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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Cloudy, with afternoon showers.
 Tonight: Scattered showers, mixing with and changing to snow. Snow accumulation of an inch or less.
 HIGH: 44 LOW: 32



Fighting overdose deaths, one naloxone kit at a time

By **STU CLAMPITT**
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Overdose Lifeline recently distributed its one millionth naloxone kit. Meanwhile, Indiana has seen a 19 percent decrease in overdose deaths – a larger decline than the 14.9 percent nationally.

This month, Overdose Lifeline Founder Justin Phillips was awarded Indiana's highest honor, the Sagamore of the Wabash. The Reporter spoke to Phillips about the work that led to her award and the work that led to it.

"We are basing this [one million doses] on the numbers starting in 2020 when we formed this partnership with the state of Indiana," Phillips told The Reporter. "If we counted the smaller quantities that we distribute before 2020, we'd be over a million. But when the pandemic came and the state approached us about setting up

this distribution model, that is when we're counting from to get to the one million."

Phillips said they could never have reached this milestone without the network of volunteers. Approximately 50 people show up every other Tuesday night to make kits at the Overdose Lifeline office. They also have partnerships with Marion University, IU School of Nursing, National Bank of Indianapolis, and Center Bank, all of whom have encouraged their employees to help get to the one million naloxone kits mark.

"We could absolutely not do it without those volunteers," Phillips said. "We used to make kits ourselves, but because now we've built this army of volunteers, we don't have to do that as frequently anymore, which is a tremendous lift of burden."

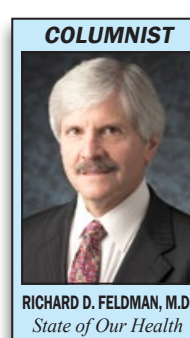
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Photo provided
Overdose Lifeline Founder Justin Phillips (right) was recently presented with the Sagamore of the Wabash award by Indiana NextLevel Recovery Executive Director Doug Huntsinger.

Feldman advises against Medicare Advantage Plans

We're in the Medicare open enrollment season. I strongly advise patients signing up for Medicare to avoid Part C Medicare Advantage programs (MAPs). Rather, I recommend "traditional" Medicare with a Part B supplemental policy and a Part D prescription plan.



The majority of Medicare patients opt into MAPs, considering them more affordable with lower premiums. They are also enticed by those added benefits like pharmacy, hearing, vision, dental, and gym memberships.

But MAPs may have more co-pays and deductibles and limit patient choice and autonomy. One is generally restricted to their network doctors, hospitals, clinics and pharmacies. In traditional Medicare, there are no provider networks and one is free to obtain care anywhere.

MAPs are notorious for substantial use of prior approval and subsequent denials for medical services. Advanced imaging; costly medications; and admission to facility-based rehabilitation, skilled nursing facilities, and long-term acute care hospitals are examples.

MAPs' primary goal is profit. The federal government pays more to these plans than it would expend in traditional Medicare costs (\$27 billion more in 2023). Nevertheless, Congress anticipated that risk-based contracting with MAPs would result in more cost-effective care and reduced governmental costs. Unfortunately, most cost savings from MAPs are returned to the insurance companies in profits rather than in savings to the government or patients. A big part of "cost-effective care" is denial of services.

My wife has a MAP plan. She recently underwent an extensive orthopedic surgery. She was advised that recovery would take a year. The surgeon wasn't exaggerating.

Her surgeon assumed insurance would approve a rehabilitation hospital on discharge. The MAP denied it. We alternatively requested rehab in a nursing home. Denied. The MAP said her rehabilitation could be met with a "lesser level of care," meaning intermittent home physical therapy. Multiple appeals failed.

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Arrest made regarding threat to Noblesville East Middle School

The REPORTER

Classes at all Noblesville Schools on Tuesday were canceled after threats toward Noblesville East Middle School (NEMS) were made on social media.

Early Tuesday morning, Superintendent Dr. Daniel Hile made the decision to cancel classes out of "an overabundance of caution." It was not an e-learning day.

Discovering the threat

At approximately 1:34 a.m. Tuesday, the Indianapolis office of the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) contacted the Noblesville Police Department (NPD) with information regarding a threat that was made on social media. The threat specifically targeted Noblesville East Middle School (NEMS) located at 1625 Field Drive.

NPD investigators immediately notified school officials and apprised them of the threat and the limited details that were available at the time. Classes were canceled for the day as investigators worked with the FBI to determine the source of the threat.

Early this afternoon, FBI investigators were able to locate crucial information pertaining to the case and identified a possible suspect. Investigators from the NPD petitioned for and were subsequently granted a search and arrest warrant for a residence in the 800 block of Noble Run in Noblesville. Investigators were able to locate the suspect and property believed to be evidence in the criminal investigation.

The suspect is a juvenile and a seventh-grade student at NEMS. The juvenile was taken into custody by NPD investigators and transported to the Hamilton County Juvenile Detention Center on a preliminary charge of Intimidation* (I.C. 35-45-2-1) a Level 6 Felony.

NPD thanks the FBI for their expertise and communication throughout this investigation. Their assistance was instrumental in locating the alleged suspect. NPD also thanks Noblesville Schools for its assistance.

*A preliminary charge is merely an accusation, and the defendant(s) is presumed innocent unless proven guilty in court.

Slam Sip \$pend sends \$\$\$ for safe turf surface to BGCN



Photo provided by Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville

Last Friday, the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville Auxiliary presented the organization with a check for \$80,000 for a recent playground refresh that added a new, safe turf surface. Funds were raised at the Auxiliary's annual auction, Slam Sip \$pend, which took place in March at Harbour Trees in Noblesville. Last March's event raised \$200,000 to support the turf project and "fund the fun" for many other Club projects. Over 300 members currently attend the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville each day after school. Since the early 1980s, the Club's Auxiliary group has raised millions in imperative funds to support the mission of the organization.



(LEFT) Kelly Coker and Andy Tigulus were among the couple hundred volunteers who helped serve approximately 1,500 meals. (RIGHT, from left) Junior Dani Montgomery, senior Megan Krueckeberg, and junior Garrett Tucker took a break from volunteering to give some love to the Coca-Cola bear.



Reporter photos by Amy Adams

RocksGiving II: the sequel is bigger & rocks harder than the original

By **AMY ADAMS**
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Monday evening, Nov. 25, volunteers and diners from all over the community filled the cafeterias at Westfield High School to overflowing for the second annual RocksGiving.

Approximately 200 parents,

teachers, students, and community members volunteered to welcome guests, man craft tables, and serve up around 1,500 turkey dinners, complete with all the fixings.

Well over a year ago, Westfield Washington Schools Superintendent Paul Kaiser approached WWS Director of Community

Engagement Ashley Knott with the idea of providing a community dinner that brought people together and also raised awareness of needs within the community.

"The best way to do that is to break bread and sit around the table," Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction John Atha said. "All are

welcome, no matter what. The whole purpose is to come have a Thanksgiving meal, be grateful for the wonderful community of Westfield, and meet somebody you might not know – and there might be some way you can connect and help them out."

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GIVING

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Kaiser's dream became a reality last year and has only expanded this year.

According to Knott, who also serves as executive director of the Westfield Education Foundation, RocksGiving was made possible entirely by donations from community partners.

"Zero dollars come from the school budget," she said. "This is put on and hosted by community in support of community."

Duke Energy played a leading role as the title sponsor, providing all the dinner food and serving supplies.

The Reporter has learned that Duke Energy's donation was \$15,000.

Duke Energy Government & Community Relations Manager Mark LaBarr said that Duke Energy likes to help fight food insecurity anywhere it can.

"This is a great opportunity for the community to come together, especially those among us who may be distressed or may not have another opportunity for a Thanksgiving meal," LaBarr said.

Each meal included turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, and green beans. Rolls and ever-popular cinnamon butter were donated by Texas Roadhouse, Costco contributed 150 pumpkin pies, and Coca-Cola Consolidated ensured everyone had water, tea, or soda to wash their meal down.

Riverview Health provided festive yellow T-shirts for volunteers, and BMW Dreyer & Reinbold supplied the kitchen staff with aprons. Northview Church helped cover any remaining expenses in order to make the night a success.

"The number of volunteers that have reached out to support others in the community speaks to what amazing youth, parents, community members and businesses we have in Westfield," Knott said.

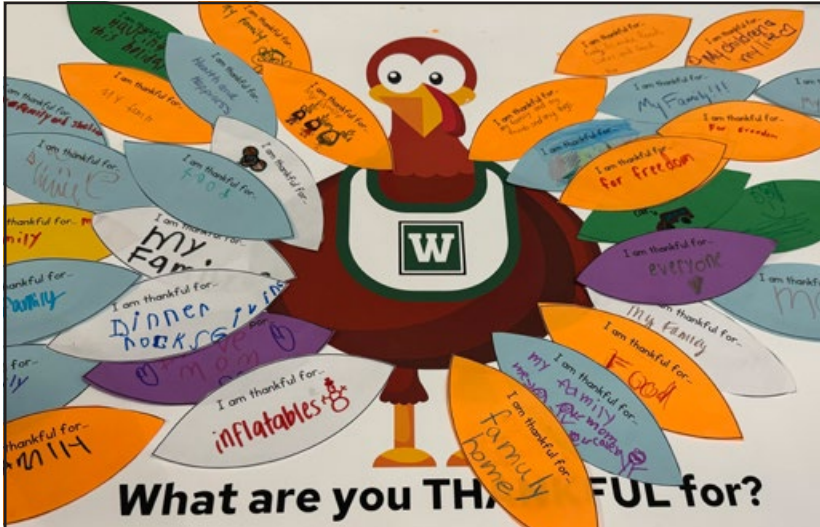
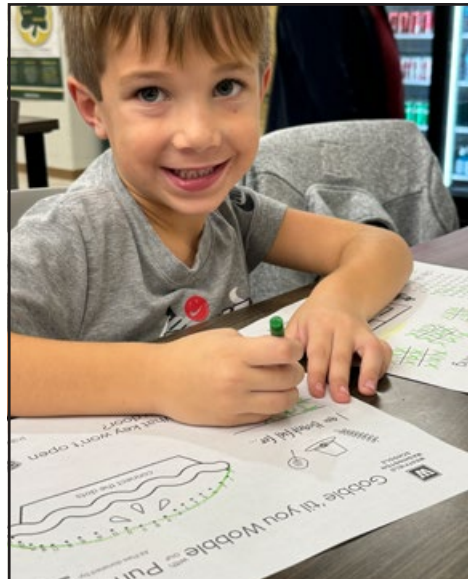
WWS Director of Food Services Paul Sherrer said he and his team had been working on preparing for the meal for months. And when they ran into a snag with the turkey orders, they did what they had to do, right down to picking up the turkeys themselves, to make sure the meal went off as planned.

"Our goal is that people don't see all the running around we do," Sherrer said. "They just come in and enjoy the meal."

Knott acknowledged that the WWS food team goes above and beyond to make sure students are fed on a daily basis.

"Tonight is just another extension of how much they care," she said.

In addition to the free meal, students from the Westfield Intermediate School choir serenaded guests with holiday tunes, and craft stations offered children activities such as decorating cookies and making friendship bracelets. The event also welcomed organizations such as Hamilton County Public Health, Heart & Soul Clinic, Westfield Washington Township, and Westfield Youth Assistance to offer information



Reporter photos by Amy Adams

(TOP, from left) Volunteers helped kids create Thanksgiving bracelets. Westfield Intermediate School fifth grader Alex Tuck dressed like a turkey ... because why not? Maple Glen Elementary School Kindergartner Jack Kuenker enjoyed completing the activity placemats at his table. (CENTER, from left) Westfield Middle School eighth grader Graham Hall spent the past several months designing and printing 3D ornaments to sell, with 10 percent of the profits going to the Westfield Education Foundation. (From left) Laura Komisarcik, Megan Marquardt, and Suzanna Hobson from Westfield Washington Township were on hand to answer questions about WWT programs, resources, and services. (From left) Brothers Miles and Colin Canada from Oak Trace Elementary School made Oreo turkeys at one of the craft tables. (ABOVE, from left) The WIS Choir provided entertainment. Kids were invited to write down what they were thankful for on a feather and add it to the turkey.

and services to whoever might need it. Any leftover food was delivered to Westfield police and fire stations as well as to Second Helpings, a hunger relief agency which accepts food donations to make sure people are fed throughout central Indiana.

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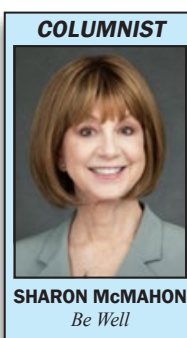
Clutter in all its forms & fashions is stressful

"For every minute spent organizing, an hour is earned." — Benjamin Franklin

When considering my topic this time I wavered on whether to discuss "organizing" at such a busy time of year.

After all, unloading the holiday décor we packed away many months ago, deciding what will stay and what should be donated or recycled, along with making all those holiday plans, shopping, etc. may not seem like the most relevant time to be organizing as well.

For me, this holiday is somewhat challenging as we moved recently, and



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Be Well

when I opened my latest "Christmas closet" I stood there for a few moments and then gently shut that door, wishing I had taken just a bit more time in organizing those items after the move!

Most of us do not necessarily equate being organized with factors involving our health, but it is quite true that feelings of being unorganized can greatly affect our health.

We all need to sleep better. Physical, mental, and emotional clutter can make you more anxious, which can make it harder to fall or stay asleep. When you're

disorganized it's not uncommon to have thoughts running through your head because you're trying to remember so many different things. If you spend more effort to be organized, you will have more time to relax or enjoy quality sleep. People who are organized tend to be better about taking care of their health. You may be more likely to schedule doctor appointments and health screenings. You also may be more likely to schedule time for regular exercise and to set aside time to plan and prepare healthier meals.

Chronic stress takes a toll on your body. So by reducing your stress level through increased organization, you can improve your overall

health. When you're organized and managing your time well, you have enough time left over to take care of yourself. You can create a daily exercise routine, plan meals, and keep your kitchen organized to encourage healthy eating habits. Although I am usually a very organized person, the recent move along with the pending holidays has caused me to think more about the importance of organization and how it helps us to take the best care of ourselves. Practicing self-care allows us to also take better care of our loved ones.

We live in a world that demands our attention most of the time through social

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.

KITS

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Now Overdose Lifeline is free to focus on processing and fulfilling requests, as well as tracking the data from their now huge network.

"We have a request form on our website," Phillips said. "It's at the very top of the webpage that all someone has to do is fill out a simple form that can or cannot be anonymous. And we will mail naloxone to them at their address. It's also possible for you to visit a NaloxBox, which is something that can be found in public spaces. It's also possible to visit a local distributor. There is a map on our website, in addition to the request form."

With the holiday season upon us, the potential for people suffering or recovering from addiction to turn to opioids is higher. Naloxone (a.k.a. Narcan) distribution can be a controversial topic, so The Reporter asked Phillips to address that stigma for our readers.

"Substance use disorder addiction is a chronic disease," Phillips said. "The organ effected is the brain, in much the same way we have organs affected by other chronic diseases like pancreas or the heart. We would never deny someone health care because they have a setback in their disease. A Type 2 diabetic is not going to be denied life-saving insulin because they struggled with following their diet one day. And this is no different. Unfortunately, it's very stigmatized."

Phillips also spoke about the perception that naloxone is often seen as a kind of "safety net" for drug users.

"The truth of the matter is access to naloxone does

nothing but keep someone alive long enough to get them to recovery," Phillips said. "No one finds recovery if they're dead and no one uses with the idea that there is a safety net for them because they're not using it. It's just not how addiction works. Addiction is very complicated hijacking of the brain. There's just not really a lot of logic, unfortunately, for people with addiction."

Overdose Lifeline has vending machines available, each of which holds 350 doses of naloxone. They also have community partners available to distribute doses across Indiana. In all cases, it is free to those who need it.

A map of locations is available online at overdosedlifeline.org/naloxone-indiana-distribution.

"There's no need to worry about shame or stigma," Phillips said. "There's plenty of opportunity to access it without having to interact with the human. And we have other harm reduction resources for individuals who are interested as well."

Justin Phillips founded Overdose Lifeline after the death of her youngest son, Aaron, from a heroin overdose at the age of 20. Phillips started the organization as a way to help those with substance addictions and the people who love them.

For more information about Overdose Lifeline, visit OverdoseLifeline.org. You can also request naloxone and fentanyl test strips on that website.

If you would like to help Overdose Lifeline continue its work, you can donate online at overdosedlifeline.org/donate.

Bosserman named Outstanding Art Educator



Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools

Congratulations to Shamrock Springs Elementary School's art teacher Amanda Bosserman for receiving the Outstanding Art Educator of the Year award at the annual Art Educators Association of Indiana convention.

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We opted to self-pay several thousand dollars for the nursing home with physical therapy. The facility's physician told us that if she had returned directly home from the hospital, it would have been a disaster.

The MAP said she was doing so well with post-op physical therapy in the hospital, that she did not qualify for facility-based rehabilitation. The nursing home physical therapist told us how it really works: Either the patient doesn't do well enough or does too well to qualify. Either way, care is denied.

The Kaiser Family Foundation issued a recent analysis that found MAPs denied 3.4 million prior authorization requests in 2022 (denial rates do vary among the MAPs). KFF also reports these denials create barriers and delays in care that double the risk for adverse outcomes including life-threatening events, permanent disability, and death.

The Department of Health and Human Services was circumspect that MAP denials are used to increase profits, prompting a 2022 study from its Of-

fice of the Inspector General. It commonly found prior-authorization denials for services that would have been covered by traditional Medicare. The report concluded that there were "... widespread and persistent problems related to inappropriate denials of services and provider payments ... even though the requests met Medicare coverage and billing rules."

Congress is considering legislation, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services passed regulations to contain the out-of-control prior authorization process. What effects they may have are uncertain.

If you have common straight-forward health conditions you may never experience problems with MAPs. But if you ever have an unusual illness or the need for rehabilitation, high-intensity care, or other expensive services, be wary of MAPs.

Richard D. Feldman, M.D. is an Indianapolis family physician and former Indiana State Health Commissioner who served in the administration of Governor Frank O'Bannon.

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POSTPONED: Noblesville Flower Market rescheduled for Dec. 6

By Kelly McVey
Indiana Peony Festival

After much thought and consideration, we are saddened to share that we will not be having the November Flower Market today. Safety is a top priority of ours, and with the incoming winter weather, we want to make sure everyone is safe for the holiday weekend.

We are rescheduling the last flower market of the year to Friday, Dec. 6 from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

That being said, we are very excited to announce the reschedule date will also coincide with Noblesville's Lights Over Seminary Park event! We are so jolly about teaming up with the City of Noblesville to give you a fun and festive kick off to the Christmas season.

Be sure to check out our **social media** for more updates in regards to our rescheduled date. We appreciate your understanding.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and holiday weekend.

By Shirley Hunter Smith
Horseshoe Prairie Chapter, DAR

Horseshoe Prairie Chapter, DAR, commemorated the life and patriotic service of Eli Coverdale with a program and plaque at Bethel Church Cemetery last Saturday, Nov. 16. Special guests were Mr. Robert Goode, fourth great-grandson of Eli and Margaret Passwater Coverdale; and Mrs. Elaine Sholty, Indiana State DAR Regent, who delivered remarks at the ceremony.

Volunteers from the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) posted colors, Mr. Don Vermillion played the bagpipes, an Honor Guard from The Noblesville Navy Club Ship 29 fired a rifle volley salute, and Mr. David Bechtel played taps, followed by the audience singing "God Bless America."

Eli Coverdale served



Photo provided by Horseshoe Prairie Chapter, DAR
Horseshoe Prairie Chapter DAR members, SAR Volunteers, and Robert Goode, in brown with the brown hat. Brown is the fourth great-grandson of Eli and Margaret Passwater Coverdale.

our country at the age of 15. Born in Sussex, Del., he later became a resident of Hamilton County. Coverdale died of burns having fought a brush fire on his farm in Wayne Township in April 1853, when he was over 96 years of age.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) is a women's service organization whose members can trace their lineage to an individual who contributed to securing American independence during the Revolu-

tionary War. Today's DAR is dynamic and diverse, serving the community through service, education, and historical preservation. Do you have a patriot in your family? Visit dar.org or contact Shirley Hunter Smith at shirley1776@yahoo.com.

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media and busy schedules. (Count me guilty on that busy scheduling issue!) I have written many times about the importance of physical balance and I will add that practicing good organizational skills will aid you greatly in your mental and emotional health as well.

As our Founding Father's quote shares with us, it seems like a very good return on our investment of organizing to enjoy an hour

earned for every minute.

Wishing you a happy, healthy, and organized Thanksgiving!

Sharon McMahon, CNWC
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Thanks for reading the Hamilton County Reporter!

The REPORTER

OneZone Chamber will play host to its first Member-Bration Luncheon event on Dec. 11. Hear from OneZone Chamber President and CEO Jack Russell as he presents a comprehensive year-in-review, a discussion of the goals for 2025 to make Hamilton County a thriving business community, and finally, the unveiling of the new OneZone brand. Everything from the logo, messaging, and programming is getting refreshed. This is an event you will

want to miss.

Russell has served as the President of OneZone Chamber since March 2020, bringing a wealth of experience and vision to the role. Prior to stepping into his current position, he served as Chief Operating Officer of OneZone Chamber and was previously the President of the Westfield Chamber of Commerce. His leadership journey has been marked by numerous accolades, innovative programs, and strategic initiatives that have helped shape the future



of the organization.

In addition, those in attendance will have chances to win great prizes and more importantly make great connections. Make sure to join OneZone at the FORUM Events



Russell

Center, 11313 USA Pkwy., Fishers, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 11.

Tickets for this program are on sale now for \$45 for members and \$60 for non-members. To register go to OneZoneChamber.com.



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Tickets still available for fifth annual Janus Jingle

The REPORTER

Janus Developmental Services and the For the Love of Janus Guild will present the fifth annual Janus Jingle on Sunday, Dec. 8. It is a great way to get into the holiday spirit and support Janus.

Tickets are going quickly, but there are still some available.

Tickets are \$15 each and all the money goes directly to

the Janus Guild to help fund programs for Janus participants. You will tour a beautifully decorated home with 41 Christmas trees and all the other decorations to go along with them. Enjoy Christmas cookies, a special Christmas coffee or Christmas punch, all while getting into the holiday spirit and visiting with friends and family.

Tickets are sold in time slots, so it is easier for ev-



everyone to enjoy. Time slots are 1 to 2 p.m., 2 to 3 p.m., and 3 to 4 p.m.

Click here to purchase tickets online. You will receive an email with the

event details.

You can also purchase a ticket through a Guild Member or Jerry Jamison by emailing jjamison@janus-inc.org.

Staying safe in the kitchen & on the road this Thanksgiving

By **HERNAN GUTIERREZ**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Firefighters in Carmel are reminding people how to stay safe in the kitchen and on the roads this Thanksgiving.

According to the **American Red Cross**, Thanksgiving and the day before are the top two days for cooking fires in the U.S. The nonprofit also says 44 percent of all house fires are caused by cooking.

Tim Griffin, public information officer with the Carmel Fire Department, recommends having a fire extinguisher or fire blanket on hand in the kitchen.

"You're going upstairs like 'I gotta run in the shower real quick,'" Griffin said. "You have something on the stove, you're getting the kids ready, you come back down and have a stove fire or something. You can use your fire blanket. If it's in the oven – just shut it off. Leave that door closed. A lot of times people panic and they open it when they see those flames. Keep it closed, shut it off, then call us."

Other tips from the Red Cross this Thanksgiving include:

- Stay near the kitchen when cooking
- Using a timer
- Don't wear loose-fitting clothes
- Keep kids and pets at least three feet away from cooking areas
- Keep any oven mitts, utensils, paper packaging or other flammable items away from the stovetop or appliance that produces heat

When it comes to deep frying a turkey, Griffin says it should be completely thawed.

It's also a good idea to check that the ground the fryer is on is level and that the oil isn't overheated or overfilled in the frying container.

"Test that before you put your turkey in," Griffin said. "[If it's overflowing] it's going to come over the top."

You have to be careful of that. [Do it] outside, away from the garage. People do these inside the garage, sometimes. [Do it] away from anything – a structure – that could burn."

Before the holidays, the **Red Cross** reminds people to check that their fire alarms are operational. They, along with many local fire departments – like **Carmel FD** – offer free fire alarms and installations.

"The first thing that goes to sleep is your nose," Griffin said. "Your ears never go to sleep. If you're asleep and a fire starts, you're gonna wake up to that smoke detector."

He adds it's generally a good idea to take a breath and slow down in the kitchen to stay safe during times of high stress like Thanksgiving – he offers the same advice for drivers **on the road**.

The **National Safety Council** estimates that 502 people died last year in car crashes during the Thanksgiving long weekend. They consider that period to be Wednesday evening through Sunday.

Griffin adds it's never a bad idea to line up a designated driver before heading out for the night.

"I've seen it called 'Blackout Wednesday' – 'Drinks giving,' a lot of people are out," Griffin said. "If you are gonna go out, stay close to home maybe or stay in with your friends. Don't drink and drive. It is too easy now not to ... you don't want to become a statistic and have your holidays turn into tragedy."

Sober Ride Indiana – an initiative by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute – is offering \$10 off ride-sharing apps Uber and Lyft this Thanksgiving. Visit the campaign's website to find out how to get the vouchers.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/local-news/carmel-fire-department-holiday-safety.

Too many scenes changes to recapture movie's magic

Here come the holiday shows! It's always great to have the variety of productions that arrive this time of year. Mud Creek Players offers a truly classic story for the season – *It's A Wonderful Life*,



KEN KLINGENMEIER
A Seat on the Aisle

version of the original Clarence (which works just fine). All three do admirable work along with Robert C. Boston Jr., who does a strong portrayal of Mr. Potter. Jim Gryga takes the important role of Clara's heavenly Superintendent.

adapted for the stage by James W. Rodgers. Kelly Keller directs.

Most of us have seen the film version starring James Stewart and Donna Reed. MCP's community theatre turn is a straight forward telling of that story – very close to the original film script, it seems.

A large and varied cast of 25 share their performances, led by Jeff Haber as George Bailey, Jessica Hawkins as Mary Bailey, and Sarah Froehle as the angelic Clara (an adapted

The fact that we all presumably know the story of George's difficulties and his visit to 'never having been' helps this production immensely. The familiar story is represented, nearly every scene, but it is brought forth in stumbling fashion due to the countless (and often longish) scene changes that must occur to present that story. The acting is fine enough but the storytelling is not. The changes are done as quickly as is possible, I am sure – but there are just



Photo by Rob Slaven / IndyGhostLight.com
Jeff Haber as George and Jessica Hawkins as Mary.

sooo many of them! Continuity is out the window.

I think the root of the problem is that there isn't a smoother way of taking this film-styled story and making an attempt to put the entire thing, inclusive of all the story points with their varied locations, on a stage that doesn't have a turntable to help handle the changes. The set design did feature separated right and left areas, and that certainly helped somewhat. But it was not nearly a solution. Frankly – if I, as a director, had read this script, I would have set it aside based on

this multitude of settings.

Bottom line: I know the actors and crew worked hard on this one, and I fully appreciate their efforts. Unfortunately, the problem I have outlined above took much of the shine out of the resulting production.

It's A Wonderful Life continues at Mud Creek Players through Dec. 7. You can find more info about reservations, the theatre's location, and the company's upcoming schedule by going to MudCreekPlayers.org.

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

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For more information about LIVE studies (Morning Meditations), short devotional videos or our community meet-up studies, please search:

- On Facebook: Truth in Love
- On YouTube: SpeakingTruthinLove4.15
- On TikTok: speakingtruthinlove4.15



We would LOVE for you come join us this Sunday! Or if you are interested in having a personal Bible study please reach out and let us know.

15530 Herriman Blvd,
Noblesville, IN 46060
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317-219-5852

speakingtruthinlove4.15@gmail.com

Our Assembly times:

Sunday Bible Study | 10:00 AM

Sunday Worship | 11:00 AM

Wednesday Bible Study | 7:00 PM

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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Tom.logan@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
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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/unsold 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://genlive.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

Veterans, Come to the Veteran Resource Tailgate at the Indy Fuel Military Appreciation Game Dec 7th All Under the Hero Hut Tent Out Front Including the Roudebush VA Hospital

Saturday, December 7th
Tailgate: 4 – 6 P.M.
Puck Drops: 7 P.M.
Fishers Event Center

Connect with your local Veteran community!
Free Food & Swag | Cash Bar | Veteran Resources

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Those Interested in joining the Fishers American Legion Post 470 Auxiliary to help your community, their next meeting is Dec 2nd, 630pm, 9091 E 126th St

Activities & Events

PGA of America's HOPE 4 Heroes Year End Fundraiser.

This year end giving campaign benefiting PGA HOPE will go through December 31st. Here are the basics of the campaign:

- www.PGAHOPE.com is seeking donations nationwide to help cover the costs of their PGAHOPE program where they host 6 week training classes all across the country, supply our Veterans with equipment, training, camaraderie and hope.
- Donor dollars are tracked by your billing address zip code. All donations that are tied to an Indiana zip code, will be donated to the Indiana PGA Section. Donors have the option as well to specify which section of the country they want their donation to go to if they snowbird for the winter or live in a different state.
- The Indiana Section receives 100% of online donor dollars given from their Section up to \$10,000. Beginning at \$10,001 raised, the Indiana Section shares the funds raised with the national PGA HOPE program 60/40 (60% to the Indiana Section / 40% to National).



Celebrating Veterans Day All Month Long

PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere) is helping build a community where Veterans can thrive through the game of golf. Thousands of Veterans and active duty military members are creating a newfound sense of belonging by using the therapeutic aspects that the game of golf provides.



Learn More & Donate Today



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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HOLIDAY POPS MATINEE
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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
BREAKIN' CLASSICAL
Liven 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.

Make an impact with Janus on Giving Tuesday

The REPORTER

On Tuesday, Dec. 3, Janus Developmental Services will join people all over the world in coming together to harness the power of human connection to change the world. Will you join in and donate to make a difference?

Janus' mission is to help those with disabilities reach their full potential. The people at Janus work hard to create meaningful programs based on each person's skills, interests, and abilities.

Here's how you can help:

1. **Mark your calendar.** Giving Tuesday is Dec. 3.



2. **Give.** On Dec. 3, Janus will kick off a special campaign. [Click here](#) to donate.

3. **Spread the word!** Encourage friends, family, and colleagues to join you. Share on social media what Janus' mission means to you so the organization can harness the power of social media and connection to help share Janus' story.

[Click here](#) to donate to Janus Developmental Services for Giving Tuesday, Dec. 3.

The REPORTER

The Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) has partnered with **Hotel Carmichael** to bring you an exclusive deal.

For one night only, the hotel is offering a discounted rate to CSO patrons attending the Dec. 15 holiday performances. Attend the 2 p.m. family-oriented *Holiday Pops* matinee or the 7 p.m. "A Holiday in Vienna" performance. Then stay right across the street from the Palladium at the musically-themed hotel, located just steps away from all the Carmel City Center has to offer, including this year's **Christkindlmarkt**.

Only 10 or fewer rooms remain for this special offer, so don't wait. [Reserve your room](#) no later than Monday, Dec. 2.



Photo provided

Rooms for this exclusive deal are running out, so don't delay [your reservation](#).

Maintaining a piece of iconic downtown Noblesville history



Reporter photo

The remodeling of the old Kirk's Hardware building on the north side of the square in Noblesville is underway. The Reporter happened to catch one worker who was just about to clear the top of the building.



WESTFIELD IN LIGHTS
GIRL SCOUTS GINGERBREAD COMPETITION
DECEMBER 7, 2024
HOSTED BY BROWNIE TROOP 2397

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VOTE ONLINE FOR YOUR FAVORITE GINGERBREAD DISPLAY:
<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/online-gingerbread-competition/barriers/timing?cart>
(online voting begins Friday, 12/6 at 3:00 PM and ends Saturday, 12/7 at 4:45 PM)

VOTE IN PERSON FOR YOUR FAVORITE GINGERBREAD DISPLAY:
at Christ United Methodist Church
(318 N Union Street, Westfield)
dollar bills only - no change please
(in-person voting begins Saturday, 12/7 at 3:00 PM and ends Saturday, 12/7 at 4:45 PM)

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

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

Please contact Anne DeWeese or Chelsie Markland with questions:
adeweese@c21scheetz.com * chelsie7markland@gmail.com

Rep. Victoria Spartz announces 2024 Military Academy nominations

The REPORTER

Last Friday, Rep. Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) announced the names of 20 high school seniors from Indiana's Fifth District who have been nominated to attend the United States Military Academies. These prestigious academies offer exceptional young people the opportunity to serve our country while receiving a world-class education and full scholarships.

"It is a true honor to nominate these outstanding students," Rep. Spartz said. "This year's applicants represent the best and brightest of our district, and I have no doubt they will excel in their academic and military careers."

U.S. Air Force Academy

- Norah Brandenburg – Hamilton Southeastern High School
- Cameron Echard – Westfield High School
- Daniel Liu – Park Tudor School
- Alex Munn – West-

field High School

- Robert Shaw – Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School
- Warner Sims – Pend-



Spartz

leton Heights High School

- Jonathan Tangara – Fishers High School
- Andrew Wolfe – Home-

schooled, Metamora Township High School

U.S. Naval Academy

- Norah Brandenburg – Hamilton Southeastern High School
- Cameron Echard –

Westfield High School

- Daniel Liu – Park Tudor School
- Alex Munn – West-

field High School

- Jackson Nevil – The Citadel
- Robert Shaw – Brebeuf

Jesuit Preparatory School

- Braeden Strothkamp – Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School
- Jonathan Tangara –

Fishers High School

- Andrew Wolfe – Homeschooled, Metamora Township High School

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WESTFIELD — — IN LIGHTS

DECEMBER 7

GRAND JUNCTION PLAZA | 3 - 6 P.M.
presented by Downtown Westfield Association

- Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6 P.M.
- Frosty the Snowman
- Llama Walking Attraction
- Carnival Games & Prizes

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MILITARY

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U.S. Military Academy at West Point

- Cameron Echard – Westfield High School
- Robert Shaw – Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School
- Evan Lawhead – Hamilton Southeastern High School
- Anna Mauch – Theodore Guerin High School
- Robert Shaw – Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School
- Jonathan Tangara – Fishers High School

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

- Brennan Baker – Hamilton Southeastern High School

• Cameron Echard – Westfield High School

• Robert Shaw – Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School

“These students are not only talented and driven but also embody the values of leadership and service that our nation holds dear,” Rep. Spartz said. “I am confident that each one will contribute greatly to the future of our armed forces.”

For more information on future nominations, please call Rep. Spartz's office at (317) 848-0201 or [click here](#).

Fans excited to be first crowd in new Fishers Event Center

By DANIELLE ZULKOSKY WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](#)

Fans were thrilled to be the first-ever crowd to christen the **Fishers Event Center**, and organizers are looking forward to a solid lineup of shows and games in the coming weeks.

“I’m overwhelmed! I love Trampled by Turtles and the **Turnpike Troubadours** are the best,” said Larry Hatton, of Clayton, Ind.

“Awesome! I didn’t even know it was the first-ever crowd I just came to see Trampled [by Turtles],” said David Dye, of

northwest Indiana. Mitch List, general manager at Fishers Event Center, said the team is thrilled to welcome the first guests after years of hard work.

“It’s been a long time coming, and we’re really thrilled and excited to see the reaction of attendees as they come through the door for the first time and experience some of the amenities, from the great sightline to the food and beverage offering,” List said. “And then, as far as the events coming, we are really fortunate to have three sports teams, but we’ve really got a diverse

touring base of shows coming into the building.”

The event center seats 7,500 guests, and is the perfect size for crowds of all types.

“I think it’s really about the versatility in the way the building is set up to be able to do that,” List said. “To be able to have those legendary acts like Blake Shelton, but also those on the brink of success playing their first arena tour.”

“I like to go to shows, especially smaller venues, where you get a good view of the artist,” Hatton said. “I’m real excited because

I’m in the fourth row today.”

“It’s gonna be really cool to see them in a small place,” Dye said.

The next event at the center is a **Lindsey Stirling** show before it welcomes the **Nitro Circus**, **wrestling**, and **sports**.

And that is only the beginning. Between now and the end of the year, the Fishers Event Center has **over a dozen** shows and games scheduled.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/news/fans-excited-to-be-the-first-crowd-in-the-fishers-event-center](#).

Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Downtown District Council Committee meeting scheduled for 9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 27, 2024, has been canceled.

The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2024, in the second-floor courtroom of the Hamilton County Historic Courthouse, 33 N. 9th St., Noblesville. Enter using the doors of the west side of the building.

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2, 2024, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(9) to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process.

Send Meeting Notices to: News@ReadTheReporter.com

The Hamilton County Plan Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2024, has been canceled due to a lack of petitions of consideration. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2025.

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold its monthly joint Capital and Construction and Board of Trustees meeting at 4:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2, 2024, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.

The final two meetings of the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners for 2024 are Monday, Dec. 9 and Friday, Dec. 20.

The Dec. 9 meeting is the last “full” meeting for the Commissioners with the agenda deadline being noon on Wednesday, Dec. 4.

The Dec. 20 meeting is reserved only for items that need approval before Dec. 31. The agenda deadline is noon on Tuesday, Dec. 17.

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Noblesville Township, Hamilton County, Indiana that the proper legal officers will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year at their regular meeting place at 836 Division Street, Noblesville, IN, at 3:00pm, on the 11th day of December 2024.

Fund Name	Recreation
Major Budget Classification	Services and Charges
Proposed Additional Appropriation Amount	\$20,000.00

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance (Department). The Department will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken.

Dated November 27, 2024

/s/ Theresa Caldwell
Township Trustee
11/27/24, 12/2/24

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Come kick off the holiday season this weekend in Fishers

The REPORTER

Head downtown as Fishers Parks lights up the night through downtown to celebrate the coming winter and holiday season.

Through the month of December, enjoy Fishers Night Lights, a light display along the downtown portion of the Nickel Plate Trail and through the Municipal Center and Nickel Plate District Amphitheater. Lights will turn on nightly at dusk through the end of December.

On Saturdays throughout the month, come to the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater to celebrate the season. Each Saturday, from 5 to 9 p.m., Fishers Parks welcomes the public for a winter festival that will include special light displays,

live music, food trucks, shopping, Santa and roaming characters, and so much more.

See activities for each weekend below:

- Nov. 30: Kickoff Weekend**
 - City of Fishers annual tree lighting ceremony (6 p.m.)
 - Santa and roaming holiday characters
 - Live music
 - Food trucks
 - Shopping
 - Photo opportunities
- Dec. 7: Letters to Santa Weekend**
 - Letters to Santa and

seasonal postcard activity

- Santa and roaming holiday characters
- Live music
- Food trucks
- Shopping
- Photo opportunities
- Dec. 14: Winter Wonderland Weekend**
 - Fishers Police Department Winter Wonderland Walkthrough
 - DIY wood snowflake/ornament
 - Santa and roaming holiday characters
 - Live music
 - Food trucks
 - Shopping

Photo opportunities Dec. 21: Fire & Ice Weekend

- Live fire juggling shows at 6, 7, and 8 p.m.
 - Ice Sled and more photo opportunities
 - Santa and roaming holiday characters
 - Live music
 - Food trucks
 - Shopping
 - Photo opportunities
- Access to the Nickel Plate Trail is always free, and no registration or RSVP is required for NPT Night Lights. Just show up! [Click here](#) for more information.

Regional taskforce releases Central Indiana Digital Equity Plan

The REPORTER

A taskforce of organizations released on Monday a Central Indiana Digital Equity Plan, with the goal of ensuring communities and Hoosiers across the region have access to digital technology resources, education, and support.

In central Indiana, nearly 10 percent of households don’t have internet access, according to figures from the Purdue Center for Regional Development. In the seven-county region, 3.2 percent of households with children have a computer but no internet. And 6.7 percent of senior households have a computer but no internet.

The **Central Indiana Digital Equity Plan** outlines four goals:

1. Ensure all residents have access to affordable internet by facilitating meetings between Internet Service Providers, communities and consumers.
2. Ensure underserved populations have equitable access to and ownership of

devices.

3. Create digital literacy opportunities that meet people where they are.

4. Advocate for policies that support digital equity.

The plan is intended to guide digital equity in central Indiana – Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Marion, Morgan, and Putnam counties – for the next five years, including program development, taking inventory of resources and fundraising from local, state and federal sources.

“We believe that our community needs to be connected to each other and to the world around us,” said Jonathan Jones, United Way’s impact senior director and a member of the taskforce. “More than ever, staying connected is digital. We are incredibly excited to create a plan ensuring our neighbors have everything they need to stay connected, whether they are working from home, attending telehealth appointments, or just uploading assignments for school.”

As Indiana was developing its first statewide digital equity plan, United Way of Central Indiana began convening a taskforce in fall 2023 to develop a plan that addressed the unique needs of the region. This taskforce worked with the Purdue Center for Regional Development.

Members of the taskforce represent eight organizations in the region: CICOA, Easternseals Crossroads, Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, Indianapolis Public Library, Invest Hamilton, Minority Moves Network, YouYesYou!, and United Way of Central Indiana.

To implement the plan, the coalition is seeking more members to join its effort. Those interested are asked to email United Way’s Impact Senior Director Jonathan Jones at jonathan.jones@uwci.org and Project Specialist Gary Thompson at gary.thompson@uwci.org.

Read the Central Indiana Digital Equity Plan and learn more at [United Way's website](#).

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Ripped from the headlines: Grinch on trial in Westfield



Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools

Congratulations to Westfield High School Assistant Principal Kurt Frederick for being selected as the 2025 IMEA Administrator of Excellence. The Indiana Music Educator Association Board has selected him because of his hard work on behalf of Indiana music education.

Letter to the Editor

Resident shares many concerns about proposed Morse Living Development

Dear Editor:
Hundreds of residents north of Noblesville are concerned about the proposed Morse Living Development, especially after the zoning meeting on Nov. 18, 2024.
For 90 minutes, dozens of taxpayers expressed concerns about increased traffic, increased students in schools, loss of greenspace, decreased property values, loss of wetlands, and the nesting eagles south of 206th Street. In three minutes, the Planning Commission voted to change the zoning from single family residential to: multi-family residential, planned business, and light industrial for 173 acres east/west of Hague Road and north/south of 206th Street.
This mixed-use development will result in strip malls, homes, townhouses and apartments with some as high as four or five stories! The LOR Corporation is using the marketing jargon "Gateway to Morse" and "Eagle Park." The development will not actually have any access to Morse Reservoir.
The proposed buffer of 330 feet

from the eagles' nest does not include the 660 feet required during the nesting season. As a result, the eagles will be threatened and leave because they do not have enough vegetation to buffer and shelter them from the noise of construction, businesses, and residential activities.
The Hoosier Environmental Council opposes the rezoning and development indicating that it does not align with the smart, small-town charm plans, and will adversely affect the wildlife habitat and water quality and quantity. The wetlands filter and replenish the aquifers, generating more drinking water. North Harbour and the surrounding areas' city water is acquired from an underground aquifer which has a limited supply. When I asked about where the drinking water will come from for the new development, a representative from the planning commission said Citizens Water, but did not have specifics as to which of the 15 sources would be designated. They seem unconcerned about the limited supply of drinking water.
Currently, the cities of Cice-

ro, Westfield, and Lebanon have a shortage of drinking water. I contacted the DNR and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), who monitor the wetlands several days before the Nov. 18 meeting, and they had NOT been contacted by the city or the LOR Corporation.
The city of Noblesville has known about this for two years and I believe they strategically waited for the timing of a presidential election and the holidays to distract residents and proceeded to railroad through the proposed development. The Paganeli Law Firm pointed out that the city is NOT even following their own guidelines and not giving residents enough time to react.
Many residents feel that the "economic growth" and "missing middle" phrases that the city is using to push this forward is more about just increasing the population and increasing taxes rather than improving and maintaining the quality of life for the existing residents.
A Concerned North Harbour Citizen

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Indiana Music History Project receives largest single grant since its formation

The REPORTER

The Indiana Music History Project has received a substantial project grant from the [Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation](#). The grant will fund an oral history collection program, enabling the project to document the stories of at least 50 people who have played a significant part in Indiana's music history.
"It is incredibly important to document Indiana's rich music history so that future generations can enjoy it, and key elements are not lost," said Bruce Buchanan, Board President of Indiana Entertainment

Foundation. "We are honored that our work is supported by the Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation with this grant. It is the largest single grant we have received to date."
The interviews will include stories from musicians and others who have had an impact on Indiana's music scene, including those from music businesses. Each oral history will be made available on the Indiana Music History Project website. There will also be videos created for each person and audio excerpts that will be made available on the project's streaming

radio station, Indiana Music Radio on Live365.com, and to other interested radio stations.
Also included in the grant is funding for a "first series" set of Amazing Indiana Music Stories trading cards. These will be available at the online gift shop ([IndianaFound.org](#)) and in retail locations around the state. These trading cards are a fun way to get information about Indiana's music history into the hands of Hoosiers.
"We are extremely grateful for this grant," Indiana Music History Project Executive Director Rick

Wilkerson said. "It will help us further our mission of documenting Indiana music history and sharing it with Hoosiers and the rest of the nation."
The Indiana Music History Project has a public museum gallery located in Indianapolis filled with memorabilia, an audio kiosk, and more. The project also has travelling exhibitions throughout the year.
The Indiana Music History Project is the primary initiative of the nonprofit Indiana Entertainment Foundation. More information can be found at [IndianaFound.org](#).

Anderson police officer arrested for child solicitation

The REPORTER

Earlier Tuesday, Indiana State Police arrested Joshua L. Senseney, 50, Anderson, for three counts of Child Solicitation, a Level 5 Felony, and Official Misconduct, a Level 6 Felony.
Senseney was an Anderson police officer and School Resource Officer at an Anderson Community School at the time of the alleged incident.

The Indiana State Police initiated a criminal investigation in June at the request of the Anderson Police Department after a parent made allegations of inappropriate texts being sent from Senseney to juveniles while working as a school resource officer. The alleged incident occurred in May. He was previously placed on administrative leave by the Anderson Po-

lice Department pending the outcome of the investigation.
After reviewing the investigation, a special prosecutor from the Grant County Prosecutor's Office issued an arrest warrant for Senseney out of Madison County. At approximately 9 a.m. Tuesday, he turned himself into authorities without incident. He was processed at the Madison

County Jail, where he posted a bond and was released.
The investigation remains ongoing. This is all the information available for release at this time. Please refer all questions to the Grant County Prosecutor's Office.
All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

Indiana State Parks seeks input via new survey

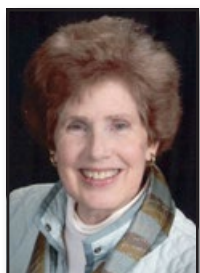
The REPORTER

What do you think about Indiana State Parks?
The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) wants your feedback on your favorite activities and priorities for management of state parks.
"Indiana State Parks belong to all of us as Hoosiers," said Ginger Murphy, deputy director for stewardship for Indiana State Parks. "We continue to look to the future and want ideas and thoughts from Hoosiers about their interests and priorities for our parks. We really appreciate all who take the time to complete the survey."
The survey is available at dnr.IN.gov/state-parks/about-us/whats-new and will be open for completion through Dec. 1. It should take 10 to 15 minutes to complete.
DNR conducted a similar survey five years ago.

Survey results will be used to help DNR plan future facilities and services at Indiana State Parks.
Questions ask guests to rate service, value, and facilities at state park properties and inns. The survey also asks users where they would like Indiana State Parks to devote future resources. Those who don't visit Indiana State Park properties are also offered ways to respond in the survey.
Participants will be eligible for drawings for 2025 annual entrance passes, camping gift cards, and inns gift cards.
Indiana State Parks manages 36 properties, including 24 state parks, eight state reservoirs, two state forest recreation areas, and two off-road state recreation areas. State Park Inns, which are part of the survey, are located at seven state park properties.

Julia Ann Irwin Richter
November 15, 1943 – November 15, 2024

Julia Ann Irwin Richter passed away peacefully surrounded by love at her home in Fishers on November 15, 2024. Her life came full circle when she left the world on the date she entered it – her 81st birthday.



Julia lived a precious life between the arc of her birth and death. She was born in Washington, D.C., on November 15, 1943, to Edna Prater Irwin and John P. Irwin. She was their only child. Edna was the Head Administrative Assistant to the Air Adjutant General at the Pentagon, and John was a Staff Sergeant at the White House. He worked as a United States Secret Service agent during WWII and protected Queen Juliana of the Netherlands and her family when they were granted asylum in the United States. Julia Ann Irwin was named after Queen Juliana.

After the end of the war, Julia and her parents moved to Ohio while her father finished college on the GI bill at Miami University of Ohio. The family lived in Portsmouth, Ohio, during Julia's school years. One of the highlights and joys of her youth were the eight summers she spent as a camper and counselor at Four-Way Lodge, a camp for girls, located on Torch Lake in Michigan. These camp experiences introduced her to the water sports of canoeing and sailing and planted the seed for the camp she would co-found decades later, Camp Delafield for Children.

Julia was a proud graduate of the Portsmouth High School Class of 1961. She graduated from Hanover College in 1965. Attending Hanover was life-changing for Julie. She met her future husband, Jim Richter, became a member of Phi Mu sorority and gained a house full of sorority sisters, and earned her B.A. degree. Julie and Jim married in 1966 and settled in the Indianapolis area. She taught at Creston Junior High School in Warren Township. She continued her education with graduate studies at the University of Indianapolis, earning her M.A. degree in history, and she had many hours of post-graduate study at Butler University. She worked as an Orton Gillingham tutor, and later as an Orton Gillingham course coordinator and master teacher at Butler University for 16 summers. The highlight and capstone of her career as an educator was her 20 years as a learning support teacher at The Orchard School. She retired from Orchard in 2015. Her teaching career and passion for education brought her great joy and helped countless children and adults.

Julie was active in her community. She was one of the founders of the Dyslexia Institute of Indiana and Camp Delafield for Children. She served as Interim Executive Director and Board Chair of the Dyslexia Institute of Indiana and most recently as Board Emeritus. Julie served as Vice-President and President of the International Dyslexia Association Indiana Branch. She was a founder of the International Dyslexia Association Indiana State Conference and served as chair for 20 years. She was awarded the International Dyslexia Association Indiana Excellence in Education Award in 1993 and the International Dyslexia Association Indiana Lifetime Achievement Award in 2018. Julie was honored to receive a Hanover College Alumni Achievement Award in 2017, the Dyslexia Institute of Indiana Lifetime Achievement Award in 2019, and The Orchard School Community Service Award in 2019. She served on the Fortune Academy board for many years. Julie was a founder of the Conner Prairie Alliance and the Apple Store

at Conner Prairie. It was her idea to serve apple cider slushies at The Apple Store, and they have been a hit since it opened! She was a docent at the Indianapolis Museum of Art, a 50-year member of the Junior League of Indianapolis, and a 50-year member of Noblesville First United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday school for 25 years. Julie and Jim were active members of the Indianapolis Sailing Club and raced sailboats together for 30 years. They won the Indiana State Snipe Championship three times.

Julie was thankful for her decades of Bible study meetings and friendships with the ladies of the Monday Group. Her Phi Mu sorority sisters, members of the Orchard Book Club, the Connerwood Book Club, and the Connerwood Art Group were also dear to Julie. She was an avid reader, an artist, and a gifted writer. She collected quotes and wrote beautiful haiku poetry that she often shared with family and friends in cards and letters.

Julie cherished her family. She was a loving wife, mother, and Nana. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, James "Jim" Arthur Richter, daughter Krista Ann Richter, son James "Jamey" Irwin Richter (Stacie Hertenstein), grandchildren Nikhil Richter, Zoei Richter, Myles Hertenstein (Jessica), Taia Hertenstein Perkins (Holden), and Owen Hertenstein, sisters-in-law Kay Richter, Judy Dass (Al), and Marcia Richter, nieces Jennifer Richter, Lindsay Kookoothe (Chris), and Jessica Downs (Lucas), grand-niece Luna Richter, and grand-nephews Henry Kookoothe, Milo Downs, and Teddy Downs.

She is predeceased by her parents, Edna Prater Irwin and John P. Irwin, her father-in-law Dr. Arthur B. Richter, mother-in-law Lyda Mary Richter, sister-in-law Dr. Mary Alex Richter, and brother-in-law Thomas R. Richter.

Julie fought to stay in the land of living as she battled a long, challenging illness with courage, determination, and strength. She held on to her faith. She was grateful to spend the last 10 months of her life at her beautiful home of 52 years in Fishers, and appreciated the memories and moments she shared with her family, friends, and Connerwood neighbors. Julie's family would like to thank her private duty nurses Carrie Jones, Jill Ross, Amy Fitzpatrick and the team at Indy Concierge Health, caregivers Dollie Smith, Patricia Kruger, Bryonne Wright and the team at Senior Home Companions, and her hospice nurse, Holly Galan and team at IU Health Hospice.

A visitation and celebration of life service will be held for Julie on Friday, December 6, 2024, at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St., Noblesville. Visitation is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the chapel, with the service immediately following at 1 p.m. in the sanctuary. The burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the Richter Family has requested that donations may be made to the Julia Irwin Richter Educational Fund. Donation checks should be written to the Dyslexia Institute of Indiana with the name of her fund listed on the memo line and mailed to: The Dyslexia Institute of Indiana, Attention: Julia Irwin Richter Educational Fund, 8395 Keystone Crossing, Suite 350, Indianapolis, IN 46240. For information about how to donate online, call the Dyslexia Institute of Indiana office at (317) 222-6635.

Julie's legacy of love and learning live on through her family, work, students, and everyone she helped. She is forever in our hearts.

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Leona Jean Peachey

March 3, 2023 – November 20, 2024

Leona Jean Peachey, daughter of Steven and Jessica (Morgan) Peachey, went to heaven on Wednesday, November 20, 2024.



Leona Jean was born in Indianapolis on March 3, 2023.

Leona was everything you want in a beautiful baby girl. She shined her light as bright as the sun. For all of us blessed to be with her, we could never get enough time. Although her time with us was short, her impact was immense.

With her parents, she got to travel to 10 states seeing the ocean, mountains, and her first national park. She loved reading books, exploring outside, singing and dancing to music, but most of all she loved being with her family. She will be forever missed.

Private family graveside service will be held on November 29, 2024 at Arcadia Brethren Church cemetery. Donations on Leona's behalf can be made to the Catherine Peachey Fund.

Along with her parents, Leona is survived by her grandparents, Steven (Lorianne) Peachey, Sr. of Florida, and Kevin (Denise) Morgan of Arcadia; aunt, Christian (Ilie) Travis of Noblesville; great-grandmother, Marieta Macy of Noblesville.

Leona's care has been entrusted to Hartley Funeral Home, Cicero.

Online condolences can be given at hartleyfuneral-homes.com.

Lynn (Henning) Degnan

April 9, 1943 – November 22, 2024

Lynn (Henning) Degnan, 81, Westfield, passed away November 22, 2024, surrounded by her loving family, leaving a legacy of joy, warmth, and unforgettable laughter. She was born April 9, 1943, in Toledo, Ohio. Lynn was the cherished daughter of Wilbert and Loretta (DeMars) Henning.

A proud graduate of St. Ursula Academy in 1961, Lynn continued her education at Marygrove College in Detroit, where she earned a degree in education in 1965. The following year, she married her high school sweetheart, Dan Degnan, in a beautiful ceremony at Jesu Catholic Church in Toledo. Together, they embarked on a life full of adventure, raising their family and creating homes across the country for 55 years.

Lynn had a remarkable ability to turn strangers into lifelong friends and create bonds that spanned decades. A devoted mother, she balanced raising her children with working in various fields, leaving a mark of kindness and dedication wherever she went. She found her greatest joys in the company of family and friends, gatherings filled with love, stories, and, of course, her distinctive laughter that could light up any room.

A woman of many talents, Lynn excelled as a card player, cookbook collector, seamstress, and storyteller. She was also a philosopher of sorts, reminding all to approach life with humor and wisdom, often captured in her playful admonition to "never swim in your tuxedo."

Lynn's memory will be cherished by her brother Richard (Mary) Henning; her children, Dan (Michelle) Degnan and Kelly Degnan-Lauster; her beloved grandchildren, Zach Lauster, Charlie Degnan, Emmy Lauster, Max Degnan, Sam Degnan, and Danny Degnan IV.

She is reunited in peace with her parents and her beloved husband, Dan.

Lynn's love, laughter, and unshakable spirit will live on in the hearts of all who knew her. Her family invites those who loved her to honor her legacy by continuing to spread kindness and joy, just as she did every day of her extraordinary life.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to serve the Degnan family.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

THE TABERNACLE

"Make upright frames of acacia wood for the tabernacle. Each frame is to be ten cubits long and a cubit and a half wide, with two projections set parallel to each other. Make all the frames of the tabernacle in this way. Make twenty frames for the south side of the tabernacle and make forty silver bases to go under them—two bases for each frame, one under each projection.

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Girls Basketball

Noblesville takes down Carmel in all-county showdown

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE — From the opening tip, the intensity was there like it always is between the Carmel and Noblesville girls basketball teams.

There were four lead changes in the first quarter, but Noblesville found different stretches throughout to eventually widen the gap for a 61-49 win over county rival Carmel. The Millers got out to a quick start and kept up the intensity throughout to snap their two-game losing skid. The visiting Greyhounds still own the overall series 50-34, but the teams are tied in the last 12 meetings, 6-6.

The two teams exchanged the lead four times early in the first. Once C.C. Quigley took a pass down low from Meredith Tippner for a 6-5 lead, the Millers would never look back.

"I thought we got off to a pretty good start," said Noblesville head coach Donna Buckley. "Tipp really kind of got us rolling and their kid (Izzy Shepherd) started off on fire. Definitely in the first half, those two put on a show."

Shepherd scored eight of her team-high 23 points in the first on a pair of three-pointers and two free throws. Tippner got the best in the first, scoring 12 of her game-high 25 in the opening quarter.

Noblesville led 23-15 after one, thanks to freshman Norah Vetur's three from the right wing in the final seconds.

Carmel tightened up their defense in the second and closed the gap and were able to keep it close, heading into halftime trailing just 32-29.

"We started out and knew exactly what they were going to do," said Carmel head coach Rick Risinger. "We talked about it, but unfortunately, we didn't quite defend against it. I give credit to Noblesville. They came out with probably more intensity

than we had. We got down and it's hard to get back in, but we did get back in it."

The Millers had a great plan coming out after halftime. On four straight offensive possessions, Kate Rollins lofted passes over the top to Quigley, who laid it up, pushing the lead to 40-29.

"We talked about it at halftime that we need to do a better job of getting everybody involved and getting that ball in the paint. C.C. got touches right away and Kate had really nice passing into her," Buckley said on Quigley's big third quarter.

The Greyhounds finally stopped the bleeding with a Shepherd three that cut it to 40-32. That would be the last time it was in single digits.

Noblesville frosh duo Maia Blower and Norah Vetur made consecutive triples to extend it to 46-32, forcing Carmel to burn a timeout late in the third.

The lead grew to 16 on Vetur's third field goal in the final seconds of the period for a 50-34 advantage.

"Vetur comes in and hits some shots. They weren't going to guard her and we talked to her about that before the game and told her it's got to be a rhythm shot," Buckley said.

"The second half was us settling in and getting other kids to make some plays. I thought that obviously the huge difference was C.C. and Norah Vetur in the second half. We took their kid (Shepherd) out, did a good job on her in the second half," added Buckley.

"We kept kind of breaking down from a defensive standpoint," added Risinger.

After Carmel freshman Madison Wallace drained a three to start the fourth, Quigley sank a couple free throws and Tippner nailed her third trey for the Millers' largest lead of 17 at 55-38.

"Tippner's an excellent player. She's a go-to player that can control the game," Risinger stated.

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Boys Basketball

Tigers get big win in exciting season opener

By RICHIE HALL
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FISHERS — The near-capacity crowd at the Tiger Den was prepared for excitement as the Fishers boys basketball team opened its season Wednesday by hosting Ben Davis.

But it's safe to say no one was prepared for how dominant the defending Class 4A state champion Tigers would be. In a re-match of the 2024 state championship game, Fishers played incredible basketball as it took down the Giants 71-36.

The Tigers were in control from the beginning. They scored the first 10 points of the game: Cooper Zachary sandwiched two 3-pointers between a JonAnthony Hall steal and

dunk. Jason Gardner Jr. finished the run with a layin.

In other words, Fishers was ready to go from the beginning. Coach Garrett Winegar said the team was "ready to play somebody else" after what he called a long fall with the players going against each other.

"Our practices have been really competitive," said Winegar, who started his fifth year as the Tigers coach on Wednesday. "I've been on them pretty hard, just about some maturity things, and things I felt like we needed to get better to have a chance to get back to where we want to be."

"And I feel like we were ready to go, ready to play somebody else. I think we saw a lot of the growth and maturity that these guys have



Gardner

FISHERS 71, BEN DAVIS 36				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Millen McCartney	3	0-0	9	2
Cooper Zachary	3	0-0	9	2
Jason Gardner Jr.	11	1-2	23	0
JonAnthony Hall	4	0-0	8	1
Nathan Baker	2	0-0	6	3
Tommy Williams	0	0-0	0	0
Justin Kirby	3	4-5	11	2
Logan Sigler	1	1-2	3	1
Torey Breland	0	0-0	0	0
Ethan Laboy	1	0-0	2	1
Levi Walker	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	28	6-9	71	12
Score by Quarters				
Ben Davis	11	12	9	4-36
Fishers	20	20	23	8-71
Fishers 3-pointers (9) McCartney 3, Zachary 3, Baker 2, Kirby.				

done in their game, and how hard they've worked over the offseason with some of those guys and how much they've improved since we finished last year."

Three of the five starters from last year's title team are back: Hall and Millen McCartney, both seniors and the sophomore Zachary.

Gardner, also a sophomore but often first off the bench last year, is also starting, along with senior Nathan Baker, another returning varsity player. Senior Justin Kirby also returns; he had several big games for Fishers last season.

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Photo by Allison Waitt

Sheridan's Damon Winston scored 24 points in the Blackhawks' season opener Tuesday. Sheridan beat Cowan 89-47.

Blackhawks have no problem handling Cowan

The REPORTER
The Sheridan boys basketball team cruised through its season opener Tuesday at Larry Hobbs Hall, taking care of Cowan 89-47.

The Blackhawks led Cowan 25-15 after the first quarter. Trey Page threw in two 3-pointers for six points, with Damon Winston and Devon Hamilton also both scoring six. It was Caleb Wright's turn in the second quarter, as he poured in eight points, including two

3s. Winston added another seven, all part of a 30-point period that gave Sheridan a 55-31 lead at halftime.

Winston scored in all four quarters, putting in 11 points in the second half to finish with a game-high 24. Five Blackhawks reached double figures: Trey Page scored 17, Hamilton had 13, Calen Wright scored 11 and Carson Wright added 10.

Sheridan plays on the road Saturday traveling to Southmont.

SHERIDAN 89, COWAN 47				
Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Trey Page	7	0-0	17	1
Caleb Wright	4	0-0	11	4
Damon Winston	10	2-2	24	1
Devon Hamilton	5	3-5	13	3
Carson Wright	5	0-0	10	0
Chance Spencer	2	0-0	5	1
Dayne Voegel	3	0-0	7	2
Brayden Whisman	1	0-0	2	0
Jake Hall	0	0-0	0	0
Austin Hinshaw	0	0-0	0	0
Jackson Stoneking	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	37	5-7	89	12
Score by Quarters				
Cowan	15	16	12	4-47
Sheridan	25	30	19	15-89
Sheridan 3-pointers (10) Page 3, Wright 3, Winston 2, Voegel, Spencer.				

NOBLESVILLE 61, CARMEL 49

Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Izzy Shepherd	8-17	4-6	23	2
Mackenzie Woods	2-7	0-0	4	1
Lauren Perry	3-10	0-0	6	1
Sydney Bonds	0-1	0-0	0	0
Mallory Bourquein	1-4	0-0	2	1
Izabella Ramsey	3-8	0-0	8	1
Madison Wallace	2-3	0-0	5	3
Taryn Fisher	0-2	0-0	0	2
Taylee Fisher	0-0	1-2	1	1
Totals	19-52	5-8	49	12

Carmel 3-point shooting (6-24) Shepherd 3-9, Ramsey 2-5, Wallace 1-2, Woods 0-3, Perry 0-3. Bourquein 0-1, Bonds 0-1. Carmel rebounds (30) Perry 9, Woods 6, Bourquein 4, Wallace 3, Bonds 2, Ramsey 1, Tay. Fisher 1, Tar. Fisher 1, team 3.

Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ally Hutchinson	0-4	0-0	0	0
Maia Blower	2-11	0-0	6	2
Meredith Tippner	9-21	4-4	25	4
Kate Rollins	1-3	0-0	2	2
C.C. Quigley	9-9	2-2	20	2
Norah Vetur	3-3	0-0	8	0
Brookelyn Grayson	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	24-51	6-6	61	10

Noblesville 3-point shooting (7-18) Tippner 3-6, Blower 2-6, Vetur 2-2, Hutchinson 0-3, Rollins 0-1. Noblesville rebounds (27) Tippner 12, Quigley 7, Blower 3, Hutchinson 2, Grayson 1, team 2.

Score by Quarters				
Carmel	15	14	5	15-49
Noblesville	23	9	18	11-61

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Boys Basketball

Greyhounds jet in third quarter to win season opener

The REPORTER

The Carmel boys basketball team used a big third quarter to win its season opener Wednesday, beating Zionsville 54-43 at the Eric Clark Activity Center.

The first half was close: the Eagles led 11-10 after the first quarter, with the Greyhounds coming back to tie the game 24-24 at half-time. Carmel used a 7-0 run to take control in the third period, with Julian Vogt hitting a 3-pointer. Later in

the period, Alex Couto and Zach Michaels hit triples and that helped the 'Hounds to a 41-28 lead after three quarters. Carmel maintained that lead in the fourth quarter.

Couto led the way with 20 points, totaling three 3-pointers and four assists. Harrell finished with 11 points and pulled eight rebounds.

The Greyhounds are off until Friday, Dec. 6 when they host Lawrence Central.

CARMEL 54, ZIONSVILLE 43				
Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Alex Couto	5-12	7-10	20	1
Julian Vogt	1-6	0-0	3	1
Aiden Dickerson	1-1	1-3	3	3
Evan Harrell	4-8	2-4	11	3
Ben Bremer	1-2	0-0	2	0
Jamichael Fountain	3-4	0-1	7	2
Zach Michaels	3-4	1-2	8	1
Liam Mann	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	18-37	11-20	54	12
Score by Quarters				
Zionsville	11	13	7	12-43
Carmel	10	14	17	13-54

Carmel 3-point shooting (7-18) Couto 3-6, Vogt 1-6, Fountain 1-2, Harrell 1-2, Michaels 1-1, Bremer 0-1.
Carmel rebounds (24) Harrell 8, Fountain 4, Couto 3, Vogt 3, Michaels 3, Dickerson 2, Mann 1.

Girls Basketball

Trailblazers get first season win in overtime

The REPORTER

University's girls overcame a nine-point second quarter deficit to pick up their first win of the season with a 45-39 road overtime win over Brebeuf Jesuit.

The Trailblazers outscored the Braves 10-4 in overtime to pick up their ninth consecutive win over Brebeuf and take a 9-8 series lead over the Braves.

Sydney Culp led University with 14 points on 4 for 6 shooting on three pointers. Taylor Seay had 11.

Trailing 19-10 with 4:33 left in the second quarter, University held Brebeuf scoreless the rest of the half to climb within 19-17 at half-time. Leah Norvell started the rally by scoring in transition with 1:55 left. Seay added a basket with 40 seconds left before Sydney Culp hit a 25-foot three at the halftime buzzer.

Seay knotted the game at 19 early in the third quarter

before Gabby Culp scored off a feed from Mack Feeney for a 21-19 Blazers lead. Brebeuf broke a seven-minute scoreless skein to tie the game. The teams traded the lead before Brebeuf took a 31-27 lead on a three pointer on the third-quarter buzzer.

Sydney Culp's three pointer with 5:35 left in regulation put University up 32-31 but Brebeuf scored the next four points to lead 35-32 with 4:15 left. The Trailblazers scored the game's only three points during the rest of regulation. Seay split a pair of free throws after gaining possession on a steal before Gabby Culp's offensive rebound with 2:03 left knotted the score at 35.

Feeney opened the scoring in overtime off a Norvell assist. Brebeuf knotted the score at 37 before Norvell's three pointer with three minutes remaining put University up for good at 40-37. Seay split a pair of foul shots with

UNIVERSITY 45, BREBEUF JESUIT 39 (overtime)					
University	FG	FT	TP	PF	
Anyah Turley	3-4	2-2	8	2	
Taylor Seay	3-12	4-6	10	3	
Leah Norvell	3-9	0-0	7	1	
Mackenzie Feeney	1-3	0-0	2	2	
Gabby Culp	2-5	0-1	4	5	
Meg Rohloff	0-0	0-0	0	1	
Sydney Culp	4-7	2-2	14	1	
Totals	16-40	8-11	45	15	
Score by Quarters					
University	8	9	10	8	7-45
Brebeuf	8	11	12	4	4-39

University 3-point shooting (5-12) S. Culp 4-6, Norvell 1-4, Seay 0-1, G. Culp 0-1.
University rebounds (29) Feeney 8, S. Culp 4, Norvell 4, Turley 3, G. Culp 3, Rohloff 2, Seay 1, team 4.

1:07 left for a four-point lead. The Trailblazers put the game away at the charity stripe, with Sydney Culp and Anyah Turley each going 2 for 2 at the line in the last 35 seconds. After not shooting a free throw in the first half, University went 8 for 10 at the line in the second half and overtime. Brebeuf ended 8

for 17 on foul shots after going 5 for 13 in the first half.

Feeney led University with eight rebounds and six assists.

University is now 1-3 on the season. The Trailblazers will be back in action Tuesday at Sectional 42 host Monrovia. Brebeuf falls to 3-3.

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BIG

Kirby was one of five Tigers to score in the first quarter, which finished with Fishers ahead 20-11. Milen McCartney became the sixth Tiger to get points, opening the second period with a 3. McCartney made two more triples in the quarter, with his third pushing Fishers ahead 40-20.

Ben Davis' JaShawn Ladd threw in a 3 at the halftime buzzer, so the Tigers went into the locker room ahead 40-23. Fishers

had to guard against the Giants making a run in the second half.

"It's a heck of a program," said Winegar. "We talk all the time about, when we first started here, about becoming like Ben Davis, how hard they play, how good coach (Don) Carlisle does with those guys. We really respect what they do, so we knew they weren't going to quit. So, it was just really emphasizing winning those first four minutes."

SHOW

Quigley and Tippner scored the final two baskets for the Millers and Shepherd

the last two on fast breaks for Carmel.

"Our kids all stepped up. We had several kids hit some big shots. Kate (Rollins) was awesome on Shepherd, chasing her all over the gym and making her second half frustrating," Buckley added.

Carmel (3-3) was able to get a pair into double figures. Izzy Shepherd had a team-high 23 and Izabella

Winegar said if the team came out in those first four minutes and "really put our foot on the gas," the Tigers would be okay. And Fishers did just that: the Tigers began the half on an 11-0 run, denying the Giants any points until the 4:01 mark of the third quarter.

Gardner played brilliant during those first minutes. He made a layin and a dunk, then made two assists to Hall: a layin and a dunk. Baker got into the act with

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two 3s. Zachary and Kirby also made 3s in the quarter, which finished with Fishers up 63-32. Kirby began the fourth quarter with an and-1, then Gardner added a free throw and a layin, the latter of which instituted a running clock.

Gardner scored 23 points, while Kirby finished with 11. McCartney and Zachary both made three 3-pointers for nine points.

Fishers hosts Arsenal Tech on Saturday.

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Vetor (8) and Maia Blower (6) were also key scorers. Blower and Kate Rollins also each dished out seven assists, also both career-highs.

The Millers hit the road on Saturday to face the Mount Vernon Marauders (6-1). They will be back home on Dec. 4 to face Hoosier Crossroads Conference rival, Class 4A No. 2 Hamilton Southeastern.

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Girls Basketball

Tigers get another conference win

The REPORTER
Fishers won another Hoosier Crossroads Conference game on Tuesday, pulling away from host Zionsville in the fourth quarter for a 72-57 victory.
The Tigers outscored the Eagles in each quarter, leading 14-11 after one period and 32-18 at halftime. Makayla Triplett had a nice first half with three 3-pointers, which translated to nine points. Nevaeh Dickman added eight points and Riley Schellhammer made two triples for six points. Schellhammer stepped

up big from in the second half, making all 10 of her free-throw attempts. She also made another 3 in the fourth quarter for 19 points. Allison Scheu took over the game in the fourth with nine points; Fishers outscored Zionsville 22-14 in that quarter. Scheu also totaled 19 points.
Dickman and Triplett both added 13 points to give the Tigers four double-digit scorers.
Fishers is 2-0 in conference play and 5-2 overall. The Tigers host Fort Wayne Snider on Saturday.

Guerin Catholic fights hard before falling at Lapel

The REPORTER
Guerin Catholic's girls basketball team dropped a hard-fought game at Lapel on Tuesday, 69-54.
The Bulldogs jumped out to a 22-11 lead after the first quarter. The Golden Eagles fought back, holding Lapel to five points in the second period and cutting its lead to 27-22 by halftime. Ava Bills scored eight points during the first half.

Bills added another seven points in the third quarter, helping GC to stay in the game as it trailed 43-36 going into the fourth. But the Bulldogs poured in 26 points in that period to clinch the game.
Bills scored 20 points to lead the Golden Eagles. Caroline Ford also had a nice game, scoring 15 points.
Guerin Catholic is 2-3 and hosts Cardinal Ritter on Saturday.

Kevin Wright returns

The REPORTER
Carmel High School has re-hired Kevin Wright as its head football coach.
Wright previously coached the Greyhounds from 2010 to 2014, winning a state title in 2011 and finishing as runners-up in 2013 and 2014.
More information will appear in our Thursday edition.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Nov. 27
BOYS BASKETBALL
Guerin Catholic at Park Tudor, 7:30 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 29
FOOTBALL
Class 6A state championship
Westfield vs. Brownsburg, 7 p.m. at Lucas Oil Stadium
Please email schedule changes or corrections to sports@readthereporter.com.

FISHERS 72, ZIONSVILLE 57				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Riley Schellhammer	3	10-10	19	2
Alanna Anthony	0	0-0	0	1
Nevaeh Dickman	4	4-8	13	3
Allison Scheu	7	5-8	19	2
Natalie Thomas	2	0-0	4	0
Makayla Triplett	4	2-2	13	3
Nicole Ellison	1	1-2	4	0
Ella Burleson	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	21	22-30	72	11
Score by Quarters				
Fishers	14	18	16	22 - 72
Zionsville	11	17	15	14 - 57
Fishers 3-pointers (8) Schellhammer 3, Triplett 3, Dickman, Ellison.				

LAPEL 69, GUERIN CATHOLIC 54				
Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Annie Murphy	2	3-3	7	1
Dana Dues	2	0-0	5	1
Reagan Haines	1	1-2	3	4
Ava Bills	9	2-4	20	3
Lillian Behrle	0	0-0	0	0
Caroline Ford	6	3-9	15	1
Madi Cain	1	0-0	2	0
Addy Horvath	0	0-0	0	0
Rachel Behrle	1	0-0	2	1
Totals	22	9-18	54	11
Score by Quarters				
Guerin Catholic	11	11	14	18 - 54
Lapel	22	5	16	26 - 69
Guerin Catholic 3-pointers (1) Dues.				

Girls basketball Nov. 25 poll

Rank	School	Points	Record
1	Lawrence Central (19)	437	5-0
2	Homestead (3)	406	6-0
3	Hamilton Southeastern	403	5-0
4	Center Grove	371	5-0
5	Plainfield	341	5-0
6	Warsaw	327	7-0
7	South Bend Washington	271	5-1
8	Northridge	254	5-1
9	McCUTCHEON	229	7-1
T10	Greensburg	223	5-0
T10	Silver Creek	223	4-0
12	Brownsburg	202	5-1
13	Franklin Central	146	5-2
14	South Knox	143	8-0
15	Penn	113	4-0
16	Columbia City	112	4-1
17	Noblesville	94	2-2
18	Gibson Southern	78	5-1
T19	Fishers	52	4-2
T19	Lawrence North	52	2-2

First place votes are in parentheses.

Other schools receiving votes, with records
Avon (3-2), Bellmont (5-0), Bloomington South (5-0), Borden (6-2), Danville (4-1), Evansville Central (5-1), Evansville Memorial (2-0), Evansville Reitz (7-0), Floyd Central (4-0), Hammond Central (6-0), Lake Central (2-3), Lanesville (4-1), Merrillville (4-2), Mount Vernon (6-1), North Knox (5-1), Northeastern (6-0), Norwell (4-3), Pike (3-1), Rensselaer Central (6-1), Valparaiso (2-4), Washington (5-2).

Pre-season Boys Basketball Poll, Nov. 25

Rank	School	Points
1	Fishers (16)	434
2	Jeffersonville (4)	403
3	Lawrence North (1)	382
4	Cathedral	347
5	Ben Davis	326
6	Greenfield-Central	297
7	Carmel	266
8	Crispus Attucks	230
9	Warsaw	208
10	Crown Point	206
11	Anderson	156
12	New Palestine	152
13	Noblesville	150
14	South Bend St. Joseph	135
15	Fort Wayne Wayne	88
16	Zionsville	75
17	Bishop Luers	70
18	East Chicago Central	69
19	Avon	66
20	Westfield	56

First place votes are in parentheses.

Other schools receiving votes
Barr-Reeve, Bedford North Lawrence, Bloomington South, Brebeuf Jesuit, Brownsburg, Brownstown Central, Center Grove, Columbus East, Danville, Evansville Harrison, Evansville Memorial, Evansville Reitz, Fort Wayne Blackhawk Christian, Fort Wayne Canterbury, Fort Wayne Carroll Gary West Side, **Guerin Catholic**, **Hamilton Southeastern**, Heritage Hills, Indianapolis Lutheran, Kokomo, Lake Central, Lawrence Central, Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon Posey, New Albany, North Central, Northridge, NorthWood, Park Tudor, Pike, Plainfield, Portage, Princeton Community, Silver Creek, South Bend Riley, Terre Haute North Vigo, Tippecanoe Valley, Warren Central, 21st Century Charter School - Gary

Soccer



Tippner named Reporter Girls Soccer Player of the Year

The REPORTER
The Hamilton County Reporter has named Noblesville senior Meredith Tippner as its Girls Soccer Player of

the Year.
Tippner was a force while leading the Millers to their third consecutive IHSAA Class 3A state championship

this season. She led Noblesville in goals scored with 24 and assists with 16 and was also named the Indiana Soccer Coaches Association's

Player of the Year for 2024. Tippner is also a basketball star for the Millers and has committed to the University of Miami's basketball team.

All-County Girls Soccer Teams					
NAME	SCHOOL	GRADE	NAME	SCHOOL	GRADE
FIRST TEAM			SECOND TEAM		
Sadie Black	Noblesville	Senior	Lily Ault	Noblesville	Senior
Olivia Cebalo	Carmel	Senior	Sydney Cook	Hamilton Southeastern	Junior
Cole Lance	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior	Emma Ehret	Carmel	Junior
Kate Malin	Westfield	Senior	Mia Gatz	Guerin Catholic	Senior
Elise May	Fishers	Junior	Rosie Martin	Carmel	Senior
Sloane May	Hamilton Southeastern	Junior	Sarah Maudlin	Fishers	Junior
Sydney May	Hamilton Southeastern	Freshman	Kate Noel	Hamilton Southeastern	Junior
Atley Pittman	Noblesville	Senior	Ava Smith	Westfield	Senior
Blair Satterfield	Hamilton Southeastern	Junior	Mia Smith	Westfield	Senior
Meredith Tippner	Noblesville	Senior	Hannah Struve	Noblesville	Junior
Bella Wyatt	Noblesville	Senior	Sadie Timme	Sheridan	Sophomore
Honorable mention Delaney Allgeier, Fishers; Olivia Eaton, Guerin Catholic.					

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