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TODAY'S WEATHER



HIGH: 64 LOW: 44



# Opting for autonomy

Voters pass Sheridan & Adams Township Reorganization

### The REPORTER

Indiana will soon have one fewer township.

Sheridan and Adams Township will combine into a single governmental unit on Jan. 1, 2025.

Voters needed to approve the reorganization plan in two jurisdictions: the town of Sheridan itself and in unincorporated Adams Township.

Those voters have spoken – with clarity.

In Sheridan, nearly 73 percent of voters approved the measure, and throughout the rest of Adams Township, nearly 62 percent of voters gave the plan a thumbs up.

Come New Year's Day, the county government will relinquish responsibilities such as road construction and maintenance, snow removal, and police protection to the local government of New Sheridan.

For more information about the reorganization plan, go to sheridan.in-.gov/reorganization. To read the final reorganization plan in full, **click here**.

Hamilton County Election Board notified the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office of two people who ready for voters within 25 allegedly violated electioneering laws by displaying campaign material inside the "voting chute" past the entrance to the polls.

The Election Board has also notified the Prosecutor's Office of three people the board recommends should be investigated for campaign finance violations. Those individuals are Cleova Brown, Carla Cork, and Pam Williams.

On Tuesday morning, there were mentions on multiple radio stations link.



Reporter photos Long lines were seen across Hamilton County on Election Day, including at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville (above) and at Chatham Hills Westfield (right). See more photos from Election Day on Page 2.

of a potential issue with Hamilton County voting machines not being switched over from early voting mode to Election Day mode, causing delays for voters. According to a member of the Hamilton County Election Board, 101 of the 111 polling sites in Hamilton County were On Election Day, the ready to go within 10 minutes of the polls opening at

All machines were minutes of the polls open-

At the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center polling location, the longest reported time anyone was delayed was approximately 90 seconds.

As we do every election cycle, The Reporter has broken out key races on the right side of this page. You can find full Hamilton County results on Page 2 and full state results from on the Secretary of State's website at this



# **Voter Statistics**

**Election Day voters: 81,441** Paper absentee voters: 20,146 Walk-in absentee voters: 98.092

Total ballots cast: 199,679 Registered voters: 283,202 Voter Turnout: 70.51%

# **Straight-Party Ballots**

Republican Party: 46,567 **Democratic Party: 25,466 Libertarian Party: 35** We The People Party: 5

All election data courtesy of the Hamilton County Elections Office

See a full list of results on Page 2

### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

On passage of the Sheridan/Adams Township Reorganization Plan (votes from Sheridan) √1,180 votes 439 votes

On passage of the Sheridan/Adams Township Reorganization Plan (votes from Adams Twp.) NO

780 votes 481 votes \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

### SCHOOL BOARD: NOBLESVILLE AT-LARGE

**Christi Crosser David Dawson** 14,637 votes 10,453 votes **Alison Hanley Bradley Helvey** 12,079 votes 9,889 votes /Stephanie Lambert Bret Richardson

SCHOOL BOARD: HSE, DELAWARE TWP.

15,209 votes

√ 27,765 votes

**Greg Lannan** Latrica Schooley 21,614 votes 25,516 votes

12,568 votes

√ 26,113 votes

SCHOOL BOARD: HSE, FALL CREEK TWP. Suzanne Thomas **Terry Tolle** 

29,411 votes 18,880 votes SCHOOL BOARD: HSE, WAYNE TWP.

Sarah Parks-Reese John Stewart 20,132 votes 27,965 votes

SCHOOL BOARD: CARMEL AT-LARGE **Robin Clark Dina Ferchmin** 20,530 votes 18,127 votes

### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* **INDIANA SENATE DISTRICT 20**

Scott Baldwin (R) Joel Levi (D) 43,873 votes 29,374 votes

INDIANA HOUSE DISTRICT 24 (county votes only) Josh Lowry (D) / Hunter Smith (R) 17,398 votes 21,523 votes

**INDIANA HOUSE DISTRICT 29** 

/Alaina Shonkwiler (R) Chris Hartig (D) 13,169 votes 22,787 votes INDIANA HOUSE DISTRICT 32 (county votes only)

/ Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D) Patricia Bratton (R) 15,457 votes 15,776 votes

**INDIANA HOUSE DISTRICT 39** Danny Lopez (R) Matt McNally (D)

21,158 votes 18,221 votes INDIANA HOUSE DISTRICT 88 (county votes only)

Chris Jeter (R) Stephanie Jo Yocum (D) 6,601 votes 4,807 votes \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

# Community First Bank offers free meal to local Veterans at Carmel VFW Post 10003

The REPORTER

Community First Bank of Indiana will play host to a free sit-down lunch to say 'thank you' to all Veterans in from noon to 2 p.m. Monday,

and around Hamilton County steamed bagel sandwich from St. This lunch is provided by the locally owned Bearded Ba- Community First Bank employgel at Carmel VFW Post 10003, ees through their Casual for a with any questions or visit located at 12863 Old Meridian Cause program. Please note that CFBindiana.com/veterans.

limited supplies are available. Please call (765) 236-0600

# **Hamilton County Tourism appoints David** West as President & Chief Executive Officer

The REPORTER

David West has assumed the role of President & CEO at Hamilton County Tourism, effective Oct. 30.

The Hamilton County Family Tourism Board of Directors named West as the successor to Brenda Myers, who retired from Hamilton County Tourism after 19 years in the po-

West brings more than velopment Corporation. 20 years of experience in the

tourism and destination management

industry, having held key leadership positions with Herschend Entertainment (Dollywood Parks & Resorts), Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau in Pennsylvania, and



ecution of a strategic destination plan for

the Michigan Economic De- record-breaking visitation. "David has a proven track Some of the major ac-record of driving success and

complishments spearheading transformative throughout West's marketing campaigns for a career have includ- number of destinations," said ed leading the "Pure Conner Prairie President & Michigan" market- CEO and Hamilton County ing initiatives and Tourism Board Chair Norspearheading the ex- man Burns. "With his expertise and leadership skills, David is well equipped to lead Dollywood Parks & Hamilton County Tourism Resorts, resulting in into its next era of growth and innovation."

See West ... Page 3

# **Memories**

As I sit here on a porch in the same place I grew up vacationing as a little girl, I watch my husband leave to head to the bakery with my little girl. In fact, it's the same bakery that was there when I was a kid. I watch her excitement as she leaves with her



daddy and wonder what treats they will

surprise us with. As I watch the car head down the street, I think to myself that I'm so grateful to be giving her these memories. This is a time of year we reflect on memories, and it seems that now more than ever as we are in the holiday season, memories are embedded with so much of what we are, and the traditions held dear in families. I'm constantly reminded by things that I did as a little girl with my family, and I always make sure to tell my kids why we do some of the things that we do and where it originated from within our own family.

I want my kids to grow up knowing there were people before them that not only made up who they are, but also who their parents are to this day. I want them to make

See *Memories* . . . Page 3

# GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

Please note that some of these results are **UNOFFICIAL**. These are current Hamilton County totals as of Tuesday night. While Hamilton County vote totals are final, they still must be certified by the County Election Board. These results include only Hamilton County votes, and thus may not represent the actual results of some races. Winners of contested races solely within Hamilton County appear in red. And \* denotes an incumbent. Click here to see full results of all races.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER** 

### **U.S. PRESIDENT** KAMALA HARRIS (D)......45.70%.....90,366 votes DONALD J. TRUMP (R) ......51.74%......102,296 votes **U.S. SENATOR** JIM BANKS (R) 54.89% 99,829 votes ANDREW HORNING (L) 2.32% 4,221 votes VALERIE McCRAY (D) ......42.74%.....77,735 votes **U.S. REPRESENTATIVE** DEBORAH A PICKETT (D)......41.99%.....80,254 votes ROBBY SLAUGHTER (I)......2.15%.....4,110 votes \*VICTORIA SPARTZ (R)......53.42%......102,098 votes **GOVERNOR** MIKE BRAUN (R).....51.16%.....100,200 votes JENNIFER G. McCORMICK (D) .... 45.74%......89,579 votes **ATTORNEY GENERAL** \*TODD ROKITA (R)......53.69%.....97,414 votes **STATE SENATOR** \*SCOTT A. BALDWIN (R)......59.90%......43,873 votes JOEL LEVI (D) .......40.10%.....29,374 votes STATE REPRESENTATIVE District 24 JOSH LOWRY (D) .......44.70%......17,398 votes HUNTER SMITH (R)......55.30%.....21,523 votes **District 29** CHRISTOPHER HARTIG (D).......36.63%......13,169 votes ALAINA SHONKWILER (R).......63.37%......22,787 votes District 32

PATRICIA BRATTON (R) .......49.49% ......15,457 votes \*VICTORIA GARCIA WILBURN (D)... 50.51%......15,776 votes

\*TODD HUSTON (R) ......100% ......24,207 votes

DANIEL (DANNY) LOPEZ (R) ...... 53.73%................21,158 votes MATT McNALLY (D)......46.27%.....18,221 votes

\*CHRIS JETER (R)......57.86%......6,601 votes STEPHANIE JO YOCUM (D) .......42.14%......4,807 votes

**District 37** 

District 39

District 2		
*STEVEN C. DILLINGER (R).	99.68%	131,754 votes
Write-In	0.32%	423 votes
District 3		
*MARK E. HEIRBRANDT (R).	100%	132,590 votes
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At Large (Vote for 3)	OITOILIN	
*BRANDON (BRAD) BEAVER	(R)26.52%	85.204 votes
KEELY J. GLADIEUX (D)		
*SUE MAKI (R)		
*STEVEN R. NATION (R)		
	Y AUDIT	
TODD CLEVENGER (R)		
	<b>SURVE</b>	
THOMAS WILLIAM DAVIS (D)		
GARY DUNCAN (R)	57.21%	104,580 votes
COUNTY		
*SUSAN BYER (R)		
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ANDREW R. BLOCH (R)	100%	131,788 votes
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JUDICIAL	RETENT	IONS
Shall Indiana Supreme Cour	t Justice	
Derek Read Molter be retained	ed in office?	
YES		
NO		42,119 votes
Shall Indiana Supreme Cour		
Loretta H. Rush be retained		
YES		
NO		38,582 votes
Shall Indiana Supreme Cour		
Mark S. Massa be retained in		
YES		
NO		42,072 votes
Shall Fourth District Appeals		0
Rudolph Reginald Pyle III be		
YES		
NO	20.88%	39,557 Votes

PUBLIC C	UESTIC	ONS			
Sheridan/Adams Reorganization (votes from Sheridan)					
YES					
NO	27.12%	439 votes			
Sheridan/Adams Reorganization					
YES					
NO					
Indiana Constitutional amende					
YES					
NO					
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SCHOOL BOA		MREKS			
Carmel Clay, At Large (Vote for					
ROBIN L CLARK (NP)					
DINA FERCHMIN (NP)	19.59%	18,127 votes			
JON SHAPIRO (NP)	30.00%	27,765 votes			
KRISTINA (KRIS) WHEELER (NP)	28.22%	26,113 votes			
Hamilton Heights, Jackson Tow					
*KEVIN CAVANAUGH (NP)	69.38%	4,196 votes			
ELIZABETH FOUCH (NP)	30.62%	1,852 votes			
Hamilton Heights, White River	Township (Vo	te for 1)			
*GRETCHEN S. PENNINGTON (NP	)100%	5,344 votes			
Hamilton Southeastern, Delawa	re Township	(Vote for 1)			
GREG LANNAN (NP)					
LATRICA A SCHOOLEY (NP)					
Hamilton Southeastern, Fall Cr					
*SUZANNE THOMAS (NP)					
TERRY TOLLE (NP)					
Hamilton Southeastern, Wayne					
*SARAH E. PARKS-REESE (NP)					
JOHN F. STEWART (NP)					
Noblesville, At Large (Vote for 3					
*CHRISTI CROSSER (NP)	19.56%	14.637 votes			
DAVID L DAWSON (NP)	13 97%	10 453 votes			
ALISON HANLEY (NP)	16 14%	12 079 votes			
BRADLEY A. HELVEY (NP)					
*STEPHANIE LAMBERT (NP)					
BRET RICHARDSON (NP)					
Sheridan, Marion Township, Bo					
*DAN FLEMING (NP)					
*JOHN HUNT (NP)					
EDIC NYDEDC (ND)	39.93%				
ERIC NYBERG (NP)		707 votes			
Westfield Washington, District		00.000			
CARRIE LARRISON (NP)					
Westfield Washington, District					
MATTHEW HULLINGER (NP)	42.53%	9,020 votes			
*CARL MIKE STEELE (NP)	57.47%	12,187 votes			

# Thanks for voting, Hamilton County!

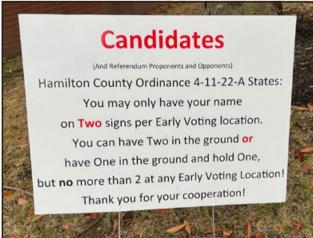
# Election Day engagement runs high











Reporter photos

(TOP LEFT) Civic-minded voters patiently wait to cast their ballots at Cicero's Red Bridge Park Community Center at 8:15 a.m. (TOP RIGHT & ABOVE RIGHT) The line outside the Government & Judicial Center early Tuesday morning was composed of these guys. (ABOVE LEFT) At 7:50 a.m., voters in Sheridan prepare to make their voices heard. (ABOVE CENTER) The line inside the Clubhouse at Chatham Hills in Westfield at 10:30 a.m.





Reporter photos

(ABOVE LEFT) At 9:15 a.m., voters wait at Roy G. Holland Memorial Park in Fishers. (ABOVE RIGHT) The line at Chatham Hills seemily disappeared over the horizon. (BELOW LEFT & RIGHT) Lines at the Ritz Charles in Carmel at 9:40 a.m.





Letter to the Editor —

# **Shaffer: "Reporter** stands apart"

Dear Editor:

In an age when the media are condemned, vilified, going out of business and worse, the Hamilton County Reporter stands apart.

And we, your readers, are grateful.

Saturday's paper was packed with information, duly attributed to valid sources, and hardly a page didn't contain at least one nugget for the reader to appreciate.

Congratulations to the staff for a mighty fine paper. **Bill Shaffer** 

Carmel

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# Memories—

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Photo provided by Megan Rathz Mary brought back treats from The Golden Brown Bakery, the same bakery I went to as a kid.

their own memories and, understand the traditions in our family, and appreciate

why they're sacred. I have so many memories of being dropped off at school and in the car on the way there, my folks would have The Bob & Tom Show on the radio. Half the time they had to turn it down because of a suggestive, yet hilarious, skit being too much

for my little ears at the time. Sometimes when they play older skits on the show, I wonder if any of these were ones my dad would listen to and laugh. I realize now that the voices I grew up hearing in the car on the radio on the way to school are the same voices my kids now hear as they begin their mornings. And much like my folks, I'm having to turn the radio down, so they don't hear something I don't want to explain to them later. Yes, I love The Bob & Tom Show, but I think a lot of it is the comfortable familiarity of hearing something I've heard my entire life.

There's a Van Morrison album called Avalon Sunset that my parents used to put on when I was a kid at dinner. I remember my dad would prop the CD up on the stereo and the front of the album cover was a swan in a lake. I find myself playing that same album often when we eat dinner, but instead of my dad's stereo system encased in a glass case with a door, we just tell Alexa to play it. My dad

would think we were living in the space age with Alexa.

I sit around our dining table and look at my kids eating their dinner with the same music that once played when I was their age. It gives me peace and makes me feel connected to my memories.

As we head into Thanksgiving and the holidays, I find myself reflecting on and remembering times from my childhood and wonder what memories my kids will pass on to their own families one day.

Will they make homemade noodles with their kids just like my husband does with his grandmother's recipe? Will they use turkey plates like my mom and me for their Thanksgiving spread? Will they decorate their house for Christmas early like my husband and me, or will they wait until after Thanksgiving? Will my daughter be excited to decorate her table when she hosts the holidays? Will my children be excited whenever they see a cardinal like my husband and me?

May we all make memories as we head into this holiday season that we will hold dear for years to come. May this be a time to set aside the things that divide us and enjoy the precious time we have together.

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

# **Live Music At Pasto Italiano**



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# WEST

President & CEO follows a thorough search process initiated by the Board earlier this year. The search committee not only noted his vast background in tourism and attractions, but also his energy and creativdestination marketing.

"I am honored to take on this role and look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead for Hamilton County, Indiana," West said. "Together with our talented team and our dedicated partners, we can continue to provide ex-

West's appointment as ceptional experiences for our residents and visitors, while executing exiting new initiatives that will launch us into our next phase as a destination."

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### **About Hamilton** County Tourism

Hamilton County ity for what's possible in Tourism Inc. is a nonprofit, destination management organization that promotes tourism growth through strategic marketing, hospitality, and development initiatives providing hospitality to more than five million visitors to Hamilton County each







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# Monday, November 11

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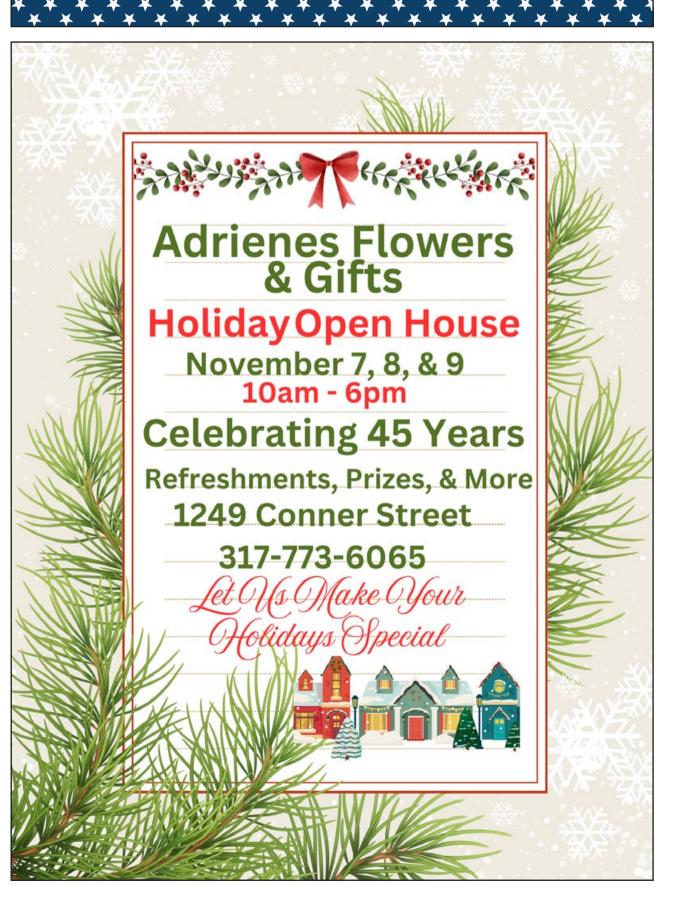
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# Police chase ends in crash on Keystone Parkway; man faces criminal charges

WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A 31-year-old man faces criminal charges after a police chase that ended with a crash that closed Keystone Parkway late Saturday night and into the early hours Sunday, police say.

Raheem David Murray remained in the Hamilton County Jail in Noblesville on Sunday afternoon.

Carmel police said in a Sunday afternoon social media post that officers had been chasing Murray until he drove onto the southbound lanes of northbound Keystone Parkway. A crash with another vehicle soon followed, and Murray fled on foot before officers caught him.

The driver of the other vehicle, who Carmel police did not publicly identify, was treated at a nearby hospital and later released.

A Carmel police deputy chief told News 8 via email that the crash started just before 10:30 p.m. Saturday on Keystone Parkway near 126th Street.

midnight Saturday from News 8's Adele Reich showed a white SUV on its side north of 116th Street. Motorists were being directed off the parkway, she said.

The social media post from Carmel police showed by published by WISH-TV small photos of what appeared to be a suitcase containing plastic bags of

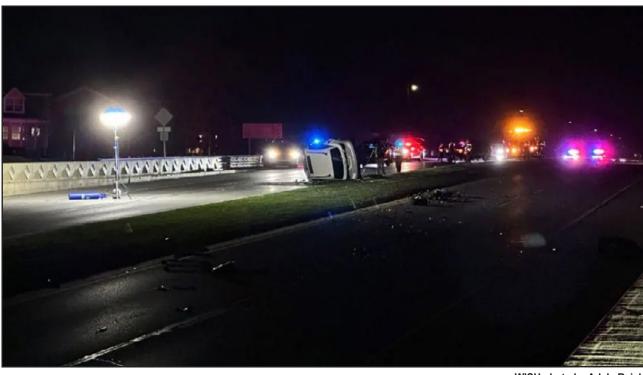
By GREGG MONTGOMERY marijuana; a firearm; and a damaged black car. Early Sunday night, Carmel police shared photos of the suitcase and the car.

> Carmel police have not revealed what led them to begin chasing Murray, or what time the crash happened.

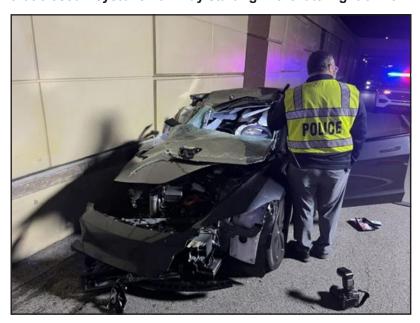
Jail records show the Indianapolis man was booked at 3:30 a.m. Sunday at the Hamilton County jail. He faces preliminary felony charges of marijuana dealing; possession of marijuana; unlawful carrying of a handgun after a felony conviction in the past 15 years; and resisting law enforcement. He also faces preliminary misdemeanor charges of driving while suspended; resisting law enforcement; reckless driving; and leaving the scene of an accident.

Online court records show an arrest warrant issued in April from Marion Superior Court 27 for Raheem David Murray. In that case, filed in February 2023, the man pleaded guilty to felony counts of unlawful carrying of a handgun after a prior felony conviction; Photos taken around and marijuana dealing. Magistrate Peggy Ryan Hart sent the man to a work release program for two years, minus 238 days he'd served in jail before he was sentenced, the records show.

This story was originalat wishtv.com/news/crimewatch-8/carmel-policechase-ends-with-crash.



A 31-year-old Indianapolis man faces criminal charges after a police chase that ended with a crash that closed Keystone Parkway starting in the late night of Nov. 2 in Carmel, police say.





Photos provided by Carmel Police Department

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# No injuries in Noblesville house fire Sunday evening

The REPORTER

Shortly before 8 p.m. Nov. 3, Noblesville Fire Department units were dispatched to a fire at a home in the 5000 block of Dunhaven Road.

The homeowners were alerted to the fire when neighbors knocked on their door and told them of smoke coming from the garage. Both occupants were able to safely evacuate the home and 911 was called.

The first fire units to arrive were met with smoke coming from the garage and eves of the building. The engine company was able to quickly enter the garage and marked the fire out a short time later.

There were no injuries to civilians, firefighters, or pets. Fire investigators have not released the cause of the fire.

NFD was assisted by Westfield Fire Department and Noblesville Police Department.







# Amy Brown named Indiana P.E. Teacher of the Year



Photo provided by Noblesville Schools Congratulations to Noble Crossing's Amy Brown on being named the Indiana Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year. She joins an elite group of several Noblesville Schools employees who have been recognized at the state and/or national level in recent years for their outstanding professional accomplishments. She was honored by the Indiana Society of Health and Physical Educators and will be a presenter at their next state conference.

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# **Veterans & Athletes United** is offering a huge

# to Fallen Heroes Memorial sponsors

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Vackar Insurance w/ Bryan Vackar Warm Glow Candle Outlet

The memorial will be on display at Cyntheanne Christian Church, 13151 Cyntheanne Road, Fishers from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 7.

Facebook.com/VetsAU

# Westfield's DORA plan receives state approval

### The REPORTER

The Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission (ATC) has officially approved the establishment of a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) for downtown Westfield, an initiative to enhance community engagement and be an economic driver for restaurants and businesses.

"We are excited that we've received DORA approval for downtown Westfield," Mayor Scott Willis said. "This initiative will foster a sense of community downtown and showcase

our local establishments. nage. It's a win-win for our residents and businesses by creating a unique outdoor experience."

The Downtown Westfield DORA, approved field DORA is in effect by the City Council earlier this year as Ordinance through Thursday from must be disposed of be-24-34, will officially be implemented in mid-January 2025. There are several steps that the city will take, including a marketing campaign promoting safe and responsible consumption, installation of boundary signage, and working with approved designated permittees for proper sig-

As part of the approved ordinance, several regulawhich include:

- The Downtown West-Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, Monday noon to 10 p.m. and Friday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- · Only specific plastic cups with the DORA logo are permitted to be used for DORA beverages.
- · A maximum of two beverages can be served at a time.
  - DORA beverages are

allowed only within the DORA boundaries.

- Exit signage is placed tions will be put in place, at the boundaries of the DORA, and DORA beverages are not permitted outside of these exit points.
  - DORA containers fore entering another bar or restaurant, including those that are Designated Permittees and those businesses displaying a "DORA beverages are not permitted" decal in the window.

For more information on the downtown Westfield DORA, visit westfield.in-

# State Comptroller honored "Woman of Influence"

### **Submitted**

Indiana State Comptroller Elise Nieshalla was honored as a 2024 Woman of Influence by the *Indiana* Business Journal, which recognizes women for achievements at high levels of leadership in business, community, public service and the arts in central In-

"What an honor to join leading women and hear their stories of great accomplishments," said Nieshalla, who was accompanied by her husband and children during the ceremony. 'These women are making their mark for the greater good of their communities, which is inspirational as I continue my work of continuous advancement in fiscal responsibility and transparency for our state."

advice for womembarking on their careers. Nieshalla of-"Enjoy fered, the season of preparation and education and the yearning for what's ahead. Relish when the

great opportunities come and be diligent in delivering value. And, as far as marriage and family life, nurture that commitment – the gift 'us." When asked about her

proudest moment in public ed, "Sharing the evidence that Indiana is in a strong fiscal position with a balanced budget and AAA credit rating – that is a privilege. But I can't just speak sharing my grave concern local tax revenues, along parency Portal.



Nieshalla

continued deficit spending at the federal level. "As the Chair to the National Debt Crisis Task

trillion debt and

financial officers, we have drafted a letter to members of Congress to be sent out soon stating our strong support for them to develop and implement a long-term

financial solvency." Since taking office last service, Nieshalla respond- December, Nieshalla remains committed to serving state and local governments by upholding the highest standards of fiscal responsibility through accurate accounting of state to those highlights without funds and distribution of

the \$35.8 with providing the State's financial data within the Indiana Transparency Portal.

> For a complete list of the IBJ Women of Influence in 2024, click here.

Elise M. Nieshalla is the Indiana State Comptroller, fulfilling the duties of Force for state the Constitutional Office of State Auditor. Comptroller Nieshalla is committed to serving our state and local governments by upholding the highest standards of fiscal responsibility in the plan to restore our nation's provision of accurate accounting and reporting of state funds, disbursement of tax revenues to local units of government, payment of Indiana's employees and vendors, administration of the state's deferred compensation plan and delivering financial information through the Indiana Trans-

# **Ascension St. Vincent YMCA** opening festivities announced

### The REPORTER

The Ascension St. Vincent YMCA in Westfield is slated to open at noon on Jan. 4, 2025, following the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Located adjacent to the existing Westfield Washington Schools natatorium on 10 acres of land donated by the Wheeler family at 874 Virginia Rose Ave., the 54,000 square-foot Ascension St. Vincent YMCA in Westfield will feature:

- Gymnasium for court
- · Free weights and cardio equipment
- Three studios offering Group Ex, Cycle, and Yoga classes
  - Indoor track
  - Teaching kitchen
- Play and Learn childcare area
- Community gathering
- Chapel/reflection room • Collegiate partnerships spaces for continuing education classes
  - Intergenerational room Grand opening festiv-



# Ascension St. Vincent the

ities at the Ascension St. Vincent YMCA in Westfield include:

- Community Job Fair (all positions), Nov. 16, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (INDYMCA. org/Hiring)
- Media Sneak Peek, Jan. 2, 9 a.m.
- Jan. 2, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Donor Appreciation Night, Jan. 3, 6 p.m. to 9
- Ribbon Cutting, Jan. 4, 11 a.m.

"In Westfield, sports, wellness and community come together in a unique way, and we are proud and privileged to be part of that story," said Gregg Hiland, President and CEO of the YMCA of Greater Indianapolis. "This new Ascension St. Vincent YMCA in Westfield will strengthen that distinctive identity and

help realize our vision of a healthier, more equitable and more connected community."

Transformative gifts for this new YMCA have already been committed from Ascension St. Vincent, the City of Westfield and the · Charter Member Day, Hamilton County commissioners. The YMCA is in the final fundraising stages for this community amenity, and naming opportunities are available.

"We are proud to support the Ascension St. Vincent YMCA in Westfield," said Kevin Speer, Senior Vice President, Ascension and Chief Executive Officer, Ascension Indiana. "Contributing to the health, fitness and well-being of all individuals is the essence of our mission. Not only for our many hospitals and medical facilities but by



supporting projects like the YMCA, which will help improve the health of the citizens of Westfield and Hamilton County."

Members who join the Ascension St. Vincent YMCA in Westfield now through opening day will not pay a join fee and enjoy charter member status for the duration of their membership. Charter Membership includes a unique Charter Member key fob, access to a special sneak peek tour on Jan. 2, a special member gift and distinct recognition on the Forever Donor Wall for any gift of \$100 and above. To join online, visit INDYMCA.org/join and for donations contact Executive Director, Shannon Russell-Marshel at srussell@indymca.org.

### WAYS TO WELLNESS: FOOD - FRIEND OR FOE?

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> AT 1:00 IN-PERSON: 1030 S. RANGELINE ROAD, CARMEL, INDIANA (OR ONLINE) \$10.00/PERSON

Is there any food that isn't "bad"? What's the best diet? Will I ever eat meat again? How about that glass of wine with

If you are like many American's, food and diets are a complete mystery for you. The good news, there's clarity and freedom beyond the clouds of confusion.

You're invited to explore an old way of thinking about food with a new approach to embracing nutritious flavors and

For more information and registration to join in-person



To register for the online <u>session</u>





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# Hamilton County Veterans Community P

### **Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations**

**ACTIVE American Legion Posts** 

Carmel Post 155 Kim Kilburn 852 West Main St Breakfast Sat & Sun 8-12 Carmel, In 46032 Treasure Hunt Fri 7p 317-846-0001 Tx Holdem Thurs & Sat 12-12 See their calendar here - https://post155.org/2024calendar

Fishers Post 470 Pat Menc 9091 E 126<sup>th</sup> St Treasure Hunt Fri 8pm \$25K Fishers, in 46038 Pool 2&4 Sa 4pm 317-842-5944 Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun 8-11 See their calendar here -

https://legion470fishers.org/site/eventscalendar.php

If you are a member of the Cicero, Sheridan, Noblesville Legions or the Carmel or Noblesville VFWs and you would like to see your Post activities in the paper, please speak at your next meeting to see if your Post would create or nominate an Outreach Coordinator to automatically send me your Post information weekly with a 14 day lead time before the event happens.

If you would like to step up in Hamilton County to assist your Military Veteran community to live a more connected and fulfilled life, please come to the Hamilton County Veteran Corp meetings the first Monday of the month 7pm at the Fishers American Legion Post 470 located at 9091 E 126th St. No annual fees, just a commitment to helping our Military Veteran community. Military, Veteran family members may also join. We are ready to make Hamilton County the leader in the country as we step into the future, caring for our Military Veteran community! Join us

### **Non-Profit Veteran Orgs**

Hamilton County Veterans Corp

P.O. Box 503

Noblesville, in 46061

secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com

Meets 7pm the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday Monthly at the Fishers American Legion. Our website

https://www.hamiltoncountyveterans.com/

has 40 pages of resources for our Military Veteran community

Navy Club Ship 29 Noblesville, In

president@hamiltoncountyveterans.com

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs 630pm at Gingers 1804 Conner St Noblesville

### **Hamilton County Veteran Service Officers**

317-776-9610 Hours – 9am-4pm Weekdays CVSO – Tom Logan

Tom.logan@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Assistant CVSO – Robin Wilson robin.wilson@hamiltoncounty.in.gov Assistant CVSO - Caroline Franz caroline.franz@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Admin Assistant – Christina Ellis christina.ellis@hamiltoncountv.in.gov

# Access to Care via the COMPACT Act

Under the COMPACT Act, veterans with acute suicidal crisis can go immediately to any VA or non-VA healthcare facility at NO COST. VA will provide, pay, or reimburse treatment, emergency suicidal care, and transportation costs for eligible veterans. Any questions about eligibility, please contact the National Eligibility Office at 877-222-8387. Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Cener 1481 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis IN 46202. Mental health services available 24/7 Main

phone: 317-554-0000 Mental health call center: 317-988-2770

**COMPACT Act Program Coordinator:** Mishelle Evans: 317-987-9026 Business hours: M F 0730-1600

### **Hamilton County Military Veteran | Activities & Events**

**ACTIVE American Legion Post & Restaurant** 

**Carmel Legion** 

M-T 3-10pm, W-Th10a-10p, F 10a-11p, Sa8-12p, Su 8a-8p. Restaurant -Breakfast Sa Su 8a-12p, Lunch W-F 11a-2p, Dinner Tu-F 5-8p

### **Fishers Legion**

M 3-10p, Tu-Su12-10pm or when empty. Restaurant Breakfast 1st & 3rd Sun 8-12, Food Served Su, Tu, W, Th, F 12-8p, Sa 12-5p

VAU Fallen Heroes Memorial Nov 7 at Cyntheanne Rd Church 13151 Cyntheanne Rd Fishers, In The Veterans & Athletes United Fallen Heroes Memorial - Nov 7, 2024



The Veterans & Athletes United Fallen Heroes Memorial will be on display at Cyntheanne Christian Church, 13151 Cyntheanne Road, Fishers, in the parking lot from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 7. This Memorial is made from 7,065 dog tags of our Fallen Heroes and they create an image of the top half of the American flag. Please come out Nov 7th to Honor, ber and pay your respects to those who gave their all for our safety and Freedom

Indianapolis Veterans Day Parade Nov 11, 11am



431 N. Meridian St. Indianapolis, IN 46204

Service: 11 A.M.

### Save the Date!

an St. The route is based around the Legion Mall and Indiana Wa

**Noblesville Veterans Day Ceremony, November 11** 



The public is invited and encouraged to attend the Veterans Day ceremony, coordinated by the American Legion Post 45 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6246 - Ralph Lehr Post, at 11am on Monday, November 11 on the west side of the courthouse square. The City of Noblesville would like to thank all Veterans for their service to our country.

Narcan Training by Hamilton County Health Dept

# NARCAN SAVES LIVES

ATTEND A FREE TRAINING SESSION HERE:

WESTFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT 17001 DITCH RD. WESTFIELD, IN 46074

> NOVEMBER 13, 2024 6:00-7:30 P.M.







Fishers Veterans Day Ceremony 11am Nov 11



The City of Fishers and Fishers Armed Services Commission invite residents to a Veterans Day Ceremony in the Fishers City Hall Theater (1 Municipal Drive) honoring our local heroes and their families. Keynote Speaker, author Doug Melville. The ceremony is free and open to the public, but registration is required due to limited seating. Register to attend here.

A live stream of the event will be broadcast on the City's Facebook.



Carmel Veterans Day Ceremony Nov 8 at 12pm



organizations, work together to host an annual Veterans Day Ceremony, a community event in honor of our veterans. The ceremony pays tribute and thanks those who served our country in order for us to enjoy the freedoms that we have today. It is at the Tarkington Theater, 3 Carte

**Carmel American Legion Veterans Day Dinner** 





# Families flock to Fall Festival for fun

**Submitted by Susan Harper** 

Legacy Christian School, Preschool Director

God blessed us with a beautiful day for the Family Fall Festival this past weekend. We had a huge crowd of more than 350 at-

Thankful for all of the community sponsors that allowed this to be a fun, free event for all of our families in the community. These pictures give you a glimpse of all the

Bethel Lutheran Church has joined with Legacy Christian School to offer preschool classes in the Educational Wing of Bethel Lutheran Church, reach out to Bethelthe church. If interested in finding out more **LutheranChurch.com**.

tendees, including adults and children of all activities and the pure joy of fellowship and about preschool classes for the upcoming play in action.

activities and the pure joy of fellowship and about preschool classes for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year, reach out to LegacyChristianSchools.org.

If interested in finding out more about

























Photos provided

# Ken boldly calls play 'perfect'

She Loves Me, the 1963 Broadway musical with a book by Joe Masteroff, music by Jerry Bock, and lyrics by Sheldon Harnick is an adaptation of the 1937 play Parfumerie

Hungarian playwright Miklós László. The show was a Tony Award nominee for Best Musical, among other categories. (Bock and Harnick won the

following year with Fiddler

*on the Roof.*) She Loves Me tells the tale of several workers in a small perfume shop whose lives turn on their relationships with each other. Co-workers Amalia and George are not very fond of each other, but thrill to their contact with their pen-pals whom they have never met. An obvious plot twist brings these two together and happiness is eventually secured.

ATI's marvelously directed and precisely performed production, is endlessly entertaining - a soaring couplet of music and comedy (Mrs. K and I agreed, we haven't laughed so much in quite a while). The cast shines in every scene as the story ranges



from humorous to thoughtful to touching.

Director Richard J Roberts, choreographer Carol Worcel and musical director Nathan Perry use every talent of every company member to great

effect. Sophie Jones and Jacob Butler are perfectly matched as Amalia Balash and Georg Nowack. Both are gifted young performers who have top level acting and vocal skills, which blossom further in their joined

Perfection appears in the other roles as well: Nathalie Cruz is delightful as Ilona Ritter, dealing with the foils and folly of Eric Olson's oily Steven Kodaly; John Vessels is hilarious (even more so than is usual!) as fellow clerk Ladislav Sipos; and Darrin Murrell is wonderful as shop-owner Mr. Maraczek. Ben Friesen adds an instantly loveable Arpad Laszlo to the mix. Brett Mutter is wildly memorable and original as The Head Waiter, spilling over with character. Finally, ensemble members Cynthia Collins, Carrie Neal, Elizabeth Akers, Terrence Lambert, and





Photos provided by ATI

Sophie Jones and Jacob Butler star in ATI's She Loves Me, on stage now through Nov. 17.

Josh Maldonado all offer fine characterizations and musical support throughout the show.

Highlights for me included any song by Ms. Jones and/or Mr. Butler, John Vessels' impressive "Perspective" and the entire cast's hectic "Twelve Days to Christmas."

Nathan Perry's solid and small orchestra is more than up to the task of this beautiful score. Brittany Kugler's costumes matched with Drew Bryson's wigs (lots and lots of wigs!) are keys to the production. And the nifty set by P Bernard Killian is uncluttered and appropriately illuminated by Dustin Drickman's light

**Bottom line:** She Loves Me is often mentioned as a "favorite show" - and I can see why this is so. The perfect (I keep using that word) structure of the story, the expressive songs, the enriching comedy all blend together to provide a surefire entertainment – and Actors Theatre of Indiana has a huge hit on their hands!

She Loves Me continues at ATI's Studio Theatre in the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel through Nov. 17. You can get information about the schedule and tickets by calling (317) 843-3800 or by logging on to atistage.org.

Read more great play reviews from A Seat on the Aisle at asota.wordpress.com.

# Do you have a **HEART for service?**

**Come join fellow Altrusans** 

on Saturday, November 16 any time from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Place: Carmel Christian Church Address: 463 E. Main St.

for coffee and light refreshments. Learn a little bit about us and the service we do throughout **Hamilton County.** 

# **Huge announcement from Actors** Theatre of Indiana: Titanic the Musical for two nights only

The REPORTER

Actors Theatre of Indiana (ATI) announces a two-night only performance of the award-winning Titanic: The Musical. This musical, with music and lyrics by Maury Yeston and a book by Peter Stone, is based on the story of the **RMS** *Ti*tanic which sank on its maiden voyage on April

Not related to the 1997 film of the same name, Titanic: The Musical Tony Awards, including Best Musical, and ran for 804 performances.

aboard the most legendary ship in the world, Titanic: The Musical is a stunning and stirring production focusing on the available by calling The the 20th Anniversary Seahopes, dreams, and aspi- Center for the Performing son.

rations of her passengers who each boarded with stories and personal ambitions of their own.

All innocently unaware of the fate awaiting them, the Third-Class immigrants dream of a better life in America, the Second Class imagine they too can join the lifestyles of the rich and famous, whilst the millionaire Barons of the First Class anticipate legacies lasting forever.

Titanic: The Musical will be performed at The opened on Broadway on Palladium at the Allied April 23, 1997; it won five Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in collaboration with the Carmel Symphony Orches-Based on real people tra and Indianapolis Arts Arts Box Office at (317) Chorale in Carmel for two nights only: June 20 ATIstage.org. The folks and 21, 2025.



843-3800 or by visiting at ATI can't wait to see Tickets for *Titanic* are you soon to be a part of



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### **NOVEMBER 16 | 7:30 PM**

### AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

The Palladium at the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts CELEBRATING AMERICAN LIFE AND MUSIC

Scan the QR codes, visit CarmelSymphony.org, or contact the Fifth Third Bank Box Office at (317)843-3800 for tickets.



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# Don't get tricked by flawed products this fall

Rokita warns consumers about products recalled in October

### The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers to important consumer protection concerns for products recalled in October. His office is encouraging consumers to take advantage of opportunities available to them to return, fix, dispose, return or replace a purchased recalled item that could be harmful to their families.

"Halloween may be over, but recalled products are still scary for your family," Attorney General Rokita said. "Don't get tricked into using a flawed product that could put your family in danger. Stop using recalled items immediately and pursue resolution from the manufacturer.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following consumer products were recalled in October:

 Sanven Technology Recalls Vevor Baby Gates Due to Entrapment Hazard; Violation of Federal Regulations for Gates and Enclosures

 Manhattan Comfort Floating Wall Entertainment Centers and Panels Due to

Injury Hazard

Harbor Freight Tools Recalls Bauer 4-Gallon Battery-Pow-Backpack Sprayers Due to Fire Hazard

• Humane Recalls Charge Case Accessory for Ai Pin Due to Lithium Battery Fire Hazard

• HALO Recalls Tumblers with Metal Straws Due to Laceration Hazard; Sold Exclusively at Wawa

· Polaris Industries Recalls Ranger XP Kinetic Recreational Off-Road Vehicles (ROVs) Due to Fire and Crash Hazards

• Ricky Powersports Recalls Youth and Adult All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death and Violation of Federal ATV Safety Regula-

• PowerBlock Recalls Commercial Pro 100 Weight Droyd Multi-Purpose Hel-Sets Sold with 5 lb Grip Handles Due to Impact Injury Hazard

CFMOTO Recalls All-Terrain Vehicles Due to Crash Hazards



Rokita

Recall of Arctic Cat and Tracker Side by Side Recreational Off Highway Vehicles Due to Crash Haz-

· Colsen Recalls Fire Pits Due to Risk of Serious Burn Injury from Flame Jet-

• Anker Power Banks Recalled Due to Fire and Burn Hazards; Manufactured by Anker Innovations

ting and Fire Spreading Haz-

· Oliva Cigars Recalls Cigar Slim Lighters Due to Missing Child Safety Feature, Posing Burn and Fire Hazards; Violations of Federal Regulations for Cigarette Lighters

• Fisher-Price Recalls More than 2 Million Snuga Infant Swings Due to Suffocation Hazard After 5 Deaths Reported

• Reyhee Group Recalls mets Due to Risk of Head Injury; Violation of Federal Regulations for Bicycle Hel-

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Vehicles Expands rain Vehicles (ATVs) Due to Laceration Hazard; Violation of Federal Regulations for ATVs

> • Homewerks Worldwide Recalls Allen + Roth Lighted Bathroom Mirrors Due to Injury and Laceration Hazards; Sold Exclusively at

> • Gimars Playpens Recalled Due to Entrapment and Suffocation Hazards; Violation of Federal Regulations for Play Yards; Imported by Shenzhen Jingdu Technology and Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com

• NPW Group Recalls Halloween Projector Flashlights Due to Fire and Burn Hazards; Sold Exclusively at

If you recently purchased a recalled product, stop using it and check its recall notice. Then follow the notice's instructions, including where to return the product, how to get the product fixed, how to dispose of the product, how to receive a refund for the product, or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.

For more details and to see recalls issued prior to October, visit CPSC.gov/



# **NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS Board Highlights**

Oct. 29, 2024 Meeting

### **Submitted by Noblesville Schools**

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

 Noblesville West Middle School golf, football, volleyball and cross country students were recognized by the board for their Hamilton County championships.

• Hinkle Creek Elementary presented on a variety of clubs they offer including robotics, running, and announcements. Their Cougar Choir performed, and student Sam Abbott was highlighted for his \$24,000 lemonade stand donation to Fueled for School.

• An updated contract for the superintendent was

 Noblesville High School courses were approved as part of a new partnership with Indiana University Kokomo

• The 2025 budget was adopted.

• The district's new strategic plan was approved. Go to noblesvilleschools.org/leadership/school-board for meeting agendas, minutes, videos, and more.

Thanks for reading!

# Nominate local teachers for top agricultural educator award

Nationwide's Golden Owl Award honors extraordinary agricultural educators across 13 states

### **Submitted**

Agriculture educators play a crucial role within their communities by investing countless hours to prepare and empower students for successful careers in the industry.

In recognition of their invaluable contributions and to offer additional resources for their programs, Nationwide introduced the Golden Owl Award in 2018.

Since its inception, the Golden Owl Award has awarded nearly half a mil-

3,500 nominations across 11 participating states. Due to its positive impact and popularity, the award is expanding this year to include Kentucky and Maryland.

educa-

"Agricultural

tors are so much more than teachers; they're community servants who are shaping the leaders of tomorrow," said Brad Liggett, president of Agribusiness at Nationwide. "Together with

Indiana FFA is now accepting nominations for Indiana's top agricultural teachers for a chance to be named as the Ag Educator of the Year. Nominate any Indiana agriculture educator for the 2024-2025 Golden Owl Award from Nov. 1 through Dec. 31. Nominations can be submitted at this link.

our partners, we encourage period closes on Dec. 31, students, parents, fellow a selection committee will lion dollars to support teach- teachers and other commu- evaluate nominations and ers, students, school agricul- nity members to nominate select eight finalists in Inditural programs and FFAs. their agricultural teachers ana. These finalists will be

Last year, there were over to acknowledge their hard recognized in front of their This year, the award propeers and students, receiving a personalized plaque and \$500 award. One finalist will then be chosen as the grand prize winner, earning the 2024-2025 Ag Educator of the Year title for Indiana, along with the coveted Golden Owl Award trophy and an additional \$3,000 to help fund future educational

> The 2023-2024 Golden After the nomination Owl Award recognized 79

gram will recognize leading agricultural teachers across 13 states: California, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and South Dakota.

Nationwide is committed to supporting the future of the ag community through meaningful sponsorships of national and local organizations. In conjunction with exceptional agricultural the Golden Owl Award, Nateachers, including 11 Ag tionwide is donating \$5,000 Educators of the Year, to each participating state's GoldenOwlAward.com.

FFA, including the Indiana FFA, to further support the personal and professional growth of students, teachers and advisors alike.

The owl, a symbol of knowledge and wisdom, is one of the five symbols in the FFA emblem. It inspired the name of the Golden Owl Award program, reflecting the dedication and investment agriculture teachers make to empower their stu-

To learn more about the Golden Owl Award, visit





# Weather is unpredictable ... Paul Poteet isn't. Your Hometown Weatherman!



### **Donald Frank Hardesty**

April 6, 1931 – November 1, 2024

Donald Frank Hardesty, 93, Noblesville, went to the





Lord on November 1, 2024.

Don was born on April 6, 1931, to Frank and Helen (Bleuler) Hardesty in Massillon, Ohio. He had one sister, Doris Mae Browarsky (deceased). He graduated from Washington High School in Massillon in 1949 and from George Williams College in Chicago in 1954, where he studied for work in the YMCA. After graduation, Don served in the Army Security Agency during the Korean War from 1954 to

When he returned from Korea, he married Elizabeth "Betty" Casper of Chicago on June 16, 1956. Together they have three children: Jody (Daniel) Metzelfeld, Donna (David) Mazanowski, and Todd (Kim) Hardesty. They also have 13 grandchildren: Daniel, Melissa, Steven, and Elizabeth (Craig Shelton) Metzelfeld; Catherine (Michael Roth), David (Kyra), Jacob (Samantha), Christina (Michiel Driessen), Isabel (Matthew Armstrong), Alexander, and Joshua Mazanowski; and Louie and Samantha Hardesty. What brought Don joy most recently in his life were seeing his 11 young great-grandchildren: Mila, Carter, Roman, Oliver, Griffin, Titus, Brayden, Peyton, Mateo, Georgia, and Evie.

Don's philosophy in life, based on his favorite scripture in Romans 12 regarding personal responsibility, was "Make yourself more useful!" He made himself very useful in his faith and church, family, career, sports, and gardening, which were his greatest passions in life.

Since 1996, Don had been an active member of the Emmanuel United Methodist Church of Noblesville, where he served for many years as a leader of The Men's Group and he taught an adult Sunday school class. He recruited (with clipboard in hand!) many volunteers for Fish Fry and Spaghetti Dinners, and he kept the church storage areas incredibly organized.

He had a loving, committed 68 years of marriage to Betty – a marriage worth admiring and emulating. He loved having fun and meaningful times with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, which included holding the babies, training in sports, playing games, lots of teasing, and talking to them and writing meaningful letters to them about important things in life.

For 27 years, he had a successful career as Physical Director, Program Director, and Executive Director for various YMCAs in Ohio, Illinois, and Wisconsin.

Don was an avid and successful athlete, and he worked hard to become excellent in each of the many sports he played. He was a proud member of George William's National College Championship Volleyball team in 1952. Golf ultimately became his favorite sport, and he had served as President on the Indiana State Senior Golf Association. He and Betty enjoyed many years of bowling together in the Noblesville Senior Bowling League.

Don was also an avid gardener. In his younger years, he had beautiful and bountiful summer vegetable gardens and lush flowerbeds. He made himself more useful by becoming a self-taught master gardener.

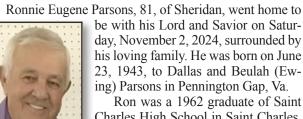
A Memorial Service/Celebration of Life will be at 4 p.m. Thursday, November 21, at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 16000 Cumberland Road, Noblesville. Visiting with the family and a meal at the church will follow

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in memory of Don to Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Noblesville.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

### **Ronnie Eugene Parsons**

June 23, 1943 – November 2, 2024



Charles High School in Saint Charles, Va. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War as a paratrooper and arsenal specialist. Ron was a dedicated UAW member of Ford Motor Company for 31 years as a machine operator. He was a devoted member of New Light Christian Cen-

ter of Noblesville under Pastor Mike Risden Ron loved to spend time with his family and friends.

His hobbies were golfing, fishing, watching NASCAR races and watching football and baseball. But, most of all he loved talking to friends and even strangers about the Lord and their salvation. He was a born-again Christian with a strong faith in God. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Parsons; daughter,

Rhonda (Greg) Evans; son, Tony (Lisa Michelle) Parsons; grandson, Michael Mossburg; eight step-grandchildren; numerous step-grandchildren; one step-great-grandchild; sisters, Trevia Roller, Ennine Rode, and Sherri (Steve) Varney; brothers, Alvin (Thea) Parsons, Hershel Parsons, and Joe (Lisa) Parsons; several nieces, nephews, cousins, and other loving family members; and his loyal kittens, Zara and Thomas.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Herman Parsons, David Parsons, and Tony Parsons; sister, Geraldine Parsons; nephew, Randy Parsons; aunt and "second mother," Levy Mae Ewing; and beloved companion dog, Gizmo.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, November 9, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with Pastor Michael W. Risden, Pastor Alfred Parks, and Pastor David Blythe officiating. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Raised by Heros will lead the procession to the burial at Spencer Cemetery in Sheridan.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hamilton Crossing Animal Hospital, 3101 E. State Road 32, Westfield, IN 46074.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

### 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 500 words. The limitations of space may not allow for longer ones to appear in print. Families and funeral homes are asked to

send obituaries to obits@ReadTheReporter.com

# TODAY'S BIBLE READING

LAWS OF JUSTICE AND MERCY

"Do not deny justice to your poor people in their lawsuits. Have nothing to do with a false charge and do not put an innocent or honest person to death, for I will not acquit the guilty.

"Do not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds those who see and twists the words of the innocent.

"Do not oppress a foreigner; you yourselves know how it feels to be foreigners, because you were foreigners in Egypt.

Exodus 23:6-9 (NIV)

### Mary Imogene Wooten February 12, 1939 - November 1, 2024



Mary Imogene Wooten, 85, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, November 1, 2024. She was born on February 12, 1939, to Nun and Anna (Hammonds) Brown in Jamestown, Ky. She was raised by her loving grandparents and had wonderful memories of them.

For 27 years, Mary worked for Fred's Frozen Foods, and then worked for Burco-Molding in Noblesville. She enjoyed listening to Gospel re-

cords, watching horse races, and traveling with her sisters. Mary was a friend to everyone she came in contact with. She loved spending time with her grandchildren when they were young. Mary had a hard life, but she was very strong and independent because of it. She was a believer in God and believed He got her through the tough times.

Mary is survived by her son, Forest H. (Daina) Wooten, Jr.; sisters, Linda McDaniels, Louise Glover, Karen (Charles) Brann, and Sharon (Larry) McFarland; brothers, Phil (Barbara) Groce and Jack (Ceci) Groce; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Nun Brown; mother, Anna Brown Groce; husband, Forest H. Wooten, Sr.; siblings, James Brown, Billy Brown, Jeanette Dishman, Bill Groce, and Leona Groce; and her step-siblings, Geneva Lowe, Nellie Hammond, Herman Groce, Alva Groce, Kenny Groce, Elwood Groce, and Clifford Groce.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with services at 1 p.m., on Friday, November 8, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

### **Meeting Notices**

The Sheridan Public Library Board of Trustees will hold its regular monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11, 2024, at the library, located at 103 W.

Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees will meet for a work session at 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024, in Conference Room 1 at Sheridan High School, 24185 Hinesley Road

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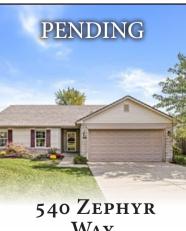
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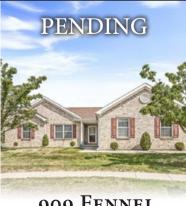
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### Girls Basketball



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Hamilton Heights' Kate Brown scored eight points for the Huskies during their season-opening game with Danville on Tuesday.

# Huskies in rebuilding mode with new coach, many new players

By RICHIE HALL

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**ARCADIA** – Things are different this year for the Hamilton Heights girls basketball team.

With a new coach and many new players on the team, including a few that are brand new to varsity basketball, the Huskies are in rebuilding mode. Heights putting pressure on us and also had to contend with a we struggled a little bit, obvery good team for its season opener Tuesday, taking on Danville, which brought back some players from the Warriors' semi-state qualifying squad last season.

Danville took it to the Huskies early, rolling to a 74-19 victory at the Huskies gym. It was a tough start, but first-year coach Erin Trimpe called it "a learning process."

"We're young and we are low in numbers and everybody's having to step into new roles and find ways to adjust," said

Trimpe. The Warriors scored the first seven points of the game. Heights came back with five points, starting with two free throws from Presley Cherry and a 3-pointer from Katie Brown, the lone varsity returner from last season.

the quarter on a 12-0 run to lead 19-5. The Warriors extended their lead to 35-12 at halftime; Brown added five more points for Heights, including another 3.

Danville blasted through the third quarter, outscoring the Huskies 27-7, then shut them out in the fourth quarter by a 12-0 margin.

"They did a great job of viously" said Trimpe. "A lot of turnovers, which just sets them up for easy baskets.'

Brown scored eight points, while Cherry had seven points. A bright spot was freshman Sarah Sherrill, who scored four points, making one basket in both the second and third quarters. Brown and Sherrill both collected four rebounds

"We've got three girls out right now who would probably be starters for us, who have a little bit more experience," said Trimpe. The coach said that practices are focusing on "a lot of fundamentals. It's a lot of just the basics of basketball and trying to get them familiar with the speed of the game, the physicality of the game.

But Danville finished See Rebuild ... Page 13



Reporter photo by Richie Hall Reece Blanton had two rebounds for the Huskies.

DANIVILLE 74	LIAMILTAN LEIGHTS 10

	Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF	
	Katie Brown	3-7	0-0	8	1	
	Presley Cherry	1-6	4-4	7	0	
	Reece Blanton	0-0	0-2	0	1	
	Addison Gilmore	0-0	0-0	0	0	
	Sarah Sherrill	2-2	0-0	4	2	
	Abil Hilfiker	0-0	0-0	0	1	
	Vivian Rowland	0-1	0-0	0	0	
	Totals	6-16	4-6	19	5	
Score by Quarters						
	Danville	19	16	27	12 - 74	
	Heights	5	7	7	0 - 19	
	Heights 3-point shooting (3-10) Brown 2-4, Cherry 1-6.					
Heights rebounds (13) Brown 4, Sherrill 4, Hilfiker 2, Blanton 2,					,	
	Cherry 1.					

# win in season open The Westfield girls bas-

Rocks get strong

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ketball team opened its season with a 51-41 win Tuesday at North Central.

The Shamrocks got going early, taking a 14-7 lead after the first quarter. Sam Price scored eight points, while Lindsey Van Dyke drained two 3-pointers. Westfield stayed in front urday.

23-19 at halftime and 35-32 after three periods, then pulled away with 16 points in the fourth quarter.

Price scored six points in the fourth and finished with 20 points for the game. Aubrey Crockett and MaKayla Hatcher each totaled nine points.

The Shamrocks host Pendleton Heights on Sat-

WESTFIELD 51, NORTH CENTRAL 41					
Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF	
Meg Hamilton	2	0-0	5	4	
Aubrey Crockett	3	2-6	9	2	
MaKayla Hatcher	3	3-4	9	4	
Lindsey Van Dyke	2	2-2	8	1	
Sam Price	10	0-3	20	3	
Gracie Czubik	0	0-0	0	0	
Olivia Murray	0	0-0	0	1	
Kate Roh	0	0-0	0	0	
Audra Parker	0	0-0	0	1	
Totals	20	7-15	51	16	
Score by Quarters					
Westfield	14	9	12	16 – 51	
North Central	7	12	13	9 – 41	
Westfield 3-pointers (4) Van Dyke 2, Hamilton, Crockett.					

# IBCA girls basketball poll - Week of Nov. 3

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Below are results of the IBCA girls' basketball preseason poll for the 2024-25 season.

The IBCA poll is a "nonclass" poll, where teams are voted to a Top 20 regardless of school classification.

There are 22 panelists who vote for the poll – one voter each from the 16 regionals and six at-large voters (two each from IH-SAA Districts 1, 2 and 3), including committee chairman Doug Springer of Northridge as a District 1 atlarge voter.

Other committee panelists include Kristi Ulrich of Penn, Kelsey Steele of ville in District 3. Westfield, Curt Benge of Plainfield and Tyler Choate of Evansville North in Class 4A; Chris Tomcsi of Griffith, Eric Thornton of Norwell, Kaley May of Danville and Adam Dennis of Madison in Class 2025.

3A; Tony Scheub of Andrean, Jaidlin Bradshaw of Sheridan, Mark Harper of Parke Heritage and Jared Petersen of Austin in Class 2A; and Katie Collignon of Marquette Catholic, Ryan Chiddister of Union (Modoc), Jason West of Southwestern (Shelby) and Marty Niehaus of Springs Valley in Class A.

The at-large committee members are Springer and Rod Parker of Homestead in District 1, Stacy Mitchell of Warren Central and Dee-Ann Ramey of North Central in District 2, and Kevin Moore of East Central and Taylor Sykes of Jefferson-

The final poll for the season will be on Feb. 2, 2025, the Sunday following the completion of regular-season games.

IHSAA sectional games are scheduled Feb. 4-8,

Rank	School	<b>Points</b>	Record
1	Lawrence Central (20)	438	30-1
2	Hamilton Southeastern (2)	412	21-14
3	Homestead	380	23-5
4	Lawrence North	332	18-6
5	Center Grove	320	27-2
6	McCutcheon	267	21-5
7	Franklin Central	251	15-9
8	Fishers	248	17-7
9	Plainfield	233	18-8
10	Northridge	221	24-4
11	Noblesville	190	18-9
12	Warsaw	177	14-8
13	Brownsburg	167	13-12
14	Columbia City	137	22-3
15	Greensburg	92	21-5
16	Gibson Southern	87	26-4
T17	Silver Creek	74	18-5
T17	South Bend Washington	74	19-5
19	Valparaiso	72	19-8
20	Carmel	63	11-12

First place votes are in parentheses.

# Other schools receiving votes

Bedford North Lawrence (20-5), Borden (20-5), Carroll-Fort Wayne (9-15), Chesterton (16-8), Elkhart (13-10), Evansville Memorial (20-4), Fort Wayne Snider (22-3), Franklin Community (24-4), Hamilton Heights (24-3), Hammond Central (19-6), Indian Creek (21-5), Indianapolis Attucks (10-11), Indianapolis Chatard (19-9), Jeffersonville (13-10), Jennings County (23-4), Lake Central (26-5), Lanesville (29-1), Marquette Catholic (24-5), North Knox (25-2), Norwell (23-5), Pendleton Heights (15-10), Pike (12-15), Rensselaer Central (22-2), Scottsburg (22-5), South Knox (23-2), Washington (22-5), Westfield (13-10), Zionsville (16-7).

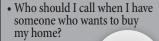
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Boys Tennis

# County players flood **IHSTeCA All-State teams**

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Several Hamilton County boys tennis players were named to the 2024 Indiana High School Tennis Coaches Association's All-State teams

Three local doubles teams were named to the First Team Doubles. They are the Carmel duo of senior Michael Bao and sophomore Grant Mu, this year's individual doubles state runners-up. Guerin Catholic's team of senior Rhys Garrison and junior David Cacchillo weas also named First Team, along with the Hamilton Southeastern team of senior Tyler Rich and junior Landon Osswald, who were individual state semifinalists.

Carmel junior Wes Worobel and Westfield junior Parker Paramoure were both named to the Second Team Singles, while the Noblesville doubles team of senior Jack Brenneman and junior Dane Campbell was named to Second Team

The following players were named Honorable Phillips and freshman Jack



The Hamilton Southeastern doubles team of senior Tyler Rich and junior Landon Osswald were one of three local teams to be named to the Indiana High School Tennis Coaches Association's All-State First Team Doubles.

Carmel juniors Andrew eastern seniors Alex Piercy Mention Team Doubles: Fishers seniors Aidan Foley and Gavin Conrad, Guerin Catholic sophomore Charlie Stoecker.

Kim and Vishal Shankar, and Leo McVeigh and sophomore Brady Stump, and Westfield freshman Luke

Mention Team Singles: Tiplick, Hamilton South- were named Honorable Hostetter.

the Carmel duo of senior Venkata Sanjith Boddu and Rajeev Singh, and the Westfield team of se-Two doubles teams niors Parker Gibbs and Jay

# Corsaro dominates debut at IU Indy, Jaguars put up 100 points in first game

By ANGELA MORYAN WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A new era of Jaguars basketball began Tuesday, and it came with a load, dominant roar.

Not only do the Jags have a new name, as the university transitions from IUPUI to IU Indianapolis. They have a new head coach in Paul Corsaro.

Corsaro started off his career as a Division I head coach with a bang, beating IU Columbus 100-44. Four Jaguars scored in double figures as 12 total players contributed to the 100 points.

"I'm really proud of this group," Corsaro said

postgame. "It's always also tipped off the entire and getting kills. That was good to get a win. It's our NCAA Division I basketfirst win as a team and it's IU Indy's first win as a 11 a.m. start, and they gave rebranded basketball pro- basketball fans everywhere gram, so that's really really a reason to be excited at special."

Craig led the way with a 16-point, 11-rebound double-double as he returned for his third year with the Jaguars. Former Fishers Tigers standout and IHSAA state champion Keenan Garner made his collegiate debut with a double-double of his own. The freshman finished 11 points and 13 boards, shooting 4-of-8 from the what we were focused on

ball season with an early the sports' return. IU Indy Indianapolis native joined Junior forward Sean launched out the gate, lead- IU Indy this offseason ing 48-21 at halftime. The Jaguars backed that up by shooting 54 percent from the floor in the second half.

"It was tremendous," graduate transfer Jarvis Walker said postgame. "Coach has been harping on all us week to coming at it from the start - coming out and hitting teams in the mouth, and so that's defense. Not so much The Jaguars first game offense, but getting stops

something that was on our mind coming into it."

Corsaro certainly made a statement in his first game with the Jaguars. The after four successful seasons with the University of Indianapolis Greyhounds.

Next up, IU Indy travels to the Big East's Xavier Friday night. That game tips off at 6 p.m. and will be broadcasted nationally

on FS1. This story originally appeared on WISH-TV at wishtv.com/sports/corsaro-dominates-debut-at-iuindy-jaguars-put-up-100points-in-first-game.

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game, you can't prepare for it. And so I think this was an eye-opening experience for them, but it is something that we're going to see first road game on Thursquite often. We have a great schedule and we play very Heights.

"But until you see it in a good teams, and so for us, it's about adjusting to that and continuing to prepare them in practice."

The Huskies play their day, traveling to Pendleton

# SPORTS SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, Nov. 6

GIRLS BASKETBALL Fishers at Ben Davis, 7:30 p.m. GIRLS WRESTLING Hamilton Heights at Elwood, 6 p.m.

### Thursday, Nov. 7 GIRLS BASKETBALL

Sheridan at Bethesda Christian, 6 p.m. Hamilton Heights at Pendleton Heights, 7:30 p.m. Lawrence Central at Carmel, 7:30 p.m. Lawrence North at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.

## Friday, Nov. 8

**FOOTBALL** 

Sectional 3 championship Zionsville at Westfield, 7 p.m. Sectional 4 championship Fishers at Hamilton Southeastern, 7 p.m. Sectional 29 championship Guerin Catholic at Tri-West, 7 p.m Sectional 46 championship Cloverdale at Sheridan, 7 p.m

### Saturday, Nov. 9

**GIRLS BASKETBALL** 

Ben Davis at Hamilton Southeastern, 12:30 p.m. Greenwood Christian Academy at Guerin Catholic, 12:30 p.m. University at Lafayette Jefferson, 1 p.m. Evansville Central at Carmel, 1:30 p.m. Pendleton Heights at Westfield, 1:30 p.m. Avon at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m. Center Grove at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.

**GIRLS WRESTLING** 

Hamilton Heights, Noblesville at New Palestine Invitational, 8:30 a.m. Hamilton Southeastern, Sheridan at Alexandria Tournament, 9 a.m.

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