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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Snow, with chills in the 20s & wind gusts to 35 mph. Snow heaviest in the afternoon. Totals of 1-3 inches by evening. Rain may mix in during the afternoon.
 Tonight: Snow showers in the evening.
HIGH: 34 LOW: 30



Kiwanis Club of Cicero welcomes Shop For Kids President Dustin Dixon

A heartwarming tradition in Hamilton County

The REPORTER

The Kiwanis Club of Cicero recently hosted Dustin Dixon, President of Shop For Kids (SFK), at their weekly meeting. Members learned about the remarkable impact of this community-driven organization, which has been quietly transforming lives in Hamilton County for the past 15 years.

Founded in 2009 by Hamilton County Sheriff's Deputy Todd Green, SFK began as a simple idea. While patrolling the streets of Northern Hamilton County, Deputy Green recognized that, despite the county's affluence, there were families who needed a helping hand, especially during the holiday season. Partnering with his father, Bud Green, he approached local businesses for donations to take children shopping for Christmas gifts – and thus, a cherished tradition was born.

Last year, SFK raised over \$12,000, providing almost 60 children with an unforgettable shopping experience



The Cicero Kiwanis Club welcomed Dustin Dixon (front center) to its recent meeting.

"We collaborate with organizations like Good Samaritan Network, Youth Assistance Programs, local schools, churches, and rely on word of mouth to identify families in need," Dixon said.

Each child is paired with a law enforcement officer from the Indiana State Police, Cicero, Sheridan, and Arcadia Police Departments, with the Department of Natural Resources joining this year. Before the

shopping spree, the children and their officer "elves" bond over lunch, games of ping pong, and foosball. The event culminates in an exciting police-escorted drive, complete with lights and sirens, to a local Target store.

"We make sure to understand the children's needs by talking with parents," Dixon said. "But the real joy for the officers is fulfilling the children's wishes."

"Shop For Kids has a dual

mission," Kiwanis Club of Cicero President Mark Bailey said. "It not only brings holiday cheer to children in need, but also strengthens the relationship between law enforcement and the community."

This year's event is set for Saturday, Dec. 7. For more information, to nominate a child, or to make a donation, please contact shopforkidshc@gmail.com or visit Facebook.com/ShopForKidsHC.

The shoe dilemma

The first 11 years of my life, I grew up on Harrison Street in Noblesville. I loved living in town. I have many fond memories of cruising the streets on my bicycle and walking to school (yes, that was hard for me, but good for me, too). A memory from those days came rushing to the surface a few days ago. I love it when a good memory bulldozes its way through my brain.

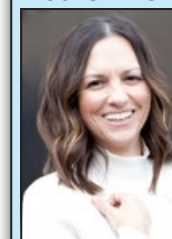
My sister had a pair of white clogs. I thought they were the coolest shoes I had ever seen. I longed to wear them one day. I was happy to take those on as a hand-me-down. I watched her wear them and I thought, "one day those babies will be all mine!"

There was one slight problem with that dream I was dreaming. The actual shoe itself was the very problem. You see, I had a very limited selection of shoes I could choose from. Picture a five-year-old wearing an orthopedic-looking shoe designed for someone much older. That is what was in my realm of possibilities. I often had metal leg braces attached to said shoes. My options weren't too desirable for a young girl who wanted to wear the same shoes her sister and friends were wearing.

If you are familiar with the town of Noblesville, we lived on the east end of Harrison Street near the old high school, a good distance from where the old Dairy Queen was. If you are not familiar with that area, it was not a short walk, especially for a girl who had a tough time walking.

As soon as my parents announced we would be walking to Dairy Queen that night, for some reason, I became obsessed with the thought of debuting those amazing clogs on the walk to get our ice cream.

COLUMNIST



AMY SHINNEMAN
Disability in the City

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Carmel Christkindlmarkt cuts Christmas waste

The REPORTER

Duke Energy and Hamilton County Tourism have given the Carmel Christkindlmarkt more than \$20,000 in grant funding for the 2024 season to support the organization's recycling programs. Both organizations also supported the recycling program in 2023.

This year, thanks to a partnership with RecycleForce, Christkindlmarkt should produce even less waste.

"Sustainability is one of Duke Energy's fundamental objectives," Duke Energy Government and Community Relations Manager Mark LaBarr said. "We're proud to support the Christkindlmarkt's recycling program again this year as it aligns with our corporate values."

The money will be used to fund efforts to reduce the Market's waste through both public-facing and behind-the-scenes recycling efforts.

"Supporting the Carmel Christkindlmarkt's recycling efforts advances Hamilton County Tourism's commitment to sustainability while creating



Duke Energy Government and Community Relations Manager Mark LaBarr presents a check for \$10,000 to Carmel Christkindlmarkt CEO Maria Adele Rosenfeld for sustainability programs.

a cleaner, greener experience for everyone," said Hamilton County Tourism Director of Community Engagement Sarah Buckner. "We hope all Christ-

kindlmarkt visitors enjoy the holiday spirit while making a positive impact that lasts beyond the season."

The Carmel Christkind-

markt recycling program began last season with support from both Hamilton County Tourism

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Pumpkin chucking

Have you ever been pumpkin chucking in the fall?

Part of my family are mechanical geniuses. The affinity part, not the consanguinity part. You know, the kith part, not the kin part. They built two pumpkin chuckers to chuck pumpkins in the fall. They raise pumpkins so they had plenty of pumpkins to chuck.

Of course, this fall I had to see the pumpkins chucked because I had heard they could be thrown more than a quarter mile. A family pitch-in dinner and then the chucking began. One chucker shot at close range – several hundred feet. It took on a wrecked vehicle and had several direct hits. The other chucker threw the pumpkin so far away I couldn't see where it landed. I would say it was easily more than a quarter mile. Very interesting day to say the least.

They don't only build pumpkin chuckers. One year they built machines to enter the state fair ugly truck contest. I recall they won both first and second prizes that year. I didn't see the other entries, but it could not have been close. Of course, they appear to have every tool known to man and know how to expertly use them. I'm assuming they were all tools. Many I could not identify.

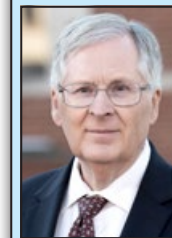
One year they build a tractor for competition in the antique tractor pull. The tractor had been rigged to appear during a pull to be destroyed. The rear end would appear to break away from the tractor only to have hydraulics restore the apparent broken parts.

My favorite was the old International tractor rigged to operate remotely. I saw it in use at the state fair. With no one in apparent possession, the tractor would be started remotely. If a pretty girl walked by it would give a wolf whistle. After one whistle, the boyfriend kicked the tractor's tire, and the tractor started following the young man with no person at the wheel. It was so realistic that the tractor seemed to be human.

Mechanical geniuses whose expertise is extremely useful and can also be very playful. I recommend pumpkin chucking in the fall.

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RAY ADLER
Ray's Ramblings

Boys & Girls Club to receive matching donations through #GivingTuesday

Multiple donors team up to create "Limitless Possibilities" for Club Kids

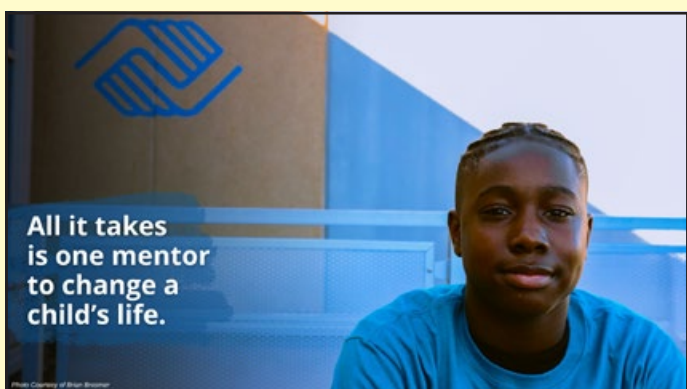
The REPORTER

Now through Dec. 3, the Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville will be participating in #GivingTuesday; a global day of giving that encourages and celebrates philanthropy worldwide.

The Club is hosting a campaign to create "Limitless Possibilities" for thousands of local kids. The first \$20,000 in donations to the campaign will be generously matched thanks to George Kristo and Tim & Beth Meister.

"We are immensely grate-

ful for the incredible generosity of our donors," BGCN Executive Director Becky Terry said. "Their selfless contributions not only provide much-needed support but also serve as a testament to the power of compassion and community. Together, we are making a meaningful impact and creating positive change. Our heartfelt thanks go out to each and every donor for their kindness and commitment to providing youth with opportunities to succeed and excel. Kids today need people to see their potential and help them achieve it – and the Boys



Graphic provided by BGCN

& Girls Club is here for that reason."

This year, the Club's goal is to surpass last year's total

of \$43,000 that was raised through #GivingTuesday.

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Carmel & Clay Township begin new chapter of shared history



Photos courtesy Jennifer Hershberger

Officers of the Carmel Clay Historical Society, along with Carmel and Clay Township officials conducted a ribbon cutting Sunday at the new historical society museum. Matt Snyder (wearing the blue jacket in the top left photo), who led the township drive to build the facility, speaks to a crowd waiting to enter an open house at the museum which is located along the Monon Trail a block south of Main Street in Carmel.

BGCN

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About BGCN

In 2023, BGCN served 2,086 local youth with its affordable, high-impact after school programs while serving more than 27,000 healthy snacks and nutritious meals. As a community staple for 73 years, the Club has offered local kids after school programs and opportunities to experience new things and be themselves in a place they can call their own.

The Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville provides high-quality, low-cost programs for youth members with the help of donors and sponsors. Between the Club, the Community Center, and Camp Crosser, BGCN provides opportunities for members to enjoy activities and experiences that help shape character and offer new perspectives. BGCN is dedicated to inspiring and enabling all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens by promoting leadership, character, health, and physical development.

A peer-to-peer fundraising campaign is taking place now through Dec. 3. Donations can be made by calling the Club, dropping off a donation, or donating online by visiting bit.ly/BGCN2024.

DILEMMA

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By this time, they almost "fit" me. In my mind, there was nothing that could go wrong. Denial is a part of survival in certain instances. Of course, my parents looked at me like I was nuts when I suggested that I wear the clogs. I was not giving up. Eventually, I guess they decided, I needed to learn my lesson. They were not wrong.

From the get-go it was rocky. I had not even left the sidewalk in the front of our house when I had the first inkling that my shoe choice was not such a clever idea. They were quite difficult to walk in and keep on my feet because of my gait. I will say that I powered through and somehow made it about halfway to the good ol' DQ before I admitted defeat. I was crushed. I am sure some part of me knew that it wouldn't work. Let's just say, my dad's shoulders got a workout that evening carrying me the rest of the way, and then all the way home.

I never wore the white clogs again, but I have (and sometimes still do) made many more poor shoe decisions. One of the fun things about going places in my wheelchair is that it allows me to be a little more adventurous with my shoes. It's been a fun discovery. The white clogs could be a real possibility these days.

enjoy finding cool sneakers and wearing them with all kinds of different outfits. What a fun time to be alive with the current sneaker selection. My sister and I sometimes go on shoe adventures together. She is kind enough to oblige me and try on any shoe I want her to that I could never wear. We have made a lot of funny shoe memories together. What can I say, I'm crazy about shoes, and I guess I always have been. In my mind, if people are going to stare at my feet, I will at least make them look good!

For walking shoes, I

These days, there are several companies designing more current-looking shoes for those who wear leg braces. Many who have started these companies were in situations like mine and wanted to make a change for others. Unfortunately, or fortunately depending on how you look at it, I have passed the shoe loving bug on to my two sons. My oldest son is currently on a mission to design the perfect shoe for me. How awesome is that? Until next time ...

CHRISTMAS

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and Duke Energy in 2023. It featured 60 new waste receptacles with signage encouraging recycling and sharing cultural facts about Germany and recycling.

in the world and the highest in Europe. Forty-eight percent of waste is recycled, and 19 percent is composted. Additionally, Germany today has zero active landfills.

"Sustainability is not only a value to us at the Carmel Christkindlmarkt," CEO Maria Adele Rosenfeld said. "It's also a cultural value for Germans. Given our mission around cultural education, we felt it was very important to become more sustainable ourselves."

During 2023, the goal of Market staff was to see one-third of all waste recycled, but the organization was able to exceed that and recycle one-half of all waste. According to Republic Services, the Market also saw virtually zero contamination, meaning all bins marked for recycling were able to be recycled.

According to Rosenfeld, recycling is a German tradition. Germany has the third-highest recycling rate

This year, market staff will be working with RecycleForce to monitor waste

streams in real-time and optimize recycling efforts where they can. Staff are also adding more signage to encourage recycling and illustrate what can be fully recycled and what can't.

"Tourism and RecycleForce are helping us sort through the recycling and also do an assessment so that in the future we can be even more sustainable as we move forward," Rosenfeld said. "We are so grateful for these grants from Duke Energy and Hamilton County Tourism, and we can't wait to make more progress on these efforts this coming season."

According to Rosenfeld, approximately 475,000 people attended Carmel Christkindlmarkt. That has the potential to create a great deal of waste, but efforts this year may reduce it even further by adding a composting

component to Christkindlmarkt's efforts.

"I am greatly appreciative of the support from Duke Energy, Hamilton County Tourism and RecycleForce for all coming together to help us become more sustainable year over year as an organization," Rosenfeld said. "Last year we started our recycling efforts. This year we're expanding on it by adding composting for our vendors. With composting, as well as bringing in RecycleForce to see and analyze our waste streams, we can become more sustainable, recycle more, reduce more and reuse more year over year."

Christkindlmarkt will open for the 2024 season on Saturday, Nov. 23. Learn more about the Carmel Christkindlmarkt online at Carmel-Christkindlmarkt.com.

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Giving thanks for two fine educators

Update No. 139

This message is dedicated to Jarrod Mason and Robert “Bob” Gordon – two incredible educators who were laid to rest last week. They are deep losses for their families and our school community. The outpouring of sympathy and condolences from the greater Hamilton Heights community and beyond speak volumes about who they were, their impact, and what they meant to our community.



DR. DEREK ARROWOOD
Heights Superintendent

Jarrold, a 1994 graduate of Hamilton Heights High School, served as the high school principal since 2008. Bob, a 1957 graduate of Walnut Grove High School, served as principal of Hamilton Heights Elementary School from 1989 to 2001.

Jarrold, who returned to his alma mater to make a difference, did just that. He created an exemplary learning community that maximized every student’s success,

worked to empower teachers to be facilitators, leaders, and coaches, and cultivated a positive school climate that was inviting and safe for everyone. He was deeply admired by friends and colleagues alike. Though his time with us was much too short, his legacy of building strong relationships and championing initiatives that enhance the school experience lives on.

Bob was blessed with a long and fulfilling life. With a gentle demeanor, quiet strength, and sage advice, he was a mentor to many and a cherished friend to all. He enjoyed a long, dis-

tinguished, and respected career in public education that spanned four decades and over 20 more active retirement years. His effectiveness in his role as an educator and principal stemmed from the personal guidelines by which he lived. He treated everyone with respect, saw the good in each individual, created the best learning environment for every child, and encouraged everyone (students and staff) to realize their potential.

Bob and Jarrod were not only great leaders, they were wonderful humans who made a profound im-

act within our small school district. Their unwavering commitment to fostering a supportive, inspiring, and challenging learning environment in their buildings had a transformative effect on students and staff alike. Each made a difference through their leadership and tireless advocacy for student success. Each cultivated a legacy of excellence, compassion, and resilience that will continue to inspire and shape our school district for generations to come.

As we gather for the Thanksgiving holiday next week, may we find strength

and comfort in our cherished memories of Jarrod and Bob and the legacy they left. It was a privilege to know them both. We are forever grateful they chose Hamilton Heights. By following in their footsteps, we can honor their legacy and ensure that their vision of a brighter future, where every student can flourish and find success at Heights, lives on.

Let us hold tight that feeling of gratitude to help us navigate both the joys and the sorrows of life’s journey. Thank you Jarrod and Bob, you did good.

#WeAreHuskies

Heights play rescheduled

“The Groom Has Cold Feet” to stage Nov. 22, 23, 24



Photo provided

The Hamilton Heights High School Drama Department will present its live production of the murder mystery *The Groom Has Cold Feet* by Martin A. Follose this weekend. Showtimes are 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 22 and Saturday, Nov. 23, and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 24 in the Hamilton Heights High School Auditorium, 25802 State Road 19, Arcadia. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door with check or cash.

Westfield Library Foundation announces artists to be featured on new Gallery Wall

The REPORTER

The Westfield Library Foundation (WLF) has selected 15 local artists for the newly established Michael and Karen Heaton Art Gallery Wall at the Westfield Washington Public Library.

The Art Gallery Wall, strategically located in prominent areas throughout the library – including the large wall by Rivet at the Library Café, the staircase leading to the Atrium, next to the elevator, and in the second-floor parlor – will feature an eclectic array of artistic media. Selected artists include:

January 2025

- Scott Miller, Zionsville – Watercolor

March 2025

- Kylie Amos, Westfield – Watercolor

April 2025

- Elena Paul, Carmel – Wildlife Photography

June 2025

- Donna Curry, Westfield – Mixed Media

July 2025

- August Edwards, Noblesville – Oil

August 2025

- Neal Snapp, Noblesville – Watercolor, Oil, and Charcoal

September 2025

- Samuel Glenn, Sheridan – Watercolor, Acrylic, and Mixed Media

October 2025

- Jessica Morrison, Carmel – Acrylic and Oil

November 2025

- Steven Strawbridge, Carmel – Oil

December 2025

- Elaine Keyes, Carmel – Acrylic and Oil

January 2026

- Francoise Webb, Westfield – Acrylic and Oil

February 2026

- Jaclyn Schilling, Westfield – Watercolor, Oil, Mixed Media, and Charcoal

March 2026

- The months of February and September have been set aside to feature the artwork of African Americans during Black History Month and Latinos during Hispanic Heritage Month. March is Youth Artist Month and will feature artwork from local students, while Teacher Appreciation Month in May will feature the work of local art teachers.

April 2026

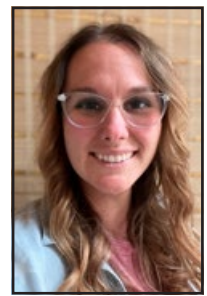
- Katie Setcoski, a Westfield resident and one of the selected artists, gave up her dream of majoring in art due to an injury. She was chosen to exhibit her photography.

May 2026

- “I didn’t think I’d get picked! I’ve always painted for fun – shoes, T-shirts, you name it,” Setcoski said.

June 2026

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Setcoski



Curry



Downey

Circle of Ivy awards more than \$18,000 to support students at Ivy Tech Hamilton County

Women’s Philanthropy Circle supporting Ivy Tech Foundation works to diminish barriers to higher education for Hoosier students

The REPORTER

Circle of Ivy, the women’s philanthropy circle of the Ivy Tech Foundation, has raised more than \$18,000 to support programs at Ivy Tech Hamilton County, the organization announced last Friday, Nov. 15.

Ivy Tech Hamilton County is one of 19 campuses to receive funding from Circle of Ivy and will support four projects, including kiosks to support student success, simulation manikins for CNA training, translation devices for non-English-speaking students, and NCLEX prep and fees to ensure nursing students’ success.

Since its inception, Circle of Ivy has raised more than \$1.4 million statewide and across Ivy Tech’s 19 campuses and has grown to more than 1,000 members over nine years – and has raised more than \$1.4 million to help students studying numerous disciplines.

“It’s fabulous to see the individual students who benefit from Circle of Ivy,” said Terry Cortese, Circle of

Ivy member at the Hamilton County campus. “I love that we get together as a statewide organization to celebrate the achievements of the students we impact.”

“The funding from Circle of Ivy will have a meaningful, long-lasting impact on our students and our community,” Ivy Tech Hamilton County Chancellor Dr. Rachel Kartz said. “Many of our students are the first in their families to attend college, and the generosity of Circle of Ivy will allow more of them to excel and adequately prepare for their careers. These opportunities make Indiana and our community stronger.”

Founded in 2015, Circle of Ivy focuses on the needs of students attending Ivy Tech Community College, the largest singly accredited community college in the U.S. Circle of Ivy builds opportunities and diminishes barriers to higher education by raising funds to help with emergency needs as well as sending students abroad for



educational opportunities, providing instructional support with classroom technology and textbooks, and other critical programs.

“The commitment of the women who make up Circle of Ivy should be inspiring to everyone associated with Ivy Tech,” Ivy Tech Foundation President Courtney Roberts said. “I am personally proud to be part of an organization doing so much good for our students – the future leaders of our communities. Ivy Tech is integral to Indiana’s success story, and the com-

mitment and generosity of women who belong to Circle of Ivy help make it happen.”

Each campus voted on submitted proposals. To find a list of the projects being funded, visit ivytech.edu/circleofivy.

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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:
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Noblesville Lions induct four new members



Photo provided by Jake Doll, Noblesville Lions Club
As part of the Noblesville Lions Veterans night meeting, they inducted four new members to the club. They were inducted by Lion DG Rocky Simpson. The Lion family is growing! (From left) Lion DG Rocky Simpson, Lion Jeff Kozicki sponsored Todd Thurston, Lion Julia Kozicki sponsored Kate Baker, Bruce Moss was sponsored by Lion Larry Jacobi (not pictured), and Lion John Einsfeld sponsored Scott Willis.

Noblesville, SMC Corp. & city Tree Board begin second year of Tree Planting Grant Program

Submitted by
City of Noblesville

The City of Noblesville, SMC Corporation of America (SMC), and the Noblesville Tree Board have announced the second year of the Tree Planting Grant Program.

The city marks 34 consecutive years of being named a Tree City USA recipient by the Arbor Day Foundation. SMC will donate \$2,500 to the grant program, and the City of Noblesville will match that donation.

The city and SMC have forged a strong partnership, harnessing the power of the community to drive economic growth, workforce development, and attraction strategies. This collaboration extends to environmentalism, with a partnership for the second year for the tree-planting grant program to coincide with Earth Day and Arbor Day. The Tree Board leads the tree planting grant program to increase the tree canopy cover in our community.

“Noblesville is grateful to have a community partner like SMC Corporation of America who invests in the long-term growth and sustainability of our city,” Mayor Chris Jensen said.

“We appreciate the collaboration with SMC and Noblesville Tree Board to launch the grant application program for the second year, furthering our commitment to maintaining our natural resources.”

Last year, SMC Corporation donated \$2,000 to the tree planting grant program, which was matched by the

city. The inaugural grant recipients in 2024 included Same As U, Deer Creek Elementary School, Mill Grove, Deer Path, Pebble Brook Villas, and Verdure Sciences.

“At SMC, our commitment to sustainability and community support is at the core of everything we do,” SMC Corporation of America President and Kelley Stacy said. “We are proud to once again partner with the City of Noblesville and the Tree Board for this year’s Tree Planting Grant Program. This continued collaboration underscores our dedication to environmental stewardship and reflects our investment in the long-term health and vibrancy of our community. By nurturing this program, we aim to foster a legacy of sustainability and growth that will benefit Noblesville for generations to come.”

The Tree Board is responsible for the development of a master plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, removal, and disposition of street trees in the City of Noblesville. They will coordinate its efforts with related projects of such groups as the Park Board, Plan Commission, and the Street Department.

“The Noblesville Tree Board is proud to partner with SMC and the City of Noblesville as we continue to look for ways to increase the tree canopy cover of our fair city,” said Ashley Mullis of the Noblesville Tree Board. “Trees provide many valuable economic,

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GALLERY

“This will be the first time I’ve ever had the opportunity to share my photography with the community!”

Donna Curry, also a Westfield resident, was chosen to display her mixed-media art.

“I’m not a trained artist, but at 72 years old, my passion for art has been reignited,” Curry said.

“This gallery is a fantastic platform that combines my love for art and books. I can’t wait to share my nature-inspired and spiritual pieces with the public.”

“Our goal is to enrich the community’s cultural landscape and provide a platform for local artists to shine,” WLF Execu-

tive Director Erin Downey said. “We are thrilled to see the diverse talent represented on our Art Gallery Wall, showcasing the creativity that makes our community unique. This initiative not only supports our local artists but also invites library patrons to engage with art in a meaningful way.”

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About Westfield Library Foundation

The Westfield Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization supporting innovative programs and services for the Westfield Washington Public Library and its patrons through major gifts, bequests, corporate sponsorships, naming rights and private donations.

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Fishers' own Gabriel Blankenship serves his country aboard *USS Milius*



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Seaman Gabriel Blankenship of Fishers uploads ammunition into a Mark .38 25 mm machine gun system during routine operations aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer *USS Milius* (DDG 69), in the Pacific Ocean on Nov. 14. *Milius* is forward-deployed and assigned to Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 15, the Navy's largest DESRON and the U.S. 7th Fleet's principal surface force.

Get fit & help underserved youth with YMCA's Thanksgiving runs

By **PARKER CARLSON**
 WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Thanksgiving brings all sorts of fun runs to Indiana, from trots and dashes to bolts and burns, but two this year are benefiting the YMCA of Greater Indianapolis.

The Wishbone 5K and **Gobble Gallop 5K** both run up YMCA's fundraising total to provide membership access to underserved youth.

Don Casey, associate executive director of the

Hendricks Regional Health YMCA, joined Daybreak to talk about the runs.

"We like to consider ourselves as more than just a gym and swim," Casey said. "A lot of people don't realize that we have many more programs to offer."

Both 5Ks happen on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, at 8 a.m. The Wishbone run is happening at the Fishers YMCA, while the Gobble Gallop will be run by the Hendricks Regional Health

YMCA.

"If you register for the race, those dollars actually go to our annual campaign," Casey said. "The annual campaign actually allows us to purchase memberships, and get members who are in marginalized communities who otherwise wouldn't be able to afford to get into the program."

For the Wishbone 5K, runners can get a medal of a wishbone. The Gobble Gallop 5K medal is a slice of pie

that runners need to complete over the course of four years, Casey said. "You have to be committed to running the race for four years. If you do the four years, you'll get the entire medal in one piece."

You can register for both 5Ks right up until the start of the race. Registration costs \$35.

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TREE

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health, environmental and aesthetic benefits to our community. From reducing energy bills, to air quality improvement, to increasing property values and lowering stress; trees are the only part of our working infrastructure that actually increases in value over time. This grant offers our community the opportunity to work together to plant trees on private land in partnership, which will benefit all for years to come."

In 2024, the city announced it received the 2023 Inflation Reduction Act Grant to plant 147 street trees. The grant, which is \$106,150 in federal funds administered through the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, is part of a grant awarded to the Division of Forestry from the USDA Forest Service. In addition to the city's commitment to tree planting through the tree planting grant program, the grant received in 2024, the city plants approximately 175 new street trees within the right of way and on city properties, in addition to the trees that the Parks & Recreation Department plants along the trails and at the parks. In addition to the grant planting, the city will be planting an additional 150 street trees this spring as part of our annual operations and budget.

How to apply for a grant:
 The applications are

open until Jan. 3, 2025, and can be found online at bit.ly/NoblesvilleTreePlantingGrant.

Grant awards

Applicants may apply for a minimum of five trees and maximum of 20 trees.

The trees will be 15- to 18-gallon size, which are approximately six to eight feet tall. In addition to the trees, applicants will receive training and guidance from the Noblesville Tree Board, which includes two certified arborists as well as volunteers on the day of planting. The annual Arbor Day Proclamation may take place at a project site as well to celebrate.

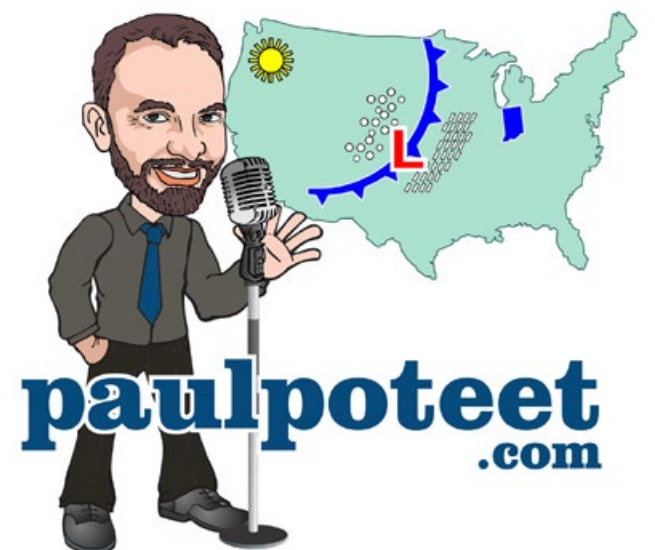
Grant timeline

- **November 2024:** Applications are live on the City of Noblesville website and can be submitted through Jan. 3, 2025.

- **Jan. 3 to Feb. 28, 2025:** Review committee will evaluate the Applicant's projects.

- **March 2025:** Approved Project(s) will be announced and plans will be finalized.

- **April 2025:** Weather depending, trees will be delivered at the project site during the last two weeks of April. Plantings will be scheduled for the last two weeks of April with the approved Applicants, with consideration of Arbor Day, City availability, and volunteer availability.



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Holiday concerts to feature Songbook Academy alumni

Free program of seasonal classics offered in two shows Dec. 22

The REPORTER

The Great American Songbook Foundation is presenting two free holiday concerts in December featuring talented local and regional alumni from its annual Songbook Academy summer music intensive.

Songbook Academy Sings the Songs of the Season is set for two performances, 1 and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, in the Studio Theater at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. Registration for free tickets (limit four per household) is available at TheSongbook.org/SAHoliday24, and seating is limited. The events are sponsored by the Hrisomalos and Urbanski families of Carmel.

The Songbook Academy, now entering its 16th season, selects 40 high school singers from across the nation each year to experience a week of mentoring from top university faculty, Broadway performers and other arts and entertainment professionals. Many participants have moved on to professional performing or studying the performing arts in prestigious university programs.

For the Dec. 22 performances, 27 singers will perform holiday classics accompanied by longtime Songbook Academy music director Mel Shore, sought-after performer, studio musician and award-winning composer and arranger known for her fluency on the piano and Hammond B3 organ. One

song will feature a new acquisition from the Foundation's Songbook Library & Archives: a Sohmer Studio Transposing Piano owned by the late Irving Berlin, writer of such seasonal classics as "White Christmas" and "Happy Holiday."

The scheduled performers attended the Songbook Academy from 2018 through 2024. They will include:

- Ayaan Abbasi (2022), Carmel; Indiana University
- Ian Brooks (2022), Avon; University of Indianapolis
- Sadie Cohen (2024), Carmel; Carmel High School
- Emmaline Colvin (2022, 2024), Carmel; Eastman School of Music
- Keegan Connor (2024), Westfield; University of Alabama
- Peter Fulton (2018-2019), Fishers; Indiana University Indianapolis
- Mahesh Gupta (2020), Zionsville; University of Michigan
- Isaiah Henderson (2024), Carmel; Carmel High School
- Eve Hodges (2023), Zionsville; Liberty University
- Emma Hornbecker (2023), Lebanon; Indiana University
- Seth Jacobsen (2022-2023), Carmel; Indiana University
- Jilayne Kistner (2021), Zionsville; Ithaca College
- Ava Lee (2023-2024), Avon; Indiana University
- Emily Legg (2020), Fishers; Montclair State

University

- Addie McMillan (2024), Noblesville; Ball State University
- Piper Murphy (2021), Carmel; Ball State University

- Craig Reynolds (2023-2024), Lebanon; Indiana State University

- Anna Shea Safran (2021-2022), Doylestown, Pa.; Indiana University
- Phoebe Sidebottom (2024), Zionsville; Zionsville Community High School

- Vivienne Smith (2023), Indianapolis; Howard University
- Leah Spurlock (2020), Noblesville; Belmont University
- J'lan Stewart (2023), Kokomo; Ivy Tech Community College

- Abigail Kate Gatton Stokes (2023), Lexington, Ky.; College-Conservatory of Music at University of Cincinnati
- Sarah Warf (2022), Carmel; Indiana University
- Meghan Warmuth (2022), Indianapolis; Illinois State University
- Journee Woodley (2024), Westfield; Westfield High School
- Camden Zetty (2020-2021), Avon; Butler University

About the Great American Songbook Foundation
The mission of the Great American Songbook Foundation, founded in 2007 by five-time Grammy Award nominee Michael Feinstein, is to inspire and educate by celebrating the 20th-century foundation-



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era of American popular music. Headquartered at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel, the Foundation advances this rich legacy by curating physical artifacts of its creators, performers and publishers in the Song-

book Library & Archives; operating a multimedia exhibit gallery; overseeing the Songbook Hall of Fame; offering programs for the public and research opportunities for scholars and artists; and providing educational opportunities

for student musicians, including the annual Songbook Academy summer intensive. The Foundation is a Cultural Affiliate of the Los Angeles-based Grammy Museum. More information is available at TheSongbook.org.

Peterson's hosts GOP for November breakfast



Reporter photo

The Hamilton County GOP Breakfast took place Wednesday morning at Peterson's, 7690 E. 96th St., Fishers. Indiana Secretary of State Diego Morales was the guest speaker. (ABOVE) Morales and Hamilton County Election Administrator Beth Sheller greeted folks at the breakfast.



Everwise Credit Union named Presenting Sponsor of OneZone's 2025 Taste of the Chamber

The REPORTER

OneZone Chamber has announced Everwise Credit Union as presenting sponsor of the 2025 Taste of the Chamber Business Expo.

The Taste of the Chamber is a yearly event at the Ritz Charles. Members can purchase showcase tables to highlight their company and products to the public and other OneZone members.

"We're thrilled to serve as the presenting sponsor for Taste of the Chamber 2025," said Catrina Tate, Vice President of District Retail, Everwise Credit Union. "This event has blos-

somed into one of the true highlights of the year for our community. Not only does Taste of the Chamber showcase the area's culinary stars, but it also provides the ideal backdrop for Hamilton County's civic and business leaders to connect and collaborate."

OneZone President and CEO Jack Russell said Everwise is the perfect choice to be the Presenting Sponsor.

"We are honored to have Everwise Credit Union as the presenting sponsor for our Taste of the Chamber event," Russell said. "Their

commitment to supporting local businesses and fostering community connections perfectly aligns with the spirit of this celebration. Together, we're creating an unforgettable experience that showcases the best of our vibrant business community."

The Taste of the Chamber will take place at 4 p.m. Feb. 13, 2025. Tickets for the public are available to purchase at onezonechamber.com.

Vendor applications to the 2025 Taste of the Chamber are open now; learn more at onezonechamber.com or call (317) 436-4653.

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- Shepherd's Center
- Sweet Aroma
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EMILY.PEARSON317@GMAIL.COM BY NOVEMBER 18.

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

Hamilton County Veteran Service Officers

317-776-9610 Hours – 9am-4pm Weekdays
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Admin Assistant – Christina Ellis
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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.
• Baby Supplies (diapers, wipes, clothing, crib, etc.) • Bicycles – NEW or GENTLY USED ONLY (children/youth/adult) • Clothing, Coats, Shoes, Boots, hats, gloves, mittens, scarves (children/youth/adult) - NEW or GENTLY USED ONLY • Emergency Supplies (batteries, flashlights, can opener, plastic utensils, plates, napkins, wet wipes, etc.) – UNUSED/UNOPENED • Gift Cards (Shoe stores, Meijer, Walmart, Marsh, gas cards, etc.) • Household Items (towels, washcloths, bedding, dishes, glassware, kitchen utensils, lamps and small appliances etc.) NEW and GENTLY USED ONLY • Household Paper Supplies (facial/toilet tissue, towelings, napkins, utensils, paper plates, etc.) – UNUSED/UNOPENED • Hygiene Supplies – (deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, etc.) – UNUSED/UNOPENED • School Supplies (pens, pencils, folders, binders, etc.) • Toys (infants/children/youth) - NEW or GENTLY USED ONLY • Hand tools and small power tools • Housewares: dishes, glassware, kitchen utensils, lamps, and small appliances • Non-perishable Food

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



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!

Please donate here:
<https://gsnlive.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



Access to Care via the COMPACT Act

Under the COMPACT Act, veterans with acute suicidal crisis can go immediately to any VA or non-VA healthcare facility at NO COST. VA will provide, pay, or reimburse treatment, emergency suicidal care, and transportation costs for eligible veterans. Any questions about eligibility, please contact the National Eligibility Office at 877-222-8387.

Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center
1481 West 10th Street, Indianapolis IN 46202.
Mental health services available 24/7 Main phone: 317-554-0000

Mental health call center: 317-988-2770

COMPACT Act Program Coordinator:
Mishelle Evans: 317-987-9026

Business hours: M-F 0730-1600

Activities & Events

Fishers Survivor of Suicide Loss Day Nov 23

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Here's what seniors need to know about changes to Medicare Part D

Congress recently made a number of changes to Medicare's "Part D" prescription drug benefit. The changes were part of President Biden's signature legislation, the Inflation Reduction Act. The legislation was intended to make it easier for seniors to afford their medicines.

Some of the changes will indeed help seniors. But other changes could inadvertently raise seniors' costs, reduce their access to medicines, and stifle the development of new treatments.

With open enrollment season here – running through Dec. 7 – every senior should know about the Inflation Reduction Act and how it has impacted Medicare.



KENNETH THORPE

First, the good news. Seniors using insulin now have their costs capped at \$35 each month. This has already made a huge difference for those living with diabetes.

Starting next year, seniors' yearly out-of-pocket Part D drug costs will be capped at \$2,000. Seniors will also have the option to spread these costs out over the entire year through a new program called the "Medicare Prescription Payment Plan." Both of these changes can help seniors who rely on multiple brand-name medicines and those on fixed incomes.

But right now, very few enrollees are aware of this new program. Medicare could do more to alert seniors to this new feature, especially since seniors in-

terested in this benefit will need to opt in. During open enrollment season, seniors should consider contacting their Part D insurers if they'd benefit from spreading out their pharmacy costs.

Because of the Inflation Reduction Act, Medicare can now set prices on some covered drugs for the first time ever. Unfortunately, this policy has had some unintended effects on the development of new medicines. Thus far, it has already resulted in the discontinuation of at least 36 research programs and 22 experimental drugs.

The Inflation Reduction Act has also resulted in higher premiums for seniors. This year, standalone Part D plans were on track to cost 21 percent more than they did last year, on average. As a result, many seniors switched to lower cost options. The number

of plans available has also dropped, down about 25 percent since 2020.

Because of the law, many insurers have also shifted some medications to "non-preferred" or "specialty" tiers that require higher out-of-pocket costs, restricting beneficiaries' access to previously covered drugs. Some insurers have also created rules that make it harder to get the drugs your doctor recommends, like making patients first try cheaper options.

It is important that seniors learn about these changes – and the impact they're having on their access to medicines.

Kenneth E. Thorpe is chairman of the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University. He is chairman of the Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease.

Braun's bill recognizing Medal of Honor recipients sent to President's desk to be signed into law

The REPORTER

U.S. Senator Mike Braun (R-Ind.), Senator Jon Tester (D-Mont.), and Senator Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio) celebrated the House passage of their bipartisan Mark Our Place Act, which is now headed to President Biden's desk to be signed into law.

The bill amends current law to allow the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide a headstone, marker, or medallion for Medal of Honor recipients, regardless of their date of death. Currently, this is only available to Medal of Honor recipients who served after 1917.

Rep. Morgan Luttrell (R-Texas-08) introduced the companion legislation in the

House of Representatives.

"Our Medal of Honor recipients represent the best America has to offer," Sen. Braun said. "They should be honored regardless of when they served. I am proud to see this bill that will memorialize the valor of these American heroes be signed into law."



Braun

"I'd like to thank everybody involved in the Mark Our Place Act," said Sergeant First Class Sammy Davis, Medal of Honor recipient 1968. "This is a great bill to recognize the recipients of America's highest medal for valor, the Medal of Honor, and I fully support it."

[Click here](#) to read the full text of the bill.

Troy Woodruff steps down as CEO of RQAW | DCCM, says company is in good hands

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RQAW | DCCM CEO Troy Woodruff has announced he will step down as the CEO, effective Dec. 2, after nearly a decade with the organization.

RQAW | DCCM was founded in 1954 as a civil engineering firm and has evolved over the years into a full-service multi-discipline firm providing consulting services in transportation, environmental, survey, water/wastewater, and archi-

tectural design.

After being named Co-President/CEO in 2017, Woodruff and his business partner, Brad Battin, were able to grow the company from nine employees to nearly 140 employees. RQAW modified the structure of the company from the top down, moving toward a much-needed company revitalization. As they progressed through this transition, they gathered innovative, up-and-coming

industry leaders to spearhead each service line and build teams of talented engineers and architects, with company revenue growing from \$500,000 to over \$23 million annually.

Due to this impressive success, RQAW was acquired in 2022 by DCCM, an infrastructure design firm headquartered in Houston,



Woodruff

Texas. Woodruff continued the role of CEO/President until the beginning of 2024 when Lisa Casler was promoted to President.

Woodruff expressed that he has always considered himself a builder and someone who prides himself in putting the right people in place to ignite a company's growth and po-

tential, stating, "I never intended to stay forever when I started this venture but wanted to be sure that, when the day came, the company I love and have poured my heart into was stable, had a great leader in place, and was in a strong position to move forward into the future. I truly believe all those boxes have been checked. Lisa is 100 percent ready to lead this organization, and with her leadership and the support of the DCCM fami-

ly, the sky is the limit."

Woodruff has yet to determine what is next for his career, but in the meantime, he is looking forward to enjoying time with his wife, Melissa, and planning for their next chapter.

Headquartered in Fishers, RQAW | DCCM is a full-service architecture and engineering firm that provides a wide array of services ranging from architectural design to complex infrastructure projects.



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Jacqueline Troy Inspired Fund nominations now open

Empowering women entrepreneurs across central Indiana

The REPORTER

The Indy Chamber has announced that nominations are open for the Jacqueline Troy Inspired Fund, a program dedicated to supporting women entrepreneurs in central Indiana.

Named in memory of Jacqueline Troy, former director of the Central Indiana Women's Business Center (CIWBC), the fund champions female entrepreneurs by providing essential resources, financial support, and networking opportunities to help grow their businesses.

"The Jacqueline Troy Inspired Fund embodies Jackie's legacy of empowering women entrepreneurs to pursue their goals and make a positive impact on the community," CIWBC Director Stephanie James said. "By honoring her memory, we continue her work of connecting women with the resources they need to succeed."

Since its founding, the fund has provided critical support to women entrepreneurs, including 2024 awardee Sarah Kendrick, founder of RHEA Services. Recognized for her dedication to community impact,



Photo provided

RHEA Services Founder Sarah Kendrick (center) was awarded in 2024.

she established her business to help families honor the legacies of their loved ones.

"The Jacqueline Troy Inspired Fund has been invaluable in allowing me to reach more families and grow my business. The support from CIWBC has been a game-changer," Kendrick said.

Winners of this prestigious award will be celebrated at the annual Women in Business Retreat in April 2025, where they'll join a community of accomplished

women leaders and innovators. In addition to complimentary attendance to the retreat and financial support, the Jacqueline Troy Inspired Fund provides winners with promotional marketing services to help amplify their mission and attract further community engagement. Each awardee is selected for their commitment to community and entrepreneurial spirit, embodying the values Jackie Troy championed.

"Through the Inspired Fund, we are not only hon-

oring Jackie's work but also creating a supportive network of women entrepreneurs who are transforming our community," said Melanie Raney, CIWBC Council Chair and Senior Manager, M&A and Business Development at AES Indiana. "We invite all eligible women entrepreneurs to apply and join us in building a stronger, more inclusive business community."

To learn more about the Jacqueline Troy Inspired Fund and submit a nomination, please [click here](#).

Leaning in when screens take over

As a school administrator and parent, I spend a lot of time thinking about how to best shape children for the world they are growing up in so that they can go on to shape the world into what we hope it can be.



CHRISTIAN McNEILLY

Increasingly, that world is shaped by (and viewed through) their screens.

Our students' lives are complicated by the demands of ubiquitous internet, social media, and devices that are almost always just an arm's reach away.

You don't need statistics. You know the look: groups of teens sitting together, silently, no one talking or even looking at one another. Head down, face aglow, fingers swiping. Conflicts, once resolved in-person, are pursued relentlessly online, with devastating real-world impact. Essential human interactions, like writing, reading, and comprehending, aren't even generated by humans anymore. They're synthesized by AI.

What's more, the pace of technological change is accelerating. Fast.

Major technological developments of the past two decades are changing the way all of us, especially our students, connect with each other, learn new concepts, and relate to the world. If it sounds existential, it is. Technology has reshaped

childhood and all its implications for adulthood.

It presents sobering questions about raising and educating flourishing kids right now. The pace of change means that instilling the values that many of us grew up with requires urgent and purposeful rethinking of our approach.

Jonathan Haidt's highly influential work, *The Anxious Generation*, offers valuable insights into these challenges. While some of his positions contradict the Biblical worldview we hold at Legacy Christian School, his research illuminates the emotional, mental, and social impacts that technological change and social media saturation, along with a decline in real-world experiences needed to form healthy relationships with others and the world around us, are having on young people.

Haidt offers hope by highlighting urgent recommendations for shifting our approach to children:

- Restricting and restructuring technology engagement
- Creating more robust, purposeful, real-world experiences
- Investing in the value of spiritual community and engagement

To be sure, this doesn't

always mean less technology. Our students need to be as equipped as ever for a life based on technology. But therein lies the answer. Our job is to lean in. It's to train, equip, educate – to prepare them – not simply leave them to be tutored in life by the internet.

We must be committed, together, to defining and purposefully building up the skills – both digital and real-world – as well as the spiritual truths that our children need in order to thrive as they become independent and responsible.

At Legacy Christian School, we've reframed our mission statement to directly address this reality: preparing students spiritually and skillfully for life ahead. For us, that means prioritizing:

- The Bible and its instruction, equipping students to thrive spiritually in relationship with Christ
- Real-life skills that go beyond content knowledge, equipping students to interact with knowledge and with others wisely in order to thrive personally, interpersonally, and professionally.

What our children do not need right now is hyper-critical adults condemning them for being kids in a digitally overwhelming world. What they need is savvy, proactive leadership from parents and educators – training them by curating protection and purpose in

digital spaces (yes – even modeling managing our own digital engagement!), and immersing them in more real-world experiences that develop the myriad skills needed to navigate life beyond the screen.

There is hope. We do not have to sit by and watch helplessly as our kids grow up shaped by a confusing and changing digital world. Together, we get to shape these shapers of the future.

Christian McNeilly is a pastor, school administrator, and strategy coach. He has a Masters in Leadership from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and has worked extensively in both ministry and education to help advance strategic initiatives through numerous organizations on multiple continents. He and his family currently reside in Indianapolis.

About Legacy Christian School

For 30 years, Legacy Christian School has provided Christ-centered education in the heart of Hamilton County. We believe that it is only through the transforming power of Christ working in and through us that we can become living examples to a world in need of hope. Through our competitive academic programs and faithfulness to Biblical teaching, our students are building a foundation for a lifetime. Learn more at [LegacyChristianSchools.org](#).

OneZone Chamber & Westfield Chamber to welcome Indiana Chamber President Vanessa Green Sinders

The REPORTER

OneZone and Westfield Chamber will soon welcome Vanessa Green Sinders to the December Eggs & Issues meeting. She will discuss the 2025 legislative priorities and give updates from across the state.

The event takes place from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13 at the Bridgewater Club, 3535 E. 161st Street. This event is open to members and nonmembers.

The member price is \$30 and \$40 for nonmembers.

Sinders became the Indiana Chamber's first female president and CEO on Jan. 5, 2024.

After 20 years in Washington, D.C. at the center of politics and power, she moved "home" to Indianapolis with her husband, a Clay County native, and their two sons. She founded Green Sinders Consulting, a woman-led firm offering strategic ad-



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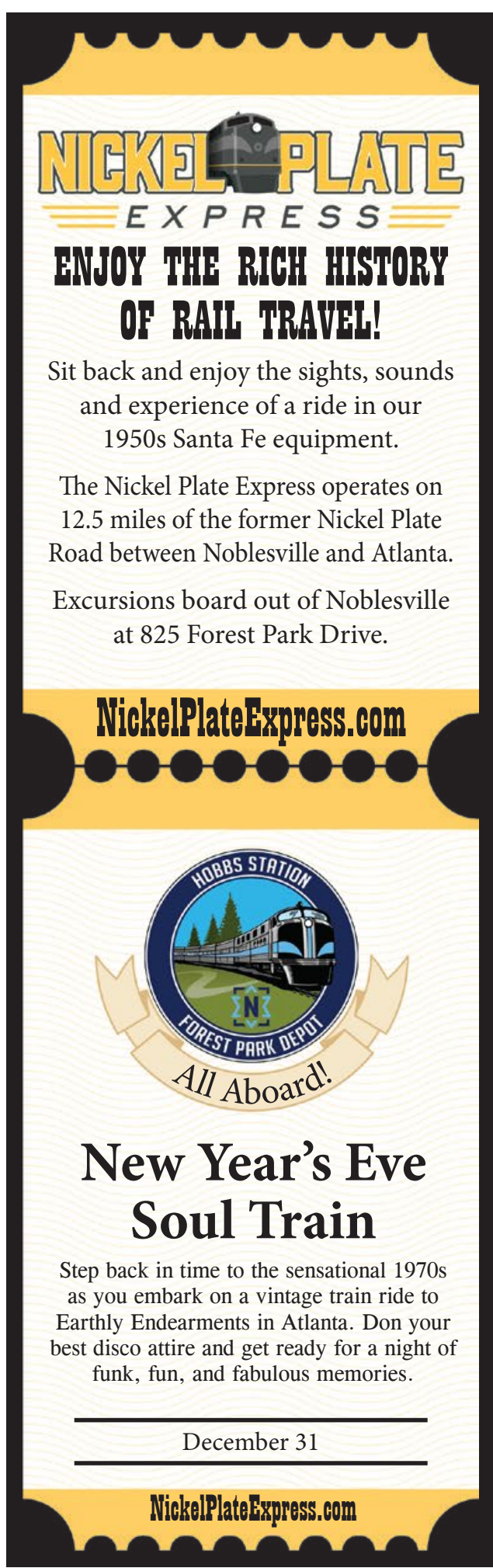
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Community News

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.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

THE TABERNACLE

"Make the tabernacle with ten curtains of finely twisted linen and blue, purple and scarlet yarn, with cherubim woven into them by a skilled worker. All the curtains are to be the same size—twenty-eight cubits long and four cubits wide. Join five of the curtains together, and do the same with the other five. Make loops of blue material along the edge of the end curtain in one set, and do the same with the end curtain in the other set. Make fifty loops on one curtain and fifty loops on the end curtain of the other set, with the loops opposite each other. Then make fifty gold clasps and use them to fasten the curtains together so that the tabernacle is a unit.

Exodus 26:1-6 (NIV)

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Families and funeral homes are asked to send obituaries to obits@ReadTheReporter.com.

Meeting Notices

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 25, 2024, at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St.

The Hamilton County Commissioners will meet at 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 25, 2024, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District will meet at noon on Monday, Nov. 25, 2024, at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Board of Trustees for the Hamilton County Regional Utility District have canceled the following meeting dates: Monday, Nov. 25, 2024 at 10 a.m., and Friday, Dec. 20, 2024 at 10 a.m.

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 8 a.m. Monday, Nov. 25, 2024, in the Community Room at the Westfield Washington Schools Administration Center, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B.

Kilwins now open in Fishers District

Confection & ice cream shop opens doors to community

Submitted

Kilwins Fishers is now open to the public, bringing its delicious gourmet treats and signature hospitality to the Fishers District.

Conveniently located along 116th Street near the newly-opened Kura Revolving Sushi Bar and popular Torchy's Tacos, Kilwins Fishers promises a destination filled with handcrafted fine chocolates, hand-paddled fudge, freshly made waffle cones, and Kilwins' famous Original Recipe Ice Cream.

"We look forward to creating memories and serving our community with a friendly, welcoming atmosphere," Kilwins Fishers Manager Jo-Anna Brown said. "We can't wait for the customers to experience the store and enjoy our sweet treats."

Opening just before the holiday season, Kilwins Fishers will feature gift packages perfect for personal or corporate gifting, including an eye-catching three-foot-tall chocolate Santa Claus, among many other featured items. Kilwins will also host "Hot Chocolate and Photos with Santa" for families on select dates in December,



those dates will soon be announced.

In addition to chocolates and confectionery treats, Kilwins Fishers introduces its exclusive ice cream flavor, "Mudsock Mud." This signature flavor has been named "The Official Ice Cream of Mudsock Youth Athletics." For every scoop of Mudsock Mud sold indefinitely, Kilwins Fishers will donate to Mudsock Youth Athletics, supporting the community's premiere youth sports organization.

Store hours are noon to



Photos provided

10 p.m. daily, giving customers an opportunity to visit the store, whether that is while exploring the widely popular Fishers District, or after an event at the soon to open Fishers Event Center.

To celebrate its grand opening in style, Kilwins Fishers will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony and

official grand opening celebration in February 2025, with those details to be released at a later date.

For more information about Kilwins and their Fishers location, please visit Kilwins.com/Fishers or follow on Facebook.com/kilwinsfishers and at Instagram.com/kilwinsfishers.

— NOBLESVILLE —

Public Auction Notice
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Auction to be held on Monday November 25, at 10am. This is for one storage unit. Lessee Dustin Trennepohl unit Q345. The personal property stored in and outside of this space will be sold to satisfy the owner's lien in accordance with IC 26-3-8-11. This sale will be located at 20236 Hauge Rd. Noblesville, IN 46062. *R5291 11/21/24, 11/25/24*

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Wrestling

Tigers go on a tear to take down Millers in season opener

By **RICHIE HALL**
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NOBLESVILLE — When it comes to early-season wrestling meets, it's nice to win, but sometimes it's better just to compete.

The Fishers and Noblesville boys wrestling teams got that first taste of competition when they opened their season Wednesday in a dual meet at The Mill. The Millers took an early lead before the Tigers went on a tear to win the contest 43-32.

While it may have been a first meet, both teams were already operating at a January intensity level. Each program has several wrestlers ranked in IndianaMat.com's first set of semi-state rankings (see accompanying story), and those wrestlers were already proving why they should be on those lists.

"We got the first-match jitters out," said Fishers coach Cameron Diep. "But I can't complain about a victory, especially in the toughest conference in the state. I will take that and then we will learn from it."

"All I care about is their fight, and they fought," said Noblesville coach Michael Weimer. "You win or lose, you win or lose, but as long as you fight, that's all I care about. And these guys fought tonight, and we're going to grow from this."

The Millers have a handful of freshman wrestlers on the team this year, and one of them got the first match of the meet. Justin Suddarth won the 138-pound bout with a 13-5 major decision.

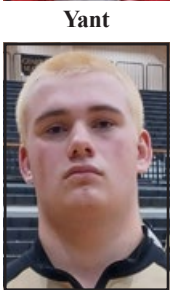
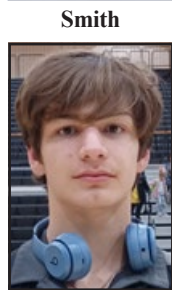
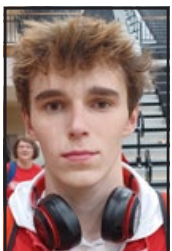
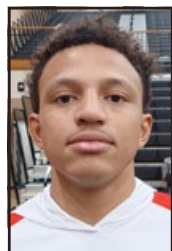
Noblesville took the next two matches by fall, with Mason Presits (at 144) and Luke Chastain (at 150) both pinning their opponents. Andrei Bogdan, ranked No. 7 in the New Castle semi-state list, gave the Tigers their first win with a pin at 157 pounds.

Next up was Millers sophomore Aidan Kincaide, the No. 1-ranked New Castle wrestler at 165 pounds and an IHSA state qualifier last year as a freshman. He took care of business with a first-period fall. Not to be outdone, Fishers junior Xavier Smith, ranked third at 175, an IHSA state qualifier and a two-time All-American this past summer at the Junior National Championships in Fargo, N.D.; won his match with a 21-6 technical fall.

The Tigers had ranked wrestlers compete in the next two matches, and both won by fall. Chris Quarles, No. 4 at 190, got a pin with eight seconds left in the first period. He was followed by Julian Burgett, ranked fifth at



Reporter photos by Richie Hall
(ABOVE) Noblesville's Isaac Suddarth got a victory for the Millers during their dual meet with Fishers Wednesday at The Mill. **(BELOW)** Fishers' Mallory Kean won her match by pin during the girls meet.



Smith

Yant

Kincaide

Apple

215; Burgett won his match with a second-period fall.

"He's ranked in semi-state, but if you watched his match tonight, I think he's ready to take it to the state finals," said Diep.

Noblesville's Jackson Apple interrupted the Fishers run with a win-by-fall at 285 pounds, getting the pin 55 seconds into the match. The match turned over to the lighter weights, and Fishers' Seth Lamb took the 106-pound match by a 13-3 major decision.

The Tigers sent three more ranked wrestlers on to the mat. They were all winners: Mason Quarles (No. 8 at 113) and Owen Ingalls (No. 5 at 120) were both victorious by technical fall. Chayce Yant was up next, as the No. 1 New Castle wrestler at 126; he won with a third-period fall.

The Millers' Isaac Suddarth finished the meet at 132 pounds, scoring a 16-7 major decision victory. He is the twin brother of Justin Suddarth.

"Eight years I've been

coaching these kids that are freshmen now, from the youth to the middle school and everything," said Weimer. "It's fun to be able to see the actual programs are coming together from the top down and the bottom up."

Both teams will compete in tournaments on Saturday. Fishers travels to the John Hurrel Invitational at

Seccina, while Noblesville heads north for the Hamilton Heights Super 6.

In addition to the boys' meet, there was a short girls meet as well. No team scores were kept. Eden Short (at 120) and Evie Howard (at 140) won matches for the Millers, while the Tigers got wins from Elise Lawrence at 130 and Mallory Kean at 235.

FISHERS 43, NOBLESVILLE 32 Meet started at 138 pounds

138: Justin Suddarth (N) def. Garrett Thompson (F) by major decision, 13-5
144: Mason Presits (N) def. Preston Springer (F) by fall, 3:47
150: Luke Chastain (N) def. Ellis Burns (F) by fall, 1:33
157: Andrei Bogdan (F) def. Jacob Lighte (N) by fall, 2:51
165: Aidan Kincaide (N) def. Diego Carabano (F) by fall, 1:12
175: Xavier Smith (F) def. Evan Nicholls (N) by technical fall, 21-6
190: Chris Quarles (F) def. Yan Tiewa (N) by fall, 1:52

215: Julian Burgett (F) def. Cole Metzler (N) by fall, 3:23
285: Jackson Apple (N) def. Ryan Dungee (F) by fall, 0:55
106: Seth Lamb (F) def. Kai Kaohi (N) by major decision, 13-3
113: Mason Quarles (F) def. Daniel Munoz (N) by technical fall, 17-0
120: Owen Ingalls (F) def. Cody Prater (N) by technical fall, 18-1
126: Chayce Yant (F) def. Zach Nekolite (N) by fall, 5:04
132: Isaac Suddarth (N) def. Will Hruskoci (F) by major decision, 16-7

GIRLS MEET

120: Eden Short (N) def. Rama Abd Rabbou (F) by fall, 1:11
130: Elise Lawrence (F) def. Sophia Sandler (N) by fall, time n/a

140: Evie Howard (N) def. Anjail Dhanda (F) by fall, time n/a
235: Mallory Kean (F) def. Ruth To-bar (N) by fall, 1:45

Girls Basketball

Rocks mount comeback, but fall just short to Mount Vernon

The REPORTER

Westfield made a third-quarter comeback against Mount Vernon Tuesday before falling to the Marauders 35-32 at CSI Gymnasium.

The Marauders were in control for the first half, leading 14-5 after one quarter and 24-10 at halftime. The Shamrocks blasted back in the third period, outscoring Mount Vernon 16-6 to cut its lead to 30-26. Lindsey Van Dyke scored eight points during that

quarter. But the Marauders were able to hold on for the win, outscoring Westfield 6-5 in the fourth.

Van Dyke finished the game with 10 points. Aubrey Crockett and MaKayla Thatcher both added six points.

The 'Rocks are 2-2 and begin Hoosier Crossroads Conference play Friday at Fishers. This will be a varsity-only game that tips off at 6 p.m. The junior varsity game will take place tonight at 6 p.m.

MOUNT VERNON 35, WESTFIELD 32

| Westfield | FG | FT | TP | PF |
|------------------|----|------|----|----|
| Meg Hamilton | 1 | 0-0 | 3 | 3 |
| Aubrey Crockett | 2 | 1-2 | 6 | 2 |
| MaKayla Thatcher | 2 | 2-6 | 6 | 3 |
| Lindsey Van Dyke | 4 | 2-5 | 10 | 1 |
| Sam Price | 2 | 0-4 | 4 | 1 |
| Mia Crask | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Audra Parker | 1 | 0-0 | 3 | 1 |
| Gracie Czubik | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 12 | 5-17 | 32 | 11 |

Score by Quarters

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| Mount Vernon | 14 | 10 | 6 | 5-35 |
| Westfield | 5 | 5 | 16 | 6-32 |

Westfield 3-pointers (3) Hamilton, Crockett, Parker.

Wrestling

Numerous county wrestlers rank in top 8 in semi-state

The REPORTER

The wrestling website indianamat.com has released its first set of semi-state boys rankings.

All Hamilton County schools feed into the New Castle semi-state. Here is a list of county wrestlers that are ranked in the top eight of their respective weight classes.

106 pounds: 3. Connor Maddox, Westfield freshman; 7. Jordan Penquite, Carmel junior; 8. Diego Yoo, Hamilton Southeastern freshman.

113 pounds: 5. Dinh Nguyen, Hamilton Southeastern senior; 8. Mason Quarles, Fishers junior.

120 pounds: 5. Owen Ingalls, Fishers junior; 6. Carlo Federici, Carmel sophomore.

126 pounds: 1. Chayce Yant, Fishers senior; 8. Porter Temples, Westfield senior.

132 pounds: 5. Parker Culp, Hamilton Southeastern junior.

138 pounds: 6. Caleb Mattingly, Carmel senior.

144 pounds: 3. Jake Saez, Westfield senior, 5. Chris Casler, Hamilton Southeastern senior.

157 pounds: 6. Craig Kepler, Carmel senior; 7. Andrei Bogdan, Fishers senior.

165 pounds: 1. Aidan Kincaide, Noblesville sophomore; 2. Michael Major, Carmel senior; 3. Michael Cain, Hamilton Heights senior; 8. Cohen Jackson Davis, Hamilton Southeastern sophomore.

175 pounds: 3. Xavier Smith, Fishers junior.

190 pounds: 4. Chris Quarles, Fishers senior, 6. Adele Navarette, Carmel senior; 8. Riley Davison, Westfield senior.

215 pounds: 3. Evan Lawhead, Hamilton Southeastern senior; 5. Julian Burgett, Fishers junior; 8. Will Massey, Carmel junior.

285 pounds: AW Vankirk, Hamilton Southeastern freshman.

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, Nov. 21

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Noblesville at Brownsburg, 7:30 p.m.
Sheridan at Covenant Christian, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Anderson, Heritage Christian at Hamilton Heights girls, 6 p.m.

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Sting Ray Robb joins Juncos Hollinger Racing as driver in the NTT INDYCAR SERIES

The REPORTER

Juncos Hollinger Racing (JHR) is thrilled to announce the addition of Sting Ray Robb to its 2025 NTT INDYCAR SERIES roster. This partnership marks a reunion between Sting Ray and the team, as together, they battled and won the 2020 Indy Pro Championship. With both driver and team energized to build upon this foundation, the upcoming season promises to be an exciting new chapter in JHR's ascent in the NTT INDYCAR Series.

"Sting Ray is an exciting talent, and we've had the privilege of seeing his growth as a driver first-hand during our championship run in Indy Pro," expressed Ricardo Juncos, Co-Owner and Founder of JHR. "This is more than a reunion; it's a chance to pick up right where we left off and truly aim for the top of this series. We're committed to making this season a breakout year for Sting Ray, as well as an extraordinary year for JHR as we continue to elevate our presence in INDYCAR."

Brad Hollinger,

Co-Owner of JHR said: "We are delighted to welcome Sting Ray to the team. Sting Ray has great talent, and we have full confidence that his skills and determination will help our success this season. This partnership represents an exciting evolution for JHR, and we are eager to see what we can achieve together in the year ahead."

Sting Ray Robb also shared his excitement about rejoining Juncos Hollinger Racing. "To be sought out by leaders like Ricardo Juncos & Brad Hollinger and a team as driven as JHR means the world to me. We share a vision for what we can achieve together, and I'm honored to contribute to JHR's continued growth, and I also grow as their driver. Excited to see what we accomplish together with our ambition and the 'power of possibility!'"

Robb will begin his debut season with JHR in the 2025 NTT INDYCAR Series, starting with the season opener in St. Petersburg



Graphic provided

on March 2. Fans of Sting Ray and JHR can look forward to an exciting season, as the team pursues new milestones and races toward championship success.

Robb has a Hamil-

ton County connection: he married Hamilton Heights graduate Molly Mitchell this month. You can read more about their story at readthereporter.com/when-sting-ray-met-molly.

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Three-day schedule announced for 2025 Brickyard Weekend

Submitted by IMS

Fans once again can enjoy three days of on-track action when the stars of the NASCAR Cup Series and Xfinity Series return to Indianapolis Motor Speedway for Brickyard Weekend on July 25-27, 2025.

The Brickyard Weekend race lineup will include the NASCAR Xfinity Series Pennzoil 250 on Saturday, July 26 and the NASCAR Cup Series Brickyard 400 presented by PPG on Sunday, July 27. The full practice and qualifying schedule, including for Friday, July 25, will be shared at a later date.

"As fans start their

holiday shopping, the inclusion of Friday tickets is a great incentive to give the gift of Brickyard Weekend," IMS President J. Douglas Boles said. "Tickets for all 2025 marquee events at IMS went on sale a few weeks ago, and fans can now add Friday of Brickyard Weekend to their plans. Other than renewal, buying now continues to provide the best available seats at the lowest prices we offer."

Tickets for Friday's practice sessions are \$15. Tickets for Saturday start at \$35, with Sunday tickets for the Brickyard 400 presented by PPG starting at

\$40. Kids 15 and under are admitted free when accompanied by a General Admission or Flex Admission adult ticketholder.

Fans who already renewed their tickets to Saturday's Pennzoil 250 or Sunday's Brickyard 400 presented by PPG will have complimentary Friday General Admission Tickets added to their IMS accounts.

If fans purchased three-day camping for the weekend, those purchases will be extended to four-day camping. IMS accounts will reflect these changes.

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