

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 20, 2024

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**TODAY'S WEATHER**

Today: Mainly morning showers, then some sunshine. Wind gusting to 30 mph.  
 Tonight: Partly cloudy evening. Mostly cloudy overnight.

HIGH: 49 LOW: 36



# Credit union wisely gives to Hamilton County Harvest

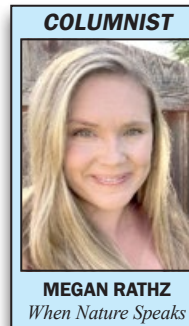


Photo provided by Everwise Credit Union

On Monday, Everwise Credit Union presented a \$10,000 check to Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank. "Here at Everwise Credit Union, we're incredibly proud to support our local food banks," Everwise President and CEO Jason M. Osterhage said. "It's not just about giving money; it's about providing nourishment, hope, and a sense of community." Learn more about Everwise at [EverwiseCU.com](http://EverwiseCU.com). If you'd like to donate to or volunteer for Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank, find out how at [HCHFdbank.org](http://HCHFdbank.org). (From left) HCHF Board members and staff were joined by Celeste Jones (Area Manager at Everwise), Andrea Mikels, Mary Lou Finchum, Janet Gafkjen, Anita Hagen, Adam Young (Area Manager at Everwise), Suzanna Hobson, and Brad Lewis.

## They are watching

I was recently scrolling and saw a preacher discussing the importance of the example a father plays in the lives of his children. The speaker was talking about how often a son will become his father both in his words and actions, and his daughter will one day marry it.



COLUMNIST

MEGAN RATHZ  
 When Nature Speaks

Is this always true? Of course not. In fact, the thought of becoming your father or marrying him is very triggering for some people. We all know people who have come from terrible circumstances and have broken the cycle with their own actions. Whether it be addiction, abuse, finances, gambling, drugs, or another vice, there have certainly been a lot of people who can proudly say they did *not* end up like their father. And to those people, I see you and respect you.

For those of us, like myself, who were blessed with the example of a wonderful father who was strong, witty, wise, kind and loyal, protective, successful, generous, faith-centered, and selfless, we looked for those traits when dating a future mate. I saw the way that my dad treated my mom and knew that one day I would not settle for less than that because not only did my dad treat and love my mom well, but he also loved his daughters well. I grew up watching him and noticing many things.

I can proudly say that I look at my husband, Tim, and see the way he treats his own kids and me and feel an overwhelming sense of gratitude. In the season of thankfulness, and which just so happens to be my husband's birthday, I am thankful for the life he works hard to provide for us and the example he sets for our children. He is even-tempered, strong, romantic, protective, hardworking, kind, hysterical, and humble. He puts the kids and me first in everything he does.

He is the dad for my kids that I had as a little girl. I look at my two children, Mary and Pat, and see the example he has set for them by his actions, love, and work ethic, and know that my son has the

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# Westfield veterans honor veterans

## The REPORTER

The City of Westfield held its second annual Veterans Day ceremony, "Honoring Service and Sacrifice," on Monday, Nov. 11, at the Bridgewater Club. Of the guests who filled the large room, around 100 were veterans, more than four-fold the number of veterans at last year's event.

Brian Gould, U.S. Army veteran and executive director of the Build Indiana Council, emceed the event.

"Veterans Day is a time when we remind our fellow Americans to stop and say thank you to those who served," Gould said.

Speakers for the event included Westfield Mayor Scott Willis and Westfield Police Chief Shawn Keen, both Marine Corps veterans.

Army veteran Roy Adams served as the keynote speaker.

"The culture of service doesn't end with military discharge," Adams said. "It's a lifelong commitment and decision. It's about giving back to the community, mentoring young people, and supporting fellow veterans."

Adams supports his fellow



Photo provided by City of Westfield

(From right) Westfield Mayor Scott Willis and Chairs of Honor present Air Force Veteran Zachary Kinkead with a Chair of Honor.

veterans through his locally-based nonprofit, Chairs of Honor. Through Chairs of Honor, chairmakers from around the

country craft individual heirloom chairs to be presented to veterans. Those veterans' stories are then recorded through

an interview and linked with the chair through a digital ID.

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# Support local businesses at Shop Small Shop Carmel

## The REPORTER

Join many of the businesses in Carmel's central core on Saturday, Nov. 30 and kick off the holiday shopping season with Shop Small Shop Carmel on Small Business Saturday. Participating businesses will have Shop Carmel swag bags containing give-away items from each of the stores.

Shop Carmel is also running a social media promotion: take a selfie while shopping, tag the business, and use #ShopCarmel to be entered to win a gift basket that includes items from the Shop Carmel businesses.

Participating Businesses Include:

- Arts & Design District**
  - Art on Main Gallery and Gifts, 111 W. Main St., #140
  - Bash Boutique, 30 N. Range Line Road
  - Bub's Burgers & Ice Cream, 210 W. Main St.
  - CCA Art & Gift Gallery, 111 W. Main St., #135
  - Circle Gallery, 30 W. Main St.
  - Goodness Gracious Kitch-

- en & Cupboard, 24 N. Range Line Road
  - Holder Mattress, 200 S. Range Line Road, #119
  - Hue Salon and Spa, 630 N. Range Line Road, A
  - Indiana Artisan Gallery & Gifts, 22 N. Range Line Road
  - Greek's Pizzeria, 120 E. Main St.
  - Joe's Butcher Shop, 111 W. Main St., #110
  - Magdalena Gallery, 27 E. Main St., #100
  - Metalmark Fine Jewelry, 211 W. Main St., #100
  - Regalique, 110 Main St., #120
  - Silver in the City, 111 W. Main St., #150
  - The Olive Mill, 10 S. Range Line Road
- Carmel City Center**
  - Fringe & Form, 736 Hanover Place, #100B
  - Her MD, 885 Monon Blvd., #118
  - Uplift Intimate Apparel, 711 Veterans Way, #136
- Midtown**
  - Kernels, 254 Veterans Way, Unit F



Photo provided by City of Carmel

- Penn and Beech Candle Co., 145 W. Elm St.
  - Sun King Brewery, 351 Monon Blvd.
  - Wine & Rind, 254 Veterans Way, Unit G
- Hop on the Holiday Trolley!**  
 Enjoy a spin around the city's entertainment districts and hop on

and off at seven stops along the way. The trolley is free of charge and runs the following dates:

- Nov. 23, 29, 30
- Dec. 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21
- Fridays: 5 to 9 p.m.
- Saturdays: 2 to 9 p.m.

You can access the trolley map through the Carmel Geo-Hub at [this link](http://this link).

## Important Indiana property tax notice

Check with Auditor's office to ensure your exemptions are in place before end of the year

### Submitted by Meridian Title

If you purchased a home or recorded a deed to change the title of your home in 2024, you should verify with your County Auditor that your homestead deduction has been applied and/or is still valid before Dec. 31, 2024.

The deadline for filing for the homestead deduction using a Sales Disclosure Application, which must be filed with the Assessor and Auditor before the Deed can be recorded, is Dec. 31, 2024. The deadline for filing via the homestead application on a previously filed Deed and Sales Disclosure is Jan. 15, 2025.

If married (even if your spouse is not going in title), the spouse must provide their name and last five digits of their Driver's License and Social Security numbers in applying for a homestead deduction.

To file the homestead deduction, you need the tax ID number and the last five digits of your Social Security number. If you do not have a Social Security number, you will need the last five digits of a valid U.S.-issued ID.

The mortgage deduction is no longer available after Jan. 1, 2023.

A deduction OR exemption validly in place on Jan. 1 of any given year will remain in place for the current tax year even if the use or ownership of the property changes after Jan. 1.

Homestead Deduction forms are available at [in.gov/dlgf/2344.htm](http://in.gov/dlgf/2344.htm).

If you have questions, you can contact the **Hamilton County Auditor's Office** by calling (317) 776-8400. The office is located in the Historic Courthouse in downtown Noblesville with offices in the basement and on the first floor. Property tax deductions can be filed **online** or in person at the Hamilton County Auditor's Office.

# VETS

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“Subsequently, the veteran’s story is preserved for generations to come,” Adams said.

Following his speech, Adams had Mayor Willis draw a raffle ticket from those handed out to the veterans present at the ceremony. They then presented the winner of the raffle, Air Force veteran Zachary Kinkead, with a handcraft-

ed chair sponsored by Indiana Members Credit Union. Adams will be following up with Kinkead to record his experience in service.

In addition, Willis recognized the winners of the inaugural Veterans Day poster and essay contests. Third grader Emet Swan, fifth grader Jackson Adams, and sixth grader Max

winners of the poster contest, and junior Adam Baker read his winning essay. All winners were presented with gift cards from a representative of contest sponsor American Structurepoint.

Willis ended the ceremony by presenting each veteran present with a coin from the city honoring their service.



Photos provided by City of Westfield (ABOVE) (From right) Westfield Mayor Scott Willis recognizes sixth grader Max Swan, fourth grader Emet Swan, and fifth grader Jackson Adams as winners of the inaugural Veterans Day essay contest. (BELOW) The Westfield High School Signature Sound Choir, under the direction of Alison Wessel, sang the national anthem as well as the armed forces medley.



Photo provided by City of Westfield (ABOVE) Mayor Willis ends the ceremony by presenting each veteran present with a coin from the city honoring their service.



Photos provided by City of Westfield (ABOVE LEFT) Junior Adam Baker reads his winning essay. (ABOVE RIGHT) Westfield Police Chief and Marine Corps veteran Shawn Keen speaks to the crowd. (BELOW LEFT) Air Force veteran Lisa Wilken spoke about the significance of the Missing Man Table, which was set up to the side of the stage. (BELOW RIGHT) Carmel resident Camille Nelson shared her poem “Hounds of Hell,” which has been read at public events and is preserved in the Smithsonian.



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# Noblesville development clears first vote despite community fears for privacy, wetland wildlife

By DANIELLE ZULKOSKY  
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

It was a contentious Noblesville Plan Commission meeting, but in the end, the board unanimously approved two petitions to rezone land in northern Noblesville – petitions that have been subject to much opposition and controversy.

The **plan commission** highly recommended changing the zoning of 173 acres of land initially zoned as single-family residential to multi-family residential, planned business, and light

industrial.

Called **Morse Village**, the new development will be located on three parcels of land on 206th Street and Hague Road.

While the city is backing the project, those living near the marked-off area have expressed concerns about a lack of privacy, increased traffic, pressure on the schools, destruction of wetlands, and fears about the possible destruction of an eagle's nest.

Jami Ross, who opposed the development, says the plan's approval feels like a slap in the face.

"[Morse Village] is set to occupy land that is undeveloped and replete with trees. [It] serves as a habitat to a diverse ecosystem," she said.

"We chose Noblesville for peace, for quiet, for nature, for family," Ross added.

The city said this is an opportunity to add a "missing middle" component to Noblesville. Sarah Reed, the community development director for Noblesville, says the amended plan will meet some of the "missing middle and housing analysis components" the city

requested.

Neighbors say the missing middle can go elsewhere.

The fight for and against the development is not over yet. The city council still needs to vote on the proposals. They will meet next on Dec. 3, and a vote is set for Dec. 17.

You can find more information about this development on the **Noblesville Plan Commission website**.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/news/noblesville-plan-commission-proves-rezoning](http://wishtv.com/news/noblesville-plan-commission-proves-rezoning).

## Letter to the Editor

### Reader wants quiet life instead of West Pointe development

Dear Editor:

On Monday, Nov. 18, the Noblesville City Council meeting addressing the rezoning of land use at 206th Street and Hague Road.

The city council approved rezoning without regard to their constituents' concerns or environmental issues that will occur through development of the land and disturbance to the pair of nesting eagles on the property.

It was a full house and local residents feel disenfranchised by the Mayor and city council members' lack of consideration throughout the planning process of this development. Many feel there was intentional attempt to hide or discretely implement this development to avoid objections from local residents like what occurred with Beaver.

We don't want West Pointe. We want to preserve our wetlands, natural habitats, and our city's quiet charm.

**Kelly Deuser**  
Noblesville

## New committee continues Carmel mayor's efforts to support transparency & accountability

### The REPORTER

Ushering in a new era of transparency, accountability, and fiscal stewardship, the Carmel City Council, with Mayor Sue Finkam's support, approved the formation of a new committee to review the city's ties to affiliate non-profit organizations.

Unanimously approved at Monday's council meeting, the Affiliate Review Committee builds upon efforts initiated earlier this year by Mayor Finkam.

In August, the Mayor addressed the significant expenses associated with Promote Carmel, Inc. with the closing of the All Things Carmel retail store, then took action toward further strengthening the Christkindlmarkt through a new governance

framework. And in October, the mayor launched the **financial transparency portal**. Providing residents with a clear and detailed look into the city's financials, the portal makes it easier than ever to track where and how public funds are being spent.

"I look forward to continuing the work already underway alongside the city council and this new committee," Finkam said. "This action by the council brings an additional level of accountability and transparency to our work



Finkam



Green

that will ultimately benefit our taxpayers."

The Affiliate Review Committee will review and produce a summary of the purpose of each non-profit associated with the city, its governance structure and federal tax requirements, potential conflicts of interest, compensation of executives, city investments in the organization to date and a current balance sheet of the entity's assets and liabilities.

Following Monday's meeting, City Council President Tony Green said he

was pleased with the mayor's support and the unanimous approval by council members.

"Our council members have repeatedly demonstrated a commitment to support our city. This latest action by our mayor and council places further emphasis on efficiency and stewardship, making an enduring impact on our city's operations and finances," Green said.

Jeff Worrell, council member at-large, sponsored the resolution that formed the new committee.

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## Community News

### Come have breakfast with Santa!

Bring your littles and come eat breakfast with Santa from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7 at the Red Bridge Community Park Building in Cicero.

Call (317) 796-8672 to reserve your spots at \$7 each. Besides breakfast, Phi Beta Psi, Delta Chapter will provide crafts, stories, coloring for little ones, and a sales table for adults.

## HSE Schools announces tentative agreement on 2024-2025 teacher contract

### Submitted by HSE Schools

Hamilton Southeastern Schools announced last Friday that it has reached a tentative agreement for the 2024-2025 teacher contract, reflecting the district's commitment to supporting its educators and securing a bright future for the entire school community.

Over the past several weeks, HSE Schools'



Bargaining Team worked closely with the Hamilton Southeastern Education Association to develop a fair and balanced agreement.

Notwithstanding declining State revenue and growing healthcare costs,

HSE Schools presents a financial package to its teachers valued at over six times the amount of new State revenue received. The tentative agreement

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## WATCHING

perfect example of a man, and I know that Mary will know what she deserves in a husband one day.

Mary is noticing how you always let her walk first, how you open my car door, the flowers you bring home for both of us. She notices that you always walk outside in a parking lot to keep us safe or that you sit facing the entrance of a restaurant, so you can see who is entering.

She is aware that even when you're exhausted and ready to go to sleep, you're the one who goes back down to the car to get her white blanket that she left in there from school dropoff. She knows that you're the room dad for her class. She remembers the days off work you took to go on field trips.

She remembers the way you smile with your eyes when she shows you her new dress and waits for you to tell her how pretty she looks. She notices how you call her bunny. She will remember you doing her hair in the morning. She knows that you would do anything to keep her safe.

She knows. She's watching and paying very close attention.

Pat is also watching. He sees the way that you don't lose your temper easily and keep God at the center of our family. He notices the way that you treat me and how you protect us. He sees the example of a man who is as devoted to me as you



Photo provided by Megan Rathz

### My favorite person at his favorite place in the world, The Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

are to both of them. He will remember the interest you took in the things he enjoys.

He is noticing that you are kind to people at restaurants and hold doors open for women. He notices that the same soft hands that fix his sister's hair in the morning before school also are the same hands that protect him until he's old enough to protect himself. He also sees that you are an amazing cook and will grow up knowing that it's not just his wife's job to provide food for his family because he saw you cooking for us.

He is aware that being a man is a delicate balance of gentleness and fierceness. He notices that you offer your seat when a lady enters the room and how you take your hat off when we pray. He hears you thank veterans for their service and has seen you buy them cups of coffee.

He sees the planning you do for our date nights and the effort you make to make me feel special. He will remember the funny voices you make when reading bedtime stories.

He is watching. He is learning how to be a man, a husband, and a father from you.

I certainly hope that the quote is true, that your son will become it, and your daughter will marry it. Nothing would make me happier to see Pat end up like you and if Mary marries a boy that is just like you.

Thank you for loving all of us, Tim. You are our greatest blessing. They are watching you . . . and I thank God for that! Oh, and happy birthday!

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

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# SHOP SMALL IN WESTFIELD

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT ON NOVEMBER 30

Discover the charm of Westfield by shopping small and supporting our local businesses!

To learn more about the exciting, upcoming events in Westfield, scan the QR code!

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## WESTFIELD IN LIGHTS

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<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/online-gingerbread-competition/barriers/timing?cart>

(online voting begins Friday, 12/6 at 3:00 PM and ends Saturday, 12/7 at 4:45 PM)

**VOTE IN PERSON FOR YOUR FAVORITE GINGERBREAD DISPLAY:**

at Christ United Methodist Church  
(318 N Union Street, Westfield)

\*dollar bills only - no change please\*

(in-person voting begins Saturday, 12/7 at 3:00 PM and ends Saturday, 12/7 at 4:45 PM)

**AWARDS**

JUDGES CHOICE: 1ST, 2ND, & 3RD

PEOPLE'S CHOICE: 1ST, 2ND, & 3RD

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT WESTFIELD IN LIGHTS ON THE MAIN STAGE AT 5:20 PM!

Please contact Anne DeWeese or Chelsie Markland with questions:  
[adeweese@c21scheetz.com](mailto:adeweese@c21scheetz.com) \* [chelsie7markland@gmail.com](mailto:chelsie7markland@gmail.com)

# Paul Poteet . . .

## Your Hometown Weatherman!

# Noblesville & Carmel Lions help Gleaners in November



Photo provided by Jake Doll, Noblesville Lions Club

Last Tuesday, Nov. 12, the Noblesville and Carmel Lions Clubs served 169 families or roughly 680 people at Grand Park in Westfield with food, courtesy of Gleaners. (ABOVE) Lions from the Carmel Club included Paul Cardinal, Bill Ryan, Betty Yunker, Jason Randlett and Bob Yunker. Lions from the Noblesville Club were Bruce Moss, Jerry Baker, Jeff Kozicki, Rollin Cutter, Steve Shaw, John Einsfeld, Ron Williamson, Linda Williamson, Larry Jacobi, Maryanne Jacobi. More from the Carmel Club were Mark Hallett, Linda Hallett, Norm Steele, Christal Steele, Don Collins, and Jim Kagler. Not pictured was Carrie Larrison.

## CONTRACT

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includes a base salary increase of \$1,400 for returning teachers, recognition of advanced degrees for those who have obtained them since the last contract, and up to a \$2,000 employer contribution towards a Health Savings Account for

qualifying members.

Facing an 8.5 percent increase to its traditional health insurance plan, the district is transitioning to a new High-Deductible Plan and corresponding Health Savings Account (HSA) to minimize the overall fi-

nancial impact on both the district and its employees, while allowing teachers to become consumers of their own healthcare costs. The district will contribute between \$1,000 and \$2,000 to an HSA for members who elect this plan.

“From the onset, our administration has been focused on providing a strong financial package to our teachers while responsibly planning for the future,” Superintendent Pat Mapes said. “Our teachers are at the heart of our schools,

impacting students and families daily, and we are committed to supporting them.”

The full tentative agreement is [available here](#). Both parties will now take steps to ratify the contract in the coming days, which in-

cludes, among other items, a mutually agreed upon public hearing to be conducted by the Board of School Trustees at 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21 and a special School Board meeting to ratify the tentative agreement at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26.

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frustration, and  
a colossal risk.

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# Noblesville police chase ends in crash, suspect still on the run

By PARKER CARLSON  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

A suspect is on the run after escaping police from a chase on Interstate 69. Sunday evening, Noblesville police say they attempted a traffic stop on a

2018 Dodge Challenger at 146th Street and State Road 37. The officer tried to pull the driver over, but they didn't stop. The chase raced southbound on SR 37 eventually getting onto I-69. It ended when the Chal-

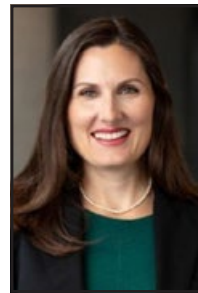
lenger crashed into another vehicle near mile marker 204 on I-69, close to the IKEA. After the crash, the suspect got out of the car and ran. Police tried to find the man, but were unable to locate him. The driver of the vehicle that was hit was taken to a

hospital. The investigation is ongoing, and officers are working to identify the suspect. *This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/news/local-news/noblesville-police-chase-escape](http://wishtv.com/news/local-news/noblesville-police-chase-escape).*

# OneZone Women's Network welcomes Katie Zarich with Cummins

The REPORTER

OneZone Chamber will soon welcome Katie Zarich, Director of Global On-Highway Communications at Cummins, the largest independent maker of diesel engines and related products in the world.



Zarich

This event will be held from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 4 at Niemann Harvest Market, 2140 E. 116th St., Carmel. Tickets are \$15 for members and \$30 for non-members. Reservations can be made at [onezonechamber.com](http://onezonechamber.com) or by

calling (317) 436-4653. Zarich will discuss imposter syndrome and how it can be the villain that prevents one from reaching his or her full potential. She will outline strategies for overcoming self-doubt to grow confidence and sustain success in your personal and professional life. She will share personal anecdotes and how she continues to reframe her thinking to make breakthroughs when she recognizes imposter syndrome bubbling up in her own life.

# Two drop-off sites open now in Hamilton County for Operation Christmas Child

The REPORTER

Children in need are being blessed this Christmas season through the Samaritan's Purse project, Operation Christmas Child. Individuals, families and groups have the opportunity to pack a shoebox gift filled with fun toys, school supplies, and personal care items and drop them off now during National Collection Week, Nov. 18 to 25. More than 4,700 drop-off sites are now open, including at three locations in or near Hamilton County:

- Crossroads Church: 19201 Grassy Branch Road, Westfield
- Grace Church: 12450 Olio Road, Fishers
- Heritage Christian School: 6401 E. 75th St., Indianapolis

[Click here](#) to view more locations and hours. You can search by ZIP code, and signs at each location will identify the drop-off point.

Operation Christmas Child has been collecting and delivering shoebox gifts to children worldwide for more than three decades. In 2024, Operation Christmas Child hopes to collect enough shoeboxes to reach another 12 million children.



Photo provided by Samaritan's Purse

The project of Samaritan's Purse partners with local churches across the globe to deliver these tangible expressions of God's love to children in need. Find a step-by-step guide on the [How to Pack a Shoebox webpage](#).

"Samaritan's Purse is committed to taking the Gospel to hard-to-reach places—whether its responding to a disaster or sharing God's love through the power of a simple shoebox," Samaritan's Purse President Franklin Graham said. "You can show kids in need the true meaning of Christmas this year

through a shoebox gift. Please prayerfully consider packing a shoebox this year."

For more information, call (937) 374-0761, or visit [samaritanpurse.org/occ](http://samaritanpurse.org/occ). Those who prefer the convenience of online shopping can browse [samaritanpurse.org/buildonline](http://samaritanpurse.org/buildonline) to select gifts matched to a child's specific age and gender, then finish packing the virtual shoebox by adding a photo and personal note of encouragement.

**About Operation Christmas Child**  
Operation Christmas Child, a project of Sa-

maritan's Purse, seeks to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world and, together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 209 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories. This year, Operation Christmas Child will celebrate its 30th year of ministry.

Learn more at [SamaritanPurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child](http://SamaritanPurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child).

## Letter to the Editor

### Sheller & team thanked for all their hard work

Dear Editor:

With the election behind us, I would like to take a moment to extend my thanks to the County Election Administrator Beth Sheller and her amazing and dedicated team who ensured a safe, accessible, secure, and successful election in Hamilton County. Her team and all the poll workers and inspectors play an essential role in our community and in our elections.

Working at the County Government and Judicial Center, I know her team is incredibly busy in the weeks and days before each election. The members of her team make a significant commitment to our citizens and our right to vote.

Thank you!  
**Gary Duncan**  
Carmel

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# ICE — — RIBBON

## NOVEMBER 23 - JANUARY 4 THURSDAYS - SATURDAYS

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# Noblesville Lions honor Vets with dinner & introductions



Photos provided by Jake Doll, Noblesville Lions Club  
 Last Wednesday, Nov. 13, the Noblesville Lions served local veterans with a free Thanksgiving dinner at Ginger's Café. Each veteran was introduced by their evening sponsor. The invited speaker, Bill Doss of the Hamilton County Veterans Corporation (HCVC), gave information to the Lions about his organization that helps veterans. HCVC is working to get the American Legion and VFW organizations to combine with HCVC to provide services. HCVC is looking to setup a complex and combine activities of all veteran organizations in the area. (RIGHT) Lions Club V.P. Hayden Parsons (left) thanks speaker Bill Doss.



# Local American Senior Communities employees honored with prestigious award

## The REPORTER

Senior care professionals from Hamilton County and surrounding areas were among the 99 employees from across Indiana who were honored with the American Senior Communities (ASC) Quest for Excellence award for outstanding achievement.

This year's awards banquet and ceremony, now in its 24th year, took place on Nov. 14 at the JW Marriott in downtown Indianapolis.

Employees from facilities in Fishers, Noblesville, and Zionsville include:

- Jennifer Hawkins, RN (Allionsville Meadows in Fishers)
- Ariel Wiley, LPN/Evening Shift Supervisor (Allisonville Meadows Assisted Living in Fishers)
- Niki Santos, CNA (Riverwalk Village in Noblesville)
- Aretha Johnson, CNA / Server (Zionsville Meadows)

With nearly 11,000 ASC employees statewide, a Quest for Excellence award is a coveted achievement.



Photo provided by American Senior Communities

Through nominations by peers, residents, and families, only one winner from each location is chosen for recognition, spotlighting the best and brightest in their roles.

The award distinguishes employees who embrace the CARE principles; an aptly named acronym that stands for Compassion, Accountability, Relationships, and Excellence. Honorees are those who consistently make contri-

butions through genuine compassion, strong teamwork, notable accountability, an understanding of the importance of building relationships, and an overarching drive to achieve excellence in their work.

"A Quest for Excellence winner is more than a good employee ... more than a great employee," American Senior Communities CEO Steve Van Camp said. "It is a special person who is a role model and an in-

spiration. It is someone who strives every day to do all they can to improve the health and well-being of residents, to be a trustworthy and dependable teammate, to nurture meaningful relationships, and to be a beacon of kindness and compassion, all in addition to displaying exceptional skills in their role. This describes all of you being honored tonight. Congratulations and a heartfelt thank you for all you do."

# Indiana Senate Democrats reelect minority leader amid sexual harassment allegations

By GARRETT BERGQUIST  
 WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Senate Democrats on Monday gave state Sen. Greg Taylor another term as Senate minority leader hours after reports surfaced of multiple allegations of sexual harassment against him.

Three female former staffers, one of whom is a former intern, told the *IndyStar* that Taylor sexually harassed them over a period of several years.

Taylor, who represents portions of Marion County's Pike and Center townships in the state Senate, is the second high-ranking Indianapolis Democrat to face accusations of sexual harassment in four months. Three former staffers for Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett this summer said Hogsett's former chief of staff, Thomas Cook, sexually harassed them. **Two of them spoke on the record with News 8 at the time.**

Taylor did not respond to requests for comment that News 8 left at both his Senate office and the law firm where he works.

Taylor was first elected to the Senate in 2008. Sen-

ate Democrats first in November 2020 elected him minority leader, a position he has held since. Democrats reelected him behind closed doors late Monday morning. Members did not respond to inquiries but issued a joint statement late Monday afternoon:

"First and foremost, we want to sincerely apologize - to former staffers, interns and anyone else who has been affected by the culture of misconduct that has persisted within the Statehouse. We are also deeply sorry for the distraction this has caused from the important work we are elected to do on behalf of Hoosiers."

Senate Democrats went on to say the mechanism for reporting and investigating misconduct by a member of that chamber is fundamentally flawed because any reports are made to the Senate Ethics Committee, made up of three members of each party. In their statement, Senate Democrats said this leaves it up to legislative peers to hold each other accountable. They



Taylor

said they would push for a more independent reporting mechanism during the next legislative session.

Monday afternoon's statement did not mention whether Taylor would continue in his role as Senate minority leader.

Taylor was noticeably absent from Monday morning's annual legislative preview panel discussion sponsored by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, which normally features the speaker of the House, the Senate president pro tempore, and both the House and Senate minority leaders.

House Speaker Todd Huston, a Fishers Republican, said he was not familiar with the allegations against Taylor, but added the Statehouse should be a safe place to work:

"Look, I am 100% concerned about any allegations of that," he said. "I've told our caucus multiple times, I want the Statehouse to be a great place for everyone to work."

When News 8 asked Huston if the Statehouse was a safe place for women to work, he replied, "I sure hope so. We fight every day to make sure it is."

Senate President Pro Tem Rod Bray left the panel before it ended but issued a statement on the allegations against Taylor late Monday afternoon:

"The Indiana Senate serves the people of the state of Indiana, and as such, we

must hold ourselves to a high standard of conduct and foster a safe and positive work environment. It is extremely disappointing when a member's actions fall short of that standard." [...] "The safety of our personnel and senators is of utmost importance. Senate policies make clear that allegations of harassment are to be taken seriously and thoroughly investigated."

Taylor's House counterpart, House Minority Leader Phil GiaQuinta, of Fort Wayne, condemned Taylor's alleged behavior in a statement released Monday afternoon:

"As Indiana House Democratic Leader, I strongly condemn sexual harassment, no matter who it comes from. I cannot ignore this principle simply because a Statehouse Democrat has been accused of sexual harassment." [...] "I want to remind all House employees that if something happened that you feel is worth reporting, our Ethics rules and the House's personnel handbook provide for a confidential investigation process and guarantee protection from retaliation."

Lawmakers in both chambers convened early Tuesday afternoon for Organization Day, the annual pre-session work day in which lawmakers are sworn in and outline their legislative priorities.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/news/politics/indiana-senate-democrats-harassment-allegations-taylor](http://wishtv.com/news/politics/indiana-senate-democrats-harassment-allegations-taylor).

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# Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

## Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations

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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 126<sup>th</sup> St Treasure Hunt Fri 8pm \$25K  
Fishers, in 46038  
317-842-5944 Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun 8-11

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

Sheridan Post 67 Tom DeShon  
406 E 10<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

**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 126<sup>th</sup> 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**

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[president@hamiltoncountyveterans.com](mailto:president@hamiltoncountyveterans.com)  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs 630pm at Gingers 1804  
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### Hamilton County Veteran Service Officers

317-776-9610 Hours – 9am-4pm Weekdays  
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## Hamilton County Military Veteran

Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County Needs Your Help For their Holiday Goods Drive. Help Your Neighbors This Holiday Season With Goods and \$\$\$



### Holiday Goods Drive for Good Samaritan Network

Help Hamilton County families by donating new or gently used items to Good Samaritan Network Hamilton County. GSN is preparing for their Holiday Assistance program and they need your help to make the Holidays brighter for our neighbors!!

Donations can be dropped off at our SOUTH WAREHOUSE, 12933 Parkside Dr., Fishers, IN Monday through Friday 9am-12pm and 1pm-3pm. Go to the back of the warehouse, honk your horn if the door is closed and we will help unload your goods – do not leave them sitting outside! If you need a receipt for the donation, they will get you one.

Recommended in-kind Donation should be gently used, undamaged/unsoiled items.  
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If you cannot find time to deliver the goods to the GSN warehouse, you may leave them at your neighborhood American Legion or VFW Post here in Hamilton County before Nov 16.

Good Samaritan Network Serving Hamilton County Since 1980

Good Samaritan Network at [www.gsnlive.org](http://www.gsnlive.org)



### Holiday \$\$ Donations to Good Samaritan Network

Funds raised go directly to support your neighbors for Thanksgiving, Christmas and year round. GSN's signature Holiday Assistance program significantly impacts thousands of families every year. Families may receive food baskets for both Thanksgiving and/or Christmas. Additionally, families receive new or gently used toys, clothing and goods for the Christmas season as part of our Christmas Distribution.

Thank you for your kind donations, especially this year in the face of job loss and insecurities, and for making the Holidays a little brighter for Hamilton County families!

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<https://gslive.kindful.com/?campaign=1080400>

Apply for Donations here. If you and your family live, work or attend school in Hamilton County, Indiana, and are in need of Holiday Assistance, apply here. For Thanksgiving, please submit your application by the first Sunday in November. For Christmas, please submit it by the last Sunday in November. ONLINE applications must be completed by the first Sunday in December.  
<https://gsn.formstack.com/forms/holiday-assistance-registration-2024-online-copy>

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### Indiana Veteran Legislative Day – Meet Your Legislators at the Statehouse Jan 14, 2025



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## Activities & Events

Fishers Survivor of Suicide Loss Day Nov 23

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# EMT presented with this year's 'Stars of Life' award



Photos provided  
The American Ambulance Association's annual Stars of Life event, which wrapped up last week in Washington, D.C., honors the dedication and exceptional service of EMTs, paramedics, dispatchers, educators, fleet technicians, and other vital EMS professionals. Seals Ambulance EMT Steve Emery is this year's awardee. This prestigious event not only celebrates individual achievements but also serves as a key opportunity for the EMS community to raise its profile with lawmakers. Throughout the week, award recipients joined their executive hosts from agencies nationwide to meet with U.S. Senators and Congressional Representatives. These brief, impactful Hill meetings provide EMS leaders with the chance to advocate for policies that support the industry and enhance public safety. (ABOVE LEFT) 2024 Star of Life recipient Steve Emery (right) and his daughter, Chelsea Duncan, on the Capitol Steps with Senator Todd Young. (ABOVE RIGHT) Emery (left) and Kevin Griffen from Representative Andre Carson's office.



Photo provided by Kroger

## Kroger keeps prices even lower for Thanksgiving

### Submitted

The Kroger Co. shared its zero-compromise Fresh-giving meal offering customers a **holiday basket** that includes all the staples for less than \$4.85 per person – even more affordable than the retailer's turkey day bundle last year. Complete with pumpkin pie, turkey and plenty of fresh sides, this feast is sure to please.

"As families gather to give thanks and reflect on all they are grateful for, we are humbled to be part of their celebrations," Kroger Chairman and CEO Rodney McMullen said. "At Kroger, we are incredibly thankful for our outstanding associates and for another year of serving our communities and feeding our neighbors in need. From life's most joyous moments to a simple family dinner, we understand the important role food plays in connecting us, showing love and expressing gratitude. Bringing people together to experience this joy is at the heart of our Thanksgiving basket and Kroger's everyday promise to be Fresh for Everyone."

### Meal Bundle

This season, Kroger is again offering customers an affordable meal with zero-compromise on value, convenience, or quality. These long-held holiday favorites will feed 10 people all under \$4.85 per person\*:

- Kroger Brand Whole Frozen Turkey (14 to 16 pounds) as low as 49 cents per pound
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- Campbell's Turkey Gravy
- Kroger Brand French Sliced Green Beans
- Campbell's Cream of Mushroom Soup
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\* Price per person is inclusive of store coupons and discounts. Pricing may vary by geography.

### Convenience options

For families who want to spend less time in the kitchen and more time around the table, Home Chef offers heat-and-eat Thanksgiving meals and sides at Kroger Family of Companies stores. The simple, stress-free meats and sides can be bundled for more savings, including turkey or ham and six sides serving four to six people, starting at \$75. Customers can enjoy heat-and-eat sides such as homestyle stuffing, maple pecan mashed sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, green bean casserole, and mashed potatoes.

For larger gatherings, Home Chef's Family Feast is the ultimate value, serving six to 12 people for \$105.

Customers can plan ahead and order [here](#).

# Local DAR Chapter celebrates Native American Heritage Month

### Submitted

Horseshoe Prairie Chapter members would like to remind readers that November is Native American Heritage Recognition Month.

Locally the Delaware, or Lenape, tribe of Native American inhabitants of Hamilton County were removed along with other tribes by the Treaty of St. Mary's in 1820. The Delaware people, original inhabitants of this land, were required to move west of the Mississippi River by 1820. This cleared the way for white settlers to move north and west from the Ohio River.

The NSDAR American Indians Committee is entrusted to the continuing education of the history and culture of this community

as well as the support of the educational and cultural pursuits of its citizens.

DAR members further those objectives by educating themselves and the general public, promoting cultural activities and providing financial and material assistance to the DAR supported schools, American Indian Youth Summer Camps and through the DAR Office of Development. Grants to qualifying Native American projects are considered each year. Chapter members sign holiday cards for the Chemawa Indian School in Oregon each Christmas holiday.

The national committee offers five American Indian scholarships, the Francis Crawford Marvin scholarship and Anne Trevarthan



Memorial scholarship administered by the College of William & Mary, Virginia. In addition to these scholarships, the committee provides scholarship funding to Bacone College, Chemawa Indian School, and Indian Youth of America for summer camp. This year the committee awarded more than \$60,000.

American Indian Committee Chair Sharon McMahon states, "Hamilton County and the surrounding area owes much to our Native American settlers and this committee dedicates itself and all DAR members to honor and serve the original inhabitants of this land."

### About NSDAR

Founded in 1890, the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is located in Washington, D.C. For more information about joining NSDAR, go to the Indiana DAR website, [darindiana.org](http://darindiana.org) or the national website, [dar.org](http://dar.org). You can contact the local Chapter Horseshoe Prairie at [horseshoeprairiedar@gmail.com](mailto:horseshoeprairiedar@gmail.com).



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Have yourself A Swingin' Little Christmas with Jane Lynch and friends Kate Flannery and Tim Davis. This year, they'll be at The Palladium on Dec. 7.

## Don't miss these holiday season events at Center for the Performing Arts

### The REPORTER

Tickets are available for these upcoming December events at The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. Just go to [TheCenterPresents.org](http://TheCenterPresents.org) or call (317) 843-3800.

#### Home Free's "Any Kind of Christmas" Tour

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3

The Palladium

Tickets from \$35

Holiday Series

Experience the magic of the holidays with Home Free as they mix Christmas classics with Nashville-dipped pop hits and timeless country standards on a tour celebrating their new album, *Any Kind of Christmas*. With more than 750 million views and 1.7 million subscribers on YouTube, the all-vocal quintet has been hailed as "Country music fans' favorite a cappella group" (Taste of Country). Other recent releases include *Crazy(er) Life* (2024), *As Seen on TV* (2023) and *So Long Dixie* (2022). Don't miss this evening of quick-witted humor and incredible harmonies that will create lasting holiday memories.

#### Cherry Poppin' Daddies: WWII Tiki Xmas Canteen

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5

The Palladium

Tickets from \$35

Holiday Series

Emerging from the vibrant 1980s ska/punk scene, the Cherry Poppin' Daddies quickly became known for their unique fusion of swing and other pre-rock musical styles, firmly establishing their place in the national spotlight with their 1997 album *Zoot Suit Riot*, featuring the Top 40 hit title track. Still fronted by singer-songwriter Steve Perry, the horn-driven, Oregon-based band continues to captivate audiences with its distinctive sound and sharp, thought-provoking lyrics. Their latest endeavor, *WWII Tiki Xmas Canteen*, is a nostalgic holiday production that channels the spirit and charm of a 1940s radio broadcast.

#### The Four Phantoms: Holiday Show

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6

The Palladium

Tickets from \$45

Holiday Series

"It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" to join the Four Phantoms for a joyous holiday celebration at the Palladium. This extraordinary quartet features performers who have played the title role in Andrew Lloyd Webber's Tony Award-winning musical *Phantom of the Opera* around the world: Brent Barrett, John Cudia, Franc D'Ambrosio and Ciarán Sheehan, under the music direction of Ryan Shirar. Joining them is special guest Kaley Ann Voorhees, one of the youngest performers to play the role of Christine on Broadway. This holiday show will feature iconic Broadway songs, including Phantom favorites, as well as glorious renditions of holiday classics.

#### Jane Lynch's A Swingin' Little Christmas

8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7

The Palladium

Tickets from \$35

Holiday Series

Five-time Emmy winner Jane Lynch (*Glee*, *Weakest Link*, *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*, *Only Murders in the Building*) returns to the Center on her annual holiday tour, featuring songs, stories and comedy with her talented friends. Joining her again

this year is Kate Flannery, best known for her nine seasons as Meredith on *The Office*, and singer-arranger Tim Davis, known for his behind-the-scenes work on *Glee* and with artists including Barbra Streisand and Lady Gaga. Backing them will be the Tony Guerrero Quintet, a longtime staple of the Southern California jazz scene.

#### Dave Koz & Friends Christmas Tour 2024

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13

The Palladium

Tickets from \$55

Holiday Series

Performance Sponsor:

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In the 27th anniversary edition of the world's longest-running jazz-based Christmas tour, saxophonist Dave Koz and his musical friends will perform fresh renditions of timeless Christmas classics – as well as a Chanukah medley – along with hits from their respective catalogs. In a recording career that spans nearly three decades, Koz has racked up honors and achievements including nine Grammy nominations, 11 No. 1 albums on *Billboard's* Current Contemporary Jazz Albums chart, and a 2023 Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award. Koz's 11th holiday performance at the Center will feature singer-songwriter Jonathan Butler and special guests including tenor saxophonist Vincent Ingala, guitarist Adam Hawley and vocalist Rebecca Jade.

#### Peanut Butter & Jam: Melchior Marionettes' Holiday Cabaret on Strings

10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 14

The Studio Theater

Tickets: \$10 per child, includes up to two free adult admissions

Back by popular demand – Come see this fast-paced, entertaining cabaret featuring handcrafted marionettes. Children and adults will delight in the hilarious antics of the characters and the skill of the puppeteers. The audience can sing along with the holiday classics and other favorites. Designed for children ages 1 to 7, Peanut Butter & Jam sessions engage young children in the arts.

#### Jon McLaughlin & Friends: Home for the Holidays

8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14

The Palladium

Tickets from \$35

Holiday Series

Back by popular demand! Hoosier-born singer-songwriter Jon McLaughlin will perform original Christmas tunes as well as holiday classics alongside some of his talented friends. The Anderson native has been attracting fans with his heartfelt, hook-laden songwriting and impassioned delivery since his 2007 debut album, *Indiana*. He has released several full-lengths in the years since and revealed a true evolution in both his piano playing and singing. McLaughlin has played shows with Billy Joel, Kelly Clarkson and Adele, collaborated with longtime friend Sara Bareilles, co-written with Demi Lovato and even performed at the Academy Awards. Joining him for this performance will be Nashville-based artists Austin Brown, until recently a longtime member of the country vocal group Home Free, and Gabe Dixon, a singer-songwriter and keyboardist who has recorded and/or toured with artists including Paul McCartney, Alison Krauss and Tedeschi Trucks Band.

## Second star to the right and straight on till Carmel

By DANIEL SHOCK

*A Seat on the Aisle*

Carmel Community Players' *Peter and the Starcatcher* is a spirited and often hilarious take on the origin of J.M. Barrie's beloved characters. Directed by Lori Raffel, this production leans heavily into humor and creativity, feeling like a mash-up of *Godspell* and *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)*.

Told in a vaudevilian style and peppered with anachronistic jokes (some of which feel tailor-made for a Carmel audience), the play invites us to laugh, imagine, and connect with the story of how Peter Pan became "The Boy Who Would Not Grow Up."

Adapted by Rick Elice from the novels by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson, the story delves into Peter's origins, weaving a tale of adventure, friendship, and the magical substance "starstuff." The show's self-aware humor and inventive staging make it as much a celebration of theatre itself as it is a prequel to Peter Pan.

The cast of 14 actors portrays over 100 characters with boundless energy and wit. Mason Yeater captures the journey of the Boy (eventually Peter), portraying both his vulnerability and growing confidence as he discovers and builds his identity. Hannah Janowicz as Molly, the brave and quick-thinking Starcatcher-in-training, has an eager self-assurance, anchoring the more fantastical elements of the story with sincerity. Together, Yeater and Janowicz create heartfelt moments amidst the chaos.

As Black Stache, Austin Uebelhor frequently steals the show with his eccentric antics, playing up the character's future as Captain Hook with delightful over-the-top flair. His scenes with Samantha Kelly as the loyal Smee are entertaining, drawing laughs with their absurd exchanges. Adri-



Photo provided by Carmel Community Players

Mason Yeater as Peter.

an Blackwell as Gremplin brings a menacing edge to the orphan backstory, while Olivia Carrier and Quinn Yeater as Prentiss and Ted inject fresh energy and humor into the orphan trio.

The play's use of a minimalistic "Story Theatre" approach works beautifully, mirroring the way children play and reinforcing the themes of growing up and the power of imagination. With ropes doubling as doorways, boxes trans- forming into pirate ships, and fabric becoming waves, the audience is encouraged to fill in the gaps with their own creative energy. This approach showcases theatre at its most imaginative and interactive. Raffel's set design complements the script's playful nature, keeping transitions quick and the action flowing. Lighting by Karissa Henschen highlights key moments, particularly the magical glow of the starstuff, while Elizabeth Ruddell's costumes skillfully balance Victorian influences with pretend playfulness.

Raffel notes in her director's message that this play is about "self-discovery, finding home, and connection." These themes resonate through the hilarity and chaos, reminding us of

the importance of building a "different sort of family." The production also celebrates breaking tradition, with clever gender-blind casting that highlights the "Pan, or all-ness" theme central to the story.

If I have any criticism, it's that the play takes a little time to get going. The first half of Act One had some timing issues, which could likely be attributed to opening night jitters. However, as the performance barreled ahead, it grew funnier and more engaging. Every scene featuring mermaids is a winner!

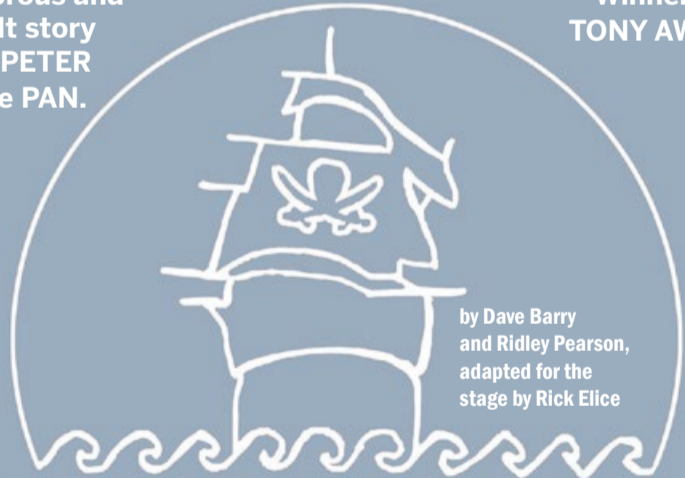
For those who enjoy fast-paced humor, imaginative storytelling, and a fresh take on familiar characters, *Peter and the Starcatcher* delivers a delightful evening of theatre. The balance of laugh-out-loud comedy and heartfelt moments makes it a great outing for families, theatre enthusiasts, or anyone who wants to believe in magic again.

The play runs through Nov. 24 at The Cat, 254 Veterans Way, Carmel. Performances are Thursdays through Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at [carmelplayers.org](http://carmelplayers.org).

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*Exodus 25:37-40 (NIV)*

**Kevin Robert Garris**

**May 31, 1956 – November 15, 2024**

Kevin Robert Garris, born May 31, 1956, passed away on November 15, 2024.



Kevin graduated from Butler University in May 1978 after majoring in Accounting. He was an active member and Treasurer of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Kevin was mischievous and smart, always working to get ahead, and soon owned several businesses ranging from computers to restaurants.

His favorite hobbies and greatest joys included:

- Traveling and cruising often, with fond memories of being able to swim with the dolphins in the Caribbean. He was also blessed to visit one of his favorite spots twice, Alaska.

- Kevin was an avid bowler and also loved his annual golf trips. He enjoyed visiting casinos and playing cards with family and friends. Double Deck Euchre was his favorite game.

- There were too many concerts to name, but Kevin was certain to see the Eagles as often as possible!

- In his later years, Kevin discovered a new joy and happiness, riding eTrikes with his wife and dear friends.

- Always an animal lover, Kevin owned many dogs over the years. You would often find him watching birds and deer in the yard, fox by the window, and he would delight to see any new critters along the way.

Kevin loved his wife Deb with his whole heart. He always said he was married 8/26 on Deb's birthday so he would only have to remember one date every year ... but we celebrated big!

Kevin was loyal and stayed connected with many friends from decades past. Especially close were dear friends Lloyd Ford, Steve Sgroi, and Charlie and Andi Thomaschek.

Surviving family includes his wife Deb Garris, married 46 years, sister Kathy Birk and husband Mike, nephews Chris and Nick, sister Tammy Chapman and nieces Nikki and Lexi. Kevin was the beloved son of the late Bob and Mary Garris.

In lieu of a service, Deb asks that you remember Kevin in your own way.

Donations can be made to Tunnel to Towers Foundation ([T2T.org](http://T2T.org)) or Indy Humane Organization ([IndyHumane.org](http://IndyHumane.org)).

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**Norma Alice Brown**

**October 16, 1931 – November 18, 2024**

Norma Alice Brown, 93, Cicero, passed away on Monday, November 18, 2024, at Allisonville Meadows in Fishers. She was born on October 16, 1931, to Milton and Barbara (Davis) Warren in Mooresville, Ind.



Norma was a 1949 graduate of Jackson Central High School in Arcadia. She retired after 33 years of working in the office for Firestone/Bridgestone, and was also a licensed cosmetologist. Norma liked to play BINGO, go bowling, reading, and watching murder mystery shows. Most of all, Norma loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by her daughter, Cynthia (Forest) Winkle; grandchild, Samantha (James "Pete") Powers; great-grandchildren, Mya Cooper and Hunter Powers; and great great-grandchildren, Robert and Warren Jones.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 29 years, Robert Brown.

The Brown Family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Home with Norma's care. Honoring Norma's wishes, her urn will be interred at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

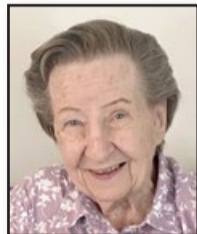
In lieu of flower, memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60631 ([alz.org/indiana](http://alz.org/indiana)).

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**Loretta J. Liebke**

**December 17, 1935 – November 14, 2024**

Loretta J. Liebke, 88, Westfield, passed away on November 14, 2024. She was born in Milwaukee, Wis., on December 17, 1935, daughter of Clinton and Gertrude (Kooi) Anderson.



She married Herbert C. Liebke on November 2, 1961. He preceded her in death in 2008.

In addition to her parents and husband, Loretta was also preceded in death by her sister, Marie Nestel; and her beloved dog, Cookie.

Survivors include daughter, Terri Brown Liebke; son, Mark (Sandy) Liebke; grandchildren, Mike (Moe) O'Brien, Tim (Sarah) O'Brien, Matt (Missy) Liebke, Dan Liebke, Jamie Brown (fiancé, Roger), and Korina (Ben) Bross; great-grandchildren, Jennifer Bross, Katelyn Bross, and Cooper Liebke; great great-grandchild, Jade Gerena; and nephew, Steve (Geri) Nestel.

Loretta dearly loved her family and will be greatly missed by all.

Burial will take place in the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, Ill.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Loretta, be directed to the TLC Animal Shelter, 13016 W. 151st St., Home Glen, IL 60491.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to care for Loretta and assist the family in arrangements.

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**Paul Anthony Churchward**

**September 21, 1937 – November 14, 2024**

Paul Anthony Churchward, 87, Carmel, passed peacefully in his sleep on November 14, 2024. He was born on September 21, 1937, in Fort Wayne, Ind., the youngest of 11 children, to Charles John Churchward (Cornwall, England) and Edna Josephine Herber (Fort Wayne). He attended Waynedale Elementary School and graduated from Elmhurst High School, Class of 1955.



Obtaining his apprenticeship in December 1957, from the Fort Wayne International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Ironworkers, Local 147, he practiced his trade for 20 years in northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio, until retiring on disability due to an injury suffered on the job in 1975.

An avid sportsman, Paul enjoyed many years of hunting, trapping and, especially, bass fishing on his beloved Indian Lake in Kendallville. A true Hoosier Basketball fan, Paul resided in Indiana all his life in Waynedale, Ft. Wayne, Kendallville, and Churubusco, where he became a regular patron of the Magic Wand Restaurant. Since 2018, he spent his final years living near his children in Carmel, under the kind and loving care of the staff at Magnolia Springs Bridgewater Assisted Living.

A member of the Lutheran Church, Paul was married on June 10, 1960, to his first wife, Janet (Hefflinger) Bellis (Donald). He was later married on August 18, 1993, for 23 years to his second wife, Carolyn (Parker) Cline until her death November 8, 2016.

In addition to his parents, and second wife, Paul was preceded in death by; brothers, William, Eugene, James, Page, and Wilbur Churchward; and sisters, Edna Imel, Susan Vovich, Rita Kendrick, and Cecile Churchward.

Survivors include his first wife, Janet; children, Risa Krauter (Kurt), Bart Churchward, and Holly Hardman (Dave); grandchildren (from Risa), Casey Krauter (Lauren), Nicole Jontony (Dominic), Kelly Krauter, Kevin Krauter, Katie Krauter, Courtney Krauter, and Michael Krauter, (from Bart) Cash Churchward and Dutch Churchward, (from Holly) Katie Mantock (Rob), Camille Hardman, Cierra McGriff (Cory), and Elizabeth Hardman; stepchildren, Pat Cline and Bob (Lisa) Cline; and sister Lorraine Hoss; 12 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews, most notably David Churchward who grew up like a brother to Paul.

A private ceremony will be held at his final resting place next to his parents at Prairie Grove Cemetery, 6312 Old Trail Road, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Memorial contributions, in remembrance of Paul, may be directed by check, made payable to Magnolia Springs Bridgewater (Employee Appreciation Fund), 14901 Carey Road, Carmel, IN 46033.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family in arrangements.

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CARMEL, FISHERS, GUERIN CATHOLIC, HAMILTON HEIGHTS, HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN, NOBLESVILLE, SHERIDAN, UNIVERSITY, WESTFIELD

## Girls Basketball

### Royals stay unbeaten, ready for first conference game Friday

By RICHIE HALL  
sports@readthereporter.com

FISHERS — Hamilton Southeastern kept its unbeaten season intact on Tuesday, beating Cathedral 50-39 in a home game.

The Class 4A No. 2 Royals led 9-8 after the first quarter; Abby Brown came off the bench to score five points. The Irish scored the first basket of the second period to lead 10-9, but Southeastern answered by scoring seven consecutive points. Addison Van Hoesen was good on a rebound basket, Kayla Stidham made the first of several 3-pointers and Makalusky added a layin.

The Royals held an 18-12 advantage and increased their lead to 36-24 after three quarters. Stidham nailed three triples in the period, with her third 3 giving HSE its largest lead of the game at 34-17.

Cathedral went on an 8-0 run that bridged the third and fourth periods, cutting the Royals' lead to 36-28 before Stidham hit her fifth 3 of the game. The Irish got within 41-35 with 3:31 left, but Southeastern was able to hold on. Makalusky went 5-of-5 from the free throw line in the fourth, including a three-point play that sealed the game.

"We came out running the offense and we executed and got some good looks there to get that double-digit lead," said Royals coach Brian Satterfield. "Give them credit, they kept fighting, came back, hit some shots. We got a little stagnant offensively and allowed them to get back in the game and just had to go for a little dogfight until the end."



Hamilton Southeastern's Kayla Stidham made five 3-pointers for the Royals during their Tuesday win over Cathedral.

Makalusky scored 18 points, while Stidham's five 3s turned into 15 points.

Southeastern is 4-0 and plays its first Hoosier Crossroads Conference game of the season Friday at Franklin Central.

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 50, CATHEDRAL 39				
Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Maya Makalusky	4	10-11	18	4
Kayla Brinley	0	0-0	0	3
Kennedy Holman	1	3-6	5	2
Kayla Stidham	5	0-0	15	3
Addison Van Hoesen	2	0-0	4	3
Antonette Green	0	1-2	1	4
Abby Brown	3	1-2	7	1
Abby Orme	0	0-0	0	1
Maine Hooks	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	15	15-21	50	21
Score by Quarters				
Cathedral	8	4	12	15-39
Southeastern	9	9	18	14-50
Southeastern 3-pointers (5) Stidham 5.				

Photo by Mike Kepner

### Greyhounds pull through to take down Zionsville

The REPORTER

Carmel won its second consecutive game on Tuesday, pulling away in the second half for a 49-41 victory.

The Greyhounds led 14-10 after the first quarter, with freshman Catherine Bassi making three 3-pointers. The Eagles came back to tie the game at 18-18 by halftime, but Carmel outscored Zionsville 31-23 in the second half

to secure the win.

Izzy Shepherd led the Greyhounds' scoring with 20 points; she made all six of her free throw attempts in the fourth quarter. Bassi totaled 17 points, making five 3-pointers in all. Lauren Perry added seven second-half points.

Carmel is 2-2 and hosts Fort Wayne Carroll Saturday afternoon.

CARMEL 49, ZIONSVILLE 41				
Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Izzy Shepherd	6	6-6	20	1
Mackenzie Woods	0	0-0	0	4
Lauren Perry	3	0-0	7	2
Taryn Fisher	0	0-0	0	0
Mallory Bourquein	1	0-0	2	1
Catherine Bassi	5	2-2	17	1
Sydney Bonds	0	1-2	1	4
Izabella Ramsey	1	0-0	2	1
Madison Wallace	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	16	9-10	49	14
Score by Quarters				
Carmel	14	4	18	13-49
Zionsville	10	8	14	9-41
Carmel 3-pointers (8) Bassi 5, Shepherd 2, Perry.				



Photo by Dwight Casler

Sheridan's Kenzie Garner scored 30 points for the Blackhawks during their Tuesday game with Brebeuf Jesuit.

### Sheridan falls in tight game with Brebeuf Jesuit

The REPORTER

Sheridan opened the week with its first loss of the season Tuesday, dropping a tight game with Brebeuf Jesuit 54-51 at Larry Hobbs Hall.

The Braves led 18-14 after one quarter and 30-22 at halftime. Kenzie Garner scored nine points for the Blackhawks in the first half, while Cecilia Timme added eight points. Brebeuf led

39-31 going into the fourth quarter; Garner poured in 13 points as part of a 20-point period for Sheridan, but the Braves were able to hang on for the win.

Garner finished the game with 30 points, while Timme scored 11. Kenzie Garner and her sister Brielle Garner both made two 3-pointers.

The Blackhawks are 2-1 and play at Covenant Christian on Thursday.

BREBEUF JESUIT 54, SHERIDAN 51				
Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Nova Cross	0	0-0	0	2
Kenzie Garner	13	2-2	30	2
Shelby Eaton	0	0-0	0	1
Cecilia Timme	5	0-1	11	2
Brielle Garner	3	0-0	8	3
Sadie Timme	0	0-0	0	2
Mackenzie Smith	1	0-0	2	0
Totals	22	2-3	51	12
Score by Quarters				
Sheridan	14	8	9	20-54
Brebeuf Jesuit	18	12	9	15-51
Sheridan 3-pointers (5) K. Garner 2, B. Garner 2, C. Timme.				

### Huskies get beaten by Bulldogs

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights dropped a Tuesday home game to Lapel 60-16.

The Bulldogs, who are receiving votes in the Class 2A poll, led 39-7 at halftime. Reece Blanton scored

five points for the Huskies. Sarah Sherrill led the rebounds with five, while Katie Brown and Lillie Champion both made four steals.

Heights is 0-5 and is off until Nov. 30, when it plays at Huntington North.

LAPEL 60, HAMILTON HEIGHTS 16				
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Katie Brown	1-12	0-0	3	2
Presley Cherry	0-6	3-4	3	0
Reece Blanton	1-4	3-5	5	0
Sarah Sherrill	0-0	1-2	1	3
Vivian Lynch	0-1	1-2	1	0
Abi Hilfiker	0-1	0-0	0	0
Lillie Champion	1-3	1-4	3	3
Illiana Bowyer	0-0	0-0	0	0
Vivian Rowland	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	3-27	9-17	16	9
Score by Quarters				
Lapel	12	27	19	2-60
Heights	2	5	2	7-16
Heights 3-point shooting (1-15) Brown 1-8, Cherry 0-5, Blanton 0-2. Heights rebounds (14) Sherrill 5, Brown 3, Hilfiker 2, Lynch 2, Champion 1, Blanton 1.				

### Girls basketball Nov. 18 poll

Rank	School	Points	Record
1	Lawrence Central (22)	440	3-0
2	Hamilton Southeastern	414	3-0
3	Homestead	386	3-0
4	Center Grove	368	3-0
5	Plainfield	336	3-0
6	Warsaw	304	4-0
T7	Franklin Central	266	4-1
T7	Northridge	266	2-1
9	Noblesville	260	2-0
10	South Bend Washington	242	4-0
11	Silver Creek	214	3-0
12	McCutcheon	177	4-1
13	Greensburg	173	3-0
14	Brownsburg	172	3-1
15	Lawrence North	82	0-2
16	Fishers	74	3-2
17	Columbia City	66	2-1
T18	Gibson Southern	65	3-1
T18	South Knox	65	5-0
20	Penn	40	2-0

First place votes are in parentheses.

**Other schools receiving votes, with records**  
Bedford North Lawrence (2-2), Borden (4-1), Chesterton (3-1), Culver Academy (6-0), Danville (3-1), Eastern Hancock (4-0), Evansville Central (3-1), Evansville Memorial (0-0), Evansville Reitz (4-0), Fort Wayne Carroll (1-0), Fort Wayne Snider (3-2), Hammond Central (4-0), Jennings County (1-1), Lake Central (1-2), Lanesville (2-1), Merrillville (4-0), North Knox (2-1), Northeastern (4-0), Norwell (3-2), Pendleton Heights (3-1), Pike (2-1), Rensselaer Central (4-0), Valparaiso (2-2), Washington (3-2), Westfield (2-1), Zionsville (2-0).

### Trailblazers drop tough one to Roncalli

The REPORTER

University dropped a Tuesday away game at Roncalli by the score of 67-26.

The Royals led 14-6 after one quarter, then ran away with the game by pouring in 30 points in the

second period for a 44-10 halftime lead.

Taylor Seay led the Trailblazers with eight points, while Mack Feeney scored six points.

University is 0-3 and plays Friday at Class 4A No. 1 Lawrence Central.

RONCALLI 67, UNIVERSITY 26				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Sydney Culp	0	0-0	0	3
Taylor Seay	3	2-4	8	1
Leah Norvell	1	2-2	4	0
Mack Feeney	3	0-0	6	4
Gabby Culp	2	0-0	4	2
Meg Rohloff	0	0-0	0	1
Anyah Turley	2	0-0	4	1
Totals	11	4-6	26	12
Score by Quarters				
University	6	4	6	10-26
Roncalli	14	30	13	10-67
University 3-pointers: none.				

### Rocks fall to Mount Vernon

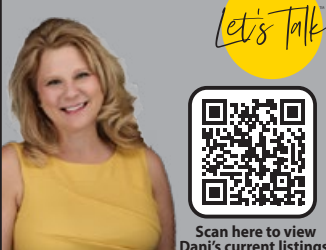
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Westfield dropped a 35-32 game to Mount Vernon

Tuesday.

Stats will appear in a later edition of the Reporter.

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# Fishers teen wins \$200K after scoring field goal during College GameDay contest

By MICHAELA SPRINGER  
 WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

A Fishers teen scored big during College GameDay's classic kicking contest at the University of Georgia Saturday.

Henry Silver from Fishers made the 33-yard field goal during **Pat McAfee's Kicking Contest** on College GameDay ahead of Saturday evening's game between the Tennessee Volunteers and Georgia Bulldogs.

Originally, \$150,000 was on the line, but it was raised to \$200,000 when Silver and another student agreed to split the winnings. With a \$200,000 match for hurricane relief efforts, \$400,000 was at stake.

But in a spur of the moment call, host Pat McAfee doubled to \$800,000. "One kick - \$800,000 racks," Pat McAfee told the crowd of college students.

Silver stood back calmly as the College GameDay guys set up the shot.

Kirk Herbstreit jokingly said Silver made him nervous.



Photo provided by WISH-TV/College GameDay via X  
**Henry Silver of Fishers celebrates after scoring a touchdown in Pat McAfee's Kicking Contest during College GameDay at the University of Georgia on Nov. 16.**

"I like the guys who come up to the ball and kind of step it off, I get a little nervous when they just... stand there," he said.

Herbstreit pinned down the ball, and with Silver's kick, the football soared clean down the middle, landing far beyond the neon green goalpost.

It was good.

The crowd of red and black, and orange and white, went wild — both hosts and students cheering and shaking each other excitedly.

Silver will receive \$200,000 from winning the kicking contest. The other student will also receive \$200,000, and the remain-

ing \$400,000 will go toward hurricane relief.

Tennessee and Georgia kick off at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

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## Noblesville pitcher Beckett Doane commits to Mississippi State

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Like a lot of kids who grow up in Indiana, basketball was Beckett Doane's first love.

"I was shooting baskets before I could even walk," Doane said by phone. "I played basketball my whole life, but I stopped this year."

He quit to focus on baseball because when you can throw a baseball 90-plus mph, stand at 6-feet-6, and are left-handed, the opportu-

nities are countless.

"My goal right now is to get drafted in the top two rounds out of high school," Doane said.

That could very well happen for Doane, who was recruited by every school in the Southeastern Conference before committing to play college baseball at Mississippi State.

"The coaches are amazing, the town is amazing, and the fans are amazing," he said. "It has everything you would want, and it checked all of my boxes."

Doane attributes his success to his work ethic, something that helped him go from a tall, lanky freshman into one of the top left-handed pitchers in the 2026 class.

"I was 6-feet-4, 140 pounds freshman year. I put

75 pounds on in a little under two years."

Part of that was a diet that consisted of over 6,000 calories a day; the other: pure work ethic.

"I wake up early every morning, I go four hours a day after school for training. Hard work really does pay off."

The Noblesville High School junior plays travel ball with the Indiana Bulls and works with pitching coach Jason Taulman in the off-season. "He's developed me into the pitcher I am."

Doane also credits his family and his Noblesville community for helping him achieve his goals.

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