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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Partly sunny and breezy.
 Tonight: Rainy.
 HIGH: 46 LOW: 39



Noblesville's Jim Dandy to close doors after 60 years

By GREGG MONTGOMERY
 WISH-TV | wistv.com

The last day to eat at the 60-year-old Jim Dandy restaurant in Noblesville will be Jan. 1.

Dave Reasner and Brent Reasner, who took over the business from their father, Harry Reasner, say the restaurant was sold, but they don't know the buyer's intentions. Also, the brothers say, their kids were not interested in taking over the business at 2301 E. Conner St., which is also state roads 32 and 38. That's just west of State Road 37.

The restaurant opened in April 1964 with only carhop service. Indoor seating, which was limited at the start, opened a few days later. The carhop ser-



vice ended in 1980.

Today, the large dining room regularly hosts community groups for meetings and reunions. Curbside-To-Go service began after the carhop service ended.

Popular items include its trademarked Broasted Chicken, and the breakfast bar and salad bar, which was closed during the COVID-19 pandemic but reopened soon after health officials after allowed it. The restaurant was closed briefly in December 2020 as it and other business struggled during the COVID pandemic.

A letter to customers was posted on the door on Thursday, and the staff – some who have been there for four decades – were also told that day.

Equipment in the restaurant will



WISH-TV photo
The Noblesville Jim Dandy Restaurant will close Jan. 1, so don't delay in getting one last delicious meal! See more photos on Page 4 and at ReadTheReporter.com.

be auctioned, the brothers say.

The Tipton Jim Dandy will remain open. The Greenfield restaurant closed in October 2021.

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Blind Boys of Alabama helps shed light on his concert-going ways

I saw the Blind Boys of Alabama last month.

The gospel group, with roots reaching 80 years back and a history of helping break down racial barriers, truly lifted my soul, providing me a much-needed sense of positiveness. It was akin to an injection of God.

The next day, I told my daughter, Delaney, it was the best concert I've ever seen. Immediately, she called me out – that's one of the beauties of daughters.

"Every time you see a concert, you say it's the best concert you've ever seen," she complained.

She's heard mention of Van Morrison, Jeff Lynne's ELO, U2, Little Feat, Jimmy Buffett, Ry Cooder and Rosanne Cash, Nick Lowe, Paul Simon, The Rolling Stones, Sting, Steve Miller Band, Steely Dan, Rhannon Giddens, John Prine, A.J. Croce, and Allison Russell.

Contrary to what Delaney says, there have been many concerts I've never described as being the "best I've ever seen." I just don't tell her about them. I don't like admitting to spending money and time on concerts that were just so-so shows.

Well, unless one was so rotten that it would be a crime against humanity to not warn others.

Case in point: Neil Young (one of my all-time favorites). I've written about his disconcerting concert before: The 2010 show was billed "as a solo gig, which conjured in my mind a pleasing evening of acoustical folk rock ... "Old Man" ... "Harvest Moon" ... "Heart of Gold." But no, the person taking the stage that night was the 'metal' Neil, not the 'mellow' Neil of preference. Yes, he was solo as advertised – but that was merely a guise, a very low blow, a cheap shot at my checkbook. I left halfway through, my \$200 wasted. I felt let down by Neil.

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COLUMNIST

SCOTT SAALMAN
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Noblesville Lions induct seven new members into the pride



Photo provided by Jake Doll, Noblesville Lions Club

On Wednesday, the Noblesville Lions Club was excited to induct seven new members at its holiday party. Lion Walt Scheid, Membership Chairman, has been instrumental in moving the club forward with membership. (ABOVE) New members include Tina Willis, Lisa Rohe, Jeanne Auffrey, Lisa Dick, Jeff Dick, Greg Clouse, and Ron Sinicki, along with their sponsors Lions John Einsfeld, Steve Shaw, Julia Kozicki, Jeff Kozicki, Mark Bachar and Walt Scheid.

Traffic shift coming to 146th Street west of Allisonville Road

The REPORTER

Drivers traveling through the intersection of Allisonville Road and 146th Street will experience a traffic shift in the next week as part of ongoing construction at the interchange.

The shift, scheduled on or after Dec. 19, will reroute eastbound traffic onto the eastbound White River Bridge. Currently, both eastbound and westbound traffic are using the westbound White River Bridge.

"We are making steady progress on the interchange project, and the upcoming traffic switch is an important milestone," said Matt Lee, Bridge Program Engineer for the Hamilton County Highway Department. "Although this shift won't add lanes, it will allow us to create more work space as we move toward project completion."

Lee still expects the intersection to be complete in Summer 2025, but not before another



Photo provided

traffic switch in the Spring. This switch will move traffic onto the bridge over Allisonville Road and will allow drivers access to the roundabout below. This is all provided the weather cooperates.

"We are at the mercy of Mother Nature," Lee added. "As

temperatures drop, the work of laying asphalt becomes more challenging, as asphalt is temperature-sensitive. The weather has been really forgiving the past couple years. Let's hope it stays that way this winter."

Crews are converting the

current intersection into a grade-separated interchange with a roundabout running below 146th Street on Allisonville Road. The improvements are designed to reduce congestion and enhance safety for drivers in the area.



HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN EDUCATION FOUNDATION
HSEF selected as recipient of Fishers Century Club's December funds

The REPORTER

The Fishers Century Club, a local philanthropic organization committed to supporting community nonprofits, held its December meeting on Tuesday at the Knowledge Services/Club Coworking event space in Fishers.



The evening showcased presentations from three local charitable organizations, with members ultimately selecting the Hamilton Southeastern Education Foundation (HSEF) as the winner of the quarter's crowd-giving funds.

HSEF, a nonprofit supporting the Hamilton Southeastern School District, focuses on fostering innovation in education and enriching the student experience. In addition to funding creative classroom initiatives and supporting student-led projects, the foundation addresses pressing community needs. For example, last year, HSEF paid off thousands of dollars in student lunch debt for families on free and reduced lunch, ensuring all students have access to essential meals.

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CONCERT

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Blind Boys of Alabama at Buskirk-Chumley Theater in Bloomington. Photo provided by Scott Saalman

That night, it was solo Neil embracing an electric guitar with an amp turned “up to 11,” his discipleship to guitar distortion giving any heavy-metal band a run for its money, sonically.

One appreciative “metal Neil” fan glowingly described the show as “jarring,

glorious electricity” and “a fascinating, ear-ringing electric playground.”

Which explains why I could’ve donated blood through my ear holes.

In the lobby, I knew we might be in trouble when I saw fans wearing the official tour T-shirt stating, “I said solo ... they said acoustic.”

I can’t say we weren’t forewarned, but it would’ve been nice to have known about Electric Neil when buying online tickets instead of learning about it at the venue. Well played, Mr. Concert Promoter. Well played. But that’s Neil. I get it. He does things his way. If he wants to crank it up, he cranks it up. I respect Cranky Neil. He was definitely “Rocking in the Free World” that night. Too bad it wasn’t free for me.

I maintain a list of concerts I’ve attended. There are about 200, counting nearly three dozen repeats. To date, my other list, a concert bucket list, shows only a handful of wishes. Some names are voided due to deaths, their respective check-mark boxes eternally empty.

There are several deceased performers I regret not seeing: Harry Chapin, Duane Allman, Warren Zevon, Johnny Cash, Christine McVie (Fleetwood Mac), Doc Watson, Waylon Jennings, Dr. John, Allen Toussaint, Bob Marley, Steve Goodman, to name a few.

My friend Troy saw Cash at The Vogue Theatre in Indy. I’m forever jealous.

Earlier this year, the cancellation of a concert featuring the group WAR (“Why Can’t We Be Friends?,” “Low Rider,” etc.) really bummed me out. I have wanted to see WAR for a long time. The sad news arrived via an email with the subject line stating, “War Has Been Canceled.” At first, I was excited for Ukraine’s people, but then I noticed the

note was from Ticketmaster, not Putin. Recently, I saw WAR riding a float during the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade. Maybe there’s a new tour coming.

Our Randy Newman concert at Lincoln Center was canceled several years ago. He hasn’t toured since. I’m worried about Randy. I was refunded for a canceled Brian Setzer holiday show due to severe tinnitus a few years ago. I hear he has it under control now. Music to my ears.

I wish I could trade some “repeat” shows for performers I haven’t seen. Sometimes, I play a round of Fantasy Concert Swap in my head.

I’d trade one of my three Boz Scaggs shows for Johnny Cash; one of my four James Taylor shows for Dr. John; one of my four Jackson Browne shows for Harry Chapin, etc. I’d trade one of my two Bob Seger shows for a second Tom Petty show (I regret not seeing Petty more). I’d trade one of my two Eddie Money shows for Emmylou Harris; one of my five Doobie Brothers for Joni Mitchell (but not the one with Michael McDonald).

A concert fiend friend, Trina, recently asked us see an upcoming Gillian Welch-David Rawlings show. I replied, “We saw them at the Ryman. It was one of the most hypnotic shows I’ve ever seen. Why see them again when I’ve already seen them at their best?”

Trina understood my practical approach but then mentioned something to the effect that she goes “to concerts for the joy of the moment, the now experience, instead of taking a one-and-done approach.”

She makes a good point. Had it been Neil Young, I would’ve taken Trina’s offer. He’s pushing 80. How loud can old Neil Young really play now?

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“We had the privilege of hearing from three outstanding charities at our December meeting, and club members ultimately selected the Hamilton Southeastern Education Foundation as the recipient of this quarter’s funds,” said Adam Kallick, local business owner and Founder of the Fishers Century Club. “HSEF is making an impact on our schools and community, and I’m proud of our club’s attendees who make these events successful.”

The Fishers Century Club also welcomed several new attendees at the December meeting as the group continues to grow. Members contribute \$100 quarterly to pool their donations, allowing them to make a significant impact through collective giving, directly to the selected organization.

HSEF Executive Director Justin Himnisey expressed gratitude for the selection, saying, “I was proud to be selected as one

of the three guys to pitch their organization of choice at Tuesday’s Fishers Century Club gathering. It was a great group of community members who take time to support and amplify local charities. This support will help HSEF continue to invest in our schools, students, and community in meaningful ways.”

The Fishers Century Club encourages residents to attend future meetings and bring forward local 501(c)(3) charities for consideration. The next meeting is scheduled for March 2025. Those who wish to participate in the current crowd-giving raise for HSEF but were unable to make it to meeting can visit FCC’s online Grapevine site tinyurl.com/FCCGrapevine.

For more information about HSEF, visit hseffoundation.org.

For more information and a list of previous winners, please visit fisherscenturyclub.com.

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.



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4.



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Jim Dandy will be missed

JIM DANDY. DQ

December 12, 2024

Dear Guest of Noblesville Jim Dandy Restaurant,

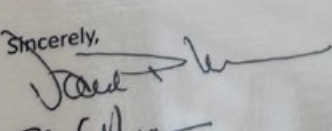
Jim Dandy Restaurant of Noblesville was opened in 1964 by our father, Harry E. Reasner, Jr. It enjoyed ongoing success over the years and became a prime place where friends met in the small town of Noblesville, through emphasis on good food and good service.

We have greatly enjoyed and appreciated the ongoing patronage of many local individuals and families over these sixty years, as well as visits by newer area residents and visitors.

The employment of many hard-working, dedicated, and loyal local students and adults has been a great asset that Jim Dandy has enjoyed in its success through the years. The developed friendships among staff members and customers has certainly been a big plus in the longevity of the business.

Unfortunately, while two generations of Reasners have enjoyed Jim Dandy of Noblesville business, there is not another generation that can continue it and the property has been sold. The last day of business for Jim Dandy of Noblesville will be January 1, 2025.

Again, we thank you for your patronage. We certainly wish you all the best for the future.

Sincerely,

 Dave and Brent Reasner



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Westfield Washington Schools provides clarity on off-site religious education

The REPORTER

Westfield Washington Schools officials have received questions concerning students at Shamrock Springs Elementary participating in religious instruction through the LifeWise Academy. LifeWise Academy partners with parents in this endeavor, not WWS; WWS is not associated with LifeWise Academy, and LifeWise Academy personnel will have no interaction with any students

within WWS schools. Indiana's House Enrolled Act 1137, passed by the Indiana General Assembly in 2024, requires public schools to allow students to receive religious instruction off-site during the school day. The law allows students to leave school for up to 120 minutes per week for religious instruction. The instruction must be voluntary, take place off school property, provide private transportation, and not use

public money. The law specifically states, "The principal shall work in a collaborative manner with the parent or entity offering religious instruction to provide assistance in determining a period or periods, not to exceed one hundred twenty (120) minutes in total in any week, for the student to receive religious instruction." WWS deeply values the role parents play as their children's first and

most influential educators. The district's partnership with families is essential in helping students develop critical thinking skills, form their beliefs, and learn how to engage respectfully with others who may hold different perspectives. Parents who have questions concerning their child's education are encouraged to reach out to their child's principal or teacher to engage in healthy and honest two-way communication.

State Police investigating fatal pursuit in Tipton & Hamilton counties

By JAY ADKINS
WISH-TV | wistv.com

Indiana State Police troopers on Thursday are investigating a multi-county pursuit that resulted in a fatality. Just after 5:30 a.m. Thursday, a deputy with the Tipton County Sheriff's Office attempted to stop a 2014 Ford Fusion traveling southbound on U.S. 31 near County Road 100 South for speeding and other traffic violations. The Fusion failed to stop and continued southbound on U.S. 31, prompting a pursuit. The pursuit entered Hamilton County, continuing southbound on U.S. 31. Shortly after passing 276th Street, the Fusion crossed the median for unknown reasons, entered the northbound lanes, and veered into the ditch on the east side of the road. The Fusion rolled over before coming to a stop. After the Fusion came to a stop, one occupant fled eastbound into a nearby

field, while the other occupant surrendered to deputies and was taken into custody. This occupant was taken to a local hospital because of injuries sustained in the crash. Deputies utilized a Hamilton County K-9 unit to track the second occupant who had fled. The K-9 successfully located the occupant in the field, where they appeared to have collapsed. Despite life-saving efforts, the pup was pronounced dead at the scene. Preliminary autopsy results indicate the occupant died from injuries sustained during the crash. The identity of the deceased occupant will be released by the Hamilton County Coroner's Office after identification has been made and family have been notified.

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Carmel PD's Jellison completes prestigious FBI National Academy

The REPORTER

Carmel Police Department Major Ryan Jellison has graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va., an elite program that brings together law enforcement professionals from across the globe. "We are extremely proud of Major Jellison," Chief Drake Sterling said. "The FBI National Academy is the pinnacle of law enforcement executive

professional development. The sacrifices he has made the past 11 weeks to challenge himself physically, mentally, and educationally further represents the dedication he has made to our department and community. Ryan is an incredible leader with a hunger to get even better. His leadership will contin-

ue to be critical to our success for many years to come." Renowned for its academic excellence, the 11-week academy focuses on advanced communication, leadership and fitness training. To be selected, participants must demonstrate an exceptional record of professionalism and dedication,

with attendees averaging 21 years of law enforcement experience. Since its inception in 1935, the FBI National Academy has seen 55,797 graduates, shaping the future of law enforcement worldwide. In the latest session, Major Jellison joined participants from 48 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, 27 countries, eight military organizations, and five federal civilian organizations.



Jellison

Radox machine could help Coroner catch up on drug-related deaths caseload

The REPORTER

Coroner offices throughout the United States, Hamilton County included, are experiencing delays in evidence data sharing and case completion due to backlogs at private toxicology laboratories. These backlogs are associated with the rising caseloads caused by drug related deaths most often related to opioid abuse and new emerging illegal drugs. Because of these backlogs, information that needs to filter back to community stakeholders is delayed and often no longer significantly time relevant once it is received. To mitigate these challenges, the Hamilton County Coroner's Office recently

purchased the Radox Multistat Rapid Toxicology Analyzer. The Radox technology provides the Hamilton County Coroner's Office with the ability to complete drug and alcohol overdose investigations in a timely manner through minimizing testing delays created by the backlog of toxicology submissions to private laboratories. "Having this technology in-house, we now can produce toxicology results within 30 minutes versus the four-week average time frame from private toxicology laboratories," Hamilton County Coroner Jeff Jellison said. "The ability to provide real-time toxicology data to forensic pathologists, law



Photo provided

The Radox Multistat Rapid Toxicology Analyzer. enforcement, and the public health community is a game changer in forensic investigations."

New at Sheridan Public Library

The REPORTER

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

- Fiction**
 - After Annie – Ann Quindlen
 - Christmas on Waverly Lane – Rachel Hanna
 - Find My Girl – Willow Rose
 - House of Cross – James Patterson
 - Insignificant Case – Phillip Margolin
 - James – Percival Everett
 - Lies He Told Me – James Patterson
 - Raised by Wolves – James Patterson
- Non-Fiction**
 - Cher
 - Connie – Connie Chung
 - Disaster Survival 101 – Creek Steward
 - Military Drones – Alexander Stilwater

Inspirational Fiction

- Companion for Christmas – Lee Tobin McClain
- Deadly Revenge – Patricia Bradley
- Finding Their Christmas Home – Donna Gartshore
- Truth Revealed – Traci Peterson

Children's

- Crafts for Christmas – Ben Macgregor
 - Dog Man 13: Big Jim Begins – Dav Pilkey
 - Fox is Coming – James Patterson
 - Lilly & Tommy Visit the Field of Poppies
 - My Daddy My Hero – Janet Locklin
 - Paw Patrol Look and Find
 - Rubble & Crew 5 Minute Stories – P. Chanko
- Young Adult**
- Unraveled – Shannon Messenger
- Movies**
- Wild Robot (Children's)

Westfield receives nearly \$1.5 million for 2025 road resurfacing projects

The REPORTER

The City of Westfield has received a Community Crossing grant from the Indiana Department of Transportation. The grant, totaling nearly \$1.5 million, will be used to increase funding for the 2025 road resurfacing program. Westfield was one of 223 Indiana cities, towns, and counties that received grants. In November, the state awarded nearly \$140 million in matching funds to cities, towns, and counties across the state for local road projects through Community Crossings, a

component of the Governor's Next Level Roads program. "We must continue to prioritize the condition of our infrastructure, particularly our main thoroughfares and neighborhood streets," Mayor Scott Willis said. "Programs like the Community Crossing grant are critical in helping us expand our capacity each year and ensure our roads are properly maintained." To qualify for funding,

the City of Westfield must provide a 50 percent match and have an asset management plan for maintaining existing roads and bridges. According to INDOT, applications submitted were evaluated based on need, current conditions, and impacts on safety and economic development. Information on the 2025 road resurfacing program will be available in the Spring.



Willis

Franklin College Art Department names Fall Exhibition winners

The REPORTER

The Franklin College Art Department held its annual Student Art Exhibition and Awards Reception on Wednesday, Dec. 4 in the Elba L. & Gene Porteus Branigin Atrium of the Johnson Center for Fine Arts. The event showcased the work of Franklin College students completed

during the fall semester. Awards were presented and select pieces of artwork were available for purchase. Area students who received awards include:

- **Best of Show:** Leo Cook, Zionsville, received the overall award for Best of Show.
- **Color and Design:** Rebecca (Bee) Seiter, Fish-

ers, received an Award of Excellence.

- **Advanced Fine Art Photo:** Leo Cook, Zionsville, received an Award of Excellence.

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Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

Karen Pence's new Hummingbird Charitable Foundation shows support for Veterans in Indiana

The REPORTER

The Hummingbird Charitable Foundation, a non-profit organization founded by former second lady of the United States Karen Pence, announced on Dec. 4 the first three organizations to be honored for their work to help our nation's heroes who live in Indiana.

The Foundation will award **Indy Honor Flight**, **INvets**, and the **Indy Warrior Partnership** at the Hummingbird Charitable Foundation's first fundraising luncheon in March 2025, and by purchasing a ticket to the luncheon, Hoosiers can show their support for these worthy causes.

"Our nation's Veterans, especially those who live in our great state, deserve to be honored every day," Foundation Founder Karen Pence said. "We couldn't think of a better way to kick off the recognition we want to give to charities in Indiana than to show support to these organizations that do tremendous work to help our Veterans – the Indy Honor Flight,

INvets, and the Indy Warrior Partnership. These groups are making a significant difference in the lives of so many men and women who have made countless sacrifices for our country, and we believe shining a spotlight on these organizations is the least we can do. The Foundation hopes that this effort brings more attention to the resources and services available to our Veterans in Indiana, and inspires Hoosiers to show their support, too."

Indy Honor Flight is a nonprofit that transports World War II, Korea, and Vietnam wartime Veterans to see the memorials built in their honor in Washington, D.C. at no cost to them. So far, they've flown over 3,700 Veterans. The money they receive from the Hummingbird Charitable Foundation's fundraising efforts will be used to fly Veterans to Washington, D.C. Currently, approximately 800 Veterans are on the waiting list.

"Indy Honor Flight is incredibly grateful to be included in the Hummingbird



Charitable Foundation's fundraising event," Indy Honor Flight Chairman Dale True said. "It's through the support of caring organizations like this that our efforts to honor our Hoosier heroes are possible. Many thanks from us to all involved in this terrific undertaking."

INvets forms partnerships with veterans, their families, and Indiana communities to facilitate a meaningful transition to civilian life while strengthening Indiana's economy. The organization works with over 600 companies in Indiana to help place skilled, high-quality talent in their backyard, and they continue to support Veterans as they adjust to civilian life and build a thriving career in the Hoosier State. INvets has placed over 1,200 Veterans and family members in Indi-

ana since its inception, with 491 new residents this past fiscal year.

"INvets is deeply honored and greatly appreciative to the Hummingbird Charitable Foundation for this generous opportunity," INvets President & CEO Sarah Harrison said. "We're delighted to partner with them for this inaugural event and look forward to a great partnership that highlights our Veterans finding meaningful careers and new families calling Indiana their home. INvets ensures our transitioning military, and their families thrive in civilian life and thank you to Hummingbird Charitable Foundation for coming alongside us to continue this great mission."

Indy Warrior Partnership (IWP) is a branch of America's Warrior Part-

nership with the mission to empower Veterans. IWP is a Veteran-focused, community-led initiative to proactively connect with all Veterans and ensure access to quality resources and opportunities available in collaboration with existing local services. The program aims to cultivate an integrated, resilient, and hopeful Veteran community across central Indiana by improving Veteran quality of life, thus lowering Veteran suicide. To date, IWP has supported 766 Veterans, 66 family members, and 19 caregivers coordinating access to services related to benefits, housing, employment, and healthcare.

"We are honored to be chosen as a 2025 partner of the Hummingbird Charitable Foundation," Indy Warrior Partnership Lead Aaron Bacon said. "Our similar missions of empowering Indiana residents connect us and allow us to carry their mission specifically to the Indiana Veteran community. We are excited to reach and serve even more Veterans in

2025 with their support and partnership."

These three organizations will be honored at the Hummingbird Charitable Foundation's inaugural fundraising luncheon on March 27, 2025, at the Indiana Roof Ballroom. Companies and individuals can show their support for these wonderful organizations by purchasing a ticket to the luncheon at HummingbirdCharitableFoundation.org.

About Hummingbird Charitable Foundation

The Hummingbird Charitable Foundation, a pending 501(c)(3), is a non-profit organization dedicated to honoring and supporting charitable causes and organizations that make a significant difference in Indiana. Established in 2024, the Foundation is committed to its mission to enrich the lives of Hoosiers by financially supporting select charities and maximizing their impact as they serve communities across the state of Indiana.

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

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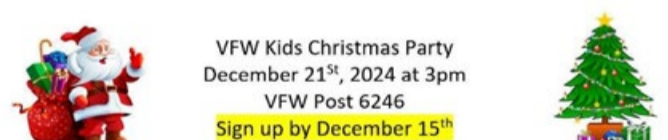
Come See Santa & Mrs Claus at the Carmel American Legion Dec 14th from 1-3pm



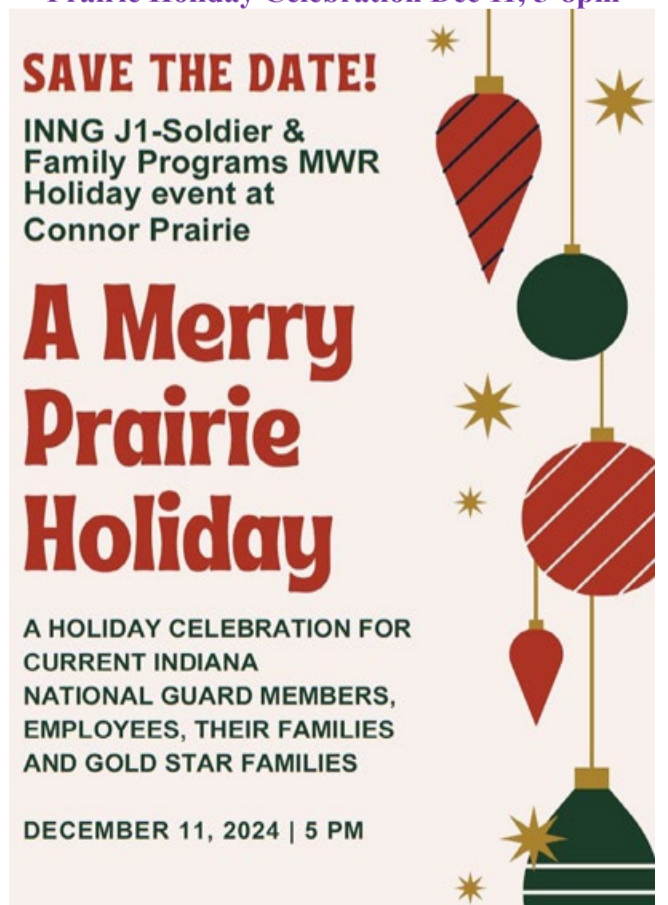
Children's Christmas With Santa at the Noblesville American Legion Dec 15, from 11am to 1pm



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



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Fishers GOP Christmas Party celebrates community service & support to townships

Submitted

The Fishers GOP gathered this month for its annual Christmas Party, a festive occasion dedicated to recognizing community leaders, celebrating the season, and gathering toys and food to support the Delaware and Fall Creek townships' food banks. Held at The Balmoral House, the event drew local members, supporters, and special guests for an evening of reflection and appreciation.

Keynote speaker Kyle Walker, Indiana State Senator for District 31, addressed the attendees, offering insight into the party's legislative priorities for 2025 and highlighting the importance of grassroots efforts in advancing local initiatives. Senator Walker's remarks inspired attendees to stay engaged and continue supporting Fishers' thriving Republican community.

The highlight of the evening was the announcement of the GOP's distinguished honorees:

Man of the Year

Doug Allman, Fall Creek Trustee, who took office in 2017, was recognized for his exceptional leadership and dedication to the community.

As Trustee, Allman and staff provide a variety of services such as fire protection, weed control, fence disputes, cemetery maintenance, on-site food pantry, and township assistance. Township Assistance is for those residents who find themselves in need of help with shelter and basic needs including utilities, medicine and food.

Allman has also overseen the design and development of the township's 80-acre nature park, Fall Creek Woods, located on Fall Creek and Southeastern Avenue. He previously served on the Township Board as well as the Fishers Plan Commission. Eleven years ago, he led the group City Yes, which pushed for the Town of Fishers to become a city. In 1995, the Indiana DNR recognized Allman as the Conservationist of the year for his efforts to protect Indiana's Natural Resources.



Photo provided

Women of the Year

Susie Davis has devoted countless hours at the polls and volunteering for Fishers One, and she was also elected as a state delegate for the first time this year and was recently elected to the Fall Creek Township Board.

Jennie Nicol is a newly elected Precinct Chairperson in Delaware Township. As a volunteer for Fishers One, she enjoys promoting the practice of conservative principles.

Both were honored for tireless efforts to support local causes and champion Republican ideals and local candidates.

Volunteer of the Year

Kulwinder Benipal, a new GOP volunteer, was recognized and celebrated for selflessly dedicating countless hours to GOP initiatives, ensuring success.

"These awards symbolize the incredible work happening right here in Fish-

ers," Fishers GOP Co-Chair Tiffanie Ditlevson said. "It's a privilege to celebrate the men and women who make our community stronger through their service and leadership."

Attendees also enjoyed refreshments, networking opportunities, and a giveaway with GOP swag raffle supporting future GOP initiatives in the area. The event concluded with a hearty thank you to all club members who supported the

toy and food drive for community food pantry.

Fishers GOP Co-Chair **John Weingardt** said, "Never estimate the kindness, generosity, and compassion of our club members to help our community."

For more information on upcoming events or how to get involved with the Fishers GOP, email Tiffanie Ditlevson at tiffanie@hamiltoncountygop.org or visit hamiltoncountygop.org and join the email list.

Merchants Bank hires George Wilson as new Hamilton County Agricultural Lender

The REPORTER

Merchants Bank has hired George Wilson as an Agricultural Lender to serve Hamilton County and the surrounding area. Wilson will be based out of the company's headquarters in Carmel.

An established specialist with more than 40 years of experience in agricultural finance, farm machinery, and consumer sales, Wil-

son will support Merchants' lending team by advising current and prospective customers on their agribusiness and family farming needs. With a strong background in assisting clients as they navigate the demands and challenges associated with farmland management and equipment maintenance, Wilson has supported generations of farmers operating throughout Indiana and

Ohio.

Before joining the Merchants team, Wilson was recently employed as a territory account manager with Redline Equipment. In this role, he was responsible for representing the company as assist customers with their short- and long-term



Wilson

counties, building and maintaining key customer relationships.

To support his clients, Wilson made weekly on-site visits to perform new equipment examinations as well as assist customers with their short- and long-term

financial planning. Wilson has also held positions with Educational Furniture, Bane Welker Equipment, and Smith Implements, Inc.

"George brings a clear understanding of the opportunities and challenges that both corporate and family farmers are facing throughout central Indiana," said Dinese Watson, Senior Vice President, Ag Lending Manager. "Given his

immeasurable knowledge and experience, he will certainly contribute to expanding Merchants' agricultural opportunities throughout Hamilton and neighboring counties."

Wilson is a graduate of Purdue University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in agriculture economics.

To learn more about Merchants Bank, visit bankmerchants.com.



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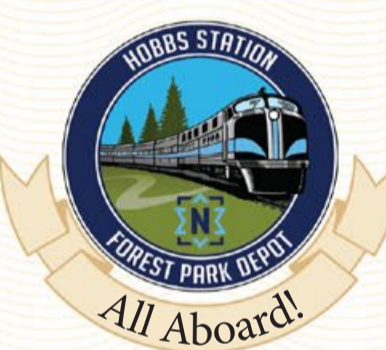
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Carey Ridge Student Council holds food drive



Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools
 The Carey Ridge Student Council organized a spirited food drive to support Open Doors of Westfield. Students donated different food items each day while adding a fun twist by dressing up in themed outfits throughout the week.

OneZone Chamber launches new logo, programs, initiatives & more in 2025

The REPORTER

OneZone Chamber has unveiled its new logo, revamped programming, and strategic initiatives as part of its new branding launch, marking a bold step forward as the chamber prepares to celebrate its 10th anniversary in 2025.



Russell

Under the leadership of President & CEO Jack Russell, OneZone Chamber has been redefining its mission and vision to better serve Hamilton County's business community. This comprehensive update reflects months of strategic planning and innovation designed to position OneZone as the place to do business in the Hamilton County. Key highlights include:

- **A new logo**
The refreshed design symbolizes OneZone's commitment to connectivity, growth, and inclusivity.
- **New & enhanced programming**
OneZone Chamber is launching a series of new and improved programs to provide members with valuable networking and professional development opportunities.

- **Morning Masterclass:** Engaging morning sessions featuring expert-led workshops on timely business topics.
- **Coffee & Connections:** Casual networking meetups to help members build relationships over coffee.
- **Signature Luncheons:** Elevated luncheons featuring dynamic speakers and valuable insights for the business community.

- **Full-Day Events:** OneZone Women's Network Summit – a full-day summit designed to empower and connect women in business; and OneZone Growth Summit – tailored to small businesses, this event offers insights, resources, and strategies for growth.
- **New Evening Event – The Civic:** A cocktail reception connecting local, county, and state leaders with the Hamilton County business community.

- **OneZone Leadership Institute**
In partnership with Ball State University, this quarterly program of-



ONEZONE CHAMBER

fers real-world education from Ball State professors on key areas such as customer service, employee engagement, innovation and problem-solving, and the Applied Magic Program.

New membership tiers
OneZone is introducing new membership levels and redefining the traditional chamber model with a focus on key values that define the organization: Visionary, Influence, Impact, Lead, Engage, and Connect+.

• **Chairman's Circle:** A new elite membership level offering exclusive access, strategic influence, and premium benefits for top-tier investors.

• **Connect Membership:** Available for nonprofits with 25 or fewer full-time employees that serve Hamilton County, this tier ensures broader inclusivity and support for community organizations.

Continued focus
OneZone remains committed to addressing critical community issues, including childcare, disability employment, mental health, and education. These focus areas reflect the chamber's dedication to fostering a thriving and inclusive business ecosystem.

"These changes are more than a new look – it represents a renewed commitment to our members, our communities, and the future of business in Hamilton County," Russell said. "We are proud to launch initiatives that provide meaningful value and support for businesses of all sizes."

These changes underscore OneZone's dedication to innovation, leadership, and fostering a dynamic business environment. For more information about OneZone Chamber and its new initiatives, visit onezonechamber.com.

Trump administration's Medicaid cuts could impact over 750K Hoosiers

By KYLA RUSSELL
 WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Medicaid for over 750,000 people in Indiana could be at risk come January if large financial cuts are made under the Trump administration.

"Well, for me, it's scary, because Medicaid covers like eighty million people in the world, so it's for people in poverty, middle class, low class, and so with that being said, without having it, it would take a toll on me," Indianapolis mom Panchita Anderson said.

Anderson is a mother to a 7-year-old daughter. She receives healthcare coverage through the **Healthy Indiana Plan**, a form of Medicaid.

In Indiana, nearly 2 million people are on Medicaid and about 754,000 of them are on the Healthy Indiana

Plan. The plan is set up for qualifying adults between 19 and 64 years old and the federal government currently covers 90 percent of the program's costs.

Trump has hinted at making **major financial cuts to Medicaid**. The move would immediately impact people covered under HIP due to a state code from 2016. The code says that if HIP's federal funding falls under 90 percent, the plan will be terminated and the original, lesser, plan can be implemented.

That plan would likely allow for fewer people to receive coverage across the state.

Anderson uses the coverage to treat chronic illness and said that without treatment, she would not be able to take proper care of her daughter.

"I would be financially

unstable to even supply for our health and that is dangerous," Anderson said.

Tracey Hutchings-Goetz, communications and policy director at Hoosier Action, said the impact would be insurmountable.

"At its most devastating, we know that lack of health insurance can be deadly," Hutchings-Goetz said. "When people delay care because of fear of cost, it can lead to devastating consequences, whether it is someone who is rationing insulin that they could not otherwise afford or other medications that are lifesaving."

She said the effects can be long term. People may choose not to attend their annual appointment or follow up on preventative care because they don't have the money to pay for it out of pocket.

Hospitals across the state

dependent on the federal coverage could be impacted too.

"We are looking at our provider shortage becoming significantly worse because folks can't afford to practice medicine in this state," Hutchings-Goetz said.

Anderson said she plans to make her voice heard ahead of Inauguration Day.

"We need to all come together and go downtown and kind of protest for our health," Anderson said. "Because, if we don't choose this for our health, then it's going to be a lot of deaths coming up, because health is the biggest thing in our life when we have to take care of ourselves."

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/trump-administrations-medicaid-cuts-could-impact-over-750k-hoosiers.

Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Common Council will meet in an executive session at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2024, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(4)(I). Interviews and negotiations with industrial or commercial prospects or agents of industrial or commercial prospects by a governing body of a political subdivision.
 A regular meeting will follow at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.

The Hamilton Heights School Corporation Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2024, in the Board Room at the Hamilton Heights Student Activity Center, 420 W. Main St., Arcadia.

The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2024, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.

The Carmel Redevelopment Commission will meet in an executive session at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2024. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss pending litigation in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B); and/or to discuss the purchase or lease of real property in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D); and/or to receive information about and interview prospective employees in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5).
 The Architectural Review Committee will meet at 6:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square.
 Finally, a regular meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m. in the same location.

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Lucy (Sarah Powell) meets Laverna (Jolene Mentink Moffatt).

It's a Montana Karaoke Christmas complete with booze

By DANIEL SHOCK
A Seat on the Aisle

The holiday season inevitably brings a flood of entertainment options — stories filled with earnest, worthwhile lessons about the spirit of giving and treating our fellow humans with kindness. But let's be real: sometimes, you just want to kick back and have a good time. This year, the Phoenix Cultural Center's production of *Snow Fever: A Karaoke Christmas* might be just the ticket.

The show is set in a bar in Montana during the days leading up to Christmas. Before you even enter the theater, they set the mood — tokens for a shot and beer are available at the snack bar. Naturally, in the name of a thorough review, I got myself a token. I walked into the theater and onto the set, where cast members were already serving drinks. We're off to a great start.

When the lights go down, we meet Lucy (Sarah Powell), a college student running late for a job interview at the bar. She's greeted by Laverna (Jolene Mentink Moffatt), a sharp-tongued whirlwind of a woman who has taken it upon herself to conduct the interview. Between hilariously passive-aggressive digs about Lucy's tardiness, Laverna regales her with a boozy history of the bar, her colorful romantic past, and the time it was named after her: "Taverna Laverna."

Brendan (Grant Niezgodski), the bar's owner and Laverna's perpetually exasperated son, storms in to remind everyone who's actually in charge. Spoiler: no one listens. Brendan is doing his best to keep the struggling bar afloat, and he's adamant that karaoke is not the solution.

Things only get wilder from there. Kenny (Austin Hookfin), an employee of the bar with a penchant for creating chaos, shows up with Greta (Akili Ni Mali), a KJ (karaoke DJ) he quite literally snowballed on her way to Seattle. Greta, with her karaoke expertise, might just be the spark the bar needs — or the match Brendan is desperate to extinguish.

And then there's Fritz (Brian Tyrrell), the villainous ex-suitor of Laverna whose very name is banned from being spoken in the bar. Naturally, Fritz's arrival is perfectly timed to stir up even more trouble, leading to a holiday showdown filled with hilarity, heart, and a whole lot of karaoke.

Director John Michael Goodson has assembled a talented team of creatives to bring this show to life. The cast is charming across the board. Grant Niezgodski plays Brendan with just the right amount of exaspera-

tion as he faces challenges from every angle. Jolene Mentink Moffatt is comic perfection as the irrepressible Laverna, a mother who can't be reasoned with — or stopped. Sarah Powell is delightful as Lucy, perfectly embodying the character's sweet, shy personality. As Kenny, Austin Hookfin delivers the chaos and energy needed to shake things up. Akili Ni Mali's Greta is the heart of the show — a woman searching for her place in the world. Brian Tyrrell is wonderfully slimy as Fritz, making you loathe him in all the best ways. He absolutely deserves everything that comes his way.

Technically, the show is also impressive. Shane Cinal's set design perfectly evokes memories of *Cheers* — if *Cheers* were a more run-down Montana bar. Inviting the audience to order drinks at the bar before the show is a genius way to immerse everyone in the world of the play. The sound design by Todd Mack seamlessly incorporates pop songs sung karaoke-style by the cast, injecting energy and humor into the performance. Paully Crumpacker's lighting design enhances the atmosphere, adding warmth to the bar scenes and excitement to the musical moments.

The only criticism I have is that the script by Robert Paisley itself feels a little underwritten. Some things seemed to be too quickly glossed over and I do feel the absence of some minor supporting characters as regulars of the bar. *Cheers* has Norm and Cliff. *The Simpsons* has Barney. The *Wet Whistle* needed some customers. The pacing is fast — this is not a show that outstays its welcome. I was surprised when the intermission came so quickly. Any deficiencies are quickly dispensed of by the charm of the cast and the vibe that all involved manage to create.

With its ensemble of quirky, lovable characters, *Snow Fever* is less about grand lessons and more about embracing the messy, magical chaos of the holidays. It's a rollicking good time in a Montana dive bar, complete with sticky floors, taxidermy, and just enough heart to remind you why the season is worth celebrating.

Snow Fever: A Karaoke Christmas is playing at the Phoenix Theatre Cultural Center, 705 N. Illinois St., Indianapolis, through Dec. 22. Remaining performances include Dec. 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, and 22, with showtimes at 7:30 p.m. on weekdays and Saturdays, and a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, Dec. 15. Tickets can be purchased on the [Phoenix Theatre's website](#). Don't miss this chance to join the fun!

Read more great play reviews from *A Seat on the Aisle* at [asota.wordpress.com](#).

Safe Zones pilot program moving to Clear Path project in 2025

Pre-enforcement period begins on or after Jan. 1 on I-465 & I-69 in Marion County

The REPORTER

Starting on or after Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025, INDOT's worksite speed control pilot program, known as Safe Zones, will be deployed in the current Clear Path I-465/I-69 construction zone on the northeast side of Indianapolis.

The program was authorized by House Enrolled Act 1015 during the 2023 legislative session to protect the lives of motorists and road workers across the Hoosier state. By statute, INDOT may deploy Safe Zones at up to four sites at any given time.

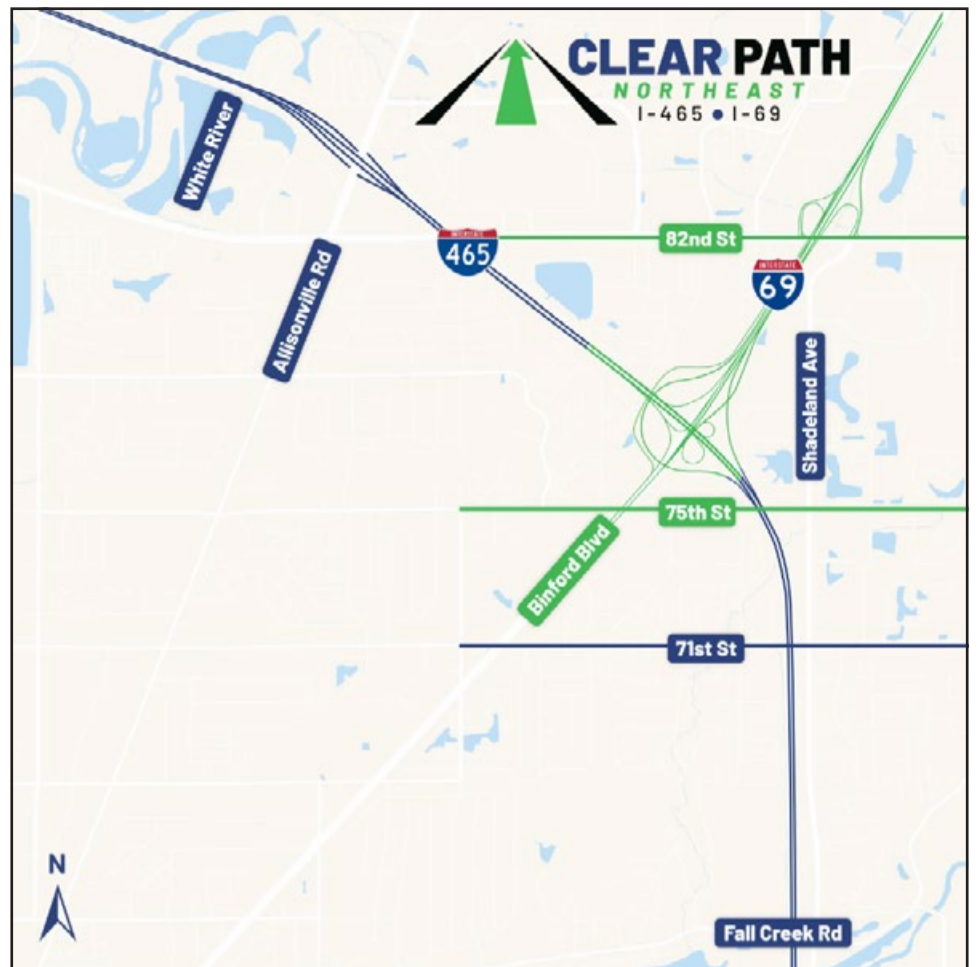
Deployment will begin with a minimum 30-day pre-enforcement warning period during which drivers will receive courtesy notices via mail. The active site on I-70 in Hancock County will be discontinued later this month.

"Speed continues to be a problem in the Clear Path work zone," said INDOT Commissioner Mike Smith. "We're consistently seeing speeds in excess of 60, 70 or even 80-plus miles per hour, putting construction crews and other drivers at risk of injury or even death. Our goals are to slow drivers down, reduce crashes, and most importantly, save lives."

Over the past decade, 269 people have been killed in crashes in highway workzones or in worksite backups in Indiana. In 2023 alone, 33 people were killed and more than 1,750 were injured in INDOT work zones.

Four out of five people killed in work zones are either drivers or their passengers.

Here's how Indiana Safe Zones works:



Graphic provided by INDOT

- Signs will be posted as motorists enter and exit worksites notifying them that speed limits are being monitored by an automated system.

- The system will monitor the speed of vehicles using speed timing devices as they pass through work zones. When a vehicle is determined to be traveling 11 mph or more than the posted speed limit, the system will capture an image of the vehicle's rear license plate. After data is validated, violations will be certified and issued to the owner of the vehicle by mail.

- After the pre-enforcement period ends, the first violation will result in a zero-fine warning, the second

in a \$75 civil fine, and every violation thereafter a fine of \$150. In accordance with the statute, collected fines will go into the state's General Fund.

- Workers must be present at the site at the time of the event for violations to be valid.

Similar programs in other states have significantly improved work zone safety. Two years after Maryland launched its program, speeding violations in construction sites fell by more than 80 percent and incidents of worksite-related crashes, fatalities, and injuries were at their lowest in more than 10 years. In the first year that Pennsylvania began continuously enforcing its program,

it saw a more than 19 percent drop in worksite crashes. The first four months of INDOT's pre-enforcement launch of the program show more than a 70 percent decrease in excessive speeding.

Data collected by Indiana Safe Zones will be used strictly for this program and will not be used for surveillance or other law enforcement purposes. INDOT will share annual reports throughout the five-year pilot program with members of the Indiana General Assembly and the traveling public.

To learn more about Indiana Safe Zones, including active locations and answers to frequently asked questions, visit [SafeZonesIN.com](#).

Bring in 2025 with Elton, Billy, Barry & Craig A Meyer at Feinstein's in Carmel

The REPORTER

Feinstein's at The Hotel Carmichael in Carmel has the perfect way to wrap up the holiday season for 2024 and ring in 2025. What better way than to celebrate with *Elton Billy & Barry — They Write the Songs*.

Turn on any radio from the 70's to today, and you will hear the songs of Elton John, Billy Joel and Barry Manilow. Broadway, television and film veteran Craig A Meyer skillfully wields his voice and piano chops in the celebration of these three superstars in two New Year's Eve shows this Dec. 31.

Having taught himself to play the piano with these iconic composers' music, his attachment to their catalogs is deep. Add in the past fifteen years as America's premiere Elton John Tribute artist and two years touring with Barry Manilow and you are in for an evening of dynamic songs and showmanship.

The hits include "Benie & the Jets", "Copacabana", "Piano Man", "Mandy", "Tiny Dancer", "You May Be Right", "Crocodile Rock" and "I Write the Songs", to name a few.

"Craig A Meyer is one of the most talented people I have ever worked with. He can do ANYTHING!" — Barry Manilow

Meyer is considered to be the best Elton John tribute artist around. You might remember his **international hit show** *Remember When Rock was Young — the Elton John Tribute*. This time around, Meyer combines Elton John with the amazing talents of Barry Manilow and Billy Joel.

Meyer has traversed all four corners of the entertainment industry, making strong impressions in theatre, film, television, and music. On Broadway, Meyer created the role of Clin-

ton Badger in MGM's classic *Meet Me in St. Louis* and toured nationally in *Cats* as Skimbleshanks.

Meyer worked with Alan Menken on Disney's *Aladdin*, and with Tim Rice and Elton John on *The Lion King*. Other television and film appearances include guest starring roles on *Necessary Roughness*, *Will & Grace*, *Good Morning Miami*, *Family Law*, *General Hospital*, and *Fernwood 2Nite*.

Meyer's film credits include *Leatherheads* with George Clooney and Renee Zellweger, *Joyful Noise*

with Dolly Parton and Queen Latifah, and *Identity Thief* with Jason Bateman and Melissa McCarthy.

Meyer has headlined for Princess Cruises, Royal Caribbean Cruise Line, Celebrity Cruises, and Regent Cruises around the world. He has also toured internationally and recorded with music legends Barry Manilow and Frankie Valli.

Originally from Carmel, Meyer is always welcomed back with open arms and excitement at sharing his unbelievable talent.

So, gather your friends

and family and join Feinstein's for a night of nostalgia and pure rock 'n' roll. There will be two New Year's Eve shows. The first begins at 7:30 p.m. with doors opening at 5:30 for dinner and drinks. The second show begins at 10:45 with doors opening at 9:45. Dinner will be served from 9:45 to 11 p.m.

Don't miss out on this incredible event that will leave you feeling like you're back in the heyday of rock. Book your tickets now for *Elton Billy & Barry — They Write the Songs* at [feinsteinshc.com](#).

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THE BRESTPIECE

"Fashion a breastpiece for making decisions—the work of skilled hands. Make it like the ephod: of gold, and of blue, purple and scarlet yarn, and of finely twisted linen. It is to be square—a span long and a span wide—and folded double. Then mount four rows of precious stones on it. The first row shall be carnelian, chrysolite and beryl; the second row shall be turquoise, lapis lazuli and emerald; the third row shall be jacinth, agate and amethyst; the fourth row shall be topaz, onyx and jasper. Mount them in gold filigree settings. There are to be twelve stones, one for each of the names of the sons of Israel, each engraved like a seal with the name of one of the twelve tribes.

"For the breastpiece make braided chains of pure gold, like a rope. Make two gold rings for it and fasten them to two corners of the breastpiece. Fasten the two gold chains to the rings at the corners of the breastpiece, and the other ends of the chains to the two settings, attaching them to the shoulder pieces of the ephod at the front. Make two gold rings and attach them to the other two corners of the breastpiece on the inside edge next to the ephod. Make two more gold rings and attach them to the bottom of the shoulder pieces on the front of the ephod, close to the seam just above the waistband of the ephod. The rings of the breastpiece are to be tied to the rings of the ephod with blue cord, connecting it to the waistband, so that the breastpiece will not swing out from the ephod.

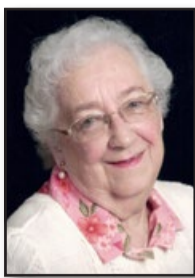
"Whenever Aaron enters the Holy Place, he will bear the names of the sons of Israel over his heart on the breastpiece of decision as a continuing memorial before the Lord. Also put the Urim and the Thummim in the breastpiece, so they may be over Aaron's heart whenever he enters the presence of the Lord. Thus Aaron will always bear the means of making decisions for the Israelites over his heart before the Lord.

Exodus 28:15-30 (NIV)

Marlene E. "Mitzi" Loomis

May 12, 1936 – December 12, 2024

Marlene E. "Mitzi" Loomis, 88, Indianapolis, passed away December 12, 2024. She was born on May 12, 1936, in Beaver Dam, Wis., to the late John "Jack" and Julia M. Smith.



Mitzi was a 1954 graduate of Beaver Dam High School. She married Jay Loomis October 5, 1957 and together they had four children, Laurene, Sydney, Julie, and Jon. For quite some time she was a stringer for the *East Troy News* and had her own column. In 1969, the family moved to Noblesville.

Mitzi was employed with Hook's Drugs/CVS for 15 years. She was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Mitzi enjoyed crocheting and doing crafts and was a gifted artist. She will be sadly missed by all those who knew her and loved her.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, December 19, 2024, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 5333 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, with visitation one hour prior.

Mitzi is survived by her loving husband of 67 years, Jay Loomis; her children, Laurene D. Griffin of Evansville, Sydney S. Loomis (Jeanine) of Cicero, Julie L. McKee (Bill) of The Villages, Fla., and Jon L. Loomis of Lapel; sister, Serena Fearing of Green Bay, Wis.; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her sister, Shirley Bashynski.

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Jeffrey Hall Salladay

February 5, 1954 – December 10, 2024

Jeffrey Hall Salladay, 70, Carmel, passed away on Tuesday, December 10, 2024. He was born on February 5, 1954, in Portsmouth, Ohio, son of the late John Roy Salladay and Anita Hall Salladay.



Over his 25-year career in the telecommunications industry, Jeff had leadership roles in the design, development, and commercialization of network innovations and services that constitute the foundation for today's Internet way-of-life. He received numerous professional awards and participated in several national program management associations. He served as a general program manager for Nokia Siemens Networks, Boca Raton, Fla., until retirement in 2008.

Jeff was a 1971 graduate of Portsmouth High School in Ohio, where he played trumpet in the marching and pep bands. He worked his way through college graduating from Ohio State University with a BS in business administration and computer science.

Following in his dad's footsteps, Jeff advanced in the Boy Scouts to Eagle and, via experiences at Camp Oyo and Shawnee Forest in southern Ohio, came to love the outdoors leading to his life-long passion for running, bicycling, hiking, canoeing, and scuba diving. He loved traveling to numerous natural preserves around the world and, like his mom, greatly enjoyed music.

Survivors include his brother, John M. Salladay (Betsy Covert) of Carmel; nieces, Jennifer (Chris) Mizell, Ellen Salladay, Margaret (Derek) Webster, and Elizabeth (Jeff) Shepherd, all in central Indiana; and grand-nieces and grand-nephews, Hannah Mizell (Nick Rivera), Samuel Mizell, Benjamin Mizell, Elizabeth Webster, Johnny Webster, Scarlett Webster, Caroline Shepherd, Sophia Shepherd, Isabelle Shepherd, and Alex Shepherd.

Until 2020, Jeff lived almost 30 years in Boca Raton, Fla. He enjoyed the great benefit of loving caregivers during his health challenges, both in Florida and over the past four years at his residence at Brookdale Carmel.

The family plans a private Celebration of Life Memorial at a future time followed by interment at Greenlawn Cemetery in Portsmouth, Ohio.

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Boys Basketball



(ABOVE LEFT) Westfield's Durante Morton scored 18 points for the Shamrocks during their Friday win over Guerin Catholic. (ABOVE RIGHT) Guerin Catholic's Jake Grissom led the Golden Eagles with 15 points.

Reporter photos by Richie Hall

Rocks' defense brings them victory over Golden Eagles

By **RICHIE HALL**
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WESTFIELD – A solid defensive effort gave the Westfield boys basketball team a victory over a county rival on Friday.

The Shamrocks beat Guerin Catholic 53-40 at CSI Gymnasium. Westfield never trailed in the game, but the Golden Eagles played the 'Rocks close in the first half before Westfield was able to slowly pull away in the second half.

"We knew this was going to be a really tough game," said Shamrocks coach Shane Sumpter. "Guerin's got a very good team, very good program."

The score was tied early at 4-4 before Westfield bolted ahead 13-7. Will Harvey drained a 3-pointer to start the run, then Drew Haffner got four points on a pair of baskets. Durante Morton also scored; he was just getting warmed up.

The 'Rocks led 13-9 after the first quarter, but the Golden Eagles worked their way back to tie the game. Hayden Rogers began the second period with a 3, then a Bryson Cardinal

free throw and Ryne Paris layin knotted the game at 15-15.

But Harvey broke that tie with another triple, and a putback made the score 20-15. That would be the margin at halftime, and Jalen Malone started the second half with a layin for the Shamrocks.

The third quarter belonged to Haffner and Morton. Haffner scored seven points, and his 3-pointer gave Westfield a 33-21 lead. Morton drove to the basket well, making three layins for six points.

The Shamrocks led 35-27 after three quarters. Sumpter said the difference was "us getting a little bit of a cushion there in the third quarter. We were able to get a 12- or 13-point lead, and then they came right back. I don't think that score's indicative of how hard-fought and close that basketball game was. We had to grind the entire way."

Morton poured in eight points in the fourth period, including a pair of free throws that gave Westfield its largest lead of the game, 45-31 with 3:36 left.

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WESTFIELD 53, GUERIN CATHOLIC 40

Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jake Grissom	2-8	10-13	15	2
Ryne Paris	6-10	1-1	13	0
Hayden Rogers	1-4	0-0	3	2
Bryson Cardinal	3-9	1-2	7	4
Carter Murans	0-0	0-0	0	0
Malcolm Houze	0-2	0-2	0	3
Jack Toles	0-1	0-2	0	2
Julian Melendez	1-1	0-0	2	0
Jackson Carey	0-0	0-0	0	1
Will Bach	0-0	0-0	0	0
Andrew Riethman	0-1	0-0	0	0
Jack Stoner	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	13-36	12-20	40	14

Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting (2-12) Grissom 1-2, Rogers 1-2, Cardinal 0-4, Paris 0-2, Houze 0-1, Riethman 0-1.
Guerin Catholic rebounds (17) Cardinal 8, Grissom 3, Houze 2, Paris 1, Rogers 1, Toles 1, Carey 1.

Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Will Harvey	3-8	4-6	12	2
Drew Haffner	6-10	0-0	13	1
Jalen Malone	2-4	0-0	4	3
Rylan Rauch	0-0	0-0	0	1
Durante Morton	6-11	6-7	18	3
Brock Detamore	1-4	0-2	2	1
Ryan Hunsucker	0-0	2-2	2	1
Logan Sumpter	0-1	0-0	0	0
Luke Vandegriff	1-1	0-0	2	3
Ian Muntel	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	19-39	12-17	53	15

Westfield 3-point shooting (3-12) Harvey 2-6, Haffner 1-1, Morton 0-3, Detamore 0-2.

Westfield rebounds (32) Detamore 6, Morton 6, Harvey 4, Haffner 4, Malone 3, Rauch 3, Vandegriff 3, Hunsucker 1, team 2.

Score by Quarters				
Guerin Catholic	9	6	12	13-40
Westfield	13	7	15	18-53

Sanders & team set new 3-pointer records for Hamilton Heights

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights made history Friday during its 88-50 win over Logansport.

The Huskies gave their home crowd an incredible long-range shooting performance throughout the entire game. Heights set a new record for 3-pointers made by a team; the Huskies drained 18 triples, making 50 percent of their 3-point baskets.

"We had multiple kids hit 3s," said Heights coach Chad Ballenger. "We had kids come off the bench, hit 3s."

The majority of those 3s came from Gavin Saunders. The senior went off for 12 3-pointers, also setting a new record for triples by an individual. Saunders was 12-for-20 beyond the arc, a red-hot 60 percent.

"Kids got him the ball," said Ballenger. "He got it in the offense, we scored off our defense. It wasn't him playing one-on-one and trying to create. Our kids did a

good job of getting him the ball in the right spots."

The Huskies rocketed through the first quarter, taking a 26-4 lead on the Berries, who they were playing for the first time as Hoosier Conference East Division opponents. Heights led 42-19 at halftime and 57-34 after three quarters, then ran away with the fourth period by scoring 31 points.

"The place got into it," said Ballenger.

Tyler Champion nailed three 3s on his way to 10 points, with Jack Kakasuleff scoring eight points. All 11 Huskies that took to the floor scored at least two points.

Dreydin Serna led the rebounds with eight, followed by Saunders with six and Champion with five. Carson Felger handed out five assists.

Heights is 3-2 and plays tonight at the Muncie Fieldhouse Classic. The Huskies take on the host Muncie Central Bearcats at 6 p.m.

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Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Tyler Champion	3-8	1-4	10	1
Rees Knapp	3-9	0-0	6	2
Carson Felger	1-2	0-0	2	4
Dreydin Serna	1-4	2-3	4	3
Gavin Saunders	16-29	0-0	44	3
Jack Kakasuleff	4-5	0-0	8	0
Aidan Unger	1-1	0-0	2	2
Chris Nobbe	1-1	1-4	4	2
Justin Overton	1-1	0-0	3	0
Austin Day	1-1	0-0	3	0
Jackson Cantlon	0-0	2-2	2	0
Totals	32-61	6-13	88	17

Score by Quarters				
Logansport	4	15	15	16-50
Heights	26	16	15	31-88

Heights 3-point shooting (18-36) Saunders 12-20, Champion 3-5, Nobbe 1-1, Day 1-1, Overton 1-1, Knapp 0-5, Felger 0-1, Serna 0-1, Kakasuleff 0-1.
Heights rebounds (30) Serna 8, Saunders 6, Champion 5, Kakasuleff 3, Nobbe 2, Knapp 2, Day 2, Unger 1, Overton 1.

Fast start gives Noblesville the fuel to knock off Carmel

By **CRAIG ADKINS**
For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE – The biggest thing that Noblesville wanted to do after losing at home by 34 over top-ranked Fishers last Friday was to get a good quick start and not let up.

That's exactly what the Millers did. They were able to get a quick, productive start and they didn't let up the whole game, running away from the Greyhounds, 50-37.

"We just talked about throwing the first punch, second punch, third punch and keep punching and not get hit," said fourth-year Noblesville head coach Scott McClelland.

That's just what happened. Junior Justin Curry scored the first 11 points for Noblesville and in the blink of an eye Carmel was forced to call a timeout down 11-5.

The Millers got two more triples to end the first with a 17-5 lead, thanks to Baron Walker and Adam Fine.

"They were ready to play and I don't think we responded very well. They hit some shots early and we weren't able to get any stops," said eighth-year Carmel head

coach Ryan Osborn.

It usually makes for a long week of practice after a lopsided loss like Noblesville had last Friday, 74-40 to Fishers. That's not how the Millers approached the week and it showed against Carmel.

"I thought our coaches did a great job all week of bringing the guys back," added McClelland.

The game got that much more physical in the second quarter. Just 13 total points were scored and Noblesville was able to move their lead to double digits at 23-12 at halftime.

"I thought our offense was a little stagnant for a lot of the first half. The ball didn't move much and not a lot of spacing. I give them credit for being ready and taking away our strengths," continued Osborn.

The Millers came out in the third like the bell rang to start another round of a boxing match. Jumping out to a 14-5 stint to begin the period, Curry added the first eight of the third. Along with three-pointers from T.J. Davidson and another from Fine, the advantage grew to 37-17 with 3:10 in the frame. "He (Davidson) played

with some poise and composure with some good defense on him," McClelland said.

All-state tight end Aiden Brewer showed his physicality throughout the game. The senior forward was causing havoc in the paint all night, frustrating Carmel's offense on the interior. Brewer wound up grabbing five rebounds and blocking five shots.

"I thought Aiden Brewer was unbelievable. I called him out in film session last week. I'll argue this with anybody. If he's not the best defensive player at his position, he's one of three in the state of Indiana. He set the tone for our team tonight," said McClelland.

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