

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15, 2025

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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Sunny.
 Tonight: Partly cloudy.

HIGH: 17 LOW: 11



Heights SROs Ireland, Neal & Tindall named Husky Heroes

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights School Resource Officers (SRO) Josh Ireland, Kevin Neal, and Jon Tindall have been named as the Husky Heroes for the months of November and December 2024.

For nearly two decades, Hamilton Heights has had on-site SROs, and for most of those years, each building has had a dedicated SRO.

Since then, these dedicated professionals have become woven into the fabric of the school culture at Heights. They have made countless connections with students, staff, and families that have a positive impact on student success. Officers Ireland, Neal, and Tindall work diligently to serve and protect while being positive role models in the process. Their presence not only ensures safety but also instills a sense of security and trust among students, parents, and educators.

Among the comments shared about Hamilton Heights SROs included the following:

"Appreciation for leading the safety and well-being of staff and students, helping with the flow of school bus traffic in the mornings, their presence at extra-curricular activities and events, involvement in specialty programs, as mentors and role models, and most of all, they serve, educate, protect, and help make our campus a safer place to learn and grow."

"This award means a lot to me," said Officer Josh Ireland, who grew up in this community and attended Hamilton Heights. "I love my role at the schools, connecting with the students and staff, being a positive role model and link between school and law enforcement. "Being able to build a relationship and trust with the students and staff is a priority and keeps me motivated. I hope that each student or staff member knows that they can come to me with anything, and I will do my best to help them."

"It is an honor to be recognized as a Husky Hero, consider-



Photo provided
 (From left) Kevin Neal, Jon Tindal, and Josh Ireland, School Resource Officers for Hamilton Heights School Corporation, were recognized as the Husky Heroes for the months of November and December.

ing I work alongside teachers and staff who are truly the heroes at this school," said Officer Kevin Neal. "I am motivated by the positive impact of my interactions with the student body. When I

experience one of those more difficult days at work, this will be a reminder of why we (staff, teachers, SROs) do what we do."

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I saw a quote when scrolling the other day that was meant for mothers of daughters. It said many times our daughters grow up hearing how much they look like their mothers, and it said be very careful how you talk about yourself because that same daughter who is constantly told she looks like you is listening to how you speak about yourself.

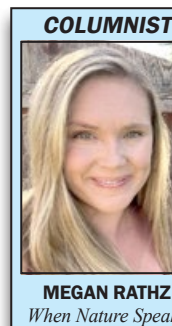
This is the time of year when we are all thinking ahead to what the new year will bring and the goals that we have for ourselves. It's easy after the holiday slump to feel like our jeans are a bit tighter than they were before being home with too many Christmas cookies. I know for myself, I've had to make a deliberate effort to not speak poorly about my physical appearance in front of my daughter. I used to be one of those people that if complimented, I would brush it off and say something that I still needed to work on about myself. What I realize is that my daughter does look like me. Even though I don't look in the mirror and think, "Wow, I'm absolutely beautiful," I look at my daughter and think she's stunning.

When I look in the mirror, I go to my flaws. Most women do. I look if my skin is uneven, notice any weight I've gained, fixate on the things that I need to change about myself physically. My daughter sees it is her mom, and she thinks I'm beautiful. She thinks I'm as beautiful as I think she is.

I make a point to try and not ever talk about losing weight in front of her, but place the emphasis on being healthy, so I have energy and feel good.

My hope for her one day is that she doesn't let society take hold of her and dictate her worth by the size of her jeans or if a boy complimented her physical appearance. I hope that she sees a mom who tries to be healthy and when complimented, says,

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MEGAN RATHZ
 When Nature Speaks

Westfield unveils future hopes for 10,000-seat stadium at Grand Park

By GREGG MONTGOMERY
 WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Westfield city government on Monday revealed a plan for future development of the Grand Park Sports Campus that included a 10,000-seat stadium, a parking garage, more housing, and a hotel.

The announcement came just over a month after Westfield City Council gave a private company control over the management of the 400-acre campus as a way to boost profits.

A news release issued Monday night read, "Phase 1 will focus on the immediate construction of the parking garage, full-service hotel, and mixed-use development with apartments, retail, restaurants, and entertainment as well as an expansion of Indy Eleven's soccer operations headquarters that have been located at Grand Park for the last decade. Over the next six months, Keystone Group will continue working alongside city officials to refine the district's design, budgets, and schedules, focusing on creating a walkable, active, connected urban environment."



A view of Westfield's Grand Park Sports Campus.

WISH-TV photo

A key addition would be the 10,000-seat Championship Stadium on the northwest corner of 186th Street and Grand Park Boulevard.

Westfield's plans for an arena come after Fishers city government opened the 7,500-seat Fishers Event Center in November. A year earlier, Noblesville began construction of the 3,400-seat Noblesville Event Center, which remains under construction.

Westfield's plans unveiled Monday also called for a four-sheet ice facility or a sports-related headquarters, designed with maximum flexibility to cater to future needs, at the south end of Grand Park.

In addition, the city government wants to create a linear park called Champions Way as recognition to local athletes and community residents. The release said the park would "will feature a

variety of 'zones' that foster social connection, including a mini recreational football field, Olympic-style podiums, play structures, splash pads, hammocks, swings, and more."

Taxes devoted to Hamilton County tourism funded the master plan.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/westfield-grand-park-development-plan.

Braun administration hits ground running

The REPORTER

The inauguration of Governor Mike Braun and Lt. Governor Micah Beckwith was held Monday morning at Hilbert Circle Theatre, 45 Monument Circle, Indianapolis. Gov. Braun, Lt. Gov. Beckwith, and Attorney General Todd Rokita all took their oaths office during the ceremony.

Braun formerly served Indiana as one of its two U.S. Senators, Beckwith is a pastor and small business owner from Noblesville, and Rokita continues serving Hoosiers as the attorney general.

The Braun Administration wasted no time getting down to the business of governing, with the governor issuing 10 executive orders on Day 1, Jan. 13. Most of the orders concern creation of the Governor's Cabinet and new departments for the cabinet secretaries – the pinnacle of Braun's efforts to reorganize



Reporter photo
 Governor Mike Braun speaks to the crowd assembled at Hilbert Circle Theatre in Indianapolis during his inauguration ceremony held Monday morning.

and hopefully streamline the executive branch of the state government.

A list of those executive orders with hyperlinks appears below.

- Executive Order 25-01: [Creation Of Governor's Cabinet](#)
- Executive Order 25-02:

[Creation Of The Office Secretary Of Management And Budget](#)

• Executive Order 25-03: [Creation Of The Office Commerce](#)

• Executive Order 25-04: [Creation Of The Office Of Health And Family Services](#)

• Executive Order 25-05:

[Creation Of The Office Of Secretary Of Public Safety](#)

• Executive Order 25-06: [Creation Of The Office Of Energy And Natural Resources](#)

• Executive Order 25-07: [Creation Of The Office Of Education](#)

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Dillinger elected president of Hamilton County Commissioners

The REPORTER

Steve Dillinger has been elected president of the Hamilton County Commissioners. He replaces Mark Heibrandt in the role. Christine Altman will serve as Vice President. Election of officers is an annual practice at the first meeting of each year.

Dillinger was first elected to the Hamilton County Commissioners back in 1989, making him the longest active re-elected Commissioner in the State of Indiana. He represents District 2 which includes Fishers, Noblesville, and both Delaware and Noblesville townships.

Prior to becoming a County Commissioner, Dillinger served on the Noblesville City Council and Hamilton County Council. As a County Commissioner, he has been instrumental in establishing county-wide zoning, increasing county parks by more than 1,000 acres, and turning 146th and 236th streets into major thoroughfares.

Dillinger has also overseen construction of the Judicial & Government Center, the Highway Department, the County Jail, and the County Health Department. He also serves as Vice President of the Indianapolis Airport Authority.

Dillinger and his wife Renee have five children, nine grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.



Dillinger



Altman



Heibrandt

Noblesville on national music stage



Photos provided by Noblesville Schools

Noblesville High School (NHS) jazz and orchestra students have both been invited to perform on the national stage at upcoming events. The top NHS jazz band will open for the legendary Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra for their performance at the Palladium on Sunday, Jan. 26. [Click here](#) for more information about how you can see the show. NHS was also the only orchestra in the state to land a spot in the prestigious 2025 Music for All National Festival. They will perform March 15 at the Palladium in Carmel. [Click here](#) for more information on this event.

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“Thank you!” I hope she doesn’t need the compliment because she will already know and believe she’s beautiful and not rely on the words of others to provide her confidence. I hope she eats well and works out because it gives her energy to be a good mom and wife one day. I hope she doesn’t place her value on what the scale says or the size of jeans she’s wearing.

I hope that I also remem-

ber that no matter how I feel about myself she is always listening. She’s hearing the way I speak about myself, and one day, her own daughter will do the same. I want to speak in a way about myself that I would want her to speak of herself one day in front of her own little girl.

Megan Rathz is a wife, mother, and teacher. She says everything she has ever learned in life came from her Master Gardener mother.

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Officer Tindal agrees.

“To know that members of our great school and community see our efforts and role in keeping HHSC a safe and welcoming place to learn and grow means a lot. Every day brings new challenges, needs, and the opportunity to make a positive difference for someone in some way. I believe this award will impact me moving forward as a reminder that our position as an SRO is important to our community and will help me to continue however I can to make a difference.”

Officer Ireland added, “This award helps confirm that what I have been doing for 13 years is making a difference and I will strive to get better each day. I learn new things from the students every day that I use in the future, the SRO job is always fun

and rewarding. I feel very lucky to be in my position to serve.”

Sponsors for these Husky Heroes include Craig Bowen, FC Tucker, 2nd Shift Garage Doors, and Dustin Dixon. A donation in honor of HHSC School Resource Officers has been made to: HHHS Unified Track (Officer Ireland), Young Life (Officer Neal), and HHHS Unified Football (Officer Tindal).

Do you know Husky Hero? Nomination forms and information about this special recognition program for Hamilton Heights employees are available at bit.ly/hhshuskyhero. The Husky Hero Recognition program is made possible through the Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation in partnership with Craig and Amber Bowen (FC Tucker). #hhedfoundation



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

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



US Flag Requests

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



Military Academy Nominations

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



US Capitol and White House Tour Requests

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

West District Office: (317) 848-0201

East District Office: (765) 639-0671

www.spartz.house.gov

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BRAUN

- Executive Order 25-08: **Creation Of The Office Of Transportaion And Infrastructure**
- Executive Order 25-09: **Creation Of The Office Of Business Affairs**
- Executive Order 25-10: **Continuing The Indiana Executive Council On Cybersecurity**

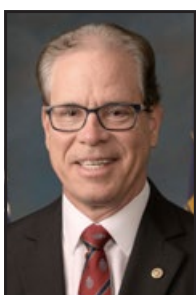
Stay up-to-date with the Office of the Governor at IN.gov/gov and at x.com/GovBraun. Gov. Braun will give his first State of the State Address on Wednesday, Jan. 29.

Gov. Braun's speech he made during the inauguration appears below in its entirety.

The Crossroads of Freedom and Opportunity

Madam Chief Justice, Governor Holcomb, Lt. Governor Beckwith, Governor Bayh, General Rokita, President Pro Tem Bray, Speaker Huston, Maureen, family, friends, fellow Hoosiers:

It is with immense gratitude that I stand before you to accept the honor of serving as Indiana's 52nd governor.



Braun

On such a momentous occasion, I must acknowledge both our state's storied history and its bright future.

For 208 years and counting, Indiana has been a home for hard-working Hoosiers, small business owners, aspiring titans of industry, teachers, nonprofit leaders, and many others. From the earliest days of our statehood, our settlers and immigrants were risk-takers and trailblazers who built the state we recognize today. Yes! They embarked westward seeking a new start, fertile land, freedom, and opportunity.

Through honest hard work, they built homes, fed their families, and cultivated the strong communities we take pride in every day.

When I walk through the woods near my home in Jasper – I do it often – I think of these early pioneers who built our great state out of the wilderness. These hard-working Hoosiers gazed upon the same forests when they established Vincennes as our territorial capital in 1800, and Corydon as our first state capital.

Our early settlers faced a crossroads: retreat in fear of the challenges this new land would bring, or view the vast contours of our state as an opportunity worth embracing? History reveals they listened to the voice of inner resolve that said a path not yet taken is a path to be pursued.

These aims of our founders were not all that different from ours today.

Our great nation will soon observe 250 years of prosperity, and Indiana will have been an integral piece for most of those years. From our Hoosier veterans who fought for the Union in the Civil War or stormed the beaches of Normandy in World War II, to the everyday heroes who currently stand at the ready, Hoosiers have always been willing to step up to protect our families, friends, and neighbors. That's what we're about. We do not take that commitment for granted.

Undeterred by challenging periods throughout our history, Hoosiers have emerged stronger after every trial. We have grown from the dirt roads of Vincennes into the Crossroads of America. From the farms to factories, our entrepreneurs have created thriving small businesses and some of the most important operations on Earth, supporting critical industries and the daily lives of American citizens. In the face of any

challenge, Hoosiers have stepped up to take our state to unprecedented heights and we're not going to stop doing it.

Today, we face a new crossroads. We find ourselves seeking the same freedom and opportunity for which our ancestors journeyed here. And this time, we don't have to travel far to achieve it.

The next four years will have special meaning for Indiana and this country. While today we are seeing a transition from one administration to another here in Indiana, we are a week away from seeing a similar transition in Washington, D.C.

However, the opportunity ahead is far more significant and I am optimistic that the next four years see not only a change in leadership at the state and federal levels, but also a transfer of assumed power from the federal government back to the states.

For too long, Washington has focused on Washington, and not on the American people. That is why the states must assume a leadership role.

In Indiana, we have a strong foundation, built on the shoulders of the fearless, hard-working Hoosiers, small business owners, talented entrepreneurs, and persevering leaders who laid the foundation upon which we will build.

That same entrepreneurial drive must live within each of us to face today's challenges.

Let us listen to this higher calling of our Hoosier spirit. Let us draw upon the cooperation and determination our younger years required, not tied down by government burden, choked by economic strain, or hindered by fear of the future. We don't want to do that.

At this crossroads, we face clear choices:

We can be the risk-takers and trailblazers that Hoosiers deserve in leadership, or maintain the status quo.

We can rest on our laurels as a great state to have a business, or chart a new path like our pioneering predecessors to make Indiana the standard-bearer for small business growth. I intend to do that.

We can accept high healthcare costs as inevitable, or take on the opaque system to lower costs and increase transparency for all Hoosier families, like I did in my own business 16 years ago.

We can settle for complacency in our education system, or empower parents and prepare our students for the jobs that will power the future.

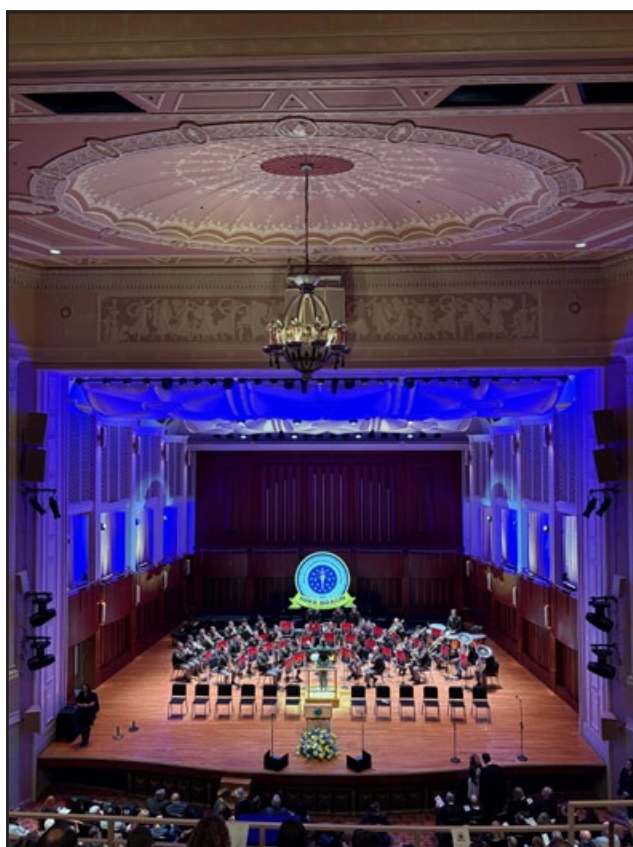
We can accept rising property taxes as an unfortunate fact of life, or explore every avenue to reduce the burden on hard-working Hoosier families and businesses. I guarantee you that we're going to give it one good shot at getting that back in place where it needs to be.

We can let government inefficiencies impede our success, or reshape government to sincerely serve the people. How about that?

Now is the time to empower the next generation of hard-working Hoosiers and once again pursue freedom and opportunity without fear.

As the physical "Crossroads of America," Indiana is perfectly situated to lead our nation through the proverbial crossroads we now face. Let us listen to the entrepreneurial spirit that dwells within so many of us, the path of opportunity to be pursued, so others may follow.

I am committed to be a Governor of not just words,



Reporter photos

The ceremony featured several musical performances, including (above left) the playing of "God Bless America" and "Back Home Again in Indiana"; (top right) the singing of the National Anthem by the Wabash College Glee Club; and (above right) the Celebration Singers from Southern Indiana.



Photos provided by Devin Norrick

(ABOVE) Former Indiana Auditor and current Gaylor Electric CFO Tera Klutz served as the Master of Ceremonies. (BELOW, from left) Indiana Supreme Court Justice Loretta Rush gave the oaths of office to Attorney General Todd Rokita, Lt. Gov. Micah Beckwith, and Gov. Mike Braun.



Reporter photos

(ABOVE LEFT) Lt. Gov. Beckwith gave an open house-style gathering in his office following the inauguration ceremony. (ABOVE RIGHT, from left) Lt. Gov. Beckwith, Indiana Secretary of State Diego Morales, and Hungarian Ambassador Szabolcs Takács.



Photos provided by Devin Norrick

(ABOVE LEFT) Lt. Gov. signs his autograph for Noblesville attorney Ray Adler. (ABOVE RIGHT, from left) Noblesville attorney Ray Adler, Lt. Gov. Beckwith, and Anderson attorney Devin Norrick.

but action, as we create a prosperous future for all Hoosiers.

It will take teamwork. It will take partnership. It will take collaboration. This

is why we should all feel a spirit of optimism. Now it's time to get to

work. Thank you, and may God bless our great state.

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

Non-Profit Veteran Orgs

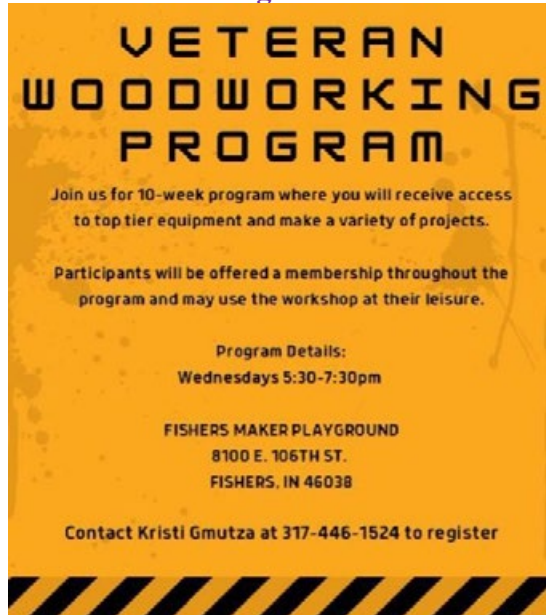
Hamilton County Veterans Corp
P.O. Box 503
Noblesville, in 46061
secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com
Meets 7pm the 1st Monday Monthly at the Fishers American Legion. Our website <https://www.hamiltoncountyveterans.com/> has 40 pages of resources for our Military Veteran community

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
CVSO – Tom Logan
Tom.logan@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
Assistant CVSO – Robin Wilson
robin.wilson@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
Assistant CVSO – Caroline Franz
caroline.franz@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
Admin Assistant – Christina Ellis
christina.ellis@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Fishers Woodworking Program Through the VA



VETERAN WOODWORKING PROGRAM

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

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

Program Details:
Wednesdays 5:30-7:30pm

FISHERS MAKER PLAYGROUND
8100 E. 106TH ST.
FISHERS, IN 46038

Contact Kristi Gmutza at 317-446-1524 to register

Hamilton County Military Veteran

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NO PRIOR GOLF EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY.

NO VA BIGABILITY RATING REQUIRED.

VETERANS DO NOT NEED TO HAVE COMBAT EXPERIENCE OR DEPLOYMENTS TO PARTICIPATE.

ALL EXPENSES RELATED TO PGA HOPE ARE COVERED.

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 20

HIGHLAND GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB 1050 WEST 52ND STREET, INDIANAPOLIS IN 46228

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QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT INDIANA GOLF DIRECTOR OF PLAYER DEVELOPMENT, ANDREW JENT 317.739.3012 AJENT@INDIANAGOLF.ORG [HTTP://INDIANAGOLF.ORG/](http://INDIANAGOLF.ORG/)

DATES	
February 12	9:00am - 10:30am
February 19	9:00am - 10:30am
February 26	9:00am - 10:30am
March 5	9:00am - 10:30am
March 12	9:00am - 10:30am
March 19	9:00am - 10:30am

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

Hamilton County Veterans Corp Care Package Drive for our Deployed Hoosiers



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

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

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

Care Package Items Needed for Our Deployed Troops

Hygiene and Personal Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deodorant Toothpaste Toothbrush Shampoo/Conditioner Body Wash Wet Wipes Female Hygiene Products Hand Warmers Manicure Set Back Scratchers Socks (no tube socks), foot powder Hand Sanitizer Cleaning Cloths/Spray (for glasses/goggles) 	Snack Items – cont <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gum Candy <p>*All food items must be store-bought.</p>
Snack Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Microwavable popcorn Microwavable noodle cups/mac & cheese Fruit Cups/Anchors/crackers Protein Bars Jerky or Meat Sticks Sunflower Seeds Freeze-Dried Fruit (Single Serve) Hot Sauce Packets Single-Serve Peanut Butter or Nutella Single-Serve Cereals (Boxes or Cups, no bags as they will crush easily) Pop-Tarts Nuts/Trail Mix (Single Serve Preferred) Powdered Drink Mixes like Crystal Light or Sports Drinks (Single Serve) 	Down-Time Items: <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
Please AVOID the following items as we will not be able to include them: <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 	

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

Roudebush VA Resource Fair Jan 25, 10am-2pm

VETERANS BENEFITS & RESOURCE FAIR

ARE YOU CONNECTED?



- Enroll in VA healthcare
- File disability claims
- Toxic exposure screening
- Specialty care services:
 - Mental Health
 - Woman's Health
 - And more!



JOIN US!
Saturday, January 25, 2025
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Roudebush VA Medical Center
1481 West 10th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202

Representatives will be on-site to answer your questions about VA Eligibility & Enrollment, PACT Act, Federal and State VA Benefits, Filing Claims, and MyHealthVet. Toxic Exposure Screening will also be available.

www.va.gov/indiana-health-care/ [f](#) [x](#) [@](#) [i](#) [@IndyVAMC](#)

Indy Vet to Vet Meetings Every Week Day See Where and When

<https://indyvettovet.org>

★ MEETING RULES

1. THE RULE OF SAFETY

We promise to do no harm to ourselves or others.

2. THE RULE OF ANONYMITY

What is said here stays here. (Unless we hear of someone in danger of violating Rule #1, in which case we owe it to that fellow Veteran to help keep him or her safe.)

3. THE RULE OF HONESTY

Say what you mean. Mean what you say. We are not here to try to impress each other with our military service or combat experiences. We are all in this together.

4. THE RULE OF RESPECT

Please arrive on time. Please do not engage in side-conversations during the group. Please mute cell phones. If we do not see eye to eye, we can agree to disagree

★ PEER FACILITATORS

Our group facilitators are Veterans, just like you. We are not employees of the VA.

To be a peer facilitator, all you need is interest, drive, motivation, a commitment to sobriety, and some experience navigating the mental health system.

If you are interested in becoming a peer facilitator, please talk with the facilitator of any meeting you attend.

GROUP LOCATIONS

MONDAYS 10AM-11AM
VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA
611 NORTH CAPITOL AVE

TUESDAYS 6PM-7PM
NEIGHBORCARE OF CHAPEL HILL
230 WELCOME WAY BLVD

WEDNESDAYS 6PM-7PM
VETERANS VILLA
3731 STATION ST

THURSDAYS 6PM-7PM
Lincoln Apartments
530 North Holmes Ave

FRIDAYS 8AM-9AM
ASSESSMENT & INTERVENTION CENTER
2878 E PLEASANT RUN PKWY NORTH DR

Donations are needed for us to continue to do our work, help veterans, maintain our non-profit, and travel the state for outreach. Indy Vet to Vet presently has five weekly meetings all over the city and holds outreach events monthly. Our volunteer force of dedicated veterans matches our all-volunteer force of dedicated soldiers and sailors, past, present, and future who have kept us free and safe. Donations provide support for Veterans of any age and of any way.

For general questions, contact Aaron Shaw at

317-737-6927

Veteran's Coffee Social the Last Saturday at 8am



Veterans Coffee Social

A gathering to get to know veterans in our community

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Hear the global voices of Heart of Afghanistan (left) and Kalani Pe'a (right) coming up soon at the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.

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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.

Heart of Afghanistan featuring the Fanoos Ensemble

Saturday, Jan. 25 at 8 p.m.

The Tarkington

With music banned in their home country, the Fanoos Ensemble carries the flame of the nation's rich and complex cultural

heritage, from its pre-Islamic Buddhist period to the modern era. Heart of Afghanistan features Afghan singer and TV star Ahmad Fanoos on vocals and harmonium, his sons Elham Fanoos on piano and Mehran Fanoos on violin, and Sohail Karimi on tabla. The program will include Afghan folk music, traditional odes based on Sufi poetry, and the iconic hits of Afghan pop singer Ahmad Zahir. Heart of Afghanistan is a production of American Voices.

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.

Blood donation critical following winter storms & rise in illness

The REPORTER

Versiti Blood Center of Indiana has issued an emergency plea for blood donations. Winter weather and a rise in illness have significantly disrupted donations, resulting in less than a day's supply of critical blood types for patients in local hospitals.

"Blood shortages aren't just statistics – they mean real lives hanging in the balance," said Dan Waxman, MD, vice president of transfusion medicine and senior medical director at Versiti. "When hospitals run out of blood, critical treatments are delayed, surgeries are postponed, and lives are at risk."

Consider the story of Divinity Crittendon, who required an astonishing 276 units of blood during her emergency C-section to bring her son, Tyree, into the world. After an arduous 21 days in the hospital, where she fought for her life on a

ventilator, she finally held her baby for the first time, thanks to the generosity of blood donors.

"I'm not a statistic and I want people to be more aware of these types of situations and let them know that donating really helps," Crittendon said. "This is living proof – two lives, mine and my son's, were saved from the blood that was donated. It all makes a difference."

Proactive blood donation is crucial for ensuring lifesaving resources are available for unforeseen emergencies, trauma victims, cancer patients and those undergoing organ transplants. As in Crittendon's case, blood transfusions are also needed in one out of every 83 baby deliveries in the United States.

Donors can give blood six times a year through a safe, simple process. Although all blood types are needed, O negative, the uni-



versal blood donor type, is in lowest supply.

To schedule an appointment to donate blood, call (317) 916-5150 or visit Versiti.org to find a donor center or community blood drive in your area. Walk-in donors are also welcome.

Local donation centers

- Carmel: 726 Adams St., Suite 150
- Fishers: 11005 Allisonville Road

Donating blood takes about an hour. Anyone aged 16 or older who is in good health and meets eligibility requirements is encouraged to give. Parental consent is required for donors aged 16 to donate blood. Donors should bring a photo ID that includes

their birth date.

About Versiti Blood Center of Indiana

More than 90,000 Indiana residents each year give blood through Versiti Blood Center of Indiana, formerly Indiana Blood Center, a non-profit organization founded in 1952 that operates blood donation centers in Carmel, Fishers, Greenwood, Lafayette, and Terre Haute. The center also operates thousands of mobile and community blood drives each year throughout the state. Versiti provides a continuous and safe supply of blood and biological services to more than 95 Indiana hospitals and their patients and beyond. To learn more, visit Versiti.org.

Red Cross: you can help prevent blood shortages in 2025 by giving blood now

Donors have chance to win trip to Super Bowl LIX during National Blood Donor Month

The REPORTER

The American Red Cross urges donors to make an appointment to give life-saving blood in the new year to help keep the blood supply strong this winter. Type O negative blood donors are especially urged to give now to keep critical blood products on the shelves for patients in need.

The start of the new year is one of the most challenging times to collect blood products as the threat of severe winter weather builds and can often lead to widespread blood drive cancellations. Additionally, an active cold and flu season may prevent people from keeping donation appointments as they rest and recover from illness. During National Blood Donor Month, the

Red Cross celebrates those who generously roll up a sleeve to help save lives and urges those who are feeling well to make and keep donation appointments to help the blood supply stay on track throughout the winter.

Don't sit on the sidelines – kick off 2025 with a blood donation. To book a time to give, visit RedCrossBlood.org, download the [Red Cross Blood Donor App](http://RedCrossBloodDonorApp.org), or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

For the sixth year, the Red Cross and the National Football League (NFL) are partnering in January for National Blood Donor Month to invite football fans and blood donors to join our lifesaving team and score big for patients in need. As a special thank-you to donors for helping address the need



Upcoming donation opportunities
Saturday, Jan. 18, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 23, 1 to 6 p.m.
Both at the Billerica Park Multi-Purpose Community Building, 12690 Promise Road, Fishers

for blood during the critical post-holiday time, those who come to give Jan. 1-26, 2025, will be automatically entered for a chance to win an exciting Super Bowl LIX giveaway. The trip includes access to day-of in-stadium pre-game activities, tickets to the official Super Bowl Experience, round-trip air-

fare, three-night hotel accommodations (Feb. 7-10, 2025), plus a \$1,000 gift card for expenses. For full details, visit RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl.

New at Sheridan Public Library

The REPORTER

Here are some of the new items that can be found at the Sheridan Public Library.

Fiction

- Most Clever Girl – Stephanie Thornton
- Never Say Never – Danielle Steel
- Shattering Dawn – Jayne Anne Krentz
- Tom Clancy's Defense Protocol – Brian Andrews

Non-Fiction

- American Hero – James Patterson
- Citizen – Bill Clinton
- Ghost of Panama – Mark Harmon

Inspirational Fiction

- Affairs of the Heart – Hope Callaghan

Children's

- Big Nate Remain Calm – Lincoln Peirce
- Bigfoots Big Heart – Sarah Marsh
- Blizzard Rescue –

Rekha Rajan

- Chef's Kiss – Jeffrey Burton
- Duck in the Dark – Kirk Reedstrom
- Hap Pea Valentines Day – Keith Baker
- Holiday Party – Andrea Posner-Sanchez
- Hospital Heroes Save the Day – R.W. Alley
- How to Catch a Groundhog – Alice Walstead
- I Definitely Don't Like Winter – Fiona Barker
- My Very First Our World Book
- Ten-Word Tine Tales of Love – Joseph Coelho
- Trouble Brewing – Arie Kaplan
- Worry Monster – Catherine Cook-Cottone

Movies

- Conclave
- Paw Patrol Rescue Wheels (Childrens)
- Saturday Night

Kroger pledge \$1M to support families impacted by southern California wildfires

The REPORTER

Kroger and The Kroger Family of Companies have announced a commitment to raise \$1 million for families impacted by the devastating wildfires in the Los Angeles region.

"We strive to fulfill our purpose, to Feed the Human Spirit, every day, and especially when disaster strikes," Kroger CEO Rodney McMullen said. "Our associates are always among the first to support our communities during natural disasters, and the situation in southern California is no different. I'm so proud of how quickly our teams have worked to reopen stores that were temporarily closed by the wildfires to ensure we're a resource for customers who need fresh food, pantry staples and necessities such as water and ice. Our hearts are with everyone affected by this tragedy – especially our team of associates and their extended families – and we are grateful to the first responders working so hard to protect our communities."

Together, The Kroger Family of Companies is raising \$1 million to support disaster relief and recovery, including \$500,000 in company matching funds for donations from customers to benefit the American Red Cross and Feeding America's affiliated food banks.

Kroger across the country is making it easy for customers to support relief efforts through its "round up" opportunity, boosting purchases to the nearest dollar at checkout to help the Red Cross. Customers are also invited to [donate online](http://donateonline) if that is more convenient.

In addition to monetary contributions, Kroger is delivering food, water and supplies to local fire departments and evacuation centers. The company is committed to supporting law enforcement, emergency responders and our community partners to provide additional aid without disrupting their fire containment efforts.

Kroger is also supporting the California National Guard. The grocer has deployed its mobile canteen in partnership with the United Service Organizations (USO). The canteen will feed and support military first responders in Los Alamitos, Calif. Kroger is also presenting gift cards to the USO to help provide food, water and supplies distributed by the Mobile Canteen.

Every year, The Kroger Co. Foundation directs \$500,000 in funding to the American Red Cross through its Annual Disaster Giving Program to help the organization prepare for and respond to disasters across the U.S.

FROM MONGOLIA TO CARMEL, ONE LIFE LIVED IN ART

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

—Dr. Urchanchimeg (Orna) Tsultem

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Who cares whondunit when they did it this well?

In the 91 years since its original publication, Agatha Christie's novel *Murder on the Orient Express* has enjoyed remarkable success. Aside from being a long-lived best seller, the many adaptations on radio, television (including a 2022 Chinese version), film, and stage have projected the story and detective Hercule Poirot into recognition of a rare sort.

Ken Ludwig's 2017 stage play – presented here as Beef and Boards Dinner Theatre's season opener – is perhaps the most durable interpretation.

Director Marc Robin takes Ludwig's tight and funny script, peoples it with remarkable casting choices, and fills the stage with mystery and delight. Andrew Kindig stars as Inspector Poirot with a spot-on portrayal, filled with character and polish. Surrounded by suspects and clues after the murder of a passenger on the train, Kindig takes Poirot on an enjoyable journey full of twists and spins as he attempts to unravel the crime.

Eddie Curry is a sharp Monsieur Bouc, who manages the train line, and



KEN KLINGENMEIER
A Seat on the Aisle

Curry gets his usual share of the laughs here. Joining him are Madison Pullins as sweet Mary Debenham; Jon McHatton as a harsh Samuel Ratchett; Scot Greenwell, as Ratchett's secretive secretary, Hector McQueen; and Suzanne Stark, returning to B&B as the regal Russian Princess Dragomiroff.

Additionally, Devan Mathias is an animated Greta Ohlsson; Bailey Blaise sparkles with charm as Countess Andrenyi; Lanene Charters offers a multi-leveled Helen Hubbard; and Trey Deluna takes on the soldierly Colonel Arbuthnot with panache. Jaddy Ciucci and Ben Asaykwee round out the cast as Marcel the waiter and Michel, the conductor, respectively, with stylish portrayals. The entire cast is top-notch.

Technical aspects were also first-rate. The scenic design by William Mohney, along with projections designed by Zach Rosing, solved the often-difficult needs of this script – providing a station, a train in motion, a set of compartments and a main area for sleuthing. Add to this the great



Photo provided

World-famous detective Hercule Poirot (Andrew Kindig) shows Countess Andrenyi (Bailey Blaise), left, and Monsieur Bouc (Eddie Curry), right, a gun he found in the compartment of a murdered passenger aboard the Orient Express in Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre's production of Murder on the Orient Express.

costuming designed by Anthony Lascoskie, apparently borrowed from Fulton Theatre in Lancaster, Pa., and coordinated by Kathy Henry, a strong sound design by Joseph Allamo, and an impressive lighting design by Ryan Koharchik, which aids and accentuates the story-telling. Andrew Elliot provides the many wigs.

It should be noted that many accents are portrayed here. Characters are noted as being from all around the globe. While these affectations seem genuine, there is some difficulty, especially at the onset of the play, with the understand-ability of the lines at times. Perhaps a bit

more attention by the players to diction might help.

Bottom line: As I have seen this show done elsewhere at other theatres, I wasn't guessing whodidit. Regardless, this excellent cast weaves a compelling story full of drama and fun. Very impressive on all accounts.

Murder on the Orient Express continues at Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre through Feb. 9. Show times and reservation availability can be viewed at BeefandBoards.com or call the box office at (317) 872-9664.

Read more great play reviews from *A Seat on the Aisle* at asota.wordpress.com.

Meet the cast of ATI's new farcical musical *Whodunit*

Submitted

Actors Theatre of Indiana continues its 2024-2025 Season on Jan. 31 with *Whodunit ... The Musical* by longtime Broadway actor & playwright Ed Dixon and directed by Dr. Julie Lyn Barber, head of Musical Theatre at Purdue Ft. Wayne. Meet the cast of this farcical musical mystery based on *The Circular Staircase* and *The Bat* by Mary Roberts Rinehart, often considered "America's Agatha Christie."

JOHN VESSELS said he is thrilled to return to ATI for this gem of a show. You may remember him from ATI's last show, *She Loves Me*. He was also recently seen in the world premiere of *These Tangled Webbs* – a hilarious musical parody of '60s soap operas. He performed in Stage One Family Theatre's production of *Number the Stars* in Louisville, Ky. When offstage, Vessels teaches voice and acting and writes shows of his own.

JACOB A. BUTLER returns to the ATI stage for *Whodunit ... the Musical*, last seen in ATI's production of *She Loves Me*. He is a graduate of Ball State University, where he received his degree in Telecommunications. ATI credits include: *Mr. Confidential* (World Premiere) and *Exposed* (Staged Reading). Other Regional Credits include: *Kinky Boots*, *Legally*

Blonde, *Beautiful*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Man of La Mancha*, *Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*.

ERIC OLSON said he is happy to return to ATI for *Whodunit ... the Musical*. He has been previously seen in *She Loves Me*, *Violet*, *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, *Cabaret*, and *Route 66*. Theatre credits include the First National Tour of *Ragtime*, Off-Broadway, and regional theatres across America and Europe, including Goodspeed Opera House, Trinity Repertory Company, Sacramento Music Circus, The Kennedy Center, American Stage, The Link Theatre Company, Gateway Playhouse, Theatre by the Sea, The Garry Marshall (Falcon) Theatre, Disney's Hyperion, Eclipse, Phoenix Theatre, Constellation Stage Screen, and many more. Favorite appearances include *Ada and the Engine*, *Indecent*, *Bloody*, *Bloody Andrew Jackson*, *Peter and the Starcatcher*, *Fun Home*, *Macbeth*, *American Idiot*, *Evita*, *West Side Story*, and *Avenue*. Film Credits include: *Malum*, *Raising Helen*, and *Strokes*.

CYNTHIA COLLINS was last seen on the ATI stage in its production of *She Loves Me*. A proud member of Actors Equity Association since 1991, credits include: Off-Broadway, National & International Tours, Regional, Summer Stock, Cabaret, Dinner Theatre, Symphonies, Cruise Lines, Film & TV. She has had the pleasure of working with such artists as: Ben Vereen, Sandy Duncan, Claude Aikins, Comden Green, Cy Coleman, Avery Schrieber, Joel Grey, Cyndi Lauper, Fred Waring & his famous Pennsylvanians, Chita Rivera, Sutton Foster, Jerry Michell, Diane

Rehm, Billy Stritch, and Patricia Wilson. Cindy is one of the Co-Founders of Actors Theatre of Indiana.

A native of New Jersey and long-time resident of New York City, she now resides in Carmel.

LOGAN HILL said she is excited to make her ATI debut in *Whodunit ... The Musical*. As an Indianapolis local, she has been seen in many productions around town – her favorites include *The Rocky Horror Show* (Janet) with Zach and Zack Productions, *Legally Blonde* (Serena), *White Christmas* (Rita), and *Footloose* (Urleen) with Beef and Boards Dinner Theatre. She also frequents the stage with Crossroads Entertainment in their cabaret series. A graduate of Ohio Northern University, she has since performed at theme parks and regional theatres before making Indianapolis her home with her partner Jacob and their dog and cat.

JUDY FITZGERALD said she is excited to join this incredible cast to solve the mystery of *Whodunit ... the Musical*. A proud member of the Actors Equity Association, theatre credits include Radio City Music Hall with Glenn Close, Madison Square Garden with Liza Minnelli and Danny Burstein, conducted by Marvin Hamlisch, and AMC National Tour with Debbie Reynolds and Shirley Jones. Off-Broadway: *Swingtime Canteen* with Tony Award-winner Charles Busch, Placido Domingo's operetta *Vlad, Dodsworth*, *Irene*, *Face the Music*, and *That's The Ticket!* Featured performer with The Phoenix Symphony Orchestra, Carmel Symphony Orchestra, Regional Theatre, Summer Stock, Dinner Theatre, and Cabaret. She has had the pleasure of working with such artists as Paula Abdul, George S. Irving, Billy Stritch, Chita Rivera, Kathie Lee Gifford, Bob Newhart, Omar Sharif, Alice Ripley, Sutton Foster, Jeff Daniels, and Hal Holbrook. The Artistic Director and Co-Founder of ATI, she is a native of Indiana and a long-time resident of New York City. She currently resides in Carmel.

Whodunit ... the Musical runs Jan. 31 to Feb. 16 and will be performed inside The Studio Theatre on the campus of the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. Prepare to be in stitches as a wealthy socialite, a Miss Marple in the making, and her cockney maid rent a beautiful Connecticut summer home in 1931. When they arrive, all the help has quit, except for a very odd butler who warns that something strange is going on. Soon joined by the socialite's niece, a detective arrives to solve the night's string of break-ins, gunshots, and the discovery of a dead body – or two. *Whodunit* is a tuneful, riotous romp that's part mystery, part drawing room farce, and all musical comedy.

Get your tickets by calling The Center for the Performing Arts Box Office at (317) 843-3800 or by visiting ATIstage.org.

Noblesville announces King Jugg Brewing Company as new business at former Bolden's Dry Cleaners location

Submitted by City of Noblesville

On Tuesday, Noblesville city officials announced King Jugg Brewing Company as the new business for the site of the former Bolden's Dry Cleaners, 151 N. Eighth St., in downtown Noblesville, located along the White River and within the city's Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) District.

Bolden's Dry Cleaners was a family-owned business in downtown Noblesville for 63 years and closed in July 2023. Construction is expected to begin before the end of 2025, with the anticipated completion in 2027.

King Jugg Brewing Company has committed a minimum \$4 million investment into adaptive reuse of the site and building, along with significant economic impact and community involvement commitments. Subject to required approvals, the Noblesville Redevelopment Commission will lease the property to



Photo provided

This artist's rendering shows the future King Jugg Brewing Company, looking north along 8th Street.

King Jugg Brewing Company and grant an option to purchase the property after successful, continuous operation downtown.

The Noblesville Redevelopment Commission will review and consider approval of the final terms and definitive project agreement. All renderings are conceptual and subject to change.

"Noblesville's thriving downtown is a family-friendly place where you can shop, dine, recreate, and socialize, so finding the

right partner for the former Bolden's site was necessary, and after much discussion, King Jugg is the right fit for this location," Mayor Chris Jensen said. "The location along the White River and proximity to our downtown square, trails, and Federal Hill Commons make it the perfect spot for the family-friendly brewery and a natural fit into our downtown. Residents and visitors can enjoy a meal, watch a sporting event, or listen to live music at this location. I

look forward to having King Jugg in Noblesville and the impact it will bring to our downtown."

In addition to moving to the new location in Noblesville, King Jugg is the official beer of Fishers Freight Football, has a brewery in Broad Ripple and a Tap Room in Fishers, which offers a family and dog-friendly atmosphere and includes a full-service restaurant, addition to live music and sports watch parties throughout the year. King Jugg also prioritizes giving back to its community through programs like Bikes for Kids, which to date has provided 68 bikes to local kids in need, including North Elementary in Noblesville.

"King Jugg Brewing Company could not be more excited to partner with the City of Noblesville! Noblesville is a growing, vibrant community that is ideal for our next location," said Mike Finnegan, Head of Partnerships/Owner, King Jugg Brewing Company. "We're excited to bring great food, live music, craft beer and a place to watch any big sporting event to Noblesville's downtown and become a part of your fantastic community!"

Key features

- Total: 6,272 square feet
- 2,145 square feet of indoor dining, 3,077 square feet of outdoor dining, and a 1,050 square-foot kitchen
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- Children's play area
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Scott appointed 21st Superintendent of Indiana State Police

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Governor Mike Braun has appointed Captain Anthony M. Scott to serve as the 21st Superintendent of the Indiana State Police.

Supt. Scott was born and raised in Rush County, Ind. After graduating from Rushville High School in 1992, he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from Cumberland College and was later accepted into the 54th Indiana State Police Re-

cruit School in July 1996. Upon graduation, he was appointed as a Trooper, assigned to the Versailles Post on Dec. 15, 1996.

Scott has served 28 years with the Indiana State Police and has held multiple supervisory roles during that time. He has served as the Versailles District Investi-



Scott

tions Commander (First Sergeant), Versailles District Commander (Lieutenant) and most recently as the Area IV Commander at the rank of Captain.

In June 2019, Scott completed the 276th Session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va., which offers more than two months of advanced communica-

tion, leadership, and fitness training for selected officers having proven records as professionals within their agency.

“I am truly honored to have the opportunity to lead the outstanding men and women of the Indiana State Police and look forward to working with Governor Braun on his public safety initiatives”, Scott said.

Supt. Scott resides in Decatur County with his family.

ISP Superintendent Doug Carter retires following career spanning nearly four decades

The REPORTER

Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter has retired following a career in law enforcement which spanned nearly 40 years.

Born and raised in La Porte, Ind. and after graduating from La Porte High School in 1980, he went on to attend Ball State University. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree with an emphasis on Management, Leadership and Organizational Structure from Indiana Wesleyan University.

The son of a State Trooper, Carter followed in his father’s footsteps and in July 1984 he was accepted into the 42nd Indiana State Police Recruit School.

He served 18 years with the Indiana State Police from November 1984 until December 2002, and was assigned to the Pendleton State Police District while serving in Hamilton County. In 2002, Carter sought the elected office of Sheriff of Hamilton County and ultimately served two terms from January 2003 through December 2010.

Appointed by Governor Mike Pence, Carter became Indiana’s 20th Superintendent of the State Police on Jan. 14, 2013, and was re-appointed by Governor Eric Holcomb on Jan. 13, 2017.

Not one to shy away from the public spotlight, he led the State Police through some of the most difficult times, including civil un-

rest in 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic, decreased public perception of law enforcement, and two of the highest-profile cases in the agency’s history, the Delphi double murders and Flora fire investigations.

Through it all, Carter and his staff continued to take the State Police forward by providing body/in-

car cameras for all Sergeants and Troopers, state-of-the-art communications equipment, moving to an all-SUV patrol fleet, a more robust training program, bringing more resources for mental health assistance to employees, and an increased effort in recruiting and retention, to name a few.

Carter, who served as Superintendent for 12 years, was the longest serving Superintendent in the nearly 92-year history of the Indiana State Police.

Carter resides in Hamilton County with his family.

Distinguished Awards

- Sagamore of the Wabash presented by Governor Evan Bayh
- Indiana State Police Silver Star Award for Meritorious Service and Outstanding Heroism
- Public Service Award – Indiana University Kokomo School of Public and Environmental Affairs
- Government Agency Partnership Award – Indianapolis Department of Public Safety
- Sagamore of the Wabash presented by Governor Eric Holcomb



Carter

Christopher L. Hill appointed Assistant Superintendent of Indiana State Police

The REPORTER

Indiana State Police Lieutenant Christopher L. Hill has been promoted to the rank of Colonel and will serve as the Indiana State Police Assistant Superintendent.

Hill was born and raised in Madison, Ind. After graduating from Shave Memorial High School in 1986, he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in

Criminal Justice from the University of Dayton in 1990.

Hill graduated from the 53rd Indiana State Police Recruit Academy in December 1995. He was assigned to patrol duties at the Versailles Post before becoming a Detective in the Gam-



Hill

ing Division.

In 2004, he transferred to the Drug Enforcement Section (DES) until October 2015 when he was promoted to the rank of First Sergeant, becoming the Assistant Commander of DES. He also earned a Master of Science Degree

in Criminology from Indiana State University in December of 2008.

Hill was then promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in April 2018 and became the Commander of the Special Investigations Section until this promotion.

Colonel Hill and his wife, Natalie are residents of Jefferson County and have two adult daughters, Megan and Abigail.

Reliable Energy President Jon Ford appointed to lead Indiana Office of Energy Development

Savannah Kerstiens named REI’s Interim President

The REPORTER

Governor Mike Braun has announced the appointment of Reliable Energy, Inc. (REI) President Jon Ford to lead the Indiana Office of Energy Development. He will serve under Secretary of Energy and Natural Resources Suzie Jaworski.

Reliable Energy’s board has voted to appoint Savannah Kerstiens, the current

VP of Communications at REI, as interim President.

“As president of Reliable Energy, Jon has successfully promoted policies aligned with the recommendations of state and federal energy experts, better positioning Indiana to align its energy priorities with economic growth,” said Terry Marsh, Board Chair of REI and Director of Government Affairs at Alliance Re-

source Partners. “Governor Braun has made clear that ensuring the reliability and affordability of electricity is a top priority, and there are no better Hoosiers than Jon and Suzie to lead this important agenda. We’re excited to have Savannah’s passion for energy policy and communication expertise guiding REI during this critical time, especially as we begin the busy 2025 leg-

islative session.”

About Reliable Energy

Reliable Energy, Inc. (REI) is committed to ensuring an abundant supply of available, affordable, and dependable energy in our great state of Indiana and nationwide. Our members manage the operations of coal, natural gas, solar, and recycled battery storage. Learn more at reliableenergyinc.org.



Three of Indiana’s leading independent orthopedic practices merge to form OrthoIndiana

Submitted

On Thursday, three of Indiana’s leading independent orthopedic practices – OrthoIndy in Indianapolis, Tri-State Orthopaedics in Evansville and Fort Wayne Orthopedics – announced their intent to merge.

Together, the practices will form OrthoIndiana, an integrated group that will deliver patient-centered, advanced, comprehensive orthopedic care across the Hoosier State.

“We are grateful for the opportunity to embark on this journey alongside Tri-State Orthopaedics and Fort Wayne Orthopedics – two outstanding orthopedic practices that share our vision for patient-centered care and independence,” OrthoIndy President Dr. Ed Hellman said. “Taking into account OrthoIndy’s alignment with the Lafayette

Orthopedic Clinic in 2023, and its recently announced alignment with Indiana Hand to Shoulder Center to occur later this spring, OrthoIndiana is poised to become a statewide orthopedic network that is accessible to every Hoosier.”

The newly formed OrthoIndiana, which is expected to launch in mid-2025, will operate across 39 locations statewide, with 160 physicians and over 1,800 staff members.

“This scale makes OrthoIndiana one of the 10 largest independent orthopedic practices in the nation, and it ensures our practices can continue to provide top-tier orthopedic care while implementing strategies to avoid the rising costs associated with healthcare nationwide,” Tri-State Orthopaedics President Dr. Paul Perry said.

Under the new framework, each practice will maintain separate clinical operations, preserving the local patient-centered care that earned them their award-winning reputations. The practices will keep their current names and branding, with all three retaining their respective boards while participating in a new, shared board of directors.

“This merger aims to amplify our commitment to the patients we serve through the practices’ ability to share technology, clinical data, best practices and administrative expertise,” Fort Wayne Orthopedics President Dr. Jerald Cooper said.

Patients can be assured that there will be no immediate changes to scheduling, physician availability, or insurance processes as the

merger progresses. Integration will occur gradually to ensure a seamless transition that prioritizes uninterrupted patient care.

For more information about available services or to schedule an appointment, visit OrthoIndy at orthoindy.com, Tri-State Orthopaedics at tristate-ortho.com, and Fort Wayne Orthopedics at fwortho.com.

The REPORTER

Governor Mike Braun has announced his intent to appoint eight individuals to lead various state agencies and departments in the new administration.

The appointments include:

- Stacy Hughes, Executive Director of the Education Employment Relations Board
- Jake Speer, Indiana State Librarian
- Clint Woods, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Environmental

Management

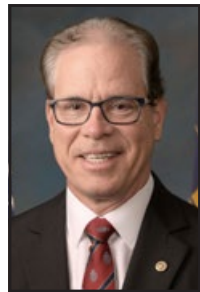
- Jon Ford, Executive Director of the Office of Energy Development

• Terry Seitz, Executive Director of White River State Park

• Matt Brown, Director of the Indiana State Personnel Department

• Joe Hoage, Executive Director of the Indiana Gaming Commission

In addition, Molly Craft has been named Deputy Chief of Staff, Communications in the Office of the Governor.



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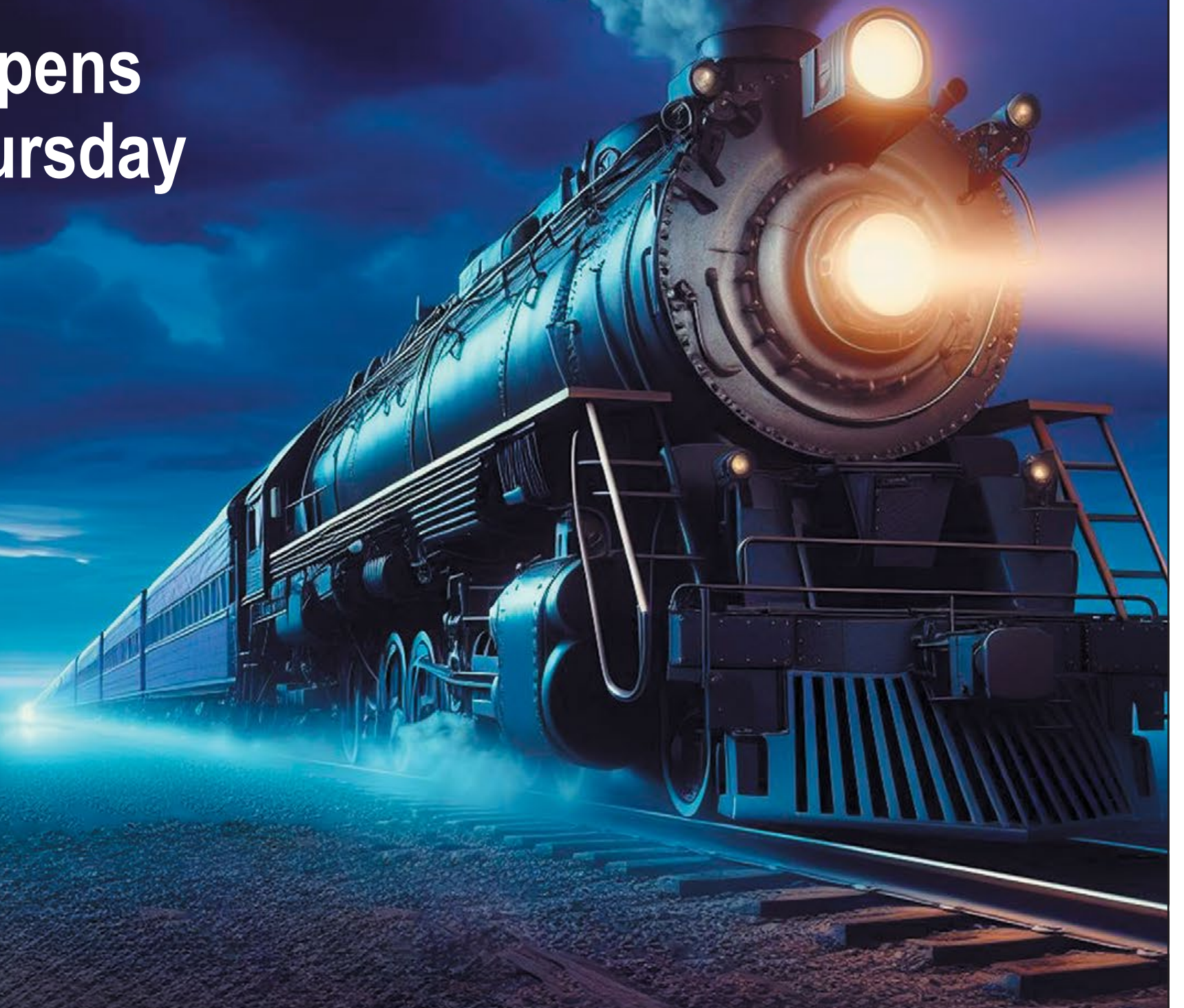
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There's 'snow' better time to check out Tipton County Public Library

The REPORTER

Tipton County Public Library (TCPL) invites the community to discover all its outstanding programming and events in January and February.

TCPL starts 2025 with the annual Winter Reading Program for Adults, Teens, and Children, Snow Better Time to Read, through Feb. 28. Be sure to sign up for cool prizes.

Family Story Time returns, offering an hour of picture books, interactive songs, fingerplay, and a craft with your little ones. Families are invited to attend on the first three Tuesdays and Wednesdays of each month from 10 to 11 a.m.

Gaming and Art Classes for Teens: Teen Gaming takes place on the first Thursday of each month, and Teen Art takes place on the third Tuesday. Teen programs begin at 3:30 p.m. in the Creation Station.

Adults are invited to create each month at the Adult DIY Club, offered on Wednesdays at the main library, located at 127 E. Madison St., Tipton, and the Windfall Branch, located at 104 McClellan St.

The TCPL Creation Station offers space for creators of all things to grab a table and work on their projects. If you need a space for your group to be creative, stop in and check it out. Each month, we offer a fun and easy craft for all ages.

For more details, access TCPL 24/7 online at tiptonpl.org.

2025 TCPL EVENTS

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WINDFALL BRANCH 104 MCCLELLAN 765-945-7655
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JANUARY NATIONAL BRAILLE LITERACY MONTH NATIONAL HOBBY MONTH

1 NEW YEAR'S DAY (LIBRARY LOCATIONS CLOSED / 24/7 ONLINE)
1-31 CREATION STATION CRAFT OF THE MONTH - SNOWMAN HATS
2 TEEN GAMING VR/WII/SWITCH 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM AGES - AGES: TEENS
6-2/28 WINTER READING PROGRAM - SNOW BETTER TIME TO READ - ALL AGES!
7&8, 14&15 FAMILY STORY TIME 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM AGES: 0-5 WITH CAREGIVER
8 ADULT WRITING GROUP 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM AGES: 18+
13 TCPL BOARD MEETING 6:00 PM
15 ELEMENTARY SPANISH 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM AGES: 6-11
15 ADULT DIY CLUB @ TCPL 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM AGES: 18+
15 VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALK - TJ KLUNE 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM AGES: ALL AGES
21 TEEN ART CLASS 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM AGES: TEENS
17 OUTREACH TODDLER TIME STORY TIME @ CW MOUNT CENTER 9:15 AM
20 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR (LIBRARY LOCATIONS CLOSED / 24/7 ONLINE)
22 ADULT DIY CLUB @ WINDFALL BRANCH 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM AGES: 18+
23 VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALK - AMANDA MONTELL 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM AGES: ALL AGES
27 LEGO CLUB @ TCPL 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM AGES: ALL AGES
28 OUTREACH @ ABC & ME 9:30 AM
28 LEGO CLUB @ WINDFALL BRANCH 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM AGES: ALL AGES
28 VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALK - SETH FISHMAN 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM AGES: ALL AGES
30 ADULT BOOK CLUB 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM AGES: 18+

FEBRUARY NATIONAL ARTS MONTH CHILDREN'S ART MONTH
BLACK HISTORY MONTH LOVE YOUR LIBRARY MONTH

1-28 CREATION STATION CRAFT OF THE MONTH - HOT AIR BALLOON
1 TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY
1-28 WINTER READING PROGRAM - ALL AGES
3-28 FRIENDS OF THE TIPTON LIBRARY CHILDRENS ART SHOW
4&5, 11&12, 18&19 FAMILY STORY TIME 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM AGES: 0-5 WITH CAREGIVER
4 VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALK - CURATOR SABRINA SHOLTS 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM AGES: ALL AGES
6 TEEN GAMING VR/WII/SWITCH 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM AGES: TEENS
10 TCPL BOARD MEETING 6:00 PM
11 VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALK - WAUBGESHIG RICE 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM AGES: ALL AGES
12 ADULT WRITING GROUP 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM AGES: 18+
14 VALENTINE'S DAY / LIBRARY LOVER'S DAY
16 READING RAINBOW DAY
17 PRESIDENTS DAY / TCPL INSERVICE DAY - LIBRARY LOCATIONS CLOSED / 24/7 ONLINE
18 TEEN ART CLASS 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM AGES: TEENS
18 VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALK - LEE HAWKINS 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM AGES: ALL AGES
19 ELEMENTARY SPANISH 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM AGES: 6-11
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FOR MORE INFORMATION: TIPTONPL.ORG

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Indiana Senate committee passes resolution to term limit Congress

The REPORTER

The Indiana Senate Elections Committee has passed Senate Joint Resolution 21 (SJR21), which proposes a congressional term limits amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The effort, led by Senator Andy Zay and spearheaded by the nonpartisan nonprofit U.S. Term Limits, passed out of committee 7-2.

As U.S. Term Limits' President Philip Blumel put it, "The people of Indiana are lucky to have public servants who see what is going on in D.C. and are willing to take action to fix it. They know that Congress won't set term limits on itself. Therefore, it is the obligation of the states to do so."

Mike Speedy, USTL state chair for Indiana, said, "I'm proud of the Senate Elections Committee for passing SJR21 today. Hoosiers all around the state demand that we have term limits on Congress. I'm eager to see the resolution pass through the floor very soon."

It is clear that the people of Indiana agree. According to the **latest RMG Research poll**, 84 percent of likely voters in Indiana support term limits on Congress, including strong support among Republicans, Democrats, and Independents alike.

SJR21 has bipartisan

sponsorship and the support of more than 60 legislators who have signed the term limits pledge, promising to support the congressional term limits effort. The next step will be a vote on the Senate floor.

Once the measure passes in both chambers, Indiana will be in the forefront of the states in the nation to file an application for a convention with the exclusive purpose of proposing term limits on the U.S. Congress.

After 34 state legislatures pass similar resolutions on the topic, and the term limits amendment approved, it must be ratified by 38 states to become part of the U.S. Constitution.

About U.S. Term Limits

U.S. Term Limits is the largest nonpartisan, nonprofit organization advocating solely on term limits. The group's mission is to improve the quality of government with a citizen legislature that closely reflects its constituency and is responsive to the needs of the people it serves. U.S. Term Limits does not require a self-limit on individuals; its aim is to limit the terms of all members of Congress as an institution. Find out more at termlimits.org. U.S. Term Limits does not endorse candidates. Candidates who sign the pledge endorse term limits.

Four local students make Marquette University dean's list

The REPORTER

The following students have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2024 semester at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis.

They include:

- Allison Bullock, Westfield, Master's Degree in Physician Assistant Studies
- Nathan Goergen, Noblesville, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
- Elena Harrie, Carmel, Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Brooks Holtkamp, Noblesville, Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy

To make the Dean's List, students must have earned at least 12 credits for the fall

2024 semester and have no disqualifying grades. The grade-point average threshold varies by college; for the College of Education and the Klingler College of Arts and Sciences, undergraduate students must have at least a 3.7 GPA to be named to the Dean's List.

The undergraduate GPA requirement is 3.5 for the following colleges: the Diederich College of Communication, the College of Business Administration, the College of Health Sciences, the Opus College of Engineering and the College of Nursing. All other programs have a 3.75 GPA minimum.

Kalman graduates from Marquette University

The REPORTER

This past fall, Tori Kalman, Fishers, graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis., earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in English.

Marquette University is a Catholic, Jesuit university that draws over 7,600 undergraduate and 3,700 graduate and professional stu-

dents from nearly all states and more than 60 countries. In addition to its nationally recognized academic programs, Marquette is known for its service learning programs and internships as students are challenged to use what they learn to make a difference in the world.

Find out more at marquette.edu.

Obituaries

Craig Lutz

March 12, 1971 – January 8, 2025

Craig Lutz, 53, Noblesville, passed away of a sudden medical emergency on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at IU Health Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born on March 12, 1971, "getting better looking every year," to David and Nancy (Lepanen) Lutz in Kokomo, Ind.

Craig was a 1990 graduate of Noblesville High School and graduated from Wabash College in 1994 where he was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity. He received a baseball scholarship at Wabash College as a pitcher. For 23 years, Craig was a decorated sales professional for Republic Services. He was a member of the Fifty Club of Noblesville. Craig coached Noblesville High School baseball for nine years, and was starting his 11th year as their softball coach. He loved golfing and long-distance running. Craig and Amy enjoyed traveling out west and hiking – Yellowstone was one of their favorite places.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Amy Lutz, who was his high school sweetheart. They started dating at 15 and were together 37 years. Also surviving are his mother, Nancy Lutz; and his children, Brady (Mattie) Lutz, Hayley (Jordan) Allen, Meghan (Mike) Dunn, and Abbey (Daniel) Scott. He was a devoted Pop-Pop to his grandchildren, Grayson Allen, Addie Allen, Owen Lutz, Renley Dunn, and Kinsley Scott. Craig is also survived by his brothers, Brad (Karen) Lutz and Mark (Erin) Lutz; his in-laws, Vernon & Kathy Zook; his brother-in-law, Steve (Lana) Zook; and several nieces and nephews.

Craig was preceded in death by his father, David Lutz, in 2009.

Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m., with a Celebration of Life service at 5 p.m., on Sunday, March 16, 2025, at Refuge Christian Church, 11772 E. 196th St., in Noblesville. Rev. Stanley R. Sutton will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to carry on Craig's legacy. Please mail your donation to: Indiana Members Credit Union, 4005 Westfield Road, Noblesville, IN 46062.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Sarah Buhton Simpson

December 16, 1984 – January 4, 2025

Sarah Buhton Simpson, 40, Noblesville, unexpectedly passed away on January 4, 2025. Born on December 16, 1984, in Indianapolis, she is the daughter of James A. Simpson and Nina S. Phillips.

Sarah grew up in Hamilton County and was a 2003 graduate of Noblesville High School. After graduating, she began schooling for psychology in Indianapolis. Sarah also loved to travel. She enjoyed going music festivals, concerts, and going on cruises. She loved warm weather and sunshine, the ocean, her dogs, and being an aunt to her nieces and nephews. Sarah had an undeniable presence when she entered the room. Her deep desire to love on family, friends, and the animals around her was evident by the way her eyes would light up when she was around. Her embrace could turn tears of sadness to tears of joy in a matter of seconds. Her laughter was contagious and her free spirit was enticing and mysterious. Her essence had a way of making people feel seen and heard, and she was always willing to offer wisdom or just listen no matter what time it was. She was selfless in the way she cared for others & her heart was as big as her dreams.

Sarah is survived by her father, James A. Simpson; brothers and sister, Jody Russell-Kiemeyer, Justin Russell, Crystal Anderson (Matthew), Christopher Simpson, Wesley Simpson, George Cameron Massingill, and Kylie Clark; 10 nieces and nephews, Mahala Cripe (Ryan, Eden), Carleigh Anderson, Luke Anderson, Chase Simpson (Olivia), Caitlin Simpson, Cristin Simpson, Hunter Simpson, Karianne Simpson, and Elijah Simpson; five beloved dogs; and several aunts and uncles and many cousins.

Sarah was preceded in death by her mother, Nina Phillips; her grandparents, and James & Buhton Simpson and Virgil & Christine McKinney.

Sarah's years on this earth left a lasting impression on those who knew her, and she will be missed beyond comprehension. The family thanks those who have reached out and offered condolences. Celebration of life arrangements will be announced once finalized.

Terry Lyn Ballenger

December 2, 1948 – January 12, 2025

Terry Lyn Ballenger, 76, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, January 12, 2025, at Franciscan St. Francis Health in Greenwood, Ind. He was born on December 2, 1948, to Robert and Margaret (Sanders) Ballenger in Flint, Mich.

Terry was a middle school science teacher for 27 years, teaching at Hamilton Southeastern Schools and at Hamilton Heights Schools. After retirement Terry had his own painting business and was a member of Refuge Christian Church. Terry loved nature, hiking, and traveling. He enjoyed bird watching and led bird-watching hikes in Carmel. Terry also enjoyed going to outdoor concerts.

He is survived by his wife, Nelda Ballenger; sons, Andy (Donna Turner) Ballenger and Jason (Anna) Ballenger; grandchildren, Lillian and Grace Ballenger; great-grandchild, Myles Cheever; brothers, Robert Ballenger and Dave (Patricia) Ballenger; and sister, Peggy Adams.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Services will be held at noon on Friday, January 17, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with Rev. Stanley R. Sutton officiating. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to the time of service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Refuge Christian Church, 11772 E. 196th St., Noblesville, IN 46060-9375. Condolences: randallroberts.com

Bettieann Ahern

July 19, 1932 – January 6, 2025

Bettieann Ahern, 92, Westfield, was called home to the Lord on Monday, January 6, 2025, surrounded by her loving family at St. Vincent Carmel Hospital. She was born on July 19, 1932, in Ottawa, Ill., to Frank and Marie McGrath.

Bettieann moved to Indianapolis with her late, loving husband of 60 years, Jack Ahern. Together, they raised a family of six children, ran a local insurance agency for many decades, and were heavily involved in the St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church community, where they were founding parishioners. Throughout the Westfield/Carmel community, Bettieann loved to share her gift of turning any stranger into a good friend – but her greatest joy in life was her strong relationship with her family and God.

Bettieann would often say, "My favorite pastime is prayer." She loved spending time praying, tending to her flower garden, and hosting lovely gatherings for her family and friends. Bettieann was a lighthouse to many people. She had a special quality of making anyone she encountered feel special, loved and cared for – no matter who they were or how long she'd known them. To us, she was an angel on Earth, and now, she is our guardian angel in Heaven.

In addition to her parents, Bettieann was preceded in death by her husband, Jack; children, Mike Ahern and Sue Roller; brothers, Bill (Jean) McGrath and Tom (Wanda) McGrath; and her identical twin, Johanna (Bill) Hawkings.

Survivors include her children, Jack (Brenda) Ahern, Tom Ahern, Lynn (Allen) Collicott, and Pam (Dave) Sidery; sister, Mary Hepburn; and her beloved 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Let us all remember, "In the end, there are three things that last: Faith, Hope, and Love. And the greatest of these is Love."

Family and friends will gather at 10 a.m. Saturday, January 25, 2025, at St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, where the Memorial Mass will be conducted at 11 a.m.

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Meeting Notice

The Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Board will meet in an executive session to discuss land, litigation, and personnel at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2025.
A regular board meeting will follow at 6 p.m. at Osprey Pointe Pavilion, 19777 Morse Park Lane, Noblesville.

The Hamilton County Reporter: it's what newspapers were like when they were good!

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

BEZALEL AND OHOLIAB

Then the Lord said to Moses, "See, I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills—to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, to cut and set stones, to work in wood, and to engage in all kinds of crafts. Moreover, I have appointed Oholiab son of Ahisamak, of the tribe of Dan, to help him. Also I have given ability to all the skilled workers to make everything I have commanded you: the tent of meeting, the ark of the covenant law with the atonement cover on it, and all the other furnishings of the tent—the table and its articles, the pure gold lampstand and all its accessories, the altar of incense, the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, the basin with its stand—and also the woven garments, both the sacred garments for Aaron the priest and the garments for his sons when they serve as priests, and the anointing oil and fragrant incense for the Holy Place. They are to make them just as I commanded you."

Exodus 31:1-11 (NIV)

James Paul Hanenburg

June 30, 1932 – January 12, 2025

James Hanenburg, 92, Cicero, passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 12, 2025, at his home.



James Paul Hanenburg was born on June 30, 1932, in Rudyard, Mich., to Rev. John Hanenburg and Bertha Mouw Hanenburg. He grew up in Michigan, South Dakota, and Iowa. After graduating from Western Christian High School in Hull, Iowa, his family moved to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, where he met his wife. On September 15, 1953, he married Henrietta (Reta) Haarsma in a ceremony performed by Jim's father – a moment made all the more memorable by the fact that Jim's draft notice had just arrived and was tucked into the back pocket of his father's pants. It wasn't until after the honeymoon that Jim learned his draft notice had been kept from him that day.

Jim served in the Army from October 1953 to October 1955. Following his military service, Jim pursued his studies where he earned an associate's degree from Milwaukee School of Engineering while beginning a family with Reta. Together, they raised their four children, John, Elizabeth, Judith, and Barbara, in a loving Christian home.

As a husband, father, brother, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Jim leaves behind a legacy of love, dedication, and devotion to Christ. He sold trucks for GMC for approximately 14 years. After selling vehicles he fulfilled his passion for nature by creating Nu-Way Tree Moving Inc. which included all things trees and moving large trees all year round.

Outside of work, Jim enjoyed pheasant hunting in Iowa, fishing in Canada, researching the canals in Indiana, and the history of cemeteries in Hamilton County. He also loved researching all things Indianapolis and had read all volumes of *The Diary of Calvin Fletcher* more than once.

Jim is survived by his children, John Hanenburg of Cicero, Elizabeth Frederick of Centennial, Colo., and Barbara (Steven) Runyon of Noblesville; his grandchildren, Christina (David) Pruitt of Castle Rock, Colo., Steven (Hannah) Frederick of Denver, Colo., Andrew (Nikki) Frederick of Fitchburg, Mass., and Marlee (Jake) Light of Noblesville; three great-grandchildren, Alexandria Pruitt, Sophia Pruitt, and Molly Frederick; and his brother Theodore (Netty) Hanenburg of St. Louis, Mo.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Reta, daughter Judith, and one brother and three sisters.

A celebration of Jim's life will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at Hartley Funeral Homes, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero, with Pastor Austin Reifel officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Good News Ministries (goodnewsministries.com/donate).

Jim will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, friend, and man of God. His legacy of love, kindness, and his love of cars will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Condolences: hartleyfuneralhomes.com

Paul Alfred Geerinck

June 29, 1931 – December 29, 2024

Paul Alfred Geerinck, 93, Carmel, passed away peacefully on December 29, 2024. He was born June 29, 1931, to Marcel and Louise (Muller) Geerinck of Patterson, N.J.



He grew up not far away in North Haledon, N.J. When reflecting on his life, he often said, "I had a wonderful life!" Paul loved the outdoors. He had a degree in forestry and taught his children much about plants and wildlife. He was a graduate of the University of Maine where he received a Bachelor of Science degree.

He entered the service soon after, and was a First Lieutenant in the Army Signal Corps. He served in both New Jersey and Georgia. He loved serving his country and always felt fortunate to have met his lovely bride through that time. Paul followed up his stint in the army with a career in communications. He worked for 35 years for GTE/Verizon and retired as a lobbyist. His work brought him into the smallest towns as well as the boardrooms.

Paul had an interest in everything around him. He loved to attend Irish picnics, Scottish festivals, Greek nightclubs, jazz clubs, Amish communities. He also loved plays and live music. Everywhere he went, he made friends. That was truly Paul's biggest interest in life – meeting people. He loved to talk to people, and within minutes, he would learn their life story. He would never part without sharing a joke with his friends; he loved to make others laugh.

Paul was raised in the world of racing. His dad was a retired local racecar driver. As a boy he would help his father start cars at the local track with a tow, then take an extra lap for fun. With his friends, he would sneak into the pits and experience the excitement up close. When he moved to Indianapolis, he became a lifelong fan of the Indianapolis 500. He was often at the track, in the garage and pits, during the month of May. He passed that love onto his children and grandchildren.

Paul was a natural teacher. He spent years teaching sixth-grade faith formation. This was a true joy for him. He also sponsored many people into the church through RCIA, taught and participated in Bible studies, and enjoyed participating and organizing various retreats. He was proud to be 4th degree in the Knights of Columbus.

Paul loved his family and is survived by his beloved wife Marjorie; son, David Geerinck (Donna Torczan); daughters, Kathryn Geerinck and Anne (Sam) Thomas. He was blessed with grandchildren, Joshua Geerinck (Claire Jarvis), Alana Thomas and Bo Thomas; sister, Marcella Aschenbrenner, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins in both New Jersey and Georgia.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, 14598 Oak Ridge Road, Carmel.

Burial will take place in Marion National Cemetery, Marion, Ind., where Military Honors will be provided.

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Girls Basketball



Reporter photo by Richie Hall
Carmel's Maddy Wallace scored 16 points for the Greyhounds during their 59-50 win over Columbus North on Tuesday.

Hardworking Hounds persevere, now boast winning record

By RICHIE HALL
sports@readthereporter.com

CARMEL – If there's one word that could describe the Carmel girls basketball team at the moment, it would be "perseverance." The Greyhounds have been dealt with injury blows during this season, but they are staying competitive – even winning. Despite losing its leading scorer last week, Carmel has won its past two games, including a 59-50 win over Columbus North Tuesday at the newly-named Bill Shepherd Court at the Eric Clark Activity Center.

One of the Shepherds had been playing well for the Greyhounds this season. Izzy Shepherd, Bill's great-granddaughter, was averaging 17 points per game for Carmel, but was injured last week during the Greyhounds' game at Center Grove and is out for the season. Earlier in the season, promising freshman starter Catherine Bassi suffered a season-ending injury.

Carmel coach Rick Risinger said, "it's hard to keep a team together and not worry about all those injuries. They're significant players. Having said that, we've talked a lot about, people have to step up and do some things that maybe you don't normally do, maybe a little bit different role. I was really proud of them tonight, that they did exactly that."

The Bull Dogs led 19-15 after the first quarter, with Mallory Bourquein keeping

the 'Hounds in the game by scoring eight points. Carmel clamped down on defense in the second period, allowing Columbus North six points. That helped the Greyhounds hold a 28-25 lead at halftime. Also helping was Maddy Wallace, who drained three 3-pointers during the second quarter.

Carmel led 37-35 after a tight third period, but poured in 22 points during the fourth to get the victory. Free-throw shooting was key, as the 'Hounds made 12 of 16 attempts in the fourth. Wallace and Lauren Perry were both 3 for 4; Wallace finished with seven points in the quarter, including an and-1.

"I had different players do different things at different times, and that's what it takes," said Risinger, who won his 350th game as a head coach. Risinger won 330 games as the coach of Heritage Christian from 2006 to 2020.

Wallace scored 16 points to lead the scoring. Sydney Bonds added nine points, including four in the third quarter. Bourquein, Perry and Bella Ramsey all scored eight points; Ramsey had six in the fourth quarter.

Carmel is now 9-8 and began a four-game home-stand with Tuesday's victory. The Greyhounds host Fishers next Tuesday, the beginning of a busy stretch where they play two other tough teams, Pike and Homestead.

"I told them celebrate tonight, and then we're back to business tomorrow for the next game," said Risinger.

CARMEL 59, COLUMBUS NORTH 50				
	FG	FT	TP	PF
Carmel				
Mackenzie Woods	2	2-2	7	1
Maddy Wallace	5	3-4	16	1
Lauren Perry	1	6-7	8	2
Mallory Bourquein	4	0-0	8	0
Sydney Bonds	4	1-3	9	2
Bella Ramsey	3	2-2	8	1
Taylee Fisher	1	1-2	3	1
Layla Abdo	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	20	15-20	59	8
Score by Quarters				
Columbus North	19	6	10	15-50
Carmel	15	13	9	22-59
Carmel 3-pointers (4) Wallace 3, Woods.				

Blackhawks breeze past Bulldogs, win 13th straight

By RICHARD TORRES
For The Reporter

SHERIDAN – Jaidlin Bradshaw wasn't sure if senior guard Kenzie Garner was going to play Tuesday night.

Under the weather prior to Class 2A No. 12 Sheridan's home game against potential Sectional 39 foe 2A Lapel, Garner was far from 100 percent.

Even at less than optimum, Garner, a Ferris State commit, is more than capable.

The Blackhawks' 6-foot-1 leading scorer buried the game's first point with a mid-range jumper and set her team's 13th-straight victory in motion with a follow-up 3-pointer before Sheridan ran away with a 57-41 win.

Garner finished with a game-high 27 points, increasing her career total to 1,469, and the Blackhawks continued their torrid pace that began following a home loss against 3A Brebeuf Jesuit, 54-51, on Nov. 19.

"We really didn't know what we were going to get from her. She has felt terrible. I think it says a lot about her character, about her as a person, how she shows up for her team even when she is sick," Bradshaw said. "I'm really proud of her."

Coach Bradshaw had plenty to beam about as her Blackhawks improved to 2-0 against sectional opponents and 10-1 on their home floor this season.

Sheridan (15-1) established a 14-point advantage in the first half behind a 13-2 run, and even as Lapel (12-7) cut the margin to 27-20 by halftime, the veteran team's chemistry never waned.

The Blackhawks answered Lapel's late first-half 11-3 comeback fueled by a trio of 3-pointers from Bull-

dogs' senior Taylor Mroz with a 10-3 run of their own to start the second half, and the defense forced more than 15 total turnovers.

"A lot of it is we have five awesome seniors who hold themselves and everyone on the team accountable, and that certainly helps keep us where we need to be going," Bradshaw said. "Their mental toughness and focus are outstanding, and they run the show for us, and we're hoping they continue to do that, and we get to play a lot more basketball."

Last year, the Blackhawks captured their first sectional title since 2015, won their first regional title and appeared in their first-ever semistate before losing to Eastern Hancock in overtime, 62-54.

Sheridan got their revenge against Eastern Hancock, 57-36, on Dec. 27 in the championship game of its own holiday tournament. Tuesday's win against Lapel at home could be a preview of things to come when the Blackhawks host the sectional next month.

"I think it was a really good test. Obviously, we saw a lot of things we still want to work on, so tonight kind of showed us this is where we're at and this is what we need to improve on," Bradshaw said. "Also, it gives us perspective on what we can add in for the sectional and what can we take out. It was nice to see it, but we told the girls, it's an amazing win, but it really doesn't matter in the grand scheme of things. We're looking to February."

Whichever team they draw this postseason, their opponent will face more than one player with senior Cecilia Timme, who is averaging 10.2 points per game, posting 15 points with two



Photo by Allison Waitt
Sheridan's Kenzie Garner (12) scored 27 points for the Blackhawks in their 57-41 win over Lapel on Tuesday. Pictured at left is Cecilia Timme, who scored 15 points.

SHERIDAN 57, LAPEL 41				
	FG	FT	TP	PF
Sheridan				
Nova Cross	0	1-2	1	0
Kenzie Garner	11	2-2	27	2
Cecilia Timme	7	1-2	15	1
Brielle Garner	2	0-0	6	2
Sadie Timme	0	0-0	0	1
Shelby Eaton	2	0-0	4	2
Mac Smith	2	0-0	4	1
Totals	24	4-6	57	9
Score by Quarters				
Lapel	6	14	9	12-41
Sheridan	17	10	14	16-57
Sheridan 3-pointers (5) K. Garner 3, B. Garner 2.				

assists and two rebounds against Lapel.

Sophomore Brielle Garner had six points off a pair of 3-pointers, and both seniors Shelby Eaton and Mac Smith provided four points each. Eaton added five rebounds, while Kenzie Garner had a

IBCA boys basketball poll – Week of Jan. 13

Rank	School	Points	Record
1	Fishers (22)	440	12-0
2	Crown Point	410	9-0
3	Greenfield-Central	376	9-2
4	Lawrence North	358	8-2
5	Cathedral	349	9-3
6	Westfield	283	8-1
7	South Bend St. Joseph	275	11-1
8	Ben Davis	269	9-2
9	Anderson	241	10-1
10	Northridge	236	10-1
11	Warsaw	202	10-3
T12	Avon	148	11-1
T12	New Palestine	148	10-2
14	Bishop Luers	134	10-1
15	New Albany	126	7-1
16	Carmel	119	6-4
17	NorthWood	92	12-1
18	Silver Creek	82	12-1
19	Crispus Attucks	73	8-5
20	Jeffersonville	52	6-5

First place votes are in parentheses.

Other schools receiving votes, with records
Blackhawk Christian (11-2), Brownstown Central (9-0), Cardinal Ritter (8-2), Evansville Reitz (8-0), Fort Wayne Wayne (8-3), Gary 21st Century (10-2), Guerin Catholic (12-2), Homestead (9-4), Kokomo (10-2), Mount Vernon (8-2), Noblesville (8-4), Northview (11-0), South Bend Riley (9-2), South Bend Washington (9-1), Terre Haute North Vigo (11-2), Warren Central (6-4).

Read about the renaming ceremony of Bill Shepherd Court in Thursday's Reporter.

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Girls Basketball

Huskies falls in close game with Western

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights dropped a close game at Western on Tuesday, 56-55 in a Hoosier Conference East Division contest.

The Huskies led 17-14 after one quarter and 31-24 at halftime. The Panthers cut that lead to 46-41 after three periods, then outscored Heights 15-9 in the fourth.

Katie Brown scored 20 points for the Huskies, including three 3-pointers, and also had six rebounds and five steals. Kamryn Rhoton added nine points and had six steals and five assists.

Heights is 1-1 in the division standings and 4-13 overall. The Huskies are back on the road Saturday, traveling to Tipton to finish division play.

WESTERN 56, HAMILTON HEIGHTS 55

Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Katie Brown	7-19	3-3	20	2
Abi Hilfiker	3-5	0-0	7	4
Kamryn Rhoton	3-6	3-5	9	3
Presley Cherry	2-6	3-4	7	3
Sarah Sherrill	3-7	2-4	8	4
Illiana Bowyer	2-2	0-0	4	1
Macy Bradley	0-0	0-0	0	0
Haley Barr	0-0	0-0	0	0
Juliana Thompson	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	20-45	11-16	55	18
Score by Quarters				
Hamilton Heights	17	14	15	9-55
Western	14	10	17	15-56

Heights 3-point shooting (4-12) Brown 3-8, Hilfiker 1-1, Cherry 0-2, Kamryn Rhoton 0-1.
Heights rebounds (16) Brown 6, Sherrill 3, Hilfiker 2, Rhoton 2, Bowyer 2, Barr 1.

Golden Eagles drop conference finale

The REPORTER

Guerin Catholic dropped its Circle City Conference finale at Roncalli Tuesday, 61-40.

The Royals jumped out to a 19-10 lead after the first quarter and led 27-18 at halftime. The Golden Eagles' Ava Bills scored 11 points in the first half, including seven in the opening period. Roncalli extend-

ed its lead to 43-31 after three periods and outscored GC 18-9 in the fourth.

Bills finished the game with 20 points. Lillian Behrle scored nine points; both she and Bills hit two 3-pointers.

The Golden Eagles finished conference play 1-2 and are 9-7 overall. Guer-in Catholic hosts Sheridan next Tuesday.

RONCALLI 61, GUERIN CATHOLIC 40

Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Annie Murphy	1	0-0	2	0
Dana Dues	0	0-0	0	0
Ava Bills	6	6-8	20	2
Lillian Behrle	2	3-4	9	3
Caroline Ford	1	0-0	2	2
Brinna Wolf	0	2-2	2	0
Madi Cain	1	0-0	2	1
Addy Horvath	0	0-0	0	0
Lainey Rott	0	0-0	0	2
Rachel Behrle	1	0-0	3	0
Emerson Worman	0	0-0	0	0
Chika Ohale	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	12	11-14	40	10
Score by Quarters				
Guerin Catholic	10	8	13	9-40
Roncalli	19	8	16	18-61

Guerin Catholic 3-pointers (5) Bills 2, L. Behrle 2, R. Behrle.

Boys Basketball

Trailblazers pull through in overtime

The REPORTER

Zien Bland (19 points) and Cooper Cammack (15 points) had career high scoring nights to help University's boys withstand a fourth-quarter collapse to claim a 79-75 victory over Covenant Christian Monday night at The U Center in a battle of Sectional 42 contenders.

Covenant Christian trailed by 13 points in the third quarter and battled back from an eight-point deficit with four minutes left in regulation to tie the game at 69 with 31 seconds remaining. A last second shot by Cammack was blocked to force overtime.

University struck first in overtime, with Cammack finding Mohamud for a lay-in just 10 seconds into the four-minute extra period. The Warriors tied the game on a rebound basket before Mohamud split a pair of free throws with 2:19 left to put the Trailblazers on top for good. Mohamud added another foul shot at the 1:42 mark.

A technical foul was assessed on the Covenant Christian coach with 1:19

remaining and Max McComb hit one of two foul shots. DJ Willis scored a lay-in off a great pass from Mohamud to put University up 76-71 with 62 seconds left. Cammack scored with 41 seconds remaining before Blake Gray iced the game with a free throw with 6.5 seconds remaining.

University led throughout the game. The Warriors' only lead at 11-9 lasted for three seconds before Bland scored on a three-point play to give the Blazers the lead they held until the waning seconds of regulation.

Coach Justin Blanding had high praise for his unlikely scorers.

"I will take a win any way we can get it," said Blanding. "I am super proud of Cooper and Zien. They really stepped up tonight. How they played is what I had been envisioning for them and our team. Hats off to them. DJ came in and made some big plays after being out last week with the flu."

Blanding was concerned with the play that let the Warriors back in the game.

"Yes, we got the win,

UNIVERSITY 79, COVENANT CHRISTIAN 75 (overtime)

University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Zien Bland	7	3-3	19	4
Max McComb	6	3-4	16	5
Blake Gray	1	1-2	4	2
Faisal Mohamud	4	7-10	15	2
Cooper Cammack	6	3-5	15	3
Noah Cortez	1	1-2	3	0
Peter Morales	1	0-0	2	0
DJ Willis	2	0-0	5	3
Totals	28	18-26	79	19

Score by Quarters

Covenant Christian	18	16	18	17	6-75
University	21	17	23	8	10-79

University 3-pointers (5) Bland 2, McComb, Gray, Willis.

but I am extremely disappointed with our guard play tonight," said Blanding. "We did some uncharacteristic things out there and it almost cost us."

Blanding said that if all six of University's guards "have 20 turnovers among them then we are going to be in trouble. I am very disappointed with our guard play right now. I do have confidence we will get it figured out but tonight's showing from our guards was poor."

The Blazers ended with four players in double figures with McComb having

16 and Mohamud 15. The 79 points scored by University was a season high. The win was the Trailblazers' third in a row and evens their season record at 6-6.

Covenant Christian had a four-game winning streak snapped and are now 8-3 on the season.

University has a pair of road games this weekend. The Blazers travel to Muncie Burris Friday night for a Pioneer Academic Athletic Conference North game and will journey to Sectional 42 host Monrovia on Saturday evening.

Girls Basketball

Shortridge edges out University in close contest

The REPORTER

Shortridge outscored University 13-7 in the fourth quarter to come away with a 48-45 girls basketball victory in a back-and-forth contest.

The Blue Devils scored the first six points of the fourth quarter to take a 41-38 lead before University's Sydney Culp tied the score with her third three pointer of the game. Taylor Seay's foul shot gave University its last lead at 42-41 before a Shortridge three pointer with 3:33 left.

University trailed 48-43 late in the game before Leah

Norvell's rebound basket pulled University within three with 8.5 seconds left. The Trailblazers stole the ball after Shortridge inbounded and the Blue Devils committed a foul. University got off a potential game-tying three pointer that missed the mark.

Seay led University with a game-high 20 points, including making 10 of 15 free throw attempts. Gabby Culp had 10 points and Sydney Culp nine.

University lost their fifth game in a row and now stands at 7-11 on the season.

SHORTRIDGE 48, UNIVERSITY 45

University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Anyah Turley	0	0-0	0	2
Taylor Seay	5	10-15	20	1
Leah Norvell	1	2-2	4	3
Mack Feeney	1	0-0	2	3
Gabby Culp	3	4-4	10	4
Meg Rohloff	0	0-0	0	0
Sydney Culp	3	0-0	9	2
Totals	13	16-21	45	15

Score by Quarters

University	8	10	20	7-45
Shortridge	8	17	10	13-48

University 3-pointers (3) S. Culp 3.

The Trailblazers and Blue Devils will play again Friday night at Shortridge

in the Pioneer Conference championship game. Tipoff is at 6 p.m.

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"The experience we have really from our seven. They did this last year. They played a lot of basketball last year, so we're hoping that we get to play a lot more basketball this year, and they keep rolling," Bradshaw said.

Against Lapel, the goal was to limit junior standout Laniah Wills, who was av-

eraging 25.9 ppg. Wills finished with a team-high 18 points, seven rebounds, two assists and a steal.

Mroz had 12 points. Sophomore Jane Armington provided five points off the bench, followed by junior Sophie Goodwin with four points.

Wills reached 1,500 ca-

reer points by game's end, but Kenzie Garner stole the spotlight with 12 points in the first half and 15 more in the second.

The Blackhawks are currently ranked below No. 11 Eastern Hancock in the latest ICGSA 2A Poll and six teams with two or more losses overall, but coach Bradshaw doesn't put much stock in seeing her program remain under the radar.

"We don't mind it at all. If we come out and do our job every day, then we're happy with that," Bradshaw said. "We know who we are

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and what we do, so those outside voices, they're nice when they're praising you, but we try not to take it personally when it's not in our favor."

Instead, the Blackhawks just keep winning with six more regular-season games left, including two more home contests beginning with 3A Speedway on Thursday.

"It's been super fun, but it doesn't come without its stress. For the girls and for us, it's just about having them as prepared as they can be. It's really exciting," Bradshaw said.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

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.

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