

SATURDAY, JAN. 11, 2025

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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly cloudy.
 Tonight: Partly to mostly cloudy.

HIGH: 27 LOW: 19



Heights names five students as 'Coffee Bean' award recipients

Sage advice from an IU gratitude professor

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights High School recognizes the following students who were named as Coffee Bean Award recipients for November/December. They include Natalie Garcia, Cooper Kiger, Caden Renckly, Konnor Roberts, and Gabe Roosa.

The name and award, inspired by *The Coffee Bean*, a book written by Jon Gordon and Damon West, delivers a simple, yet powerful message on positive change.

All students nominated receive a certificate of recognition. At the end of the month, the names of the students who were nominated during the month are included in a drawing where the first five-to-seven names drawn are called down to the office to



Photo provided

Hamilton Heights High School November/December Coffee Bean Award recipients include (from left) Cooper Kiger, Konnor Roberts, Gabe Roosa, Natalie Garcia, and Caden Renckly.

enjoy a hot chocolate or coffee and a donut. The monthly award objective is to encourage more acts of kindness, positiv-

ity, school spirit, and help foster a closer sense of community at the high school.

Students and staff can

nominate students. You can send a nomination by visiting the Student Services page at hs.hhschuski.org.

I enjoyed coffee with Y. Joel Wong over the holidays. Joel is a tenured professor in the Counseling and Counseling Psychology Programs at Indiana University. One specialty of his is gratitude, and its link to well-being.



COLUMNIST

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I met up with Joel at Hopscotch Coffee in Bloomington so I could express a belated form of gratitude to him for being part of a Q and A session hosted by my employer during the last Asian American Pacific Islander Month.

After graduating from college in his home country of Singapore, he pursued graduate studies in counseling psychology at the University of Texas at Austin before being hired by Indiana University.



Wong

One thing I learned from Joel is that expressing true gratitude goes beyond simply saying "thank you" for something someone's done for you.

"If you are truly grateful to someone, tell them why. It doesn't have to be a long story. Keep it simple. Tell them what is it that they did that was so meaningful to you. There's a difference between a performative type of thank you versus an authentic expression of gratitude"

I expressed my gratitude to Joel for his online list of **130 Gratitude Prompts**, which can complement gratitude journaling, another positive psychology practice that Joel promotes.

"If you want to get into the habits of practicing gratitude and making it part of your life, start a gratitude journal. Simply write what you are grateful for. For example, I'm grateful to someone or grateful for something and then provide the reason. If you run out of ideas, use one of my 130 gratitude prompts. If you want to up your game, you can even do gratitude journaling in a group," he said.

"The other thing that I recommend is take time once a week to express a brief gratitude note to someone. Two sentences written in an email privately to an individual, for example. Personalize it, something very specific and practical. The benefit of doing that is that when you express gratitude to someone, you feel more connected to them. Research shows your mental health improves. You are also blessing that person. You're making the person feel valued and connected. There can be a cascade of positive benefits that come out of that," he said.

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Winter weather making things difficult for firefighters & EMS

By DANIELLE ZULKOSKY
 WISH-TV | wistv.com

The onslaught of winter weather is making the job difficult for firefighters, but they want you to know there are things you can do to help them and keep your neighborhood safe.

Carmel Firefighter Tim Griffin said it is important to dig out any fire hydrants near your home to help first responders in the case of a fire.

The Carmel Fire Department put out [this staged example video](#) showing how it took their crews over a minute to access the hydrant, crucial time in the case of a real fire.

"The issue is sometimes those hydrants can get buried under the plow or just the snow," Griffin said. "And for us, it can significantly slow us down if that hydrant is buried under snow because we have to get there and dig that out before we hook up to that hydrant."

"So, we just ask that if there's one on your street, maybe one in front of your house, or you have a neighbor who is unable to dig that out you can dig that out and preferably three feet around. It really makes it a lot more accessible so we can hook those hoses up to it. Any slowdown that we have can really hurt our operations in getting to your house and helping you in an emergency."

Griffin said there is not a specific law requiring homeowners to dig out hydrants, but it is strongly encouraged if it is on your lawn.

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Noblesville Schools among those hit by PowerSchool cybersecurity breach

By GREGG MONTGOMERY
 WISH-TV | wistv.com

Software that contains personal and private information about schoolchildren and teachers has been breached, and Indiana schools are affected.

Indiana Secretary of Education Katie Jenner in a newsletter sent to schools on Friday that the state Department of Education is aware of the breach and is "supporting affected schools by simplifying the reporting of this breach according to state statute."

Indiana Office of Technology told News 8 on Friday that it didn't have any insight into how many schools used PowerSchool.

PowerSchool serves schools in the United States and Canada. In a statement sent to News 8 on Thursday night, a PowerSchool spokesperson said it will provide "affected customers, families, and educators with the resources and support they may need as we work through this together."

PowerSchool also says it discovered the "cybersecurity

incident" on Dec. 28.

A spokesman for the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction says PowerSchool informed it of the cybersecurity breach about 2 p.m. Tuesday, according to information from CNN Newsource. PowerSchool told North Carolina officials that it discovered the breach Dec. 28 after the threat began Dec. 19.

Breaches have been reported in numerous schools across the United States.

In Indiana, Brownsburg Schools, Indianapolis Pub-

lic Schools, and Noblesville Schools are among those affected, News 8 has learned.

Brownsburg says the national cybersecurity breach Wednesday night compromised data that could include students names, Social Security numbers, dates of birth, and contact information. "The Indiana Department of Education is filing a possible breach to the Indiana Office of Technology per state code," the Brownsburg message said.

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Registration open for Carmel PD's Spring 2025 Citizen Police Academy

The REPORTER

The Carmel Police Department (CPD) offers the Citizen Police Academy (CPA), which is a free program that provides insight to the public on CPD's responsibilities and operations.

CPD has designed the CPA to accomplish several goals, the most important of which is to open channels of communication between citizens and their police department. Additionally, CPD wants to develop an understanding of the police role in the community. The objective of the Academy is not to make police officers out of the graduates, but to make them better informed citizens, with an accurate knowledge of CPD's many responsibilities and functions.

Spring 2025 Academy

Registration is now open. [Click here](#) to register.

The Spring 2025 CPA is an 11-week program and will be held on Thursday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. beginning Feb. 6.

The instructors will all be members of CPD, and they will provide instruction and information concerning a particular area of their profession.

Attendees will have an opportunity to experience the "real" police department with some of the training "hands-on."

- Feb. 6
- Feb. 13
- Feb. 20
- Feb. 27
- March 6
- March 13
- March 20

- March 27
- April 3
- April 17
- April 24

Academy requirements

- Be at least 18 years old
- Have no criminal history other than minor traffic violations (background checks will be performed)

- Be physically able to meet training requirements
- Commit to attend 11 weekly training sessions lasting 2 - 2.5 hours

- Sign any required waivers or agreements

Sample overview of course

- Week 1: Welcome, Department Overview, Introduction of Staff, Tour, Chaplain Program
- Week 2: Community Out-

reach Programs, Complaints/Accreditation

- Week 3: Use of Force
- Week 4: Operations Division, Observation of Police Vehicle/Traffic Division Motorcycle/Command Vehicle
- Week 5: Recruitment/Hiring/FTO/ILEA, SFST's-OWI, DRE
- Week 6: Support Division, SRO
- Week 7: Criminal Investigations Division, Crime Scenes
- Week 8: Criminal Intelligence, Special Investigations Division, Drug Enforcement
- Week 9: SWAT, Negotiator, ERG
- Week 10: Mental Health & IDs, K-9 Demonstrations
- Week 11: Graduation

[Click here](#) for more information.

Westfield Washington Township expands preschool programming with Mrs. White

The REPORTER

Westfield Washington Township has announced new scheduling for its popular preschool programming led by Kristy White, Director of Education, who has been an integral part of the Township's education efforts for over 18 years.

The expanded schedule now offers daily opportunities for children ages 3 to 5 to engage in themed, interactive enrichment programs.

With drop-off classes available most days of the week, parents can choose from a variety of convenient time slots: Mondays and Fri-

days from 12:30 to 2 p.m., and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m. Program times on Wednesdays will vary. Each day features a unique theme, keeping the experience fresh and exciting for the children.

Township Trustee Jamie Goetz Mills expressed her enthusiasm for the expansion of programming.

"Mrs. White's preschool enrichment programs have been a staple in our community for nearly two decades, and we're thrilled to offer families even more opportunities to participate," Mills said. "Her



White



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dedication has positively impacted countless young learners, and this new schedule will make her programming even more accessible to the families we serve."

White said she is eager to welcome even more families to her programs.

"My goal has always been to create a fun, engaging environment where kids can learn and grow," White said. "I can't wait to continue providing interactive, hands-on experienc-

es that foster curiosity and excitement in our preschoolers."

The expanded schedule reflects Westfield Washington Township's commitment to educating and engaging the youngest members of the community through dynamic and interactive programming. Registration for the spring session (January to April) is open.

For more information or to register, visit tinyurl.com/WWT-preschool.

SAGE ADVICE

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Over coffee, I told Joel that I appreciated his online list so much that I planned to use it during a Christmas gathering, asking each family member to blindly select a number between 1 and 130 and then answer the respective question. Joel was pleased.

Last May, during his presentation with my co-workers, I put him “on the spot” by asking him to answer questions from the list – an unplanned action. “You tricked me,” Joel recalled and laughed.

Prompter #128: Which aspects of my culture has made me a better or stronger person?

Answered Joel: I can think of many things growing up in Singapore. When you’re in your own culture, you don’t see the strengths of your culture. It’s only when you leave that you recognize some of them. A very important value in Singapore culture is pragmatism. Pragmatism has been a very useful value that has helped me in my work as a professor. I tend to be very idealistic, which is why I entered this profession. I’m not here primarily to make money. Pragmatism teaches us that compromising is not a dirty word. If you are in disagreement with someone, trying to negotiate a middle ground is not a bad thing at all.

Incorporating Joel’s list in a gratitude exercise on Christmas Eve proved very worthwhile. I learned new, important things about other family members. My wife and I used Joel’s list on New Year’s Day, too. She and I learned new things about each other through our gratitude discussion – even though we have been together seven years!

“Cultivating a gratitude mindset is not so much

about specific skills or things to try, but kind of a way of thinking about life. So much of our life involves striving for things that we don’t have, right? But gratitude adopts a different perspective. Gratitude is not pursuing what you don’t have. Instead, you actually desire what you already have. Gratitude retrains our minds to look at the things that we have with a fresh pair of eyes with childlike wonder, with a sense of excitement and thrill again. If we live a life that way, that’s a happy life. That’s a life of contentment.

“Gratitude has both an intrapersonal component and an interpersonal component. Intrapersonal, meaning that you know you can be grateful for the sunshine or for things that are going well in your life or your health. But don’t neglect the interpersonal component, which is very critical. So often, we are grateful to someone, but we don’t say it. We feel it in our hearts and think that the other person knows that we’re grateful for them. If you just keep it in your heart, you are missing out on a multiplicity of blessings because people can’t read your minds. Make the person feel good, that they matter, that they aren’t taken for granted, that they are valued, that they are being seen for what they did for you. That is one of the most meaningful things and simplest things that we can do for people. Just communicating to them that I did not take you for granted, I value you, I noticed good things that you did for me. So, if you haven’t done that in a while, make that a part of your life. Express gratitude in very specific ways to people who have blessed you, who have helped you.”

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Small towns encouraged to apply for Smithsonian traveling exhibition

Exhibition connects citizens with American democracy

The REPORTER

Indiana towns with populations under 10,000 are encouraged to apply to play host to a Smithsonian exhibition, “Voices and Votes: Democracy in America,” which gives an in-depth look on America’s democracy, and bring discussions about democracy to their community.

The exhibition is a partnership between the Smithsonian’s Museum on Main Street and Indiana Humanities and will appear in small towns across Indiana during the Semiquincentennial, which commemorates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Six communities will be selected to host the exhibit for six weeks each in 2026, and receive – at no cost to the hosts – extensive training and other resources from the Smithsonian and Indiana Humanities. Each community will also work with Indiana Humanities staff and a state scholar to curate a unique section of the exhibit that tells the story of their community as it relates to the exhibit’s themes.

“For Hoosiers who may never have the occasion to visit a Smithsonian museum



Photo courtesy Florida Humanities

in person, this is an extraordinary opportunity to have a wonderful exhibit come to them,” said Megan Telligman, director of programs at Indiana Humanities. “Not only that, but for the host sites, it’s a chance to welcome their community in an entirely new way, receive project funding, and access exhibit and program development support.”

The exhibit has many dynamic features: historical and contemporary photos; educational and archival video; engaging multimedia interactives with short games and additional footage, photos, and information; and historical objects like campaign souvenirs, voter memorabilia, and pro-

test material.

Voices and Votes will prompt visitors to consider questions like “Who has the right to vote?”, “What are the freedoms and responsibilities of citizens?”, “Whose voices will be heard?”, “How do you participate as a citizen?”, and “How do we encourage more people to participate in our democracy?” It will also serve as a jumping-off point for discussing how those questions are reflected in local stories.

Voices and Votes is based on a major exhibition at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History called “American Democracy: A Great Leap of Faith.” Content

development was led by Harry Rubenstein, curator emeritus in the division of political history at the National Museum of American History.

To learn more about the program, visit indianahumanities.org/program/voicesandvotes.

The application deadline is Jan. 31, 2025. To apply for your town to host Voices and Votes, [click here](#).

About Indiana Humanities

Indiana Humanities connects people, opens minds and enriches lives by creating and facilitating programs that encourage Hoosiers to think, read, and talk. Learn more at IndianaHumanities.org.

BREACH

Noblesville’s message to families and staff said, “Unfortunately, some of our Noblesville Schools students and employee data was compromised as part of this breach.”

“This unauthorized access was not unique to Noblesville and could not have been prevented locally,” the Hamilton County school district’s message added.

PowerSchools website touts endorsements from Career Academy South Bend, and Hamilton Southeastern Schools’ Riverside Intermediate School in Fishers. Career Academy South Bend’s district data coordinator said in that endorsement, “PowerSchool has helped our school to navigate, direct, and help parents with their students to access grades, missing assignments, and notes from teachers. PowerSchool has also helped me as a new employee in the school district to revamp and make reports, conflicts, and daily functions become easy.”

Some cybersecurity

experts nationally were recommending parents secure their children’s credit reports by requesting security freezes from each of the three national credit bureaus. Also, students and parents should change their passwords to PowerSchool.

Statement from PowerSchool

“On December 28, 2024, we became aware of a potential cybersecurity incident involving unauthorized access to certain PowerSchool SIS information through one of our community-focused customer portals, PowerSource. PowerSchool is not experiencing, nor expects to experience, any operational disruption and continues to provide services as normal to our customers.

“As soon as we learned of the incident, we immediately engaged our cybersecurity response protocols and mobilized a cross-functional response team, including senior leadership and third-party cybersecurity experts.

“PowerSchool is com-

mitted to protecting the security and integrity of our applications. We take our responsibility to protect student data privacy and act responsibly as data processors extremely seriously.

“PowerSchool is committed to providing affected customers, families, and educators with the resources and support they may need as we work through this together.”

Statement from Indiana Secretary of Education Katie Jenner

“IDOE is aware of the nationwide data breach which has impacted some PowerSchool customers in Indiana and across the country. Because schools contract directly with PowerSchool, incident management is being handled by PowerSchool directly with their school customers.

“Our team has also spoken to and are committed to supporting affected schools by simplifying the reporting of this breach according to state statute. We appreciate your continued commitment to cyberse-

curity and want to make this process as seamless as possible. That is why technology leaders in affected schools will not need to fill out the typical data breach notification form on the Indiana Office of Technology’s (IOT) Local Government Services website and should instead reach out to Brad Hagg, IDOE’s Director of Educational Technology, who is coordinating information and will report this breach, on behalf of all impacted Indiana schools, to IOT.

“As with any data breach, impacted schools are encouraged to provide ongoing communication with parents and families as additional information becomes available. Schools should also consult with their legal counsel and notify their cybersecurity insurance provider, if applicable.”

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WINTER

There are other safety concerns for crews, including water freezing on the ground while fighting fires in temperatures below 32 degrees.

“We leave our hoses

cracked so water is running through – them kinda like you do your faucet at home – so we don’t have that freeze on the ground while we’re using it,” Griffin said. “And then, as soon as we get that fire done, we try and get our firefighters out of the elements.”

Griffin said as Emergency Medical Services in Carmel, they also have to protect patients from the cold while transporting them.

“We’ll work inside of their house as long as we can, get them packaged, and then swiftly move them to our ambulance,” Griffin said. “Those are going to warm. We’ve got blankets.”

The Carmel Fire Department put out [this video](#) with tips on protecting your home in the cold. Some of the tips include opening cabinet doors to keep pipes warm, letting sinks

drip, keeping supplies such as flashlights and charged phones on hand, and checking on elderly neighbors.

With conditions changing frequently, it is important to stay on top of all of these tips to keep your home and your family safe.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wish9.com/weather/weather-stories/winter-weather-making-things-difficult-for-firefighters-ems.

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Check out our Hamilton County events calendar get the word out!

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GET AHEAD OF THE WEATHER

WINTER IS COMING... ARE YOUR PIPES PREPARED?

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

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

1.



Check your pipes for cracks and leaks.

3.



Insulate pipes in unheated areas of your home.

2.



Turn outdoor faucets off for the season.

4.



Schedule seasonal maintenance on your plumbing and heating systems.



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

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



John Lowes set to launch campaign for County Sheriff

Submitted

Chief Deputy John Lowes will soon launch his campaign for Hamilton County Sheriff.

The event will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23 at The Meeting House at The Village of WestClay, 2000 N. New Market St., Carmel.

Lowes has served the community with integrity and commitment for over 25 years, including the past six years as Chief Deputy of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

Lowes says his leader-

ship, experience, and forward-thinking vision make him the ideal candidate to continue keeping Hamilton County one of the safest places in America.

This event is not only an opportunity to show your support, but also a chance to hear Lowes share his vision for the future. He is eager to connect with community members and listen to your ideas and concerns to ensure Hamilton County's continued success.

To RSVP for the campaign launch, go to LowesForSheriff.com/event.



Lowes

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Carmel trash pickup information from Republic Services

The REPORTER

In the event of a major snow or ice storm, Republic Services Trash & Recycling service may be delayed.

[This link](#) takes you to Carmel Utilities' website where any delays will be posted on the Important Information front page. Service delays will also

be posted on social media sites Nextdoor and Carmel Utilities' Facebook and X accounts.

Please be aware that any news broadcasts concerning trash service with Republic Services in Indianapolis or other communities may not apply to service in Carmel.

Indiana Pediatric Cancer Coalition to hold Pediatric Cancer Advocacy Day at Statehouse

The REPORTER

The [Indiana Pediatric Cancer Coalition](#) (IPCC) will hold its inaugural Statehouse Day from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16 in the Indiana Statehouse atrium.

This event will bring together a diverse group of stakeholders, including families, foundations, scientists, practitioners, and advocates to raise awareness about the critical need for increased funding and support for pediatric cancer research and treatment in Indiana.

Childhood cancer claims the lives of the equivalent of 75 youth basketball teams per year in the Hoosier state and is the number one cause of death by disease for Indiana children. The IPCC was formed to address these and the multitude of additional hugely unacceptable statistics surrounding childhood cancer. The Coalition's mission is to ensure that all children and families impacted by this devastating disease have access to the highest quality diagnostics, treatments, and survivorship care right here in Indiana.

Key focus

• Advocating for the establishment of a dedicated pediatric cancer research and treatment grant program. This program, as

recommended by the Indiana Rare Disease Advisory Council (RDAC) in its [2024 annual report](#), will help advance research and improve outcomes for children with cancer in Indiana.

• Building a strong and united voice for children with cancer and their families in Indiana. By bringing together diverse stakeholders, IPCC aims to amplify its collective impact and advocate for policies that prioritize the needs of this vulnerable population.

Event highlights

• **Attendance by key stakeholders:** The event will include participation from legislative sponsors of HBI201, the bill which established the RDAC, as well as representatives from the scientific, medical, and advocacy communities.

• **Focus on legislative action:** Attendees will advocate for the passage of new legislation in the 2025 session to establish the funding mechanism for the recommended pediatric cancer research and treatment grant program.

• **Raising public awareness:** This Advocacy Day will serve to raise awareness about the challenges faced by Hoosier children with cancer and the critical need for increased support and investment in this area.

“The statistics sur-

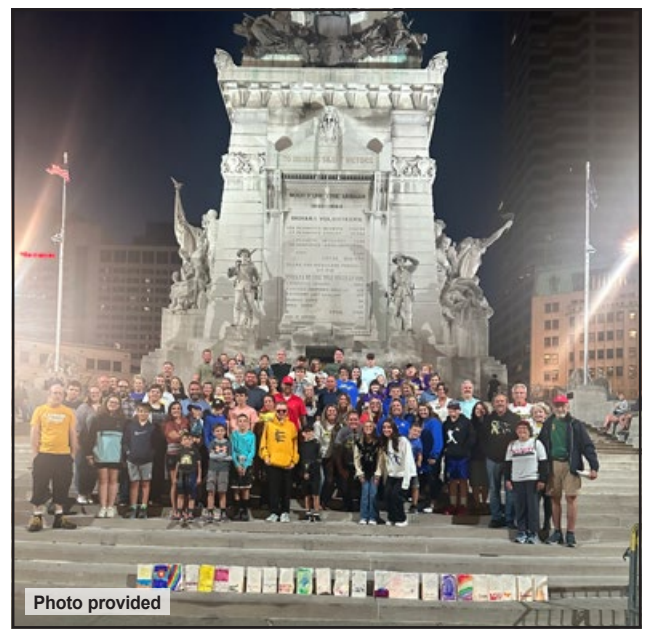


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rounding childhood cancer are unacceptable,” said Robyn Spoon, CEO of Elevate Childhood Cancer Research and Advocacy and IPCC Member. “Our goal is to ensure that every child and young adult impacted by cancer in Indiana has the best possible chance at a healthy outcome. We are grateful for the support of our legislators and the entire childhood cancer community. By working together we can do so much more in this state.”

About the Indiana Pediatric Cancer Coalition

The Indiana Pediatric Cancer Coalition was formed by a group of Hoosier families who have been directly impacted by child-

hood cancer. It is dedicated to fostering collaboration among advocates, increasing funding, and driving medical advancements. IPCC strives to ensure that the highest quality diagnostics, treatments, and survivorship care are accessible to children and families impacted by pediatric cancer throughout Indiana.

IPCC envisions becoming a leading integrative resource for childhood cancer research and advocacy. IPCC's goal is to drive the development of cutting-edge treatments that save lives, provide hope, and ensure a healthier future for Hoosier children and young adults. Learn more and get involved at IndianaGoingGold.org/ipcc.



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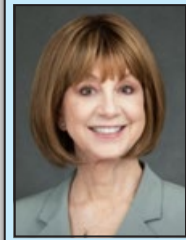
Charlie Brown: "We only live once, Snoopy."

Snoopy: "Wrong! We only die once. We live every day!"

I hope, dear Readers, that this new year has started for you in a way which makes you optimistic and inspired. If not, my hope is that you will soon see changes that bring you peace and well-being.

As many of you are aware, I teach a "FlexAbility" class at the Hamilton East Public Library, Noblesville branch located at One Library Plaza just off Cumberland Road on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. We are beginning a new six-week session and I would like to

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Be Well

see as many of you as possible join me if you are available. There is no cost for this class session and registration is available – and requested – on the Library website, hamiltoneastpl.org or by calling (317) 773-1384.

I am including here the information piece that I share with my class which better describes our goals. My goal in teaching FlexAbility is to increase balance, mobility, flexibility, and strength.

Welcome to FlexAbility!

Every day our bodies are subjected to stresses and strains, sometimes without our immediate aware-

ness! Many times, we don't consider our bodies until we feel those stresses and strains played out as poor posture and non-specific aches and pains – typically in the lower back, neck, and shoulder. These can also cause inhibited breathing patterns, dramatically reducing energy levels!

FlexAbility is a blend of different disciplines, including yoga-inspired stretches, appropriate for anyone* who wishes to increase their flexibility, tone, and mobility. The focus is a body that is life-fit, one that will help you avoid injury and delay age-related physical decline. By becoming more flexible your body will look and feel more alive! Stretching is good for your body AND good for your mind!

An ideal fitness regime includes aerobic exercise

(walking, dancing, etc.) muscular strengthening using light weights, and **FlexAbility** training. This class will focus on flexibility and stretching – which are not necessarily one and the same:

- **Flexibility** – the range of movement across a joint
- **Stretching** – act of lengthening muscle and connective tissue

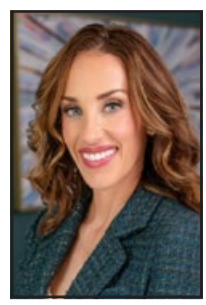
We stretch to increase our flexibility! Inflexibility seriously impairs our quality of life ... so let's get flexible!

Sharon McMahon, CNWC, CPT Mobility Coach
**Please check with your personal physician if you have any physical impairment or health-related issues which may prevent your participation in this class.*

OneZone welcomes Nicole Pence Becker to 2025 Board of Directors

The REPORTER

OneZone Chamber is pleased to announce that Nicole Pence Becker has joined its 2025 Board of Directors.



Becker

Becker brings a wealth of experience and expertise that will help drive OneZone Chamber's mission to advance business and community in Hamilton County.

She is the Owner and Operator of Pence Media Group. She has more than 15 years of experience as a journalist, communications, media production, social media, and public relations. She founded Pence Media Group in 2017 to bring together experts to build brands and tell stories. She has won four Emmy Awards as a broadcast journalist, three Telly Awards as an executive producer, six MUSE Awards as a creative director, and three PRSA Pinnacle Awards as a public relations and marketing expert.

"OneZone Chamber continues to thrive because of the dedicated leaders, like Nicole, who serve on our Board of Directors," OneZone Chamber President & CEO Jack Russell said. "We are thrilled to welcome Nicole to the board. Her insights, experience, and passion for our community will undoubtedly enhance our ability to serve our members and promote economic growth throughout Hamilton County."

Becker shared her enthusiasm.

"Being part of the OneZone Chamber Board of

Directors is both an honor and a natural extension of my love for our community," Becker said.

"Over the years, I've witnessed firsthand the incredible impact OneZone has in fostering connections, championing local businesses, and driving meaningful growth in Carmel and Fishers, specifically. Having had the privilege to lead workshops and moderate events with OneZone, I'm excited to bring my passion and experience to the board as a business leader of our all-female team at Pence Media Group and to continue supporting this vibrant organization."

The OneZone Chamber Board of Directors is a distinguished group of 35 business and community leaders who guide the organization's strategic vision. Together, they champion initiatives that foster workforce development, business innovation, and regional collaboration.

For more information about OneZone Chamber and its Board of Directors, visit OneZoneChamber.com.

About OneZone Chamber

OneZone Chamber is the go-to business organization in Hamilton County, providing advocacy, resources, and connections to drive regional prosperity. With a focus on fostering relationships between businesses, local government, and the broader community, OneZone Chamber is committed to shaping a vibrant and thriving economic landscape.

DAR accepting applications for now Marian Anderson Legacy Scholarship

The REPORTER

Undergraduate and graduate students studying music can apply for the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Marian Anderson Legacy Scholarship through Jan. 31.

Sponsored by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), the scholarship provides a one-time \$5,000 award to one student annually who is pursuing undergraduate or graduate study in music.

Marian Anderson (1897-1993) was a groundbreaking African American contralto and an inspiration for civil rights.

"This scholarship pays tribute to Marian Anderson's life, and the Daughters of the American Revolution seeks to honor her legacy through today's aspiring musicians," DAR President General Pamela Wright said. "Her legacy lives on in others who aim for excellence in musical studies, are committed to their communities, and willing to stand up for what is right."

Applicants should be accepted or currently enrolled in an accredited university or college in the United States and have a concentration in music in their course of study. Music performance, composition, theory, or education are all areas that students may be specialized in to qualify for the schol-



Photo provided

Marian Anderson performing at Constitution Hall in 1943.

arship. They should have a minimum grade-point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent GPA on the scale used by the institution.

Applications require references sent through the application system, so students need to request their references ahead of the Jan. 31 application deadline.

In honor of Ms. Anderson's commitment to the community throughout her life and her willingness to share her incredible talent with the world, applicants are asked to write a personal statement describing their humanitarian or volunteer contributions on

behalf of their community and/or country.

To recognize the city Marian Anderson called home, preference will be given to students from the Philadelphia, Pa., metropolitan area, even if they are not pursuing music studies in the Philadelphia area.

This scholarship is not automatically renewed. However, recipients may reapply for consideration each year for up to four consecutive years.

The scholarship is supported by DAR's Marian Anderson Legacy Fund. Learn more about the relationship between Marian Anderson and DAR as

well as the organization's ongoing efforts to honor her memory at dar.org/MarianAnderson.

About DAR

One of the largest patriotic women's service organizations in the world, DAR has 190,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters across the country and several foreign countries. DAR members promote historic preservation, education and patriotism via commemorative events, scholarships and educational initiatives, citizenship programs, service to veterans, meaningful community service and more. For additional information about DAR and its relevant mission, visit dar.org.

Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Redevelopment Commission meeting scheduled for 9 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, 2025, has been canceled.	The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2025, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.
The Carmel Plan Commission will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2025, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square.	The Noblesville Common Council will meet in an executive session at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2025, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D)(i). For discussion of strategy with respect to a real property transaction including a purchase. A regular meeting will follow at 6 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.
The Westfield Plat Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, Jan. 27, 2025, has been canceled. Business items will be carried over to a future meeting.	The Carmel Redevelopment Commission will meet in an executive session at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2025. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss pending litigation in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B); and/or to discuss the purchase or lease of real property in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D); and/or to receive information about and interview prospective employees in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5). A regular meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square.
Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County ISS Board will meet to discuss ISSD projects at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2025, in Conference Room 1A at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.	
Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County GIS Policy Committee will hold a virtual Microsoft Teams meeting to discuss GIS projects at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2025. The Meeting ID is 219 035 115 178, and the Passcode is UM7Gf3JT.	
Send Meeting Notices to: News@ReadTheReporter.com	

NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS

Board Highlights

Jan. 7, 2025 Meeting

Submitted by Noblesville Schools

The school board has responsibility for major district functions including school district governance and oversight, setting school policies, approving funding, strategic planning, and hiring and evaluating the superintendent.

- The board conducted their annual reorganization of roles and committees.
- Student musicians from Noblesville High School and Noblesville West Middle School were recognized for their outstanding musical accomplishments.
- Noblesville High School presented on their CLIMB program, which provides real-world job skills for students with special needs.
- CSO Architects reviewed plans for the softball and Noblesville East Middle School athletic buildings.
- Angie Gingerich was appointed as the new principal at North Elementary, effective July 1, 2025.
- The annual Board of Finance meeting took place where financial records were certified.

Go to noblesvilleschools.org/leadership/school-board for meeting agendas, minutes, videos, and more.

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FEBRUARY 1
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FEBRUARY 15
FEBRUARY 22
MARCH 8
MARCH 15
MARCH 22
MARCH 29

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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 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
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Hamilton County Military Veteran

Fishers American Legion Post 470
Euchre Tournament for HVAF Jan 11
Register NOW

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

<p>Hygiene and Personal Care</p> <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) <p>Snack Items</p> <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 M&M's/Trail Mix (Single Serve Preferred) Powdered Drink Mixes like Crystal Light or Sports Drinks (Single Serve) 	<p>Snack Items – cont</p> <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 <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.) Pornography or other culturally sensitive material Bagged Potato Chips (they are too easily crushed) Unwrapped Candies Nail Polish Perfume or Cologne
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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

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New signage honoring Plum Prairie's history & Reverend Barney Stone installed in Noblesville

Submitted

Historical signage celebrating the history of Noblesville's Plum Prairie neighborhood and Reverend Barney Stone has been installed as part of the Reimagine Pleasant Street project.

Local leaders are celebrating the rich history and character of Noblesville and Hamilton County throughout the Pleasant Street corridor. 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.

"Recognizing our past while celebrating our future is at the heart of the Reimagine Pleasant Street project and our city," Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen said. "This signage pays homage to Reverend Stone and is a tribute to the Plum Prairie neighborhood and what it means to our community. We're thrilled to see this project come to life as we continue to highlight the

character of Noblesville."

The Plum Prairie neighborhood, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, was home to a growing African American community in Noblesville. The area was once home to several industries, including the American Strawboard Company, Rupp & Son Bucket Factory, and Standard Canning Company.

Barney Stone served in the Union Army and later pursued an education and became a minister. He moved to Noblesville with his family in the 1890s and pastored the First Baptist Church at Fifth and Cherry streets. He also served as a circuit court bailiff and chaplain for the Grand Army of the Republic.

"I am so grateful for Mayor Jensen's unwavering commitment to an inclusive history of Noblesville," Noblesville Diversity Coalition Advisory Board President Dana Randall said. "By honoring the invaluable contributions of Reverend Barney Stone and the Plum Prairie neighborhood, you have helped ensure

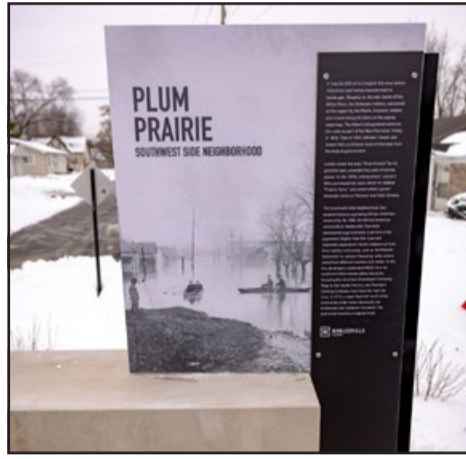


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(ABOVE) Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen speaks to the crowd gathered for the unveiling. (BELOW) The Plum Prairie Neighborhood sign (left) and Reverend Barney Stone sign (right).

that every story is told, every voice is heard, and every legacy is honored. Looking back and sharing our diverse heritage is one way to create a more inclusive and welcoming community where everyone belongs."

The first phase of the project, which is the segment from River Road to 11th Street, is open to traffic. Construction for Phases 2 and 3 has begun.



Photos provided

(ABOVE LEFT) Hamilton County Historian David Heighway (left) speaks as Mayor Jensen looks on. (ABOVE CENTER) Noblesville Preservation Alliance Executive Director Joshua Glassburn-Ruby speaks as the mayor looks on. (ABOVE RIGHT) Glassburn-Ruby, Heighway, and Mayor Jensen.

Funding available to reclaim long-abandoned mining land

Indiana DNR received more than \$24 million for reclamation in FY24

The REPORTER

In federal fiscal year 2024, Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) received nearly \$24.7 million in federal funding from the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement to reclaim more former coal mines to their pre-mining status.

Hoosiers who own such property are encouraged to report it to the DNR – even if you don't want the work done right away.

This funding is part of \$377 million Indiana is receiving over 15 years to reclaim former mine land.

Reclamation is the process by which adverse safety, health, and environmental effects of unregulated legacy mines are minimized and mined lands are returned to a beneficial end use. In Indiana, more than 2,000 reclamation projects

have been completed since 1982 on both public and private lands.

"Over the last 50 plus years, Indiana has worked to address safety and environmental issues left by unregulated, abandoned mines, improving the productivity and recreational value of the land," said Kit Turpin, director for the DNR Division of Reclamation's Abandoned Mine Land (AML) program. "Earlier this year, the Indiana DNR was honored to receive the Interior States Region Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Award for its work transforming a dangerous highwall at Lynnville Park into a safe location for outdoor recreation. With this influx of funding, we're continuing to reclaim more land and more projects across Indiana's coal country."

Because reclamation funding is distributed based on need, the AML program is cataloging future projects. Indiana's eligibility for these federal grants depends upon the state's inventory of abandoned mine land. To qualify for funding, the land must have been mined and abandoned prior to 1977.

Owners of such land should email their information directly to the AML program at abandoned-minesrestoration@dnr.in.gov. They can also call 1-800-772-MINE (6463) or the Reclamation office number, (812) 665-2207.

Once land is reported, an AML project manager and the landowner will review the site together to determine if the impact on the property was caused by unregulated mining. If it was, the project manager will talk with the landowner

to determine what needs to be done and discuss accommodating other requests they may have to add to the reclamation design. After that, the project manager will work closely with the landowner during the design process to ensure the property's needs are met. If the landowner approves the design, the project is put up for bid through the state public works process.

The contractor who wins the bid then completes the work under the supervision of the AML program. When the project is complete, AML conducts a meeting to assess the work and make sure all requirements and agreements have been met. The property remains private and in full control of the landowner. Most reclamation projects can be completed within a year.

State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn honored for work to improve law enforcement mental health & longevity

The REPORTER

Police1, an online news site dedicated to law enforcement trainings, resources, and tools to enhance officer safety and effectiveness, has honored State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D-Fishers) in its inaugural "Got Your Six" Awards program. The award recognizes individuals who have gone above and beyond to support law enforcement.

As a freshman legislator, Garcia Wilburn passed groundbreaking legislation in **Public Law 139**, provid-

ing mental health and resiliency training to public safety professionals statewide. A clinician, health researcher, and public health advocate, Garcia Wilburn says she is proud to work on behalf of her blue family to promote better mental health and longevity in law enforcement service careers. "It means the world to me to be recognized by Police1, a leading organiza-



Garcia Wilburn

tion in the public safety industry, for my legislative work on behalf of law enforcement and other first responders," Garcia Wilburn said. "The needs of our brave law enforcement officers are at the heart of what I do as a state lawmaker. Reading positive testimonials from the first class of Indiana Law Enforcement Academy graduates who took the mental health and

suicide prevention training program introduced by my legislation brought me to tears.

"We can and should create better working conditions for our law enforcement officers, and Public Law 139 in action shows that a better path forward is attainable. As Indiana starts its 2025 legislative session, I remain committed to advocating for my blue family and working to make good mental health and longevity in law enforcement careers a reality for Hoosier LEOs."

— FISHERS —

**CITY OF FISHERS
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CASE VA-24-22**

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY SUBMIT COMMENTS BY GOING TO: https://townofishers.formstack.com/forms/public_meeting_comment_form

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the FISHERS BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at Fishers Municipal Center, FMC Nickel Plate Conference Room, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038.

REQUEST: At that hearing, the public will be invited to offer comments on the following request ("Proposal"): Case # VA-24-22 - Consideration of a Development Standards Variance from Section 6.17.6. E. Ground Signs Located on Lots with Non-Residential Uses to allow digital changeable copy on one (1) ground sign.

LOCATION: 12571 REYNOLDS DR, FISHERS, IN 46038

The case file about this project is available for public review in the office of the Department of Planning and Zoning, located at Fishers Municipal Center, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038. The meeting agenda with room location details and case related information will be posted on the City's website forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting specified above. If you have specific questions or want to provide written contacts to the case planner directly, please contact: City of Fishers Planning & Zoning Department
planning@fishers.in.us
(317) 595-3155
www.FishersIN.gov/notice
Petitioner: Simran Investment LLC
R5535 1/11/25, 1/13/25

**CITY OF FISHERS
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CASE VA-24-27**

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REQUEST: At that hearing, the public will be invited to offer comments on the following request ("Proposal"): Case # VA-24-27 - Consideration of a Development Standard Variance from Article 6.11.3.A.1 Parking Lot Design of the City's Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to allow for a temporary gravel parking lot for equipment storage.

LOCATION: 13402 BRITTON PARK RD, FISHERS, IN 46038

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Petitioner: Craig Crowe
R5536 1/11/25, 1/13/25

**CITY OF FISHERS
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CASE VA-24-28**

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REQUEST: At that hearing, the public will be invited to offer comments on the following request ("Proposal"): Case # VA-24-28 - Consideration of a Development Standards Variance from Section 6.17.7.C. Wall Signs of the City of Fishers Unified Development Ordinance to allow five (5) wall signs, where three (3) wall signs are allowed. Signs will be placed on the primary frontage of the building and on the fuel canopy.


LOCATION: 9354 AMBLESIDE DR, FISHERS, IN 46038

The case file about this project is available for public review in the office of the Department of Planning and Zoning, located at Fishers Municipal Center, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038. The meeting agenda with room location details and case related information will be posted on the City's website forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting specified above. If you have specific questions or want to provide written contacts to the case planner directly, please contact: City of Fishers Planning & Zoning Department
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Petitioner: Lisa Collins
R5547 1/11/25, 1/13/25

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Adapted by
Ken Ludwig

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Thursday



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Coming soon: February 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 or call (317) 843-3800.

The Kings of Queen: Tribute to Queen

Saturday, Feb. 1 at 8 p.m.
The Palladium

Established in 2021, the Kings of Queen have already built a reputation as one of the top tributes to the legendary British rock band Queen. Lead vocalist Emo Alaeddin recreates the persona of frontman Freddie Mercury with unparalleled vocal tone and range, a striking physical resemblance, and frequent costume changes. The band is committed to the finest musicianship and live four-part vocal harmonies, never using harmonizer devices or prerecorded backing tracks.

Peter Sagal: Host of NPR's Wait Wait ... Don't Tell Me!

Friday, Feb. 7 at 8 p.m.
The Palladium

For over two decades, Peter Sagal has hosted NPR's *Wait, Wait ... Don't Tell Me!*, the topical comedy quiz show heard by millions each week. In this talk, "Front Row at the Sideshow: What I've Learned in 25 Years of Hosting America's Most Beloved News Quiz," he boils his experience down to important findings, such as what NPR listeners love most; the difference between Republicans and Democrats; why sex makes us crazy; why we're so susceptible to cultish thinking; and the human flaw underlying all our troubles: the inability to admit we've been fooled.

JazzTalk: A Conversation with Don Was

Monday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m.
Online | Free!

Go online for a live *JazzTalk* conversation with Don Was, who will perform with his band the Pan-Detroit Ensemble on Feb. 28 at the Palladium. Was will discuss his early years in the business, his work with some of the greatest musicians of our time, his experiences running a prestigious record label, and his current tour as bassist and leader of the Pan-Detroit Ensemble, a collective of top jazz musicians from his hometown of Detroit. Registration is free, and questions will be taken from the audience following the conversation.

Beginner Ukulele Class

Feb. 12 to March 12
Wednesdays at 8 p.m.
The Palladium

Never played the ukulele but want to learn? This five-week class is for you! In this skills-based course, students will learn basic strums and chords by focusing on a new song each week. Recommended for ages 14 and up.

The Warren Haynes Band: Million Voices Whisper Tour

Friday, Feb. 14 at 8 p.m.
The Palladium

Grammy-winning artist Warren Haynes is a prolific songwriter, producer and one of the most formidable guitarists and vocalists of the modern era. As a solo artist and member of the Allman Brothers Band, Gov't Mule, and the Dead, he has built a reputation as a treasured storyteller. Haynes' new solo album, *Million Voices Whisper*, debuted at No. 1 on *Billboard's* Blues Albums Chart and features guest appearances by Lukas Nelson, Jamey Johnson, and former Allman Brothers bandmate Derek Trucks. His touring band includes longtime drummer Terence Higgins (Dirty Dozen Brass Band), Gov't Mule bassist Kevin Scott, keyboardist Matt Slocum and saxophonist Greg Osby.

Folsom Prison Experience: Legendary 1968 Johnny Cash Concert

Saturday, Feb. 15 at 8 p.m.
The Palladium

The iconic 1968 live album *At Folsom Prison* made Johnny Cash a crossover superstar, defying conventions and leaving a lasting legacy. Now audiences can relive the unforgettable day of Jan. 13, 1968, as Folsom Prison Experience takes the stage with an immersive tribute that merges live concert, stage drama and audience participation to bring you into the heart of Cash's musical journey. The cast is led by co-writer Jay Ernest and his tribute band, Church of Cash. Other characters include June Carter, Carl Perkins and the Statler Brothers.

Child & Adult Music Class: Things That Go

Feb. 21 to Mar 28
Fridays at 10:30 a.m.
The Palladium

Does your child like things that move? Planes, trains, automobiles, and all things mobile are in the spotlight this session. Local musician Ms. Michelle of ShooBee-Loo Music and Movement will lead you and your child as you rhythmically zoom, float, fly, gallop and chug along to the music. Your child will learn musical concepts using voices, instruments, toys, movement, and imagination.

Child & Adult Music Class is sponsored by Westfield Veterinary Care.

An Intimate Evening with Steve Wariner

Friday, Feb. 21 at 8 p.m.
The Palladium

More than 21 albums and five decades into his career, singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Steve Wariner has



Photo provided

Grab your tickets now to see Don Was & The Pan-Detroit Ensemble on Feb. 28 at The Palladium.

earned 14 No. 1 hits, over 30 Top 10 singles, four Grammy Awards and three CMA Awards, among other honors. He has composed songs for many artists including Clint Black, Garth Brooks, Brad Paisley, and Keith Urban. Wariner is a member of the Musicians Hall of Fame, the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame, the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and the National Thumbpickers Hall of Fame, and one of only five guitarists in the world to receive the Certified Guitar Player title from Chet Atkins. Don't miss this rare solo performance featuring songs, stories, and hot guitar.

Peanut Butter & Jam Epiphany Dance Collective: West African Drum and Dance

Saturday, Feb. 22 at 10:30 a.m.
The Studio Theater

Drum beats and dancing will fill the Studio theater as Epiphany African Dance Collective takes you on an interactive journey of West African dance and music. Children and adults will have a chance to be part of the show as the dancers bring them on stage to teach steps and movement. Your body and soul will be enlightened by this energetic and colorful performance.

Designed for children ages 1 to 7, Peanut Butter & Jam sessions encourage young children to become engaged in the arts.

Kalani Pe'a: Grammy-winning Singer, Songwriter

Saturday, Feb. 22 at 8 p.m.
The Palladium

Kalani Pe'a is a Hawaiian singer-songwriter who performs his original Hawaiian songs alongside affectionate bilingual arrangements of R&B favorites, a style he calls "Hawaiian contemporary soul." An avid performer since childhood, he worked as a teacher and children's book author before turning to a career in music. He has released five albums since 2016, three winning the Grammy Award for Best Regional

Roots Music Album and his latest, *Kuini*, nominated for 2025. He was the first Hawaiian singer to perform in Lincoln Center's American Songbook series and also has performed in Carnegie Hall's Musical Explorers youth program.

Special guest: Opening the show will be Indy Hula, a nonprofit group based in Indianapolis dedicated to spreading awareness of Polynesian culture, song and dance. Learn more at IndyHula.org.

Live at the Center: Malingo

Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m.
The Palladium & Online

Promising "Wild Folk for Wild Folk," Malingo's music blends folk, bluegrass, and psychedelic blues for a sound that is often nostalgic, often melancholy, often intense, but always emotional. The semi-acoustic five-piece band is known for crafting unique live sets and for its prolific recording, including the new 10-track album *Campfire Sessions, Vol. 1*.

Don Was & The Pan-Detroit Ensemble

Friday, Feb. 28 at 8 p.m.
The Palladium

Detroit native Don Was has enjoyed a multifaceted career as a musician, record producer, music director, film composer, documentary filmmaker, radio host, and president of the venerated jazz label Blue Note Records. As a record producer, he has won six Grammy Awards and worked with artists including the Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan, Bonnie Raitt, Willie Nelson, John Mayer, Ringo Starr, Wayne Shorter, and the B-52's. Was also has toured the U.S. with Grateful Dead guitarist Bob Weir as the Wolf Brothers. His latest group, the Pan-Detroit Ensemble, is made up of top Detroit jazz and R&B musicians including saxophonist Dave McMurray and keyboardist Luis Resto, celebrating the city's rich musical traditions.

Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre opens 2025 Season with first of five new shows to its stage

52nd Season includes Broadway hits "Jersey Boys" & "Waitress"

The REPORTER

Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre presents an unprecedented five new shows to its stage in 2025, headlined by the Broadway hits *Jersey Boys* and *Waitress*, and brings back family favorites including Disney's *The Little Mermaid* and its signature holiday production: *A Beef & Boards Christmas*.

Agatha Christie's *Murder on the Orient Express*, now on stage, kicks off the theatre's 52nd Season – the first of the five new shows. An American tycoon is discovered stabbed in his compartment, which is locked from the inside, aboard the luxurious Orient Express. Isolated in a snowstorm and with a killer in their midst, the passengers rely on detective Hercule Poirot to solve the case – before the murderer strikes again. Adapted for the stage by Ken Ludwig, *Murder on the Orient Express* is presented through Feb. 9. This show is rated PG.

The captivating story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons and their unforgettable music comes alive in *Jersey Boys*, which makes its Beef & Boards debut

starting on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14. It's the remarkable journey of four blue-collar kids from the streets of New Jersey and their 40-year friendship, with its struggles and triumphs, that led to the hits "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Can't Take My Eyes Off You," "My Eyes Adored You," and many more. *Jersey Boys* won the Tony Award for Best Musical and is on stage through April 13. The show is rated PG-13.

Then, starting April 17, the *Church Basement Ladies* are back in the show that started it all. Times are quickly changing in 1965, and these formidable women do all they can to keep things from boiling over below the house of God. Based on the Scandinavian Lutheran humor writings of Janet Martin and Suzann Nelson, the women of *Church Basement Ladies* are characters who can be found in any denomination. Together they tackle both food and faith for thought while managing a record-breaking Christmas dinner, the funeral of a dear friend, a Hawaiian Easter fundraiser and a hot July wedding. Rated G, this

show is on stage through May 18.

Starting May 22, dive into Beef & Boards 2025 Family Show, Disney's *The Little Mermaid*. In this journey "Under the Sea," the adventurous mermaid Ariel longs to live in the world above. When she falls for a human prince, she bargains with Ursula, the sea witch, to gain human legs so she can be with him. But every bargain has a price, and Ariel needs the help of her friends and her father, King Triton, to escape the witch's wrath. As the 2025 Family Show, tickets for *The Little Mermaid* are discounted by \$10 for all kids ages 3 to 15. It's on stage through July 13.

Beef & Boards serves up for the first time, starting July 17, the sweet treat by Sara Bareilles: *Waitress*. Jenna, a talented pie-maker and waitress, longs for a way out of her small town as she creates magic from scratch with her rolling pin – each delicious pie filled with her dreams and fears. Just when she faces her biggest challenge of all, a local baking contest just might be the opportunity of a lifetime. With

a heaping serving of humor, a sprinkling of hope, and a dash of romance, this musical celebrates friendship, motherhood, and the magic of a well-made pie. New to the Beef & Boards stage, *Waitress* is rated PG-13 and continues through Aug. 31.

Get out those Blue Suede Shoes and make reservations at the *Heartbreak Hotel*, the next new show in 2025 at Beef & Boards. This prequel to *Million Dollar Quartet* follows the tender story of Elvis Presley in his youth, and the moments that led him to become "The King of Rock and Roll." This celebration of the legend and his music includes over 40 Elvis hits and iconic songs including, "That's All Right," "All Shook Up," "Heartbreak Hotel," "Burning Love," "Good Rockin' Tonight," "Hound Dog," "Love Me Tender," "Don't Be Cruel," "Jailhouse Rock," and, yes, "Blue Suede Shoes." Rated PG, *Heartbreak Hotel* is on stage Sept. 4 to Oct. 12.

Opening Oct. 16 is the hilarious musical *Tootsie*, the fifth and final new show to the Beef & Boards stage in 2025. To get his dream

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role, desperate and out-of-work actor Michael Dorsey disguises himself as actress "Dorothy Michaels." The tactic works, and "Dorothy" becomes a Broadway sensation. While his audiences fall for Dorothy, Michael falls for the woman of his dreams – and realizes the trick isn't becoming a star. It's keeping up the act. Based on the hit film starring Dustin Hoffman, *Tootsie* is rated R and on stage until Nov. 23.

Back for the 2025 holidays is the original variety show *A Beef & Boards Christmas*. This seasonal spectacular includes Santa and his friends in a sparkling array of holiday songs, stories, and dance. Beautiful costumes and nostalgic performances make this a beloved favorite for generations of families and guests of all ages. Opening Nov. 28, *A Beef & Boards Christmas* continues through a New Year's Eve celebration

on Dec. 31.

2025 VIP Memberships

VIP Memberships for the 2025 Season are available for a limited time, with sales ending with the closing of *Murder on the Orient Express* on Feb. 9. Visit BeefAndBoards.com for complete details.

New start time for some shows in 2025

Starting with *Murder on the Orient Express*, evening performances on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Evening performances on Fridays and Saturdays remain at 8 p.m., and the early evening performances remain at 7 p.m. on Sundays.

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86th Indiana State Police Recruit Academy graduates 30 new troopers

The REPORTER

On Thursday evening, the 86th Indiana State Police Recruit Academy completed its graduation ceremony in the Indiana State Capitol Rotunda.

Opening remarks were made by Indiana State Police Training Division Commander Major Dana Harshman and Indiana State Police Recruit Academy Commander Lieutenant Brent Cox. The commencement addresses were made by Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter and Megan Smith, wife of Indiana State Police Trooper Aaron Smith who was killed in the line of duty on June 28, 2023.

After the commencement address, the oath of office for the 30 new State Police Troopers was delivered by The Honorable Justice Christopher M. Goff of the Indiana Supreme Court. Each new Trooper was then present-



Photo provided

ed his or her badge and official identification by Superintendent Carter and his staff.

The graduation marked the culmination of 22 weeks of intense training, which totaled more than

1,100 hours. Some subject areas of training included criminal and traffic law, de-escalation, emergency vehicle operations, defensive tactics, firearms, impaired driving detection, scenario-based training,

and a host of other academic subjects related to modern policing.

Each graduating Trooper will be assigned to one of 14 State Police Posts across Indiana. Once at their assigned district, the

new troopers will spend the next three months working side by side with a series of experienced Field Training Officers. The purpose of the field training is to put to practical application the training received through-

out the formal academy training. Upon successful completion of field training, the new troopers will be assigned a State Police patrol vehicle and will begin solo patrol in their assigned district.

Noblesville Lions Club entertains Shop For Kids



Photo provided by Jake Doll, Noblesville Lions Club

At its Wednesday meeting, the Noblesville Lions Club welcomed Dustin Dixon as a speaker for Shop For Kids. Dixon outlined how the organization began through the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department and now operates as an independent organization. Donations are accepted and the organization can be reached at (317) 678-7248. (ABOVE) Dustin Dixon (left) was thanked by Lions Club VP Hayden Parsons.

Noblesville school board ready to continue serving students



Photo provided by Noblesville Schools

Christi Crosser, Stephanie Lambert, and Bret Richardson were officially sworn in as members of the Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees on Tuesday, Jan. 7. Crosser will continue to serve as board president, Lambert will continue to serve as board vice president, and Dr. Joe Forgey will serve as board secretary. (From left) Richardson, Dr. Forgey, Crosser, Lambert, and Misti Ray.

Indiana State Police partnering in Human Trafficking Initiative

The REPORTER

The Indiana State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division is partnering with the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) for CVSA's Human Trafficking Awareness Initiative.

During this annual human trafficking initiative ISP's Commercial Vehicle Enforcement units will raise awareness about human trafficking by distributing outreach materials to commercial motor vehicle drivers while conducting commercial motor vehicle inspections. CVSA's Human Trafficking Awareness Initiative will be conducted across the United States

Jan. 13 to 17, Canada Feb. 17 to 21, and Mexico March 17 to 21.

According to the United Nations, human trafficking is the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring, or receipt of people through force, fraud, or deception with the aim of exploiting them for profit. Men, women, and children of all ages and from all backgrounds can become victims of this crime, which occurs in every region of the world, including North America. Human traffickers often use violence, fraudulent employment agencies, and fake promises of education and job opportunities to trick and coerce their victims.

The Human Trafficking Awareness Initiative is part of CVSA's Human Trafficking Prevention Program. The program seeks to reduce human trafficking throughout North America through coordinated enforcement and investigative and educational awareness measures within the commercial motor vehicle industry.

CVSA and the Indiana State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division collaborate with TAT (formerly Truckers Against Trafficking; tatnonprofit.org) to engage and equip the commercial vehicle industry in the fight against human trafficking.



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Three Ball State leaders honored with Sagamore of the Wabash Awards

The REPORTER

Three prominent leaders from Ball State University – Rick Hall, chair of the Board of Trustees; Mike McDaniel, board secretary; and President Geoffrey S. Mearns – this week were awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash, one of Indiana’s highest civilian honors, by Gov. Eric J. Holcomb.

The Sagamore of the Wabash, created during the term of Gov. Ralph Gates (1945-49), recognizes individuals for their distinguished service to the state or significant contributions to its heritage. Recipients have included astronauts, educators, artists, and public servants who exemplify Hoosier values.

Rick Hall

Rick Hall, Carmel, was appointed to the Ball State Board of Trustees by then-Gov. Mitch Daniels in 2007. He currently serves as chair of the board and chair of the Finance, Facilities, and Planning Committee. Over his tenure, Trustee Hall has held several leadership positions, including vice chair (2020-23), chair (2014-20), and secretary (2011-14). He is also a member of the Ball State University Foundation Board of Directors.

A partner and chair of the Governmental Services and Finance Department at Barnes & Thornburg LLP, one of the largest law firms in the country, Trustee Hall has built a distinguished career advising municipalities, businesses, and nonprofits on economic development, infrastructure financing, and public policy initiatives. Notably, he served as counsel for Indiana’s largest economic development deal, securing more than \$100 million in incentives for Infosys. His efforts have also supported the development

of renewable energy projects, including numerous wind farms across the state.

A proud Ball State graduate, Trustee Hall earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting and political science, graduating summa cum laude in 1989. During his time at Ball State, he lettered in basketball for four years, served as team captain of the nationally-ranked Cardinals his senior year, and was a two-time Academic All-Mid-American Conference (MAC) honoree. Trustee Hall was also the only male student-athlete in the nation to receive the prestigious NCAA Walter Byers Postgraduate Scholarship in 1989, which recognizes academic excellence, athletic achievement, and commitment to public service.

Mike McDaniel

Mike McDaniel, Indianapolis, was appointed to the Ball State Board of Trustees in 2016 by then-Gov. Mike Pence and serves as the board’s secretary. A two-time Ball State graduate, Trustee McDaniel earned a bachelor’s degree in political science and geography in 1973 and a master’s degree in public administration in 1979.

Trustee McDaniel’s deep connection to Ball State includes serving as the director of governmental affairs for the University and director of what is now



Hall



McDaniel



Mearns

the Bowen Center for Public Affairs. During his tenure, he worked to expand the University’s impact on public service and civic engagement. He has also been an active supporter of Ball State Athletics through his involvement with the Cardinal Varsity Club.

In addition to his work at Ball State, Trustee McDaniel is the executive director of governmental affairs at Krieg DeVault LLP in Indianapolis, where he advises clients on governmental issues. His extensive career includes serving as Indiana Republican State Chairman from 1995-2002, being elected for a record three terms, and holding leadership roles such as chairman of the National Republican State Chairmen’s Advisory Committee.

This recognition marks Trustee McDaniel’s fifth Sagamore of the Wabash honor, having previously received the award from Governors Otis R. Bowen (1978), Robert D. Orr (1981), Evan Bayh (1997), and Mike Pence (2016).

Geoffrey S. Mearns

Since becoming Ball State’s 17th president in 2017, President Mearns has overseen transformative initiatives. Under his leadership, the University launched its strategic plan, Destination 2040: Our Flight Path, emphasizing undergraduate excellence, community engagement, and institutional inclusiveness.

President Mearns has also spearheaded the University’s historic partnership with Muncie Community Schools (MCS), which has strengthened the district’s academic and financial standing. Additionally, he has led the revitalization of The Village commercial district near campus, supported by a \$35 million Lilly Endowment grant, which will bring a performing arts center, hotel, restaurants, and other developments to the area.

In addition to his role at Ball State, President Mearns serves on the Board of Directors for the Central Indiana Corporate Partnership and the IU Health East Central Region board. He also co-chairs the Central City Leadership Team for Next Muncie.

A former federal prosecutor and law school dean, President Mearns earned his undergraduate degree at Yale University, where he was captain of the cross country team, and his law degree at the University of Virginia.

TODAY’S BIBLE READING

INCENSE

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Take fragrant spices—gum resin, onycha and galbanum—and pure frankincense, all in equal amounts, and make a fragrant blend of incense, the work of a perfumer. It is to be salted and pure and sacred. Grind some of it to powder and place it in front of the ark of the covenant law in the tent of meeting, where I will meet with you. It shall be most holy to you. Do not make any incense with this formula for yourselves; consider it holy to the Lord. Whoever makes incense like it to enjoy its fragrance must be cut off from their people.”

Exodus 30:34-38 (NIV)

State Comptroller Elise Nieshalla issues statement on IU’s Kinsey Institute

The REPORTER

This coming Wednesday, Jan. 15, Indiana State Comptroller Elise Nieshalla will participate in a press conference to share her work to provide transparency on Indiana University’s efforts to comply with a 2023 law prohibiting state funding of the Kinsey Institute.



Nieshalla

Comptroller Nieshalla stands for transparency in how taxpayer dollars are spent and is not advocating for defunding the University.

“As State Comptroller, I am an avid defender and supporter of transparency,

fiscal responsibility and rule of law,” she said. “As the elected officeholder that distributes tax dollars to units of government, including universities, the law that prohibits state funding of the Kinsey Institute was brought to the attention of my office. I hope the responses from the University to my inquiries regarding compliance help in holding the University accountable. After looking further into the Kinsey Institute myself, I understand why the legislature passed, and the Governor signed, this bill into law.”

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Girls Wrestling

County sending five wrestlers to first-ever IHSAA state competition

Moe, Pugh & Bailey from Heights; Sharp & Ramirez-Zarate from Carmel

By **RICHIE HALL**

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Five Hamilton County girls wrestlers are headed to the first-ever IHSAA state finals.

Three Hamilton Heights wrestlers qualified out of the Rochester regional on Friday, with two wrestlers from Carmel qualifying from the Alexandria regional. The state finals take place next Friday at the Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum.

One of the Huskies' state qualifiers is a defending state champion. Junior Kendall Moe won the 100-pound title at last year's Indiana High School Girls Wrestling state finals. Moe is now wrestling at 105 pounds, and she is a strong favorite in that weight class.

At Rochester, Moe sailed through the draw, winning all four of her matches by fall. Moe pinned her first three opponents all in the first round, then took on Senniah Henderson of Lafayette Jefferson in the championship match. Henderson stretched Moe to a second period, but Moe eventually got the pin at the 3 minute, 27 second mark. Moe is unbeaten for the season at 19-0.

Heights senior Zoe Pugh is also on to the state finals, finishing as runner-up at 120 pounds. Pugh won her first three matches by fall, including a 17-second pin in the semifinals. In the championship match, Pugh lost to McCutcheon's Aaliyah McLean by a close 5-3 decision.

Junior Isabella Bailey became the third state qualifier for the Huskies, finishing fourth at 145 pounds. Bailey won her first match by fall, then picked up another pin in the quarterfinals, or ticket round, after getting a last-second pin in the second period over Fort Wayne South Side's Jessenia Garcia. Bailey was pinned in her semifinal and third-place matches, but she is still heading to state.

Heights had seven wrestlers competing in the regional. Senior 115-pounder Audrey Baber won her first match with a 57-second pin, but lost by fall to Marissa Nicolas in the quarters. Freshman Madeline McKinney was pinned in the first round in a 100-pound match, as were sophomore Amaelia Cordero Ballinger at 170 pounds and freshman Natalie Head at 190 pounds.

The Huskies placed fifth in the team standings, scoring 73 points.

Sheridan had three wres-

tlers competing at the Rochester regional. Junior Devyn Pewarski won a first-round match at 130 pounds by a 24-16 major decision before losing to Attica's Joslyn Barnett by a 9-3 decision in the quarters.

Junior Adrianna Hamersley got a fast pin in a 135-pound opener, but dropped a close 5-2 decision in the quarterfinals to Clinton Prairie's Shelby Luper. Junior Eva Todd lost by fall in the first round at 145 pounds.

"Our girls went out and wrestled their tails off," said Sheridan head coach Jason Hamersley. "We were in close matches with wrestlers ranked in the top 10 in the state and gave ourselves a shot to compete at state next weekend. We're very excited to return eight girls next season and pick up right where we left off."

Two Greyhounds at state

Carmel sophomore 115-pounder Grace Sharp was the first state qualifier of the day for the Greyhounds, and she won a wild ticket-round match to get there.

Sharp won her opening match with a second-period pin, then faced East Central's Tegan Caddell in the quarters. Sharp led 11-1 in the second period before Caddell got a reverse and near-fall points to cut the lead to 11-7.

Sharp finished the period with her own reverse, then opened the third period with a take down for a 16-7 lead. Caddell again got a reverse and near-fall, but Sharp escaped, and clinched the match with a final takedown.

"It was kind of like a personal win from last year, where I lost in the deciding match at semi-state last year in overtime," said Sharp. "So, it's kind of like a personal win for me to be able to qualify this year after what happened last year."

Sharp dropped her semifinal match after being pinned in the second period, but she came back to win the third-place bout, pinning Muncie Central's Courtney Thrash in the second period.

Carmel junior Daniela Ramirez-Zarate earned a ticket to state at 155 pounds. Ramirez-Zarate got a fast pin in the first round, then pinned Monroe Central's Chelsea Erwin in the quarterfinals to qualify for state. Ramirez-Zarate fell in the semifinals by a quick pin, then dropped a 7-0 decision in the third-place match.



Reporter photos by Richie Hall
(TOP) Two Carmel wrestlers qualified for the first-ever IHSAA state meet after finishing in the top four of the Alexandria regional on Friday. Grace Sharp (left) qualified at 115 pounds, while Daniela Ramirez-Zarate (right) qualified at 155 pounds. Also pictured is Greyhounds coach Josh Baxter. (ABOVE LEFT) Noblesville's Evangeline Howard talks with coach Michael Weimer during her 135-pound match at the Alexandria regional. (ABOVE RIGHT) Hamilton Southeastern's Kiarra Churchill (right) talks with Royals manager Miah Torres during the regional competition. Pictured at left is HSE's Daphne Gillam.

"I came back from injuries, and I haven't been able to complete a wrestling season yet," said Ramirez-Zarate. "So, this is my first, being able to complete, and it makes me really happy because it shows that all my hard work paid off."

The 'Hounds had six wrestlers at the regional. Junior Giabella Romano won a first-round major decision at 130 pounds before falling to eventual champion, Beech Grove's Jaydyn Madry by fall in the quarters. Freshman Tess Self (at 105),

sophomore Masha Newsome (at 125) and junior Josie Bellotti (at 170) all lost by pin in the first round.

Hamilton Southeastern had eight wrestlers at regional. Senior 120-pounder Kiarra Churchill beat Newsome by pin in the first round, then was pinned by Roncalli's Olivia Lemus in the quarters. Junior 235-pounder Fanta Sall won her first match with a 28-second fall but was pinned in the quarters by Franklin Central's Jayleigh Hollier. Junior Kelli Crawford, at 190 pounds, got a quick pin in her first-round match but lost by fall to FC's Sophia Jones in the quarters.

Sophomore Lillianna

Rodriguez at 105, senior Ella Shults at 110, junior Lindsey Lannan at 115, sophomore Daphne Gilliam at 135 and sophomore Samantha Broyles at 145 all dropped first-round matches.

Fishers senior Jolisa Janik won her opening match at 235 pounds by fall, before losing a quarterfinal bout to Greenfield-Central's Keely Allen by technical fall. Janik was a first-year wrestler; read more about her season in an upcoming edition of the Reporter.

Noblesville senior Evangeline Howard was pinned in the first round by Franklin Central's Madeline Thompson; the Flashes went on to win the team championship.

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Boys Basketball

Hawks take down Tri-Central, keeping perfect HHC record

The REPORTER

The Sheridan boys basketball team kept its Hoosier Heartland Conference record perfect on Friday night, beating Tri-Central 66-50 at Larry Hobbs Gymnasium, part of a conference girls-boys doubleheader.

The Blackhawks outscored the Trojans in each quarter, starting with a 12-11 lead after the first period. Caleb Wright and Trey Page both had five points in the first. Sheridan led 31-23 at halftime, with Page pouring in 14 points during the second quarter.

Damon Winston took over in the third period, scoring eight points and helping the 'Hawks to a 44-31 advantage. Sheridan finished things off with a 22-point fourth period; Page totaled 10 points in that quarter and Winston added another six.

Page finished the game with 29 points, nailing five 3-pointers. Winston totaled 16 points, led the rebounds with eight and also made six steals. Wright scored 13 points and dished out nine assists. Winston and Devon Hamilton both had two blocked shots.

The Blackhawks are 4-0 in conference play and 9-2 overall. Sheridan goes on the road to Rossville tonight for another HHC contest.



Photo by Allison Waitt

Sheridan's Damon Winston scored 16 points and collected eight rebounds during the Blackhawks' Hoosier Heartland Conference win over Tri-Central on Friday.

SHERIDAN 66, TRI-CENTRAL 50

Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Trey Page	10-18	4-5	29	2
Caleb Wright	5-14	0-0	13	4
Damon Winston	7-13	2-5	16	1
Devon Hamilton	0-3	1-2	1	0
Carson Wright	1-2	0-0	2	4
Dayne Voegel	0-0	2-2	2	2
Chance Spencer	1-1	0-0	2	2
Jax Peerman	0-0	1-2	1	1
Totals	24-51	10-16	66	16

Score by Quarters

Tri-Central	11	12	8	19	50
Sheridan	12	19	13	22	66
Sheridan 3-point shooting (8-21) Page 5-11, Cal. Wright 3-7, Winston 0-3.					
Sheridan rebounds (22) Winston 8, Page 4, Hamilton 3, Voegel 2, Cal. Wright 2, Car. Wright 2, Peerman 1.					

Girls Basketball

Sheridan easily beats Tri-Central, maintains perfect conference record

The REPORTER

Sheridan's girls cruised to another Hoosier Heartland Conference victory on Friday, beating Tri-Central 63-33 at Larry Hobbs Gymnasium in the first game of a girls-boys doubleheader.

The Blackhawks led 17-7 after one quarter, then extended their lead to 37-18 by halftime. Sheridan held a 47-31 lead after three periods, then ran away with the fourth quarter by outscoring the Trojans 16-2.

Three 'Hawks players scored in double figures. Kenzie Garner reached double-double status with 19 points and 11 rebounds; she also made six steals and dished out four assists. Cecilia Timme scored 18 points and had six steals. Nova Cross threw in three 3-pointers on her way to 15 points. Sadie Timme collected five rebounds and Shelby Eaton made four steals.

Sheridan is unbeaten in the conference at 4-0 and 13-1 overall. The Blackhawks play another home game Tuesday, taking on Lapel.



Photo by Allison Waitt

Sheridan's girls stayed perfect in Hoosier Heartland Conference play with a 63-33 win over Tri-Central on Friday. Pictured is Mac Smith, who scored three points for the Blackhawks.

SHERIDAN 63, TRI-CENTRAL 33

Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Nova Cross	6-10	0-0	15	2
Sadie Timme	1-5	1-2	4	3
Kenzie Garner	7-20	5-5	19	0
Brielle Garner	0-4	0-0	0	2
Cecilia Timme	9-16	0-0	18	2
Mac Smith	1-1	1-2	3	0
Shelby Eaton	1-8	2-2	4	4
Carla Gonzalez Calvo	0-1	0-0	0	0
Kelsey Sedwick	0-0	0-0	0	0
Mak Southerland	0-0	0-0	0	0
Alivia Gould	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	25-65	9-11	63	13

Score by Quarters

Tri-Central	7	11	13	2	33
Sheridan	17	20	10	16	63
Sheridan 3-point shooting (3-14) Cross 3-5, K. Garner 0-4, B. Garner 0-3, Gonzalez Calvo 0-1, S. Timme 0-1.					
Sheridan rebounds (27) K. Garner 11, S. Timme 5, Cross 4, C. Timme 4, Smith 2, Southerland 1.					

Golden Eagles get big Senior Night win

The REPORTER

Guerin Catholic's boys basketball team put together a dominant Senior Night performance on Friday, beating Bishop Chatard 71-34 in a girls-boys doubleheader at the Eagles Nest.

It was also the first Circle City Conference game of the season for the Golden Eagles. Guerin Catholic got that opening league win easily, outscoring the Trojans in each quarter. The Golden Eagles led 15-8 after the opening period and 37-17 at halftime.

Senior Bryson Cardinal led all scorers with 31 points. Cardinal scored at least five points during each period, pouring in 13 points in the second quarter alone. Jake Grissom added 10 points, while senior Jack Toles scored seven. Ten of the 13 GC players that took to the floor scored at least two points.

Guerin Catholic is 11-2 and travels to Heritage Christian this afternoon to continue CCC play.



Photo by Mike Navarro

Guerin Catholic's Bryson Cardinal scored 31 points for the Golden Eagles during their 71-34 win over Bishop Chatard on Friday.

GUERIN CATHOLIC 71, BISHOP CHATARD 34

Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
RJ Hill	0	0-0	0	0
Malcolm Houze	2	0-0	4	2
Julian Melendez	2	0-0	4	0
Jack Toles	3	1-1	7	2
Jackson Carey	1	0-0	2	0
Bryson Cardinal	12	6-7	31	2
Jake Grissom	5	0-1	10	2
Hayden Rodgers	1	1-2	3	1
Ryne Paris	3	0-0	6	1
Carter Murans	1	0-0	2	3
Andrew Riethman	0	0-0	0	0
Jack Linden	1	0-0	2	0
Will Bach	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	31	8-11	71	13

Score by Quarters

Bishop Chatard	8	9	11	9	34
Guerin Catholic	15	22	19	13	71
Guerin Catholic 3-pointer: Cardinal.					

GC falls to Bishop Chatard

The REPORTER

Guerin Catholic's girls dropped a 62-36 Circle City Conference game to Bishop Chatard Friday in the first game of a girls-boys doubleheader at the Eagles Nest.

The Trojans outscored the Golden Eagles in each quarter, leading 19-11 after one and 33-19 at halftime.

Annie Murphy made three 3-pointers for Guerin Catholic, totaling nine points. Ava Bills and Lillian Behrle each scored seven points, with Dana Dues hitting two 3s.

The Golden Eagles are 1-1 in conference play and 9-7 overall. Guerin Catholic plays another CCC game Tuesday at Roncalli.

BISHOP CHATARD 62, GUERIN CATHOLIC 36

Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Annie Murphy	3	0-1	9	1
Reagan Haines	1	0-0	2	4
Ava Bills	2	2-2	7	3
Lillian Behrle	3	0-2	7	4
Caroline Ford	0	1-2	1	0
Dana Dues	2	0-0	6	0
Brinna Wolf	0	0-0	0	1
Madi Cain	0	0-0	0	0
Addy Horvath	1	0-0	2	2
Rachel Behrle	0	2-2	2	0
Lainey Rott	0	0-0	0	0
Emerson Worman	0	0-0	0	0
Chika Ohale	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	12	5-9	36	15

Score by Quarters

Bishop Chatard	19	14	16	13	62
Guerin Catholic	11	8	12	5	36

Guerin Catholic 3-pointers (7) Murphy 3, Dues 2, Bills, L. Behrle.

Women's Football

Indiana Valor to hold first official practice with newly signed players

The REPORTER

The Indiana Valor will hold its first official practice this Sunday, Jan. 12, featuring the team's newly signed players. This follows a successful signing day last weekend, where the Valor secured top talent for the upcoming season.

The practice will take place at Mojo Up Sports Complex, 16289 Borden Road, Noblesville, starting at 5 p.m. and concluding around 8 p.m. The event

will be the first look at the Valor's official roster in action.

"What started as nearly 200 applicants from South Bend to Evansville and even into the Cincinnati area has now been whittled down to 40 of the most gifted and dedicated female athletes in the state to make the final roster," Owner/Founder Kristian Aleixo said. "As an owner, it's pret-



ty hard not to get excited about that!"

About the Indiana Valor
Founded in 2024, the Indiana Valor is the state's newest women's professional football team, dedicated to showcasing athletic talent and promoting equity in sports. For more information, visit wfaIndiana.com or follow on Instagram [@indianavalorfootball](https://www.instagram.com/indianavalorfootball).

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Jan. 11

BOYS BASKETBALL

Guerin Catholic at Heritage Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Frankfort, 7:30 p.m.
Muncie Central at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.
Sheridan at Rossville, 7:30 p.m.
Westfield at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS WRESTLING

Sheridan at Tipton Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Guerin Catholic Invitational, 9 a.m.
Hamilton Southeastern, Westfield at Paul Loggan Invitational, 9 a.m. at North Central

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Carmel at Heritage Christian, 1:30 p.m.
Lawrence North at Noblesville, 1:30 p.m.
Westfield at Hamilton Heights, 1:30 p.m.
Fort Wayne Carroll at Hamilton Southeastern, 2:30 p.m.
Covenant Christian at University, 7 p.m.

GYMNASTICS

Noblesville at Logansport Pairs, noon

SWIMMING

Fishers at Carmel, 10 a.m.
Elwood, Frankton at Hamilton Heights, 10 a.m.
Westfield at Zionsville (with Harrison), 11 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 13

BOYS BASKETBALL

Covenant Christian at University, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 14

BOYS WRESTLING

Anderson at Guerin Catholic, 6 p.m.
Sheridan at Lebanon, 6 p.m.
Fishers at Pendleton Heights, 6:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

University at Shortridge, 6 p.m.
Columbus North at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at Roncalli, 7:30 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Western, 7:30 p.m.
Lapel at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Noblesville and University at North Central, 6 p.m.
Western at Hamilton Heights, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 15

BOYS WRESTLING

Hamilton Heights at Elwood, 6 p.m.
Bishop Chatard at Hamilton Southeastern, 6:30 p.m.
Carmel at Westfield, 6:30 p.m.

Please email schedule changes or corrections to sports@readthereporter.com.

Tricker commits to Hope College



Noblesville's Exley Tricker has committed to the Hope College women's swimming team. (Front row, from left) Troy Tricker (father), Exley Tricker, and Alicia Tricker (mother). (Back row, from left) Noblesville Swimming & Diving Assistant Daniel Kanorr, former Noblesville Swimming & Diving Head Coach Aleks Fansler, and Noblesville Swimming & Diving Head Coach Jess Preston.

Men's Basketball

Mad Ants defeat Magic behind Furphy's double-double

The REPORTER

The Indiana Mad Ants continued their homestand with a Friday afternoon matchup against the Osceola Magic. Two days after falling to Osceola, the Mad Ants bounced back with a 119-108 victory. RayJ Dennis led Indiana with 22 points while Johnny Furphy notched career highs with 17 points and 15 rebounds.

Jahlil Okafor scored the first points of the afternoon. The veteran center did some work in the paint before sinking the close-range hook shot. Johnny Furphy scored for the Mad Ants two possessions later with a running layup. RayJ Dennis made his first field goal with a right-hand floater. Dennis knocked down a three-pointer as Indiana started the game on a 9-0 run.

Halfway through the first quarter, Okafor cleaned

up a miss from Dennis. The 29-year-old scored his second field goal of the day with a close-range hook shot. On the next possession, Okafor kicked out to the corner and Dennis connected on a three-point field goal. Quenton Jackson found his stroke from long range on the following possession. With four minutes to go, Indiana had a 23-19 lead.

In the final minutes of the quarter, Dennis finished at the rim with a layup to give him 10 points. The two-way guard missed Wednesday's contest with an ankle injury. On the next possession, Enrique Freeman cleaned up a missed shot from Jackson and regained the lead for Indiana. Osceola stormed back to take a 34-29 lead after one quarter of play. Dennis led the Mad Ants with 10 points.

Obadiah Noel scored the first points of the second quarter for Indiana. With

time winding down on the shot clock, Noel was able to lay it in to beat the buzzer. Noel scored the next possession with Dennis recording the assist. Kyle Mangas scored on the following trip down the floor after knocking down a three-pointer. Indiana tied the game at 36 after two minutes of play.

After regaining the lead, Dennis extended the lead with a three-pointer from the top of the key. With five minutes to go in the first half, Indiana had a 51-47 lead over Osceola. Two minutes later, Dakota Mathias converted his second four-point play of the season.

With two minutes to go in the half, Mathias scored with a mid-range jumper to extend the Mad Ants lead to 64-51. Osceola went a run to end the quarter, but Indiana had a 64-61 lead at halftime. Dennis had a game-high 17 points at halftime.

Furphy scored the first points of the second half for the Mad Ants. The Aussie got the steal and finished at the rim with a contested layup. Furphy's basket gave him a new career-high with 13 points. The first-year pro was sent on assignment to the Mad Ants by the Indiana Pacers earlier this week.

With six minutes to go in the third, the game was tied at 73. Jackson broke the tie with a fadeaway jumper. On the next possession, Mangas made a mid-ranger jumper to keep the Mad Ants in front.

Quenton Jackson, after an altercation with Mac McClung, was ejected from the game after the officials upgraded it from a personal foul to a flagrant 2 foul.

Down the stretch in the third quarter, a three-pointer from Mangas regained the lead for the Mad Ants at 85-83. Freeman drained a field goal from downtown with one minute remaining in the quarter. Furphy added to his career-high with a layup on the following possession. A late basket from the Magic forced a 90-90 tie at the end of the third quarter. Dennis had a team-high 22 points after three quarters of play.

Mangas scored the first points for the Mad Ants in the fourth quarter. The Indiana native attacked the paint and drew a foul. He converted the one-for-two free throw attempt. Thirty seconds later, Furphy delivered a nice pass to Freeman who made the contested layup.

With six minutes left in regulation, the Mad Ants had a 100-96 lead. Mathias extended the lead with a three-pointer on the next possession. Freeman scored with a reverse layup on Indiana's next trip down the floor. Mangas recorded the assist.

The Mad Ants extended their lead to 115-104 with two minutes remaining in regulation. Mangas added to the point total with a reverse layup. Almost a minute later, Freeman added two more points with a close-range hook shot. Indiana pulled away at the end and secured a 119-108 victory.

The Indiana Mad Ants will remain at home for their next three games. They will host the Long Island Nets at 6 p.m. on Sunday. Then, the South Bay Lakers and Wisconsin Herd come to town on Tuesday, Jan. 14 and Jan. 17.

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