

FRIDAY, DEC. 6, 2024

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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Sunny and not as windy.
 Tonight: Mostly clear.



HIGH: 29 LOW: 19



'Tis the season to get Grinchy, fa la la la la parade with me



The Cicero Tree Lighting Festival and Parade took place last Saturday, Nov. 30, beginning with a Bazaar at Hamilton North Public Library, the parade in the afternoon, and the festival at Cicero Community Park. Townspeople came together at 7 p.m. for the annual Christmas tree lighting. Everyone enjoyed chili, fire pits, games, activities, music, a wreath auction, hot chocolate and coffee, and – of course – visits with Santa and his reindeer. What a great way to kick off the Christmas season! See more photos on Page 3.

Reporter photos by Bill Miller

Getting inked at Middle Age

It seems like we see them everywhere these days, especially in warmer weather ... tattoos. It almost feels at times like it's more normal to see them on people than not.



COLUMNIST

AMY SHANKLAND
Perfectly Imperfect

This subject popped up when I met an amazing new local author a couple of months ago. This vivacious lady, who is just a bit older than me, shared a remarkable story. She told me that she got her first, and only, tattoo a couple of years ago thanks to a dare from a complete stranger! There's a lot more to the story than what I just shared. In fact, it was downright inspiring.



Photo provided by Amy Shankland

This is no ordinary tattoo for our columnist!

Another friend who's also in the middle-aged category recently got a tattoo on her wrist of her favorite Bible verse. I've known this terrific lady for decades now. As soon as I saw her new art, I knew it was the perfect decision for her.

I also got "inked" at middle age. In fact, I got my one and only tattoo when I turned 45 – the official start of middle age according to Merriam-Webster – as a present to myself. This was far from an impulsive decision. In fact, I'd wanted a tattoo since I was 19, but never saw the right design until I reached my 40s.

I shared this story in a different column nine years ago. What I haven't shared is how much this tattoo has affected my life.

As you can see from the picture of my shoulder next to this column, my tattoo is in the shape of a cross, which also spells out "faith." It's a common design that popped up on Pinterest years ago. In fact, I often see it on t-shirts and other items when I'm out and about. I instantly knew, finally, that this was what I was meant to have permanently etched upon me.

Like most of us, I've had my share of life's struggles. When these hit, sometimes we don't have inspirational words or people we love beside us to pick us up – at least not right away. Sometimes we're in the middle of a work deadline ... or on the way to a destination driving alone ... or simply getting groceries.

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Great American Songbook Foundation set to unveil Irving Berlin piano

Rare transposing instrument to be displayed during holiday theater production

The REPORTER

As the air fills with the familiar strains of Bing Crosby's "White Christmas" – the best-selling pop single of all time – the Great American Songbook Foundation is unveiling a piece of music history once owned by the man who wrote it.

Irving Berlin, a Jewish immigrant from Russia, revolutionized American popular music with many classic songs that have become part of the fabric of our culture: "Blue Skies," "Cheek to Cheek," "Puttin' on the Ritz," "There's No Business Like Show Business," "Anything You Can Do," "Happy Holiday," "I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm" and even "God Bless America," to name just a few.

His success came despite interesting personal limitations: Berlin did not read or

write music, and as a self-taught pianist, he preferred playing on the black keys, corresponding to the key of F-sharp. As time went on, he commissioned piano makers to build transposing instruments – pianos with mechanisms enabling the player to shift the keyboard left or right and play in any key without changing hand position.

One of those rare instruments was donated recently to the Songbook Foundation's vast Songbook Library & Archives by Berlin's family. Built circa 1955 by Sohmer & Co. of New York, it is a well-constructed but simple upright piano with a twist: a transposing lever mounted under the keyboard.

After some restoration work at Piano Solutions in Carmel, the unusual instrument is back at the Songbook Library & Archives, near the



Photo provided by Great American Songbook Foundation
Songwriter Irving Berlin's Sohmer transposing piano was donated recently to the Songbook Library & Archives in Carmel.

Songbook Foundation's headquarters at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts. Later this month, it will be publicly displayed for the first time in conjunction with Civic Theatre's production of

White Christmas at the center's Tarkington theater, a musical adaptation of the 1954 Bing Crosby film that features 17 songs by Berlin.

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New Shoe Day builds community & creates opportunity with support from Glick Philanthropies

Submitted

New Shoe Day received a \$27,500 grant from Glick Philanthropies to further its mission of providing shoes to youth in need to empower them to thrive.

Glick Philanthropies – a family of charitable initiatives dedicated to building community and creating opportunity that empowers every person to reach their full potential – recently announced more than \$1.86 million in grants to 40 nonprofit organizations.

New Shoe Day believes in shoes as a foundational need for youth to thrive – by allowing them to be active, participate in afterschool and extracurricular activities, and lead a fulfilling life. Across Indiana, there are thousands of youth wearing shoes too worn, the wrong size, and in some cases no shoes at all – and New Shoe Day exists to fill that need. With the help of the Glick Philanthropies grant,

New Shoe Day will expand its community partnerships allowing them to reach and impact more youth across Indiana.

New Shoe Days has served these partners across Hamilton County, donating between 500 and 750 pairs of shoes:

- Westfield Youth Assistance Program
- Noblesville Youth Assistance Program
- Sheridan Youth Assistance Program
- A Kid Again

"We are deeply thankful to Glick Philanthropies for their partnership and support," New Shoe Day CEO and Co-Founder Casey Crouse said. "This grant reinforces the critical role that a simple, well-fitting pair of shoes plays in the lives of young people. Shoes are more than a basic necessity – they are a gateway to participation in school, extracurricular activities, and everyday opportunities that help children grow



Photo provided
Hundreds of local children have been fitted with new shoes thanks to the work of New Shoe Day.

and thrive. With this support, we can reach even more youth across Indiana, ensuring they have the foundation they need

to walk confidently toward a brighter future."

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County announces \$149K in opioid settlement awards

Third round of funding now open through Feb. 14

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners announces the second round of funding awards from the Opioid Settlement fund, now known as HOPE for Hamilton County. This initiative, in collaboration with the Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs (HCCOAO), aims to address the opioid crisis through strategic investments in local organizations dedicated to prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction services.

The following organizations were approved for funding in the first round:

- **Affiliated Service Providers of Indiana (ASPIN)** was awarded \$26,000. The non-profit behavioral health provider and education network plans to train and certify more eight new navigators to help match low-income clients with health coverage through the Marketplace, Medicaid, Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) and the Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP).

- **Launch Hope** will receive \$25,000. The program works with women in the Hamilton County Jail through substance-use peer recovery. It also provides skill training to help make the women more marketable upon their release.

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NEW SHOE

Glick Philanthropies awards grants to tax-exempt organizations serving central Indiana and communities where Glick Company managed properties are located. Grants support efforts to:

- Build community**
 - Provide affordable housing
 - Support a healthy democracy
 - Strengthen Jewish cultural life
 - Create opportunity**
 - Expand equitable opportunities in the arts
 - Close education achievement gaps
 - Improve access to basic needs
 - Increase economic mobility
- "Nonprofit organizations are uniquely posi-

tioned to understand community members' needs, partner with them to provide support, and connect them to essential resources," Glick Family Foundation Chair Marianne Glick said. "At Glick Philanthropies, our role is to walk alongside these nonprofit organizations to build community and create opportunity. We hope these grants empower our nonprofit partners to reach more people with thoughtful, innovative programs."

For more information about New Shoe Day's work, please visit newshoeday.org. For more information about Glick Philanthropies, visit glickphilanthropies.org.

About New Shoe Day
New Shoe Day provides

new shoes to youth in need across Indiana to empower them to thrive. A new pair of shoes can ensure that these youth are fully able to participate in everything from the classroom to extracurricular activities and sports so they can become healthy, connected, and empowered young adults. Since 2022, New Shoe Day has provided over 5,000 pairs of new shoes to youth in need across Indiana.

About Glick Philanthropies

Glick Philanthropies is an Indianapolis-based family of charitable initiatives dedicated to building community and creating opportunity that empowers every person to reach their full potential. Glick Philanthropies includes Glick Family Foundation, Glick Housing Foundation, the Glick Fund at Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF), and the Glick Fund at Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis (JFGI). Since 1982, the organization has awarded \$320 million to charitable causes in central Indiana and communities where the Glick Company operates.

PIANO

Kept in the songwriter's New York office, the piano was one of three Sohmers left to Berlin's three daughters after his death in 1989. His daughter Mary Ellen Barrett died in 2022 and passed it down to her daughter Elizabeth Matson, who donated it to the Songbook Foundation.

"I learned about the Great American Songbook Foundation a few years ago, and knew right away it would be the perfect place to donate this treasured family heirloom," Matson said. "There could be no better place for Irving Berlin's special instrument than in this museum devoted to celebrating the legacy of all the Great American Songbook writers."

Songbook Foundation Executive Director Christopher Lewis said the priceless artifact will receive the respect and attention it deserves.

"Few artists exemplify the American Songbook more than Irving Berlin," Lewis said. "We are eternally grateful to the family for entrusting us with this historic instrument, and to the Piano Solutions staff for

their expertise in helping us to preserve it. This piano will soon have a prominent place in our Songbook Exhibit Gallery at the Palladium, and it ultimately will be a highlight of our planned music museum and visitor experience."

Piano Solutions owners Greg Durthaler and Brian Hostetler have serviced several historic pianos for the Songbook Foundation, including instruments owned by songwriters Harold Arlen ("Over the Rainbow," "Stormy Weather"), Johnny Mercer ("Moon River," "Hooray for Hollywood") and Richard Whiting ("On the Good Ship Lollipop," "Ain't We Got Fun?").

Despite their decades in the business, however, the Berlin instrument was the first transposing piano they had worked on. They described the project as a "conservation" job, returning the long-dormant instrument to its original working condition with a minimum of replacement parts. The piano had to be dismantled to a large extent, with the keyboard removed to reveal the machinery within. The meticulous work included regluing joints and cleaning and lubricating scores of small parts, rebuilding rather than replacing any broken or worn elements. The wooden case was deep-cleaned and treated for mildew but not refinished.

The first priority was to figure out how the trans-

posing mechanism was designed and how to get it working again. Hostetler deduced that the piano's central pedal had to be pushed all the way down to allow the lever and the keyboard to move freely, sliding left or right in increments to cover the 12 keys of Western music. A small brass plate with markings indicates the current key.

"It's ingenious, but it also can cause problems if you're not really careful with it," Hostetler said. "Over the years, the device can actually break parts that you don't want broken."

Now fully functioning, the Berlin piano will be viewable publicly for the first time during the Dec. 20-21 final weekend of Civic Theatre's White Christmas at the Tarkington. The lobby display also will include other relevant items from the Songbook Library & Archives, including an original promotional poster for the movie, a written arrangement of "White Christmas" owned by co-star Rosemary Clooney, and a snow globe gifted by Berlin to Clooney as a memento of the production.

The piano also will be employed for a tune at the Songbook Foundation's upcoming presentation Songbook Academy Sings the Songs of the Season, with two sold-out concerts by Songbook Academy alumni scheduled Dec. 22 at the center's Studio Theater.



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INKED

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At these moments, my heart plunges and my fear rises. My human nature causes the "PANIC" sign to start flashing in my mind. Stress and worry begin their assault on my mind and soul.

But then ... I pause ... and a voice plays in my head, "Amy Shankland ... remember what is tattooed on your back!"

Suddenly, I relax, remember my faith, and know once again that it is No. 1 in my life ... that God is right beside me and that He will handle the situation ... and that I have gotten through tough times in the past. I will get through them again, because my faith is always with me.

Maybe you have something similar that you al-

ways keep near you in your purse or wallet like a business-card sized bit of inspiration. Or you wear a tiny cross around your neck. Or even a special ring of significance.

Let's face it, life is hard. Sometimes we must take unusual steps, at unexpected times, to help us with its battles. Getting my first, and probably only, tattoo at the age of 45 has been life changing. It's a reminder, that's with me no matter what, of my faith and who is really in charge of my life!

Amy Shankland is a writer and fundraising professional living in Noblesville with her husband John, two sons, two dogs, and a cat. You can reach her via email at amys@greenavenue.info.

SETTLEMENT

from Page 1

- **Christ United Methodist Church was approved for \$21,225.** It will use the funds to provide free therapy and student mentor programs to those in need.



Greer

- **Student Impact of Westfield was awarded \$17,000.** The After School Program plans to partner with JRNY Counseling to provide prevention programming and counseling to head off substance use in students.

- **Ignite Transform was awarded \$15,000.** The mental health program will use the dollars to provide fitness and mental health therapy for women at the Hamilton County Jail as well as overhead and data collection at the main Ignite Transform campus.

- **The Boys and Girls Club of Noblesville will receive \$15,000.** The Club will invest those dollars into its SMART Moves (Skills Mastery and Resilience Training) an evidence-based program that addresses problems such as drug and alcohol use and premature sexual activity with kids ages 6-13 years.

- **Sheridan Schools will receive \$12,500.** The grant will help provide supplies for its prevention programs.

- **The Recovery Cafe was awarded \$10,000** to develop a website, promotional development, and marketing tools.

- **The Sheridan Youth Assistance Program was approved for \$8,000** to help contract mental health services.

The HCCOAO and its nine-member Board of Direc-

tors oversaw the community grant award process, awarding a total of \$149,725 for critical services and initiatives to help mitigate the impact of opioid use disorders.

The next round of funding is now available, with applications due by 4:30 p.m. Feb. 14, 2025. Awards will be announced Friday, March 21. Projects must run from Tuesday, April 1, 2025, through Tuesday, March 31, 2026.

The HCCOAO Board will evaluate proposals based on the criteria outlined in the RFF, with final funding decisions made by the Board of Commissioners. Award recipients do not need to be located in Hamilton County, but all services funded by the grants must be provided in Hamilton County. Funding is distributed on a reimbursement basis.

Interested organizations should submit proposals to Monica Greer via email at monica.greer@hamilton-county.in.gov. The subject line of the email should read "Hamilton County Opioid Settlement RFF."

The application can be found at [this link](#).

You can almost see his heart growing three sizes



Reporter photos by Bill Miller

Weather is unpredictable ... Paul Poteet isn't. Your Hometown Weatherman!



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.

2.



Turn outdoor faucets off for the season.

4.



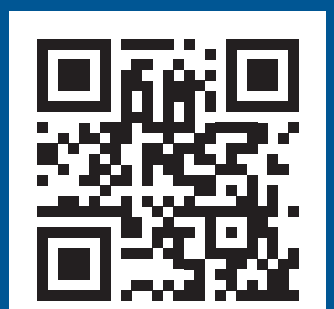
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Photos provided by Carmel Fire Department

Carmel fireman David Mulford (left) was the clear winner of November 2024.

Deep in December, it's nice to remember beards of November

Submitted by Carmel Fire Department

Growing a mustache during the month of November is a proclamation to the seriousness of men's health. We had nearly half our department "let it grow, bro," but without question one individual took the contest in a landslide.

It's no surprise the winner was firefighter "pony" David Mulford, since he proudly wears his stache year-round. He takes men's health seriously and looks glamorous while doing it.

November was so much more than just growing mustaches, though. The Carmel Fire Department had a walking team, with individuals doing 60 miles each during the month of November, for the 60 men a day who commit suicide.

Our first annual rising



Photo provided by Carmel Fire Department

sun charity event at the "statue" raised over \$2,000, which is being donated to Rollfast Cycling, a cycling club with an emphasis on mental fitness. Founder Matt Tanner is a testicular cancer survivor and his family has been directly affected by mental health issues.

Additionally, he hosts classes in Carmel teaching kids to ride bicycles.

If you are looking for a place to find mental fitness along with physical fitness, we encourage you to check them out. They work with all levels of fitness. Visit rollfast.us for more information.



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Hamilton County Health Department to hold lead poisoning webinar

Experts offer tips for mitigating lead exposure in young children

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Health Department will hold a webinar about lead poisoning in children at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11. The session will educate families about the dangers of lead poisoning, sources of exposure, and how to safeguard their homes and children.

Lead poisoning is a significant public health concern, particularly for young children.

"Even low levels of lead can cause learning disabilities, behavioral problems, and developmental delays," warns Stacy Mattox, a public health nurse at the Hamilton County Health Department. "Early detection and prevention are crucial in combating it."

The Health Department provides blood lead

level testing for children 6 years old and younger. The webinar will feature expert insights from Mattox and Alex Mahoney, an Environmental Health Specialist at the Health Department who conducts risk assessments and inspections at homes where children have tested positive for high levels of lead.

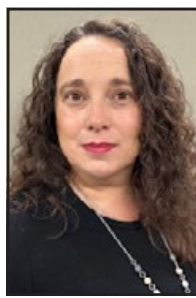
"Common sources of lead exposure include lead-based paint in older homes, contaminated soil, and water from lead pipes," Mahoney said. "Our inspections provide families

peace of mind in knowing and eradicating the source of lead in their homes."

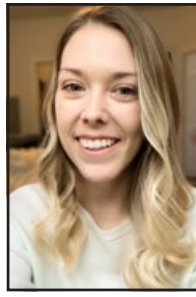
During the session, attendees will also learn the symptoms of lead poisoning.

"Symptoms can be subtle, but if parents suspect exposure, they should contact their healthcare provider immediately," Mattox added.

The webinar is free and open to anyone, especially parents, caregivers, and educators. Those interested in participating can register at tinyurl.com/lead-safetywebinar.



Mattox



Mahoney

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(online voting begins Friday, 12/6 at 3:00 PM and ends Saturday, 12/7 at 4:45 PM)

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Be our Guest!

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

Community News

Come have breakfast with Santa!

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

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



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Fishers Century Club invites local guys to December meeting

The REPORTER

The Fishers Century Club invites guys in the community to join the next meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10 at Knowledge Services | The Club Coworking, 9800 Crosspoint Blvd., Fishers.

This quarterly gathering offers attendees the opportunity to support local 501(c)(3) charities through direct crowd-giving while enjoying camaraderie, networking, and community impact.

The December meeting will feature Jordan Davis, founder of The Smoking Pastor Project, who will provide an update on how the funds – more than \$3,000 – from the September meeting are being used to replace their stolen mobile kitchen trailer. In addition to sharing his story, Davis

will be serving some of his signature smoked BBQ, giving attendees a taste of the passion behind his mission to spread joy and build connections through food.

Fishers Century Club encourages attendees to bring a local 501(c)(3) charity idea to present to the group. One organization will be selected to receive the funds raised at this meeting, continuing the Club's mission to make a meaningful impact in the community. With this December meeting, they aim to build on their milestone of surpassing \$43,000 in total giving since its inception in 2021.

For more information and a list of previous winners, please visit FishersCenturyClub.com. Those who wish to participate in the group who are unable



to make it to meetings can visit their online Grapevine site at tinyurl.com/FC-CGrapevine.

End 2024 on a high note – help Fishers Century Club continue to make a difference, one meeting at a time.

About Fishers Century Club

The Fishers Century Club is a group of individuals committed to making

a positive impact on the local community. Through collective giving and active participation, the club aims to support and uplift deserving charities, ultimately contributing to the betterment of Fishers and local community. For media inquiries, please contact the Fishers Century Club at fisherscenturyclub@gmail.com.

TONIGHT: last Flower Market of the year

By KELLY McVEY

Indiana Peony Festival

Happy December, peony friends!

As you know, we had to reschedule our November Flower Market due to weather, but I think we've saved the best for last. The new market date is tonight, Friday, Dec. 6, from 5:30 to 8 p.m., and we have a lot

of holiday cheer to spread.

We are delighted to share that the Flower Market will coincide with the Lights Over Seminary event, put on by the City of Noblesville and Noblesville Preservation Alliance. Stop by Seminary Park to witness the countdown to the flip of the switch to light up all of Seminary Park. A magical, must-

see experience to start the Christmas season.

Additionally, we'll have a wide-range of floral and non-floral vendors to shop from. We'll have wreaths, garlands, gifting, and more. Nestled in the park will be Christmas caroling, hot chocolate provided by Noblesville Preservation Alliance, and a special reading of "Twas the Night

Before Christmas" by Mayor Chris Jensen.

We knew this would be worth the wait! Plan to spend this Friday evening with us. We'll have fun for everyone. Special thank you to our sponsors Noblesville Ace Hardware and Keep Noblesville Beautiful for helping us make these monthly markets possible.

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Cusimano to lead technology strategy for City of Carmel

The REPORTER

An information technology leader with extensive experience in supporting strategic business and technology goals has been named chief information officer for the City of Carmel, Zac Jackson, chief financial officer and controller, announced Thursday.

Kevin Cusimano will provide vision and leadership for developing and implementing the city's technology initiatives, directing and planning enterprise technology system in support of city operations.

With additional experi-

ences in data analytics and governance, Cusimano served in multiple technology leadership roles in health care and higher education, including his most recent position as an executive director with Indiana University Health.

"Kevin's extensive experience and proven results position him to make important contributions to the city in this key role," Jackson said.

Cusimano will assume



Cusimano

duties on Monday, Dec. 9.

"Technology is crucial to city planning and I am privileged to have this opportunity to support Carmel in building upon its strong infrastructure to support its business and residents," Cusimano said.

Cusimano earned a bachelor's degree from University of Indianapolis and a Master of Business Administration from Anderson University.

Local community votes Carmel Christkindlmarkt as 2024 Best Local Tourist/Seasonal Attraction

The REPORTER

Announced Wednesday night at an award ceremony, the Carmel Christkindlmarkt was voted the 2024 Best Local Tourist/Seasonal Attraction by the community.

Indy's Best Things 2024 Community Choice Awards were organized by the *IndyStar*, and the Carmel Christkindlmarkt had the honor of being selected as the number one attraction in its category.

"It is an honor to win this award and be recognized by the community as the best



Photo provided by Carmel Christkindlmarkt

seasonal attraction," Carmel Christkindlmarkt CEO Maria Adele Rosenfeld said. "As a nonprofit with a mission centered around cultural education, we know that our authenticity is one of the reasons our Market is so special. We are humbled that so many community members appreciate that and love the

Market as much as we do." The Carmel Christkindlmarkt is open now through Dec. 24, Wednesday through Sunday, with additional special holiday hours leading up to Christmas Eve.

For a full look at the Market's 2024 schedule, please visit carmelchristkindlmarkt.com/schedule.

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

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

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

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

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

VFW Posts

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

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

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

Non-Profit Veteran Orgs

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

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

Navy Club Ship 29
Noblesville, In
president@hamiltoncountyveterans.com
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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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(ages 0-12)

Carmel American Legion Music & Food Dec 14 8-11



Activities & Events

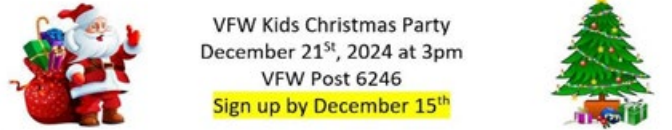
Come See Santa & Mrs Claus at the Carmel American Legion Dec 14th from 1-3pm



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



Children's Christmas Party at the Noblesville VFW
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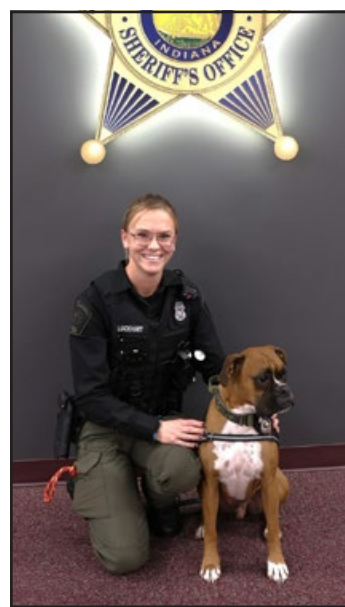
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(From left) Sheriff Quakenbush, Chief Rednour, Officer Lockhart, and Major Lowes; Lockhart & K9 Simon.



Joey Chestnut is 'hungry' to reclaim St. Elmo's Shrimp Cocktail Eating Championship title

By HANNA MORDOH
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The **St. Elmo's Shrimp Cocktail Eating Championship** is back downtown this weekend as part of Big Ten Championship weekend.

After winning the first eight shrimp cocktail competitions, Westfield's very own Joey Chestnut is trying again to reclaim the championship belt this Saturday.

Chestnut joined *Daybreak* to discuss the competition.

"This is a special contest," Chestnut said. "Hot dogs are completely different. It's a different game. This one, you have to have a tolerance for the sauce — this sauce is intense. I'll be crying after the first shrimp. I'll start crying. Then, I just have to ignore every feeling, and just find a rhythm and keep eating."

On Saturday, Chestnut and the other competitors will see how much sauce and shrimp they can eat in eight minutes. St. Elmo's cocktail sauce was once named "the world's spiciest food" by the Travel Channel.

In 2018, Chestnut devoured 18 pounds, 9.6 ounces of St. Elmo's infamous shrimp cocktail — the equivalent of 46.5 orders — and set a world record at the

time. After spicy defeats in 2022 and 2023, the world's most competitive eater says he is hungry to reclaim his crown.

"Loss is good every now and then, and you know? Now, I'm hungry," Chestnut said. "It has made me hungry, and I'm coming in and I know I can improve, and dude, it's going to be exciting. I know the audience isn't gonna push me. The fans are gonna be yelling at me and not letting me get lazy. It's going to be great."

Will Chestnut out-eat reigning champ Geoffrey Esper? Or will another top-ranked eater like Miki Sudo or Gideon Oji shock everyone? Organizers of the events said "tears will be shed and taste buds will be torched."

St. Elmo's Shrimp Cocktail Eating Championship details:
• **Where:** Big Ten Tailgate Town, South Street, Indianapolis
• **When:** Saturday, Dec. 7, 3:30 p.m.

• **What's at stake:** \$3,000 prize purse and eternal shrimp-eating glory

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Lockhart saves a life

The REPORTER

Life-saving awards hold great significance at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. These awards recognize employees who take decisive action during a crisis, giving individuals another

chance at life. One such hero is Sarah Lockhart, a HCSO Corrections Officer.

Recently, while working a special detail in accordance with the Cicero Police Department and HCSO, she encountered an unrespon-

sive subject. Recognizing multiple signs of overdose, she stepped in to provide Narcan to rectify the medical emergency.

Presenting Lockhart and her K9 Officer Simon with the award were Major John

Lowes, Cicero Police Chief Jeff Rednour, and Hamilton County Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush.

Congratulations, Officer Lockhart! Your action played a vital role in saving a life.

Fishers Event Center unveils basketball court with unique Hoosier history

The REPORTER

The new **Fishers Event Center** has unveiled the basketball court on which the upcoming Mudsock Rivalry Basketball Game will be played.

The highly anticipated matchup between the Fishers Tigers and the Hamilton Southeastern Royals, which has been played since the 2006-2007 school year, will take place on Friday, Dec. 20 with a 6 p.m. girls game and 8 p.m. boys game. (Doors open at 5 p.m.) Currently, the HSE boys lead the series 10-7 and the HSE girls lead 11-6.

Fishers Event Center's commitment to creating a meaningful space for the community extends to every detail — including court selection. The venue is proud to feature a court with ties to Indiana basketball history. The Mudsock Rivalry Basketball Game will inaugurate the court as a permanent fixture at Fishers Event Center, marking its fourth use overall. This provides Hamilton County high schoolers with the opportunity to compete on a floor that celebrates the legacy of Indiana basketball greatness.

Before finding its home at the new arena, this court hosted three thrilling games



Graphic provided by Fishers Event Center

[Click here](#) to see a time-lapse video of the construction of the court.

during the 2024 NCAA Men's Basketball Regional Games at Little Caesars Arena in Detroit. Fans witnessed No. 1 seed Purdue's victories over No. 5 Gonzaga and No. 2 Tennessee, and is where they secured their spot in the 2024 Men's NCAA Final Four.

Adding a special local touch, the court's design was crafted by local creative firm Section 127, whose team members hail from this community. This unique blend of national significance and local pride makes the court an extraordinary addition to Fishers Event Center.

Events coming up over the next month
The Fishers Event Center will host a wide variety

of community events and concerts spanning genres including theater, sports, comedy, family, country, rock and more. The venue's size allows it to accommodate legendary shows in an intimate setting, as well as newer artists on the brink of big success. Upcoming events include:

- Indy Fuel hockey opening weekend (Dec. 6 and 7): vs. Iowa Heartlanders. Military Appreciation Night on Dec. 7
- Legendary country rock band Alabama (Monday, Dec. 9)
- The annual Mudsock Rivalry Basketball Game between the Fishers Tigers and the Hamilton Southeastern Royals (Friday, Dec. 20)
- ... and much more

heading into 2025! Visit FishersEventCenter.com for a full list of events.

Know before you go

Before you go, the Fishers Event Center encourages all patrons to make a plan, be prepared, and arrive early to make the most of your experience. Designed with advanced technology and comfort in mind, the arena offers streamlined arrival, point of sale and departure experiences so you can spend more time enjoying events and less time in line.

For more information, including details on the venue's hassle-free **prepay parking, clear bag policy**, local directions, suggested lodging and venue maps, visit the venue's Know Before You Go website [here](http://www.fishers-event-center.com/know-before-you-go).

Westfield farmhouse to transform into 13-bedroom assisted living home for people with Alzheimer's & dementia

The REPORTER

Sigma Builders and **Legato Living** have announced the start of construction on their first Indiana-based residential assisted living facility.

Sigma Builders is leading remodeling and building services to transform a beautifully preserved turn-of-the-century farmhouse located at 601 S. Union St., Westfield, into a 13-bedroom senior residence for individuals living with Alzheimer's and dementia. This Legato Living home will be locally owned and operated.

Furthermore, a ribbon cutting event to kick off construction will take place at 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19 at the home.

Legato Living designs its homes to help memory care residents maintain the lifestyle they were accustomed to while sharing the amenities and comforts of a single-family residential home, purchasing and remodeling homes in South Carolina, Texas, Iowa, Nebraska, Arizona, and now Indiana. Legato Living focuses on smaller facilities, recognizing that larger memory care facilities are often too large for some individuals as the disease progresses. Sigma Builders is partnering with Legato Living to remodel and construct the residence, scheduled to open in 2025.

"Sigma Builders is proud to provide our services and expertise to the Legato Living team, which prioritizes resident well-being through a holistic and comprehensive approach," Sigma Builders Founding Partner Dave Berman said. "Our combined commitment to creating spaces designed for family moments and comfortable living align perfectly and we look forward to helping Legato Living welcome its first Indiana residents in a few months."

Legato Living chose the location of its new facility in Westfield due to its accessibility and nearby amenities, combined with the charm and safety of the city, to allow residents and their families to easily spend quality time together inside and outside the home.

"We are dedicated to building homes that provide warm and welcoming environments for residents," said Andy Hein, owner of

the Legato Living home in Westfield. "Our emphasis on communal spaces and innovative therapies, like music therapy, take the whole person into account so they can truly thrive and feel at home."

The boutique model ensures each resident has a five-to-one caregiver to resident ratio on average and can benefit from the group's extensive wraparound services, including physical and cognitive care, respite and adult daycare, health care services, and hospice care.

Sigma Builders and Legato Living will also soon begin work on a 10-bedroom Carmel location, Legato Living at Brookshire, located at 4423 E. 116th St., expected to open in late 2025.

About Sigma Builders

Sigma Builders, led by partners Dave R. Berman and Kimberly Bowers, is a leading custom home designer and builder in Indiana. With decades of design experience combined with a passion for architecture, Sigma builds each custom luxury home with functionality and innovative design features to best suit clients' needs, starting with interactive 3D technology to create a unique personalized home design including careful consideration to maximize views and lot characteristics. Behind each home are skilled craftsmen and experienced Sigma team members dedicated to guiding clients through every step of the home building journey.

About Legato Living

Legato Living is a boutique memory care franchise dedicated to creating warm, personalized environments for individuals living with Alzheimer's and dementia. With a focus on transforming single-family homes into intimate, residential care spaces, Legato Living ensures a high caregiver-to-resident ratio and innovative therapies such as music therapy to support residents' physical, emotional, and cognitive well-being. Beginning in Nebraska, Legato Living will soon be operating homes across South Carolina, Texas, Iowa, Arizona, and Indiana. Legato Living emphasizes comfort, connection, and quality care to enable residents to thrive in familiar and nurturing settings.

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Governor-elect Braun names two more cabinet appointees

Matthew Ubelhor for Secretary of Transportation and Infrastructure, David Adams for Secretary of Commerce

The REPORTER

On Wednesday, Governor-elect Mike Braun announced Matthew Ubelhor as Secretary of Transportation and Infrastructure. Ubelhor brings 47 years of operational leadership experience, most recently serving as senior vice president of Operations at White Stallion Energy.

"Matt's decades of experience managing complex operations and infrastructure, combined with his service in the Indiana House, make him especially qualified to lead our transportation and infrastructure initiatives," Governor-elect Braun said. "He has a servant's heart and understands how to do more with less at a time when stewardship of tax dollars could not be more critical."

A former three-term state representative, Ubelhor served in the General Assembly from 2010 to 2015, representing Greene, Martin, Daviess, and Monroe counties. During his tenure, he served on the Ways and Means Committee and as majority whip.

In his most recent role, Ubelhor managed safety, production, and cost control for 600 workers across multiple sites. His extensive background includes leadership positions at Peabody Energy, where he oversaw operations, environmental compliance, and workforce

safety for 700 employees.

"Fostering long-term prosperity for Hoosier families takes many forms, and I am excited to contribute to Governor-elect Braun's efforts to shape the future of our transportation infrastructure," Ubelhor said. "We have a tremendous opportunity ahead of us to connect Hoosiers in ways that will grow our economy and improve our quality of life."

As the Secretary of Transportation and Infrastructure, Ubelhor will be responsible for maintaining the state's transportation, infrastructure, and broadband systems to support Indiana's economic growth and quality of life for Hoosiers. He will also serve as head of the Indiana Department of Transportation.

Ubelhor, a Bloomfield resident, began his career as an equipment operator before advancing through supervisory roles to senior executive positions. He graduated from Perry Central High School in 1977.

On Thursday, Braun his intent to appoint David Adams as Indiana's Secretary of Commerce to lead Indiana's job creation and business growth initiatives.

Adams, who most re-



Braun

cently served as the state's Commissioner of Workforce Development, brings extensive experience in economic development, innovation, and business growth.

Under Adams' leadership as Workforce Development Commissioner, Indiana's workforce ranking in CNBC's "America's Top States for Business" improved from 48th to 14th. He previously served as Chief Innovation Officer at the University of Cincinnati, where he led the development of the Cincinnati Innovation District that became Ohio's model for economic development.

"David's proven track record of driving economic growth and innovation makes him the ideal choice to lead Indiana's commerce initiatives," Gov.-elect Braun said. "His experience in workforce development to drive economic growth, combined with his successful entrepreneurial business track record and ability to attract major investments, will help accelerate Indiana's economic momentum."

A first-generation college graduate and lifelong entrepreneur, Adams was a founding member of the leadership team that grew software company i2 Tech-

nologies from \$4 million to \$1.1 billion in revenue. He also led the turnaround and merger of Indiana's nearly \$50 billion pension systems under Governor Mitch Daniels.

"Governor-elect Braun's vision for our state's economic future is bold and one that I look forward to supporting as Secretary of Commerce," Adams said. "His business career gives him a unique perspective of workforce development and economic prosperity, and while we have great momentum as a state, there is more work to be done. We have an opportunity ahead of us to recruit and build a talent pipeline, and I look forward to working with Governor-elect Braun and the General Assembly to take our state to new heights."

As the Secretary of Commerce, Adams will be responsible for driving economic opportunity for the state and fostering an entrepreneurial environment for innovation. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in Industrial Engineering from the University of Louisville. He currently serves on the Purdue Research Foundation board and is a *Forbes* contributing writer.

AG Rokita holding "woke corporate culture" accountable with lawsuit against BlackRock, State Street & Vanguard

Submitted by Office of the Attorney General

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is taking further action to stop what he says are woke corporatists and their left-leaning allies in government from driving up energy costs for hardworking Hoosiers.



Rokita

"We're taking on very powerful forces arrayed against the interests of everyday working Hoosiers," AG Rokita said. "Coal has been the backbone of Indiana's economic success for decades. The demand for electricity has gone up and these ESG titans are reaping the benefits of these skyrocketed prices; by keeping their thumb on production."

ESG investing – the acronym stands for the investing principle that prioritizes environmental issues, social issues, and certain corporate governance ideas – elevates goals like mitigating climate change, enforcing hiring quotas, and achieving social justice benchmarks above the fiduciary duty to maximize returns for investors.

Over the past four years, America's coal producers have not been responding to the price signals of the free market, but have been listening to BlackRock, Vanguard, and State Street instead as alleged in the complaint. The three asset managers acquired substantial stockholdings over several years in every significant publicly held coal producer in the United States, thereby allegedly gaining the power to control the policies of coal production in the United States.

Indiana along with 10 other fossil fuel producing states filed suit to hold BlackRock accountable for their alleged aggressive attempts to manipulate policy by manipulating and controlling the markets through threats and votes at stakeholder meetings and in board rooms.

As unelected non-policy makers, the complaint alleges they are "using their market power to force socialist and Leftist policies, like climate change," to better fill their pockets.

Indiana Right to Life gathers for annual Christmas Gala



Reporter photo

On Tuesday, Indiana Right to Life held its 11th annual Christmas Gala, which featured Christian musician Rebecca St. James as the keynote speaker. Of note is that, according to the Indiana Department of Health, there was a 98 percent decrease in abortions in the first quarter of 2024 (45 abortions) compared to the first quarter of 2023 (1,931 abortions). Learn more about Indiana Right to Life at irtl.org.



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Senator Young announces nominees for United States service academies

The REPORTER

U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) announced his nominations for U.S. service academy appointments on Monday.

Applications were received from 140 high school students, and a select group was interviewed by an advisory board chosen by Senator Young. Out of 75 offered interviews, 47 exemplary young men and women from across Indiana received a nomination from Senator Young.

A nomination does not guarantee admission to a service academy, but is required in order to be considered. Nominees are chosen based on personal merit. Criteria considered include evidence of character, leadership, academic excellence, physical aptitude, and extracurricular activities.

Locally, four applicants were nominated:

- Cameron Echard, Westfield High School, United States Military Academy
- Anna Mauch, Guerin Catholic High School, United States Military Academy
- Max Phenicie, Zionsville Community High School, United States Military Academy
- Jackson Nevil, Tipton High School, United States Naval Academy

"I had the privilege of recommending a talented group of Hoosiers for admission to the United States service academies this year," Senator Young said. "These young men and women are highly qualified to serve our country, and I'm very proud of their hard work. I wish them the best of luck in their application process."

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16,000 hours learning HOW to think

Do you realize that children spend 16,000 hours in K-12 grade? What happens during those hours and what are they being taught?

Are schools instilling in students a lifelong search for greater meaning or just giving students what they need to find a job? Are students on a quest to seek wisdom or are they just being filled with enough facts to score well on tests?

What is education? G.K. Chesterton said, "Education is not a subject and does not deal in subjects. It is instead a transfer of a way of life."

What kind of way of life transfer do you want for your child at school?

Christian education is clear on this answer. Certainly, it is not forcing students what to think, rather



JOHN CRABTREE

it is teaching students how to think. It starts with a biblical Christian worldview that asks the big questions of life about God, human beings, the universe, truth, and right and wrong.

A common misunderstanding today is that Christian education only deals in partial knowledge and everything that is taught is reactionary and negative. It is common for people to believe that teachers in Christian education are afraid to ask the hard questions and they hide behind "faith." Nothing could be farther from the truth.

Francis Schaeffer said, "True Christian education is not a negative thing; it is not a matter of isolating the student from the full scope of knowledge. Rather, it

is giving him or her the framework for total truth, rooted in the Creator's existence and in the Bible's framework, so that in each step of the formal learning process the student will understand what is true and what is false and why it is true or false."

The point is that children need the full scope of knowledge to be able to learn how to think. This means they learn through discussion and debate, clashing interpretations and competing perspectives that challenge their points of view. Above all they must learn critical thinking skills to be able to ask serious and truth-seeking questions. Anything less than this approach is only a partial education with a bias toward indoctrination.

Why is this important? Abraham Lincoln said, "The philosophy of the schoolroom in one generation is the philosophy of the government in the next."

Your children are immersed in a certain philosophy for 16,000 hours as K-12 graders in school. Is the vision for education in your school tied to traditional values like family, church, community, industriousness, personal responsibility and a virtuous population?

Christian education calls students to live for something bigger than themselves with a greater purpose than self-satisfaction and self-promotion. The aspirational vision of a greater calling pulls people into the future with great

anticipation and hope.

This education is what caught my attention a couple of years ago and caused me to ask the question, "How can I get involved in K-12 education?" I stepped up and into a dutiful service for the sake of the next generation. It is my privilege to serve at Legacy Christian School in Noblesville.

We believe children are human beings made in the image of God and each one has dignity and worth. Parents have the primary responsibility to educate their children and we have the privilege to come alongside and partner with parents in this process.

So, this means both the school and the parents' partner together to nurture lifelong learners, creative critical thinkers, compelling communicators, and leaders that catalyze generational change as they live out the Great Commission and Great Commandment of Jesus.

Just think what 16,000 hours of learning how to think can do for your children!

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

U.S. House passes bill to rename Elwood Post Office after fallen police officer Noah Shahnnavaz

The REPORTER

On Wednesday, legislation led by Rep. Victoria Spartz to redesignate the Elwood U.S. Post Office building after fallen police officer Noah Jacob Shahnnavaz passed the U.S. House of Representatives.

"While we can never fully repay Noah and his family, the renaming of the Elwood Post Office after his name will serve as a lasting reminder of his ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms," Rep. Spartz said. "I want to thank my House colleagues for their support in honoring this true American hero."

The legislation now proceeds to the U.S. Senate for consideration.

Officer Noah Jacob Shahnnavaz was a highly dedicated member of the Elwood Police Department, remembered for his deep commitment to public service and community protection.

Born in Indianapolis in 1998, Shahnnavaz displayed early leadership and a passion for service. After graduating from Fishers High School in 2016, he joined the U.S. Army, where he served as a Sergeant with the 591st Military Police Company. He deployed to the Middle East during the Global War

on Terror, earning respect from his fellow soldiers for his professionalism and leadership. They described him as "everything you'd want in a police officer; every attribute, every characteristic."

Following his military service, he transitioned to law enforcement, joining the Elwood Police Department in 2021.

He quickly earned the admiration of his colleagues for his calm demeanor, strong work ethic, and unwavering dedication to safeguarding his community.

Tragically, officer Shahnnavaz's life was cut short on July 31, 2022. During a routine traffic stop, he was ambushed and fatally shot by a repeat offender who had previously been convicted of shooting at police officers in Indianapolis.

Throughout his career, officer Shahnnavaz embodied the values of service, sacrifice, and honor. His life reflects a deep commitment to public service, first in defense of his country and then as a protector of his local community. His professional and personal qualities earned him admiration both in the military and law enforcement, where he is remembered for his bravery, integrity, and the positive impact he had on those around him.



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"The west end of the courtyard shall be fifty cubits wide and have curtains, with ten posts and ten bases. On the east end, toward the sunrise, the courtyard shall also be fifty cubits wide. Curtains fifteen cubits long are to be on one side of the entrance, with three posts and three bases, and curtains fifteen cubits long are to be on the other side, with three posts and three bases.

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Alvin Eugene Linville

January 14, 1948 – December 4, 2024



Alvin Eugene Linville, 76, Fortville, formerly of Fishers, passed away on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at his home. He was born on January 14, 1948, to Clyde and Lois (Moore) Linville in Iron City, Tenn.

Al was a graduate of Noblesville High School where he played basketball for the Millers. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War, retiring after 21 years as a Senior Master Sergeant. Al then worked for 15 years as a mechanic for United Airlines. He attended St. John Vianney Catholic Church and enjoyed doing projects around the house. Al liked watching *The Voice*, *Wheel of Fortune*, and *Jeopardy!*, and followed the San Francisco 49ers and college basketball. He was a prankster and jokester who enjoyed traveling, visiting casinos, and getting together with his family.

Al is survived by his wife of 31 years, Marilou Linville; daughters, Jennifer Linville, Jackie Linville, and Dakota Linville; stepdaughter, Melissa (Laura) Morados; step-son, Brian Morados; three grandchildren, Alex (Justine) Kardad, Jannah Kardad, and Laila Kardad; one great-grandson, Keegan Kardad; brothers, Don Linville, David (Elvira) Linville, and Larry (Kathy) Linville; sister, Barbara (Ed) Lacharite; step-brothers, Gary Linville and Ricky Linville; as well as several nieces & nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Aminah Kardad; brothers, Paul Linville and Herbie Linville; sisters, Sandy Oliver, Diane Linville, Betty Marchetti, and Shirley Burnell; and his stepbrother, Lee Linville.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m., with services at 7 p.m., on Monday, December 9, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville.

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The REPORTER

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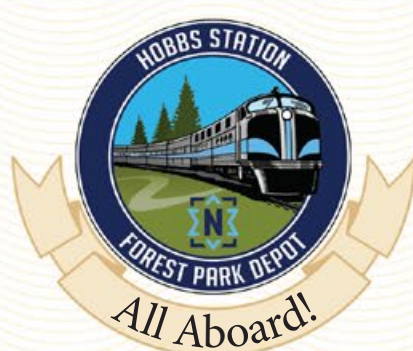
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Girls Basketball

Shamrocks' defense keeps opponent to lowest score in nearly 15 years

By **RICHIE HALL**
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WESTFIELD – The Westfield girls basketball team's defensive performance on Thursday night was one for the history books.

The Shamrocks beat Brebeuf Jesuit 38-10 at CSI Gymnasium. Westfield's defense got better as the game progressed: The 'Rocks allowed the Braves just five points in the first quarter, then only five more points in the other three periods.

Brebeuf's total was the fewest points Westfield allowed to an opponent since Nov. 28, 2009, when the Shamrocks only gave up 12 points to Harrison. The Braves were scoring 47.6 points per game prior to this contest.

"Our defensive effort tonight was really good," said Westfield coach Kelsey Steele. "I felt like we were able to switch a lot tonight, which was helpful for us. Our kids were just locked in on that side of the ball tonight, which on a night that we don't shoot it very well, I'm really happy that that's how we played defensively."

The 'Rocks led 11-5 after the first quarter. Lindsey Van Dyke and Sam Price each scored four points, with Ellen Wheeler hitting a 3-pointer for the other points. Westfield took further control in the second quarter, outscoring Brebeuf 14-2. Six different Shamrocks scored in that quarter, including a 3-pointer from Aubrey Crockett. MaKayla Hatcher also was good on a traditional three-point play.

"We have a balanced effort, obviously, most nights," said Steele. "So, it's one of those things where anytime we can get multiple kids going, that's big for us."

Westfield led 33-9 after three periods, with Meg Hamilton scoring four points in that quarter. Price was the top scorer for the



Reporter photos by Richie Hall
(TOP) Westfield's Ellen Wheeler scored five points in the first half of the Shamrocks' game with Brebeuf Jesuit on Thursday. Westfield won 38-10. **(ABOVE)** Aubrey Crockett had five points during the second and third quarters.

game with 10 points, while Van Dyke added eight points.

The Shamrocks are 4-4 and play at Carmel Tuesday.

"They play hard, they can shoot it, they have kids that can stretch the floor," said Steele. "I'm expecting it'll be a fun and exciting rivalry game at Carmel on Tuesday."

| WESTFIELD 38, BREBEUF JESUIT 10 | | | | |
|---|----|-----|----|------|
| Westfield | FG | FT | TP | PF |
| Meg Hamilton | 2 | 0-0 | 4 | 2 |
| Aubrey Crockett | 2 | 0-0 | 5 | 0 |
| MaKayla Hatcher | 1 | 2-3 | 4 | 2 |
| Lindsey Van Dyke | 4 | 0-0 | 8 | 1 |
| Sam Price | 5 | 0-1 | 10 | 2 |
| Mia Crask | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ellen Wheeler | 2 | 0-0 | 5 | 1 |
| Audra Parker | 1 | 0-2 | 2 | 1 |
| Madeline Linville | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kate Roh | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 |
| Olivia Murray | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lauren Linville | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gracie Czubik | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 17 | 2-6 | 38 | 11 |
| Score by Quarters | | | | |
| Brebeuf Jesuit | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1-10 |
| Westfield | 11 | 14 | 8 | 5-38 |
| Westfield 3-pointers (2) Crockett, Wheeler. | | | | |

Millers beat Huskies

The REPORTER

Noblesville beat Hamilton Heights 71-26 Thursday in an all-county girls basketball game at The Mill.

The Millers led 14-6 after one quarter and 34-14 at halftime. Noblesville continued to build its lead in the second half, going up 53-26 after three periods. The Millers outscored the Huskies 18-0 in the fourth quarter.

Meredith Tippner earned a triple-double with 19 points, 13 rebounds and 10 assists, also collecting nine

steals. C.C. Quigley added 14 points, with Kate Rollins scoring 13 points and dishing out five assists. Maia Blower made four steals.

Katie Brown hit five 3-pointers for 15 points, while Presley Cherry made three triples for nine points. Reece Blanton led the rebounds with seven.

Noblesville is 5-3 and is off until next Thursday when it plays at Fishers for a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game. The Huskies are 0-8 and play Saturday afternoon at Connersville.

NOBLESVILLE 71, HAMILTON HEIGHTS 26

| Heights | FG | FT | TP | PF |
|----------------|------|-----|----|----|
| Katie Brown | 5-9 | 0-0 | 15 | 0 |
| Abi Hilfiker | 1-5 | 0-0 | 2 | 1 |
| Presley Cherry | 3-10 | 0-2 | 9 | 3 |
| Reece Blanton | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 |
| Sarah Sherrill | 0-2 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 |
| Vivian Lynch | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 |
| Vivian Rowland | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 |
| Illiana Bowyer | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 9-28 | 0-2 | 26 | 11 |

Heights 3-point shooting (8-18) Brown 5-8, Cherry 3-9, Blanton 0-1. Heights rebounds (18) Blanton 7, Brown 4, Sherrill 3, Hilfiker 2, Cherry 1, Lynch 1.

| Noblesville | FG | FT | TP | PF |
|-------------------|-------|------|----|----|
| Ally Hutchinson | 3-7 | 0-0 | 7 | 0 |
| Maia Blower | 2-10 | 0-0 | 6 | 1 |
| Meredith Tippner | 7-10 | 4-6 | 19 | 0 |
| Kate Rollins | 6-9 | 0-0 | 13 | 1 |
| C.C. Quigley | 6-9 | 2-2 | 14 | 2 |
| Norah Vctor | 2-7 | 0-0 | 4 | 0 |
| Brookelyn Grayson | 1-2 | 1-2 | 3 | 0 |
| Bri Gray | 1-2 | 1-1 | 3 | 0 |
| Ellie Motz | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Devyn Johnson | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nyla Young | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Aleah Magee | 1-1 | 0-0 | 2 | 0 |
| Totals | 29-59 | 8-11 | 71 | 4 |

Noblesville 3-point shooting (5-22) Blower 2-9, Hutchinson 1-5, Rollins 1-2, Tippner 1-1, Vctor 0-3, Grayson 0-1, Johnson 0-1. Noblesville rebounds (31) Tippner 13, Blower 4, Vctor 3, Quigley 3, Magee 2, Grayson 2, Gray 2, Hutchinson 1, Young 1.

| Score by Quarters | | | | |
|-------------------|----|----|----|-------|
| Heights | 6 | 8 | 12 | 0-26 |
| Noblesville | 14 | 20 | 19 | 18-71 |

Trailblazers race past Anderson Prep, Seay scores career-high points

The REPORTER

Taylor Seay scored a career-high 29 points as University's girls began defense of the Pioneer Academic Athletic Conference North Division championship with a 75-35 win at Anderson Preparatory Academy.

Leah Norvell had a double-double with 18 points and 13 rebounds while handing out seven assists as University won its 22nd consecutive PAAC North game.

Seay had 13 first-quarter points as the Trailblazers broke the game open in the last 2:30 of the period. With University leading 15-10, Anyah Turley was fouled while making a three pointer from the top of the key. Turley made the free throw for a 19-10 lead. Turley found Seay for a basket at the 1:56 mark before two Seay free throws gave University a 23-12 lead after the opening period.

Anderson Prep pulled within 25-19 midway through the second quarter before a 15-4 University run before halftime put the game away. Norvell scored

off a Mack Feeny assist before the Blazers scored seven points in 44 seconds. Seay got ahead for a layup after a Norvell defensive rebound. Sydney Culp made a three pointer off a Norvell assist before Seay forced a Jets timeout with another layin, this time off a Feeny defensive board. Baskets by Norvell, Feeny and Meg Rohloff closed out the half with a 40-23 Trailblazer advantage.

University held Anderson Prep to just nine third quarter points and three fourth quarter points as the Trailblazers pulled away to a running-clock victory.

Seay had a team-high seven steals and handed out four assists. Gabby Culp had a team-high 15 rebounds.

The Trailblazers are now 3-3 on the season, 1-0 in the PAAC North. Anderson Prep is 7-4 and finishes PAAC North play at 2-1.

University is back in action Saturday afternoon for their third game this week, traveling to Lapel. Tip time for the matinee contest is 12:30 p.m.

UNIVERSITY 75, ANDERSON PREP ACADEMY 35

| University | FG | FT | TP | PF |
|--------------|----|------|----|----|
| Anyah Turley | 4 | 1-1 | 10 | 0 |
| Taylor Seay | 13 | 3-3 | 29 | 2 |
| Leah Norvell | 8 | 1-3 | 18 | 0 |
| Mack Feeny | 1 | 0-0 | 2 | 3 |
| Gabby Culp | 3 | 3-3 | 9 | 3 |
| Sydney Culp | 1 | 0-0 | 3 | 1 |
| Meg Rohloff | 2 | 0-0 | 4 | 1 |
| Totals | 32 | 8-10 | 75 | 10 |

| Score by Quarters | | | | |
|---|----|----|----|-------|
| University | 23 | 17 | 19 | 16-75 |
| Anderson Prep | 12 | 11 | 9 | 3-35 |
| University 3-pointers (3) Turley, Norvell, S. Culp. | | | | |

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Swimming

Hamilton Heights sweeps Eastern in dual meet

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights swept a dual meet with Eastern on Tuesday.

The Huskies won the girls meet 114-62. Ayla Madara picked up victories in the 200 freestyle and breaststroke, while Amira Leer won the individual medley and butterfly. Other winners were Sophia Hulen in the 50 free, Campbell Lively-Mason in diving, Rachel England in the 100 free, Audrey Cain in the backstroke and the Heights medley and 400 free relays.

In the boys meet, the Huskies won 107-67. Aiden Clarke was first in the 200 free and butterfly, while Rudy Bowman won the IM and 500 free. Other winners were Rowan Donald in the 50 free, Gabriel Roosa in the backstroke, Hudson Holt in the breaststroke and all three Heights relays.

GIRLS MEET

Team score: Hamilton Heights 114, Eastern 62.

200 medley relay: 1. Heights "A" (Amira Leer, Ayla Madara, Sophia Hulen, Rachel England) 2:01.21, 3. Heights "B" (Selah Heuer, Adalynn Gould, Quinn Thompson, Hatison Graham) 3:00.53.

200 freestyle: 1. Madara 1:58.57, 3. Allie Bushey 2:25.21, 4. Anna Monnin 2:25.59.

200 individual medley: 1. Leer 2:14.87, 2. Gould 2:52.99.

50 freestyle: 1. Hulen 26.05, 2. England 29.63, 4. Graham 32.39, 7. Heuer 38.38.

One-meter diving: 1. Campbell Lively-Mason 268.50, 3. Illiana Bowyer 178.10, 4. Grace Reynolds 151.60.

100 butterfly: 1. Leer 1:02.68, 2. Thompson 1:19.78.

100 freestyle: 1. England 57.21, 2. Audrey Cain 1:06.04, 5. Hulen 1:26.46.

500 freestyle: 2. Bushey

6:32.40, 3. Monnin 6:39.41.

200 freestyle relay: 2. Heights "A" (England, Bushey, Cain, Monnin) 2:00.01, 3. Heights "B" (Heuer, Graham, Thompson, Gould) 2:13.20.

100 backstroke: 1. Cain 1:16.01, 3. Gould 1:18.62.

100 breaststroke: 1. Madara 1:11.92, 3. Thompson 1:43.60.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Heights "A" (Hulen, Leer, Cain, Madara) 3:57.42.

BOYS MEET

Team score: Hamilton Heights 107, Eastern 67.

200 medley relay: 1. Heights "A" (Gabriel Roosa, Hudson Holt, Aiden Clarke, Rowan Donald) 1:50.63, 3. Heights "B" (Owen Eshelman, Abram Gould, Jack Powell, Elijah Heuer) 2:19.31.

200 freestyle: 1. Clarke 1:56.93, 3. Isaac Correll 2:23.96, 5. William Monnin 2:53.45.

200 individual medley: 1. Rudy Bowman 2:23.63, 2. Cole Martin 2:25.24.

50 freestyle: 1. Donald 23.64, 2. Correll 26.47, 5. Neuer 30.13, 6. Gould 30.91, 10. Jacob Watts 37.40, 12. Tyler Miller 45.59.

100 butterfly: 1. Clarke 56.30, 3. Roosa 1:05.08, 5. Holt 1:17.11.

100 freestyle: 2. Martin 55.09, 4. Eshelman 1:07.93, 6. Monnin 1:15.57.

500 freestyle: 1. Bowman 5:51.20, 2. Powell 6:50.81.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Heights "A" (Correll, Martin, Bowman, Donald) 1:39.57, 3. Heights "B" (Gould, Holt, Eshelman, Powell) 1:58.31, 5. Heights "C" (Miller, Monnin, Watts, Heuer) 2:26.14.

100 backstroke: 1. Roosa 1:02.39, 3. Gould 1:24.35, 4. Eshelman 1:26.65.

100 breaststroke: 1. Holt 1:14.34, 5. Watts 1:47.43.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Heights "A" (Clarke, Martin, Bowman, Donald) 3:42.34, 2. Heights "B" (Roosa, Monnin, Powell, Correll) 4:16.90.

Boys Wrestling

Tigers trip up New Palestine in dual meet

The REPORTER

The Fishers boys wrestling team ran away with a Wednesday dual meet over New Palestine 59-16.

The Tigers won 11 of the 14 matches, including seven by fall. Those pin victories came from Owen Ingalls (120 pounds), Chayce Yant (126), Diego Carabano (165), Xavier Smith (175), Chris Quarles

(190), Julian Burgett (215) and Ryan Dungee (285). Andrei Bogdan won at 157 pounds by injury default.

Other Fishers wins went to Seth Lamb at 113 by major decision, and Zeke Kramer (150) and Ryland Smith (106) by decision.

The Tigers are back in action Saturday at the Westfield Shamrock Duals.

WISH-TV's Athlete of the week: HSE's Kennedy Holman

By JOSH BODE

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Hamilton Southeastern girls basketball is off to a hot start to the season. The Royals are undefeated and ranked second in the state in 4A.

They've already taken down two conference foes, including top ten ranked Brownsburg.

A big reason for their success is junior point guard Kennedy Holman.

Holman does a little bit of everything for the Royals. She leads the team in assists and is the best defender on the team, tasked with guarding the opposing team's best player.

"If something's not going right for me, I have a bunch of other things to do on the court like if my shot's not falling, I can always play defense and get a stop there," Holman said.

Her coach, Brian Satterfield, said she has always been a great defensive player and has always been able to get to the rim on offense, but she has now been putting in a lot of work behind the scenes on her shot and with free throws.

Now that she's an upperclassman, she's also

been tasked with taking on more of a leadership role on the court. Satterfield said she leads by example, but they are challenging her with being more vocal on the court.

Holman's mom, Lisa Holman is on the staff at Hamilton Southeastern as an assistant coach. Her mother has been coaching her since she was young, so it's a sense of familiarity to her having her mom on the staff.

"It's good to have her there as comfort," Kennedy said.

Her mother played basketball at Oregon, and the Ducks have started recruiting Kennedy. They gave her an offer, and Kennedy said that was a really special time for me, especially because her mom was in the room with her when she received the offer.

Hamilton Southeastern gets back on the court on Friday against Evansville Memorial.

For more on Kennedy Holman, watch the video on WISH-TV.com.

This story originally appeared on WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/weekly-letter/athlete-of-the-week-hses-kennedy-holman.

Noblesville girls beat Franklin Central Flashes, but boys fall

The REPORTER

The Noblesville swim teams split a dual meet with Franklin Central on Monday.

The Millers girls team beat the Flashes 111-72. Haddie Vohs was a double winner for Noblesville, placing first in the individual medley and 100 freestyle. Other winners for the Millers were Olivia Motz in the 200 free, Eryn McMahon in diving, Katie Sutton in the butterfly, Julia Santerre in the backstroke, Kyra Blackwell in the breaststroke and all three relays.

The Millers boys dropped their meet 86-80. Joshua Naas picked up a double victory, winning the IM and 500 free. Also placing first were Drew Setmeyer in the 50 free, Liam Hayward in the butterfly, Brayden Wright in the backstroke and the Noblesville medley and 200 free relays.

GIRLS MEET

Team score: Noblesville 111, Franklin Central 72.

200 medley relay: 1. Noblesville "A" (Julia Santerre, Kyra Blackwell, Haddie Vohs,

Ava Middleton) 1:53.76, 3. Noblesville "B" (Alli Knott, Ellie Hayward, Mallory Mehninger, Meredith Nickloy) 2:00.76, 6. Noblesville "C" (Audrey Brown, Elyse Biddle, Leilani Mark, Alexis Jackson) 2:07.09.

200 freestyle: 1. Olivia Motz 2:03.27, 2. Exley Tricker 2:05.30, 6. Anna Miller 2:09.30.

200 individual medley: 1. Vohs 2:11.61, 2. Blackwell 2:22.03, 4. Katie Sutton 2:24.40.

50 freestyle: 3. Santerre 26.46, 5. Middleton 26.89, 6. Hayward 26.98.

One-meter diving: 1. Eryn McMahon 236.90.

100 butterfly: 1. Sutton 1:06.45, 2. Mehninger 1:07.62, 5. Knott 1:09.16.

100 freestyle: 1. Vohs 53.66, 4. Hayward 59.32, 5. Nickloy 1:01.05.

500 freestyle: 3. Motz 5:35.50, 4. Tricker 5:36.48, 5. Miller 5:42.90.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Noblesville "A" (Middleton, Hayward, Motz, Tricker) 1:46.70, 2. Noblesville "B" (Blackwell, Sutton, Nickloy, Miller) 1:50.97, 4. Noblesville

"C" (Mark, Norah Mathes, Stella Cramer, Jackson) 1:54.15.

100 backstroke: 1. Santerre 1:04.67, 2. Mehninger 1:05.18, 3. Knott 1:07.50.

100 breaststroke: 1. Blackwell 1:11.66, 4. Middleton 1:18.22, 5. Cramer 1:19.41.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Noblesville "A" (Motz, Vohs, Santerre, Tricker) 3:51.01, T3. Noblesville "B" (Mehninger, Sutton, Miller, Nickloy) 4:05.26, 5. Noblesville "C" (Mark, Knott, Mathes, Jackson) 4:18.76.

BOYS MEET

Team score: Franklin Central 96, Noblesville 90.

200 medley relay: 1. Noblesville "A" (Jackson Teske, Joshua Naas, Brayden Wright, Drew Setmeyer) 1:41.69, 4. Noblesville "B" (David Walters, Reed Haney, KJ Gordon III, Wes Arnold) 2:00.70.

200 freestyle: 2. Oliver Mark 1:50.67, 4. Isaiah Vohs 1:57.18, 6. Jacob Donnelly 2:47.45.

200 individual medley: 1. Naas 2:00.43, 3. Teske 2:08.26, 6. Brady Monger 2:39.53.

50 freestyle: 1. Setmeyer 23.48, 2. Liam Hayward 23.50,

6. Walters 27.47.

One-meter diving: 2. Aiden Kloss 235.50, 5. Gordon 77.55.

100 butterfly: 1. Hayward 55.71, 2. Wright 57.75, 4. Gordon 1:02.20.

100 freestyle: 2. Setmeyer 50.90, 4. Vohs 53.54, 6. Arnold 1:08.62.

500 freestyle: 1. Naas 5:02.55, 3. Mark 5:14.67, 6. Monger 6:06.50.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Noblesville "A" (Hayward, Setmeyer, Vohs, Mark) 1:33.66, 4. Noblesville "B" (Haney, Arnold, Donnelly, Monger) 1:57.04.

100 backstroke: 1. Wright 56.36, 2. Teske 57.92, 6. Walters 1:18.22.

100 breaststroke: 4. Haney 1:13.36, 5. Arnold 1:32.20.

400 freestyle relay: 2. Noblesville "A" (Naas, Mark, Teske, Hayward) 3:26.43.

Look for more swim meet results in Saturday's edition of The Reporter.

Basketball

Don't miss Noblesville Elks Hoops Shoot contest this Sunday

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Elks Hoops Shoot contest for girls and boys is this coming Sunday, Dec. 8 at the Noblesville Boys and Girls Club.

Doors open at 10:30 a.m. for registration and warm-ups, with competition beginning promptly at 11 a.m. There is no registration in advance.

The contest is open to all boys and girls who live in the area. Everyone is asked to enter the Boys & Girls Club Community Center at Door No. 4 on the north side of the facility that faces Ivy Tech. Basketballs are pro-

vided. Contestants compete in one of six divisions:

- Boys, ages 8-9
- Girls, ages 8-9
- Boys, ages 10-11
- Girls, ages 10-11
- Boys, ages 12-13
- Girls, ages 12-13

If the contestant will be age 7 on April 1, 2025, they are **too young** to participate.

If the contestant will be age 8 or 9 on April 1, 2025, they shoot in the 8-9 age group.

If the contestant will be age 10 or 11 on April 1, 2025, they shoot in the 10-11 age group.

If the contestant will be age 12 or 13 on April 1,

2025, they shoot in the 12-13 age group.

If the contestant will be age 14 on April 1, 2025, they are **too old** to participate.

The participants will shoot 25 free throws to determine the local Elks Lodge Champion in each age group. The six winners will qualify to advance to the District competition. All rules have been set by the National Elks Association.

The Noblesville Elks Lodge is proud to have had six of their past champions advance not only from their local competition, but have then won at the district lev-

el, state level, regional level, and have competed at the Elks Hoop Shoot National Championship in Springfield, Mass. One of the Noblesville Lodge's national finalists, Ryan Cline, won a National Championship in 2010.

Questions should be directed to Coach Smith at pete@ckarphealth.com.

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

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.

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 Connersville 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

TUES DEC 10 - Girls Basketball

7:15 pm Hamilton Southeastern vs Pendleton Heights | Southeastern Sports Network
7:20 pm Heritage Christian vs Covenant Christian | Indiana SRN

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