

**CHRISTMAS DAY 2024**

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**TODAY'S WEATHER**

Today: Cloudy, with light rain.  
 Tonight: Evening light showers and drizzle.



HIGH: 43 LOW: 41

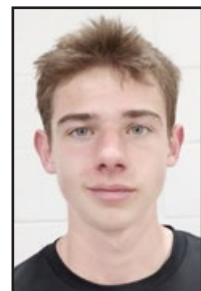


(ABOVE LEFT) Jeff Larrison (left) presents Tracy Rogers with his 2nd Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. (ABOVE RIGHT) Ted Engelbrecht (left) presents Mike Birk with his 2nd Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.

**Sam Quagliaroli makes 'Impact' at HSE Schools**

**The REPORTER**

Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) Schools announced the creation of its highest recognition, the Superintendent's Impact Award, during last Friday's much-anticipated Mudsock Basketball game at the new Fishers Event Center.



Quagliaroli

This prestigious award honors students and staff who embody the district's core values of Honor, Scholarship, and Excellence through exceptional leadership, dedication, and contributions to their schools and community.

Superintendent Pat Mapes had the privilege of presenting the inaugural award to Fishers High School senior Sam Quagliaroli, a student whose extraordinary accomplishments both on and off the field exemplify the essence of this new honor.

"Sam Quagliaroli is a shining example of what it means to lead with honor, achieve with scholarship, and inspire through excellence," Superintendent Mapes said. "He represents the best of Hamilton Southeastern Schools, and we are thrilled to celebrate his achievements with this award."

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**Westfield Lions put a bow on 2024**

Club's annual Christmas program includes numerous awards

**Submitted**

At their annual Christmas Dinner and Program Night held Dec. 19 at the Wyndham Hotel, the Westfield Lions presented several awards to well-deserving Lions. Prior to the awards portion of the meeting, the Lions were served dinner by the Westfield High School Foodies and entertained by the WHS Signature Sound Choir.

After the Signature Sound Choir, Lion President Bill Nesbitt presented Perfect Attendance pins to 24 Lions. This included a 50-year perfect attendance pin for Ted Engelbrecht and a 55-year pin for Bob Benson.

The Club's signature fundraising event is its semi-annual Texas Hold 'em "Poker for Sight" tournament. This year, Tournament Chair Mike Birk recognized three Lions for their outstanding efforts to make the tournament the biggest and best in the Midwest. Lion Don Collins received the "Tournament Star" award for his work collecting donations for each



(ABOVE LEFT) Mike Birk (right) presents Ted Engelbrecht with a Lions Poker for Sight Special Recognition Award. (ABOVE RIGHT) Birk presents Bob Benson with a Lions Poker for Sight Special Recognition Award.

tournament's "high hand" 50/50 pots. On average, Collins raises about \$2,000 per tournament with his hard work.

Lions Ted Engelbrecht and Bob Benson also received Poker for Sight "Special Recognition" awards for their dedicated work over the years at the tournament. Engelbrecht has manned the player registration table and Benson has served as the concession stand co-man-

ager at each session. These Lions have served in these roles since the tournament started in 2008 and are now stepping back for a well-deserved break.

The top award a Lion can receive is the Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF), named after the founder of Lions Clubs International. Lions earning additional MJFs after their initial award receive Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship (PMJF) awards.

This year the Westfield Lions presented the first two 2-time PMJFs in the Club's 94-year history. Lions Tracy Rogers and Mike Birk were the recipients of the award. Rogers is recognized as the lead "pit boss" at the poker tournaments and Birk continues to elevate the quality of each tournament and drive repeat business.

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**Carmel Fire welcomes new chaplain**

**The REPORTER**

Carmel Fire Department (CFD) Chief Joel Thacker announced last week the addition of new CFD Chaplain Dave Choutka.



Choutka

Choutka, lead pastor at Shepherd Church, brings a passion for the public safety community and will be working with CFD to build a chaplain program that integrates with the peer support team to effectively address the needs of not only CFD but also the broader Carmel community.

Choutka will replace Chaplain Doug Kizer who joined CFD in 2008.

"I want to thank Chaplain Doug Kizer for his many years of service to the CFD and Carmel community," Chief Thacker said. "Although he is stepping back, he will continue to provide mentoring and guidance to Dave in his new role."

**Donate to Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank as part of your year-end giving**

**The REPORTER**

Here's some food for thought: There are 32,160 food-insecure people in Hamilton County. At three meals a day, 365 days a year, that's 35,215,200 meals – a lot to comprehend.

The good news? Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank (HCHFB) isn't doing this on its own. Many friends and neighbors just need a little help; SNAP and other food assistance helps with a large amount. There is a tremendous food support network in Hamilton County.

This year, HCHFB provided 197,000 meals. This may seem like a very small portion of the total need, but consider how even just one healthy meal can make a difference.

That's HCHFB's goal: keep providing healthy meals, every day of the year, year in and year out. Over 1.5 million healthy meals have helped local friends and neighbors since HCHFB began.

... and maybe that one healthy meal that was provided today made all the difference.

**How can you help?**

As 2024 comes to a close and you finalize your year-end giving decisions, have you considered how your charitable donations can impact HCHFB's mission?

The Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank is recognized as a tax-exempt charitable organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Donations can be mailed to:  
 Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank  
 P.O. Box 881  
 Noblesville, IN 46061



These hardworking volunteers did their part to help HCH Food Bank "fill the barrel" and feed neighbors in need across Hamilton County this year.

You can also donate online at [hchfoodbank.org/donate](http://hchfoodbank.org/donate). Please keep your email donation receipt, mailed donation thank you letter, or your canceled check as your official record for tax purposes.

Most importantly, your charitable donations will impact the local community year-round by providing food and network support throughout Hamilton County in 2025.

You can also help by organizing a food drive. [Click](#)

[here](#) for more information.

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Learn more about Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank at [hchfoodbank.org](http://hchfoodbank.org). Save the date for the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 2025!

**Merry Christmas, see you on Friday!**

**The REPORTER**

Because today is Christmas, there will be no edition of The Reporter tomorrow.

You may not have thought about this, but newspapers are edited and designed the night before you read them, and we want all our people to be able to spend holidays as they see fit.

Most of us will be spending time with friends and family. None of us will be working.

Once upon a time some of us worked for newspapers that did not have holiday editions, but always had editions the day after. That meant we had the day before holidays off and worked on holidays. It was weird and unkind.

We are not jolly about those years.

We each have stories about explaining to our loved ones that we needed to gather the day before a holiday, then get back to being ink-stained wretches while the rest of the world relaxed or celebrated.

We promised ourselves if we were ever in charge, things would be different.

We are in charge. Things are different.

Merry Christmas and happy holidays, Hamilton County! We will be back with the local news you love on Friday morning before the sun comes up.

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# LIONS

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Photos provided by Westfield Lions Club

(ABOVE LEFT) The Westfield H.S. Signature Sound Choir provided the entertainment. (ABOVE RIGHT) The Westfield H.S. Foodies provided the meal for the meeting.

The last two awards presented at the meeting were also new awards for the Westfield Lions Club. Lion Dave Sobczak received the Westfield Lions Club "Life Membership Award" for the countless hours he has put into developing the plans for their clubhouse renovation project and shepherding the project through the regulatory and permitting phases. Sobczak is also serving as the construction manager for the project, which is nearing completion. When finished the Westfield Lions will arguably have the nicest Lions clubhouse in the state.

A second Westfield Lions Club Life Membership was presented to Jeff Larrison for his years of service as the Club's secretary. Since serving as Club president in 2010, he has been the Club's secretary. In addition, he has served



Photos provided by Westfield Lions Club

(ABOVE LEFT) Mike Birk announces the Tournament Star Award for Don Collins (not pictured). (ABOVE RIGHT) Dave Sobczak (left) received a Lifetime Membership Award from Bob Benson.

as the Indiana Lions District 25D Cabinet secretary four times. He currently chairs the WHS SOS Club committee, Avenue of Flags committee, Dictionary

Project committee, and the Club's Union Street Ecology Tour committee.

The Westfield Lions are proud to serve their community and are actively look-

ing for people interested in joining them in making a difference in Westfield. For information on the Club and how to become a Lion, go to [WestfieldLions.org](http://WestfieldLions.org).

# IMPACT

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Quagliaroli's athletic achievements include:

- IHSAA boys cross country state champion, setting a course record of 14:46.81, breaking the previous record set in 2011.
- Hoosier Crossroads Conference Athlete of the Year for boys cross country.
- Charles F. Maas Mental Attitude Award recipient for scholarship, leadership, and sportsmanship.
- First Team All-American in boys cross country, placing fourth at the Footlocker National Cross Country Meet.

In addition to his athletic

pro prowess, he has excelled academically:

- Maintains an outstanding 4.613 grade-point average and will graduate summa cum laude.
- Recognized as an AP Scholar of Distinction.
- Achieved PSAT/SAT scores in the 90th percentile nationally.
- Plans to attend Indiana University Bloomington, where he will study finance and continue his cross country and track career.

### About the Superintendent's Impact Award

The Superintendent's Impact Award is a new ini-

tiative by HSE Schools designed to recognize students and staff who exemplify the district's core values. Personally presented by the superintendent, this award highlights individuals who demonstrate leadership, perseverance, and an unwavering commitment to excellence in academics, athletics, and community service.

Congratulations to Mr. Quagliaroli on this well-deserved recognition. HSE Schools officials look forward to celebrating future recipients who will continue to inspire the district and community.

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# GET AHEAD OF THE WEATHER

## WINTER IS COMING... ARE YOUR PIPES PREPARED?

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

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

1.



Check your pipes for cracks and leaks.

3.



Insulate pipes in unheated areas of your home.

2.



Turn outdoor faucets off for the season.

4.



Schedule seasonal maintenance on your plumbing and heating systems.



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

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



# Next generation of memory care homes coming to Westfield



Photos provided

**Sigma Builders** and **Legato Living** held a ceremonial “groundbreaking” last Thursday in Westfield on a 13-bedroom senior residence for individuals living with Alzheimer’s and dementia. The preserved farmhouse which will serve as the residence is located at 601 S. Union St. This Legato Living home will be locally owned and operated. Mayor Scott Willis was in attendance at the ceremony (top center), as well as the Sigma Builders team, including Founding Partners Kimberly Bowers and Dave Berman (above right).

# Indy Jewish Community to light community Menorah each night of Chanukah

**The REPORTER**

The Indianapolis Jewish Community will light the Community Menorah this year during each night of Chanukah (Dec. 25 to Jan. 1).

Each night, different Jewish community organizations sponsor the lighting. They will lead a brief prayer and light the Community Menorah, located on the Jewish Community Campus, 6701 Hoover Road, Indianapolis (located at the roundabout between Doors 1 and 3).

Chanukah begins tonight, Dec. 25, and continues until the night of Jan. 1. The last night of the candle lighting is on Jan. 1.

**Community Menorah Candle Lighting Schedule**

• **First Night:** 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 25 – Etz Chaim Sephardic Congregation

• **Second Night:** 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26 – Hooverwood Living & Jewish Community Center ECE

• **Third Night:** 4:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27 – Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation & Jewish Community Relations Council

• **Fourth Night:** 6:45 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28 - Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis

• **Fifth Night:** 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29 - Congregation Beth Shalom & Congregation Shaarey Tefilla

• **Sixth Night:** 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30 – Indianapolis Jewish Discovery Center

• **Seventh Night:** 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31 - Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis & PJ Library

• **Eighth Night:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025 – Congregation Beth-El Zedeck

Chanukah is the Festival of Lights, commemorating the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem after a successful revolt by a band of Jewish fighters called the Maccabees against the Syrian-Greek empire that had attempted to destroy the Jewish faith. As part of the rededication, the victorious Jews needed to light the Temple’s menorah (seven-branch candelabrum), but they only had enough oil to last one day, and it would take eight days to prepare more. Miraculously, the one-day supply of oil lasted for eight days, which is why Chanukah lasts for eight days.

A chanukiah (nine-branch menorah – one candle for each day of Chanukah plus another candle, called the shamash, to light them) is lit each night, starting with one candle on the first night and adding a candle each day until the whole chanukiah is lit on the last night of Chanukah. The chanukiah is traditionally placed in a window facing the street, sharing the light and celebration with the world.

It is traditional to eat fried foods on Chanukah to commemorate the miracle of the oil. These include latkes (potato pancakes) and sufganiyot (jelly doughnuts), among others.

Visit [jewishindianapolis.org/chanukah](http://jewishindianapolis.org/chanukah) for holiday resources and all local events happening in the community this Chanukah.



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Obtain commemorative flags flown over the US Capitol from my office.



### Military Academy Nominations

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.

# Stronger together: let's unite for youth mental wellness

## The REPORTER

Does your company do an end-of-year giving match?

Make your gift to **The Chris Center** go twice as far. Many employers offer matching gift programs, allowing you to double your impact and help improve mental wellness for local youth.

[Click here](#) to double your impact.

Speaking of a match ... don't forget that The Chris Center's board president has offered a generous \$5,000 matching gift to bring the organization closer to its \$20,000 goal. Will you help make it happen?

**6 reasons to support The Chris Center with an end-of-year gift**

1. **Support Youth Mental Health:** Your donation



helps improve the mental wellness of youth in central Indiana through innovative programs that connect them with nature, the arts, and animals.

2. **Double Your Impact:** TCC has a generous matching gift up to \$5,000 and they're getting so close. Additionally, many employers offer matching gift programs at year-end, allowing your generosity to go even further for a cause that matters.

3. **Tax Benefits:** A year-

end donation to The Chris Center may qualify as a tax-deductible gift, helping you reduce your taxable income while supporting a vital mission.

4. **Empower Transformative Programs:** Your contribution sustains creative, healing approaches like the human-animal connection and nature-based activities that change lives.

5. **Be Part of a Movement:** By giving now, you join a community dedicated to fostering resilience and

hope for youth during a time when mental health support is more critical than ever.

6. **Giving can Improve Your Health and Well-Being:** Research shows that acts of kindness boost endorphins, reducing stress, anxiety, and improving sleep and self-esteem.

Every dollar helps create brighter futures for young people – together, everyone can make a difference. Learn more about The Chris Center at [chriscenterpaws.org](http://chriscenterpaws.org).

# Restoring America's financial solvency



ELISE M. NIESHALLA  
Indiana Comptroller

As slate financial officers from across the country responsible for overseeing key elements of our states' fiscal well-being, we have grave concerns regarding the \$36 trillion national debt. In 2025, we

urge President-elect Donald Trump and Congress to make restoring America's financial solvency a "Day One" priority for the sake of our states and the country.

We are calling on them to address the national debt by developing and implementing a plan to restore America's financial position by 2026, when we will celebrate the 250th Anniversary of our Declaration of Independence – and start taking action immediately.

We concur with Senate Resolution 600 and House Resolution 190, which declare our country's debt is "a national security threat" and that deficit spending is "unsustainable, irresponsible and dangerous." Furthermore, it gives us great pause that we are speaking in these ominous terms of our great nation, which serves as the beacon of freedom and opportunity for the world.

Balancing the budget and reducing spending are among the most difficult, yet essential, actions our president and members of Congress could take. That is why 36 state financial officers have come together to sign a letter that will be delivered to each of them to convey our support to deal with this problem that is on scale with, if not greater than, the border crisis.

The following facts are deeply concerning:  
In fiscal year (FY) 2023, Lire federal government collected \$4.5 trillion in revenue and spent \$6.3 trillion;

The cost of servicing the debt in FY 2024 increased 30 percent from FY 2023 to over \$1 trillion this year – more than the annual cost of Medicare (\$839 billion) and of the U.S. Military (\$820 billion);

The national debt is increasing by nearly \$2 trillion per year. (Note: it took 205 years for our country to accumulate its first trillion dollars in debt.)

Coupled with higher interest rates, the nearly 50 percent increase since 2019 in federal spending, that has

continued well beyond the public health emergency, has drastically accelerated the deterioration of our nation's fiscal position.

This is a crisis many decades in tire making, with responsibility shared by both parties. Solving it will be a generational challenge. Not solving the problem presents high risk that our creditors will question America's financial stability, the dollar will be replaced as the reserve currency, and we will lose our nation's status as tire global leader.

To prevent this looming day of reckoning, which could easily occur within our and our children's lifetimes, requires a commitment to begin addressing this situation now.

We write to ignite a much-needed sense of urgency. Our call to action includes the following:

1. Ensure total 2025 federal spending is less than in 2024;

2. Implement a concrete plan to put the federal government on a path to a balanced budget as soon as possible; and

3. Unleash economic prosperity by cutting red tape and Lapping into our nation's vast natural resources with a timeline for reducing the debt that is empowered by a growing economy.

These three actions represent a powerful, disciplined, and promising path forward. By combining fiscal responsibility with our centuries worth of energy resources that leverage advanced clean technologies – we can produce a steady climb out of our massive pit of debt.

As hard as our states work to be fiscally responsible and pass balanced budgets, we are vulnerable to the rapidly dissolving financial position of our country. We as citizens of the states and this country must rally behind President-elect Trump and the men and women in Congress to, with the determination and grit of our country's founders, restore America's financial solvency. Our hard-won independence depends on it.

*Elise Nieshalla is the Indiana State Comptroller and the Chair of the National Debt Crisis Task Force for State Financial Officers.*

# Festival of Ice & Carmel Winter Games: two weekends of wintry fun on Main Street, Ice at Carter Green

## The REPORTER

The city's annual winter events are back-to-back in January 2025 starting with the Festival of Ice presented by Allied Solutions and the Carmel Winter Games.

**Festival of Ice**  
Jan. 17 to 19

Top ice carvers from around the country will be in Carmel Jan. 17 to 19 for demonstrations, the People's Choice sculpture competition and, of course, the fan favorite: speed carving.

The 2025 Festival of Ice weekend will begin Friday, Jan. 17 in the Carmel Arts & Design District, with carvers creating incredible ice masterpieces from 4 to 8 p.m.

On Saturday, Jan. 18 the ice carving begins at Carter Green from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Watch sculpting professionals create unique ice masterpieces then participate in the People's Choice sculpture voting from noon to 5 p.m.

Are you a fan of chili? Taste-test and vote for your favorite chili from one of the participating Carmel Fire Department crews during the cook-off from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

On Sunday, Jan. 19 the competition kicks into high gear with the ice carvers returning for the grand finale speed carving competition from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The People's Choice sculpture competition winners will be announced at the end of the event.

*The city is ready to welcome both veterans and newcomers to the list of carvers:*

- Titus Arensburg – Newark, Ohio
- Joe Autry – Clarksville, Ind.
- Aaron Costin – Nebo, N.C.
- Zachary Crossman – Tampa, Fla.
- Shannon Gerasismchik – New Bremen, Ohio
- Ben Goebel – Whitmore Lake, Mich.
- Jim Houser – Huntington, Ind.
- Stephan Koch – Daleville, Ind.
- Jon Price – Atlanta, Ga.
- Dan Reholz – Addison, Ill.
- Duane Shemlhaus – Antioch, Ohio
- Matthew Stoddart – Nicholasville, Ky.
- Aaron Whitten – Commerce Township, Mich.

Want to volunteer at the Festival of Ice? [Click here](#) for more information.

**Carmel Winter Games**  
Jan. 24 & 25

It is time once again to bundle up and head to Carter Green for ice-cold



Photos provided by City of Carmel  
**(TOP)** The Carmel Fire Department won the Chili Cook-Off in January 2024.  
**(ABOVE)** Hometown Heroes from the Carmel Engineering Department compete in the 2023 Winter Games.

competition and fun at the Carmel Winter Games on the city's ice rink, brought to you by Allied Solutions. Whether you are signed up to compete or are a spectator, you won't want to miss two days of non-skating competition Friday, Jan. 24 and Saturday, Jan. 25 at The Ice at Carter Green.

What kind of competition? "Human curling" on inner tubes, an ice trike relay and "human hungry hippo" using laundry baskets to fetch hundreds of bouncing balls.

The annual event kicks off Friday at 6 p.m. with the Hometown Hero-Olympics featuring good-spirited competition among a number of city departments including team members with the Fire Department, Police Department, Information and Communication Services, and more.

On Saturday, the skate-less competition on ice begins at noon and will feature corporate teams and teams consisting of family and

friends. In addition to Saturday's action on the ice, The Ice at Carter Green will feature a "Meet the Mascots" session on the ice from 1 to 3 p.m.

**The rules and requirements are as follows:**

- Teams must have from four to eight members
- Each individual event during the Games must include at least four representatives from each team
- Teams must commit to participate in all three events for the full duration
- The fee to register is a one-time \$300 fee per team
- The winners of the 2025 Carmel Winter Games will choose from one of the following Carmel-based organizations to receive the winning proceeds: Carmel Clay Historical Society, Carmel Food Pantries, Carmel Youth Assistance Program, Heroes Club, Prime Life Enrichment Center, or The Children's TherAplay Foundation.

[Click here](#) to register your team. Want to volun-

teer at the Winter Games? [Click here](#) for information.

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# Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

## Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations

### American Legion Posts

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

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

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

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

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

### VFW Posts

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

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

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

### Non-Profit Veteran Orgs

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

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

Navy Club Ship 29  
Noblesville, In  
[president@hamiltoncountyveterans.com](mailto:president@hamiltoncountyveterans.com)  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs 630pm at Gingers 1804  
Conner St Noblesville

### Hamilton County Veteran Service Officers

317-776-9610 Hours – 9am-4pm Weekdays  
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The Hamilton County Veterans Corp, Hamilton County Stronger Veterans Stronger Communities Coalition, All Our Partners and Friends, Are Wishing Our Active Military, Veterans and their Families a Very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Happy & Healthy New Year !!!

Whether you are home or away on this Christmas Day, or any day, we are thinking of you and we thank you for your commitment, dedication, service, sacrifice and bravery while protecting our Freedoms at home and overseas.



## NOT EVERYONE WILL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS



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# Noblesville Creates announces exciting updates for 12<sup>th</sup> annual Comic Book in a Day Challenge

## The REPORTER

The Noblesville Creates (NC) and Hamilton East Public Library's (HEPL) 12th annual Comic Book in a Day Challenge, presented by Fishers Arts and Culture Commission and sponsored by Browning Day and Griffy's Art Supply, is coming up in January 2025.

This year, the competition has exciting new features to allow artists of all ages from all over the world to compete at their best and have the most fun.

This year, the in-person and virtual versions of the competition will be held on different days. Additionally, the in-person competition will consist of two divisions: a four-hour competition for kids and a seven-hour competition for adults and teens. Challenge Artists of all ages and skill levels will have the opportunity to create a comic book entirely from scratch and compete for prizes.

This event will provide participants and visitors alike with access to expertise in many forms. The event will feature two Host artists – Erik Lundorf and Victor Dandridge – who are both comic book professionals and experts in coaching and teaching that will help contestants engage with each other and work through any creative challenges.

The Comic Book in a Day Judges – Stuart Sayger, Gavin Smith, and Deon Parson (widely recognized by the pen name “Supr Dee”) – are three industry leaders who will be available all day to talk to contestants and guests, demonstrate drawing techniques, sell their artwork and prints, and review all of the submissions at the end of the event. Returning champion Joseph Haas will also be participating as a Judge and sharing his experience with competitors and visitors to the event.

Stuart Sayger is an internationally renowned comic book artist who has produced interiors and covers for Lego Bionicle, DC Comics, IDW, Dynamite, his own book, *Shiver in the Dark*, and many others. Supr Dee is an acclaimed Ringo-nominated syndicated newspaper cartoonist, illustrator, animator, educator, and public speaker from Indiana. Gavin Smith is an artist and writer from Indianapolis who's worked on *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*, *Heartpiercer*, *Godzilla*, *Star Trek: the Mirror War*, *Heavy Metal Magazine*, *Ghost in the Shell*, and *Dead Legends*.

Joseph Haas is the 2024 “Best Overall” award winner and a regular attendee of Comic Book in a Day, hav-

ing participated in seven out of the 11 total competitions.

Signing up for the Challenge isn't the only way to enjoy the event. Everyone is welcome to swing by at any time during the day to check out the action, meet and shop for cool artwork from the Featured Artists, and have a go at some fun comic-themed art activities.

See below for details on the individual competitions.

### Zoom International Competition Jan. 17, 2025

Friday, Jan. 17 will be the online competition held remotely via Zoom. Designed for aspiring adult pros, this new competition will provide a platform for the event to reach worldwide. Contestants will log in at 9 a.m. Eastern Time and stay connected to Zoom until 4 p.m. Eastern Time. All online artwork submissions are due at 4 p.m. and contestants will present their stories to one another starting at approximately 4:15 p.m.

For \$50, contestants will receive drawing supplies, guidance and inspiration from Featured Artists, and a printed copy of their work in a Comic Book Anthology.

[Click here](#) to register.

### Adult/Teen Division Competition Jan. 18, 2025

Saturday, Jan. 18 will be the in-person competition held at the Ignite Studio at the Fishers library. The seven-hour Adult & Teen competition will kick off at 9 a.m. with a customary pep-talk and review of the rules. Contestants have until 4 p.m. to complete their story and turn in up to eight pages. Contestants will then present their stories to the assembly of judges and fellow artists starting around 4:30 p.m.

For \$50, contestants will receive drawing supplies, guidance and inspiration from Featured Artists, and a printed copy of their work in a Comic Book Anthology.

[Click here](#) to register.

### Youth Division Competition Jan. 18, 2025

The four-hour Youth competition, for children 12 years and younger, will kick off Saturday, Jan. 18 at 10:30 a.m. and contestants will have until 2:30 p.m. to complete their story and turn in up to four pages. Contestants in the youth division will present their stories to the judges and fellow competitors starting around 3 p.m.

For \$30, contestants will receive drawing supplies, guidance and inspiration from Featured Artists, and a printed copy of their work in a Comic Book Anthology.

[Click here](#) to register.

The artwork produced



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Come let your inner artist run wild at the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Comic Book in a Day Challenge.



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during the in-person competitions will be displayed at the Ignite Studio. Each page will be scanned, along with the submissions from the online competition, and printed in a trade-paperback style comic book. Each registered contestant will receive a copy of a printed book with their artwork included once it is finished.

### Awards Ceremony Jan. 22, 2025

While the Featured Artists/Judges will each award one prize at the end of Comic Day in a Day Challenge, the top awards will be presented at the Awards Program. This program will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22 at the Ignite Studio in the Fishers Public Library.

This free event is open to contestants, friends, and the public.

### Comic Book in a Day Workshops

Prior to the competitions, NC and HEPL will offer a series of workshops to prepare for the Challenge and/or to celebrate individuals' love of comics. These workshops are free and will be held at the Ignite Studio at the Fishers Library from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Participation in the Challenge is not required to attend these workshops.

• **Thursday, Jan. 9,**

**6:30 to 7:30 p.m.:** Instructor: Stuart Sayger. *How to Start Your Comic Book:* This workshop will help you develop your story in words and pictures, reviewing the basic building blocks of comic books. [Click here](#) to register.

• **Tuesday, Jan. 14: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** Instructor: Bill Wilkison. *Great Comic Book Storytelling:* If you are a fan of comics or are looking to make your own book, this workshop will explore aspects of what makes sequential art so great. [Click here](#) to register. Registration opens Dec. 30, 2024.

• **Thursday, Jan. 16: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** Instructor: Erik Lundorf. *Advanced Comic Books:* A professional comic book artist will reveal tips and tricks to enhance your sequential art skills just in time for Comic Book in a Day or just for fun. [Click here](#) to register. Registration opens Jan. 1, 2025.

To learn more about Comic Book in a Day 2025, visit [noblesvillecreates.org/comicbookinaday](http://noblesvillecreates.org/comicbookinaday).



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## All your kids ever wanted to know as No Title Needed welcomes Santa

### Submitted

*No Title Needed* is a podcast celebrating the passions that enrich our lives. This week, *No Title Needed* welcomed the Man of the Season: Santa Claus!

Have the kiddos tune in as Santa tells us where he's from and how he came to be. Hear about his goals and some words of wisdom for everyone.

Hear as he tells the details of his year, like when he starts making gifts, how he knows what kids will want, how he takes care of the elves and reindeer, and find out how his sleigh runs.

Do you think the Big Guy travels alone? Tune in to find out. Find out how his life has changed with the times (Hey, Google!) and how it has stayed the same (yep, cookies are his favorite food group).

Then, Santa asks the question of the week – hear the hosts' answers!

Tune in next week as *No*

*Title Needed* welcomes Andres Brezins and learn about his passions, one of which is his work with Carmel's International Sister Cities and his journey to where he is today.

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Plan to join *No Title Needed* every week as Scott Osborne and Cindy Collins welcome a new guest and explore what fuels people and passions beyond the 9-to-5 grind.

Each week, the podcast is recorded inside Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael and airs at 8 a.m. Mondays. Follow the podcast on [Facebook](#), on [Instagram](#), and on [YouTube](#).

In terms of podcast players, you can find it on your favorite podcast providers including Spotify, Amazon Music, Apple and several smaller podcast providers like Podcast Index, Podcast Addict, Podchaser, Pocketcasts, Deezer, Listen Notes, and Player FM.

### Meeting Notice

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 3, 2025, at the Hamilton County Highway Department 1700 S. 10th Street, Noblesville, is canceled.

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## Federal agency touts Attorney General Todd Rokita's settlement with health care clearinghouse as national model

### Submitted by Office of the Attorney General

By referring consumers to an Indiana-led multistate settlement, federal officials this month tacitly recognized the excellence of Attorney General Todd Rokita's team.

In announcing its own settlement Dec. 10 with a Puerto Rico-based health care clearinghouse following a data breach, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office for Civil Rights (OCR) pointed consumers to an Indiana-led 33-state settlement with the same company reached more than a year earlier.

“The outstanding attorneys in our Consumer Protection Division are vigilant in safeguarding Hoosiers from corporate misconduct

and protecting patient privacy,” AG Rokita said. “It comes as no surprise to me that others would regard our work product as a gold standard.”

Both the federal and state settlements resolve allegations that Inmediata Health Group LLC violated state and federal laws, including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), by exposing consumers' protected health information online in a data breach.

In a press release, federal officials stated, “Under the terms of the settlement, Inmediata paid OCR \$250,000. OCR determined that a cor-

rective action plan was not necessary in this resolution as Inmediata had previously agreed to a settlement with 33 states that includes corrective actions that address OCR's findings in this matter.”

Inmediata's own investigation revealed that a coding issue potentially exposed the electronic protected health information of approximately 1.5 million U.S. individuals.

Under the Indiana-led settlement, Inmediata agreed to overhaul its data security and breach notification practices and make a \$1.4 million payment to states – including more than \$131,000 to Indiana.



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## Sheridan Public Library has full January calendar

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The Sheridan Public Library, 103 W. 1st St., has all sorts of fun activities available for all ages. See the list below and visit [sheridan.lib.in.us](http://sheridan.lib.in.us) for more information. Support your local library!

### Babies & Toddlers

Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 at 10:30 a.m.: Discovery Time (up to 3 years)

### Preschool

Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 at 10:30 a.m.: Little Learners Story Time (ages 3 to 6)

Jan. 10 at 10:30 a.m.: Parachute Play (ages 3 to 6)

Jan. 28 at 6 p.m.: PJ Story Time (ages 3 to 6)

### Grades K-5

Jan. 16 at 3:30 p.m.: Winter Lego Challenges

Jan. 30 at 3:30 p.m.: Sled STEAM Challenge

### Grades 6-12

Jan. 7 at 3:30 p.m.: Creating on Canvas; following video to create a painting

Jan. 21 at 3:30 p.m.: Boba + Books

### Adults

Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 at 11 a.m.: Needle Crafters

Jan. 9, 23 at 3 p.m.: Adult Bingo (Sponsored by Robert Owen)

Jan. 15 at 5:30 p.m.: Sheridan Readers; *The Women* by Kristen Hannah

Jan. 20 at 6 p.m.: Pinners (Pinterest Group)

### All Ages

Jan. 1 to Feb. 28: Register on Beanstack for Winter Reading Challenge

Jan. 9 at 6 p.m.: Family Bingo Night; free event, fun prizes

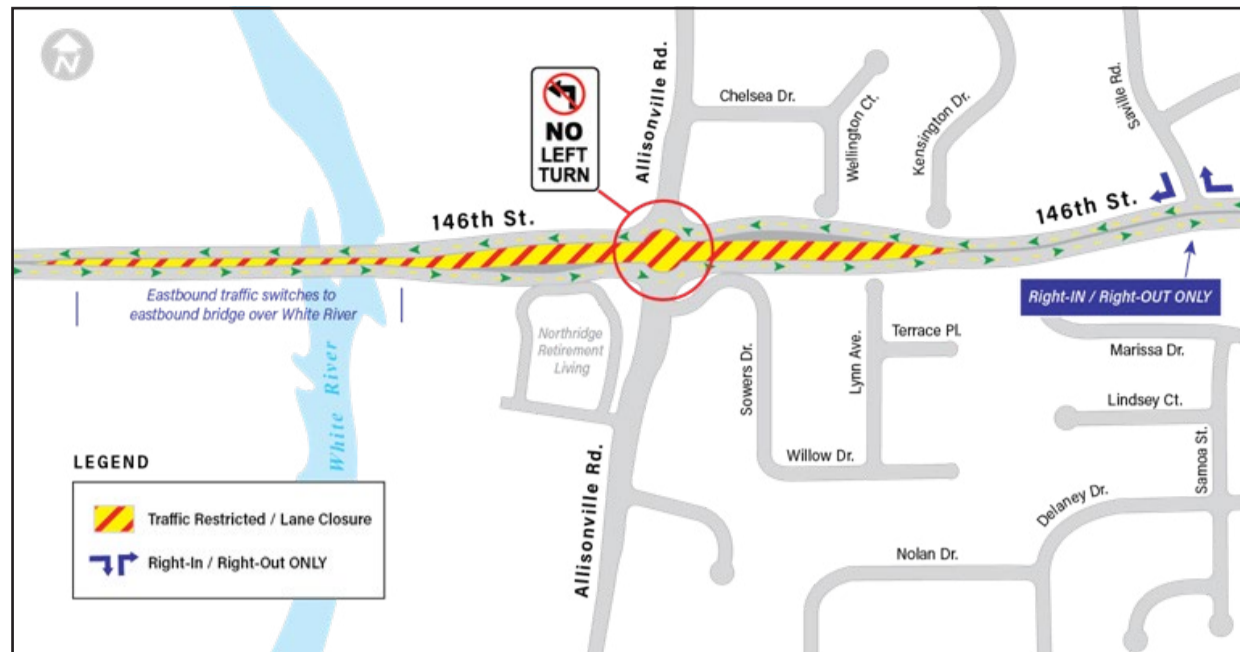
Jan. 24 at 11 a.m.: Homeschool Meetup

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SPL will close at 5 p.m. on Dec. 30 and will remain closed until Jan. 2.

For more information on programming and services, please visit [sheridan.lib.in.us](http://sheridan.lib.in.us).

## Traffic phase shift to begin Jan. 9 along 146<sup>th</sup> Street



Graphic provided by Hamilton County Highway Department

Beginning on or after Thursday, Jan. 9, the contractor will implement a traffic phase shift for eastbound 146th Street. Traffic will be shifted to the south and will now use the bridge carrying eastbound 146th Street over the White River. The contractor will use construction barrels to delineate the driving area from the construction zone. See the graphic above for the new lane configuration. Use extreme caution when driving in this area and watch for flaggers during the phase shift. [Click here](#) for project information.

## Indiana Senate Democrats elect new leadership team for 124<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

### Submitted by Indiana Senate Democrats

Last week, the Indiana Senate Democratic Caucus announced the leadership team for the upcoming 124th General Assembly.

The caucus expressed gratitude to Sen. Greg Taylor (D-Indianapolis) for his dedicated service as Senate minority leader since 2020. Taylor's leadership was defined by his collaborative approach, working across the aisle to find common ground while consistently advocating for fairness and progress, laying a strong foundation for the work ahead.

The caucus elected Sen. Shelli Yoder (D-Bloomington) as the new Senate minority leader. Yoder brings a wealth of experience and a pas-

sion for advocacy, particularly in reproductive rights, educational access and health care equity.

Joining Yoder in leadership are Sen. Andrea Hunley (D-Indianapolis) as assistant minority leader, Sen. Rodney Pol Jr. (D-Chesterton) as caucus chair, Sen. La Keisha Jackson (D-Indianapolis) as assistant caucus chair, and Sen. J.D. Ford (D-Indianapolis) as caucus whip. The caucus is united in its vision and commitment to addressing the most pressing issues facing Indiana.

As the 124th General Assembly begins, the Indiana Senate Democratic Caucus remains steadfast in its mission to prioritize policies that uplift Indiana families and create a brighter future for all Hoosiers.



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## Don't miss original rock band Gregory's Xit at the Tarkington

### The REPORTER

Enjoy an electrifying evening of music as Gregory's Xit takes the stage at the Tarkington on Saturday, Jan.

4, 2025.

Known for their unique blend of brass and hard rock, this all-original rock band promises a powerful perfor-

mance with dynamic rhythms and captivating melodies that will leave you wanting more.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show kicks off at 7

p.m. sharp. Don't miss your chance to experience Gregory's Xit live in concert – get ready to rock out!

[Click here](#) for tickets.

## Federal ABLE Act reaches milestone

*Indiana Treasurer Daniel Elliott celebrates 10 years of empowering people with disabilities with ability to save*

### Submitted

Last Thursday marked the 10th anniversary of the Stephen Beck, Jr. Achieving a Better Life Experience Act (ABLE Act).

Congress passed the ABLE Act on Dec. 19, 2014, which enabled States to establish tax-advantaged ABLE accounts that make it possible for people with disabilities and their families to save and invest money for qualified expenses without losing vital public benefits, such as Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicaid.

Many people with disabilities experience increased financial insecurity, and before ABLE, had minimal options to save for

their or their loved one's future. Since ABLE, more than 187,000 account owners across the country have saved over \$2 billion in ABLE accounts – helping account owners to build financial resilience. Money in ABLE accounts can be spent on many of the expenses that come with living with a disability, such as assistive technology, therapies, specialized equipment, transportation, job coaching, health care, education, and more.

Indiana proudly launched its ABLE program, INvestABLE Indiana, on July 27, 2017.



Elliott

Since then, more than 2,100 Hoosiers living with disabilities have saved more than \$12.1 million, allowing them to experience greater financial empowerment.

"The Federal ABLE Act has made a real difference in the lives of Hoosiers with disabilities, giving them a way to save and invest without risking the benefits they rely on," Indiana Treasurer of State Daniel Elliott said. "Over the last several years, INvestABLE accounts have helped individuals gain more independence and take control of their financial future."

This anniversary is a great reminder of how far we've come and Indiana's ongoing commitment to supporting these opportunities."


For more information or to open an INvestABLE Indiana account, visit [in.save-withable.com](http://in.save-withable.com).

### About INvestABLE Indiana

Indiana taxpayers are eligible for a state income tax credit of 20 percent of contributions to an INvestABLE Indiana account, up to \$500 credit per year. This credit may be subject to recapture from the account owner (not the contributor) in certain circumstances, such as distributions made from an account that is terminated within 12 months, rollovers to another state's ABLE plan, or rollovers to a 529 plan other than the State of Indiana.

INvestABLE Indiana offers seven investment options, including a checking account option with a debit card. Up to \$18,000 per year can be saved in an account, with a maximum account balance of \$450,000. For individuals receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI), they can save up to \$100,000 in their INvestABLE Indiana account and not risk losing their monthly benefit.

Money can be withdrawn and spent on qualified expenses or INvestABLE Indiana account owners can choose to grow their finances and create long-term savings with tax-free earnings. Contributions and earnings in INvestABLE Indiana accounts are not subject to federal or state income tax if spent on qualified expenses. Contributions are made with post-tax dollars.



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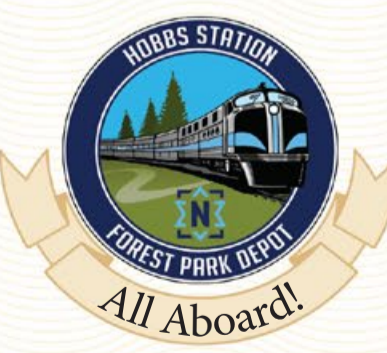
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# Santa brings Christmas cheer to NICU

*Neonatologist dons red & white to bring smiles to pint-sized PMCH patients*

The gift of joy was recently delivered to some of the youngest patients at **Peyton Manning Children's Hospital**. Santa Claus (a.k.a. Dr. Jonathan Buechler) made a special early stop to the neonatal intensive care unit to visit with patients and their families. The heartwarming visit gave families the opportunity to take photos with Santa, many of whom were dressed in their festive best as well, and share a moment of Christmas cheer. Families with babies in the NICU may not be spending the holidays in the way they had hoped, making it all the more important for Peyton Manning Children's Hospital to sprinkle a bit more holiday spirit. (Photos provided by Ascension St. Vincent)



**TODAY'S BIBLE READING**

**CONSECRATION OF THE PRIESTS**

*"This is what you are to do to consecrate them, so they may serve me as priests: Take a young bull and two rams without defect. And from the finest wheat flour make round loaves without yeast, thick loaves without yeast and with olive oil mixed in, and thin loaves without yeast and brushed with olive oil. Put them in a basket and present them along with the bull and the two rams. Then bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance to the tent of meeting and wash them with water. Take the garments and dress Aaron with the tunic, the robe of the ephod, the ephod itself and the breastpiece. Fasten the ephod on him by its skillfully woven waistband. Put the turban on his head and attach the sacred emblem to the turban. Take the anointing oil and anoint him by pouring it on his head. Bring his sons and dress them in tunics and fasten caps on them. Then tie sashes on Aaron and his sons. The priesthood is theirs by a lasting ordinance.*

*"Then you shall ordain Aaron and his sons.*

*Exodus 29:1-9 (NIV)*

**Thanks for reading  
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**Ronnie DeWayne Stevens**  
*April 21, 1952 – December 22, 2024*

Ronnie DeWayne Stevens, 72, Westfield, passed away on Sunday, December 22, 2024. He was born on April 21, 1952, in Hamilton County to Elmore "Woody" and Margie Louise (Bailey) Stevens.



During his earlier years, Ronnie attended school in the Sheridan School System.

Ronnie was an avid fan and supporter of Purdue basketball. On game days, Ronnie was always dressed in his Purdue sportswear, glued to the TV, ready to watch the game. In previous years, Ronnie enjoyed helping with the Special Olympics. He also loved deer hunting. He looked forward to camping out or spending the day sitting in his tree stand with bow in hand, hoping to take home a buck.

In addition to his parents, Ronnie was preceded in death by his sister, Vickey Stevens Lyon; paternal grandparents, Charles and Geraldine Stevens; and maternal grandparents, Van Clayton and Louise Alline Bailey.

Survivors include his brother, Larry (Barbara) Stevens of Yorktown; sisters, Brenda Stevens West of Sheridan, and Tammy Stevens Rodgers of Noblesville; and many nieces and nephews.

There will be private services only.

In memory of Ronnie, donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 8604 Allisonville Road, Suite 140, Indianapolis, IN 46250; the American Heart Association, 6500 Technology Center Drive, Zionsville, IN 46077; or the National Kidney Foundation, 911 E. 86th St., Indianapolis, IN 46240.

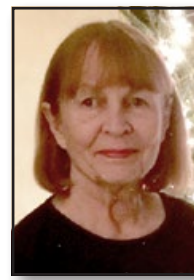
Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family with arrangements.

Condolences: [bussellfamilyfunerals.com](http://bussellfamilyfunerals.com)

**Nancy Anne Loftus**

*March 6, 1939 – December 21, 2024*

Nancy Anne Loftus, 85, Cicero, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, December 21, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Elmira, N.Y., in 1939 to Howard and Sarah (Roland) Budd. After meeting on a blind date, Nancy married her husband, William Loftus in Elmira, and they recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.



Nancy was a faithful Christian, who enjoyed music and art, and was an avid piano player. She appreciated nature, especially bird watching, and was an animal lover.

She is survived by her husband, William A. Loftus; son, William S. (Barbara Schreiber) Loftus; daughters, Wendy L. (William) Vorreiter and Julie A. (Daniel) Hays; four grandchildren; one great-grandson; and five nieces and one nephew.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Howard Mahlon Budd, Jr.

Services will be held at noon on Saturday, December 28, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with Pastor Stephen Schultze officiating. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Elmira, N.Y., at a later date.

Nancy was a lifelong animal lover, and in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Nancy's memory to Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038 ([hamiltonhumane.com](http://hamiltonhumane.com)), or to an animal charity of your choice.

Condolences: [randallroberts.com](http://randallroberts.com)

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# Siefert commits to Taylor



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Noblesville's Brielle Siefert has committed to play soccer at Taylor University. (Front row, from left) Greg Siefert (father), Brielle Siefert, and Sara Siefert (mother). (Back row, from left) Noblesville Girls Soccer Head Coach Mike Brady, Zack Johnson (brother-in-law), Charis Johnson (sister), and Noblesville Girls Soccer Assistant Kristin Hetzel.

# Cooper signs with Lipscomb



Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics

Noblesville's Brinkley Cooper has committed to run cross country and track & field at Lipscomb University. (Front row, from left) Josh Cooper (father), Brinkley Cooper, and Michelle Cooper (mother). (Back row, from left) Noblesville Girls Cross Country Head Coach Aaron Becker, Kendall Cooper (sister), Sloan Cooper (sister), and Noblesville Girls Track & Field Head Coach Jim Pearce.

## IBCA girls basketball poll – Week of Dec. 23

Rank	School	Points	Record
1	Lawrence Central (22)	440	13-0
2	<b>Hamilton Southeastern</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>13-0</b>
3	Warsaw	397	13-0
4	Homestead	363	11-1
5	South Bend Washington	350	12-1
6	Greensburg	316	14-0
7	South Knox	265	14-0
8	Northridge	264	11-2
9	Center Grove	258	12-1
10	Brownsburg	225	10-2
11	Floyd Central	217	10-0
12	Bloomington South	199	12-1
13	<b>Noblesville</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>8-3</b>
14	McCutcheon	149	13-2
15	Columbia City	138	10-3
16	Silver Creek	115	9-2
17	Washington	99	13-2
18	Plainfield	85	9-3
19	Lawrence North	50	6-4
20	Valparaiso	24	8-4

First place votes are in parentheses.

### Other schools receiving votes, with records

Alexandria (13-0), Austin (12-1), Belmont (12-1), Corydon Central (9-2), Danville (10-2), Evansville Central (10-3), Fishers (9-5), Franklin Central (9-6), Gibson Southern (10-4), Hammond Central (10-2), North Central Farmersburg (11-0), Northeastern (13-0), Norwell (9-4), Penn (9-4), Pike (7-3).

## IBCA boys basketball poll – Week of Dec. 23

Rank	School	Points	Record
1	<b>Fishers (22)</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>7-0</b>
2	Lawrence North	411	5-1
3	Greenfield-Central	374	6-1
4	Cathedral	363	6-2
5	Crown Point	312	4-0
6	<b>Carmel</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>5-1</b>
7	Warsaw	299	6-0
8	South Bend St. Joseph	252	6-0
9	Crispus Attucks	240	6-4
10	Northridge	182	7-0
11	<b>Noblesville</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>4-2</b>
12	New Palestine	158	5-1
13	Anderson	155	5-1
14	Ben Davis	126	4-2
15	Jeffersonville	112	4-3
16	<b>Westfield</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>5-1</b>
17	Bishop Luers	103	4-0
18	New Albany	85	4-1
19	Pike	62	4-2
20	NorthWood	56	7-0

First place votes are in parentheses.

### Other schools receiving votes, with records

Avon (6-1), Blackhawk Christian (6-1), Brownsburg (1-5), Brownstown Central (6-0), Cardinal Ritter (5-2), East Chicago Central (7-3), Evansville Memorial (5-0), Fort Wayne Wayne (4-2), Harrison (5-2), Lawrence Central (4-4), Mount Vernon (6-1), Plainfield (4-2), Portage (4-1), Parke Heritage (6-0), Silver Creek (8-0), Southridge (6-0), Wapahani (7-0), Warren Central (2-3), 21st Century Charter School – Gary (6-0).

# SPORTS SCHEDULE

**Friday, Dec. 27**

**BOYS BASKETBALL**

**Homestead Holiday Tournament**  
Hamilton Southeastern vs. South Bend St. Joseph, 10 a.m.  
Hamilton Southeastern vs. Valparaiso, 6 p.m.

**Lebanon Holiday Tournament**  
University vs. Mooresville, 11 a.m.

**Noblesville Holiday Tournament**  
Noblesville vs. Brebeuf Jesuit, 10 a.m.  
Crown Point vs. Gary 21st Century, 11:45 a.m.  
Consolation game, 6 p.m.  
Championship game, 7:45 p.m.

**Paul Loggan Invitational at North Central**  
Carmel vs. Lake Central, 3:15 p.m.

**Ray Furney Classic at Lawrenceburg**  
Guerin Catholic vs. Gainesville (Fla.), 3 p.m.  
Guerin Catholic vs. Jennings County, 7 p.m.

**Rider Realty Switzerland County Holiday Classic**  
Hamilton Heights vs. Paoli, 11 a.m.

**BOYS WRESTLING**  
Carmel, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Southeastern at Mooresville Holiday Classic, 9 a.m.  
Fishers at Connersville Spartan Classic, 9 a.m.  
Sheridan at Eastern Holiday Classic, 9 a.m.  
Westfield at Mishawaka Al Smith Invitational, 10 a.m.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Hamilton Heights at Waldron Tournament, 10 a.m.  
Sheridan Blackhawk Holiday Tournament, noon  
Fishers vs. Evansville Central, 5:30 p.m. at Washington University at Carroll Holiday Tournament, TBD  
Westfield at Northridge Tournament, TBD

**Henry Community Health Hall of Fame**  
Homestead vs. Lawrence Central, 11 a.m.  
Hamilton Southeastern vs. South Knox, 12:45 p.m.  
Consolation game, 6 p.m.  
Championship game, 7:45 p.m.

**SWIMMING**  
Carmel at Homestead Diving Invitational, 10 a.m.  
Carmel Holiday Invitational, 3 p.m.

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5:50 pm Covenant Christian vs Greenwood Christian Academy | Dblhdr | Indiana SRN  
7:15 pm Fishers vs Hamilton Southeastern | Boys Basketball | Southeastern Sports  
7:20 pm Chatard vs Washington | Boys Basketball | Indiana SRN

**Sat Dec 21 - Boys/Girls Basketball**  
11:00 am Tri-State Evansville Bosse Shoot-Out | Boys Basketball | Indiana SRN  
12:00 pm Westfield vs Noblesville | Junior Varsity | Girls Basketball | HCTV Sports  
1:30 pm Westfield vs Noblesville | Varsity | Girls Basketball | HCTV Sports  
7:20 pm Indianapolis Shortridge vs Fishers | Boys Basketball | Fishers Sports Network  
7:20 pm South Putnam vs Covenant Christian | Girls Basketball | Indiana SRN

**Fri Dec 27 - Noblesville High School Boys Varsity Tourney**  
10:00 am Brebeuf vs Noblesville | Game 1 | HCTV Sports  
11:45 am Crown Point vs 21st Century of Gary | Game 2 | HCTV Sports  
6:00 pm Consolation | Game 3 | Noblesville Boys Holiday Tourney | HCTV Sports  
7:45 pm Championship | Game 4 | Noblesville Boys Holiday Tourney | HCTV Sports

**Sat Dec 28 - Noblesville High School Girls Varsity Tourney**  
10:00 am Norwell vs Noblesville | Game 1 | HCTV Sports  
11:45 am Valparaiso vs Ft Wayne Snide | Game 2 | HCTV Sports  
6:00 pm Consolation | Game 3 | Noblesville Girls Holiday Tourney | HCTV Sports  
7:45 pm Championship | Game 4 | Noblesville Girls Holiday Tourney | HCTV Sports

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