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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Clouds increase.
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HHMS Robotics team places in top 5

Two teams bring home awards at Kalahari Classic

The REPORTER

Three of the Hamilton Heights Middle School (HHMS) Robotics teams qualified and competed in the finals at this year's Kalahari Classic VEX IQ Robotics Competition in Sandusky, Ohio, on Jan. 21 and 22.

HHMS' top team, 214F, finished in fifth place (Royce Bowyer, Ryder Holt, Grayson Pickering, Linley Bryan). In addition, Team 214B (Mikko Kikta, Rylee Mellinger, Tommy Girolamo, and JD Crask) won the Judges Award for their outstanding interview and effective communication skills while Team 214A (Wyndham Jung, Camden Millikan, Lilly Higgins, Maddy Higgins, Levi Van-Alstine and Reagan VanKirk) won the Build Award for the construction of their robot and for flawlessly documenting it in their engineering notebook.

Robotics club members from Hamilton Heights were among the hundreds of young bright minds from across the Midwest and beyond to compete for a chance to qualify for the world's largest international youth robotics event, VEX



Photos provided
Six Hamilton Heights Middle School Robotics teams (214A, 214B, 214F, 214G, 214H, and 214J) were among the hundreds of young bright minds from across the Midwest and beyond to compete at the 2025 Kalahari Classic VEX IQ Robotics Competition in Sandusky, Ohio, on Jan. 21 and 22.

Worlds, set for April in Texas.

Tournament judges evaluate robotics teams based on how their robots are designed, how they solve assigned problems, overall usability and the team's record of project management. In the interview phase, teams are evaluated on their explanation of the design process and

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The unknown

In about seven months, life as I know it will be drastically different. My youngest son will be heading off to college, joining his older brother at Purdue University. My title of "Mom" will not look as it does now, with him safely home in our nest we spent all these years creating for our boys. Our nest will be empty.

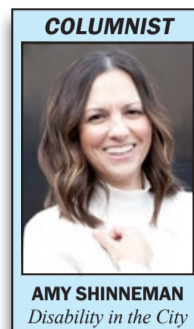
Just typing that sends me into an emotional tailspin.

Life has a way of preparing you for their departure, as I learned with my older son. My role as Mom has evolved as they have grown up. In the beginning, those days were extremely hard for me, physically. Those younger years demand so much physical attention and care. As time went on, their needs became less physical and driving them all over creation was the season. Equally exhausting, in its own way. Oh, how I miss both of those tough seasons.

Now, I see myself as more of a support, there for him when he needs me, but little by little, both of us realizing he does not need me in the same way he did. Taking cues from him, that it is time for me to step back. That is the way it is supposed to be. As my mom always reminds me when I am sad about it, "You wouldn't want it any other way." Of course, she is right. I would not.

One thing will not change when we become empty nesters. I will still fiercely love my family. I had a good friend call me last week. The purpose of her call was to tell me, "You love your family so well, and I just hope you know that." First, how kind of her to call just to tell me that. Also, it was a good reminder to me that when you think something kind about someone, tell them! It is always so nice to be on the receiving end of those kind thoughts, and what a wonderful way to spread kindness. That meant a lot because I do pour my heart and soul into loving my family well. In fact, it has been what has kept me going all these years.

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AMY SHINNEMAN
 Disability in the City

Kroger joins with community in celebrating new Fishers Marketplace

Grocer invests \$38 million to establish new landmark store along refreshed Allisonville Road corridor, donates \$70,000 to Second Helpings food bank

The REPORTER

Kroger, the nation's leading grocery retailer, celebrated on Wednesday morning the grand opening of its highly anticipated new store in Fishers. The company invested nearly \$40 million to create a new shopping experience for Kroger customers in Hamilton County. The ribbon-cutting at 7450 Fishers Station Drive marked the completion of a project that began last March.

The new Marketplace showcases the best of modern store design while preserving the traditions that make Kroger the preferred grocer of so many Hoosier families.

"This store shows our attention to the evolving needs of our local customers," Kroger Central Division President Colleen Jurgensen said. "Now, we can offer a wider selection of foods and features than were possible before. At the same time, everything we do revolves around three timeless principles – fresh products, full shelves, and friendly service. They're the foundation of everything we do."



Photos provided by Kroger
(ABOVE LEFT) Second Helpings CEO Linda Broadfoot and Second Helpings Chief Relationship Officer Katie Prine accepted a \$70,000 check for their organization, which Broadfoot says will provide 41,000 meals for hungry people in the community. (ABOVE RIGHT) The Fishers High School Band (top) and some of the Hamilton Southeastern High School cheerleaders (above) joined the celebration.

Kroger continues to grow with the city of Fishers. The new Kroger Marketplace replaces what was the grocer's first store in Fishers, which opened in 1996 across the street from the new location. At 120,000 square feet, the new store is nearly twice the size of its predecessor. The expansion provides space

for a Murray's Cheese shop, a Starbucks, a store-made popcorn café, even an apparel department. The aisles, too, are larger than the former Kroger across the street.

Mayor Scott Fadness helped to welcome the new store as an element of Fishers' work to refresh the busy western side of

the city.

"I'm excited to see the transformation of the Allisonville Road corridor continue with the opening of this new Kroger location," Fadness said. "Kroger is a great example of businesses that are joining us

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Girl Scout Brownie Troop explores history at HEPL Crossroads Discovery Station

By POOJA THAKKAR
 For The Reporter

This week, the Girl Scout Brownie Troop 2167 had the opportunity to visit the Hamilton East Public Library and explore its newest community resource, the Crossroads Discovery Station. This innovative space is dedicated to connecting the community with the rich history of Hamilton County, offering a unique blend of education and engagement.

The meeting began with a read-aloud session of the book *Fancy Nancy: My Family History*, presented by Ann Grilliot, the Assistant Manager at the Crossroads Discovery Center. During the story, the girls learned that every family has a unique history, traditions, and special stories worth sharing.



Photos provided
(ABOVE LEFT) Hamilton County Historian David Heighway guided the girls through a tour of the Crossroads Discovery Station. (ABOVE RIGHT) Assistant Manager Ann Grilliot showed the girls how every family has a unique history.

This engaging introduction set the tone for the day's activities.

David Heighway, County Historian and genealogy expert, guided the girls through an in-

sightful tour of the Crossroads Discovery Station. They explored Hamilton County's history through time, learning about how the past has shaped the

community we know today. The girls discovered how old images and documents act as pieces

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State OK's Duke Energy rate increase request

The REPORTER

Editor's note: The following information was released by the City of Westfield on Wednesday afternoon. The Reporter has published it in full.

On Wednesday, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) issued its final decision in the Duke Energy rate case, which will directly impact the cost of electricity for residents of Westfield and the surrounding areas.

While the IURC largely sided with Duke Energy on many issues, notable outcomes directly impact ratepayers in Westfield and beyond. Duke did not receive the full rate increase it requested. The Commission reduced Duke's original request for a \$491.5 million revenue increase, which will result in a lower-than-anticipated rate hike for customers across the state.

One of the most significant aspects of the ruling is the IURC's action on Duke's profit margins or Return on Equity (ROE). Duke had initially requested a 10.8 percent ROE, but the Commission limited it to 9.75 percent, citing customer affordability concerns. This reduction in profit expectations for Duke Energy is a positive development for consumers, as it will help mitigate the overall financial impact of the rate increase. While Duke won the majority of contested issues, the reduction in the ROE was a win for Westfield and other ratepayers concerned about affordability.

The Commission also denied several of Duke's more controversial requests, including charges for electric vehicle charging stations and credit card processing fees. Duke's request for large employee bonuses was also reduced from \$29.6 million to \$15 million.

Unfortunately, the IURC did not approve creating a new low-income rate, which the City of Westfield and other advocates had pushed for. However, the reduction in Duke's requested profit margin offers relief for customers facing higher rates.

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"We remain committed to ensuring affordable utility rates for all residents of Westfield," said Mayor Scott Willis. "While this ruling may not have addressed every concern we raised, the IURC's decision to lower Duke's profit margin is a positive step forward. We will continue to fight for fair utility rates and policies that protect consumers."

The City of Westfield will continue to keep residents informed about any further updates regarding Duke Energy's rate changes and will continue to advocate for fair and affordable energy prices for all.

Editor's note: The Reporter reached out to Duke Energy on Wednesday afternoon for the company's perspective, and a spokesperson offered the following statement.

"Today, Duke Energy Indiana received a decision from the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

(IURC) concerning its rate request. The decision follows an extensive review process that included public input from a variety of customers and stakeholders.

"The rate request centered around investments in a modernized electric grid more resistant to power outages, increasing reliability at our power plants, constructing hundreds of miles of new power lines, complying with evolving environmental responsibilities, increasing electric grid security and providing new systems for customer convenience.

"Over the coming weeks, Duke Energy Indiana will be evaluating the order. Before new rates would be effective, we will prepare a compliance filing for state utility regulators outlining rate adjustments for different types of customers. Once the IURC gives final approval on the rate adjustments, we expect new rates to take effect in late February."

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strategy, teamwork, respect, and professionalism along with feedback for improvement.

Teams, who are required to keep an engineering design notebook to explain their building process, advance in the competition based on their robot's per-

formance and professionalism.

The Kalahari Classic is set up similar to VEX Worlds to provide a fun, challenging, and high-level competition that draws elementary, middle, and high school teams from around the country. In addition, it

qualifies two teams at each level for VEX Worlds – the tournament champions and winner of the excellence award. The tournament champions are whoever achieves the highest score, while judges determine the excellence award winners based on scores, interviews

and their engineering design notebooks.

The Kalahari Classic is a VEX Robotics signature event that takes place annually at the Kalahari Convention Center in Sandusky, Ohio. It is the second-largest youth robotics event in the United States.

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Without my children, I doubt I would have carried on to the degree that I do. They have motivated me and given me such purpose to keep going, for them. Living with a disability there are so many days I would have said, "I just can't do this today," but because of them, I did not say that. So, of course, I worry that without them here, my physical motivation will dwindle.

Because I fear that will happen, the past few years, I have built new things into my life that give me purpose and will keep me motivat-

ed to carry on as well as I can. Advocating for those with disabilities is certainly a passion of mine, and one that will always be needed. There are so many ways to advocate for people living with disabilities, I cannot possibly do them all. Even though I would like to. Recently, adding to my advocating efforts, I joined the Noblesville Advisory Council on Disabilities. I look forward to working with other passionate advocates to implement improvements for the disabled community in my hometown!

Preparing our hearts to go in step with our realities does not always happen at the same pace. Somehow, the heart often lags, longing for what once was, afraid of the unknown. I do not think I will ever lose that pang of longing in my gut when I think about the past and raising my boys with my husband. Those were some incredible years, no doubt. Not always easy, but worth every moment. I look forward to continuing to encourage my boys and help them along their college journey. My role as mom changing again.

Supporting from afar and making those occasional visits to take them to lunch.

Looking forward to new things and encouraging my heart to catch up over the next few months with my reality of a soon-to-be empty nest.

Until next time ...

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KROGER

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in our investment to refresh this vital corridor and western gateway to our city. The city is committed to continued investment to bring vibrancy that not only serves our residents, but also attracts visitors from neighboring communities to shop, dine, and recreate in Fishers."

The \$38 million devoted to the new Fishers store and fuel center are part of \$56 million in investments Kroger made across Indiana in 2024. The grocer will continue such commitments in 2025, investing an additional \$25 million to further enhance the shopping experience for Kroger customers across the state this year.

The new store also boosted employment in the area, with 305 associates on its Kroger Marketplace team. Those associates, combined with their counterparts at two other Fishers Kroger stores, elevate the Kroger family to more than 800 people working in the city.

Wednesday morning's ribbon-cutting also enabled Kroger to further its hunger relief commitment in central Indiana. The grocer presented a check for \$70,000 to Second Helpings.

"Kroger's generous \$70,000 gift includes being the Presenting Sponsor of our **Corks & Forks** event on March 25, where they will offer a matching opportunity for attendees," **Second Helpings** CEO Linda Broadfoot said. "More importantly, this gift represents nearly 41,000 meals that Second Helpings can



Photos provided by Kroger

(TOP) Fishers and the Greater Indianapolis area boast a strong sports culture, and that was on full display at Wednesday's ribbon cutting. Mascots from the Fishers Tigers, Indiana Pacers, Indy Ignite, Indy Fuel, the Hoosier Lottery, and even some folks from Conner Prairie were ready to welcome the community to the new Fishers Station Kroger. (ABOVE) Mayor Scott Fadness and one of his children joined the Kroger team to cut the ribbon.

deliver in our community – many of them prepared with ingredients rescued from the 17 Kroger stores we pick up from regularly. Since our partnership began, Kroger has also donated more than 2.8 million pounds of food, making a real impact towards our shared goals of having less waste and less hunger in our community."

Kroger's donation to Second Helpings represents

the latest boost to the **Zero Hunger | Zero Waste plan**, Kroger's commitment to eliminate hunger in the communities it serves. Since the plan's inception in 2017, Kroger has given more than \$1 billion to hunger relief services across the United States and 582 million pounds of surplus fresh food to help Americans in need. Through Kroger's partnerships, the Zero Hun-

ger | Zero Waste plan has had a role in the delivery of more than three billion meals to serve struggling American families.

Work is underway now on a new Fishers fuel center at the Marketplace location. It is expected to open in the spring.

No decisions have been made on the future of the former store across the street.

SCOUTS

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of a puzzle, helping them dig deeper into historical events and stories. They also heard about the importance of oral history, preserving stories to maintain facts and family traditions for future generations.

The tour included hands-on lessons about ancestry and tools for discovering one's roots. The girls learned to create oral histories and explored the library's digital media labs and print lab, which provide unique resources for preserving family stories in creative ways. From digitizing old photos to crafting multimedia narratives, these labs empower visitors to tell their family stories in their own unique ways.

Tradition of family crests & earning badges

As part of their Girl Scout journey, the troop engaged in an activity designed to help them earn their Girl Scout Brownie "My Family History" and "Family Crest" badges. The girls explored the tradition



Photo provided

of family crests, symbols historically used to represent a family's identity and heritage. Each girl was provided with materials to take home and design her own family crest, incorporating colors, symbols, and elements that reflected her family's unique values and traditions, incorporating colors, symbols, and elements that reflected her family's unique values and traditions. This hands-on activity encouraged them to think about their roots and celebrate what makes their families special.

To further connect with their heritage, the girls received supplies to create family trees at home, sparking meaningful conversations about family traditions

and histories with their loved ones. At the end of the meeting, the girls were given an activity to complete at home with their loved ones: finishing their "My Story Tree" and their family crest. This take-home project not only extended the learning experience but also promoted family engagement as the girls worked alongside their families to uncover and preserve their unique stories.

The Hamilton East Public Library's Crossroads Discovery Station proved to be an invaluable resource for this exploration of history and storytelling. By connecting with Hamilton County's rich historical background, the troop was able to see how the past shapes the present and inspires the future.

The interactive exhibits, digital media labs, and print resources offered endless possibilities for community members of all ages to delve into their own histories and create meaningful stories.

This experience highlights the power of storytelling as a bridge to the past, bringing families closer together and inspiring a deeper appreciation for our shared heritage. We encourage the community to take advantage of this remarkable resource to explore their roots, preserve their stories, and stay connected to Hamilton County's vibrant history. The Crossroads Discovery Station is a treasure trove of tools and knowledge, waiting to inspire the next generation of storytellers.

Noblesville thespians bring home multiple state championships



Photo by Rob Slaven / IndyGhostLight.com



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Photo provided by Noblesville Schools

Congratulations to the Noblesville High School (NHS) Thespians on scoring multiple championships in acting at this past weekend's 2025 Indiana Thespians State Conference. NHS brought home top awards, including overall first place competition show, state championship duet acting (Jack Rachels & Andrew Rivera), best actor (Blake Valentine), best supporting actor (Branden Holmes), and best cameo (Devin Ruse). (TOP LEFT) Branden Holmes won Best Supporting Actor. (TOP RIGHT) Blake Valentine won Best Actor. (ABOVE) Jack Rachels & Andrew Rivera earned the State Champ title for their Duet Acting piece.

Cana Duckworth of Carmel makes Loras College dean's list

The REPORTER

Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, has announced the names of students who achieved dean's list status for the 2024 fall semester.

Canan Duckworth of Carmel is among those students.

A student must earn a 3.5 grade-point average and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours to be recognized.

Emma Friesth of Fishers makes dean's list at UW-Eau Claire

The REPORTER

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire extends congratulations to the students named to the fall 2024 dean's list. Their academic performance has been outstanding and they are recognized with pride.

Among those students is Emma Friesth of Fishers, a student in the College of Arts and Sciences.

To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must:

- Be in good academic

standing

- Have a minimum semester grade-point average of 3.70

- Have completed at least 12 credits during the semester, with no incompletes, no courses below the 100 level, no repeats and no Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory registrations (except in degree credit-bearing courses that are offered only on the S/U grading system in which a grade of S has been earned).

Families can celebrate Valentine's Day with Metropolitan Youth Ballet

The REPORTER

Metropolitan Youth Ballet, 6210 Technology Center Drive, Zionsville, will hold a Valentine's Family Dance from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15.

Celebrate the season of love with an evening of dancing and family fun at Metropolitan Youth Ballet's Valentine's Family Dance.

- DJ with all the fun songs you and your friends know and love to dance to

- Learn some sweet steps and twirls from our special guests

- Exciting games and

creative craft activities just for you

- Sweet snacks to keep your energy up for more dancing

- A photo booth where you can take fun pictures with your friends

- Dress to impress – think red, pink, hearts, and sparkly.

This is a perfect Valentine's event for families with kids aged 3 to 12 (all children must be accompanied by an adult.)

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Donation drive at Statehouse to support veterans in need

By JETT ZWEIGEL
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Indiana House lawmakers on Tuesday helped launch a donation drive to support veterans in need.

Helping Veterans and Families of Indiana (HVAF) announced the effort with lawmakers at the Indiana Statehouse. Legislators say the drive looks to collect essential food, clothing, hygiene items, and monetary donations through March.

The nonprofit says it has been working on the drive since the fire at an apartment property operated by HVAF displaced 48 veterans on Oct. 26 at 964 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis.

House Speaker Todd Huston, R-Fishers, said at the announcement, "Our veterans devoted their lives to defend our state



Huston

and our country. We chose HVAF to support the Hoosier heroes struggling in our communities. I encourage our colleagues in the Statehouse and all Hoosiers to support HVAF and our veterans in need through this initiative."

To donate, drop off items in donation bins outside the House chamber on the third floor, and in the

South Atrium on the fourth floor at the Statehouse.

The effort from state lawmakers comes after I-Team 8 reported in November that Indiana allows landlords to refuse to accept housing subsidies from HVAF clients.

This story was created in part from a script aired on WISH-TV and was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/politics/donation-drive-at-indiana-statehouse-to-support-veterans-in-need.



Family Care Center

HOPE Family Care Center welcomes new executive director

The REPORTER

The Board of HOPE Family Care Center, 509 N. Peru St., Cicero, announces that Brian J. Peters, MBA has been named HOPE's new Executive Director.

Peters will help advance and sustain HOPE's vital community mission of providing free medical, dental, women's health, counseling, and related services to uninsured, underinsured, and medically under-served patients from four central Indiana counties. He has served the healthcare field for more than 30 years. His experience and accomplishments make him an expert in health care operations and technology, as well as homecare software development and implementation.

Michael E. Jenkins, founder of HOPE and a well-known community supporter, has filled the Executive Director role on a volunteer basis for more than 20 years. His long commitment to HOPE's mission has played a crucial role in its development. The people of HOPE are deeply indebted to him for his longstanding leadership and are sincerely grateful that he will continue in his role as President of HOPE's Board of Directors.

Jenkins will assist Peters in the transition. HOPE Family Care Center is a faith based non-profit free health clinic. For more information or to ask about an appointment, call (317) 984-3444 or email hfccicero@gmail.com.



Peters

Applications now being accepted for 2025-26 educational scholarships from Indiana Donor Network Foundation

The REPORTER

Applications are now being accepted for 2025-26 educational scholarships from Indiana Donor Network Foundation.

Indiana Donor Network Foundation established its scholarship fund in 2005 to provide educational financial support for the pursuit of higher or continued education to immediate family members of Indiana residents who were organ, tissue and cornea donors in addition to living donors, organ transplant recipients and Hoosiers waiting for lifesaving transplants.

Indiana Donor Network is the federally designated organ recovery organization that coordinates organ, tissue and cornea donation in Indiana and transplantation throughout the U.S. Its Foundation was formed in 1997 when family members

and friends of donors and transplant recipients began making memorial and honorary contributions to Indiana Donor Network.

Today, the Foundation proactively raises funds to support families of donors and transplant recipients through contributions from Indiana Donor Network employees, the general public and various funds, programs and special events.

Applications for 2025-26 scholarships must be received online by midnight March 17. Interested candidates can apply at indianadonornetwork.org/scholarships. Eligible recipients will be chosen and notified in May. Applicants with questions about eligibility criteria or the application process can call 888.275.4676 (option 4).

Through scholarships, selected recipients help fur-



ther public education about organ, tissue and cornea donation and transplantation during and after their academic endeavors.

Last year's recipients included Martha Hunter Carmel (\$8,000), Edith Estridge of Chesterton (\$6,500), Katherine Gaff of Syracuse and Halle Mitchell of Jacksonville, Florida (\$5,000

each) and Eric Casad of Terre Haute (\$2,000).

In the past five years, Indiana Donor Network Foundation has awarded \$114,000 in scholarships.

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Welcome to the annual Community Integration Survey!
 This survey aims to understand how communities can best support veterans, service members, families, and caregivers of veterans or military personal to enhance their quality of life and prevent veteran suicide. We seek your valuable input to improve local services and appreciate your participation in this important effort.

Who Can Take the Survey?: Veterans and service members. However, family members, caregivers, and community advocates may participate.

Click here to take the survey -
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Activities & Events

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Carmel VFW
 Su-Sa 11a-11p. **Restaurant - Breakfast 2nd & 4th Sa 8a-11a, Lunch 11a-2p & food service till 8p daily**

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

Noblesville VFW
 M-Th 11a-10p, F 11a-12a, Sa 12p-12a, Su 12p-8p
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The Warren Haynes Band: Million Voices Whisper Tour

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

Printing Partners
Encore Series

Tickets from \$36

Grammy-winning artist Warren Haynes is a prolific songwriter, producer and one of the most formidable guitarists and vocalists of the modern era. As a solo artist and member of the Allman Brothers Band, Gov't Mule, and the Dead, he has built a reputation as a treasured storyteller. Haynes' new solo album, *Million*

Voices Whisper, debuted at No. 1 on *Billboard's* Blues Albums Chart and features guest appearances by Lukas Nelson, Jamey Johnson, and former Allman Brothers bandmate Derek Trucks. His touring band includes longtime drummer Terence Higgins (Dirty Dozen Brass Band), Gov't Mule bassist Kevin Scott, keyboardist Matt Slocum, and saxophonist Greg Osby.

Folsom Prison Experience: Legendary 1968 Johnny Cash Concert

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

Katz, Sapper & Miller

Pop/Rock Series

Tickets from \$25

The iconic 1968 live album *At Folsom Prison* made Johnny Cash a crossover superstar, defying conventions and leaving a last-



Photo provided

Accomplished guitarist and vocalist Warren Haynes will play The Palladium on Feb. 14.

ing legacy. Now audiences can relive the unforgettable day of Jan. 13, 1968, as Folsom Prison Experience

takes the stage with an immersive tribute that merges live concert, stage drama and audience participation

to bring you into the heart of Cash's musical journey. The cast is led by co-writer Jay Ernest and his tribute band,

Church of Cash. Other characters include June Carter, Carl Perkins and the Statler Brothers.

How the Braun administration has taken aim at Medicaid

By TIM SPEARS

WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Critics say Gov. Mike Braun's steps to get a handle on Indiana's ballooning Medicaid budget limits information for potential clients while increasing regulations for current enrollees.

Medicaid is publicly-funded health insurance for people with low incomes.

More than one in four people in Indiana, nearly two million Hoosiers, rely on some form of Medicaid. Indiana has struggled to handle Medicaid finances, leading to a **\$1 billion shortfall** in 2023. While the federal government pays for about two-thirds of Indiana's total Medicaid budget, **some worry** Congress could cut funding.

The Braun-appointed

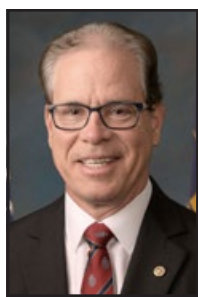
Secretary of the Family and Social Services Administration Mitch Roob has:

- Ordered health plan providers to **stop advertising Medicaid programs** on television and radio.

- Increased Medicaid eligibility checks from once a year to once a quarter.

- Promised to "further constrain Medicaid eligibility."

Consulting firm Miller Kaplan estimates the advertising directive could **cost Indiana businesses millions** this year alone. Health advocates worry the new directives will cause more people to go uninsured, **leading to higher health care costs.**



Braun

State Rep. Ed Delaney (D-Indianapolis) questioned whether the Braun administration's decision to stop advertisements is an attempt to keep people uninformed about

their benefits, describing it as "trying to shrink the pool [of recipients] by shrinking information."

On Wednesday, **Gov. Braun signed an executive order** directing the FSSA to audit Medicaid expenditures "to root out inefficiencies and misuse of taxpayer dollars."

When asked about the steps taken on Medicaid, Braun called it "**a broken program.**" saying Congress needs to "do a better job at running it as opposed to in-

cluding more people to come onto it." Braun's Chief of Staff Josh Kelley **claimed there's no attempt** to reduce the number of people enrolled in Medicaid.

Roob has also said he would **endorse SB2**, which would add a 20-hour work requirement to enroll in the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP), cap coverage to 36 months, and limit enrollment "to the amount sustained by the appropriation or 500,000." HIP enrollment is currently forecast to total more than 700,000 Hoosiers in FY 2026.

Information to apply for Medicaid coverage can be found here.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/politics/how-the-braun-administration-has-taken-aim-at-medicaid.

Two counterfeit shipments worth over \$5M stopped by Indianapolis CBP

Submitted

With Valentine's Day approaching, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) warns consumers to make sure they're getting their loved ones the real deal instead of knock-off goods.

On two days last week, CBP officers in Indianapolis seized two shipments containing 2,172 pieces of rings, brooches, bracelets, charms, necklaces, and earrings bearing luxury designer's protected trademarks. The items were deemed to be counterfeit by CBP's **Centers of Excellence and Expertise**, the agency's trade experts.

Both shipments were from China and arrived on Jan. 21 and 23. When CBP officers examined the shipments to determine the admissibility of the goods, they found, in total, 1,439 charms with Tiffany and Co. logos, 496 rings bearing Cartier and Van Cleef and Arpels logos, 124 bracelets displaying the logos of Cartier, Chanel, and Juste Un, 64 necklaces with Chanel and Van Cleef and Arpels logos, 31 pendants bearing Van Cleef and Arpels logos, 12 pairs of earrings with Van Cleef and Arpels and Chanel logos, and six Brooches with Chanel logos.

The items were seized for infringing on the designer's protected trademarks. Had the items been genuine the combined Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price for these products would have been \$5.2 million.

"This is just another example of the work our officers do to protect consumers and the U.S. economy," said LaFonda D. Sutton-Burke, Director, Field Operations-Chicago Field Office. "As consumers increasingly purchase merchandise from online or third-party vendors, our officers are at the frontline guarding against violative individuals and entities expecting to make money by selling fake merchandise."

CBP recommends consumers recognize the red flags to look for when shopping for loved ones on Valentine's Day this year by:

- Purchasing goods directly from the trademark holder, original manufacturer, or from authorized retailers.

- Educating yourself on prices of legitimate goods. If the item is priced well below fair market value, the likelihood is higher that the merchandise being considered for purchase is counterfeit. If a price seems too

good to be true, then it probably is.

- Staying away from web sites that do not offer customer service contact information, return policies, and legitimate phone numbers.

- Reviewing CBP's E-Commerce Counterfeit Awareness Guide for Consumers for more detailed information.

The illicit trafficking of counterfeit goods offers criminals a complementary source of income and a way through which they can launder money. Additionally, monies received from the sale of counterfeit products can be channeled towards the further production of fake goods or other illicit activities. Additionally, counterfeiting is a hugely profitable business, with criminals relying on the continued high demand for cheap goods coupled with low production costs.

CBP provides **basic import information** about admissibility requirements and the clearance process for e-commerce goods and encourages buyers to confirm that their purchases and the importation of those purchases comply with state and federal import regulations.

CBP has established an educational initiative to raise consumer awareness about the consequences and dangers often associated with the purchase of counterfeit and pirated goods. Information about the Truth Behind Counterfeits public awareness campaign can be found at cbp.gov/FakeGoodsRealDangers.

Every year, CBP seizes millions of counterfeit goods from countries around the world as part of its mission to protect U.S. businesses and consumers. These goods include fake versions of popular products, such as smartphones and related accessories, electronics, apparel, shoes, cosmetics, and high-end luxury goods, as well as goods posing significant health and safety concerns, such as counterfeit pharmaceuticals, bicycle and motorcycle helmets, medical devices, supplements and other consumables. Sold online and in stores, counterfeit goods hurt the U.S. economy, cost Americans their jobs, threaten consumer health and safety, and fund criminal activity.

Visit the **National IPR Coordination Center** for more information about IPR including counterfeiting and piracy.

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Have a Bank of America card? You can visit two area museums for free

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Bank of America, Merrill, and Bank of America Private Bank cardholders offer ways to get out and learn about the world around them with free general admission to local cultural attractions with Museums on Us.

The program provides bank credit and debit cardholders free general admission to some of America's favorite museums and cultural institutions. As part of Museums on Us, more than 225 of the country's most prominent cultural institutions welcome bank cardholders in for free on the first full weekend of each month.

This weekend – Saturday, Feb. 1 and Sunday, Feb. 2 – two area museums will participate in the Museums on Us program:

- Conner Prairie Museum, 13400 Allisonville Road, Fishers
- Indianapolis Museum of Art at Newfields, 4000 N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis

For more information about Museums on Us, including access to a full list and locations of participating museums while on-the-go, please [click here](#). Register for email notifications about Bank of America's Arts & Culture programs [here](#).

Imagine offers sweet deals to celebrate Valentine's Day

The REPORTER

Imagine Noblesville wants to celebrate Valentine's Day with you. Throughout the month of February, Imagine will offer guests multiple sweet deals to help say "I love you."

Drink specials

All month long, Imagine will feature the Cupcake Moscato Movies Drink at the bar.

Membership specials

During the entire month of February, all new Imagine Extras Memberships

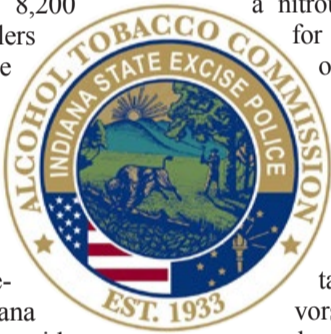
are only \$10. With a new Extra's Rewards Membership guests will earn points to be redeemed for concessions or movie tickets, free parking, free popcorn upon signing up and on Tuesdays, no service fees when booking online, free movie ticket on your birthday, exclusive invites to screenings and events, and priority notifications.

Imagine Noblesville is located at 13825 Norell Road in Hamilton County Center.

ATC warns of alarming trend in illegal sale of nitrous oxide

The REPORTER

The Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission (ATC) issued notice Monday to over 8,200 tobacco sellers throughout the state, warning them about the illegal sale of nitrous oxide.



"It is illegal in Indiana to sell nitrous oxide for the purposes of intoxication, and Indiana State Excise Police have discovered an alarming trend of this activity among certain gas stations, convenience stores, smoke shops, and tobacco/vaping businesses throughout the state," ATC Executive Director Jessica Allen said.

Pursuant to Indiana Code §35-46-6-3, a person who knowingly or intentionally uses or distributes nitrous oxide with the intent to cause a condition of intoxication, euphoria, excitement, exhilaration, stupefaction, or dulling of the senses of another person commits a Class B misdemeanor (unless used for medical purposes). However, the offense is a Class A misdemeanor if the person has a prior unrelated conviction.

To date, 18 Indiana tobacco certificate holders have been cited for this illegal activity and some of their employees have been referred for criminal prosecution.

"We're seeing some sellers hiding the nitrous oxide tanks and only offering them for sale upon request and selling nitrous oxide tanks with no additional culinary items such as whipping cream," warns Superintendent Matt Strittmatter of the Indiana State Excise Police.

Superintendent Stritt-

matter said some of these sellers are also giving customers, including minors, instructions on how to use a nitrous oxide tank for the purposes of intoxication. Excise also found some of the nitrous oxide products even appear to contain certain flavors such as blue raspberry, cotton candy, and watermelon.

While commonly used in clinical settings as a sedative or anesthetic, nitrous oxide is also used to make whipped cream. This makes the substance readily accessible to use it recreationally to get high or intoxicated.

When inhaled for recreational purposes, nitrous oxide can cause side effects including, but not limited to, blurred vision, dizziness, dissociation, disorientation, loss of balance, impaired memory and cognition, numbness, and weakness in the legs. In large amounts, nitrous oxide can cause a lack of oxygen amongst users which may lead to loss of blood pressure, fainting, heart attack, and even death.

"Not only are these products risky to store and when used to become intoxicated, but they are also extremely costly to dispose of," Allen said.

Allen estimates that cost could amount to \$1 million by 2026 if the trend continues.

The ATC encourages the public to submit anonymous tips or complaints about this matter to [Indiana State Excise Police](#) or their local law enforcement agency.

For a copy of the letter issued to tobacco sellers throughout Indiana today, and photos of nitrous oxide containers seized for evidence, [click here](#).

HAND announces transition to self-manage its rental properties

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HAND, the Hamilton County-based nonprofit dedicated to providing quality affordable housing options, announced Tuesday that it will begin self-managing its 157 rental units by March 31. This significant step reflects HAND's ongoing commitment to delivering the highest level of service and care for its residents.

Approved by HAND's Board of Directors in October, the decision to bring property management in-house marks a transformative moment for the organization. HAND has been collaborating closely with local partners and its current third-party property manager, Herron Property Management, to ensure a seamless transition.

Why self-management? The decision reflects

HAND's commitment to enhancing oversight and ensuring a high level of responsiveness to resident needs. By taking direct control, HAND can better align its operations with its mission and values, providing the service its residents deserve.

"When we build a rental property, we think about who will live there and what non-housing resources they might need to improve their situations," HAND Executive Director Andrea Davis said. "Taking over property management will allow us to close that loop and ensure that residents' needs are being met, both in their homes and in the broader community."

Expanding the HAND team

As part of this transition, HAND is expanding its team and is currently inter-

viewing candidates for key positions. These new roles will enhance HAND's ability to bring creative solutions to affordable housing. Under the new structure, HAND will be better positioned to:

- Provide proactive resident support
- Ensure effective management and compliance
- Strengthen financial oversight and accountability

What's next?

The transition process, currently underway, includes extensive planning and staff training to equip HAND's team with the tools and expertise required to manage its 11 affordable rental communities comprising 157 units. As a trusted housing provider, HAND will uphold its mission to create thriving communities and equitable housing options for all.

"Our residents are at the heart of everything we do," Davis said. "This transition is about aligning our operations with our values. We are excited to take this step forward and continue building a brighter future for the communities we serve."

For more information about HAND's expansion into property management or to learn more about its mission and work, visit [handincorporated.org](#).

About HAND

Established in 2003, HAND is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing quality affordable housing options and advocating for housing diversity. HAND owns and manages affordable rental properties in Hamilton, Boone, and Tipton counties, offering homes where residents can thrive.

Noblesville begins project to enhance & celebrate downtown's character

The REPORTER

The City of Noblesville announced on Wednesday it is beginning final design of a project called Embrace Downtown, which city officials say will substantially benefit downtown businesses, their customers, and residents.

The project team received a substantial amount of input and feedback when the project was initiated beginning in 2020, and has a head start in the design phase for Embrace Downtown, which will include critical infrastructure and beautification upgrades to the downtown area. At this time, project phasing is under review and will be determined later this year. The design of the project's first phase will be completed in 2025, and construction on the first phase is expected to be completed in 2026.

"Noblesville has experienced positive growth



Jensen

over the past 30 years since the last significant downtown infrastructure improvements were made," Mayor Chris Jensen said. "We are excited to address these needs, while adding beautification elements. We have seen several revitalization efforts throughout Noblesville, and Embrace Downtown will add elements to promote an environment that supports a vibrant and healthy downtown economy."

Improvements as part of the project will enhance pedestrian safety and mo-

bility. Beautification elements will keep downtown Noblesville as an attractive and welcoming place to eat, shop, and live, providing more opportunities for visitors to remain downtown for longer periods.

The project design team, with extensive experience in phasing construction to minimize disruptions, will actively communicate with downtown businesses to reduce construction impact. City officials are implementing a communications plan that includes multiple opportunities for stakehold-

ers to share their opinions, from regular office hours to digital communications and a social media effort.

In the coming months, city officials will share more from local business owners on the importance of Embrace Downtown and the benefits it will provide to the city's historic core.

People interested in Embrace Downtown are encouraged to visit [EmbraceDowntownNoblesville.com](#) to learn more about the project. To learn more about the project, you can also follow the project on [X](#) and [Facebook](#). A video featuring Mayor Jensen announcing the project is available on [YouTube](#).

STAR Bank names Jenifer Porter & Alicia Lynch as Market Managers

The REPORTER

STAR Bank announced Tuesday the promotions of Jenifer Porter and Alicia Lynch to the role of Market Managers as part of the bank's new expanded model, recognizing their significant contributions to the bank's success.

"I'm thrilled to roll out the Market Manager position to both our North and South regions," said Mike Wallace, President of Retail Banking for STAR. "This position will allow for teams to continue to focus on growth while delivering relevant products to our customer base. I have no doubt that the individuals selected for the position will see continued success."

Porter has been with STAR for 17 years and has served most recently as the Training Branch Manager. She is passionate about

training, motivating and inspiring people to do their best. During her tenure, she has served customers at the five branches in the Indianapolis region. She will now oversee STAR's Monument Circle, Meridian, Harrison Center, Zionsville, and Greenfield branches.

Lynch has been with STAR for over 22 years and most recently served as the Market Manager in the Anderson market. She is a graduate of Indiana University Kelley School of Business and is looking forward to working in Hamilton County as



Porter



Lynch

she will oversee the bank's Noblesville, Westfield, Olio Road, 96th Street, and Carmel branches.

"It's always rewarding to see talent grow from within and to have the opportunity to recognize and elevate our team members into leadership roles," said Amanda Rubbeck, senior retail sales officer at STAR. "Their outstanding contributions, leadership and dedication have significantly impacted STAR Bank. I look forward to the success, collaboration and innovation they will bring in the future."

At STAR, the Market Manager is responsible for the overall retail sales within a market, including daily sales, service, and operations for a full-service bank branch as well as customer solutions support. Market Managers serve in multiple branch roles to accomplish objectives.

About STAR

Financial Bank

STAR Financial Bank, headquartered in Fort Wayne, is committed to delivering quality financial expertise and distinctive banking solutions to exceed customer expectations. In addition, STAR Private Advisory offers private banking, investment, and fiduciary services. STAR has grown to nearly \$3 billion in assets with locations across central and northeast Indiana. For more information, visit [starfinancial.com](#).

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

THE TENT OF MEETING

Now Moses used to take a tent and pitch it outside the camp some distance away, calling it the "tent of meeting." Anyone inquiring of the Lord would go to the tent of meeting outside the camp. And whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people rose and stood at the entrances to their tents, watching Moses until he entered the tent. As Moses went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stay at the entrance, while the Lord spoke with Moses. Whenever the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance to the tent, they all stood and worshiped, each at the entrance to their tent. The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young aide Joshua son of Nun did not leave the tent.

MOSES AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD

Moses said to the Lord, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.' If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people."

The Lord replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

Exodus 33:7-16 (NIV)

Meeting Notice

The Fall Creek Township Board and Trustee will meet to discuss adoption of the 2024 annual report at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, 2025, in the Community Room at the Fall Creek Township Trustee's Office, 11595 Brooks School Road, Fishers.

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Carol Beth Wild

June 28, 1955 – January 26, 2025

Carol Beth Wild, 69, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, January 26, 2025, at IU Saxony in Fishers. She was born on June 28, 1955, to Eugene and Dorothy (Bir) Houston in Lafayette, Ind.

Carol was a teacher and administrator at the Indiana School for the Deaf. She liked golfing, walking, traveling, and going to the beach. Carol enjoyed going to thrift stores and having lunch with her son, Scott. She loved going on sister retreats. Mary Rhea was Carol's life partner, business partner, and a sister to Carol's family. Carol was an ordained minister with The Church Within. She was an active member of the Snow White Club.

She is survived by her son, Scott Wild; companion, Mary Rhea; siblings, Edward (Mary Jane) Houston of Delphi, Ind., Beverly Chadwick of Westfield, Susan (Mike) Marchetti of Carmel, Kenneth (Carolyn) Houston of Monticello, Ind., Nancy (Bill) Creech of Plymouth, Ind., Ronald (Micky) Houston of Lafayette, Ind., Brian (Kate) Houston of Monticello, Ind., Sandy (Greg) Johnson of Monticello, Ind., and Lori (Bill) Cheever of Monticello, Ind.; grandchildren, Josiah Rhea and Grace Allee; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sisters, Judith Houston Guingrich-Claypool and Barbara Houston Vanderate; brothers, Michael Houston and David Houston; and brother-in-law, Burton Chadwick.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, February 2, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with Pastor Andy Marshall officiating. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to the time of service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Ignite Center, 698 N. 10th St., Noblesville, IN 46060 (ignitetransform.org) or Indiana School for the Deaf, 1200 E. 42nd St., Indianapolis, IN 46205 (deafhoosiers.com).

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Bettylou Walton Boone

November 19, 1924 – January 28, 2025

Bettylou Walton Boone, beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully on the evening of January 28, 2025, after reaching the incredible milestone of 100 years old. She was a woman of unwavering strength, kindness, and determination, whose warmth and love touched the lives of all who knew her.

Born and raised in Noblesville, Bettylou carried the values of hard work, generosity, and resilience with her throughout her life. She and her late husband, Herbert "Herbie" Boone, were devoted in their faith and never missed church on Sunday. Throughout her long and dedicated career, she worked at Firestone and Riverview Hospital, always bringing her strong work ethic and caring nature to everything she did.

Bettylou is survived by her three children, Ann (Henry) Ostrom, Craig (Marie) Boone, and Jeff (Teresa) Boone; her daughter-in-law, Toni Boone; her cherished grandchildren, Kim (Kenny) Watson, Kris (Bryan) Grinstead, Josh (Steffani) Boone, Michael (Amanda) Ostrom, Ali (Evan) Schwartz, Taylor (Elliot) Ostrom, Jordan Boone, Jean-Luc (Brandie) Boone, and Chloe Boone; and her treasured great-grandchildren, Nathan (Kaylyn) Watson, Natalie (Alex) Watson Barnett, Nicolette Watson, Nash Watson, Nora Privett, Kinley Privett, Abigail Ostrom, Henry Ostrom, Karis Ostrom, and Wesley Boone. She was preceded in death by daughter Janice Boone and grandson Ryan Boone. Her legacy lives on in the love and memories she created with each of them.

A lover of German Shepherds named Jill, coffee, and all things blue, Bettylou found joy in the challenge of a good crossword puzzle and carried an indomitable spirit that made her believe she could do anything. She had a renowned sweet tooth, never passing up a chance to enjoy a delicious treat, and was an accidental collector of clipboards, somehow always acquiring more than she ever needed. She loved yard work almost as much as she hated housework and you never encountered her without hearing music playing in the background and the smell of fresh coffee. Those who had the privilege of knowing her will remember her sweet laugh, quiet resilience, and the way she made everyone feel welcomed and valued.

She will be deeply missed but forever remembered with love. Visitations to honor her life will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, February 2 at Hartley Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero, and from noon to 2 p.m. Monday, February 3 at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St., with a funeral service immediately following. Burial will take place at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Red Cross in honor of Bettylou and Herbie, who dedicated their time to volunteering with the organization. To celebrate her love of all things blue, the family invites attendees to wear blue in her honor.

Rest in peace, Bettylou. Your kindness, love, and sweet spirit will continue to shine in the hearts of those you've left behind.



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Purdue's Burgett offers advice for young wrestlers

Attitude & willingness to learn makes the difference

The REPORTER

Purdue wrestler Dominic Burgett learned something important at a young age: surround yourself with good people.

The Boilermakers red-shirt freshman had a successful high school career at Hamilton Southeastern and is still in the beginning phases of his college journey. Reporter sports contributor Dwight Casler and his daughter Maelei Casler (serving as interpreter) caught up with Burgett on Jan. 17 during Purdue's dual meet with Indiana, where he talked about how wrestling for the Royals prepared him for the Boilermakers' program.

"I'd say being surrounded by coaches and players who are more than coaches and players and are actual friends, and encouraging me to reach my potential, even if it means saying things that I don't want to hear," said Burgett. "And I feel that has transcended from high school to college as well."

As a Southeastern wrestler, Burgett finished with a career varsity record of 90-22. He won the Indiana Frosh-Soph state championship as a sophomore in 2021. During his senior year, Burgett won sectional, regional and semi-state titles at 285 pounds, and finished fourth at the IHSAA state finals.

Burgett was redshirted his freshman year, but not before competing in six matches. He lost all six of those matches, but four were by decision, including a couple of 2-1 results.

But that did not discourage Burgett, and it actually relates to advice he offered



Photo courtesy Purdue Athletics

Hamilton Southeastern graduate and Purdue redshirt freshman Dominic Burgett is starting his wrestling career with the Boilermakers. Burgett got his first-ever college wins this past November at the Michigan State Open.

for young wrestlers. "Be ready to fail and fail a lot, but be able to keep pushing forward through the failures," said Burgett. "There's no such thing as losing, as long as you take away something to learn." Burgett did not wrestle

against the Hoosiers, as he is dealing with a knee injury. His first action of the season came during the Purdue Wrestle Offs, an intrasquad scrimmage in October. Burgett took on fellow 285-pounder Hayden Filipovich, a former Indianapolis Lutheran star who won an undefeated state championship at 195 pounds in 2021. The redshirt junior Filipovich edged out Burgett in a 2-0 decision.

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Photo provided

A lifelong Blackhawk, Jake Chesney has served as assistant football coach for the last two years before earning his promotion as Associate Head Coach midway through this past season.

Jake Chesney named Sheridan football head coach

Submitted

Sheridan Community Schools is proud to announce that Mr. Jake Chesney has been named the next head coach of the Sheridan Blackhawks football program. Chesney steps into the role following the legendary tenure of Coach Bud Wright, who led the Blackhawks for an incredible 59 seasons.

A lifelong Blackhawk, Chesney played four years of football at Sheridan High School before continuing his career at Trine University, where he played football while earning a degree in Finance. Over the past two years, he has served as an assistant coach for the Blackhawks and was promoted to Associate Head Coach midway through last season.

Kevin Wright, Carmel Head Football Coach, who served as Associate Head Coach with Jake last season is an exceptional young coach with the ability to motivate and connect with his players. As a former player he understands and embraces the tradition of Sheridan Football and will be a tremendous leader of the program going forward."

Several outstanding candidates applied for the position and the selection process for the new head coach was extensive, involving two rounds of interviews conducted by a committee of teachers, administrators, coaches, community members, and

former players. Additionally, prior to the interviews, time was spent meeting with parents and players to understand their expectations for the program's future in terms of leadership, vision, and character. Following the final round of interviews, the committee unanimously recommended Chesney to the Sheridan High School Administration and the Sheridan Community School Board of Trustees.

Sheridan High School Athletic Director Beth DeVinney expressed confidence in the selection, stating: "Jake has a passion for the game and brings a positive energy to all he does. Throughout the process, he demonstrated his love for coaching, his ability to motivate, and his deep understanding of Blackhawk Football. We are excited to see the impact he will have on the program."

Chesney's appointment marks the beginning of a new era for Sheridan football. His familiarity with the program and dedication to its success will ensure a seamless transition. His leadership, enthusiasm, and deep-rooted commitment to the Blackhawk community make him the ideal choice to carry on the tradition of excellence established by Coach Bud Wright.

Sheridan Community Schools congratulates Coach Chesney on his new role and looks forward to the continued success of Blackhawk Football under his leadership.

Girls Basketball

Successful Sheridan sails past Southmont in away game

The REPORTER

The Sheridan girls basketball team got another victory on Wednesday, beating Southmont 72-55 in an away game.

The Class 2A No. 11 Blackhawks had their offense rolling from the start, leading 23-15 after one quarter. Brielle Garner made three 3-pointers during the open period, while Kenzie Garner hit two triples on her way to eight points.

Sheridan led the Mounties 38-30 at halftime. Cecilia Timme dominated that quarter, scoring 10 points. The Blackhawks made another run in the third quarter, helping them to a 54-39 lead, then Sheridan finished the game with 18 fourth-quarter points. Kenzie Garner had eight points in the fourth and 14 in the second half.

Kenzie Garner led the way with 24 points, fol-

lowed by Cecilia Timme with 23; both players scored in each quarter. Kenzie Garner finished with five 3s, while Brielle Garner also made five 3s for 15 points.

Kenzie Garner collected nine rebounds and made seven steals, while Cecilia Timme had eight rebounds, five steals, five assists and three blocked shots. Brielle Garner made four steals. Sadie Timme had nine rebounds, six steals, five points and five assists, while Mackenzie Smith pulled six rebounds.

Sheridan is now 20-1 for the season; the 'Hawks have reached the 20-win mark for the second consecutive season. Sheridan also hit 20 wins during its 2014-15 campaign.

The Blackhawks finish the regular season Friday with a Hoosier Heartland Conference girls-boys doubleheader at Taylor.

SHERIDAN 72, SOUTHMONT 55				
Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Nova Cross	0	0-0	0	2
Kenzie Garner	8	3-4	24	4
Cecilia Timme	10	3-6	23	5
Brielle Garner	5	0-0	15	3
Sadie Timme	1	3-4	5	1
Mackenzie Smith	0	0-0	0	3
Shelby Eaton	2	1-2	5	2
Totals	26	10-16	72	20
Score by Quarters				
Sheridan	23	15	16	18-72
Southmont	15	15	9	16-55
Sheridan 3-pointers (10) K. Garner 5, B. Garner 5.				

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Kamden Colter signs to play tennis at Johnson University

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights senior Kamden Colter has signed a letter of intent to play tennis for Johnson University in Knoxville, Tenn., this fall. Johnson University is a member of the Appalachia Athletic Conference (AAC) and a National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) athletic institution. He is the son of Adam and Susan Colter.

Colter, who is a multi-sport athlete in tennis as well as track and field, said he was familiar with this private Christian college.

"It was where my parents went and is an awesome campus," Colter said his choice to continue his education and play tennis at the collegiate level. "I fell in love with tennis pretty quick and feel fortunate that I am good enough to take my game to the next level."

A two-time team captain who earned four varsity letters, Colter plans to study music education with the goal of playing professionally and teaching private lessons.

After playing tennis for the past four years, Colter honed his skills through participation as a member of Hamilton Heights boys tennis team, league play, many tournaments, and daily practice. He credits his dad as being a major influence in his development as a student athlete because he coaches and encourages him in practicing and being a better player each day.



Hamilton Heights senior Kamden Colter has signed a letter of intent to join the Johnson University Royals Men's Tennis team in Knoxville, Tenn., this fall. Colter (seated) is pictured with his parents, Adam and Susan Colter.

Photo by Jen Kauffman

"Kamden is a terrific athlete," Coach Derek Ozolins said. "He was a leader on and off the court that was willing to do whatever it took to help us succeed. Johnson University will be lucky to have him."

Hamilton Heights Athletic Director Kurt Ogden added, "Kamden has been a terrific

role model as a student athlete at Hamilton Heights High School. His passion for the sport of tennis has been the catalyst that has provided this opportunity to play the sport he loves at the next level. We are very proud of him, and we wish him well at Johnson University."

Colter is a member of

the Cicero Christian Church music group. He also works there giving music and tennis lessons. Always keeping God at the center of who he is and all he does, he plans to continue to teach tennis and music lessons after college.

"My success in sports, past and future, isn't for me but for Jesus," Colter said.

Women's Basketball

Indiana Fever re-sign All-Star Kelsey Mitchell

Guard returning for eighth season with the Fever

The REPORTER

The Indiana Fever and guard Kelsey Mitchell have agreed to contract terms, cementing the return of the veteran All-Star. It will be Mitchell's eighth WNBA season, all with the Fever.

"Kelsey has been a foundation of our franchise for many years, and we are thrilled to see her return to the Fever," said President of Basketball and Business Operations Kelly Krauskopf, who drafted Mitchell in 2018. "We value Kelsey's commitment to our organization, and we're excited to see her build off a phenomenal 2024, her best season yet. She is one of the best guards in this league and is a cornerstone to building a championship roster."

Drafted No. 2 overall by the Fever, Mitchell is coming off a career-best 2024 season where she was featured in all 40 regular season games, starting all but two, and guiding the franchise to its first playoff appearance since 2016.

Mitchell recorded individual single-season highs, averaging 19.2 points per game, shooting 46.8 percent from the field. Additionally, the Cincinnati native shot

40.2 percent from behind the three-point arc and tallied 2.5 rebounds and 1.8 assists per game, respectively.

"I'm thrilled that Kelsey is returning to Fever. She has been an integral part of this franchise from the moment she was drafted," said Fever Head Coach Stephanie White. "I have watched her journey from the sideline since her time in college and have always admired her work ethic, approach to the game and the way she interacts with her teammates. I can't wait to work with her on a daily basis."

Since 2018, Mitchell has appeared in 235 of a possible 240 games, only missing five games during the 2022 season. In just seven seasons, she ranks No. 2 all-time in points scored (3,923), three-pointers made (558) and career minutes (7,085) for the Fever, and is No. 4 all-time for the team in assists (649). Mitchell led the Fever in scoring every season from 2019 to 2023.

A product of Ohio State University, Mitchell was named a WNBA All-Star in both 2023 and 2024. She earned All-Rookie Team honors in 2018.

Westfield Girls Basketball Score

From their Tuesday, Jan. 28 game. [Click here](#) to read the story online.

WESTFIELD 44, BEN DAVIS 31				
Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Meg Hamilton	0	0-0	0	0
Aubrey Crockett	1	0-2	2	3
MaKayla Hatcher	1	2-4	4	0
Lindsey Van Dyke	5	0-2	10	0
Sam Price	7	1-3	15	4
Mia Crask	0	0-0	0	1
Olivia Murray	1	0-0	2	1
Ellen Wheeler	2	0-0	4	0
Audra Parker	2	2-2	7	0
Madi Linville	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	19	5-13	44	9
Score by Quarters				
Ben Davis	6	2	4	19-31
Westfield	13	8	14	9-44
Westfield 3-pointer: Parker.				

BURGETT

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Burgett did get to wrestle in the Michigan State Open on Nov. 9, where he finished 2-2. His first-ever win came over Northwestern's Dirk Morley in a 7-3 decision, then he got a 19-4 technical fall over Michigan State's Bennett Vandenberg.

Burgett is majoring in sales and said his career goal is to "get a job I like and eventually open up my

own private firm."

And while his career is still just beginning, Burgett already has a favorite memory.

"Summertime with the team, because a lot of us have to stay during the summer when campus is empty or quiet," said Burgett. "Just being around my friends when there's a lot of people here is just a fun thing to do around town."

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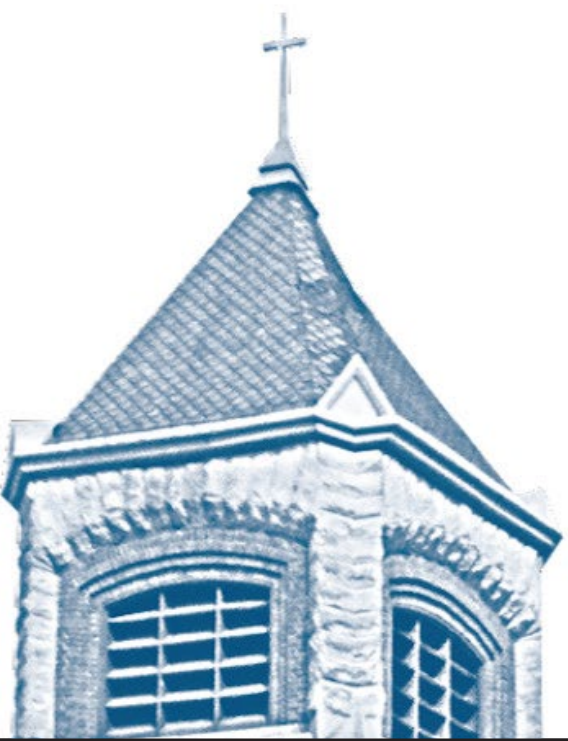
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Men's Basketball

Jahlil Okafor & Keisei Tominaga named to G League Up Next Game

The REPORTER

The NBA G League announced Wednesday the player pool for the 2025 G League Up Next Game presented by AT&T. Indiana Mad Ants center Jahlil Okafor and guard Keisei Tominaga were added to the player pool via the fan vote. In the final voting returns, Okafor received the third most votes while Tominaga received the 10th most votes.

Okafor, 29, is currently in his second G League season and first with the Mad Ants. Okafor previously played for Mexico City during the 2022-23 season. The Illinois native was the No. 3 overall pick in 2015 after winning the NCAA

title with Duke the previous year. He spent seven years in the NBA with Philadelphia, Brooklyn, New Orleans and Detroit.

In this year's Tip-Off Tournament, Okafor averaged 18.6 points and 8.7 rebounds per game across 15 games played. In 12 regular season games, he is averaging 16.6 points and 8.5 rebounds per game.

He is shooting 65.3 percent from the field when factoring in all 27 games he's played this season. Okafor leads all Mad Ants players with nine double-doubles.

Tominaga, 23, is in his first year in the G League. He gained notoriety while at the University of Nebraska after earning the nickname

"Japanese Steph Curry" and signing an endorsement deal with Under Armour.

The first-year pro appeared in 11 games during the Tip-Off Tournament. He played a season-high 17 minutes on Dec. 15 against Windy City. Tominaga has appeared in three games during the regular season.

The NBA G League Up Next Game presented by AT&T will be held as part of NBA All-Star 2025 in San Francisco, California. The event will take place on Sunday, Feb. 16 at NBA Crossover in the Moscone Center.

The game will feature a tournament-style format with four teams of seven players. The 28 players will

be drafted by four influencer GMs with some help from NBA G League coaches.

The NBA G League Up Next Game can be seen on Tubi and the G League App beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Last season, Kyle Mangas, Oscar Tshiebwe and Isaiah Wong all represented the Mad Ants at the Up Next Game. Trevelin Queen and Gabe York represented the Mad Ants at the Next Up Game during the 2022-23 season.

Okafor, Tominaga and the Mad Ants will host the Wisconsin Herd (Milwaukee Bucks affiliate) on Monday at 6 p.m. The club will host the Raptors 905 (Toronto Raptors affiliate) the following night at 6 p.m.

Dennis & Furphy have career nights as Mad Ants defeat Motor City

The REPORTER

The Indiana Mad Ants returned home Tuesday night to take on the Motor City Cruise (Detroit Pistons affiliate). For the second consecutive game, the Mad Ants held their opponent below 100 points. RayJ Dennis and Johnny Furphy both set new career highs in points while Enrique Freeman posted his second career double-double. Indiana secured a 107-99 win.

Jahlil Okafor scored the first points of the night for the Mad Ants. About a minute into the game, the veteran center attacked the paint and made a close-range floater. 30 seconds later, Dakota Mathias made a mid-ranger jumper for his first points of the night.

Two-way players RayJ Dennis and Enrique Freeman were with the club on Tuesday. Johnny Furphy was also with Indiana on assignment from the Indiana Pacers.

Following a Cruise miss, Furphy scored on the other end with a running layup. At the media timeout, Indiana had a 13-8 lead. At the 5:07 mark, the first-year pro absorbed contact while driving the paint. He made the shot and the corresponding free throw for the old-fashioned three-point play.

In the final minutes of the quarter, Freeman knocked down a long-range jumper for his points of the night. Motor City went on a late run to cut into the deficit. The Mad Ants held a 26-25

lead after the first quarter. Furphy led all scorers with 14 points.

Kyle Mangas scored the first points for Indiana in the second quarter. After cutting into the paint, the Indiana native knocked down a mid-range jumper for his first points of the night. Okafor scored on a baseline jumper about a minute later.

With less than seven minutes to go in the first half, Dennis drove the baseline and sank a floater to increase the Mad Ants lead to 39-31. Motor City went on a 13-2 run to gain a 44-41 advantage. Dennis ended the run with a three-pointer at the three-minute mark.

At the two-minute mark of the first half, Dennis laced a pass to Josiah-Jordan James. The South Carolina native knocked down a corner three to regain the lead for Indiana. Under a minute to go, James again drained one from downtown. Nearing the end of the half, Freeman grabbed an offensive rebound and sank a close-range floater. The Mad Ants had a 52-50 lead at half-time. Furphy remained the team's leading scorer with 14 points.

In the second half, Okafor scored the first points for the Mad Ants. After drawing a foul, the Duke University alum converted the one-for-two free throw. On the next possession, Dennis knocked down a corner three. Indiana had a 57-53 lead minutes into the third quarter.

With 6:30 remaining in

the third quarter, Freeman scored his third basket of the night. After a Cruise turnover, Okafor finished on the other end with a one-handed dunk. The Mad Ants improved their lead to 68-58.

Leading 77-73 with 2:15 to go in the quarter, Mathias attacked the paint and made a fadeaway jumper to increase the lead. Next time down the floor, Freeman turned back the clock with a hook shot. Dennis drew a foul and converted the one-for-two free throw. At the end of the third quarter, Indiana had an 83-79 lead. Dennis led the Mad Ants with 23 points.

Dennis scored the first points of the fourth quarter. Using his left hand, the Illinois native recorded a layup. That field goal tied his career high with 25 points. He also tied his career high with 10 field goals.

With 5:15 remaining in regulation, Dennis set a new

career high after knocking down a triple. His field goal gave him 28 points and improved the Mad Ants lead to 98-89. On the next possession, Okafor made a floater giving him 21 points on the night.

The Mad Ants led 106-96 with two minutes remaining. With 1:22 to go, Furphy was fouled attempting a three-pointer. The Aussie knocked down one of the three free throw attempts. Motor City cut the lead to eight points with 40 seconds to go. Indiana secured their second consecutive win.

The Indiana Mad Ants will continue their four-game homestand on Monday when they face the Wisconsin Herd (Milwaukee Bucks affiliate) at 6 p.m. The Mad Ants will host the Raptors 905 (Toronto Raptors affiliate) on Tuesday at 6 p.m. Lastly, Indiana hosts the Motor City Cruise on Saturday, Feb. 8 at 6 p.m.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, Jan. 30
GIRLS BASKETBALL
 University at Speedway, 6 p.m.
 Hamilton Heights at Heritage Christian, 7:30 p.m.
 Pendleton Heights at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.
GYMNASTICS
 Fishers, Lapel, Westfield at Noblesville, 6 p.m. at Hollywood Cheer and Tumble

Friday, Jan. 31
BOYS BASKETBALL
 Anderson Prep Academy at University, 7:30 p.m.
 Ben Davis at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.
 Franklin Central at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.
 Hamilton Heights at Tipton, 7:30 p.m.
 Noblesville at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.
 Sheridan at Taylor, 7:30 p.m.
 Westfield at Avon, 7:30 p.m.
 Guerin Catholic at Lafayette Central Catholic, 8 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
 Guerin Catholic at Lafayette Central Catholic, 6 p.m.
 Sheridan at Taylor, 6 p.m.
 Carmel at Ben Davis, 7:30 p.m.
 Franklin Central at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 1
BOYS BASKETBALL
 Noblesville at Guerin Catholic, 2:30 p.m.
 Carmel at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.
 Covenant Christian at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.
 Hamilton Southeastern at Pendleton Heights, 7:30 p.m.
 University at Indianapolis Lutheran, 7:30 p.m.
BOYS WRESTLING SECTIONALS
 Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Sheridan, Westfield at Frankfort
 Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Heights, Noblesville at Elwood

GYMNASTICS
 Noblesville at Bloomington South Invitational, noon
 Westfield at Shelbyville, 10 a.m.

SWIMMING
 Noblesville, Westfield at Hamilton Southeastern Reserve Championships, 9 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 3
BOYS BASKETBALL
 University at Bishop Chatard, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 4
GIRLS BASKETBALL
 Sectional 8 at Noblesville
 Fishers vs. Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.
 Carmel vs. Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.
 Sectional 24 at Connersville
 Yorktown vs. New Castle, 6 p.m.
 Delta vs. Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.
 Sectional 25 at Lebanon
 Tri-West vs. Frankfort, 7 p.m.
 Sectional 39 at Sheridan
 Taylor vs. Lapel, 6 p.m.
 Frankton vs. Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.
 Sectional 42 at Monrovia
 Monrovia vs. Park Tudor, 6 p.m.
 Cardinal Ritter vs. Covenant Christian, 7:30 p.m.
GYMNASTICS
 Fishers, Guerin Catholic, Noblesville at New Palestine, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 5
BOYS BASKETBALL
 KIPP Legacy at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
 Sectional 25 at Lebanon
 Danville vs. Crawfordsville, 6 p.m.
 Brebeuf Jesuit vs. Lebanon, 7:30 p.m.

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