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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Morning sun and afternoon clouds. Afternoon snow showers could dust us again. Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with early evening snow showers. Partly cloudy overnight. HIGH: 24 LOW: 16









Photos provided by Robyn Cook, Jackson Township Trustee

(LEFT) Anita Hagen with her husband Randy and her son Ross. (CENTER) Deb Groves, Dee Ricciardi, and Becky Ulrey of St. Vincent de Paul. (RIGHT) Delaware Township Trustee Debbie Driskell spoke about the important work of township government in Indiana.

Our township trustees know good work when they see it

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The Hamilton County Trustee's Association (HCTA) recently held its annual Christmas and Awards Banquet.

Partner in Service Award in rec- year, the awards were proudly ognition of their collaboration and support. Additionally, the Service Award is presented to a community leader who demon-Each year, HCTA honors a strates exceptional dedication to

presented to St. Vincent de Paul of Noblesville and Anita Hagen from the Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank, respectively.

The event was attended by local partner agency with the serving residents in need. This numerous locally elected offi-

cials, community leaders, and representatives from charitable organizations. Delaware Township Trustee Debbie Driskell delivered an insightful presentation highlighting the role and significance of township government.

Soul balm

My house was about four blocks from my elementary school. Walking to school was a challenge that no one around me really understood. My small, weak legs made that trek twice a day, most days.



My mom was a second-grade teacher at my school, and she

would leave early for work, and my sister and I would walk to school when it was time for us to go. Remember latchkev kids? I wanted to walk to school because it's what my peers were doing.

Often along the way, I would get left behind because I walked so slow. Other school kids would join the trail of walkers along the way. It was not that people who walked with me were mean, it is just what happens when you walk that slow. It still happens to me. People get busy talking, and I am left behind. The worst part is when those walking ahead suddenly realize it. I brace myself for their embarrassment when they turn around. They feel bad, and I do not want them to. The way I felt when I would see everyone far ahead of me was like I was in a long dark tunnel with no end in sight.

On block two of my walk to school, a kind boy from my class would often wait on his porch for me to come by. He would walk the rest of the way to school with me. Seeing him gave me the boost of strength I needed to make it the rest of the way to school.

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Santa comes early for Sheridan kids









Photos provided by Lindsey Spencer, Sheridan Public Library

The jolly old elf made a stop last Saturday at the Sheridan Public Library. Mrs. Claus even joined Santa to bring Christmas cheer. They visited with the children, giving them wooden toys, which were donated by Carmel Kiwanis, as well as books. Everyone enjoyed hot chocolate, donuts, games, and family photos. Santa's reindeer were pleased thanks to the reindeer food-making station.

Fishers JHS triumphs in We the People state championship

The REPORTER

Fishers Junior High School won the Indiana Bar Foundation Middle School We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution state championship on

Castle South Middle School from Newburgh finished second, and Fall Creek Junior High from Fishers finished third in the annual competition held at the Historic Crowne Plaza Union Station in Downtown Indianapolis.

"Congratulations to our state champions and to all 300 students who competed in today's finals," Indiana Bar Foundation President & CEO Charles Dunlap said. "We are deeply grateful to the teachers, administrators, parents, school communities, and volunteer judges who make this program possible. Thanks to their dedication and the generosity of our supporters, the Foundation proudly brings the transformative We the People program to more than 10,000 Indiana students each year."

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Families matter

By TODD STRONG

Principal, Legacy Christian School **Guest Columnist**

As the holiday season approaches, it is a stark reminder how quickly time moves, especially within our schools. The school year feels like just yesterday we were welcoming our students back from summer break. Now, with only two weeks remaining in the first semester, educators' attention moves to the spring. There is no shortage of events, meetings, and activities to be planned.

During this planning process, decisions involving curriculum, instruction, and technology integration may be considered. Each decision point for educators is complex. Rather quickly, new strategies, curriculum, and technology emerge as the latest and greatest models promised to create growth and development. Over the years, each of these aspects of education have changed drastically. As quickly as the new semester arrives, new curriculum, strategies, and technology are developed. While the need for these topics ebbs and flows, one need remains consistent in our schools – the necessity of strong family partnerships and involvement.

Make the trek for Cicero UMC's Cookie Walk



Photo provided

The annual Cookie Walk to benefit the missions of Cicero United Methodist Church will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 14 in the Don Jenkins Room at Hamilton North Public Library, 209 W. Brinton St., Cicero. Everything is homemade by the ladies of the church. Two dozen cookies will cost \$14. Please plan to attend.

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SOUL BALM

It brings tears to my eyes to think of his kindness at such a young age. He noticed my struggle and met me there. He didn't skip a beat falling in step with me, talking about whatever was on his mind that day. I am sure he is just as kind today as he was back then. He will never know the balm he was for my soul. He was a light at the end of the long, dark tunnel.

Recently, my oldest son Luke, a biomedical engineering major at Purdue University, reached out and what he wanted to talk about took me by surprise. He has gotten extremely interested in researching and studying my type of Muscular Dystrophy, Bethlem Myopathy. The knowledge he has gained in a short amount of time is astounding. He has been able to explain my disease to me in a way that no doctor ever has in my 50 years. I now can picture how this is all taking place inside my body. A balm to my weary soul.

By him explaining this to me, it not only made sense, but it also allowed me to let

go of some of the self-blame I still carried with me. He told me the actual scientific reason why my muscles cannot grow and why they are slowly becoming weaker.

When I asked him why he decided to research this, he said, "Trying to cure Bethlem Myopathy wasn't a part of how I saw your disease until you were diagnosed at age 44, or age 15 for me. Before your diagnosis, I just noticed the pride you had in Jack and me when we happily pushed your wheelchair at the zoo, walked with you to the bus stop on the first day of school, and climbed up onto the counter as kids to make it easier for you to hold us. As I got older, I noticed people get too caught up in the details and outside agendas of this world. We tend to lose human connections that can be transformative in discovering new solutions. I see a lot of potential in a world that guides us to use our lives to change the lives of the people we care about most.

I agree. Using our lives to help others is what life is all

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about. Even a small gesture like the boy waiting for me on the porch obviously can have a huge impact on someone's life.

I have been writing this column for a year now. What a balm to my soul it has been. What an absolute honor to write for my hometown newspaper. I am so grateful they created a weekly spot for a disabled writer, allowing me to share my perspective. I hope that those who have read my column have learned something about disabilities, and that you have noticed that disabled people are not so different. We sometimes just need different adaptations to be able to function well. Guess what? Writing this column has helped me to better understand that, too.

Until next time ...

Amy Shinneman is a former National Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, disability blogger, wife, and mom of two boys. You can find her blog at humblycourageous.com and reach her on Instagram @ashinneman.



Graphic provided by Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank

'Tis the season to give

Many hungry families in Hamilton County urgently need your help

Submitted

"Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but look what they can do when they stick together." – Unknown

Hamilton County Harvest (HCH) Food Bank shares the news of what was received and what was shared with pantries and programs throughout Hamilton County this past year. It is because of you, all the wonderful supporters, that HCH can provide food and

Food pantries and chil- Hamilton County.

marily rely on food banks and donations to supply the food they distribute to people in need. It is because of you, HCH's wonderful supporters, that the food bank can provide food and hope for neighbors.

Because of your generosity, Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank has distributed over 1.5 MILLION MEALS to the local community since beginning in

But hunger still exists in

HCH Food Bank needs your help. If you'd like to help fill the barrel and host a food drive, HCH can help. Click here to fill out a form and someone from HCH will contact you.

If you'd like to donate online, go to HCHFood-

dren's meal programs pri- Bank.org/donate. You can also mail your donations to Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank, P.O. Box 881, Noblesville, IN 46061

Meijer will match your donation!

This Saturday, Dec. 14, when you shop at the Noblesville Meijer, 5956 Promenade Shops Blvd., Meijer will double your donation through the Meijer Simply Give program. Designate "food purchase" on your donation.

Please consider doing what you can to take care of neighbors who you use a little extra help this holiday season. Your efforts could change a life.

If you'd like to learn more about Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank, go to HCHFoodBank.org.

WE THE PEOPLE-

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The Foundation administers the We the People program for Indiana.

The We the People competition consists of simulated legislative hearings. Students demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of constitutional principles through presenting their views on a specific topic and

tions from a panel of judges. The state champion will now have the opportunity to represent the Hoosier State at the We the People National Invitational, taking place April 25 and 26, 2025.

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

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As most students navigate a vastly different educational experience than many of their families, the need to work together and form healthy partnerships is essential. In some circumstances, the experience of our students mirrors very little of our own. Technology, curriculum, and instructional strategies have all changed and evolved. In fact, many of the physical spaces within our schools are drastically different.

While there are considerable differences between now and then, the need for strong families remains.

Students need consistency and support both at school and at home. Even though students have access to information at a much quicker pace than previous generations, they need constant and consistent mentorship in order to properly apply and understand the world around them.

Furthermore, as students navigate their K-12 experiences, there are undoubtedly challenges along the way. Yes, curriculum, instructional strategies, and technology will all change; however, challenges with adolescents will always remain. Having strong family support to work alongside schools is essential during this often-challenging period. Strong families provide the foundation for students to navigate their world. They provide the modeling and teaching for how to interact while at school. They are pivotal for student success.

At Legacy Christian School, a cornerstone of our work is our strong family partnerships. We emphasize the importance of our families and encourage their involvement on a daily basis. Our staff is committed to ensuring transparency and allowing families an opportunity to join them in our educational process. We believe our students bene-

fit the most when students

can feel supported both at school and at home. We are not only partnered together in our Christian faith. but also our commitment to supporting our students. Our families are often serving our teachers and staff, volunteering during events, and participating in their student's overall experience. Our families are a cornerstone of our school.

In conclusion, the K-12

process in 2024 and beyond is ever changing. Trends, best practices, and new technologies are all fleeting. As soon as one develops, another comes along. Ideally, as new changes occur, educators are using the change for the positive and ultimately improving the quality of our student's education. Although hard to quantify, the relationship our schools have with our families is as important as any curriculum or instructional practice. Our students need consistent mentorship and love from both their families and their schools. When schools can rely on families and families can rely on schools, the potential for what is possible significantly increases.

We are fortunate at Legacy Christian to serve alongside supportive families. We share a common belief on the importance of family and encourage a partnership. For students to be successful in a complex world, a strong, family foundation is essential. When families and schools are aligned in this belief, students flourish.

Todd Strong is a husband, father, and school administrator who serves as the principal of Legacy Christian School. He has his Masters in Educational Leadership from Indiana University and has worked in a variety of educational settings, including private schools, public schools, and charter networks. He and his family currently reside in Noblesville.

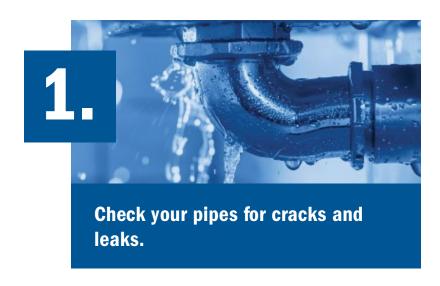


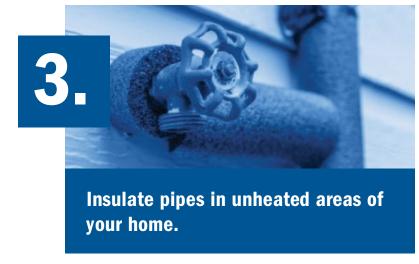
GET AHEAD OF THE WEATHER

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:











Contact Indiana American Water to learn more about how to protect your pipes and other water infrastructure and resources this winter.

At Indiana American Water, we work hard year-round to ensure our customers have reliable access to clean, fresh water no matter what weather extremes come their way. Contact us today to learn more about how to protect your home's water supply and infrastructure or for help with an already frozen pipe



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Noblesville Lions & Kiwanis Noon Clubs ring bells for Salvation Army





Come for the job fair, stay

for the career at Kroger

According to Fair, the

square feet and will be

home to both a Murray's

Cheese location and a Star-

coming up at separate loca-

tions on Saturday, Dec. 14

and Wednesday, Dec. 18.

The one this weekend will

be held at 5960 Castle Way

West Drive, Indianapolis,

Wednesday will be held

in the new store at 7450

Fishers Station Drive, Fish-

we do it in another location."

construction.

The job fair next

from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The two job fairs are

Photos provided by Jake Doll, Noblesville Lions Club

Kroger

Last Saturday, Dec. 7, the Noblesville Lions and Kiwanis Noon Clubs rang bells for Salvation Army donations. This has turned into a yearly event for the clubs. The Chairman of the event is Joe Arrowood, who happens to be a member of both clubs. He has been leading this for more than 10 years and works with the relationship with Salvation Army. They rang bells at Walmart in Noblesville at the North and South store entrances. The Kiwanians covered from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the Lions from 1 to 4 p.m. There were eight Kiwanians and 14 Lions doing this for five hours. (LEFT) Kiwanian T.J. Houghtalen and Lion Joe Arrowood. (RIGHT) Lions Ron Williamson, Gene Beck, and Rollin Cutter.

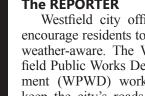
Kroger is bringing a new store will be 120,000



2-Bedroom, 1-Bath Apartment All Kitchen Appliances Included Safe Neighborhood Located in Alexandria \$1,000 a month All utilities included Please contact (765) 617-7844

Drive A Little To Save A Lot

Thanks for reading



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side of things."

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new store to Fishers in early 2025, and in the next

The new store, which is

'We're looking at open-

will be located at 7450 Fish-

ing in January, but you

know there's a lot of vari-

ables and factors and con-

struction that goes into it,"

Fair said. "Hopefully after

the holidays we'll have a

– no pun intended – more

concrete date once we

know more from the facility

ers Station Drive, Fishers.

Westfield city officials encourage residents to stay weather-aware. The Westfield Public Works Department (WPWD) works to keep the city's roads safe

please take note of the city's treatment plan for upcoming winter weather events.

Priority Areas emergency routes &

- prepare for snow and ice control operations ahead of anticipated precipitation.
- Plowing starts when snow accumulation reaches two inches or more, prioritizing main streets, public safety routes, and critical infrastructure ac-
- intersections, hills, curves, and bridges during both pretreatment and plowing
- Once snowfall ends,

job there at the site – even a role like that open at the if it's not full-sided - tradi- store, we'll be able to tell tionally we will gather more them a store in the same

years past when you have a duce role, but we don't have folks and more interest than if area that has a role open. So even though we are hir-Fair said. "We are actually ing for this store, we also in the process of hiring folks don't turn candidates away to work at some other stores if they're a good candidate

opens. We're hiring folks that

may work at a another store

in Fishers and then when the

store opens, we would trans-

fill all positions within the

comes to this job fair and

Kroger is looking to

"Holistically we're hir-

fer them over."

in that area until that store and we have another position that's open."

Open positions include both full and part-time jobs.

"The big thing with Kroger we tell people this all the time is, 'you come for a job and you stay for a career," Fair said. "I started out as a bagger 24 years ago and now I'm the head of HR for a division. That's really our message. When we get folks in at job fairs, we know that this may be part-time. This may be something that you're just looking to maybe fill the gap, or starting a new job, but there's a lot of careers that can happen within the Kroger company and a lot of potential."

Westfield details its winter weather treatment plan

safe.

ers, from 3 to 7 p.m., even ing for every department," though that site is still under Fair said. "If someone

"We've learned from they are interested in a pro-

Treatment of main roads, high-traffic areas

- · WPWD staff monitors weather forecasts to residential and secondary
- Pretreatment of roads ceeds three inches. (if conditions allow) begins with brine or salt solutions, focusing on emergency routes, bus routes, and high-traffic thoroughfares.
- cess points.

during snow and ice events. erations continue until all to snow-covered areas. winter arrives, priority routes are clear and

> • Repeated salting or plowing occurs to mitigate refreezing in extreme cold weather conditions.

Secondary Areas Neighborhood streets & side roads

- Snow removal for streets begins after main roads are cleared and when snow accumulation ex-
- Residential streets are cleared to make them passable, but intersections and steep inclines may receive additional attention.
- Secondary streets are not pretreated with salt unless specific hazardous conditions, such as ice storms, arise.
- Sidewalk plowing (where applicable) focuses • Salt is applied to major on routes near schools and public buildings

How can residents help?

 Avoid parking vehicles on streets to allow plowing and salting op- plow trucks easier access

- Refrain from shoveling or blowing snow back into the street after plows pass; this can create additional hazards.
- · Clear sidewalks adjacent to homes promptly to ensure pedestrian safety.
- · Place trash and recycling bins at least three feet away from the curb to avoid interference with plow operations.
- Residents are encouraged to monitor communication from the City of Westfield for updates on service schedules during prolonged snow events.

Click here to see the interactive snow plow map. Users can click the "Legend" button on the left side to see which streets are primary and secondary.

Please note that if neighborhood streets are privately maintained, WPWD does not treat these roadways. When viewing the above interactive snow plow map, privately plowed streets are denoted by a dotted line.





See you Saturday at Meet Me on Main in Carmel's Arts & Design District

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Come to the Carmel Arts & Design District from 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14 for Allied Solutions' Meet Me on Main.

Enjoy live music throughout the District, gallery and merchant specials and a variety of retail and restaurant options for shopping and dining.

Visit Santa from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Santa House in the parking lot at the Indiana Design Center.

Live music

- Breanna Faith in the breezeway by Sub Zero Nitrogen Ice Cream, 111 W. Main St.
- · Rosie Inman at the Santa House at the Indiana Design Center in the south parking lot
- Adam Shuntich at Anthony's Plaza at Monon Boulevard and Main Street

Gallery Exhibits

Each month, local galleries and businesses will feature talented artists in an array of media.

- CCA Gallery: The gallery will be open until 8:30 p.m. for Meet Me on Main. You are invited to warm up with delicious mulled cider and enjoy yummy holiday snacks while you browse CCA Gallery's collection of handmade, one-of-a-kind gift items created by our 40 Indiana artists. (111 W. Main St., Suite 135)
- Art on Main: Art on Main will have new holiday art by the gallery's Indiana artists, including paintings, mosaics, glass art, jewelry, ornaments, cards and more. Stop and find original art and gifts to deck your halls. (111 W. Main St.)
 - Art Studio of Carmel:



Photo provided by City of Carmel

Make it a Special Santa Saturday this weekend during Meet Me on Main.

The Art Studio of Carmel will be open from 4 - 8 p.m. featuring its artists and student art. Many pieces will be holiday-themed. (30 N. Range Line Road, 2nd floor)

- Children's Art Gal**lery:** Make Christmas crafts and cookies at the Carmel Arts Council Children's Gallery. (40 W. Main St.)
- Indiana Artisan: Stop by the gallery for complimentary mulled cider. Get \$3 off purchase when you buy any mug and a hot chocolate bomb. Can you find the face in chipped paint? Pareidolia photographer Kate Palyshniuk can. Meet her at Indiana Artisan Gifts & Gallery. (22 N. Range Line Road)
- Magdalena Gallery: Magdalena Gallery will feature new works on the easel, showcasing the creativity and craftsmanship of local artists.

The gallery will also offer a selection of small works perfect for holiday gifts because nothing compares to the charm of handmade objects and the spirit of creativity during the holiday season. (27 E. Main St., #100)

Special offers

- Box Market: 30 percent off all chocolate pods. (216 W. Main St.)
- Holder Mattress: 40 percent off holiday décor; up to 25 percent off mattress sets; sweet treats and hot cocoa bar. (located in Indiana Design Center, 200 S. Range Line Road #119)
- Kernels: \$1 small bags of buttery popcorn and \$1 off all medium bags. Holiday tins will make the perfect gift. (254 Veterans Way, Suite F)
- Pure Green: Buy two or more juices and get 15 percent off; 10 percent off

coupons for in-store and at-booth purchases. (591 Monon Blvd., Suite 2)

· Xchocol'Art: Xchocol'Art will have their award-winning truffles for samples as well as a raffle; customers can participate to win a box of truffles. (228 W. Main St.)

For a complete directory of galleries, restaurants and businesses in the District, visit CarmelArtsAndDesign.com.

About the Carmel Arts & Design District

The Carmel Arts & Design District is the Midwest's premier arts and design destination. Home to more than 200 businesses, including art galleries, restaurants, antique dealers, design showrooms, boutiques and creative service providers, the Carmel Arts & Design District promises to stimulate the senses. The Indiana Design Center is housed in the Carmel Arts & Design District. In addition, hundreds have taken advantage of the wide variety of housing opportunities and call the Carmel Arts & Design District home.

Letter to the Editor —

Carmel reader says we all should embrace true winter weather

Dear Editor:

As I sit in my family room, looking out the window at our beautiful, frozen pond covered with snow, I am reminded of how important winter is and the role it plays. Most plants go dormant, insects die. Some animals hibernate. It is a time of rest.

There have been several years where there has been a fine line between winter and spring. Scientists call it "season creep"; fooling insects, flowers and trees into doing what they would normally do in the spring and instead, doing it during a warm spell in the winter months. This warm spell may be something we as humans may enjoy, but this *false spring* only confuses the flora and fauna.

Some meteorologists might say, "The best day of the week will be Sunday with temperatures reaching 50 degrees!" This would be nice in April, but not in January. It's not normal. We are being trained to accept the changes that are occurring. Hoping, wishing, even looking forward to warm days in the winter.

Instead, let's reclaim winter! Put on your coats and hats. Go outside and enjoy the sunshine, the snow and the cold temperatures! Look to the night sky. It's brighter and more clear during the winter. Listen to the silence as the snow falls. Ahh, winter! Embrace it!

Nancy Tatum Carmel

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Sponsored by STAR Bank through a matching gift campaign, this interactive light installation combines vibrant visuals with hands-on creativity, offering endless opportunities for library visitors to engage and connect.

Everbright Wall sponsored by STAR Bank unveiled at Whitestown's Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library

Submitted

The Whitestown branch the Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library unveiled the STAR Bank Everbright Wall Thursday.

The wall is a vibrant, interactive installation designed to spark creativity and foster collaboration for all ages. Sponsored by STAR Bank through a matching gift campaign, this innovative addition furthers the library's mission to inspire lifelong learning and strengthen community connections.

The STAR Bank Everbright Wall is a self-contained, wall-mounted installation that features colored lights for engaging, self-directed play. Its rotating dials offer endless opportunities for creative expression, inviting library patrons to design and share vibrant patterns. The wall demonstrates the power of interactive technology to unite people and fuel their imaginations.

"The STAR Bank Everbright Wall exemplifies Group. "The STAR Bank the library, click here.

community to new ideas, inspire curiosity, advance education, and nurture a love of reading," said Kaki Garard, Director of Advancement at the Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library. "This installation is a source of creativity and joy for families, students, and visitors alike, and we were incredibly grateful to STAR Bank for making it possible."

STAR Bank's commitment to community enrichment was reflected in its sponsorship of the STAR Bank Everbright Wall. By investing in public spaces like the library, STAR Bank continues to enhance local resources that foster creativity, education, and connection, making Whitestown a more vibrant and engaged community.

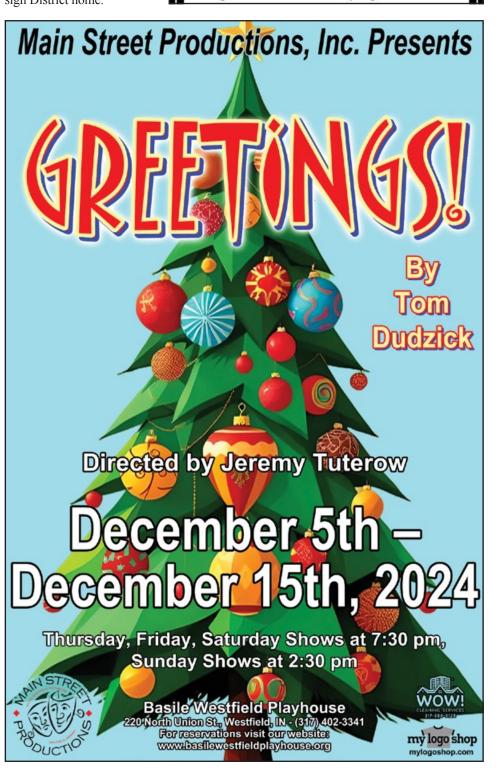
"We are proud to support the Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library and its mission to inspire and connect the community," said Kristin Marcuccilli, President of STAR Financial

our mission to connect the Everbright Wall showcases the unique and innovative programming libraries create when supported by strong partnerships."

"This project demonstrates how we can help communities thrive," said Maureen "Mo" Glunt, Senior Treasury Management Officer at STAR Bank. "As a mother raising my family here, it is especially meaningful to see the STAR Bank Everbright Wall become a resource that inspires creativity and connection for families throughout Whitestown."

The community is invited to experience the STAR Bank Everbright Wall firsthand at the Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library, 6310 Albert S. White Drive, Whitestown. The library is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

To learn more about the STAR Bank Everbright Wall and opportunities to support



Thanks for reading The Reporter!

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Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations

American Legion Posts

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

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

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

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

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

VFW Posts

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

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

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

Non-Profit Veteran Orgs

Hamilton County Veterans Corp P.O. Box 503

Noblesville, in 46061

secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com

Meets 7pm the 1st Monday Monthly at the Fishers American Legion. Our website https://www.hamiltoncountyveterans.com/ has 40 pages of resources for our Military

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

Navy Club Ship 29

Noblesville, In

president@hamiltoncountyveterans.com Meets 2nd Thurs 630pm at Gingers 1804 Conner St Noblesville

Hamilton County Veteran Service

Officers

317-776-9610 Hours – 9am-4pm Weekdays CVSO – Tom Logan

Tom.logan@hamiltoncounty.in.gov Assistant CVSO – Robin Wilson robin.wilson@hamiltoncounty.in.gov Assistant CVSO – Caroline Franz caroline.franz@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Admin Assistant – Christina Ellis christina.ellis@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Hamilton County Military Veteran

Good Samaritan Network Needs Your Help This



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

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!

https://gsnlive.kindful.com/?campaign=1080400



Apply for Donations here. If you and your family live, work or attend school in Hamilton County, Indiana, and are in need of Holiday Assistance, apply here. For Thanksgiving, please submit your application by the first Sunday in November, For Christmas, please submit it by the last Sunday in November. ONLINE applications must be completed by the first Sunday in December.

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This weekend, don't miss 30th Anniversary WIBC Radiothon for The Salvation Army

The REPORTER

Mark your calendars for the 30th Anniversary WIBC Radiothon for The Salvation Army presented by Financial Center. This beloved holiday tradition brings the central Indiana community together to support local families in need each December.

Hosted at Sullivan Hardware and Garden, 6955 N. Keystone Ave., Indianapolis, and broadcast live on 93.1 WIBC, the event kicks off at 6 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13 and concludes at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14.

This year, The Salvation Army of Central Indiana aims to raise \$430,000 to provide critical assistance to families throughout the next year. Donations will support essential programs, including food pantries, rental and utility assistance, and other services that help families regain stability.

Listeners will get to hear their favorite WIBC hosts, including Terri Stacy, Jason Hammer, Nigel Laskowski, Rob Kendall, Casey Daniels, Pat Sullivan, Denny

Smith, Matt Bair, and Ryan Hedrick. Executive Producer Mel McMahon will join the hosts throughout the entire 36-hour broadcast, along with dozens of special

The WIBC Radiothon for The Salvation Army Presented by Financial Center will also feature live music performances on Saturday, adding even more holiday cheer to this special event.

"The WIBC Radiothon is a cornerstone of our efforts to help families across Central Indiana," said Major Malinda O'Neil, Area Commander for The Salvation Army of Central Indiana. "We're so grateful for 30 years of support from WIBC and the incredible generosity of Hoosiers. Every donation makes a difference, and we're excited to celebrate this milestone with the community."

Ways to contribute

- Call: 833-855-9393 to make your pledge starting at 6 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13
- Text: Send the word **HOOSIER** to 24365
 - Online: Visit WIBC



Photo provided

Last year's WIBC Radiothon raised \$460,000 for The Salvation Army.

Radiothon.com to make Dec. 13) your donation

• **In-person:** Stop by Sullivan Hardware and Garden during the live broadcast to drop off your gift

• Support your favorite host: Donate to your favorite WIBC host's Virtual Red Kettle the week leading up to the broadcast and help them raise the most funds for The Salvation Army (Virtual Red Kettles open until 6 a.m. Friday,

"This event is a testament to the power of community, showcasing how Hoosiers come together year after year to make a meaningful impact for one another," Executive Producer Mel McMahon said. "Every dollar we raise changes lives, and we are so grateful for the loyal support of our listeners, sponsors, and volunteers who make this pos-

Over the past three decades, the WIBC Radiothon has raised more than \$5.1 million to help thousands of individuals and families in central Indiana. This year, the community's generosity will ensure the tradition continues to make a lasting difference.

About the Salvation Army

The Salvation Army annually helps more than 27 million Americans overcome poverty, addiction and economic hardships through a range of social services. By providing food for the hungry, emergency relief for disaster survivors, rehabilitation for those suffering from drug and alcohol abuse, and clothing and shelter for people in need. The Salvation Army is doing the most good at 6,400 centers of operations around the country. For more information, visit SACentralIn-

diana.org.

Still time to send joy overseas with Operation Christmas Child

The REPORTER

Local volunteers are celebrating the collection of gift-filled shoeboxes that will send a message of joy to children around the world.

Thousands of volunteers contributed to Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, by packing shoeboxes filled

plies, and personal care to children in need around items. The global Christmas project will deliver these gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 100 countries, including many who are suffering from war, poverty, disease, and disaster. Each shoebox is an opportunity to share the message of

the world.

Although drop-off locations have closed for the season, there is still time to share hope and love with children overseas by packing a gift-filled shoebox online. Shoeboxes built online go to some of the

with fun toys, school sup- the Gospel and bring hope hardest-to-reach areas in the world. Those who prefer the convenience of online shopping can browse samaritanspurse.org/buildonline to select gifts matched to a child's specific age and gender, then finish packing the virtual shoebox by adding a photo and personal note of encouragement.

For more information on in need around the world how to participate in Operation Christmas Child visit samaritanspurse.org/occ.

About Operation Christmas Child

A project of Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child seeks to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children countries and territories.

and, together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 220 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170







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US Capitol and White House Tour Requests

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

Meeting Notices

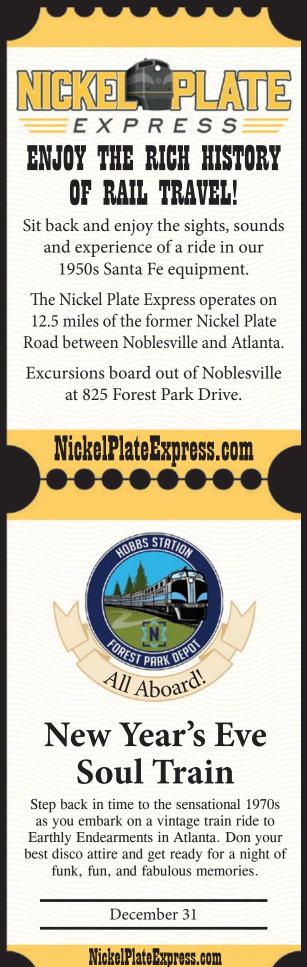
Sheridan Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 5:30 p.m Monday, Dec. 16, 2024, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1b for the following purpose: (3) For discussion of the assessment, design, and implementation of school safety and security measures, plans, and systems.

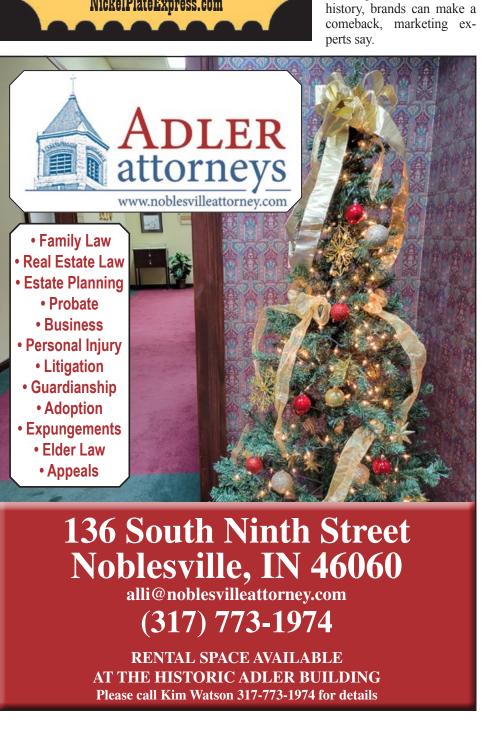
A regular board meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m. in the Library/ Media Center at Sheridan Middle School 3030 W 246th St

The Clay Township Board of Trustees will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2024, at the John W. Hensel Government Center, 10701 N. College Ave., Carmel

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, 2024, at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E.

Send Meeting Notices to: News@ReadTheReporter.com





United Way of Central Indiana unveils legislative agenda to elevate economy through investments in people

Priorities for 2025 session include child care, housing & medical debt

The REPORTER

United Way of Central Indiana on Monday announced its public policy agenda for the 2025 legislative session, with a focus on increasing access to high-quality child care, addressing the need for stable housing and reducing medical debt – all essential needs to ensure people are equipped to reach their full potential and contribute to the workforce.

United Way serves the region's largest network of human services organizations and works with partners across the state to advance legislation that helps Hoosiers live the lives they're capable of living.

'To build a strong workforce and economy, Indiana needs thriving people," said Sam Snideman, vice president of government relations for United Way of Central Indiana. "Hoosiers can't reach their potential or support their families if they can't meet daily needs like child care, housing and medical debt. By addressing these, Indiana is investing in human capital and securing the state's economic competitiveness."

In 2025, United Way's public policy agenda will

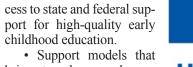
Child care: For parents to work, they need to access reliable child care. Yet in Indiana, only six in 10 children who need care can access this non-negotiable

service due to the system's limited capacity – at a yearly cost of \$4.2 billion. To change this, United Way is

- Increase families' ac-
- care, such as the "tri-share"
- Address the abysmal-

• Help people stay in their homes by securing funding for home repairs and preventative mainte-

leading efforts to:



- bring together employers, governments and individuals to share in the cost of models in Michigan and Northeast Indiana.
- ly low pay for Indiana's child care workers – 98% of whom don't earn enough to support two children – by implementing the recommendations of a statewide early learning committee.

Housing: Having a safe and reliable place to live plays an integral role in Hoosiers' ability to support their families, but Indianapolis has one of the highest eviction rates in the country. To help increase access to stable housing, United Way is collaborating to:

- Increase the supply of affordable housing through additional development and reduced infrastructure costs.
- ants, reducing eviction rates. Federal Poverty Level but

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United Way of Central Indiana

Medical debt: Indiana not enough to afford a basic leads the Midwest in its proportion of residents with medical debt, with nearly one in five Hoosiers affected. Medical debt affects a diverse range of Hoosiers across the state. United Way is collaborating with health and business groups to:

- Strengthen charity care policies by evaluating income requirement thresholds.
- Ensure medical debt can't damage patients' credit scores and ensure wages can't be garnished to pay for debt.
- · Increase price transparency and control the cost of health care.

United Way serves people and families living in or near poverty, a population that continues to grow. In 2022, more than 257,400 households – over one in three households - in Unit-• Enhance support for ed Way's seven-county serlegal aid for renters so that vice area were in poverty or settlements can be reached considered ALICE, meanbetween landlords and ten- ing they earned above the

household budget. That's an increase of 5 percent over the previous year.

United Way aims to create equitable opportunities and prioritizes solutions designed to meet the needs of entire families, guided by the "2Gen" - short for two-generation - approach to building pathways to prosperity. When people and families have the resources, opportunities and agency to thrive, the well-being of all residents, communities and the economy are strength-

United Way crafted its public policy agenda in partnership with its network of 90 community organizations to ensure priorities reflect the diverse needs and insights of all the communities in its service area of Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Marion, Morgan and Putnam counties.

United Way of Central Indiana invites Hoosiers to join its advocacy efforts by visiting uwci.org/advocate.

Amid Chi-Chi's comeback, experts cite examples of other brands' successes

By CAT SANDOVAL

WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Chi-Chi's, with more than 200 restaurants nationwide, closed more than 20 vears ago.

Now it's staging a comeback. Chi-Chi's will reopen in 2025. Menu items have not yet been released.

The chain has had a storied past with links to an outbreak of hepatitis A.

Despite a checkered

According to CNN, the ally interesting thing about a company can move on and chain closed in 2004 after one of the largest hepatitis A outbreaks. A total of 650 people were sickened and four people died. The outions served in their free salsa forward from it." at a Pittsburg location.

assistant professor of marketing at Butler University, said, "Nostalgia is a really powerful emotion for consumers."

Mitchell says companies with a storied past will have to rebuild trust and commitment with consumers. Other companies have done it before by tapping in to good memories of the past, and introducing themselves to new customers, a new generation. "Converse, who used to be big, disappeared and re-emerged, and tapping into nostalgia especially young Gen Z consumers, you've got Polaroid, Crocs, Old Spice."

Mitchell said, "The re-

brands that have some sort of notoriety or negative impact is the time delay. You need time for things to go by, and for people to accept the situabreak was traced to green on- tion and, in some ways, move

Mansur Khamitov is a Alexander Mitchell, an marketing professor at Indiana University. He says even some of these companies were on the verge of bankruptcy, yet managed to successfully re-introduce themselves and make a big push.

Khamitov said if companies can define their brand beyond the scandals, they can move on. He says Johnson & Johnson is a huge example. The maker of health care goods is thriving regardless of the scandals around its drugs and products. "If vou're able to acknowledge and recontextualize history, own up to it, and sometimes it takes a good apology and admitting your faults is how as improve and hit the market."

The son of Chi-Chi's founder, Michael McDermot, is determined to honor his family's legacy by bringing the restaurant back and reintroducing it as a dining experience with "the same great taste and Mexican flavor."

George Vlahakis is a former Chi-Chi's customer. "I would really love it if they brought back the prices."

Vlahakis says he remembers good times with friends at Chi-Chi's in Bloomington years ago. "It was a really great place to go. They had happy hour with the fishbowl margaritas, 'buy one get one free,' and they had this amazing nacho bar with queso cheese."

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/i-team-8/ chi-chi-s-comeback-nostalgic-brands-successes.

Zionsville residents rank as happiest among Indiana's affluent areas

Submitted

Year after year, numerous studies reveal the best places to live in America. and destinations like Naples, Aspen, and Austin are often cited; however, living in these desirable locations comes at a significant price. Except for those affluent souls, where money is no object, most people end up choosing more affordable alternatives. For those who decide to make it their home, the high cost is clearly a tradeoff they're willing to make, valuing the unique

above all else.

CardRates surveyed 3,000 residents of some of the country's priciest areas to find out whether the lifestyle truly is worth the financial burden. The goal was to create a revealing ranking of happiness versus cost of living, pinpointing where residents feel the benefits genuinely outweigh the (steep) price. A list of the top 150 was compiled.

Interestingly, five out of the top 10 suburbs are in Florida; there's definitely something about practicallifestyle these cities offer ly-year-round sunshine that

will make a place more appealing.

When it comes to Indiana, Zionsville stands out with the happiest residents among the state's most expensive areas, ranking 130th nationally. Its residents seem to agree that the charming brick-paved downtown, strong sense of community, and excellent schools make Zionsville an idyllic choice.

Residents of one other pricey Indiana location also rank among the happiest in the country: Carmel came in 133rd.



American Senior Communities wins multiple 'Best Things' awards

The REPORTER

Each year, the Best Things – Indianapolis Community's Choice Awards conducted by the Indianapolis Star engages the public to vote for local businesses and organizations in their endeavor to find the Indianapolis community's choice in each category.

This year, over 450 businesses and organizations were identified as candidates in more than 150 categories. **American Senior Commu**nities (ASC) won awards in

multiple categories.

launched in July with public nominations taken online. The top five nominees in each category moved on to the voting round, conducted in September. From there, three top finalists were identified as eligible to become final winners in their respective categories. The final winners were revealed at the awards gala, held Dec. 4 at JW Marriott in downtown Indianapolis.

munities won for **Best Nurs**- served by our locations vot This year's program ing Homes, for Best Assisted/Senior Living, and for Best Home Health. ASC also made the finalist round for Best Place to Work.

"As an Indiana owned and operated company, there's nothing more important than being acknowledged by our fellow Hoosiers," American Senior Communities CEO Steven Van Camp said. "We're very pleased to know our residents, their families, our employees, American Senior Com- and the local communities

ed to recognize the dedicated teams who serve our seniors in Indianapolis and throughout the state. There is truly no greater satisfaction, and we are grateful for this honor and to the Indy Star for conducting this program."

In an effort to share a valuable resource guide with the public, the Indianapolis Star published details on finalists and winners to make information on 'best choice' businesses and organizations easily accessible.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

THE PRIESTLY GARMENTS

"Have Aaron your brother brought to you from among the Israelites, along with his sons Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, so they may serve me as priests. Make sacred garments for your brother Aaron to give him dignity and honor. Tell all the skilled workers to whom I have given wisdom in such matters that they are to make garments for Aaron, for his consecration, so he may serve me as priest. These are the garments they are to make: a breastpiece, an ephod, a robe, a woven tunic, a turban and a sash. They are to make these sacred garments for your brother Aaron and his sons, so they may serve me as priests. Have them use gold, and blue, purple and scarlet yarn, and fine linen.

Exodus 28:1-5 (NIV)

Crime Junkie hosts Ashley Flowers & Brit **Prawat coming to Fishers in March 2025**

The REPORTER

Calling all crime junkies: Ashley Flowers and Brit Prawat are taking their hit true crime podcast on the road.

The beloved voices behind the No. 1 podcast Crime Junkie are bringing their signature storytelling live to 18 cities across the United States, including a stop at the Fishers Event Center on Thursday, March 6, 2025.

The Crime Junkie: Life Rule #10 tour (It's never a mannequin!) will dive into a chilling, never-before-covered, unsolved homicide. This cold case will be resurrected with original reporting in an edge-of-your-seat, live experience. Don't miss the chance to experience this event – grab your tickets now and remember: Be Weird, Be Rude, Stay Alive!

All tickets are on sale now at this link.

What to expect

Flowers and Prawat are visiting 18 cities across the country to explore a mys-

terious case that will be brand new to fans. Expect original reporting by audiochuck's investigative team on a case that challenges assumptions and reveals the unexpected. This tour is recommended for mature audiences only. Attendees will have the opportunity to purchase exclusive Crime Junkie merchandise at each

About Crime Junkie

Crime Junkie is the No. 1 podcast among women and the No. 1 true crime podcast globally, captivating millions of listeners with its compelling storytelling and dedication to underreported cases.

Launched in 2017 by creator and host Ashley Flowers and her best friend Brit Prawat, the podcast releases weekly episodes every Monday, delivering gripping stories of solved and unsolved murders, missing persons, and more – all told in a casual and relatable style that makes listeners



true crime with their best

Named Apple Podcasts' No. 1 Show of 2022 and 2023 and No. 2 show of 2024, Crime Junkie is a cultural phenomenon. Crime Junkie inspires fans to give back and be engaged in their communities through its commitment

feel like they're talking to advocacy. Produced by audiochuck, Crime Junkie continues to lead the true crime genre while setting the gold standard for storytelling and community engagement.

For more information about the Crime Junkie Live Tour and to purchase tickets, please visit crimejunkiepodcast.com/tour.

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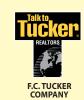
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REPORTER SPORTS THURSDAY

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

Wrestling





(LEFT) Hamilton Heights' Michael Cain won the 165-pound match by technical fall during the Huskies' dual meet with Bishop Chatard on Wednesday. (RIGHT) Westfield's Brayden Head got a pin at 113 pounds during the Shamrocks' dual meet win over Warren Central on Wednesday.

Fishers wins all-county dual with Carmel; Westfield gets hard-fought victory over Warren Central

The REPORTER

The Fishers boys wrestling team won an all-county dual meet with Carmel 49-18 Wednesday at the Tiger Den.

Fishers won 10 of the matches, including four by pin. Christopher Quarles got the first fall at 190 pounds, Chayce Yant won at 132 by pin, and the Tigers finished the meet with consecutive falls from Andrei Bogdan at 157 and Diego Carabano at 165.

Zeke Kramer was the

17-2 technical fall. Julian Burgett took the 215-pound bout by a 15-3 major deciwinning at 120 by an 11-1 major decision.

battle of top wrestlers at Burns 12-7 at 138. 175, edging out Michael Major in a 3-1 decision. at the Westfield Shamrock Camden Funk also came out ahead in a decision, beating Jackson Bui 8-6 at 285. Seth Lamb won by forfeit at 113.

The Greyhounds got went 3-1.

150-pound winner by a two of their four victories by pin. Jordan Penquite won by fall at 106, as did Eli Penquite at 144. Sully sion, with Owen Ingalls Mahar edged out Mason Quarles in a 6-4 decision for a 126-pound victory, Xavier Smith won a and Tyler Elliott beat Ellis

> Fishers also competed Duals last Saturday. Ingalls, Yant, Smith and Burgett were all undefeated at 4-0, while Mason Quarles and Christopher Quarles both

Central 41-31 Wednesday at other victories were by de-CSI Gymnasium.

The Shamrocks took eight of the 14 matches, with five of those wins by pin. Eli Turner got a fall for the 175-pound match, then second-period pins: Pierce Glodowski at 215 and Job Mavrick at 285. Brayden Head won by fall at 113 and Trevor Humburg scored a first-eperiod pin at 126.

Westfield won a hard- at 106 by a 15-0 technical fought dual with Warren fall. The Shamrocks' two cision: Oliver Baud picked up a 13-6 victory at 120, while Alic Washburn won 13-9 at 138.

> Hamilton to Bishop Chatard Wednesday at the Huskies' gym.

Finn Bowman won the 113-pound match by fall, with Cooper Doucette getting a forfeit at 120 pounds. Kolter technical fall.

Connor Maddox won Galloway took the 126-pound bout by a 10-3 decision. Michael Cain won at 165 with a 21-6 technical fall.

Hamilton Southeastern dropped a 46-17 dual meet to Zionsville on Wednesday.

Senior Nick Anderson Heights won with a first-period fall Westfield's big men both got dropped a 50-23 dual meet at 126 pounds, with sophomore Cohen Davis getting a second-period pin at 165 in the last match of the meet. Chris Casler took the 150-pound match with a

Noblesville Elks Hoop **Shoot winners honored**



Photo provided

The Noblesville Elks held their 53rd Hoop Shoot contest at the Boys & Girls Club last Sunday. Pictured with Lodge Exalted Ruler Steve Vallier and PER & Hoop Shoot Director Pete Smith are (in no particular order) age group winners Luke Glassley, Lucas Mani, Harper McKee, Allison Hochgsang, Elouise Balkcom, Finn Shilts, Luke Glassley, Jackson Fidler, Owen Shilts, Molly Whisler, Gwynn Whisler, Caleb Davy, Gavin Glassley, and Max Everson.

Swimming—

Noblesville girls take first place at their own invite

The REPORTER

The Noblesville girls im team finished first and the Millers boys team placed second at the Noblesville Invitational last Saturday.

Noblesville scored 551 points in the girls meet, comfortably ahead of runner-up Delta's 440 points. The Millers swept all three relays and got two individual wins: Haddie Vohs was first in the 50 freestyle and Julia Santerre won the backstroke.

Homestead won the boys meet with 598 points, while Noblesville placed second with 457 points. The Millers' 200 free relay finished first.

GIRLS MEET

Team scores: Noblesville 551, Delta 440, Homestead 431, Marion

200 medley relay: 1. Noblesville "A" (Julia Santerre, Exley Tricker, Haddie Vohs, Ellie Hayward)

200 freestyle: 4. Kyra Blackwell 2:08.70, 5. Meredith Nickloy 2:10.38, 6. Ava Middleton 2:13.57, 9. Alexis Jackson 2:20.89. 200 individual medley: 2. Oliv-

ia Motz 2:20.36, 4. Santerre 2:29.34, 6. Mehringer 2:31.63, 7. Anna Miller

50 freestyle: 1. Vohs 24.63, 5. Hayward 26.97, 6. Knott 27.45, 8. Stella Cramer 28.24.

100 butterfly: 2. Middleton 1:07.69, 4. Tricker 1:08.69, 5. Nickloy 1:10.33, 7. Elyse Biddle 1:11.35.

100 freestyle: 3. Motz 57.62, 6. Katie Sutton 1:00.13, 7. Leilani Mark 1:01.79, 8. Mehringer 1:02.27.

500 freestyle: 5. Cramer 6:10.33, 8. Jackson 6:16.98, T9. Norah Mathes 6:21.63, 11. Avery

200 freestyle relay: 1. Noblesville "A" (Tricker, Hayward, Middleton, Vohs) 1:44.40.

100 backstroke: 1. Santerre 1:02.09, 4. Blackwell 1:07.35, 6. Sutton 1:08.76, 8. Audrey Brown

100 breaststroke: 3. Tricker 1:12.48, 4. Vohs 1:14.40, 5. Hayward 1:14.82, 7. Miller 1:22.24.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Noblesville "A" (Motz, Blackwell, Santerre, Sutton) 3:52.67.

BOYS MEET

Team scores: Homestead 598, Noblesville 457, Delta 316, Marion

200 medley relay: 2. Noblesville (Brayden Wright, Joshua Naas, Liam Hayward, Isaiah Vohs) 200 freestyle: 3. Drew Set-

meyer 1:52.96, 5. Jackson Teske 1:56.17, 6. Adam Hill 1:59.44, 11. Wes Arnold 2:29.49. 200 individual medley: 3.

Hayward 2:09.67, 4. Oliver Mark 2:12.93, 8. Brady Monger 2:39.78. 50 freestyle: 2. Naas 22.87. 4.

Wright 23.29, 5. Vohs 24.04, 9. David Walters 27.31. 100 butterfly: 4. Setmeyer

57.16, 5. Vohs 57.51, 8. KJ Gordon III 1:01.28. 100 freestyle: 2. Wright 51.77,

5. Hill 54.36, 9. Reed Haney 59.79, 12, Jacob Donnelly 1:09.33. 500 freestyle: 6. Monger

5:58.12, 9. Richard Cunningham 6:31.98, 10. Arnold 7:00.21. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Noblesville "A" (Naas, Setmeyer, Wright,

Mark) 1:32.47. 100 backstroke: 3. Teske 56.49, 5. Hayward 57.46, 9. Walters

1:19.14, 13. Donnelly 1:40.08. 100 breaststroke: 4. Naas 1:02.11, 6. Mark 1:09.28, 8. Haney 1:15.68, 10. Gordon III 1:20.23.

400 freestyle relay: 2. Noblesville "A" (Setmeyer, Vohs, Teske, Hayward) 3:25.94.

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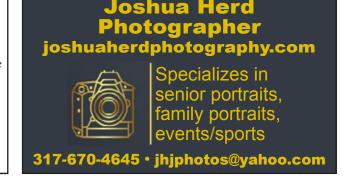
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Swimming

HSE boys & girls sweep dual meet at Brownsburg

Hamilton Southeastern swept a dual meet with Brownsburg last Saturday.

The Royals won the girls meet 116-64, picking up 10 event victories. Kendal Dieckman got two wins, triumphing in the 50 and 100 freestyles. Other winners were Kiley Zoeller in the 200 free, Lacey Huston in the individual medley, Mia Henderson in the butterfly, Ellason Miller in the 500 free, Naomi Haines in the backstroke and all three

relays. Southeastern won the boys meet 93-85, getting seven event victories. Collin Huston was a double winner in the IM and breaststroke. Also finishing first were Gavin Tucker in diving, Jihoon Jung in the butterfly, Camden Bailey in the 100 free, Jacob Frey in the backstroke and the medley relay.

GIRLS MEET Team score: Hamilton South-

eastern 116, Brownsburg 64. 200 medley relay: 1. South-

eastern "A" (Naomi Haines, Kendall anna Castillo, Izzy Donato, Aurora ton 1:59.57, 4. Frey 2:04.26, 5. Ivan Dieckman, Ellason Miller, Payton Walker) 1:47.34, 3. Southeastern "B" (Izzy Schmitt, Lauren Ing, Lacey Huston, Mia Henderson) 1:51.69, 5. Southeastern "C" (Sophia Croy, Scarlett Fanger, Ryan Murphy, Em-

200 freestyle: 1. Kiley Zoeller 1:57.59, 2. Kinsey Bogaards 1:59.20, 6. lng 2:11.53.

erson Bunch) 2:03.41.

200 individual medley: 1. Huston 2:14.24, 3. Kelsey Graham 2:23.30, 4. Kaavya Patel 2:25.88.

50 freestyle: 1. Dieckman 24.65, 3. Anna Irish 25.97, 4. Maddy Page 26.52. One-meter diving: 2. Zoe

Rehm 189.90, 5. Juliet Pearce 100 butterfly: 1. Henderson

59.24, 2. Walker 1:03.49, 5. Fanger 100 freestyle: 1. Dieckman

52.56, 2. Ella Chesterfield 56.14, 3. Schmitt 56.28. 500 freestyle: 1. Miller 5:22.02,

2. Brooklyn Penn 5:31.17, 6. Bunch

200 freestyle relay: 1. Southeastern "A" (Dieckman, Irish, Henderson, Zoeller) 1:37.73, 2. Southeastern "B" (Walker, Chesterfield, Bunch, Sarah Cooper) 1:44.79, 3. Southeastern "C" (Page, Croy, Tellia Gansman, Jocelyn Graham) 1:47.89, 8. Southeastern "D" (AriHeinzelman, Leah Lechleidner)

100 backstroke: 1. Haines 58.58, 3. Bogaards 1:00.16, 4. Croy

100 breaststroke: 2. J. Graham 1:08.60, 3. Cooper 1:09.58, 5. Dylan McIntosh 1:15.70.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Southeastern "A" (Miller, Bogaards, Penn, Zoeller) 3:38.71, 3. Southeastern "B" (Chesterfield, Schmitt, K. Graham, Haines) 3:49.51, 4. Southeastern "C" (Camdyn McGuire, Hayden Bunch, Madelyn Onufrock, Molly

BOYS MEET

Hultgren) 4:06.37.

Team score: Hamilton Southeastern 93, Brownsburg 85.

200 medley relay: 1. Southeastern "A" (Jacob Frey, Collin Huston, Jihoon Jung, Derek Robison) 1:34.11, 4. Southeastern "B" (Zach Marchisin, Nolan Pugh, Josh Lawrance, Xander Goss) 1:45.13, 5. Southeastern "C" (Aiden Stivers. Grayer Belaire, Lucas Cochran, Cade Breske) 1:53.44.

200 freestyle: 2. Jung 1:45.04, 3. Camden Bailey 1:47.54, 5. Bryce

200 individual medley: 1. Hus-

Semko 2:08.15.

50 freestyle: 2. Robison 22.65, 5. Marchisin 23.33, 6. Goss 24.58.

One-meter diving: 1. Gavin Tucker 257.45, 2. Joseph Justice

100 butterfly: 1. Jung 50.49, 3. Lawrance 56.96, 5. Goss 57.82. 100 freestyle: 1. Bailey 48.15,

2. Robison 48.73, 5. Pugh 50.99. 500 freestyle: 2. Salvadori 4:59.26, 3. Semko 5:05.46, 4. Carter Nelsen 5:25.76.

200 freestyle relay: 2. Southeastern "A" (Jung, Marchisin, Pugh, Bailey) 1:29.13, 3. Southeastern "B" (Jagger Chan, Goss, Belaire. Semko) 1:37.47, 5. Southeastern "C" (Stivers, Luke Fletcher, Adam Dodge, Clive Bourff) 1:50.16.

100 backstroke: 1. Frey 52.64, 5. Lawrance 1:01.04, 6. Ryland Williams 1:04.94.

100 breaststroke: 1. Huston (time not available).

400 freestyle relay: 2. Southeastern "A" (Bailey, Frey, Huston, Robison) 3:20.55, 4. Southeastern "B" (Marchisin, Salvadori, Chan, Semko) 3:28.49, 5. Southeastern "C" (Williams, Fletcher, Cochran, Nelsen) 3:47.67.

See more swim results in Friday's edition of the Hamilton County Reporter.

Carmel's Alex Shackell sets world record in relay

Bv JOSH BODE

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Fresh off winning two Olympics medals in Paris over the summer, Carmel's Alex Shackell continued her streak of success by breaking a world record on Tuesday.

She was part of the women's 4×100-meter freestyle relay team that broke the world record at the World Aquatics Swimming Championships. She was joined by Katharine Berkoff, Kate Douglass, and Gretchen Walsh on the team.

Shackell swam the third leg of the race. Her split time was 1:02:01, the third fastest time on the

The USA team broke Australia's previous record by over four tenths of a second.

The United State won the event by over three seconds. Australia was second and Canada was third in



the gold medal in the women's 4×100-meter medley relay and the silver medal in the women's 4×200-meter freestyle relay. She also qualified for the final in the 200-meter butterfly, where she finished in sixth.

Shackell is a senior at Carmel High School and swims for Carmel Swim

This story originally appeared on WISH-TV at wishtv.com/sports/carmels-alex-shackell-sets-In Paris, Shackell won world-record-in-relay.

Basketball-

Indiana Fever hires Keith Porter as Player Development Coach

The REPORTER

The Indiana Fever announced today that the team has hired Keith Porter as Player Development Coach.

Porter was most recently the Player Development Coach with the Connecticut Sun (2023-24), during

which time he worked Most Improved Player Diwith current Fever Head jonai Carrington. Coach Stephanie White and played a key role in the development of All-WNBA First-Team member Alyssa Thomas, WNBA All-Stars onna Jones, and WNBA

Porter is also the Head Coach for Kosovo Heritage Basketball Academy, which focuses on training and development more than 400 players DeWanna Bonner and Briannually in Pristina, Kosovo.

Porter played college

basketball for two seasons at the University of Connecticut Avery Point (Division III), where he led the nation in scoring, was named an All-American, and was eventually inducted into the program's Hall of Fame. He also played professionally in Spain and Puerto Rico.

SPORTS SCHEDUI

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.

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



Two dozen Caitlin Clarks agree: this Taylor U quirk is a slam dunk

Submitted by Rob DeRocker

Where else can you find a bunch of Caitlin Clark lookalikes than at Taylor University basketball game? The "Silent Night" basketball game is a tradition at the institution.

The game begins with dead silence – until the home team scores the 10th point. And then, pandemonium:

hundreds of thematically cos- began in 1997 with students stands onto the court, while the team calls a media timeout to avoid a technical foul. Near game's end, win or lose, the entire arena sways arm-inarm through "Silent Night."

Celebrated for 27 years as Silent Night, the tradition at Taylor University – a small, 178-year-old college in the tiny town of Upland –

tumed fans charge from the attending the final basketball game of the fall semester in their pajamas. Over the years their attire has become more elaborate, and this year's game, on Friday, Dec. 6, included nearly three dozen pony-tailed impersonators of the WNBA Indiana Fever phenom, Caitlin Clark.

> Click here to watch the game on YouTube.





Thurs Dec 12 - Girls Basketball

Fri Dec 13 - Boys Basketball

Upcoming Broadcasts 7:30 pm Noblesville vs Fishers | Varsity Girls | Fishers Sports Network

6:45 pm Rossville vs Sheridan | Varsity Girls | Bragg Sports Media

6:00 pm Carmel vs Noblesville | Junior Varsity | HCTV Sports 7:15 pm Brebeuf vs **Hamilton Southeastern** | Varsity | Southeastern Sports Network

7:15 pm Clinton Central vs Sheridan | Varsity Basketball | Bragg Sports Media 7:20 pm Pendleton Heights vs Mt Vernon | Varsity | Indiana SRN

7:30 pm Carmel vs Noblesville | Varsity | HCTV Sports

Sat Dec 14 - Boys/Girls Basketball 5:50 pm Scecina vs Covenant Christian - Doubleheader | Indiana SRN

Tues Dec 17 - Wrestling

6:30 pm Hamilton Southeastern vs Fishers | Varsity | Fishers Sports Network

Tues Dec 17 - Boys & Girls Basketball

7:15 pm Tri-West Hendricks vs Sheridan | Varsity Girls | Bragg Sports Media 7:20 pm Pendleton Heights vs Guerin Catholic | Varsity Boys | Indiana SRN 7:20 pm Horizon Christian vs TBD | Varsity Boys | Indiana SRN

Wed Dec 18 - Boys Basketball

7:20 pm Chatard vs Washington | Varsity Basketball | Indiana SRN





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