

THANKSGIVING, Nov. 28, 2024

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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Partly sunny, with a few sprinkles or flurries possible in the afternoon.
Tonight: Partly to mostly cloudy. Sprinkles or flurries possible.
HIGH: 41 LOW: 22



Behold the Lamb invites you to free Christmas concerts

Teach your parents well

The REPORTER

Behold the Lamb Ministries, Inc., an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has announced its 2024 Christmas Concert season.

The BTLM Soli Deo Gloria Community Concert Choir, featured annually in the Hamilton County Passion Play, will present *The Story of Christmas* (a mix of new and traditional Christmas music) in three concerts. Admission is free. Tickets are not required.

The 2024 Indiana concerts will be at the:

- Carmel Christkindlmarkt on Friday, Dec. 6 at 3 p.m.
- Arcadia Christmas Tree Lighting (mini concert) on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 6:45 p.m.
- NEW LOCATION – Hope Bible Fellowship, 772 N. 10th St., Noblesville, on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 6 p.m.



The 60-voice community choir boasts members from numerous towns across Hamilton County and surrounding counties, all under the direction of Lisa Jennings.

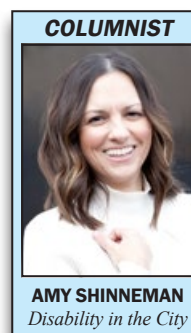
Under the direction of Lisa Jennings, the 60-voice community choir has members from across central Indiana (Noblesville, Westfield, Sheridan, Cicero, Tipton, Arcadia, Atlanta, Kokomo, Fishers,

Carmel, Zionsville, Frankton, Elwood, Anderson, Indianapolis, Speedway, Greenfield). Featured soloists are Jim Burchette (Tipton), Michael Donahue (Middletown), Katie Martin (Speedway), Monica

McMain (Kokomo), Leslie Barker (Anderson), and Betty VanAlstyne (Anderson). For additional information, please visit BeholdTheLamb.com or email beholdthelamb129@gmail.com.

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I wonder if my children will ever grasp the truth that watching them run has healed my hurts from never being able to run? Or all that watching them run has taught me. Not their job, but it is what happened. God knew the next best thing would be for me to watch my children run. What a beautiful thing it is.



AMY SHINNEMAN
Disability in the City

When you have children, you often think about all you will teach them. Sometimes you even stress about what you need to teach them in the time you have with them under your roof. It can seem overwhelming when thinking too far ahead. One thing no one talks too much about is all that your children will teach you. I have learned so much about myself through raising my two sons. I have learned that I do some things well, and I have also learned that some things that I do/did, need/needed to be let go or changed. In fact, I am still learning from them and my boys are 17 and 21.

I have learned so much watching them and others run these last several years. I have seen a lot of joy, pain and hardworking kids pushing to the max, day in and day out, nearly all year around. I relate in the way that I can, knowing the toll that daily taxing on a body takes. What it does physically as well as mentally. I know it differently, but I know.

In many ways, I think that watching them run all these years has given me the strength to keep going with my own daily "training." Each day is a feat of physicality for me, and a mental mountain to climb. Seeing their persistence and drive has been extremely inspiring to me. I doubt I would be doing as well physically as I am today without their motivation in my life. I truly do not think I would have the same attitude towards my workouts, or the spirit to keep going after 50 years of it.

I think it is a good reminder that we can gain inspiration and motivation from others who are doing different things than we are. We can take something positive from others and apply in an applicable way in our own lives. Who knew that something I have never been able to do would have such a monumental impact on my life?

Another thing I have learned from my boys is humility. What stands out the most is not their successes in running, but rather the times when it was difficult, or they were injured and how they handled those instances. Staying humble, even in the moments of defeat. That is not easy to do. It is easier to be angry at the letdown's life throws our way. That anger seems warranted. What is not easy is facing tough times with humility. I watched each of them grow tremendously in humility throughout their years of running. Accepting that life throws everyone curveballs, and handling those in a humble way is taking the more difficult path.

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Lighting of the Square set for Saturday night in Noblesville

Alcoholic beverages will not be allowed on county property

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Commissioners remind the public that alcoholic beverages will not be allowed on county property for the Lighting of the Square on Saturday, Nov. 30.

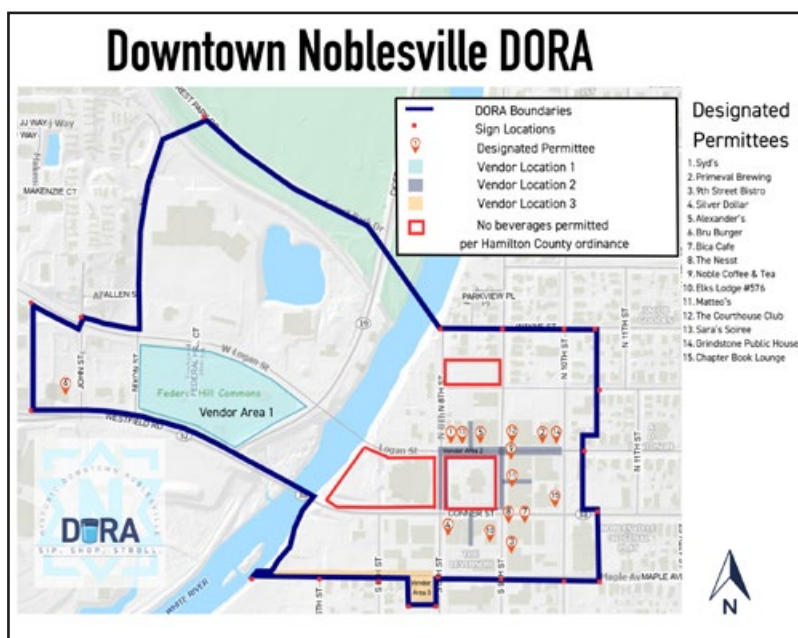
Although the City of Noblesville recently passed a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) ordinance, which allows individuals aged 21 and older to purchase alcoholic beverages from participating businesses and carry them outside within the designated area, the boundaries of the DORA do not include county-owned property.

"The Lighting of the Square is a time for families to come together and cele-

brate the season," County Commissioner Steve Dillinger said. "We want to make sure the event stays welcoming and safe for all ages. It's important that we keep the focus on the holiday spirit and maintain a family-friendly atmosphere."

It is illegal to consume alcohol on county property, including the Judicial Center, the Old Courthouse, and the county parking garage. The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office will have a presence at the Lighting of the Square. Anyone caught drinking on county property could face a \$100 fine for the first offense and a \$500 fine for the second.

For more information



Graphic provided by City of Noblesville

about the event or DORA guidelines, please contact the City of Noblesville or visit CityOfNoblesville.org.

Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade turns 100

The REPORTER

On Nov. 27, 1924, the now-nostalgic parade began. It was called the Macy's Christmas Parade then, and they staged it on the streets of New York City as a sales promotion. It was also a fine way to welcome Santa Claus (or at least his avatar) to New York.

The first parade route ended at Macy's and contained zoo animals, floats based on nursery rhymes, and brass bands – at least one of which we hope was led by 76 trombones with 110 cornets close at hand.

Having committed the unforgivable sin of being a popular attraction, of course it came back the next year, and the next, until tradition was born of a publicity stunt.

In 1927, it was renamed the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and that was the first time the iconic balloon animals walked down the streets of New York instead of zoo animals. Those balloons were filled only with air, and thus had to be held up with sticks.

The first balloon animal in a Macy's parade was none other than cartoon character Felix the Cat.

1928 was the first year when balloons were ever filled with helium in the parade. At the end of the parade, in fine American fashion, they just let all the balloons float away. As part of the Macy's promotion that year, and until 1932, anyone who found a balloon when it came back to Earth could turn it in for a prize. In 1932, reports indicate an

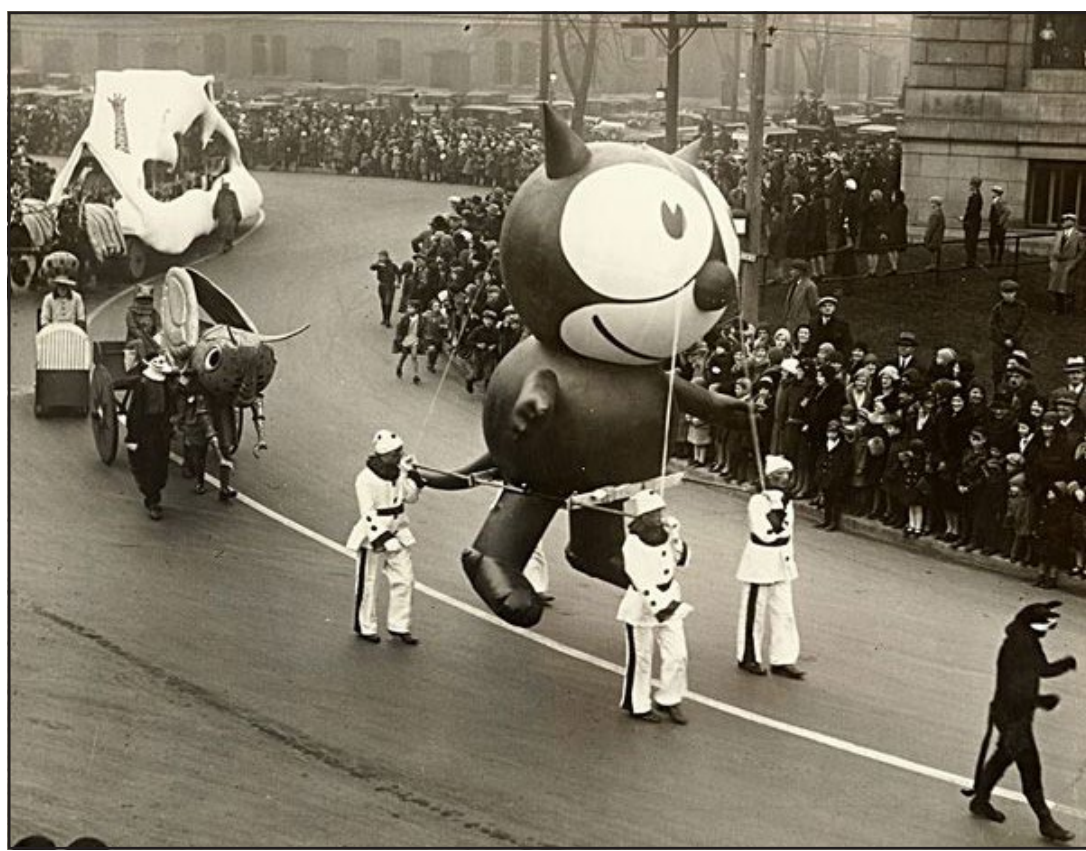


Photo provided

In 1927, Felix the Cat was the first balloon animal to be featured in what was for the first time called the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. As noted by our editor, it's great to know that some humans have long been obsessed with dressing like creepy cat people (see lower right of the photo).

inexperienced pilot saw one of the balloons during a training flight and immediately dove to try to capture it with her plane. A Nov. 25 newspaper article from that year reports that the pilot was a 22-year-old woman named Annette Gibson.

The balloon – which is only reported as "shaped like a cat" – may or may not have been a helium-filled Felix. The material was 60 feet long. It wound around the wing of the plane and

put the aircraft into a tailspin. Fortunately, her flight instructor, Hugh Copeland, took control and managed to pull the plane out of its uncontrolled dive somewhere under 80 feet from the ground.

The Macy's parade was canceled for a few years during World War II due to helium and rubber shortages.

In 1947, the Macy's parade was finally seen by people who were not in New York on

Thanksgiving Day, thanks to the movie *Miracle on 34th Street*.

In 1948, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade was broadcast on television for the first time.

Since Mr. Peabody & Sherman are firing up the Wayback Machine for this article, it seems fitting to end with the words of ABC New Radio Broadcaster Paul Harvey: "And now you know the rest of the story. Good day!"

Happy Thanksgiving, see you on Saturday!

The REPORTER

Because today is Thanksgiving, there will be no edition of The Reporter tomorrow.

You may not have thought about this, but newspapers are edited and designed the night before you read them, and we want all our people to be able to spend holidays as they see fit.

Most of us will be spending time with friends and family. At least one of us will be reflecting on the true history of the day.

None of us will be working. Once upon a time some of us worked for newspapers that did not have holiday editions, but always had editions the day after. That meant we had the day before holidays off and worked on holidays. It was weird and unkind.

We are not thankful for those years. We each have stories about explaining to our loved ones that we needed to gather the day before a holiday, then get back to being ink-stained wretches while the rest of the world relaxed or celebrated.

We promised ourselves that if we were ever in charge, things would be different.

We are in charge. Things are different.

Happy Thanksgiving, Hamilton County! We will be back with the local news you love on Saturday morning before the sun comes up.

Health Department launches online food permitting

New system designed to streamline process & provide online payment

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Health Department has launched an online system for food permit applications. The system allows both new and established food vendors to apply for and renew their permits, provide necessary documents like floor plans and menus, and pay for their permits online.

“Our goal is to make the application process easier for vendors, helping us ensure timely permits for temporary events and new food establishments alike,” said

Amy Ballman, Director of Environmental Health for the Hamilton County Health Department.

A soft launch of the system allowed the Health Department to work through some early kinks. It has received 12 permanent and 74 temporary food permit applications since April. Starting in 2025, food establishment renewals can be processed through the online system, reducing the



Ballman

number of late renewals and making the process much easier for both applicants and staff.

Ballman offers this tip for renewals, however. “If you’re already in our system, please don’t create a new account,” she said. “Instead, contact our office directly to secure the access code associated with your business.”

Once approved, applicants can pay for their per-

mits online through Google or Apple IDs. Vendors will still be allowed to apply or renew permits in-person or by mail if they prefer.

“We are excited to see how this system evolves,” Ballman added. “Ultimately, we hope to expand this tool to other environmental programs in the future.”

For more information or to apply for a food permit, visit the Hamilton County Health Department’s Food Establishment Program page at hamiltoncounty.in.gov/256/Food-Establishment-Program.

Holiday news from Lake Meadows Assisted Living

The REPORTER

Here is some of the latest news this holiday season from Lake Meadows Assisted Living in Fishers.

Food & Toy Drive

Lake Meadows’ food drive is underway now until Dec. 17. The toy drive ends on Dec. 19, and residents and staff are compiling homeless bags to be delivered on Dec. 10. Pet supplies will also be accepted for the Humane Society. The residents would love for the community to donate. To donate, the public can bring items to Lake Meadows, 11570 E. 126th St., Fishers, where there are barrels in the lobby for food,

toys, and pet items.

Noblesville Christmas Parade

Lake Meadows is also participating in the Christmas parade for the Noblesville Holiday Lights at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, which will be televised.

Holiday door decorations

Lake Meadows resident Gene Fulmer formerly worked at McNamara Florist and is famous for the over-the-top Christmas decorations on his door. All residents join in the fun, and there’s a door decor contest in mid-December. Fulmer would love to share his tips with residents.

Noblesville issues statement on security incident

The REPORTER

Early Wednesday morning, the City of Noblesville issued the following statement regarding a security incident:

“The City of Noblesville

recently experienced a security incident, which affected some of our systems. Protecting the security and privacy of personal information is of the utmost importance to the city. Upon learning of

the issue, we commenced an investigation and began working with outside cybersecurity professionals who regularly analyze these types of incidents. The City of Noblesville takes the mat-

ter seriously and continues to take measures to protect information.

“The forensic investigation is ongoing, and no additional information is available at this time.”

TEACH

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However, that is the path of life. The path where you will come out ahead when you make it through. Living with a disability, each day, there are defeating moments, physically and mentally. I have learned to try to humbly accept those moments with a little more grace for myself.

I’ve also learned through watching them run the value of teammates. It is their teammates that helped keep them humble and helped pick them up when they were down. I was never part of a competitive team growing up, so I did not really understand the value of a teammate. It has helped me to see that I too have a team of people ready to pick me up when I am down, or there to help when I call on them.

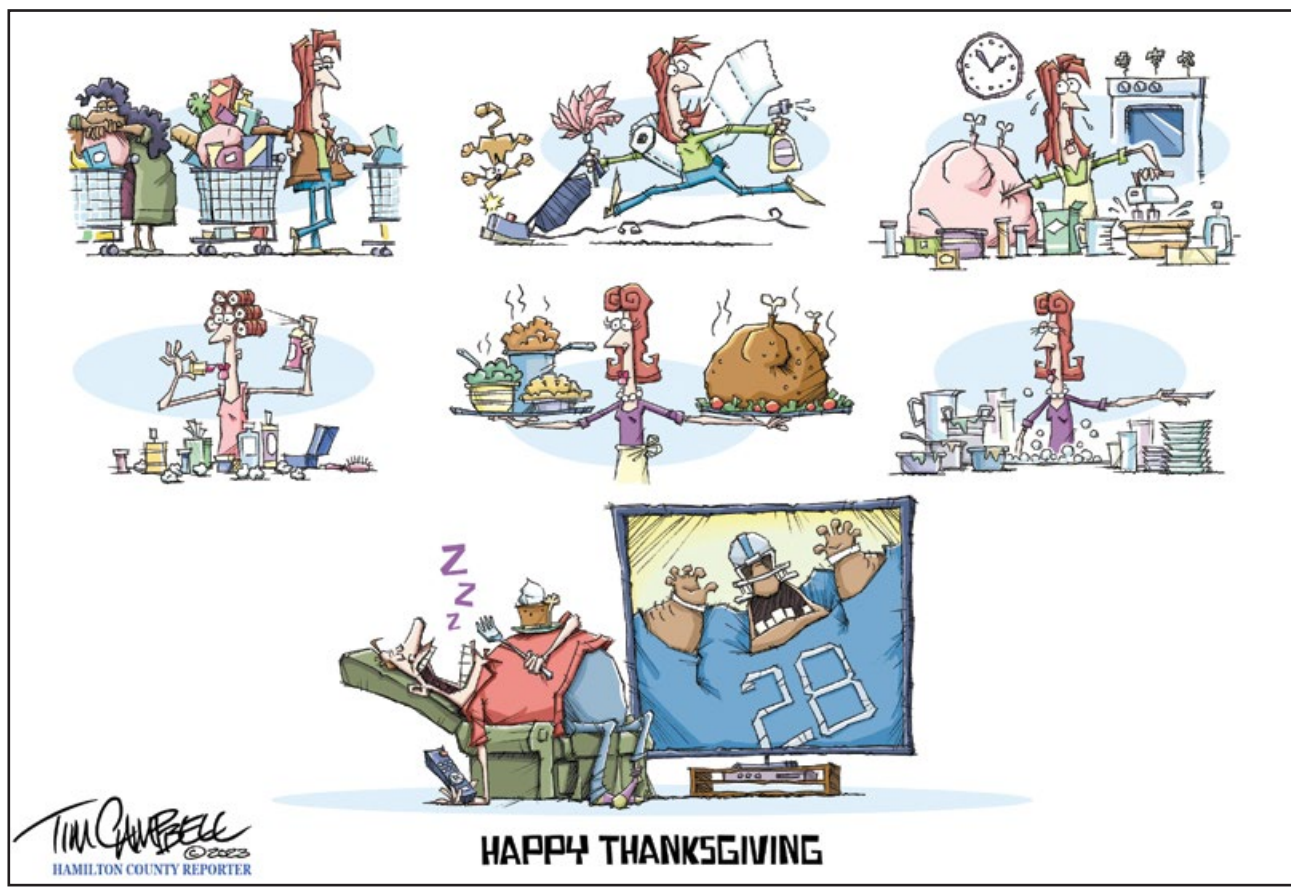
Mostly, through watching them run, I have learned how to enjoy something that is hard. I have learned that in the hard things, there can be joy too. I think my life in the last few years reflects

this. I have made some radical changes in the way that I view my disability. I would attribute a lot of that to the lessons my boys have taught me. They have lived with humble courage, and it has been a beautiful thing to witness. As I watched my youngest son run his last high school cross country race recently, I felt an immense sense of pride in the way that he has handled himself through the years. I felt the same when my oldest son ran his last cross country race several years ago.

I believe my children have taught me just as much, if not more, than I have taught them as their mother. Sometimes the best things in life are those things we never see coming.

Until next time ...

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Indiana State Police superintendent reflects on career triumphs, tragedies

By DAKARAI TURNER
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Doug Carter, the superintendent of the Indiana State Police, is just days away from stepping down after leading the state's largest police force for over a decade.

As his tenure comes to a close, Carter reflected on a career that has spanned four decades, marked by both personal and professional challenges, triumphs and tragedies.

Carter's journey in law enforcement began in 1984. He rose through the ranks to become Indiana's top cop in 2013.

His leadership over the state police has seen him through numerous high-profile cases and incidents, but also through grief and heartache. Carter will retire as Gov.-elect Mike Braun assumes office in January.

Carter said, "It's been my life. I remember when I called my dad and told him I had an interview with [former governor] Mike Pence for this position."

Carter served two governors, navigating through turbulent times, including the loss of five law enforcement officers on duty within the first six months of 2023. Among them: troopers James Bailey and Aaron Smith.

Carter was tasked with the somber duty of present-

ing the American flags draped over their caskets to their grieving families.

Carter also led the state police during some of Indiana's most heartbreaking and unresolved cases, such as the 2016 deaths of four young Black girls in Flora, killed in an arson that remains unsolved. Despite the challenges of the investigation, Carter maintains hope.

"People talk about a cold case, but as long as people are alive, it's not cold," he said, adding that he believes the fire may not have been an intentional murder.

Another case that Carter thinks about is the 2017 murders of two teenage girls, Abby Williams and Libby German, in Delphi. The murders shocked the state and launched a years-long search for the killer, **who was convicted earlier this month.**

While the Delphi Murders case was not directly handled by the state police, Carter often found himself in the public eye as the face of the investigation. A judge has a gag order in place until the convicted killer's sentencing, set for Dec. 20.

"I can't think of a case in our history that has gained that much attention for that length of time," Carter said.



Carter

Asked if he had run into "political influence" during any investigation, Carter said, "I would not be sitting here if I did. I would retire that day."

A handwritten note that bears the names of the all six girls – Keyana, Keyara, Kerriele, Kionnie, Abby and Libby – sits on his desk, affixed to a rock he said was given to him by members of the Flora community after the fire there.

Carter's leadership, he said, is also defined by his efforts to address policing reforms, particularly in the wake of high-profile deaths of Black men at the hands of law enforcement, most notably George Floyd in 2020.

"We're a damaged profession, and it's going to take time to climb out of that," he said.

Carter said he believes conversations race and policing are essential to improving the culture of law enforcement.

Carter said the scrutiny on police forces is deserved.

Carter has also used his final years to push for changes within the department, including improvements in the state's aviation unit and forensic laboratory systems, which had been operating out of outdated facilities.

However, he expressed

regret about leaving behind a "broken" recruitment system.

"We have fewer troopers today than we had in 1984 when I started," Carter said. "And that's one of my biggest regrets."

As Carter prepares for retirement, he envisions a quieter life, perhaps carving wood in the comfort of his home, he said.

Before he leaves, Carter has a message for his successor.

"Always care about others, not yourself," he said. "That's the most important thing I would say."

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/crime-watch-8/indiana-state-police-superintendent-reflects-on-career-triumphs-tragedies.

Community News

Come have breakfast with Santa!

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

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



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Two residents safe after Tuesday morning garage fire

The REPORTER

Shortly after 7 a.m. Tuesday, a resident of the 5000 Block of Montview Way in Noblesville opened the door to their garage after smelling smoke in the home. The garage was full of smoke and fire, immediately causing the homeowner to back away.

The two adults who live at the home safely exited before calling 911. The Hamilton County Dispatch Center dispatched fire, law enforce-

ment, and EMS units.

Upon arrival, Noblesville Fire Department (NFD) crews could see large amounts of smoke and fire coming from the home. Crews were able to locate the seat of the fire in the garage quickly. The fire was marked under control a short time later.

The homeowner who opened the garage door was treated for minor burns on scene.

The Noblesville Police

Department, Carmel Fire Department, and Westfield Fire Department assisted NFD. Fire investigators have not released the cause of the fire.

As the weather continues to cool, the NFD reminds residents to use caution with space heaters. Space heaters should never be left alone in a room, never plugged into a power strip, and never be used within three feet of flammable objects.

Santa's on his way to Hamilton Town Center

The REPORTER

Families can meet Santa at Hamilton Town Center as part of the Simon Santa Photo Experience. Santa arrives on Friday, Nov. 29 and will be available until Christmas Eve. All Santa Photo Experiences are sponsored by IU Health.

The Santa Photo Experience will be open on Sunday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturdays. Reservations are encouraged. Make Santa reservations today by [clicking here](#).

Hamilton Town Center shoppers may also meet Santa this season at various events including:

Pet Photos Sponsored by IU Health

Hamilton Town Center will play host to festive pet photo opportunities multiple times throughout the

holiday season. Pet Photos will be located at Santa's Village across from Co-Hatch and near the Hamilton Town Center Dog Park. Photos will be taken and available for purchase at this event. Reservations are not required for this event.

- Tuesday, Dec. 3: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- Thursday, Dec. 5: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- Tuesday, Dec. 10: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- Thursday, Dec. 12: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Baby's First Christmas Photo Sponsored by IU Health

All season long, Hamilton Town Center is celebrating baby's first Christmas. Enjoy a free 5-by-7-inch photo and holiday ornament with Purchase of Package A for all first-time babies experiencing Santa photos.

A Party That Sleighs! Sponsored by Ford's Garage

On Saturday, Dec. 7, shoppers can expect to find seasonal fun as the cross-off their shopping list including live reindeer, Caricature Artists, Holiday Llamas, Carolers, and a Social Media Pop-Up Display with photographer. The event will be located in the Greenspace between Ford's Garage and Livery.

12 Days of Hamilton Town Center Giveaways

On Dec. 10, Hamilton Town Center will hold a daily Social Media giveaway on the Mall's Instagram. Followers can enter to win unique gifts from top retailers including Lilac Blonde, Ford's Garage, Rally House, and more. Be sure to follow along at [@ShopHamiltonTC](#).

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Friday, December 6, 3:00 pm

Arcadia Tree Lighting - Mini Concert
Main Street, Downtown Arcadia, IN
Saturday, December 7, 6:45 pm

Hope Bible Fellowship Concert
(Cookie Reception Following Concert)
NEW LOCATION - 772 N 10th Street, Noblesville, IN
Sunday, December 8, 6:00 pm

Admission is free.
No ticket required. Additional information
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Be our Guest!

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace ~ Isaiah 9:6

Centier Bank celebrates new & expanded Carmel location

Submitted

Centier Bank, Indiana's largest private, family-owned bank, celebrated the opening of its relocated and expanded Carmel branch located at 650 E. Carmel Drive with a ribbon cutting ceremony and reception on Nov. 21.

The larger, modernized branch represents an important milestone in the bank's ongoing expansion throughout Greater Indianapolis. Centier now operates eight banking centers in central Indiana, with additional locations planned, including its first in Brownsburg opening in December.

Centier Bank's Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board, Mike Schrage, along with President Chris Campbell, Indianapolis Market President Troy Kafka, Regional Sales Manager Ben Studebaker, and Branch Manager Jessie Wylie, welcomed Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam, members of Carmel's business community, local chambers, renovation project partners and nonprofit organizations to the celebration.

"We have proudly served the residents and businesses of Carmel since entering the market in 2011, and we are delighted for



the opportunity to continue supporting their financial future in this new space," said Michael E. Schrage, Centier Bank's Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board. "We remain committed to our community banking approach and expansion throughout Greater Indianapolis."

The expansion to this new location marks an exciting chapter of growth for Centier Bank in the Carmel community. The transformation encompassed stunning exterior building enhancements and a comprehensive interior renovation of the 8,894 square-

foot first floor, presenting modern materials to unify the aesthetic and articulate architectural details. The redesigned main entrance serves as the centerpiece of the bank, elevating the overall appearance and modernizing the building. The building has maintained a solid presence in the banking industry for 45 years.

"This branch provides us additional space to offer the financial and customer experience synonymous with Centier," Troy Kafka, Centier Bank's Greater Indianapolis Market President said. "We're also excited to

be able to house more of our regional executives and new associates here, allowing them to be more present in the community."

During the ceremony, the bank generously donated \$5,000 to Carmel Education Foundation, an organization that works with Carmel school leaders to align programming and grants with district goals and learning objectives. Leaders from the organization were in attendance to accept the donation and celebrate alongside Centier Bank.

For more information about Centier Bank, go to centier.com.

Letter to the Editor

What we're thankful for here at Carmel Symphony Orchestra

Dear Editor:

As Thanksgiving approaches, I want to reflect on a few things I and all of us at the CSO are thankful for.

I am very grateful to the incredibly talented musicians who join their many individual sounds into one true symphony. Their hard work has earned us the reputation as one of the Midwest's finest orchestras. I also want to thank the amazing volunteers who dedicate their time and resources to ensure the show always goes on.

Most important, I want to thank you. Whether you are a longtime attendee or a first-time patron, we are so appreciative of your support. It is because of that support that we can provide Carmel with a world-class symphonic experience. This past year has been one to remember. From diverse musical selections to an array of world-class conductors, we have grown tremendously over nearly 50 years.

And we have no plans of slowing down. That is why we need your support. Next Tuesday, Dec. 3, is #GivingTuesday. What started as a small movement in 2012 has grown into an important reminder that amid all the holiday shopping, we should take time to give back. Your support is what keeps us going and we hope that you will consider us as this season of giving commences.

To you and your family, we at the CSO wish you a very happy Thanksgiving and a great start to the holiday season.

With much gratitude,
Anne Marie Chastain
Executive Director
Carmel Symphony Orchestra

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Oak Trace Elementary



Madison Cornwell
Shamrock Springs Elementary



Ezra Kosobud
Washington Woods Elementary



Serenity Mason
Westfield Intermediate



Addi Kooi
Westfield High School

Not pictured: Nathan Aguzie from Westfield Middle School

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

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Our Assembly times:

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Sunday Worship | 11:00 AM

Wednesday Bible Study | 7:00 PM

Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations

American Legion Posts

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Carmel, In 46032 Treasure Hunt Fri 7p
317-846-0001 Tx Holdem Thurs & Sat

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317-984-4441 Bingo Fri 6p, Weekly Draw 8p

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Fishers, in 46038
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Hamilton County Veterans Corp
P.O. Box 503
Noblesville, in 46061
secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com
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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

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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!!

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If you cannot find time to deliver the goods to the GSN warehouse, you may leave them at your neighborhood American Legion or VFW Post here in Hamilton County before Nov 16.

Good Samaritan Network Serving Hamilton County Since 1980

Good Samaritan Network at www.gsnlive.org



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.

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Activities & Events

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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.
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The REPORTER

The Ice Ribbon at Grand Junction Plaza, 225 S. Union St., Westfield, opened for its second season last Saturday, Nov. 23. Attendees enjoyed a live DJ, caricature artists and food vendors including DonutNV, Tapestry Coffee, and Almost Paradise Farm.

Skating sessions will run Thursday through Saturday; times can be found below. All skate sessions are 90 minutes in length and reservations must be made online. The ticket price for ages 11 and over is \$12 per skate session. For ages 10 and under, the price is \$10 per skate session. This cost includes your skate rental fee; processing fees are not in-

cluded. Skate aids will be available on a first-come, first-served basis for no additional fee.

Skate sessions

- Thursdays: 4 to 5:30 p.m.; 6 to 7:30 p.m.
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Tickets can be purchased at TheIceAtGrandJunction.com.

Parking is available west of Park Street and Poplar Boulevard in two parking lots and designated on-street spots on Jersey, Mill, and Park streets. Accessible parking spaces are available on Mill Street.



Beyond the status quo

Do you remember the cartoon series *The Jetsons*? “Meet George Jetson” was the introduction to the catchy theme song capturing the viewers and carrying them off to Orbit City where George, Jane, Judy, and Elroy lived. And don’t forget about Astro the pet talking dog that started every word with the “R” sound.



of education at Legacy Christian School. When it comes to the education of the next generation of students, we are not satisfied with the status quo. The following values help frame this picture of the only five-day state accredited Christian school in Hamilton County:

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The Jetsons first aired in September 1962 and then debuted in 1963 as the first program broadcast in color on ABC. This groundbreaking show unveiled several technological devices like the flat screen television that had not been invented yet but are now common use in our everyday lives. Little did the viewers of this program realize they were living at a time during which seismic changes were reshaping the world.

The 20th century was the century that split the atom, spliced genes, and cloned sheep. New inventions shaped a new world that included plastic, silicon chips, airplanes, spaceships, televisions, computers, and atom bombs. Behind all these insights, inventions, and discoveries were people with minds open to new possibilities and unafraid to look beyond the status quo to a world that did not yet exist.

Sir John Templeton said, “Faith does not imply a closed, but an open mind. Quite the opposite of blindness, faith appreciates the vast spiritual realities that materialists overlook by getting trapped in the purely physical.”

The point is that faith and science are not mutually exclusive. The Christian faith has been a major catalyst for the many scientific breakthroughs in our world. Many of the great scientists have been and are adherents of the Christian faith.

It was Thomas Edison who said, “When you see everything that happens in the world of science and in the working of the universe, you cannot deny that there is a ‘Captain on the bridge.’” Louis Pasteur said, “The more I study nature, the more I stand amazed at the work of the Creator. Science brings men nearer to God.”

Pasteur’s statement became living truth for many people who saw the earth in a different way for the very first time in 1972. For a long time, people looked at the earth and thought it was flat. Then in December of 1972 the photograph that was broadcast from Apollo 17 of the blue-marble earth hanging against the dark backdrop of space ushered the world into a new global age. It changed their perspective of the world for everyone who saw this picture.

Similarly, people are finding a new perspective

in all classes, subjects, and curriculum, and weekly chapels; college preparatory academics including higher education dual credit partnerships, career and technical education through partnerships with Ivy Tech and ABC Prep; athletics and extracurricular activities; and, scholarships that are available to make this education accessible to a wide range of families.

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John Crabtree is a pastor, educator, and leadership coach. He has a doctoral degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and bachelor’s degrees in biology and chemical engineering. Dr. Crabtree has worked extensively in both ministry and education to help advance strategic initiatives through numerous organizations around the world. Currently, he and his wife reside in Noblesville.

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

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Three turkeys in every pot . . . Turkeys outnumber Hoosiers three to one!

By **KODY FISHER**
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Indiana boasts more turkeys than state residents.

In fact, for every one Hoosier among the population of more than 6.8 million, there are three turkeys.

Indiana is the fourth-largest producer of turkeys in the United States. Poultry and agriculture leaders tell I-Team 8 there's still room for growth.

In 2024, a little more than 20 million turkeys were produced in Indiana. In 14 counties, there are more turkeys than people. In some counties, turkeys

outnumber people 10 to 1. Rebecca Joniskan, president of the **Purdue University-based Indiana State Poultry Association**, "We are No. 4 when you count heads, but we're actually No. 3 when you count poundage."

State leaders predict continued growth for the turkey industry in Indiana, but it won't be unlimited growth because of the fluctuating costs of maintaining large flocks of gobblers.

Don Lamb, director of the **Indiana State Department of Agriculture**, said, "The costs that are out of the control of a producer is

really one of the limiting factors."

Around Thanksgiving, a lot of people see full turkeys on their kitchen tables, but Indiana's turkeys aren't usually the whole birds on people's thanksgiving tables.

Joniskan said, "We don't market very many whole birds, so most of our turkey goes into ground turkey, most significantly, premium deli turkey meat."

Reminding people that turkey can be eaten any time is one way state leaders see the industry growing. Lamb said, "Everything's got a marketing problem, so we can always sell more turkey

year-round."

But, turkey farming involves a lot of risk. The main one is disease, mainly, bird flu. Joniskan said, "It is the largest uncertainty. If disease does get introduced, we're ready for it."

There's only been one bird flu outbreak in Indiana this year, but, according to the **Indiana Department of Natural Resources**, 10 commercial flocks and six backyard flocks had bird flu outbreaks in 2022 and 2023.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/indiana-news/indiana-turkey-production-2024.

Indiana Technology & Innovation Association lists 2025 policy priorities

The REPORTER

The Indiana Technology & Innovation Association (ITIA) released its 2025 policy priorities to support and grow Indiana's technology, innovation and entrepreneurial ecosystem during its annual Legislative Update on Tuesday with TechPoint.

The Legislative Update brings together Indiana's technology and innovation leaders with state legislators on Organization Day to mark the ceremonial start of the 2025 Legislative Session.

Legislative leaders including House Democratic Leader Phil GiaQuinta and Senate Majority Caucus Chair Travis Holdman spoke at the event and gave a preview of the upcoming legislative session.

"There is a tremendous amount of momentum in Indiana's technology and innovation industry. We're seeing a rise in global, technology and innovation-fueled enterprises choosing Indiana to locate and invest, our homegrown companies are embracing new technologies like AI, and our ecosystem is coming together to help address talent needs and make sure we're poised to meet this opportunity," ITIA Executive Director Jennifer Hollowell said. "The State has an important role to play to embrace our future economy and help meet the most urgent needs, including access to capital, support resources for innovators and entrepreneurs, and better preparing our students for jobs in emerging, tech-based fields. We look forward to making progress together during the next legislative session to embrace the innovation economy."

According to the **2024 TechPoint Mission41K Tech Talent Report**, Indiana's tech employment grew to 121,600 in 2023, representing the highest level of overall tech employment ever in the state. Over the past 10 years, tech occupations have been major contributors to Indiana's overall job growth. In fact, Indiana has outpaced most states in the growth of its tech sector.

While our tech sector is growing, one of the biggest pain points continues to be access to venture capital needed for innovative Indiana companies to start, scale and succeed in this global economy. According to the **2023 Indiana Venture Report**, Indiana only received 0.3 percent of venture capi-

tal investment deployed nationally and sees primarily small, early stage deals.

To help meet these needs, ITIA's 2025 policy priorities include:

- Unlocking a second round of state investment into the Indiana Next Level Fund to further accelerate the availability of venture capital for Indiana companies at the growth stage.

- Robust investment in the 21st Century Research and Technology Fund, which is a critical source of funding to support the growth and development of early stage innovation in the state, including through Elevate Ventures.

- Advancing Right to Start policies, including bolstering the Office of Small Business and Entrepreneurship to prioritize and align support resources for entrepreneurs across state government and encourage more new business creation.

- Allowing high-performing Certified Tech Parks (CTPs) that have reached their \$5 million cap to capture an additional \$500,000 in annual incremental income tax to support regional innovation.

- Funding to skill up K-12 educators in tech-based skills, including through the STEM Teacher Recruitment Fund and Next Level Computer Science Program; annual funding for robotics and support for entrepreneurial programming.

- Continued funding for Career Scholarship Accounts to ensure students can access career opportunities; expanding flexibility for Next Level Jobs, including allowing individuals pursuing stackable IT credentials to qualify for funding on a per-year basis rather than once over their lifetime.

ITIA will work with legislative and administration partners to advance these and other policy priorities in 2025.

The Indiana Technology & Innovation Industry (ITIA) is the statewide association representing technology and innovation-driven enterprises and partners working together to accelerate the innovation economy.

Membership is open to technology and innovation-driven businesses, organizations that are tech-enabled or that support technology companies, student entrepreneurs and government partners. For more information and to join ITIA, visit IndianaTechnology.org.



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(From left) Bob Bixler, Luke Tising, Steve Miller, Zach Tucker, Roger Seger, Dan Krouse, Josh Crabb, Galen Miller, Bryan Johnson, Becky Joniskan, Phil Seger, Gov. Eric Holcomb, Drew Frey, Joe Dart, Ryan Schnell, Steve Reier, Kerry Trambaugh, Mike Maroney, and Don Lamb.

Hoosier poultry producers were generous with their communities again throughout 2024

The REPORTER

On Monday, Governor Eric Holcomb, Indiana State Department of Agriculture Director Don Lamb, and the Indiana State Poultry Association recognized the generosity of Indiana's poultry producers at the 77th annual Governor's Poultry Presentation at the Indiana Statehouse.

Over the past year, Indiana poultry farmers and businesses have continued their long practice of working to address food insecurity

in the communities within which they operate and across the state.

Through their generosity, Indiana food banks and community organizations were able to offer 250,000 pounds of nutrient-rich duck, turkey, and chicken meat to Hoosiers in need. Indiana chicken egg producers supplied food banks with one million dozen eggs, and duck producers donated upwards of 50,000 dozen eggs this year as well. Beyond the donation

of poultry and eggs, poultry companies provided in excess of \$120,000 in direct contributions to various not-for-profit and charitable organizations in their communities.

"Indiana poultry producers truly embody the generosity of the Hoosier spirit," Gov. Holcomb said. "The members of the Indiana State Poultry Association are committed to feeding the world and their neighbors alike. I want to thank them for their commitment to strengthening Indiana agriculture and for their bountiful donations throughout this past year."

For decades, Indiana's poultry producers have been working to address food insecurity in local communities by providing protein to food banks across the state. Some of the main products that were donated over the course of this year included eggs, chicken, duck, and turkey.

The strength of Indiana's poultry sector was also recognized during the ceremony as Indiana is one of the top poultry producing states in the country. According

to the USDA National Agriculture Statistics Service, Indiana ranks No. 1 in duck production, No. 3 in egg production, No. 4 in turkey production and is home to high quality broiler chicken production as well.

Poultry farming and processing is a substantial economic driver for the state contributing more than \$18.34 billion in total economic activity. The sector directly employs 12,792 people, and it supports an additional 35,719 jobs in allied industries and services across the state according to according to the U.S. Poultry and Egg Association.

"Protein is such an essential part of a healthy diet, and everyone, regardless of their situation, benefits from having nutritious poultry and egg products on their plate," ISPA President Becky Joniskan said. "Indiana's poultry companies and the many family farms they represent recognize their responsibility to their neighbors, and they are humbled to be able to share the work of their hands with the communities and state they call home."

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Remember that cat on the front page? Well, here's another one



Photo by Rocks Media House

Congratulations to the cast and crew of *Seussical* this past weekend. It was a spectacular show that demonstrated the powers of friendship, loyalty, family, and community. A special shoutout to dedicated and selfless staff members, Jon Majors, Lance Grubb, Sydnie Blaire, Alison Wessel, Graham Sutton, and the WTCBA Boosters for all of their support. [Click here](#) to see more photos courtesy of Rocks Media House.

Oh, the places they have gone!



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The cast of Westfield High School's *Seussical* went all around the district to read some Dr. Seuss classics to kindergarten and first grade students. [Click here](#) to see more photos courtesy of Rocks Media House.



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There is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious as laughter and good humor

By VERONIQUE DUPREY
A Seat on the Aisle

The Christmas season has arrived in Indiana. The sure sign? Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* started its traditional run at the Indiana Repertory Theatre (IRT). And what a glorious tradition it is!

I hadn't seen it for several years, but I remembered the story, of course: the miser Scrooge, hard on his employee Cratchit (father of Tiny Tim) and everyone else, particularly hates Christmas and all the merriment and demands for charity it brings; he is visited by three ghosts who show him visions of his past, present and future; and – spoiler – he is transformed into a better man.

Somehow, I had forgotten many of the details of this adaptation by Tom Haas, which has been performed every year at the IRT since 1996. Before the first words were uttered, I was enthralled by the fully open snowy stage, and the lighting and music set the mood for a magical time. As the actors strolled in, I was in awe once again at the beautiful period costumes, designed by Linda Pisano, always a highlight of IRT productions.

This is very much an ensemble piece, with every actor (except Scrooge) effortlessly playing multiple roles as members of the poor but



Photo by Zach Rosing

Rob Johansen (left) as Scrooge with Ryan Artzberger as Marley.

loving Cratchit family, other villagers, and persons of different time frames, as well as narrating the story. There was, in fact, more narration than I recalled, with a few superfluous narrative sentences describing the action we could see taking place, a storytelling technique perhaps directed to the younger audience members. Also of note, actors and set pieces cleverly appeared via trapdoors in the floor throughout, reinforcing the magical nature of it all.

It was a pleasure to see veteran IRT actors Rob Johansen (as Scrooge) and Ryan Artzberger (as Bob Cratchit, Marley, and others) again, in nuanced and earnest performances, showing their love of this

story they have been telling for many years. Sean Blake as Fezziwig stood out for his charisma, the children (Weezie Chavers and Juniper O'Meara-Gaines this day) delighted in their innocence, and the whole cast impressed with their vocal skills in several songs, with intricate harmonies. Though some movements of Christmas Past distracted from the moment, overall the ghostly appearances effectively conveyed the solemnity and magic taking place.

In her directing debut at the IRT, Cara Hinh managed the difficult task of recreating a classic and making its wonder appealing to new audiences.

Bottom line: I highly recommend you take your

family to see this seasoned group of excellent actors in a heartfelt, gorgeous rendition of the perfect story to put you in the Christmas spirit; remember anew that change is possible, that fellow humans deserve compassion, and that love and family are far more valuable than material possessions. God bless us, every one.

Indiana Repertory Theatre's production of *A Christmas Carol* runs through Dec. 24 at the theater's home at 140 W. Washington St., Indianapolis. Tickets and further information can be found at irtlive.com or by calling (317) 635-5252.

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

Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra announces schedule for 2025 Community Health Network Discovery Concerts

The REPORTER

A full schedule of Community Health Network Discovery Concerts returns to the Hilbert Circle Theatre featuring the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra (ISO) this spring. The 2025 series, titled *Symphonic Stories*, will explore storytelling through music with ISO Associate Conductor Su-Han Yang.



Discovery Concerts, which provide a unique way for students in grades 3 through 6 to experience classical music, are made possible through the generous support of Community Health Network. Other sponsors include IBEW Local 481.

The 2025 schedule is as follows:
• Jan. 28: 11:30 a.m.
• Jan. 29: 10:15 a.m.
• Feb. 4: 10:15 and 11:30 a.m.

• Feb. 25: 11:30 a.m.
• Feb. 26: 10:15 a.m.
• March 11: 10:15 and 11:30 a.m.
Register here to arrange for group tickets today.

See *Discovery* ... Page 11

EPA provides \$196M loan for Indiana water projects

Submitted

At an event last Friday at the Indiana Statehouse, the head of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Water Office Bruno Pigott joined Indiana Finance Authority's Jim McGoff to announce a \$196 million loan to improve drinking water and wastewater systems statewide. This funding will help address the demands of a growing population.

The State of Indiana intends to use this loan to finance drinking water and wastewater infrastructure improvement projects to better serve Indiana communities. This investment will help address aging infrastructure and expand services in communities experiencing growing needs. Projects that will receive funding are located

throughout the state and are expected to benefit 134,000 Indiana residents.

EPA's State Infrastructure Financing Authority Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (SWIFIA) program provides loans exclusively to state financing authorities, also known as state revolving fund programs. This SWIFIA loan offers additional low-cost financing to Indiana's Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds, that will help implement critical water infrastructure projects in the state.

"I want to congratulate the State of Indiana for securing a \$196 million loan from EPA. Through our partnership, we will upgrade water infrastructure across the state to keep residents healthy, protect

water resources, and create good-paying jobs while keeping water bills affordable," Pigott said. "The State of Indiana is ahead of the curve in securing EPA financing to advance water infrastructure goals and benefit 134,000 people across the state."

"The IFA is continually searching for alternative funding sources to keep pace with Indiana's increasing water-infrastructure needs," McGoff said. "EPA's SWIFIA program provides that additional source of funding, which will help communities across Indiana invest more than \$400 million in their local water systems."

This loan will be Indiana Finance Authority's first SWIFIA loan and third loan through the EPA's Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program, totaling more than \$630 million in WIFIA financing to advance water infrastructure projects in Indiana. The SWIFIA loan will offer the authority further flexibilities by allowing deferment of principal payments for 20 years and substantial savings for Indiana residents. Savings from Indiana's first WIFIA loan totaled more than \$130 million.

Since its creation, EPA's Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act program has announced \$21 billion in financing to sup-

port \$45 billion in water infrastructure projects that are strengthening drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure while creating over 150,000 jobs.

Learn more about the **EPA's WIFIA Program** and water infrastructure investments under the **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law**.

Background
Established by the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014, the **WIFIA program** is a federal loan program administered by the EPA. The WIFIA program aims to accelerate investment in the nation's water infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost supplemental credit assistance for regionally and nationally significant projects. The WIFIA program has an active pipeline of pending applications for projects that will result in billions of dollars in water infrastructure investment and thousands of jobs.

EPA is currently in its eighth selection round for WIFIA financing. In this round, EPA is offering \$6.5 billion through WIFIA, and \$1 billion through SWIFIA, which is a loan program exclusively for State infrastructure financing authority borrowers. EPA is currently accepting letters of interest for WIFIA and SWIFIA loans.

Click here to learn more about submitting a letter of interest for a WIFIA loan.

— WESTFIELD —

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the City of Westfield, Hamilton County, Indiana, that the City Council at their regular meeting place at Westfield City Hall at 130 Penn Street, in Westfield, IN at 7:00 PM, on the 9th day of December, 2024, will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget and the following reduction to appropriations for the current year. Additional appropriations to be added:

640 Sports Complex Fund
Major Budget Classification:

Grand Park (#015)	
Personal Services Line item # 640015111 -	\$72,500
Personal Services Line item # 640015119 -	\$4,000
Personal Services Line item # 640015120 -	\$1,700
Personal Services Line item # 640015121 -	\$3,900
Supplies Line item # 640015224 -	\$5,000
Supplies Line item # 640015226 -	\$1,000
Services and Charges Line item # 640015341 -	\$4,000
Services and Charges Line item # 640015342 -	\$2,500
Services and Charges Line item # 640015343 -	\$1,000
Services and Charges Line item # 640015345 -	\$2,000
Services and Charges Line item # 640015349 -	\$20,823
Services and Charges Line item # 640015366 -	\$500
Sports Campus Indoor Event Ctr (#023)	
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Personal Services Line item # 640023121 -	\$639
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Services and Charges Line item # 640023349 -	\$16,300
Total for Sports Complex Fund	\$253,832

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard on the additional appropriation.
R5330 11/28/24, 12/2/24

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176 ARP-2021 COVID Recovery Fund
Major Budget Classification:

Other Services and Charges Line Item # 176013349	\$2,856,804
Total ARP-2021 COVID Recovery Fund	\$2,856,804

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard on the additional appropriation.
R5331 11/28/24, 12/2/24

Thanks for reading!

Meeting Notices

- The Hamilton County Council will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2024, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.
- The Noblesville Common Council will meet in a work session at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2024, in Room A213 at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St. A regular meeting will follow at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber.
- The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2024, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.

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Meet six animals who need you most

Local Humane Society announces \$10 Black Friday adoption special

Submitted by HSHC

The Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC) announced Tuesday it will hold a Black Friday adoption event from noon to 5 p.m. at the facility, located at 10501 Hauge Road, Fishers.

Adoption fees for all eligible* pets will be \$10 and include a free one-month supply of heartworm/flea and tick preventatives and 10 percent off pet insurance. All pets adopted from HSHC are spayed/neutered, microchipped, have at least one round of age-appropriate vaccinations, come with a starter bag of food, and a complimentary wellness exam with one of HSHC's participating veterinarians.

"As the shelter continues operating beyond its intended capacity, and pet adoptions are outnumbered every day by new arrivals, the emotional well-being of these animals is declining rapidly," HSHC CEO Rebecca Stevens said. "Only those willing to adopt a shelter animal, or add another one to their packs, can save these animals now."

The shelter hopes to inspire folks to "fill their hearts, not their carts" on Black Friday so as many of the over 400 animals in their care are



Photo illustration by HSHC
These six animals are the most in need of adoption at the Humane Society for Hamilton County.

adopted before the holidays. "We need the community to understand that only a steady and continued stream of pet adoptions can help HSHC sustain the number of owner-surrendered and stray animals arriving each day," Stevens said. "The shelter is not a forever home, but so many are waiting to the point their health declines – forcing us to consider unthinkable alternatives."

The shelter has identified six animals that may emotionally decline past the point of saving, if their heroes don't show up very soon.

"Our most urgent animals have waited several months for an adopter to come," Stevens said. "So if you are considering the addition of a family pet, please know there are dogs and cats of all breeds, ages, and

sizes who are literally dying for the chance to love you."

Things to bring on Nov. 29:

- Completed application on hshcadoptions.com.
 - All family members
 - Dogs for dog meet and greets
 - Landlord's pet policy if you rent
 - Government-issued ID
- *Some exclusions may apply.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

THE TABERNACLE

For the other side, the north side of the tabernacle, make twenty frames and forty silver bases—two under each frame. Make six frames for the far end, that is, the west end of the tabernacle, and make two frames for the corners at the far end. At these two corners they must be double from the bottom all the way to the top and fitted into a single ring; both shall be like that. So there will be eight frames and sixteen silver bases—two under each frame.

Exodus 26:20-25 (NIV)

Jason Krebs

July 15, 1972 – November 26, 2024

Jason Krebs, 52, Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at Riverview Health in Noblesville. He was born on July 15, 1972.

Jason worked for Janus Developmental Services and loved people.

He is survived by his chosen family and friends.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at Crownland Cemetery, 1776 Monument St., Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Elysian Foundation, 1812 Walnut Way, Noblesville, IN 46062.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Gretchen K. Dickison

March 13, 1942 – November 25, 2024

Gretchen K. Dickison, 82, Noblesville, passed away on Monday, November 25, 2024, at Wellbrooke of Westfield. She was born on March 13, 1942 to Edgar and Esther (Harr) Stahl in Indianapolis.

For 32 years, Gretchen was an elementary teacher for IPS. She was the former president of the Kiwanis Club, and a member of P.E.O., the Hamilton County Extension, and the Newcomer's Club. In 1975, Gretchen was awarded the National P.T.A. Teacher of the Year award. She enjoyed traveling and spent many winters in Florida.

Gretchen is survived by her sons, Jeffrey (Lori Ann) Dickison, and Greg Dickison; and her two granddaughters, Page & Courtney Dickison.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, George I. Dickison in September; and her sister & brother-in-law, Margaret "Meg" & Phillip Tomlin.

Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m., with services at 11 a.m., on Friday, December 6, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Rev. Stanley R. Sutton will officiate. Private enticement will be at Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hauge Road, Fishers, IN 46038 (hamiltonhumane.com).

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DISCOVERY

Registered attendees will be notified once educational materials are available. Materials include both digital and physical copies of teacher and student packets. The Community Health Network Discovery Concert curriculum covers Indiana Academic Standards in language arts, math, music, ethnic studies, geography, social studies, science, dance, and visual art.

"Discovery Concerts provide experiential learning opportunities for students that have a lasting positive impact," ISO Chief Executive Officer James M. Johnson said. "We are

grateful for the support of Community Health Network, which helps the ISO connect young audiences to symphonic music and spark a lifelong love of the arts."

Community Health Network is pleased to support the Discovery Concerts.

"Community Health Network continues to be a proud supporter of this learning experience, which enhances the health and well-being of the students who participate," said Kathy Krusie, Senior Vice President and Chief Administration Officer, Community Physician Network. "Over the past two de-

cades, studies have demonstrated that music education has multiple favorable effects on a host of mental and functional processes, it literally changes the brain structure. Musical training

has been shown to have a positive effect beyond the impact on hearing, speech and coordination including improving IQ levels and school grades among many other benefits."

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Shamrocks have sights on first 6A title

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

The Westfield Shamrocks and Brownsburg Bulldogs meet up Friday in the Class 6A state football championship at 7 p.m. at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. This will be just the third time that a Hoosier Crossroads Conference school will be represented in 6A and the first title game in which both schools are from the HCC.

"I think we hope to represent it well. It's just a credit to how competitive this conference has become. There's a lot of great teams that help you get prepared for some of these big moments here down the stretch, too," Westfield head coach Josh Miracle said.

This will also be the first in the 12-year history of Class 6A that there will not be a team that was a current or former member of the MIC vying for the state championship. Center Grove (4), Ben Davis (3), Carmel (2) and Warren Central (2) have combined for the first 11 trophies. (Center Grove and Carmel left the MIC in 2021.)

The Shamrocks won the 5A state championship over Columbus East (16-13) in 2016. In 2013, they were upended in the 5A state title game by Cathedral, 42-18. Their first appearance in program history at the state finals was in 1992, when they fell to Bishop Luers in the Class 2A final at the Hoosier Dome, 17-0.

The Bulldogs have two previous appearances in the state finals but have not been there in 39 years. Brownsburg won the 1984 Class 3A state championship over Concord (17-12) and moved up to 4A in 1985, defeating Hobart (23-17) for back-to-back state titles. The purple-clad team from Hendricks County has eight sectional, four regional and two semi-state titles.

Head coach Josh Miracle is off to quite the start in his first season leading the Shamrocks.

His second-ranked Shamrocks jumped out to a 5-0 record winning at Center Grove (34-28), home against Carmel (17-13) and Zionsville (28-10), at Noblesville (38-18) and an overtime nail-biter with Hamilton Southeastern (21-14).

The Shamrocks have lost three in a row to the Bulldogs, but this year's matchup was closer (17-13) than the previous two. The proverbial roadblock came in Week 6 at Brownsburg. Westfield got up 7-0 through one quarter, but the Bulldogs scored 17 to the Shamrocks' six the rest of the way for the 17-13 win.

Avon (45-13) was the first victory of the current

streak, followed by a similar score in Week 8 at Fishers (46-12). Westfield ended the regular season with a 44-7 rout of Franklin Central to finish tied atop the HCC with Brownsburg.

Harrison (49-0) fell first to the 'Rocks in the sectional semifinal and Zionsville (35-13) next in the sectional championship.

A repeat trip to Fishers in the regional resulted in a 42-28 win. The semi-state last week was a rematch of last year between Crown Point and the Shamrocks. The Bulldogs won last year at their place, but this time, Westfield took advantage of their home field. After the Bulldogs tied it 7-7, the 'Rocks scored 23 unanswered points on the way to a 30-7 semi-state win.

Senior quarterback Carsen Melvin has played with precision in his first year as the starter. Melvin is 133 for 200 (66.5 percent) for 1,793 yards and 16 passing touchdowns. He has also rushed for 326 yards and 10 TDs.

Junior running back Deacon King has burst onto the scene with 1,353 yards on 215 carries for a 6.3 yard per carry average and 16 rushing TDs. Broc Parker (402) and Mikeah Webster (289) are great backfield depth with nine touchdowns. As a team, Westfield has rushed for 2,549 (5.8 average) yards and 36 TDs.

Senior Gabe Arambol leads the receivers with 38 catches, 548 yards and five scores. Fellow seniors Beau Braun (434), Parker Knott (285) and Preston Pakala (285) have all caught three TD passes.

Keegan Krupp is the top tackler with 101. Mikeah Webster (89, 12.5 for a loss), Lennox Williams (76), Samuel Poriah (62) and Alex Arambol (15.5 tackles for a loss, 9.5 sacks) are also key defenders. Drew Law heads up the secondary with six interceptions and Cato June had two pivotal picks in the semi-state against Crown Point last week.

Junior lineman Alex Arambol said a key to playing Brownsburg is picking up "each phase of the game. Special teams, offense, defense. When one phase is struggling, defense, we need to pick it up more and it applies to all the other phases."

Head coach John Hart is no stranger to the state finals. Going 81-19 in his first nine seasons at Brownsburg, Hart also has an undefeated 4A title with Evansville Reitz in 2007 and in 2009 at Warren Central in 5A. Overall in 40 years, Hart holds a 348-100 mark.

The Bulldogs started off 8-0 before HSE ended their win streak on the road, 30-23.



Photo by Joshua Herd

Westfield's Deacon King (left) and Carsen Melvin have been offensive powerhouses for the Shamrocks this season. King has rushed for 1,353 yards and 16 touchdowns, with Melvin passing for 1,793 yards and 16 touchdowns.



Reporter photo by Amy Adams

The Westfield High School football team gets a pep talk from Coach Josh Miracle this week.

Westfield football team gets their heads in the game

The REPORTER

The Westfield High School football team gathered Monday afternoon for a pep talk from Coach Josh Miracle.

"It's our opportunity to right our wrongs," Miracle said.

No. 3 Westfield (12-1) will take on Hoosier Crossroads Conference rivals No. 4 Brownsburg (12-1) in the Class 6A state championship at Lucas Oil Stadium Friday night at 7 p.m.

Brownsburg's 17-13 win over Westfield in September marked Westfield's only loss of the season.

"Just one more week," Miracle said to his players. "It's gotta mean something to you. Everyone is going to matter. Every detail is going to matter. You don't have time to get down after a play. You don't have time to celebrate too long. You have to have a one-play mentality and stay in the moment. We are looking for

your absolute best version of yourself."

This is Miracle's first year as head coach at WHS, having taken over the position from former coach Jake Gilbert who returned this year to coach at his alma mater, Wabash College.

Westfield previously won the state championship in Class 5A in 2016, and this year marks the third year Westfield has played in the state finals since 2020.

They're hoping for a

win as Brownsburg hasn't seen a state title since the mid-1980s.

"I just think we're extremely blessed," Miracle said. "This is our fifth trip to finals in 12 years which is a testament to the program Jake Gilbert built at Westfield. I'm so excited for this group of seniors, and we're just trying to soak it up. That's what's bittersweet about it. This is the last week with this group of seniors."

Sophomore Oscar Frye throws a comfortable 63.9 percent (149-233) for 2,283 yards and 22 TDs. The ma-

majority of those have been caught by Branden Sharpe with 64 for 1,132 and six scores. Avin Robinson has

853 on 39 catches and 12 TDs.

Shakavon Sumpterbey (721), Brady Lewis (707) and Iosua Stephens (565) are a dangerous backfield trio that combined for 25 TDs on the ground.

"They're excellent. Coach (John) Hart, they do a phenomenal job, their staff over there. They have playmakers everywhere. They've only improved

since we played them mid-year. We definitely have our work cut out for us," Miracle added.

Alex Burke leads the defense with 91 tackles (22.5 for a loss) and six sacks. Eli Richardson (79) and Mason Keifer (48) teamed up for 28 for a loss. Quentin Russ has six interceptions, along with Jamere Pendleton's five interceptions make it difficult to pass.

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Boys Basketball

Millers cruise to victory over Huskies to open season

By **RICHIE HALL**
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NOBLESVILLE — The Noblesville boys basketball team couldn't have asked for a better start to its season.

The Millers cruised to a 76-38 victory over Hamilton Heights Wednesday at The Mill. Noblesville played in front of a packed crowd and put on a show, leaping out to a big first-quarter lead, then extending the lead even further in a dominant fourth quarter.

"Good first win," said Millers coach Scott McClelland, who is back for his fourth season as Noblesville coach. "Like I just told the kids, getting the first one out of the way is always important and always nice. But I think the other things you learn from a first game is, you find out you got a lot to work on."

The Millers sailed through the opening period and finished with a 21-4 lead. Justin Curry, one of several key players back for Noblesville, scored seven points, including a 3-pointer. Returners Baron Walker and Adam Fine also both 3s as well.

The Huskies challenged the Millers in the second and third quarters, although Noblesville extended its lead in the second period to go up 40-19 by halftime. Gavin Saunders was a bright spot for Heights in that quarter, pouring in 10 points, including two triples.

"I though the Heights kids really competed and battled that we couldn't get away from them there for a while," said McClelland.

Walker scored six points for the Millers in the second period, and he matched that amount in the third quarter. Both teams put up 17 points in the third, so Noblesville went into the fourth quarter up 57-36.

The Millers ran away with the fourth period, outscoring the Huskies 19-2.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Noblesville's T.J. Davidson (right) scored 17 points for the Millers during their season-opening game Wednesday with Hamilton Heights. At left is the Huskies' Gavin Saunders, who led his team with 15 points.

T.J. Davidson threw in a 3 as part of eight points in that quarter. Davidson and Curry tied for leading-scorer honors with 17 points each.

Noblesville's balance was solid, as Ryan Vektor and Walker added 15 points each. Aiden Brewer, another returning player, helped out with seven points. Curry led the rebounds with seven and Vektor pulled six. The Millers were 10-of-18 from 3-point range, with Curry and Walker both nailing three triples each.

"Anytime you got four in double figures and three other guys that score, that's always encouraging," said McClelland. "The guys shared the ball and made some extra passes and shot the ball pretty well from the outside."

Saunders finished as Heights' leading scorer with 15 points and collected six rebounds. Dreydin Serna had nine points.

Noblesville plays at Franklin Community Saturday afternoon, while Heights hosts Clinton Central on Tuesday.

NOBLESVILLE 76, HAMILTON HEIGHTS 38

Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Tyler Champion	1-3	1-2	3	4
Rees Knapp	0-2	3-5	3	2
Dreydin Serna	3-6	2-2	9	1
Drew Duncan	1-1	0-0	2	4
Gavin Saunders	5-13	3-4	15	3
Carson Felger	0-2	0-0	0	3
Aidan Unger	0-1	0-0	0	1
Jack Kakasuleff	1-3	1-2	4	4
Chris Nobbe	0-1	2-2	2	0
Hayden Spicer	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	11-32	12-17	38	22

Heights 3-point shooting (4-16) Saunders 2-7, Serna 1-3, Kakasuleff 1-2, Knapp 0-2, Champion 0-1, Unger 0-1.

Heights rebounds (13) Saunders 6, Serna 2, Champion 1, Nobbe 1, Knapp 1, Felger 1, Unger 1.

Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
T.J. Davidson	5-6	5-5	17	3
Adam Fine	1-3	0-0	3	1
Justin Curry	7-16	0-1	17	1
Ryan Vektor	4-6	6-6	15	1
Baron Walker	5-8	2-3	15	3
Aiden Brewer	3-4	1-3	7	1
Max Flanagan	0-1	0-0	0	3
Max Miller	0-0	0-0	0	2
Luke Fogg	0-0	0-0	0	0
Luke Davis	1-1	0-0	2	1
Totals	26-45	14-18	76	16

Noblesville 3-point shooting (10-18) Curry 3-8, Walker 3-3, Davidson 2-2, Fine 1-2, Vektor 1-2, Flanagan 0-1.

Noblesville rebounds (25) Curry 7, Vektor 6, Davidson 3, Fine 3, Brewer 3, Flanagan 2, Walker 1.

	Score by Quarters		
Heights	4	15	17
Noblesville	21	19	17

Volleyball



Julie Brown / File photo

Reporter names HSE's Mangelson Player of the Year

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Reporter has named Hamilton Southeastern senior Lindsey Mangelson as its Girls Volleyball Player of the Year.

Mangelson was a part of an incredible run of success for the Royals over the past

three seasons, and she helped Southeastern continue that run with sectional and regional championship and a spot in the IHSAA Class final four this season. The Mississippi State recruit totaled 500 kills, 52 aces and 43 blocks this season and was a finalist for Ms. Volleyball.

All-County Volleyball Teams

NAME	SCHOOL	GRADE
FIRST TEAM		
Kennedy Cherry	Hamilton Heights	Senior
Carsyn Comer	Westfield	Sophomore
Ava Hunter	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior
Lindsey Mangelson	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior
Madison Miles	Hamilton Southeastern	Junior
Macie Smith	Hamilton Heights	Junior
SECOND TEAM		
Madison Brown	Noblesville	Junior
Kenzie Garner	Sheridan	Senior
Ava Gutt	Fishers	Senior
Isabelle Jackson	Westfield	Senior
Chloe Macias	Noblesville	Senior
Kennedy Tinch	Fishers	Senior

Honorable mention

Amanda Ailes, Carmel; Maddie Fritch, Guerin Catholic.

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Carmel basketball court named in honor of iconic coach Bill Shepherd

The REPORTER

The patriarch of Carmel basketball's first family will now have his name forever etched on the Greyhounds' court.

The court at Carmel High School's Eric Clark Activity Center has been renamed the Bill Shepherd Court. Shepherd coached the Greyhounds from 1958 to 1970, leading Carmel to the state championship game in 1970. Two of his sons, Billy Shepherd (1968) and Dave Shepherd (1970) were named Indiana Mr. Basketball and a third son, Steve Shepherd, played for the Greyhounds' first state championship team in 1977.

"Bill Shepherd left his mark on the Carmel community as an administrator, coach and visionary leader," said Carmel principal Tim Phares, reading from a statement. "During a time when Carmel was a small town becoming a larger city, Bill laid the groundwork for the extra-curricular success at Carmel High School."

Shepherd was named Carmel's athletic director in



The basketball court at Carmel High School's Eric Clark Activity Center has been renamed Bill Shepherd Court, in honor of the legendary Carmel coach and athletic director. Bill Shepherd is pictured with his sons David (left) and Billy, both of whom went on to be named Indiana Mr. Basketball.

1961 and held that position until retiring in 1992. Phares said during that time, Shepherd "oversaw tremendous growth during an era where Carmel went from being a rural community to a rising suburb on the Indiana map."

when the Greyhounds won their first-ever state title: the 1970 boys golf championship. Carmel won 41 team state championships under Shepherd's tenure.

"The Eric Clark Activity Center is one of the great venues for basketball in the

state," said Phares. "To honor the contributions and impact of Bill Shepherd with the renaming of the court would be a fitting tribute to an individual that helped place Carmel on the map as THE athletic powerhouse in the state."

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Football

Kevin Wright rehired to coach Carmel football

The REPORTER

Kevin Wright has returned to Carmel High School.

Wright was re-hired as the Greyhounds head football coach earlier this week, with the official announcement coming at the Carmel Clay Schools board meeting on Monday. Wright's first stint as Carmel coach was from 2010 to 2014, where he led the Greyhounds to a state title in 2011 and runner-up finishes in 2013 and 2014.

"Kevin brings a wealth of experience and success to our program. We are excited for him to work with our Greyhounds again," said CHS athletic director Jim Inskeep.

Wright played for his father Bud Wright at Sheridan High School, graduating in 1983. He then played four years of college football at Western Kentucky University, where he was a wide receiver. He began his head coaching career with one year at Frankfort (1991), before heading

to Noblesville, where he coached from 1992 to 1998. Wright led the Millers to a sectional title in 1997.

From there, Wright spent one year at Louisville Trinity (1999), then had six highly successful seasons at Warren Central (2000-05). The Warriors won three state championships under Wright's supervision, in 2003, 2004, 2005 and claimed at least a sectional title in all six seasons.

Wright made stops at Union High School in Oklahoma and a two-year stint as offensive coordinator at his alma mater Western Kentucky before his five years with Carmel. After that, Wright coached at IMG Academy, the nationally recognized prep school in Bradenton, Fla, for four years (2015-19). Wright led IMG to an undefeated season in his first season. Wright spent four seasons in the tight ends coach position at Indiana University, coaching there from 2020 to 2023.

Boys Basketball

Golden Eagles enjoy encouraging start to season

The REPORTER

Guerin Catholic opened its season with a 63-45 win at Park Tudor on Wednesday.

The Golden Eagles outscored the Panthers in all four quarters, leading 14-10 after one period and 28-18 at halftime. Guerin Catholic put the game away in the third period by outscoring Park Tudor 17-10.

Jake Grissom and Bryson Cardinal both scored 13 points for the Golden Eagles, with Cardinal collecting 10 rebounds for a double-double. Carter Murans added nine points and Malcolm Houze scored eight.

Guerin Catholic plays its first home game of the season Saturday, welcoming Cardinal Ritter.

GUERIN CATHOLIC 63, PARK TUDOR 45

Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jake Grissom	5-11	2-6	13	4
Malcolm Houze	4-7	0-0	8	1
Ryne Paris	2-3	0-0	6	5
Hayden Rogers	3-4	1-1	7	1
Bryson Cardinal	5-14	3-3	13	3
Carter Murans	4-5	0-0	9	4
Jack Toles	3-3	1-2	7	3
Julian Melendez	0-1	0-0	0	0
Andrew Reithman	0-0	0-0	0	0
Sawyer Holman	0-0	0-0	0	0
Jackson Carey	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	26-48	7-12	63	21

	Score by Quarters
Guerin Catholic	14 14 17 18-63
Park Tudor	10 8 10 17-45

Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting (4-10) Paris 2-2, Grissom 1-2, Murans 1-2, Houze 0-2, Melendez 0-1, Cardinal 0-1.
Guerin Catholic rebounds (36) Cardinal 10, Grissom 6, Paris 4, Houze 3, Rogers 3, Toles 3, Murans 2, Melendez 1, team 4.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Nov. 29
FOOTBALL
 Class 6A state championship
 Westfield vs. Brownsburg, 7 p.m. at Lucas Oil Stadium

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Girls Basketball

Royals keep that win streak going

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern's girls stayed perfect on the season Tuesday, beating Brownsburg 66-60 in a home Hoosier Crossroads Conference game.

The Class 4A No. 2 Royals got off to a strong start, leading the Bulldogs 22-14 after one quarter. Southeastern enjoyed a 38-26 lead at halftime. Brownsburg cut into Southeastern's lead in the second half, but the Royals held on for the win.

Maya Makalusky had an outstanding game with

a career-high 38 points, including six 3-pointers. Makalusky, this week's IBCA District 2 Player of the Week, also made five steals and blocked two shots. Kennedy Holman scored 11 points and collected eight rebounds, while Kayla Stidham dished out four assists.

Southeastern is 2-0 in conference play and 6-0 overall. The Royals return to Brownsburg on Saturday to play Chicago Fremd in the annual Sneakers for Santa tournament.

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 66, BROWNSBURG 60

Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Maya Makalusky	11-20	10-12	38	2
Kayla Brinley	0-0	0-0	0	4
Kennedy Holman	5-11	1-2	11	2
Kayla Stidham	2-7	2-4	8	0
Addison Van Hoesen	2-3	0-0	4	1
Abby Brown	1-1	0-0	2	0
Antonette Green	1-2	0-0	3	1
Maine Hooks	0-0	0-0	0	1
Abby Orme	0-1	0-0	0	2
Totals	22-45	13-18	66	13

	Score by Quarters
Brownsburg	14 12 17 17-60
Southeastern	22 16 15 13-66

Southeastern 3-point shooting (9-22) Makalusky 6-10, Stidham 2-6, Green 1-2, Holman 0-3, Orme 0-1.
Southeastern rebounds (21) Holman 8, Makalusky 4, Van Hoesen 4, Stidham 2, Green 1, Brown 1, Brinley 1.

Blackhawks get huge road win over Western Boone

The REPORTER

Sheridan picked up a road win at Western Boone on Tuesday, 59-15.

The Blackhawks led 17-5 after one period and 33-7 at halftime, never allowing the Stars more than six points in a quarter. Sheridan's lead was 47-9 after three periods.

Kenzie Garner reached double-double status with 20 points and 14 rebounds; she also made four steals.

Cecilia Timme added 15 points, collected six rebounds, dished out six assists and made four steals.

Nova Cross provided a game-high seven assists to go with seven rebounds and four points. Sadie Timme collected five rebounds to go with two points. Shelby Eaton, Brielle Garner and Mac Smith all scored six points.

Sheridan is 4-1 and hosts Frankfort on Tuesday.

Rocks fall in close matchup at Pike

The REPORTER

Westfield dropped a tough game at Pike on Tuesday, 43-42.

The Shamrocks led 16-13 after one quarter, with MaKayla Hatcher and Sam Price both scoring seven points. The Red Devils came back to take a 25-24 halftime lead, but Westfield pulled back ahead

with a strong third quarter to go ahead 36-32. Pike answered with an 11-6 fourth quarter to get the win.

Hatcher scored 12 points for the 'Rocks, with Sam Price adding 10 points.

Westfield is 2-4 and hosts Franklin Central Saturday in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game.

PIKE 43, WESTFIELD 42

Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Meg Hamilton	1	0-0	2	3
Aubrey Crockett	2	2-2	6	2
MaKayla Hatcher	4	4-6	12	3
Lindsey Van Dyke	3	2-2	8	0
Sam Price	4	1-3	10	3
Mia Crask	1	0-0	2	0
E Wheeler	0	2-2	2	0
Olivia Murray	0	0-0	0	1
Gracie Czubik	0	0-0	0	2
Totals	15	11-15	42	14

	Score by Quarters
Westfield	16 8 12 6-42
Pike	13 12 7 11-43

Westfield 3-pointers: none.

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