

THURSDAY, DEC. 19, 2024

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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly cloudy.
 Tonight: Cloudy, with some light snow possible after midnight.
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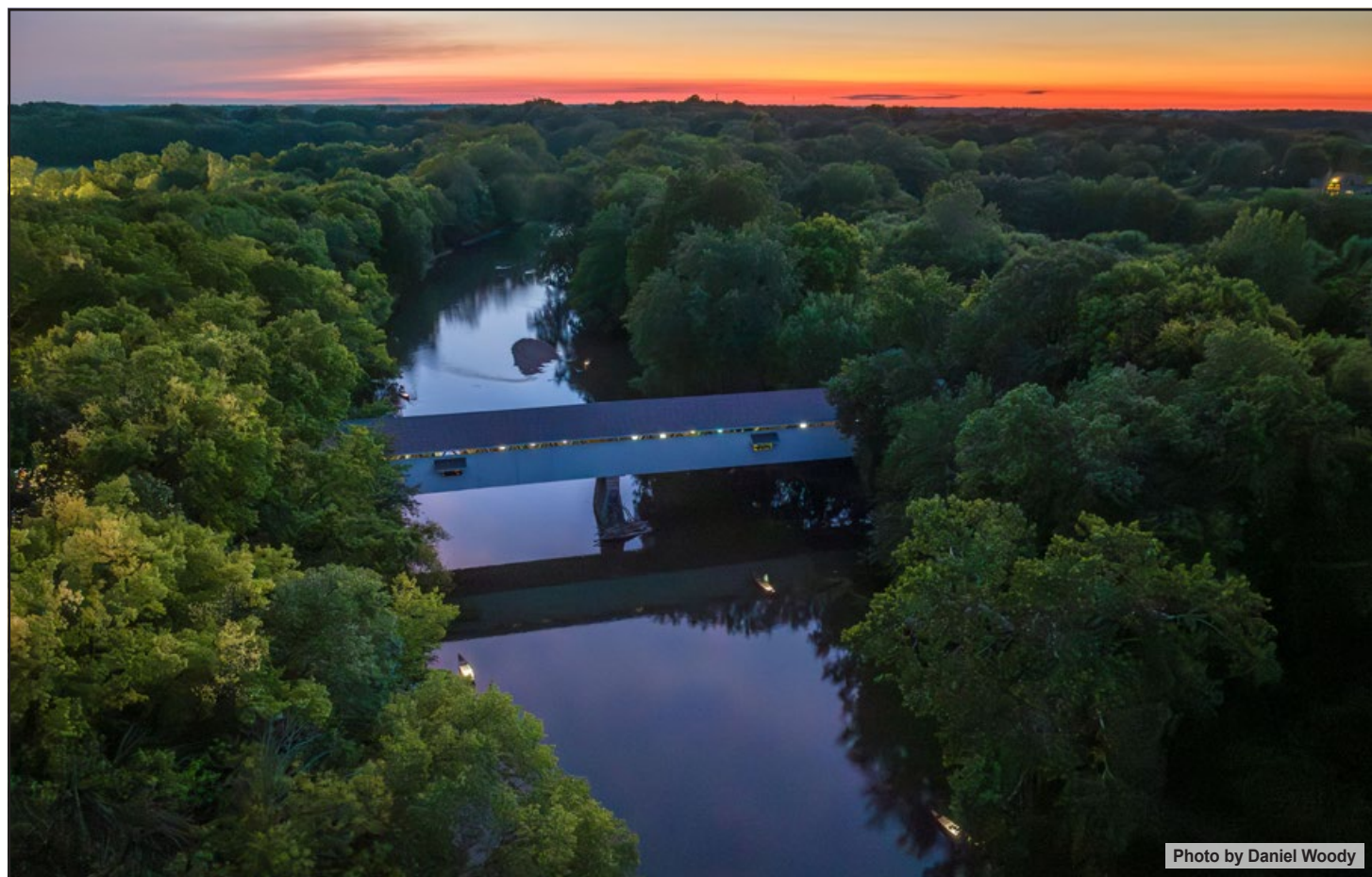


Photo by Daniel Woody

County Parks expands Potter's Bridge Park with land acquisition

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Parks and Recreation (HCPR) has announced the acquisition of an additional 50.85 acres of land at Potter's Bridge Park, 19401 Allisonville Road, Noblesville.

This acquisition will increase the park's total size to over 125 acres and is part of an ongoing effort to preserve natural landscapes and expand recreational opportunities in Hamilton County.

Potter's Bridge Park, nestled along the scenic White River, is a beloved outdoor destination offering a wide range of recreational opportunities for families, nature enthusiasts, and history buffs alike. The park is named after the historic Potter's Bridge, a charming, covered bridge built in 1871, which is a prominent feature of the park. The bridge provides a picturesque setting for visitors to enjoy walking, photography, and

scenic views of the river. The park also offers a playground, great fishing spots, and access to the White River for canoeing and kayaking.

The addition of the expanded area unites park property, which previously had three disconnected boundaries. Additionally, HCPR will be able to open approximately 20 acres of previously inaccessible land for recreational use, enriching the park experience for visitors. Furthermore, the expanded area facilitates ecological preservation, as it includes approximately 10 acres of critical riparian buffer, which will be preserved to protect the health of the White River ecosystem and the surrounding environment.

This acquisition aligns with the objectives outlined in HCPR's five-year master plan, emphasizing environmental sustainability, expanded recreational offerings, and enhanced commu-



Graphic provided by Hamilton County Parks & Recreation

nity access to nature.

"This acquisition allows us to fill a critical gap, creating a more connected and cohesive space at this park," HCPR Director Chris Stice said. "It's an exciting opportunity to continue expanding Potter's Bridge Park and provide our



Stice

community with more recreational space."

HCPR is committed to developing and managing the county's parks and natural spaces for the enjoyment and benefit of all. The expansion of Potter's Bridge Park is a key component of this mission, further solidifying the park as a premier destination.

Noblesville Common Council OK's Morse Village project in 6-3 vote

By CAT SANDOVAL
 WISH-TV | wish.com

In a 6-3 vote, the Noblesville Common Council approved the \$250 million Morse Village project on Tuesday night.

More than 150 residents attended the council meeting and voiced their concerns about the traffic, impact on the wetlands and eagles' nests, and the devaluation of their home prices. The meeting took nearly three hours to discuss the controversial zoning ordinance.

The Morse Village de-

velopment aims to transform 173-acres of land at 206th Street and Hague Road near Morse Reservoir from what was zoned as single-family residential to multi-family residential units and businesses. It will be divided into three main parts: North, South, and West Pointe.

The main point of contention is West Pointe.

David Kleinhenn has lived in Noblesville for decades. "It will change the structures and community involvement. There are several things like wildlife and wetlands. It could be de-

stroyed," he said.

Developer LOR Range-line LLC made adjustment to the previous West Pointe plan. They said their new plan now includes 135 multi-home units, a 18 percent reduction from their earlier plan. The developer said the project will only impact 0.49 acres of wetlands.

Residents voiced their opinion that this growth is too fast. But despite the nearly 300 emails and hundreds of texts from concerned individuals, the council choose to move forward with the plan.

"Certainly when it comes to new decisions in the city of Noblesville anytime there's a change, zoning or new project there's always opinion on all sides," said Mayor Chris Jensen.

The next steps include a review of the project by the Technical Advisory Committee.

Click here to watch the meeting on YouTube.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wish.com/news/local-news/noblesville-council-approves-morse-village-2.

Advent for students

As we enter the week of Christmas, many find ourselves with busyness all around. There are decorations to hang, parties to attend, gifts to buy and wrap, and treats to bake. For students in schools, there are also finals to take, grades to be finalized, classroom celebrations, and dress up days.

I have found that students need more assistance with regulation and balance than ever. Students are challenged with the demands of school, family, time management, and relationships. These demands can become even more significant during the Christmas season. At Legacy Christian School, we remind students to turn their focus to the true gift of the season, Jesus.

Advent is a season of preparation and waiting in the Christian faith. Many are familiar with advent calendars and counting down to the anticipated event, using chocolates, toys, or symbolic figures.

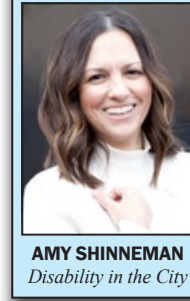
The word advent means waiting or coming. Christians thousands of years ago were waiting for Jesus' birth and Christians today are awaiting His return. The period of advent is the four weeks leading up to Christmas and includes the values of hope, peace, joy, and love. Each week, we take time to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth and His return.

Hope is the focus of the first week, knowing that God will fulfill all His promises. We can trust in this, even when circumstances are difficult, because this hope is rooted in the faithfulness of the Lord.

Peace is the focus of the second week of advent. My pastor recently taught that spiritual peace comes not from the absence of conflict, but from the presence of Jesus. For students, gaining peace can mean a

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COLUMNIST



AMY SHINNEMAN
 Disability in the City

The gift

The gift of movement. How often do you think about and appreciate all your body can do? All the little movements our bodies do that we may take for granted. Lifting your hand to your mouth to brush your teeth, eat, brush your hair, bend over to tie your shoes, sit up in bed, just to name a few. I have not always been so acutely aware and as grateful as I should be for the gift of movement that I have. Like most of us do, I take it for granted far too often.

You know the saying, someone always has it worse than you, be grateful! While this is certainly true, it is not always helpful to say that to someone. But also, when soaking in the truth of that statement, if you are able, it is really eye opening. The truth is, we all struggle in some way. Some days, months, years we are better equipped to handle our struggles, and sometimes they almost take us under, and we feel like we are drowning. It is easy to get bitter towards others that have what we do not, physically speaking in this instance.

I decided a long time ago that I do not have the energy to be bitter, nor the right to be, towards all non-disabled people. It would be easy for me to. I could resent others because they can do things I cannot, or I can face the reality that is out of my control and instead put my energy towards where I am at right now. Everywhere I go, everything I watch on TV, I see mostly people who are not visibly disabled. Rarely, do I see in person, a person with a visible disability. In a rare instance, a TV show may show a person with a disability, but we still live in a time where we think, "oh wow, that is awesome, finally!" It should just be the norm, but it is not.

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GUEST COLUMNIST



STACY PETERS

Amy Shankland's new book will help others navigate church alone

By AMY ADAMS
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Amy Shankland was on her way to a wedding in August 2020 when she suddenly announced to her husband that she thought she was going to leave the Catholic church. Her husband, who isn't Catholic, was somewhat surprised.

"All my adult life, I've gone to church alone," she said. "I'm tired of going alone."

The other reason she was thinking about leaving the church was that, since her divorce from her previous

husband, she had not been allowed to take communion. She had started the process years prior, but she said the undertaking proved to be emotionally gut-wrenching and she didn't complete it.

Just a few days after expressing her feelings to her husband, she was on a training walk for a marathon when a priest from her church called.



He was preparing to move to a different parish, but he told her that before he left he wanted to help her finish the process to be able to receive communion again.

For Shankland, that call was a sign.

She had 90 more minutes of her training walk to consider what the priest had suggested. By the time she finished her walk, she had decided to work with him

to do what was necessary.

The weekend Shankland turned 50, she received communion again for the first time in years.

"It was like a fire was lit within me, and I really think this is from God," she said. "Now, unless I am sick or someone is dying, I don't miss church. I don't go anymore because I have to go. I go because I want to."

Shankland said that millions of people feel the way she did about going to church alone.

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Hamilton County boasts four Lilly Scholars!

The 2025 Lilly Scholarship recipients have been announced, and four

hale from Hamilton County.

Turn to Page 5 to read about each of those fine young people along with photos of each student.

Congratulations to Sabrina Alberty, Addison Dollahan, Vaibhav Patel, and Israel (Josh) Tioua Ponpou.

From the desk of Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood

Update No. 141

As the first semester of school draws to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible achievements and experiences we have shared as a school community. It has been a time filled with growth, learning, challenge, opportunity, and connection.

This fall, collectively our students enjoyed many outstanding accomplishments in academics, athletics, extracurricular activities, the arts, and meaningful community service projects giving back to our community on and off campus. These achievements and contributions, large and small, demonstrate the hard work and commitment of our educators, the enthusiasm of our students, and the unwavering support of our students, staff, families, and community.

With the official start of the winter season right



DR. DEREK ARROWOOD
Hamilton Heights Superintendent

around the corner, I would like to remind our families about our district protocol for deciding on school delays, early dismissals, and cancellations due to inclement weather conditions. Indiana weather can be unpredictable and change quickly. Making the decision to have a weather-related school delay or cancellation is made after careful consideration and often in tandem with our local, county, and state partners. Ice, snow, fog, a power outage, and other things all play a role in the decision.

However, the primary factor in our decision to delay or cancel school is based on student and staff safety. Decisions to delay or close school are made as early as possible and usually before 6 a.m. If the decision to close is made, we will shift to our synchronous e-Learning format. In preparation for possible delays and closures in the

months ahead, stay weather aware and up to date at the corporation's social media sites: **X** (@hhschuski), **Facebook**, **website**, and/or the local media outlets.

As we prepare to ring in the New Year and start a new semester, now is the perfect time to reset priorities so that our students can prepare for success in the second semester. One important area of focus for all families should be school attendance, which is critical to academic success. Students who are in school regularly learn more, earn better grades, and are more likely to reach important academic goals at every grade level.

Consistent school attendance is crucial for a child's academic success and overall development. Being in school enables students to build a strong foundation of knowledge and skills in their early years, which is essential for more complex learning in later stages. Plus, regular attendance promotes good habits, such as punctu-

ality, responsibility, and time management.

Being present in school allows students to benefit from social interactions, emotional support, and the structured environment that fosters personal growth and resilience. Thank you for helping to ensure your child arrives at school on time and is ready to learn every day.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for your involvement in our school community. Your participation and involvement, whether through volunteering, attending meetings, or simply encouraging your children, makes a significant impact on our school environment. Together, we have fostered a sense of belonging, pride, and community that enriches the educational experience for all.

May the spirit of the season fill your hearts with joy, warmth, and endless wonder. Wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.
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GIFT

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Part of how I appreciate my gift of movement is exercise. I became interested in exercise during college. Since then, I have been consistent with exercising in some form. I am always looking for treatments or therapies off the beaten path. I have had some success with those types of things that I have chased down, and some I have not. Trial and error but continuing to move forward. To me, "exercise" is swimming, water jogging, stretching, or even chores around the house certainly are exercise for me. Exercise for me does not have to mean what it means to a non-disabled person. It is what I make it, and it keeps me moving and motivated. I have no doubt that it has helped me.

One of the most defining and precious moments in my life was when my son Jack taught me how to run when I was 45 years old. He taught me to run in the water. I am so glad we captured that beautiful moment on video. Even though I had watched others run my whole life, I had no idea how to do it. He

was 12 at the time. He was so kind, gentle, patient and encouraging. It took my breath away. I was in awe of that moment. Since then, I have been consistent, and I have improved so much. I never thought I would have the chance to "run" in my lifetime. It was not the way I had daydreamed about so many times throughout my life, but even better. It was my way.

It takes humble courage to accept that your way may not look like most around you. It takes confidence to regularly commit to something grueling. I cannot ignore the fact that I have the gift of movement that so many long for. I want to protect it, and honor it for as long as I have it. I always say, do whatever you can, however you can. You may just surprise yourself.

Until next time ...
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break from the pressures and routines of school, and working towards being quiet and still. The advent season helps us to cancel some of the noise of the world to find spiritual, relational, and emotional peace and calmness.

Joy is celebrated during the third week of advent. Joy is a choice, a lasting attitude that is based on knowing the Lord and Savior, not on circumstances.

Love is the central theme and is celebrated on the fourth week of advent. Love is a gift from God, and we can love others because of His love for us. Recognizing God's love through His actions and sending His son Jesus, helps us to understand His great love for us.

As students and adults alike reflect on these four values during the Advent season, we are drawn closer to Christ. We are also challenged to share these values with others. I would encourage you to reflect on times when you have been

blessed with great hope, peace, joy, or love in your life. Tell the stories of these time to others to encourage them. We can love others more deeply through the Christmas season by drawing close to Christ and always leading with love.

Use this season to prepare your hearts and minds for Christmas, but also for the life ahead. Let the truths of advent sit with you all year. Let them encourage you and challenge you to live out these values with your life, thoughts, and actions. Merry Christmas in the waiting!

Stacy Peters is a teacher, mother, and wife. She has an undergraduate degree from Purdue University, a Masters of Teaching from Marion University, and has worked in public and private education for over 20 years. She is passionate about nurturing a love of learning, service, and Jesus in children. She and her family reside in Noblesville.



(ABOVE LEFT) Altrusa President Pam Wesley and Prevail Executive Director Tami Wanninger at Prevail with gift items. (ABOVE RIGHT, from left) Carol Rader, Gloria Del Greco (sponsor), Kari Disney, and resident Pam Wesley.



Photos provided by Altrusa

Altrusa busy serving Hamilton County throughout holiday season

The REPORTER

After Altrusa International of Hamilton County's Holiday Pitch-in Dinner this month, Kari Disney became the newest

member of the local group. In November, President Pam Wesley delivered the donated Christmas Boutique items to Tami Wanninger at Pre-

vail. These items will be available for their clients during a special gift selection event.

Altrusa's next meeting will be at MCL Carmel on

Monday, Jan. 13. Members will work on making plastic bags into mats for people in need of shelter. To find out more about Altrusa, go to Altrusa.org.

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SHANKLAND

"Whether you're single, widowed, or married but your spouse does not attend church, going to church alone can be hard," she said.

According to Shankland's research, LifeWay Christian Resources reported that 20 percent of church attendees come alone. Single Friendly Church, an organization in the U.K., has shown that many of those who attend church alone feel that their churches don't know what to do with them.

In light of these statistics and study results, Shankland said she wants all people who attend church alone to feel the same excitement and joy she now feels in going to church solo.

Having a degree in journalism from Indiana University and being a regular columnist for *The Reporter*, Shankland finds herself driven to write whenever she sees a problem and wants to share a possible solution. She said a theme is that she is writing for herself as well as others.

How to Thrive (Not Just Survive) Attending Church Solo, which has a proposal pending with a Christian publisher, will be Shankland's fifth book published since 2013. She first self-published the fictional *Hoop Mama* with Fast-Pencil. *Joy to You and Me at Work* debuted in 2018, followed by *Lighten Your Mental Load* in 2020, both by Tell-Tale Publishing. Her most recent title, *Interviews By a Clueless White Woman* was released by Warren Publishing in 2022.

In *How to Thrive (Not Just Survive) Attending Church Solo*, Shankland will share strategies that have made a difference for her. For example, she has begun going to church with others in a similar situation and currently sits with a widow and a divorcee.

"I tell people they need to reach out to other solo people," she said. "We have to help each other."

Shankland also has invited her priest over for dinner,

has begun creating a church family, and is finding and meeting with "God" friends outside of church.

"My overall theme is to stop making church just a Sunday or Saturday thing," she said. "Try to 'live' church all week long."

Shankland said she recognizes that pastors and priests have a tough job these days. She would encourage them to be more open to how they can make the church experience more inviting for solo attendees.

Shankland said her own church, Our Lady of Grace in Noblesville, is making efforts to help meet the needs of those who attend church alone. Nametag Sunday seems to be making a difference by helping people get to know others at church. And, soon, they will be piloting small groups.

Shankland said she encourages those who attend church alone to join such groups. She also said she suggests people read books and listen to podcasts on

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their own to further strengthen their foundation of faith. Books like *Heaven and Money*, *Possessions*, and *Eternity* by Randy Alcorn have especially impacted Shankland.

With Christmas coming up, Shankland said she particularly wants to encourage people who will be going to holiday services alone to try to incorporate some of these tips.

"Give yourself that little Christmas miracle," she said. "Do your best to make the experience special even if you're solo."

About Amy Thornton Shankland

Amy Thornton Shankland is a grant consultant and has been writing stories ever since she received a typewriter when she was eight years old. She has given local, regional, and national workshops on various writing topics. Visit her online at authoramythornton.wordpress.com, on social media @authoramythornton, and read her columns at ReadTheReporter.com.

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WINTER IS COMING... ARE YOUR PIPES PREPARED?

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

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

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Check your pipes for cracks and leaks.

3.



Insulate pipes in unheated areas of your home.

2.



Turn outdoor faucets off for the season.

4.



Schedule seasonal maintenance on your plumbing and heating systems.



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GOP celebrates successful 2024 at Bar Louie



Reporter photos
The Hamilton County Republican Party held its final Chairman's Breakfast of the year Wednesday morning at Bar Louie, 1111 W. Main St., Suite 140, Carmel. State Senator Kyle Walker spoke about the 2025 legislative agenda and updates on Governor-elect Mike Braun's agenda, as well as taking questions from the audience. (ABOVE LEFT) Devon Norwich and Magistrate Aaron Weaver. (ABOVE CENTER) Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Josh Kocher. (ABOVE RIGHT) State Sen. Walker.

Spartz refuses to serve on committees in U.S. House

The REPORTER

Congresswoman Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) issued the following statement on her refusal to participate in the Republican conference, its committees, and resignation from the regional policy committee chair:

"This election the American people sent a resounding message and mandate to the Republican party to govern – not deliver talking points and messaging bills. Our country is on a fiscal collision course and it will take some courage and structural changes in Congress to challenge the status quo, which is not happening. As a serious legislator

and finance professional, not a clown, I am not going to continue being involved in circuses. I would rather spend my energy helping President Trump, his appointees and DOGE to deliver on their promises through reconciliation. And I will be working hard doing real work for the people I represent – not presentations in committees for the lobbyists, spectacles and posts on Facebook and X to raise money. The swamp will be back in business in four years if not drained through the law. Congress cannot fail President Trump and the American people again."



Photo provided
Rep. Spartz (right) was part of a small-group meeting in early December with the soon-to-be heads of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), Vivek Ramaswamy and Elon Musk.



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High school students in our district may contact my office to request a nomination to attend one of our nation's service academies.



US Capitol and White House Tour Requests

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

Noblesville Schools celebrates two scholars



Photos provided by Noblesville Schools
Congratulations to Noblesville High School (NHS) seniors Israel (Josh) Tioua Ponpou and Vaibhav Patel. They both won the prestigious Lilly Scholarship that pays all their expenses to any university in Indiana. It is very rare for the same high school to have two winners, and this is the first time that it's happened at NHS. However, this is the third year in a row that NHS has produced a Lilly winner. (TOP LEFT & RIGHT) Patel and Ponpou learn they have won the Lilly scholarship. (ABOVE LEFT & RIGHT) Patel and Ponpou were congratulated by NHS principal Dr. Craig McCaffrey.



Fishers High School senior Sabrina Alberty named Lilly Scholar

Submitted
 When Fishers High School senior Sabrina Alberty was called to the principal's office, she didn't expect the life-changing news waiting for her. Surrounded by school staff and supporters, Sabrina learned she had been named a 2025 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar – a moment she describes as unforgettable.



"It was crazy," Alberty said. "I walked in, and all these people were there. I was definitely surprised, but it felt amazing."

The prestigious Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship, awarded to 147 Indiana students each year, covers full tuition, required fees, and a stipend for books at any accredited Indiana public or private four-year college or university.

Alberty's dedication to academics, arts, and service reflects the program's mission to elevate Indiana's future leaders. From participating in choir and theater to her rigorous coursework, she has fully embraced the opportunities Fishers High School offers. Most recently, she brought her creativity to life as Flounder in the school's fall production of *The Little Mermaid* (see above).

"Fishers does such a good job of letting you explore extracurriculars like the arts while still taking challenging classes," she said. "I'm so grateful for those opportunities."

Interim Principal Kyle Goodwin celebrated Alberty's commitment to excellence: "Sabrina has been a role model for our students, demonstrating a remarkable balance of academic rigor, artistic passion, and service to others. She is incredibly deserving of this scholarship."

Looking ahead, Alberty plans to attend Purdue University to study civil or environmental engineering. For students dreaming of similar success, she offers this advice: "Do as much as you can and pursue what you're passionate about. Passion leads to great opportunities and amazing experiences."

Sheridan's own Addison Dollahan receives Lilly Scholarship Award

Submitted
 Addison Dollahan has been selected as a Lilly Endowment Scholar from Hamilton County for 2025. Her statement upon receiving the honor follows.

"I just want to say I am extremely grateful and honored to be chosen as a Hamilton County 2025 Lilly Endowment Scholar. It is an incredible blessing to be chosen from such a talented group of students being named as finalists."

"I first want to thank my parents, Stacey and Steve Dollahan, for their continuous and unwavering support of me and all my passions. I also would like to thank my family and friends, my Hamilton County community, and all the teachers and professors that have had a powerful impact on me from Ms. Christian's Preschool, Sheridan Elementary and Middle School, to present day at Culver Academies. You each inspired me to reach higher and strive to be my best self all while giving back to others."

"Lastly, thank you to Culver Academies. My home away from home. Culver helped me to develop into a servant leader. My educational journey is now full of experiences and lessons that are valuable for my future. A special thank you to every counselor, dorm mom, librarian, pro-



fessor, the entire theatre and band department. Without you my Culver journey would not have been possible.

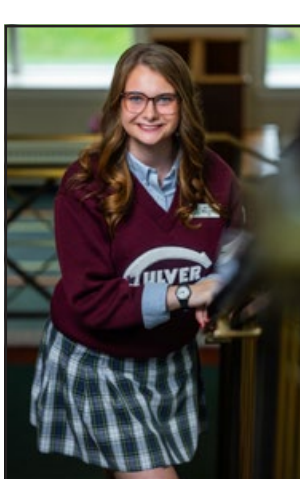
"I plan to study Biology in College and also Minor in Technical Theatre. I look forward to one day being a Pediatrician in Indiana. Thank you to the Hamilton County Community Foundation, Central Indiana Community Foundation and Eli Lilly for your belief in me and my future."

About the Scholarship
 The prestigious Lilly Endowment scholarship provides a four-year, full-ride scholarship to any college or university in Indiana. Lilly Endowment Community Scholars are known for their community involvement, academic achievement, character, and

leadership.

Each Lilly Endowment Scholarship provides for full-tuition, required fees, and a special allocation of up to \$900 per year for required books and equipment for four years of undergraduate study on a full-time basis leading to a baccalaureate degree at any eligible Indiana public or private, not-for-profit college, or university.

The primary purposes of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program are: 1) to help raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana; 2) to increase awareness of the beneficial roles Indiana community foundations can play in their communities; and 3) to encourage and support the efforts of cur-



rent and past Lilly Endowment Community Scholars to engage with each other and with Indiana business, governmental, educational, nonprofit and civic leaders to improve the quality of life in Indiana generally and in local communities throughout the state.



Congratulations to each of you from The Reporter!

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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

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12863 Old Meridian St
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317-846-0917 Thurs Treasure Hunt 7pm

Noblesville Post 6246 Eric Behrends
654 S 9th St
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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
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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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Su 8a-8p. **Restaurant – Breakfast Sa Su 8a-12p,
Lunch W-F 11a-2p, Dinner Tu-F 5-8p**

Carmel VFW
Su-Sa 11a-11p. **Restaurant - Breakfast 2nd & 4th Sa
8a-11a, Lunch 11a-2p & food service till 8p daily**

Cicero Legion
M-Th 3-10p, F-Sa 12-11p, Su 12-10p.
Restaurant Tu, W, F 4-8pm

Fishers Legion
M 3-10p, Tu-Su 12-10pm or when empty.
**Restaurant Breakfast 1st & 3rd Sun 8-12, Food
Served Su, Tu, W, Th, F 12-8p, Sa 12-5p**

Noblesville Legion
M-Th 11a-10p, F 11a-12p, Sa 12p-12a, Su 12p-8p
**Restaurant M 6-8pm wings, Tu-F 530-830p,
Sat 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/12 Breakfast 730-930a
Dinner 530-830p, Su 12-8p**

Noblesville VFW
M-Th 11a-10p, F 11a-12a, Sa 12p-12a, Su 12p-8p
Restaurant M-F 6-9p

Sheridan Legion
M 3-9p, Tu-Th 11-9p, F Sa 11-10p, Su 1-6p
Restaurant Lunch Tu-F 11a-2p, food service till close

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https://gsn.formstack.com/forms/holiday_assistance_registration_2024_online_copy

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IU Health reports security breach, limited user data taken

By PARKER CARLSON
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Indiana University Health announced some user data has been compromised in a security breach.

IU Health said Tuesday that only a limited amount of information was compromised. Social Security numbers and financial data were not impacted.

"While there was no financial information or So-

cial Security numbers impacted by this incident, as a precaution, we encourage affected individuals to remain vigilant and verify that anyone who is reaching out about personal and/or health information is a legitimate representative of the organization they say they are associated with," IU Health said in a press release.

The stolen information varies for each person's account, but they "may have

included address, age, medical record number, diagnosis, or other limited treatment information (in the data breach)," IU Health said.

IU Health first learned of the security breach when an employee's email account may have been compromised on Oct. 18.

That same day, IU Health said they began investigating and taking steps to protect user's accounts. An external forensics firm determined

that access was gained to the employee's email between Oct. 4 and 18.

IU Health is notifying individuals as of Dec. 17, and have a call center dedicated to answering any questions, reached at 1-844-920-8857 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/indiana-news/iu-health-security-breach.

Wells leading charge to 'reform' Indiana Democratic Party

Submitted

Editor's note: Former Democratic candidate for Indiana Secretary of State and Attorney General Destiny Wells sent the following statement to The Reporter Wednesday afternoon.

With Chairman Mike Schmuhl recently announcing he will not seek reelection as Indiana Democratic Party chair,

I have decided to lead the charge in pursuing reform that is critical to the success of the Democratic Party and Indiana politics as a whole.

After spending the last four years in the trenches as both a statewide candidate for the Indiana Democratic Party and a Deputy Chair on the State Central Committee, it is undeniable that our party needs to be reimagined before it can deliver consistent, winning results to the public.

I am proud of the party's recent step toward reform. Under Chairman Schmuhl's leadership, the state central committee voted to adopt a code of conduct and establish an ethics committee to deal with recent allegations we've seen, like sexual harassment and assault. That committee will include an ethics chair appointed by

the next state party chair. This responsibility will be central to my platform – we must confront our problems head-on.

I invite all Indiana Democrats to join me in our upcoming party reorganization, which will culminate in March 2025. This process will present leadership opportunities across the

Hoosier state, from the election of county central committees to congressional districts and the state central committee. I hope those of you who share the vision of building a stronger, more effective Indiana Democratic Party join me to blaze a successful path forward.

Destiny Wells is Deputy Chair for Coalitions and Expansions at the Indiana Democratic Party. She is a top-tier educated attorney and decorated combat veteran with more than 20 years of government experience at the local, state, federal, and multinational levels. She previously served as a Deputy Attorney General and Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Indianapolis and accumulated a large amount of party experience in her statewide races for Secretary of State and Attorney General.



Wells

State Rep. Garcia Wilburn to serve on three committees in 2025

The REPORTER

For the 2025 legislative session, State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D-Fishers) has been appointed to three House committees: Employment, Labor and Pensions; Judiciary; and Public Health. Garcia Wilburn will serve as ranking member of the Judiciary Committee.

"I'm honored to return to the Judiciary Committee again this year, this time in a new leadership role," Garcia Wilburn said. "As

ranking member, I look forward to working with my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to make our legal system more efficient for Hoosiers.

"This session, I'll also be returning to the Employment, Labor and Pensions committee. Workers deserve living wages and safe working conditions. Our public retirees, including



Garcia Wilburn

law enforcement and teachers, deserve the peace of mind that a pension provides after a lifetime of contributing to our state. I will be serving this committee with these Hoosiers in mind.

"As a new member of the Public Health Committee, I hope to highlight the great work Hamilton County is already doing to

prioritize public health and help incorporate some of these strategies statewide. Even though Indiana has been making progress on issues like overdose rates, the statistics elsewhere are still jarring – Hoosiers are more likely than the average American to have heart disease and diabetes. It doesn't have to be this way, and I'm ready to continue my work to improve public health here in Indiana."

The 2025 legislative session is set to begin Jan. 8.

Governor-elect Braun names Brigadier General Lawrence Muennich as Indiana's Adjutant General

The REPORTER

Indiana Governor-elect Mike Braun announced Tuesday his intent to appoint Brigadier General Lawrence "Larry" Muennich as the next Adjutant General of Indiana, where he will lead the Indiana National Guard's more than 12,000 soldiers.

Brigadier General Muennich brings over 32 years of military experience and 24 years of corporate executive leadership to the position. He currently serves as Division Director of Strategic Initiatives for the Indiana National Guard, where he oversees person-

nel readiness and manages Indiana's State Partnership Program relationship with Slovakia.

"Brigadier General Muennich's unique combination of military leadership and private sector executive experience makes him exceptionally qualified to lead our National Guard," Braun said. "His proven track record of strategic leadership, both in uniform and in business, will be invaluable as we work to strengthen Indiana's military readiness and emergency response capabilities."

A graduate of Eastern Kentucky University,

Muennich most recently served as Executive Director of Final Mile Delivery at GE Appliances, where he led a nationwide network of over 2,500 contractors and 160 warehouses. His military career includes command of the 38th Combat Aviation Brigade and multiple operational deployments to Iraq, Kosovo, Kuwait and Bosnia. He is also a Senior Army Aviator with over 1,500 flight hours.

"I am honored to be selected as Indiana's next Adjutant General," Brigadier General Muennich said. "The Indiana National

Guard has a proud tradition of serving both our state and nation, and I look forward to working alongside our dedicated soldiers and airmen to ensure we remain ready to respond whenever called upon."

Muennich's military education includes graduation with distinction from the Air War College with a Master's in Strategic Studies and recent completion of Harvard University's Homeland Security Seminar. He is a recipient of the Bronze Star Medal and the Order of St. Michael from the Army Aviation Association of America.

Sen. Young's office helps 2,500 Hoosiers in 2024

The REPORTER

U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) and his staff have helped more than 2,500 constituents resolve cases before federal agencies this year. The constituent service work resulted in more than \$12.1 million being returned to Hoosier taxpayers.

Since joining the Senate in 2017, Senator Young has helped 16,973 Hoosiers recover approximately \$100 million from federal agencies.

Two-thirds of the dollars recovered in 2024 and returned to Hoosiers came from cases involving the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Senator Young helped Hoosiers recover nearly \$8.2 million owed to them by the IRS. An additional \$3.7 million was recovered from So-

cial Security and VA claims.

In addition to helping constituents receive benefits, Senator Young's constituent service team also helps expedite passport applications, obtain missing commendation medals for veterans, navigate international adoption cases, and more.

"When Hoosiers are improperly denied benefits they are owed or when the federal bureaucracy is moving too slowly, inquiries from members of Congress can kickstart the process," Sen. Young said. "Our team is always committed to helping Hoosiers resolve issues involving federal agencies." Hoosiers who think they may need help with a federal agency can visit young.senate.gov and click "Help for Hoosiers."



Young

Mike Speedy tapped as Indiana State Chair for U.S. Term Limits

The REPORTER

U.S. Term Limits announced on Tuesday that former State Representative Mike Speedy has agreed to be the Indiana State Chair for U.S. Term Limits. He is succeeding Micah Beckwith, who was elected lieutenant governor of Indiana.

Speedy brings a depth of both private and public service to this role. He has seen first-hand the need for term limits at the federal level and will work vigorously in his role as Indiana State Chair to see that the Indiana adopts a resolution for term limits.

"It has been a great honor to serve as the Indiana Term Limits Chairman," Beckwith said. "I strongly believe it is the way to transform Congress by allowing new voices and new ideas. With my new role as your Lt. Governor, I am proud to hand this off to Mike. I look forward to working with him to see that Indiana joins the growing list of states passing the term limits resolution."

Speedy said, "I am very honored to be serving as the Indiana State Chair for U.S. Term Limits and succeed our new Lt. Governor Micah Beckwith who has been a tireless advocate for congressional term limits. Now more than ever before, the need for term limits is crystal clear. Polls show that this is the one issue where all Hoosiers, regardless of political affiliation, stand united.

"Serving in Congress has become, for many, a lucrative, lifelong job rather than a public service. Term limits will help end career

politicians and make Congress work better for all Americans," Speedy concluded.

"We are honored to have Speedy leading our efforts in Indiana," U.S. Term Limits President Philip Blumel said. "Under his guidance, I am confident we will get our term limits resolution passed in Indiana this session."

Speedy was born in Beech Grove, Ind., and grew up in Franklin and Columbus, Ind., and in Kalamazoo, Mich. Like his late father before him, he earned his B.S. in Real Estate Finance from the Indiana University Kelley School of Business. He also attained a law degree from IU's McKinney School of Law at Indianapolis. A second-generation real estate investor, he runs a small real estate development business based out of Indianapolis. His company owns properties in three states. He maintains his law license and a designation Certified Commercial Investment Member.

Speedy credits his late mother for instilling a sense of duty to serve his community and protect its values and taxpayers. In 2024, he retired from the Indiana House of Representatives after 14 years of service. There he served as chairman of two committees, Financial Institutions and Environmental Committees, while being Vice Chairman of Roads and Transportation before that. At various

points, he sat on the Judiciary, Employment, Labor, & Pensions, Utilities, Energy & Telecommunications Committees.

Prior to serving as a state representative, Speedy served on the Indianapolis City County Council for nearly seven years. In this capacity, he concluded his council services as Chairman of the Public Works Committee.

As an avid instrument-rated pilot, Speedy has nearly 2,000 hours experience. When not using his Kodiak 100 aircraft for business and family purposes, he enjoys flying humanitarian, ministerial and charitable missions. He has given many young people their first flight experience through the Experimental Aircraft Association's Young Eagles program. He serves on the board of the Aeronautical Center of Technology, a STEM school for high schoolers interested in aviation at the Indy Greenwood South Airport.

Speedy and his wife Amy reside near Acton, Ind., and spend much of their time with their three young adult children and dog, Winnie. They also stay actively engaged in their community by attending meetings and events. They attend Living Word Bible Church of Indianapolis.

About U.S. Term Limits
U.S. Term Limits is the largest nonpartisan, non-profit organization advocating solely on term limits.



Speedy

Our mission is to improve the quality of government with a citizen legislature that closely reflects its constituency and is responsive to the needs of the people it serves. USTL does not require a self-limit on individuals. Our aim is to limit the terms of all members of Congress as an institution. Find out more at termlimits.org.



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Westfield Youth Assistance reaches fundraising goal

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The Westfield Youth Assistance Program sends a massive thank you to all its generous donors who helped the organization exceed its goal for 2024's Giving Tuesday campaign.

Thanks to the generosity of the community and all the wonderful anonymous matching donors, WYAP raised \$28,067. WYAP couldn't be more grateful for its donors and is ready to use this mon-

ey towards programming. Thanks to the generosity of the community, we will be able to serve many Westfield youth.

If you are still looking for a way to support WYAP and Westfield youth, please plan to attend "Paddle Battle for a Cause," a day of family-friendly pickleball fun, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27 at Grand Park Events Center.

Learn more at youthassistance.org/westfield.

One day left for Westfield Lantern Award nominations

The REPORTER

The Lantern Awards offer an important opportunity for you to nominate and uplift your peers in the Westfield community.

Nominations for the year 2024 close at 11:59 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20. Multiple entries are allowed, and you must submit a separate form for each award category submission. Winners are based on the quality of submission rather than the quantity of nominations.

[Click here](#) to nominate

a recipient.

The event celebrates the community of Westfield and is a semi-formal cocktail reception designed to bring the community together for an evening of fellowship while recognizing and honoring outstanding residents and businesses. This year's Awards Ceremony will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, 2025, at the Prairie Waters Event Center, 4180 Westfield Road, Westfield.

[Click here](#) to purchase tickets.

Meet Amy Voris: a trusted partner in any emergency

Submitted by Fishers Health Department

When Amy Voris reflects on her career in public health, it's evident that her work is more than just a job – it's a calling. With 15 years of nursing experience, her job has taken her from hospital floors to tracking communicable diseases to handling Indiana's first COVID-19 case. Each step has shaped her path to her current role at the Fishers Health Department (FHD).

Voris spent a decade in another health department, immersing herself in communicable disease tracking and emergency preparedness. Then, she took notice of FHD, struck by their innovative and tenacious approach to building a public health department from the ground up in the midst of a global pandemic.

"Working for FHD seemed like a unique and exciting opportunity," she recalled.

Today, Voris role at

FHD is multifaceted. Working primarily in the immunization clinic, she also handles communicable disease investigations, oversees tuberculosis cases, and leads FHD's emergency preparedness initiative as the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. Her experience in crisis management, particularly as the lead responder for Indiana's first COVID-19 case in March 2020, has uniquely prepared her for the demands of her position.

Reflecting on that defining experience, Voris grows emotional.

"There was very little knowledge about SARS-CoV-2 at that time, so it was very overwhelming,"



Voris



she said. Serving as the liaison between the patient and public health officials, she gathered crucial exposure information and coordinated with state and federal agencies.

In a powerful moment, she met the patient face-to-face outdoors and at a distance, removing her mask briefly to offer comfort amid the uncertainty.

"This is a personal – they deserve to see my whole face and feel that connection," Voris shared, exemplifying her compassionate approach to care.

At FHD, she brings this same compassion and dedication. She works tirelessly behind-the-scenes to ensure that supplies, networks, and resources are ready for public health crises. She

highlights the importance of pre-established partnerships, noting that "the time for trading business cards is not during an emergency."

Voris' proactive efforts strengthen FHD's readiness for any situation.

She credits FHD's strong supportive team and visionary leadership for creating an environment where impactful work is possible. "The leadership here isn't afraid to embrace change or cut through red tape to improve services for the community," she notes.

For Voris, the most fulfilling part of her work is knowing she provides essential care that might otherwise be unavailable. Her dedication has made her a trusted presence in Fishers public health, demonstrating the profound impact committed individuals can have on their communities. Through Amy's tireless efforts, Fishers is not just prepared – it's protected and well cared for.

Humane Society for Hamilton County announces Holiday Sleepover Campaign

Submitted by HSHC

'Twas the week before Christmas, and all through the shelter, ALL the creatures were stirring, dreaming of a life that was better. To make their holiday dreams come true, the staff at the Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC) has a favor to ask of you.

Will you foster an animal just long enough to give them a holiday to remember? This Holiday Sleepover campaign has no tinsel attached. No cost, no long-term commitment, and HSHC will even send you

home with all the pet supplies you need. Of course, interested individuals must fill out the foster application and be approved according to their standard guidelines.

HSHC is ready to match you with one of their eligible pets for your holiday sleepover.*

"We know there are a lot of folks who love animals, but they aren't in a place to adopt a pet, or even foster one for several weeks," HSHC Community Engagement Manager Lily Darling said. "This short-term fostership is a win-win for

shelter animals who need a break, and for someone who may be alone during the holidays, or frankly, anyone who could use a little holiday cheer."

Potential foster parents have the flexibility to pick up their foster animal during HSHC's regular adoption hours between Dec. 19 and 24, and then, return their foster animal as early as Dec. 26, during HSHC's regular adoption hours. The shelter will be open on Christmas Eve from noon to 3 p.m. Returns must be made with an appointment.

Interested in hosting a sleepover? Here's what to bring:

- Completed foster application on hamiltonhumane.com/foster-application.

- All family members
- Dogs for dog meet and greets
- Landlord's pet policy if you rent
- Government-issued ID

*Some pets may be excluded from HSHC's Holiday Sleepover campaign due to being unaltered, too young, or needing specialized care.

OneZone Chamber announces 2025 legislative priorities

Submitted

OneZone Chamber has announced its 2025 legislative priorities for local lawmakers to address during the legislative session at the Indiana Statehouse. This year OneZone will concentrate its efforts on childcare and workforce development.

OneZone's focus will be on a variety of areas including childcare, road funding, cigarette tax, workforce development and talent attraction, entrepreneurship, and property taxes.

On improving childcare policies. OneZone Chamber supports increased access to quality educational programming for Hoosier children – specifically for childcare and pre-kindergarten programs. OneZone supports regulatory changes to decrease undue burdens on facilities. Additionally, OneZone supports innovative ideas to grow the workforce to meet the needs of employers and employees.

Quality childcare and pre-kindergarten programs are essential to grow our future talent pipeline and promote a strong educational foundation before starting a formal K-12 education. In addition, quality programming for children allows parents to have the ability to participate in the workforce, have financial stability, and even continue furthering their own education. Decreasing regulatory burdens for childcare providers allows for increased access and availability and allows them to focus on providing

quality care.

"We saw great discussion in the 2024 session around childcare and hope to build off the momentum," OneZone President and CEO Jack Russell said. "We look forward to working with our Hamilton County legislators on creating a strong foundation for Hoosier children while finding new and innovative ways to allow parents to participate in the workforce."

OneZone Chamber advocates for increased federal, state, and local funding for infrastructure projects, supporting a more equitable funding formula and transparent allocation processes. Engaging stakeholders – businesses, residents, and advocacy groups – is key to addressing community needs. Strong infrastructure supports the movement of goods, services, and people, reducing costs, improving supply chains, and attracting businesses. Additionally, infrastructure projects create jobs and promote economic growth by encouraging business investment and expansion.

OneZone Chamber supports increasing the tobacco tax and implementing taxes on vaping and e-cigarette products as a means to reduce tobacco use. Indiana's high rates of tobacco use cost businesses over \$6 billion annually due to healthcare expenses,



Russell

absenteeism, and lost productivity. Raising the cost of cigarettes and vaping products can discourage usage and improve health outcomes, ultimately reducing the financial burden on businesses and the state. This approach promotes a healthier workforce and helps curb the long-term costs associated with tobacco-related health issues.

On workforce the focus will be to support policies and incentives that encourage attracting, training, and retaining talent to meet the needs of the current and future workforce. OneZone believes while the labor market remains robust, the number of qualified workforce participants continues to dwindle, with job vacancies causing problems for industries across the board.

It is critical that Indiana allows businesses to remain competitive and, thus, spurring growth in existing and future economic development. This could include policies that: encourage quality of place and infrastructure investments that attract and retain talent; remove overly burdensome regulations; and keep Indiana's tax climate business-friendly.

"Workforce plays an important role as we look to attract talent, not just in neighboring states but across the country," Russell said. "We will continue to be a voice for businesses to help attract and retain talent."

OneZone Chamber recognizes the essential role entrepreneurs play in driving innovation, job creation, and economic growth and

is committed to advocating for policies that foster a supportive environment for entrepreneurial success in Indiana. This includes promoting small business financing, offering tax incentives to attract private investment in early-stage ventures, and streamlining regulatory processes. By championing innovation, technology, and a thriving entrepreneurial ecosystem, OneZone aims to ensure the community remains a hub for business development and economic opportunity. Supporting entrepreneurship benefits all stakeholders and fuels long-term economic prosperity.

OneZone Chamber supports meaningful property tax reform policies that promote fairness and economic growth. Any proposed reforms must be carefully crafted to avoid shifting the tax burden from residential properties onto businesses and should consider replacement revenue for local governments. A thriving business environment depends on fair and predictable taxation that encourages long-term investment and supports economic prosperity. While reform may address inefficiencies in the current system, it is essential that such changes do not undermine the business community or hinder local governments' ability to grow and remain competitive.

As the session approaches, make sure to attend the January, February, and March Eggs & Issues. Hear from state legislators on these topics and more. The first Eggs & Issues will be from 8 to 9:30 a.m. on Jan. 10 at The Bridgewater Club. You can learn more by visiting OneZoneChamber.com.

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Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Firefighter Merit Commission will meet at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, 2024, in the City Courtroom at the Public Safety Building, 135 S. 9th St., Noblesville.

The Hamilton County Plan Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2025, has been canceled due to a lack of petitions for consideration. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2025.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

OTHER PRIESTLY GARMENTS

"Make a plate of pure gold and engrave on it as on a seal: holy to the Lord. Fasten a blue cord to it to attach it to the turban; it is to be on the front of the turban. It will be on Aaron's forehead, and he will bear the guilt involved in the sacred gifts the Israelites consecrate, whatever their gifts may be. It will be on Aaron's forehead continually so that they will be acceptable to the Lord.
Exodus 28:36-38 (NIV)

Michael Dean Mundy

August 7, 1943 – December 17, 2024



Michael Dean Mundy, a devoted husband, father, and friend, passed away peacefully in his sleep on the morning of Tuesday, December 17, 2024. He was born August 7, 1943, in Anderson, Ind., the son of Jahue and June Mundy. Michael lived a life full of passion, family, and love.

Mike was a graduate of Anderson University and continued to support the Ravens throughout his life. As a profession, Mike founded Fessler Insurance Agency, before moving to MJ Insurance where he worked until retiring.

Michael's enthusiasm for baseball, particularly his beloved Dodgers, was unmatched. He found joy in coaching with the Indiana Bulls and attending countless baseball games with those he loved. In his retirement, Mike loved working for Bullpen Tournaments at Grand Park. Sundays were often reserved for cheering on the Colts, creating cherished family memories that will live on forever. A man of great personality and character, Michael was also known for his vast and impressive hat collection – a true reflection of his vibrant spirit.

Through the later years of his life, he discovered a profound and lasting love of the Lord. This devout faith helped guide him and his family through both the joyous and difficult days.

Michael is survived by his loving wife, Teri Mundy, who stood faithfully by his side. His legacy lives on through his sons: David Mundy and his wife Megan, along with their children, Makenna and Mason; and Jay Mundy and his wife Lindsey, along with his stepson, Kaeden.

He is also lovingly remembered by Teri's children: Rusty Nienaber, Sara VanSlambrook, and Mark Nienaber, who brought additional joy to his life.

Michael's impact as a husband, father, and friend will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew him. His love of life, family, and baseball will be celebrated as a legacy of dedication, laughter, and unwavering love.

A Memorial Mass for Mike will begin at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, December 21 at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 7200 Sarto Drive, Indianapolis, with visitation beginning there at 9:30 a.m. Private inurnment will be at Our Lady of Peace Cemetery in Indianapolis.

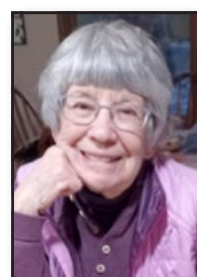
In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to either Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, IN 46226; or to St. Pius X Church, 7200 Sarto Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46240; or to Anderson University / Charles Gang at athletics.anderson.edu/give.

Online condolences for Mike are available at feeny-hornakkeystone.com.

Leneta Anne Harold Kitchel

December 28, 1940 – September 9, 2024

Leneta Anne Harold Kitchel, 83, passed away on September 9, 2024. She was born on December 28, 1940, in front of a fireplace near the town of Chloe, W.V., the second child of Orvia Conley Harold and Harry Harold. Her brother, Lowell, had been born in 1935, and her sister, Reberta Kay, would be born in 1946.



In 1943, her family migrated to the Akron, Ohio, area for a better future and work in the munitions industry during the war. Leneta graduated from Tallmadge High School in 1958, and, after working for a year, followed a close friend in attending Manchester College, a Church of the Brethren school in North Manchester, Ind. She formed many lifelong friendships there, none more important than her future husband, Larry E. Kitchel, from Logansport. She graduated with a Bachelor's degree in English in 1963, planning to teach high school. Leneta and Larry married on July 6 of that year, and Larry finished his Business degree at the end of the fall semester.

The couple moved to Elkhart, then Lafayette, where Leneta earned her Master's degree in English at Purdue University. In 1966, Leneta gave birth to their son, Phil, and in 1969, to their daughter, Laura. In early 1970, the family moved to Richmond, Ind., where Larry took a job with the IRS, and, settled in the Glen Hills neighborhood adjacent to the woods of the city park, they began to put down roots.

Richmond is home to Earlham College, a Quaker school, and the Quaker community is active there. The family began attending West Richmond Friends Meeting, a church near the campus, and the family felt at home there. When the kids were both in school, Leneta took the position of the church's secretary. She did not teach English again, but this began an important new role. When the pastor retired, the church replaced him with a Ministry Team of leaders in the meeting, which included Leneta. The team rotated in leading meeting for worship on the facing bench, and they occasionally gave the message, which Leneta also did. The community at West Richmond and the courses Leneta took and the fellowship she shared at Earlham School of Religion were foundational for the rest of her life.

The family lived in Richmond through the '70s, forming relationships at church and in the community. Larry and Leneta were active in the PTA and on the board of the small neighborhood swimming pool. They hosted and visited family and friends, celebrated holidays at home and with their parents in Akron and Logansport, and took several long driving vacations to the national parks both east and west. Together the Kitchels saw the country and celebrated personal milestones like hiking in the Grand Canyon and climbing Longs Peak in the Rocky Mountains.

In 1979, the family made the difficult decision to move north of Indianapolis for Larry to become the business manager of Conner Prairie Pioneer Settlement, a living museum operated by Earlham College. The couple would live in the same home for the next 40 years. Phil and Laura attended Hamilton Southeastern Schools and then went to Manchester College. Larry went on to work for the Farmer's Home Administration in the federal government, and Leneta spent many years as the executive secretary for a vice president of IBM in downtown Indianapolis. As their financial responsibilities shrank, Larry and Leneta took smaller and more flexible jobs to have more time for family and travel. Phil married Cindy Morrow Kitchel, and their sons are Max, now 22; Tom, now 19; and Sylvester, now 16. Laura married Dennis Bordenkecher, and they have a son, Alex, now 18, and a daughter, Erin, who did not sur-

vive to her birth. When Larry and Leneta retired, travel became their life. They bought a tiny Scamp trailer big enough to sleep, cook, and if necessary, eat in. They drove all over the U.S. and Canada. They put 94,000 miles on the trailer alone, and countless more on their car when the trailer was parked. Leneta navigated with an atlas in her lap; Larry drove. Leneta often spotted unplanned stops that became highlights. They were campground hosts for a summer in the Black Hills, and they flew to Hawaii, Australia, and New Zealand, and drove and hiked all over those landscapes. They agreed that they had more fun than any two people are entitled to.

They cared for aging parents and mourned them when they passed. They celebrated new grandchildren and enjoyed great times and good meals with their children and their families. This summer they celebrated their 61st anniversary, and for their 60th, they took a riverboat cruise from Memphis up the Mississippi to the Ohio, east to the Cumberland, and up to Nashville.

Leneta and Larry were life partners in every possible way. Their lives, careers, and family were always a shared enterprise, and they did almost everything together. But they worked so well as a unit because they were distinct as individuals. Leneta was thoughtful, calm, reflective, deliberate, patient. She was curious, intellectual, committed, passionate, and articulate. She was smart, sharp, and fiercely proud, but also modest and self-effacing. She stood out by not trying to. She had strong opinions and a stern, cold temper, and she did not tolerate foolishness, ignorance, carelessness, or unkindness. Real feelings mattered to her, but she was practical and un sentimental. She was always political, as an educated woman of her generation had to be, and she could be unashamedly partisan, as most of her times demanded. But she was also willing to change her mind when given a convincing argument. She was open, patient, a listener, and a learner. She was a kind, loving, fun, disciplined mother who showed her children how to grow up and live. She would have said she was an adequate cook.

She was also warm, caring, kind, loving, generous, adventurous, courageous, tough, and funny. She was sensitive and vulnerable. She loved real country music, early rock and roll, history, politics, and the most absurd comedy. She loved to laugh. She was an avid and lifelong reader of books and maps and news and letters. She eagerly shared all of her enthusiasms; she loved long conversations with people she loved.

Leneta Kitchel was, first and finally, a great and true friend, and people could see and feel that upon meeting her and after knowing her for many years. She will be missed so much and remembered so well by her friends, her family, and her husband. In all the most meaningful ways, she will be with them always.

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Sheridan scores back-to-back wins over Tri-West & Tipton

By **RICHIE HALL**
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SHERIDAN – The Sheridan girls basketball team is presently 9-1 for the season, so the Blackhawks have proven they can win.

This week, Sheridan is proving its toughness in a different way. The Blackhawks are in the middle of a busy stretch, with four games in three nights at Larry Hobbs Gymnasium. But Sheridan is still winning big: the Class 2A ‘Hawks took down 3A Tri-West 68-49 on Tuesday, then came back to beat Tipton 55-18 on Wednesday.

On top of the multiple games, the Blackhawks were also preparing for finals, which take place today and Friday.

“So, not only do they have the physical and mental load of basketball, but they also have a mental load of having to show up for finals and do good on those,” said Sheridan coach Jaidlin Bradshaw. “They’ve done a great job.”

The ‘Hawks got off to a great start Tuesday against Tri-West, leading 26-13 after the first quarter. Senior Kenzie Garner was on fire in that quarter, draining four 3-pointers on her way to 14 points. Cecilia Timme helped out with six points.

Sheridan led 38-24 at halftime, with Garner hitting two more triples. The Blackhawks’ defense took over in the third period, outscoring the Bruins 16-6 and giving the home team a 54-30 lead.

Garner finished the game with 28 points, making seven 3s. She was one of four Sheridan players to reach double figures: Shel-



Photo by Dwight Casler

Sheridan’s Kenzie Garner scored 28 points during the Blackhawks’ Tuesday win over Tri-West.

by Eaton scored 13, Timme added 12 and Nova Cross totaled 10, including a pair of 3s.

The Blackhawks continued to roll Wednesday against Tipton, leading 15-4 after the opening quarter and 27-6 at halftime. Garner scored 10 first-half points, while Eaton scoring six.

Eaton scored another four points in the third quarter, including a rebound basket that gave the ‘Hawks a 46-11 lead and instituted a running clock

with just over a minute to go in the quarter. Mackenzie Smith also had four points in the third.

Eaton and Smith both come off the bench, and Bradshaw said it’s “so nice to be able to sub and just have a spark off the bench” for Sheridan.

“What we bring in off the bench, we don’t lose anything, right?” said Bradshaw. “So, they come in and they bring a different look, but we’re not losing anything. It’s awesome.

The hustle plays that we get from Mac and Shelby, the rebounding, the jumping on the floor, just those little things.”

Garner and Eaton both tied for high-scoring honors with 12 points each, while Smith scored 10. Cross had eight points, making two 3s.

Sheridan finishes its busy week on Friday with a Hoosier Heartland Conference doubleheader at home, playing Eastern at 6 p.m. The boys game follows at 7:30 p.m.



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Conor Daly returns to Juncos Hollinger Racing to complete 2025 NTT INDYCAR SERIES lineup

The REPORTER

Juncos Hollinger Racing (JHR) is thrilled to announce the return of Conor Daly, completing the team’s 2025 NTT INDYCAR SERIES lineup. Daly, a proven talent with deep ties to the team, made an indelible mark during the second half of JHR’s 2024 campaign, securing the team’s first-ever podium finish with an impressive 3rd place at the Milwaukee Mile. His addition completes the team’s two-car roster as they prepare for an exciting and competitive season ahead.

“I’m thrilled to be joining the JHR team for the full NTT INDYCAR SERIES season in 2025,” shared Conor Daly, the most recent addition to the Juncos Hollinger Racing driver lineup. “After the excitement and success we shared in 2024, including Milwaukee, it feels like the perfect next step. I’m grateful for Ricardo and Brad’s belief in me as I embark on the revitalization of my career. I look forward to pursuing podiums and wins with this incredible group. Thank you to everyone involved in making this happen – it’s been a team effort, and we’ll continue to build on this momentum together.”

“When Conor rejoined us last year, it felt like we seamlessly picked up right where we left off in 2010,” said Ricardo Juncos, Co-Owner

and Founder of JHR. “I’m thrilled to have him back in the car full-time for 2025. With both seats now filled, the team is laser-focused on building momentum and delivering standout performances throughout the year, aiming for an exceptional season ahead for Juncos Hollinger Racing.”

Brad Hollinger, Co-Owner of JHR, shared, “Conor is an outstanding addition to our team. He is a fantastic ambassador for the sport and has proven his speed not only in our car, but also through his tested tenure in the series. Providing him with more opportunities to collaborate closely with our engineers and crew will undoubtedly enhance the team’s performance, and empower his own unrelenting drive for success.”

“Our main priority this year is to build upon the success we’ve seen in the team’s short three-year campaign,” explained Dave O’Neill, Team Principal of Juncos Hollinger Racing. “With Conor joining the team and Sting Ray already confirmed, we’re well-positioned to achieve that. This is just the beginning of a long-term process to build a stronger and more competitive foundation for the future.”

Juncos Hollinger Racing will kick off the 2025 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season at the highly anticipated season opener in St. Petersburg on March 2.

SHERIDAN 68, TRI-WEST 49				
Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Nova Cross	4	0-0	10	2
Sadie Timme	1	0-0	2	1
Kenzie Garner	9	3-4	28	1
Brielle Garner	1	0-0	3	0
Cecilia Timme	5	2-3	12	1
Shelby Eaton	6	0-0	13	1
Mackenzie Smith	0	0-0	0	3
Mak Sutherland	0	0-0	0	0
Brooklynn Conley	0	0-0	0	0
Sammy Smith	0	0-0	0	0
Alivia Gould	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	26	5-7	68	9
Score by Quarters				
Tri-West	13	11	6	19 – 49
Sheridan	26	12	16	14 – 68
Sheridan 3-pointers (11) K. Garner 7, Cross 2, B. Garner, Eaton.				

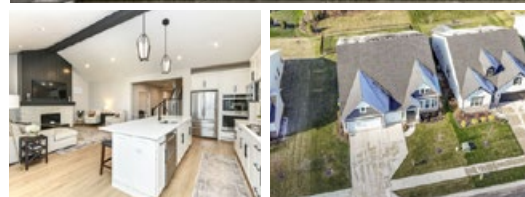
SHERIDAN 55, TIPTON 18				
Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Nova Cross	3	0-0	8	0
Sadie Timme	0	1-2	1	0
Kenzie Garner	6	0-0	12	0
Brielle Garner	1	0-0	3	0
Cecilia Timme	3	0-0	6	0
Shelby Eaton	6	0-0	12	0
Mackenzie Smith	5	0-2	10	0
Brooklynn Conley	0	0-0	0	1
Sammy Smith	0	0-0	0	0
Alivia Gould	0	0-0	0	0
Carla Gonzalez Calvo	1	0-0	3	0
Totals	25	1-4	55	1
Score by Quarters				
Tipton	4	2	8	4 – 18
Sheridan	15	12	19	9 – 55
Sheridan 3-pointers (4) Cross 2, B. Garner, Gonzalez Calvo.				

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Girls Basketball



Hamilton Heights' Katie Brown (3) and Sarah Sherrill (left) each scored 12 points for the Huskies during their game with Kokomo on Tuesday.

Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Shamrocks win conference battle over Avon Orioles

The REPORTER

Westfield's girls basketball team picked up a Hoosier Crossroads Conference victory over Avon Tuesday, beating the Orioles 56-48 at CSI Gymnasium.

Avon led 13-9 after one quarter, with the Shamrocks cutting that advantage to 22-21 by halftime. Sam Price scored six points in the first half, while Meg Hamilton added six second-quarter points.

Westfield surged ahead in the third period, scoring 17 points for a 38-32 lead

going into the fourth. Price got going with eight points in that quarter, while Aubrey Crockett added five points. The 'Rocks put up 18 points in the fourth, including an 8 of 9 performance from the free-throw line.

Price totaled 18 points, while MaKayla Hatcher finished with 13 points, scoring in each quarter. Hamilton scored 10 points.

The Shamrocks are 3-1 in conference play and 7-4 overall. Westfield travels to Noblesville Saturday afternoon for another HCC game.

WESTFIELD 56, AVON 48

Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Meg Hamilton	3	3-4	10	4
Aubrey Crockett	3	0-0	7	0
MaKayla Hatcher	4	5-8	13	0
Lindsey Van Dyke	3	2-4	8	3
Sam Price	8	2-3	18	3
Mia Crask	0	0-0	0	0
Ellen Wheeler	0	0-0	0	1
Totals	21	12-19	56	11

Score by Quarters

Avon	13	9	10	16-48
Westfield	9	12	17	18-56

Westfield 3-pointers (2) Hamilton, Crockett.

Huskies fall to Kokomo

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights girls basketball is in rebuilding mode this season, but the foundation seems to be getting stronger for the Huskies.

Last week, Heights picked up its first two wins of the season, beating new Hoosier Conference opponent Logansport in an East Division game. The Huskies followed that up with a close win over West Lafayette. Both those wins were at home, and the Huskies finished their three-game homestand Tuesday by falling to Kokomo 58-37.

The Wildkats led 14-4 after the first quarter, but the Huskies came back in the second period, cutting Kokomo's lead to 21-18 by halftime. Freshman Sarah Sherrill had eight first-half points, while senior Katie Brown scored seven in the second quarter.

The Wildkats took control of the game in the third quarter, outscoring Heights 24-6. Brown and Sherrill were the leading scorers for the game, as each totaled 12 points.

New roles

After the game, first-year Huskies coach Erin

Trimpe talked about the team and how the players are "stepping up into new roles."

"We are starting two freshmen, two sophomores and a senior," said Trimpe. "We're throwing kids into things and asking them to do things that they've never done before. And so the development from all of them has been really, really impressive to me."

Trimpe said that at the beginning of the season, she talked to Brown, the lone senior on the team.

"I've never had to be that leader before," Brown told Trimpe. "I've always been the younger one who followed a really solid group of seniors, so what can I do to help?"

"She and I talk quite a bit about leadership and what she can do," said Trimpe. "She's just shown a lot of growth in that and it's made a huge difference on and off the court for our team."

Sherrill, a 6-foot freshman, has already provided some good minutes for the Huskies. Trimpe told Sherrill after the game that it was the best game she's played from a full-game standpoint.

KOKOMO 58, HAMILTON HEIGHTS 37

Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Katie Brown	5-11	1-1	12	1
Abi Hilfiker	3-5	1-2	7	4
Presley Cherry	1-8	4-4	6	1
Reece Blanton	0-5	0-0	0	1
Sarah Sherrill	6-8	0-4	12	1
Illiana Bowyer	0-2	0-0	0	1
Totals	15-39	6-11	37	9

Score by Quarters

Kokomo	14	7	24	13-58
Heights	4	14	6	13-37

Heights 3-point shooting (1-11) Brown 1-6, Cherry 0-3, Blanton 0-1, Bowyer 0-1.

Heights rebounds (20) Brown 7, Sherrill 5, Hilfiker 3, Blanton 3, Cherry 2.

"She's come such a long way," said Trimpe. "She has worked a lot with our assistant coach Stephanie Hoane on just getting solid in her post moves and being a little bit balanced. Obviously she's got great size and she's got great hands, it's just those back to basket moves and she's dedicated a lot of time to practice, and her growth and her development over the past couple weeks has been a lot of fun to see."

Trimpe also mentioned Presley Cherry as someone that's done well so far, hitting shots and helping out Brown with the ball-handling.

Reece Blanton, at 5-4, has become the team's leading rebounder; Trimpe said "she knows how to get her body in there and just play through everything."

The Huskies are 2-10 for the season and play at Blackford on Saturday. Heights will travel to a one-day tournament at Waldron next Friday.

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Golden Eagles win on the road

The REPORTER

Guerin Catholic's girls got a solid road victory on Wednesday, beating New Palestine 50-43.

The Golden Eagles started strong, leading 15-10 after one quarter. Ava Bills poured in 10 points in the opening period, including two 3s. Bills continued to roll in the second quarter, adding another 10 points and helping Guerin Catholic to a 30-20 half-time lead.

The third quarter belonged to the Golden Eagles' defense, which held the Dragons to three points. Guerin Catholic led 40-23 after three periods; Annie Murphy scored five points. New Pal made a comeback in the fourth, but GC was

GUERIN CATHOLIC 50, NEW PALESTINE 43

Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Annie Murphy	1	7-10	10	2
Dana Dues	1	0-0	3	1
Reagan Haines	1	0-0	2	3
Ava Bills	8	3-4	23	0
Lillian Behrle	3	1-2	7	4
Brinna Wolf	0	0-0	0	0
Madi Cain	0	0-0	0	0
Caroline Ford	1	3-8	5	1
Addy Horvath	0	0-0	0	0
Rachel Behrle	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	15	14-24	50	11

Score by Quarters

Guerin Catholic	15	15	10	10-50
New Palestine	10	10	3	20-43

Guerin Catholic 3-pointers (6) Bills 4, Murphy, Dues.

able to hold the Dragons off, with Murphy scoring another five points.

Bills made four 3-pointers on her way 23 points. Murphy totaled 10 points,

while Lillian Behrle added seven points.

The Golden Eagles are 6-5 and host Purdue Polytechnic Englewood on Friday.

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Indiana Mad Ants announce 2024 Winter Showcase schedule

The REPORTER

The NBA G League announced Tuesday the official schedule for the 2024 Winter Showcase, presented by The General Insurance. The Mad Ants are scheduled to play Friday, Dec. 20 and Sunday, Dec. 22.

The Mad Ants (5-9) will take on the Rio Grande Valley Vipers (Houston Rockets affiliate) at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20. The game will be available on Roku. Rio Grande Valley enters the showcase with a 7-7 record.

On Sunday, Indiana will face the Texas Legends (Dallas Mavericks affiliate) with tip-off at 10:30 a.m. The Legends enter the showcase with a 5-9 record. This game can be streamed on NBA TV.

All Winter Showcase games will take place at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Fla.

The Mad Ants enter the showcase following a

119-107 victory against the Windy City Bulls on Sunday, Dec. 15.

After the conclusion of the Winter Showcase, the Mad Ants return home Friday, Dec. 27 to take on the Salt Lake City Stars (Utah Jazz affiliate). Tip-off will be at 6 p.m. The two clubs will play again the following day at the same time.

About the

Indiana Mad Ants

The Indiana Mad Ants are the G League affiliate of the Indiana Pacers. The franchise is currently playing in its 18th season dating back to 2007-2008. The Mad Ants have been a part of Pacers Sports and Entertainment since 2015. The club plays their home games at the Gainbridge Fieldhouse located at 125 South Pennsylvania Street in downtown Indianapolis. Purchase Mad Ants tickets here or visit the Gainbridge Fieldhouse Box Office.

Lively-Mason signs with University of Cincinnati

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights senior Campbell Lively-Mason has signed a letter of intent to dive for the University of Cincinnati in Cincinnati, Ohio, this fall. University of Cincinnati is a member of the Big 12 Conference and a NCAA Division I athletic institution. She is the daughter of Carrie Lively, Cameron Mason, and Casey Claus.

It was her visit to the University of Cincinnati campus that sealed the deal.

“All of the amenities available for student athletes allow them to succeed on and off the deck,” said Lively-Mason, a two-time conference diving champion, sectional champion, and a Top 10 State finalist who also participated in Hamilton Heights’ Unified Flag Football and Unified Track programs. “Having a support staff for nutrition, strength, recovery, and academics convinced me this is what will set me up for success. The brand-new educational buildings offer students new and advanced ways of learning along with hands-on training at UC’s hospital.”

This was attractive to Lively-Mason who plans to major in physical therapy with the goal of working in a hospital or therapeutic setting.

Lively-Mason entered the sport of diving by chance her freshman year after an elbow injury sustained in gymnastics. She



Photo by Jen Kauffman

Hamilton Heights’ senior Campbell Lively-Mason has signed a letter of intent to join the University of Cincinnati Bearcats Swimming & Diving team in Cincinnati, Ohio this fall. Campbell Lively-Mason (seated) is pictured with her parents Casey Claus (stepfather), Carrie Lively (mother), and Cameron Mason (father).

started training with Ripfest Diving in Arcadia. Shortly thereafter, she began training full time during her summers, six days/40 hours each week.

“I was dedicated to becoming a competitive Division 1 athlete,” she recalled. “After a year of going through the recruiting process, I achieved my goal and became a Power 5 athlete (been diving for 4 ½ years).”

Lively-Mason credits her mom and her Ripfest

coaches for their influence and support as she developed her diving skills. “They believed I could achieve things even when I didn’t believe in myself,” she noted.

“Campbell was a pleasure to work with,” former Hamilton Heights High School diving coach Steve Hoferle said. “She has a great personality and will do great things at Cincinnati next Fall. Always wishing for the best for Campbell.”

“We are very excited for

Campbell to have the opportunity to continue diving at the next level,” Hamilton Heights Athletic Director Kurt Ogden said. “She has spent countless hours of training, both in the pool and doing dryland training, to earn this opportunity. We wish her the best at Cincinnati University.”

When Lively-Mason is not in the water, she works as a gymnastics coach at Wrights 360 and serves as a student athletic aide in the fall, winter, and spring.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, Dec. 19

BOYS WRESTLING

Westfield at Noblesville, 6:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Bishop Chatard at University, 6 p.m.

SWIMMING

Guerin Catholic at New Castle (with New Palestine), 5:30 p.m.

University at Lebanon (with Purdue Polytechnic), 6 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 20

BOYS BASKETBALL

Brebeuf Jesuit at University, 7:30 p.m.

Carmel at North Central, 7:30 p.m.

Eastern at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.

Fishers vs. Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m. at Fishers Event Center

Noblesville at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.

Western at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Eastern at Sheridan, 6 p.m.

Fishers vs. Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m. at Fishers Event Center

North Central at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.

Purdue Polytechnic at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 21

BOYS BASKETBALL

Bethesda Christian at Westfield, 5:30 p.m.

Carmel at Kokomo, 7:30 p.m.

Frankfort at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.

Shortridge at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.

University at Mooresville, 7:30 p.m.

West Lafayette at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.

Evansville Bosse Winter Classic

Guerin Catholic vs. Evansville Harrison, 1:30 p.m.

BOYS WRESTLING

Hamilton Heights at Rochester McKee Invitational, 8:45 a.m.

Fishers at Columbus East, 9 a.m.

Guerin Catholic at East Central 8-Way, 9 a.m.

Carmel at Kyle Osborn Invitational, 9:30 a.m. at McCutcheon

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Hamilton Heights at Blackford, 1:30 p.m.

Westfield at Noblesville, 1:30 p.m.

GIRLS WRESTLING

Hamilton Heights, Sheridan at Lafayette Jefferson Round Robin, TBD

SWIMMING

Hamilton Southeastern Forum Credit Union Holiday Splash, 9 a.m.

Westfield at Noblesville, 10 a.m.

University at Zionsville Eagle Invitational, 11 a.m.

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Pro Volleyball Federation makes history with inaugural All-Star Match

All-Star Match to air on CBS Sports & be played on Indy Ignite home court

The REPORTER

Pro Volleyball Federation (PVF), the premiere professional volleyball league in the United States, has announced its inaugural All-Star Match, set to take place on Saturday, Feb. 22, 2025, on Indy Ignite’s home court, Fishers Event Center. The event will showcase the league’s top talent and give fans a unique opportunity to witness the best in professional volleyball.

In a historic first for professional volleyball, CBS Television Network will air the match on its national broadcast. This landmark moment underscores PVF’s commitment to elevating the sport and bringing professional women’s volleyball to a broader audience.

“The All-Star Match will be a defining moment for our league and the sport of volleyball, showcasing the extraordinary talent of the PVF athletes and representing an incredible step forward in increasing visibility for the sport,” PVF CEO Jen Spicher said. “Partnering with CBS to bring the All-Star Match to a national audience underscores our commitment to growing visibility for our athletes and provid-

ing unparalleled access to volleyball fans everywhere. We are also beyond excited to partner with CBS Sports on this incredible opportunity and thank them for their unwavering support in helping us continue to raise the profile for professional volleyball.”

The All-Star match will take place at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 22 at Fishers Event Center, home of the league’s newest franchise, the Indy Ignite. Opened in November 2024, the venue is already becoming a go-to destination for sports and entertainment, hosting concerts and events and also serving as the sports hub for the Indy Fuel (ECHL) and Fishers Freight (IFL). The Ignite’s inaugural season begins at Fishers Event Center on Jan. 11. Tickets to Ignite matches, which start at \$30 per match, are available at indyignitevb.com.

“The excitement continues to build in Indianapolis for professional women’s volleyball,” said Mary Kay Huse, president and general manager of Indy Ignite. “Hosting the first Pro Volleyball Federation All-Star weekend, just as we’re celebrating Indy Ignite’s inaugu-

ral season, is nothing short of epic. “We’re grateful for the support of the Indiana Sports Corp, Hamilton County Sports Authority, and the City of Fishers in securing this bid. We’re looking forward to putting together our All-Star Host Committee and getting to work on creating an amazing experience for volleyball fans from across the Country.”

The PVF All-Star match is the third such All-Star weekend to be announced for Central Indiana – together the three will take place across a span of 18 months. The NBA All-Star game was held on the Indiana Pacers’ and Fever’s home court, Gainbridge Fieldhouse, on Feb. 18, 2024, and the WNBA All-Star game will be held at Gainbridge Fieldhouse on July 19, 2025.

“Indianapolis and the state of Indiana continue to solidify their support of women’s sports, and this is another great step forward,” said Sarah Myer, Chief of Staff and Strategy for Indiana Sports Corp. “To now host three All-Star events within 18 months and secure this event as a part of the Ignite’s inaugural season

shows how this community can quickly come together and elevate ourselves as the place where champions are crowned.”

In partnership with the City of Fishers and Indy Ignite, the Hamilton County Sports Authority is leading the charge with the All-Star Host Committee made up of community leaders in the region that share the common goal of promoting and executing premier events in Central Indiana.

“The All-Star Host Committee is committed to hosting an unprecedented inaugural Pro Volleyball Federation (PVF) All-Star Game that will showcase the extraordinary talent of the PVF and the sport of volleyball,” Hamilton County Sports Authority Director Carl Daniels said. “Thanks to the region’s devoted sports expertise and fandom, the PVF All-Star Game is another example of a world-class event selecting Indiana as its host location.”

The PVF All-Star Match will include players from all league teams. The selection process, coaches, and format will be announced soon. Ticket information will also be available in the coming weeks.

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