

THURSDAY, DEC. 5, 2024

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TODAY'S WEATHER



Today: Mostly sunny.
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 Tonight: Mostly clear.



HIGH: 25 LOW: 14

Sheridan school board issues statement about Coach Wright

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees

Editor's note: When the Hamilton County Reporter reached out to Sheridan Community Schools administrators Tuesday evening regarding Coach Bud Wright's resignation, we received a short statement from Superintendent Dr. Dave Mundy. On Wednesday morning, the School Board followed up with a longer statement, which we present to our readers in its entirety and without edits.

The Sheridan Community Schools (SCS) Board of School Trustees would like to address

and correct any misinformation regarding Coach Bud Wright following his retirement announcement yesterday. It is important to clarify that SCS administration worked with Coach Wright, his legal advisor, and his family back in September. At that time, a mutual agreement was reached that the 2024 season would be Coach Wright's final year as Head Coach of the Blackhawks. Although SCS offered to announce his retirement then, Coach Wright chose not to do so, and the school respected his decision. Plans were also discussed to celebrate his career during the last home football game of the

regular season; however, Coach Wright declined this as well.

As part of the agreement made in September, SCS appointed two Associate Head Coaches to manage day-to-day operations and oversee game-day activities. Coach Wright fully supported this plan and the decision to announce his retirement.

When the parties met in September, it was agreed that Coach Wright would make his retirement announcement before January 1, 2025. The announcement made yesterday was not in line with that agreement.

We would also like to ex-

press our gratitude to Coach Jake Chesney and Coach Kevin Wright, Coach Bud Wright's son, for their dedication to our program this season and their contributions as Associate Head Coaches.

We deeply respect and appreciate all that Coach Wright has done for the High School Football program, the Sheridan Community, and beyond. His legacy will continue to be honored as future Blackhawks take the field at Bud Wright Stadium. SCS will begin the search for our next coach immediately to ensure the continued success of the program.

Holiday hustle

This time of year, is a time of many different mixed emotions for many. Some enjoy the holidays, and for some it is a difficult season for many reasons.

Whatever you celebrate, chances are you are already feeling a tad overwhelmed. Maybe it is buying gifts, trying to please everyone, or anxiety towards holiday get-togethers with family/friends that you have not seen in a while. Social anxiety is real. Perhaps the holidays are the most joyful time of the year for you, and you just wish the season would last longer.

For me, I enjoy a lot of things about the holiday season. I absolutely adore the ambiance that the Christmas lights bring to my home. I really enjoy decorating for Christmas. The past couple of years, I really noticed a difference in my ability to decorate on my own. Normally, my husband and I tag team the decorating. He likes to do the tree, and I do the other areas of the house. This year, I said to him, "Can we just do it all together?" I was not feeling up to tackling my normal duties on my own. Another reminder that this progressive muscle disease sneakily steals things from me. I am grateful for a husband who is willing and able to help me. Even our boys joined in on the tree decorating which was a welcome surprise.

I have always done a majority of the holiday gift buying throughout the years. I enjoy it. I like going to stores and picking things out for loved ones. There is something about being out and about during the holiday season. There is a different energy. This year, there will likely be more online shopping, and I have also had to ask my husband if he would help get some of the gifts.

Everyday life with a disability is so physically exhausting. Our bodies are working overtime at all times just to exist. The holiday season feels like that ramps up times 100. There are holiday parties, family get-togethers, and, like I mentioned above, the gift buying. It is a constant battle between wanting to do so many activities but also having to say no to pace yourself.

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What is your family's story?

I only found out recently about one of the branches of my family on my wife's side.

John McMullan was one of her original ancestors in America. He was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1740 of Scotch-Irish descent. He immigrated to the Colony of Virginia in 1760. A tailor by trade, he brought to America a cypress wood chest which contained all the necessary tools for tailoring. In 1769 he married Theodosia Beasley who was born in Orange County, Va.

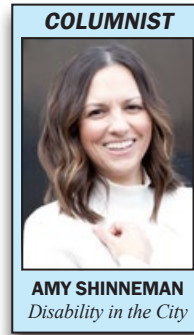
The family recorded that he cut and sewed together the first military suit worn by Gen. George Washington, after he was made Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army in 1776. John McMillan entered the war as a private in the 3rd Company of Col. Daniel Morgan's 11th and 15th Virginia Regiments. He served to the close of the war and then settled in Swift Run Gap, Blue Ridge Mountains, Orange County, Va., on a tract of 310 acres of land patented to him by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

John had five children with his first wife, and when she passed away in 1779 or 1780, he married Elizabeth Stowens and they had 10 children together.

John left Virginia and moved to Georgia. He took with him the Taylor's chest that contained the tools with which he made the suit for General Washington. At his death, the chest became the property of his second son, Patrick, who owned it until his death in 1836, at which time it passed to William, the oldest son of Patrick. In 1866, the chest was taken to Newton, Miss., then the property of William Marion, the oldest son of William. William Marion died in 1900, and since that time the chest was the property of his son, William Jesse Marion, until his death.

The chest spans 15-by-17-by-27.5 inches outside measurements and is a treasured family heirloom. The heirs of William Jesse Marion currently hold the box.

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AMY SHINNEMAN
Disability in the City

Santa Claus crafting Christmas magic for Noblesville community

By REYNA REVELLE
 WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A Noblesville man is on a mission to reignite Christmas' magic for himself and his community.

Artist Geoff Davis, 62, will again transform the Caravan Classes storefront into a festive workshop, dressed as Santa Claus and crafting handmade wooden toys for the fourth year.

"I was an elementary teacher for 35 years," Davis said. "So, I love children ... small children, and I like to spend time with them. I love my retirement, but I miss talking to kids. This allows me to do that."

The Workshops of G.B. Davis opened in the basement of Caravan Classes. He drew inspiration from antique reproductions and utilized his woodworking, decorative painting, and leatherworking skills.

"I carve animals and birds," Davis said. "Several years ago, I hit on pull toys before I was Santa. I would make period pull toys as an art medium, and they were very popular and were just a lot of fun. I make people's pets as well."

Each piece takes a couple of days to make and is adorned with Santa-made tags, reflecting his dedication to craftsmanship and nostalgia. With prices starting around \$100, Davis'



CRAFTING CHRISTMAS MAGIC IN NOBLESVILLE

Photo by WISH-TV

Geoff Davis, also known as the Noblesville Santa Claus, uses his woodworking skills to craft toys for anyone to enjoy – and there's a Santa-made tag attached to each.

heirloom toys are designed to be decorative and functional, though he advises that parents supervise their children while playing with them.

"I make them much like they would have been made at one time," Davis said. "Some parts can come loose, and they are pull toys. I don't sell them with a string, but they will have a string on them."

As he prepares for another season of joyful interactions, Davis looks to rekindle the magic of the holiday that he felt slipping away as he grew older.

"My goal this year is to make it bigger, let more people know about it, and hopefully get

more people involved. It is my business; I'm selling these toys, and I want to grow that and make it a tradition beyond just the Old Town."

Davis's storefront workshop will open on Sunday afternoon of fun featuring a hot chocolate bar at Bica Café and holiday crafts at Caravan Classes, where he'll dress up as Santa and take photos with the children.

Tickets for the Sunday afternoon of fun are available for \$30 online.

The festivities will begin on Saturday at Noblesville's Holiday in Lights Parade, a free event beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Davis will appear as Santa in the parade.

"This is a season of joy, and there has been so much tension in our lives lately. There is so much negativity, and this is a time to come together, and no matter what your belief is ... let's just be kind and joyful! Together as a community, right?"

To stay updated or find out more about meeting Davis as Santa, follow @noblesvillesantaclaustaus on Instagram or visit noblesvillesantaclaustaus.com.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/noblesville-santa-creates-wooden-toys.

Civility was the rule at Noblesville Council meeting on Morse Village

The REPORTER

The Tuesday, Dec. 3 meeting of the Noblesville Common Council was both well-attended and exceptionally civil. That last part is of note considering a presentation with public comment for the proposed Morse Village development was on the agenda.

The public comments allowed at the Common Council meeting were an opportunity for those who did not get the chance to speak at the earlier Noblesville Plan Commission meeting to go on the record about Morse Village.

There were several changes to the project plan since the last Plan Commission meeting in November, all of which were highlighted Tuesday evening.

According to Council President Darren Peterson, there will likely be an opportunity for the public to speak again at the upcoming Dec. 17 Common Council meeting, which is when a vote of the project is expected to take place.

The ordinances

At issue were ordinances 72-11-24 and 73-11-24, chang-

es in zoning from single-family residential areas to a mix of single-family residential, multi-family residential, and planned business zoning for the 173 acres of the Morse Village project near Hague Road and 206th Street.

The text of those ordinances is available at these links: 72-11-34 and 73-11-24.

Before discussing any of the project details, Mayor Chris Jensen thanked Peterson for using a non-traditional two-meeting setting so more citizens would have the chance to be heard.

Talking with citizens

Jensen said he has visited the homes of concerned citizens and met with the public in other venues over this project in recent weeks.

"I want to acknowledge the many people that are here tonight in public, the many people who are tuning in online, the several people who reached out to me," Jensen said. "I've answered every email, every phone call, every text message, every Facebook message personally. I have had the chance last week to spend nearly two

Jensen makes apology

The REPORTER

There has been controversy about comments Mayor Chris Jensen made during a podcast on Election Day this year about Morse Village and other potential developments in Noblesville. During Tuesday's meeting the Noblesville Common Council, Mayor Jensen read the following social media post into the public record:

Friends, Anyone who knows me knows I strive to be as open and transparent as possible, sometimes to a fault. I hold



Jensen

myself to a high standard, and I expect others to do the same.

I also try to own any time I am wrong.

This month, I recorded a hour-long podcast with two local realtors. On the podcast, I attempted to highlight the importance of adding more housing options in Noblesville for those who wish to age in place and stay here. I said, "We need baby boomers to get out of their homes, so younger families can repopulate our neighborhoods."

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hours in a home on Edgewater Drive ... to discuss and to listen and to learn about the perspective of neighbors. Just yesterday, myself as well as Councilor Thurston and Councilor

Davis spent several hours at Harbor Trees as well, listening, learning, understanding the perspective of neighbors

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HUSTLE

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As my disease progresses, I must progress, too. Otherwise, life will just leave me behind. If I want to keep living well, I need to keep adapting and moving forward. Changing at a speed that I never asked for.

I need to learn to be okay with asking for help in new areas. For me, that is the hardest thing. I value my independence so much. I have felt what it is like to have it taken away throughout my life after surgeries or setbacks. It is a feeling that I despise, and quite honestly it terrifies me. I do not want to be on someone else's time schedule; I want to do things on my own. That is what makes me feel alive. I will fight for that until every bit of me cannot. But I know I must be smart about it and ask for help as I need it.

The holiday season is certainly a time when we could all use a little extra help. It takes humble courage to ask for and accept

help, but when we do, we are reminded of why community and connection are so important. We were never meant to do life all on our own, even if we want to. Small asks can sometimes lead to great relief and unexpected joys.

As my family celebrates the Christmas season, for us, it's a reminder of what is really important: the reason for the season. Whatever holiday you celebrate, I hope that you can find a sliver of joy, even on the hardest of days. I do believe there is always something to be grateful for, even if it is just the tiniest of things.

Seek it out. I believe you will find it.

Until next time ...

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APOLOGY

I recognize and own that the statement in and of itself was offensive and insensitive. However, within context, my point was to say that by providing more housing options for empty nesters and the "55 and better" population, it allows them to stay in Noblesville, which is what we are striving for. The goal is to

have options for all current members of our community, and to free up homes for new families, so that Noblesville both remains home to those already here and becomes home to the many families who seek to live in such a wonderful community.

Words matter, and my wording was poor. I apologize for that. Context also

matters, and I hope that for those who are offended, you would take the time to listen and reflect on the entire message.

I apologize to anyone I offended. It wasn't my goal in the least. I am human and made a mistake. I will work to be better next time.

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If anyone has any questions, please feel free to call me.

Note: Mayor Jensen's cell phone number is (317) 509-3134. You can also reach him on social media and via email at cjensen@noblesville.in.gov.

The full podcast in question is available on YouTube.

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and residents in and around that area. I continue to listen and learn, our staff continues to do so, and I know you as city councilors continue to listen and learn as well."

LOR's explanation

Near the beginning of his presentation, LOR Corporation CEO Adam Hill said, "I know there's been a lot of misleading information going around the community, which is certainly unfortunate. However, I want to talk through in detail this evening, more accurate information, which

should dispel many of the myths that are circulating."

According to Hill, West Pointe is roughly 23 acres, currently zoned R1 and will be rezoned R5.

"Despite the misinformation being represented by the remonstrants group, the comprehensive plan denotes three different land uses for this property, including residential, mixed residential, and neighborhood commercial," Hill said. "What we are planning here on West Pointe aligns perfectly with what

is contemplated in the comprehensive plan and as noted in the city staff report. West Pointe will include roughly 135 units, including townhomes ranging from two to four stories, along with condo units. This is very contrary to the petition that is circulating, which states 300 units on this property. And as Mayor mentioned, we are fully committed to reducing the heights of the condo buildings down a full floor to three stories livable over ground level parking for a total of four stories, which are noted here in blue. Additionally, as the Mayor mentioned, we've worked with neighbors to the north and we've agreed to reduce the northernmost townhomes, as you can see here in yellow, to two stories max."

Hill spoke about why LOR believes exclusively building single-family homes is not a good fit for this development.

"First, we are designing this community to be higher end," Hill said. "In order to achieve higher end, certain components are necessities, one of which is capturing views. Rear yard living is a critical component, and the 13-foot earthen levy restricts the ability to get views from the site without going vertical. Verticality is the primary reason townhomes and condos are such a better fit for this piece of ground."

Hill addressed several other topics in detail, including: the impact on existing home values in the area (according to LOR and their consultants, adjacent homes will increase in value at a rate higher than the Hamilton County average); the density of resident population after the development is complete; parking issues; traffic concerns; the decrease in wetlands acreage (LOR says they will preserve 89 percent of the existing wetlands and mitigate that by adding additional wetlands elsewhere in excess of what they remove for Morse Village – they did not specify exactly where those new mitigation wetlands would be located); water supply; and the bald eagles nesting in the area.

Public comments

After LOR Corporation's 30 minutes presentation detailing the project and the new changes that came as result of community feedback, the meeting was opened to public comments.

Public comments were far too numerous to go over in detail, but we are highlighting a few and providing a link to the video of the meeting at the end of this article.

Two attorneys from Paganelli Law Group spoke of concerns about the sustainability of existing businesses in the area and the long-term effects on residents already living nearby, as well as the concerns about the long-term survival of nearby Harbour Trees Golf and Beach Club in light of the increased water usage that will be required.

Harbour Trees has wells providing millions of gallons of water per year for business operations. Both a Paganelli attorney and Harbour Trees owner Andy Gigante spoke about how any impact on the existing water table could damage the golf club.

"I played golf with [American golf course designer] Pete Dye," Gigante said. "This is one of his original works. It's like a work of art to golfers and to the golf

community. We've had Golf Digest out to look at it. The commitment I made to him is that I would be the best steward possible, and so I have to represent it as passionately as possible ... My fear is that several years from now, we might be in a situation where I cannot keep those promises to the members, the community, and to Pete Dye."

It was also noted that Harbour Trees currently has a waiting list for new members that is two years long, so new residents to this development are not likely to get a membership until long after they have moved in.

Lynette Jones, a local appraiser, said there is more available housing in Hamilton County than is necessary now.

"There is a disconnect between policymakers, housing, aspirations and market realities," Jones said. "Data tells a different story. I do listings ... Currently in Hamilton County – October/November of 2024 – there are 630 to 700 listings daily. There is no shortage of listings in Hamilton County."

James Moore said he spent 27 years representing another county's planning commission.

"Zoning and planning is something I'm familiar with," Moore said. "And good planning is essential to beneficial growth in your community. Uses need to be harmonious and complementary. The transition from uses should not be stark and abrupt, but they should be more gentle. And what we have in West Pointe is a very stark and abrupt change ... And quite frankly, in planning, that's not something you work for. You work to avoid it."

Deb Polise is a Hamilton County realtor who said she has been working in the industry for two decades.

"I have witnessed many developments, both successful and harmful," Polise said. "Based on my experience, I can say with complete certainty that rezoning this property in the West Pointe with townhomes, even three stories high, is going to damage the beauty and character and natural resources of this land and surrounding neighborhoods. Three-story townhomes are one of our worst products on the market, okay? You probably don't know that because you don't sell them. But I can't remember the last time I sold a three-story townhome. People don't want the stairs. They do not."

Polise also stressed the obligation of the city to its current residents first.

After public comments, Mayor Jensen and LOR Corporation officials were given time to respond. Several members of the Common Council also asked their own questions and asked that they be addressed before a vote is taken at the next meeting, which is scheduled for Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. A vote on these two ordinances is expected to take place at that meeting.

See it yourself

For those readers who prefer to see the entire meeting for themselves in order to make their own judgments – which this newspaper encourages everyone to do – [this link](#) will take you to the portion of the meeting that deals specifically with Morse Village.

Thanks go out to our friends at Hamilton County Television for continuing to stream public meetings and help keep citizens informed.

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Holiday events underway in Downtown Noblesville

The REPORTER

The City of Noblesville and its community partners at Noblesville Chamber of Commerce, Noblesville Main Street, and Noblesville Creates have numerous events for the holiday season in the downtown district, including Federal Hill Commons, the Historic Courthouse Square, and Seminary Park.

“The holidays are always a time filled with festive experiences and creating memories with our family and friends,” Mayor Chris Jensen said. “The City of Noblesville is the place to be with opportunities for all ages to experience the holiday season with loved ones and guests.”

Noblesville Parks invites the community to join them for Holidays at the Hill featuring the ice-skating rink. The 56-by-96-foot Ice Plaza is open from 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. Starting Dec. 21, hours will be extended to 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, except on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, for enjoyment during Noblesville School’s winter break. Admission, which includes skate rental, is \$13 for ages 13 and over and \$11 for ages 12 and under. Admission is good for all day skating. Additional information regarding the Ice Plaza is available at noblesvilleparks.org/402/Ice-Skating.

In addition to skating, Federal Hill will be adorned with a beautiful, walkable light display perfect for photo opportunities. This year, Santa has provided the Parks Department with a mailbox at the Parks office for kids to mail letters to Santa. Participants need to include a self-addressed return envelope with postage to receive a response from Santa. The mailbox will travel to holiday pop-ups and events at Federal Hill Commons. Santa’s mailbox will be available through Dec. 14.

Noblesville Creates’ “Gifted: Handmade Wonders,” an exhibit-turned-gift-market featuring locally made art and crafts that make great holiday gifts. Choose from the wide selection of wood-working, stoneware, textiles, and more. The exhibit will remain open at the Judge Stone House, 107 S. Eighth St., until Dec. 31 and will be available Wednesday through Saturday. For information, visit noblesvillecreates.org.

The fun continues with First Friday – Deck the Downtown events on Dec. 6. Buses will be providing free travel to downtown, Seminary Park, Nobles-



Photo provided by City of Noblesville

This Friday night, take part in the Mayor’s tradition of reading “Twas the Night Before Christmas” at Seminary Park, and be sure to stick around for the Christmas Tree lighting ceremony at 6 p.m.

ville Creates and Federal Hill Commons. Noblesville Creates will have its “Gifted” exhibit and a showcase from artist Eric Utterback from 5 to 9 p.m. Downtown merchants will be open late for evening shoppers. Noblesville Youth Assistance Program will be selling stockings that can be filled with treats and toys from participating businesses for \$15. For more information on Stuff Your Stocking, visit youthassistance.org/noblesville-events.

Lights Over Seminary hosted by the city and Noblesville Preservation Alliance is a free, walkable, holiday lights display in Seminary Park. The opening night event is from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6, with the official lighting taking place at 6 p.m. This year, the Indiana Peony Festival’s Noblesville Flower Market will coincide with the festivities at Lights Over Seminary. Enjoy flowers, carolers, hot chocolate, and a reading of “Twas’ The Night Before Christmas” by Mayor Chris Jensen. Lights Over Seminary runs 5 to 11 p.m. nightly throughout December.

The Noblesville Preservation Alliance will host its Holiday Home Tour from 5 to 8 p.m. Dec. 6. This year’s tour promises to be an enchanting showcase of exquisitely decorated homes and community spaces nestled in various corners of the city. NPA will also host the Lux Radio Theater version of *Miracle on 34th Street* live with three additional short features Dec. 12 to 15 at Preservation Hall, 1274 Logan St. For more information about these events, visit noblesvillepreservation.org.

Back by popular demand, families can reserve a unique, private 15-minute carriage ride through downtown Noblesville. Carriage Rides are available 4 to 9:30 p.m. Dec. 6, 13, 14, 19, and 20. Rides with Santa will be available Dec. 21 to 23. Reservations for carriage

rides must be made in advance on the Noblesville Parks website, noblesvilleparks.org/373/Holidays-at-the-Hill.

Noblesville Main Street will hold its Winter Market at Holidays at the Hill from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7. The market includes many unique vendors and food trucks to shop from. For more information, visit noblesvillemainstreet.org.

The city’s festive twist on a downtown tradition, the Holiday in Lights Parade sponsored by Hare Chevrolet and your Central Indiana Chevy Dealers, will begin at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7. The nighttime parade will begin at Harrison and 16th streets before heading west along Logan Street, north on Ninth Street, east on Harrison, before ending back at Ivy Tech Community College’s Hamilton County Campus. Additional safety features and lighting have been added due to the evening start time.

The Noblesville Parks Department is offering two new events this year on Saturday, Dec. 14 – the Jingle Bell Breakfast and Noblesville’s North Pole. At the Jingle Bell Breakfast, families can enjoy a special meal while spending time with Santa Claus, sharing their holiday wishes, and snapping a keepsake photo at the Green Room, 107 Logan St. Breakfast times are 8 to 9 a.m. and 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Pre-registration is required at noblesvilleparks.org/427/Jingle-Bell-Breakfast and space is limited. Cost is \$12 per person.

Experience the wonder of Santa’s village right here with Noblesville’s North Pole. Enjoy a visit with live reindeer, festive crafts, plenty of photo opportunities, elf training, and you may spot Santa in attendance. Admission and activities are free for all guests and local vendors will have items available for purchase. No-

Correction

In the Wednesday edition of The Reporter, the photo caption with the story “Winter Art Markets at Sun King Fishers Tap Room & Small Batch Brewery” incorrectly stated that the Winter Art Markets will occur on Saturdays.

In fact, they will occur on two more Thursdays this month: Dec. 12 and 19.

The Reporter regrets the error.

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.



Noblesville’s North Pole runs 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Federal Hill Commons.

For more information on holiday events, visit cityofnoblesville.org/holidays.

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*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*

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Intermittent daytime lane restrictions for portions of 146th Street

Between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., drivers should expect intermittent lane restrictions along 146th Street at locations between Hazel Dell Parkway and Herriman Boulevard.

A minimum of one thru-lane in each direction will remain open during the restrictions. These restrictions are necessary as contractors work to complete several work items during the 2024 construction season.

Be sure to watch for workers and equipment adjacent to the travel lanes and flaggers within the construction zones, and use extreme caution while driving through these construction zones.

[Click here](#) for more project information.

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GET AHEAD OF THE WEATHER

WINTER IS COMING... ARE YOUR PIPES PREPARED?

When temperatures start to drop, freezing pipes become a serious problem for Hoosiers at home. A frozen pipe can burst, prevent water from flowing, and even disrupt your heating system.

To combat this icy threat to your comfort and safety, always prepare your pipes for the upcoming cold weather. **The experts at Indiana American Water recommend taking the following precautions before the thermostat drops too low:**

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Check your pipes for cracks and leaks.

3.



Insulate pipes in unheated areas of your home.

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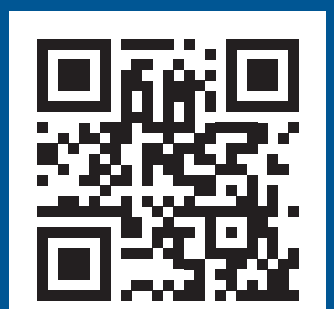
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Last chance to register for Fishers City Government Academy

The REPORTER

Go behind the scenes of local government and hear from staff, tour city facilities, and engage in the collaborative city governing process in the Fishers City Government Academy (CGA).

Registration for the Spring 2025 session is now open at [this link](#). The deadline to apply is Friday, Dec. 13.

Curious about other residents' experiences in the program? [Watch this video](#) from a previous session as residents share what they learned.

The academy is free and



open to Fishers residents who are ages 18 and older. At the end of the nine-week course, participants will have a greater understanding of how the Fishers government works. The Spring session of CGA meets twice a month from 6 to 8 p.m. and runs from Wednesday, Jan. 15 through Wednesday, May 7.

Visit FishersIN.gov/CGA to view the full Spring 2025 schedule.

Future Hoosier civic leaders shine

Four schools in Fishers will take part in We the People state competition

The REPORTER

Middle and high school Hoosier students statewide have competed in regional We the People competitions hosted by the Indiana Bar Foundation around the state.

We the People is an instructional program that teaches students the history and principles of American constitutional democracy and deepens their understanding of government. State competitions will take place on Dec. 10 and 11 in Indianapolis at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Downtown Union Station.

Locally, two middle schools from Fishers will compete on Dec. 10:

- Fall Creek Junior High School
- Fishers Junior High School

... and the two high schools from Fishers will compete on Dec. 11:

- Fishers High School
- Hamilton Southeastern High School

Students explore the history, philosophies, application, and evolution of the U.S. Constitution, Bill of Rights, and other founding documents as part of the program. They collaborate in teams to research and analyze historical and contemporary issues, crafting formal statements and defending their positions before a panel of judges in a simulated legislative hearing.

In addition to participating in the state civics



competition, on Dec. 10 the middle school students will have an opportunity to witness a naturalization ceremony of approximately 100 individuals being admitted as new citizens of the United States. The naturalization ceremony will be presided over by Indiana Bar Foundation board member Hon. James Sweeney of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana.

The state champions will go on to represent the Hoosier state in the national We the People competitions this spring. The High School We

the People National Finals will take place April 9 to 11 outside Washington, D.C. The Middle School We the People National Invitational will take place via Zoom April 25 and 26.

The Foundation extends its best wishes to all the teams who qualified for the state competition as they showcase their outstanding civic knowledge and excellence.

The Indiana Bar Foundation inspires and leads change to improve civic education and legal assistance for all Hoosiers. Learn more at inbarfoundation.org.

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Clay Terrace spreads cheer with these holiday events

Submitted

Clay Terrace is ready to shine for the holiday season. With a full list of activities lined up, friends and families can celebrate the season in their own unique style, whether that's sipping cocoa on a carriage ride or meeting Santa.

Clay Terrace's holiday festivities include: **Santa Soiree presented by Sweetgreen**

Clay Terrace will hold Santa Soiree from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, a free event that will bring a variety of fun for adults and kids alike. Santa arrives from the North Pole, thanks to Tempo at Grand Park Village, to say hello to the crowd, plus you can grab a photo with his friend Buddy the Elf and some of his helpers, too.

Dance and groove to live music and say cheers with a beverage from the festive Upland Brewing bar as the Clay Terrace Christmas Tree is lit. The event will also feature complimentary carriage rides, face painters, a giant snow globe, roaming performers, and more.

TNT Productions will offer free Santa portraits for digital download (from 4 to 5:30 p.m. only) or you may choose to take your own photos.

Pups & Pints, Holiday Edition presented by Riverview Health Emergency Room & Urgent Care

Clay Terrace wants to make sure your furry friends



Photo courtesy Clay Terrace / Mike Lee Productions

get everything on their holiday lists this year, too. Pet owners are invited to mix and mingle with Santa from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9 and Monday, Dec. 16.

Guests can grab a pint from Upland Brewing's Festive bar, mingle with pet-friendly businesses, get a free caricature artist portrait, smooch your pooch under the mistletoe, thanks to VCA Animal Hospitals, and be serenaded by holiday music.

No pet? No problem! Everyone is welcome to attend and visit with Santa. Plus, shop Clay Terrace's **pet-friendly retailers** to grab everything on your pup's wish list.

TNT Productions will offer free Santa portraits for digital download or you may choose to take your own photos.

The Giving Machines return to Clay Terrace

The Giving Machine, the popular "vending machine" that works in reverse

by giving users an opportunity to donate items to charities, is open 24/7 near Pies & Pints through Jan. 5. Guests simply walk up to the machine, slide their cards, and make a purchase that will benefit a local or a global charity. The vending machines allow users to purchase and donate items such as clothing, baby supplies, medicine, even chickens for people in need, both here in Indiana and around the world.

One hundred percent of all donations go directly to the participating charities. Show your Giving Machine receipt to participating retailers for discounts (Hoosier Sister: \$10 off your purchase of \$50 or more; Pies & Pints: 15 percent off your food order; Upland Brewing: 10 percent off your food order).

View Clay Terrace's holiday hours [here](#) and stay up to date with the latest news and updates on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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Commander Jason R. Baumann has certainly made his family proud. Thank you for your service, sir!

Noblesville TOPGUN pilot leads Strike Fighter Weapons School

Submitted

Commander Jason R. Baumann, a Noblesville native, assumed the responsibility of Commanding Officer at the Strike Fighter Weapons School, Atlantic in a ceremony commencing at Naval Air Station, Oceana Building 137, Virginia Beach, Va., on Friday, Oct. 11, 2024, in Hangar Two onboard Naval Air Station, Oceana.

CDR Baumann graduated in 2005 with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Purdue University. He received his commission through Officer Candidate School at Pensacola, Fla., in October 2005. In April 2006, he was assigned to pilot training at Pensacola, Fla., Corpus Christi, Texas, and then Kingsville, Texas, earning his Naval Aviator Wings in November 2007.

Following initial flight

training, CDR Baumann reported to the "Gladiators" of VFA-106 for instruction in the FA-18 Super Hornet. Trained as a Fleet Replacement Pilot, he was first assigned to the "Red Rippers" of VFA-11 from October 2008 until September 2011. He completed a combat deployment aboard the USS Enterprise flying missions into Iraq and Afghanistan. In VFA-11, he served as Schedules Officer, Aircraft Division Officer, and Weapons and Tactics Officer.

In September 2011, he was selected to attend the Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN). CDR Baumann graduated TOPGUN with follow on orders to Strike Fighter Weapons School, Atlantic. At Strike Fighter Weapons School Atlantic, CDR Baumann served as the Fighter Missions Subject Matter Expert

and TAC DEV director.

In 2014, CDR Baumann reported to Atsugi, Japan, and the "Chippies" of VFA-195 as the Training and Standardization Officer deploying aboard USS George Washington & USS Ronald Reagan in the western Pacific. In January of 2016, CDR Baumann reported to the Naval Postgraduate School and graduated in June of 2017 as a Conrad scholar with a Masters of Business Administration (Financial Management).

In October 2017, CDR Baumann reported to the "War Party" of VFA-87 where he served as the Safety, Administrative, Maintenance, and Operations Officer deploying aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt in the Pacific. In October 2020, CDR Baumann was assigned to the staff of Commander Naval Air Forces, det Norfolk serving

as the F-35C Requirements Officer. He then reported to Commander Strike Fighter Wing Atlantic in August 2022 while going through the prospective XO/CO schooling pipeline.

CDR Baumann has accumulated over 2,700 flight hours and more than 600 carrier arrested landings. His decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Strike-Flight Air Medal (Individual Action), Navy Commendation Medal (3), Navy Achievement Medal, as well as various unit, campaign, and service awards.

On Oct. 11, 2024, CDR Baumann assumed the roles and responsibilities of Commanding Officer Strike Fighter Weapons School, Atlantic. CDR Baumann is married to Jessica Baumann (née Egler) and they have three children together: Lily, Evelyn, and Benjamin.

Letter to the Editor

Shaffer sick of people in power ignoring rules

Dear Editor:

There was a time when you abided by the law, the rules of the game, the agreed-upon decrees and that was that.

Some things we just took for granted:

- Countries had borders.
- Politicians were held accountable for lies and deceptions.

- People paid their taxes.
- Winners got trophies and losers didn't.

Stuff like that.

Now we find ourselves hosting illegal immigrants, hearing a President would not and then would pardon his son, IRS employees owe billions in back taxes, and everybody gets a trophy just for showing up.

You can add to the list.

One favorite locally is the superintendent of schools who, when caught politicking for two school board candidates was given a pass from school [Policy 9700.01](#).

It states that "no one may use his/her involvement or position in a school-related organization to promote his/her own or any other candidacy for public office."

The employee of Carmel taxpayers was excused because he took a day of personal vacation to do it.

What could be clearer than Policy 9700.01?

It says nothing about taking a day off to be exempt from it.

As they say on the sports channel:

"C'mon, Man."

And that goes all the way up to the President in the humble opinion of your faithful correspondent.

Bill Shaffer

Carmel

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US Capitol and White House Tour Requests

My office can help arrange tours throughout our nation's capital.



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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
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Meets 2nd Thurs 630pm at Gingers 1804
Conner St Noblesville

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Hamilton County Military Veteran

Christmas Tree Giveaway Dec 7th 9-11am at Twin Peaks 6880 E 82nd St by I-465



Write Letters To Santa – Drop Off or Email



Come See Santa at the Sheridan American Legion
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1:00 - 4:00



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Activities & Events

Come See Santa & Mrs Claus at the Carmel American Legion Dec 14th from 1-3pm



Children's Christmas With Santa at the Noblesville American Legion Dec 15, from 11am to 1pm



Children's Christmas Party at the Noblesville VFW
Dec 21st at 3pm – Sign up By Dec 15th by calling or stopping by the Post



VFW Kids Christmas Party
December 21st, 2024 at 3pm
VFW Post 6246
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Face-paced & funny, this Christmas show will really stuff your stockings

By ADAM CROWE
A Seat on the Aisle

The Phoenix Theatre (at the Phoenix Theatre Cultural Center) is presenting its 16th version of founder Bryan Fonseca's answer to traditional holiday entertainment. *A Very Phoenix Xmas: It's A Wonderful Die Hard Life Story Actually* is the latest variation in a long line of holiday sketches, musical numbers, and edgy humor.

Culling scripts from submissions from various area writers, *A Very Phoenix Xmas* is a tradition intent on skewering other holiday traditions. If that sounds a bit meta, it's really just a way to showcase local performers and writers making fun of December holiday tropes. This year's theme is Holiday Movies and, as you can tell from the title, all the usual suspects are "present."

As it does every year, the success of the show is dependent on the proper

mix of good writing and strong performers. This year's mix is supported by a cast of five who know exactly what they are doing. Matthew Altman, Devan Mathias, Paige Neely, Zachariah Stonerock, and Kelsey Van Voorst combine to pull laughs from expected targets, as well as a few unexpected ones (*Rosemary's Baby?*). The cast is strong and nearly all of the writing is worthy of their talents. A running joke referencing *It's a Wonderful Life* might not hold up as well without the amazing Jimmy Stewart presented by Stonerock. Overall, the show never wears out its welcome, though tighter pacing and scene changes couldn't hurt.

Directed by Claire Wilcher, with the lighting design by Tim Dick and a truly wonderful set by Zac Hunter, *A Very Phoenix Xmas: It's A Wonderful Die Hard Life Story Actually* also benefits from some terrific sound from Ben Dobler, who



Photo by Rob Slaven / IndyGhostLight.com

also worked with the director to produce some hilarious video moments. Writers include Bennett Ayres, Jeff Clawson, Mookie Harris, Steve Korbar, Mark Harvey Levine, Steve Moulds, Zack

Neiditch, K.T. Peterson, and Director Wilcher. Monique Burts handled the costuming.

Bottom line: This version of an Indy Holiday tradition hits all the right comedy notes and the laughter

it brings is indeed a balm in this year of turmoil.

A Very Phoenix Xmas: It's A Wonderful Die Hard Life Story Actually runs at Phoenix Theater Cultural Center through Dec.

22. Tickets are available through the Phoenix website at PhoenixTheatre.org or by calling (317) 635-7529.

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

Don't miss these critical holiday shipping deadlines

Submitted by Stamps.com

With peak season holiday shopping underway, shipping could become a major stressor for consumers this year.

A new survey by Stamps.com, a leading provider of postal and shipping solutions from Auctane, reveals 40 percent of U.S. consumers are unaware of crucial holiday shipping deadlines. This oversight can lead to last-minute scrambles, higher shipping costs, and packages arriving late, possibly after the holidays.

Generational divide: Baby Boomers vs. Millennials

The survey found a generational difference in holiday shipping deadline awareness, with 53 percent of Baby Boomers unaware of these cut-off dates, compared to just 32 percent of Millennials. Millennials are also more likely to prioritize guaranteed delivery, with 68 percent citing it as a key factor when choosing a shipping option this holiday season. These findings

Key Shipping Deadlines

- Dec. 13: Last day for FedEx Ground Economy
- Dec. 18: Last day for USPS Ground Advantage and First-Class Mail
- Dec. 19: Last day for UPS 3 Day Select and USPS Priority Mail
- Dec. 20: Last day for UPS 2nd Day Air
- Dec. 21: Last day for USPS Priority Mail Express

Note: UPS Ground dates may vary

highlight the importance younger generations place on receiving their deliveries on time.

Shipping delays are common

With millions of packages set to hit the system, it is not uncommon for shipping delays to occur in the holiday season. Of those surveyed, 66 percent have experienced holiday shipping delays, with Gen Z reporting the highest rate of delays at 73 percent, compared to 49 percent of Baby Boomers. Again, this highlights that younger generations are less tolerant of delays and prioritize fast and efficient shipping.

"As the holiday season approaches, it's crucial for consumers to be prepared and aware of shipping deadlines to ensure their gifts arrive on time," Stamps.com General Manager Nick Spitzman said. "Our survey highlights the significant portion of consumers who are unaware of these deadlines, particularly older generations. It's essential for retailers and shipping carriers to provide clear and timely information about shipping deadlines to help consumers avoid last-minute stress and disappointment. By planning ahead and being mindful of shipping timelines, consumers can enjoy a stress-free holiday season."

Gift-giving preferences impact shipping choices

The survey also revealed how generational preferences influence shipping choices. While Gen Z prioritizes speed and convenience, with nearly 40 percent prioritizing delivery dates, older generations often consider factors like cost and fragility. For instance, only 25 percent of Boomers prioritize delivery dates, suggesting a greater emphasis on affordability and protection from damage.

Willingness to pay extra for on-time delivery

Faced with the prospect of a late-arriving gift, a huge 83 percent of surveyed consumers are willing to pay extra for faster shipping. This trend is especially strong among Gen Z, with 56 percent willing to pay up, compared to just 27 percent of Baby Boomers.

The takeaway: plan ahead and be prepared

Stamps.com advises consumers to begin holiday shopping early and familiarize themselves with shipping deadlines across carriers. Since Thanksgiving fell later this year, the holiday season is shorter, making planning ahead even more essential. Choosing guaranteed delivery options may also be beneficial to avoid last-minute fees and delays.

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WESTFIELD
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Get ready for new year at Westfield Chamber's Annual Meeting

The REPORTER

The Westfield Chamber invites you to its Annual Meeting and Holiday Celebration, set for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12 at The Bridgewater Club, 3535 E. 161st St.

This luncheon will be an opportunity to learn what the Chamber has planned for 2025, celebrate the holiday season, and honor the Chamber's loyal partners.

This event will also be

a time to thank Chamber Board Members and Young Professional Council Board Members whose service will be coming to an end. New Board Members will be announced, which will include swearing in new Chamber Board Chairman Nolan Barr and YP Council Board Chairwoman Rachel Nelson.

Be merry and come mark the end of a great year together. [Click here](#) to register.

Paul Poteet...

Your Hometown Weatherman!





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Major ramp & lane closures coming to I-69 this weekend

The REPORTER

Drivers need to prepare for significant ramp and lane closures going into this weekend.

The restrictions are needed to move southbound Interstate 69 traffic onto new bridges and pavement. The updates include opening the 82nd Street ramps.

The traffic shift is expected to be complete by Monday, Dec. 9, before the morning commute.

Once the traffic shift is complete, drivers will be on new pavement and bridges on I-69 South and the 82nd Street ramps will be open. When traveling on the 82nd Street ramp

to I-69 South, drivers will only have access to I-465 South. To get from I-69 South to Binford Boulevard South, drivers will need to be in the far-left lane of I-69 South before 96th Street.

Overnight closures

Thursday, Dec. 5 (9 p.m. through 6 a.m.):

I-69 South left two lanes open

- Ramp from 96th Street to I-69 South closed
- Ramp from I-465 East to I-69 North closed
- No access from Binford Boulevard to I-69 North

Upcoming weekend

Friday, Dec. 6 through

Monday, Dec. 9 (expected to reopen by 6 a.m. Monday):

- I-69 South single lane open
- Ramp from 96th Street to I-69 South closed
- Ramp from 106th Street to I-69 SB closed (Starting at 11 p.m.)
- Ramp from I-69 South

to I-465 South closed (Starting at 11 p.m. and expected to reopen Sunday, Dec. 8 around 12 p.m.)

Drivers should expect significant delays while traveling through the corridor during this work, so prepare accordingly and avoid distractions in the work zone.

Register for Carmel Community Players' next Master Class

The REPORTER

Carmel Community Players' Master Classes occur once a month, each focusing on a specific theatrical skill or trade. Each class is 90 minutes and features hands-on learning experiences taught by experienced artists, performers, and industry professionals. Classes allow students to explore different areas of theatre, learn something new or perfect their developed craft.

Next class ...

Set Design

- Monday, Dec. 9 at 6 p.m.
- Carmel Friends Church, 651 W. Main St.
- Price: \$25 per student (Limited spots available – please register ahead of time)

All classes are qualified for scholarships per request; email info@carmelplayers.org with inquiries.

From sketch to stage, learn how an idea can be put to the stage in this Set Design class. In this class you will learn how to make a set from a stage proposal scale (micro-scale set) and take home your own mini theatre stage and production.

[Click here](#) to sign up.

Meet the instructors

Nicole Amsler is a director, playwright, producer, set designer, stage manager, and sometimes actress. She was most re-



Amsler

cently seen on stage in *Radium Girls* (Anderson Mainstage), *Calender Girls* (Epilogue Players), *Rumors* (Westfield Playhouse), and *Barefoot in the Park* (Hyperion Players.)

Recently she has directed *God of Carnage* for Hyperion Players, *How the Other Half Loves* for Belfry, Grand Horizons for Hyperion Players, *You Can't Take It with You* for Basile Westfield Playhouse, and *An Inspector Calls* for Hyperion Players. She has designed several sets for local theater.

Classes will continue in Spring 2025. [Click here](#) for more information.

In the mood for a mini-Nutcracker? Come indulge in the *Nutcracker Sweets*

Submitted

The Jackson Township area will soon welcome a mini-*Nutcracker* performance.

It isn't often that a rural community can host such a classic program where local dancers will be highlighted in this 30-minute

miniature version of the classic story. Watch as Clara's nutcracker doll comes to life on Christmas Eve and takes her into a land of dancing snow flurries and twirling candies.

This is a perfect opportunity to create a new, local family tradition, and the

30-minute program is perfect for guests of all ages.

Nutcracker Sweets will be at the Hamilton Heights High School Auditorium, 25802 State Road 19, Arcadia, on Sunday, Dec. 15 with show times at 2:30 and 4 p.m. \$10 tickets will be available at the door.

Kick off Winter Break with magic show for you & your kids

Submitted

David Ranalli creates a fun atmosphere and an unforgettable evening as he combines world-class sleight of hand, witty banter, and mysteries of the mind in "Deception." This magic show is a great way to kick off Winter Break with your kids, or as a fun night out with friends or your date.

Get ready to freak out, laugh, and smile with amazement at this magic and mind reading show. Using simple objects and the power of the human mind, Ranalli creates an energetic show that will leave you speechless. His interactive style ensures everyone is on a thrilling ride from start to finish.

Ranalli is a globe-trotting magician and entertainer. Born and raised in Chicago, he started magic at age 13 after he snuck backstage to meet the legendary David Copperfield. He later drew inspiration from magicians like David Blaine. He performed regularly in restaurants and at parties, doing as many shows as possible to perfect his craft. His training advanced when he decided to study Speech Communication & Philosophy at Southern Illinois University.

Free to explore, Ranalli



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learned everything he could about psychology, speech, non-verbal communication, marketing, and the effects of electronic media on the brain, graduating at the top of his class.

Nowadays, Ranalli is regularly featured as the headline entertainment for some of the world's top theaters, corporate events, and VIP parties. He is based in Chicago and Indianapolis and travels across the U.S. to share his magic.

Ranalli says he believes magic is a great way to inspire and empower people in a distracted world. He draws inspiration for his magic from art, science, and psychology. His shows are interactive and fun. His creative magic displays a variety of jaw-dropping illusions and secret techniques that will blow your mind.

This show at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19 is intended for adults and kids over

age 10. It's a perfect way to spend an evening with your kids, as a date night, or group event.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; show begins at 7:30. You can get your tickets at feinsteins.com.

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Meeting Notices	
The Carmel Fire Department Merit Board will meet in an executive session at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2024, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5) To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. A regular meeting will follow at 6:05 p.m. or immediately after the executive session (whichever is later) on the second floor of the Carmel Fire Department, 210 Veterans Way.	Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners meeting set for 8:30 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 6, 2024, is canceled.
The Hamilton County Commissioners will meet at 1:45 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9, 2024, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.	

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Governor-elect Braun announces Freedom & Opportunity Agenda

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Governor-elect Mike Braun unveiled his Freedom and Opportunity Agenda on Tuesday, a comprehensive framework designed to take Indiana to new heights through targeted reforms and strategic investments.

“Our Freedom and Opportunity Agenda represents a bold vision for Indiana’s future,” Braun said. “By implementing these common-sense solutions, we’ll create a more prosperous, safer, and stronger Indiana for every Hoosier family.”

The agenda prioritizes:

1. Providing tax relief to address inflation and reduce the burden for everyday Hoosiers.
2. Delivering a leaner, more responsive government that runs efficiently and provides excellent constituent services.
3. Equipping Indiana’s next generation through education, workforce development, and economic development.
4. Investing in a healthier Indiana by driving down healthcare costs, increasing access, and increasing transparency.
5. Improving quality of life for every Hoosier through public safety, affordable energy, and clean water.

The agenda combines executive action, legislative initiatives, and agency-level reforms to achieve these policy goals. More details about each of these priorities are outlined below:

Historic tax relief for Hoosier families

As Hoosiers contend with inflation, the State should provide comprehensive tax relief that protects taxpayers from runaway property taxes, supports retirees and families with targeted relief, and reduces the burden on Main Street businesses.

- Cap annual property tax increases at 2 to 3 percent to protect homeowners and farmers
- Cut property taxes by resetting homeowner bills to their pre-COVID levels
- Eliminate state tax on retirement income including pensions, 401(k)s, and IRA

distributions

- Create tax-advantaged Farm Savings Accounts to help stabilize farm income
- Institute strategic sales tax holidays for back-to-school supplies, outdoor recreation equipment, and youth sports gear
- Update the farmland base rate formula to provide targeted relief for agricultural communities

Streamlined, responsive government

A leaner, more responsive government is better for taxpayers and the economy. Unlike the private sector, where real economics incentivizes effectiveness and lower overhead, government at every level has grown unchecked. To reduce waste and improve the delivery of essential services, the State should develop strict performance metrics for its agencies, and eliminate unnecessary or underperforming positions and programs.

- Consolidate state leadership into eight cabinet-level secretaries to improve efficiency
 - Present a balanced budget that addresses the state’s deficit while reforming Medicaid spending
 - Launch comprehensive digital transformation of state services, including automated veteran healthcare eligibility verification, streamlined BMV document processing, and one-stop online portal for farmer services
 - Conduct systematic review to eliminate outdated regulations and reduce administrative burden
- ### Education excellence & workforce development
- Indiana’s future prosperity depends on educating and developing a skilled workforce ready to take on tomorrow’s challenges.*
- Implement universal school choice for all Indiana families regardless of income
 - Increase teacher base pay and establish performance-based compensation



Braun

Enhance school safety through a new Office of School Safety

- Invest in workforce development through creation of the Hoosier Workforce Investment

Tax Credit, restructured Indiana Economic Development Corporation, and enhanced regional collaboration for job creation

- Focus on improved literacy and math outcomes with evidence-based curriculum

Healthcare transformation

Rising healthcare costs and limited access to care, particularly in rural areas, continue to challenge Hoosier families and healthcare providers. This multi-faceted strategy addresses both costs and healthcare accessibility while promoting innovation in the industry.

- Drive down healthcare costs through enhanced price transparency requirements, reformed prior authorization processes, and regulated pharmacy benefit managers
- Expand rural healthcare access through new incentives for rural healthcare facilities, enhanced telehealth coverage, and improved obstetrics access
- Protect coverage for pre-existing conditions
- Create Primary Care Access Revolving Fund to support new medical facilities
- Reform mental health treatment to reduce burden on criminal justice system

Enhanced public safety

Hoosier families and communities deserve to know that their safety and security are the top priority of the state government. In today’s interconnected world, national issues like illegal immigration and the flow of illegal drugs like fentanyl and methamphetamine have a real impact on communities across the state and country. Because of the complexity of modern public safety, it is imperative that the State supports law enforcement officers in

the line of duty.

- Support law enforcement through competitive salary and benefits packages, enhanced training opportunities, protected qualified immunity, and establishing non-discretionary minimum bail requirements for violent crimes
- Combat drug trafficking through strengthened penalties for fentanyl and methamphetamine distribution, enhanced state police interdiction powers, and comprehensive prevention and recovery programs
- Address illegal immigration by enforcing sanctuary city bans, enhancing cooperation with federal authorities, and preparing Indiana National Guard for potential border support

Lower energy costs for Hoosiers

Over the last decade, Hoosiers’ electricity bills have increased dramatically, outpacing the national average. Indiana needs strong leadership to navigate these challenges and improve energy accessibility. The Braun administration will ensure that the State has enough affordable and reliable electricity to meet the needs of residents and attract new economic development.

- Ensure that Hoosiers always have access to affordable and reliable electricity and heat through a comprehensive all-of-the-above energy strategy, cutting red tape, and developing next-generation nuclear energy

The administration will immediately begin working with the Indiana General Assembly to advance these priorities during the upcoming legislative session.

“These reforms represent a comprehensive approach to Indiana’s challenges,” Braun said. “By implementing the Freedom and Opportunity Agenda, we’ll ensure Indiana remains competitive while improving quality of life for every Hoosier.”

Click here to read the Freedom and Opportunity Agenda. You can also learn more at BraunTransition.com.

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— FISHERS —

CITY OF FISHERS
FISHERS BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CASE VA-24-24

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY SUBMIT COMMENTS BY GOING TO:
https://townoffishers.formstack.com/forms/public_meeting_comment_form

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the FISHERS BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS at 6:00 PM on December 18, 2024 at Fishers Municipal Center, FMC Nickel Plate Conference Room, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038.

REQUEST: At that hearing, the public will be invited to offer comments on the following request (“Proposal”): Case # VA-24-24 - Consideration of a Land Use Variance from Section 4.2.3.1-69-OL Interstate-69 Overlay District of the City’s Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to allow an Institutional Use at 12115 Visionary Way for the Alhuda Foundation Inc.

LOCATION: 12115 VISIONARY WAY, FISHERS, IN 46038

The case file about this project is available for public review in the office of the Department of Planning and Zoning, located at Fishers Municipal Center, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038. The meeting agenda with room location details and case related information will be posted on the City’s website forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting specified above. If you have specific questions or want to provide written contacts to the case planner directly, please contact:

City of Fishers Planning & Zoning Department
planning@fishers.in.us
(317) 595-3155
www.FishersIN.gov/notice
Petitioner: Andrew Horton
R5355 12/5/24, 12/9/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Ind. Code §5-3-1 and 5-23 et. Seq., the City of Fishers Board of Public Works & Safety (“Board”) will hold a public hearing on Friday December 20, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., at the City of Fishers Municipal Complex Nickel Plate Conference Room, 3rd Floor, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, Indiana 46038 to consider a recommendation to award a public-private agreement to Meyer Najem Construction LLC (“Meyer Najem”) for Meyer Najem to design, build and transfer to the City the Fishers Phase 1 of the Fishers White River Park. The Board will hear and receive comments from all interested persons. Proposals and explanations for the basis upon which the recommendation is being made are available for public inspection by contacting Jake Reardon McSoley at reardonmcsoleyj@fishers.in.us or (317) 595-3256.
R5366 12/5/24, 12/9/24

— JACKSON TOWNSHIP —

Legal Notice
Board of zoning appeals

The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on December 19th, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the Red Bridge Park Community Building, 25 Red Bridge Park, Cicero Indiana, 46034 in order to hear the following petition:

Docket No. BZA-1224-52-C1

A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 23576 Englewood Road, Cicero to: Allow an electronic pole sign 150 feet tall. Whereas Article 10.7 Commercial Sign Standards states that pole signs and electronic signs are prohibited.

Project Address: 23576 Englewood Drive, Cicero IN, 46034
Legal Descriptions: Acreage 17.72 Section 6, Township 19, Range 4
Parcel number: 29-06-06-000-001-000-008

The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Planning Commission, 331 E. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034.

Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Comments may be mailed to Cicero/Jackson Planning Commission at P.O. Box 650 Cicero, IN 46034. Comments may also be dropped off in the Cicero Utilities payment drop box located at 331 E. Jackson St. Cicero, IN. Comments may also be emailed to fzawadzki@townofcicero.in.gov Comments must be received by 3:00 pm on the date of the hearing. Written comments will be read aloud during the public hearing and entered into the record of the Hearing.

The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
Petitioner: McClure Oil 11/12/2024
R5358 12/5/24, 12/9/24

— COUNTY —

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

HAMILTON COUNTY PARK BOARD, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
PUBLIC HEARING ON RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD PUBLIC-PRIVATE AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 5-23-5-9

This notice is to inform the general public of a Public Hearing that will be held by the HAMILTON COUNTY PARK BOARD on December 9, 2024 at 6 PM at Osprey Point Pavilion, 19777 Morse Park Lane Noblesville, IN 46062. The Public Hearing concerns the Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Department’s BOT Evaluation Committee’s (the “Committee”) recommendation to award a public-private agreement/scoping agreement (the “Agreement”) with a Developer for the Strawtown Koteewi Park Archery Project (the “Project”).

Upon the Committee’s recommendation, the Hamilton County Park Board (the “Board”) intends to negotiate with the recommended Developer and eventually enter into an agreement to design, construct, and other professional services with the recommended Developer. The Department intends to pursue, negotiate, and finalize a guaranteed maximum price with the recommended developer.

The Committee shall present its recommendation to select a Developer for the Project at the public hearing and shall provide a more in-depth explanation of the basis upon which the recommendation is being made at the Public Hearing. Beginning Wednesday, December 4th, the received proposals and the explanation shall be available for inspection and copying in the Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Office. The office is located at 400 Lafayette Road, Noblesville, IN 46060.
R5363 12/5/24, 12/9/24

HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY DISTRICT
MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Regional Utility District will meet on Monday December 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom located in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. Meeting will begin with Executive Session from 10:00 a.m.-10:10 a.m. for discussion of the Implementation of Security Systems IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(C), Purchase or Lease of Real Estate IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D), Discussion of Pending Litigation IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B), and Discussion of Personnel IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7). Public session to discuss the utility district business will immediately follow the Executive Session.
R5373 12/5/24, 12/9/24

— CICERO —

NOTICE

On December 17, 2024, Cicero Town Council will hold an Executive Session at 6:00 PM at Cicero Town Hall, 70 N Byron Street, Cicero, IN according to Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D) A real property transaction including: (i) a purchase; (ii) a lease as lessor; (iii) a lease as lessee; (iv) a transfer; (v) an exchange; or (vi) a sale; by the governing body up to the time a contract or option is executed by the parties. This clause does not affect a political subdivision’s duty to comply with any other statute that governs the conduct of the real property transaction, including IC 36-1-10 or IC 36-1-11.
R5371 12/5/24, 12/9/24

— ARCADIA —

NOTICE

The Arcadia Town Council will meet in an executive session on Tuesday, December 10th at 4:00 p.m. to receive information about and interview prospective employees 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5) located at the Arcadia Town Hall 208 W. Main Street Arcadia, IN 46030.
R5372 12/5/24, 12/9/24

Veteran K-9 handler welcomes new partner at ISP Pendleton District

The REPORTER
The Indiana State Police Pendleton District has announced the addition of a new K-9 team.

On Tuesday, Trooper Michael Thiron and his new partner, Ruger, graduated from the Indiana State Police K-9 Academy in Indianapolis.

The Indiana State Police K-9 Academy, a rigorous 12-week training program, prepares K-9 teams for a variety of law enforcement tasks, including obedience, tracking, area and building searches, article searches, aggression control, and narcotic detection.

Ruger, a 20-month-old Belgian Malinois/German Shepherd mix, will join Trooper Thiron in his on-

going efforts to counter the trafficking of illegal narcotics and crime across the Pendleton District.

Trooper Thiron, a nine-year veteran of the Indiana State Police, has served as a K-9 handler for three years. Ruger will be replacing Thiron’s current partner, Yana, who is nearing retirement after years of dedicated service.

“Being a K-9 handler is more than a job” Thiron said. “It’s a partnership built on trust, discipline, and an unbreakable bond.”

ISP is proud to have one of the largest and most highly regarded K-9 programs in the country, and the addition of Ruger further strengthens the agency’s commitment to keeping the citizens of Indiana safe.



Photo provided by ISP

Duke Energy’s Share the Light Fund offers nearly \$300,000 in bill assistance to Indiana customers facing financial hardship this winter

The REPORTER

Duke Energy Indiana is dedicating nearly \$300,000 in financial assistance to help its customers in need pay their energy bills this winter season. The **Share the Light Fund** is supported by Duke Energy shareholders and voluntary contributions from customers and employees.

“Duke Energy’s Share the Light Fund is available to those who may be struggling to make ends meet,” Duke Energy Indiana President Stan Pinegar said. “We work hand in hand with local community action agencies to connect our customers

with available assistance, offer programs and tools to help manage their energy use and provide financial support during times of economic hardship.”

Duke Energy works with the **Indiana Community Action Association** to distribute funds to qualifying customers to pay energy bills, deposits, and reconnection/connection charges.

Eligibility for the Share the Light Fund is based on income, family size, and the



Pinegar

availability of resources. Customers can receive up to a \$300 credit annually on their account. Individuals should contact their local community action agency to see if they are eligible.

Click here to find a listing of service providers by county.

Savings programs & assistance

Duke Energy offers a number of other tools and resources to help customers take control of their energy use and save money,

including:

- **Usage Alerts** that send customers a notification of how much electricity they are using and its cost so they can make adjustments before their billing period ends
- **Free Home Energy House Calls**, where energy professionals assess a home in-person or virtually for efficiency and provide customers with a toolkit of energy-saving devices
- **Installation payment plans** for customers needing flexibility

To learn more about these programs, visit duke-energy.com/SeasonalSavings.

Don't miss your chance to see *The Nutcracker* at STAR Bank Performing Arts Center in Zionsville

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Performances will take place at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 20, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 21, and 2 p.m. Dec. 22 at the STAR Bank Performing Arts Center, 1000 Mulberry St., Zionsville.

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Get your tickets now at my-ballet.org/nutcracker. Cost is \$27 for adults, and \$22 for children, seniors, and military.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

THE ALTAR OF BURNT OFFERING

"Build an altar of acacia wood, three cubits high; it is to be square, five cubits long and five cubits wide. Make a horn at each of the four corners, so that the horns and the altar are of one piece, and overlay the altar with bronze. Make all its utensils of bronze—its pots to remove the ashes, and its shovels, sprinkling bowls, meat forks and firepans. Make a grating for it, a bronze network, and make a bronze ring at each of the four corners of the network. Put it under the ledge of the altar so that it is halfway up the altar. Make poles of acacia wood for the altar and overlay them with bronze. The poles are to be inserted into the rings so they will be on two sides of the altar when it is carried. Make the altar hollow, out of boards. It is to be made just as you were shown on the mountain.

Exodus 27:1-8 (NIV)

Mary Carolyn Dash

May 16, 1940 – December 2, 2024

Mary Carolyn Dash, 84, Fishers, passed away on Monday, December 2, 2024, at her home. She was born on May 16, 1940, to Robert and Julia (Hubbard) Hartssock in Indianapolis. Mary married Bobby Dash on August 9, 1957.



Mary was a seamstress for Fabri-Tech for many years and was a member of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Noblesville. She enjoyed reading, jewelry making, and word puzzles. Over the years, Mary liked traveling to Gatlinburg, Tenn., and going on church trip adventures. She was a homemaker and a true care giver to many.

Mary is survived by her husband of 67 years, Bobby Dash; daughter, Rebecca (Bill) Dash-Edwards; son-in-law, Michael Millikan; siblings, John (Eunice) Hartssock, Judy Wills, Susan (Stan) Eckert, and Linda White; stepsiblings, Steve (Karen) Swinford and Sally Swinford; grandchildren, Ian Edwards and Nicholas Millikan; great-grandchildren, Lily and Colton Millikan; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Donna Dash-Millikan; son, Joseph Dash; sister, Jeanne Cox; brother, Bobby Hartssock; stepmother, Kate Hartssock; stepbrothers, Stanley Swinford and Sidney Swinford; and stepsisters, Vona Weaver and Patricia May Jones.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, December 7, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with Rev. Richard D. Bell officiating. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60631 (alz.org/indiana).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

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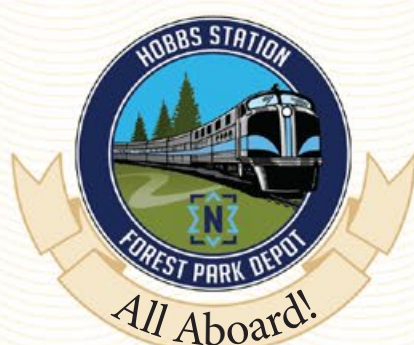
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Girls Basketball

Royals prevail in hard-fought contest against Noblesville

By **RICHIE HALL**
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NOBLESVILLE – A hard-fought girls basketball game went Hamilton Southeastern's way Wednesday night.

The Class 4A No. 2 Royals visited The Mill at Noblesville and held off the Millers 49-45 in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference contest. Southeastern jumped out to a double-digit advantage in the second quarter before the Millers came back, slowly chipping away at the Royals' lead. Noblesville then surged ahead a few times in the second half before Southeastern pulled ahead for good.

"Once they took the lead, we found a way to bounce back and get some key buckets," said Royals coach Brian Satterfield. "I know Kennedy was able to attack off the rim. We got some good ball movement, hit some shots and we were able to knock down free throws. But more importantly, down the stretch, the last three or four minutes, I thought we got some key stops."

Southeastern led 39-38 going into the fourth quarter. The Millers' C. C. Quigley used a putback to get her team up 40-39. Kennedy Holman answered that with a layin, to which Quigley responded by making another rebound basket.

That gave Noblesville a 42-41 lead, but HSE's Antonette Green took care of that with a 3-pointer. Holman helped out with another basket, then Meredith Tippner threw in a triple to keep the Millers within 46-45.

Holman stepped up again, making a layin with around two minutes to go that got the Royals ahead 48-45. Both teams made stops during those final minutes, and Kayla Stidham iced the game by making a free throw with 11 seconds left.

"We made the plays

down the stretch when we needed to," said Satterfield.

Tippner scored the game's first points with a 3 at the 5:36 mark of the first quarter. Another Tippner triple gave Noblesville a 6-5 lead late in the first. Southeastern got going after that, making a 16-2 run that carried well into the second quarter.

Holman began the run with a putback, then Stidham drained a pair of 3s. Abby Brown's layin finished the first-quarter scoring, then Maya Makalusky opened the second period with a 3. Holman's triple pushed the Royals ahead 21-8.

Millers freshman Maia Blower threw in a 3, which began a 17-7 run for Noblesville that lasted until halftime. Tippner poured in six points during that run, with Norah Vetur hitting a 3 and Kate Rollins making a traditional three-point play.

Southeastern led 28-25 at the break and was able to stay ahead for most of the third quarter. Stidham answered a Rollins 3 with an and-1 to put HSE up 35-29. Blower drained another 3 for the Millers and Rollins' triple gave Noblesville its first lead since the first quarter at 38-37. Stidham put the Royals back on top at 39-38 with two free throws, and the teams would continue that battle into the fourth quarter.

Holman led the scoring with 17 points and pulled seven rebounds, while Stidham made three 3s on her way to 15 points. Makalusky was held to seven points but did her part on defense, getting seven rebounds.

Tippner led all scorers with 19 points, also making three 3s, and collected six rebounds. Ally Hutchinson had five steals.

"Oh, there were a ton of positives," said Millers coach Donna Buckley. "They're supposed to be the team that wins. We're



Reporter photos by Richie Hall
(ABOVE) Hamilton Southeastern's Kennedy Holman scored 17 points for the Royals during their win over Noblesville on Wednesday. **(BELOW)** Noblesville freshman Maia Blower made two 3-pointers for the Millers.



trying to chase them down. Everybody in our sectional's chasing them down. And to know that we were right there tonight and our two freshmen (Blower and Vetur) played really well. We played several minutes with two freshmen on the floor against a really good

basketball team. C.C. really gave us some big minutes. I thought Kate was awesome tonight, chasing in the box-and-1."

The Royals are 3-0 in conference play and 7-0 overall. They will travel to Evansville North this weekend to play two games, tak-

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 49, NOBLESVILLE 45				
	FG	FT	TP	PF
Southeastern				
Maya Makalusky	3-5	0-0	7	3
Kayla Brinley	1-4	0-0	3	0
Kennedy Holman	8-16	0-1	17	4
Kayla Stidham	4-10	4-5	15	1
Addison Van Hoesen	1-3	0-0	2	0
Maine Hooks	0-0	0-0	0	0
Antonette Green	1-3	0-0	3	0
Abby Brown	1-1	0-0	2	2
Totals	19-42	4-6	49	10
Southeastern 3-point shooting (7-22) Stidham 3-8, Holman 1-6, Green 1-3, Makalusky 1-2, Brinley 1-2, Van Hoesen 0-1.				
Southeastern rebounds (27) Makalusky 7, Holman 7, Stidham 7, Hooks 2, Green 2, Brown 2.				
Noblesville				
Ally Hutchinson	0-3	0-0	0	0
Maia Blower	2-3	0-0	6	1
Meredith Tippner	8-19	0-0	19	2
Kate Rollins	3-6	1-1	9	3
C.C. Quigley	3-7	2-4	8	2
Brookelyn Grayson	0-0	0-0	0	0
Nora Vetur	1-1	0-0	3	3
Totals	17-39	3-5	45	11
Noblesville 3-point shooting (8-18) Tippner 3-7, Blower 2-3, Rollins 2-3, Vetur 1-1, Hutchinson 0-3, Quigley 0-1.				
Noblesville rebounds (18) Tippner 6, Blower 4, Quigley 4, Vetur 1, Rollins 1, team 2.				
Score by Quarters				
Southeastern	15	13	11	10 - 49
Noblesville	8	17	13	7 - 45

ing on Evansville Memorial at 7:30 p.m. Friday, then playing the host Huskies at 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

Noblesville is 1-2 in

HCC action and 4-3 overall. The Millers host Hamilton Heights tonight in a make-up game; the varsity-only contest begins at 7 p.m.

Correction

Tonight's Noblesville-Hamilton Heights girls basketball game will be played at Noblesville. Incorrect information appeared in the Wednesday edition. The Reporter regrets the error.

Thanks for reading The Reporter!

Heights gets most points of season, falls to Peru

The REPORTER
The Hamilton Heights girls basketball team got its highest point total of the season Wednesday.

The Huskies dropped a home contest to Peru 63-53 but topped their best scoring effort by 15 points; the previous mark was 38 in a Nov. 16 game at Jay Coun-

ty. Heights was tied with the Tigers 11-11 after one quarter before Peru jumped ahead 29-20 at halftime. The Huskies played even with the Tigers in the second half, with both teams scoring 22 points in the fourth.

Katie Brown scored 24 points, including five

3-pointers, and collected six rebounds. Presley Cherry drained three 3s while scoring 10 points and also made five steals. Abi Hilfiker and Reece Blanton both pulled

five rebounds. Heights is 0-6 and plays at Noblesville tonight in a make-up game. The varsity-only contest begins at 7 p.m.

PERU 63, HAMILTON HEIGHTS 53				
	FG	FT	TP	PF
Heights				
Katie Brown	7-23	5-6	24	0
Abi Hilfiker	1-4	0-0	2	3
Presley Cherry	3-13	1-4	10	4
Reece Blanton	3-9	0-0	7	1
Sarah Sherrill	4-7	0-0	8	4
Vivian Lynch	0-0	1-2	1	4
Vivian Rowland	0-0	1-2	1	0
Illiana Bowyer	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	18-56	8-14	53	17
Score by Quarters				
Peru	11	18	12	22 - 63
Heights	11	9	11	22 - 53
Heights 3-point shooting (9-30) Brown 5-14, Cherry 3-8, Blanton 1-6, Hilfiker 0-1, Sherrill 0-1.				
Heights rebounds (21) Brown 6, Hilfiker 5, Blanton 5, Sherrill 2, Lynch 2, Rowland 1.				

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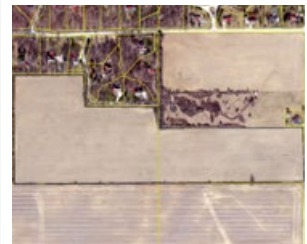
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Boys Basketball

Golden Eagles' strong start pushes them to victory

The REPORTER
A strong start propelled the Guerin Catholic boys basketball team to a win at Muncie Central on Wednesday.

The Class 3A No. 4 Golden Eagles beat the Bearcats 58-33. Guerin Catholic led 21-5 after one quarter, then rolled to a 34-14 halftime advantage. The Golden Eagles enjoyed their largest lead in the third pe-

riod at 46-19 before ending that quarter ahead 49-23.

Bryson Cardinal had an outstanding game, reaching double-double status with 30 points and 12 rebounds. Cardinal hit three 3-pointers during the contest. Carter Murans collected six rebounds.

Guerin Catholic is 2-0 and plays Saturday at Hamilton Heights.

GUERIN CATHOLIC 58, MUNCIE CENTRAL 33				
	FG	FT	TP	PF
Guerin Catholic				
Jake Grissom	3-11	1-2	8	3
Ryne Paris	3-7	1-2	7	1
Hayden Rogers	1-3	0-0	3	3
Bryson Cardinal	10-14	7-8	30	2
Carter Murans	1-3	2-2	4	1
Jack Toles	0-5	0-0	0	1
Jack Linden	0-0	0-0	0	1
Andrew Reithman	0-0	0-0	0	0
Julian Melendez	2-4	0-0	4	0
Will Bach	0-0	0-0	0	1
Jack Stoner	0-2	0-0	0	0
Jackson Carey	1-2	0-0	2	0
Aiden Horn	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	21-51	11-14	58	13
Score by Quarters				
Guerin Catholic	21	13	15	9 - 58
Muncie Central	5	9	9	10 - 33

Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting (5-14) Cardinal 3-4, Grissom 1-3, Rogers 1-2, Paris 0-3, Stoner 0-1, Murans 0-1.

Guerin Catholic rebounds (36) Cardinal 12, Murans 6, Rogers 4, Toles 4, Grissom 3, Carey 3, Paris 1, Reithman 1, team 2.

Hoosier 690 Pro/Am coming to Westfield this weekend

The REPORTER
The Indiana Field Archery Association (IFAA) will host its sixth annual Hoosier 690 Pro/Am this coming weekend at Roundtripper Sports Academy, 16708 South Park Drive, Westfield.

The two-day event (Saturday, Dec. 7 and Sunday, Dec. 8) includes two unique archery rounds. Day one features a traditional National Field Archery Association (NFAA) indoor target round of 60 arrows. The second day features a multi-color target used for the Las Vegas round and 30 arrows. A total score of 690 is possible when both day's scores are combined. Awards and cash prizes will be given to the highest-scoring archers in each class designation. The event is family-friendly and open to spectators at no cost.

The Hoosier 690 Pro/Am attracts novice to professional archers of all ages, both men and women, across the United States. This event is hosted by the IFAA and sanctioned by the NFAA.

Individuals of all ages and skill levels can compete in the same event, providing a unique experience for athletes and spectators.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, Dec. 5

GIRLS BASKETBALL
University at Anderson Prep Academy, 6:30 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Noblesville, 7 p.m.
Brebeuf Jesuit at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING
Guerin Catholic at Muncie Central, 6 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 6

BOYS BASKETBALL
Avon at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.
Clinton Prairie at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.
Fishers at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at New Castle, 7:30 p.m.
Lawrence Central at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.
University at Seton Catholic, 7:30 p.m.
Westfield at Zionsville, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Clinton Prairie at Sheridan, 6 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Evansville Memorial, 6:30 p.m.

Please email schedule changes or corrections to sports@readthereporter.com.

Thanks for reading!

Swimming

Westfield & Fishers swimmers get wins at three-team meet

The REPORTER
The Westfield swim teams hosted Fishers and Brownsburg in a three-team meet last Saturday.

Team scores were not available. In the girls meet, the Tigers got wins from Emma Schumacher in the 200 and 500 freestyles, Emily Wolf in the individual medley and butterfly, Claire Francis in the 50 and 100 freestyles, Polina Sopova in the breaststroke and all three relays. The Shamrocks' Kiarra Thomas won the backstroke.

In the boys meet, Fishers' Jonny Hines was a winner in the 200 and 500 freestyles, Eduardo Sanchez was first in the IM and butterfly, Alex Koo won the 50 free, Kirby Dangle was first in diving, Hudson Lee paced the 100 free and Tommy Johanneman won the backstroke. The Tigers also won the 400 free relay. (Results from the 200 free relay were not available.)

GIRLS MEET

200 medley relay: 1. Fishers "A" (Emily Wolf, Claire Francis, Mia Wilson, Emma Schumacher) 1:49.31, 2. Westfield "A" (Kiarra Thomas, Nora Sperry, Evie Wheat, Maggie Alley) 1:52.73, 3. Fishers "B" (Elise Eubank, Polina Sopova, Alex Nguyen, Avery Hannon) 1:53.89, 5. Fishers "C" (Sophie Blue, CJ Piotrowski, Lexi Adams, Sofia Ortiz)

200 freestyle: 1. Emma Schumacher (F) 1:58.18, 2. Frankie Ramey (F) 2:00.88, 3. Laney McCulloch (W) 2:01.76, 4. Gracie Alley (W) 2:04.07, 5. Lily Ziino (F) 2:04.65.

200 individual medley: 1. Wolf (F) 2:09.40, 2 Hannon (F) 2:13.68, 3. Wheat (W) 2:13.99, 4. Thomas (W) 2:15.12, 5. Nguyen (F) 2:15.12.

50 freestyle: 1. Francis (F) 25.15, 2. Schumacher (F) 25.46, 3. Mick (W) 26.71, 4. Brown (W) 27.18, 5. M. Alley (W) 27.26.

One-meter diving: 2. Makenna Dammeyer (W) 180.40, 3. Addison Goodwin (W) 180.00, 6. Elaine Van Trees (F) 159.85.

100 butterfly: 1. Wolf (F) 56.04, 2. Wheat (W) 58.07, 3. Sopova (F) 1:00.32, 4. Wilson (F) 1:00.80, 5. Eubank (F) 1:01.89, 6. Sperry (W) 1:02.10.

100 freestyle: 1. Francis (F) 54.88, 2. Ramey (F) 55.61, 4. Blue (F) 58.51, 5. M. Alley (W) 58.79, 6. Brown (W) 58.94.

500 freestyle: 1. Schumacher (F) 5:16.12, 2. McCulloch (W) 5:18.16, 3. Wilson (F) 5:24.04, 4. G. Alley (W) 5:26.62, 5. Ziino (F) 5:31.48, 6. Abby Jane Avritt (F) 5:45.93.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Fishers "A" (Schumacher, Francis, Ramey, Wolf) 1:40.30, 2. Westfield "A" (Mick, Sperry, McCulloch, G. Alley) 1:46.37, 4. Westfield "C" (Ellana Morse,

Davis, Maggie Naas, Cameron Goodwin) 1:53.80, 5. Westfield "B" (Greta Smith, Hill, Bella McNally, Anna McKeown) 1:54.10, 6. Fishers "C" (Ortiz, Audrey Diehl, London Gustin, Anna Chitty) 1:55.55.

100 backstroke: 1. Thomas (W) 1:00.81, 2. Hannon (F) 1:01.01, 3. Schumacher (F) 1:02.66, 4. Blue (F) 1:03.18, 6. Eubank (F) 1:03.70.

100 breaststroke: 1. Sopova (F) 1:08.83, 3. Nguyen (F) 1:09.65, 4. Sperry (W) 1:11.67, 5. Piotrowski (F) 1:13.78, 6. Ortiz (F) 1:17.12.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Fishers "A" (Ramey, Wilson, Hannon, Schumacher) 3:39.71, 2. Westfield "A" (Wheat, Thomas, M. Alley, G. Alley) 3:47.04, 3. Fishers "B" (Ziino, Blue, Eubank, Piotrowski) 3:51.52, 5. Westfield "B" (McCulloch, Brown, Smith, McKeown) 3:58.27, 6. Fishers "C" (Adams, Chitty, Avritt, Annamari Nagy) 4:13.51.

BOYS MEET

200 medley relay: 2. Fishers "A" (Tommy Johanneman, Qwinton Upshaw, Hudson Lee, Alex Koo) 1:38.41, 3. Westfield "A" (Harrison Barents Froman, Griffin Barents Froman, Garreth Thomas, Zach Welch) 1:42.58, 5. Fishers "B" (George Kallas, Caden Askren, Logan Senior, Trenton Qualls) 1:46.79.

200 freestyle: 1. Jonny Hines (F) 1:42.67, 3. AJ Adams (F) 1:46.31, 4. Welch (W) 1:46.55, 6. Sean Harvey (F) 1:57.96.

Back-to-Back Indy 500 winner Newgarden unveils second image on Borg-Warner Trophy

Submitted by IMS
2024 Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge winner Josef Newgarden unveiled his likeness on the Borg-Warner Trophy on Dec. 4 in Indianapolis, one of the most significant honors since he won his second Indy 500 on May 26 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Newgarden, a native of Nashville, Tennessee, earned his second victory in "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing" in the No. 2 Shell Powering Progress Team Penske Chevrolet. This was the 20th Indy 500 victory for Team Penske, and Newgarden is the first back-to-back winner since Helio Castroneves won his second Indy 500 while driving for Team Penske in 2002.

The unveiling ceremony took place at COhatch Polk Stables, a coworking space for entrepreneurs and startups located in downtown Indianapolis.

The bas-relief, sterling silver image of Newgarden is the 111th face to be affixed to the iconic trophy, awarded annually to the winner of the Indianapolis 500 since 1936.

"Having my face added to the Borg-Warner Trophy is one of the coolest parts about winning the race," Newgarden said. "Seeing the finished product, with two side-by-side images of my face, is an unbelievable honor, and I look forward to hopefully adding a third likeness to the row after this year's Indy 500."

Renowned sculptor Will Behrends created Newgarden's image, as he has for every winner since 1990.

Each face on the trophy is unique, even for a back-to-back winner like Newgarden. Behrends starts from scratch each year and begins his creative process by studying a series of 360-degree photos of the winner to get a baseline for sculpting before constructing a full-scale model of the driver's face. Normally a driver would visit Behrends' studio in Tryon, North Carolina, for an in-person session. This year's visit was impacted by Hurricane Helene, so Newgarden and Behrends met virtually to make the final adjustments to the full-scale model.

This life-size clay version is used as reference for Behrends to construct the smaller model, a piece created out of a mixture of oil-based clay. The smaller clay model is turned into a mold and cast in wax before being sent to a jeweler to be transformed into sterling silver. Behrends completes his process by polishing and buffing the sculpture before attaching it to the trophy.

"Today is a special day for Josef and BorgWarner," said Michelle Collins, global director marketing and public relations for BorgWarner. "Josef is one of only six drivers to win back-to-back Indianapolis 500 victories in the race's 113-year history, and unveiling his face on this spectacular trophy cements



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his mark not only in INDY-CAR, but all of motorsports. BorgWarner is honored to uphold the tradition of the Borg-Warner Trophy and celebrate Josef's historic 2024 Indianapolis 500 win."

Originally designed in 1935, the sterling silver trophy measures over 5 feet, 4-3/4 inches tall and weighs more than 110 pounds as it carries the sculpted face of every victor since 1911.

Early next year, Newgarden will receive his BorgWarner Championships Driver's Trophy, also known as a "Baby Borg," a miniature replica of the large-scale Borg-Warner Trophy.

Tickets for the 109th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge and all Month of May events at Indianapolis Motor Speedway are on sale at IMS.com.

HAMILTON COUNTY TELEVISION

Upcoming Broadcasts

Wed Dec 4 - **Girls Basketball & Wrestling**
6:00 pm Hamilton Southeastern vs Noblesville | JV | Girls Basketball | HCTV Sports
7:30 pm Hamilton Southeastern vs Noblesville | Varsity | Girls Basketball | HCTV Sports
6:30 pm Fishers vs New Palestine | Wrestling | Fishers Sports Network
7:15 pm Hamilton Southeastern vs Avon | Wrestling | Southeastern Sports Network

Thurs Dec 5 - **Girls Basketball**
7:20 pm Connorsville vs Mt Vernon | Girls Basketball | Indiana SRN

Fri Dec 6 - **Boys Basketball**
6:00 pm Fishers vs Noblesville | Junior Varsity | HCTV Sports
7:15 pm Hamilton Southeastern vs Avon | Varsity | Southeastern Sports Network
7:20 pm Covington vs Covenant Christian | Indiana SRN
7:20 pm Roncalli vs Heritage Christian | Indiana SRN
7:30 pm Fishers vs Noblesville | Varsity | HCTV Sports

Sat Dec 7 - **Boys Basketball**
7:20 pm Franklin vs Seymour | Boys Basketball | Indiana SRN

Mon Dec 9 - **Boys Basketball**
7:20 pm Phalen vs Washington | Boys Basketball | Indiana SRN

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