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**TODAY'S WEATHER**

**Today:** Partly sunny. Chills could rise above zero again by afternoon.  
**Tonight:** Mostly cloudy with evening flurries.  
**HIGH:** 21 **LOW:** 15



# Beck's helps keep Jackson Township safer than ever

**The REPORTER**

Jackson Township has broken ground on a new state-of-the-art facility that will house the Fire Department, Community Center, and Township Offices. This much-anticipated project represents a major step forward in the township's ongoing efforts to meet the needs of its growing community while providing modern infrastructure that will serve residents for decades to come.

The new facility will be located at 7450 E. 266th St., Arcadia, just west of the current fire station. The project is made possible by the generous donation of land from Beck's Hybrids, which has played a pivotal role in ensuring this project's success.

"We are truly grateful to the Beck family," Jackson Township Trustee Robyn Cook said. "They saved the day for us when every opportunity for property fell through. The Beck family's devotion to our community is evident everywhere you go, and we are honored and humbled to partner with them on this historic project."

The current fire station, originally built 50 years ago, was designed for a volunteer fire department with less than 900 square feet of living space. Over the years, the township's fire department has evolved into a full-time, merit-based service, and the old facility has long since outgrown its capacity. The new fire station will provide the space, resources, and modern



Thanks to Beck's Hybrids, Jackson Township will have a new, high-class fire station, community center, and township offices.

Photos provided by Jackson Township

infrastructure necessary to support the department's critical work and ensure continued exceptional service to the Jackson Township community.

"The new facility will enable us to meet the demands of a growing population and serve as a cornerstone for our community for many decades to come,"

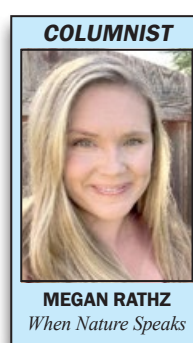
Trustee Cook said. In addition to housing the fire department, the new facility will feature a community center and updated township offices, creating a central hub for residents to gather, access services, and engage in civic activities. The project underscores Jackson Township's commitment to

fostering a sense of community and providing spaces that enhance the quality of life for all who live and work here.

Construction is set to be completed by March 2026. The township thanks its residents for their continued support and patience as work progresses on this transformative project.

## On the night you were born

"On the night you were born, the moon shone with such wonder that the stars peeked in to see you and the night wind whispered, 'Life will never be the same.' Because there had never been anyone like you ... ever in the world."



**COLUMNIST**

**MEGAN RATHZ**  
When Nature Speaks

Every parent of small children has a special book that they love reading to their young children. For me, I always adore reading the book *On the Night You Were Born* by Nancy Tillman. The book shows pure joy as different nature scenes triumphantly rejoice over a child's birth. Whether it be the geese flying home from faraway places, the polar bears dancing, or the giraffes listening to the moon play the saxophone, I feel so connected to this story. It is and always will be one of my favorite books to read. Perhaps the author is able to express a profound joy at the birth of a child that parents understand and are in awe of.

As I reflect on this last year, I, too, am in awe of the birth of a child that isn't even mine but still feels like he is. On January 26, my nephew was born. The long-awaited adoption call finally happened and what followed this last year has truly been joy.

Watching my sister and brother-in-law experience the joy and firsts of being parents has been one of the happiest times for our family. I love our morning Facetime calls when we are all in bed. I love your sweet giggle and smile. The sounds you make and the joy you've added to our family is unparalleled. I have been tickled watching you sit up, crawl, stand, and before we all know it, you will be running all over the house. I love the mischief you get into and the faces you make when you try new foods that you don't like. I love seeing my own children experience a cousin. I love the way our kids are growing up like siblings. I love seeing my mom experience another grandchild. I love your squishy cheeks and baby hands. I love seeing my sister be a mom and my brother-in-law a dad. I love seeing the excitement of sharing everything you do and the amount of happiness you've given to them.

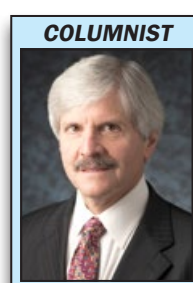
I loved you before I even met you. I would do anything for you. For the rest of my life, you will be loved as much as if you were my own. And I know you aren't mine, but I love you just the same as if you were.

Noah, "Heaven blew every trumpet and played every horn on the wonderful, marvelous night you were born."

Happy 1<sup>st</sup> birthday! We love you!  
 Megan Rathz is a wife, mother, and teacher. She says everything she has ever learned in life came from her Master Gardener mother.

## Collaboration of physicians & APRNs is best for patients

Once again, this legislative session, advanced practice registered nurses (nurse practitioners) will continue their quest to gain "full practice authority," commonly referred to as "independent practice."



**COLUMNIST**

**RICHARD D. FELDMAN, M.D.**  
State of Our Health

Currently, Indiana law requires APRNs who write prescriptions to maintain a collaboration agreement with a physician, which includes the physician auditing of a small percentage of their charts. APRN prescriptive authority in Indiana was never legislatively anticipated to be utilized without physician supervision or as a steppingstone to independent practice. This collaboration is the last remaining required clinical oversight between physicians and APRNs.

Physicians consider APRNs valuable colleagues in the delivery and expansion of medical care, but as part of a physician-led team. APRN political leadership claims physician opposition to APRN independent practice is a competitive "turf" issue. Not true. It's about quality and safety of care. Any physician who has trained or worked with APRNs will tell you that they have limitations due to insufficient clinical training, knowledge, and experience, especially as new graduates.

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# Humane Society's shelter heating system broken in dog kennels, asking for public to foster dogs

**Submitted**

The Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC) is racing against time to protect dozens of dogs from the brutal cold after a heating system failure in two of its kennels.

With freezing weather gripping the region, HSHC is calling on community members to open their hearts and homes to temporarily foster cold dogs in need.

"This is a dire situation," HSHC Community Engagement Manager Lily Darling said. "Our priority is the safety and well-being of the dogs in our care. The loss of heat

in these 11 kennels has created an urgent situation. By fostering a dog, even for just a couple of nights, you're not only helping that animal but also making room for us to move dogs into warm, safe spaces."

The shelter is currently home to over 130 dogs, and with limited heated kennels available, swift action is needed. Fostering is a temporary

arrangement that provides shelter dogs with a safe, warm, and loving environment while allowing the shelter to manage its space and resources during this emergency.

As central Indiana continues to battle dangerously cold temperatures, HSHC's team is on the front lines, doing everything in their power to keep these vulnerable dogs safe.

But with no open kennel space in the areas with proper heating, they need the community's help to manage this crisis.

Interested in fostering a dog? Here's what to bring:

- Completed foster application on [hamiltonhumane.com/foster-application](http://hamiltonhumane.com/foster-application).
  - All family members
  - Dogs for dog meet and greets
  - Landlord's pet policy if you rent
  - Government-issued ID
- \*Some dogs may be excluded due to being unaltered, too young, or needing specialized care.



# Sheridan reserve police officer under investigation for striking home with bullet while shooting at private range

By **JAY ADKINS**  
 WISH-TV | [wistv.com](http://wistv.com)

A Sheridan reserve officer is under investigation Sunday for test firing weapons on a private range and striking a home with a bullet.

At 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Sheridan Police Department officers were dispatched to a shots-fired call in the Maple Run subdivision. A reserve officer on duty responded to the call and took the initial case information. After completing the call and mak-

ing sure no one was injured, the officer contacted his immediate supervisor.

The reserve officer determined that the incident he was investigating involved himself and another person 10 minutes before the call. The reserve officer and the other person were test firing two non-department issued guns on

a private range with a backstop with railroad ties and dirt backfill.

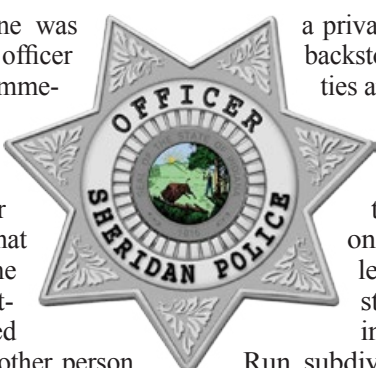
Investigators revealed that during this test firing on the range, at least one bullet struck a home in the Maple Run subdivision in Sheridan, which is about three quarters of a mile away from the range.

The Hamilton County Sher-

idan Police Department was notified by Sheridan Police Chief Michael Nielsen, and they were asked to investigate the incident since it involved an officer from the Sheridan Police Department.

The range has been closed until further notice. The identity of the reserve officer was not provided by investigators.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wistv.com/news/local-news/sheridan-reserve-officer-under-investigation-for-firing-guns-on-private-range](http://wistv.com/news/local-news/sheridan-reserve-officer-under-investigation-for-firing-guns-on-private-range).





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# See Frampton live at The Palladium in April

Tickets for 'Let's Do It Again!' tour stop on sale Friday

## The REPORTER

Just months after his Rock & Roll Hall of Fame induction, Grammy-winning guitarist and singer-songwriter Peter Frampton is coming to Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.

Frampton's *Let's Do It Again!* tour appearance is set for 8 p.m. Friday, April 11, at the Palladium.

Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 24, at **TheCenterPresents.org**, by phone at (317) 843-3800, or in person at the Palladium's Fifth Third Bank Box Office, 1 Carter Green, Carmel. The concert is part of the Printing Partners Encore Series and the 2024-2025 *Center Presents* Season sponsored by Allied Solutions.

Frampton arose from the 1960s British rock scene as leader of the Herd and co-founder of Humble Pie, one of the first heavy rock supergroups. His solo breakthrough came with the 1976 double album *Frampton Comes Alive!*, which was the best-selling



Photo by Allison Morgan

See one of the most talented guitarists in rock at The Palladium on April 11.

album of the year and remains one of the top live albums of all time. The hit singles "Show Me the Way," "Baby, I Love Your Way," and "Do You Feel Like We Do" remain sta-

ples of classic-rock radio. In October, Frampton was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame by longtime friend Roger Daltrey of The Who. He also is a member of the Musicians

Hall of Fame and the Grammy Hall of Fame and has toured with artists including David Bowie and Ringo Starr's All-Starr Band. He previously played the Palladium in 2014.

## COLLABORATION

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The clinical training experience of physicians ranges roughly between 12,000 and 16,000 hours compared to 500 to 750 hours for APRNs. APRN training varies widely by school, and some are even partly internet based. Many schools have inconsistent and poor-

ly organized and vetted clinical rotations. Their student experience is largely observational.

There are also important qualitative training differences. Physicians receive much more rigorous experiences, depth of responsibility, and intensive knowledge acqui-

sition. Physician trainees have years of direct structured shoulder-to-shoulder supervision and mentoring with faculty. Practice collaboration agreements between APRNs and physicians are no substitute.

Patients come to a physician or an APRN in an undifferentiated manner. A symptom like chest pain or back pain could be of minor significance but could also be a life-threatening condition. APRNs must have the clinical training, experience, and judgment to recognize and appropriately address all such clinical scenarios and the subtleties and complexities that may be present. There is danger in not recognizing what one does not know.

If APRNs desire independent practice (I confidently believe most do not), they should receive the additional clinical training, either in professional school or post-graduation, necessary to better assure readiness and competence.

APRN political leadership asserts that APRN-independent practice is essential to increasing health-care access in underserved rural areas. This is refuted by using Centers for Medicare and Medicaid objective geographic mapping demonstrating a very similar practice location distribution of physicians and independent-practice APRNs.

APRN leadership claims to have research proving that the quality of care in in-

dependent practice is equivalent to or better than physicians' despite the disparity in training. The physician community has repeatedly pointed out the problematic nature of APRN's research, much of which is of poor quality; confounded; and old, conducted at a time when physician supervision was required.

Many studies in the medical literature including research by the National Bureau of Economic Research, the Mississippi State Medical Association, and the Mayo Clinic demonstrate care provided by APRNs in comparison to physicians is more inefficient, of lower quality, and more costly. APRNs order more expensive diagnostic tests, request more specialty referrals, are responsible for more avoidable hospitalizations, and overprescribe antibiotics and opioids.

I know of an Indiana family physician who was previously an APRN. She reflected that after attending medical school and residency, "I realized how much I did not know."

Let's continue to expand patient access through increasing the number of physicians and non-physician providers working in physician-led collaboration.

*Richard D. Feldman, M.D. is an Indianapolis family physician and former Indiana State Health Commissioner who served in the administration of Governor Frank O'Bannon.*

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**PICK-UP DAYS: Monday, February 3rd from Noon - 6pm**  
**Tuesday, February 4th from Noon - 6pm**

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**Meeting Notice**

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold its monthly joint Board of Trustees and Budget and Finance Committee meeting at 7:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 24, 2025, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.

**Public Notice**

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 Honda Shadow motorcycle  
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# Rotary Foundation receives Allstate Foundation grant to aid Leadership Connection

**Submitted**

Congratulations to the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International for receiving a \$5,000 Allstate Foundation Helping Hands grant.

When youth are empowered with opportunities and resources, meaningful change happens. A total of 42 million youth are ready to be changemakers. Imagine the positive impact they could have on communities, and themselves, through opportunities like Carmel Rotary's Leadership Connection. Thank you to the Indianapolis Allstate agents and Rotary District 6560 for empowering youth during the 2024 Leadership Connection volunteer and leadership event.

This grant was awarded thanks to the work of Carmel Allstate agent Ranj Puthran, who owns the Ranj Puthran Allstate Agency. He has worked for Allstate for 30 years. His mission sums up his own values and shows just what Puthran, and the Carmel Rotary Leadership Connection, share in their goals: "My mission and passion is to help build a secure wall of protection, guide, coach



and teach, provide hands-on assistance, seek solutions, care and embrace individuals like one of my own."

Puthran has been a longtime member of the Carmel Chamber of Commerce and was the Chamber's Most Valuable Volunteer for 2013.

Richard M. Markoff, Ph.D., a member of the Carmel Rotary and part of the Leadership Connection, stated, "It was great working with Ranj on this effort!"

The grant, in the amount of \$5,000, will be used to help the Carmel Rotary Leadership Connection with its annual volunteer and leadership events.

Leadership Connection is a branded event of the Rotary Club of Carmel in partnership with iTeam Think Tank, Carmel Clay Schools, Carmel Fire Department, Christel House Watanabe Manual High School, and Pro/Act Indy.



Since its inception in 2021, the Leadership Connection has been serving its mission to connect today's leaders with the next generation to build a stronger community. Leadership Connection provides a forum for local high school students to engage with distinguished professionals from both the private and public sectors, allowing students to build professional and personal leadership skills while providing members of our community the opportunity to positively impact the next generation.

The Rotary Club of Carmel is proud to partner with distinguished members of the community to lead this workshop and service activity that brings students from both Carmel and Indianapolis together as they explore

their futures and learn how they can impact their communities.

Students who attend the leadership events can also apply for the Portee Leadership Connection scholarship, which awards funds to a college or trade school of their choice and a laptop computer.

Leadership Connection has impacted more than 350 Carmel and Indianapolis inner-city high school juniors and seniors in tandem with 100 business, community, and non-profit executives and leaders since its start.

The mission of Leadership Connection is "We connect today's leaders to ignite future leaders in building a stronger community."

For more information, visit [RotaryLeadership-Connection.com](http://RotaryLeadership-Connection.com).

# Kirk Klabunde joins OneZone Chamber Board of Directors

**The REPORTER**

OneZone Chamber has announced the appointment of Kirk Klabunde to its 2025 Board of Directors.

Klabunde, Senior Vice President of Commercial Banking at First Merchants Bank, brings a wealth of expertise and a deep commitment to fostering business growth and community development.

"OneZone is an engaged team that works well for our business community," Klabunde said. "I am excited to join the board and work to further the success of our local businesses."

Jack Russell, President & CEO of OneZone Chamber, shared his enthusiasm for the new appointment:



**Klabunde**

"Kirk Klabunde's leadership and dedication to our business community make him an exceptional addition to the OneZone Chamber Board. His expertise in commercial banking and passion for supporting local businesses align perfectly with our mission to drive economic success across the region."

The OneZone Chamber Board of Directors comprises influential business and community leaders who provide strategic guidance and champion initiatives that support workforce development, innovation, and regional prosperity.

For more information about OneZone Chamber and its Board of Directors, visit [onezonechamber.com](http://onezonechamber.com).

# A dozen local students make dean's list at Saint Mary's College

**The REPORTER**

The following students have been named to the Saint Mary's College Dean's List for the Fall 2024 semester. They are listed by hometown.

**Carmel**

- Shannon Larkey
- Grace Leber
- Odessa Norton
- Sadee Paulson
- Savannah Paulson
- Kathryn Tiplick
- Eleanor York

**Fishers**

- Laynie Cheek
- Ruby Schnitzius

**Noblesville**

- Kori Dues
- Miley Smith
- Sarah Whitten

To earn this academic honor at Saint Mary's, a student must achieve a grade-point average of at least 3.6 on a 4.0 scale, have a minimum of 12 graded credit hours, no incompletes, and no grades lower than a C.

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**Military Academy Nominations**  
 High school students in our district may contact my office to request a nomination to attend one of our nation's service academies.

**US Capitol and White House Tour Requests**  
 My office can help arrange tours throughout our nation's capital.



# Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

## Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations

### American Legion Posts

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

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

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

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

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

### VFW Posts

**Carmel Post 10003** Darin Bibeau  
12863 Old Meridian St  
Carmel, In 46032 Breakfast 2 & 4 Sat 8-11  
317-846-0917 Thurs Treasure Hunt 7pm  
**Noblesville Post 6246** Eric Behrends  
654 S 9<sup>th</sup> St  
Noblesville, In 46060  
317-773-9956

### Non-Profit Veteran Orgs

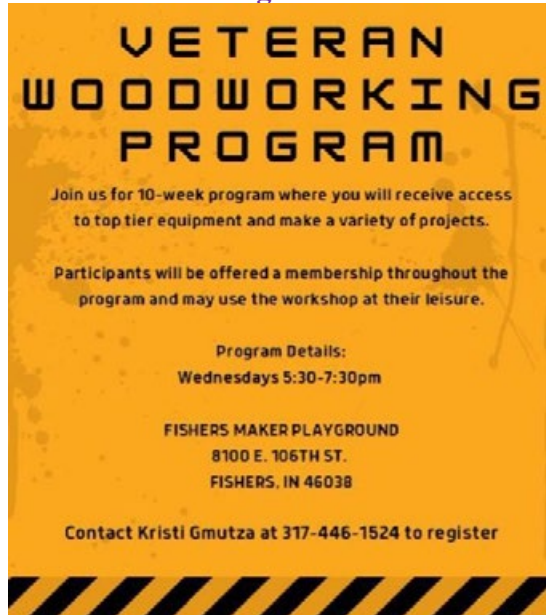
**Hamilton County Veterans Corp**  
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Noblesville, in 46061  
[secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com](mailto:secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com)  
Meets 7pm the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday Monthly at the Fishers American Legion. Our website <https://www.hamiltoncountyveterans.com/>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

**Navy Club Ship 29**  
Noblesville, In  
[president@hamiltoncountyveterans.com](mailto:president@hamiltoncountyveterans.com)  
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### Hamilton County Veteran Service Officers

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| 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 25<sup>th</sup> for packaging. We also need to raise money for shipping costs, so please donate online at <https://donorbox.org/hamilton-county-veterans-corp> or drop off funds at the Legion & VFW where you leave the goods for the care packages. We need the good and funds delivered by January 24, 2025. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!!!**

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

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

### Care Package Items Needed for Our Deployed Troops

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

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

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

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

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

## Activities & Events

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/](http://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  
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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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Photos provided by Westfield FD

Crews worked vigorously to contain a house fire in the 500 block of State Road 32 Monday evening.

# Westfield Fire reports total loss in Monday evening house fire

### Submitted by Westfield Police Department

On Monday, Westfield firefighters were dispatched at 7:45 p.m. to a house fire in the 500 block of Main Street (State Road 32). The road was closed east of U.S. 31 to Carey Road.

Approximately 45 firefighters arrived with heavy fire coming from the residence and extending into a second structure.

Occupants of the residence were checked for injuries; no firefighters were reported injured.

The primary residence is a complete loss and the second residence has significant to near total loss, as well.

Investigators have not determined the cause at this time and may take several days due to the extent of the damage. No dollar amount of the losses is available.

Crews were assisted by Carmel Fire, Noblesville Fire, Zionsville Fire, Westfield Police, Westfield Public Works, INDOT, Red Cross, Citizens Energy, Duke, Centerpoint, Ham-



ilton County Communications, and Westfield Emergency Response Social Worker.



## Aspire names Dr. Holly Oh Chief Medical Officer

### The REPORTER

Aspire Indiana Health has named Holly Oh M.D. to be its Chief Medical Officer. A pediatrician and seasoned community health advocate, Dr. Oh will work to reshape and expand healthcare services for the nonprofit, which has health centers in Boone, Hamilton, Madison, and Marion counties.

As the chief architect of Aspire's clinical strategy, she will lead the development and expansion of primary care medical services, help foster strategic partnerships with other health systems and guide the professional growth of clinical providers at Aspire.

Dr. Oh earned her medical degree at the University of Michigan after obtaining an undergraduate degree in psychology from Brown University. She completed her residency at Children's Hospital of Boston and Boston Medical Center. She has served in senior leadership and executive roles at healthcare organizations with a history of leading transformational healthcare system change for underserved populations.

"Holly is a preeminent figure in developing innovative models of healthcare delivery to the people who need them most," Aspire President and CEO Antony Sheehan said. "Aspire is extremely proud to have a clinical leader of her status joining our organization. We have ambitious goals to

expand the scope of medical services offered to underserved patients in Central Indiana, and Dr. Oh will be our primary navigator in that journey."

Aspire is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) with nine clinics primarily serving Medicaid and Medicare patients. It also provides behavioral healthcare, addiction treatment/recovery facilities, and programs addressing social drivers of health such as housing and employment.

"I'm incredibly thankful for this opportunity with Aspire Indiana Health, an organization that has done so much over the decades to serve some of the most vulnerable people in Indiana," Dr. Oh said. "Working with their dedicated staff, we're going to do some truly amazing things in the years to come."

### About Aspire

Serving central Indiana since 1966, Aspire Indiana Health is a nonprofit provider of comprehensive healthcare services addressing behavioral health, primary care medicine, substance use disorder, infectious diseases, deaf services, veteran services, recovery housing, abused/neglected children and programs addressing the social drivers of health including housing and employment assistance. Aspire is supported by a strong network of community organizations, state/federal entities and generous benefactors. For more information, visit [aspireindiana.org](http://aspireindiana.org).



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### Letter to the Editor

## Indianapolis reader: "Let's wait and see" how President Trump conducts second administration

Dear Editor:  
Months ago, I wrote about the sad state of our choices for president in the 2024 election. At the time, it was a choice between Mr. Biden and Mr. Trump. My point then was that there should be a younger, more vital person involved, as these two candidates both appeared old and tired. That was before the first debate, which led to the Democrats suddenly deciding that Biden was not a viable candidate. This was after previously claiming he was the sharpest man in the room at official meetings.

Next came the sudden installment of Ms. Harris as the Democratic Party candidate. This caused a great deal of hope for liberals, as she promised not to change anything that Mr. Biden had put forth. This all seemed a bit quick and undemocratic to me, but I stayed on the watch to see what would come of it.

What came of it was a rather ragged campaign by the left, while Mr. Trump's ideas rose in popularity. So, what to do as a voter? In my opinion, the older candidate, whom I had criticized for his age and appearance, seemed the only viable choice. The majority of Americans agreed, and so

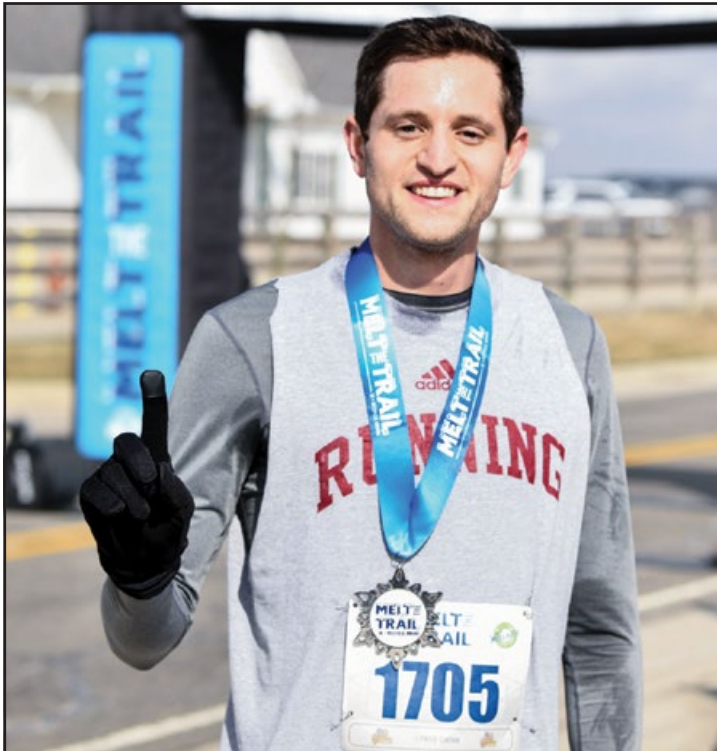
the GOP won the trifecta of the Presidency, House, and Senate.

Trump 2.0 seems to have the advantage of having been there before and is hitting the ground running at a rapid pace. I will again watch to see what becomes of the economy, the border, and our world relations. Trump is a unique leader, I think. He runs the country like a business - a skill in which he has a lot of experience. I am not unhappy with that if he gets the results our country needs. Let's wait and see.

Morris Bedlam  
Indianapolis

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# Latest Westfield road construction updates

## The REPORTER

### Towne Road

Towne Road will tentatively close starting Monday, Jan. 27 and last for approximately two weeks. This closure is for utility work in preparation of the 151st Street and Towne Road roundabout the city is constructing in Spring 2025. This will require the closure of Towne Road between 151st Street and Kimblewick Boulevard.

Please see the detour route map above for details.

### Monon Trail

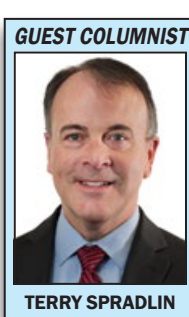
The Monon has now been closed a few hundred feet north and south of 191st Street. The contractor has signage up and traffic control. Intermittent closures are to be expected from now until approximately Jan. 31. Timely updates will be posted on the City of Westfield [Facebook page](#).



Photo illustration provided by City of Westfield

## How tax dollars work in public schools

With the start of the 2025 session of the Indiana General Assembly, the investment in K-12 public education will become a focal point of the two-year state budget.



TERRY SPRADLIN

When examining the areas that consume the largest portions of the **state budget** – while Medicaid is the fastest-growing expenditure now at 19 percent of the state budget – K-12 education remains the largest expenditure at 47 percent. This number decreases to 42 percent when deducting the obligations for retired teacher pensions. The annual appropriation of more than \$9 billion for K-12 education supports teaching and learning opportunities for more than 1 million Hoosier children. About \$5 billion of this amount pays for the salaries and benefits of the 63,000 teachers in the classroom.

The investment by the state legislature in public schools is a sound decision. Adequate funding for schools helps perpetuate our democracy, benefits local communities, provides opportunities for our youngest citizens, and drives economic and job growth. Successful schools produce law-abiding, tax-paying citizens ready for postsecondary education, military enlistment, or high-wage careers.

The return on the investment is strong, as illustrated by several positive indicators. Most recently, Indiana's public high schools **achieved** a record-high graduation rate of 92.5 percent. Indiana students **lead** the nation in earning college credits while in high school, with 64 percent of students earning an average of 13.5 college credits. The State Board of Education approved changes to high school graduation requirements, increasing the opportunities for students to earn workplace credentials through participation in work-based learning, internships, and modern youth apprenticeships.

Other policy changes

are helping drive improvements in reading proficiency and student attendance. Indiana consistently performs well on national rankings based on the **National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)**, with our fourth and eighth graders exceeding the national average in math and on par in reading. While these are positive indicators, we have more work to do, especially to encourage more students to pursue a higher education. Continued investment in K-12 public education is essential.

Where does Indiana stand on per-student spending? According to a 2024 **report** from the Reason Foundation, Indiana had the second-lowest inflation-adjusted increase in education spending in the nation from 2002 to 2020 at only 1.9 percent. Another 2024 **report** from the Education Data Initiative indicates Indiana ranks 37th of 50 states in education spending per pupil. While state funding has risen substantially in the last four years, the long-term trends have not kept up with inflation and are decreasing as a percentage of the state budget.

These are cautionary trends for policymakers and state leaders as they craft the new two-year state budget. Public education continues to be a wise investment, in return helping proactively address many issues related to public health, safety, and quality of life. Balancing a budget that addresses a bevy of complex issues and essential programs is not an easy task. Legislators are to be commended when they prioritize the best investment of taxpayer dollars in K-12 education, as they have done recently.

Let us hope we can celebrate a similar outcome at the end of the budget session, accelerating educational progress for Hoosier students.

*Terry Spradlin serves as the Executive Director of the Indiana School Boards Association.*

## Letter to the Editor

### Fishers educator: "We don't need partisan games infiltrating our school board more than it already has"

Dear Editor:

On Jan. 18, **Dr. Juanita Albright published an opinion piece** regarding partisanship in Indiana school boards. Apart from the mental gymnastics necessary to connect "Do No Harm" to adding a D or an R to the end of names on a ballot, Dr. Albright's column gives little in the way of evidence or reasoning behind her support in school board partisanship. In the end, it reads like she is a sore loser, one who's desired slate handily lost the 2024 HSE School Board election.

Dr. Albright states: "During the pandemic, Indiana parents got an inside look at what was happening in their children's classrooms and didn't like what they saw. Academic excellence took a hit when schools were closed..."

This couldn't be further from the truth, and is yet another attempt at revisionist history. When schools closed in March of 2020, the public at large lauded teachers and their efforts to continue some semblance of normalcy. We thanked them, as what we really saw is a peek into their daily reality, but one they experience times 30. Academic excellence didn't take a hit – we reprioritized surviving a pandemic over completing homework.

Here's the reality that Dr. Albright isn't interested in examining: U.S. students have struggled for years in reading and math. We were able to ignore it, and we did so, in the name of finance. In Indiana especially, we

have never worked to fully fund education. Instead, we go to every place we can BUT financial support. The newest is blaming teachers while also not giving them what they need. Then, instead of trying to actually help them, we play games in the name of partisanship, creating the need for situations such as HSE's multiple Unfair Labor Practice disputes.

In her piece, Dr. Albright claims: "School board members make key decisions on curriculum, salaries, instruction policies, and staffing – and members oversee millions of taxpayer dollars. Voters need to know the ideological backgrounds of the individuals who will wield this much power in the community."

This also isn't accurate. Maybe this fundamental misunderstanding has led Dr. Albright to be confused about her role. According to the ISBA School Board Candidate Information manual (2024): "First, it is a fundamental understanding that governance is not administration. There is a clear delineation between the two roles. School boards are responsible for setting policy, program oversight, superintendent evaluation, approving the budget, approving recommendations brought by the superintendent, establishing appropriate and safe facilities, and acting as liaisons to the community."

The world of decision-making, especially in curriculum, salaries, and instruction, these are done by

district administration. Decisions made about education are best done by educators, and not doctors. That is because, again, the role of a school board is governance, not administration. In this role of oversight, one's ideological background is not of value. What does matter is how a candidate runs on understanding their role, including their sound values and respect for educators. It is clear from this most recent election that such things matter to HSE voters.

Dr. Albright, it's 2025. The pandemic is over. Those of us here in the present are working hard to support our educators by giving them what they need, and helping them to serve our students. It's rather concerning that you would spend time writing this column instead of responding to emails sent to the board. HSE voters and parents, nonetheless, are perfectly capable of making decisions for their school board without partisanship. Your claim that: "Non-partisan elections can give inflated influence to special-interest groups that may not be student-focused" has already come to pass, and the parents and voters of HSE have realized it's not what we wanted. And we don't need partisan games infiltrating our school board more than it already has.

Keep School Boards in Indiana free from partisanship.

**Alyssa Roberts**  
Fishers resident, educator & parent of two current students

## Letter to the Editor

### Noblesville educator disagrees with Dr. Albright's prescription of partisan school board elections

Dear Editor:

As an educator and supporter of public schools and teachers, I strongly disagree with **Dr. Albright's notion that making school board elections partisan will serve the best interests of students or communities**. While transparency and voter participation are vital, partisanship will only exacerbate divisions, shift focus away from students, and politicize the decisions that should center on education.

Non-partisan school board elections exist precisely to ensure that school boards prioritize education over political agendas. When board members are chosen based on their commitment to students, teachers, and educational excellence, not party affiliation, decisions are more likely to reflect our district needs rather than partisan ideologies. Introducing partisanship would risk creating a polarized environment in which board members feel pressured to adhere to party platforms rather than collaborating to solve problems. This is especially dangerous in education.

Dr. Albright suggests that partisanship will provide transparency and help voters understand candidates' values. However, reducing

candidates to party labels oversimplifies their priorities and qualifications, leaving voters with a narrow and potentially misleading picture. Effective school board members require expertise in education, budgeting, and leadership, not political allegiance. A candidate's party affiliation does not reveal their understanding of curriculum design or capacity to support teachers. Vision statements and campaign platforms offer more specific insights into a candidate's priorities than a simple "D" or "R" next to their name ever could.

Moreover, partisanship is not a guarantee of increased voter turnout. Dr. Albright cites North Carolina's data, but fails to consider that higher turnout in partisan elections often comes with increased divisiveness and voter polarization. This undermines the collaborative spirit essential for school boards to function effectively. Communities benefit more from candidates who listen to diverse perspectives and make decisions grounded in educational research rather than political ideology.

Dr. Albright's argument assumes that politics are already entrenched in schools, so partisanship will merely formalize an existing reality. This

is a flawed premise. While political issues sometimes intersect with education, introducing overt partisanship will amplify these conflicts and shift attention from students to political battles. Schools should be places where students, teachers, and families feel supported, not battlegrounds for ideological disputes.

Special-interest groups and polarizing debates about curriculum, teacher pay, and policies would only intensify under a partisan system. Decisions about what students learn and how teachers are supported should be based on evidence and best practices not party platforms. Public education is about preparing students to think critically, collaborate, and solve problems. To politicize that mission is to jeopardize the future we hope to build for them.

Making school board elections partisan would do a disservice to the students and communities they serve. We must remain focused on supporting educators, empowering students, and fostering environments where collaboration, not partisanship, drives decisions. We need to keep politics off school boards and keep the focus where it belongs – on education.

**Brandy Bast**  
Noblesville

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**TODAY'S BIBLE READING**

**THE GOLDEN CALF**

*Moses turned and went down the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands. They were inscribed on both sides, front and back. The tablets were the work of God; the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets.*

*When Joshua heard the noise of the people shouting, he said to Moses, "There is the sound of war in the camp."*

*Moses replied: "It is not the sound of victory, it is not the sound of defeat; it is the sound of singing that I hear."*

*Exodus 32:15-18 (NIV)*

**Constance Joan Harber**

**June 2, 1954 – January 18, 2025**



Constance Joan Harber, 70, Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, January 18, 2025, at her home. She was born on June 2, 1954, to Orel and Evelyn (Hines) Eilar in Noblesville. Connie married Danny Allen Harber on June 15, 1973.

Connie was a stay-at-home mom. She liked *The Wizard of Oz* and playing Bingo. Connie loved going out to eat, especially at Bob Evans. Most of all, she loved spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Connie is survived by her son, Wendell (Melissa) Harber; daughter, Melissa Kelly (Jason Taylor); eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Danny A. Harber; and her brother, Ronald Hines.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, January 23, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, January 24, 2025, at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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

**Daniel Maurice Kelso**

**January 22, 1948 – January 17, 2025**

Daniel Maurice Kelso, 76, Cicero, passed away on Friday, January 17, 2025, at Maple Park Village. He was born in Indianapolis on January 22, 1948, to the late Russell and Leona (Barnes) Kelso. Dan graduated from Warren Central High School and attended Indiana University, where he received a bachelor's degree.

Dan retired in 2018 as a Salesman from Olinger and Southern Wine and Spirits. He was a devoted member of Legacy Bible Church in Fishers and found great joy in attending church services and spending time with his family and friends.

A true sports enthusiast, Dan was passionate about Indiana University athletics, the Pacers, Colts, and Cubs. He also took immense pride in coaching and mentoring his son, D. J., for many years. Watching his grandson, Bryson, play golf and baseball brought him tremendous joy. Dan loved being outdoors, taking walks, and relaxing by the lake. He was a cherished member of the Cicero community and greatly enjoyed shopping and celebrating Christmas. One of his favorite pastimes was snow skiing, particularly during trips to Salt Lake City.

Daniel is survived by his son, D.J. (Misty) Kelso of Westfield; grandson, Bryson Matthew Kelso of Westfield; brother, William "Bill" Kelso of Florida; nieces-in-law, Kloey Blanke and Makala Shelley; and nephew, Billy Kelso of Dayton, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his parents, Russell and Leona Kelso.

The visitation will take place from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, January 23, 2025, at Hartley Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero. The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, January 23, 2025, at Hartley Funeral Home, with Pastor Keith Kunda officiating. A private family burial will follow at Cicero Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Legacy Bible Church, 13490 Howe Road, Fishers, IN 46038.

Online condolences may be left at [hartleyfuneralhomes.com](http://hartleyfuneralhomes.com).

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**Rick Charles Jaros**

**December 28, 1947 – January 18, 2025**

Rick Charles Jaros, 77, Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, January 18, 2025, at his home. He was born on December 28, 1947 in Cicero, Ill.

Rick was a sales rep in trucking for many years and had his own delivery service. He also worked part-time at Meijer. Rick was a member of First Christian Church of Noblesville where he served as Elder and Moderator. He loved to travel and play golf. Rick was a wonderful husband, father, stepfather, uncle, and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife, Janet Jaros; son, Jason (Patti) Jaros; daughter, Janice (Terry) Pavlak; stepson, Craig (Emily) Stamm; stepdaughter, Julie Stamm; grandchildren, Keegan Jaros, Ethan Jaros, Calib Pavlak, Maggie Moore, Jacob Moore, and Lily Stamm; sisters, Judy Rokavek and Debbie Henkel; mother-in-law, Gwen Galbreath; sister-in-law, Nancy Jo (Gary) Rhodes; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Rick was preceded in death by his father, Charles Jaros; mother, Viola Spacik; grandson, Devin Jaros; stepson, Todd Stamm; brother-in-law, Robert Rokavek; and his sister-in-law, Joyce Kinnaman.

Visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m., with services at 3 p.m., on Saturday, January 25, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Rev. Nick Orange will officiate. Burial will be at a later date at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Christian Church of Noblesville, 16377 Herriman Blvd., Noblesville, IN 46060 ([fcnoblesville.org](http://fcnoblesville.org)).

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

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

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## Girls Basketball



(LEFT) Fishers senior Allison Scheu made five 3-pointers during the Tigers' win at Carmel on Tuesday. (RIGHT) Carmel senior Mackenzie Woods scored nine points for the Greyhounds.

Reporter photos by Richie Hall

# Scheu brings the heat for Tigers

## Fishers pulls away from Greyhounds for 60-36 win

By **RICHIE HALL**  
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**CARMEL** – While it was cold outside Tuesday evening, Fishers' Allison Scheu provided some heat.

The Tigers senior basketball player made five 3-pointers during Fishers' girls basketball game with Carmel on Bill Shepherd Court at the Eric Clark Activity Center. The Tigers then clamped down on defense in the fourth quarter to beat the Greyhounds 60-36.

It was Carmel's Senior Night, and the Greyhounds scored the first two baskets of the game, from Mallory Bourquein and Mackenzie Woods, for a 4-0 lead. Scheu got Fishers on the board with her first triple, and that began a 10-1 run.

Freshman Riley Schellhammer scored five points of that run, including a 3. Scheu made a second 3 in the period, which ended with the Tigers leading 13-9.

"I thought that my teammates found me in really open sports," said Scheu, a University of Saint Francis commit. "My 3-point percentage isn't as high as I feel like it reflected tonight, so

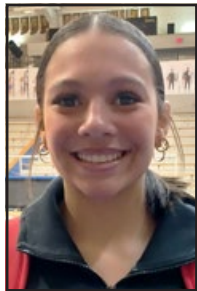
they were playing off me a little bit in the beginning and I could get in a rhythm."

"Allison came up huge for us," said Fishers coach Lauren Votaw. "She's playing like a senior who wants to keep her season going. She's working like that every day in practice."

Scheu hit two more triples early in the second quarter. Woods helped the 'Hounds keep in it with a 3, then later made two free throws to begin a 6-0 spurt. Bourquein added a layin and a Sydney Bonds basket brought Carmel within 21-20.

Schellhammer stopped the run with a layin, which Bourquein matched with a jumper. Nevaeh Dickman got in the act with a 3 and a jumper, but Maddy Wallace finished the half with her own triple. As a result, Fishers led 28-25 at the break.

A Bourquein layin kept Carmel within 29-27 early,



Schellhammer



Bourquein

but Fishers took off on a 10-0 spurt. Scheu nailed her fifth 3 of the game to start the run, followed by a 3 by Makayla Triplett. Dickman and Schellhammer each made baskets to push the Tigers ahead 39-27.

The Greyhounds used a 7-0 run to get within 39-34, with Lauren Perry hitting a 3 during the run. But a Schellhammer and-1 was followed by a layin from Natalie Thomas, giving Fishers a 44-34 lead at the end of three.

Thomas and Bourquein traded baskets early in the fourth, after which the Tigers finished the game on a 14-0 run. Schellhammer poured in eight points during that run and finished as the leading scorer with 21 points.

"You don't ever not want to finish the game hard," said Scheu. "You want to play all four quarters. We came out a little slow, so we wanted to finish hard and make sure

that we sent that message that we were going to play the whole game."

Scheu finished with 17 points. Dickman scored 11 points, giving Fishers three scorers in double figures.

"What I liked, really about tonight was that it came in all different ways," said Votaw. "We had Allie, who hit five 3s. Riley had most of hers going to the bucket tonight and Nevaeh was slashing and moving really well without the basketball."

Bourquein scored 19 points for Carmel, with Woods adding nine points.

"I thought they did an excellent job," Greyhounds coach Rick Risinger said of Fishers. "They shot a high percentage. I'm assuming they did. It seemed like they hit every shot. But I'm very disappointed in the fact that we didn't come out and play defense. Regardless of what kind of defense we ran, we just gave them basically uncontested shots."

The Tigers are 12-7 and host Avon Friday in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference girls-boys doubleheader. Carmel is 9-9 and hosts Pike on Friday.

### FISHERS 60, CARMEL 36

| Fishers             | FG | FT  | TP | PF |
|---------------------|----|-----|----|----|
| Riley Schellhammer  | 8  | 4-5 | 21 | 1  |
| Makayla Triplett    | 1  | 0-0 | 3  | 0  |
| Nevaeh Dickman      | 4  | 2-2 | 11 | 0  |
| Allison Scheu       | 6  | 0-0 | 17 | 1  |
| Natalie Thomas      | 2  | 0-0 | 4  | 0  |
| Alanna Anthony      | 1  | 0-0 | 2  | 0  |
| Olivia Brookshire   | 0  | 0-0 | 0  | 0  |
| Nicole Ellison      | 0  | 0-0 | 0  | 1  |
| Caroline Kirkendall | 0  | 0-0 | 0  | 0  |
| Delaney Wilson      | 0  | 0-0 | 0  | 0  |
| Ella Burleson       | 0  | 0-0 | 0  | 0  |
| Akya Koenig         | 0  | 0-0 | 0  | 0  |
| Reagan Reiff        | 1  | 0-1 | 2  | 0  |
| Totals              | 23 | 6-8 | 60 | 3  |

Fishers 3-pointers (8) Scheu 5, Schellhammer, Triplett, Dickman.

| Carmel            | FG | FT  | TP | PF |
|-------------------|----|-----|----|----|
| Mackenzie Woods   | 3  | 2-2 | 9  | 1  |
| Lauren Perry      | 1  | 0-0 | 3  | 3  |
| Mallory Bourquein | 8  | 3-4 | 19 | 0  |
| Sydney Bonds      | 1  | 0-0 | 2  | 0  |
| Izzy Shepherd     | 0  | 0-0 | 0  | 0  |
| Maddy Wallace     | 1  | 0-0 | 3  | 1  |
| Bella Ramsey      | 0  | 0-0 | 0  | 0  |
| Taylee Fisher     | 0  | 0-0 | 0  | 2  |
| Layla Abdo        | 0  | 0-0 | 0  | 1  |
| Brooke Batt       | 0  | 0-0 | 0  | 0  |
| Amyla Holder      | 0  | 0-0 | 0  | 0  |
| Jacobi Warren     | 0  | 0-0 | 0  | 1  |
| Ella Weaver       | 0  | 0-0 | 0  | 0  |
| Totals            | 14 | 5-6 | 36 | 9  |

Carmel 3-pointers (3) Woods, Perry, Wallace.

### Score by Quarters

|         |    |    |    |       |
|---------|----|----|----|-------|
| Fishers | 13 | 15 | 16 | 16-60 |
| Carmel  | 9  | 16 | 9  | 2-36  |

# Noblesville uses balance on both ends in road win at Harrison

### The REPORTER

Tuesday night started the first of the final two road games for the Noblesville girls basketball team.

The Millers couldn't have gotten their week off to a better start with a 68-42 win in West Lafayette over former Hoosier Crossroads Conference opponent Harrison.

Noblesville jumped out to a six-point lead through one quarter with a 17-11 ad-

vantage.

The second was similar, edging out the Raiders 15-10 to head to the locker room at halftime up double digits, 32-21.

The Millers started to widen the gap more in the third, outscoring Harrison 20-15 for 52-36 score.

Harrison just wasn't able to keep up, scoring just six to Noblesville's 16 in the fourth, which helped the

Millers push to the 26-point rout of the Raiders.

The win extends Noblesville's win streak to 12 games and 14 wins in its last 15.

Meredith Tippner stuffed the stat sheet with 29 points, 10 rebounds, six assists and seven steals. Ally Hutchinson complemented well with 14 points, along with six boards and six steals. C.C. Quigley pitched in with 12 points, grabbed seven re-

bounds and blocked three shots. Kate Rollins also had nine points and two assists.

Defensively, the Millers forced 25 Harrison turnovers, 20 of which came from steals.

Noblesville (16-3, 4-2 HCC) concludes its week on the road in their final HCC game of the season at Franklin Central (14-7, 1-4 HCC) for a 12:30 p.m. tipoff on Saturday.

### NOBLESVILLE 68, HARRISON 42

| Noblesville       | FG    | FT    | TP | PF |
|-------------------|-------|-------|----|----|
| Ally Hutchinson   | 6-11  | 0-0   | 14 | 3  |
| Maia Blower       | 0-1   | 0-0   | 0  | 3  |
| Meredith Tippner  | 10-24 | 8-8   | 29 | 2  |
| Kate Rollins      | 4-9   | 1-2   | 9  | 2  |
| C.C. Quigley      | 5-6   | 2-4   | 12 | 1  |
| Ellie Motz        | 0-1   | 0-0   | 0  | 0  |
| Norah Vctor       | 1-5   | 0-0   | 2  | 0  |
| Bri Gray          | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0  | 1  |
| Brookelyn Grayson | 0-1   | 0-0   | 0  | 0  |
| Devyn Johnson     | 0-1   | 0-0   | 0  | 0  |
| Nyla Young        | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0  | 0  |
| Aleah Magee       | 1-1   | 0-0   | 2  | 0  |
| Totals            | 27-60 | 11-14 | 68 | 12 |

### Score by Quarters

|             |    |    |    |       |
|-------------|----|----|----|-------|
| Noblesville | 17 | 15 | 20 | 16-68 |
| Harrison    | 11 | 10 | 15 | 6-42  |

Noblesville 3-point shooting (3-19) Hutchinson 2-7, Tippner 1-3, Rollins 0-3, Vctor 0-2, Grayson 0-1, Johnson 0-1, Blower 0-1, Quigley 0-1.

Noblesville rebounds (33) Tippner 10, Quigley 7, Hutchinson 6, Blower 3, Grayson 2, Grayson 1, Young 1, Gray 1, team 2.

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### Boys Basketball

## Rocks race past Yorktown for big win

#### The REPORTER

Westfield's boys basketball team cruised past Yorktown 62-33 Tuesday in a makeup game at CSI Gymnasium.

The Shamrocks, now ranked No. 4 in both the IBCA one-class poll (see Page 10) and the Associated Press Class 4A list, jumped out to a 20-5 lead after one quarter. Durante Morton scored six points in the first, with Jalen Malone

adding five points. Westfield led 29-15 at halftime, then surged ahead to a 45-22 advantage after three quarters. Morton added another seven points in the third.

Morton scored 15 points, with Jalen Malone scoring 11 points.

Westfield is 10-1 and hosts Brownsburg Friday in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference girls-boys doubleheader.

#### WESTFIELD 62, YORKTOWN 33

| Westfield       | FG | FT  | TP | PF |
|-----------------|----|-----|----|----|
| Will Harvey     | 3  | 0-0 | 8  | 1  |
| Jalen Malone    | 5  | 0-0 | 11 | 2  |
| Durante Morton  | 7  | 1-2 | 15 | 0  |
| Brock Detamore  | 1  | 3-4 | 5  | 0  |
| Rylan Rauch     | 3  | 0-0 | 8  | 0  |
| Logan Sumpter   | 1  | 0-0 | 2  | 1  |
| Luke Vandegriff | 3  | 0-0 | 6  | 3  |
| Ryan Hunsucker  | 1  | 1-1 | 3  | 0  |
| Ian Muntel      | 1  | 2-2 | 4  | 0  |
| Wyatt Freehauf  | 0  | 0-0 | 0  | 0  |
| Totals          | 25 | 7-9 | 62 | 7  |

#### Score by Quarters

|           |    |    |    |         |
|-----------|----|----|----|---------|
| Yorktown  | 5  | 10 | 7  | 11 - 33 |
| Westfield | 20 | 9  | 16 | 17 - 62 |

Westfield 3-pointers (5) Harvey 2, Rauch 2, Malone.

### Girls Basketball

## Hawks beat Golden Eagles in close all-county game

#### The REPORTER

Sheridan won an all-county girls basketball game over Guerin Catholic 57-53 on Tuesday at the Eagles Nest.

The Class 2A No. 12 Blackhawks led 17-13 after one quarter. Cecilia Timme scored six points for Sheridan in that period, with Ava Bills scoring seven for the 3A Golden Eagles. Sheridan led 27-20 at halftime and held a 38-31 advantage after three quarters, with Caroline Ford getting eight points for Guerin Catholic.

The Golden Eagles scored 22 points in the fourth

quarter, but the 'Hawks held them off with 19 points in that period. Timme added another seven points, while Bills kept GC in it with seven points of her own.

Timme finished the game with 17 points, followed by Shelby Eaton with 12 and Kenzie Garner with 10. Bills led all scorers with 18 points and Ford had 11 points.

Sheridan is 17-1 and plays a Hoosier Heartland Conference game Thursday at Delphi. The Golden Eagles are 9-9 and host Brebeuf Jesuit Friday in a Circle City Conference girls-boys doubleheader.

#### SHERIDAN 57, GUERIN CATHOLIC 53

| Sheridan       | FG | FT   | TP | PF |
|----------------|----|------|----|----|
| Nova Cross     | 1  | 0-0  | 2  | 3  |
| Sadie Timme    | 3  | 1-2  | 8  | 2  |
| Kenzie Garner  | 4  | 1-4  | 10 | 2  |
| Brielle Garner | 3  | 0-0  | 8  | 0  |
| Cecilia Timme  | 7  | 3-4  | 17 | 2  |
| Shelby Eaton   | 5  | 0-0  | 12 | 2  |
| Totals         | 23 | 5-10 | 57 | 11 |

Sheridan 3-pointers (6) Eaton 2, K. Garner 2, S. Timme, B. Garner.

| Guerin Catholic | FG | FT   | TP | PF |
|-----------------|----|------|----|----|
| Annie Murphy    | 3  | 2-4  | 8  | 2  |
| Madi Cain       | 1  | 0-0  | 2  | 0  |
| Ava Bills       | 8  | 0-0  | 18 | 3  |
| Lillian Behrle  | 3  | 1-2  | 7  | 2  |
| Caroline Ford   | 5  | 1-2  | 11 | 0  |
| Brinna Wolf     | 1  | 0-0  | 2  | 0  |
| Reagan Haines   | 0  | 2-2  | 2  | 1  |
| Rachel Behrle   | 0  | 0-0  | 0  | 1  |
| Emerson Worman  | 0  | 0-0  | 0  | 0  |
| Dana Dues       | 0  | 0-0  | 0  | 0  |
| Addy Horvath    | 1  | 0-0  | 3  | 3  |
| Totals          | 22 | 6-10 | 53 | 12 |

Guerin Catholic 3-pointers (3) Bills 2, Horvath.

#### Score by Quarters

|                 |    |    |    |         |
|-----------------|----|----|----|---------|
| Sheridan        | 17 | 10 | 11 | 19 - 57 |
| Guerin Catholic | 13 | 7  | 11 | 22 - 53 |



Photo by Dwight Casler

Guerin Catholic's Annie Murphy (left) prepares to shoot a free throw during the Golden Eagles' game with Sheridan on Tuesday. At right is the Blackhawks' Brielle Garner, who scored eight points in Sheridan's win.

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, Jan. 22

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

Noblesville at Park Tudor, 7:30 p.m.

#### BOYS WRESTLING

Guerin Catholic at Speedway, 6 p.m.

Fishers at Franklin Central, 6:30 p.m.

Hamilton Southeastern at Carmel, 6:30 p.m.

Westfield at Harrison, 6:30 p.m.

### Thursday, Jan. 23

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Sheridan at Delphi, 7:30 p.m.

#### SWIMMING

Avon at Westfield, 6 p.m.

Hamilton Southeastern at Zionsville, 6 p.m.

### Friday, Jan. 24

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

Avon at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.

Brebeuf Jesuit at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.

Brownsburg at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.

Carmel at Pike, 7:30 p.m.

Hamilton Southeastern at Zionsville, 7:30 p.m.

Noblesville at Franklin Central, 7:30 p.m.

Sheridan at Delphi, 7:30 p.m.

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Avon at Fishers, 6 p.m.

Brebeuf Jesuit at Guerin Catholic, 6 p.m.

Brownsburg at Westfield, 6 p.m.

Hamilton Southeastern at Zionsville, 6 p.m.

Pike at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.

#### SWIMMING

Carmel, Hamilton Southeastern at

Warren Central Warrior Diving Invitational, 6 p.m.

Fishers Tigers College Events Classic, 6:30 p.m. at IU Natatorium

### Saturday, Jan. 25

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

Fishers at Fort Wayne Carroll, 4:30 p.m.

Brownsburg at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.

Hamilton Heights at Maconaquah, 7:30 p.m.

Mount Vernon at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.

Muncie Central at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.

Purdue Polytechnic North at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.

#### BOYS WRESTLING

Hoosier Heartland Conference meet, 9 a.m. at Delphi

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Noblesville at Franklin Central, 12:30 p.m.

Hamilton Heights at Hoosier Conference playoff game, 6 p.m.

Hamilton Southeastern at Center Grove, 7:30 p.m.

Homestead at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.

#### GYMNASTICS

Noblesville at Concordia Lutheran Carter Classic, 11:30 a.m.

#### SWIMMING

Noblesville, Fort Wayne Carroll at Fishers, 1 p.m.

Pioneer Conference meet, 1 p.m. at Ball State University

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## IBCA girls basketball poll – Week of Jan. 20

| Rank | School                     | Points | Record |
|------|----------------------------|--------|--------|
| 1    | Hamilton Southeastern (21) | 439    | 19-0   |
| 2    | Lawrence Central (1)       | 417    | 17-1   |
| 3    | Warsaw                     | 395    | 18-0   |
| 4    | South Bend Washington      | 363    | 20-1   |
| 5    | Homestead                  | 339    | 18-2   |
| 6    | Greensburg                 | 337    | 18-0   |
| 7    | South Knox                 | 310    | 17-2   |
| 8    | Noblesville                | 265    | 15-3   |
| 9    | Center Grove               | 244    | 16-2   |
| 10   | Brownsburg                 | 192    | 15-4   |
| 11   | Silver Creek               | 178    | 15-2   |
| 12   | Northridge                 | 170    | 17-4   |
| 13   | Washington                 | 159    | 18-2   |
| 14   | Pike                       | 155    | 13-3   |
| 15   | Bloomington South          | 138    | 17-2   |
| 16   | Plainfield                 | 122    | 14-5   |
| 17   | Columbia City              | 105    | 16-4   |
| 18   | McCutcheon                 | 86     | 18-3   |
| 19   | Lawrence North             | 58     | 10-7   |
| 20   | Penn                       | 48     | 16-5   |

First place votes are in parentheses.

### Other schools receiving votes, with records

Alexandria (19-1), Belmont (16-2), Castle (12-6), Corydon Central (15-4), Evansville Central (16-3), Floyd Central (15-4), Franklin Central (14-6), Northeastern (19-1), Pendleton Heights (13-6), Rensselaer Central (17-2), Valparaiso (13-7).

## IBCA boys basketball poll – Week of Jan. 20

| Rank | School                | Points | Record |
|------|-----------------------|--------|--------|
| 1    | Fishers (22)          | 440    | 14-0   |
| 2    | Crown Point           | 409    | 11-0   |
| 3    | Greenfield-Central    | 381    | 11-2   |
| 4    | Westfield             | 356    | 9-1    |
| 5    | South Bend St. Joseph | 309    | 12-1   |
| 6    | Ben Davis             | 290    | 12-3   |
| 7    | Lawrence North        | 285    | 10-3   |
| 8    | Anderson              | 280    | 13-1   |
| 9    | Avon                  | 277    | 13-1   |
| 10   | Cathedral             | 238    | 9-4    |
| 11   | Warsaw                | 182    | 12-3   |
| 12   | New Albany            | 165    | 9-1    |
| 13   | New Palestine         | 161    | 11-2   |
| 14   | NorthWood             | 136    | 13-1   |
| 15   | Northridge            | 110    | 10-2   |
| 16   | Evansville Reitz      | 89     | 11-0   |
| 17   | Brownstown Central    | 72     | 11-0   |
| 18   | Jeffersonville        | 61     | 8-5    |
| 19   | Fort Wayne Wayne      | 57     | 10-3   |
| 20   | Guerin Catholic       | 52     | 13-2   |

First place votes are in parentheses.

### Other schools receiving votes, with records

Bishop Luers (11-2), Blackhawk Christian (12-3), Cardinal Ritter (9-3), Carmel (7-5), Crispus Attucks (8-5), Evansville Memorial (9-1), Gary 21st Century (11-3), Homestead (12-4), Manchester (12-1), Mount Vernon (9-3), Noblesville (9-4), North Central (9-5), Northview (13-1), Silver Creek (13-2), South Bend Adams (8-4), South Bend Washington (10-2), South Ripley (14-0), Terre Haute North Vigo (13-2), Wapahani (13-0), Warren Central (7-5).

# Dougherty signs with Manchester University



Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics

Noblesville's Emmerson Dougherty has committed to the Manchester University women's cross country and track & field teams. (Front row, from left) Brian Dougherty (father), Emmerson Dougherty, and Stephanie Dougherty (mother). (Back row, from left) Noblesville Girls Cross Country Head Coach Aaron Becker, Cooper Dougherty (brother), Noblesville Girls Cross Country Assistant A.J. Snyder, Sharon Emmerson (grandmother), and Noblesville Girls Track & Field Head Coach Jim Pearce.

## Girls Basketball

# Sheridan's Kenzie Garner named Player of the Week

### The REPORTER

Sheridan senior Kenzie Garner was among the six players that have been selected as winners for this week's IBCA/Franciscan Health Player of the Week program for 2024-25, based on her performance in games during the week

of Jan. 13 to 18.

Garner averaged a double-double in leading the 2A No. 12 Sheridan (17-1) girls to two victories. The 6-0 senior wing scored 27 points with nine rebounds, four assists, one steal and three blocks in a 57-41 decision over Lapel. The Ferris State recruit then produced 26 points, 14 rebounds, three assists, two steals and three blocks as the Blackhawks beat Speedway 48-24. In the two games, Garner hit on 21-of-39 field goals, 7-of-15 3-pointers and 4-of-4 free throws.

This is the 17th season

for the IBCA Player of the Week program and the fifth season the awards are being presented by Franciscan Health Sports Medicine, an IBCA corporate partner. This is the first season for the IBCA Team of the Week program. The Team of the Week program is presented by Ballogy, another IBCA corporate partner.

Winners are chosen each week in the Player of the Week program from each of the IHSAA's three districts, and one Team of the Week is selected from the entire state. Former Martinsville boys' coach Kip Staggs oversees the se-

lection of boys' honorees. Former Brownsburg girls' coach Debbie Smiley oversees the selection of girls' honorees.

Coaches may nominate players and teams via buttons on the IBCA website (in.nhsbca.org). Coaches must be a current-year member for their players and/or team to be selected for a weekly award. Girls' winners are chosen from now through Monday following the IHSAA girls' State Finals. Boys' winners are chosen from now through the Monday following the IHSAA boys' State Finals.




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