Haines, Julia Kiley, Audrey Crawford, Kiley

Zoeller) 1:44.98, 4. Southeastern "B" (Kelsey Graham, Eloise Harrison, Lacey Huston, Ellason Miller) 1:52.66, 6. Southeastern "C" (Maddy Page, Jocelyn Graham, Payton Walker, Anissa Lammie) 1:58.64.
200 freestyle: 2. Mia Henderson 1:56.18, T4. Meghan Voelker 2:00.64, 7. Izzy Schmitt 2:03.50.
200 individual medley: 3. Kiley 2:14.14, 4. Harrison 2:14.74, 5. Huston 2:19.27.
50 freestyle: 1. Anna Irish 25.45, 5. Sophia Croy 26.32, 6. Lammie 26.56.
One-meter diving: 8. Adriana Salgado 225.15, 10. Zoe Rehm 193.10, 11. Juliet Pearce 154.15.
100 butterfly: 2. Zoeller 58.79, 3. Huston 59.76, 5. Miller 1:03.07.
100 freestyle: 1. Henderson 54.23, 2. Haines 54.96, 7. Page 57.94.
500 freestyle: 1. Crawford 5:10.07, 4. Voelker 5:24.87, 6. Molly Hultgren 5:53.19.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Southeastern "A" (Henderson, Miller, Harrison, Irish) 1:40.69, 2. Southeastern "B" (Walker, Lammie, Ella Chesterfield, Voelker) 1:43.71, 6. Southeastern "C" (J. Graham, Page, Lauren Ing, Croy) 1:48.22).
100 backstroke: 1. Crawford 57.64, 3. Haines 59.76, 5. K. Graham 1:02.49.
100 breaststroke: 1. Harrison 1:06.66, 2. Kiley 1:07.63, 3. Zoeller 1:08.24.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Southeastern "A" (Crawford, Henderson, Kiley, Zoeller) 3:33.75, 3. Southeastern "B" (Voelker, Chesterfield, K. Graham, Haines) 3:50.02, 6. Southeastern "C" (Huston, Croy, Schmitt, Irish) 3:55.14.

BOYS MEET

Team scores: Hamilton Southeastern 620, Harrison 565, Munster 560, Oak Hill 321, Homestead 156.
200 medley relay: 1. Southeastern "A" (Jacob Frey, Collin Huston, Jihoon Jung, Derek Robison) 1:35.17, 4. Southeastern "B" (Andrew Lu, Nolan Pugh, Alden Sealls, Xander Goss) 1:45.09, 6. Southeastern "C" (Tristan Stivers, Jagger Chan, Luke Cochran, Adam Warski) 1:51.19.
200 freestyle: 1. Jack Warren 1:45.71, 2. Camden Bailey 1:49.23, 9. Lu 1:59.03.
200 individual medley: 1. Huston 1:58.70, 6. Sealls 2:09.81, 7. Stivers 2:11.29.
50 freestyle: 2. Robison 22.16, 8. Goss 24.47, 10. Alexander Carman 24.69.
One-meter diving: 2. Gavin Tucker 416.60, 6. Dryden Moore 234.85.
100 butterfly: 2. Jung 51.16, 3. Robison 51.79, 7. Sealls 57.04.
100 freestyle: 1. Bailey 50.31, 7. Lu 52.50, 10. Goss 53.92.
500 freestyle: 1. Warren 4:49.26, 2. N. Pugh 5:03.18, 8. Cochran 5:30.92.
200 freestyle relay: 2. Southeastern "A" (Bailey, Huston, Pugh, Warren) 1:32.85, 9. Southeastern "B" (Cochran, Warski, Connor Pugh, Kasey Bostock) 1:45.23.
100 backstroke: 1. Jung 52.80, 2. Frey 53.96, 17. Adam Dodget 1:19.86.
100 breaststroke: 1. Huston 56.77, 4. Pugh 1:02.94, 6. Chan 1:04.12.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Southeastern "A" (Jung, Warren, Bailey, Robison) 3:17.33, 5. Southeastern "B" (Frey, Sealls, Lu, Goss) 3:32.78, 8. Southeastern "C" (Carman, Bostock, Chan, Stivers) 3:39.76.

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