

FRIDAY, NOV. 22, 2024

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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Cloudy, with spotty rain showers or sprinkles. Wind gusting to 30 mph.
 Tonight: Evening showers, then mostly cloudy.

HIGH: 44 LOW: 36



Heights receives Gold Star 'Carrying the Torch Award'

The REPORTER

The Indiana School Counselor Association presented Hamilton Heights School Corporation counselors with the Gold Star Carrying the Torch Award for each of their schools on Nov. 15.

Receiving this status demonstrates that Heights' schools have a comprehensive and accountable school counseling and guidance program, aligned to Indiana School Counselor and Student Standards and American School Counselor Association (ASCA) standards. Participating schools and school counseling programs will implement a plan that includes the establishment of a program vision and mission, data-based accountability, standards-driven student guidance activities, counseling and advocacy, program management, the alignment of resources and an annual improvement plan.

Because Indiana is one of six states in the nation to earn reciprocity with ASCA's Recognized ASCA Program (RAMP) for the state's Carrying the Torch to Student Success Comprehensive School Counseling Initiative, the Gold Star status



Photo provided (From left) Hamilton Heights' School Corporation school counselors April Baugher, Jessica Cantlon, Lori Watson, Chelsea Pacheco, Sabrina Duncan, Tricia Rudy, and Nikki Wert after being presented with the Gold Star Carrying the Torch Award for their buildings.

nized ASCA Program (RAMP) for the state's Carrying the Torch to Student Success Comprehensive School Counseling Initiative, the Gold Star status

also qualifies each building for RAMP recognition.

Congratulations to Nikki Wert and Tricia Rudy at the Elementary, Sabrina Duncan and

Chelsea Pacheco at the Middle School, and Lori Watson, Jessica Cantlon (also nominated for High School Counselor of the year), and April Baugher.

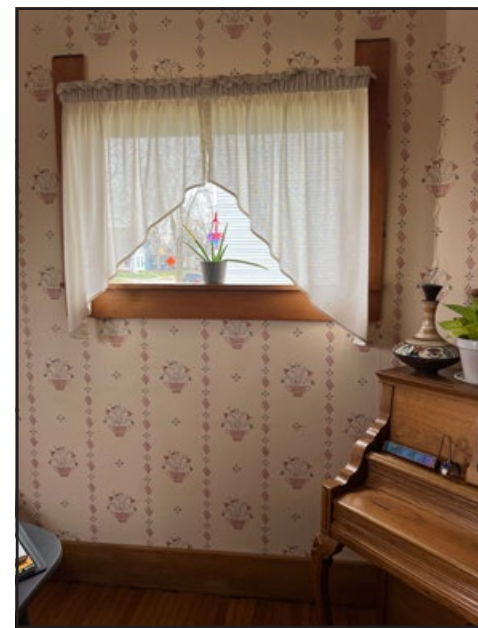


Photo provided by Amy Shankland Why is this window shorter than the others on the first floor of this old home? Find out in this week's Perfectly Imperfect column!

Multipurpose rooms

I have to chuckle quietly to myself when I tour some people's houses. When they show me their craft room, office, exercise room, and/or guest room, I think of our Old Town Noblesville Victorian worker's cottage. Old houses often don't have rooms for separate purposes like these. Instead, we have what I fondly call "multipurpose rooms."

When you enter our home through one of our two front doors, the first thing you'll see is my office/guest room/music/cat room - with the proper term really being "parlor." My desk is in one corner, with our piano against an angled wall to its right. Mama Kitty, being an old girl, sleeps, eats, and uses the litter box in this room.

We have beautiful double swinging doors to separate this room from the family/living room, which is why the parlor is also our guest room. It turns into the guest room when we inflate the queen-sized air mattress!

You may have noticed I said, "one of our two front doors." Our second door, which is rarely opened, leads into the family room. If you're curious about the reason for this, it's because people didn't have funeral homes back in the day. So, one door led into the front room where you could view the casket when a family member or friend died, and the other led into the rest of the house. We even have a shorter window in our parlor where someone was probably ... well ... I'll let your imagination take over.

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AMY SHANKLAND Perfectly Imperfect

The power of community & connections: a language of kindness

Submitted by Pooja Thakkar

As Eric Hoffer famously said, kindness can be its own reward. We become kind by acting kindly.

During our recent Hamilton County Leadership Academy class meeting, Alicia Klinger, the executive director of Family Promise of Hamilton County, mentioned that her pantry was running low and she needed help providing nonperishable items for those in need before the holidays. Our team immediately responded by donating bags full of items to support her cause.

As I was collecting donations from various Hindu Dharmic organizations to support multiple recipients (Mary Riggs, Boys and Girls Club, welcome basket for immigrants and refugees, Fueled For School in Marion, Hendricks, and Hamilton counties) we were able to add Family Promise of Hamilton County to our list by donating 800 pounds of food on



Photo provided Sewa Diwali donated 800 pounds of food to Family Promise of Hamilton County.

Monday, Nov. 18.

We are a team of over 60 Hindu volunteers who have been dedicating our Wednesday nights since September to the #SewaDiwali fundraising campaign in Indiana, which has now expanded nationwide. This is our sixth year of participating in SEWA (Selfless Service to Humanity) and celebrating the Diwali Festival of Lights with a

delicious Indian feast, fun, and fireworks with our family and friends. We have now extended our celebration to include our community in need because we believe that food is a basic human need and that no religion is greater than humanity.

One powerful way to instill values of empathy and generosity in our children is by involving them in acts of giving,

such as taking them to Aldi on weekday nights to fill a cart with essential nonperishable items for those in need. By selecting items like jelly, peanut butter, mac 'n cheese, and other pantry staples, our children learn firsthand the importance of compassion and helping others in need. This simple act of kindness not

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The Grinch joins Noblesville Youth Assistance's 'Stuff Your Stocking' event

The REPORTER

This holiday season, the Grinch is turning over a new leaf and spreading cheer in Noblesville. Noblesville Youth Assistance Program (NYAP) announces the return of the annual Stuff Your Stocking event that partners with Noblesville Main Street, and Deck the Halls, a unique fundraising opportunity that combines holiday spirit with community support.

Stuff Your Stocking is a festive "trick-or-treat" style tour for families, offering a fun and engaging way to create lasting holiday memories.

Here's how it works: Purchase your \$15 event ticket: The first step is to secure your spot. Tickets are available now online at one.bidpal.net/stuffyourstocking. Pick up your stocking

and map: On Dec. 6 from 5 to 8 p.m., head to CCH+A Law, at 2 N. 9th St., Noblesville, to receive your stocking and a map highlighting participating businesses.

Fill your stocking with goodies: Follow the map and visit participating businesses marked with a sparkly stocking. At each stop, children and adults can fill their stockings with treats, small toys, and other festive surprises.

This event is more than just fun; it's for a good cause! Stuff Your Stocking supports NYAP Holiday Assistance. By participating, you're not only creating a cherished tradition for your



family, but also contributing to a worthy cause within the Noblesville community.

The Grinch says, "Stuff Your Stocking!"

"We're thrilled to have the Grinch's support this year," said Michelle Schmidt of NYAP. "The Grinch's transformation embodies the spirit of the holidays - it's never too late to spread joy and make a difference."

A sincere thank you to sponsor Generator Supercenter: The Standby Power People. Their generous support is helping to make Stuff Your Stocking a huge success.



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Seasonal support for Indiana Veterans available through 'Operation Holiday'

The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA) is now accepting applications for its Indiana Military Family Relief Fund (MFRF) Operation Holiday program.

In its fourth year, this program provides financial assistance to Indiana veteran families, offering \$200 per family for food and \$300 per household dependent for essential expenses that become difficult during the holiday season. Veterans and their families can apply now until Friday, Dec. 13.

"As joyful as the holiday season can be, it also brings heightened financial pressures that may weigh heavily on military veterans and their families," IDVA Outreach Director Joe DeVito said. "Since its inception, this program has supported more than 500 veteran families in Indiana, and we hope to reach even more veterans across the state this year."

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 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)



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Please contact Anne DeWeese or Chelsie Markland with questions:
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OPERATION

MFRF's Operation Holiday program may only be used to provide services to veteran families experiencing financial difficulty who reside in the state of Indiana, have served, or are currently serving in any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces and hold a DD-214, LES, or National Guard Bureau (NGB) Form 22.

Applicants must provide the following documentation:

- DD-214
- Leave and Earnings Statement (LES), if currently serving
- W-9
- Direct Deposit form
- Proof of income
- Bank Statement
- Proof of child's residency

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- Proof of child's dependency

All applications must be completed and submitted by 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13. The application, as well as additional information about the program can be found online at [this link](#). Veterans with questions regarding the program or their application should call (317) 232-3910.

MULTIPURPOSE

After you go through the family room, you enter our dining/craft/game room. I don't exactly do crafts, but this is often where I'll do little sewing projects. The dining room also hosts get-togethers with family and friends where we'll eat, then play cards or board games.

multiple spaces. I start out by doing stretches using our bottom stairs. Next, I'll go to the dining room for squats and other tough stuff. Then I'll go to the office/guest (oh, you know the rest by now) room for some light weightlifting, since the weights are in that room's closet. Oh ... our closets are also multipurpose ... but that's a whole other column.

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Christian, for loaning us your gathering space in cold weather – then I must move some furniture out of the way to do it in our family/living room.

Would I change anything? After being here for 26 years, absolutely not. We love our old home and plan on staying here for at least another decade or two. I'll continue to enjoy our multipurpose rooms/spaces and share them with those I love. After all, the more uses for a room, the more memories!

Off the dining room is the kitchen/laundry folding/gift wrapping room. The heart of the kitchen is our island, where I spend a great deal of my time. The island is perfect for folding laundry (the laundry/mud room is nearby) and dozens of other tasks.

After weightlifting, it's time to go to our upstairs hallway for some floor exercises. I must go there because our second floor is carpeted – our first floor has hardwood floors. Finally, I finish up the exercises in my bedroom.

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Those who have read my column for years know that I do some of my exercises at home since I'm not a gym person. I do these in

If I can't hoop dance outside or at First Christian Church – thank you, First

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KINDNESS

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only teaches them the value of generosity but also fosters a sense of responsibility and empathy towards those less fortunate in our community. Through these small gestures, we can raise compassionate and caring individuals who understand the importance of giving back and helping others in need.

We let our daughters practice the concepts of saving, spending, and sharing by allowing them to use their piggy banks to help those in need in our community. By sharing their favorite treats and pantry items, they gain a deeper understanding of the importance of giving. We believe that even small gestures can have a big impact, and no act of kindness is ever too small.

When little Navya sees the sign for a buy one, gets one free deal on the aisle, she quickly grabs one for herself and another for the community. This teaches us as parents and community volunteers the importance of instilling kindness at a young age and doing something positive for others.

I am reaching out to ask you, as a reader, to consider the importance of cultivating empathy and kindness in our increasingly digital world. In a society where emojis often replace genuine emotions, it is crucial to remember the value of understanding and compassion without passing judgment. We are all navigating our own challenges and obstacles in this unpredictable journey of life. Let's remember that kindness is a powerful force that can easily be overshadowed by negativity.

In order to foster a stronger sense of community and belonging, we have made the commitment to be open and accessible to our members at all times. As we enter the holiday season, it is important to reflect on the significance of community and connections. Let us strive to be more kind, compassionate, and generous this year. Let us also make a concerted effort to instill in our children the values of empathy and generosity, serving as positive role models for them to follow.



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Carmel invites you to tree lighting ceremony

The REPORTER

Holiday at Carter Green sponsored by Allied Solutions is the City of Carmel's annual festival and tree lighting ceremony on opening day of the Christkindmarkt and The Ice at Carter Green.

This year's event will take place from 3 to 6:45 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23.

Celebrate the grand opening of Carmel's authentic German holiday market and The Ice at Carter Green with Santa, reindeer and other animals, jugglers, carolers, balloon artists, and more. Children will receive free goodie bags filled with surprises donated by event sponsors while supplies last.

Event timeline

- **3 p.m.:** You won't want to miss Mayor Sue Finkam arrive at the market with Santa.

- **3 to 6 p.m.:** Santa will greet visitors inside the Spielhaus (playhouse) on the east patio of the market.

- **6 p.m.:** Visit the main stage in the Winter Pavilion for performances and re-



Photo provided by City of Carmel

A winter-themed "Palladiscopes" show will be projected onto the Palladium following the tree lighting this Saturday at Carter Green.

marks.

- **6:45 p.m.:** Tree lighting countdown and ceremony.

Following the tree lighting, stay tuned for the enchanting Palladiscopes

show, featuring the Towering Nutcracker and Frost displays. This unique seasonal experience, created by Blockhouse Studios, will illuminate the night sky from

nightfall until 10 p.m. Every half hour, watch in wonder as the Nutcracker's mouth opens, triggering a snowfall effect that will leave you spellbound.

Carmel Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet helps kick off Christkindmarkt

The REPORTER

Join the Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) Brass Quintet as they help kick off the Carmel Christkindmarkt on Saturday, Nov. 23. As part of the opening day entertainment, the Brass Quintet will take the stage at 4 p.m. at the Winter Pavilion at Carter Green.

The CSO is ready to be a part of the No. 1-rated Christkindmarkt in

the country. This quintet features orchestra members Ben Hunter (trumpet), Shawn Jones (trumpet), Zach Cooper (horn), Chris Van Hof (trombone), and Glen Dimick (tuba). They will fill the market with the sounds of traditional carols and holiday favorites.

This performance kicks off a season of holiday festivities with the CSO. On Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, the orchestra will accompany the

Indiana Ballet Conservatory's performances of *The Nutcracker*. Then, on Dec. 15, the CSO presents *A Holiday Pops Matinee* and an evening show titled *A Holiday in Vienna*. The 2 p.m. family pops matinee provides a great opportunity for young people to experience the orchestra, with a shorter program, a visit from Sankt Nikolaus, and cookies and crafts after the show. Caroling and

sing-alongs will enhance this memorable holiday experience. Then, at 7 p.m. the CSO will perform a similar program transporting the audience to winter in old Vienna.

Please note: New traffic patterns and temporary road closures are in effect for the duration of the Christkindmarkt, so please see the map and plan ahead to determine your best options for parking in the area.

Warren Haynes Band to make Palladium debut Feb. 14

The REPORTER

Blues-rock artist Warren Haynes and his band will make their debut at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in February.

Founder of Gov't Mule and longtime member of the Allman Brothers Band and the Dead, the veteran guitarist and vocalist has just released his first solo album in nearly a decade. *Million Voices Whisper* debuted at No. 1 on *Billboard's* Blues Albums Chart and features guest appearances by Lukas Nelson, Jamey Johnson and former Allman Brothers bandmate Derek Trucks.

The *Million Voices Whisper Tour* will make its local appearance at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, at the Pal-

ladium. Backing Haynes will be longtime drummer Terence Higgins (Dirty Dozen Brass Band), Gov't Mule bassist Kevin Scott, keyboardist Matt Slocum, and saxophonist Greg Osby.

Tickets start at \$36 and go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 22, at TheCenterPresents.org, by phone at (317) 843-3800, or in person at the Palladium's Fifth Third Bank Box Office, 1 Carter Green, Carmel. Each ticket purchase includes a \$1 donation to hurricane relief efforts in the Southeast.

The concert is part of the Printing Partners Encore Series and the 2024-2025 Center Presents Season sponsored by Allied Solutions.



Photo by Emily Butler

Letter to the Editor

Noblesville reader says it's time for citizens to open their eyes

Dear Editor:

This past Monday had a Planning Commission meeting regarding proposed rezoning of land around Hague Road and 206th Street. That area is nowhere near where I live and I do not know people in the current neighborhoods there.

After the corporate presentation, the neighborhoods were allowed short periods of time to respond to the proposed changes. Many, many comments were presented on the negative impact the rezoning would have on their habitats, their environment, and their day-to-day lives.

I was appalled that these neighborhoods were only given a few days for their responses but also to the total lack of any concern displayed by the Planning Commission. I thought at least the commission would provide a delay to allow the neighborhoods more time for their responses, but their decision to submit the proposal to the City Council for approval was, literally, unbelievable.

Noblesville citizens need to open their eyes to what is going on. It seems the citizens of Noblesville have no value when it comes to corporate proposals.

Diana Rice
Noblesville

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Westfield State of the City highlights growth & total investments of nearly \$1 billion

Submitted by City of Westfield

Westfield Mayor Scott Willis delivered his inaugural State of the City address to more than 400 guests at the Westfield Chamber of Commerce's November luncheon Thursday afternoon at IMMI Conference Center, 18880 N. East St.

In his address, he recapped a transformative year for the city and outlined his administration's continued progress. Reflecting on the challenges and achievements of 2024, Willis shared his vision for the future of Westfield, focusing on key areas of growth, infrastructure, and community engagement.

"2024 has been a record year for investment in Westfield," Willis said. "When I asked my staff to total the investment of our announced projects for this year, the number nearly hit \$1 billion. It's incredible, and the energy around these investments is nothing short of exciting."

Since taking office in January 2024, Mayor Willis, newly elected Clerk-Treasurer Marla Ailor, and all seven city councilors have worked to set a strong foundation for the city's future. Focusing on four key pillars – Quality Growth and Livability, Accountability and Transparency, Excellence in Public Safety, and Empowerment through Continuous Improvement – the administration has already made significant strides in shaping Westfield's future.

Westfield Mayor's Youth Council

Willis also unveiled plans for a Westfield Mayor's Youth Council (WMYC), which will launch with the 2025-2026 school year. The Youth Council will provide a platform for young people to engage with and address issues impacting our community, serve as a hub for solution-driven ideas, and offer an inside look at the day-to-day operations of local government. This initiative will empower the next generation of leaders to actively shape Westfield's future. More information on WMYC will be announced in Spring 2025.

Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant

The Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant was also introduced. This grant, administered by the Community Development Department, will allow neighborhoods and homeowner associations to apply for matching funds at a ratio of 2:1. The program will be allotted \$240,000 with neighborhoods being eligible up to \$25,000 in matching funds.

The funds can be used to enhance or update landscaping at neighborhood entrances, remove invasive species, renovate entrance signs, or add lighting and fountains to ponds. Grant applications will open in January 2025.

Key Accomplishments of 2024

• Capital Improvement Plan:

Introduced in April 2024, the new Capital Improvement Plan is a major milestone for Westfield. It outlines infrastructure projects aimed at addressing the city's rapid growth, particularly in roadways and utilities.

• **Downtown Revitalization:** The city is making significant investments in its downtown area, with over \$200 million committed to projects such as Union Square, Park and Poplar, and Ambrose on Main. These efforts aim to create vibrant spaces attracting new businesses, residents, and visitors.

• Business Growth & Economic Development:

Westfield has attracted major business investments, including Isotopia, Grand Universe, PhysioLogic, Community Health, Skender Construction, and HNTB Engineering. Together, these projects total more than \$660 million in investments, diversifying the city's corporate tax base and contributing to the local economy.

• Public Safety Infrastructure:

Mayor Willis also unveiled renderings for a new Westfield Police Department Headquarters near Grand Park and John Dippel Boulevards. The city expects to break ground in mid-2025 and open in 2027. The building is designed to accommodate the department's future growth and expansion. The Westfield Fire Department will see a 25 percent increase in staff for Fire Station 84, enhancing the city's emergency response capabilities and supporting the growing community.

• Transparency & Accountability:

The administration remains committed to informing residents through multiple communication channels, including quarterly town halls, a new city website, and a regular printed newsletter.

For those unable to attend, Mayor Willis will host a 2024 Year in Review at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2025, at the Westfield High School Auditorium, 18250 N. Union St. The event will be free, but attendees are asked to register for a free ticket, as seating in the auditorium is limited. Reserved tickets will be available in mid-December.

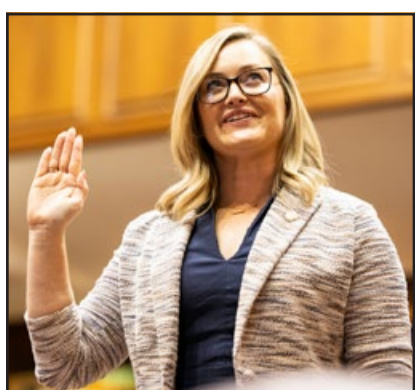
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Hamilton County's new state legislators took the oath of office Tuesday during Organization Day. (From left) State Rep. Danny Lopez, State Rep. Alaina Shonkwiler, and State Rep. Hunter Smith.

Lopez, Shonkwiler & Smith take oath to serve as Hamilton County's newest state representatives

The REPORTER

Danny Lopez of Carmel, Alaina Shonkwiler of Noblesville, and Hunter Smith of Zionsville took the oath of office today to serve as state representatives for House Districts 39, 29, and 24, respectively.

Indiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Loretta H. Rush administered the oath to all House lawmakers during a swearing-in ceremony in the House Chamber at the Statehouse during Organization Day, which marked the formal start to the 2025 legislative session.

"Carmel and Westfield, like all of Hamilton County, play such a critical role in driving our state forward, and it is an honor to have the opportunity to represent these communities in the General Assembly," Lopez said. "I can't wait to tackle the issues that are most im-

portant to Indiana's future this session and beyond."

Lopez is Executive Vice President for Community and External Affairs and Corporate Communications at Pacers Sports & Entertainment. He previously served as Chief of Staff and Senior Vice President at Strada Education Network, and he held several senior roles in the administrations of Governors Eric Holcomb, Mike Pence, and Mitch Daniels.

Lopez received his bachelor's degree from Florida International University and earned a master's degree from Georgia State University. He and his wife, Sofia, live in Carmel with their two children.

Shonkwiler is a business development associate with Garmong Construction and previously served as a manager in government consulting with Katz, Sapper &

Miller. She also worked as the district director for U.S. Rep. Victoria Spartz.

"I'm looking forward to representing and supporting the Hoosiers of House District 29," Shonkwiler said. "This session, I will work with my fellow lawmakers to pass a responsible budget that funds our priorities and ensures we continue on a path of fiscal responsibility."

Shonkwiler graduated from Noblesville High School and received a bachelor's degree from Indiana University Bloomington in public affairs management. She is also a graduate of Oklahoma University's Economic Development Institute and a graduate of Ball State University's Economic Development and Community Development courses. She lives in Noblesville with her husband, Jason, and their two children.

Smith is the owner and operator of WonderTree Farm, which focuses on regenerative farming practices, and is a former NFL punter for the Indianapolis Colts and Washington Redskins.

"I'm humbled by the opportunity to serve my community at the state level," Smith said. "My goal is to represent the voices and values of House District 24 while supporting agricultural and environmental policies that make our state the best place to work and call home."

Smith graduated from the University of Notre Dame, and lives in Zionsville with his wife, Jen, and their four children.

Constituents can reach Lopez, Shonkwiler and Smith by calling (317) 232-9600 or visiting their webpages found at indianahousepublicans.com.

State Senator J.D. Ford completes Carmel Police Department Citizen Academy

The REPORTER

Indiana Sen. J.D. Ford (D-Indianapolis) recently graduated from the Carmel Police Department's Citizen Police Academy, a free program that offers residents an in-depth look at the operations and responsibilities of the police force.



Ford

The 11-week academy, held Thursday evenings from Aug. 8 through late October, allowed participants to engage in hands-on activities and receive instruction from Carmel Police Department officers.

Since its inception in 2001, the Citizen Police Academy has been a cornerstone of the department's efforts to enhance communication and trust between law enforcement and the community. Unlike traditional police training programs, the academy focuses on educating participants about the police department's diverse roles and functions, fostering informed citizens equipped with accurate knowledge about public safety.

"Participating in the Citizen Police Academy was an incredibly insightful experience," Ford said. "I gained a deeper appreciation for the work our police officers do to protect and serve while also understanding the challenges they face. Programs like this are vital to building trust and collaboration between law enforcement and

the community."

The academy provides a behind-the-scenes view of policing, from tactical operations to community engagement initiatives. Ford's participation reflects his dedication to understanding the needs of his constituents and working collaboratively to address community concerns.

"I encourage anyone interested in learning more about how public safety works in Carmel to consider joining future sessions," Ford added. "It's an excellent opportunity to bridge gaps, foster dialogue and strengthen our community."

Ford plans to share his experiences with constituents and colleagues, highlighting the importance of fostering transparency and mutual understanding between police and the public.

The Citizen Police Academy is held biannually and welcomes residents interested in a deeper understanding of public safety. Information about the next session will be available in early 2025 on the Carmel Police Department's website.

Sen. Ford represents Indiana Senate District 29 encompasses portions of Carmel, Indianapolis, and Zionsville. Marion County communities include portions of Pike and Wayne townships.

State Comptroller Nieshalla leads effort seeking "day one" action from Congress on national debt

Steers state financial officers in National Debt Task Force

The REPORTER

Indiana State Comptroller Elise Nieshalla is leading the effort to sound the alarm on the severity of the country's debt burden as she initiated and chairs the National Debt Crisis Task Force comprised of 37 state financial officers.

Their first key action was to send a letter to President-elect Donald Trump and members of Congress imploring them to develop and implement a long-term plan to restore the nation's financial solvency. You can read that letter [here](#).

"As Americans, we have hard truths to face," Nieshalla said. "The cost of interest alone on the nation's \$36 trillion debt carries a price tag larger than each of the annual budgets for Medicare (\$839 billion) and the U.S. Military (\$820 billion)."

Their letter urges immediate action to:

- Ensure total 2025 federal spending is less than in 2024;
- Implement a concrete plan to put the federal government on a path to a bal-

anced budget as soon as possible; and

- Unleash economic prosperity by cutting red tape and tapping into our nation's vast natural resources with a timeline for reducing the debt that is empowered by a growing economy.

Underscoring the massive scale of the problem, the state financial officers draw attention to the rate at which the national debt burden is increasing at \$1 trillion every six months – contrast that with how it took the country 205 years to accumulate its first trillion in debt. Furthermore, they highlight the excessive spending of the federal government – \$4.5 trillion was collected in tax revenue in 2023, but \$6.3 trillion was spent.

The officers concur with Senate Resolution 600 and House Resolution 190 that declare the deteriorating federal financial situation is a "national security threat"

and is "unsustainable, irresponsible and dangerous."

"Successfully addressing this problem will be a marathon effort, and it must start now for the sake of the financial stability of our country and the states," Nieshalla added. "The State of Indiana's rock-solid financial foundation stands in stark contrast to the fiscal position of our nation. As Hoosiers, we have balanced budgets, well-funded pensions, healthy cash reserves and a AAA credit rating. In addition, Indiana is the seventh lowest debt per capita state in the country at \$366, whereas the federal government's debt per capita is over \$100,000."

Officers of the National Debt Crisis Task Force are pushing for the development and implementation of a fiscal recovery plan by 2026 when the country will mark the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.



Nieshalla

Comptroller Nieshalla states the overarching message of the letter: "We are asking President-elect Trump and Congress to make restoring America's financial solvency a 'Day One' priority for the sake of our states and the country – our hard-won independence depends on it."

[Click here](#) to view the letter issued to all 535 voting members of Congress and President-elect Trump.

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Sheridan asks Indiana Bond Bank for dump truck HELP

The REPORTER

Indiana Treasurer Daniel Elliott announced Wednesday that the Indiana Bond Bank assisted the Town of Sheridan with financing dump trucks through its Hoosier Equipment Lease Purchase (HELP) Program.

The \$301,794 purchase of essential equipment was made possible through this program.

"The HELP Program is super simple with just a one-page form, helping cities and towns score great rates with flexible terms," Elliott said. "Without it, many places might not afford the gear they need to keep things running smoothly."

The HELP program as-

sists Indiana communities in obtaining essential equipment through a standardized and efficient lease-purchase process. It provides standard-term leases with flexible repayment options at competitive rates. By effectively securing competitive bids from various financial institutions statewide, the program ensures the lowest financing costs, thereby saving taxpayer money.

Since its inception, the HELP program has financed over \$471 million in essential equipment for Indiana communities.

About the Indiana Bond Bank

The Indiana Bond Bank (IBB) was established

as a self-supporting quasi-government entity by the Legislature in 1984. A seven-member board oversees the Bond Bank, with the Treasurer serving as the chair of the board, the Public Finance Director of the Indiana Finance Authority is statutorily appointed, with the remaining five members being appointed by the Governor. The Bond Bank assists local governments in the process of issuing debt and provides the following programs: the Advance Funding Program, Community Funding Resource Program, Hoosier Equipment Lease Purchase (HELP) Program, Fuel Budgeting Program, and Interim Loan Program.

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Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations

American Legion Posts

Carmel Post 155 Kim Kilburn
852 West Main St Breakfast Sat & Sun 8-12
Carmel, In 46032 Treasure Hunt Fri 7p
317-846-0001 Tx Holdem Thurs & Sat

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

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

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

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

VFW Posts

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

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

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

Non-Profit Veteran Orgs

Hamilton County Veterans Corp
P.O. Box 503

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

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

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

Hamilton County Veteran Service Officers

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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>

Good Samaritan Network Serving Hamilton County Since 1980

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 or non-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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SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23

1:00 PM - 03:00 PM

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REGISTRATION REQUIRED



We warmly invite you to join us in remembrance, healing, and community. Whether you're seeking support or offering it, your presence would mean so much.



Fishers American Legion Breakfast 1st & 3rd Sundays

Fishers American Legion Post 470
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC / KID FRIENDLY

Breakfast Buffet at the Legion!

JOIN US THE 1ST & 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

\$13.00 - Adult / \$7.50 Kids up to 13
EGGS / SAUSAGE / BACON / HASH BROWNS
BISCUITS & GRAVY / PANCAKES

Carmel American Legion Breakfast Sat & Sun

AMERICAN LEGION

Breakfast Every Saturday & Sunday: 8am to 12pm

American Legion Post 155
852 W. Main Street
Carmel, IN 46032

Wreaths Across America for Crown Hill

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

INCHNI - CROWN HILL NATIONAL CEMETERY

All sponsored veteran wreaths will be held and placed on Saturday December 14th at 11am. The ceremony will be held at the Field of Valor or the National Cemetery depending on weather. Please help us reach our goal of fully covering our cemetery by sponsoring a wreath TODAY for placement on December 14, 2024 (Wreath Placement Immediately Following Ceremony)! If you have any questions, please contact our volunteer Location Coordinator at indianapoliswreathscrossamerica@yahoo.com <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/14819/overview/>

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Presented by IU Health North Hospital

DECEMBER 15 | 7:00 PM
A HOLIDAY IN VIENNA

Join us for holiday classics, singalongs and some elegant and romantic Viennese pieces evoking the old-world charm of Vienna.
Presented by IU Health North Hospital

JANUARY 25 | 7:30 PM
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Live up your new year as the high-energy artistry of breakdancing meets the timeless inspiration of classical music.

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

Governor-elect Braun announces reorganization of executive branch

Submitted

Governor-elect Mike Braun has announced his plans for a major restructuring of Indiana's executive branch, implementing a new cabinet model to drive efficiency, accountability, and communication in state government.

The cabinet will consist of the Governor, the Chief of Staff, the Lieutenant Governor, the superintendent of state police, the adjutant general of the Indiana National Guard, and secretaries over eight policy areas. Governor-elect Braun will elevate an agency head from each of the eight policy areas to serve as a cabinet secretary where they will oversee the entire vertical along with retaining the responsibility of running their agency.

Key elements of the new cabinet structure include:

- Clustering related agencies into eight separate verticals such as Commerce, Health and Family Services, and Education.
- Empowering each cabinet secretary to drive progress within their vertical.
- Holding cabinet members directly responsible for agency performance and continuous improvement.
- Enabling the cabinet to collaboratively implement cross-government initiatives.
- Assembling a lean, agile senior management team within the Governor's office to execute the administration's priorities.

"This new cabinet model will allow us to be laser-focused on delivering results for Hoosiers," Governor-elect Braun said. "By aligning agencies and reorganizing the executive branch, we can drive accountability for leaders and agencies, promote better coordination and communication between our administration and the Indiana General Assembly, and create efficiency across state government."

The restructured cabinet model will be assembled as follows:

Cabinet Position: Secretary of Management and Budget

- **Role:** Responsible for developing the budget to realize the Governor's vision, providing management of agencies in finance, technology, and shared services, and serving as operational oversight across secretary verticals

Reporting Offices and Agencies:

Department of Administration, Office of Technology, Archives and Records Administration, State Department of Personnel, Inspector General, Public Access Counselor, Office of Administrative Law Proceedings, Ethics Commission, and Management Performance Hub, Public Retirement System, State Budget Agency, State Employees' Appeals Commission, Department of Local Government Finance, Board of Tax Review, State Board of Accounts, Distressed Unit Appeal Board, Department of Revenue, and Indiana Finance Authority

Cabinet Position:

Secretary of Commerce

- **Role:** Responsible for driving economic opportunity for the state and for Hoosiers

• **Reporting Offices and Agencies:** (not including quasi-agencies) Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC), Office of Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Indiana Destination Development Corporation, Department of Workforce Development, Governor's Workforce Cabinet, Hoosier Lottery, Ports of Indiana, and Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority

Cabinet Position: Secretary of Health and Family Services

- **Role:** Responsible for improving coordination across constituent-facing health and well-being services, addressing public health policy holistically

• **Reporting Offices and Agencies:** Department of Health, Family and Social Services Administration, Department of Child Services, and Department of Veteran Affairs

Cabinet Position:

Secretary of Public Safety

- **Role:** Responsible for ensuring the safety and security of residents by overseeing law enforcement, emergency preparedness, and public safety policy development

• **Reporting Offices and Agencies:** Department of Corrections, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, Law Enforcement Academy, Homeland Security, Office of School Safety, Integrated Public Safety Commission, Parole Board, and Department of Toxicology



Braun

Resources, Office of Water Quality, White River State Park, Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Office of Energy Development, Utility Consumer Counselor, and Utility Regulatory Commission

Cabinet Position:

Secretary of Education

- **Role:** Responsible for programming across the full spectrum of education, from Pre-K to college, as aligned with Senator Braun's agenda

• **Reporting Offices and Agencies:** Board of Education, Charter School Board, Education Employment Relations Board, Commission for Higher Education, Department of Education, Dolly Parton Library, School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and School for the Deaf

Cabinet Position: Secretary of Transportation and Infrastructure

- **Role:** Responsible for maintaining state's transportation, infrastructure, and broadband systems to support Indiana's economic growth and quality of life for Hoosiers

• **Reporting Offices and Agencies:** Department of Transportation, Northwest IN Regional Development Authority, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, and Broadband Office

Cabinet Position: Secretary of Business Affairs

- **Role:** Responsible for managing the state's regulatory framework, ensuring that businesses and industries operate safely, ethically, and efficiently

• **Reporting Offices and Agencies:** Department of Insurance, Department of Financial Institutions, Department of Labor, Civil Rights Commission and Commission for Women, Workers Compensation Board, Professional Licensing Agency, Gaming Commission, Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, Horse Racing Commission, Office

of Indiana State Chemist and Seed Commissioner, and Board of Animal Health

Cabinet Position:

Lieutenant Governor

- **Role:** Serves as president of the Indiana Senate and assumes the role of Governor, should the sitting Governor be unable to fulfill the duties of office or if the office falls vacant due to death

• **Reporting Offices and Agencies:** Indiana State Department of Agriculture and the Office of Community and Rural Affairs

Cabinet Position: Superintendent of the State Police

- **Role:** Serves as executive head of the Indiana State Police (ISP) and handles oversight of the ISP and its operations

• **Reporting Offices and Agencies:** The Indiana State Police

Cabinet Position: Adjutant General of the Indiana National Guard

- **Role:** Serves as commander of the Indiana National Guard and provides essential administrative functions related to legislative and legal affairs, contracting, purchasing and accounting, facilities management, human resources and youth education

• **Reporting Offices and Agencies:** Indiana Guard Reserve, the Ceremonial Unit, Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy, Readiness Centers, State Armory Board and the state's relationship with Camp Atterbury, Muscatatuck Training Center and the Ivy Tech Cyber Academy at Muscatatuck

The Secretary of Management and Budget will oversee the overall transformation of state government and will work with cabinet secretaries to identify future opportunities for consolidation within and across agencies to improve service delivery and drive cost savings. This functional, results-oriented structure is designed to ensure the Freedom and Opportunity agenda is executed with discipline and excellence.

Further integration will be informed by dedicated analytical efforts, stakeholder inputs, and lessons that emerge from the initial reorganization. The cabinet will meet frequently to coordinate efforts and address challenges. The Governor's Chief of Staff will set the agenda and may include other senior leaders as needed.

Learn more at brauntransition.com/team.



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High school students in our district may contact my office to request a nomination to attend one of our nation's service academies.



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Santa Tours returning to Carmel's neighborhoods

The REPORTER

Mark your calendars as Santa returns to Carmel with his friends from the Carmel Fire, Police and Street departments.

The tours will begin Sunday, Nov. 24 and include 10 dates with 10 different routes through Sunday, Dec. 15. Each tour time will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Santa Tours will also incorporate senior living facilities, schools, and parks for

those who don't live along one of the neighborhood routes.

Keep an eye out for Santa, his friends, and even some surprise guests as they will arrive with flashing red lights – similar to Rudolph's nose – leading the way down the streets of the city. There will be no sirens.

You can check the [Santa Tracker](#) to view the routes and find out when he's close to your home or neighborhood.



The holidays are right around the corner

Feinstein's invites you to experience the magic of blues wrapped in the warmth of the holidays with Zach Day

Submitted

Zach Day takes the Feinstein's stage with all your favorite holiday songs with a jazz and blues flair on Thursday, Dec. 5.

Holiday Blues at the Club with Zach Day brings a fresh, soulful spin to holiday music with Day's unique blend of jazz, blues and lounge influences. His seasonal songs are a cozy, musical escape – sophisticated yet intimate, warm yet undeniably smooth.

Day is a guitarist, singer and songwriter from Anderson, Ind. He began to excel on the guitar at 15 years of age, influenced by the great '80s rock guitarists such as Randy Rhoads and Eddie Van Halen. Years later, Zach discovered the blues through musicians like Stevie Ray Vaughan, B.B. King, and Walter Trout. By the age of 18, he was performing at some of the most nostalgic clubs such as The Slippery Noodle in Indianapolis and Buddy Guy's Legends in Chicago.

Day's music is a blend

of exhilarating blues, classic outlaw country, and rock. You'll love hearing him apply that combination to holiday favorites. With his masterful command of melody and mood, his holiday songs transport listeners to a world where vintage rhythms meet timeless cheer.

Whether it's a playful jazz standard, a slow-burning blues number, or a laid-back lounge tune, his performances are a perfect soundtrack for cozy winter nights and festive gatherings alike. Day's holiday music is for those who want to embrace the season with elegance, heart and just the right touch of cool.

Get your tickets today and experience Zach Day and the magic of blues, wrapped in the warmth of the holidays.

This show would be an excellent idea for a holiday work gathering or family holiday get-together. You can get your tickets at [feinsteinshc.com](#). Parties of eight or more should contact [info@feinsteinshc.com](#).

Help end the wait by saying 'yes' to organ donation

Julie Brommer fought progressive and debilitating health issues for more than 40 years. Ultimately, she needed a new kidney to survive.

But then, late-stage colon cancer struck.

Pulled off the transplant waiting list, Julie had to be cancer free to be eligible for a transplant. She had just started a new major health battle when the unimaginable happened.

Her youngest son died unexpectedly.

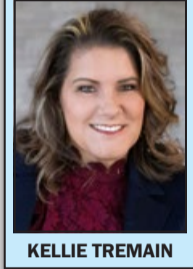
While grieving, Julie also had to cope with a grueling weekly schedule of energy-zapping chemotherapy and radiation treatments and dialysis six days a week until her cancer finally subsided.

That happened for years until she was placed back on the waiting list.

Then she waited. And waited.

Until the day Julie's body had no more fight and gave her no more time. On

GUEST COLUMNIST



KELLIE TREMAIN

June 29, 2022, surrounded by her family at her northern Indiana home, Julie Luann Brommer, 49, died.

Waiting. Today, there are about 1,300 Hoosiers – and

more than 104,000 people in the U.S. – who need a lifesaving organ transplant. Most need a new kidney, like Julie did. Tragically, in the U.S., 5,600 people die each year waiting – 17 people every day.

All are waiting simply because there are not enough donated organs for everyone who needs one.

That's why we're utilizing the latest technology and innovation to help ensure more donated organs are available for transplant.

We have also significantly grown our clinical and professional staff to respond as quickly as possible when donation may be possible. Systems and operational procedures have been im-

proved and strengthened to maximize organ donations and save more lives.

We have also fostered remarkable relationships with our hospital partners and transplant centers we serve in Indiana and throughout the U.S. These partnerships have led to an increased rate of referrals for donation, further increasing the number of successful transplants.

And we are working to create a better understanding about how organ donation saves lives by leading educational programs that resonate with students and communities throughout Indiana, which have encouraged more Hoosiers to sign up to be organ donors.

Yes, Julie Brommer died waiting for a lifesaving kidney transplant.

During her wait, though, she was able to experience what giving the gift of life truly means, through her youngest son, Cody.

Cody was an organ donor.

His gifts saved seven lives and restored sight to

two others.

The legacy Julie's son left behind deeply fueled Julie while she faced her own mortality and hoped for a miracle. What Cody accomplished in death made her proud, she said, and both physically and mentally stronger.

I share this story about Julie to simply ask you: Please help end the wait.

Take some time to learn more about how important it is to be an organ donor.

Talk about it with your family, friends and loved ones.

Hope is a powerful thing. My personal hope is that ultimately, you decide to join the more than 4.4 million Hoosiers who have signed up to be organ donors.

You may someday help end the wait for someone whose life depends on your selfless decision to say "yes."

Kellie Tremain is president and CEO of Indiana Donor Network. She can be reached at KTremain@IN-DonorNetwork.org.

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Fishers kicking off festive fun this weekend

The REPORTER

Get ready to kick off the holiday season in Fishers with a festive lineup of events that blend cherished local traditions, holiday cheer, and opportunities to give back.

From the sparkling light display and holiday market at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater to the beloved Santa's Mailbox and making unique, creative gifts at the Fishers Art Center, Fishers offers an array of festive events and activities for all ages. Learn more about holiday festivities at FishersIN.gov/HolidayFun.

The seasonal lineup includes:
Santa's Mailbox
Saturday, Nov. 30 to Friday, Dec. 13
Nickel Plate Trail (at the Switch Plaza swings near the 116th Street intersection) & Geist Waterfront (10811 Olio Road)
Free

Drop off your letters to Santa in the special mailboxes located on the Nickel Plate Trail and at Geist Waterfront Park. Include your address and you'll receive a reply from St. Nick. Can't drop off in person? Email Santa through Friday, Dec. 13 at santa@fishers.in.us. Learn more at FishersParks.com.

Conner Prairie's A Merry Prairie Holiday
Fridays through Sundays
Nov. 29 & 30, Dec. 6-22
Conner Prairie
(13400 Allisonville Road)
Tickets required

Experience one of central Indiana's most beloved holiday festivals and make the season magical at A Merry Prairie Holiday. Surround yourself amongst thousands of lights and celebrate the holidays in Prairietown with Historic Holidays and capture picture-perfect moments all around as you celebrate the season. Learn more and purchase tickets at ConnerPrairie.org.

Shop Fishers: Holiday Series
Saturday, Nov. 30 to
Tuesday, Dec. 31
Around Fishers | Free

Explore and discover local shops and restaurants that make our community special. Join the celebration and support the city's small businesses this holiday season while enjoying special deals and discounts. Learn more at FishersIN.gov/ShopFishers.

Fishers Event Center Winter Concerts

Celebrate the opening of Fishers Event Center with their winter lineup of concerts, live performances and entertainment. Get tickets to these events and more at FishersEventCenter.com.

- Event Center Opening Night: Nov. 22 | Turnpike Troubadours
- Nov. 29 | Lindsey Stirling: Snow Waltz '24
- Dec. 1 | Nitro Circus
- Dec. 4 | AEW
- Dec. 6 | Indy Fuel Opening Night vs. Iowa Heartlanders

- Dec. 9 | Alabama Roll On II North America Tour
- Dec. 20 | Mudsock Rivalry Basketball Game Double Header
- Jan. 11 | Indy Ignite Opening Night vs Orlando Valkyries
- Jan. 23-26 | Cirque Du Soleil Crystal

Hamilton East Public Library's Season of Giving
Dec. 1 to Jan. 5

Hamilton East Public Library | Free
 Give back this season with the Hamilton East Public Library with several opportunities to donate and give, including winter apparel donation drives and holiday gift-making classes. Learn more about these opportunities to celebrate the holidays through giving back at HamiltonEastPL.com.

Fishers Art Center Winter Art Sale & Holiday Classes
Winter Art Sale: Saturday, Dec. 14
Noon to 5 p.m.
Fishers Art Center
(1 Municipal Drive) | Free

This holiday season, don't miss Fishers Art Center's first annual Winter Art Sale to find one-of-a-kind gifts made by local artists and artisans. Also, give the gift of creativity at the Fishers Art Center, located in the heart of the Nickel Plate Cultural District in the Fishers Municipal Complex! Embrace your curiosity and imagination through a variety of art experiences, including workshops, classes, camps, exhibitions, events, and more. Learn more at FishersArtCenter.org.

Fishers Holiday Lights Map
Throughout December
Around Fishers | Free

Looking for the best holiday light displays around Fishers? Grab some hot cocoa and hop in the car to enjoy the festive displays from fellow residents using the digital Fishers Holiday Lights Map. Is your house decked out for the holidays? Help spread holiday cheer and show off your display by adding your house to the map. Learn more at FishersIN.gov/FishersLights.

Fishers Night Lights
Free holiday light display open daily in December

Nickel Plate District Amphitheater (6 Municipal Drive) & downtown portion of the Fishers Nickel Plate Trail (near 116th Street) | Free

Through December, check out the free light display open daily at dusk along the downtown portion of the Fishers Nickel Plate Trail. Don't miss special festivities every Saturday from 5 to 9 p.m. Learn more at FishersParks.com/NightLights.

Fishers Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony
Saturday, Nov. 30 at 6 p.m.

Nickel Plate District Amphitheater
 The City of Fishers kicks off the holiday season with the annual tree lighting ceremony. Join the commu-

nity countdown and see downtown Fishers light up with sparkling lights. Learn more at FishersParks.com/NightLights.

Fishers Night Lights Holiday Market
Saturdays, through Dec. 21
5 to 9 p.m.

Nickel Plate District Amphitheater
 New this year, stop by the Holiday Market featuring handmade, artisan goods from local vendors. From art and home decor to sweet treats, stocking stuffers, and holiday gift options, there's something for everyone under the twinkling lights of downtown Fishers. Apply to be a vendor and learn more at FishersParks.com/NightLights.

Cookies with Characters
Dec. 7, 8, 14 & 15
Various times
Ambassador House
(10598 Eller Road)

Registration required, prices vary
 Fishers Parks hosts a unique character experience complete with games, crafts, cookie decorating and more. All parents and children must register to attend at FishersParks.com.

Fishers Police Winter Wonderland Walkthrough
Friday, Dec. 13 & Saturday, Dec. 14
6 to 8 p.m.

Fishers Police Department
(4 Municipal Drive)
Free

Join Fishers Police Department for a Winter Wonderland Walkthrough on Dec. 13 and 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. Come see Santa, Mrs. Claus, Buddy the Elf, and Jovi, his girlfriend, as you are transported to the North Pole. Learn more at FishersIN.gov/Police.

Fishers Parks' Winter Break Camp
Monday, Dec. 23 to Friday, Jan. 3
(Excludes weekends and holidays)
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Various locations
Registration required

Registration is now open for winter break camps with drop-in camp days for children ages 5 to 12. Camp offerings include Tech 2 Rec Camp, blending robotics and STEM learning with outdoor recreation, as well as Holland Park Winter Break Camp modeled after the popular traditional summer camp experiences. Learn more at FishersParks.com/Camp.

Christmas Tree Recycling
Thursday, Dec. 26 to
Saturday, Feb. 1
Brooks School Park
(11780 Brooks School Road)
Cumberland Park
(10580 Cumberland Road)
Holland Park (1 Park Drive) | Free

Fishers offers a free Christmas Tree Recycling program, where residents can drop off bare, live trees at three park locations around the city. Learn more here.

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.



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Creekside Village of Fishers among U.S. News' 'Best Nursing Homes' evaluation

The REPORTER

U.S. News recently conducted its annual assessment of nursing homes across the United States and recognized eight American Senior Communities (ASC) locations in its rankings.

In the U.S., approximately 1.2 million individuals (8 percent aged 85 and over) will reside in a nursing home. Nursing home stays can range from days

to years. To address both possibilities, two areas were rated: short-term rehabilitation and long-term care. To be recognized, a home must be "high performing" in one or both areas.

Standards for evaluation include nurse staffing, patient outcomes, measures taken to provide a safe environment, and high-quality healthcare. (The ratings methodology report can be found here.)

In the 2025 rankings, almost 15,000 nursing homes across the USA were evaluated, with only 2,836 (19 percent) meeting the criteria for recognition in one or both areas.

Among those nursing homes is **Creekside Village of Fishers**, which was recognized as High Performing in Short-Term Care.

"Being among the select 19 percent nationwide recognized by U.S. News

is incredibly rewarding," American Senior Communities CEO Steve Van Camp. "Having eight of our communities earn this distinction is a remarkable achievement and reflects the dedication and excellence of the teams at these locations. Their commitment to delivering outstanding care is genuine, and it's gratifying to see their efforts acknowledged in this way."

Catch Colts watch party at Carmel's Midtown Plaza

The REPORTER

On Sunday, Dec. 1 at Midtown Plaza, watch the Indianapolis Colts versus the New England Patriots at a road game Watch Party presented by the Colts and Bud Light. This party is free to attend and open to all ages but fans must secure a ticket at this link.

The party begins at noon, and activities will take place until 4 p.m. They will include:

- Photos and autographs with Colts Cheerleaders
- Special appearance from Colts mascot Blue
- Live entertainment with DJ GNO
- Colts tailgate games
- Free Colts giveaways



Photo provided by City of Carmel

At 1 p.m., the game will kick off love on the big screen. Midtown Plaza is an

outdoor venue. The event will take place rain or shine, unless severe weather is forecast.

Fans may bring their own chairs, blankets, and other items, but no grilling is permitted.

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Westfield man among 11 people charged in federal indictment following takedown of Indianapolis meth trafficking conspiracy

The REPORTER

Eleven individuals have been charged in a federal indictment alleging a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine in Indianapolis and elsewhere. The charges follow a successful law enforcement operation in which 10 of the 11 individuals were arrested and federal agents and local officers seized eight firearms and quantities of fentanyl, methamphetamine, and marijuana.

The following lists the individuals indicted and charged with conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine:

- Matthew R.P. Fishman, 38, Bloomington
- Megan L. Gaskin, 29, Indianapolis
- Joseph A. Grubb, 37, Bloomfield
- Amanda N. Hornaday, 40, Indianapolis

- Candace L. Rich, 44, Indianapolis
- Ashley N. Russell, 38, Indianapolis
- Colton K. Shorkey, 33, Franklin
- James M. Sublett Jr., 39, Westfield
- James L. Tyus Jr., 39, Indianapolis
- Kelly A. Willis, 52, Indianapolis
- Thomas R. Winkley, 45, Indianapolis

This was a multiagency operation, involving 16 agencies, who executed 22 arrest and search warrants at 11 locations in central Indiana on Wednesday morning. Ten individuals were arrested and are in federal custody. Joseph A. Grubb remains a fugitive.

According to the indictment, from February 2024 through Nov. 14, all 11 defendants allegedly conspired together to distribute 500 grams or more of meth-

amphetamine. James L. Tyus Jr. allegedly acted as the leader of the operation and was supplied methamphetamine by James M. Sublett Jr. The remaining nine defendants allegedly served as dealers and distributors.

The alleged meth deals took place at several locations across Indianapolis including parking lots, gas stations, apartment complexes, motels, and a gentleman's club.

If convicted, each defendant faces up to life in federal prison.

The following investigative agencies collaborated to make this investigation and recent warrant execution possible:

- Drug Enforcement Administration
- Internal Revenue Service
- Metropolitan Drug Task Force
- Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department
- United States Marshal's Service
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Lawrence Police Department
- Hamilton/Boone County Drug Task Force
- Franklin Police Department

- Indiana State Police
- Beech Grove Police Department
- Johnson County Sheriff's Office
- Brownsburg Police Department
- Indiana National Guard
- Bloomington Police Department
- Greene County Sheriff's Department

"Getting deadly drugs like methamphetamine and fentanyl off our streets is a top priority for our office," said Zachary A. Myers, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana. "That is why working with our partners at DEA, IMPD, and across federal, state, and local law enforcement is so important. We are committed to identifying drug traffickers and holding them accountable in federal court."

U.S. Attorney Zachary A. Myers thanked Assistant U.S. Attorneys Bradley Blackington and Jeremy Fugate, who are prosecuting this case.

An indictment or criminal complaint are merely allegations, and all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

THE TABERNACLE

"Make curtains of goat hair for the tent over the tabernacle—eleven altogether. All eleven curtains are to be the same size—thirty cubits long and four cubits wide. Join five of the curtains together into one set and the other six into another set. Fold the sixth curtain double at the front of the tent.

Exodus 26:7-9 (NIV)

Thomas Frederick Carter

October 16, 1944 – November 20, 2024



Thomas Frederick Carter, 80, Westfield, formerly of Greenville, Mich., passed away on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at his home. He was born on October 16, 1944, to Harold "Scoot" and Mary (Wakefield) Carter in Greenville, Mich.

Tom proudly served his country as a sergeant in the Army National Guard. He worked as an athletic trainer for the University of Wisconsin and was an administrator at Oakfield Baptist Academy. Tom enjoyed coaching basketball and served as a camp ministry director. Tom married Nancy Lou Reed on June 25, 1968. They moved to Indiana in 2014 where they were active in both The Creek Church and Grace Church. Tom lived out his deep faith in Christ and impacted many lives because of it.

Tom is survived by his wife of 56 years, Nancy "Nan" L. Carter; daughter, Joy (Robert) Palmer; son, Gary (Lori) Carter; brother, Bruce (Sherry) Carter; sister-in-law, Mary (Rich) Borrelli; grandchildren, Josh (Megan) Hayward, Bethany (Courtland) Jones, SrA Nathan Hayward (USAF), Andrew Hayward, Anna Hayward, Braydon Carter, Kylie Carter, Kristina Palmer, and Tiffany Palmer; and 11 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his in-laws, Don & Doris Reed; infant brother, Jerold Carter; and grandparents, Harold & Ruby Carter, and Ernest & Edith Wakefield.

Visitation will be from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., with services at 2:30 p.m., on Sunday, November 24, 2024, at Grace Church, Student Ministry East – Door 12, 5504 E. 146th St., Noblesville. Burial will be at Summit Lawn Cemetery in Westfield.

A livestream link will be posted [online](#) closer to the service time.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Chapters of GriefShare at Grace Church, 5504 E. 146th St., Noblesville, IN 46062 ([gracechurch.us](#)); or Indian Creek Christian Church, 6430 S. Franklin Road, Indianapolis, IN 46259 ([thecreek.org](#)).

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Semi-state football preview: Class 6A – Crown Point at Westfield

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

And now, just one county team is left standing in the football state tournament.

Overall, the six classes are now down to the final four with a trip to the state championship on the line Thanksgiving weekend.

Tonight, the No. 2-ranked Westfield Shamrocks (11-1) stay home to host the No. 3-ranked Crown Point Bulldogs (12-0) in the Class 6A north semi-state at Riverview Health Stadium. Kickoff is set for 8 p.m.

This is the second consecutive season that Crown Point and Westfield are the top two teams in the north, meeting up in the semi-state for the chance to advance to the Class 6A state championship game on Nov. 29 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

Last November in their first meeting, the two played to a double-overtime thriller with the Bulldogs winning 38-31, earning their first trip to the state finals.

Head coach Josh Miracle has taken off from where his predecessor and mentor Jake Gilbert left and has settled in quite nicely. He was promoted to lead the Shamrocks upon Gilbert's hiring at Wabash College during the off-season.

After defending their regional crown, the 'Rocks have now won four regionals in the last five years. Westfield's regional championship last week came on the road at Fishers, 42-28.

The Shamrocks got off to a great start with a 21-7 lead at halftime. Deacon King scored first on a 28-yard touchdown pass from Carsen Melvin. After Fishers scored

in the second, Cato June returned the ensuing kickoff 94-yards to the house for a 14-7 advantage. Melvin ran in the third score of the half.

Fishers tied 21-21 on a pair of Ryan Thembulembu runs, but that just fueled the Shamrock offense.

Westfield took control offensively in the fourth. A touchdown pass to Beau Braun, another rushing TD for Melvin and King raced 49 yards with 1:09 left for his second rushing score to ice the cake for the second regional title in a row.

King dominated on the ground with 220 yards on 33 carries. Melvin was an efficient 7 of 11 for 79 yards, completing those to five different receivers.

Melvin, a Bowling Green commit, is now 121 of 184 (65.8 percent) on the season for 1,655 yards with 15 TD and just four interceptions. King is having quite the breakout junior campaign with 1208 yards on 187 rushes (6.5 per carry) and has 15 TDs on the ground. He also has two receiving touchdowns.

Gabe Aramboles (548), Beau Braun (350), Preston Pakala (279) and Parker Knott (269) have combined for most of Melvin's passing and 12 touchdowns.

Defensively, Keegan Krupp is the leading tackler with 94, an interception, three pass deflections and a fumble recovery. Drew Law leads the team with six INTs and one fumble recovered and three passes deflected. Mikeah Webster also has a pair of INTs and fumble recoveries, along with 77 tackles.

Kicker Owen Wright has made 46 of 49 extra-point attempts and 8 for 9 on field goals.



Photo by Joshua Herd

Westfield's Mikeah Webster has made 77 tackles along with a pair of interceptions and fumble recoveries for the Shamrocks this season.

The Shamrocks are looking for the program's sixth semi-state title. This would be their third Class 6A state finals appearance and first since 2021. Westfield is 54-11 from the 2020 season to present.

The 'Rocks have a pair of 6A runner-up trophies, dropping both to Center Grove in 2020 and 2021. The won the 2016 5A state crown over Columbus East, Westfield was 5A runner-up to Cathedral in 2013. Prior to the recent five appearances, 1992 was a season they were 2A runner-up to Fort Wayne Bishop Luers.

Crown Point is a program that's come alive in recent seasons and emerged as the top team in the Duneland Conference and north-west Indiana, going 13-1 in 2023 and 10-1 in 2022. The Bulldogs went 7-0 in league play, finishing ahead of Merrillville, Valparaiso, Chesterton, Michigan City, Portage, Lake Central and La Porte.

Head coach Craig Buzza is 40-7 in his fourth season and 256-96 overall in 32 years. Prior to Crown Point, he was at Michigan City, Homewood-Flossmoor (Ill.) and Portage. Buzza led Homewood-Flossmoor to 10 straight playoff appearances, including a Class 8A state runner-up in 2014. In the state of Illinois, teams have to qualify for the football state tournament. His longest stint of 13 seasons was at Portage, where led

the Indians to a 1994 Class 5A runner-up finish to Castle, along with four other sectional titles.

The Bulldogs have won 35 of their last 37 games since the beginning of 2022. Winning last year's semi-state battle with Westfield, Crown Point lost the 6A state title game to Ben Davis, 38-10, their lone state finals appearance.

This season, CP has been quite dominating. They average 41.6 points per game and give up just 8.7. In the first eight games, they scored at least 41 points and had a season-high against Portage on Sept. 20 with a 58-20 win. The running clock has been in place during 11 of their 12 games

so far this season, including at Merrillville on Sept. 6. The Pirates are also playing at Warsaw for the 5A north semi-state tonight.

Crown Point's individual statistics are not available.

In the south, Westfield's Hoosier Crossroads Conference rival and No. 4 Brownsburg (11-1) visits seventh-ranked Center Grove (8-4) for another clash of titans.

**The winner of the Crown Point-Westfield and Brownsburg-Center Grove semi-state games will play for the Class 6A state championship on Friday, Nov. 29 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis at approximately 7 p.m.*

Girls Basketball

Blackhawks get going early to beat Covenant Christian

The REPORTER

Sheridan got off to a good start, and that helped the Blackhawks to a 36-28 victory at Covenant Christian on Thursday.

Sheridan outscored the Warriors 13-4 in the first quarter. Nova Cross led the way with five points. Covenant played even with the 'Hawks in the second period, but Sheridan maintained a 20-12 lead at halftime. The Blackhawks then

cruised through the third quarter to lead 32-18, with Brielle Garner scoring five points, then held on in the fourth.

All seven players that took to the floor for Sheridan scored. Brielle Garner led with eight points, including two 3-pointers. Kenzie Garner scored seven points.

The Blackhawks are 2-1 and play Tuesday at Western Boone.

SHERIDAN 36, COVENANT CHRISTIAN 28				
	FG	FT	TP	PF
Nova Cross	2	0-0	5	2
Kenzie Garner	1	4-6	7	3
Cecilia Timme	0	3-10	3	3
Brielle Garner	3	0-0	8	1
Sadie Timme	2	0-0	5	3
Shelby Eaton	2	0-0	4	0
Mackenzie Smith	1	2-2	4	1
Totals	11	9-18	36	13
Score by Quarters				
Sheridan	13	7	12	4 - 36
Covenant Christian	4	8	6	10 - 28
Sheridan 3-pointers (5) B. Garner 2, Cross, K. Garner, S. Timme.				

Wrestling

HSE, Heights girls show prowess at meets & invites

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern girls wrestling team finished fourth at the Purdue Polytechnic Invitational last Saturday.

EJ Shults was the champion at 110 pounds, while Lindsey Lannen winning her second consecutive tournament at 115. The Royals had two runner-up finishers: Kiarra Churchill at 120 and Lilliana Rodriguez at 105. Lila McNary placed eighth at 135 and Daphne Gilliam finished eighth at 140.

Hamilton Heights placed third out of 26 teams

last Saturday at Daleville.

The Huskies had two champions: Kendall Moe won at 110 pounds and Zoe Pugh won at 125 pounds. Moe is ranked first in her weight class and Pugh is ranked fourth. Audrey Baber placed second at 115 pounds, where she is currently ranked 14th.

Other Heights place winners were Amaelia Cordero (fourth at 170), Natalie Head (fifth at 190) and Raelynn Trent (sixth at 145).

The Huskies won a dual meet over Pike 48-11 on Monday, making them 2-0 for the season in duals.

Noblesville falls in conference opener

The REPORTER

Noblesville dropped its Hoosier Crossroads Conference opener Thursday, losing a close game 46-44 at Brownsburg.

The game was back and

forth the entire way. The Class 4A No. 10 Millers led 9-8 after the first quarter, and went up 14-10 after a Maia Blower 3-pointer and Ally Hutchinson basket. The Bulldogs came back to lead 16-14

before Hutchinson nailed a 3. Brownsburg held a 21-19 halftime lead and extended that advantage to 36-32 after three quarters. The Millers came back to lead 43-42 after Hutchinson hit another triple, but the Bulldogs regained the lead on Elle McCulloch's 3 and held it from there. Meredith Tippner scored

20 points to lead Noblesville, also collecting eight rebounds and making four assists. Hutchinson totaled three 3s on her way to 11 points and got six rebounds. Blower had two 3s for the game while C.C. Quigley made five rebounds.

The Millers are 2-1 overall and host Homestead on Saturday.

BROWNSBURG 46, NOBLESVILLE 44				
	FG	FT	TP	PF
Noblesville	4-13	0-0	11	3
Ally Hutchinson	2-5	0-0	6	3
Maia Blower	6-18	8-9	20	2
Meredith Tippner	0-2	0-0	0	3
Kate Rollins	3-10	1-2	7	3
Norah Vctor	0-1	0-0	0	0
Brookelyn Grayson	0-0	0-0	0	0
Bri Gray	0-0	0-0	0	2
Totals	15-49	9-11	44	16
Score by Quarters				
Noblesville	9	10	13	12 - 44
Brownsburg	8	13	15	10 - 46
Noblesville 3-point shooting (5-19) Hutchinson 3-8, Blower 2-5, Tippner 0-4, Vctor 0-1, Quigley 0-1.				
Noblesville rebounds (28) Tippner 8, Hutchinson 6, Quigley 5, Blower 4, Vctor 2, Grayson 1, Rollins 1, team 1. Tippner 4 as.				

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The Carmel No. 1 doubles team of Grant Mu (left) and Michael Bao are this year's Hamilton County Reporter Boys Tennis Players of the Year.

Reporter names Carmel's Bao & Mu Players of the Year

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Reporter has named the Carmel doubles team of senior Michael Bao and sophomore Grant Mu as its Boys Tennis Players of the Year.

Bao and Mu played No. 1 doubles for the Grey-

hounds, finishing with an 18-4 record and an appearance in the individual state tournament, where they finished as runners-up. The duo helped Carmel to another team sectional championship and were named First Team All-State as well.

All-County Boys Tennis Teams

NAME	SCHOOL	GRADE
FIRST TEAM		
Michael Bao	Carmel	Senior
David Cacchillo	Guerin Catholic	Junior
Rhys Garrison	Guerin Catholic	Senior
Grant Mu	Carmel	Junior
Landon Osswald	Hamilton Southeastern	Junior
Parker Paramoure	Westfield	Junior
Tyler Rich	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior
SECOND TEAM		
Sanjith Boddu	Carmel	Senior
Jack Breneman	Noblesville	Senior
Dane Campbell	Noblesville	Junior
Gavin Conrad	Fishers	Senior
Rajeev Singh	Carmel	Sophomore
Brady Stump	Hamilton Southeastern	Sophomore
Wes Worobel	Carmel	Junior

Honorable mention

Aiden Foley, Fishers, Leo McVeigh, Hamilton Southeastern.

Huskies start swimming season by winning dual meet

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights girls swim team began its season with victories at a double dual meet.

The host Huskies beat Anderson 117-42 and Heritage Christian 112-56. Two Heights swimmers won two events: Ayla Madara triumphed in the butterfly and individual medley, while Amira Leer won the 500 and 200 freestyles.

Other Huskies individual winners were Audrey Cain in the backstroke, Adi Gould in the breaststroke, Sophia Hulen in the 50 free and Campbell Lively-Mason in diving. Heights also won all three relays.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Hamilton Heights' Audrey Cain won the backstroke event during the Huskies' meet against Anderson and Heritage Christian on Thursday.

Carmel native Sam Orme earns 'Freshman of the Week' designation

The REPORTER

Belmont University men's basketball forward Sam Orme was named Missouri Valley Conference Freshman of the Week, the league office announced Monday.

The Carmel native averaged 12.5 points, 7.0 rebounds, 2.0 assists and 2.0 blocked shots per game as Belmont earned road victories over Atlantic Sun Conference favorite and Q2 ranked Lipscomb and Mountain West program Air Force.

Orme had 13 points, eight rebounds and three assists at Air Force.

He had 12 points, six rebounds and three blocked shots at Lipscomb - includ-



Photo provided

ing two 3-pointers in the 19-6 run over the final 3:35 as Belmont won 80-79.

Orme has scored in double figures in three of the first four games of the season.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Nov. 22

FOOTBALL

Class 6A north semi-state
Crown Point at Westfield, 8 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Westfield at Fishers, 6 p.m.
University at Lawrence Central, 7 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Franklin Central, 7:30 p.m.

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