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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Dense morning fog,  
with clouds for the  
rest of the day.  
Tonight: Mostly cloudy.

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Rep. Spartz kicks off latest  
string of town halls in Carmel

Bring joy to  
yourself first

The REPORTER

Congresswoman Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) started her 2024 in-person town hall series Thursday evening in Carmel. The Congresswoman provided an update on her work on border security, debt, and congressional oversight, and took unfiltered questions from the audience.

"Town halls are essential for proper representation," Rep. Spartz said. "I always look forward to an honest and open conversation with the people I represent."

Rep. Spartz will welcome constituents to two more town halls:

- Friday, Jan. 26, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Yorktown Town Hall,



9312 W. Smith St. (Delaware County)  
to 1 p.m., Gas City Fire Station No. 2, 5051 E. County Road 500 South (Grant County)

Keep up to date and connect with Rep. Spartz at [spartz.house.gov](https://spartz.house.gov).

"Working happier accomplishes much more than working harder." – Sarah Ban Breathnach, author of "Simple Abundance"

No matter what kind of personality you have, you can become a more joyful person. How much more is up to you. Maybe you just need a little boost. You're a positive person but would like to get some new tips. Perhaps you know you need some improvement and just want some guidance here and there.

Or maybe your boss has flat out told you that you need to work on your attitude to improve your career – or else! I hope that's not your situation, but no matter where you are currently, today's column will give you some ideas.

My biggest tip? You need to become the healthiest person you can possibly be. You've got to feel good to do good, right? We can't be joyful if our bodies aren't emotionally, mentally, physically, and spiritually healthy.

You're so lucky – you have a great resource right here in this newspaper to help you get healthier. Check out Sharon McMahon's column every week. If you haven't been reading it, I encourage you to start.

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County Coroner identifies more human remains at Fox Hollow Farms

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Coroner Jeff Jellison has announced the identification of remains that were recovered in 1996 from Fox Hollow Farm in Westfield, the former home of Herb Baumeister.

A human remain recovered from Fox Hollow Farm has matched a family reference sample that was submitted early last year and has been identified as Manuel Resendez.

Resendez was reported missing in August 1993.

The identification of Resendez was the result of the dedication of many forensic experts working collaboratively in an effort to identify nearly 10,000 human remains recovered from Fox Hollow Farm.

"I would like to thank the entire team of law enforcement and forensic specialist that have come together to support this effort," Jellison said. "A special thanks goes to the hardworking people at the Indiana State Police Laboratory and Dr. Krista Latham of the Biology & Anthropology Department at the University of Indianapolis."

COLUMNIST



AMY SHANKLAND  
Perfectly Imperfect

Noblesville Lions learn about challenges of the visually impaired



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll

On Wednesday, the Noblesville Lions Club welcome Noblesville High School teachers Shelby Metzler and Jill Pangle, who specialize and teach visually impaired students. They focus on Braille, Self-Determination, and Understanding Visual Scenes by Feel. Pangle has a focus on Orientation and Mobility. An activity like changing classrooms is a simple task for a normal student, but when blind, a larger challenge exists. Noblesville currently has around 40 students in the program. Metzler and Pangle showed samples of printouts used in the program, as well as Brilliant, a braille writer. The Lions Club donated funds to the school in the past for equipment to help in the program. These tools are helping the students have a normal life. These ladies kept the club well focused on the information they presented. (From left) Lions Club Vice President Jeff Kozicki, Shelby Metzler, and Jill Pangle.

It's not only good for your pet, it's also good for you!

The REPORTER

Humor Columnist Scott Saalman graces the pages of The Reporter every week. A collection of his musings has recently been compiled into his latest book, *Quietly Making Noise*, and the social media response has been . . . interesting.

A number of people have bought his book and posted photos of the book with their pets. Sometimes it looks like the pet is reading the book. Sometimes peo-

ple are apparently reading the book to the pet. Sometimes it might be both.

In all cases, these were dog photos – not that there's anything wrong with that. However, it seemed a little exclusive and speciesist to our publisher, so he took the photo you see on this page of one of his cats, a tiger-striped calico named Nine, staring at Saalman's name.

The original caption for this photo was "If you can't curl up with a

good book, at least curl up with this one!" Having read several chapters, our publisher now thinks Nine has purrfect taste in literature.

If you'd like Saalman's social media feed to be more species-inclusive, buy a copy of his delightful tome on [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com), then send your photos of your literate pets to [scottsaalman@gmail.com](mailto:scottsaalman@gmail.com).

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# BRING JOY

In summary, here are some things we all gotta do:

**1. Exercise**

You're hearing a lot about this right now, but it's always good to have a reminder. And many companies encourage it. According to a *Time Magazine* article from May 2009, nearly six in 10 big companies offer some sort of wellness program.

But what if you work for a small company or one that doesn't offer a wellness program? You can sneak in small amounts of exercise that will add up to big results.

Park further away from your building to increase your walking each day. Take the stairs as much as possible versus the elevator. If you work in an office,

stand while you work. Take a 20-minute walk outside on your lunch hour.

If you're an early bird, walk with a family member, friend, or neighbor before work each morning. If you're more like me, you can take a walk after dinner three or four times a week.

I've talked a lot about walking, and I encourage you to do at least a little of it each day since it's one of the easiest ways to get moving. But maybe it's not your thing. If you're not currently exercising, you must do some thinking and research to find an exercise you love. If you love it, you'll exercise often.

**2. Eating right**

We must eat well to feel good. The American Diabetes Association says the same thing. They encourage people to take small steps to change eating and exercise habits. Once again, Sharon's column can help you immensely!

**3. Sleep**

We need to stop skimping on it. As a nation, many of us are not getting the sleep we need to be healthy and happy. If you are having trouble with your sleep, please do all you can to seek

out solutions.

This goes beyond being alert enough to be a positive person and to bring joy to your workplace. The right amount and quality of sleep can boost our immunity and reduce inflammation in the body. It helps us stay emotionally healthy and improves our social interactions.

**4. Volunteer**

Volunteering and helping others are fantastic ways to stay positive and productive at work. Salesforce believes in this, and they prove it by giving their employees seven paid days for volunteering each year.

If you don't get paid to volunteer somewhere, I would still encourage you to donate just a few hours of your time each week or month to an organization that lights your fire.

**5. Talk to the Big Guy... or the universe... or whoever/whatever.**

I had to end this column with this suggestion because it's at the very center of my being and probably the number one reason why I'm so joyful.

I'm talking about prayer here, folks. I know not everyone believes in God or

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a god, but it sure helps me get through each day. If you don't believe in anything like that, there's always chatting with the universe.

I worked with an amazing, spunky lady named Liz years ago at Agape in Cicero. Whenever any one of us was stressed or worried, she would quietly ask, "Did you Philippians 4:6 it?" She was referring to the passage in the Bible that starts out essentially saying "Don't worry about anything but pray about everything." It's a statement I use to this day, and it eases my burdens both in and out of the workplace.

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I hope you've been able to jot down at least a few new ideas throughout this column to help you be your healthiest, happiest self. You'll already be an example of joy to everyone you know and meet just by adopting some of these habits. Are you ready to wow them even more?

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# Bingo & TikTok go together like peas & carrots



Westfield High School students from the Service Leadership and Helping Hands classes participated in a Senior to Senior Program, which took place Monday at Grace Church Noblesville, 5504 E. 146th St. The Rocks played Bingo, did a Then-Versus-Now activity, played games, and did a TikTok Dance with the Seniors from Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County. Learn more about Shepherd's Center at [SCofHC.org](https://SCofHC.org).

# Latest updates on Noblesville's Pleasant Street project

The REPORTER

Over the next few weeks, you may notice construction crews getting ready for the 2024 construction season. Utility relocation, tree clearing, and other preliminary work will take place before construction begins again in spring.

Indiana American Water will begin relocating water lines around 10th Street. There may be brief lane closures as crews complete their work.

City officials are working with residents and businesses in the area to provide awareness and information during construction.

**What will happen in Phases II & III?**

The Reimagine Pleasant Street project is broken into three different phases. In 2024, construction

crews will continue work on the new bridge. They will also be constructing new roundabouts at 10th Street and Pleasant Street as well as River Road and the new Pleasant Street. This spring, crews will begin construction on Phases II and III to further improve connectivity in and around Noblesville.

Phase II will include widening the existing Pleasant Street to four lanes from 11th Street to 19th Street and reconstructing the roundabout at 19th Street to a two-lane roundabout. The Midland Trace Trail will be extended along the north side of Pleasant Street in Phase II to the project's terminus at 19th Street.

Phase III includes a new roundabout at the intersection of Hague Road and



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State Road 32, new roadway construction connecting the roundabout to River Road, a new bridge over Cicero Creek, and the extension of the Midland Trace Trail along the north side of Pleasant Street. The trail will connect to the existing Midland Trace Trail and Hague Road Trail with pedestrian tunnels underneath Pleasant Street and SR 32.

**More information**

The Reimagine Pleasant Street website has recently been updated to include more information about upcoming work, what to expect, and general project information. The website will be updated regularly as construction begins with specific information about how to navigate Noblesville as construction starts on this and other projects around town.

Go to [ReimaginePleasantSt.com](https://ReimaginePleasantSt.com) to see the updates. You can also follow along on [Facebook](https://Facebook.com/ReimaginePleasantSt) and [X](https://X.com/ReimaginePleasantSt).



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**Friday, January 26**  
**11am-1pm**

**Grant County:**  
**Fire Station 2**  
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**Saturday, January 27**  
**11am-1pm**



**Please join to hear the recent updates on issues Congresswoman Spartz is working on, including:**

- Border security
- Debt
- Congressional oversight
- Biden impeachment inquiry
- FISA reauthorization, Farm Bill, etc.

**Contact us at 317-848-0201 if you have any questions.**

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# From the desk of Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood

Update No. 121

I recently had the opportunity to attend a meeting that was focused on the future of Northern Hamilton County. I use the word “meeting” loosely because it felt more like a gathering among friends and neighbors with a shared vision – how we can work together to make our district the best place possible to serve students. The group consisted of school and local government representatives in Adams and Jackson townships, the Town of Cicero, the City of Westfield, and OneZone Chamber of Commerce who are deeply invested in all things Northern Hamilton County.

Among some of those individuals in attendance were Mark Heirbrandt, Hamilton County Commissioner; Dan Strong, former Cicero Town Council member; Robyn Cook, Jackson Township Trustee; Dr. Dave Mundy, Superintendent of Sheridan Community Schools; Jack



DR. DEREK ARROWOOD  
Heights Superintendent

Russell, OneZone Chamber President and CEO, and Westfield Mayor Scott Willis. I left the meeting feeling more informed, enlightened, and excited about the future.

The bottom line is we all basically want the same thing (strong schools and strong communities) and are committed to working together, much like we have done in the past, to ensure that happens.

Speaking of partnerships and the future, Hamilton Heights School Corporation has a long and proud tradition of collaborating with the community to plan for the future.

The Ford Next Generation Learning (NGL) Portrait of a Graduate effort is another example of this approach. Heights is in the midst of a comprehensive, district-wide strategic planning process to define the characteristics, attributes, and skills we want our stu-

dents to possess by the time they graduate from Hamilton Heights High School.

Our goal is to provide an educational experience designed to help each student learn and master academic content, form meaningful relationships, and develop the skills, aptitudes, and characteristics important to successfully maneuvering through life’s challenges as a productive member of their community and a global society.

At our first Master Planning Day earlier this month, we assembled a team of some 50 individuals including educators, administrators, students, parents, and community members. These will be the individuals working behind the scenes to get us to the finish line. The highlight of the day was the presentation by nine middle school students who spent the last few months creating our Portrait of a Graduate (POG). While the students had the support of our staff, classmates, and a hands-on working session at OneZone with Jack Russell, the result of this student-driven effort

knocked it out of the park! See a video snippet of their presentation [here](#).

I want to give a shout out to a couple of our students and sports teams on their recent accomplishments.

Sophomore Karson Herrell bowled his way to become the first HHSC Boys Bowling Sectional Champion, while sophomore Kendall Moe won the Girls State Wrestling Championship title in the 100-pound weight class for the second year in a row. Indiana University-bound senior Peyton McQuinn won first place with a personal-best clearance at 16’2” at the National Pole Vault Summit in Reno, Nev.

At the middle school level, our sixth grade boys basketball team won this year’s Husky Invite, our seventh grade boys basketball team brought home the Mid-Indiana Conference (MIC) Championship for a third year in a row, and the wrestling team won the Lebanon Tiger Invite. Congratulations to these and all our student athletes who shine inside and outside the classroom.

In recognition of National Mentoring Month, I want to take this opportunity to thank the many mentors (students and adults) whose supportive, one-on-one relationships help enhance the educational experience at Hamilton Heights in inspiring and life-changing ways. You make a difference!

#WeAreHuskies

## Carmel student’s artwork featured in Art Gallery at IU Kokomo

The REPORTER

Creative work by nearly 50 Indiana University Kokomo students is featured in a new exhibit in the campus Art Gallery.

Among those students is Alexandra Reiff of Carmel.

The Select Works Exhibition, which continues through Thursday, Feb. 15, includes paintings, prints, sculptures, digital artwork, drawings, photography, and digital product designs, among other entries.

[Click here](#) to see photos of the gallery.

Art Gallery Coordinator Carrie Baxter said the works included were se-

lected by faculty in the new media, art, and technology (NMAT) program.

“I encourage people to visit this exhibition, to see the wonderful variety of artworks created by our students, and to show support for the students and our NMAT programs,” Baxter said.

The IU Kokomo Art Gallery is in Upper Alumni Hall in the Library Building, 2300 S. Washington St. Admission and parking are free. It is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and closed Friday through Sunday.

Follow the Gallery on Instagram [@iukartgallery](#).

## Carmel student named to president’s list at Minnesota State College SE

The REPORTER

Minnesota State College Southeast in Red Wing and Winona, Minn., has announced the President’s List for Fall Semester 2023.

On that list is Nathaniel Burgess of Carmel.

A total of 308 students

were named to the Fall 2023 President’s List. To be eligible for the President’s List, students must complete a minimum of 12 credits at Southeast during an academic term and achieve a grade-point average of 3.5 or above.

## Westfield Education Foundation opens scholarship application

The REPORTER

The Westfield Education Foundation scholarship application period is now open.

Any student applying for secondary, technical, or

trade education is eligible to apply. Awards are based on much more than just grade-point average.

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# Noblesville’s own Zachary Swanson will perform with 2024 Jazz Band of America



Photo provided by Noblesville Schools  
Congratulations to Noblesville High School student Zachary Swanson, who was selected for the national 2024 Jazz Band of America. The Jazz Band of America is one of the top honor ensembles for young musicians in the nation, with a prestigious legacy and reputation for the highest level of excellence. Swanson is one of only two alto saxophone students chosen from across the nation.



## Don’t miss Westfield Winter Market Saturday at West Fork Whiskey

**The REPORTER**  
The Winter Market will run from 9 a.m. to noon this Saturday, Jan. 27 at West Fork Whiskey, 10 E. 191st St. The Market runs weekly through Saturday, March 9 with no Market on Feb. 3.

Stop by for baked treats, fresh produce, meat, cheese, dog treats, honey, fresh flowers, handcrafted items and so much more. The market is free and open to the public.

The presenting sponsor is The Farmers Bank, and the host sponsor is West Fork Whiskey.

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• **CD & Money Market specials:** Visit The Farmers Bank’s table at the market to learn more about CD and Money Market specials. Farmers Bank staff will be on hand to share information with you and even schedule an appointment to set up a new account.

• **Free tote & enter to win:** Pick up your free Farmers Bank tote bag and then enter to win as you enter the market. This month, The Farmers Bank is giving away a portable Bose speaker (value \$300) and two Yeti thermoses. No purchase necessary. Must be 21 or older to enter.

**Jan. 27 Vendors**  
The following is a list of vendors that have confirmed their participation for this Saturday. This list is subject to change without notice.

- Alcomy LLC
- Angelo’s Italian Market
- Becky the Bakerster
- BricksMadeBetter
- Country Fun Freeze
- Creolicious Bakery
- Darling Impressions
- DonutNV
- Dragonwood LLC
- Eagle Creek Apiary
- Emberline Designs
- Emma Mourfield Pottery
- Fungi Meadows
- GlauX Co.
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- Heritage Homestead Farms, LLC
- Just Millie and Me
- Kim’s Key Lime Cookies, Inc.
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- Wander Free Design Co
- West Shore Candle
- Wild Loaf, LLC
- Wrightway Crafts

## Westfield’s Hometown Heroes Program has new service provider

**The REPORTER**  
The City of Westfield announces a new provider for the Hometown Heroes Program. H&N Outdoor Services will now provide lawn care services to deployed service member’s families. The city will continue to provide driveway and sidewalk snow removal within 24 hours of a snow event as well.

The Hometown Hero Program was established in July 2021 and was initially proposed by then-City Council member, now-Mayor or Scott Willis. The program aims to care for those who put their lives on the line for the community.

Mayor Willis was motivated to create the program after experiencing firsthand the impact of service to the nation on families. He spent 12 months in Iraq, leaving behind his wife and two young children in Westfield.

“This program is a small token of appreciation to show our residents who put their lives on the line for our community the appreciation we have for their sacrifice,” Willis said.

To qualify for the program, the family must live in Westfield and be city public safety personnel on



Willis

a service-related disability or immediate family of military personnel serving in a branch of the U.S. armed forces and currently deployed out of state. The household is eligible for the program for the duration of deployment.

Westfield Fire Department Lieutenant Nicholas Southerland, one of the first recipients of the program, said, “Military deployments add a great deal of stress to family life. The Hometown Heroes program was a blessing because it alleviated some additional burdens and duties from my family and allowed them to focus on other things.”

The Westfield Board of Public Works & Safety will manage the application process and administer the program. Businesses and organizations interested in becoming Westfield Hometown Hero Program partners should email Westfield Parks Superintendent Chris McConnell at [cmcconnell@westfield.in.gov](mailto:cmcconnell@westfield.in.gov).

The city thanks Brightview, the provider since the program’s inception in 2021.

All families that meet program requirements are encouraged to apply. The application can be found at [this link](#).

## When did Dave Matthews Band first visit Noblesville’s amphitheater?

By GREGG MONTGOMERY  
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In what’s become an annual affair, Dave Matthews Band will return to the amphitheater in Noblesville this coming summer.

The band known to fans as “DMB” debuted in 1996 at what was then known as Deer Creek Music Center. Its 2024 shows will be June 28 and June 29 at Ruoff Music Center.

Ticket presales are underway on [the band’s website](#). General ticket sales will begin at 10 a.m. Eastern time Feb. 16. Of course, VIP tickets will be available.

A part of the tour announcement Tuesday said, “With the summer tour, Dave Matthews Band will be introducing new sustainability measures as part of its ‘On The Road To Zero Waste’ initiative – a partnership with Live Nation.”

The announcement added, “This summer, the band is partnering with Live Nation’s operated venues to minimize the concerts’ footprint even further – with the goal to divert at least 90 percent of fan-generated waste from landfills. Leveraging its existing leading sustainability resources, Live Nation will support the concerts’ goal by providing zero waste green teams, zero waste stations, food donations, waste sorting, composting and the use of minimal zero single-use plastic. Fans are

encouraged to check venue websites for details closer to the tour dates.”

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# No Hoosier winners in ice sculpture contest

**The REPORTER**

The awards have been announced for this year’s Festival of Ice, which took place Jan. 19 to 21, along Main Street and The Ice at Carter Green in Carmel.

This year, the Festival of Ice attracted a dozen professional ice carvers from all over the country. They competed by carving elaborate sculptures, first showcasing their talents on Friday in the Arts & Design District, then moving to Carter Green on Saturday and Sunday.

The Festival of Ice was the first of two big events at The Ice at Carter Green this winter. Coming up in February, don’t miss the Carmel Winter Games featuring competitive tricycle racing, human curling, and human hungry hippo. That event is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 9 and Saturday, Feb. 10.

**People’s Choice Awards**

- **First place:** Aaron Costic of Nebo, N.C.
- **Second place:** Max Bebrowsky, Michael Stoddart, and Jules Yashchenko, all of Lexington, Ky.
- **Third place:** Matthew Stoddart of Lexington, Ky.

**Carver’s Choice Award**

- **First place:** Dan Rebholz of Addison, Ill.

**Speed Carving Awards**

On the final day of competition, a large crowd cheered as the dozen ice carvers competed head-to-head in a high-speed carve-off at The Ice at Carter Green. Spectators enjoyed watching the ice sculptures come to life.

- **First place:** Aaron Costic of Nebo, N.C.
- **Second place:** Matthew Stoddart of Lexington, Ky.
- **Third place tie:** Titus Arensberg of Newark, Ohio, and Stan Kolonko of Jordan, N.Y.

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Ice skating sessions are open now through Feb. 25. Visit [TheIceAtCarterGreen.com](http://TheIceAtCarterGreen.com) for more information.



Photos provided by City of Carmel

Mayor Sue Finkam (center) celebrates with Festival of Ice carvers.



# So Many Unanswered Questions!



Dad, why is the sky blue? Why is it dark at night? Why can’t I have cake for breakfast?” If you have children you have likely faced these or similar questions from inquiring young minds. Do you always have logical truthful answers? Even as adults we often face questions of life that are problematic to answer.

We will never find all the answers for all the questions, but God has given me all that I need to live a pleasant peaceful life. I find that information in the Bible. We invite you to join us for Bible Study and Worship as we seek a better understanding of God’s answer book.

We meet at 15530 Herriman Blvd. in Noblesville. Our building is behind the doctor’s office and at the stop sign.

At the **Stony Creek Church of Christ**, we assemble on Sundays and Wednesdays to seek a better understanding of Jesus and His ways. You are encouraged and invited to join us for those studies or call for a private study.



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# Two Carmel men among those charged with defrauding Indiana Department of Education

## The REPORTER

A federal grand jury has returned an indictment charging three individuals for their alleged roles in a conspiracy to defraud the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) through their operation of two on-line charter schools, Indiana Virtual School (IVS) and Indiana Virtual Pathways Academy (IVPA):

- Tom Stoughton Sr., 74, Carmel, has been charged with one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, 16 counts of wire fraud, and 57 counts of money laundering.

- Phillip Holden, 62, Middletown, Ind., has been charged with one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and 16 counts of wire fraud.

- Percy Clark, 81, Carmel, has been charged with

one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, 16 counts of wire fraud, and 11 counts of money laundering.

In addition, Christopher King, 61, Green Fork, Ind., has entered a plea of guilty to conspiracy to commit wire fraud.

According to the indictment, between the at least the summer of 2016 and 2018, the defendants allegedly submitted false numbers to IDOE representing the enrollment of over 4,500 students that they knew were not attending IVS or IVPA.

Like other public and charter schools, IVS and IVPA received funding from the State of Indiana based upon the number of students a school claimed to be enrolled and attending the school. In general,

the more students enrolled, the more funding IVS and IVPA received from the State of Indiana. The indictment alleges the defendants manipulated this process to inflate enrollment numbers and ultimately receive more funding.

As a result of these false submissions, IDOE paid in excess of \$44 million to IVS/IVPA.

The defendants allegedly caused students to be enrolled or remain enrolled in IVS/IVPA who should not have been, by directing employees to stop verifying student interest before they were enrolled or reenrolled, and by making incomplete student applications available so that the student information could be used to enroll students for the 2017 and September 2018 Count Days. Most of these “stu-

dents” never actually attended either school.

Shortly before the September 2018 Count Day, the defendants allegedly directed their information technology contractor to compile a list of students who were not listed in the Indiana Department of Education database as attending another school and who had previously been unenrolled from IVS or IVPA due to inactivity. Upon receiving a list of approximately 600 such students, the defendants directed employees to reenroll many of these students and be counted on the September 2018 Count Day.

After IVPA was created in 2017, the defendants allegedly transferred hundreds of students who had not been attending any classes from IVS to IVPA

to continue to “count” and receive money for these students but also “protect” IVS from being held accountable by the IDOE for the students’ non-performance.

In the spring of 2017, Holden and Clark allegedly fired an employee who sent an email to IDOE attempting to inform the department of fraud that was occurring at IVS.

IVS and IVPA allegedly paid money received from the State of Indiana to fraudulent for-profit companies, many of which were controlled or operated by Stoughton. After the money was funneled through these for-profit companies, millions of dollars were paid out to Stoughton and members of his family, Clark, King, and others.

The Indiana State Board of Accounts performed an

audit on IVS and IVPA in 2019. The SBOA referred the audit findings to the FBI, U.S. Department of Education Office of Inspector General, Indiana State Police, and Indiana Office of Inspector General, who investigated this case.

A trial for the three defendants who have not pleaded guilty will be scheduled later. If convicted, each defendant faces between 10 and 20 years in federal prison per count.

U.S. Attorney Zachary A. Myers thanked Assistant U.S. Attorneys Bradley P. Shepard and Samantha Spiro, who are prosecuting this case.

*An indictment is merely an allegation. All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.*



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## In Carmel, happiness is a rescued dog

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The Carmel Fire Department posted photos Wednesday night.

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after hearing Diesel. “Ladder 341 crew arrived and immediately located the dog, setting up for a rescue,” the post said.

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# State Sen. Scott Baldwin authors bill to create statewide grant program to strengthen local mental health response

Bill modeled after NobleACT; Noblesville leaders testify in support

**The REPORTER**

A bill authored by State Sen. Scott Baldwin (R-Noblesville) to create a statewide grant program to support community mental health response passed the **Senate Committee on Health and Provider Services** unanimously.

**Senate Bill 10** would establish the Community Cares Initiative creating a pilot grant program to help communities improve paramedicine resources to address local mental health needs. This proposal is modeled after the City of Noblesville's innovative NobleACT program that Mayor Chris Jensen launched in 2020 to strengthen community-based response to mental health and substance abuse challenges.

Since its creation, the NobleACT program has re-

sponded to over 6,000 calls for help to appropriately address issues like housing, mental health episodes, challenges associated with aging and premature birth, and addiction issues with the help of a crisis intervention specialist on staff and K-9 therapy dogs Luna, Carbon, and Sadie.

With a background in the military and law enforcement, Baldwin understands the need for mental health services across the state.

"The success of NobleACT underscores the need for proactive approaches like the Community Cares Initiative to address mental health and substance abuse issues and get individuals the help they need," Baldwin said.



Baldwin

win said. "As a retired police officer, I've seen firsthand the challenges of untreated mental health in our communities. This bill helps to shift public safety and EMS response from reactive to proactive with a more thoughtful approach to reducing calls for service and helping Hoosiers get the assistance they need without calling 911 multiple times. I'm committed to advancing this vital effort in the Senate."

Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen and Noblesville Public Safety Director Chad Knecht testified in support of SB 10 in committee.

"Through NobleACT, we've seen the need for and impact of a dedicated com-

munity response to mental health and substance abuse challenges in our city," Jensen said. "The Community Cares Initiative will help other communities create similar programs to equip first responders to address these issues, ensure struggling members of the community are getting connected to resources and support, and ultimately help save lives."

Mobile integrated health care programs and mobile crisis teams are comprised of peers and behavioral health professionals who are trained and skilled in responding to anyone experiencing mental health-related distress.

Senate Bill 10 unanimously passed committee and will move to **Senate Committee on Appropriations** for further consideration. To learn more about this bill, [click here](#).

# Attorney General Rokita leads fight to protect civilian access to ammunition

**The REPORTER**

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita this week led several states in defending Second Amendment liberties against efforts to restrict civilian access to legally manufactured ammunition.

"The right to keep and bear arms is foundational to protecting all the rest of our liberties from the long arm of government overreach," AG Rokita said. "Regular law-abiding Hoosiers know that our office will fight to defend this right to our last breath."

On Jan. 9, 2024, Democratic attorneys general sent a letter to the White House demanding an "investigation" into a specific ammunition manufacturer – Lake City Army Ammunition Plant – in order "to ensure that military-grade and military-subsidized ammunition

stays out of civilian hands."

If the U.S. military using ammunition precluded that ammunition's use by civilians, however, then other widely and commonly available ammunition – including 9mm and 12-gauge shotshells – would also be prohibited for public use.

"A tyrant's tactic is to chip away at liberties little by little," Rokita said. "Americans cannot exercise their constitutionally protected right to use their firearms without access to ammunition. That's why we're taking a strong stand."

In their own letter to the White House, Rokita and several joining states pledged "to take any and every action necessary to defend our citizens' Second Amendment rights."



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# Let's go beyond the stage at Center for the Performing Arts

## The REPORTER

The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel offers the following opportunities for educational experiences.

### Science field trips are back!

The energy forms known as light and sound play a significant role in the delivery and appreciation of the performing arts, which is why a performing arts venue makes a great setting to learn basic principles of physics. That's exactly what happens in Science of Light & Sound, a program that employs the Palladium concert hall's production capabilities to create a free, interactive education opportunity for local school groups.

Like many nice things, the program went on hiatus during the pandemic lockdown, but now it's back and better than ever, led by two fun gents: Lead Audio Engineer Rob Glass and Technical Director Brian Coon. The content – which explores concepts like color temperature, sound waves and energy transfer – is aligned with Indiana's education standards for Grade 4 science, but it can be adapted for older students, too.

Several of the available dates are already snatched up, but others are still available through May, and it's never too early to start making plans for next year. [Click here](#) to learn more about Science of Light & Sound.



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On Jan. 18, about 900 students from 11 central Indiana schools and a dozen homeschool groups enjoyed a trip back in time to the 1963 March on Washington when Ohio-based Mad River Theater Works brought its production *Keep Marching* to the Palladium for a free Student Matinee.

### Want to be a better singer?

Whether onstage or only in your car and the shower, many people who enjoy singing can always use a few tips. Todd Neal is just the man for that – he's spent years teaching, coaching, acting, directing, producing, and performing in theaters and cabarets from New York City to San Diego.

Neal will once again lead the Center's Group Vocal Coaching course, which covers topics like vocal technique, song selection and stage presence in just four Wednesday evening sessions starting March 20. It's a supportive environment open to adults and teens, and as a sort of graduation ceremony, students are encouraged to perform on the Palladium stage during

the Center's annual World Voice Day celebration, which this year takes place April 16.

No previous vocal training is required. [Click here](#) to learn more about Group Vocal Coaching.

### Summer camps open for registration

Are your youngsters bouncing off the walls this winter? You may find some comfort in making summer plans that will get them out of the house.

At the Center's Jungle Jams music day camp, kids aged 5 to 7 learn about rhythm, groove and positive character qualities as they get acquainted with common musical instruments and even build their own.

This year's camp runs July 22 to 26, culminating in a big drum circle with friends and family. [Click here](#) to sign up for Jungle Jams.

The Prism Project at the Center, now in its second year, is a performing arts camp designed for youth aged 6 to 25 with a range of physical, cognitive, sensory and other disabilities. With one-on-one attention from instructors and counselors, the participants develop an original stage performance built around their personal tastes and talents, making friends, and building self-esteem along the way.

**This year's camp starts May 29** and concludes with a final performance June 23 at the Studio Theater.

## Palladiscscope premiere of 'Frost' set for Saturday launch at Carter Green

## The REPORTER

The City of Carmel and Blockhouse Studios will soon unveil the next seasonal visual experience of Palladiscscope on the façade of the Palladium at The Center for the Performing Arts.

From 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27, the public is invited to attend this special event and enjoy music, ice skating demonstrations, family-friendly games inside warm igloos, and the opportunity take photos with "Jack Frost" himself, who will attend the premiere.

This third Palladiscscope experience will bring to life the story of "Frost." Conducted by "Jack Frost," the icy spectacular show visualizes the elements of winter as a glorious symphony set to Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov's "Dance of the Tumblers." This unique presentation was produced entirely at Blockhouse Studios in Bloomington.

The event begins at 6 p.m. at 1 Carter Green, Carmel, and the first show will start at 6:30 p.m. and run every half hour on a daily basis with the final show beginning at 9 p.m. As the season changes and nightfall occurs later, show times will be ad-

justed accordingly.

Music, food, and drink vendors will be onsite for attendees to purchase light bites and drinks. Carter Green will be filled with music as special ice skating demonstrations are presented on the ice rink. The Ice at Carter Green will also be open for public ice skating and tickets can be purchased in advance at [this link](#).

### About Palladiscscope

"Frost" and previous productions last fall and during the holiday season, are free, celestial-themed projection experiences made exclusively for Palladiscscope, a one-of-a-kind, custom-made viewing system designed to play architectural cinema created specifically for the Palladium. It consists of 12 projectors, customized software, and components that make visual experiences such as "Frost" possible.

Just as CinemaScope enhanced the way people view movies, projecting them at a larger size, Palladiscscope takes that idea even further by moving beyond the screen and onto the physical architecture of the Palladium.

Visit [Palladiscscope.com](#) for more details.

## ROKITA

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Rokita said perpetrators of gun violence should be punished – not the firearm and ammunition manufacturers.

"The anti-gun radicals leading this effort are not interested in public safety," Rokita said. "We should be focused on the free flow of illegal weapons coming across our border – not taking aim at law abiding patriots. The federal government's failure to secure our border and protect Americans is exactly why citizens need the liberty to defend themselves."

According to Rokita, there is an additional and

important benefit to protecting civilian access to this company's products. By keeping this military contractor and its 1,700 workers operating at maximum capacity, the civilian law-abiding gun owners who buy Lake City ammunition are subsidizing national defense and military readiness.

"The geopolitical threats to America's national security have never been greater," Rokita said. "Rather than penalize the law-abiding civilian gun owners doing business with military contractors, we should give them medals."

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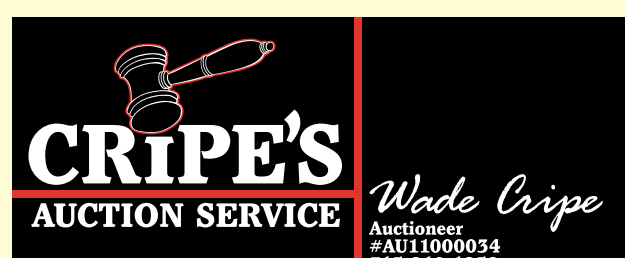
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LABAN PURSUES JACOB

Laban said, “This heap is a witness between you and me today.” That is why it was called Galeed. It was also called Mizpah, because he said, “May the Lord keep watch between you and me when we are away from each other. If you mistreat my daughters or if you take any wives besides my daughters, even though no one is with us, remember that God is a witness between you and me.”

Laban also said to Jacob, “Here is this heap, and here is this pillar I have set up between you and me. This heap is a witness, and this pillar is a witness, that I will not go past this heap to your side to harm you and that you will not go past this heap and pillar to my side to harm me. May the God of Abraham and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, judge between us.”

So Jacob took an oath in the name of the Fear of his father Isaac. He offered a sacrifice there in the hill country and invited his relatives to a meal. After they had eaten, they spent the night there.

Early the next morning Laban kissed his grandchildren and his daughters and blessed them. Then he left and returned home.

*Genesis 31:48-55 (NIV)*

Meeting Notice

At 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2024, the Hamilton County Highway Department will hold a public information meeting for the replacement of Small Structure Nos. 23055 and 23101 (Pennington Road & Middletown Avenue / Unknown Stream). The meeting will be held in the Commissioner’s Courtroom at the Government and Judicial Center in downtown Noblesville. The purpose of this meeting is to publicly discuss and offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment and ask questions on the proposed design of the project.



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# Sheridan & Noblesville Post Offices to hold online job fairs

“Now that postage costs more, let’s hurry & hire some help!”

**The REPORTER**

The United States Postal Service will hold two online virtual job fairs in February to fill immediate openings for Rural Carrier Associates at the Sheridan Post Office and for City Carrier Associates and Rural Carrier Associates at the Noblesville Post Office.

- The Sheridan job fair

will take place at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13. [Click here](#) to attend.

- The Noblesville job fair will take place at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 15. [Click here](#) to attend.

USPS personnel will lead the lead the online job fair and provide detailed information about the positions and answer ques-

tions. Applications accepted online only at [usps.com/careers](#).

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Gymnastics

# Westfield comes out on top over Noblesville, Fishers & Lapel

By **RICHIE HALL**  
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**CARMEL** – The Noblesville gymnastics team hosted a Thursday evening meet at the Millers’ home base at the Hollywood Sports Center in Carmel.

The Millers welcomed teams from Westfield and Fishers, as well as Lapel gymnast Myleigh Carpenter. The Shamrocks, a second-year team that qualified for the regional in its inaugural season, won the meet with a team score of 99.20. Noblesville placed second with 93.825.

Westfield had the all-around champion: Elianna Reynolds. The senior totaled 34.95 points over the four events, winning three of them. Reynolds won the floor exercise with a 9.225 (the highest score of the night across all events), and also was first in the balance beam (8.85) and the uneven bars (8.15).

“Not much has changed, except our skill level,” said Reynolds. “Our team support, it’s a great big family.”

Reynolds has committed to Trine University, where she will be a part of the school’s acrobatics and tumbling program. Reynolds said she was interested because of Trine’s criminal justice program (her planned major), and “they just have great opportunities,” she said.

Isa Galan was the winner of the vault, scoring an 8.775.

“We did okay,” said Westfield coach Lynn Moskovitz. “We had our Monday meet canceled. We had a meet the week before canceled, so we had a competition hiatus. They’re getting back into it again. I expect from here they’ll just

continue to pick up.”

Noblesville had two runner-up finishes, with Kylie Lotridge taking second in the vault (8.75) and Emmy Leckrone getting runner-up in the bars (7.825).

“This is our highest team score,” said Millers coach Erica Eder. “They did a really great job. It’s their first home meet, and we’re really excited about them. I’m really proud of them.”

Fishers put together consistent scores despite dealing with some injuries. Stephanie Mack had the Tigers’ best placing with a seventh on floor (8.05) and the highest score with an 8.25 on vault, putting her in ninth.

“We are doing well,” said Fishers coach Susie Strange. “Our season’s just getting started and we hope to be even better by the end of the year, in sectionals.”

**Team score:** Westfield 99.20, Noblesville 93.825, Fishers inc., Lapel, inc.

**All-around scores:**  
1. Elianna Reynolds (W) 34.95, 2. Isa Galan (W) 23.90, 3. Myleigh Carpenter (L), 4. Kylie Lotridge (N) 31.55, 5. Val Bittles (N) 31.375, 6. Avery Mason (W) 31.35, 7. Emmy Leckrone (N) 30.75, 8. Sara Borek (W) 29.10, 9. Stephanie Mack (F) 28.275, 10. Carianne Dicus (F) 24.625.

**Vault:** 1. Galan (W), 8.775, 2. K. Lotridge (N) 8.75, 3. Reynolds (W) 8.725, 4. Carpenter (L) 8.7, 5. Leckrone (N) 8.5, T6. Bittles (N) 8.35; Mason (W) 8.35, 8. Heidi Burke (W) 8.275, 9. Mack (F) 8.25, 10. Borek (W) 8.225, 11. Dicus (F) 8.00, 12. Ethan Rivers (N) 7.975.

**Uneven bars:** 1. Reynolds (W) 8.15, 2. Leckrone



Westfield’s Elianna Reynolds was the all-around champion at Thursday’s gymnastics meet hosted by Noblesville. Reynolds won three of the four events, including the floor exercise (pictured).

Reporter photo by Richie Hall

(N) 7.825, 3. Bittles 7.55, 4. Mason 7.5, 5. Galan (W) 7.45, 6. Alayna Lotridge (N) 7.20, 7. K. Lotridge (N) 7.05, 8. Carpenter (L) 6.7, 9. Alina Skryabnev (N) 6.30, 10. Borek (W) 6.20, 11. Mack (F) 5.475, 12. Dicus (F) 4.825.

**Balance beam:** 1. Reynolds (W) 8.85, 2. Carpenter (L) 8.275, 3. Galan (W) 7.90, 4. Bittles (N) 7.675, 5. Mason (W) 7.375, 6. K. Lotridge (N) 7.15, 7. Borek (W) 6.80, 8. Burke (W) 6.55, 9. Mack (F) 6.50, 10. Leckrone (N) 6.325, 11. Rivers (N) 6.075, 12. A. Lotridge (N) 5.775, 13. Dicus (F) 5.05, 14. Sherline Lopez (F) 3.525.

**Floor exercise:** 1. Reynolds (W) 9.225, 2. Galan (W) 8.775, 3. Carpenter (L) 8.70, 4. K. Lotridge (N) 8.60, 5. Mason (W) 8.125, 6. Leckrone (N) 8.10, 7. Mack (F) 8.05, 8. Borek (W) 7.875, T9. Bittle (N) 7.80; Burke (W) 7.80, 11. Skryabnev (N) 7.025, 12. Dicus (F) 6.75, 13. Rivers (N) 4.475.

**Junior varsity uneven bars:** 1. Rivers (N) 4.95.

**JV Balance beam:** 1. Skryabnev (N) 6.05, 2. Lilly Martin (N) 3.90.

**JV Floor exercise:** 1. Blair Watts (W) 7.15, 2. Martin (N) 5.75.



(Left) Fishers’ Stephanie Mack was ninth in the all-around scores. (Right) Noblesville’s Emmy Leckrone prepares to land a vault.

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Girls Basketball

Trailblazers fall to Tri-West, 50-38

Shoemaker's career night sends Millers to win at Pendleton Heights

The REPORTER

University's girls lost their fifth consecutive game Thursday night dropping a 50-38 decision at Tri-West.

The Trailblazers got off to a quick start leading 6-2 just over two minutes into the contest. Anyah Turley opened the scoring with a basket before Charlotte Conyers scored twice, once off her own steal and then off a Turley steal. The Bruins scored the next eight points and led 14-12 after the first quarter.

The teams traded baskets early in the second quarter with Keira Bright making a bucket and Hannah Grubbs making two free throws to get University within 17-16. Tri-West ended the quarter on a 12-2 run and led 29-18 at halftime.

The Trailblazers were not able to get closer than seven

points in the second half as the Bruins made 9 of 13 foul shots in the fourth quarter to coast to the victory.

Conyers led University in scoring with 11 points. Bright had eight points with Mack Feeney scoring six, Grubbs five and Leah Norvell and Turley having four each.

University controlled the backboard pulling down a season-high 56 rebounds. Feeney had a career-high 19 rebounds with Grubbs coralling 13 missed shots. Feeney had three blocked shots and Grubbs two.

University is 9-12 on the season and will close out the regular season hosting Tipton at noon Saturday at The U Center. Tri-West closes their regular season with a 12-10 mark. Lauren Bear led the Bruins with 15 points and Atta Garnett had 13.

The REPORTER

Last night's regular season finale for Noblesville proved to hopefully be the momentum that the Millers will need heading into next week's state tournament.

Noblesville would start off on the right foot and was able to do what it took to fend off the host Arabians for a 62-49 win.

It was obvious from her first shot swishing that Ava Shoemaker was going to have herself a night. The senior forward found her spot on the wing and got into a groove on the way to scoring a career-high 29 points.

Shoemaker got the Miller scoring started with a three and drained three more from outside-the-arc in the first. Fellow senior Reagan Wilson also knocked down a trey in the quarter and a pair of free throws for a 21-13 lead.

In a low-scoring second, Noblesville put up 10 to Pendleton Heights' eight to get it to a double-digit half-

time lead of 31-21.

The Arabians came out in the second half playing better defense. They got some shots to fall and took advantage of some Miller miscues for a 13-13 third. Noblesville still found itself up 44-34.

The Millers were able to hold off Pendleton Heights, outscoring the home team 18-15 for a 62-49 win to close out the regular season on a high note.

The win gives Noblesville its third in a row and seventh in their last eight.

Noblesville is known for its defensive prowess, mainly their ability to trap, whether three-quarter or in the half-court. The Millers had it down to a science on Thursday once again, forcing the Arabians into 30 turnovers (19 steals).

Ava Shoemaker led all scorers with a career-high 29 points, connecting on 6-for-12 from three-point range, making 7-of-8 free throws and grabbing seven re-

NOBLESVILLE 62, PENDLETON HEIGHTS 49				
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ava Shoemaker	8-18	7-8	29	2
Reagan Wilson	3-12	7-8	14	1
Meredith Tippner	2-11	2-2	6	5
Kate Rollins	0-1	0-0	0	4
C.C. Quigley	4-6	3-4	11	3
Ally Hutchinson	1-3	0-0	2	1
Brookelyn Grayson	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	18-51	19-22	62	16
Score by Quarters				
Noblesville	21	10	13	18-62
Pendleton Heights	13	8	13	15-49
Noblesville 3-point shooting (7-19) Shoemaker 6-12, Wilson 1-4, Tippner 0-3.				
Noblesville rebounds (25) Tippner 9, Shoemaker 7, Quigley 6, Wilson 1, team 2.				

bounds. Reagan Wilson had 14, seven assists, three steals and also sank seven of her eight from the foul line. C.C. Quigley had a solid night with 11 points, six boards and three steals.

Despite fouling out with 3:30 left in the game, Meredith Tippner scored six, corralled nine rebounds, four assists and a team-leading six steals.

Pendleton Heights (14-

9) will host the seven-team field in Class 4A Sectional 9 next week. The Arabians play in the second game on Wednesday against Muncie Central (2-19).

Noblesville (14-8) drew the second bye game at Hamilton Southeastern in Class 4A Sectional 8. The Millers play in the second semifinal on Friday against the winner of Carmel (10-11) and Fishers (16-5).

TRI-WEST 50, UNIVERSITY 38				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Keira Bright	4-9	0-2	8	5
Anyah Turley	1-14	2-4	4	4
Charlotte Conyers	5-19	1-2	11	2
Leah Norvell	2-7	0-0	4	1
Mack Feeney	2-9	2-2	6	4
Hannah Grubbs	1-12	3-4	5	1
Totals	15-70	8-14	38	17
Score by Quarters				
University	12	6	9	11-38
Tri-West	14	15	10	11-50
University 3-point shooting (0-11) Norvell 0-5, Conyers 0-4, Turley 0-2.				
University rebounds (56) Feeney 19, Grubbs 13, Bright 6, Conyers 5, Turley 4, Norvell 3, team 6.				

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Jan. 26

BOYS BASKETBALL

Fishers at Franklin Central, 6 p.m.

Avon at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.

Carmel at Ben Davis, 7:30 p.m.

Hamilton Southeastern at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.

Taylor at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.

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

University at Anderson Prep Academy, 7:30 p.m.

Lafayette Central Catholic at Guerin Catholic, 8 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lafayette Central Catholic at Guerin Catholic, 6 p.m.

Taylor at Sheridan, 6 p.m.

Ben Davis at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.

Fishers at Franklin Central, 7:30 p.m.

Please email schedule changes or corrections to [sports@readthereporter.com](mailto:sports@readthereporter.com).

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights finished its regular season Thursday with an 80-55 victory over Heritage Christian.

It was the Class 3A No. 1 Huskies' Pink Out night, benefitting the IWIN Foundation, which supports breast cancer patients. Heights led 23-16 after one quarter, with Katie Brown making five 3-pointers.

Ella Hickok joined the fun in the second quarter, hitting two triples. The Huskies led 37-27 at halftime, then sailed through the third period, scoring 27 points for

a 64-37 lead. Camryn Runner got going with 13 points in the third, including a pair of 3s.

Runner finished the game with 31 points. Brown nailed one more 3-pointer in the fourth quarter, giving her six for the game. She totaled 21 points. Hickok scored 13; she and Runner each had three 3s.

Heights is now 20-2, making this the second consecutive season the Huskies have reached the 20-win mark. They travel to Yorktown Wednesday to play New Castle in the first round of Sectional 24.

HAMILTON HEIGHTS 80, HERITAGE CHRISTIAN 55				
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ella Hickok	4	2-4	13	4
Katie Brown	7	1-2	21	1
Camryn Runner	11	6-7	31	2
Kassidy Schakel	1	0-0	2	3
Hadleigh Cherry	4	1-2	10	3
Kamryn Rhoton	1	0-0	3	0
Taylor Harley	0	0-0	0	0
Norah Reiger	0	0-0	0	0
Lillie Champion	0	0-0	0	0
Presley Cherry	0	0-0	0	0
Vivian Lynch	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	28	10-15	80	13
Score by Quarters				
Heritage Christian	16	11	10	18-55
Hamilton Heights	23	14	27	16-80
Heights 3-pointers (14) Brown 6, Hickok 3, Runner 3, Rhoton, H. Cherry.				

Boys Swimming

Huskies leave Anderson in their wake

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights boys swim team won a dual meet at Anderson Tuesday by the score of

114-71.

The Huskies won eight of the 12 events, including two individual victories for Aiden Clarke. The sophomore won the backstroke, then turned around and finished first in the breaststroke, the very next event.

Rudy Bowman took second in the breaststroke; he had earlier won the individual medley. Ethan Swart led a 1-2-3-4 finish in diving, while Cameron Wheat won the butterfly. Heights also swept all three relay events.

**Team score:** Hamilton Heights 114, Anderson 71.

**200 medley relay:** 1. Heights "A" (Cameron Wheat, Blake Blackhurst, Owen VanHaaren, Gabe Roosa) 2:00.20, 2. Heights "B" (Rudy Bowman, Rowan Donald, Max Bowman, Cole Martin) 2:05.58.

**200 freestyle:** 2. Roosa 2:09.02, 3. Isaiah Heuer 2:29.75, 5. Owen Eshelman 2:34.68.

**200 individual medley:** 1. R. Bowman 2:20.83, 3. Martin 2:30.43.

**50 freestyle:** 2. VanHaaren 25.44, 3. Roosa 25.53, 5. M. Bowman 28.63.

**One-meter diving:** 1. Ethan Swart 353.62, 2. Nathan Cox 348.75, 3. VanHaaren 144.67, 4. Blackhurst 89.70.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Wheat 58.59, 2. Donald 1:06.09.

**100 freestyle:** 2. Martin 55.94, 5. Heuer 1:03.93.

**500 freestyle:** 2. Wheat 5:49.51, 3. Blackhurst 6:15.03, 4. Donald 6:21.46.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Heights "A" (R. Bowman, Blackhurst, Roosa, Aiden Clarke) 1:41.48, 3. Heights "B" (M. Bowman, Isaac Correll, Owen Semester, Eshelman) 1:59.47.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Clarke 1:00.22, 5. Semester 1:28.62.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Clarke 1:11.25, 2. R. Bowman 1:11.50, 5. M. Bowman 1:21.22.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Heights "A" (Clarke, VanHaaren, Donald, Wheat) 4:00.77, 3. Heights "B" (Eshelman, Semester, Heuer, Correll) 4:31.21.

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7:20 pm Lafayette CC vs **Guerin Catholic** | Boys Varsity | Indiana SRN

7:30 pm **Hamilton Southeastern** vs **Noblesville** | Boys Varsity | HCTV Sports

Sat Jan 27 - Boys Basketball

1:00 pm **Guerin Catholic** vs **Noblesville** | Junior Varsity | HCTV Sports

2:30 pm **Guerin Catholic** vs **Noblesville** | Varsity | HCTV Sports

7:20 pm Muncie Central vs Chatard | Varsity | Indiana SRN

7:20 pm **Sheridan** vs Covenant Christian | Varsity | Indiana SRN

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Pacers guard Tyrese Haliburton named 2024 NBA All-Star starter

The REPORTER

Indiana Pacers guard Tyrese Haliburton has been named a 2024 NBA All-Star starter, it was announced Thursday by the NBA. The 73rd NBA All-Star Game will be played at 8 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 18 at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

This is Haliburton's first time as a starter and second consecutive season as an All-Star. Haliburton joins Paul George, Jermaine O'Neal, and Reggie Miller as Pacers players

elected as All-Star Game starters.

"This means the world to me," Haliburton said. "Shout out to all the fans, my peers, and the media for the love that I've received, and I'm excited to represent the organization, especially with the event here in Indiana this year. I can't wait to share this weekend with everyone who played a part in helping me achieve this honor."

He has appeared in 34 games (all starts) this season and is averaging a

league-high 12.6 assists, 23.6 points, 4.1 rebounds and 1.1 steals in 33.4 minutes per game.

Haliburton became the first player in NBA history to record multiple career games with 25+ points, 15+ assists and zero turnovers, and did so during consecutive games at Philadelphia Nov. 12 and 14. He is also the only player in NBA history to record three career games with 20+ points, 17+ assists and zero turnovers, all of which have occurred this season.

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