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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Westfield students experience hands-on history at Barker cabin

By **AMY ADAMS**
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Second graders from Washington Woods Elementary School have a few more items to add to their thankful list this holiday season – namely, electricity and indoor plumbing.

Students took a field trip Tuesday, Nov. 26, to learn more about the history and culture of Westfield. They visited the Barker cabin, the Westfield Washington Historical Society, the Basile Westfield Playhouse, and the Friends Cemetery, among other spots in downtown Westfield.

“We tie this into our social studies program,” WWES second-grade teacher Julia Fry said.

Fry, who has taught for 28 years, said her class used to do similar field trips, but this is the first in quite a few years.

“We heard that they updated the tour, and our curriculum also expanded to include the history of Westfield,” she said.

Jim Peyton, Westfield Washington Historical Society treasurer, said that this was the fifth school group to come through the Barker cabin this year alone. The cabin was built in 1835, restored, and opened to the public in summer 2023.



(LEFT) Second graders from Loree Marroquin’s class at Washington Woods Elementary School listen closely as Jim Peyton tells about Nicholas and Fanny Barker, who built the cabin in 1835. **(RIGHT)** WWES teacher Julia Fry works with her second-grade students on filling in a Westfield timeline.

“We’ve had over 1,000 children come through here in that time,” Peyton said.

He talked to classes of students about the history of the cabin and what life would have been like for the 11 children of Nicholas and Fanny Barker. Peyton talked about the chores the students might have had if they had lived in

the cabin, including gathering wood, keeping the fire going, churning butter, and taking care of farm animals.

Students got to pass around wooden implements that would have been used for cooking, watch a spark made from steel and flint, and see first-hand how tightening bed ropes led to the expression “sleep tight.”

“They had so many questions, which is good,” WWHS volunteer Sharon England said.

In addition to visiting the historical sites, students spent some time at Grand Junction Plaza playing on the playground and converging in the Cafe Pavilion to create a timeline of Westfield’s growth through the years.



Photo provided by Scott Saalman

First came paper football, then came girls

Four seventh-grade boys. Four seventh-grade girls. Two telephones – rotary dial dinosaurs adhered to parents’ kitchen walls. Thick, twisted, dangled cords, like entangled anacondas in heat.

Four seventh-grade boys on a Friday night slumber. Four seventh-grade girls at a slumber party barely a mile away.

Before the number is dialed, though, the boys must muster a collective courage while flicking a piece of paper that has been folded into a triangle for a sport called “paper football,” during which a kitchen tabletop becomes an imaginary gridiron. *The Grand Illusion* plays.

Four seventh-grade girls await the call while doing whatever it is they do at slumber parties. Maybe they play Milton Bradley’s Mystery Date board game, excited to see which date awaits them from behind the door: dancer, bowler, skier, beach boy – or the dreaded dud. Sort of like *The Dating Game* TV show, minus serial killer contestants. Or maybe they debate the cutest Hardy



COLUMNIST

SCOTT SAALMAN
Scaramouch

Hamilton Heights middle schoolers master the art of the interview

The REPORTER

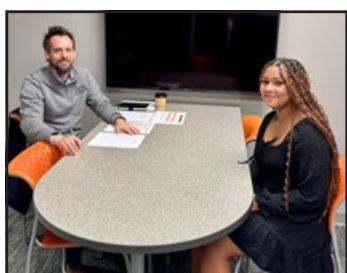
Hamilton Heights Middle School (HHMS) students recently participated in a mock interview experience designed to equip them with essential career-ready skills.

Representatives from a handful of area businesses provided over 210 eighth graders with a valuable opportunity to practice interview techniques in a real-world setting, helping them to build confidence and gain practical knowledge they can apply for their future careers while instilling a sense of responsibility and ambition, setting a strong foundation for their future academic and career endeavors.

“The interviews were conducted by nine area business professionals from various industries, offering students valuable feedback and insights into professional communication, resumes, and job prepared-

ness,” said Connor James, CTE Business and Preparing for College and Careers Teacher and Reaching New Heights contact at HHMS. “Ninety-eight percent of the eighth graders who completed the interview said this experience strengthened their confidence and helped them feel more prepared for their next interview.”

This experience underscores the importance of early career education and its impact on students’ personal and professional growth. Special thanks to Arrow McLaren Indy Car Team (Matt Rhinesmith), Hagerman (Kevin Hammonds, Sarah Walker), Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance (Mary Ann Haymaker), Ryan Fire Protection (Brittany Knight, Itzleny Rodriguez), and Will Power Excavation & Bulldozing (Matt Mitchell, Will Schuler, Mitchell Winingham).



Photos provided

(From left to right, top to bottom) Itzleny Rodriguez from Ryan Fire Protection interviews Riley Suarez. Matt Mitchell from Will Power Excavation & Bulldozing interviews Jayda Morris. Matt Rhinesmith from Arrow McLaren Indy Car Team greets Kaden Cantion. Sarah Walker from Hagerman greets Dorian Minix. These were just four of more than 210 students who took part in the mock interview process.

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Longtime Noblesville business owners Stephen and Moffett Craig will serve as the grand marshals for this year’s Holiday in Lights parade.

Noblesville names Holiday in Lights Parade grand marshals

The REPORTER

Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen has announced that long-time Noblesville business owners Stephen and Moffett Craig will serve as the grand marshals of the Holiday in Lights Parade. The 2024 Holiday in Lights Parade, sponsored by Hare Chevy and your Central Indiana Chevy Dealers, begins at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7.

“Over the years, the Craigs have supported the public through their business and countless hours of community service,” Jensen said. “I’m excited to recognize Stephen and Moffett for all of the things they’ve done during their lifetime and wish them the best as they approach the next chapter in their lives.”

“We were shocked and elated when asked to be grand marshals,” Stephen Craig said. “We couldn’t ask for anything better as the beginning of our retirement.”

The Craigs, owners of Adrienes Flowers & Gifts in Noblesville, are retiring at the end of the year. The downtown business has been in Moffett’s family for 45 years.

“It’s the right time,” Stephen Craig said. “We’ve been overwhelmed by the outpouring from Noblesville to our announcement. It’s been special and we look forward to being grand marshals this year.”

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Carmel Christkindlmarkt announces winners of Kulturecke Docent Scholarship Program

The REPORTER

The Carmel Christkindlmarkt team and the Indiana German Heritage Society (IGHS) Kulturecke committee have chosen the winners of the 2024 Kulturecke Docent Scholarship Program, sponsored by the Indiana German Heritage Society (IGHS).

The first-place winner and recipient of the \$1,000 scholarship is Ellen Rozmaryn, Carmel High School, Class of 2027.

Rozmaryn developed a love for German culture as a child living in Munich. A third-year high school German student in Carmel, she has excelled academically and earned a gold medal on the Level 2 National German Exam. She actively participates in local German cultural initiatives, such as volunteering on the new Carmel-Seiffen Sister Cities Committee. Her essay focused on the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Indianapolis,

highlighting its connection to German immigrant contributions, its significance as a symbol of freedom and unity, and a special place for Rozmaryn’s family during the holidays.

The second-place winner and recipient of the \$500 scholarship is Abiola Olutayo, Fishers High School, Class of 2027.

Olutayo became passionate about German culture during a trip to Germany, which inspired a love for Christmas markets. She has volunteered for the Carmel Christkindlmarkt docent program and is the leader of her school’s German club. She plans to pursue a German major in college. Her essay focused on specific German celebrations in Indiana. She took a special interest in local-specific foods, music, and art expressions at these events, reflecting the immigrants who founded these communities.

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(From left) Travis Jerde (Kulturecke Program Coordinator, IGHS), Sandra Richardson (VP of Cultural Programs, Carmel Christkindlmarkt), Abiola Olutayo (2nd Place winner), Maria Adele Rosenfeld (CEO & President, Carmel Christkindlmarkt), Sam Vrtismarch (3rd Place winner), Brian Griesemer (President, IGHS), Ellen Rozmaryn (1st Place winner), Sheena Zhao (Director of Corporate Sponsorships, Carmel Christkindlmarkt), and Leah Hess (Cultural Events Manager, Carmel Christkindlmarkt).

PAPER

Boy. Parker Stevenson never has a prayer, not with Shaun Cassidy in the picture. Of all the Tiger Beat cover boys, Shaun Cassidy's the Tiger Beat-iest.

Paper football was the greatest sport ever invented, the only competition I excelled at. I could've gone pro. It was the great equalizer of jock versus non-jock athletic competition. It didn't require speed, nor height, nor strength. Just a magic forefinger possessing flicking finesse, working the paper triangle downfield and coaxing it to stop on the table's edge without it dropping to the floor. Touchdown!

I'm undefeated. I've practiced for days. I'm not popular like my guests: M, D, and The Other Scott. But D is my cousin. That's why the others agree to spend the night. Glory by association. I drop D's name anytime I can, especially around girls, who seem surprised by my claim no matter how many times they've heard it since first-grade roll call. The echoes of their incredulity still play in my mind. "First cousins!" I remind.

Four seventh-grade boys finally tiring of Friday Night Paper Football (well, three boys ... I could finger

flick all night ... I'm 6 and 0 ... the only time in my life that I'm on top).

Our imaginations run wild about slumber parties. No boy in history has ever been privy to the slumber party inner sanctum. One tried, but he was drowned in a vat of Dippity-do.

—I wonder what they do?

—I bet they fart a lot.

—That's it? That's all you're thinking about?

—Funny farts. Like *Blazing Saddles*.

—We don't even do that.

—I bet their farts smell like Bubble Yum.

I spit out my Bubble Yum.

—Girls don't fart. Mom tells me this all the time.

—I hear your mom tuba blasting a block away.

—I'll tell you what they're not doing. They're not playing a lame game like paper football.

—Pillow fights.

—Goose feathers falling like winter snow.

—Jesus, Scott. Who are you? Walt Whitman?

—More like Slim Whitman.

—Someone dial the number.

—You dial.

—It's Scott's house. He

should dial.

Earlier that day, A's phone number had been written on a strip of paper, secured beneath a tray, and slid toward M in the cafeteria. We had to be discrete, what with the nuns patrolling the lunchroom, blood-encrusted wooden rulers ready to be drawn from holsters like Dirty Harry's Smith & Wesson. Sister Dirty Mary Harriet.

I inhale. I dial. 5. 4. My armpits feel swampy. I hang up.

—Let's play finger football.

M, D, and The Other Scott groan.

M takes the strip of paper from me and dials. He's the class sports star. Mr. Popularity. Leif Garret. Correction: Leif Garret wishes he were M. M dials with the same ease he demonstrates catching touchdown passes. He rests the handset on the floor, receiver side up.

"Hello?" A girl's voice, acting surprised. It's A. The others say hello: K, J, and C.

We talk movies and music. Somehow, A and K got into *Saturday Night Fever*. We only hear the dirty parts. Bay City Rollers, Andy Gibb, Peter Frampton, and Foreigner. I roll out the sensitive guy schtick (me in mind-over-muscle mode ... chicks love it) and proclaim, as if reciting an original poem, "Love hurts, love scars, love wounds." Cousin D calls me out for plagiarizing Nazareth, making me feel shorter than I already am.

Then K says, "Earlier, we made a Top Ten list of the hottest boys at school. Want to hear it?"

"Tell us," M says confidently.

"Number 1: M."

M smirks at me, as if payback for me kicking his ass at paper football.

"Number 2: D."

"We're cousins," I announce, hoping for third place. "First cousins." I add.

D looks embarrassed.

"Number 3: Scott."

I smile.

"The Other Scott," A, C, J, and K clarify simultaneously.

I frown.

Oh, well, fourth out of 10 isn't so bad, I think.

Five more names follow. Spots 4 through 9. None are me. You'd think I'd get pity votes for hosting the sleepover. I consider hanging myself with the phone cord.

"Number 10: Scott. The Other Scott's Other Scott."

Finally. I sigh with relief, like the second-to-last kid picked in kickball. Thank you, Playground Jesus. Pity placement. I'll take it!

The sleepover officially marked the reality of where I stood with girls. I've been self-conscious of this ever since. Hello, dysmorphia, my old friend. I wish we'd just played paper football that night, but a new chapter had begun.

To contact Scott, or to play paper football, email scottsaa1man@gmail.com.

GRAND MARSHALS

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In addition to the Craigs and more than 50 participating groups, Santa Claus will join the parade as the last entry. To encourage the Christmas spirit, the Holiday in Lights Parade includes awards for the best holiday-themed entry, best use of lights, and most hometown-inspired. Parade registration is open until Monday, Dec. 2. Entry forms can be completed online at cityofnoblesville.org/parade.

The parade route will start at 16th and Harrison streets and travel south on 16th Street to Logan Street, turn east on Ninth Street, and end back at 16th Street. The Hamilton County Emergen-

cy Management Agency will assist the city by providing additional portable lights to better illuminate the roadway and sidewalks along the route.

"The public turnout for the inaugural Holiday in Lights Parade last year was amazing," Jensen said. "The nighttime parade through historic downtown is breathtaking with all of storefronts, Courthouse Square, and homes decorated and lit up for the holidays. It's a magical experience for parade goers and participants. Along with the Friday events, it's going to be a very festive weekend in Noblesville and a great way to kick off the holiday season."

KULTURECKE

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Background

The third-place winner and recipient of the \$250 scholarship is Sam Vrtismarsh, Carmel High School, Class of 2025.

Vrtismarsh is a Carmel High School IB German student in his fifth year of German study. He has participated in two exchange programs in Germany, and his family has hosted a German exchange student in Carmel. Sam's essay explored the role of beer brewing in Indianapolis, highlighting its historical significance and recent resurgence, and analyzed the impact of prohibition on German-American culture.

The Kulturecke Docent Scholarship Program is an opportunity for high school and college students to get involved in the Carmel Christkindlmarkt and partner in bringing history and cultural awareness to the city. In addition to the scholarship prizes, docents will attend special appearances requested for various events around the Market throughout the season.

The Carmel Christkindlmarkt partnered with the Indiana German Heritage Society to bring guests the Kulturecke in 2019. A space to explore Indiana's rich German-American history, this museum allows guests to learn how German immigrants contributed to the State of Indiana through business, education, architecture, and Christmas traditions.

As part of this experience, the Kulturecke Docent will be present in the hut to welcome visitors and provide helpful and interesting facts found in the Kulturecke.

2024 Essay Question

German immigrants have significantly contributed to the culture and traditions in the State of Indiana. In 500 words, describe a German cultural tradition that you see alive in the state today and why you think it has remained an impactful part of Hoosier living history.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the Kulturecke Docent Scholarship Program.



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Fishers Rotarians gift of water is the gift of life

By MIKE BYERS

Fishers Rotary Club President

“All it takes is one look in the eyes of the people in the villages and communities we’re serving, and you’ll see that the gift of water is not lost on them. It is clear, their new well is their most prized possession,” says Fishers Rotarian Valory Meyers.

She is describing the very happy outcome of the Fishers Rotary Water is Life Gala that will occur on Dec. 7.

Now in its 16th year, this event has raised nearly \$2 million, which helps fund the digging of wells in the West African nation of Sierra Leone.

This nation, with a population of over eight million people, has been working to recover from a devastating civil war that ended in 2002. Fifty-three percent of its inhabitants live in poverty and 58 percent lack access to clean water, which contributes to frequent water-borne illnesses.

According to a 2019 study of the National Library of Medicine in Sierra Leone, diseases related to water, sanitation, and hygiene remain among the leading cause of morbidity and account for 20 percent of all deaths, and 4,000 children die every year as a result.

Armed with these facts, this Club envisioned a plan that, to date, has provided over 200 water wells, which currently impacts about

500,000 people annually.

Such a massive undertaking would not be possible without the help of matching grants from The Rotary Foundation, of which the Fishers Rotary Club is now on their seventh 100 percent-successful grant.

Another Rotarian, Tom Branum, has been part of the project since this idea was birthed.

“We are proud that 100 percent of the proceeds of the Gala go to fund our next grant application and will push our total number of wells to 225,” Branum said.

The Fishers Club has applied to the Rotary Foundation to participate in a worldwide competition called the Programs of Scale Grant, which awards one winner \$2 million. Branum proudly reports, “This would directly benefit the people of Sierra Leone.”

The Freetown Rotary Club in Sierra Leone has been a wonderful partner, and they are responsible for selecting and recommending locations for the wells, most of which are in small rural villages, schoolyards, and near hospitals. Entire communities sprout up around these wells, which have become the central focus of the community.

One of the many benefits that these wells provide is that it keeps girls and women from having to walk many miles to water sources

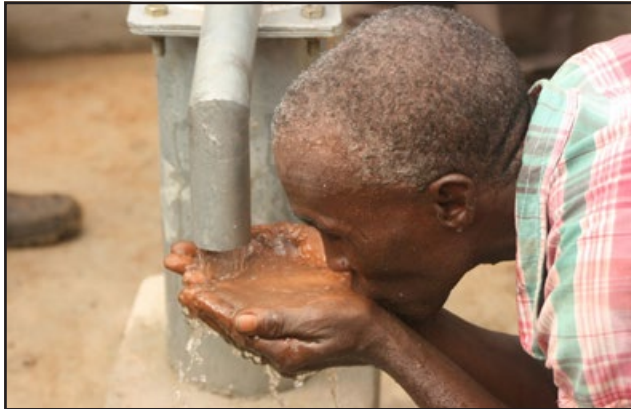


Photo provided by Fishers Rotary Club

The Fishers Rotary Club has, to date, provided over 200 wells to the people of Sierra Leone.

that are tainted; it even protects these women from being sexually assaulted while they travel to these sources. Myers relates that “these are hours per day devoted to the fetching of water that can now be used for girls being in school, parents working, and caring for their families. That’s invaluable!”

The WaterIsLife Charity Ball is presented by Fishers Rotary and will be held at the FORUM Events Center, 11313 USA Pkwy., Fishers, with the main event and event sponsor being the Celebrate Life Foundation.

A contingent of 15 Freetown Rotarians will be on hand to share in the festivities and witness Ed Gebhart, Chief of the Fishers Police Department, be recognized for his service to our city as the event’s Honorary Chair, and speak to the over 300 attendees.

Carolene Mays, creator

of “Community Link” on WISH-TV, will emcee the event and The Doo! Band will provide live entertainment. A silent auction will augment a live auction conducted by Wayne Addison, past president of the Greenfield Rotary Club. Past auction items include IU basketball courtside tickets, local restaurant and private tasting experiences, vacation trips, suites for local sporting events, and much more including designer-decorated Christmas trees, and ready for under the tree presents for all ages.

Branum concludes, “It is our mission to give everyone in Sierra Leone clean water by 2030.”

For more information about the Fishers Rotary Club, please go to FishersRotary.org. More information about the Fishers Rotary WaterIsLife project can be found at FishersWaterIsLife.com.



Photo provided by City of Carmel

Don’t delay: send your letters to Santa

The REPORTER

The holiday season has arrived, and the City of Carmel is here to help you and your family prepare.

Write your letter to Santa (and please don't forget to include your name and return address) then drop it in one of the city's four custom-made mailboxes placed around Carmel for a direct delivery to Santa and his elves at the North Pole.

Don't delay – letters will be accepted through Sunday, Dec. 15.

Mailbox locations

You can drop your letter

at any of these four locations:

- **Arts & Design District** – next to The Carmel Arts Council Children’s Art Gallery (40 W. Main St.)

- **Midtown Plaza** – outside Sun King (351 Monon Blvd.)

- **City Center** – outside Hotel Carmichael (1 Carmichael Square and Veterans Way/Hanover Place)

- **Indiana Design Center** – at Santa’s House (200 S. Range Line Road)

Not sure where to drop your letter? Reggie the Elf will show you a way in [this YouTube video](#).

Major Fishers AgriPark expansion features indoor restrooms, programming space & country store

The REPORTER

The Fishers AgriPark, the city’s 33-acre urban farm and popular community destination, will soon feature major new additions.

With an investment of \$800,000, this enhancement will include indoor restrooms, classroom and programming space, and a country store designed to deepen the visitor experience. The new multi-purpose building will be constructed near the front of the property, just west of the existing barn.

Construction of the building is set to be completed by May 2025, just in time for the AgriPark’s busy spring and summer season. While the building will be operational at that time, certain elements, such as the country store, will open later in 2025.

“This addition reflects our commitment to making the Fishers AgriPark a premier destination for education, engagement, and enjoyment,” Fishers Parks Director Marissa Deckert said. “The new amenities

will not only enhance convenience but also provide more opportunities for interactive programming and hands-on experiences for visitors of all ages.”

Along with indoor restrooms, the upgraded facilities feature additional space for AgriPark workshops, school-based programs, and community events, as well as a new country store and coffee shop that will offer specialty and seasonal food products and more from local vendors. The store is anticipated to open in 2026.

The new building comes on the heels of a record-breaking year for the Fishers AgriPark:

- **Visitor numbers:** Over 35,000 visitors enjoyed the AgriPark this season, with 30 percent visiting for the first time.

- **Produce harvest:** Guests participated in harvesting over 150,000 pounds of produce, including more than 100,000 vegetable plants and nearly four acres of sweet corn.

- **Educational impact:**

Thousands of participants engaged in hands-on learning through the U-pick program, animal encounters, and educational events.

Owned and operated by Fishers Parks, the Fishers AgriPark celebrates the city’s agricultural roots while inspiring future generations. From fields and gardens to animal encounters and a sensory nature play area, the AgriPark offers a unique experience that combines farming, education, and fun.

Visitors can immerse themselves in a working farm, meeting animals like Otis the pig and learning about cutting-edge farming practices needed to feed a growing world. In partnership with Hamilton Southeastern Schools, the AgriPark also hosts school-based programs to engage students in agricultural sciences and sustainability.

“The addition of the new building is part of Fishers Parks’ ongoing efforts to enhance the AgriPark’s role as a community resource,”

Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness said. “With upgraded facilities and new features, the AgriPark will continue

to connect residents and visitors to the land, the food they eat, and the importance of sustainable agriculture.”

For updates on the project and upcoming events, visit FishersParks.com/AgriPark.

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~ Isaiah 9:6

Hamilton County Sheriff's Office achieves CALEA Law Enforcement reaccreditation

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office announces its successful reaccreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA).

The achievement was celebrated during the CALEA Conference, held Nov. 13 to 16 in Jacksonville, Fla. Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush, Chief Deputy John Lowes, and Assistant Accreditation Manager Stephanie Ruggles were in attendance to accept the reaccreditation award from CALEA.

The rigorous CALEA accreditation process involves a thorough evaluation of policies, practices, and adherence to established best practices. This achievement reflects a steadfast commitment to operational excellence, public accountability, and con-



Photo provided (From left) CALEA Commissioner Marlon Lynch, Chief Deputy John Lowes, Hamilton County Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush, HCSO Assistant Accreditation Manager Stephanie Ruggles, and CALEA Executive Director Craig Hartley.

tinuous improvement in law enforcement.

CALEA accreditation promotes the principles of community-oriented policing, fostering collaboration between law enforcement agencies and community members to address and mitigate challenges. It provides agencies with clear

guidelines aligned with community expectations, ensuring trust and transparency.

Established in 1979, CALEA serves as a credentialing authority developed by major law enforcement executive associations. Agencies earning CALEA accreditation are recog-

nized for their dedication to professionalism and compliance with stringent standards.

Hamilton County's exceptional accomplishment underscores its leadership in public safety and community partnership, setting a benchmark for other jurisdictions nationwide.

Garcia Wilburn to advocate for sexual assault survivors in 2025 legislation

The REPORTER

As the 2025 legislative session fast approaches, State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D-Fishers) has unveiled two of the 10 bills she intends to file this session, both supporting sexual assault survivors.

One piece of legislation would establish a sexual assault survivor bill of rights, which advocates called for during a 2024 Interim Study Committee on Corrections and Criminal Code. One advocate testified during committee that her efforts to seek justice and receive a full investigation were met with hostility and additional trauma from not being supported by the criminal justice system. This includes provisions such as addressing Indiana's rape kit backlog and guaranteeing that victims can obtain a copy of the law enforcement report concerning the sexual assault.

"From our extensive rape kit backlog to a reporting process that further violates victims, Indiana has work to do when it comes to truly supporting survivors of sexual assault," Garcia Wilburn said. "The legislature has not been in session since March, and since then, I've focused on meeting with survivors and advocates, members of our very

own community. One in every five Hoosier women has been sexually assaulted and I know we can improve

the sexual assault investigation process in our state. I believe that a sexual assault survivor bill of rights that affirmatively states what promises Indiana must keep to survivors is a necessary step to ensure that we move past statements of support to implementing statewide change."

The second bill would create a sentencing enhancement for sexual battery that is committed against a law enforcement officer. Under the bill, this crime would result in a Level 4 felony, whereas other instances of sexual battery incur a Level 6 felony.

"Our law enforcement officers need to know that the state has their back if they experience the horror of sexual battery while in the line of duty," Garcia Wilburn said. "Putting on the badge is no light undertaking, and the sad reality is that there are individuals out there who want to harm and violate our officers. My hope is that this legislation would serve as an additional deterrent for those who would commit an unimaginable crime against a brave member of our blue family."

The 2025 legislative session is set to begin on Jan. 8.



Garcia Wilburn

INDOT to hold public meeting on SR 37 at Noblesville High School

The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will hold a public information meeting regarding the State Road 37 Improvement project in Noblesville.

The meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at Noblesville High School, 18111

Cumberland Road. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the meeting will take place in the Large Group Instruction Room (Area #1239). Attendees should enter the school through Gate 1.

Representatives from INDOT, the City of Noblesville, Lochmueller Group, and American Structurepoint will provide

information and gather feedback about the project.

INDOT, in partnership with the City of Noblesville, is kicking off the State Road 37 Improvement project. This project will include improvements along SR 37 from south of Greenfield Avenue to north of State Road 32. The goal of the project

is to address traffic congestion and pedestrian and vehicular safety along the SR 37 corridor.

The entire project team is committed to robust project communications and collaboration. INDOT and the project team value feedback and will consider all comments and concerns.



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Too many Turkey trotters to count



Photo provided by City of Noblesville

Hundreds of trotters crowded downtown Noblesville Thanksgiving morning to take part in the The Michael Treinen Foundation Turkey Trot. We're not sure exactly who caught this great shot, but wow! We knew we had to include it in the pages of Hamilton County's Hometown Newspaper.

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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.

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Sunday Worship | 11:00 AM

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Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations

American Legion Posts

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

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

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

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

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

VFW Posts

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

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

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

Non-Profit Veteran Orgs

Hamilton County Veterans Corp
P.O. Box 503
Noblesville, in 46061
secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com
Meets 7pm the 1st Monday Monthly at the Fishers American Legion. Our website <https://www.hamiltoncountyveterans.com/> has 40 pages of resources for our Military Veteran community

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

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

Hamilton County Veteran Service Officers

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

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



Holiday Goods Drive for Good Samaritan Network

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

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

Recommended In-Kind Donation should be gently used, undamaged/unsoiled items.
 • **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, toweling, 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

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

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Presented by IU Health North Hospital

DECEMBER 15 | 7:00 PM
A HOLIDAY IN VIENNA
Join us for holiday classics, singalongs and some elegant and romantic Viennese pieces evoking the old-world charm of Vienna.
Presented by IU Health North Hospital

JANUARY 25 | 7:30 PM
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.

Applications open Dec. 1 for Indiana Senate Page Program

The REPORTER

The Indiana Senate will begin accepting applications for the 2025 Senate Page Program on Sunday, Dec. 1, said State Sen. Scott Baldwin (R-Noblesville).

Through the full-day program, students in grades six through 12 tour Indiana's Statehouse, listen to debates, and help staff with age-appropriate tasks. Students also have the opportunity to meet their state senator.

"The Page Program is an incredible opportunity for

students to learn about the legislative process," Baldwin said. "As a state senator, I value the chance to meet these bright young minds, show them how our government works and inspire them to engage with their communities."

The Senate Page Program will begin in January and is expected to run through early April. Pages



Baldwin

are scheduled for Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays during the legislative session. They begin their day at 8:30 a.m. and are dismissed at 3:30 p.m. Groups serve together on Wednesdays. Indiana law permits eligible students to serve as a Senate Page one day per legislative session and receive an excused absence from school for their

participation. Positions fill quickly, so it is important to apply early.

When completing the application, students will be able to request the day they would like to page. Once the application is submitted, the Senate Page Office will reach out to confirm the paging date and ensure all required participation forms are signed.

For more information or to apply, visit IndianaSenateRepublicans.com/Page-Program.

AG Rokita: just like proving your age to buy alcohol, age verification to access porn poses no constitutional problems

Submitted by Office of the Attorney General

The First Amendment does not prevent states from requiring online purveyors of pornography to implement reasonable age-verification measures to protect children from harm.

As co-leader of a 24-state coalition, Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita pressed this point in an [amicus brief](#) filed with the U.S. Supreme Court recently.

The court is considering a constitutional challenge to a Texas law requiring websites hosting large amounts of obscene material harmful to children to implement a reasonable age-verification system. That law is similar to an Indiana law passed by the General Assembly. It reflects that states have long had the au-



Rokita

thority to prevent minors from accessing obscene materials, including pornography.

"Not only do states have the authority to prevent pornography websites from providing children with hardcore porn, but they have a responsibility to do so," AG Rokita said. "The truth is that exposure to porn — much of which touts sexual vio-

lence — causes real harm to minors. It hurts them emotionally, intellectually, psychologically, sexually, and socially. So, there are compelling reasons to prevent minors from viewing pornography. Children are a precious gift from God. As a public servant, I'll always support parents in the mission to protect our kids."

Many other adult industries — such as alcohol, gambling, and tobacco — already employ age-verification technology.

New DNR system for licenses, harvests & gift certificates launches Dec. 11

The REPORTER

A new system that will enhance online customers' ease of doing business with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Division of Fish & Wildlife (DFW) will launch Dec. 11.

Called the Activity Hub, it replaces the current licensing system and includes core functionalities such as fish and wildlife license sales, game check-in, HIP (Harvest Information Program) registration, donations, and gift certificates. Improved functions and new features of the hub include options for the auto-renewal of licenses and purchases of durable license cards, as well as

enhanced support during times of high-volume traffic.

"I'm thrilled that we will be able to provide our customers with an improved purchasing experience alongside expanded functionalities," DFW Director Amanda Wuestefeld said. "Transitioning to a new system that provides a better customer experience has been an incredible effort that our staff have been working toward for several years."

The Hub will be accessible with an Access Indiana account. Those with existing accounts will be able to log in without any disruption. Customers with



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

recent purchases, harvests, or existing licenses from January 2020 to the present will automatically be migrated into the new system and won't need to take any additional steps to access their account.

Customers who want to retain license purchase information, information on past draws, or CheckIN

Game data from before 2020 should take screenshots of their records before 11:59 p.m. Dec. 10. Customers who need help retaining older data or who have questions regarding their accounts should call the DNR Customer Service Center at (317) 232-4200 or (877) 463-6367, or email INHuntFish@dnr.IN.gov.

INDOT prepares for winter weather with district training exercise, urges motorists to travel safely

The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is continuing to prepare for the winter season with a training exercise in its East Central District on Monday, Dec. 2.

Starting Monday morning, motorists can expect to see INDOT's fleet of more than 170 yellow trucks on state-maintained highways and interstates to test equipment and become more familiar with assigned routes.

"This is an opportunity for our new drivers to get on-the-road training and for more experienced drivers to share their knowledge," INDOT Winter Operations Manager Nick Evans said. "We will treat this exercise as an actual winter weather event from start to finish. Our goal is to make sure crews and their trucks are ready to go when snow and ice arrives."

Winter operations crews will be active between 10

a.m. to noon. No materials such as salt or brine will be applied during the exercise.

"It's incredibly important that we take the time to adequately prepare our crews, equipment, and materials for the winter season," Evans said. "This will help our winter operations run safely and efficiently as we clear ice and snow in the months to come."

For safe winter travel, INDOT offers the following tips:

- Slow down and adjust travel to conditions, especially on snow-covered roads.
- Don't crowd the plow — never tailgate or drive beside a snowplow, as the driver's visibility may be limited. If you must pass, do so carefully.
- Be prepared in case



of a crash or becoming stranded; always carry an emergency kit in your vehicle with items like food, water, a phone charger, sand or cat litter, flares or bright LED alternatives, a flashlight, and blankets.

- Keep your vehicle full of gas, and check your battery, fluids, and spare tire.
- Stay weather aware by connecting with your [local National Weather Service office](#).

Motorists can stay up to date on road conditions during a winter storm by checking INDOT's TrafficWise map at 511in.org or by downloading the [mobile app](#) on Apple or Android devices. Other ways to stay connected include subscribing to [INDOT News](#) and following INDOT on [social media](#) for regional information and additional resources.

Roadway concerns may be reported to INDOT Customer Service online at indot4u.com or by phone at 855-INDOT4U (463-6848). Learn more about INDOT Winter Operations at indot-winterops.com.

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Community News

Come have breakfast with Santa!

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

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

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New Year's Eve Soul Train

Step back in time to the sensational 1970s as you embark on a vintage train ride to Earthly Endearments in Atlanta. Don your best disco attire and get ready for a night of funk, fun, and fabulous memories.

December 31

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Weather is unpredictable ... Paul Poteet isn't.

Your Hometown Weatherman!

New Westfield Community Choir invites you to first concert on Dec. 8

The REPORTER

A recently formed Community Choir in Westfield will perform its inaugural concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8 at Christ United Methodist Church, 318 N. Union St., Westfield.

The concert is free and

open to the public. The choir is led by Sandy Wood and will present a variety of seasonal hymns and anthems.

Information on the concert or joining the choir can be obtained by contacting Wood at sandywood167@gmail.com.

Dance Creations Academy presents *The Nutcracker* & Sugarplum Fairy's Tea Party

The REPORTER

Dance Creations Academy will soon present its enchanting production of *The Nutcracker*.

Performances will take place at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8 at Mount Vernon High School, 8112 N. County Road 200 West, Fortville.

This beloved Christmas classic is perfect for families and will transport audiences to a magical world of dancing snowflakes, dazzling fairies, and heartwarming holiday cheer.

The magic continues the following weekend with **See Dance . . . Page 9**

Sheridan Public Library has full December calendar

Submitted

The Sheridan Public Library, 103 W. 1st St., has all sorts of fun activities available for all ages.

See the list below and visit sheridan.lib.in.us for more information. Support your local library!

Babies & Toddlers
Dec. 2, 9, 16 at 10:30 a.m.: Discovery Time (up to 3 years)

Dec. 16 will be a special Discovery Time: Pancakes and Pajamas

Preschool
Dec. 4, 11, 18 at 10:30 a.m.: Little Learners Story Time (ages 3 to 6)

Dec. 18 will be a special Discovery Time: Pancakes and Pajamas

Dec. 20 at 10:30 a.m.: Holiday Workshop (ages 3-6)



Photo provided

Adults
Dec. 4, 11, 18 at 11 a.m.: Needle Crafters

Dec. 4 at 3 p.m.: Adult Bingo (Sponsored by Robert Owen)

Dec. 16 at 6 p.m.: Pinners (Pinterest Group)

All Ages
Dec. 7 at 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.: Visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus and Holiday Workshop; donuts, hot chocolate and games

Dec. 10 at 3:30 p.m.: Crafternoon: Ornaments

Dec. 12 at 6 p.m.: Family Bingo Night; free event with a Ham Dinner giveaway

Dec. 19 at 3:30 p.m.: Gingerbread Houses; create your own, materials supplied ***

Visit the library on **Facebook** to join the Gingerbread House Facebook Challenge Dec. 1 to 31. Upload photos to Facebook and tag SPL. Participants may attend the Gingerbread House event on Dec. 19 or

create on your own. The entries will be posted and the one with the most votes will win a fun prize.

SPL will close at 5 p.m. on Dec. 23 and will remain closed Dec. 24 to 26 for Christmas; the library will close at 5 p.m. on Dec. 30 and remain closed on New Year's Eve.

For more information on programming and services, please visit sheridan.lib.in.us.

WESTFIELD IN LIGHTS

GIRL SCOUTS GINGERBREAD COMPETITION

DECEMBER 7, 2024

HOSTED BY BROWNIE TROOP 2397

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HANDS OF HOPE & CURE SMA

LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE WONDERFUL ORGANIZATIONS:
<https://handsofhopein.org/> * <https://www.curesma.org/>

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)

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

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

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

New at Sheridan Public Library

The REPORTER

Here are some of the new items that can be found at the Sheridan Public Library.

- Fiction**
1. Bellevue – Robin Cook
 2. Christmas in Bethel – Richard Paul Evans
 3. Identity Unknown – Patricia Cornwell
 4. In Too Deep – Lee Child
 5. Island Wedding – Jenny Colgan
 6. Mirror – Nora Roberts
 7. Now or Never – Janet Evanovich
 8. Save the Dance – Leigh Duncan
 9. Stuart Woods Golden Hour – Brett Battles
 10. To Die For – David Baldacci

11. Trial by Fire – Danielle Steel
12. Waterfront Wedding – Leigh Duncan
- Non-Fiction**
1. Carson the Magnificent – Bill Zehme
 2. Eastern Front – Nick Lloyd
 3. Harley-Davidson WLA – Robert S. Kim
 4. MacArthur & West Point – Sherman L. Fleek
 5. Soccer for Dummies – Tom Dunmore
 6. Vietnam War – Geoffrey Wawro
- Inspirational Fiction**
1. Birth of a Remnant – Michael Phillips
 2. Matrimony & Mayhem in Savannah – Hope Callaghan
 3. Swiped in Savannah –

- Hope Callaghan
- Children's**
1. Bad Guys: A Very Bad Holiday – Aaron Blabey
 2. Construction Site: Garbage Crew to the Rescue – Sherri Duskey Rinker
 3. Lights at Christmas – Courtney Acampora
 4. Mickey & Minnie Wish Upon a Christmas
 5. My Mommy's In the Military – Kelly Caggiano-Hollyfield
 6. Santa Mouse Finds a Furry Friend – M. Brown
 7. We Also Served – Erin McGill
- Movies**
1. Beetlejuice Beetlejuice
 2. God's Not Dead: In God We Trust
 3. Knuckles
 4. Someone Like You

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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Recycle your old Christmas lights for discount on new LEDs

Submitted by City of Carmel

Carmel residents have the opportunity to make this holiday season truly green by recycling holiday lights instead of throwing them away.

Now through Friday, Jan. 10, 2025, the community can recycle used and unwanted holiday lights by taking them to White's Ace Hardware & Garden Center at 731 S. Range Line Road. The recycling drive is sponsored by Carmel Clay School's Green Teams, Carmel Utilities, the City of Carmel, Technology Recyclers, and White's Ace Hardware & Garden Center.

Since the start of the collaborative program in 2011, more than 17 tons of lights have been recycled. Recycling inoperable or inefficient lights keeps those items out of landfills, which reduces the long-term carbon impact on the environment.

Holiday Lights Recycling Drive

White's Ace Hardware & Garden Center is offering 10 percent off the purchase of new light-emitting diode (LED) holiday lights when you drop off an old set to recycle. This offer

is only valid towards the purchase of LED holiday light sets. This offer cannot be used in conjunction with any items already on sale, previously purchased items, other coupons or in-store discount programs. The offer is valid through Dec. 16, or while supplies last.

Carmel Utilities recommends using EnergyStar-rated LED lights as they reduce energy usage by 75 percent compared to conventional lights. Not only will you save in energy costs and lower your carbon footprint, LED lights also have the following advantages:

- **Safer:** LEDs are much cooler than incandescent lights, reducing the risk of combustion or burnt fingers.
- **Sturdier:** LEDs are made with epoxy lenses and are much more resistant to breakage.
- **Longer Lasting:** The LED lights last 25 times longer than conventional lights.

For more information about the Holiday Lights Recycling Drive, please contact Kelli Prader with the Marketing & Community Relations department at (317) 571-2494.

Celebrate “Season of Light” at Carmel High School Planetarium

Submitted

The Carmel High School Planetarium has announced its next show.

“Season of Light” is a delightful multimedia presentation that celebrates the world’s most endearing holiday season customs, including candy canes, yule logs, holly wreaths, gift-giving,

and merry-making. Learn about the changing seasons, winter constellations, star phenomena and much.

“Season of Light” is suitable for audiences of all age, so bring the entire family.

[Click here](#) to buy tickets.

The presentation will take place at 4 p.m. on

Saturday, Dec. 14 in the Carmel High School Planetarium. Enter through the main entrance of the school on Main Street, walk past the Dale Graham Auditorium, and turn right. Doors will open 30 minutes before show time. *No one will be admitted after the program begins. Children*

aged 12 years and younger should be accompanied by an adult. Recommended for children aged 5 and up.

[Click here](#) to learn more or call Planetarium Director Keith Turner at (317) 846-7721 ext. 7446, or email wkturner@ccs.k12.in.us. You can also follow along on X at [@CCSPlanetarium](https://twitter.com/CCSPlanetarium).

TODAY’S BIBLE READING

THE TABERNACLE

“Also make crossbars of acacia wood: five for the frames on one side of the tabernacle, five for those on the other side, and five for the frames on the west, at the far end of the tabernacle. The center crossbar is to extend from end to end at the middle of the frames. Overlay the frames with gold and make gold rings to hold the crossbars. Also overlay the crossbars with gold.

“Set up the tabernacle according to the plan shown you on the mountain.

Exodus 26:26-30 (NIV)

Ball State University celebrates 10 years of Charles W. Brown Planetarium

The REPORTER

Ball State University this month is celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Charles W. Brown Planetarium, the largest and most technologically advanced planetarium in Indiana.

Since its opening in November 2014, the planetarium has inspired more than 180,000 visitors of all ages, offering a gateway to the wonders of space through innovative and educational programming.

The planetarium, named for Ball State alumnus and benefactor Charles W. Brown, boasts a 16-meter dome equipped with cutting-edge HYBRID technology. Its features include full-dome digital projectors and an opto-mechanical star projector capable of recreating the night sky at a resolution equivalent to 70K. All public shows and school visits are free of charge, ensuring accessibility for all.

“The Charles W. Brown Planetarium is one of the crown jewels of our beautiful campus,” Ball State President Geoffrey S. Mearns said. “I am grateful for his transformational support, and for the vision of our planetarium, which bring the wonders of the universe to life every day.”

Brown, a 1971 Ball State graduate and long-time University donor, said



Photo provided by Ball State University

it is “incredibly rewarding” to see the joy and wonder the planetarium brings to students and the community. He credits Dr. Ronald Kaitchuck, former executive planetarium director and professor emeritus of physics and astronomy at Ball State, for his tireless efforts to establish a new planetarium on campus 10 years ago.

“Without the vision and perseverance of Ron Kaitchuck, the planetarium would not be the incredible resource it has become,” Brown said. “The planetarium is now a beacon of learning and imagination, making science and space exploration accessible to everyone.”

More recently, under the leadership of Director **Dayna Thompson**, the planetar-

ium has expanded its reach, hosting more than 3,500 events, including field trips for local schoolchildren, public programs, and interdisciplinary collaborations.

The facility continues to serve as a hub for community engagement, educational exploration, and cross-disciplinary innovation. From astronomy-themed poetry workshops to live music events under the stars, the planetarium exemplifies Ball State’s commitment to creativity and inclusiveness.

“Our mission is to inspire,” Thompson said. “We aim to ignite curiosity, provide transformative experiences, and make the universe feel just a little closer for everyone who visits.”

Looking ahead to the next decade, the planetarium staff remains focused

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DANCE

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the Sugarplum Fairy’s Tea Party at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14 at Dance Creations Academy, 9257 Castlegate Drive, located conveniently off of Interstate 69 in northeast Indianapolis. Tailored for younger audiences, but open to children of all ages, this delightful event will feature:

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High School Football State Championships



Photo by Joshua Herd

The Westfield football team dropped a hard-fought Class 6A state championship game to Brownsburg Friday night 22-17 at Lucas Oil Stadium. The Shamrocks finished their season 12-2.

Shamrocks fall short at state

Brownsburg Bulldogs win first state championship since 1985

By **RICHIE HALL**
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INDIANAPOLIS – Westfield’s bid to win the first ever all Hoosier Crossroads Conference state football championship game fell short on Friday night.

The Shamrocks took on Brownsburg at Lucas Oil Stadium for the Class 6A state title, the first time two HCC teams were playing for a 6A trophy. Westfield jumped out to an early lead before the Bulldogs took over in the second half for a 22-17 victory. It’s the first time Brownsburg has won any football state title since 1985.

“Kudos to Brownsburg,” said Westfield coach Josh Miracle. “That’s an excellent-coached team and they made a few more plays than us down the stretch and that’s just kind of how it went. Two good teams that hopefully showcased the HCC tonight.”

Westfield got the ball to start the game, and both teams’ first possession finished in punts. The Shamrocks made a long drive to get on the board first.

Two fourth-down con-

versions kept Westfield’s drive going. Parker Knott made a 21-yard run to get the ‘Rocks into Bulldogs territory, then Carsen Melvin made a 10-yard pass to Deacon King on fourth-and-9.

King did most of the work on that drive with short runs. He finished things up with a five-yard run into the end zone on third and goal with 30 seconds left in the first quarter. Owen Wright kicked the extra point.

Westfield held Brownsburg to a quick three-and-out for its next possession. The Shamrocks were stalled in their next drive at the Bulldogs’ 28, but Wright was there to save the day: he blasted a 45-yard field goal midway through the second to gave Westfield a 10-0 lead.

Brownsburg responded with its first score. On third and 19, Kovon Sumpter-Bay broke loose from a couple Shamrock tackles and turned a short pass into a 71-yard touchdown reception. Will Orlando made the extra point kick, and that would be the last score of the half.

Westfield began the second half ahead 10-7, but Brownsburg tied it the

game after Orlando made a 25-yard field goal. That would be the only score of the third quarter, but the Bulldogs were driving as they went into the fourth.

Brownsburg finished the drive at the 9:40 mark of the quarter, with Iosua Stephens throwing to Branden Sharpe on fourth and 3. Sharpe caught the ball in the far left corner of the end zone and held on to it, resulting in a 20-yard touchdown reception. The extra-point kick was no good, so the Bulldogs held a 16-10 lead.

But Brownsburg scored again minutes later. Jamere Pendleton blocked a Westfield punt, then returned it 11 yards for a touchdown, giving the Bulldogs a 22-10 lead.

The ‘Rocks answered with a quick 75-yard drive. Melvin threw a 30-yard pass to Beau Braun, then sent another throw to Parker Knott, a 17-yarder to the Brownsburg nine. Westfield had first and goal, and only needed one play: King bulldozed his way into the end zone for the touchdown. Wright made the extra-point kick.

Brownsburg then began a long drive that got it down to the 24 with two minutes left. Westfield

had to start taking its timeouts, and the Bulldogs had fourth and 1 at the Shamrocks’ 15.

But Westfield’s defense stepped up, pushing Sumpter-Bey back nine yards and giving the Shamrocks’ offense one more chance. Melvin made a couple of first-down passes and Westfield got as far as the Brownsburg 36, but the Bulldogs intercepted a fourth and 10 pass close to the end zone with no time left.

“We could have easily packed it in at that point,” said Miracle. But Westfield kept fighting, which Miracle called “a testament to our kids character. Rally back and we had a chance there.”

Melvin finished the game 13-of-25 for 156 yards, with Braun, Knott and Nick Fero all making three catches. Deacon King totaled 72 yards rushing.

Westfield finished its season 12-2, with those only two losses to Brownsburg. The Shamrocks were making their first appearance in the state finals since 2021, but it was their fifth time playing in a state title game since 2013.



Photos by Joshua Herd

(TOP) Westfield’s Beau Braun made three catches for 59 yards. (ABOVE) Westfield’s Carsen Melvin completed 14 of 26 passes for 167 yards.



Photos by Mike Navarro

(ABOVE LEFT) Deacon King rushed for two touchdowns during the Class 6A state championship game. (ABOVE RIGHT) Cameron Echard made a quarterback sack during the third quarter.

BROWNSBURG 22, WESTFIELD 17			
Score by Quarters		Scoring	
Brownsburg	0 7 3 12-22	First Quarter	WFLD, 0:30 – Deacon King 5-yard run (Owen Wright kick)
Westfield	7 3 0 7-17	Second Quarter	WFLD, 6:19 – Wright 45-yard field goal
Team stats	BRO WFLD	Third Quarter	BRO, 9:05 – Orlando 25-yard field goal
First Downs	12 14	Fourth Quarter	BRO, 9:40 – Brendan Sharpe 20-yard pass from Iosua Stephens (kick failed)
By Rush	7 6	WFLD, 7:03 – King 9-yard run (Wright kick)	
By Pass	4 7		
By Penalty	1 1		
Rushes-Yards	38-117 33-104		
Passing Yards	181 167		
Comp-Att-Int-TD	8-12-0-2 14-28-1-0		
Fumbles-Lost	1-0 2-0		
Penalties-Yards	3-20 3-24		
Punts-Average	4-37.5 5-21.6		
Westfield individual stats			
Rushing: King 20-76, Parker Knott 1-21, Carsen Melvin 10-20, Broc Parker 1-minus 3, team 1-minus 6.			
Passing: Melvin 14-26-167, Knott 0-1-0, team 0-1-0.			
Receiving: Knott 3-60, Beau Braun 3-59, King 3-19, Nick Fero 3-16, Parker 2-13.			

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Get ready for a day of excitement, friendly competition, and community spirit at Ivy Tech Hamilton County’s inaugural Pickleball Palooza.

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to empower students and strengthen the Hamilton County community. [Click here](#) to register by Dec. 10.

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“I have never played pickleball myself, but I am looking forward to stretching myself and learning at the beginner’s clinic!” Ivy Tech Hamilton County Chancellor Dr. Rachel Kartz said. “We are so grateful to Grand Park for this unique

opportunity to have fun while raising funds that support post-secondary education and training.”

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Wrestling

Noblesville & Fishers cruise to victory at tournaments

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The Noblesville boys wrestling team cruised to victory at the Hamilton Heights Super 6 tournament last Saturday.

The Millers were dominant in all five of their dual meets at the event. Noblesville beat Alexandria Monroe 59-16, Hamilton Heights 63-11, North Central 46-26, Tipton 59-15 and Pendleton Heights 56-18.

Four Millers came away with perfect 5-0 records, starting with Kai Kaohi at 106 pounds. The others were Zach Nekolite at 126, Mason Presits at 144 and Jackson Apple at 285. Aidan Kincaide went 2-0 at 165 pounds.

Noblesville also had four wrestlers finish 4-1: Justus Suddarth at 138, Luke Chastain at 150, Evan Nicholls at 175 and Yan Tioua at 190. Three more Millers wrestlers went 3-2 for the event: Isaac Suddarth at 132, Grant Plunkett at 157 and Cale Metzler at 215.

Blake Weimer was 2-3 at 120, while Daniel Munoz was 1-4 at 113. Jacob Lightle was 1-2 at 165, so every Miller that wrestled won at least one match.

"I was very proud of our team effort, having seven freshmen in the lineup," said Noblesville coach Michael Weimer. The coach said it was "awesome to watch all 14 of the guys fight for each other on the mat and from the sidelines. This is a fun team to coach."

Hamilton Heights finished 2-3 as a team. The Huskies beat Tipton 46-36 and Pendleton Heights 38-36, while also falling to North Central 55-21 and Alexandria 52-30. Michael Cain finished 4-1 at 165 for Hamilton Heights.

On Monday, both the Huskies girls and boys teams won dual matches over Lapel. The girls won 42-18 and the boys won 53-13. For the Heights girls team, Kendall Moe is ranked No. 1 at 105 with a 6-0 record and Zoe Pugh is ranked fourth at 120 with an 11-0 record.

Fishers triumphed at the John Hurrel Invitational, which took place last Saturday at Seccina. The Tigers edged out Warren Central 282-272 for first place in the 13-team tournament.

Fishers got wins at four weight classes, starting with Seth Lamb, who went undefeated at 113 pounds. Chayce Yant claimed the 132-pound division with a third-period fall in the championship match. The Tigers clinched the team trophy with two upper-weight victories: Chris Quarles scored a first-period pin for the 190-pound championship, then Julian Burgett won the 215 title with a technical fall.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

106: Ryland Smith, 4th. **113:** Seth Lamb, 1st. **120:** Owen Ingalls, 3rd. **126:** Will Hruskoci, 2nd. **132:** Chayce Yant, 1st. **138:** Ellis Burns, 3rd. **144:** Preston Springer, 5th. **150:** Zeke Kramer, 2nd. **157:** Andrei Bogdan, 6th. **165:** Diego Carabano, 3rd. **175:** Xavier Smith, 3rd. **190:** Chris Quarles, 1st. **215:** Julian Burgett, 1st. **285:** Ryan Dungee, 6th.

Hamilton Southeastern placed second at the Rick & Rohl Invitational last Satur-



Photos provided

(ABOVE) The Noblesville boys wrestling team won the Hamilton Heights Super 6 tournament last Saturday, winning all five of their duals. (BELOW) Sheridan's Caleb Alexander went undefeated at 132 pounds at the Dave Kiley Duals at Cloverdale last Saturday. (BOTTOM) Sheridan's Ryker Ream won by fall over Guerin Catholic's Jonathan Sims during the Blackhawks-Golden Eagles dual meet on Tuesday.



AW Vankirk, 4th.

Sheridan went 4-1 as a team at the Dave Kiley Duals at Cloverdale last Saturday.

The Blackhawks won duals over Covington 53-23, South Putnam 42-39, KIPP Legacy 78-0, Cloverdale 66-13, with their only loss to Shelbyville 51-23. Sheridan had one undefeated wrestler: Caleb Alexander went 5-0 and won the 132-pound weight class.

Six more Sheridan wrestlers went 4-1: Camdyn Vespa at 106, Gabe Snider at 138, Jaden Dunbar at 175, Ryker Ream at 190, Doug Earley at 215 and Owen Trietsch at 285. The 'Hawks also had four wrestlers go 3-2: Trey Bogus at 120, Asher Barrick at 144, Parker Cravens at 150 and Alex Cravens at 157. Ethan Harbaugh (at 126) and Eli Bales (at 165) both went 2-3.

Sheridan beat Guerin Catholic 60-18 in a Tuesday dual meet, improving to 5-2 for the season. Bogus, Alexander, Barrick, Parker Cravens, Alex Cravens, and Ream all won matches by pin. Gabe Liechty, Owen Springer and Jack Hubbard all got falls for the Golden Eagles.



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Arsenal Tech at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.
Cardinal Ritter at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.
Frankfort at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Pike, 7:30 p.m.
Noblesville at Franklin Community, 7:30 p.m.
Sheridan at Southmont, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Fort Wayne Snider at Fishers, 1:30 p.m.
Franklin Central at Westfield, 1:30 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Huntington North, 2:30 p.m.
Cardinal Ritter at Guerin Catholic, 6 p.m.
Noblesville at Mount Vernon, 7:30 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern vs. Chicago Fremd, 8:15 p.m. at Brownsburg

GIRLS WRESTLING

Fishers at Southport Invitational, 9 a.m.

SWIMMING

Fishers at Westfield (with Brownsburg) 9 a.m.
Guerin Catholic at Mount Vernon (with Connersville), 10 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 2

BOYS WRESTLING

Clinton Prairie at Sheridan, 6 p.m.

GIRLS WRESTLING

Clinton Prairie at Sheridan, 6 p.m.

SWIMMING

Noblesville at Franklin Central, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 3

BOYS BASKETBALL

Clinton Central at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.
Westfield at Pendleton Heights, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS WRESTLING

Frankton at Guerin Catholic, 6 p.m.
Noblesville at Zionsville, 6:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

University at Monrovia, 6:30 p.m.
Frankfort at Sheridan, 7 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at Shortridge, 7:30 p.m.
Lawrence North at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.
North Central at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS WRESTLING

Sheridan at Tri-Central, 6 p.m.

SWIMMING

Eastern at Hamilton Heights, 5:30 p.m.
Avon at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.
Carmel at Brownsburg (with Zionsville), 6:30 p.m.

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Swimming

Tiger boys & girls teams start season by sweeping Zionsville

The REPORTER

The Fishers swim teams opened their season Monday by sweeping a dual meet with Zionsville.

The Tigers won the girls meet 105-81, taking seven of 12 events. Emily Wolf was a double winner in the 200 and 500 freestyles. Emma Schwertfeger placed first in the 50 free, Polina Sopova won the butterfly and Claire Francis triumphed in the breaststroke. Fishers also won the medley and 400 relays.

In the boys meet, Fishers was a 115-70 winner. The Tigers were first in nine events, with Alex Koo first in the 50 and 100 freestyles. Eduardo Sanchez was the winner of the butterfly and 500 free. AJ Adams won the individual medley. Mason Lawson was first in diving, and Alex Hines took the 500 free. Fishers also was first in the medley and 400 free relays.

GIRLS MEET

Team score: Fishers 105, Zionsville 81.

200 medley relay: 1. Fishers "A" (Avery Hannon, Frankie Ramey, Emily Wolf, Emma Schwertfeger) 1:48.69, 3. Fishers "B"

(Elise Eubank, Polina Sopova, Mia Wilson, Lily Ziino) 1:52.61, 5. Fishers "C" (Sophie Blue, CJ Piotrowski, Lexi Adams, Eve Ziino) 1:59.25.

200 freestyle: 1. Wolf 1:52.14, 3. Emma Schumacher 1:56.48, 6. Piotrowski 2:06.33.

200 individual medley: 2. Claire Francis 2:12.31, 3. Wilson 2:13.50, 4. Sopova 2:13.78.

50 freestyle: 1. Schwertfeger 24.79, 3. Hannon 25.57, 6. L. Ziino 26.33.

One-meter diving: 3. Elanie Van Tress 168.35, 4. Blair Kallas 154.30, 5. Allison Irwin 138.30, 6. Grace Van Overwalle 131.40.

100 butterfly: 1. Sopova 59.37, 2. Alex Nguyen 59.69, 3. Wilson 59.80.

100 freestyle: 2. Schwertfeger 54.44, 3. Ramey 54.80, 6. L. Ziino 57.69.

500 freestyle: 1. Wolf 5:00.91, 2. Schumacher 5:06.81, 6. Abby Jane Avritt 5:47.28.

200 freestyle relay: 2. Fishers "A" (Schwertfeger, Francis, Ramey, Schumacher) 1:39.65, 4. Fishers "B"

(Blue, Nguyen, Piotrowski, Sofia Ortiz) 1:48.78, 6.

Fishers "C" (London Gustin, Audrey Diehl, E. Ziino, Annamari Nagy) 1:54.91.

100 backstroke: 2. Hannon 1:01.98, 5. Eubank 1:03.90, 6. Blue 1:04.06.

100 breaststroke: 1. Francis 1:07.37, 2. Ramey 1:09.15, 3. Nguyen 1:09.76.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Fishers "A" (Schumacher, Hannon, Francis, Wolf) 3:36.80, 3. Fishers "B" (Sopova, L. Ziino, Wilson, Nguyen) 3:43.44, 5. Fishers "C" (Adams, Ortiz, Eubank, Blue) 4:05.87.

BOYS MEET

Team score: Fishers 115, Zionsville 70.

200 medley relay: 1. Fishers "A" (Eduardo Sanchez, Qwinton Upshaw, Hudson Lee, Alex Koo) 1:36.12, 3. Fishers "B" (Tommy Johanneman, AJ Adams, Logan Senior, George Kallas) 1:44.00, 5. Fishers "C" (James Gropp, Joshua Krimmel, Gavin Gannon, Grayden Jones) 1:51.41.

200 freestyle: 2. Jonny Hines 1:44.21, 4. Sean Harvey 1:50.20, 5. Hagen Lee 1:54.29.

200 individual medley: 1. Adams 2:00.35, 3. Caden Askren 2:02.49, 4. Upshaw

2:03.41.

50 freestyle: 1. Koo 21.55, 2. Hu. Lee 21.90, 5. Trenton Qualls 23.58.

One-meter diving: 1. Mason Lawson 284.75, 2. Kirby Danglade 261.75, 3. Jacob Schade 260.15.

100 butterfly: 1. Sanchez 51.47, 2. Hu. Lee 53.14, 4. Senior 54.94.

100 freestyle: 1. Koo 47.34, 4. Johanneman 50.25, 5. Harvey 51.39.

500 freestyle: 1. Hines 4:43.46, 2. Askren 4:48.49, 3. Adams 4:48.80.

200 freestyle relay: 3. Fishers "B" (Qualls, Ha Lee, Santiago Castro, Harvey) 1:34.86, 5. Fishers "C" (Adithya Nachuri, Matthew Dickson, Gabriel Manzato, Reece Thomasson) 2:17.79.

100 backstroke: 1. Sanchez 52.73, 3. Johanneman 54.78, 4. Senior 57.72.

100 breaststroke: 2. Upshaw 1:02.39, 4. Kallas 1:07.94, 6. Krimmel 1:10.37.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Fishers "A" (Koo, Hines, Johanneman, Sanchez) 3:14.08, 3. Fishers "B" (Adams, Ha. Lee, Askren, Harvey) 3:28.61, 4. Fishers "C" (Brody Chop, Jones, Gropp, Castro) 3:39.83.

Westfield girls open season with win at Kristin Rice Invitational

The REPORTER

The Westfield girls swim team won its season-opening Kristin Rice Invitational last Saturday.

The Shamrocks scored 802 team points and won nine of 12 events. Freshman Evie Wheat was first in the 200 freestyle and backstroke, while Kiarra Thomas won the 50 and 100 freestyles. Other winners were Nora Sperry in the individual medley, Greta Smith in the 500 free, Ellie Hill in the breaststroke, and the Westfield medley and 200 free relays.

Team scores: Westfield 802, Yorktown 562, Jay

County 392, Roncalli 180.

200 medley relay: 1. Westfield "A" (Kiarra Thomas, Nora Sperry, Evie Wheat, Maggie Alley) 1:52.16, 2. Westfield "B" (Ellie Hill, Carly Davis, Macy Brown, Anna McKeown) 2:02.62, 4. Westfield "C" (Greta Smith, Maggie Naas, Kate Cassidy, Bridget Mick) 2:05.42, 6. Westfield "D" (Ava De-Craene, Charlotte Willhite, Ellana Morse, Bella McNally) 2:10.80, 10. Westfield "E" (Jenna McConaha, Caroline Hopper, Brianna Howard, Varshini Mandli) 2:26.17, 13. Westfield "F" (Abigail TerBush, Hailey

Noiro, Ada Clevinger, Taylor Nokes) 2:43.77.

200 freestyle: 1. Wheat 2:02.65, 3. Brown 2:06.90, 4. Smith 2:09.32, 6. Hill 2:12.66, 7. McNally 2:15.94, 10. Cameron Goodwin.

200 individual medley: 1. Sperry 2:16.14, 2. Gracie Alley 2:16.59, 3. Laney McCulloch 2:18.03, 4. Cassidy 2:27.16, 9. Noiro 2:44.88, 12. Howard 2:55.40.

50 freestyle: 1. Thomas 25.55, 4. Mick 26.89, 5. McKeown 27.87, 9. Willhite 29.91, 11. Goodwin 30.21, 12. Ada Clevinger 30.56, 14. Aydah Leising 31.29, 15. Georja Chert 31.78, 17. Izzy McCulloch 32.50, 20. Nokes 33.64, 21. Anabelle Smith 35.35, 22. Surekha Gandhi Kesiboyina 35.77, 23. Mandli 37.61, 26. Clara Kahlert 39.20, 27. Harini Gandhi Kesiboyina 39.93, 31. TerBush 57.66.

One-meter diving: 4. Alexis Ball 26.170.

100 butterfly: 2. M. Alley 1:03.64, 3. L. McCulloch 1:03.85, 6. Naas 1:10.86, 8. Morse 1:13.09, 10. De-Craene 1:17.03, 12. Ella Borzath 1:25.80.

100 freestyle: 1. Thomas 55.84, 2. G. Alley 58.24, 3. Brown 59.00, 6. McKeown 1:04.67, 9. Bozarth 1:08.31, 11. McConaha 1:10.85, 12. I. McCulloch 1:13.63, 15. A. Smith 1:22.50.

500 freestyle: 1. G. Smith 5:44.22, 2. McNally

6:09.86, 4. Morse 6:12.87, 6. Davis 6:14.15, 7. Naas 6:25.37, 9. Hopper 6:32.50.

200 freestyle relay: 2. Westfield "A" (Mick, G. Alley, L. McCulloch, McKeown) 1:47.48, 3. Westfield "B" (G. Smith, McNally, Hill, Brown) 1:52.88, 7. Westfield "C" (McConaha, Chert, Borzath, Clevinger) 2:05.41, 8. Westfield "D" (I. McCulloch, Leising, Noiro, Hopper) 2:08.93, 10. Westfield "E" (Nokes, Clara Kahlert, A. Smith, S. Gandhi Kesiboyina) 2:26.05.

100 backstroke: 1. Wheat 1:01.20, 2. Sperry 1:06.23, 3. Cassidy 1:09.93, 7. DeCraene 1:14.28, 9. Howard 1:17.43, 10. McConaha 1:18.00, 15. Kahlert 1:59.81, 16. TerBush 2:02.98.

100 breaststroke: 1. Hill 1:16.58, 3. Davis 1:18.21, 4. M. Alley 1:18.94, 5. Noiro 1:23.60, 6. Willhite 1:24.60, 8. Hopper 1:27.89, 13. Chert 1:34.38, 15. Leising 1:37.54.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Westfield "A" (Wheat, Cassidy, M. Alley, Thomas) 3:47.43, 3. Westfield "B" (Sperry, L. McCulloch, G. Alley, Davis) 3:59.44, 5. Westfield "D" (Goodwin, Clevinger, DeCraene, Naas) 4:26.43, 7. Westfield "C" (Bozarth, Willhite, Morse, Howard) 4:39.11, 10. Westfield "E" (Mandli, S. Gandhi Kesiboyina, H. Gandhi, Kesiboyina, Kahlert) 6:19.17.

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