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**TODAY'S WEATHER**



# Horseshoe Prairie DAR places wreaths at graves of Revolutionary War veterans

**The REPORTER**

In conjunction with the National Wreaths Across America Day on Dec. 14, Horseshoe Prairie Chapter DAR members placed wreaths at the graves of five Revolutionary War patriots who are buried in Hamilton County: John Hair, Levi Holloway, George Dale, Davis Wheelchel, Sr., and Eli Coverdale.

It has become an annual tradition for the Horseshoe Prairie Chapter to participate in the National Wreaths Across America Patriot Pair program by donating wreaths for placement at veterans' graves wherever they are needed, and receive wreaths to lay at the gravesites of local Revolutionary War patriots.

Horseshoe Prairie Chapter members placing wreaths were Cheryl Garlinger, Pam Bollier, Shirley Smith, and Becky Nazarenus.

It is the mission of the National Wreaths Across America

Day in December each year to "Remember, Honor and Teach by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, and at more than 3,400 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad."

For more information, visit [WreathsAcrossAmerica.org](http://WreathsAcrossAmerica.org).  
**About NSDAR**

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a women's service organization whose members can trace their lineage to an individual who contributed to securing American independence during the Revolutionary War. Today's DAR is dynamic and diverse, and over one million members have joined the organization since its founding in 1890.

If you are interested in learning more about DAR membership, visit [dar.org](http://dar.org) or contact Shirley Hunter Smith at [shirley1776@yahoo.com](mailto:shirley1776@yahoo.com).



Photo provided by Becky Nazarenus next to the grave of Eli Coverdale in Bethel Cemetery.

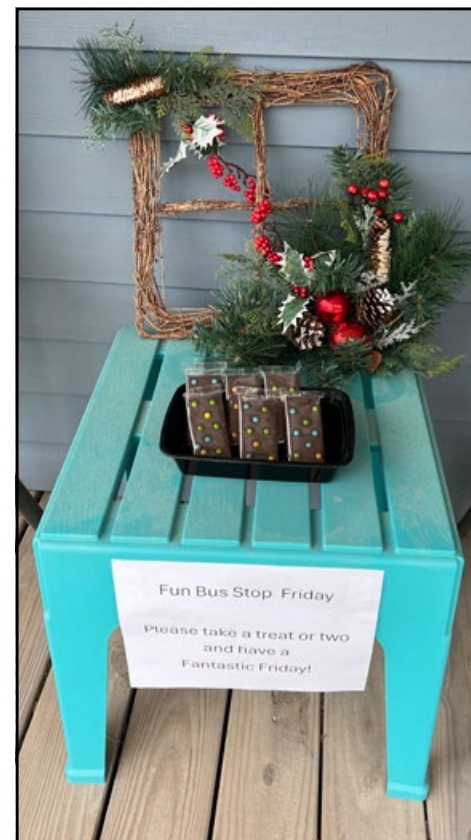


Photo provided by Amy Shankland  
 The children at this columnist's bus stop get to enjoy goodies every Friday.

## What's your Turquoise Table?

At the start of each year, I ask myself how I can make a bit more of a difference in the world. But in 2025, I realize I've already had a head start.

Last summer, a friend of mine gave me a book called *The Turquoise Table*. She said it was a cute concept but didn't elaborate much about it. I put off reading it for a while until I got into one of my "nonfiction" reading moods. Yes, my reading moods vary.

I finally read it in September and the concept wasn't just cute to me – it was brilliant! If you're not familiar with it, *The Turquoise Table* ([theturquoisetable.com](http://theturquoisetable.com)) is a wonderful movement happening across the country.

A bubbly lady named Kristin Schell created the idea to love her neighbors. After putting a picnic table in her front yard, she painted it turquoise and began inviting neighbors, friends, and even strangers to just hang out and enjoy each other's company.

You can find Turquoise Tables all around the United States AND in 13 countries. As you'll see on their site, the tables are a symbol of hospitality, a safe place to sit down and connect.

I fell in love with the concept, but I also had to remember my limits. I work full-time running a fundraising consulting business along with my partners. I'm also working on books, and of course, columns on the side. What kind of table could I create?

And then one day, while walking my dogs (this always seems to be the time God gives me ideas) I remembered that our house is right at one of our neighborhood bus stops. I tell the kids every year to stand on our front porch if it rains or snows.

What if I bought a little table and put it on our porch with goodies they can enjoy every Friday? I could call it "Fun Bus Stop Friday."

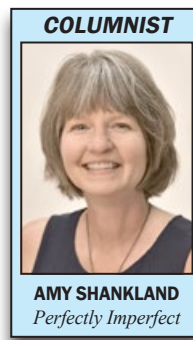
When I shared my idea with my husband John, he said, "Be careful... you don't want the parents thinking you're the creepy stranger luring kids to our house." I talked to the parents to tell them about my idea so they knew nothing untoward was going on.

I bought a little table from Ace Hardware and began setting out treats for the kids each Friday along with a Fun Bus Stop Friday sign. I noticed that sometimes, every treat was gone... other times, only half were gone. I didn't hear anything from any families, but that was okay. It was just fun knowing that the kids had something to look forward to each week.

A couple of weeks ago, I was out in my yard scooping poop. (Remember the dogs I walk?) Once I was done, I saw the Granger family coming towards me. I grinned and was thrilled to see them. It's been fun watching their children grow up over the years.

Imagine my shock when they presented a plate full of cookies to me.

See *Turquoise*... Page 2



## Come see why there's no place like 4-H

**The REPORTER**

Follow the yellow brick road to an evening of adventure and learn about Hamilton County 4-H from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville. Come anytime and stay as long as you can.

4-H is an experiential program for youth in grades 3-12 (mini 4-H for grades K-2) that is delivered by Purdue University Cooperative Extension. Through hands-on learning, 4-H youth build not only confidence, creativity, and curios-

ity, but also life skills such as leadership and resiliency to help them thrive today and tomorrow. 4-H welcomes young people of all beliefs and backgrounds while giving youth a voice to express who they are and how they can make their lives and communities better.



Nearly 1,600 youth from Hamilton County are currently involved in 4-H and close to six million kids and teens worldwide and that is because 4-H has pivoted and adapted to today's changing world by providing a platform to promote individual growth by learning, doing, and

engaging. 4-H is a great opportunity to develop a hobby, experience camp, and make new friends. 4-H is family-oriented and promotes family togetherness. Youth in grades K-2 may enroll in Hamilton County Mini 4-H at no cost. If you are interested in 4-H but have some questions, want to enroll but don't know how, or just want to check it out, come "Discover" what 4-H is all about on Jan. 8. Information and online enrollment are also available at [puext.in/hamco4h](http://puext.in/hamco4h).

## Prepare for another Pleasant Street closure

**PLEASANT STREET LOCAL ACCESS DURING CLOSURE**  
 UPDATED DECEMBER 2024  
 Subject to change

**LEGEND**

- Business Access Point
- 1 Noblesville Baptist Temple: 1338 Pleasant Street
- 2 American Fabricated Carbide: 1335 Pleasant Street
- 3 Automotive Specialists, Inc.: 1337 Pleasant Street
- 4 U-haul: 1401 Pleasant Street
- 5 Noblesville Street Department: 1575 Pleasant Street

Graphic provided by City of Noblesville / American Structurepoint  
 Beginning on or after Monday, Jan. 13, Pleasant Street will be closed to thru traffic between 13th and 16th streets. The closure will last until Phase 2 is complete in early 2026. The closure is necessary to reconstruct and widen Pleasant Street to four lanes and includes replacement of the bridge over Wilson Drain. Residents and businesses will maintain access to their property throughout construction. For more details about the project and up-to-date closures, please visit [ReimaginePleasantSt.com](http://ReimaginePleasantSt.com).



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 NOV 7, 2024 - JAN 4, 2025  
 THURSDAY - SUNDAY • 6pm - 9:30pm  
 TICKETS STARTING AT \$10.00

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 HAMILTON COUNTY  
 PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.  
 317.770.4400

**Thanks for reading!**



Photo provided by City of Westfield

# Westfield receives nearly \$1.5M for road resurfacing

### The REPORTER

The City of Westfield has received a Community Crossing grant from the Indiana Department of Transportation. The grant, totaling nearly \$1.5 million, will be used to increase funding for the 2025 road resurfacing program.

In November 2024, the state awarded nearly \$140 million in matching funds to communities/municipalities across the state for local road projects through Community Crossings, a component of the Governor's Next Level Roads program. Westfield was

one of 223 Indiana cities, towns, and counties that received grants.

To qualify for funding, the city must commit to providing a 50 percent match and have an asset management plan for maintaining existing roads and bridges.

According to INDOT, applications were evaluated based on need, current conditions, and impacts on safety and economic development.

More information about specific resurfacing projects will be released in the Spring.

**Hello, Hamilton County  
 With Mr. Weatherman, Paul Poteet**

**Click to play video**

## TURQUOISE

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"We wanted to give these to you to thank you for all the treats. The kids love them." I smiled, chatted with them for a while, and accepted the cookies gratefully. Then I came into my house and wiped away tears. It made me happy to know that my little Turquoise Table was indeed making a difference.

What can you do in 2025 to make more of a difference in your own neighborhood? Take a walk and see

what God or the Universe tells you. Think over your gifts and talents, but keep in mind your limits.

And heck, feel free to steal my idea ... you just might make Fridays a little brighter for your neighborhood families.

*Amy Shankland is a writer and fundraising professional living in Noblesville with her husband John, two sons, two dogs, and a cat. You can reach her via email at [amys@greenavenue.info](mailto:amys@greenavenue.info).*

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**WESTFIELD — WINTER MARKET**

**SATURDAYS | 9 A.M. - 12 P.M.**  
 NO MARKET ON MARCH 1  
**WEST FORK WHISKEY CO.**  
 10 E 191st Street  
 PRESENTED BY DUKE ENERGY  
 @WESTFIELDMARKETS

**MARKET DATES:**  
 JANUARY 18  
 JANUARY 25  
 FEBRUARY 1  
 FEBRUARY 8  
 FEBRUARY 15  
 FEBRUARY 22  
 MARCH 8  
 MARCH 15  
 MARCH 22  
 MARCH 29

**Meeting Notices**

The Fall Creek Township Board and Trustee will meet to elect officers at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2025, at the Fall Creek Township Trustee's Office, 11595 Brooks School Road, Fishers.

The Westfield Washington Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2025, in Meeting Room A at the library, located at 17400 Westfield Blvd.

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2025, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(11) To train school board members with an outside consultant and the performance of the role of the members as public officials.

A regular meeting will follow at 6 p.m. in the Board Room at the Noblesville Schools Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road.

The Board of Finance will then meet after the regular meeting in the same location.

**Send Meeting Notices to:**  
[News@ReadTheReporter.com](mailto:News@ReadTheReporter.com)

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 The Reporter's  
 Events Calendar!**  
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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.



INDIANA  
AMERICAN WATER

**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





# Still time to get tickets for these great events at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts

## The REPORTER

Tickets are available now for these upcoming events at The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. Just go to [TheCenterPresents.org](http://TheCenterPresents.org) or call (317) 843-3800.

### Mac McAnally

Friday, Jan. 10 at 8 p.m.  
The Palladium

A longtime member of Jimmy Buffett's Coral Reefer Band, songwriter, singer, and instrumentalist Mac McAnally has written dozens of hits for artists including Alabama, Kenny Chesney, and Sawyer Brown and has recorded with such names as Toby Keith, Linda Ronstadt, George Strait, and Dolly Parton. He has won the Country Music Association's Musician of the Year title a record-setting 10 times and has been inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame, the Mississippi Musicians Hall of Fame, and the Alabama Music Hall of Fame. His solo recording career began with the Top 40 single "It's A Crazy World" and has grown to 14 album releases.



Photo provided  
**Led by brothers Billy, Matthew, and Ryan McGuigan, Yesterday and Today allows the audience to choose the songs for this unique Beatles tribute.**

Special guest: Local blues-rock singer-songwriter Jon Strahl will open the show with an acoustic set.

### Let's Sing Taylor: A Live Band Experience Celebrating Taylor Swift

Saturday, Jan. 11 at 2 & 8 p.m.

The Palladium

Let's Sing Taylor: A Live Band Experience Celebrating Taylor Swift is the ultimate tribute to the music of Taylor Swift. We can show you incredible things, including the most faithful and lively covers of Queen Taylor's expansive and sacred cat-

alog. Taking the country by storm, the Center is bringing the communal experience of celebrating Taylor's music in a live setting to Swifties near and far. So, let the games begin. Calling all Swifties to sing your hearts out and sport your Taylor-inspired attire. You can show up at our party any time.

### Yesterday and Today: The Interactive Beatles Experience

Saturday, Jan. 18 at 8 p.m.

The Palladium

Yesterday and Today is a unique and innovative tribute to the Beat-

les. Led by brothers Billy, Matthew, and Ryan McGuigan, the band members perform as themselves and leave the song choices completely in the hands of the audience. Concertgoers are invited to fill out request cards listing their name, their favorite Beatles song, and the reason that song is important to them, which creates a narrative for the evening. Every show is different, every show is interactive, and every show proves that the Beatles' music truly is the soundtrack to our lives.

# Carmel Community Players helps actors hone their skills

## The REPORTER

Carmel Community Players' (CCP) Master Classes occur once a month,

each focusing on a specific theatrical skill or trade. Each class is 90 minutes and features hands-on learning experiences taught by experienced artists, performers, and industry professionals. Classes allow students to explore different areas of theatre, learn something new, or perfect their developed craft.

### Dance

Monday, Jan. 13 at 6 p.m.  
Carmel Friends Church,  
651 W. Main St.

Price: \$25 per student  
Limited spots are available – please register ahead of time

All classes are qualified for scholarships per request – email [info@carmelplayers.org](mailto:info@carmelplayers.org).

Movement is just as crucial on stage as the words spoken, and this Master Class offers an exceptional opportunity to master that art. Students will not only learn to convey stories through dance but also enhance their skills significantly. With the guidance of a professional choreographer, participants will learn a beginner routine that creatively blends Musical Theatre and Hip-Hop. This class promises to be an invaluable experience for anyone eager to elevate their performance abilities.

Click here to sign up.  
**Meet the instructor**

Michael Humphrey brings an extensive resume



Humphrey

including having performed for artists and ensembles such as: Snoop Dogg's "Don't Kiss Me," Stiletto Entertainment in Los Angeles (Holland America Cruiseline), NBA Indiana Pacers, WNBA Indiana Fever, Indianapolis Yuletide Celebration and Kings Island Entertainment. He has also performed in following musicals: *DreamGirls*, *Hairspray*, and *The Wizard of Oz*. He extends his resume to his acting career, including *Grey's Anatomy*.

Humphrey has taught at multiple studios and schools in Indiana, including Premiere Dance Centre, Wishes Dance Studio, Avon High School, Brebeuf Jesuit (nine-time jazz state champions and Top 3 in hip hop), and he is the current Dance Director at Lawrence North High School.

Humphrey said he is excited to work with CCP's students.

### Spring 2025 Classes

- Feb. 10 at 6 p.m.: Movement
- March 10 at 6 p.m.: Stage Makeup, Part 2
- April 14 at 6 p.m.: Costumes

Click here if you're interested in any or all of these classes.

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- Passport assistance
- IRS questions



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### 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.

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East District Office: (765) 639-0671

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# Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

## Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations

### American Legion Posts

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

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

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

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

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

### VFW Posts

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

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

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

### Non-Profit Veteran Orgs

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

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

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

### Hamilton County Veteran Service Officers

317-776-9610 Hours – 9am-4pm Weekdays  
CVSO – Tom Logan  
[Tom.logan@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:Tom.logan@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)  
Assistant CVSO – Robin Wilson  
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Admin Assistant – Christina Ellis  
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## Hamilton County Military Veteran

### American Legion & VFW Post & Restaurant Hours

**Carmel Legion**  
M-T 3-10pm, W 10a-10p, Th-F 10a-11p, Sa 8-11p,  
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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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, Public P/U Tu-W, F  
eat in or carry out**

**Fishers Legion**  
M 3-10p, Tu-Su 12-10pm or when empty.  
**Restaurant Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

## January Hamilton County Veterans Care Package Drive for Our Deployed Hoosiers - We Need Goods and Donations

### Hamilton County Veterans Corp Care Package Drive for our Deployed Hoosiers



Please help us collect items to send care packages to our deployed Hoosier troops. Purchase items on the list below and bring them to your local Hamilton County VFW or American Legion Post where they will be collected and brought to the Fishers American Legion Post on January 25<sup>th</sup> for packaging. We also need to raise money for shipping costs, so please donate online at <https://donorbox.org/hamilton-county-veterans-corp> or drop off funds at the Legion & VFW where you leave the goods for the care packages. We need the good and funds delivered by January 24, 2025. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!!!**

### Here are your local Hamilton County VFW & American Legion Post's addresses.

- Carmel American Legion Post 155 - 852 West Main St, Carmel, In 46032
- Carmel VFW Post 10003 - 12863 Old Meridian St, Carmel, In 46032
- Cicero American Legion Post 341 - 50 Washington Ave, Cicero, In
- Fishers American Legion Post 470 - 9091 E 126<sup>th</sup> St, Fishers, In
- Noblesville American Legion Post 45 - 273 S 8<sup>th</sup> St, Noblesville, In 46060
- Noblesville VFW Post 6246 - 654 S 9<sup>th</sup> St, Noblesville, In 46060
- Sheridan American Legion Post 67 - 406 E 10<sup>th</sup> St, Sheridan, In

### Care Package Items Needed for Our Deployed Troops

<p><b>Hygiene and Personal Care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deodorant</li> <li>Toothpaste</li> <li>Toothbrush</li> <li>Shampoo/Conditioner</li> <li>Body Wash</li> <li>Wet Wipes</li> <li>Female Hygiene Products</li> <li>Hand Warmers</li> <li>Manicure Set</li> <li>Back Scratchers</li> <li>Socks (no tube socks), foot powder</li> <li>Hand Sanitizer</li> <li>Cleaning Cloths/Spray (for glasses/goggles)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Snack Items – cont</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gum</li> <li>Candy</li> </ul> <p><b>*All food items must be store-bought.</b></p> <p><b>Down-Time Items:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Small Balls or Footballs</li> <li>Puzzle Books</li> <li>Travel-Sized Games</li> <li>Coloring Books</li> <li>Pens/Pencils</li> <li>Colored Pencils</li> <li>Pencil Sharpeners</li> <li>Letters thanking them for their service</li> </ul>
<p><b>Snack Items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Microwavable popcorn</li> <li>Microwavable noodle cups/mac &amp; cheese</li> <li>Fruit Cups/snacks/crackers</li> <li>Protein Bars</li> <li>Jerky or Meat Sticks</li> <li>Sunflower Seeds</li> <li>Freeze-Dried Fruit (Single Serve)</li> <li>Hot Sauce Packets</li> <li>Single-Serve Peanut Butter or Nutella</li> <li>Single-Serve Cereals (Boxes or Cups, no bags as they will crush easily)</li> <li>Pop-Tarts</li> <li>Nuts/Trail Mix (Single Serve Preferred)</li> <li>Powdered Drink Mixes like Crystal Light or Sports Drinks (Single Serve)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Please AVOID the following items as we will not be able to include them:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>NO AEROSOLS</b> or <b>SPRAYS</b> IN CANS</li> <li><b>No Pork or Pork By-Products</b> (Slim Jims are OK)</li> <li>Tobacco or Alcoholic Beverage Products</li> <li><b>Bars of Soap</b></li> <li>Anything packaged in glass</li> <li>Sharp Objects (Knives, Tools, Safety Pins, etc.)</li> <li>Porngaphy or other culturally sensitive material</li> <li>Bagged Potato Chips (they are too easily crushed)</li> <li>Unwrapped Candies</li> <li>Nail Polish</li> <li>Perfume or Cologne</li> </ul>

Questions or if you wish to volunteer for packaging day, please contact;

Lynn at [treasurer@hamiltoncountyveterans.com](mailto:treasurer@hamiltoncountyveterans.com)

Tracy at [auxiliarypost470@gmail.com](mailto:auxiliarypost470@gmail.com)

**If your local American Legion or VFW Posts are not wanting to help collect goods for this Care Package Drive, bring them to the Fishers American Legion Post 470.**

## Activities & Events

### Fishers Post 470 Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays 9-noon

**9:00am to 12:00pm**

Fishers American Legion Post 470  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC / KID FRIENDLY

**Breakfast Buffet at the Legion!**

Join us the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month!

\$13.00 - Adult / \$7.50 Kids up to 13  
EGGS / SAUSAGE / BACON / HASH BROWNS  
BISCUITS & GRAVY / PANCAKES

### Carmel Post 155 Breakfast Every Sat & Sun

**AMERICAN LEGION**

**Breakfast Every Saturday & Sunday: 8am to 12pm**

American Legion Post 155  
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# Noblesville to place historic signage along Pleasant Street

**The REPORTER**

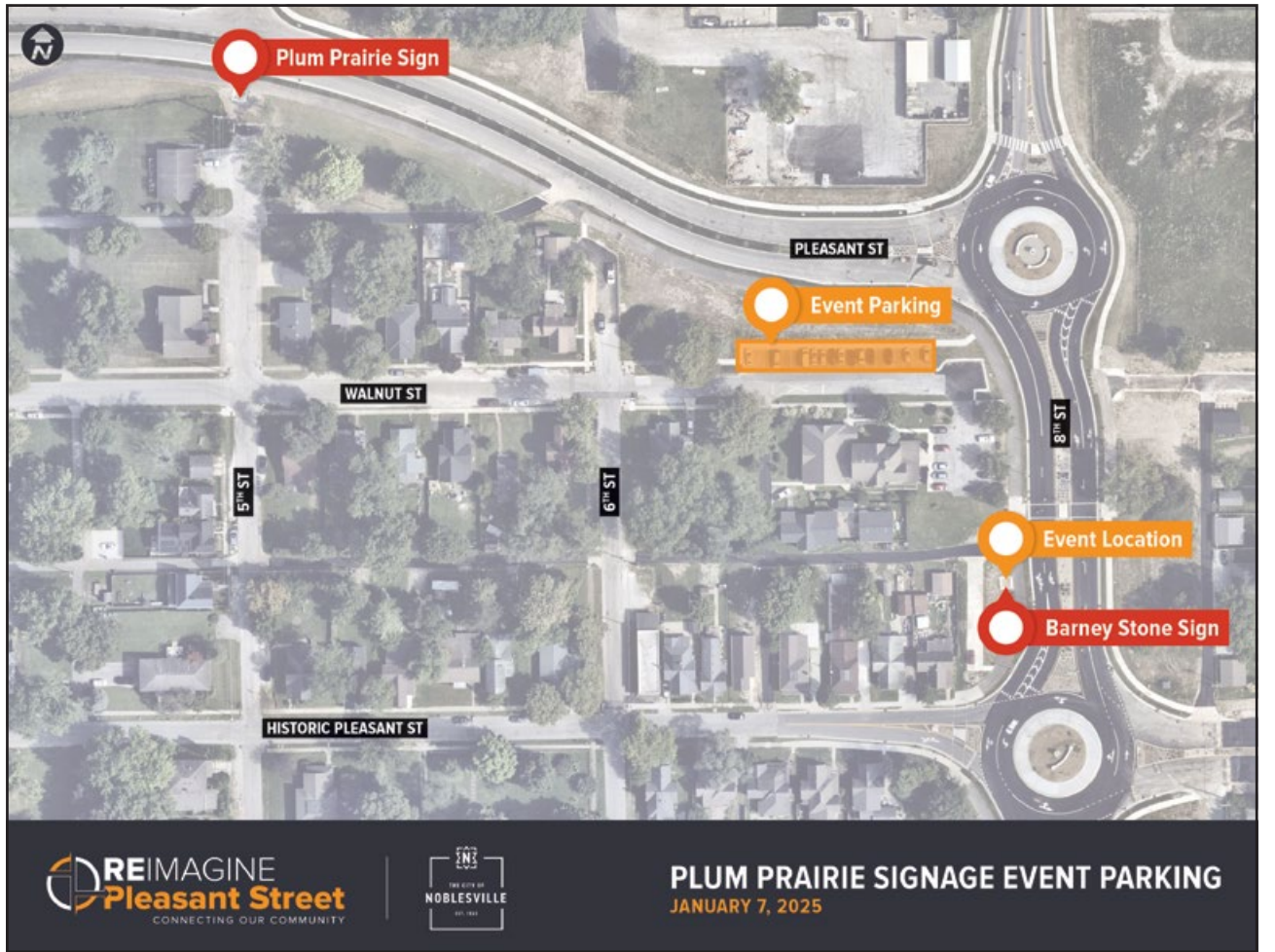
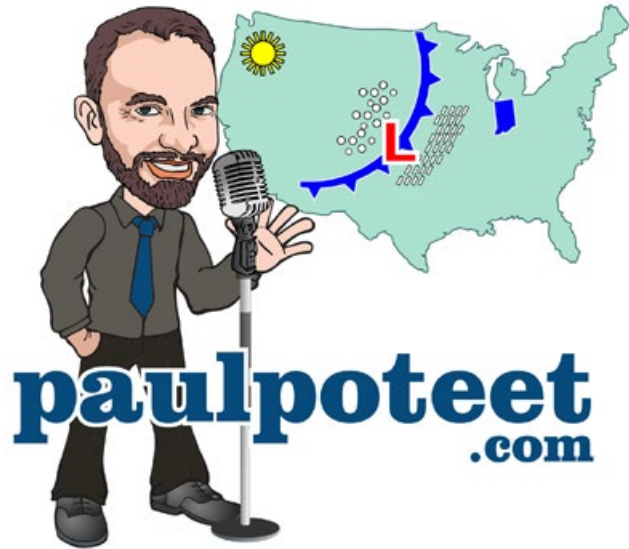
Next week, Noblesville officials and local dignitaries will unveil historic signage celebrating the history of the Plum Prairie neighborhood and Reverend Barney Stone.

The event will take place at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7 near the intersection of Eighth and Pleasant Streets.

Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen will lead the event. Additional speakers include

Hamilton County Historian David Heighway and Bryan Glover with the Noblesville Diversity Coalition.

This historic signage will inform and highlight the importance of the Plum Prairie neighborhood and the legacy of Reverend Barney Stone, who was the longtime pastor of the First Baptist Church and one of the first formerly enslaved persons to settle in Noblesville.



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## Kroger predicts top five food trends of 2025

**Submitted**

Kroger culinary specialists identified their top five food trends for 2025, predicting emerging preferences and anticipated additions to family shopping lists in the year ahead.

Kroger food experts – from product developers, to chefs, buyers and researchers – pooled their knowledge to develop these predictions for the foods and flavors that will motivate customers in the new year.

“2025 is all about flavor,” said Juan De Paoli, Vice President, Our Brands for Kroger. He sees “hot peppers continuing to rise, fermented flavors quickly growing in popularity, and staples such as Caesar finding new adaptations in the kitchen.”

**Food Dupes**

Retailers continue to offer items that rival – and even surpass – their national brand equivalents. Customers taste the high-quality and receive the savings from shopping private labels – and they are turning to those products for dupes of their restaurant and national brand favorites. Expect more shoppers to regularly choose store brand alternatives instead of national brands, as well as continued private-label innovation to match the customer demand.

**Taste The Trend in these examples:** Simple Truth Cheese & Uncured Bacon Egg Bites, Kroger Strawberry Acai Iced Refresher Pods, and Kroger Fully Cooked Frozen Chicken Bites.

**Bold & Briny**

Customers are explor-

ing more ways to incorporate acidic, briny, and fermented flavors into their meals to enhance the overall sense of freshness, brightness, and texture. On the horizon for 2025 is an increased use of super briny foods such as olives, pickles, sauerkraut, and kimchi.

**Taste The Trend examples:** Kroger Breaded Dill Pickle Chips, Simple Truth Korean Style Kimchi, and Private Selection Greek Olives & Feta.

**The Protein Renaissance**

Protein is no longer just a tool for bulking up; it is increasingly desired by customers wishing to maintain energy levels and support overall health. While popular staples such as chicken, yogurt, and cottage cheese have staying power on the menu, Kroger experts predict a growing interest in collagen and a greater incorporation of plant-based proteins such as beans, lentils, and hemp seeds into daily diets.

**Taste The Trend examples:** Simple Truth Collagen Peptides, Simple Truth Organic Shelled Hemp Seeds, and Simple Truth Butter-milk Vanilla Protein Waffles.

**Pepper Palette**

Customers shifted from chasing the highest Scoville ratings to now exploring how heat maximizes flavor. And delving into spices and peppers from international cuisines – such as Calabrian chiles, guajillo peppers and hatch chiles – allows them to

do so. As spice aficionados continue to experiment, Kroger experts expect emerging pepper varieties to appear in familiar products such as wings, pizza and pasta.

**Taste The Trend examples:** Private Selection Medium Hatch Chile Peppers, Private Selection Spicy Salami Nduja Sausage & Burrata Frozen Pizza, and Private Selection Bronze Cut Spicy Poblano with Aged Cheddar Creamy Macaroni & Cheese.

**Hail, Caesar**

Following its viral “Caesar salad and french fries” moment, Caesar salad innovation is at an all-time high. Beyond traditional salads and wraps, recipes featuring Caesar dressing on pizza, pasta, and a variety of leafy greens beyond romaine lettuce are gaining popularity. Look forward to creative combinations of the umami-rich dressing with flavors such as miso, tahini, and black garlic as customers breathe new life into the century-old recipe.

**Taste The Trend examples:** Simple Truth Organic Tahini, Kroger Flat Anchovies in Olive Oil & Salt, and Simple Truth, Organic Chopped Tuscan Kale.

“Whether customers wish to duplicate a viral favorite or explore the real power of protein,” De Paoli said, “we’re excited to offer budget-conscious Kroger products that give customers a taste of their favorite trends.”



## FROM MONGOLIA TO CARMEL, ONE LIFE LIVED IN ART

“My father was an artist and I grew up seeing him painting and sketching and drawing. I was stunned how the paintings were coming to life – seeing the progress of them. This was really the first passion that I developed, when I was sort of watching and being part of his progress.”

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# Join Emagine Entertainment this month for specialty screenings

## The REPORTER

Join Emagine Entertainment this January for a variety of specialty screenings. Each month guests can watch some of the newest film releases with an enhanced experience.

Emagine Noblesville is located at 13825 Norell Road in Hamilton Town Center.

### Open Caption film screenings

Emagine will hold Open Caption showings of some of the newest film releases on Sunday and Wednesday afternoons all month long. Guests who are deaf or hard of hearing will be able to enjoy the movie-going experience with audio subtitles displayed on the big screen for all to see.

All open caption movies are shown in 2D. *Note: there are no modifications made to the film.*

• **Sonic the Hedgehog 3** – Sunday, Jan. 5 and Wednesday, Jan. 8

• **Better Man** – Sunday, Jan. 12 and Wednesday, Jan. 15

• **September 5** – Sunday, Jan. 19 and Wednesday, Jan. 22

• **Flight Risk** – Sunday, Jan. 26 and Wednesday, Jan. 29

### Sensory Friendly film screenings

Emagine will hold a unique, sensory friendly screening twice a month, with specific modifications made to ensure an enjoyable experience for individuals with sensory needs and their supporters. Their sensory friendly programming makes going to the movies a more enjoyable experience for families, children, and teens with sensory needs.

All sensory friendly films will be shown in 2D. *Note: there are no modifications made to the film.*

### What does Sensory Friendly mean?

First, it means sensory friendly experience (lights



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up a bit, sound down a bit). Second, if your child needs to get up, move, dance, sing... no problem. Third, guests are welcome to bring a safe snack for any food allergies or food avoidance/restrictions.

• **Mufasa: The Lion King** – Saturday, Jan. 4  
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Tickets are available at the box office, online

at [Emagine-Entertainment.com](http://Emagine-Entertainment.com) or through the Emagine App. To purchase tickets and for a full list of showtimes, visit [Emagine-Entertainment.com](http://Emagine-Entertainment.com). On-sale dates vary. All films, locations, dates, and times are subject to change.

# Ryan Ahlwardt brings his songs, stories & humor to Feinstein's stage with INDY NIGHTS

## Submitted

One of central Indiana's favorite performers returns Friday, Jan. 17 to the Feinstein's stage. Ryan Ahlwardt is proud to bring his songs, stories and humor – along with some special friends – to INDY NIGHTS with Ryan Ahlwardt & Friends.

You may recognize Ahlwardt as the Emmy-nominated host of *Indy Now* on FOX 59. He is an alumnus of the world-renowned vocal group Straight No Chaser; you can hear his voice, arrangements, and original songs on the group's albums.

Ahlwardt is a voice actor and a singer-songwriter who has shared the stage and studio with such artists as The Beach Boys, Barry Manilow, Shania Twain, Sara Bareilles, Jon McLaughlin, Take 6, and more. He has been a featured

guest on many network TV shows and two national PBS specials and has also served as a radio host in Indianapolis.

Make plans to come out for this fun evening of music and shared laughs. As an added bonus for the night is special guest and friend, Jon Mobley, who is a mentalist and magician.

Mobley is known for entertaining crowds with his magnetic personality, quick wit, and jaw-dropping surprises. He is a frequent performer at the Chicago Magic Lounge and has appeared on *Penn & Teller: Fool Us*. Learn more at [jonmobley.com](http://jonmobley.com).

This show begins at 7:30 p.m. with the doors opening for dinner and drinks at 5:30. Get your tickets to the show at [feinsteinshc.com](http://feinsteinshc.com). Browse the website for even more stupendous shows coming in 2025.

# Health Spotlight: personalized drug cocktails may reverse Alzheimer's

## By JAY ADKINS

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

The Alzheimer's epidemic continues to cast a shadow over the lives of millions of people. With no effective treatment currently available, this devastating neurodegenerative disease relentlessly erodes the memories and cognitive abilities of those afflicted.

Despite decades of research, researchers have yet to discover a cure or disease-modifying therapy that can halt its progression. However, researchers believe they are closer than ever before to finding effective treatments.

John Struckhoff has watched his wife of 50 years fade away. There's been very little help for patients like Lynn, until now.

"We're deteriorating. I mean, we're on a downhill slide," Struckhoff said.

"There have been several new drugs recently

approved by the Food and Drug Administration for treating Alzheimer's disease. What these do is to attack the amyloid deposits that occur in the brains of these people and reduce them and slow the decline, but they don't reverse the disease," said Huntington Potter, PhD, a neurologist at the University of Colorado Alzheimer's and Cognition Center.

But Potter says a team at the University of Colorado found the drug called GM-CSF – already approved for rheumatoid arthritis – and it actually reversed Alzheimer's.

"Not only do they get cognitively better, but the blood biomarkers of brain damage that are used to test drugs for Alzheimer's disease all improved," Potter said.

Their newest study focuses on finding drugs that block the effects of a protein known as APOE4 – a

protein that significantly increases the risk of developing Alzheimer's.

Two commonly used psychiatric drugs – imipramine and olanzapine – had a significant impact by blocking the ability of APOE4 to promote amyloid formation.

"It isn't just that they declined more slowly, they actually got better," Potter said.

The next step in the research is to find out how age and gender contribute to Alzheimer's disease in hopes of developing drugs that can reverse the underlying problems.

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# Young issues statement on President Biden's veto of bipartisan JUDGES Act

## The REPORTER

On Monday, U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) released the following statement after President Joe Biden vetoed the Judicial Understaffing Delays Getting Emergencies Solved (JUDGES) Act of 2024, legislation introduced by Young to address judicial emergencies and shortages across the country:

"This misguided decision is just another example of why Americans are counting down the days until President Biden leaves the White House. Issuing this veto is partisan politics at its worst. The JUDGES Act is a fair bill with strong bipartisan support that would have created 66 judgeships over three presidential terms to address our judicial backlog," Sen. Young said. "The President is more enthusiastic about using his office to provide relief to his family members who received due process than he is about giving relief to the millions of regular Americans who are waiting

years for their due process. Biden's legacy will be 'pardons for me, no justice for thee.'"

### Background on the JUDGES Act of 2024

The JUDGES Act of 2024 would address judicial emergencies and shortages across the country by increasing the number of federal district judges in the most overworked regions of the country, including the Southern District of Indiana. The bill passed Congress with strong bipartisan support in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

The JUDGES Act of 2024 would act on the findings in the nonpartisan 2023 Judicial Conference of the United States report by creating the recommended judgeships during future presidential administrations. Additionally, the bipartisan bill includes new transparency requirements and provisions to ensure greater



Young

access to justice in certain high-need areas of the country.

Congress bears the constitutional responsibility of establishing judgeships in the district courts of the United States.

However, the last comprehensive authorization of new judgeships occurred in 1990 when then-Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Joe Biden sponsored legislation that created 85 new judgeships for President George H.W. Bush to fill. Since then, targeted legislation enacted between 1999 and 2003 created 34 additional district court judgeships. It has now been two decades since Congress last authorized new district judgeships.

Senator Young first introduced the legislation in 2020 and re-introduced it in 2021 and 2023. Young also penned an op-ed urging President Biden to sign the JUDGES Act of 2024 into law.

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# Noblesville city officials release 2024 Year in Review

## Submitted by City of Noblesville

With the new year here, the City of Noblesville reflects on major milestones and events.

"We've had an exciting and busy year at the City of Noblesville and it's important to reflect back on the accomplishments, challenges, and opportunities in 2024," Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen said. "I'm honored and humbled each day to serve as Mayor of my hometown, including serving alongside over 500 city employees each day who show up to serve our community and leave it better than they found it. As a community, we have a lot to look forward to in 2025, and I believe Noblesville's best days are ahead."

### Mayor Chris Jensen

- Continues to prioritize mental health in the community and hosted Mental Health Mondays with licensed therapist Kristen Boice on Facebook Live.

- Mayor Jensen's Friday Five videos continued in 2024 with his weekly post to the community to provide proactive updates on road projects and events taking place in the community.

- Testified before the Indiana State Senate in support of the Community Cares Initiative Grant Pilot Program, modeled after Noblesville's NobleACT program, will help other local governments invest in Mobile Crisis Teams to meet their unique public safety challenges more efficiently. The statehouse champions of this legislation were Senator Scott Baldwin and Representative Brad Barrett. In August, FSSA Indiana announced funding for this program.

- Nominated to serve as Advisory Board Member for the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

- Serves as the Vice President of the Central Indiana Regional Development Authority.

- Asked to serve on Governor-Elect Braun's transition team to provide guidance on enhanced working relationships between state agencies and local governments.

- Chaired the Accelerate Indiana Municipalities (AIM) Legislative Committee for the fourth straight year and led efforts to advocate for cities and towns' operational and financial interests at the Statehouse.

## Economic Development

- Private Investment:** \$671 million

- New Commercial Space:** 855,069 square feet

- New Jobs Created:** 227

- New Residential Units:** 1,403

- Innovation Mile and Noblesville Event Center:**

**Innovation Mile** is a more than 600 acre public/private partnership. It is located along Interstate 69 and is designed with a live, work, play, engage, and learn mindset. The Noblesville Event Center, set to open in summer of 2025, will be the future home of the Indiana Pacers G-League team and serves as the anchor of Innovation Mile. The district will feature event and entertainment spaces, retail outlets, recreational areas, residential spaces, and commercial opportunities. Surrounded by amenities such as Hamilton Town Center, Ruoff Music Center, healthcare facilities, and the Indiana Joint Replacement Institute, the district is envisioned to bring forth future job opportunities. The city received \$4 million through the READI 2.0 grant for a Marquee Pedestrian Boulevard within Innovation Mile, plus grant funding through Hamilton County Tourism's Business of Entertainment and Sports Tourism program.

- Morse Village:** The Noblesville Common Council voted 6-3 to approve the \$250 million mixed-use development project, Morse Village. The LOR Corporation development covers 175 acres, featuring 30,000 square feet of commercial space and local restaurants near 206th Street and Hague Road, including a new roundabout at that intersection. Morse Village build-out is expected to be phased over seven to 10 years, with construction beginning in 2025. This development includes over 30 acres of dedicated greenspace, including six miles of trails and sidewalks planned. [Click here](#) to learn more.

- The Granary:** In August, the Noblesville Common Council approved a \$67 million mixed-use development project, The Granary, along the new Pleasant Street Corridor. This project includes a \$13.4 million investment from the city, aimed at infrastructure and a trailhead for the Midland

Trace Trail, and has been a priority of Mayor Jensen's. It is part of broader efforts to enhance downtown Noblesville and ensure that the well-being of our residents is closely tied to economic and workforce growth. [Click here](#) to learn more.

## Downtown Noblesville

- Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA):** The establishment of a DORA district in Noblesville's historic downtown, approved by the Common Council in April and by the Indiana ATC in July, is already proving to be a boost to the downtown economy. The city's collaboration with local stakeholders, including the Noblesville Police Department, has ensured that the district is enjoyed safely and responsibly by the community, visitors, and business owners. Within the DORA, you can sip, shop, and stroll through downtown Noblesville.

- Hard Hat Resiliency Grants:** The city launched the "Hard Hat Resiliency Grant" program over the summer to support downtown businesses impacted by INDOT's Reconstructing SR32 project along Conner Street. This project also made upgrades to State Road 37 at 186th Street and 191st Street.

## Parks & Recreation

- New Staff:** The Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department hired a new Director, Savannah Solgere Wines, along with a new Deputy Director Charlie Elliott.

- Greenspace Expansion:** Design work for the Finch Creek Park Phase 2 activation project is underway. The project will include outdoor multi-purpose sports fields along with greenspace activation through additional trail infrastructure.

- New Programming:** Frights at Forest, Parks-Palooza, Sit-n-Stitch, Noblesville's North Pole, Jingle Bell Breakfast, and Candy Cane Crawl.

- Frights at Forest:** The department hosted a fall event with Frights at Forest, drawing hundreds of people to Forest Park for a night that included a Trick-or-Treat Trail, hayrides, inflatables, live entertainment, a costume contest, and food trucks.

In 2025, the Parks Department is starting the process for updating the splash



Rendering provided by City of Noblesville

The new Noblesville Police Department headquarters will be located at the site of the old Firestone plant along Division Street.

pad and playground at Dillon Park along with completing the department's Masterplan.

### By the Numbers

- Spring Break Camp served 267 children over the span of 10 days

- Summer Camp served 830 participants over seven weeks

- Tots at Play served 40 toddlers and their parents

- Over 30,000 people attend the Easter Egg Hunt, summer concerts at Federal Hill Commons and Dillon Park and Movies in the Park.

- Maintained and improved more than 100 miles of trails throughout the community

### Engineering

- Reimagine Pleasant Street Phase 1 Completion:** The Pleasant Street Corridor is a key component of the Reimagine Pleasant Street Project. This is a long-term initiative aimed at improving east-west connectivity and accessibility for the City of Noblesville. The project has been under study and discussion for 40 years. With Phase 1 complete, it is already greatly improving how residents and visitors navigate through and experience our city. The road design is intended to benefit Noblesville residents, local businesses, and stakeholders by enhancing mobility and public safety, while preserving the area's urban character and historic features. This collaborative effort involves the City of Noblesville and Hamilton County, ensuring a shared vision for progress. An exciting aspect of the project is that it will connect three major trails – Nickel Plate, Midland Trace, and Riverwalk – providing a seamless connection between Noblesville, Hamilton County, and the greater Indianapolis area. A community celebration in September, Party on Pleasant, marked the completion of Reimagine Pleasant Street Phase 1 with thousands in attendance to

- 141st & Promise Road Roundabout Opening:** This project included constructing a new roundabout at 141st Street & Promise Road. The city was awarded \$1.86 million in federal funds from the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization for the construction of the roundabout. The roundabout opened at the end of August 2024.

- SR 38 & Oakmont/Whitcomb Roundabout Opening:** This project included constructing a new roundabout along SR 38 at the entrances of Whitcomb Ridge and Oakmont. It was a 50/50 partnership with INDOT for the construction of the roundabout and opened at the end of July 2024.

- Initiating SR37 Corridor Design in Noblesville (INDOT Partnership):** The City of Noblesville and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) initiated a partnership to begin preliminary design for upgrades to the SR 37 corridor from Greenfield Avenue to SR 32 in Noblesville. An

initial public information meeting was held at Noblesville High School on Dec. 11. For more information, please visit [sr37improvement.com](#). More public information meetings will be hosted in the future.

### 2024 Grant Funding Received

- Noblesville was awarded \$3.48 million in safety projects through Highway Safety Improvement Program Grant Funds. This award includes constructing a new roundabout at Olio Road and 156th Street along with sign-modernization and ADA sidewalk improvements throughout the city.

- Noblesville was awarded \$3.67 million in projects through the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization Grant Recommendations. This recommended award includes constructing a new roundabout at 141st Street and Howe Road and a new roundabout at Little Chicago Road and Carrigan Road.

### Public Safety

#### Noblesville Police Department

- Noblesville Named 12th-Safest Suburb:** According to SmartAsset, a personal finance website, Noblesville was named the 12th-safest suburb in the United States.

- New Police Station:** Noblesville Police Department currently shares a building with the fire administration and Station 71. They have been operating in the same building since 1992, when the population was approximately 20,000. However, Noblesville's population has reached 75,000, and the department has more than 100 dedicated officers. The construction of a new police headquarters is a top priority in the city's 10-year Capital Improvement Plan and has been endorsed by the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP).

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# REVIEW

Following due diligence and analysis of possible sites, the former Firestone site along Division Street was selected as the best option for the new station and will address the growing needs of the Noblesville Police Department by providing sufficient space for staff and equipment. Construction is expected to begin in late 2025. Download renderings at [this link](#).

**• NobleACT Program:** This is a proactive and sustainable mental health collaboration between the police and fire departments and area service providers, added its first social worker in 2024, Myechia Hudson, MSW. She has worked with a variety of groups from challenged youths, homeless, and individuals with psychiatric illnesses. She came to NPD with experience working in a hospital setting, providing resources and referrals to a plethora of different individuals. Her knowledge of working with populations similar to those served by NobleACT has increased her reach and impact in the community. In 2024, NobleACT served 850 individuals and opened 1,070 cases, with a closure rate of 70 percent. [Click here](#) to learn more.

**• Hamilton County Public Safety Training Facility:** This facility is set to break ground in 2025. The Hamilton County Council, in collaboration with every public safety agency in the county, approved a resolution to move forward with a public safety training fa-

cility to be built at River Road and 160th Street in Noblesville. The facility will provide police, fire, and emergency management professionals with a state-of-the-art training center.

**Noblesville Fire Department**

**• Hosted 47th annual Food & Toy Drive:** The NFD accepted donations from the community to help approximately 100 families in Noblesville. In addition to community donations, NFD partnered with Kroger for food needs and Meijer for toys. The Noblesville Mayor's Youth Council also partnered with the fire department to collect food at The Michael Treinen Foundation Turkey Trot to donate to the Food & Toy Drive.

• NFD placed a fifth ambulance into service and a new Ladder Truck at Station 72.

**Utilities**

• The Utilities Department worked with Noblesville Schools to incorporate student artwork on the wastewater tanks at the treatment facility, which runs along the newly opened Pleasant Street corridor. The artwork is part of a collaboration to incorporate student artwork into our community and beautify the new Pleasant Street corridor.

• The Department also advanced significant improvements to wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, including treatment plant enhancements and installation of a solar array to help power and Lift Station 19.

**Human Resources**

• The City of Noblesville currently employs 541 people.

• In 2024, nine employees will retire with a combined years of service of 228 years.

• In coordination with the Mayor's Office, implemented a workplace culture and professional development program, "NOBLE," to promote recognition of best practices in serving constituents and supporting colleagues.

**Planning Department**

• Issued permits to 890 residential units, which includes townhome and single-, two-, and multi-family homes.

• Received more than 1,200 contributions from residents on the East and West Gateway Master Plans. The master plan will establish a vision for enhancement of the city's gateways and steps needed to bring the vision to reality over the next 15 to 20 years.

**Street Department**

• The City of Noblesville's Urban Forester worked alongside the Noblesville Tree Board and SMC Corporation for the inaugural Tree Planting Grant Program. The city marks 34 consecutive years of being named a Tree City USA recipient by the Arbor Day Foundation. Last year, SMC Corporation donated \$2,000 to the tree planting grant program, which was matched by the City of Noblesville through Mayor Jensen and the Common Council. The inaugural grant recipients

in 2024 included Same As U, Deer Creek Elementary School, Mill Grove, Deer Path, Pebble Brook Villas, and Verdure Sciences. The grant program is currently **accepting applications for 2025.**

• Landscaping installation in the center medians and the roundabout at SR 32/SR 38.

• Installed the bases and assisted with the installation of the butterfly sculpture in the roundabout at 191st Street and Little Chicago Road.

• Planted Sea Oats in the roundabout at Carrigan Road and Hague Road.

• Maintained and improved the more than 300 lane miles within the city.

• In 2025, the Street Department will be overseeing the installation of new school zone flashers at public schools in Noblesville. In addition, the department will install new pedestrian crossing Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons at the roundabouts along Hazel Dell Road, Little Chicago and Union Chapel Road.

**Advisory Council on Disabilities and Mayor's Youth Council**

• The Advisory Council on Disabilities hosted two resource fairs for the community.

• Mayor's Youth Council hosted a Culture Fair with SERVE Noblesville, raised money for The Cooper House & Ben's Ranch, and volunteered at the Michael Treinen Foundation's Turkey Trot and other community events.

## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

### CONSECRATION OF THE PRIESTS

*"Consecrate those parts of the ordination ram that belong to Aaron and his sons: the breast that was waved and the thigh that was presented. This is always to be the perpetual share from the Israelites for Aaron and his sons. It is the contribution the Israelites are to make to the Lord from their fellowship offerings.*

*"Aaron's sacred garments will belong to his descendants so that they can be anointed and ordained in them. The son who succeeds him as priest and comes to the tent of meeting to minister in the Holy Place is to wear them seven days.*

*"Take the ram for the ordination and cook the meat in a sacred place. At the entrance to the tent of meeting, Aaron and his sons are to eat the meat of the ram and the bread that is in the basket. They are to eat these offerings by which atonement was made for their ordination and consecration. But no one else may eat them, because they are sacred. And if any of the meat of the ordination ram or any bread is left over till morning, burn it up. It must not be eaten, because it is sacred.*

*"Do for Aaron and his sons everything I have commanded you, taking seven days to ordain them. Sacrifice a bull each day as a sin offering to make atonement. Purify the altar by making atonement for it, and anoint it to consecrate it. For seven days make atonement for the altar and consecrate it. Then the altar will be most holy, and whatever touches it will be holy.*

*Exodus 29:27-37 (NIV)*

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# REPORTER SPORTS FRIDAY

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

## Girls Basketball



(ABOVE LEFT) University's Sydney Culp scored 13 points for the Trailblazers during their 53-50 win over Guerin Catholic Thursday at the U Center. (ABOVE RIGHT) Guerin Catholic's Rachel Behrle scored eight points. At left is University's Taylor Seay, who led the 'Blazers with 14 points.

# Trailblazers come out on top in tough game with Guerin Catholic

By **RICHIE HALL**  
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**CARMEL** – The University girls basketball team toughed out a home victory over county opponent Guerin Catholic on Thursday.

The Trailblazers won 53-50 in a game that was close the entire way. The two teams went back and forth trading the lead in the first half before University got in front early in the third quarter. The Class 2A 'Blazers held the lead from that point forward in the face of tough defense from the 3A Golden Eagles.

"They stayed locked in the whole game," said Trailblazers coach Lisa Pryor. "Everybody played. Seven deep and everybody played significant minutes for us. I'm proud of them for their effort and hard work and staying locked in as much as they could mentally the entire game."

Guerin Catholic led 17-15 after the first quarter. Rachel Behrle made two 3-pointers for the Golden Eagles, while Caroline Ford added four points. Sydney Culp scored five for University, including a triple.

Culp began the second quarter with an and-1 to put the 'Blazers ahead 18-17. That began a back-and-forth, with the two teams trading the lead five times over the next few minutes.

Annie Murphy nailed a 3 to put GC ahead 24-22,

then Addy Horvath made a jumper and the Golden Eagles were up 26-24. University came back to lead 29-28: Taylor Seay scored four points with a jumper and a layin off a steal; Culp made another 3 in between.

The lead-trading continued to the halftime buzzer, and both teams were tied at 33-33 going into the break. Guerin Catholic's Lillian Behrle opened the third quarter with a 3 and the Golden Eagles led 36-33.

But the 'Blazers jumped back in front with a 7-0 run, giving them a 40-36 advantage. Seay began the run with a layin, then Gabby Culp nailed a 3 and followed that with two free throws at the 5:01 mark.

University never trailed again. Seay finished the third quarter with a layin to give the Trailblazers a 46-42 lead going into the fourth. A 3 from Horvath during the middle part of the fourth cut University's lead to 49-48, but Gabby Culp's layin made it 51-48. Neither team scored again until the final minute; a Seay layin gave the 'Blazers a 53-49 lead and that would be enough.

Four players reached double figures for University. Seay scored 14 points, Sydney Culp added 13, then Gabby Culp and Anyah Turley both scored 10. Gabby Culp collected 10 rebounds for a double-double, with Mack Feeney grabbing 10 rebounds as well. Feeney

### UNIVERSITY 53, GUERIN CATHOLIC 50

Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Annie Murphy	4	1-1	12	1
Dana Dues	3	0-0	8	0
Reagan Haines	1	1-2	3	4
Lillian Behrle	0	0-0	0	1
Caroline Ford	3	0-2	6	1
Madi Cain	1	0-0	2	0
Lainey Rott	0	0-0	0	1
Addy Horvath	4	1-2	11	3
Rachel Behrle	3	0-0	8	1
Brinna Wolf	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	19	3-7	50	12

Guerin Catholic 3-pointers (9) Murphy 3, Dues 2, Horvath 2, R. Behrle 2.

University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Meg Rohloff	0	0-0	0	0
Sydney Culp	4	3-3	13	3
Taylor Seay	7	0-2	14	1
Mack Feeney	1	0-0	2	3
Gabby Culp	3	3-4	10	2
Anyah Turley	5	0-0	10	1
Leah Norvell	1	1-2	4	0
Totals	21	7-11	53	10

University 3-pointers (4) S. Culp 2, G. Culp, Norvell.

Guerin Catholic	Score by Quarters
17	16
University	15

University	Score by Quarters
15	18
Guerin Catholic	9
University	8-50

also had nine blocked shots and seven assists.

"We really stress sharing the basketball and it's not being one person's job to score, and so I think they did a really great job with that," said Pryor.

Murphy scored 12 points for the Golden Eagles, while Horvath had 11 points. Guerin Catholic was without leading scorer Ava Bills, but GC Coach Danielle Cardinal credited the team with stepping up.

"They fought hard," Cardinal. "They work to-

gether really well as a team, and I think it's a tribute to them to put 50 points on the board and to have the scoring so diverse throughout the team. And some kids that normally don't get an opportunity, when they got an opportunity today, stepped up."

The Trailblazers are 7-6 and play an afternoon game Saturday at the U Center, hosting Tri-West. The Golden Eagles are also 7-6 and return to the Eagles Nest Saturday afternoon to play Perry Meridian.

## Boys Basketball

# Tigers off to great start in new year

### The REPORTER

The Fishers boys basketball team began the new year with an opening-round victory in its tournament Thursday morning.

The Class 4A No. 1 Tigers cruised past South Dearborn 77-39. Fishers outscored the Knights in each of the four quarters, starting with a 19-6 lead after one period. Five different Tigers scored, with Jason Gardner Jr. getting five points.

Fishers increased its lead to 44-16 by halftime. Justin Kirby had seven points, while Cooper Zachary hit a pair of 3-pointers for six points. Zachary also made a 3 during the first period. Gardner and JonAnthony Hall both scored five.

It was Millen McCartney's turn to hit a pair of triples in the third quarter, which also gave him three 3s for the game. Gardner

and Justin Kirby both had five points during the third, a period where six Tigers scored and finished with a 67-32 lead. A running clock was in effect by then, and Fishers sailed through the fourth.

Four Tigers players reached double figures. Gardner totaled 18 points, scoring in each quarter. Kirby finished with 16, Hall scored 12 and Zachary had 11. McCartney's three 3s gave him nine points. A total of 10 Fishers players scored in the game.

The Tigers are unbeaten at 10-0 and continue tournament play by taking on Chesterton in the first semifinal at 10:30 a.m. Fort Wayne Wayne and Portage will face off in the second semifinal at 12:15 p.m. The consolation game is set for 5:30 p.m. and the championship game tips off at 7:15 p.m.

### FISHERS 77, SOUTH DEARBORN 39

Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Cooper Zachary	4	0-0	11	1
Jason Gardner Jr.	5	6-7	18	0
Justin Kirby	7	1-1	16	1
JonAnthony Hall	5	2-3	12	1
Nathan Baker	1	0-0	2	1
Tommy Williams	1	0-0	3	2
Millen McCartney	3	0-0	9	2
Ethan Laboy	1	0-1	2	1
Logan Sigler	1	0-0	2	2
Jean-Claude L'Homme	0	0-0	0	1
Torey Breland	0	2-2	2	1
Levi Walker	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	28	11-14	77	13

#### Score by Quarters

South Dearborn	6	10	16	7-39
Fishers	19	25	23	10-77

Fishers 3-pointers (9) McCartney 3, Zachary 3, Williams, Gardner, Kirby.

## Girls Basketball

# Shamrocks take third place at Interra Classic

### The REPORTER

*NOTE: This story is updated with leading scorers from each game.*

The Westfield girls basketball team finished third at the Interra Classic, which took place last weekend at Northridge.

The Shamrocks won their first two pool games last Friday. Westfield beating NorthWood 38-33, with MaKayla Hatcher scoring 15 points to lead the 'Rocks. Westfield then defeated Bishop Dwenger 62-32; Meg Hamilton scored 22 points.

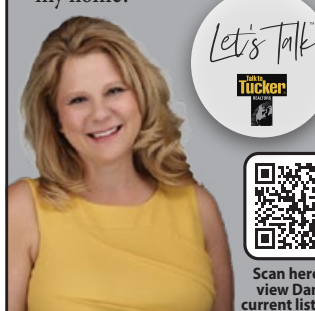
Westfield dropped its

third pool game to Penn 40-37 last Saturday, with Aubrey Crockett scoring 11 points. The Shamrocks beat Floyd Central 42-37 in the third-place game. Lindsey Van Dyke led Westfield with 12 points.

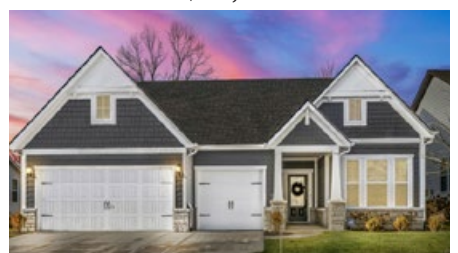
Westfield is 10-6 and plays in the Lauren Hill Classic Shootout this weekend at Lawrenceburg. The host Tigers play Beech Grove in the first game at 10 a.m., then the 'Rocks take on East Central at noon. The consolation game is set for 6 p.m. with the championship game at 7:45 p.m.

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## Rundle commits to Marian



Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics  
 Noblesville's Delaney Rundle has committed to the Marian University softball team. (Front row, from left) Brian Rundle (father), Delaney Rundle, and Alison Rundle (mother). (Back row, from left) Noblesville Softball Assistant Jen Thompson, Brooke Lawrence (sister), RJ Rundle (brother), and Noblesville Softball Head Coach Deke Bullard.

## Werkley commits to Marian



Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics  
 Noblesville's Drew Werkley has committed to the Marian University men's golf team. (Front row, from left) Justin Werkley (father), Drew Werkley, and Colleen Werkley (mother). (Back row, from left) Noblesville Boys Golf Head Coach Gary Deakyne, Kendall Werkley (sister), and Keelin Werkley (sister).

## Boys Wrestling

### Two Millers, three Huskies go unbeaten at first day of North Montgomery Duals

**The REPORTER**  
 The Noblesville and Hamilton Heights boys wrestling teams competed in the first day of the North Montgomery Duals on Thursday.

Both teams went 2-2 in dual meets at the tournament. The Millers beat North Putnam 65-9 in their first match, then fell to Lincoln Way Central 44-21 and Hanover Central 44-32 before defeating Pendleton Heights 51-27.

Meanwhile, Hamilton Heights won its first dual 67-9 over North Montgomery, then fell to Rensselaer Central 42-32 and Whiteland 58-22. The Huskies beat Sullivan 78-6 in their fourth dual. As a result, Noblesville and Heights wrestled each other in the ninth-place dual, with the Millers winning 47-29.

Noblesville had two undefeated wrestlers at the tournament: Zach Nekolite at 126 pounds and Evan Nicholls at 175. Kai Kaohi (at 106), AJ Kramer (at 144) and Yan Tioua (at 190) all were 4-1, while Mason Pre-sits (at 150), Aden Widget (at 157) and Cale Metzler (at 215) all finished 3-2.

The Huskies had three unbeaten wrestlers: Simon Kuhn at 138, Michael Cain at 165 and Drew Laitas at 285. Justin Tilton finished 4-1 at 144 pounds, while Finn Bowman (at 113), Cooper Doucette (at 120), Aidan Furst (at 150) and Joey Sigler (at 190) all were 3-2.

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

**Friday, Jan. 3**

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
 Crown Point at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.  
 Noblesville at Warren Central, 7:30 p.m.

**Fishers Invitational**  
 Game 7: Chesterton vs. Fishers, 10:30 a.m.  
 Game 8: Fort Wayne Wayne vs. Portage, 12:15 p.m.  
 Seventh-place game: Bloomington North vs. South Dearborn, 2 p.m.  
 Fifth-place game: Lawrence Central vs. Evansville Bosse, 3:45 p.m.  
 Third-place game: Loser Game 7 vs. Loser Game 8, 5:30 p.m.  
 Championship game: Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8, 7:15 p.m.

**BOYS WRESTLING**  
 Hamilton Heights, Noblesville at North Montgomery Holiday Duals, 9 a.m.  
 Bishop Chatard at Westfield, 5:30 p.m.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
 Hamilton Southeastern at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.

**Grow the Game Shootout**  
 Fishers vs. Stevenson (Ill.), 12:30 p.m. at New Trier (Ill.)

**Lauren Hill Classic Shootout at Lawrenceburg**  
 Beech Grove vs. Lawrenceburg, 10 a.m.  
 East Central vs. Westfield, noon  
 Consolation game, 6 p.m.  
 Championship game, 7:45 p.m.

**GIRLS WRESTLING SECTIONALS**  
 Carmel at Alexandria, 8:30 a.m.  
 Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville at Muncie Central, 9 a.m.  
 Hamilton Heights at Western, 9 a.m.  
 Sheridan at Crawfordsville, 9:30 a.m.

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## Indiana Valor's first Signing Day an historic moment for women's professional football

**The REPORTER**  
 The Indiana Valor, Indiana's newest women's professional football team, will hold its inaugural Signing Day event today, a landmark occasion for women's sports in the state.

The Signing Day will take place at 7:30 p.m. this evening, Jan. 3, at Silo Auto Club and Conservancy 644 E. Washington St., Indianapolis. The event will introduce the Valor's first roster of exceptional athletes and celebrate this historic milestone with fans, media, and community supporters.

"What drew me to the

Women's Football Alliance is their commitment to growing football at the highest level," Owner and Founder Kristian Aleixo said. "I'm most looking forward to giving young women across Indiana a long-term goal to strive for."

**About the Indiana Valor**  
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