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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Partly sunny morning. Becoming mostly sunny in the afternoon. Record high possible!  
Tonight: Partly cloudy in the evening. Spotty showers possible after midnight.  
HIGH: 63 LOW: 48



# Carmel cuts ties with China, saves taxpayers \$25K per year

**The REPORTER**  
The City of Carmel recently withdrew from the United States Heartland China Association (USHCA), a nonprofit that previously operated under the name Midwest U.S.-China Foundation.  
On Jan. 30, Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party member Rep. Jim Banks sent a letter to recently inaugurated Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam asking her to withdraw Carmel from its sister cities agreement with Xiangyang City, China. Former Mayor Jim

Brainard signed the agreement in November 2023 during a 10-day tour of China.  
In his letter, Rep. Banks said, "Carmel has a great opportunity to turn the page and hopefully lead the way by becoming the first of many Indiana cities to drop its sister city agreement and distance itself from the Chinese Communist Party."  
USHCA says it focuses on "trust-building efforts to con-



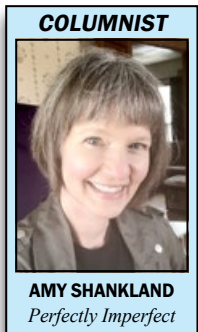
Finkam

nect educational and community interests; business leaders; and local governmental officials with like-minded institutions between the American Heartland Region and China."  
Mayor Finkam sent a letter to USHCA Chairman, former Missouri Governor Bob Holden this week stating the city would not renew its membership. Carmel originally joined USHCA in 2022, paying a \$25,000 annual mem-

bership fee.  
"Mayor Finkam did Carmel a great service by cutting ties with the US Heartland China Association," Rep. Banks said. "This is a dangerous group that puts the Chinese Communist Party and its interests first. I hope other officials around Indiana and the Midwest take similar steps as they learn more about the Heartland Association and China's influence efforts in the coming week."  
Whether this move ends the sister city relationship with Xiangyang remains unclear.

## Everyday ways to be more joyful at work

"You never get a second chance to make a good first impression." – Will Rogers  
Now it's time for us to get down to some serious joyful business. And the good news is you can start doing a lot of the tips in this series today to pleasantly surprise your coworkers and customers. To begin, let's work on some first impressions.



COLUMNIST  
AMY SHANKLAND  
Perfectly Imperfect

Let's bring your voicemail greeting out of Snoozeville. We've all heard and many of us have recorded that same old voicemail greeting. You know what I'm talking about. "This is Joe Schmoe with the ABC company. I'm either out of the office or away from my desk right now. Please leave your name, number, and a brief message and I'll return your call as soon as possible. Thank you."  
I'm almost asleep as I write this. This is Snoozeville at its finest and certainly not the happiest of greetings. Our voicemail message is one of the first impressions we give others on the job.

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# 10 years down & at least 10 to go

**The REPORTER**  
10 West is beginning a new chapter under the ownership of Brett Morrow, who has owned a stake in the restaurant since its beginning.  
"It has been an incredible 10 years with Chef Bill and Lisa Wampler ensuring memorable meals and high-quality dining experiences for our guests," Morrow said in a social media post earlier this week. "As we embark on the next 10 years, we're excited to welcome a new team while Chef Bill and Lisa pass on the 10 West torch."  
Morrow said 10 West will continue to have the same dedication and passion for community that have become his hallmark. Restaurateur Jeremy Devine is now joining the 10 West partnership.

Formerly of Ocean Prime, Devine is a Cicero resident who brings decades of elevated culinary experience to the table. He is joined by new chef, Sarah Holland, previously of both Matt the Miller's Tavern and Osteria in Carmel.  
"Chef Bill and Lisa will be staying on for the next few weeks as they help with the transition for our new team," Morrow said. "Don't worry; our plan is to not change a thing. We're so proud to have created a menu and atmosphere over the years that has made 10 West a dining destination. Jeremy and Chef Sarah look forward to heightening that same, consistent quality that put 10 West on the map."



Photo provided by 10 West / Facebook

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# Jumpstart 2024 ignites central Indiana eSports scene with Super Smash Bros. Ultimate tourney

By NIK ROBERTS  
For The Reporter

In an electrifying showcase of skill and camaraderie, Imagine Theatre in Noblesville transformed into the epicenter of the Midwest's competitive gaming scene with the inaugural Jumpstart 2024 Super Smash Bros. Ultimate tournament.  
The groundbreaking event, organized by YES! Gaming in collaboration with Indy Smash Bros and Noble PC, attracted the region's top players, marking a significant milestone for central Indiana's eSports community.  
The tournament's atmosphere was charged with excitement as players and spectators alike took over Imagine Theatre. With Theater No. 1 serving as the battleground for the Ladder Bracket and a lounge where spectators could watch the events broadcast on the big screen, and the Party Room



Photo provided by Nik Roberts / noble-pc.com

**High-Stakes Showdown:** Dalton "+" Miller faces off against YES! Gaming's Jeremy "Boogie" Kelly, under the watchful eye of Indiana's top Super Smash Bros. talent, Wes Pickard.  
hosting the Doubles Bracket, the event offered a comprehensive experience.  
Logan "Queso" Park added a nostalgic touch with his Retro Smash Bros. setup featuring a big, old-style television, while Theater No. 18 provided a main stage for competitors to showcase their talents.

Indiana's No. 1-ranked player, Mason "Woulphy" Wolfe, came in at third place losing against  
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## Still time to get tickets for Conner Prairie's Total Eclipse Festival

**The REPORTER**  
On April 8, Conner Prairie, 13400 Allisonville Road, Fishers, will transform into a haven of wonder and delight. Hosted by Rick Crosslin, district scientist-in-residence at MSD Wayne Township, guests will be guided through the science behind the total solar eclipse from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Learn about what life was like living and working in space from Hoosier astronaut Mark Brown, who spent time as an Air Force fighter pilot, engineer, NASA astronaut, NASA manager, and corporate manager. After his more than 20 years in the Air Force, he flew in two space shuttle missions in 1984 and 1989. He also served on the Challenger Accident Investigation team and was the senior astronaut on the International Space Station program until he retired in 1993.  
Special hands-on activities for kids will focus on the science of shadow and light. There will also be live music, dance performances, food and drinks, and so much more. Old favorites like PrairieTown will also be open during the festival.  
Tickets are on sale now, including the exclusive \$150 VIP package – which is almost sold out. The VIP package includes extended access to the festival, premium parking, a shuttle to festival grounds, access to exclusive viewing areas, lunch buffet, signature cocktails and mocktails, and happy hour apps and live music.  
All ticketholders age 2 and older will receive a pair of complimentary eclipse glasses.  
Get tickets now at [connerprairie.org/solareclipse2024](https://connerprairie.org/solareclipse2024). Nonmember tickets are \$55 and member tickets are \$40.

# Just click your heels three times & you'll be at Hamilton Heights

**The REPORTER**  
Members of the Hamilton Heights High School Drama Department cordially invite the community to follow the yellow brick road in its delightful production of L. Frank Baum's beloved tale, featuring the iconic musical score from the MGM film.  
This timeless tale, in which young Dorothy Gale travels from Kansas over the rainbow to the magical Land of Oz, continues to thrill audiences worldwide. There, she encounters a host of whimsical characters: good witches, bad witches, animals that talk, scarecrows



Photo by Jen Kauffman

**Hamilton Heights' cast and crew of The Wizard of Oz are ready to entertain audiences for three live performances: 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 16 and Saturday, Feb. 17, and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 18 in the high school auditorium.**  
that walk, and things magical to behold.  
The three special performances (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Feb. 16, 17, and 18) will feature many of the most beloved songs and moments from the 1939 classic film, brought to life onstage by our incredible cast of about two hours with one talented student performers. The production runs for  
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EVERYDAY

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Shouldn't we make it stand out to show customers and remind fellow employees how awesome we are as well as our company?

Of course, we must make certain it is appropriate for the work that we do. No one wants to hear an overly chipper greeting if they're calling, for example, a funeral home! When in doubt about your greeting, be sure to talk to a supervisor.

If you have the freedom to be a little creative, go for it! Start with these tips from [driventexcel.com](http://driventexcel.com):

**1. Script, rehearse, and then record.** It's tempting to rush through your message or to just get your greeting over with. But you want to give directions to your caller and sound confident. By taking a little time and effort, you'll avoid saying those annoying little "Uhs" and "Ums" and be crystal clear.

**2. Smile.** It's been said that people can tell when you are smiling on the phone. I even stand a lot of times when I record a voicemail greeting. By both smiling and standing, you project positive energy into your message that your caller will pick up on instantly.

**3. Be brief, informative, positive, and upbeat.** You can skip a lot of extra information nowadays, such as saying, "After the tone please leave your message," and "I'm sorry I'm away

from my desk right now."

Most everyone knows to wait for the beep, and they also realize you can't be near your phone 24/7. Instead, you can leave helpful information for your caller such as your website address, an alternate phone number, or a way to bypass the voicemail greeting altogether to quickly leave a message.

**4. Take the opportunity to leave pertinent information.** Maybe you're a salesperson and on the road often and can only return calls at a specific time each day. Perhaps your company has relocated. Here's a great chance to take a couple of seconds to let your callers know this vital info.

I'll throw in my own two cents and encourage you to please record your own voicemail. It's strange to call someone and hear a totally different person say, "Mr. Smith is away from his desk right now." Unless you're mute, have a horrible voice, or you're the president of the United States, I hope you'll consider recording your own greeting. It makes a world of difference and shows your confidence.

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victorious Stephen "Doorstop" Schmidt from Ohio, who triumphed over Derrick "Eclipz" Reaves from Chicago in a nail-biting final match, securing the title of Jumpstart 2024 Grand Champion after an impressive eight-game winning streak. This victory underscored the high level of competition and skill present at the event.

Sal Surra, a spokesperson for YES! Gaming, expressed his enthusiasm for the event.

"Jumpstart is about the players and community," Surra said. "We are so happy to host these great eSports competitions to bring gamers together, share experiences, and provide them outlets to earn more opportunities. We're thrilled with the turnout and looking forward to hosting more of these regional tournaments."

YES! Gaming's location in Fishers at 11447 Overlook Drive is home to a local Super Smash Bros. weekly tournament at 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday, featuring top players within the state like Jeremy "Boogie" Kelly and Wesley "Wes" P, the winners of Jumpstart's Doubles Bracket. Starting in March, you can tune to Hamilton County TV to watch these weekly events. Make sure to keep up to date with [HCTV1.com](http://HCTV1.com) for more information.

Jack Sibbitt, the organizer of the event, aimed to



Photos provided by Nik Roberts / [noble-pc.com](http://noble-pc.com)

**(ABOVE) Exclusive Inside Look: Theater No. 1's electrifying atmosphere during the stream watch party and competitive ladder bracket. (BELOW) Behind the Mic: Collin "Prod" Castellano & Nathan "Strawbs" Rice deliver expert commentary for the Jumpstart 2024 HCTV broadcast.**

make the event to showcase the immense talent within the gaming community and contributing to a charitable cause. In a significant move, Jumpstart 2024 supported the Alzheimer's Association of Indiana, raising awareness and donations, exemplifying the event's positive impact beyond gaming.

With over 150 participants and reaching a global audience through extensive streaming of more than 400, Jumpstart 2024 not only celebrated the competitive spirit of gaming but also highlighted central Indiana's growing role in the global eSports landscape. The event's success, amplified by the support from the community, sponsors, and organizations like Noble



PC, sets a promising precedent for the region's future in eSports.

As central Indiana's premier regional eSports event post-COVID, Jumpstart 2024 has laid the groundwork for what promises to be an exciting future for gaming enthusiasts in the area. The collaboration and support from all involved herald a vi-

brant continuation of eSports events, fostering a sense of unity and excitement within the community.

For an in-depth dive into the electrifying showdowns of Jumpstart 2024, including the climactic final bracket, comprehensive player stats, and exclusive behind-the-scenes content, head over to [start.gg/jumpstart-3](http://start.gg/jumpstart-3).

# Hello, Hamilton County!

Click to play this week's video

10 WEST

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10 West is open from 4:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 4:30 to 10 p.m. Friday, and 4 to

10 p.m. Saturday. They are closed Sunday and Monday.

You can visit 10 West at – no surprise – 10 W. Jack-

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intermission and promises to be fun for all ages.

The play is being directed by Hamilton Heights Theatre teacher Brooks Myers in collaboration with Jill Howell, Hamilton Heights Middle School/High School Choir teacher, members of the drama department, and students from Hamilton Heights Middle School.

Tickets are \$6 and available online at [hhschuskiies.org](http://hhschuskiies.org). Tickets can also be purchased at the door before the shows. All proceeds benefit the High School Drama Department.

Hamilton Heights High School is located at 25802 State Road 19, Arcadia.



(LEFT) Charles Wedmore/Scarecrow (sophomore), Chloe Westerfield/Tinman (sophomore), Kinley/Toto (HHHS ICAN Facility Dog), Hannah Beechler/Dorothy (senior), and Mason Johnson/Lion (senior) are pictured practicing a scene where the cowardly lion attempts to scare the group. (RIGHT) Glinda the Good Witch (junior Anna Kauffman, right) is pictured in a scene where she is introducing Dorothy (senior Hannah Beechler) to the Land of Oz as Toto (Kinley, HHHS ICAN Facility Dog) looks on.



Photos by Jen Kauffman

### Characters

**Dorothy Gale:** Hannah Beechler  
**Aunt Em/Glinda:** Anna Kauffman  
**Uncle Henry:** Luke Steffen  
**Zeke Farmhand/Lion:** Mason Johnson  
**Hickory Farmhand/Tinman:** Chloe Westerfield  
**Hunk Farmhand/Scarecrow:** Charles Wedmore  
**Miss Gulch/Wicked Witch:** Jessa Steffen  
**Professor Marvel:** Tquan Spencer  
**Wizard of Oz:** Liam Shaffer  
**Guard:** Leah Vanderwall  
**Winkie General:** Stella Seall  
**Toto:** Kinley HHHS ICAN Facility Dog

### Flying Monkeys

Ricky Munoz  
Ethyn Huffman  
Donnie Games

### Trees

Chance Williams  
Katie Herbert

### Director

Brooks Myers, Hamilton Heights HS Theatre teacher and Drama Club Sponsor

### Assistant Director

Jill Howell, Hamilton Heights MS/HS Choir teacher

### Backstage Crew

**Stage manager:** Addison Webb  
**Asst. stage managers:** Sage Dugger, Madi Pouch  
**Lights:** Hudson Holt  
**Sound:** Andrea Ward  
**Stage projector operator:** Bella Mcdole  
**Set Crew:** Brynn Frymier and Lillie Hooper

### Munchkins

**Mayor:** Alexander Davis  
**Coroner/Braggart/Woman:** Mary Rodgers  
**Teacher:** Arianny Peters  
**Barrister:** Bonnie Brock  
**2 Fathers/Leaders:** Daniel Richardson & Zaelynn Hinshaw  
**Lullaby League:** Stella Seall, Ariel Allwardt, Kyleigh Rose  
**Tough Guys:** Abraham Martin, Hunter Wiles, Nolan Herman

### Small Ensemble

**Tree 1:** Brinley Flaherty  
**Tree 2:** Rory Craig  
**Tree 3:** Millie Inman  
**Crow 1:** KateLynn Bishop  
**Crow 2:** Morgan Beatty  
**Crow 3:** Olivia Goldfarb

### Large Ensemble

Chloe Hoskins  
Amelia Wiese  
Selene Wiese  
Madilynn Long  
Kendra Billhymmer  
Kenzie Whiteaker  
Aubree Clinger  
Zoe Kincaid  
Penelope Irion  
Layla Erickson  
Kella Shaffer  
Kinley Shaffer  
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**Live Music Feb. 9 - Rich Hardesty**  
**Open Mic Tuesdays**  
**7-10 p.m.**  
**Trivia Wednesdays**  
**7:30-9:30 p.m.**  
**Keyboardist**  
**Dave Lowe every**  
**Thursday 6-9 p.m.**

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# Christian Chamberlain to assume Carmel's deputy chief of staff role

**The REPORTER**  
Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam announced on Wednesday that Christian Chamberlain will serve as deputy chief of staff for the City of Carmel, beginning Feb. 19.

As deputy chief of staff, Chamberlain will support the day-to-day operations of the city, working alongside Chief of

Staff Jim Crider to advance key initiatives.

"Our future success depends upon efficient and effective operations and Christian will play an important role in advancing critical administrative efforts," Finkam said.

Currently serving as Director of Advance Planning for the Office of Lt. Gov. of Indiana,

Chamberlain previously worked for the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and BMW of North America. He studied political science at the University of Southern Indiana.

"I am honored to join a talented team of professionals supporting Mayor Finkam's ambitious vision for this world-class city," Chamberlain said.



Chamberlain

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

Update No. 122

We are in the middle of National School Counseling Week (first full week in February) and are taking this opportunity to honor the incredible and meaningful work our school counselors do each and every day.

They play a central role on the school support team and are vital resources who work to ensure a healthy, positive, and safe school environment for students to learn, achieve school success, and plan for a career. We are grateful for the impactful role, service, and support provided by our school counselors: Nikki Wert and Tricia Rudy (HHES), Chelsea Pacheco and Sabrina Duncan (HHMS), and Lori Watson, April Baugher, and Rebecca Johnson (HHHS).

Thank you for all your work in helping to build a positive school climate and changing lives, one day at a time.

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We are also celebrating Black History Month. Our school community is com-

**COLUMNIST**

**DR. DEREK ARROWOOD**  
Heights Superintendent

mitted to creating an inclusive learning environment for all our students, regardless of race or ethnicity.

Our students, staff, and community can benefit through culturally relevant teaching, learning, and activities centered around the rich cultural heritage, achievements, sacrifices, triumphs, and the essential role of African Americans in shaping our country.

Please join us in embracing this opportunity for growth by engaging your children with meaningful conversations about Black History Month at home to better understand and appreciate the countless Black individuals who have given their gifts and their lives in pursuit of a society that is free, just, and equitable for all.

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School Resource Officer (SRO) Appreciation Day is coming up next week (Thursday, Feb. 15) and I want to share a note of gratitude to our amazing SROs – Deputies Josh Ireland, Jon Tindal, and

Kevin Neal.

They serve as an important bridge between our students, law enforcement, and our community. They are engaged, involved, help protect our campus, and provide a safe environment for our staff and students. Moreover, they are inspirational mentors, advocates, and role models.

The lasting relationships they build with our students and staff are lifechanging. Thank you for your presence, commitment, and service.

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This year's annual Kindergarten Roundup will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 29 in the Husky Hangout at the elementary school. Registration opens on Friday, Feb. 23.

Our Kindergarten educators are phenomenal in providing an exceptional blend of engaging, inspiring, and fun learning experiences that are the building blocks of early literacy, socialization, communication skills, independence, and success in school for our littlest Huskies.

[Click here](#) for more information on what you

need to do to begin your child's educational journey at Heights.

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Mark your calendars to follow the yellow brick road to Hamilton Heights High School to enjoy our Drama Department's live production of *The Wizard of Oz*. This year's spring musical is a delightful adaptation of a timeless tale of a magical world over the rainbow in the Land of Oz.

The play, directed by HS English Teacher and Drama Sponsor Brooks Myers, features a talented cast of high school and middle school student performers for three shows on Feb. 16, 17, and 18. Tickets can be purchased [online](#) starting today, Feb. 9 and at the door the night of the show.

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As a reminder, Monday, Feb. 12 is our last scheduled Asynchronous E-learning Day and students should be prepared for a day of virtual instruction and learning from home.

Thank you for your engagement and continued support.

**#WeAreHuskies**

# Carmel Winter Games back at The Ice at Carter Green

**The REPORTER**

It is time for friendly competition at the Carmel Winter Games on The Ice at Carter Green, brought to you by Allied Solutions. Whether you are signed up to compete or are a spectator, you won't want to miss two days of non-skating competition Feb. 9 and 10.

What kind of competition? "Human curling" on inner tubes, an ice trike relay and "human hungry hippo" using laundry baskets to fetch hundreds of bouncing balls.

The annual event kicks off at 6 p.m. Friday with the Hometown Hero-Olympics featuring good-spirited competition among a number of city departments

including Carmel Fire, Engineering, Parks & Recreation, Police, and Streets.

On Saturday, the competition on ice begins at noon as teams of friends and corporate co-workers vie for the No. 1 spot. The winning team will choose one of the not-for-profit organizations listed below to receive a cash prize donation.

- Not-for-profit organizations**
- Carmel Youth Assistance Program
  - Prime Life Enrichment Center
  - The Children's Theraplay Foundation
  - Carmel Clay Historical Society
  - Heroes Club
  - Carmel Food Pantries

**2024 Schedule of Events**

**Friday, Feb. 9**

- Hometown Hero-Olympics (6 p.m.)

**Saturday, Feb. 10**

- The Carmel Winter Games (noon)
- Ice Trike Relay
- Human Curling
- Human Hungry Hippo
- Live DJ (noon to 4 p.m.)
- Meet the Mascots (1 to 3 p.m.)

*Event schedule subject to change pending weather conditions.*

- Participating teams**
  - Brawny Bisons
  - Carmel Lions
  - Carmel United Methodist Church
  - Cool Runnings
  - F3 – Fitness, Fellowship and Faith
  - Hotel Carmichael
  - Ice Guys Finish Last
  - Kelly Wilson's Team

- Metronet
  - NOMO#FOMO
  - Sawgrass Savages
  - Team InMOD Construction

In addition, The Ice at Carter Green will feature a live DJ and a "Meet the Mascots" session.

Learn more at [The-IceAtCarterGreen.com](#).

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## IU & Ivy Tech partner for dual admission program

By **GREGG MONTGOMERY**  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](#)

Indiana University Indianapolis and Ivy Tech Community College will start a dual admission program in the fall, IU announced Tuesday.

The goal was to make it “more seamless” for students who earn associate degrees at Ivy Tech to move to IU Indianapolis, which will be created from the split of IUPUI.

A news release from IU said, “While at Ivy Tech, dually admitted students will gain access to IU Indianapolis advising, student support and financial aid counseling. Special transfer events will

help Ivy Tech students build familiarity with the IU Indianapolis campus and resources, while additional academic, cultural and social events will round out their co-curricular experience at both schools. Following their graduation with an associate degree, they will enroll in IU Indianapolis classes.”

Sharing of transcripts also was expected to improve.

For students to qualify, they must be new to campus in the fall. Then, they must complete their associate degrees at Ivy Tech Indianapolis with a cumulative grade-point average of 2.0 or higher before enrolling in classes at IU Indianapolis.

## Noblesville student makes Quincy University dean’s list

**The REPORTER**

Quincy University released its dean's list for the fall 2023 semester.

Olivia Endris of Noblesville is among those students on the list.

Honorees must earn a semester grade-point average of at least 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) to be included in the biannual dean's list. In total, 407 students received the honor during the Fall 2023 semester.

## Cicero student makes dean’s list at College of William & Mary

**The REPORTER**

Hannah Jackson from Cicero was recently named to the dean's list at the College of William & Mary for the fall 2023 semester.

In order to achieve dean's list status, a full-time degree seeking undergraduate student must

take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 3.6 quality-point average during the semester.

William & Mary is the second oldest institution of higher learning in the United States.

# Stony Creek Elementary hosts Hasbro Innovator of the Year



Stony Creek Elementary School in Noblesville welcomed Jordan Goddard (top left) as the featured speaker at the recent Family Toy and Game Night. Goddard is a Westfield resident who was named Hasbro's Innovator of the Year and one of the top 100 most influential people in the toy industry. In addition to learning about toy and game development from Goddard, families also got to solve a puzzle breakout game, receive a free book, and enjoy pizza.

Photos provided by Noblesville Schools

# Be your own Valentine with heart healthy diet and lifestyle decisions

“Everybody’s got a hungry heart.” – Bruce Springsteen, “The River,” 1980

I have been writing for years about the prevalence of heart disease and its effects on our longevity, lifestyle, quality of life and, unfortunately, the fact that it is the number one killer of both men and women, surpassing all types of cancer and other diseases.<sup>1</sup>

Additionally, the annual incidence of heart attacks in the U.S. is nearly 900,000, with more than 600,000 of those first attacks and the re-

mainder of those being recurrent attacks.<sup>2</sup>

Our attention is thankfully drawn to this topic in the month of February as it is of course “National Heart Health Month” as well as “Go Red for Women” month.

According to the American Heart Association, heart disease causes one in three women’s deaths each year, with 90 percent of women having one or more risk factors for developing heart disease. The symptoms of heart disease can be different in women and men and are often misunderstood. Please talk with your physician to learn more about the symptoms and to share any family history you may have of heart disease.

Okay, readers, let’s talk about that “hungry heart” and how best to feed it! Of course, all our internal organs (think brain!) benefit from good nutrition and sensible eating plans.

Let’s start with fats – and yes, our bodies need *healthy* fats! Some of those are: raw nuts, olive oil, fish oils, flax seeds, and avocados. Of course, we want to avoid trans fats from partially hy-

drogenated foods and saturated fats from whole-fat dairy or red meat.

Fiber is essential to a healthy eating plan (remember, diet should be used as a noun, not a verb!) and can certainly aid in digestion. Incorporate fiber from cereals, breads and pasta made from whole grains or legumes.

Ingest sparingly white or egg breads, granola-type cereals, refined pastas, or rice.

Omega 3 fatty acids and protein are important for our hearts as well as our brain power. Great choices are fish and shellfish as well as poultry. (Please choose sustainably sourced.) Avoid red meat, bacon, sausage, fried chicken.

Finally, be sure to include calcium and protein sources such as egg whites, skim or 1 percent milk, low-fat or nonfat cheeses and yogurts, while omitting when possible egg yolks, whole milk and whole milk products.

Yes, we all have “cheat” moments now and then but be kind to yourself when it happens and make sure you get back on the “healthy heart” train!

While we review our eating plans, let’s not forget the importance of getting adequate sleep and of course, movement! Let’s get

out of those chairs and sofas and increase our daily steps and include strength training as well.

Sometimes we feel overwhelmed by making these changes, so start slowly and be kind to yourself. Oftentimes family, work, and outside influences can cause us stress which affects our heart health, and while we may feel helpless in those situations, we can reach out to professionals who specialize in therapies which can provide better coping mechanisms. If you are able to reach out and volunteer to help others, you may find that your stress level will decline and your overall health may improve. Meditation and deep breath work can also help us to maintain good heart health.

Feed your “hungry hearts” and you will do your heart good!

<sup>1</sup> CDC.gov – Heart Disease Facts

<sup>2</sup> American Heart Association

**Sharon McMahon, CNWC**

*The opinions expressed in this article are not intended to replace advice of your personal physician or licensed health professional. Please consult your physician for any issues you may have related to nutrition or fitness activity.*



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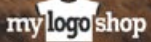
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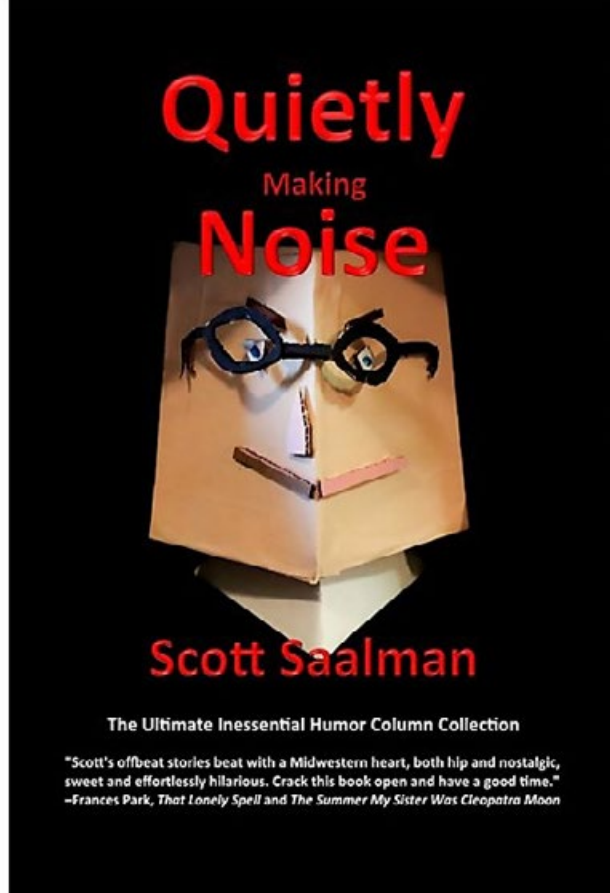
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# Bill to create Community Cares Initiative passes Indiana Senate with bipartisan support

**The REPORTER**

A bill authored by State Sen. Scott Baldwin (R-Noblesville) to create the Community Cares Initiative passed the Senate unanimously on Tuesday, Feb. 6.

**Senate Bill 10** would establish the Community Cares Initiative, 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.

"Having something like NobleACT at the state level will not only help those in need of assistance, but the first responders receiving an overwhelming number of calls," Baldwin said. "This bill would encourage public safety and EMS responders to take a proactive approach



**Baldwin**

to help Hoosiers get the assistance they need."

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

"I've seen firsthand the consequences of untreated mental health issues within my community," Baldwin said. "Every community is different, and this bill would allow each commu-

nity to provide specific mobile integrated health care program and crisis teams to fulfill their unique needs."

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. SB 10 will now move to the Indiana House of Representatives for further consideration.

To follow this bill and others visit [iga.in.gov](http://iga.in.gov).

# Hamilton County awarded nearly \$71K for water quality initiatives

**The REPORTER**

The **Indiana State Department of Agriculture** and the **State Soil Conservation Board** awarded \$2,313,287 in matching grant funds to 26 projects within soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs) and soil health organizations through the **Clean Water Indiana** program.

Within Hamilton County, \$70,900 was awarded to the Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD).

icated to specific messages for target audiences in the county.

"Providing farmers and landowners with tools and funding to keep our Indiana waterways clean and their soil structure healthy is key to keeping Indiana agriculture thriving," said



**Crouch**

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, who also serves as the Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "This funding will allow 48 organizations across 26 projects to improve their local water systems, keep their soil healthy and keep their communities thriving. Last year's increase in Clean Water Indiana funding from the general assembly is already making a lasting impact."

The Clean Water Indiana program is administered by the state's soil conservation board. The program, led by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), provides financial assistance to landowners and conservation groups that are working to

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# Don't miss Westfield Winter Market this Saturday

**The REPORTER**

The Winter Market will run from 9 a.m. to noon this Saturday, Feb. 10 at West Fork Whiskey, 10 E. 191st St. The Market runs weekly through Saturday, March 9.

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.

**Feb. 10 Vendors**

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

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# Westfield to hold public information session regarding Little Eagle Creek Avenue

## The REPORTER

The City of Westfield will hold a public information session regarding a road project for Little Eagle Creek Avenue on Thursday, Feb. 22 at Westfield City Services, 2728 E. 171st St.

The meeting will be held in the Public Works Breakroom; therefore, attendees will need to enter on the west side of the building at Doors 5 and 6. The meeting will run from 7 to 8 p.m.

The meeting will begin with a brief presentation regarding the project and will break out into an open house format where attendees can ask questions of city staff, engineers, and consultants working on the project.

“This is a great opportunity for us to get feedback from residents who frequently travel in this area, and we want to make sure we design the road with their feedback in mind,” Director of Public Works Johnathon Nail.



Graphic provided by City of Westfield

# “Monochrome Miscreant” arrested near Indiana State Capitol building

## The REPORTER

At approximately 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Officer Robert Johnson from the Indiana State Capitol Police was patrolling near the state capitol building when he recognized a woman believed to be the suspect in a Feb. 2 vandalism case in the Washington Street parking garage, **which was previously reported in the pages of this newspaper.**

Based on the photos, Officer Johnson had received, he believed the woman to be the suspect and approached

her. During his encounter with her, Officer Johnson identified her as Denise Honorio, 34, Indianapolis, and developed probable cause to detain her. She was then transported to the Indiana State Police Post in Indianapolis for further investigation.

Indiana State Police Detectives interviewed Honorio and determined she was the same person in the photographs obtained from one of the damaged vehicles Feb. 2. They worked closely with the Marion County

Prosecutor and because it was determined the dollar amount of the vandalism met the felony threshold, she was outright arrested based upon probable cause.

While taking an inventory of her belongings to transport her to jail, an Indiana Driver's License was located in her pocket that belonged to someone else. State Police Detectives reached out to the owner of the driver's license and learned she was the victim of a forcible robbery that took place around 4:10

p.m. on Feb. 2 while walking along Capital Avenue in Indianapolis. That incident was being investigated by the IU Police Department in Indianapolis. Working closely with IUPD, it was determined that ISP would handle the robbery investigation along with the vandalism. Detectives believe the victim was assaulted and injured by Honorio before stealing her purse.

“I would like to commend Officer Johnson for

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## Letter to the Editor

### Carmel reader calls on Hoosiers to oppose HB 1412 addressing dogs from mill puppies

Dear Editor:

I was alarmed when I saw that **HB 1412**, which would force cities to allow pet stores to sell puppy mill puppies, recently passed the Indiana House of Representatives. Even more concerning upon closer look, the bill would still allow puppy-selling pet stores to get puppies from hundreds of USDA-licensed puppy mills across the country.

As a dog lover and advocate, I've become more familiar with the shocking amount of allowances a USDA license gives commercial dog breeders. A licensed puppy mill can legally keep hundreds of dogs in stacked, wire cages only six inches larger than their bodies for their entire lives. There is no limit to how often or how long potential mothers are bred, which means that mothers may be bred excessively until their bodies give out.

Also, sadly, the USDA has notoriously weak enforcement of these subpar standards, and as a result, a USDA license really does nothing to show that a breeder takes good care of their animals. In fact, there are hundreds of puppy mills who keep their licenses year after year, even though dogs in their care have been found with moldy feces caked onto the floor during inspections.

HB 1412 would also allow pet stores to source puppies from Canine Care Certified (a voluntary breeder program) breeders but gives them zero incentive to do so, all but ensuring that they will continue to sell sick puppy mill puppies to unsuspecting consumers here in Indiana.

It's disheartening to see such a misguided bill be considered here, and I urge readers to contact their state Senators and ask them to oppose HB 1412.

**Megan Piniseti**  
Carmel

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## Sen. Mike Braun voting no on \$84B Ukraine foreign aid bill

### The REPORTER

Senator Mike Braun (R-Ind.) released the following statement Thursday on the \$84 billion Ukraine foreign aid bill being voted on in the Senate.

“Today, Senate Republicans joined with Chuck Schumer and Joe Biden to tell the American people that foreign borders are more important than American borders,” Braun said. I’m voting NO.”



Braun

## WATER

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reduce runoff from non-point sources of water pollution, whether it's on agricultural land, urban areas, or eroding streambanks.

Once received, districts can use the funds to partner with other counties or address specific needs within their jurisdiction. Some examples include participating in a cost share program, hiring staff, providing technical assistance, implementing cover crop incentive programs, or increasing watershed capacity.

Gene Schmidt is chair of the State Soil Conservation Board and is looking forward to seeing the work done on the grassroots level by the soil and water districts. The Clean Water Indiana Grants Committee is

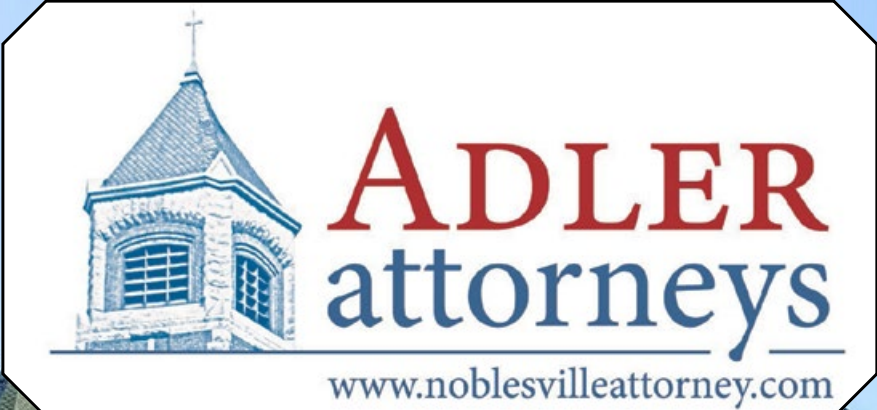
Ray Chattin, Brad Dawson, and Jane Hardisty.

Clean Water Indiana (CWI) is managed by **ISDA's Division of Soil Conservation** and funded by a portion of the state's cigarette tax. Projects can be up to three years in length and grantees could apply for any dollar amount that was necessary to complete the project. Funded projects ranged from \$10,000 to \$300,000. In addition to CWI funds, each grantee is required to produce a match for their project, which can be cash or in-kind. Projects requesting staffing were required to have a 25 percent match for that component, while all other project areas required a 50 percent match.

### Meeting Notices

The Carmel Advisory Committee on Disability will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024, in the Board Room at the Carmel Clay Public Library, 425 E. Main St.	The Carmel Police Department Merit Board will meet in an executive session at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024, in the Caucus Room on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b) (5) and (9) to receive information about and interview prospective employees; and to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees.
The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024, in the Community Room at the Westfield Washington Schools Administration Center, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B, Westfield. You can view the livestream at <a href="https://www.k12.in.us/about-us/live-stream">www.k12.in.us/about-us/live-stream</a> .	A regular meeting will follow at 4:15 p.m. (or immediately after the executive session, whichever is later) in the same location.

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# Enjoy best of art, shopping & music Saturday at *Meet Me on Main* in Carmel

## The REPORTER

Come to the Carmel Arts & Design District from 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10 for Allied Solutions' *Meet Me on Main*. Make your way to Main Street and Range Line Road for an evening of art, shopping, music, and more.

### Live music

• Kassey King – Indiana Artisan  
• Ben Ealing – CCA Gallery

• Sophia Stephens – Sub Zero Nitrogen Ice Cream

### Special Gallery Exhibits

Each month, our local galleries and businesses will feature special events to enhance your experience. Be sure to stop into each one.

• The Art Studio of Carmel: Create your own Valentine at The Art Studio of Carmel.

• CCA Gallery: Featuring new member artist Carrie Baxter, encaustic wax painter. She will be at CCA Gallery hosting a reception from 4 to 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome to stop by, enjoy refreshments, meet the artist, and learn how she creates these amazing paintings using wax rather than paint.

• Indiana Artisan: Evan Backstrom will bring a press and all the supplies needed

for guests at Indiana Artisan to make a letterpress Valentine for someone special.

• Carmel Arts Council Children's Gallery: Stop by for a Valentine's Day card-making station for children. Make a card and enjoy a sweet treat.

• Circle Real Estate & Gallery: It's the time of the year to add new life and color to your home or office. Circle Real Estate & Gallery is offering a one-day-only sale featuring 10 to 30 percent off all artwork.

### Special offers

• Kernels Gourmet Popcorn, 254 Veterans Way, Suite F: Pop in to Kernels for \$1 off a medium bag of gourmet popcorn with six flavors to choose from including Oreo, Cheese, and Kernels' Mix.

• Mary's Mountain Cookies, 110 W. Main St., will offer free samples of some of their best selling products during *Meet Me on Main*. They have a great selection of seasonal favorites and will be offering a wonderful deal: Buy 6, Get 2 Free.

• All Things Carmel, 110 W. Main Street, Suite 104: All Things Carmel will be sampling local wines with chocolates and roses to celebrate Valentine's Day.



Photo provided

• Xchocol'Art, 228 W. Main St. Visit Xchocol'Art to try samples during *Meet Me on Main* and get your sweet one a unique gift. Also available are small versions perfect for teacher's gifts, Galentine's Gatherings and more.

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A map of the gallery locations and more information about *Meet Me on Main* activities can be found at [CarmelArtsAndDesign.com](http://CarmelArtsAndDesign.com).

Public parking is available in the Carmel Lions Club lot (141 E. Main St.), Sophia Square parking garage (entrance off 1st Ave. NW), Indiana Design Center parking garage (200 S. Range Line Road) or on-street. [Click here](#) to download the Arts & Design District parking map.

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### About the Carmel Arts & Design District

The Carmel Arts & Design District is the Midwest's premier arts and design destination. Home to more than 200 businesses, including art galleries, restaurants, antique dealers, design showrooms, boutiques and creative service providers, the Carmel Arts & Design District promises to stimulate the senses. The Indiana Design Center is housed in the Carmel Arts & Design District. In addition, hundreds have taken advantage of the wide variety of housing opportunities and call the Carmel Arts & Design District home.

## ARREST

his actions yesterday and dedication to his patrol efforts," Indiana State Police Captain Bob Burke said. "His alertness and recognition of this suspect not only helped find the person we believe responsible for the vandalism, but also to connect other serious crimes linked to this same suspect

and bring justice to the victims. This investigation is just one example of incredible collaboration by several central Indiana police agencies and we are thankful for those partnerships."

The Indiana State Police thanks the community for the countless tips received in this case, working direct-

ly with community members undoubtedly increases safety for everyone.

Honorio faces the preliminary charges of:

- Robbery – Level 3 Felony
- Battery with Moderate Injury – Level 6 Felony
- Vandalism over \$50,000 – Level 6 Felony

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This investigation is ongoing, the arrest was based upon probable cause of a crime. Actual charges will be determined by the Marion County Prosecutor's Office.

All suspects are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court.

## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

### JACOB MEETS ESAU

*Esau said, "Then let me leave some of my men with you."*

*"But why do that?" Jacob asked. "Just let me find favor in the eyes of my lord."*

*So that day Esau started on his way back to Seir. Jacob, however, went to Sukkoth, where he built a place for himself and made shelters for his livestock. That is why the place is called Sukkoth.*

*After Jacob came from Paddan Aram, he arrived safely at the city of Shechem in Canaan and camped within sight of the city. For a hundred pieces of silver, he bought from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem, the plot of ground where he pitched his tent. There he set up an altar and called it El Elohe Israel.*

Genesis 33:15-20 (NIV)

### The Reporter's policy on obituaries

The Hamilton County Reporter does not charge families for publishing obituary notices in our pages. Every obituary appearing in online editions Wednesday through Saturday also appears in our Monday print editions. In order to continue to offer this as a community service, we ask that obituaries not exceed 600 words. The limitations of space may not allow for longer ones to appear in print.

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## — ATLANTA —

### LEGAL NOTICE Town of Atlanta

#### BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

The Atlanta Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on 2/22/24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Atlanta Town Hall, 105 East Main Street Atlanta, IN 46031 in order to hear the following petition:

#### DOCKET NO. 22224-1

A special exemption use concerning Section Agricultural of the Town of Atlanta Zoning Ordinance in order to increase the amount of allowed kennels for use of facility.

Project address: 8190 E. 286th St., Atlanta, IN 46031

Legal Description Attached? (No)

The petition may be examined at the office of the Atlanta Building Commissioner, 105 East Main Street, Atlanta, Indiana 46031

Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing or may file written comments concerning the matter to be heard prior to or at the Hearing

The Hearing may be continued Tom time to time as may be found necessary

Petitioner's Name: Clayburn Ford

Date: 11/09/2023

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## — ARCADIA —

### NOTICE

The Town of Arcadia is meeting in a special meeting on Wednesday, February 14th at 4 p.m. located at 208 W. Main Street Arcadia, In 46030.

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Basketball

Golden Eagles soar past Indianapolis Washington

GC's Robert Sorensen joins 1,000 point club

By RICHIE HALL  
sports@readthereporter.com

NOBLESVILLE – Guerin Catholic took care of business at the Eagles Nest Thursday night, cruising past Indianapolis Washington 60-39.

After a close first half, the Class 3A No. 5 Golden Eagles picked up the offensive pace in the third quarter, then toughened up their defense in the fourth quarter. Guerin Catholic poured in 24 points in the third, then allowed the Continentals just four points in the fourth.

The first half went back and forth, with six lead changes. Washington led 7-6 midway through the first quarter, then Robert Sorensen threw in his first 3-pointer of the game. A layin by Bryson Cardinal gave GC an 11-7 lead. Later, Sorensen's second triple of the game gave the Golden Eagles a 14-10 advantage at the end of the period.

Guerin Catholic led 18-11 in the second quarter (including a Malcolm Houze 3) before the Continentals went on a 9-0 run to take a 20-18 lead, including five points from David Leye. But Sorensen put the Golden Eagles in front for good with another 3, then Jake Grissom scored off a steal, and Guerin led 23-20 at halftime.

Andy Caron began the second half with a basket, then Sorensen made back-to-back and-1s. Just like that, the Golden Eagles led 31-20.

Sorensen said that in the second half, "as a team collectively, we need to start going to the basket, pushing the floor and getting layups, which we did in the third quarter."

"We decided to come out and apply a little more defensive pressure to speed them up," said Guerin Catholic coach Bobby Allen. The coach said his defense was "okay" in the first half, but the team needed more energy.

"So, we started picking them up full-court man," said Allen. "We got a couple turnovers early on. Jake Grissom did a good job directing our defense with picking the ball up, forcing some early turnovers."

Grissom nailed a 3, then Sorensen connected on his third and-1 of the game with 4:45 left in the period. Andy Caron added four more points, then Cardinal



Guerin Catholic's Robert Sorensen cleared the 1,000-point mark Tuesday night, and he added to his total during Thursday's Golden Eagles win over Indianapolis Washington. Sorensen scored 23 points.

took over in the final two minutes of the quarter with six points.

"And once we got that lead, then I think we felt like we were in good shape," said Allen.

Guerin Catholic led 47-35 going into the fourth quarter. Roosevelt Franklin opened the period with a layin, but the Golden Eagles allowed no more baskets after that. Guerin Catholic went on a 13-0 run to seal the game.

Sorensen scored 23 points, including four 3-pointers. He was honored before the game for clearing the 1,000-point mark during the Golden Eagles' Tuesday game with New Palestine. Sorensen gave credit to his coaches, teammates and parents for helping him to hit that milestone, saying that "50, probably 75 percent is the people around you, and the people who are in your environment" that allowed him to push and motivate himself.

Sorensen also had eight rebounds. Cardinal scored 16 points and pulled seven rebounds.

The Golden Eagles are 16-7 and get a long break before finishing their regular season Feb. 20 at University. Allen called it a "much-needed break."

"We got to get some guys healthy," said the coach. Guerin Catholic has been playing the past few games without Dylan Murans, who Allen said is "a big-time part of what we do. So, we'll be happy to get him back."

Photo by Mike Navarro



Photo provided

On Thursday, Guerin Catholic honored Sorensen for reaching 1,000 points during Tuesday's game. He is pictured with Golden Eagles coach Bobby Allen and his parents Suellyn and Scott.

GUERIN CATHOLIC 60, INDPLS. WASHINGTON 39				
Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jack Cherry	0-2	0-0	0	1
Robert Sorensen	8-18	3-3	23	2
Andy Caron	2-5	2-4	6	1
Jake Grissom	4-9	0-0	9	2
Bryson Cardinal	6-13	4-7	16	3
Malcolm Houze	1-1	0-0	3	2
Ryne Paris	0-2	0-2	0	0
Hayden Rodgers	1-2	0-0	3	0
Nik Balmuri	0-1	0-0	0	1
Jack Toles	0-0	0-0	0	0
Will Bach	0-0	0-0	0	0
Carter Murans	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	22-53	9-16	60	12
Score by Quarters				
Washington	10	10	15	4-39
Guerin Catholic	14	9	24	13-60
Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting (7-20) Sorensen 4-8, Grissom 1-4, Houze 1-1, Rodgers 1-1, Paris 0-2, Cardinal 0-2, Cherry 0-1, Balmuri 0-1.				
Guerin Catholic rebounds (29) Sorensen 8, Cardinal 7, Cherry 3, Caron 3, Paris 2, Toles 2, Grissom 2, team 2.				

'Blazers fall in away game at Lutheran

The REPORTER

University held a two-point halftime lead Thursday night at Lutheran, but the Saints outscored the Trailblazers 16-7 in the third quarter and went on to post a 54-46 win.

Lutheran's LJ Ward scored 20 of his 29 points in the second half and keyed an 11-0 third quarter run that saw the Saints take control of the game.

University never trailed in the first half, leading by as many eight points early in the second quarter but were held without a field goal for more than eight minutes in the second half as Lutheran built their lead.

Blake Gary and Bryce Gray scored 12 points each to lead University.

The Trailblazers led 10-6 after the first quarter with Montgomery Holland scoring five points. A pair of three pointers by Blake Gray put University ahead 16-8 with 6:30 left in the second quarter. After Lutheran pulled within 16-14, Blake Gray made another three pointer and Zien Bland made two free throws to put

the Blazers up 21-14 with 2:31 left in the half. Ward made a three pointer and pulled Lutheran within 21-19 at halftime with another field goal.

Ward pulled Lutheran even at 22 before Bryce Gray gave University a 24-22 lead. Cayden Loescher knotted the game at 24 before Max McComb split a pair of foul shots to give University their last lead at 25-24. Ward then drilled a pair of three pointers to put Lutheran up 30-25 and start their 11-0 run. The Saints led 35-28 after three quarters. Ward scored the first five points of the fourth quarter and the Blazers got no closer than eight the rest of the game.

University falls to 10-8 on the season while Lutheran improved to 11-6.

The Blazers are back in action tonight at Bethesda Christian in the Pioneer Academic Athletic Conference championship. University will be trying to win its seventh consecutive PAAC championship. Bethesda Christian beat University 52-40 in the first game of the season.

LUTHERAN 54, UNIVERSITY 46				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Bryce Gray	4-10	2-2	12	2
Blake Gray	4-10	0-0	12	2
Max McComb	1-5	4-6	6	4
Robert Russell	1-4	2-4	4	4
Montgomery Holland	2-6	2-4	6	1
Jackson Bledsoe	1-2	0-0	2	2
Zien Bland	0-1	4-4	4	1
Cooper Cammack	0-2	0-2	0	3
Totals	13-40	14-22	46	19
Score by Quarters				
University	10	11	7	18-46
Lutheran	6	13	16	19-54
University 3-point shooting (6-17) Bl. Gray 4-6, Br. Gray 2-6, McComb 0-3, Bland 0-1, Holland 0-1.				
University rebounds (24) Holland 6, Russell 5, Bledsoe 3, Bland 3, Cammack 3, Br. Gray 2, McComb 2.				

Three girls teams hitting the road for regional play

The REPORTER

Three Hamilton County girls basketball teams will take road trips on Saturday in a quest to become regional champions.

Noblesville will make a short trip northeast to Marion, where the Millers play Fort Wayne Snider in a Class 4A regional. Hamilton Heights heads southeast to Lapel to take on Woodlan in a Class 3A regional. Sheridan will make its way down to Southwestern High School in Shelbyville, where the Blackhawks play Northeastern in a Class 2A regional.

Panthers rematch

Noblesville is the only team of the three that played its regional opponent in the regular season. The Millers took on the Panthers in the championship game of the inaugural Noblesville tournament on Dec. 28, with the Millers winning 57-51. Noblesville got off to a good start in that game, leading 21-9 during the second quarter and held firm in the face of Snider's press defense.

The 4A No. 4-ranked

Panthers are 22-2 and have won eight consecutive contests after falling at The Mill, including a Sectional 5 championship.

"They are quick and long/athletic," said Millers coach Donna Buckley. "They utilize those strengths to turn teams over and score quickly in transition. We will have to avoid live ball turnovers and work hard to slow them down and play more half-court basketball."

Senior Jordyn Poole is Snider's top scorer at 17.1 points per game, followed by senior Ciara Sims at 14.1 points per contest. Another senior, Tia Phinezy, collects 6.6 rebounds per game. Poole is the assist leader with 4.4, while senior Johnnea Donahue makes 4.9 steals per contest.

Noblesville's tournament win was part of an ongoing stretch where the Millers have won nine of their last 10 games. Noblesville received votes in the final 4A poll of the season and is 16-8.

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# Derrer signs to play football for Ball State University

## Submitted

Bodie Derrer, Hamilton Heights senior, has signed a letter of intent to play football for Ball State University this fall. Ball State University is a member of the Mid-American Conference (MAC) and is a NCAA Division I athletic institution. He is the son of Lindsay and Rusty Derrer.

Derrer scored an offer and opportunity to play college football and continue his education at Ball State University – one of the top universities in the state. BSU offers a robust and well-respected business program and highly competitive football program. “They have an excellent coaching staff that is committed to player development on and off the field,” said Derrer, who plans to study business and major in finance. His goal is to pursue a career as a financial advisor and have his own firm. “I will have the opportunity to learn more skills to become a better athlete while still gaining a great education here.”

Derrer is as strong in the classroom as he is on the field. A Blue-Grey All American player, an Elite 111 Invite, named All Conference twice, Offensive Player of the Year and served twice as Team Captain of Hamilton Heights varsity football team. He is

also a member of the National Honor Society and Bethel Lutheran Church.

Derrer has had a deep passion for football from the time he first started playing in kindergarten. He began training at the XFactor QB Academy in Westfield, Indiana, with Coach Anthony Morelli in the seventh grade. Additional training with Coach Morelli over the years has helped increase Derrer’s skills, accuracy, speed and knowledge of the game and a successful quarterback for Hamilton Heights.

He credits his parents for their support and help in achieving his dream. “I give thanks to them for everything they have done along the way. I also thank Coach Morelli for pushing me every day and believing in me.”

“Bodie Derrer is a tough, talented, and intelligent football player who thrived in his role at quarterback the past few years for the Huskies,” said Jon Kirschner, Hamilton Heights High School Varsity Football Coach. “His hard work on and off the field helped him play a pivotal role in our run at perfection this past season which included a conference title, first undefeated regular season in more than a decade, and a chance at our first sectional title in nine years. His work ethic



Photo by Jen Kauffman

**Hamilton Heights’ senior Bodie Derrer has signed a letter of intent to play football for the Ball State University Cardinals in Muncie this fall. Derrer (seated) is pictured with his family: Kaden (brother), Rusty (father), Quentin (brother), and Lindsay (mother).**

and passion for the game of football have allowed him to become an effective captain the last two years. Bodie is definitely going to be missed but I know he is going to do big things at the next level, and we wish him the best at Ball State.”

“We are excited for the opportunity in front of Bodie to play Division I football,” said Kurt Ogden, Athletic Director, Hamilton Heights High School. “He is so passionate about the sport, and he’s worked so hard. I don’t know if I’ve

seen another athlete make the kind of strides he made from his freshman year to his senior year. That’s all attributed to the investment and commitment he made to his personal development as a quarterback. We wish him the best at Ball State.”

“I am very excited to live my dream of playing football at Ball State University,” added Derrer. “I am truly grateful to Ball State for giving me this opportunity and to everyone who has supported and helped me achieve this goal.”

## Country music star Riley Green to headline Firestone Legends Day concert May 25

### Submitted by IMS

Platinum-selling country music star Riley Green will headline the Firestone Legends Day Concert on Saturday, May 25 at the Everwise Amphitheater at White River State Park in Indianapolis.

The celebration of “The Greatest Spectacle in Racing” expands into downtown Indianapolis with the concert held the night before the 108th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge.

“The countdown to the green flag on Race Day is full of unmatched energy and excitement,” IMS President J. Douglas Boles said. “While fans sing along to hits by Riley Green at the Firestone Legends Day Concert at a fantastic venue in downtown Indianapolis, IMS will be ready to welcome more than 300,000 at 6 a.m. the following morning.”

Tickets will be available for purchase starting at 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 9, at [LiveNation.com](https://www.livenation.com).

Fans can celebrate Legends Day presented by Firestone at both Indianapolis Motor Speedway and throughout downtown Indianapolis. Legends Day kicks off with the 108th Indianapolis 500 Public Drivers’ Meeting and driver autograph sessions at

IMS. Fans then can make their way downtown for the AES 500 Festival Parade and the Firestone Legends Day Concert.

An avid sports fan, outdoors enthusiast and former Jacksonville State University quarterback, Green is riding a wave of success after being named the Academy of Country Music’s 2020 New Male Artist of the Year, a former MusicRow Breakout Artist of the Year, a CMT “Listen Up Artist and one of CRS’s 2020 New Faces.

Green’s latest album, “Ain’t My Last Rodeo,” produced by Dann Huff, is more of the signature Green fans have come to know and love from the good ol’ boy who still lives in his hometown of Jacksonville, Alabama. The project is heavily influenced by the rural, small town he calls home and his slower way of life at home and time spent with his family.

The 108th Indianapolis 500 by Gainbridge is scheduled for Sunday, May 26. Race Day tickets are on sale at [IMS.com](https://www.ims.com) or by calling or visiting the IMS Ticket Office. General admission tickets for Legends Day presented by Firestone start at \$20. This ticket does not include concert admission. IMS gates open at 8 a.m. and close at 3 p.m.

## ROAD

The Millers have four players averaging in double-digit scoring. Senior Reagan Wilson, an Iowa State commit, has 16.6 points per game, while junior Meredith Tippner is averaging a double-double of 16.1 points and 10.0 rebounds. Senior Ava Shoemaker, who was absent from the first Snider game with an injury, contributes 12.7 points and sophomore C.C. Quigley has 10.0 points and 5.3 rebounds per contest.

“Our older kids have played in a lot of big games,” said Buckley. “They know what it takes to win. They understand that it is a 32-minute game. There will be runs by each team. They understand that the game is a grind in the postseason. They are confident in themselves and in each other and know that they can make plays on both ends of the floor that will lead to a win.”

### First-year success

Hamilton Heights is playing a Woodlan team that has seen success under its first-year coach Dave Randall. The Warriors are 18-8 for the season and won their first sectional championship since 1990 last week at the Garrett sectional.

Huskies coach Keegan Cherry said the Warriors have “tremendous size,” with three starters standing 5-10 or taller. Leading scorer, senior Taylor Kneubuhler is 6-foot and puts in 14.0 points per game, while 5-11 sophomore Alyssa

Anderson averages a double-double at 11.8 points and 10.6 rebounds. Senior Chloe Gaff is 5-10. Junior Brooke Kneubuhler hands out 4.0 assists per game.

“We’re going to have to figure out how to get paint touches,” said Cherry. The coach said it will be important for Heights to “score in transition” and play aggressive – “drive the lane, get fouled, get to the free-throw line,” he said.

The 23-2 Huskies finished the year ranked No. 1 in the Class 3A poll. Heights is led by Evansville commit Camryn Runner and her 27.2 points per game. Runner also contributes 5.7 rebounds and 4.1 steals per contest. Senior Ella Hickok (9.5 points) and junior Katie Brown (9.0 points) can also score, with Hickok sending out 4.4 assists per game.

### Bring it on defense

Sheridan won its first sectional in nine years last week with an emphasis on defense, holding Covenant Christian to 28 points in the championship game at Park Tudor. The Blackhawks will face another solid defensive team in the regional when they play Northeastern.

The Knights are 19-6 and won their own sectional with two lopsided victories over Union County and Shenandoah 59-21. Northeastern has held its opponents to 33.2 points per game during the season, while Sheridan has allowed its opponents 33.6 points

per game.

“We always preach to the girls that defense is all about effort and wanting it more than the other team does,” said Blackhawks coach Jaidlin Bradshaw. “Our girls did a really nice job showing that last weekend and they have to bring it again this weekend. We’re undersized in the post so that’s definitely something we are going to keep an eye on.”

The Knights are led by sophomore Adysson Kircher’s 15.9 points per game, while senior Addison Mastriano adds 13.0 points and 8.5 rebounds per game. Junior Ava Mikesell averages 10.7 points, 4.5 assists and 4.2 steals, while junior Cami Angi collects 7.4 rebounds.

“They had a really awesome season and had a few kids break some records,” said Bradshaw. “They’re a really good team and they’re well coached. They play quick and they’re aggressive. They have a solid post player that we need to limit and quick guards that can shoot the ball from outside.”

Junior Kenzie Garner averages a double-double for the 19-5 ‘Hawks, at 20.2 points and 10.0 rebounds, along with 5.1 assists, 4.1 steals and 2.0 blocked shots. Junior Cecilia Timme adds 9.8 points, 3.8 assists and 3.4 steals.

“This week has been really fun,” said Bradshaw. “We have an awesome group of girls and it’s been a blast getting to spend an

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extra week with them. They show up every day and they’re ready to compete and get better in practice so that makes practice more fun as well. It’s also a lot of hard work and they have continued to bring it – their commitment to the game and each other has been really cool to witness.”

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

### Friday, Feb. 9

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

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

Carroll at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.

Cathedral at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.

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

Noblesville at Brownsburg, 7:30 p.m.

#### GIRLS SWIMMING

State preliminaries, 6 p.m. at IU Natatorium

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