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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Showers, mainly in the morning.
 Wind gusts to 25 mph.
 Tonight: Mostly cloudy.

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Westfield Spanish teacher named Indiana Teacher of the Year

By **REYNA REVELLE**
 WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Jen Hasler-Troutman, dedicated to inspiring a passion for Spanish and Hispanic cultures, is the recipient of a prestigious honor, Indiana Teacher of the Year.

Her innovative teaching and genuine care for students have made her a guiding light in the Westfield community.

"I do consider myself fortunate to have received this now to get a chance to talk with people like you about the importance of language learning and culture learning and having more of a global awareness and interacting with people that may not have the same experience as you," said the Spanish teacher at Westfield High School.

The Indiana Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese selected Hasler-Troutman for the honor. The association says her ability to create a dynamic and engaging classroom environment has earned her the admiration of both her colleagues and the administration.

Mayah Lopez, a Westfield senior, said, "I'd say a large way that she's helped me to appreciate Spanish and Spanish culture is teach us about the actual culture. Many times in my past Spanish classes, we would just learn the language, but not much about the different cultures, and she does very well in making sure that we understand what life is like in different countries."

Content Area Director of World Languages Stacey O'Brien said, "I think one of the things that I love most about Jen Hasler-Troutman is her dedication to seeing where language can take people. She has kept in touch with students for decades and has seen their language learning journey take them farther in real life. They come back as guest speakers and share with our younger students that learning a language isn't just about gaining a credit, it's a way to connect with people around the world."

Hasler-Troutman has been a driving force for the school's World Language Department, sharing her three decades of



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expertise and mentoring fellow teachers beyond the classroom. Her willingness to collaborate has made her a respected leader among her peers and students.

"I think one of the keys is building connections among the students," Hasler-Troutman said. "I want to have connections with my students too, but sometimes if I'm approaching them, they get really quiet because they are afraid to make a mistake in front of me. But, with each other, they

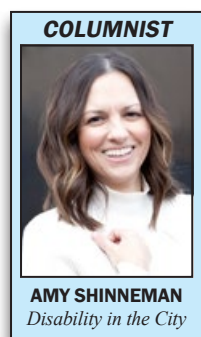
jump in and give it a try and use their Spanish."

Westfield High School achieved a 100-percent pass rate in AP Spanish Literature and Culture the last three years. Hasler-Troutman's colleagues and community eagerly await to see what her inspirational teaching style will bring next Westfield High School.

"One of the things that we talk about quite a bit is getting

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If you are interested in learning how things work daily from a perspective of someone who is disabled, I think this may help you understand a little bit more. I personally love hearing about how others go about their lives. I find it interesting to learn how people cope with their hardships in life. That gives me a better understanding of them as a person.



AMY SHINNEMAN
 Disability in the City

6 a.m.

There is not a day that goes by that my strength, and what I will have to do during my day on such limited strength does not cross my mind within a few seconds of opening my eyes. *I can do this, right?* I think to myself. Being able to rise is a gift. Sitting up in bed is always a challenge for me, especially as I am just getting going. I take my first step of the day, and I often think of a baby giraffe taking its first steps for some reason. Teetering on my weak legs and trying to steady myself between the wall and the bed. As the years go by, it gets harder and harder.

As I find my way to the coffee pot, I know which walls and furniture I can hold on to get there. I often count my steps when I walk. It helps me focus. Losing my train of thought when walking often causes me to stumble.

6:45 a.m.

After I have had my coffee, I make my way to change for my daily workout. By this point, my walking feels a little less baby giraffe and more just like walking with heavy weights on my body. Often, my workouts happen in the pool. I have learned to not even let excuses creep in my head. It is non-negotiable.

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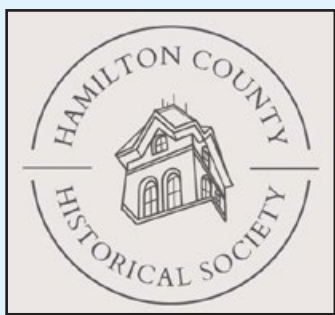
Hamilton County Historical Society sets annual meeting for Dec. 1

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Historical Society, based out of the Sheriff's Residence and Jail Museum on the square in Noblesville, invites its members and the public to their Annual Meeting and reception at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1. The meeting will take place at the First Presbyterian Church, 1207 E. Conner St., Noblesville.

After a short business meeting detailing this year's accomplishments and next

year's goals, a board election will be held. Then, a program will be given by Kent Yeager, Board President of the Indiana Barn Foundation. Light refreshments will be served while attendees learn about styles, characteristics, and significance of Indiana historic barns. Yeager will



also discuss potential methods of preservation.

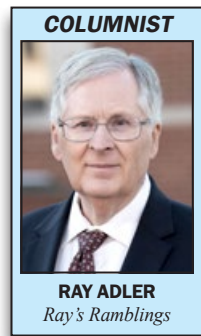
If you are interested in getting more involved with history in Hamilton County, this is the place to be. The Historical Society is always looking for more members and folks interested in committees or volunteering.

Attendees are encouraged to give a "pay what you can" freewill donation as an entrance fee at the door through cash, check, or credit card. Membership renewals for 2024 and 2025 will be discounted for current members, and if an attendee wants to become a member, special prices will be available.

If you would like to RSVP, please contact the museum at info@hamiltoncoinhs.com or call (317) 770-0775.

Cupboard

January 5, 1985
 - Another of mom's stories on her giving things away. (She always said that to be sure the person gets what you want them to have, be sure and give it to them while you are alive and can see it has happened. My folks did that.)



RAY ADLER
 Ray's Ramblings

A few years after we were married, Dad's folks got new kitchen linoleum and a cabinet. They put the old small cabinet in their basement and gave us the top half of the cupboard to use in our basement. The bottom half of the cupboard went to Dorothy I. in Ft. Wayne.

In her new house Dorothy I. wanted a cupboard, so Dad suggested putting the old one back together. Our piece needed a lot of fixing which Dad did & gave it to her one birthday. Gram lived here (1974-1980). Dorothy I. had it all refinished & it is beautiful.

Blue vase, white flowers wedding gifts from Bob & Thelma Brown

Thimbles - To Theresa, Large, bent, many holes, belonged to my Grandmother Melinda Jane Howard. She died 1935.

Sterling Silver - My mother gave to her niece Vera Elizabeth Howard who died when I was 7 or 8. Aunt Dora gave the thimble to me. (Probably because it was small & so were my fingers)

Sterling Silver - purchased at antique shop in Plum Tree. Star on inside & size 9 brass thimble-belonged to Verna Howard.

Bent thimble probably steel. I gave to Gram when she lived here as she had lost hers. She mashed it so it would stay on her finger.

The aluminum one with streak of red is one Theresa Mae used.

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Carmel Clay Parks earns Excellence in Resource Improvement Award for River Heritage Park

The REPORTER

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) received the Excellence in Resource Improvement Award at this year's Indiana Park and Recreation Association (IPRA) state conference.

This award recognizes a park and recreation agency for its exceptional management of an existing park, trail, natural area, recreation, or aquatic facility.

CCPR received the award for its accessible and sustainable design of River Heritage Park. Working closely with Weihe Engineers and United Construction Services, CCPR installed over a mile of new, universally accessible nature

trails through 30 acres of underutilized wooded property along the White River. The project required careful planning to ensure the proposed trail was designed using Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards and limit the ecological impact on the wetland forest.

"We are honored to accept the Excellence in Resource Improvement Award,"

CCPR Director & CEO Michael Klitzing said. "CCPR is dedicated to incorporating inclusive and sustainable design elements in all our parks."

In June 2001, River Heritage Park was dedicated as "Everyone's Playground." A park where individuals of all abilities



Klitzing



Photo provided by CCPR

could play and explore. This sparked CCPR's focus on making accessibility the standard for all parks and utilizing Universal Design, which ensures spaces are intentionally designed for accessibility. When River Heritage Park was reimagined in 2022, CCPR equipped the park

with a new, wheelchair accessible, inclusive playground and a looping 0.75-mile immersive nature trail that is wheelchair friendly and overlooks the White River.

Visit River Heritage Park, 11813 River Road, and explore all it has to offer.

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Hamilton County Health Department to hold vaping webinar

Experts will offer tips & resources for identifying vape use in teens

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Health Department and Breathe Easy Hamilton County will cohost a free educational webinar for parents on the topic of vaping at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20.

Vaping has become a pressing concern among youth, with e-cigarettes being the most widely used tobacco product among teens and pre-teens. Unlike traditional smoking, the electronic devices produce a vapor that contains nicotine, flavorings, and other chemicals.

"Vaping can cause nicotine addiction, disrupt brain development, and increase the likelihood of mood disorders and respiratory issues," said Jim Ginder, Health Education Specialist

at the Hamilton County Health Department. "And oftentimes, parents have no idea their child is even doing it."

"Parents play a critical role in prevention," said Stacy Collins, Executive Director of Breathe Easy Hamilton County. "We want to equip them with the knowledge they need to easily identify whether or not their child is vaping and offer them tips for talking to teens about it."

Registration for the webinar is free. Those interested in attending can register at tinyurl.com/teenvapewebinar.



Ginder



Collins



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TEACHER

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training for AP so we can also be able to teach AP classes," Hasler-Troutman said. "I still have a few more years in the career, but I would like to prepare others to carry on what we've start-

ed here. I think it's pretty cool to be able to work with younger and newer teachers and help them find their way to professional development that will help learn and grow. Ultimately, leading more

students to learn and grow." This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/education/spanish-teacher-at-westfield-high-named-indiana-teacher-of-the-year.

DAY

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8 a.m.

Head to the shower, which is another feat of physical strength. It takes great energy to shower, dress and put shoes on. Shoes are my nemesis!

9 a.m.

I do my errands such as grocery shopping, doctor appointments, or whatever else needs to be done outside the home. The main thing I have to check before venturing out on my own is the wind speed. I know, this may seem silly. If it is over 10 mph, I cannot go out on my own. It takes the smallest of things to knock me off balance and I fall. I cannot express enough the deep concentration it takes just to walk into a store. The last thing I want is a public fall. I value my independence, so I try to choose wisely so I can keep it.

11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

During this long span of time is when I do my writing for my freelance job, this newspaper column, my blog, meetings, phone calls, and get household tasks done. During that time, I also do laundry and make dinner. I try to prep dinner earlier in the day because by dinnertime my strength has

really declined.

It has been a year since I have started using my manual wheelchair in the house. I like the feeling of successfully learning how to do things from my wheelchair. It makes me feel like I am helping to prepare for what my future will look like. There is a difference between being pessimistic and being prepared. I typically rely on my wheelchair later in the day.

6 to 10 p.m.

Often, by this time, I've hit a wall and I'm pretty much down for the evening, not walking much. If I have evening plans, then I would have had to try and plan my day around that. I would have to have added rest to be able to make that happen on a physical level. Otherwise, I just do not have it to give. That is why spontaneous plans cause me anxiety.

10 p.m.

I try to get to bed around this time. Tip ... I always sleep in satin pajamas, which has been truly life changing for me. It helps me to be able to move around in bed so much easier. It is a wonderful thing to try if you have mobility issues. Because they are

slippery, it does a lot of the work for you.

When the normalcy of life and disability intertwine, that is what makes our lives unique. When our struggle mixes with the mundane, that is when things can feel the hardest.

Most do not escape hardships in life. Maybe your thing isn't physical like mine, maybe it is emotional. The thing that bubbles just beneath the surface that could wreck you at any given point. The thing you have to accept no matter how much you do not want to. You keep on living and trying to make the best of it.

Once I learned to stop fighting the thing that lives in me, is when I started truly living. I had so much more peace when I changed my way of thinking. It was completely freeing and a huge weight lifted off my shoulders.

Until next time ...

Amy Shinneman is a former National Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, disability blogger, wife, and mom of two boys. You can find her blog at humblycourageous.com and reach her on Instagram @ashinneman.

CUPBOARD

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Have an assortment of steel thimbles I bought to use at one of my circle projects. They are in sewing machine or on spool holder. I use whichever one happens to fit.

Other thimbles around are gifts from people who think I collect. I don't - family ones are the only ones I'm interested in.

Since Theresa is the seamstress, she may have them all, if she wants. Somewhere in the house is

a little thimble rack to hang on the wall.

Theresa has the family ones except Sterling silver. It is in my sewing machine drawer. My mom gave to Vera. Vera's mom (Aunt Dora) gave to me when Vera died. My finger was only one small enough to use it

My mother's butter paddle.

My mother's glass churn (I told Theresa she could have it)

Copper wash boiler. My

folks gave us this. We used it to heat water on wash day. If clothes needed to be boiled, it was used.

It also held a large amount of cans so was used to cold pack meat, corn, and other vegetables. (Verna has this.)

Ray Adler is a longtime attorney with offices at The Adler Building, 136 S. 9th St., Downtown Noblesville. He is also one of the owners of The Hamilton County Reporter Newspaper.

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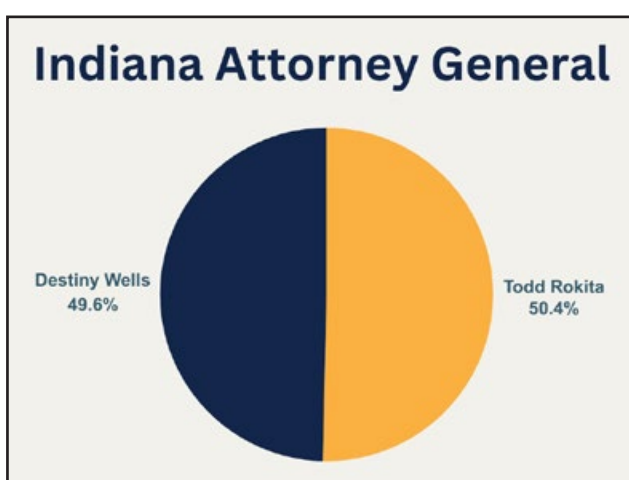
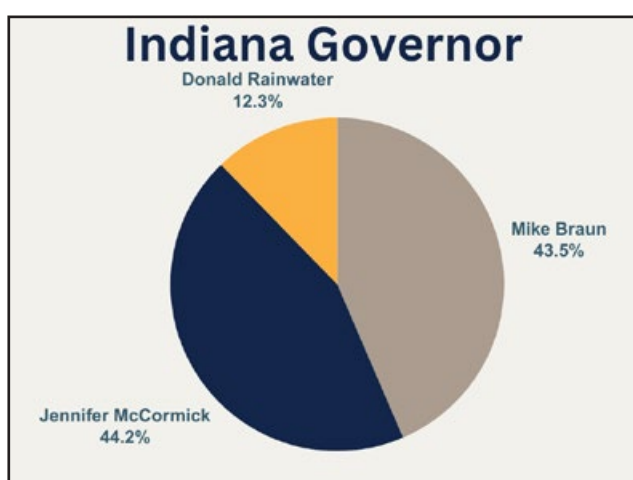
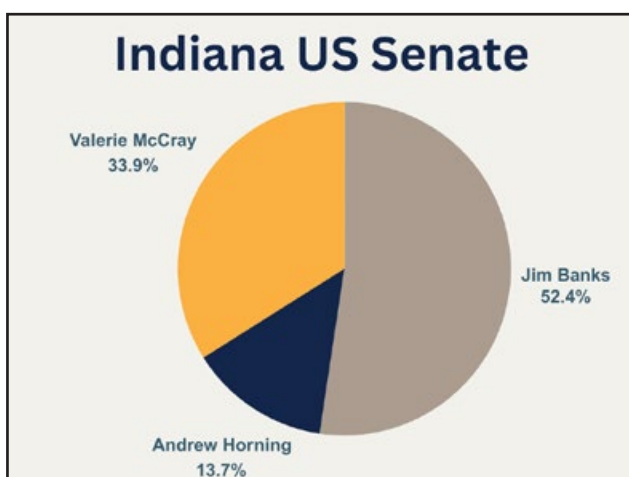
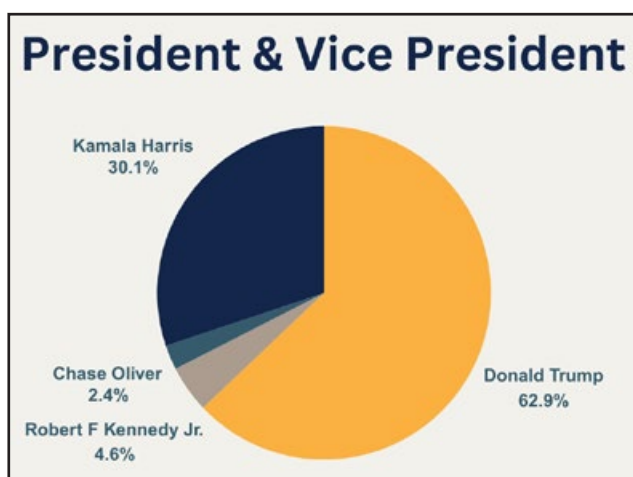
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Hamilton County students inducted into National Honor Society at Indiana Connections Academy

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Indiana Connections Academy, a tuition-free full-time public virtual school, recently inducted more than 30 students into its National Honor Society (NHS) for the 2024-2025 school year during an in-person ceremony including Elzora Karlsson from Carmel, Katelynn Thompson from Fishers, Marley Moore from Noblesville, and Lilian Kahile from Westfield.

The induction recognizes high school students in grades 10 through 12 who have demonstrated the four pillars of NHS: scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

Qualifications for membership include:

- **Scholarship:** Students make a commitment to learning and growing on an educational path, stemming from the desire to contribute to this world in a positive way by building on one's own knowledge, skills and talent.
- **Service:** This involves seeking out and engaging in meaningful acts of service and calls for a "service mindset."
- **Leadership:** Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem

solvers and idea contributors. Leadership builds upon service.

• **Character:** Students of good character are perseverant, respectful and honest and value diverse cultures and build relationships that reflect love of self and concern for others.

About Indiana Connections Academy

Indiana Connections Academy is a unique, tuition-free, online public school for K-12 students. First founded in 2010 and authorized by Ball State University, Indiana Connections Academy knows how to create a high-quality educational experience that keeps students motivated and engaged in a safe, virtual learning environment. In addition to academics, teachers focus on building fundamental life skills, working closely with families to help students learn best. Here, students gain the skills and confidence they need to direct their own educational journey, learning to thrive in the real world by first learning how to be resourceful and resilient.

For more information, call 1-833-591-0251 or visit IndianaConnectionsAcademy.com.

Indiana Bar Foundation's Kids Election engages over 18,000 Hoosier students

The REPORTER

The Indiana Bar Foundation announced on Tuesday the successful expansion of its Indiana Kids Election (IKE) program, which engaged over 18,000 students which included a statewide mock election.

The mission of this non-partisan program is to help students understand the role and importance of voting in our republic and to encourage eligible students to register to vote in the actual elections. This fall, 165 schools participated in the Indiana Kids Election, marking an impressive increase from the 22 schools that joined the pilot program in 2022.

"We are incredibly pleased with the enthusiasm from schools, teachers, and students across the state," Indiana Bar Foundation President and CEO Charles Dunlap said. "With more than 200 educators registering, the success of this year's Indiana Kids Election shows how committed our schools are to preparing young people for active citizenship."

The Indiana Bar Foundation provided free, comprehensive K-12 lesson plans crafted by Indiana teachers and an online voting simulation platform to replicate the voting process. The 2024 ballot included the candidates for U.S. President, Indiana Govern-



nor, Senate, and Attorney General, giving students a realistic voting experience.

Funded by a grant from the Eli Lilly and Company Foundation, the Indiana Kids Election is part of the Foundation's mission to strengthen civic education across Indiana. The Indiana Bar Foundation is grateful for the support of teachers, students, and sponsors who helped make this year's election a success.

About the Indiana Bar Foundation

The Indiana Bar

Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization founded in 1950. The Foundation has emerged as a statewide and national leader in expanding civic education and contributing to an accessible civil legal system for all Indiana residents. The Foundation aspires to be a premier statewide charitable organization and trusted partner for advancing civic literacy and the legal system. For more information, visit inbarfoundation.org.

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Grace Church welcomes 1,300 students for musical performance

The REPORTER

Grace Church will welcome local students from public, private, and homeschool cohorts for a special performance of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* today, Nov. 14.

As part of Grace Church's commitment to connecting students with the arts, this performance will give young people an opportunity to experience live theatre in a way that's engaging and accessible for students who may not otherwise have the opportunity.

With over 6,000 people expected at the run of Grace's production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, this is the seventh year Grace has invited local schools to participate and attend their musical and stage productions. This school day show is designed to provide local students an opportunity to experience the arts and



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beauty of musical theatre at a reduced cost for the schools. The production brings the story of Joseph to life through music, staging, and a talented cast, showcasing themes of hope, resilience, and forgiveness in

a way that's easy for young audiences to relate to.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat tickets are still on sale for public performances from Nov. 15 to 17, with tickets available for \$16. Families,

friends, and community members are encouraged to join in, celebrate the arts, and enjoy a performance filled with warmth and meaning. Tickets can be purchased at gracechurch.us/theatre.



Photo by Lydia Moody

Abigail Lessaris, Olivia Payton, and Josie Moody.

GHDT to stage new program celebrating all of December's holidays

The REPORTER

Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre (GHDT) will present *Winter Fest* at 3 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, and a second weekend, at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15.

You can purchase tickets at GregoryHancockDanceTheatre.org, by calling (317) 844-2660, or directly at [this link](#). *Winter Fest* will be held at The Florence at The Academy of GHDT, 329 Gradle Ave., Carmel.

Winter Fest is a new holiday program that celebrates the global holidays of the season, including, St. Nicholas Day, Kwanzaa, Diwali, Saint Lucia Day, Las Posadas, Winter Solstice, Hanukkah, and Christmas. A beautiful program filled with global traditions and music, featuring the professional dancers of GHDT as well as students from The Academy of GHDT. *Winter*

Fest includes new choreography from GHDT Executive Artistic Director Gregory Glade Hancock as well as choreography by company dancers, Thomas Mason and Olivia Payton.

Winter Fest will be presented in the beautiful and intimate setting of *The Florence*, black-box theatre space at The Academy of GHDT. Audiences will experience an up-close and personal dance performance.

- GHDT Season Presenting Sponsorship by Dr. Anita Joshi and Dr. Arun Jain

- GHDT Season Title Sponsorship by OrthoIndy Foundation and Drs. Mihir and Chandrika Patel, MD.

- *Winter Fest* Concert Sponsorship by Drs. Arup Roy and Anindita Sen

GHDT is the resident professional dance company at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.

Tickets going quickly for ISO's annual AES Indiana Yuletide Celebration

The REPORTER

The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra's (ISO) annual *Yuletide Celebration* returns with 10-time host Sandi Patty for her final year.

Known for her vocal excellence and expressive flexibility, Patty will fill Hilbert Circle Theatre with the holiday spirit show after show.

Performances run Dec. 6 to 23; times vary. Performances featuring ASL interpreters and audio descriptions take place at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10 and at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14.

Joining Patty and the orchestra on stage will be featured artist Curtis Bannister, a multi-talented performer who has excelled on the stage, on television, and in film. In addition to Patty,

Bannister, and the orchestra, the nationally acclaimed dance troupe Expressenz and the ISO's own Sherry Hong will return this year with another violin solo performance. Stage, film, and television actress Susie Mosher will also join the cast of the *Yuletide Celebration*.

[Click here](#) to learn more and purchase tickets.



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Get your tickets for Civic Theatre's *White Christmas*

The REPORTER

Civic Theatre's production of *White Christmas* will be here before you know it and tickets are selling quickly.

The show will stage from Nov. 29 through Christmas Eve at The Tarkington at the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts, Carmel. Get your tickets at civictheatre.org/white-christmas.

Synopsis

Veterans Bob Wallace and Phil Davis have a successful song-and-dance act after

World War II. With romance in mind, the two follow a duo of beautiful singing sisters en route to their Christmas show at a Vermont lodge, which just happens to be owned by Bob and Phil's former army commander. With a dazzling score featuring well-known standards including "Blue Skies," "I Love A Piano," "How Deep Is the Ocean" and the perennial title song, *White Christmas* is an uplifting, wholesome musical that will delight audiences of all ages.

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[Click here](#) for more information.

A Holiday in Vienna
 Dec. 15 at 7 p.m.
The Palladium

Immerse yourself in a classic European holiday celebration, blending music, dance, and flavors that bring Vienna's magic to life. Enjoy enchanting waltzes and seasonal melodies led by renowned guest conductor Vladimir Kulenovic. Arrive early to make the most of the festive atmosphere with



waltz lessons that invite you to glide across the floor like Viennese royalty. Savor drink specials and indulge in authentic Austrian treats.

[Click here](#) for more information.

 There are still events happening this month, so relax and celebrate America before the holidays.

America the Beautiful
 Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m.
The Palladium

"America the Beautiful" is dedicated to celebrating the rich tapestry of American life and music. *Lincoln Portrait*, Aaron Copland's renowned composition, will be the centerpiece of the evening and will be narrated

by internationally acclaimed soprano Angela Brown.

Montgomery Variations by Margaret Bonds, the first African American soloist to perform with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra as a 20-year-old pianist, will also be featured. Closing the concert will be Antonin Dvorak's *Symphony No. 9, From the New World*, one of the most recognizable and beloved pieces of the mid-20th century.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Don't miss the pre-concert showcase by performers from community groups the Chinese Mooncake Festival and Natyalaya School of the Arts, followed by a

short pre-concert talk with conductor Damien Geter.

 Give the gift of an unforgettable experience ... surprise your family and friends with tickets to CSO in 2025.

Breakin' Classical: A Fusion of Dance and Symphony
 Jan. 25 at 7:30 p.m.
The Palladium

An electrifying night where classical music meets the pulse of breakdancing. Under the dynamic leadership of guest conductor Mélisse Brunet, the FLY Dance Company will take the stage, blending the high-energy moves of breakdancing with the rich, timeless sounds of the orchestra. This family-friendly event will be a one-of-a-kind performance leaving everyone spellbound-making it the perfect gift for anyone who loves music, dance or simply a night of extraordinary entertainment.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Noblesville author tackles holiday stress

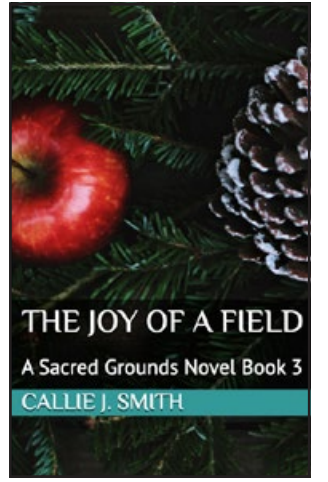
The REPORTER

Clay Patin Press has announced the release of *The Joy of a Field*, the third title in its Sacred Grounds series of women's fiction by Indiana author Callie J. Smith.

"The winter holidays are supposed to be a wonderful time, but they can also hold more events, gatherings, family visits, trips to schedule, things to plan, expectations to meet, and challenging gift-giving situations than any other time of year," Smith said. "The pressure is important to pay attention to, both for our own health and for that of the people around us."

The Joy of a Field offers a humorous and fun read while also raising important questions about expectations during this unique time of year.

Meant for readers who resonate with the experience of stress at the holidays, *The Joy of a Field* follows Kat Kent, a 30-something barista who has to set aside her hopes for a simple holiday season. Her new significant other, Paul Miles, begins interviewing for a job six hours away at the same time that



Graphic provided

a mystery art buyer begins raising questions Kat isn't sure she wants answered during her busiest time of the year. When Paul's parents show up for their visit, they bring a whole new set of troubles that threaten to push Kat and Paul to their limit. They do their best to make it through a first holiday together, but will the new year bring the new beginnings they need?

About Callie J. Smith

Callie J. Smith is an author based in Noblesville as well as a clergy person. She writes fiction and essays exploring topics like memory, grief, creativity, and hope. For more information, go to [CallieJSmith.net](#).

Three Hamilton County high school bands competing at Bands of America Grand National Championship

The REPORTER

Nearly 16,500 high school marching band students from 20 states will perform at the Bands of America Grand National Championship, presented by Yamaha, Nov. 14 to 16 at Lucas Oil Stadium.

Locally, three high school bands from Hamilton County will compete: Carmel, Fishers, and Noblesville.

A record-high 113 bands are scheduled to compete from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas,

Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. Bands of America Championships are the nation's premier marching band events, showcasing outstanding student musicians and visual performances.

The competition will be spread over three days, Thursday through Saturday. The preliminary competition will start Thursday morning at 7 a.m. and conclude on Friday with a special exhibition performance by Missouri State University Pride Marching Band at 8:45 p.m.

"Marching band is even more than music and performance; it's a powerful experience that builds discipline, teamwork, and lifelong

memories," said Dr. Jeremy Earnhart, President and CEO of Music for All, the parent organization for Bands of America. "The Grand National Championships is the pinnacle of performance opportunities for high school marching bands. Participation takes the benefits of participating in music to the next level, challenging high school students to strive for excellence, showcase their talents on a national stage, and feel the pride of being part of something truly extraordinary. The benefits developed by participation in school music are the soft skills that employers point to as skills required for their

workforce."

Grand National performances will be evaluated by a panel of nationally recognized music educators and marching band experts. Thirty bands will advance to the semi-finals on Saturday. The doors will open at 6:30 a.m. and the semi-finals competition will begin at 7 a.m. (actual start time to be determined after the conclusion of Friday night's prelims awards ceremony).

Saturday also features exhibition performances by The Ohio State University Marching Band at 3 p.m. and the University of Michigan Marching Band at 4:30 p.m. Then, for the first time, the

two schools will transcend rivalry and perform together at 4:45 p.m. Their combined performance will also include student musicians from United Sound, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to remove barriers and foster social change through music.

The 12 highest-scoring bands will advance to the Saturday evening's finals, starting at 7 p.m., with the top-scoring band named Grand National Champion at the end of the night.

For a look at the full schedule of bands, visit [marching.musicforall.org/gn](#).

The Bands of America Championships season

included 30 events across America, culminating with the Bands of America Grand National Championships.

Tickets

All tickets are digital and through Ticketmaster, and the event is cashless. You can skip the ticket line and buy tickets online at [marching.musicforall.org/boa](#). Tickets are available on site at the Lucas Oil Stadium ticket office.

Check out [marching.musicforall.org/gn](#) for all ticket options, including tickets for prelims, semi-finals, finals reserved seats, and student group tickets, as well as stadium policies to know before you go.

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Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations

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

Cicero Post 341 Tye Anderson
50 Washington Ave Treasure Hunt Tues 7p
Cicero, In 46034 Weekly Draw Su 6p, W 7p
317-984-4441 Bingo Fri 6p, Weekly Draw 8p

Fishers Post 470 Pat Menc
9091 E 126th St Treasure Hunt Fri 8pm \$25K
Fishers, in 46038
317-842-5944 Breakfast 1st & 3rd Sun 8-11

Noblesville Post 45 Gil Soria
273 S 8th St Fri 645pm Treasure Hunt
Noblesville, in 46060 Sunday Football Menu
317-773-9985 Trivia Wednesdays 7pm

Sheridan Post 67 Tom DeShon
406 E 10th St
Sheridan, In 46069
317-758-5007

VFW Posts

Carmel Post 10003 Darin Bibeau
12863 Old Meridian St
Carmel, In 46032 Breakfast 2 & 4 Sat 8-11
317-846-0917 Thurs Treasure Hunt 7pm

Noblesville Post 6246 Eric Behrends
654 S 9th St
Noblesville, In 46060
317-773-9956

If you are a member of our American Legions & 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.

Non-Profit Veteran Orgs

Hamilton County Veterans Corp
P.O. Box 503
Noblesville, in 46061
secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com
Meets 7pm the 1st Monday Monthly at the Fishers American Legion. Our website <https://www.hamiltoncountyveterans.com/> has 40 pages of resources for our Military Veteran community

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

Navy Club Ship 29
Noblesville, In
president@hamiltoncountyveterans.com
Meets 2nd Thurs 630pm at Gingers 1804 Conner St Noblesville

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Hamilton County Military Veteran

American Legion & VFW Post & Restaurant Hours

Carmel Legion
M-T 3-10pm, W-Th 10a-10p, F 10a-11p, Sa 8-11p,
Su 8a-8p. **Restaurant – Breakfast Sa Su 8a-12p,
Lunch W-F 11a-2p, Dinner Tu-F 5-8p**

Carmel VFW
Su-Th 11a-10p, F-Sa 11a-12a. **Restaurant -
Breakfast 2nd & 4th Sa 8a-11a, Lunch 11a-2p
& food service till 8p daily**

Cicero Legion
M-Th 3-10p, F-Sa 12-11p, Su 12-10p.
Restaurant Tu, W, F 4-8pm

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

Noblesville Legion
M-Th 11a-10p, F 11a-12p, Sa 12p-12a, Su 12p-8p
**Restaurant M 6-8pm wings, Tu-F 530-830p,
Sat 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/12 Breakfast 730-930a
Dinner 530-830p, Su 12-8p**

Noblesville VFW
M-Th 11a-10p, F 11a-12a, Sa 12p-12a, Su 12p-8p
Restaurant M-F 6-9p

Sheridan Legion
M 3-9p, Tu-Th 11-9p, F Sa 11-10p, Su 1-6p
Restaurant Lunch Tu-F 11a-2p, food service till close

Carmel American Legion Chili Cookoff Nov 16

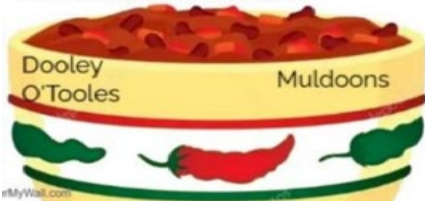
CHILI COOK-OFF

American Legion Post 155

1st Annual SAL Chili Cook Off

3pm to 5pm
November 16, 2024
\$10 a ticket
Ticket includes:
- Sample of all chilis
- Bowl of your favorite chili
- Dessert
- Vote for your favorite chili

Local business entries



Carmel VFW Post 10003 Taco Tuesdays



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.

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Activities & Events

Fishers American Legion Pool Tournaments

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August 10, 2024
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October 12, 2024
November 9, 2024
December 14, 2024
January 11, 2025
February 8, 2025
March 8, 2025

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Veteran Appreciation Day

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<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/indiana-veteran-health-905402824>

Please RSVP for either the morning event with light breakfast or afternoon presentation and lunch. The resource fair portion will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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MDFF to hold free Trivia Night to raise funds for muscular dystrophy

The REPORTER

On Tuesday, Dec. 3, the Muscular Dystrophy Family Foundation (MDFF) will play host to a free Trivia Night on Giving Tuesday, Dec. 3, the national day of charity giving. Trivia begins at 6:30 p.m. at Ale Emporium, 11501 Geist Pavilion Drive, #100, Fishers.

This is the second year MDFF has partnered with Ale Emporium to bring a fun trivia night to the community and help raise funds and awareness about muscular dystrophy.

Come hear a personal story about muscular dystrophy from MDFF Board Vice President David Thyen, take part in unique raffles, and enjoy laughs as you play trivia. Ryan from Indy's Live Trivia will run the game. The event will also feature a \$5,000 anonymous matching gift this year, so all contributions made at Trivia Night will go even further to support MDFF's mission. The heated porch at Ale is family-friendly, so children are welcome.

Register now at mdff.org/mdff-trivia-night. **What does MDFF do?** MDFF serves Hoosier families navigating living life with muscular dystrophy.

The organization does this through direct financial assistance for equipment, home modifications, and accessible vehicles. The provision of such equipment, modifications, and repairs can greatly contribute to much-needed dignity, improved quality of life, and increased independence for individuals facing the progressive challenges of this disease as well as their families.

This year, MDFF will give away two large accessible transit vans to deserving families. The Rodriguez-Bravo Family from Fort Wayne received the keys to their van in October. The Wickizer Family will receive their van in later November.

Applications for the 2025 Accessible Van Giveaway Program open on Dec. 1. Requirements to apply to a van are A) be diagnosed with muscular dystrophy or a neuromuscular disease (according to the applicable diseases listed on the national Muscular Dystrophy Association website), B) reside in the state of Indiana, C) have a need for a mobility van, and D) have the financial resources to pay for insurance, plates, and maintenance of the vehicle.

First Financial food drive collects 80 items in Carmel

The REPORTER

First Financial Bank, local associates, and the community collected 80 food items during a recent three-week food drive in Carmel to help those in the area who need food assistance. All donations were given to local organizations for distribution to the community.

"We are grateful for such an incredible response on this important collaboration to give a helping hand to our neighbors," said Roddell McCullough, chief corporate responsibility officer for First Financial Bank.

Throughout its four-state footprint in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and Illinois, First Financial and community members collected over 5,700 food items for local residents, which has all been given to local food

pantries and charitable organizations.

The food drive took place Oct. 7 to 25. People were invited to drop off nonperishable food items at First Financial Bank locations. The food drive adds to First Financial's commitment to help clients and communities thrive. This commitment also includes financial support from the bank and First Financial Foundation, support of the United Way, financial literacy programs and proudly local volunteer efforts.

Learn more about First Financial Bank at bankatfirst.com.



WalkerHughes Insurance partners with HOPE Family Care Center for 'Charity of the Quarter'

Submitted

WalkerHughes Insurance has partnered with HOPE Family Care Center as the agency's "Charity of the Quarter" in Quarter 4 of 2024.

About the referral program

At WalkerHughes Insurance, there is no higher compliment than a referral. A referral indicates that the agency has met the mark for customers and that they are satisfied with the service provided. WalkerHughes is pleased when customers trust them enough to recommend the business to those closest to them. WalkerHughes knows how important friends and family members are, and the agency's promise is to treat yours as if they were their own.

For every customer referring friends and family members that complete a no-obligation insurance review, WalkerHughes will send you a \$5 coffee e-gift card as a token of appreciation. As part of the referral program, WalkerHughes will also make a matching \$5 donation to the agency's Charity of the Quarter. The purpose of this program is

to help organizations close to the hearts of employees while providing customers the opportunity to not only receive a coffee on the agency, but to also help a worthy cause by referring their friends and family. In addition, this also gives WalkerHughes the opportunity to promote awareness of these organizations in local communities through the agency's online presence.

Why HOPE Family Care Center?

HOPE Family Care Center was nominated by WalkerHughes team member Amber Ward as the agency's Charity of the Quarter. She is a Personal Lines Account Manager working out of the Cicero office. She is passionate about HOPE and is thankful this organization is giving everyone in her community access to quality health care. WalkerHughes is appreciative of team members like Ward who bring such incredible organizations forward through nominations for the Charity of the Quarter program.

About HOPE

HOPE was founded in 2003 by Cicero Christian

Church and began serving the community in 2004. HOPE is a free clinic that averages 700 to 900 patients per year serving those in and around Hamilton County who cannot afford health and dental care. HOPE's mission is to improve the overall health conditions of patients and assist people in growth and development throughout life. HOPE believes that everyone has the right to professional health and dental care.

HOPE provides acute medical care, flu shots, physicals, women's health services, diabetic care, dental services, counseling, and so much more. The clinic consists of more than 60 volunteers who provide several thousand hours of service on behalf of HOPE's patients.

How can you help?

WalkerHughes customers: If a friend or family member mentions insurance woes or you think the agency could be of assistance to them, please send them to WalkerHughes. The agency will send you an e-treat, hopefully help your friend or family member by providing them with a no-ob-

ligation insurance review, and then make a \$5 donation to HOPE.

HOPE Family Care Center: If you or any members of your team would like to review their insurance options with the WalkerHughes team, let them know. Simply mention 'HOPE' and the agency will document that in the system and include a \$5 donation to HOPE Family Care Center for every referral.

WalkerHughes employees, friends, family and community members: Please help spread the word. The agency will have promotional material on its social media pages, and if you could like, comment, or share that would help increase the reach and get the word out.

Thank you, HOPE, for everything you do to provide free healthcare for those in and around Hamilton County. Your contribution to the community is appreciated, and WalkerHughes is proud to partner with you on the referral program.

For more information on the organization including how to donate or volunteer, go to HOPEFamilyCare.org.



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Lucas Oil Products opens new global headquarters in northern Indianapolis

The REPORTER

Lucas Oil Products has relocated its global headquarters to Indianapolis.

Lucas Oil, the second-generation family-led business known for its cutting-edge automotive products and innovative solutions, has opened its new more than-70,000 square-foot base on the north side of the city at 3610 River Crossing Parkway, Indianapolis.

The company held a ribbon cutting ceremony and facility tour on Tuesday.

"We are incredibly proud to relocate our global headquarters to Indianapolis," Lucas Oil Products CEO Morgan Lucas said. "This move marks a new chapter for Lucas Oil, and we're eager to officially put down our roots and build on our current partnerships here. We are committed to continuing to grow and innovate, and with all of our family history in Indiana, it feels like we are truly coming home."

Lucas Oil products – including more than 300 types of high-performance engine oils, additives, and lubricants – can be bought all over the world and are essential for everyday car users, as well as industrial and agricultural workers, racing athletes, hobbyists, including those with boats, motorcycles, and historic cars, and outdoor enthusiasts.

The new headquar-



Photo courtesy Lucas Oil Products

ters include state-of-the-art offices with premium employee amenities and a museum space with memorabilia and photos. The building also houses a production studio for creating content on-site and is large enough for Lucas Oil team members to move vehicles in and out of the building to accommodate for shoots. Work done at the headquarters will support the research and development labs and grease manufacturing facility in Corydon, Indiana, which opened earlier this year. The building was constructed by Meyer Najem with interior design by Parallel Design Group, exterior design by Architects Forum, landscaping design by OEG, signage by Eye4 Group, furniture by Office Works, and support from ALO Property Management.

"As we open our new headquarters, we want to celebrate the dedication and loyalty of our team members," Lucas Oil Products President Katie Lucas said. "We are incredibly grateful for our team's hard work and commitment and providing them with a beautiful space to work is one way we can say thank you. The heart of Lucas Oil is to serve others and we look forward to continuing to serve our people, our customers and certainly those in our community."

Lucas Oil Products has expanded significantly in Indiana, adding an additional 110 employees between the team at the new Indianapolis Headquarters property, the Corydon grease plant, and MAVTV. MAVTV, the only cable network in the country dedicated solely to motorsports,

will also be based in the new Lucas Oil headquarters, running the day-to-day operations of the television network from the first floor of the building.

Lucas Oil's headquarters were previously located in California, and this move to consolidate efforts in Indiana will streamline operations and enhance efficiency to help the Lucas Oil team better serve its customer base all over the world. The decision to move the headquarters to Indianapolis comes as part of the company's long-term growth strategy and commitment to innovation. By centralizing its operations in Indianapolis, the company aims to streamline its processes, drive further innovation, and strengthen its position as a global leader in the automotive performance product sector.

Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center announces Corteva Coliseum

The REPORTER

The Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center has announced a new chapter in its history with the naming rights partnership for the iconic Fairgrounds Coliseum. As of Wednesday, it is now named the Corteva Coliseum, in partnership with Indianapolis-based Corteva Agriscience, a global leader in innovation and technology solutions.

For over a century, the State Fairgrounds has been a cherished gathering place for Hoosiers, hosting a wide range of events that celebrate the spirit of Indiana. The Coliseum, with its grandeur and historic significance, has been a symbol of the community

and entertainment for generations. This new naming rights agreement replaces the previous Indiana Farmers Coliseum.

Corteva is the only major U.S.-based agricultural technology company and its commitment to excellence and innovation aligns perfectly with the vision for the future of the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center. This partnership represents an exciting opportunity to elevate the Coliseum experience, ensuring that it remains a premier destination for generations to come.

"Indianapolis is our home and our ties to the Hoosier state and the Indiana State Fairgrounds run deep," Corteva CEO



Chuck Magro said. "The Corteva Coliseum reflects an important commitment to our community and we're grateful to be a part of such an iconic venue that means so much to our employees, friends and neighbors."

Indiana State Fair Commission Executive Director Cindy Hoye said, "Ushering in this new era for our

beloved Coliseum with our long-term partners at Corteva Agriscience is beyond exciting. We are so grateful for their commitment to our State, our Fairgrounds and our community. Together, we will continue to create memories and traditions for generations to come!"

For more information on the Corteva Coliseum, visit CortevaColiseum.com.

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Nearly \$140M awarded through state's Community Crossings grant program

The REPORTER

Governor Eric J. Holcomb and the Indiana Department of Transportation gathered Nov. 7 at the Pike County Courthouse in Petersburg to discuss the near-\$140 million awarded through the Community Crossings matching grant program, a component of Governor Holcomb's Next Level Roads program.

"Community Crossings has been an annual highlight over the years," Gov. Holcomb said. "The fact that nearly 14,000 miles of road and over 200 local bridges have been replaced or rehabilitated through this program since 2017 is simply astonishing, in addition to countless economic and quality of life benefits in hundreds of communities across Indiana."

Communities submitted applications for funding during a highly competitive call for projects in July. Funding for Community Crossings comes from the state's local road and bridge matching grant fund. The

Community Crossings initiative has provided more than \$1.8 billion in state matching funds for local road improvement projects since its start in 2016.

"This program has impacted communities in all 92 Indiana counties, most more than once," INDOT Commissioner Mike Smith said. "I want to recognize all of the local agencies who have participated over time for their hard work and dedication to improving their local transportation networks."

State legislators identified long-term funding for Community Crossings as part of House Enrolled Act 1002, passed by the General Assembly and signed into law by Gov. Holcomb in 2017.

A list of all 223 communities receiving matching funds in the 2024 fall call for projects is available [here](#). The next call for projects will open in January. Learn more about the Community Crossings matching grant program on the [INDOT website](#).



2024, Round 2 Grant Awardees

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|----------------|----------------|
| Sheridan | \$449,999.25 |
| Noblesville | \$438,500.00 |
| Westfield | \$1,474,531.05 |
| Fortville | \$892,282.50 |
| McCordsville | \$1,027,778.25 |
| Tipton County | \$1,500,000.00 |
| Madison County | \$394,424.50 |
| Anderson | \$76,222.25 |

Senator-elect Jim Banks issues statement on GOP leadership election

The REPORTER

Following Wednesday's Senate Republican leadership election, Senator-elect Jim Banks released the following statement:

Today, for the first time in nearly two decades, Senate Republicans took the historic step of electing a new Majority Leader.

I look forward to working with Senate Majority Leader John Thune to advance President Trump's agenda.

I'd like to thank both our Majority Whip John Barrasso and our new Conference



Banks

Chair Tom Cotton for the honor of asking me to give their nomination speeches, and I'd like to congratulate them both on their resounding victories.

We have a strong leadership team

and our new majority is situated to hit the ground running and undo the damage of the past four years. I am honored that Hoosiers have entrusted me with this responsibility and I look forward to getting to work on their behalf to secure our border and bring prices down for working families in Indiana.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

OFFERINGS FOR THE TABERNACLE

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from everyone whose heart prompts them to give. These are the offerings you are to receive from them: gold, silver and bronze; blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen; goat hair; ram skins dyed red and another type of durable leather; acacia wood; olive oil for the light; spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense; and onyx stones and other gems to be mounted on the ephod and breastpiece.

"Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you.

THE ARK

"Have them make an ark of acacia wood—two and a half cubits long, a cubit and a half wide, and a cubit and a half high. Overlay it with pure gold, both inside and out, and make a gold molding around it. Cast four gold rings for it and fasten them to its four feet, with two rings on one side and two rings on the other. Then make poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold. Insert the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark to carry it. The poles are to remain in the rings of this ark; they are not to be removed. Then put in the ark the tablets of the covenant law, which I will give you.

"Make an atonement cover of pure gold—two and a half cubits long and a cubit and a half wide. And make two cherubim out of hammered gold at the ends of the cover. Make one cherub on one end and the second cherub on the other; make the cherubim of one piece with the cover, at the two ends. The cherubim are to have their wings spread upward, overshadowing the cover with them. The cherubim are to face each other, looking toward the cover. Place the cover on top of the ark and put in the ark the tablets of the covenant law that I will give you. There, above the cover between the two cherubim that are over the ark of the covenant law, I will meet with you and give you all my commands for the Israelites.

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Girls Basketball



Reporter photo by Julie Brown

Westfield's Aubrey Crockett scored 12 points for the Shamrocks during their game with Lawrence Central on Wednesday.

Rocks fall to No. 1 Lawrence Central

The REPORTER

Westfield was dealt its first loss of the season Wednesday by the No. 1 team in Indiana.

The Shamrocks fell to defending Class 4A state champion Lawrence Central 53-26 at CSI Gymnasium. The Bears scored the first 11 points of the game before Westfield

got on the board, but the Rocks were able to stay within 18-8 by the end of the first quarter.

"That was a hard start, but I felt like we responded well," said Westfield coach Kelsey Steele. "We called a time out and we got some things rolling."

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LAWRENCE CENTRAL 53, WESTFIELD 26

| Westfield | FG | FT | TP | PF |
|--------------------------|----|------|----|-------|
| Meg Hamilton | 1 | 1-2 | 4 | 2 |
| Aubrey Crockett | 5 | 1-4 | 12 | 1 |
| MaKayla Hatcher | 1 | 1-3 | 3 | 2 |
| Lindsey Van Dyke | 1 | 0-0 | 2 | 0 |
| Sam Price | 2 | 1-2 | 5 | 2 |
| Olivia Murray | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gracie Czubik | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
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| Madeline Linville | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kate Roh | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 |
| Audra Parker | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 10 | 4-11 | 26 | 9 |
| Score by Quarters | | | | |
| Lawrence Central | 18 | 9 | 7 | 19-53 |
| Westfield | 8 | 9 | 7 | 2-26 |

Westfield 3-pointers (2) Hamilton, Crockett.



Reporter photos by Julie Brown

(ABOVE) University coach Lisa Pryor talks with her team before the start of the fourth quarter. (RIGHT) University's Taylor Seay scored 20 points for the Trailblazers during their game with Danville Wednesday night at the U Center.



University falls to Danville in nail-biter

By RICHIE HALL

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CARMEL – It's likely that no Indiana girls basketball team has challenged itself during the early season like University has.

The Class 2A Trailblazers began their season last Saturday with a close loss to 4A Lafayette Jefferson, then returned to the U Center on Wednesday for their home opener against Danville, the No. 4-ranked team in 3A. University battled the Warriors throughout the entire game before being edged out by Danville 52-51.

"Oh my gosh, I was proud of the effort our kids gave," said second-year Blazers coach Lisa Pryor. The coach said she challenged her team, "and they accepted it. "They gave 100 percent," she said.

University led the Warriors 11-9 after one quarter. Taylor Seay, back for her senior season after missing her junior year due to injury, scored five points, including a 3-pointer. Seay would go on to score in each quarter of the game.

"I'm just so happy for her," said Pryor. "Outside of our team, this is a kid who has endured a lot of injuries

and the emotional toll that it can take, especially leaving something that you've done for a long time."

Pryor said Seay "asked to come back to the team," and the Trailblazers were "happy to welcome her back. And she's just been really working hard and has done everything that we've asked her to do and has had a really great attitude while she's done it."

Danville worked its way to a 23-21 lead by halftime, with Madison Wethington making two 3-pointers for six points. Seay answered that with six points of her own.

University began the second half with an 8-0 run to lead 29-23. Leah Norvell and Seay both nailed 3s, then Anyah Turley finished the spurt with a layin. The Warriors came back again, beginning a back-and-forth between the teams. Norvell went on to score seven points in the third, including a layin to give the Blazers a 37-36 lead, but a Danville basket ended the quarter and put the Warriors up 38-37.

Consecutive baskets from Addison Davis gave Danville a 49-41 lead in the fourth quarter, but University refused to go away.

DANVILLE 52, UNIVERSITY 51

| University | FG | FT | TP | PF |
|--------------|-------|------|----|----|
| Sydney Culp | 1-4 | 0-0 | 3 | 3 |
| Taylor Seay | 6-13 | 6-8 | 20 | 3 |
| Leah Norvell | 5-10 | 0-1 | 12 | 5 |
| Mack Feeny | 3-5 | 0-0 | 6 | 3 |
| Gabby Culp | 2-5 | 0-0 | 4 | 4 |
| Anyah Turley | 3-6 | 0-1 | 6 | 3 |
| Meg Rohloff | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 |
| Totals | 20-44 | 6-10 | 51 | 22 |

Score by Quarters

| | | | | |
|------------|----|----|----|-------|
| Danville | 9 | 14 | 15 | 14-52 |
| University | 11 | 10 | 16 | 14-51 |

University 3-pointers (5-8) Norvell 2-4, Seay 2-2, S. Culp 1-2. University rebounds (28) Feeny 7, Norvell 6, G. Culp 6, Turley 3, Seay 3, S. Culp 2, Rohloff 1.

Norvell threw in another 3 to cut the lead to 50-46, then a Seay layin with under 30 seconds to go put the Trailblazers within 51-48. Wethington hit a free throw with 6.3 seconds left, but Sydney Culp gave University the last word with a triple at the buzzer.

"I haven't looked at the final count for our turnovers, but I know for a fact that they're much lower than what they were Saturday," said Pryor.

The coach said she challenged her team to take care of the basketball, "and I'll do that every single game," said Pryor. "And I felt like they really put more thought into it. They were

settling, not as frantic, and it looked like that's what Danville really wanted was to make people frantic, and just make a bad pass and they pick off those passes, right? So, I figured if we could eliminate that, then that would put us in a good position."

Seay finished the game with 20 points and Norvell totaled 12; both made two 3-pointers. Mack Feeny collected seven rebounds, dished out four assists and blocked two shots. Norvell and Gabby Culp each grabbed six rebounds.

University is 0-2 and begins a six-game road swing on Tuesday with a trip to Roncalli.

Westfield ready to welcome LIV Golf tournament

The REPORTER

Editor's note: The City of Westfield sent out the following press release about LIV Golf selecting Westfield's Chatham Hills for its 2025 host site.

The City of Westfield and The Club at Chatham Hills is excited to announce the hosting of LIV Golf Indianapolis Aug. 15 to 17, 2025. The event promises to showcase top-tier talent and provide an unforgettable experience for golf enthusiasts and sports fans of all ages.

Scheduled to take place at Chatham Hills in August 2025, LIV Golf Indianapolis will feature many of the best players in the sport competing across three days of intense individual and

team competition as players vie for the coveted 2025 LIV Golf League Individual Champion title, final spots in the 2025 individual standings and seeds for the team championship. As the regular season finale of the LIV Golf League, known for its innovation and commitment to enhancing the fan experience, the tournament in Westfield is set to deliver excitement both on and off the course.

"We are excited to bring LIV Golf to Westfield and the state of Indiana for the first time," said Mayor Scott Willis. "Not only is the city known for hosting large tournaments nearly every weekend in the summer at Grand Park, but add in Cha-

tham Hills' reputation for hosting top-tier golf tournaments, recently including the MAC Collegiate Championship, we know this will be a spectacular event."

In addition to showcasing top-level competition, the tournament will also feature fan engagement activities, interactive experiences, live music, and opportunities for local businesses to participate and benefit from the event's economic impact.

"The selection of the Club at Chatham Hills to host the prestigious LIV Golf Individual Championship, just weeks before the Ryder Cup is played, is an exciting opportunity to showcase this premier golf

course and allow spectators to see golf's elite players right here in Indiana. We are lengthening the course, renovating the bunkers and making other improvements to enhance the member and spectator experiences which will draw international attention to Westfield and central Indiana," said Steve Henke, Henke Development.

LIV Golf Indianapolis will showcase many of the biggest names in golf competing in the League's unique format in a fan-friendly atmosphere. Fans will get up close with major champions and global stars including Bryson DeChambeau (Crushers

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LIV Golf tournament coming to Westfield

By ANTHONY CALHOUN

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LIV Golf is headed to the Indianapolis area in 2025.

Sources tell News 8's Sports Director Anthony Calhoun that the city of Westfield and LIV Golf have an agreement in place to bring the star-studded tournament to town.

The LIV Golf tournament will be at the prestigious course at The Club at Chatham Hills in Westfield the weekend of August 15-17, 2025. This is the first time that LIV Golf will be in the state of Indiana.

The tournament in central Indiana is expected to draw near 50,000 fans during the three-day event.

The tournament will bring the city of Westfield and the Indianapolis area an economic impact of near \$30 million.

The tournament will be the individual champions final. The typical tournament purse pays out \$4 million to the winner.

LIV Golf will bring plenty of talent with it to the Indianapolis area, including multiple major champions from the last three years. LIV Golf's Bryson DeChambeau won one of the majors this year, winning the US Open at Pinehurst. LIV Golf's Jon Rahm won The Masters in 2023, and Brooks Koepka won the PGA Championship in 2023. Cameron Smith won The Open at St. Andrews.

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Regional football previews: Class 1A – Sheridan at South Putnam

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

And just like that, we are in regional play and down to three county schools remaining in the football state tournament.

Tomorrow night, Sheridan heads down to Greencastle for their seventh all-time playoff meeting with the South Putnam Eagles. The Blackhawks own a 4-2 mark in those matchups.

The 'Hawks and Eagles haven't met up since the 2016 sectional. That game was won at home by Sheridan, 49-12. That was a revenge game for the Blackhawks, as South Putnam won in the first-round sectional matchup in 2015, 56-22.

Prior to those meetings, it had been since 1993 that they faced each other and that was in the sectional semifinal, a Sheridan home win 33-7.

Bud Wright is now 463-215 in his 59th season at Sheridan and 464-218 overall in 60 seasons as a head coach.

Class 1A Regional: Sheridan Blackhawks (7-5) at No. 6 South Putnam Eagles (10-2)

Sheridan is clicking at the right time and Bud Wright's teams are built for the tournament. Starting off 0-2, they won three consecutive games to start Hoosier Heartland Conference play. The 'Hawks have righted the ship after losing three of four to end the regular season and are winners of three in a row heading into regional action.

One of the best playoff teams in Indiana, regardless of class, the Blackhawks are 109-35 all-time since the state tournament began in 1973. They are in search of their 16th regional championship in program history.

The 'Hawks have won nine semi-state crowns and with nine state championships, the last in 2007, Sheridan has its sights on a 10th state title.

Sheridan's three playoff wins have been dominating by a total of 134-40 at Clinton Central and Clinton Prairie, followed by a home game for the sectional crown over Cloverdale.

Owen Bell (567 passing yards) and Brock Hagan (257) have both seen significant time under center and combined for 10 touchdown passes.

Alex Cravens leads the Blackhawks in rushing with 1,003 yards and seven touchdowns on 223 carries. Jon Barnes (597, 7 TDs) and Jaylen Arnold (566, 3 TDs) have provided backfield depth. Jacob Hall has also rushed for 290 and six touchdowns and Bell five scores.

Dayne Voegel leads a trio of pass catchers with 17 for 375 yards and six TDs. Caleb Alexander 10 for 200 (3 TDs) and Chance Spencer 10 for 144 and a touchdown.

The Blackhawks are one of three HHC teams trying to win a regional. Taylor (7-5) hosts No. 1 North Judson in the north in Class 1A. In Class 2A, Eastern (8-4) is on the road at three-time 1A



Photo by Allison Waitt
Sheridan's Jaylen Arnold has rushed for 566 yards and three touchdowns this season.

runner-up Adams Central (11-1).

Eagles' head coach Chuck Sorrell is 51-17 in his sixth season at South Putnam. Overall, Sorrell is 55-43 in nine seasons, including a 4-26 stint in three years at South Vermillion from 2011-13.

The Eagles tied North Putnam with a 4-1 Green Division record in the Western Indiana Conference and are the lone WIC team remaining in the state tournament.

South Putnam had a rough start to the season, but got it figured out really quick. A win over Speedway (28-20) was followed by two losses to 2A No. 2 Indianapolis Lutheran (34-12) and North Putnam (23-22). The Eagles have since won nine games, scoring 428 points and averaging 47.5 points per game during the current streak, while scoring no less than 32 per contest.

Wyatt Mullin leads the

South Put offense at quarterback. The senior has 1,723 passing yards, completing 108-187 (57.8 percent). He has 25 TD and just one interception. Mullin also has 480 on the ground.

Sophomore Ty Benton is the top rusher with 1,216 yards and 22 touchdowns. Another sophomore Bransyn Ensor is the leading receiver with 35 receptions and 744 yards to go with nine TDs. Senior Wyatt Switzer has caught 25 for 425 and six scores.

In its program history, South Putnam has 13 sectional, six regional and two semi-state championships. They won the 1986 Class 1A state title over North Judson, 28-21.

**If Sheridan wins, it will host the semi-state if Providence wins, but if Milan beats Providence, Sheridan would be on the road at Milan. If South Putnam wins, the Eagles will be on the road at Providence or Milan.*

Girls Basketball

Royals race past Franklin Community

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern won an away game 69-13 at Franklin Community on Wednesday.

The Class 4A No. 2 Royals led 46-9 at half-time. Maya Makalusky led Southeastern with 33 points and six 3-pointers. Kayla

Stidham added 11 points.

Addison Van Hoesen collected five rebounds, with Makausky and Antonette Green both getting four. Kennedy Holman dished out five assists and Stidham handed out four assists.

The Royals are 3-0 and host Cathedral on Tuesday.

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 69, FRANKLIN COMMUNITY 13

| Southeastern | FG | FT | TP | PF |
|--------------------|-------|-------|----|----|
| Maya Makalusky | 11-15 | 5-5 | 33 | 0 |
| Kayla Brinley | 1-2 | 0-0 | 3 | 0 |
| Kennedy Holman | 3-7 | 2-2 | 8 | 1 |
| Kayla Stidham | 4-7 | 2-2 | 11 | 0 |
| Addison Van Hoesen | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 |
| Antonette Green | 0-2 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 |
| Ava Kashani | 2-2 | 0-0 | 5 | 0 |
| Abigail Clayton | 2-2 | 0-0 | 4 | 0 |
| Abigale Brown | 1-3 | 0-0 | 2 | 2 |
| Abigail Orme | 1-1 | 0-0 | 2 | 0 |
| Maine Hooks | 0-0 | 1-2 | 1 | 0 |
| Totals | 25-41 | 10-11 | 69 | 5 |

| Southeastern | 23 | 23 | 12 | 11-69 |
|--------------|----|----|----|-------|
| Franklin | 6 | 3 | 1 | 3-13 |

Southeastern 3-point shooting (9-15) Makalusky 6-8, Stidham 1-3, Kashani 1-1, Brinley 1-1, Holman 0-1, Green 0-1. Southeastern rebounds (30) Van Hoesen 5, Makalusky 4, Green 4, Kashani 3, Brinley 3, Stidham 2, Holman 2, Orme 2, Brown 2, Hooks 2, Clayton 1.

Tigers never trail in huge win at Anderson

The REPORTER

Fishers picked up a road victory at Anderson by the score of 64-20 on Wednesday.

The Tigers led 18-8 after one quarter and 41-12 at half-time. Riley Schellhammer scored 15 points in the first half, while Nevaeh Dickman scored all of her 13 points in the first half. Schellhammer drained three 3-pointers in

the third quarter, bringing her game-high total to 24 points; she made four triples for the entire game.

Allison Scheu finished the game with 11 points. Nicole Ellison scored eight points in the second half.

Fishers is 2-1 and hosts its Fishers Classic on Saturday, taking on Fort Wayne Carroll at 11 a.m. and Columbia City at 7:30 p.m.

READY

Other Masters champions on the LIV Golf tour include Dustin Johnson (2020), Patrick Reed (2018), Sergio Garcia (2017), Bubba Watson (2012 and 2014), Charl Schwartzel (2011), Phil Mickelson (2004, 2006, and 2010).

Jon Rahm won the individual championship for LIV Golf in 2024. Joaquin Niemann and Sergio Garcia rounded out the top three.

Las Vegas, Miami, Houston, Nashville, Greencastle, Chicago, and Dallas hosted the LIV Golf tournaments that were in the United States this year.

Sources say that there will be live entertainment at the event to cap the weekend. This year, performers such as Bailey Zimmerman, Martin Garrix, Macklemore, and Dan + Shay have performed at Liv Golf events. In years past, Zac

Brown Band and Nelly have also performed at LIV Golf events.

Chatham Hills has hosted the NCAA women's golf regional in 2023 and the PGA Indiana Open in 2022. It most recently hosted the MAC Championships in 2024.

The Club at Chatham Hills course was architecturally designed by Pete Dye. It was the last one that Dye designed and con-

structed on site.

Dye constructed a handful of other golf courses in the Indianapolis area, including Crooked Stick Golf Club in Carmel and Brickyard Crossing in Indianapolis. He is one of the most famous golf course architects in the last 50 years.

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GC), Brooks Koepka (Smash GC), Jon Rahm (Legion XIII), Cameron Smith (Ripper GC), Dustin Johnson (4Aces GC), Sergio Garcia (Fireballs GC), Joaquin Niemann (Torque GC), Tyrrell Hatton (Legion XIII), and many more.

"Hamilton County, Indiana, champions innovative events like LIV Golf and is committed to hosting a premier experience for visitors, residents and

competitors," said Hamilton County Sports Authority Director Carl Daniels. "This event is an exciting opportunity for us to continue showcasing Hamilton County as a top tier destination for large-scale sporting events."

"We are thrilled to bring professional golf back to central Indiana and to host the LIV Golf Individual Championship, which is a tremendous honor and

opportunity to showcase Hamilton County and Indiana to a worldwide audience," stated Betsy Henke Garfield, Henke Development.

The City of Westfield, Henke Development, Chatham Hills, Hamilton County Tourism, and the Indiana Sports Corp all contributed to LIV Golf's selection of Chatham Hills.

Deposits are now being accepted to secure

hospitality tickets before they go on sale. Fans can also sign up to LIV X for free to receive exclusive updates and access to tickets, including pre-sale information on hospitality and grounds passes. For more information on 2025 events, tickets, and league updates, visit LIVGolf.com and follow the LIV Golf League on social media at [@LIVGolf_League](https://twitter.com/LIVGolf_League).

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ROCKS

Westfield played LC even in the next two periods, as both teams scored nine points in the second quarter and seven in the third. Aubrey Crockett scored seven points in the first half. But the Bears ran away with the fourth period, outscoring the Shamrocks 19-2.

Crockett finished the

game with 12 points.

"It's still November," said Steele. "I just told them, it's the third game of the year. We'll find things, we'll grow from them, we'll learn from them and we'll just hope to build off them."

Westfield is 2-1 and hosts Mount Vernon Tuesday.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Nov. 15

FOOTBALL

Regional 2 championship

Westfield at Fishers, 7 p.m.

Regional 23 championship

Sheridan at South Putnam, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Carmel at Crispus Attucks, 7:30 p.m.

Please email schedule changes or corrections to sports@readthereporter.com.

FISHERS 64, ANDERSON 20

| Fishers | FG | FT | TP | PF |
|---------------------|----|------|----|----|
| Riley Schellhammer | 9 | 2-2 | 24 | 2 |
| Alanna Anthony | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 3 |
| Nevaeh Dickman | 5 | 3-4 | 13 | 0 |
| Allison Scheu | 5 | 0-0 | 10 | 2 |
| Natalie Thomas | 3 | 1-1 | 7 | 0 |
| Makayla Triplett | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ella Burleson | 0 | 0-2 | 0 | 4 |
| Akya Koenig | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nicole Ellison | 2 | 3-4 | 8 | 3 |
| Caroline Kirkendall | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Delaney Wilson | 1 | 0-0 | 2 | 1 |
| Totals | 25 | 9-13 | 64 | 15 |

| Fishers | 18 | 23 | 15 | 8-64 |
|----------|----|----|----|------|
| Anderson | 8 | 4 | 5 | 3-20 |

Fishers 3-pointers (5) Schellhammer 4, Ellison.

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