

SATURDAY, JAN. 4, 2025

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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly sunny.
 Tonight: Partly cloudy.
 HIGH: 23 LOW: 15



Jackson Christmas was the season for giving ... awards

Submitted by Robyn Cook
 Jackson Township Trustee

The Jackson Township Fire Department recently held its annual Christmas and Awards Banquet, a beloved family event that brings everyone together to celebrate the season and honor outstanding service.

Santa made a special appearance, delighting attendees not only by giving gifts, but also receiving donations of food that the department collected throughout the month of December. These donations will be distributed to local food pantries to help those in need during the holiday season and upcoming year.

In addition to the festive spirit, the evening included the presentation of annual awards to recognize exceptional service. This year's honorees were:

- **Firefighter of the Year:** Ryan McIntyre
- **EMT of the Year:** John Moore Jr.
- **Paramedic of the Year:** Michael Kimball



In order to stay safe around all those chimneys, Santa consulted with Jackson Fire.

Michael Kimball

- **Unit Citation:** Deven Cannon, Michael Kimball, Jennifer Moon, Kelly Walker, and Michael Kirchberg
- **Green Cross Award:** Deven Cannon

- **Part-Time Employees of the Year:** Russell Fisher, Garrett Spires, and John Moore Jr.
- **Medal of Gallantry:** James Carter
- **25 Years of Service:** Chief James Carter

"The banquet is always a wonderful occasion to honor the dedication and hard work of the fire department's personnel, as well as to bring our families together in the spirit of giving," Chief Carter said.



Photo provided by Scott Saalman
 Our columnist has rediscovered his near-physiological need for real books.

A Facebook farewell & other 2024 meditations

2024, for me, was a milestone-year marking sincere attempts to trim brain fat while in pursuit of improved mental well-being.

I started using Prozac and meeting with a mental health therapist. I had never sought mental therapy before, nor had I taken antidepressants. If Tony Soprano could see a therapist and accept Prozac, so could I. This revelation arrived while re-watching the entire series of *The Sopranos* for the third time.

Taking my medicine and talking to a therapist have made a positive difference. I find myself enjoying life more. I find myself grateful for my present state.

A few days after my first twist of the Prozac cap, I sensed a gradual giddiness with each step taken during a walk through the neighborhood. The Bose blast of Jimmy Buffett music made me feel even sunnier than it had before. Halfway through, I realized a smile was stretching my face. I called my daughter to report this strange surge of happiness. If anyone deserved an overdue dose of dad positiveness, it was Delaney. How many times had she reminded me how when she was a little girl that I had once picked her "up by my ears" because of something upsetting she'd concocted? For the record, I did not pick her up by the ears ... well not in the way you likely are imagining it. A possessor of a vivid imagination, my daughter. Beware, she is a writer. Never trust a writer. Trust me on that.

"I just called to tell you how good I feel. Happy. I'm smiling," I said.

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Duke Energy prepares response to winter storm

Additional line workers on standby to supplement local crews & speed restoration

The REPORTER

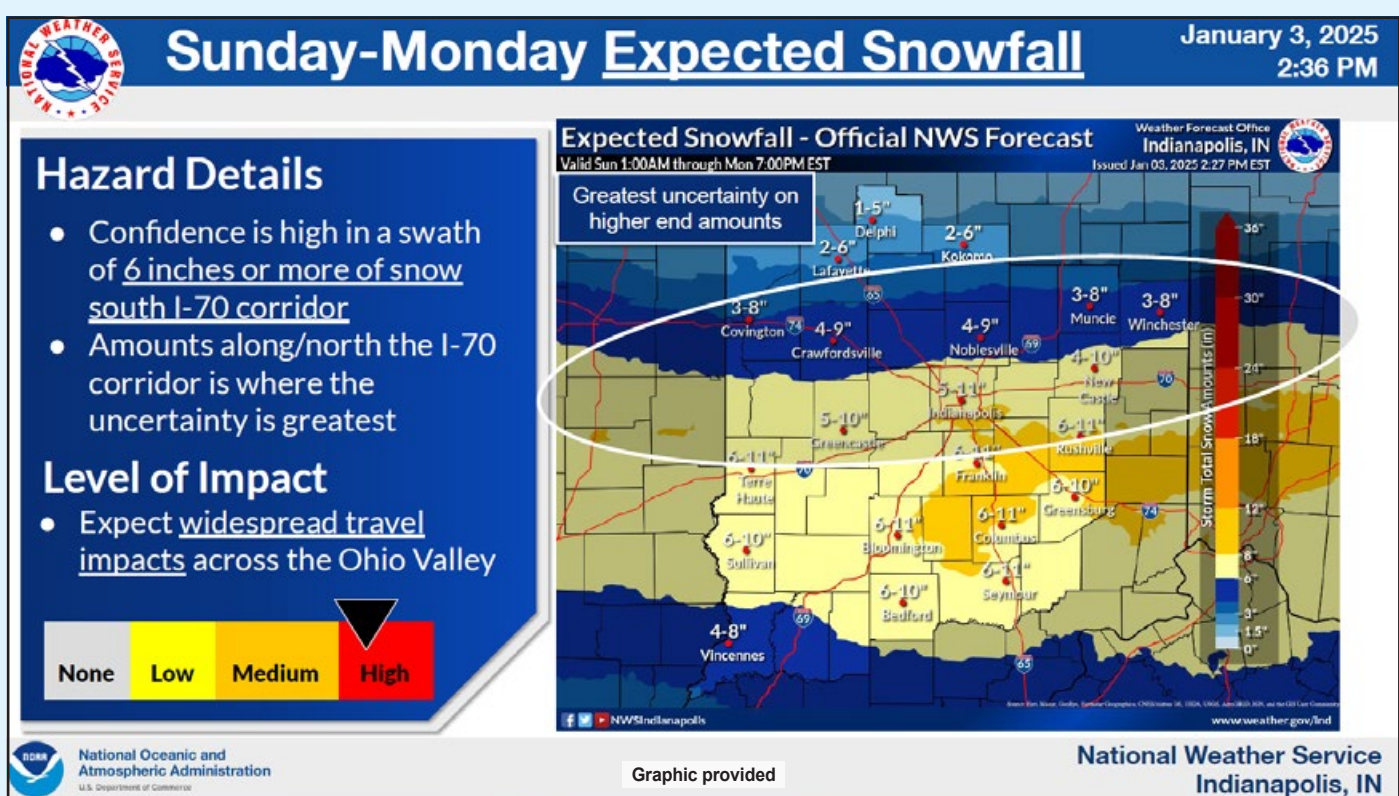
Duke Energy is monitoring and preparing for a winter storm system that may cause power outages in some regions of its Indiana system beginning Sunday.

"As severe winter weather approaches, we're encouraging customers to be aware that a combination of snow, sleet, freezing rain and wind can cause power outages," said Clint Carnahan, Duke Energy General Manager of Emergency Preparedness. "We are preparing to ensure we can restore electricity to any affected customers as soon as possible."

Snow on its own typically does not have a big impact on the electric system. However, heavy wet snow accumulation, freezing rain, and winds may bring down trees, limbs, and power lines. These types of winter storms can also create hazardous driving conditions which could delay and impede Duke Energy workers' ability to assess storm damage and restore power.

Duke Energy contractors – including additional line workers and other support

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State & local officials detail plan of attack for coming storm

The REPORTER

With a serious winter storm rushing across the United States as you read this, state and local officials in Indiana and Hamilton County are racing to finish plans and preparations to ensure public safety and the smoothest travel that will be possible.

Below is information The Reporter has received as of Friday evening.

Carmel's army of trucks ready for battle

The City of Carmel is actively preparing for the first winter storm of the year as heavy snow and ice are forecasted for the weekend and into Monday, Jan. 6.

The Street Department has a fleet of 90 salt trucks and plows ready to battle the elements and keep our city streets safe.

Once the heavy snow stops, main thoroughfares and secondary streets will be cleared and safe for travel. An all-city plow will then begin, including all neighborhood streets. Residents are advised to stay off the roads during the heavy snow fall and then afterward, be patient and allow for plenty of travel space while the snowplows are clearing the main thoroughfares. Paths and trails



Carmel's fleet of 90 snow plows are ready for whatever this storm throws at them.

will be cleared in the days that follow once roads are cleared.

"Based on the current forecast, we will begin 12-hour shifts for our crew," Street Commissioner Matt Higginbotham said. "We will not conduct a full city-wide salt treatment before the event, since

there is no ice forecasted for our area prior to the snowfall."

The city's public safety leaders are working with county officials to ensure emergency services continue to operate throughout the anticipated severe weather.

Updates related to street

conditions and other storm-related matters will be posted on city social media pages.

Warming centers

Area churches are offering access for those in need during extreme cold weather.

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FAREWELL

There was a semi-long pause then ... until she finally replied, "Who is this person using my dad's phone?"

"It's your dad," I said. "Are you high? Are you drunk?"

"It's your dad ... on Prozac."

In 2024, I became a better sleeper, dozing longer, even napping without guilt. A far cry from the little boy who would lie awake at night staring at the clock just so he'd know what time it was when he actually died. I'm a super fan of sleep now. As great as sleep feels, death can't be all that bad. I no longer watch the clock from bed.

I now feel more focused on whatever task is at hand, personally or professionally. Things that once triggered me so easily and detrimentally don't negatively affect me as much. I'm no longer an angst junkie, a raving reactionist. My world now has a more positive spin.

In 2024, I deactivated

and deleted Facebook, despite its prickly presence since signing up in 2009. It took 15 years for me to realize that all the social media fat and bot BS being absorbed by my brain was actually absorbing my brain. I made enemies through Facebook - disliking people I never really knew well enough to deserve my disliking, my knee-jerk reactions due to opposition to something I had posted or simply because I didn't like their word choices when responding to the ever-present chum-baited Facebook prompt, "What's on your mind?"

I did make some new friends that I wouldn't have met otherwise (we converse via text, email, or phone calls now), so some goodness was actually gained from my Facebook addiction. In hindsight, the insane amount of time I wasted posting, reading other people's posts, and viewing videos of people doing asinine things (how

many didn't die doing what they did, I'll never fathom) is downright scary.

Saying farewell to Facebook was liberating, although the first few days of freedom were shaky, making me realize how foolishly social-media reliant I'd become. I caught myself taking photos, even pulling the car over at times to do this, only to realize I had nowhere to post them. It was insightful to realize how trigger happy I'd become with the phone camera, how concerned I was with posting pictures on Facebook, all for the sake of seeking validation from others, rather than allowing myself to actually, truly live in the moment with those physically near me sharing that same moment.

Last summer, I began reading actual books with actual paper pages, something I'd stopped doing, probably because of spending significant time on Facebook or watching countless shows via streaming services. God

invented trees so people could read.

One of the first concerns I shared with my therapist was the lack of balance I felt without books, a lost sense of true self. The solution was simple: make time to read again. I've read about 20 books since the summer, each finished book akin to the reclamation of valuable real estate in my brain. It's a wonderful feeling to find myself lost in the wonder of books again. I have purchased many books in the past six months - and I'm actually reading them. A bestie of mine, the wonderful writer Frances Park, actually sent me a T-shirt on my birthday that states: ABIBLIOPHOBIA, THE FEAR OF RUNNING OUT OF BOOKS TO READ. Her latest novel, *Blue Rice*, is a masterpiece and is available on Amazon. You'll be glad you read it.

2024 has put me on the right mental track for 2025.

What's on my mind? Gratitude, for all those



Photo provided by Scott Saalman. Scott strongly encourages you to purchase *Blue Rice* by Frances Park, available on Amazon.

things mentioned above.

My daughter's question, "Who is this person?", still repeats in my mind.

I'm finally figuring out the answer.

Email Scott at scottsaa-man@gmail.com.

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DUKE

personnel - are on standby to supplement the company's local workforce and speed power restoration. Crews will work around-the-clock to restore power in impacted communities as quickly as possible.

Heavy ice on trees, branches, power lines

Ice buildup on trees and branches that causes them to fall on power lines is usually the main culprit behind power outages during a winter storm. The heavy weight of significant ice buildup directly on power lines themselves can sometimes cause the lines to fall or sag. Heavy, wet snow also can cause trees and branches to fall on power lines.

Damage assessment

After the storm, as conditions permit, crews will assess damage to determine the types of crews, equipment and supplies needed to restore electricity to each power outage location.

Simultaneously, while damage assessment is underway in some of the harder-hit areas, repair work will begin where feasible.

Reporting power outages

Customers can report power outages by texting "OUT" to 57801 or by calling (800) 343-3525. They may also report an outage online at duke-energy.com/outages or through the Duke Energy mobile

app. Duke Energy will provide estimated power restoration times to customers as soon as those times are determined.

The company also will provide regular updates to customers and communities through emails, text messages, outbound phone calls, social media and its website, which includes power outage maps.

Winter storm safety reminders

Customers can take steps to safely prepare for winter weather and outages that may impact them by doing the following:

- Ensure an adequate supply of flashlights, batteries, bottled water, nonperishable foods, medicines,

etc., as well as the availability of a portable, battery-operated radio, TV, or weather radio.

• Customers should make alternate shelter arrangements as needed if they will be significantly impacted by a loss of power - especially families who have special medical needs or elderly members.

• Stay away from power lines that have fallen or are sagging. Consider all lines energized as well as trees or limbs in contact with lines. Please report any downed power lines to Duke Energy or local emergency services.

• If a power line falls across a car that you are in, stay in the car. If you MUST

get out of the car due to a fire or other immediate life-threatening situation, do your best to jump clear of the car and land on both feet. Be sure that no part of your body is touching the car when your feet touch the ground.

• Ice and snow can cause hazardous driving conditions resulting in traffic accidents and downed utility poles and power lines that, in turn, can cause isolated power outages. If you are driving and encounter emergency responders or other roadside work crews, remember to move over.

• If you use a generator due to a power outage, follow the manufacturer's in-

structions to ensure safe and proper operation. Operate your generator outside; never operate it inside a building or garage.

• Do not use grills or other outdoor appliances or equipment indoors for space heating or cooking, as these devices may emit carbon monoxide.

More tips on what to do before, during and after a storm can be found at duke-energy.com/safety-and-preparedness/storm-safety. A checklist serves as a helpful guide, but it is critical before, during and after a storm to follow the instructions and warnings of emergency management officials in your area.

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The designated centers will be open during standard business hours, allowing those in need to warm up for a short period of time and make arrangements for other services and accommodations. A list of centers and related information can be found on the Weather Aware page on the city's website.

Mailbox or lawn damage

If your mailbox or lawn

is damaged by a city plow, please email street@carmel.in.gov with your name, address, phone number and a brief description of the damage. A service request will be written for repairs. You may also choose to call (317) 733-2001, but please be patient since call volume is anticipated to be heavy.

Clearing sidewalks

Residents, property, and business owners are remind-

ed that it is their responsibility to clear their sidewalks after a snow event, particularly those near schools. Not everyone is able to shovel snow safely. Please be aware of neighbors who are elderly or physically unable to shovel or plow and help them clear their driveways and sidewalks if possible.

Avoiding frozen pipes

Now is a good time to locate your water main

shut-off valve. Should a pipe freeze or break, turn off the water immediately. Residents are encouraged to insulate exposed pipes, particularly in unheated areas like attics and basements, keep the thermostat set to a consistent temperature above 55°F, open cabinet doors under sinks where pipes are located, let faucets drip slightly during cold weather, and drain outdoor hoses and faucets before freezing temperatures arrive.

Fishers ready for snow & ice control

The Department of Public Works is responsible for providing snow and ice control for all dedicated streets within city limits.

The primary objective for Fishers Snow and Ice Control is to provide for the safe and orderly movement of traffic. Public Works staff work year-round to prepare and plan for each winter season.

When a snow or ice event is forecast, city personnel are mobilized. Intense storms require a 24-hour response and crews are assigned to 12-hour shifts for the duration of the storm and until the streets are accessible. [Click here](#) to read the Snow and Ice Control Plan.

Snow plow priorities

All roads in the City of Fishers are prioritized into groups for snow removal operations on a snow plow priority map. Priority roads 1 and 2 will always be maintained with the maxi-

mum service level. Priority 3 and 4 roads will be maintained as the winter storm conditions allow.

[Click here](#) to see the snow plow map.

[Click here](#) for more information about snow and ice control in Fishers.

INDOT warns of widespread travel impacts

The Indiana Department of Transportation is prepared for a significant winter storm expected to move across the state starting Sunday.

As of Friday afternoon, the National Weather Service (NWS) has issued winter storm watches for all Indiana counties from just north of Lafayette and Kokomo to the Ohio River. NWS is calling for potential double-digit snowfall totals in parts of the state, with a sleet and ice mix in southern Indiana.

Heavier snow is currently expected between the Indianapolis metropolitan area and south to the U.S. 50 corridor where snowfall rates in excess of one inch per hour are possible.

Precipitation is expected to begin early Sunday in the southwest part of Indiana and spread north, continuing through late Monday.

Winds gusts of up to 35 mph will cause poor visibility, as well as blowing and drifting snow. This will result in snow-covered roads and widespread travel impacts. In southern Indiana, ice accumulation of 0.15 to 0.25 inches could cause

downed trees and power lines.

Bitter cold temperatures will follow.

INDOT crews will be activated at a full or partial call out across the state, with more than 500 trucks treating state highways, interstates, and U.S. routes starting late Saturday and early Sunday, depending on location. Pre-treatment activities will occur prior to the storm. Crews will remain active for the duration of the event and afterward to continue cleanup efforts. Please note that it takes an average of two to three hours for crews to complete a full snow route.

Motorists should carefully consider or avoid unnecessary travel, especially in areas anticipated to receive higher snow totals. If you must travel, remember to slow down, increase following distance, allow extra time to reach destinations, and give plow trucks plenty of room to work. Drivers are also encouraged to prepare an emergency car kit that includes water, snacks, blankets, extra clothing, a small shovel and a flashlight in the event they become stranded.

Check real-time travel conditions and view traffic and snow plow cameras online at 511in.org or via INDOT's TrafficWise app. Regular updates will also be shared on INDOT's social media channels. Check for travel advisories in your area from the Department of Homeland Security at in.gov/dhs/traveladvisory.

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HYPOTHERMIA

Warning Signs:

- Confusion
- Exhaustion
- Shivering
- Fumbling Hands
- Memory Loss
- Drowsiness
- Slurred Speech

If you notice any of the above signs, immediately take your temper. If it is BELOW 95°, seek medical attention

Weather is unpredictable ... Paul Poteet isn't.

Your Hometown Weatherman!

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



Winter weather postpones dedication of Sky Simpson Blvd.

The REPORTER

Due to the anticipated winter storm, the Sky Simpson Blvd. dedication event originally scheduled

for Monday, Jan 6, is postponed.

The rescheduled date and related information will be announced soon.

Fishers begins citywide trash service this month

The REPORTER

All incorporated residential households in Fishers will transition to Republic Services for all trash and recycling collection beginning Jan. 13.

The monthly service fee will first be seen on residents' February bill (for January services). No action is required at this time for current Republic or Waste Management customers for this change. Find your new service day and other details at [FishersIN.gov/Trash](https://fishersin.gov/Trash).

Key dates

• **This week:** Bin delivery to new Republic customers

• **Week of Jan. 6:** Bin delivery continues to new customers; Waste Management final trash pickup and bin collection. *Please leave bins out after date of service for pick up.*

• **Week of Jan. 10:** Waste Management final day of service for single-family residential

• **Week of Jan. 13:** Republic citywide residential service begins

Meeting Notices

The Hamilton County Airport Authority Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2025, in the Jet Access Conference Room at the Indianapolis Executive Airport, 11329 E. State Road 32, Zionsville.

The Delaware Township Board and Trustee will hold an organizational meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2025, at the Delaware Township Government Center, 9090 E. 131st St., Fishers. The agenda will also include a meeting of the Board of Finance.

Send Meeting Notices to: News@ReadTheReporter.com

Sheller announces intent to run for County Clerk

Submitted

Beth Sheller, Noblesville, announces her candidacy to run for Hamilton County Clerk in 2026.

She has served in the Clerk's Office for almost 15 years, beginning as a Voter Registration Deputy and now serving as the Elections Administrator for the past six years. While serving as the Elections Administrator, she has received a Certificate in Election Administration, Technology, and Security from Ball State University and VSTOP. Other certificates include a Certificate in High Performance Leadership from the National Association of Counties and Certificates in Government Leadership and Human Resources from Ivy Tech Community College.



Sheller

Sheller is a Board Member of the Noblesville GOP Club, the Secretary of the Hamilton County Republican Party, and also serves as a Precinct Committeeperson in Noblesville. She was appointed in 2024 by the Hamilton County Council to serve on the Hamilton East Public Library Board of Trustees.

Sheller has been married to Mark for 36 years. They have two children who live and work in Hamilton County, and they also have two grandchildren.

The Clerk's Office issues marriage licenses, processes child support payments, keeps records for all county court cases, and conducts all election activities.

Beth Sheller will file to run in January 2026 and plans to run in the May 2026 Primary.

Jim Banks sworn in as Indiana's newest United States Senator

The REPORTER

On Friday, Jim Banks (R-Ind.) was sworn in as a United States Senator for Indiana.

"I want to thank the good people of Indiana for electing me to serve in this important role," Sen. Banks said. "I will never take it lightly. It is a great honor to represent our state in the United States Senate and I will always put Indiana and America first.

"Over the last eight years I have fought to put America

first by combating the threat of communist China, securing the border, and strengthening our national defense. My priorities will remain the same in the Senate.

"I'm ready to hit the ground running and look forward to helping President Trump confirm his cabinet nominees and get his agenda through Congress."

Last month, Sen. Banks



Banks

announced his appointment to the following committees: Senate Committee on Armed Services, Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pension, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Sen. Banks most recently served as the Representative for Indiana's Third

District in the United States House of Representatives. Prior to that, he served in the Indiana State Senate and on the Whitley County Council.

Banks served in the U.S. Navy Reserves and deployed to Afghanistan during Operations Enduring Freedom and Freedom's Sentinel.

Sen. Banks and his wife Amanda live in Columbia City with their three daughters, Lillian, Elizabeth, and Joann.



CONGRESSWOMAN
VICTORIA SPARTZ
PROUDLY SERVING INDIANA'S 5TH DISTRICT

Constituent Services



Help with Federal Agencies

I can help you when dealing with federal agencies, including:

- Social Security issues
- Medicare claims
- Veterans benefits
- Passport assistance
- IRS questions



US Flag Requests

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.

West District Office: (317) 848-0201

East District Office: (765) 639-0671

www.spartz.house.gov

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

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

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

VFW Posts

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

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

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

Non-Profit Veteran Orgs

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

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

Navy Club Ship 29
Noblesville, In
president@hamiltoncountyveterans.com
Meets 2nd Thurs 630pm at Gingers 1804
Conner St Noblesville

Hamilton County Veteran Service Officers

317-776-9610 Hours – 9am-4pm Weekdays
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Tom.logan@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
Assistant CVSO – Robin Wilson
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Assistant CVSO – Caroline Franz
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Admin Assistant – Christina Ellis
christina.ellis@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

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 2nd & 4th Sa
8a-11a, Lunch 11a-2p & food service till 8p daily**

Cicero Legion
M-Th 3-10p, F-Sa 12-11p, Su 12-10p.
**Restaurant Tu, W, F 4-8pm, 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 1st & 3rd Sun 8-12, Food
Served Su, Tu, W, Th, F 12-8p, Sa 12-5p**

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

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

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

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 25th 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 126th St, Fishers, In
- Noblesville American Legion Post 45 - 273 S 8th St, Noblesville, In 46060
- Noblesville VFW Post 6246 - 654 S 9th St, Noblesville, In 46060
- Sheridan American Legion Post 67 - 406 E 10th St, Sheridan, In

Care Package Items Needed for Our Deployed Troops

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

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

Lynn at treasurer@hamiltoncountyveterans.com

Tracy at 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 1st & 3rd Sundays 9-noon
9:00am to 12:00pm



Carmel Post 155 Breakfast Every Sat & Sun



Carmel VFW Post 10003 Breakfast 2nd & 4th Sat



Fishers Woodworking Program Through the VA

VETERAN WOODWORKING PROGRAM

Join us for 10-week program where you will receive access to top tier equipment and make a variety of projects.

Participants will be offered a membership throughout the program and may use the workshop at their leisure.

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Noblesville First UMC's GriefShare starts Jan. 19

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Have you lost a loved one or know someone that will find it difficult to face each new day?

Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St., has announced its next GriefShare program, which is open to everyone in the community. The winter session will

meet from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sundays beginning Jan. 19. Participants are invited to join anytime during the 13 weeks of meetings. A one-time registration fee of \$20 is appreciated, but scholarships are available.

GriefShare is a 13-week non-denominational Christ-centered program focusing on grief topics

associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was seen on the DVD. Daily work in the GriefShare workbook also helps one look thoughtfully at their grief experience and helps

in the healing process.

GriefShare is led by caring people who have experienced grief and have successfully rebuilt their lives. They understand how you feel because they've been in the same place. They will walk with you through grief toward healing and hope for the future.

To learn more about



GriefShare, visit noblesvillefirst.com, email albright58@gmail.com, or call the church office at (317) 773-2500. Coleen Albright at coleen.

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Noblesville Creates unveils artists & exhibits on display this month

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Noblesville Creates is featuring artist Bobbi K. Samples along with the *Graphic & Illustration* exhibit in the Judge Stone House and the *Noblesville Creates Collection* in the Stephenson House in January. Each of the exhibits will be featured at a different Noblesville Creates showcase location.

Information on the exhibit dates, receptions, and artist details are available below.

Judge Stone House *Graphic & Illustration*

Illustrations historically have been a visual method for humankind to expand on stories and history. Drawn and painted images can act as record, such as the cave paintings of Lascaux created around 15,000 B.C. In contemporary times, graphics and illustrations take the form of graphic novels, advertisements, and more.

The January Judge Stone House exhibit, *Graphic & Illustration* features work that is illustrative, artistically graphic, or a mix of both.

You can view the full exhibit, *Graphic & Illustration*, through Feb. 1 in the Judge Stone House gallery. The Noblesville Creates on 8th campus is open Wednesday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Stephenson House *The Noblesville Creates Collection*

Noblesville Creates (NC) will play host to a showcase of its permanent collection in the Stephenson House during January. Since opening its doors in 2012, NC has accepted donations from many multiple local artists, including paintings, prints, photography, and more. NC invites

art lovers of all kinds to view the artwork resulting from special connections across the years.

Visitors can view *The Noblesville Creates Collection* through Feb. 1 in the Stephenson House Gallery during the campus open hours. The NC campus is located at 107 S. 8th St., Noblesville, and is open for exploration Wednesday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Meyer Najem *Bobbi K. Samples*

One's outward presentation might not always express the core of their being. Each human being possesses a completely unique energy that for many reasons might be stifled or hidden. However, those moments of true expression are like a wild brush of vibrancy against the canvas of life.

Artist Bobbi K. Samples conveys such charged moments through her showcase exhibit, *Color in Silence*.

While Samples is mostly self-taught, she began exploring art by taking lessons with another artist, Maggie Shively. She credits those first lessons as having "remained invaluable" as she continues her fine arts journey. She has always been a creative person in mind and heart, having experience in dance, teaching, and design alongside her painting.

Vivid colors have always captivated Samples' imagination. She works large-scale to bring out the subject matter's details. Working large also allows her to utilize large brushes in broad strokes. This creates an abstract effect "without losing the desired image." Layers of saturated oil paints eventually build into striking blooms. If she's unable to get the exact depth she's searching for, she'll use knives to add in texture. Once satisfied, pieces are typically finished with two coats of glaze, which makes "them glisten, as if in the sun."

Samples notes that the featured work in her new series "explores the delicate balance between subtlety and expression, where each bloom speaks to the quiet power of individualism. In the interplay of neutral tones and bursts of color, the pieces reflect the hidden emotions that surface when we embrace our true selves. Each painting is a meditation on the ways we connect with our inner essence, offering a moment for the viewer to find their own soul's reflection in the art."

This showcase includes at least six new paintings in acrylic. The abstract florals will be in large format and mostly neutral-toned with a striking "burst" of color.

See the full exhibit, *Color in Silence*, through March 28. This exhibit can be seen at the Meyer Najem 2nd floor gallery, located at 11787 Lantern Road, Fishers, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. You can meet Samples at her free public reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14 at Meyer Najem.

Four Day Ray *Bobbi K. Samples*

Artist Bobbi K. Samples will be featured in two Fishers locations in early 2025, with her *Color in Silence* showcase at Meyer Najem and a smaller collection of original pieces at Four Day Ray Brewing.

See the collection at Four Day Ray Brewing, located at 11671 Lantern Road, Fishers, Sunday and Monday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Noblesville City Hall *Our Lady of Grace*

Experience winter and holiday cheer at the Noblesville City Hall Gallery this month. Visitors can view a special exhibit from Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church through Jan. 31. City Hall is open to the public Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Giving Machine raises funds for homeless veterans displaced by fire

By DANIELLE ZULKOSKY
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Helping Veterans and Families of Indiana

(HVAF) is one of five local charities selected to participate in the **Giving Machine** at Clay Terrace Mall in Carmel, which will remain open through Jan. 5.

The vending machine gives buyers something to take home, a donation to help a charity.

Emmy Hildebrand, the CEO of Indianapolis-based HVAF, said, "That's the silver lining to the fire we experienced back in October has been the tremendous outpouring of support from our community."

HVAF was allowed to submit five items that people could donate through

the machine. HVAF selected hygiene kits, winter clothing, holiday meals, move-in kits and five therapy sessions.

Hildebrand said the need is high after a **fire ruled as accidental displaced 48 veterans** on Oct. 26.

"One in 10 individuals experiencing homelessness in Indianapolis is a veteran," she said. "I think we often overlook those who are living unsheltered, especially those who are veterans living unsheltered. So when we have folks in our community who either plan or just impromptu make a donation to support those in need, I think it really lifts all of our spirits. You know

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How Congress can stave off a crisis in home care

The next Congress will inherit a healthcare disaster.

Across America, companies that provide vital medical equipment to Medicare patients in their homes are drastically cutting services – or shutting their doors completely. Without action, millions of seniors could lose access to oxygen tanks, wheelchairs, and other essential equipment that keeps them healthy at home.

At the start of 2024, Medicare slashed payments for a major segment of home medical equipment providers by 20 percent. These rates – already too low before this year's cuts – now fall catastrophically short of market realities. A perfect storm of supply chain disruptions, rising fuel costs for equipment delivery and service calls, and a nationwide shortage of trained technicians has sent operating costs soaring. Other payers – including

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private Medicare Advantage plans, commercial insurers, and Medicaid – have followed Medicare and cut their rates as well.

For hundreds of small businesses that provide home care to seniors, the math no longer works. Congress must act to restore Medicare reimbursement for homecare to pre-2024 levels.

A July 2024 survey of providers reveals the scope of the emergency. More than nine in 10 companies have had to make operational changes to keep their doors open. Two-thirds are no longer able to provide certain essential medical equipment to Medicare patients. One in three providers reports dipping into personal savings just to keep serving their communities.

When these companies close, they leave behind healthcare deserts where patients have no alternative

sources for oxygen tanks, hospital beds, or wheelchair repairs. One provider's stark warning echoes across the industry: "We are to the point if reimbursement doesn't increase soon, we will be shutting our doors and leaving 15,000 patients without a provider."

What makes these reimbursement cuts so baffling is their ignorance of basic health economics. Caring for patients at home reduces visits to the hospital, which cost more than \$3,000 per day, on average.

Or consider the costs of long-term institutional care. The average cost of a stay in an assisted living facility is \$5,300 a month. For patients who require nursing home care, the tab can run nearly \$10,000 a month.

Home medical equipment that can allow people to receive care at home – like home-oxygen systems and mobility aids – can save patients and their families tens of thousands of dollars.

This crisis comes at pre-

cisely the wrong moment. McKinsey estimates that up to \$265 billion worth of care services for Medicare beneficiaries could move from facilities to homes by 2025, representing a massive transformation in how we deliver health care. As America's senior population grows, we should be strengthening home-based care – not undermining it.

Every day of inaction deprives more seniors of the option to stay in their homes, where they'd prefer to be – and increases the risk that additional providers will have to close their doors permanently.

Congress must act to restore adequate reimbursement for home medical equipment. The independence and dignity of millions of Americans hang in the balance.

Thomas Ryan is president and CEO of the American Association for Homecare (aahomecare.org). A version of this piece originally appeared in *Medical Economics*.

Season of joy brings not so joyful recalls

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers to important

consumer protection concerns for products recalled in December. His office encourages consumers to take advantage of opportunities available to them to return, fix, dispose, return or replace a purchased recalled item that could be harmful to their families.

"The holidays are over, now there is no better time to check your gifts for recalls," AG Rokita said. "If you purchased an item in December that has been recalled, then you should immediately stop using the product and see what forms of reimbursement the company that sold or manufactured the product is offering."

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following consumer products were recalled in December:

- BCI Burke Recalls Playground Merry-Go-Rounds Due to Crush Hazard

- GIKPAL Dressers Recalled Due to Tip-Over and Entrapment Hazards; Violations of Federal Regulation for Clothing Storage Units; Sold Exclusively on Walmart.com by ONME Direct

- Precor Recalls Resolute™ Cable Multi-Station Exercise Equipment Due to Impact Injury Hazard

- Black Diamond Equipment Recalls PIEPS Pro IPS Avalanche Transceivers Due to Risk of Loss of Emergency Communications

- Charmast Power Banks Recalled Due to Fire and Burn Hazards; Sold by Charmast Exclusively on Amazon.com

- Chervon North America Recalls SKIL 40V 5.0Ah Lithium-Ion Batteries for SKIL Lawnmowers and Outdoor Tools Due to Fire and Burn Hazard

- Melii Baby Silicone Spoons for Babies Recalled Due to Choking Hazard; Imported by Melii Baby

- Magnetic Building Sticks Sets Recalled Due to Ingestion Hazard; Violation of Federal Regulations for Toy Magnets; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com by Elongdi

- Mr. Christmas Recalls Wireless Decorative Tree

Light Controllers Due to Fire Hazard

- HTRC C240 Battery Chargers Recalled Due to Fire and Burn Hazards; Risk of Serious Injury and Death; Manufactured by Shenzhen Haitan Technology Co.

- Yoto Reannounces Recall of Yoto Mini Speakers for Children Due to Burn and

Fire Hazards; New Full Battery Replacement Kit Now Available

- Touch of Class® Recalls Wall Teester Bed Crowns Due to Injury Hazard

- Stanley Recalls 2.6 Million Switchback and Trigger Action Travel Mugs Due to Burn Hazard

- Polaris Recalls RZR XP 1000 and XP 4 1000 Recreational Off-Road Vehicles (ROVs) Due to Fire Hazard (Recall Alert)

- Polaris Recalls Ranger Recreational Off-Road Vehicles and ProXD and Bobcat Utility Task Vehicles Due to Injury Hazard (Recall Alert)

- Belkin Recalls Portable Wireless Battery Chargers for Smart Watches Due to Fire Hazard

- Academy Sports + Outdoors Recalls Redfield 12- and 18-Gun Fireproof Safes Due to Serious Injury Hazard and Risk of Death

- QVC Recalls More than One Million Temptations Oven Gloves Due to Burn Hazard

- NetZero USA Recalls High Bay LED Light Fixtures Due to Fire Hazard

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- Anker Soundcore Lithium-Ion Battery Powered Bluetooth Speakers Recalled Due to Fire Hazard; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com by Anker Innovations

If you recently purchased a recalled product, stop using it and check its recall notice. Then follow the notice's instructions, including where to return the product, how to get the product fixed, how to dispose of the product, how to receive a refund for the product, or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.

For more details and to see recalls issued prior to December, visit CPSC.gov/recalls.



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When is a good time for Roth conversion?

In life, you often get second chances – and the same is true with investing. To illustrate: you might not have been able to contribute to a Roth IRA during your working years due to your income level, but you may get that opportunity as you near retirement, or even when you are retired – through a Roth conversion.

Why is a Roth IRA desirable for some people? Here are the key benefits:

- **Tax-free withdrawals** – You put in after-tax dollars to a Roth IRA, so you can withdraw your contributions at any time, free of taxes and penalties. And if you've had your account for at least five years and you're at least 59½, you can also withdraw your earnings free of taxes.

- **No RMDs** – With a

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traditional IRA, you'll have to start taking withdrawals – called required minimum distributions, or RMDs – when you turn 73, or 75 if you were born in 1960 or later. But there's no RMD requirement with a Roth IRA – you can essentially leave the money intact as long as you like.

• **Tax-free legacy for your heirs** – When your heirs inherit your Roth IRA, they can withdraw the contributions without paying taxes or penalties, and if the account has been open at least five years, they can also withdraw earnings tax free.

But even if you were aware of these advantages, you might not have been able to invest in a Roth IRA for much of your life. For one thing, you might have

earned too much money – a Roth IRA, unlike a traditional IRA, has income limits. Also, a Roth IRA has only been around since 1998, so, in the previous years, you were limited to a traditional IRA.

As you approach retirement, though, you might start thinking of just how much you'd like to benefit from a Roth IRA. And you can do so by converting your traditional IRA to a Roth. While this sounds simple, there's a major caveat: *taxes*. You'll be taxed on the amount in pre-tax dollars you contributed to a traditional IRA and then converted to a Roth IRA. (If you have both pre- and after-tax dollars in your traditional IRA, the taxable amount is based on the percentage of pre-tax dollars.)

If you have large amounts in a traditional IRA, the tax bill on conversion can be significant. The key to potentially lowering

this tax bill is *timing*. Generally speaking, the lower your income in a given year, the more favorable it is for you to convert to a Roth IRA. So, for example, if you have already retired, but have not started collecting RMDs, your income may be down.

Timing also comes into play with the financial markets. When the market is going through a decline, and the value of your traditional IRA drops, you could convert the same number of shares of the underlying investments and receive a lower tax bill or convert more shares of these investments for what would have been the same tax bill.

Finally, you could lower your tax bill in any given year by stretching out your Roth IRA conversions over several years, rather than doing it all at once.

You'll want to consult with your tax advisor before embarking on this conversion – but if it's appropriate for your situation, you could find that owning a Roth IRA can benefit you and your family for years to come.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

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veterans join the military to serve us all and I think we all owe them a little something when they come home and struggle."

HVAF of Indiana will

know how much the Giving Machine has raised for their group by February. The Giving Machine in Carmel is one of just 61 around the world.

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Santa comes to Cicero for cheerful Christmas breakfast

Submitted Center in Cicero. The event enjoyed good attendance with several parents and grandparents bringing their little ones to talk to Santa, watch as the

little ones made crafts, colored pictures, and listened to stories with Mrs. Claus – and, oh yeah, have a bit of breakfast. See you next December when Delta talks Santa into coming to have breakfast with them again. (The Delta Chapter Secretary felt it necessary to let everyone know she was a bit dilatory in informing everyone how successful this event truly was!)

Obituary

Thomas Layne Wire Sr.

November 19, 1939 – December 31, 2024

Thomas Layne Wire Sr., 85, was peacefully called into heaven's glory on New Year's Eve, December 31, 2024, at his Noblesville home, cared for by his wife Sandy of 63 years.

Tom's life journey began at Harrell Hospital in Noblesville on November 19, 1939, along with his twin brother Ted, born to Rev. Moses and Blanche (Day) Wire. There were two sets of twins which made 12 children, who then produced 50 grandchildren.

Tom is survived by his wife, Sandra Lee (Young) Wire; sisters, Jewell Jean Eason and Susanna Linda Tucker; brother, Michael M. (Cindy) Wire; daughter, Mary (Jeffery) Passage; sons, Tom Wire Jr. and Jerry (Katie) Wire; grandsons, Nathan (Colleen) Wire and Jack Wire; and granddaughters, Ally (Nick) Wright, Tricia Wire, and Chloe Wire.

Growing up, Tom enjoyed many sports: football, track, cross country, and golf. His prodigious achievements were on the gridiron where his Noblesville Millers football teams played three remarkable seasons, earning Tom a hallowed place in Noblesville High School's athletic hall of fame for the team's 1957 undefeated season.

Tom graduated from Noblesville High School in 1959 and began work at the Sears Roebuck & Co. downtown Indianapolis store in the display department. Tom was a long-time employee of Young Packing Company in Noblesville, where he served as production manager. He also enjoyed a long business relationship with Indianapolis newspapers (*The Star & News*) starting as district manager and eventually retiring as owner of his newspaper distribution agency, Media Distribution Services.

Memorable family vacations included Mammoth Cave, Disney World, and Tom's and Sandy's 50th wedding anniversary family gathering at Yellowstone National Park in 2011. Tom and Sandy also enjoyed a Mediterranean cruise to Israel. Both Tom Sr. and Tom Jr. ran in the 1986 Chicago Marathon, as part of a family weekend in the Windy City.

At home, Tom enjoyed cozying up to his basement fireplace on cold days and converting his garage into his personalized man cave, which was used for a wood shop, auto repair shop, hanging family photos everywhere, and a lounge for garage parties and to watch his favorite games with family and friends.

Tom was a member of Harbor Shores Church in Cicero and was a Gideon. His ministry endeavors included distribution of Bibles to schools and nursing homes and neighborhood distribution of Our Daily Bread devotionals.

Tom's passing was preceded by his parents and eight brothers and sisters: Evelyn Fite Fisher, Edith Mosella Teeter Hinshaw, Benjamin Wire, Bonnie Bauer Menefee, David Dean Wire, Darrell Wire, Theodore Lynn Wire, and Jacqueline Shelburne.

Tom worked hard and played hard. He was easy going and never knew an enemy. Tom was a loving man who will be greatly missed.

As 1 Corinthians 13:13 states, "and the greatest of these is love."

The Funeral Service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, January 11, 2025, at Randall & Roberts, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with visitation from noon to the time of service. A meal will follow at 2:30 p.m. at Bru Burger, 350 Westfield Road, Suite 100, Noblesville.

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Obituaries

Roger "Whitey" William Chaudion

January 4, 1953 – December 31, 2024



It is with great sadness that we share the passing of Roger William Chaudion, 71, Noblesville, on Tuesday, December 31, 2024, at Riverview Hospital. He was a man who brought laughter, love, and plenty of good times to everyone around him, and he will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Born in Tipton on January 4, 1953, to the late Robert and Peggy (Harden) Chaudion, Roger grew up in Cicero and attended Hamilton Heights. On July 3, 1981, he married his best friend and love of his life, Karen Lynn (Teschler) Chaudion, and together they celebrated 43 years of love, laughter, and adventures.

Roger, also known as "Whitey," to many, retired as a Construction Field Superintendent after a long, successful career. He was also a skilled carpenter and a plasterer. He was proud of his work, but his true passion lay in the things he loved – whether that was the joy of fishing, listening to country music, cheering for the Colts, or following NASCAR races. He was known for his deep love of the great outdoors, with countless weekends spent camping at Spring Valley Campground in Middletown, Ind., and soaking in the fresh air with family and friends.

Those who knew Roger also knew his heart was as big as his laugh. A fan of Westerns and good times, he could talk for hours about his favorite shows or share a joke to make everyone smile. But above all, his greatest joy was spending time with his family, especially his beloved grandkids, whom he adored more than anything.

Roger is survived by his loving wife, Karen Lynn Chaudion of Noblesville; sons, Roger Michael Chaudion of Miramar Beach, Fla., and Kyle (Amy) Chaudion of Noblesville; granddaughters, Kate Mayner of Lebanon, Ind., and Kaylee L. Chaudion of Noblesville; grandsons, Roger "Dane" Chaudion of Miramar Beach, Fla., Andrew W. Chaudion of Noblesville, Austin (Alexis) Williams of Elwood, Ind., and Drew (Lauren) Williams of Seneca, S.C.; great-grandchildren, Beau and Baker Williams; and his sisters, LaDonna (David) Brown of Arcadia, RuthAnn (Matthew) Stringer of Arcadia, Terrie (Mike) Baker of Camby, Ind., and Kay (Keith) Baker of Atlanta; along with many nieces and nephews.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother, Tony Wayne Chaudion.

The funeral service will take place at 1 p.m. Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at Hartley Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero, with Associate Pastor Tom Cogis officiating. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home prior to the service. Following the service, Roger will be laid to rest in Cicero Cemetery.

In honor of Roger's memory, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to LIFEHouse Ministries, a cause close to his heart.

Roger "Whitey" Chaudion was one-of-a-kind, and his legacy of love, laughter, and fun will live on forever in the hearts of those he left behind. Rest in peace, Whitey – you'll never be forgotten.

Online condolences may be made at hartleyfuneralhomes.com.

Sophia Doell

July 20, 1962 – December 28, 2024



Sophia Doell, 62, Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, December 28, 2024, at Riverview Health in Noblesville. She was born on July 20, 1962, in Bangkok, Thailand.

Sophie received her Bachelor's Degree from UCLA in 1987 and was studying Cyber Security at Ivy Tech. She enjoyed photography, singing, music, camping, playing board games with friends, and get-togethers. Sophie has enjoyed being a pet owner to many animals of all shapes and sizes. She adopted everyone into her family.

She is survived by her husband, Paul Doell; mother, Amy Lim; children, Gawain Doell, Tristan Doell, Bekah (Josiah) Barker, Gareth Doell, Lydia (Evan) Quinn, and Frederick Doell; one grandchild; and brothers, Mark (Punna) Lim and Anthony (Joy) Lim.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, January 13, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Rosalyn "Rosie" K. Brown

October 10, 1940 – December 6, 2024

Rosalyn "Rosie" K. Brown, 84, Sheridan (formerly of Noblesville and Fishers), passed away on Friday, December 6, 2024. She was born on October 10, 1940, to Russel and Opal (Beaver) Johnson of Fishers.

Rosalyn worked over 47 years as "The Information Lady" and switchboard operator at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center.

She is survived by her daughters, Kim (Bill) Rueff, and Kristi (Chris) Brown Reininga; granddaughter, Nicole Rueff; brother, Art (Rosann) Johnson; nephew, Steve (Tracy) Johnson; and great-nephews, Tyler, Henry, and Sam.

In addition to her parents, Rosalyn was predeceased in death by her husband, David Brown; and her brother, Marion Johnson.

Private family services were held with burial at Highland Cemetery in Fishers.

Rosalyn's family would like to thank the following compassionate caregivers: Riverview Hospital, Allisonville Meadows, Clearvista Lake HC, and Paradigm Health.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

The Reporter's policy on obituaries

The Hamilton County Reporter does not charge families for publishing obituary notices in our pages. Every obituary appearing in online editions Wednesday through Saturday also appears in our Monday print editions. In order to continue to offer this as a community service, we ask that obituaries not exceed 500 words. The limitations of space may not allow for longer ones to appear in print.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

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Girls Wrestling Sectionals

County qualifies 26 to regionals; Southeastern, Carmel, Heights earn team runner-up finishes

The REPORTER

The first-ever IHSAA girls wrestling sectionals took place Friday across the state.

Hamilton County schools were spread out across four sites. Three teams traveled to Muncie Central, including Hamilton Southeastern, and it was a great day for the Royals squad.

Southeastern placed second as a team, scoring 147 points. The Royals were behind only Jay County; the Patriots won the team trophy with 232 points. Southeastern had one individual champion: Fanta Sall, who won the 235-pound weight class.

Sall reached the championship match by getting a second-period pin in the semifinals. She faced Fishers' Jolisa Janik in the final and won a 4-2 decision. Both wrestlers advance to next Friday's Alexandria regional, as the top four finishers in each weight class qualify for the regional round.

Southeastern had eight wrestlers finish in the top four and move on to the regional. Ella Shults (at 110 pounds) and Kiarra Churchill (at 120) both placed second in their divisions. The Royals had two wrestlers finish third: Lindsey Lannen at 115 and Kelli Crawford at 190. Three more HSE wrestlers placed fourth: Lilliana Rodriguez at 105, Daphne Gillam at 135 and Samantha Broyles at 145.

The Tigers were 11th as a team, scoring 46 points. Janik was the lone Fishers wrestler to advance to regional. Noblesville totaled 40 points to place 13th as a team. Evangeline Howard

placed third at 135, securing a spot at regional.

Carmel had a strong day at the Alexandria sectional, tying for second place as a team.

The Greyhounds tied with the host Tigers, as each team scored 136 points. Frankton won the team championship with 161 points. Carmel had three individual champions and advanced six wrestlers to the Alexandria regional next Friday.

Grace Sharp easily won the 115-pound bracket, getting two pins to claim the championship. Sharp won her semifinal with a first-period pin, then took the final match with a fall late in the second period.

Daniela Zarate Ramirez was the 155-pound champion. Zarate Ramirez began with a technical fall win in the quarterfinals, then got a pin in the third period of her semifinal match. Zarate Ramirez then won first place with a 9-0 major decision.

Josie Belloti had the easiest day of all in winning at 170 pounds. Belloti only needed 49 seconds to become a sectional champion, pinning her semifinal opponent in 34 seconds, then getting a fall in the championship in just 15 seconds.

Giabella Romano finished as runner-up in the 130-pound bracket, reaching the final with a sudden-victory win in the semis. Tess Self placed third at 105, getting two pins in the consolation bracket and a technical fall in the third-place match. Masha Newsome also placed third at



Photo provided

The Hamilton Southeastern girls wrestling team placed second at the Muncie Central sectional on Friday. The Royals also qualified eight wrestlers to next Friday's regional at Alexandria, including 235-pound champion Fanta Sall.



Photos provided

Hamilton Heights' Kendall Moe (above left) won the 105-pound championship at the Western sectional, while Zoe Pugh (above right) was the winner of the 120-pound title.

120, winning the third-place bout with a fall.

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Three Carmel wrestlers won championships at the Alexandria sectional. Pictured from left are Daniela Ramirez-Zarate, Grace Sharp and Josie Bellotti.

GIRLS WRESTLING SECTIONAL RESULTS

AT MUNCIE CENTRAL

Team scores: Jay County 232, Hamilton Southeastern 147, New Palestine 143, Blackford 96, Wes-Del 94, Shenandoah 82, Eastbrook 65, Daleville 62, Muncie Central 58, Monroe Central 52, Fishers 46, Cowan 42, Noblesville 40, Hagerstown 28, Yorktown 21.

105 pounds: 4. Lilliana Rodriguez (HSE).
110 pounds: 2. Ella Shults (HSE), 6. Olivia Benefiel (N).

115 pounds: 3. Lindsey Lannen (HSE).
120 pounds: 2. Kiarra Churchill (HSE), 5. Rama Abd Rabbou (F).

125 pounds: 6. Tahira Gibson (N).
130 pounds: 5. Jamariah Patton (F).

135 pounds: 3. Evangeline Howard (N), 4. Daphne Gilliam (HSE), 6. Scarlett Wolf-Rodriguez (F).

140 pounds: 6. Branna Mulvey (HSE).
190 pounds: 3. Kelli Crawford (HSE).
235 pounds: 1. Fanta Sall (HSE), 2. Jolisa Janik (F), 5. Ruth Tobar (N).

AT ALEXANDRIA

Carmel tied for second place with 136 points.
105 pounds: 3. Tess Self.
115 pounds: 1. Grace Sharp.
120 pounds: 3. Masha Newsome.

125 pounds: 5. Sonya Newsome.
130 pounds: 2. Giabella Romano.
155 pounds: 1. Daniela Zarate Ramirez.
170 pounds: 1. Josie Belloti.

AT WESTERN

Hamilton Heights placed second with 194 points.

100 pounds: 4. Madeline McKinney.
105 pounds: 1. Kendall Moe.
115 pounds: 2. Aubrey Baber.
120 pounds: 1. Zoe Pugh.
125 pounds: 6. Veronica Pruitt.
135 pounds: 5. Maya Totleben.
140 pounds: 6. Raelynn Trent.
145 pounds: 2. Isabella Bailey.
155 pounds: 6. Cora Flack.
170 pounds: 3. Amaelia Cordero Ballinger.
190 pounds: 3. Natalie Head.
235 pounds: 5. Ali Morris.

AT CRAWFORDSVILLE

Sheridan placed eighth with 66 points.
110 pounds: 5. Aubrey Koch.
130 pounds: 3. Devyn Pewarski.
135 pounds: 2. Adrianna Hamersley.
145 pounds: 4. Eva Todd.
155 pounds: 6. Madison Underwood.

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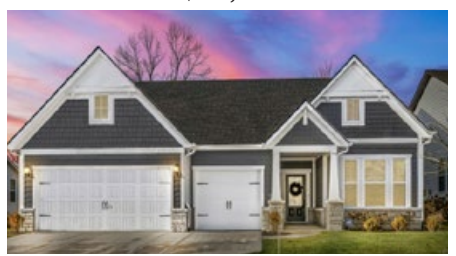
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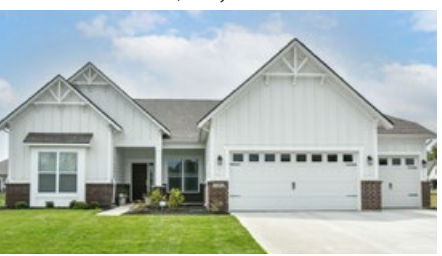
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Boys Basketball



The Fishers boys basketball team toughed out a win over Fort Wayne Wayne 62-56 on Friday in the championship game of the Tigers' Holiday Tournament.

Photo by Richard Torres

Girls Basketball



Hamilton Southeastern's Kennedy Holman (left) scored 16 points for the Royals during their win over Carmel on Friday. At left is the Greyhounds' Bella Ramsey, who scored six points.

Photo by Joshua Herd

Tigers get defensive, win holiday tourney

By RICHARD TORRES
For The Reporter

FISHERS – With seven games played over two weeks, five in a span of seven days and three through the past two, the top-ranked Class 4A Fishers Tigers were running on fumes Friday night during the championship final of their annual holiday tournament.

However, despite their grueling stretch, the unbeaten Tigers (12-0) refused to let fatigue prevail in a rematch against 4A No. 16 Fort Wayne Wayne (7-3).

Up by as many as 11 points in the first half and down by three early in the third, the Tigers relied on defense and offensive execution to win their 25th straight game – dating back to last year – with a 62-56 victory over the Fort Wayne Wayne Generals for the holiday tourney title.

"It was our seventh game since I think Dec. 20, so I thought we started to run out of gas a little bit there in our legs. We didn't hit shots we normally hit, but we found a way to win. Took care of the ball late, hit a couple of free throws and got stops and rebounds when we needed to," Fishers head coach Garrett Winegar said. "Credit to our guys for responding. Same as in the Hall of Fame, find a way to win. Make plays when we needed to."

The Tigers' decisive runs unfolded in waves.

The first, a 12-7 run in the first quarter, increased their lead from 13-11 to 28-18 by the second frame. The second, a 12-4 charge in the third quarter, erased a momentary 39-36 deficit, which turned into a 48-43 lead.

Their final push, an 8-0

run highlighted by back-to-back 3-pointers by Millen McCartney and Nathan Baker in addition to a coast-to-coast layup by tournament MVP Jason Gardner Jr., put the Tigers ahead 56-45 with five minutes left in the fourth quarter.

The Generals didn't go away, though, cutting their deficit to three and four points in the final minute of regulation.

"We went on that run in the first half, and we got it to 11, and we told them. These guys have had a lot of games like that, and they always find a way to come back," Winegar said. "Credit to them. They don't stop playing."

The Generals beat Bloomington North, 71-63, on Thursday before defeating Portage, 63-57, Friday afternoon to get their semistate rematch with the Tigers, which opened Thursday with a 77-37 win over South Dearborn followed by a 74-35 semifinal victory against Chesterton on Friday morning. Fishers beat Fort Wayne Wayne 69-61 in the semistate finals last year en route to the program's first-ever state championship.

"Obviously, with the semistate game tied at half last year, we found a way to win that, but it's a really good team and a really good program. Coach (Anthony) Brewer is doing a heck of a job over there. I think there's a good chance, if we can get lucky enough to find a way to the regional or semistate again, they'll be there as well," Winegar said.

Friday's holiday tournament final was a preview of what could be again, as seniors Chase Barnes and HJ Dillard III both finished with 19 and 15 points, respective-

FISHERS HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

FIRST TEAM

Chase Barnes, FW Wayne
HJ Dillard III, FW Wayne
Logan Pokorney, Chesterton
Justin Kirby, Fishers
Jason Gardner Jr., Fishers (MVP)

SECOND TEAM

Tizuan Tomlinson, Evansville Bosse
Niziyi Davis, Lawrence Central
Sam Weillman, Portage
Derrick Cross Jr., Bloomington North
Millen McCartney, Fishers

ly, for the Generals.

The duo worked inside and outside to answer the Tigers, who had three players in double figures, including Gardner with a team-high 15 points.

"Honestly, it was more of a mental thing for a lot of us because obviously coming from the Hall of Fame Classic and then turning around and playing in our tournament with three games in two days and two in a day against three good teams, it was all mental," Gardner said. "We found a way to pull away and win it."

Gardner found a way to impact the game on defense in the clutch with 35.2 seconds left and Fisher clinging to a 58-54 lead.

The sophomore guard pressed on Fort Wayne's in-bound on the far end of the court, and he was able to disrupt the sequence enough to force a turnover, which kept the Generals trailing.

Fishers' Cooper Zachary buried a pair of free throws 10 seconds later for his 11th point and Baker hit two more with 8.0 seconds remaining for his sixth points to protect the Tigers' lead and winning streak.

Justin Kirby, who was named to the all-tournament first team, had 11 points. Gardner hauled in six rebounds.

JonAnthony Hall had nine rebounds and eight points and provided the game's highlight play with a putback, one-handed

dunk in the second quarter to put Fishers ahead 31-21. Hall soared into the air and hammered down a missed 3-pointer by McCartney for the jam.

McCartney and Baker each finished with six points, and Logan Sigler provided five with five rebounds.

"We knew they play a lot like us because they play fast. They transition up and down. They're guard heavy, and everybody can make plays on the team, so it was a good matchup for us," Gardner said. "They came back and got some momentum, but we pulled away in the fourth and were able to take care of the ball to secure the win."

The tournament win bookends a wave that began with Fishers' 65-49 Mudsock victory against rival Hamilton Southeastern at the Fishers Event Center on Dec. 20 and immediately followed up the Tigers' first-ever Hall of Fame Classic title.

"I think we're at least mentally fatigued. You know, the Hall of Fame is such a big event. You spend so much time preparing for that, and right before that we had the Mudsock rivalry, which is a big game for our guys, and then this tournament," Winegar said. "I don't know about them, but I know as coaches, we're tired."

The Tigers get a short break until their next game at Pike on Jan. 10 before resuming Hoosier Crossroads Conference play at Brownsburg on Jan. 17.

Royals prevail over Greyhounds in close game

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern girls basketball team won a tough all-county game Friday at Carmel 47-42.

The Greyhounds jumped out to an 18-9 lead after one quarter, with Izzy Shepherd hitting two 3-pointers on her way to 10 points. The Royals cut that lead to 25-19 by halftime, then surged ahead in the third quarter to a 38-37 advantage. Maya Makalusky scored six points

in the third while Kennedy Holman added five. Southeastern outscored Carmel 9-5 in the fourth.

Holman led the Royals with 16 points, while Kayla Stidham scored 12. Shepherd finished with 13 points and Mackenzie Woods added 10 points.

Southeastern stayed perfect for the season at 16-0 and hosts Plainfield tonight. The Greyhounds are 7-7 and plays Thursday at Center Grove.

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 47, CARMEL 42

Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Maya Makalusky	4	0-1	8	3
Kayla Brinley	1	0-0	3	2
Kennedy Holman	7	0-0	16	2
Kayla Stidham	4	2-2	12	4
Addison Van Hoesen	2	0-0	4	1
Antonette Green	0	0-0	0	1
Abby Brown	2	0-0	4	2
Maine Hooks	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	20	2-3	47	15

Southeastern 3-pointers (5) Holman 2, Stidham 2, Brinley.

Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Izzy Shepherd	5	1-4	13	3
Mackenzie Woods	2	4-4	10	0
Lauren Perry	1	0-0	3	0
Mallory Bourquein	2	0-0	4	1
Sydney Bonds	1	0-1	2	0
Bella Ramsey	2	1-2	6	3
Maddie Wallace	1	0-0	2	1
Taylee Fisher	1	0-0	2	3
Totals	15	6-11	42	11

Carmel 3-pointers (6) Shepherd 2, Woods 2, Perry, Ramsey.

Score by Quarters

Southeastern	9	10	19	9-47
Carmel	18	7	12	5-42

Thanks for reading!

WRESTLE

Hamilton Heights also had a successful day, placing second at the Western sectional.

The Huskies scored 194 points, behind only the host Panthers, who ran away with the team championship by scoring 270 points. Heights also picked up two individual winners and qualified seven to the Rochester regional.

Kendall Moe won the 105-pound bracket in almost no time at all. Moe spent a total of 78 seconds on the mat, winning her semifinal with a 48-second pin and taking the championship match by fall in 30 seconds.

Zoe Pugh also took care of business quickly at 120 pounds. Pugh won her semifinal with a pin right at the two-minute mark, then got a 42-second pin to claim victory in the championship

match.

Two more Heights wrestlers were runners-up in their classes. Aubrey Baber finished second at 115, making a pin along the way, while Isabella Bailey was the 145-pound runner-up, reaching the final with two pins.

Amaelia Cordero Ballinger placed third at 170, while Natalie Head took third at 190, winning the third-place match with a third-period pin. Both advanced to the regional along with Madeline McKinney, who placed fourth at 100 pounds.

Sheridan finished in eighth place at the Crawfordsville sectional, scoring 66 points.

Three Blackhawks wrestlers finished in the top four to advance to the Rochester regional next Friday. Adri-

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anna Hamersley was the runner-up at 135 pounds, reaching the championship with a 31-second pin in the semifinals.

Devyn Pewarski placed third at 130, clinching the bronze with a third-period fall in the third-place match. Pewarski totaled three pins for the day, coming from behind to make each one. Eva Todd finished fourth at 145, getting a 9-4 decision in the consolation semifinals to ensure a place at the regional.

"Four of our seven girls have never wrestled a match before this season," said Sheridan assistant coach Colin Warner. "To win nearly 50 percent of our matches and get three out of sectionals, I consider this year a huge success. I'm very proud of the season we had and three of them are not done yet."

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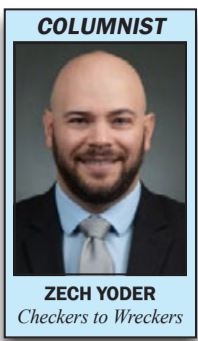
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Big win for Twenty-Three Eleven & Front Row Motorsports

With the turn of the year, the frenzy around the NASCAR anti-trust lawsuit may have stabilized just a little.

In a Dec. 18, 2024, ruling, the judge in the anti-trust case entered a preliminary injunction that essentially required NASCAR to approve both Twenty-Three Eleven (23XI) and Front Row Motorsports' (FRM) purchases of charters from Stewart-Haas Racing (SHR) and will allow both organizations to continue competing as chartered



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teams while the lawsuit is pending. For now, the court's decision to issue the preliminary injunction has paused, perhaps temporarily, 23XI and FRM's fears of losing their charters and being forced to compete as open teams.

With the SHR purchase now approved, FRM announced the return Zane Smith to its stable of Cup Series drivers. Smith, who one a Craftsman Truck Series Championship with FRM in 2022, will join

FRM teammates, Todd Gilliland, and Noah Gragson. As you might expect, this is not the outcome NASCAR had hoped for, and NASCAR is busy seeking to have the preliminary injunction overturned on appeal. The decision, if it stands, will be a significant blow to NASCAR. Until the Dec. 18 decision, NASCAR has been mostly untouchable in ruling the stock car landscape. Its decisions were unchallengeable by anybody other than itself, and it had been able to use its unquestioned authority to control the sport of stock car racing for decades.

Although it is unclear exactly how this case will ultimately be resolved, 23XI and FRM have dealt NASCAR a substantial body blow. It may not be evident immediately, but NASCAR enters 2025 with less authority than it had in 2024.

The real question is whether that is a good thing or a bad thing. Only time will tell, but at minimum, it is a relief to know that 23XI and FRM will likely enter the 2025 season as chartered organizations.

Zech Yoder is a local resident, an attorney at Adler Attorneys in Noblesville, and a lifelong race fan.

Boys Basketball— Southeastern falls to Crown Point

By **RICHE HALL**
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FISHERS – The Hamilton Southeastern boys basketball team dropped a tough home game to Crown Point 72-55 on Friday.

The Bulldogs came into the Royals' gym with a perfect record and a No. 8 ranking in Class 4A and used a hot-shooting first half to build an early lead. Southeastern played more even with Crown Point in the second half, but the Bulldogs stayed in front of the Royals by double digits.

Southeastern skipped out to a 6-2 lead, with Maverick Young, Landon Osswald and Jack Jacobs all making baskets. Crown Point's Mason Darrell took over from there, nailing a two-point basket and a 3-pointer to push the Bulldogs ahead 7-6. Lucas Weemer gave HSE the lead back with a layin, but a Darrell triple put CP back in front.

Mason scored 13 points in the first quarter, helping the Bulldogs to a 21-12 lead. Crown Point then opened the second period on a 15-2 run, holding its largest advantage at 36-14 before Young scored five points to cut that lead to 36-19 by halftime.

"We got one senior and we got a lot of juniors who really haven't played at this level," said Royals coach

John Ashworth. "And they got to figure out how to play against really good teams and the attention to detail that it takes. You can't wait till you're down 12 to start playing hard. We got to get off to better starts."

Southeastern stayed with the Bulldogs in the second half, with both teams scoring 17 points in the third quarter and 19 in the fourth. The Royals cut Crown Point's lead to 46-33 with a 7-0 run during the middle part of the third; Kallen Hoeft helped out with a 3.

Young caught fire in the fourth period with a pair of triples, then Jacobs, Braeden Totten and Zachary Tansel all made 3s as well. Young finished the game with five 3-pointers and led all scorers with 19 points. Jacobs and Young both pulled four rebounds and Totten dished out five assists.

The Bulldogs had four players in double figures, led by Kingston Rhodes with 16 and Mason with 13.

"I think we've beat the teams we should beat and we've lost to teams that are good teams," said Ashworth. "We got to figure out a way how to play better and beat good teams. That's the key going forward."

Southeastern is 6-5 and plays Tuesday at North Central.

CROWN POINT 72, HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 55				
	FG	FT	TP	PF
Southeastern				
Jack Jacobs	3-5	0-0	7	2
Maverick Young	7-18	0-1	19	1
Braeden Totten	2-9	0-0	4	1
Landon Osswald	2-3	0-0	4	2
Lucas Weemer	2-5	2-2	6	2
Kian Kelly	0-1	0-0	0	2
Kallen Hoeft	1-3	0-0	3	0
Varschon Clark	3-5	0-2	6	2
Jaxon Wanza	0-2	0-4	0	3
Zachary Tansel	2-4	0-0	6	1
Alexander Weber	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	22-55	2-9	55	16
Score by Quarters				
Crown Point	21	15	17	19-72
Southeastern	12	7	17	19-55
Southeastern 3-point shooting (9-26) Young 5-10, Tansel 2-4, Hoeft 1-3, Jacobs 1-2, Totton 0-4, Weemer 0-2, Osswald 0-1.				
Southeastern rebounds (24) Jacobs 4, Young 4, Osswald 3, Weemer 3, Totten 2, Kelly 1, Hoeft 1, Clark 1, Wanza 1, team 4.				

Indiana Mad Ants raise \$2,800 for Noblesville's Grace Care Center



Photos by Matt Kryger

On Dec. 28, the Indiana Mad Ants faced off against the Salt Lake City Stars. The club was celebrating Dino Night with the players wearing custom Dinosaur-themed jerseys. These jerseys were auctioned off with the proceeds benefitting the Grace Community Care Center Foundation in Noblesville. Not only did the Mad Ants win the game, but the auction resulted in a gross amount of roughly \$3,100 with \$2,800 of that total going to the Grace Community Care Center Foundation. (ABOVE LEFT) Cameron McGriff, forward; and (ABOVE RIGHT) Tristen Newtown, guard.

Boys Wrestling

Heights places sixth, Noblesville eighth at Holiday Duals; Westfield beats Bishop Chatard dual meet

The REPORTER

The Noblesville and Hamilton Heights boys wrestling teams were back at North Montgomery on Friday for the second day of the Holiday Duals tournament.

The Friday portion of the tournament was the team competition. The Huskies placed sixth as a team with 113.5 points, while the Millers were eighth

with 100 points. Whiteland won the team competition with 205 points.

Heights had six place winners, including one champion. Michael Cain won at 165 pounds, reaching the finals with two technical fall victories, then edging out Lincoln-Way Central's Jalen Byrd for the championship in a 5-4 decision.

Drew Laitas placed second at 285 pounds, getting two pins along the way. Simon Kuhn took third at 138, while Finn Bowman placed fourth at 113. Cooper Doucette (at 120) and Justin Tilton (at 144) both finished sixth in their weight classes.

Noblesville also collected six place winners. Mason Presits (at 150) and Yan Tioua (at 190) each

took third in their divisions. Kai Kaohi (at 106), Zach Nekolite (at 126) and Evan Nicholls (at 175) all finished fourth in their classes, while Isaac Suddarth took sixth at 132.

Westfield won a Friday dual meet over Bishop Chatard 57-17 at CSI Gymnasium.

The Shamrocks won 10 of the 14 matches, including five by fall. Getting pins were Job Mavrick, Brayden Head, Porter Temples Alic Washburn and Riley Davison. Connor Maddox won his match at 106 pounds by technical fall, while Eli Turner picked up a major decision win at 175 pounds. Trevor Humburg, Carter Niccum and Jon Stryker all received forfeits.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Jan. 4	
BOYS BASKETBALL	
Arsenal Tech at Noblesville, 3 p.m.	Sheridan at Parke Heritage, 7 p.m.
Cathedral at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.	University at Bethesda Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Westfield at Marion, 7:30 p.m.	
BOYS WRESTLING	
Sheridan at Tri-Central Invitational, 9 a.m.	
GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Tri-West at University, 1 p.m.	Perry Meridian at Guerin Catholic, 1:30 p.m.
Pendleton Heights at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.	
Grow the Game Shootout	
Fishers vs. Arlington Heights (Ill.), 9:30 a.m. at St. Ignatius College Prep (Ill.)	
Huntington North Classic	
Whitko vs. Huntington North, 10:30 a.m.	Noblesville vs. Fort Wayne Northrop, noon
Consolation game, 5:30 p.m.	Championship game, 7 p.m.
SWIMMING	
Carmel at Hamilton Southeastern, 9 a.m.	
Monday, Jan. 6	
BOYS BASKETBALL	
Covenant Christian at University, 7:30 p.m.	
Tuesday, Jan. 7	
BOYS BASKETBALL	
Hamilton Southeastern at North Central, 7:30 p.m.	Noblesville at Pike, 7:30 p.m.
Westfield at Mount Vernon, 7:30 p.m.	
BOYS WRESTLING	
Hamilton Heights at Guerin Catholic, 5:30 p.m.	Hamilton Southeastern at Noblesville, 6:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL	
University at Western, 6 p.m.	North Miami at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.
SWIMMING	
Guerin Catholic at Hamilton Heights, 5:30 p.m.	Fishers at Carmel, 6 p.m.

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WESTFIELD 57, BISHOP CHATARD 17 Meet began at 285 pounds	
285:	Job Mavrick def. Artega by fall, 3:06
106:	Connor Maddox def. Tomlinson by technical fall, 21-6
113:	Brayden Head def. McNamee by fall, 3:05
120:	Porter Temples def. Toussing by fall, 0:41
126:	Trevor Humburg won by forfeit
132:	Carter Niccum won by forfeit
138:	Alic Washburn def. M. Rushenberg by fall, 1:20
144:	Jake Saez lost to Davis by fall, 1:04
150:	Graydon Staley lost to Bustamante by technical fall, 17-2
157:	Padraig Otis lost to Adams by decision, 6-1
165:	Max Brown lost to McNamee by decision, 7-0
175:	Eli Turner def. C. Rushenberg by major decision 11-1
190:	Riley Davison def. Rickard by fall, 1:35
215:	Jon Stryker won by forfeit

Thanks for reading The Reporter!

Millers fall on the road at Warren Central

The REPORTER

A slow start for the Noblesville boys basketball team helped host Warren Central keep at a distance for the 55-44 home win.

The Millers and the Warriors met up on the basketball court on Friday for just the fourth time. The previous meeting between the two was just over seven years ago on Dec. 28, 2017 in the championship game of the Noblesville Holiday Tournament with the Warriors grabbing that win, 51-37. Prior to that, the Millers had won the first two matchups.

Warren Central was able to get off to a better start with a 12-6 lead through one quarter.

The Millers started to get things going in the second with a 14-13 edge that had them trailing 25-20 at halftime.

It was an even third period 12-12 that kept it at a five-point deficit for Noblesville at 37-32.

The Warriors had a strong fourth 17-12 to pull away for the win.

Noblesville (5-4) gets very little rest and is back at it today with an afternoon meeting against Arsenal Tech (1-7) at 3 p.m.

The Millers were led by Baron Walker's 23 points on 8-for-15 shooting, including 6-of-6 free throws. T.J. Davidson had nine and Justin Curry was held to five on just 1-for-9 field goals.

WARREN CENTRAL 54, NOBLESVILLE 44				
	FG	FT	TP	PF
Noblesville				
TJ Davidson	4-7	1-2	9	3
Adam Fine	1-2	1-3	3	3
Justin Curry	1-9	3-4	5	3
Aiden Brewer	1-4	2-2	4	3
Baron Walker	8-15	6-6	23	2
Max Miller	0-0	0-0	0	0
Ryan Vctor	0-1	0-0	0	2
Max Flanagan	0-0	0-0	0	0
Luke Davis	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	15-38	13-17	44	16
Score by Quarters				
Noblesville	6	14	12	12-44
Warren Central	12	13	12	17-54
Noblesville 3-point shooting (11-11) Walker 1-6, Curry 0-4, Fine 0-1.				
Noblesville rebounds (19) Brewer 8, Curry 5, Walker 2, Davidson 1, Miller 1, Vctor 1, team 1.				

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