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**TODAY'S WEATHER**

**Today:** Mostly cloudy and even colder, with scattered snow showers. Another dusting possible.  
**Tonight:** Partly cloudy with a few snow showers. Clearing after midnight.  
**HIGH:** 31 **LOW:** 11



This generous gift will enable Prevail to continue fulfilling its mission of empowering survivors of crime and abuse.

# Prevail receives \$10,000 gift from Elements Cares

*Donation will support language translation services for survivors*

**The REPORTER**  
 Prevail, Inc., a nonprofit dedicated to empowering survivors of crime and abuse, recently received a \$10,000 gift from Elements Cares, the philanthropic arm of Elements Financial. This generous award will enhance Prevail's ability to provide vital language translation services to survivors, ensuring support for

all individuals seeking help. Prevail's commitment to serving the community also includes a full-time bilingual advocate who works closely with Spanish-speaking survivors. The \$10,000 gift from Elements Cares will expand language accessibility, ensuring that survivors who are deaf or hard of hearing or who speak other languages

can also receive trauma-informed services without barriers. "When survivors can communicate in the language, they are most comfortable with, they feel seen, heard, and get the immediate help they need to feel safe," Prevail Executive Director Tami Wanninger said. "This support from Elements Cares will help us continue breaking

down barriers and creating a welcoming, inclusive space for everyone." As Hamilton County's only provider of comprehensive advocacy services for victims of crime and abuse, Prevail serves more than 3,100 individuals annually.

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## At last . . . my big breakthrough interview

After a year and a half of journalistic excellence, my professional hard work has finally paid off. *Forty-something in Fishers* is fun and all, but I've been craving something more than just writing all this lighthearted stuff. BORING!!! The crime beat is really where my passions lie, and I stumbled across a doozy of a case. Finally, the breakthrough I've been waiting for!



It seems for many years, there has been a series of break-ins all over the world. The perpetrators are a truly terrifying crime syndicate led by one man. The case is a mysterious one because this man has been so elusive that authorities across the globe haven't even bothered trying to find him. No one has been able to locate his hideout . . . until now. The rumors of my investigation must have been brought to his attention, because he decided to allow me to interview him. It would require me to fly to his far away lair in a secret location and in some of the worst conditions. A true journalist knows no fear, so off I went.

I was contacted by one of the man's colleagues, who goes by the code name "Sprinkle." He told me the man I would be interviewing goes by the name "Nick." I was to fly to Fairbanks International Airport in Alaska where Sprinkle would meet me and take me to Nick.

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# County Health Department partners with CredibleMind

*New tool provides convenient & confidential mental health resources for community*

**The REPORTER**  
 The Hamilton County Health Department launched a new digital platform this week for residents struggling with mental health issues. CredibleMind is a wellness-oriented platform that provides 24/7 access to more than 10,000 science-based mental health resources. "CredibleMind focuses on early intervention and prevention," Health Department Administrator Jason LeMaster said. "Residents can improve their

overall wellbeing by taking mental health assessments and viewing an online library of mental health videos, podcasts, apps, and articles to help them learn new skills and better understand their mental health." Featured topics run the gamut from anxiety and stress to workplace wellness and parenting as well as addiction, recovery



LeMaster

and suicide prevention. There is also a tab for Community Resources where residents can find a list of local agencies that provide mental wellness services. "We are facing a mental health crisis in our country and the demand for mental health services is higher than ever," CredibleMind CEO Deryk Van Brunt said. "We are thrilled

to partner with the Hamilton County Health Department and provide on-demand, reliable self-care and mental health resources to help the community improve its overall wellbeing and flourish." Residents can access the CredibleMind platform by visiting the Health Department's website, clicking on the Community Resources tab, and then selecting the Mental Health tab, or by visiting [hamiltoncounty.crediblemind.com](http://hamiltoncounty.crediblemind.com).

## Westfield OKs private management of Grand Park

By CAT SANDOVAL  
 WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

A private company is taking over management of Grand Park in Westfield. The Westfield City Council unanimously approved the move on Monday. Grand Park Sports and Entertainment will manage and operate the 400-acre Grand Park sports campus starting in January. City officials say this deal will generate a total revenue of \$184 million and, within the first year, they predict they will more than double profits from last year. "Annual operation fee payment over 30 years is \$184 million that the city can use for a variety of projects in a variety of ways that can benefit the tax payer," Matthew Deck, director of facilities for the city of Westfield, said. The city council says having a private company managing Grand Park will "enhance community amenities, support youth sports, and stimulate local economic growth." The initial term with Grand Park Sports and Entertainment will be 10 years, with the option for four 5-year extensions based on performance. Deck says the new deal will be beneficial for the city's growth. "They can pivot quickly. They can make decisions quickly and there are resources, not unlimited ones, but certainly more than a municipality may have." Mayor Scott Willis agreed, saying, "This park and this agreement are going to transform the city of Westfield beyond the 400-acre sports campus." The campus already includes 31 sports fields, 26 diamonds and three sports facilities. The city expects the deal to include a 15 percent increase in unique visitors to the park in the first 10 years. Patrick Tamm, president of the Westfield City Council, told News 8 it took a year for the council members to review the project. "This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was actually drafted and agreed to by the previous administration so you have a new mayor, city council, new everyone, so we took a full year and a full vetting process." Westfield residents will continue to enjoy free access to all youth sports events organized by GPSE through the Bullpen Gives Back program.

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## Hauntingly good holiday performance



Reporter photos by Bill Miller  
 Four former Phantoms of the Opera took over the Palladium Friday night, and the nearly full house could not have been happier with their selections from Broadway shows and some Christmas classics. One Phantom, Franc D'Ambrosio, stunned the crowd both with a rendition of "Ave Maria" that would have made Luciano Pavarotti proud, and with the theme from *The Godfather*. D'Ambrosio played the role of Michael Corleone's opera-singing son, Anthony "Tony" Vito Corleone, in the third film. See more photos on Page 4 and at [ReadTheReporter.com](http://ReadTheReporter.com).



## Carmel Ice Skadium hosting 'Skate with Santa' on Friday

By HERNAN GUTIERREZ  
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The Carmel Ice Skadium will host the big man from the North Pole for a special event on Friday.

During "Skate with Santa," held in collaboration with the **Ice Skating Club of Indianapolis**, people can skate or learn how to skate while sharing the ice with Kris Kringle himself.

Jolly Saint Nick will also have his team of hard-working elves on hand to take pictures. State champion ice skaters will be around to show off their skills as well.

There's also a chance to enjoy plenty of cookies and hot chocolate to warm up in between time on the ice.

Members of ISCI will offer lessons and tips to first-time and rookie skaters. The nonprofit has been around for 50 years. It looks to promote and

develop figure skating in central Indiana. Led by former Olympian Marie Vichovais, the club often has skaters competing on the international level. Members range from elementary school students to adults of all skating levels.

The club itself has hosted the Metro Indy Ice Skating Challenge every year for the last three years. The challenge often serves as the last shot for some skaters to qualify for national events.

Skate with Santa kicks off at 5:30 p.m. on Friday. Admission is \$12 per person and \$30 for a family of four. The Carmel Ice Skadium is located at 1040 E. Third Ave. SW.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the venue.

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### The REPORTER

Noblesville Schools has announced it will launch a new Hall of Fame in 2025. It will honor individuals who have demonstrated exceptional service, support, accomplishments, or contributions to Noblesville Schools.

"This is different than our Noblesville High School Athletic Hall of Fame," said Marnie Cooke, executive director of marketing and communications for Noblesville Schools. "Similar to the Noble Miller initiative that was part of the district's 150th anniversary celebration in 2019, this will

be a visible and permanent way for us to celebrate the legacy of those who have positively impacted the students, staff and overall success of Noblesville Schools."

The initiative is a collaboration between Noblesville Schools and the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation, and the first class of inductees will be announced at the upcoming 2025 Miller-Palooza event.

The district is currently exploring options for a permanent structure to honor Hall of Fame inductees and will share more details as those plans



are finalized.

Hall of Fame nominations are due by Jan. 17, 2025. Eligibility criteria,

nomination guidelines, and the application to nominate can be found at [this link](#).

### PREVAIL

"Elements is honored to support Prevail, Inc. and their efforts to serve their

diverse communities and clientele in central Indiana," said Matt Snively, Chair of

Elements Cares at Elements Financial and SVP, Elements Wealth Management. "Their efforts meet our pillar of giving for Healthy Lifestyles. We appreciate all Prevail is doing to provide a range of essential services and hope to the individuals and families they serve."

With the support of community partners like Elements Financial, Prevail can continue its mission to empower survivors of crime and abuse on their path to healing.

#### About Prevail

Prevail is a non-profit organization based in Noblesville dedicated to offering crisis intervention and restorative support services for those who have experienced crime and abuse, free of charge, in a confidential, supportive, non-judgmental environment that is meant to empower those served. Since the beginning, Prevail has been committed to empowering survivors and fostering a safe community free

of violence. For more information, visit [prevailinc.org](http://prevailinc.org).

**About Elements Financial**  
Elements Financial is a diversified federal credit union with assets of more than \$2.3 billion and over 100,000 members in all 50 states and 50 foreign countries. As a financial wellness provider, Elements serves individuals through its original sponsor, Eli Lilly and Company, and more than 200 companies across Indiana and nationally. Beyond the Elements branches in central Indiana, the company provide access to more than 5,500 shared branch locations nationally and 78,000 surcharge-free ATMs globally. Elements Wealth Management is a full-service investment management and financial planning firm with more than \$1 billion in assets under management. Elements is known for higher deposit rates, lower loan rates, and fewer fees. Federally Insured by the NCUA.

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### BREAKTHROUGH

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When I arrived, I thought I had been ghosted because there was no one there to meet me. I walked outside the airport and was almost run over by a sleigh pulled by a single horse with antlers. The man driving the sleigh identified himself as Sprinkle. I expected Nick's henchman to be a little taller, but there was no mistaking his red and green striped cat-burglar outfit. The next thing I knew he blew some dust in my face and it knocked me unconscious. Devious indeed.

When I came to, I found myself in a large village. I couldn't believe what I was seeing. These short henchmen in uniforms were everywhere! How this operation has been so elusive with this many people involved is beyond me. I was taken to Nick's "workshop," which is clearly where his unscrupulous plots are concocted and trained for.

I was led to his office, where I found Nick waiting for me. It was time for me to get some answers. Here's how the interview went:

**Mighty Official Reporter Of News:** So you are the infamous Nick?

**Nick:** Not so infamous, but yes.

**MORON:** How long have you led this crime syndicate?

**N:** Ho-ho-ho, there are no crimes committed here.

**MORON:** Well, of course the crimes are committed elsewhere, but this is where you plot and plan, is it not?

**N:** This is my workshop. There is no plotting, but lots of planning.

**MORON:** I see. What about all the homes you break into every year? And why on Christmas of all days, you sicko? And what is your primary loot on these larcenous rampages?

**N:** Christmas is a magical time of year, my dear boy. I slip into houses on Christmas Eve and leave presents for children all over the world. The only thing I take is a cookie.

**MORON:** Are you to have me believe you break into homes and take nothing? What, do you think you are some kind of modern-day Santa Claus or something?

**N:** Ho-ho-ho! I'm not only a modern-day Santa Claus ... I am the Santa Claus.

**MORON:** Nice try, Nick. If you are Santa Claus, then what did you give me for Christmas in 1983? Answer that, smarty pants!

**N:** Oh yes, I remember it well. You were five years old, and I gave you a Jabba the Hutt Action Playset, complete with a working trap door.

**MORON:** Oh Sh\*#. You're Santa.

**N:** Ho-ho-ho, yes indeed.

**MORON:** Uh, can we forget this happened?

**N:** Yes, and while we're at it, why don't you forget this investigative reporting on the crime beat stuff and go back to your lighthearted Forty-something in Fishers? I really enjoy and look forward to reading that every month.

**MORON:** You've got it, Santa! And thanks for the column plug!

The moral of the story is ... Be who you are, enjoy the holiday to its fullest and never forget the magic of Christmas. Oh, and if a jolly fat man invites you north of Alaska to have a chat ... don't accuse him of being the El Chapo of Christmas. He's Santa.

Merry Christmas!!!  
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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:**

1.



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.



Schedule seasonal maintenance on your plumbing and heating systems.



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# 4 Phantoms, 1 great holiday show



Reporter photos by Bill Miller  
(ABOVE) Jeffrey C. McDermott, who serves as the President/CEO of The Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts . . . not as one of the Phantoms.



# Westfield kicks off Christmas in style



Photos provided by Lisa Everling

The Westfield in Lights celebration was held last Saturday at Grand Junction Plaza. The free festival featured performances from many local groups, food and retail vendors, Frosty the Snowman, carnival games and prizes, a llama walking attraction, skate sessions on the Ice Ribbon, and even pictures with Santa Claus courtesy of Tenth Street Photography. All that fun culminated in the Tree Lighting on the Main Stage.

## HSE student EJ Shults wins Franklin College's High School Art Competition

### The REPORTER

The Franklin College Art Department announced the winners of the third annual Franklin College High School Art Competition. High school students in grades 9 through 12 were invited to submit artwork for a juried exhibition in the following categories: 3D/ceramics, drawing, graphic arts, painting and photography.

The submitted artwork was displayed at Franklin College during the first week in November, with winners announced at a reception on Nov. 9. Cash prizes were awarded for each category.

The judges deemed EJ Shults' entry in the drawing category to be the overall winner. He is a student at Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) High School.

Additional winners, who consented to releasing their information, included:

- **3D/ceramics category:** honorable mentions in this category included: **Alexander Larkey of HSE High School**, Callan Little of Mississinewa High School and Lyla Schilling of Whiteland Community High School.

- **Drawing category winner:** Taylor McHenry of Franklin Community High School. Honorable mentions included: **Lucy Gard of HSE High School**, Hanna Maudlin of HSE High School, Riley Ross of Flora High School and **Jax Scamahorn of HSE High School**.

- **Graphic arts category winner:** Alvin Wagerman of Franklin Community High School. Honorable mentions included Andre Ayala-Moran of Franklin Community High School and **Gavin Tucker of HSE High School**.

- **Painting category:** honorable mentions included **Maisey Kleinmaier, Riley Meggenhofen, and Addy Rogers, all of HSE High School**.

- **Photography category:** honorable mentions included Linus Avery of Mooresville High School, Emmaleigh Girman of Mooresville High School and Brayleigh White of Mooresville High School.

The students' works were judged by Franklin College art professors Randi Frye, Barry Barnes, Dennis Kelley and David Cunningham.

## Battery case against former Indiana AG Curtis Hill dismissed

By **TIM SPEARS**  
WISH-TV | [wistv.com](http://wistv.com)

Parties in the **civil battery case** against former Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill have agreed to dismiss the case.

The court announced the dismissal on Sunday, Dec. 8, just one day before Hill's trial was scheduled to begin in Marion County.

An Indiana lawmaker and three staffers accused Hill of groping them and making lewd comments during a party in 2018, then making multiple defamatory statements after the allegations became public. Following a disciplinary complaint, the Indiana Supreme Court suspended Hill in 2020, finding he committed the act of criminal battery.

Hill has consistently denied the allegations.

Plaintiffs Niki DaSilva, Samantha Lozano, Gabrielle McLemore, and former Rep. Maria Candelaria Reardon were seeking damages and a retraction of any defamatory statements.

Since serving as Indiana attorney general, Hill has made unsuccessful bids for Indiana's 2nd Congressional

District seat and the Republican nomination in the 2024 governor's race.

### Statement from Curtis Hill

"Yesterday, Sunday afternoon, at approximately 3:00 PM, my lawyer was notified by counsel for the plaintiffs that they were no longer proceeding to trial and in fact, dismissing their civil complaint against me. We agreed that the case had no merit and should be dismissed. There was no financial settlement. There were no conditions for dismissal. The case against me was dismissed with prejudice by each of the plaintiffs, thus ending this odyssey of unfounded allegations that have dogged me for nearly seven years and have served as the fuel for political and personal attacks against me.

"First, let me say that God is faithful, and I thank my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit for seeing me through these perilous times.

"I want to thank my wife, Teresa, and our chil-



Hill

dren for their unflinching support and unconditional love throughout this process, and I thank my many friends and even strangers who have prayed for me and prayed for a righteous result to this litigation.

"I thank my lawyer in this case, Paul Mullin of Lewis and Wilkins LLP, and my attorney, Geoff Giorgi, who handled the federal litigation that was dismissed by the court years ago. Ever since these false allegations were first leaked to the press, we have been determined to make our case to a fair and impartial jury, confident in the truth and certain that justice would prevail.

"Finally, after several years of needless delay by the plaintiffs, a jury was ready to hear the case, and the plaintiffs folded. The plaintiffs' action in dropping this lawsuit at the last minute is a further testament to the strength and merit of our case.

"From this ordeal, I have gained wisdom from God and remain committed

to fighting for truth and justice."

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## Hyperion Players to hold auditions for *The 39 Steps*

### Submitted

*The 39 Steps* is Hyperion Players' third show of its third season, and auditions arrive next month.

### Show synopsis

Life seems rather dull for Richard Hannay until an unassuming night at the theatre tangles him in an espionage plot. With spies around every corner, time is running out for our hero to solve the mystery of the 39 Steps, save his skin, and get the girl.

Adapted from John Buchan's classic novel and Hitchcock's hit 1935 spy thriller film, with daring adventure, over 150 characters, and a dash of Monty Python farce, Patrick Barlow's *The 39 Steps* is everything a spy noir should be.

### Audition information

• **Dates:** 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10 and Saturday, Jan. 11

• **Location:** Preservation Hall, 1274 Logan St., Noblesville

• **Preparation:** Auditions will consist of side reading and theatre games. This is a fast-paced, physical show. Please come dressed accordingly and be prepared to move your body. Actors with any conflicts during tech week will not be considered. Please bring known conflicts to auditions. Rehearsals are generally Monday to Thursday beginning Jan. 20.

### Performance dates & location

March 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 2025. All shows will be performed at The Switch Theatre in Fishers. Rehearsals will be held in Indianapolis.

### Roles

Director Evangeline Bouw is seeking four players to fill the following roles. *Age and pronoun indications are for character portrayal notes only – actors outside the noted age ranges or character pronouns are encouraged to audition and will be considered.*



## HYPERION

• **Richard Hannay** – 20s-50s, he/him, any race/ethnicity. The Hitchcock thriller leading man, a suave, and dashing. An adrift everyman, who finds his inner reserves of determination and strength to push through the adventures forced upon him. Performer must have strong physical comedy skills. English accent.

• **Annabella Schmidt / Pamela / Margaret** – 20s-50s, she/her, any race/ethnicity. This performer takes the three Leading Lady roles. Performer must have strong physical comedy skills and create three distinct characters:

(1) *Annabella* – The dangerous and in danger femme fatale, a mysterious spy who brings Hannay into the conspiracy. German accent.

(2) *Pamela* – The Hitchcock leading lady, she is principled, brilliant, and resourceful. English accent.

(3) *Margaret* – The ingenue, she is a Scottish woman stuck in a loveless marriage who helps Hannay out of a tight spot in hopes of seeing broader horizons. Scottish accent.

• **Clown 1 and Clown 2** – Any age, any gender, any race/ethnicity. The Clowns create the world transforming into heroes, villains, men, women, children, and occasionally inanimate objects. Covering over a dozen roles each, performers must have versatility to create distinct characters and strong physical comedy skills. English, Cockney, Scottish, German accents/dialects. Additional European accents are a plus.

For more information, go to [hyperionplayers.com/auditions](http://hyperionplayers.com/auditions).

## Here's a look at what's upcoming at Civic Theatre

### The REPORTER See Irving Berlin's piano

Thanks to the Great American Songbook Foundation, Irving Berlin's custom piano will be on display in the Tarkington lobby at the *White Christmas* performances on Dec. 20 and 21.

Alongside the piano will be an original promotional poster for the movie, a written arrangement of "White Christmas" owned by Rosemary Clooney, and a snow globe given by Berlin to Clooney as a memento of the production.

Click here to learn more about the piano, and click here to buy tickets to see *White Christmas*.

### Know before you go

The City of Carmel has designed a traffic flow plan intended to ease congestion around the Center for the Performing Arts during the busy holiday season. If you're planning to see *White Christmas*, please

take a moment to review these changes.

While the Christkindlmarkt is open, 3rd Avenue will be closed to southbound traffic between the City Center Drive roundabout and the entrance to the Center Garage at 819 3rd Ave. SW. This closure should not affect east-west traffic on City Center Drive or northbound traffic on 3rd Avenue.

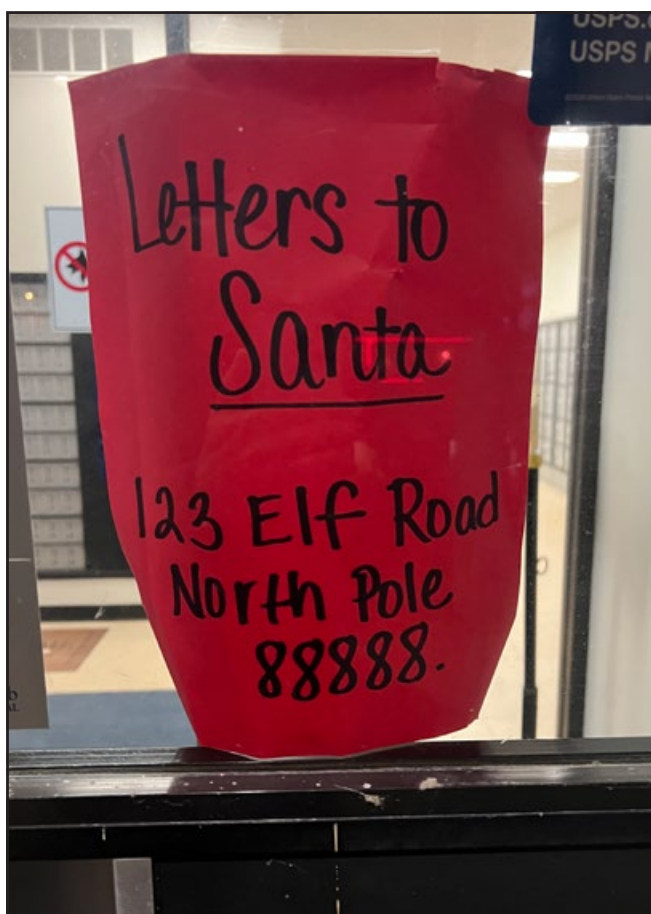
During this time, patrons should approach from the south and east, with free public parking available in the Center Garage on 3rd Avenue, as well as Veterans Way Garage at 100 City Center Drive and Civic Square Garage at 50 Red Truck Road, both accessible from Range Line Road.

Plan to arrive 40 minutes early and prepare for limited parking. Latecomers will be seated at the discretion of the house manager.

Click here to see a map of how to navigate the maze.



## Robo Rudolph goes postal!



Reporter photos

The Reporter applauds the clever craftsman or elven artist who constructed this shipping-box Rudolph at the Cicero Post Office. We won't say it made our Grinchy old publisher jolly, but it also did not increase his Scrooge factor ... so that's a win. As noted on the Post Office front door, Cicero residents can drop off letters to Santa using this address: 123 Elf Road, North Pole 88888.

## Community Health Network to open new campus in Westfield

By BRITTANY NICOLE  
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Community Health Network will open a new campus in Westfield, with a groundbreaking event scheduled for the new location next to the intersection of 196th Street and U.S. 31.

Emily Russell, a Westfield native and mother of three, expressed excitement about the new campus. "I always feel they care for us not just as patients, but as family."

Russell, who delivered all her children at Community Hospital North on the northeast side of Indianapolis, about 45 minutes from her home, said, "Being able to drive just down the road and get the care we need will be truly amazing."

Community Health Network is investing \$335 million into the new facility, with developers estimating they will save \$50 million by renovating existing buildings.

The 425,000 square-foot campus will feature a six-story, 100-bed inpatient hospital tower, an ambulatory surgery center, and a medical office building with an emergency department.



Rendering provided by Community Health Network / Guidon

The Westfield medical office building is expected to be completed by early 2025, while the surgery center and inpatient hospital tower are scheduled for completion by mid to late 2026.

The new campus will be the only hospital in Westfield offering labor and delivery services, as well as a neonatal intensive care unit.

The Westfield medical office building is expected to be completed by early 2025, while the surgery center and inpatient hospital tower are scheduled for completion by mid to late 2026.

Jason Fahrlander, chief operating officer for Com-

munity, said in a statement, "This expansion reflects our responsiveness to Westfield's growth and needs. This new state-of-the-art healthcare campus aligns with our mission to enhance health and well-being in the communities we serve."

Community Health Network touts itself among the nation's most integrated health care systems and central Indiana's leader in pro-

viding convenient access to exceptional health care services. Community provides services such as specialty and acute care hospitals, surgery centers, behavioral health, and more at over 200 sites throughout the region.

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## Hamilton County Courts launch Alternative Dispute Resolution program

Program designed to resolve disputes faster & reduce caseloads

### The REPORTER

It will soon be easier for qualified low-income residents of Hamilton County to resolve their family law disputes. Hamilton County's Circuit and Superior Courts will launch a new Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) program after the first of the year.

"The Hamilton County Judiciary is committed to providing practical and compassionate solutions for Hamilton County families going through difficult times," Circuit Court Judge

Andrew Bloch said. "The fund will provide mediation services and court-ordered programming for families who otherwise may not be able to afford these resources."

To ensure the program is accessible to those in need, a sliding fee scale will be implemented for those who qualify for assistance, based on their income. For families earn-



Bloch

ing less than \$35,000 per year, the program will provide a subsidy for mediation services, guardian ad litem services, parenting coordination, and parenting classes, with a maximum co-payment of \$100.

"We believe that families are better off when they are able to resolve their differences outside of the courtroom," Judge Bloch added. "Research

shows that mediation leads to higher satisfaction and more durable solutions than drawn-out, contentious court battles that often delay resolution and increase costs for families."

Beginning Jan. 1, 2025, the filing fee for all divorce, legal separation, and paternity cases will increase by \$20. Those additional dollars will help fund the program, along with a grant from the Indiana Supreme Court. The program will be self-sustaining after the first year.

## Spend "An Evening with Jeff Foxworthy" & help Hamilton Southeastern Education Foundation

### The REPORTER

Legendary comedy icon Jeff Foxworthy will be live at the new Fishers Event Center for the first Hamilton Southeastern Education Foundation Legacy Celebration on Friday, Feb. 21, 2025.

Tickets are on sale now at [FishersEventCenter.com](http://FishersEventCenter.com). A portion of proceeds will benefit the staff and students of Hamilton South-

eastern Schools.

Jeff Foxworthy is one of the most respected and successful comedians in the country. He is the largest selling comedy-recording artist in history, a multiple Grammy Award nominee and bestselling author of more than 26 books.

Widely known for the Blue Collar Comedy Tour, Foxworthy's act goes well

beyond that to explore the humor in everyday family interactions and human nature, a style that has been compared to Mark Twain's. He has his own comedy channel "Jeff and Larry's Comedy Roundup," a partnership with SIRIUSXM.

Foxworthy has hosted numerous television shows, including *What's It Worth* and *Are You Smarter Than a*

5th Grader. He created the games "Relative Insanity" and "See What I Mean?" and has his own outdoor company, Foxworthy Outdoors, which features a line of products related to the outdoor lifestyle. Away from the stage, Jeff is focused on his family including his new grandson.

For more information, visit [JeffFoxworthy.com](http://JeffFoxworthy.com).

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# Forgey, Hile, Jensen: “I got the music in me!”

The Noblesville High School orchestra held a 12-hour Play-a-Thon last Saturday to help fund their trip to a national music festival. Guest conductors during the Play-a-Thon included Superintendent Dr. Dan Hile, Mayor Chris Jensen, School Board Member Dr. Joe Forgey, and even the Miller Man. The NHS orchestra has been chosen to compete in the prestigious 2025 National Music for All Festival, which will be held March 13 to 15, 2025, in Indianapolis. This is a national festival with bands from all over the country, but we are the only school from Indiana selected to perform. Even though the event is local, the orchestra must still raise thousands of dollars to participate. [Click here](#) to help support their campaign. (Photos provided by Noblesville Schools)



# CCHA Law welcomes two new attorneys

**The REPORTER**

Church Church Hittle and Antrim (CCHA Law) announces the addition of two new exceptional attorneys, Jane McGill and Olivia Burpo, to its team.

**Jane McGill expands role in Sports Law and Higher Education Practice Groups**

Jane McGill recently gained admission to the Indiana Bar. Already licensed in Virginia, the additional admission will allow her to provide even more value to CCHA’s Sports Law and Higher Education clients, complementing her extensive experience and specialized knowledge. Having served as an NCAA Compliance Specialist at CCHA Law since 2019, she will continue to focus on a variety of sports law and higher education issues, including NCAA regulatory matters and litigation, Title IX investigations, and allegations related to hazing or misconduct.

McGill previously worked as an associate director in the NCAA Eligibility Center, where she specialized in academic reviews and complex pre-enrollment eligibility matters. As part of the academic review team, she consulted with NCAA member institutions and counsel, guiding them through the initial-eligibility waiver process from submission to appeal.

“Jane’s NCAA compliance expertise and her experience on campuses as a coach bring valuable insight to our Sports Law and Higher Education practice groups,” CCHA Sports Law section chair Kelleigh Fagan said. “We are excited Jane pursued licensure in Indiana and look forward to the enhanced impact she will make for our clients.”

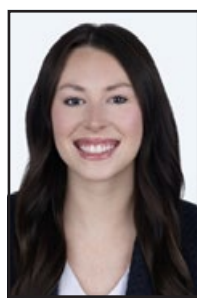
McGill began her career with the NCAA as a postgraduate intern in Enforcement, supporting investigations into secondary and major infractions. Before her time with the NCAA, she spent two years as an assistant field hockey coach at Division III Washington and Lee University, gaining valuable campus experience.

McGill earned her juris doctor from the

University of Virginia School of Law and clerked for law firms in Washington, D.C., and Charleston, S.C. She graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in English from Washington and Lee University, where she was a four-year student-athlete and senior captain of the field hockey team.



McGill



Burpo

McGill is admitted to the bars of Virginia and Indiana and is an active member of Women Leaders in Sports. She also serves on the Board of Directors for the PCDH19 Alliance, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting those diagnosed with PCDH19, a rare seizure disorder. Originally from Virginia, she now lives in Carmel with her husband and two children.

**Olivia Burpo joins Litigation Practice Group**

CCHA also welcomes Olivia Burpo, who joins the Litigation practice group. She represents schools, cities, towns, and other public entities in a broad range of claims at the state and federal levels, including negligence cases and complex constitutional law matters.

“We are pleased to have Olivia as part of our Litigation team,” Managing Partner Alex Pinegar said. “Her strong litigation skills and passion for representing public entities have already made her a key contributor to our firm. We look forward to seeing Olivia continue to thrive.”

Burpo earned her juris doctor from Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, where she excelled in Moot Court, earning top oral advocate honors and serving as Chief Justice of the Moot Court Board. She also interned with the Indiana Supreme Court in the chambers of Justice Derek R. Molter. Active in the Indianapolis community, she enjoys playing tennis with her fiancé, Jeff, and attending performances with the Indianapolis Symphony Orches-

tra’s “Forte” group for young professionals.

**About Church Church Hittle + Antrim**

Founded in 1880, CCHA Law is the oldest law firm in Hamilton County. As a full-service law firm, CCHA Law provides a myriad of legal services to clients across a wide variety of practice areas, including

personal injury, business formation and representation, divorce and family law, estate planning and administration, collegiate sports, K-12 and higher education, complex litigation, governmental entity and municipal law, real estate law, criminal law, labor and employment law, mediation services, and appellate litigation. CCHA Law serves clients across the country and has offices in Indiana in Noblesville, Fishers, Fort Wayne, Tipton, Crown Point, Westfield, and Zionsville. Learn more about CCHA at [cchalaw.com](http://cchalaw.com).

**Small businesses need the MOST love**

**“Please shop local right meow”**  
— Hamilton the Kitten

**Main Street Productions, Inc. Presents**

# GREETINGS!

By **Tom Dudzick**

Directed by **Jeremy Tuterow**

## December 5th – December 15th, 2024

Thursday, Friday, Saturday Shows at 7:30 pm,  
Sunday Shows at 2:30 pm

**Basile Westfield Playhouse**  
220 North Union St., Westfield, IN - (317) 402-3341  
For reservations visit our website:  
[www.basilewestfieldplayhouse.org](http://www.basilewestfieldplayhouse.org)

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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 126<sup>th</sup> St Treasure Hunt Fri 8pm \$25K  
Fishers, in 46038  
317-842-5944 Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun 8-11

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

Sheridan Post 67 Tom DeShon  
406 E 10<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com)  
Meets 7pm the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 126<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:president@hamiltoncountyveterans.com)  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs 630pm at Gingers 1804  
Conner St Noblesville

### Hamilton County Veteran Service Officers

317-776-9610 Hours – 9am-4pm Weekdays  
CVSO – Tom Logan  
[Tom.logan@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:Tom.logan@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)  
Assistant CVSO – Robin Wilson  
[robin.wilson@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:robin.wilson@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)  
Assistant CVSO – Caroline Franz  
[caroline.franz@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:caroline.franz@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)  
Admin Assistant – Christina Ellis  
[christina.ellis@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:christina.ellis@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)

## Hamilton County Military Veteran

### Good Samaritan Network Needs Your Help This Christmas, Food, Goods and Donations



### Holiday \$\$ Donations to Good Samaritan Network

Funds raised go directly to support your neighbors for Thanksgiving, Christmas and year round. GSN's signature Holiday Assistance program significantly impacts thousands of families every year. Families may receive food baskets for both Thanksgiving and/or Christmas. Additionally, families receive new or gently used toys, clothing and goods for the Christmas season as part of our Christmas Distribution.

Thank you for your kind donations, especially this year in the face of job loss and insecurities, and for making the Holidays a little brighter for Hamilton County families!

Please donate here:  
<https://gnlive.kindful.com/?campaign=10R0400>

Apply for Donations here. If you and your family live, work or attend school in Hamilton County, Indiana, and are in need of Holiday Assistance, apply here. For Thanksgiving, please submit your application by the first Sunday in November. For Christmas, please submit it by the last Sunday in November. **ONLINE** applications must be completed by the first Sunday in December.  
[https://gn.formstack.com/forms/holiday\\_assistance\\_registration\\_2024\\_online\\_copy](https://gn.formstack.com/forms/holiday_assistance_registration_2024_online_copy)

Good Samaritan Network Serving Hamilton County Since 1980

### Write Letters To Santa – Drop Off or Email



### Come See Santa at the Sheridan American Legion

**Saturday Dec. 14th**  
**1:00 - 4:00**



**Upstairs at The Legion**  
**(ages 0-12)**

### Open House for Veterans at Recovery Café

**OPEN HOUSES**

**FOR VETERANS**

**DECEMBER 10 AND 17**

**5:00PM - 8:00PM**

**Recovery Cafe Hamilton County**  
The Eller House | 7050 E. 116th Street  
Suite 100, Fishers, IN 46038

Stop by Recovery Cafe Hamilton County and experience Radical Hospitality in our beautiful, safe, drug and alcohol free space that anchors people on their recovery pathways.

Light appetizers and hot beverages will be served.  
Questions? Email [recoverycafehcg@gmail.com](mailto:recoverycafehcg@gmail.com)

## Activities & Events

### Come See Santa & Mrs Claus at the Carmel American Legion Dec 14<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm



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

**Children's Christmas Party!**

**DATE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH**

**TIME: 11AM TO 1PM**

**WHERE: AMERICAN LEGION POST 45**  
**273 S 8TH NOBLESVILLE, IN**

Bring the kids for some holiday fun! Enjoy pancakes, sausage, and Christmas cookie decorating. Capture the moment at our festive Photo Booth and don't miss a special visit from Santa himself. It's the perfect way to spread holiday cheer!

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

**VFW Kids Christmas Party**  
December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at 3pm  
VFW Post 6246  
**Sign up by December 15<sup>th</sup>**

### Currently Serving Indiana National Guard and their Families may get in FREE for the Conner Prairie Holiday Celebration Dec 11, 5-8pm

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**INNG J1-Soldier & Family Programs MWR**  
Holiday event at  
Connor Prairie

**A Merry Prairie Holiday**

A HOLIDAY CELEBRATION FOR  
CURRENT INDIANA  
NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS,  
EMPLOYEES, THEIR FAMILIES  
AND GOLD STAR FAMILIES

**DECEMBER 11, 2024 | 5 PM**

**GIVE THE GIFT OF MUSIC.**  
A CSO PERFORMANCE IS THE PERFECT HOLIDAY GIFT!  
PERFORMING AT THE PALLADIUM AT THE ALLIED SOLUTIONS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

**DECEMBER 15 | 2:00 PM**  
**HOLIDAY POPS MATINEE**

Designed for families, this 1-hour concert has singalongs, excerpts from the Nutcracker with the Indiana Ballet Conservatory and cookies and crafts in the lobby.  
Presented by IU Health North Hospital

**DECEMBER 15 | 7:00 PM**  
**A HOLIDAY IN VIENNA**

Join us for holiday classics, singalongs and some elegant and romantic Viennese pieces evoking the old-world charm of Vienna.  
Presented by IU Health North Hospital

**JANUARY 25 | 7:30 PM**  
**BREAKIN' CLASSICAL**

Live up your new year as the high-energy artistry of breakdancing meets the timeless inspiration of classical music.

Scan the QR codes, visit [CarmelSymphony.org](http://CarmelSymphony.org), or contact the Fifth Third Bank Box Office at (317)843-3800 for tickets.



# Noblesville, Carmel & Westfield Lions assist Gleaners in December



Photo provided by Jake Doll, Noblesville Lions Club

On Tuesday, Dec. 3, Noblesville (NLC), Carmel (CLC) and Westfield (WLC) Lions Clubs helped Gleaners Distribute food to over 180 families at Grand Park in Westfield. Fourteen volunteers from the three clubs braved the cold temperatures to hand out the food. (From left) Lions Duke Miller (NLC), Bob Yunker (CLC), Bill Ryan (CLC), Scott Willis (NLC), Joe Connerley (NLC), Jerry Baker (NLC) Mark Hallett (WLC) Carrie Larrison (WLC), Bill Nesbitt (WLC), Gary Smith (WLC), and Bruce Moss (NLC). Not pictured: Matt Best (CLC), Larry Jacobi (NLC), and Marianne Jacobi (NLC).

## Central Indiana Dance Ensemble shares Christmas classic *The Nutcracker*

**The REPORTER**

Central Indiana Dance Ensemble (CIDE) provides aspiring young dancers a chance to learn, practice, and perform in a pre-professional atmosphere. What CIDE also provides is cultural and educational enrichment to the community.

During this season of giving, the staff and dancers say they are thrilled to be able to share the art and beauty of ballet with adults and children alike through

free presentations of *The Nutcracker* in various venues around central Indiana.

CIDE kicked off these events when it partnered with Girl Scout Troops in Hamilton and Boone counties to provide interactive workshops and help them earn their coveted Girl Scout Dancer Badge. The initiative, spanning 12 different troop meetings across Westfield, Carmel, and Zionsville, reached a total of 189 Girl Scouts ranging

from five to nine years old.

CIDE's team of Senior Level dancers introduced the young Scouts to the magic of *The Nutcracker* and ballet. In total, more than 20 dancers dedicated over 50 hours, performing and assisting in lessons. The Scouts learned ballet basics and choreography and were able to display their new skills in a mini-performance.

"We are thrilled to have partnered with Girl Scouts of Central Indiana to pro-

vide this enriching opportunity for young girls," Friends of CIDE Co-Chair Kitty Bishop said. "Our dancers are passionate about sharing their love of dance and inspiring future generations. Witnessing the girls' excitement and enthusiasm throughout the workshops was truly rewarding."

Troop leaders shared how much they loved connections that were formed and the pure joy the dancers brought to the scouts.

CIDE will continue to bring the magic of *The Nutcracker* to the community as it presents special free excerpts in several locations. The first of these was Nov. 23 at the Carmel Christkindlmarkt. In addition, CIDE performed in the Zionsville Parade, at the Westfield, Zionsville, and at the Carmel Clay public libraries, and at Westfield in Lights.

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Those who want to enjoy the entire production of

*The Nutcracker* are invited to join CIDE in this year's presentation Dec. 13 to 15. Tickets are on sale for the 25th annual production, which will be presented at the STAR Bank Performing Arts Center in Zionsville. Tickets are available at [cidedance.org](http://cidedance.org).

The performance, part of CIDE's 25th Anniversary Season, is sponsored by Pathways Learning Academy & The Children's Courtyard.



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- Veterans benefits
- Passport assistance
- IRS questions



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# State Comptroller reports first-year accomplishments

## Submitted

State Comptroller Elise Nieshalla marked her first year in office this week by reflecting on the accomplishments of 2024.

"Serving the great State of Indiana is a profound honor, and I am pleased to report highlights my team and I have accomplished so far for Hoosier taxpayers," Comptroller Nieshalla said.

Below are achievements announced by Nieshalla this year:

- Leads Effort Seeking "Day One" Action from Congress on National Debt
- Announces Deferred Compensation Plan Divestment from China and ESG Fund
- Fights for Accounting Principles to be Upheld
- Attorney General Todd Rokita & Comptroller Elise Nieshalla Tell IU's Kinsey Institute to Follow State Law
- Announces FY 2024 Closes with Nearly \$2.6B in State Reserves
- Highlights Indiana's Financial Health
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"I'm at your service, Indiana, and we are fortunate to be in a strong financial position – with balanced budgets, healthy cash reserves, low debt, well-funded pensions and a AAA credit rating," Comptroller Nieshalla said. "With the budget session of the General Assembly about to commence, our office is at the ready to provide fiscal reports to help inform decision making."

# Governor-elect Braun names two more cabinet appointees

*Jennifer-Ruth Green as Secretary of Public Safety & Suzanne Jaworowski as Secretary of Energy and Natural Resources*

## The REPORTER

Governor-elect Mike Braun announced on Monday his intent to appoint Jennifer-Ruth Green as Indiana's Secretary of Public Safety. A combat veteran and current Deputy Commander of the 11th Operations Group at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, she brings extensive military and cyber security experience to the role.

Green's distinguished military career includes service as the commander of the 122nd Cyber Operations Flight in Fort Wayne and deployment to Baghdad with the Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq. A graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, she is an FAA-certified pilot and former Air Force Special Agent. Green also graduated from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center with Distinguished Fitness Award honors and was selected as a Defense Ventures Cyber Fellow.

"Jennifer-Ruth Green's remarkable military background and cyber security expertise make her uniquely qualified to advise on homeland security and support law enforcement," Braun said. "Her combat experience and proven leadership will be invaluable in protecting Hoosier families and strengthening

our emergency response capabilities."

The Secretary of Public Safety will be responsible for overseeing law enforcement, emergency preparedness and public safety policy development. As Secretary, Green will work with Governor-elect Braun to keep our communities safe by supporting law enforcement, combating drug trafficking and addressing illegal immigration.

"My commitment is to bring a strategic, comprehensive approach to public safety that protects Hoosier families and supports our first responders," Green said. "Under Governor-elect Braun's leadership, we will ensure safety in our communities and focus on strengthening partnerships between law enforcement and communities, enhancing emergency preparedness, and ensuring our public safety personnel have the training and resources they need to serve effectively."

Green founded Battle-Proven Leadership, providing executive training to organizations including the Indiana Attorney General's Office. She holds a master's degree in aeronautics from



Braun

Liberty University and authored *People Don't Quit Their Jobs; They Quit Their Bosses*.

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On Tuesday, Braun announced his intent to appoint Suzanne

Ryder Jaworowski as Indiana's Secretary of Energy and Natural Resources. She brings extensive experience in energy policy as a leader in the private sector and the U.S. Department of Energy.

Jaworowski most recently served as Executive Director of Stakeholder Services at MISO Energy, overseeing stakeholder relations and client services. She previously served as Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor for Policy & Communications in the Department of Energy's Office of Nuclear Energy during the Trump administration, where she led strategic communications and policy initiatives.

"Suzie's deep understanding of energy policy and proven track record of stakeholder engagement makes her an ideal choice to lead Indiana's energy future," Braun said. "Her experience in both government and industry will be invaluable as we work to ensure reliable, affordable

energy for Hoosiers."

As the Secretary of Energy, Jaworowski will provide the strong leadership needed to navigate Indiana's energy challenges and improve accessibility. Consistent with Governor-elect Braun's agenda, the Administration will focus on ensuring the state has enough affordable and reliable energy sources to sustain current residents and attract new development.

"I am honored to be named Indiana's Secretary of Energy by Governor-elect Braun," said Jaworowski. "My vision is to ensure our state maintains a diverse energy portfolio that powers our economy, creates jobs, and supports our communities. Working alongside Governor-elect Braun, we will ensure that Indiana families and businesses have access to dependable, cost-effective energy solutions that drive our state forward."

Before her federal service, Jaworowski directed communications and government relations at Hallador Energy and founded Ryder Research Consulting, where she advised energy companies, utilities, and industry associations. She holds degrees from Radford University and Marymount University.

# AG Todd Rokita warns consumers about products recalled in November

## The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers to important consumer protection concerns for products recalled in November. His office is encouraging consumers to take advantage of opportunities available to them to return, fix, dispose, return or replace a purchased recalled item that could be harmful to their families.

"The holidays should be a time of togetherness, not a time to worry about defected products," AG Rokita said. "Hoosiers need to know if purchased items are flawed or have the potential to hurt them or their families."

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following consumer products were recalled in November:

- South Shore Cribs Recalled Due to Entrapment Hazard; Violation of Federal Regulation for Full Sized Cribs; Imported by South Shore Industries
- Todson Recalls Nerf

Barrage Bicycle Helmets Due to Risk of Head Injury; Violation of Federal Regulations for Bicycle Helmets; Sold Exclusively at Walmart

• Dorel Home Furnishings Recalls Dorel Wall Beds Due to Serious Impact and Crush Hazards

• Segway Recalls Segway Ninebot P100 KickScooters Due to Fall and Injury Hazards

• Outdoor Essentials Recalls Cultivar Planter Boxes Due to Injury Hazard; Sold Exclusively at Tractor Supply Company

• New Cosmos USA Recalls Combination Natural Gas and Carbon Monoxide Alarms Due to Failure to Alert Consumers to the Presence of Natural Gas and to the Risk of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

• Stokke Recalls YOYO<sup>3</sup> Strollers Due to Injury Hazard



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• Woom Bikes USA Recalls Children's OFF, OFF AIR and ORIGINAL 6 Bicycles Due to Fall and Crash Hazards

• Petidoux Recalls Children's Pajamas Due to Burn Hazard; Violation of Federal Flammability Regulations for Children's Sleepwear

• Hallmark Recalls Cad Bane Christmas Tree Ornaments Due to Risk of Mold Exposure

• Medical King Recalls About 222,000 Adult Portable Bed Rails Due to Serious Entrapment and Asphyxia Hazards; One Death Reported

• Tala North America Recalls Battery Powered Portable Lamps Due to Fire Hazard

• GoveeLife and Govee Smart Electric Space Heaters Recalled Due to Fire and Burn Hazards; Imported by Govee

• Quad Lock MAG Battery Pack Recalled Due to Fire Hazard; Imported by Quad Lock

• Wolf Appliance Re-

calls Dual Fuel Ranges with Infrared Griddles Due to Burn and Fire Hazards

• Baofali Crib Bumpers Recalled Due to Suffocation Hazard; Violation of Federal Ban on Crib Bumpers; Sold Exclusively on Temu.com by Unique Person Home Goods

• Guava Family Recalls Roam Strollers Due to Fall and Injury Hazards

• Kyte Baby Recalls Slumber Suits Due to Burn Hazard; Violation of Federal Flammability Regulations; Sold Exclusively on Kytebaby.com

• Dreamgro Recalls Lullaby Travel Soothers Due to Choking Hazard

If you recently purchased a recalled product, stop using it and check its recall notice. Then follow the notice's instructions, including where to return the product, how to get the product fixed, how to dispose of the product, how to receive a refund for the product, or what steps must be taken to replace a replacement product.

For more details and to see recalls issued prior to November, visit [CPSC.gov/recalls](https://www.cpsc.gov/).



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**All Aboard!**

## New Year's Eve Soul Train

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

December 31

[NickelPlateExpress.com](http://NickelPlateExpress.com)

### Meeting Notices

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 5:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, 2024, pursuant to (IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(9)) to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process.

A work session to discuss strategic planning will follow at 6 p.m. in the Community Room of the Westfield Washington Schools Administration Center, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B.

Then, a public hearing to discuss an additional appropriation will follow the work session in the same location.

Finally, the board will hold its regular meeting following the public hearing, also in the same location as listed above.

The Carmel Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a Hearing Officer meeting at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, 2024, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square.

The Carmel Plan Commission will hold a Hearing Officer meeting at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, 2024, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square.

**— TIPTON —**

**INVITING SEALED PROPOSALS FOR ANNUAL DRAIN MAINTENANCE LABOR, MATERIAL & EQUIPMENT RATES FOR BIG CICERO CREEK REGULATED OPEN DRAIN**

Pursuant to IC 36-9-27-78 the Big Cicero Creek Joint Drainage Board, Tipton County, Indiana will receive sealed bid proposals until the hour of 3:00 p.m., December 17th, 2024 in the Tipton County Surveyor's office, Courthouse, Room 102, 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana 46072 for "ANNUAL DRAIN MAINTENANCE FOR BIG CICERO CREEK 2025".

Each bid shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, identified as "Annual Drain Maintenance of Big Cicero Creek 2025", shall bear the name and address of the bidder and must be filed in the office of the Tipton County Surveyor (or designee) prior to the bid opening.

As required by IC 36-9-27-78(c), At 10:30 a.m. on December 18th, 2024 all bids, received by the above date and time, will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Conference Room on the first floor of the Tipton County Courthouse. Any bid received after the designated time stated above will be returned unopened.

Copies of the specifications are available to interested bidders in the offices of the Tipton, Hamilton, Boone and Clinton County Surveyors.

Bids shall be submitted on a fully and properly executed "General Bid Form 96" which includes a Non-Collusion Affidavit, as prescribed by the Indiana State Board of Accounts and in accordance with I.C. 36-1-12-4(b, 6 & 12) and all acts amendatory thereto and shall include the required "Plan & Equipment Questionnaire" and "Contractor's Financial Statement".

The bid shall also include an executed Non-Discrimination Clause, and Certificate of Non-Segregated Facilities.

Pursuant to I.C. 36-9-27-78(b), the bidder shall be required to file with his or her bid proposal, at his or her option, either a certified check or cashier's check made payable to the Big Cicero Joint Drainage Board in the amount of \$500.00 or acceptable bid bond with sufficient sureties. The bond must be conditioned upon the bidder's execution of a contract in accordance with his or her bid if accepted by the Board and must provide for the forfeiture of the bond upon his or her failure to do so. The Big Cicero Creek Joint Drainage Board shall return all checks and bonds submitted by unsuccessful bidders and shall return the successful bidders' checks or bonds upon entering into a contract with the Board.

Pursuant to IC 36-9-27-78(c), at the time specified the Big Cicero Creek Joint Drainage Board shall open and examine all bids. The Board shall then promptly award the contract to the lowest bidder or bidders it finds qualified. In determining whether a bidder is qualified, the Board shall consider the complexity and magnitude of the work to be performed, and the skill and experience of the bidder.

A Performance Bond in the amount of \$10,000.00 will be required of the successful bidder. The bond must be conditioned on the faithful performance of the contract and the payment of all expenses and damages incurred under the contract, including payment of all suppliers, laborers, and subcontractors. The bond shall remain valid and in full force and effect during the term of this contract.

The Big Cicero Creek Joint Drainage Board reserves the right to waive informalities or accept or to reject any and all bids, all to the advantage of said Board.

BIG CICERO CREEK  
JOINT DRAINAGE BOARD  
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**Mary Elizabeth (Mary Beth) Maack**  
*April 18, 1956 – December 7, 2024*



Mary Elizabeth (Mary Beth) Maack, 68, Noblesville, a beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, peacefully left our world on December 7, 2024, after a life richly lived and full of love.

She was born on April 18, 1956, in Canandaigua, N.Y., to Donald and Elizabeth Curtin Thannert. She was one of six children in a close-knit family, who, despite the physical miles that separate them, still remain extremely close today.

Mary Beth grew up in Fort Madison, Iowa, graduated from Fort Madison High School, Community College of the Finger Lakes in Canandaigua, and Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo. Shortly after graduating from college, she met the man who would become her life partner.

Greg W. Maack and Mary Beth were married on Sept. 12, 1980, and they moved to his hometown of Fergus Falls, Minn. After spending several years in Minnesota, they moved back to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, where their daughter, Molly, was born. The three of them had many adventures together, including lots of moves. Greg's job took them back to Minnesota, farther north to Calgary, Canada, and finally landed them in Noblesville.

Mary Beth loved anything having to do with home and family life. She turned every house where they lived into a loving home for the three of them. She loved and had a gift for decorating her homes and was often called upon to help her siblings with decorating ideas. Those she loved were often the recipients of the latest craft and sewing projects she conjured up. Her recipe book overflowed with new treats and meal ideas. She was also an avid gardener and completed Iowa's Master Gardener program. Every spring she revamped or dreamed up new gardens for her yard.

In retirement, she and Greg were excited to travel, visiting family and friends around the country as well as seeking out historical sites and new hiking trails. But most of all, Mary Beth and Greg loved spending time with their daughter and son-in-law and their four grandchildren.

Mary Beth is survived by her husband, Greg; daughter and son-in-law, Molly and Tim Dury; four grandchildren, Leonard, Donald, Mack, and Elizabeth (Betty); one brother, Joe Thannert of Burkburnett, Texas; four sisters, Lucinda (Willie) Ward and Deb (Dan) Fullenkamp of West Point, Iowa; Jennifer (John) Holtkamp of Springfield, Ill.; and Nancy (Ray) Dodson of Plover, Wis.; in-laws, Paul and Marylou Maack of Alexandria, Minn., and Wynne Maack Long of Hosle, Norway; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m., with a Rosary service at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville. Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, December 19, 2024, at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St., Noblesville, with Rev. Clayton Thompson officiating. Burial will follow at 2:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Peace Cemetery in Indianapolis.

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**Marion Jeannene Finley**  
*September 17, 1937 – November 30, 2024*



Marion Jeannene Finley, 87, Carmel, passed away on Saturday, November 30, 2024, at Marquette Manor in Indianapolis. She was born on September 17, 1937, to Carl Glenn and Dixie (Jarvis) Finley in Valley Fork, W.V.

Jeannene was a real estate agent for many years and a member of Carmel United Methodist Church. In high school, she was a majorette in the marching band and Salutatorian of her graduating class. Jeannene sang in the church choir while at Cedar Grove WV Methodist Church. She was a long time Cub Scout den mother for her three sons and held leadership positions in central Indiana Scouting. She loved to mentor and teach children and was for many years a Sunday school teacher, and tutored immigrant children to read and write English. She was a life-long avid reader and had a broad range of literary interests. Jeannene enjoyed math puzzles, crossword puzzles, and playing cards, especially "May I," a family favorite game played by many generations of her family at their cottage in Macatawa, Mich. Most of all she loved her children and five granddaughters and spending time with family.

She is survived by her children, Patricia Estabrook Foltz, Neil (Nancy) Estabrook, III, Ross (Melissa) Estabrook, and Thomas (Monika) Estabrook; grandchildren, Hannah, Grace, Claire, Jessica, and Sophie; and brother, Richard (Rosemary) Finley.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Sondra Farlow; infant brother, Charles Ray Finley; and son-in-law, Howard "Buzz" Foltz.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 28, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to the time of service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959 ([stjude.org](http://stjude.org)).

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*Exodus 27:20-21 (NIV)*

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CARMEL, FISHERS, GUERIN CATHOLIC, HAMILTON HEIGHTS, HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN, NOBLESVILLE, SHERIDAN, UNIVERSITY, WESTFIELD

## Girls Basketball



Westfield's MaKayla Hatcher (22) and Ellen Wheeler (24) guard Carmel's Izabella Ramsey during the Shamrocks-Greyhounds game on Tuesday. Westfield won 52-47. Reporter photo by Richie Hall

## HUSKIES WIN!

Heights takes down Logansport for first victory of the season

### The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights got its first win of the season Tuesday, beating Logansport 50-35 at home in a Hoosier Conference East Division game.

The Huskies jumped out to a 10-5 lead after one quarter, then had a strong second quarter, outscoring the Berries 19-8 for a 29-13 halftime advantage. Heights held on to that lead for the entire second half.

Presley Cherry earned a double-double with 15

points and 10 steals; she also dished out five assists and made two 3-pointers. Katie Brown hit three 3s on her way to 15 points. Abby Hilfiker collected eight rebounds, while Brown and Reece Blanton both pulled seven rebounds. The Huskies had 24 team steals; Brown made six and Sarah Sherrill collected four.

Heights is 1-0 in division play and 1-9 overall. The Huskies host West Lafayette Saturday afternoon.

### HAMILTON HEIGHTS 50, LOGANSPORT 35

Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Katie Brown	4-15	4-4	15	0
Abi Hilfiker	4-10	1-3	9	1
Presley Cherry	2-10	9-10	15	3
Reece Blanton	2-6	0-0	4	0
Sarah Sherrill	3-6	1-2	7	3
Illiana Bowyer	0-2	0-2	0	0
Haley Barr	0-1	0-2	0	0
Julianna Thompson	0-0	0-0	0	0
Macy Bradley	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	15-50	15-23	50	7

Score by Quarters					
Logansport	5	9	10	11	35
Heights	10	19	8	13	50

Heights 3-point shooting (5-20) Brown 3-10, Cherry 2-8, Blanton 0-1, Bowyer 0-1.  
Heights rebounds (29) Hilfiker 8, Brown 7, Blanton 7, Cherry 3, Sherrill 3, Bowyer 1.

# Back-and-forth play ends with Rocks rally

By RICHIE HALL  
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CARMEL – The Westfield girls basketball team won a hard-fought all-county game at Carmel on Tuesday.

The Shamrocks beat the Greyhounds 52-47 at the Eric Clark Activity Center. After a close first half, Carmel started the second half with a run, but Westfield responded with a run of its own that allowed it to stay in front for the entire fourth quarter.

The 'Rocks led 14-12 after the first period. Six different players scored for Westfield, with Aubrey Crockett getting five points. Mackenzie Woods kept the 'Hounds it with five first-quarter points.

The second quarter featured more back-and-forth, with Westfield leading 27-25 at halftime. Izzy Shepherd got going for Carmel with seven points; she was 5-for-5 from the free-throw line in that period.

Shepherd got going again early in the third quarter, scoring seven points of a 10-0 spurt for the Greyhounds, including a 3-pointer. Lauren Perry made a traditional three-point play as well.

But the Shamrocks answered with a 17-0 run that took up most of the third period. Sam Price put in seven of those points, while Lindsey Van Dyke nailed a triple, then was good on an and-1.

"We called the time out,

and I really felt like Sam Price could give us more there in that second half than what she was giving us," said Westfield coach Kelsey Steele. "I got after her a little bit in that timeout and she did a great job responding. She came out in the second half and really was a big part of that 17-nothing run."

Price gave the Shamrocks their biggest lead of the game three times. Her layin with 1:01 left in the third put Westfield ahead 44-35. Woods scored on a layin for the last basket of the quarter to cut the lead to 44-37, but Price made the first basket of the fourth, and the 'Rocks were up 46-37.

Carmel coach Rick Risinger admitted that the swing "really hurt us. Little disappointed in that. I thought we mentally broke down and lost sight of trying to finish the game off at that point."

Shepherd made a layin, but Price responded with a basket to give Westfield a 48-39 lead. Shepherd nailed a 3 and Perry was good on an and-1 to quickly cut the Shamrocks' advantage to 48-45 with 3:22 left.

Perry's two free throws made it 49-47 with 1:35 to go, but Westfield was able to hold on after that. Van Dyke drained a pair of free throws with 26.2 seconds left and added another one right before the buzzer.

"Lindsey had a great night for us tonight," said Steele. "She made some

### WESTFIELD 52, CARMEL 47

Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Meg Hamilton	1	3-4	5	3
Aubrey Crockett	3	0-2	8	4
MaKayla Hatcher	1	3-8	5	4
Lindsey Van Dyke	5	4-5	15	0
Sam Price	5	1-3	11	2
Ellen Wheeler	1	2-4	4	1
Audra Parker	1	1-2	4	2
Mia Crask	0	0-0	0	1
Totals	17	14-28	52	17

Westfield 3-pointers (4) Crockett 2, Van Dyke, Parker.

Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Izzy Shepherd	6	7-9	21	4
Mackenzie Woods	3	0-0	7	3
Lauren Perry	2	4-4	8	4
Mallory Bourquein	2	1-2	6	2
Sydney Bonds	1	0-0	2	3
Izabella Ramsey	1	1-2	3	2
Madison Wallace	0	0-0	0	3
Taylee Fisher	0	0-2	0	3
Catherine Batt	0	0-0	0	0
Jacobi Warren	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	15	13-19	47	24

Carmel 3-pointers (4) Shepherd 2, Woods, Bourquein.

Score by Quarters					
Westfield	14	13	17	8	52
Carmel	12	13	12	10	47

big free throws down the stretch. Lindsey has a unique ability to get to the rim like you don't think that she can. She plays with two speeds. But she's just a really steady player for us and she has been for three years."

Van Dyke finished with 15 points, while Price scored 11. Crockett made two 3-pointers on her way to eight points.

"She's a leader for us," said Steele. "She handles the ball under pressure. She puts us in good positions offensively, but she's a really good passer, so she helps us a lot on that side of the ball."

Shepherd led Carmel with 21 points, also making two 3-pointers.

"It's a process," said Risinger. "I think we're getting better and better. I think there were times that we mentally broke down. When you're playing good teams, you just can't do that. You got to stay mentally focused and execute whatever we're running."

Westfield is 5-4 and hosts Zionsville Friday for a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game; tip off is at 6 p.m. Carmel is 4-5 and plays Saturday at Fort Wayne Snider.

# Royals easily take care of Arabians on Senior Night

### The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern honored its seniors at its Tuesday home game with Pendleton Heights, then easily beat the Arabians 53-33.

The Class 4A No. 2 Royals led 11-10 after one quarter, then pulled away in the second period for a 33-18 halftime lead. Southeastern led 49-24 after three quarters.

Senior Maya Makalusky

scored 19 points, collected seven rebounds and handed out four assists. Kennedy Holman added 12 points and dished out five assists. Addison Van Hoesen pulled seven rebounds, while Kayla Stidham and Abby Brown both grabbed five rebounds.

The Royals are 11-0 and play at Avon Friday in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game.

### HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 53, PENDLETON HEIGHTS 33

Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Maya Makalusky	7-14	3-5	19	0
Kayla Brinley	3-6	0-0	6	1
Kennedy Holman	6-7	0-0	12	1
Kayla Stidham	3-10	1-2	8	4
Addison Van Hoesen	2-4	0-0	4	2
Abby Brown	2-5	0-0	4	0
Antonette Green	0-0	0-0	0	0
Maine Hooks	0-0	0-0	0	1
Abby Orme	0-0	0-0	0	1
Ava Kashani	0-1	0-0	0	0
Totals	23-47	4-7	53	10

Score by Quarters					
Pendleton Heights	10	8	6	9	33
Southeastern	11	22	16	4	53

Southeastern 3-point shooting (5-13) Makalusky 2-5, Stidham 1-5, Brinley 0-2, Holman 0-1.  
Southeastern rebounds (30) Makalusky 7, Van Hoesen 7, Stidham 5, Brown 5, Holman 3, Brinley 2, Green 1.

# IBCA girls basketball poll – Week of Dec. 9

Rank	School	Points	Record
1	Lawrence Central (20)	436	8-0
2	Homestead (2)	408	9-0
3	Hamilton Southeastern	403	10-0
4	Center Grove	365	8-0
5	Warsaw	360	9-0
6	South Bend Washington	315	8-1
7	Northridge	289	8-1
8	Greensburg	282	10-0
9	McCutcheon	252	9-1
10	Plainfield	222	7-1
11	South Knox	218	11-0
12	Silver Creek	197	7-1
13	Brownsburg	191	7-2
14	Noblesville	120	5-3
15	Columbia City	118	7-0
16	Floyd Central	104	7-0
17	Bloomington South	103	8-1
18	Fishers	49	8-3
19	Pike	42	6-1
20	Lawrence North	34	4-3

First place votes are in parentheses.

### Other schools receiving votes, with records

Alexandria (10-0), Austin (8-0), Avon (8-3), Brownstown Central (8-0), Danville (6-2), Eastern Hancock (8-0), Evansville Central (7-3), Evansville Reitz (8-0), Franklin Central (5-4), Gibson Southern (5-4), Northeastern (10-0), Norwell (7-3), Penn (5-3), Washington (7-2).

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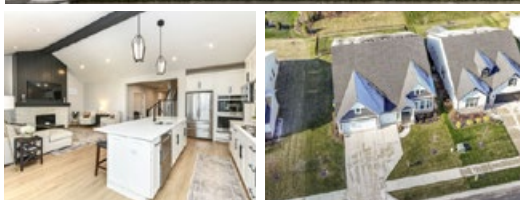


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### Boys Basketball

# Sheridan fights hard, beats Faith Christian

#### The REPORTER

The Sheridan boys basketball team scored a hard-fought win at Faith Christian on Monday, 74-65.

The Blackhawks led 18-13 after the first quarter. The Eagles cut into that lead

slightly in the second period, but Sheridan enjoyed a 35-32 advantage at half-time. The 'Hawks poured in 22 points in the third quarter for a 57-49 lead, then added 17 points in the fourth quarter.

Senior Damon Winston led the way for Sheridan, scoring 28 points, pulling six rebounds and handing out four assists. Trey Page added 15 points and had three assists. Devon Hamilton scored 10 points and

also had three rebounds, three steals and two assists, while Caleb Wright had nine points and eight assists.

The Blackhawks are 3-1 and host Clinton Central Friday in a Hoosier Heartland Conference game.

### IBCA boys basketball poll – Week of Dec. 9

Rank	School	Points	Record
1	Fishers (22)	440	4-0
2	Crispus Attucks	412	5-0
3	Carmel	361	3-0
4	Greenfield-Central	356	2-0
5	Jeffersonville	322	2-1
6	Lawrence North	287	1-1
7	Cathedral	276	2-2
8	Warsaw	267	3-0
9	Crown Point	249	1-0
10	New Palestine	211	2-0
11	Anderson	205	3-0
12	South Bend St. Joseph	160	2-0
13	East Chicago Central	136	3-1
14	Noblesville	133	2-1
15	Ben Davis	129	1-2
16	Pike	99	3-0
17	New Albany	90	2-0
18	Northridge	72	4-0
19	Westfield	55	2-1
20	Bishop Luers	48	1-0

First place votes are in parentheses.

#### Other schools receiving votes, with records

Avon (3-1), Bedford North Lawrence (2-1), Brownsburg (1-1), Brownstown Central (2-0), Columbia City (3-1), Danville (4-0), Evansville Reitz (1-0), Evansville Harrison (1-1), Evansville Memorial (0-0), Fort Wayne Blackhawk Christian (3-1), Fort Wayne Wayne (1-1), Gary West Side (2-3), Guerin Catholic (4-0), Homestead (2-1), Indianapolis Lutheran (0-0), Leo (2-1), Mount Vernon (3-1), North Central (1-1), NorthWood (3-0), Parke Heritage (4-0), Plainfield (2-2), Portage (2-0), Princeton Community (4-0), Silver Creek (4-0), South Bend Riley (3-0), Southridge (2-0), Valparaiso (0-3), Wapahani (3-0), Warren Central (1-1), Zionsville (1-3), 21st Century Charter School – Gary (3-0).

# University forces overtime, but falls to Cardinal Ritter

#### The REPORTER

For the second straight game the University boys contest came down to a buzzer beating shot in overtime. Tuesday night the Trailblazers came up on the wrong side of the decision as Sectional 42 foe Cardinal Ritter claimed a wild 78-77 overtime victory.

Josh Henderson's basket with 5.8 seconds left in overtime put University ahead 77-76 but Ritter pushed the ball up the floor and scored on a layin as time expired.

University staged a tremendous rally to force overtime. Trailing 66-58 with 67 seconds left the Blazers rallied to knot the score at 69 when Faisal Mohamud hit a three pointer from the right corner as time expired in regulation. Henderson start-

ed the late rally with a pair of foul shots before Max McComb scored with 50 seconds left to pull University within five. Henderson scored again off a McComb assist with 35 seconds left and again with 17 seconds left before Mohamud tied the score.

The teams were tied at 73 midway through overtime with McComb going 4-for-4 at the line for University. Mohamud and McComb each split a pair of foul shots to put University down 76-75 with 25 seconds left. The Blazers forced a turnover to get the ball and McComb found Henderson at the rim for the short-lived University lead.

Mohamud led University with a career-high 27 points. McComb had 18

#### CARDINAL RITTER 78, UNIVERSITY 77 (overtime)

University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Max McComb	5	8-10	18	4
Blake Gray	3	0-0	8	2
Faisal Mohamud	10	3-4	27	5
Cooper Cammack	0	0-0	0	2
Josh Henderson	5	3-5	13	0
Zien Bland	1	0-0	2	2
Noah Cortez	3	1-1	9	1
DJ Willis	0	0-0	0	1
Peter Morales	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	27	15-20	77	17

#### Score by Quarters

University	18	15	13	23	8-77
Ritter	13	23	11	22	9-78
University 3-pointers (8)					Mohamud 4, Gray 2, Cortez 2.

points while Henderson had 13, all in the fourth quarter and overtime.

The Trailblazers lost for the first time after opening the season with two wins. University will host Liberty Christian Saturday evening

in a Pioneer Academic Athletic Conference North Division showdown. The contest will be the nightcap of a triple header that begins with junior varsity boys action at 5 p.m. followed by a girls varsity contest.

# 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Winter Pickleball Festival to take place at Grand Park Events Center

#### The REPORTER

The Holiday Pickleball Festival is once again set to take place at Grand Park, 19000 Grand Park Blvd., Westfield, beginning Friday, Dec. 13 and running through Jan. 2, 2025.

Organized by the Grand National Racquet Center (GNRC), this event features multiple tournament offerings, beginner and intermediate level clinics, sponsorship opportunities, vendor booths, and corporate outings. It is a collaborative effort involving GNRC, Indiana University pickleball coach Timber Tucker, and Grand Park Sports Campus.

The Holiday Pickleball Festival will utilize the Grand Park Events Center to hold fundraising tournaments and events during the 12 Days of Thanks & Giving, providing a unique venue for players to enjoy the sport during the indoor facility's slower time of year and raise money to support many organizations in the area such as The Lit-

tle Red Door Cancer Agency, Ivy Tech of Hamilton County, Westfield Youth Assistance Program, Westfield Youth Sports, Heart and Soul Clinic, Damar Services, and more.

GNRC Owner Birch Dalton recognized the opportunity to bring pickleball to Westfield ahead of the market in 2023 when there wasn't a lot of options to play indoor pickleball in December. He says he is excited to bring this popular festival back again this year.

"Using the Grand Park Events Center makes sense to help attract major tournaments and events in the future," Dalton said. "We know that a tremendous asset like Grand Park will create a unique experience for pickleball players."

#### Scheduled Tournaments

• **Dec. 14, Wine, Women & Pickleball:** An event where women can enjoy pickleball while supporting the Little Red Door Cancer Agency with a glass of wine and lots of fun activities.

• **Dec. 15, Ivy Tech of Hamilton County Pickleball Palooza:** A co-ed scramble tournament to support Ivy Tech of Hamilton County.

• **Dec. 20, Dink 'Til You Drop:** All-day pickleball for one low price. Several events offered like open play, clinics, challenges, and more. A portion of your fee benefits Heart & Soul Free Clinic.

• **Dec. 21, Winter Pickleball Team Smash:** Co-ed adult teams of all levels can participate in this tournament hosted by GNRC benefiting Damar Services.

• **Dec. 27, Westfield Youth Assistance Program:** A fun family day offering a clinic and an opportunity to put the skills to work and activities.

• **Dec. 29, Westfield Youth Sports:** A day all about the kids and the ones who make it happen – the parents. Participate in a clinic then show what you learned in an optional tournament.

The festival will also

offer court rental opportunities most days, clinics, a New Year's Slam, and business partnerships for hosting tournaments or employee outings.

For more information, please visit [HolidayPickleballFestival.com](http://HolidayPickleballFestival.com).

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

#### Wednesday, Dec. 11

##### BOYS WRESTLING

Bishop Chatard at Hamilton Heights, 6 p.m.  
Carmel at Fishers, 6:30 p.m.  
Warren Central at Westfield, 6:30 p.m.  
Zionsville at Hamilton Southeastern, 6:30 p.m.

#### Thursday, Dec. 12

##### BOYS WRESTLING

Clinton Central at Sheridan, 6 p.m.  
Noblesville at Frankton, 6:30 p.m.

##### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Cathedral at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.  
Noblesville at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.  
Sheridan at Rossville, 7:30 p.m.

##### SWIMMING

Hamilton Heights at Lewis Cass, 6 p.m.

#### Friday, Dec. 13

##### BOYS BASKETBALL

Brebeuf Jesuit at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.  
Carmel at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.  
Clinton Central at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.  
Guerin Catholic at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.  
Logansport at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.

##### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Muncie Burris at University, 6 p.m.  
Zionsville at Westfield, 6 p.m.  
Hamilton Southeastern at Avon, 7:30 p.m.

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Wrestling

# Westfield hosts Shamrock Duals, Sheridan girls perform well at Christel House

**The REPORTER**

The Westfield boys wrestling team hosted the Shamrock Duals last Saturday.

The Shamrocks finished 4-1 at the duals, placing fifth overall, with victories over Ben Davis 56-14, Greencastle 76-0, Whiteland 46-25 and Hamilton Southeastern 48-21. Westfield's only loss was a close one to Homestead 33-27.

Four Shamrocks wrestlers were undefeated for the day at 5-0: Connor Maddox at 106, Porter Temples at 120, Carter Niccum at 132 and Alic Washburn at 138. Trevor Humburg was 3-1 for the day, with Eli Turner, Cam Echard and Job Maverick all going 2-1.

Hamilton Southeastern was 3-2, with wins over Norwell, Mount Vernon and Noblesville. The Royals dropped duals to eventual champion Roncalli and to the Shamrocks.

Evan Lawhead (at 215) and Chris Casler (144) both were 5-0 for the tournament. AW Vankirk (at 285), Will Lakes (at 113) and Cohen Davis (at 165) all finished 4-1, while Aidan Smalley (at 126) and Landon Hicks (at 157) were 2-1.

Noblesville placed eighth at the duals with a 2-3 record. Jan Tioua (at 190) and Zach Nikolite (at 126) both were 4-0 for the tournament, with Jackson Apple (at 285) and Evan Nicholls (at 175) each finishing 4-1.

Carmel had two unbeaten wrestlers at the duals. Michael Major was 4-0 going between 165 and 175 pounds, while Will Massey

finished 4-0. Jon Allen went 3-1 going between 157 and 165, with Carlo Federici (at 120) and Braydon Mack (at 150) also going 3-1.

"Today was a great team effort from a young group," said Greyhounds coach Ed Pendosi.

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The Sheridan girls wrestling team put together a strong performance at the Christel House tournament last Saturday.

All six Blackhawks wrestlers brought home individual awards. Anna Hamersley (at 135) and Gracie Stowers (at 110) earned silver medals, with Devyn Pewarski placing third at 135. Aubrey Koch (at 115) and Madie Underwood (at 145) both placed fourth and Ryleigh Hampton took fifth at 120.

"Every match was a battle today and we were ready to compete every single match," said Sheridan assistant coach Colin Warner. "This is the start of the second half of the season. Doing the little things right matters and I like what I'm seeing."

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Hamilton Heights finished 3-2 at the Western Super Six last Saturday.

The Huskies dropped their first two duals, 64-17 to Harrison and 56-21 to Jay County, but rebounded to win their last three. Heights defeated Logansport 48-36, Madison-Grant 53-29 and Western 46-27.

Two Huskies finished the tournament with perfect 5-0 records: Cooper Doucette at 120 pounds and Michael Cain at 165 pounds.



Westfield's Padriag Oatis gets control of his opponent during the Shamrocks' match with Ben Davis at the Shamrock Duals last Saturday.

Justin Tilton went 4-1 at 150 pounds.

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The Sheridan boys wrestling team beat Brebeuf Jesuit 57-15 in a Tuesday dual meet.

Six Blackhawks wrestlers got wins by pin. Alex Cravens led off the meet with a fall at 157, with Eli Smith getting a 30-second pin at 165. Other wins by fall for Sheridan were Doug Earley at 215, Timmy Vyner at 285, Trey Bogus at 120 and Caleb Alexander at 132.

Brady Hammack won the 175-pound match by a 12-5 decision. Ryker Ream (at 190), Ethan Harbaugh (at 126) and Gabe Snider (at 138) all won by forfeit. Parker Cravens won the 150-pound junior varsity match by pin.



The Sheridan girls wrestling team had all six of its wrestlers bring home awards from the Christel House tournament last Saturday.



Sheridan's Alex Cravens pins his Brebeuf Jesuit opponent during the Blackhawks' Tuesday dual meet.



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