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TODAY'S WEATHER



Today: Rain, especially in the afternoon.
 Tonight: Scattered showers in the evening.



HIGH: 52 LOW: 38

Glühwein & schnitzel & raclette . . . oh my!

The REPORTER

Carmel Christkindlmarkt opens to the public Saturday, Nov. 22 at 10 Carter Green, Carmel, but on Wednesday, Nov. 19, Wundernacht was a 21-and-older evening full of samples and previews of everything the exceptionally authentic German market has to offer.

The Hamilton County Reporter took a tour guided by Julia Davis, acting CEO of Carmel Christkindlmarkt Inc., highlighting this season's vendors, food, and beverages. According to Davis, the thing that sets Carmel's Christkindlmarkt apart is the focus on an authentic experience. All of the gifts for sale are handcrafted German items. You will not find anything at this market that is made in China.

The food, which we all know is a huge draw, is also as authentic as possible. This newspaper suggests going hungry, bringing along a bit of patience for standing in line, and accepting the fact that you



Reporter photos

If Wundernacht is any indication, this year's Carmel Christkindlmarkt will be *wunderbar*. It is so authentic that Acting CEO Julia Davis (above right) told The Reporter many German families come to the market each year to get a taste of home. See more photos on Page 3 and at ReadTheReporter.com.

may weigh more when you leave than you did when you arrived.

Don't miss the Kinderplatz just to the east of the Payne & Mencias Palladium. This area offers a variety of activities for the young and young at heart.

Carmel Christkindlmarkt is the perfect place to get even

Carmel Christkindlmarkt Hours

Open Nov. 22 through Dec. 24

Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas Day

Wednesday, 4 to 9 p.m.	Saturday, noon to 9 p.m.
Thursday, 4 to 9 p.m.	Sunday, noon to 8 p.m.
Friday, noon to 9 p.m.	Closed Monday & Tuesday

an old Scrooge into the holiday spirit, shop for unique gifts, and – depending on when the snow starts to blow – get family photos worthy of being placed on Christmas cards for years to come.

The market is open Wednesday through Sunday starting on Saturday, Nov. 22 and running through Christmas Eve.

Learn more at Carmel-Christkindlmarkt.com.



Chef turned educator teaches life skills in Westfield High School

By HANNA MORDOH
 WISH-TV | wishtv.com

WISH-TV celebrates extraordinary teachers in central Indiana with the **WISH-TV Golden Apple Award**.

The award comes with a trophy, a school supply shopping spree to **Teachers' Treasures**, and a surprise visit from the News 8 team.

November's Golden Apple Award winner is Miss Catherine Duda. She's a family and consumer science teacher in Westfield Washington Schools.

At Westfield High School, students are learning the academic essentials like math, science, and language arts. However, one teacher is bringing the bedrock of life skills to life. "Everything she teaches



WISH-TV photo

The WISH-TV team surprised Catherine Duda with the Golden Apple Award. She even asked if it was all a prank. No, Miss Duda, everyone really does appreciate you!

and the foundation of what you learn in each one of her classes is something you can apply to your day-to-day life, whether that's food safety, cleaning safety, or just relationship skills. It's super useful and super applicable to

every single day," Jaden Atha, 17, said.

"[She shows us] how to communicate with other people and be respectful and just hearing that from her made me feel like, 'Oh, if she can do, I can do it,'" 17-year old Bjork Millard

added. These students are talking about Miss Duda. She teaches interpersonal relationships, nutrition and wellness, and principles of childhood education to

See *Chef* . . . Page 2

When distance can't dim compassion: Hamilton County rallies for Jamaica

When disaster strikes, it tests not only the resilience of the people directly affected, but also the compassion of those watching from afar. The devastation left behind by Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica has shaken communities across the globe – especially Jamaicans living thousands of miles away, right here in Hamilton County. And what has unfolded in response is nothing short of extraordinary.

For many immigrants, "home" exists in two places at once. Their roots may be planted in Indiana, but their hearts still beat in rhythm with the island that raised them. That bond became beautifully visible as the local Jamaican community stepped up, turning heartbreak into action and solidarity.

Leading this heartfelt mission is Stephanie Bailey, a Jamaican-born, long-time resident of Hamilton County whose instinct to serve is as natural as breathing.

"When I saw the devastation left behind by Hurricane Melissa, I had to jump into action," she shared.

With the help of her coworkers, friends, and fellow Jamaican families in the area, Stephanie quickly began organizing a grassroots effort to collect non-perishable food, hygiene items, baby essentials, and emergency supplies for those who had lost everything.

Her family didn't just donate – they showed up with time, love, and an unwavering commitment to their neighbors across the ocean. Inspired by this movement, me and my little family also did our part, donating what we could with the same love and compassion that we hope reaches every person affected. As immigrants ourselves, we understand deeply what it means to feel connected to a homeland that is far away. Supporting others in their moment of need felt not just important, but personal.

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Did you ever get something free gratis for nothing without costing a cent? Let me repeat that over again once more.

It's free. Trini Beaver, Hamilton County Recorder, is bringing you the services of the Hamilton County Recorder's Office operating almost exclusively on user fees. She is keeping our taxes low.

She has another new free service. Free gratis for nothing without costing a cent. You can sign up for free for a Property Fraud Alert service. Property fraud occurs when someone records a fraudulent document in the County Land Records Office making it look like they own your home or property. Trini Beaver's property fraud alert is a free service that notifies subscribers against the possibilities of fraudulent activity being committed against their property. She employs the new Hamilton County Recorder's Office software to provide the service.

You can sign up for free by visiting PropertyFraudAlert.com or you can call the Property Fraud Alert Hotline at 1-800-728-3858. You can register in English or Spanish. You can also choose how you want to be notified. Notifications can come out by text, telephone call, or email.

Trini Beaver is working to keep you safe, keep your taxes low, and keep a record of all your important documents.

I say, hats off to Trini Beaver!

Ray Adler is a longtime attorney with offices at The Adler Building, 136 S. 9th St., Downtown Noblesville. He is also one of the owners of The Hamilton County Reporter Newspaper.

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Nature comes alive for young Huskies

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.

Hamilton Heights Elementary second graders recently welcomed Dan Popelia – known to many as "Nature Dan" – from Cool Creek Park for an interactive, hands-on program all about trees.

Students explored tree bark, seeds, leaves, and native Indiana specimens, even creating their own leaf rubbings to deepen their understanding of natural patterns.

"This program was specially designed around our Unit 2 reading project-based learning week," second-grade teacher Chelsea Kleyla said. "For five weeks, our English Language Arts instruction focused on the essential question: 'What patterns do you see in nature?'"

The visit served as a launchpad for deeper inquiry. Students spent the rest of the week researching tree facts, creating informational sheets, and sharing their learning through presen-



Photos provided by Hamilton Heights School Corporation

Second graders at Hamilton Heights Elementary School dove into nature-based learning with "Nature Dan," exploring tree bark, seeds, and leaves as part of their Reaching New Heights project-based unit on patterns in nature.

tations to Kindergarten classes and digital reflections on Seesaw. The experience exempli-

fies the spirit of Reaching New Heights, Hamilton Heights' new initiative to connect aca-

demically learning with real-world exploration, student voice, and community partnerships.

COMPASSION

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The community felt the same way. Barrels began filling up steadily, each one packed with hope and necessities for families trying to rebuild their lives. But with growth comes challenges.

As donations continued pouring in, so did the logistical hurdles. Putting together a relief project of this magnitude is no small task, especially with only a handful of volunteers and limited resources.

“With a few helping hands and a heart to serve, we are empowered to do the best we can,” Stephanie emphasized. Yet the next phase – the shipping – became the biggest obstacle.

Today, the team has 18 large 55-gallon barrels filled to the brim with essential supplies: food, diapers, wipes, medicine, sanitary products, and more.



Photos provided by Stephanie Bailey

These barrels represent the purest form of love in action. But getting them from Indiana to Jamaica is an entirely different challenge. Shipping by sea cargo is expensive, complex, and requires careful coordination – an undertaking far larger than what a small volunteer group can cover on its own.

Which is why the community needs help now more than ever.

To keep this mission moving forward, donations are urgently needed – not only supplies, but support to cover shipping costs so these barrels can reach the families who are struggling in the hurricane’s aftermath. For

those wishing to contribute, food, diapers, wipes, and hygiene supplies can be dropped off at the Pebble Brook Dairy Queen, 5625 Pebble Village Lane, Noblesville. Every item, every dollar, every small act brings the mission one step closer to Jamaica’s shores.

The beauty of this effort

isn’t measured only in the number of barrels packed but in what they symbolize: unity, empathy, and the belief that humanity stretches beyond borders. Hamilton County’s response is a powerful reminder that compassion does not require proximity. It only requires heart.

And thanks to leaders

like Stephanie Bailey – and countless families who stepped up with love – Jamaica is receiving an outpouring of support strong enough to withstand any storm.

Pooja Thakkar is working to build connections through cuisine. You can read her column each week in the pages of The Reporter.

CHEF

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high school students. She’s also an example of what being a successful adult looks like.

“She is like a teacher and a mentor for everyone in the school,” Millard said. “She’s very good at communicating and also forming relationships with her students. So, they create that bond.”

“Like a light bulb,” Atha explained. “She just always bright, brightens up the room. You can just tell she’s a person that you could go to with questions or concerns. A very warming presence, I would say, is the biggest thing about her is you can just tell she’s joyful in everything she does.”

That joy radiates from her classroom into her curriculum. In fact, she just got her masters in Curriculum and Instruction.

Fellow teacher Renee Kohlman says Duda isn’t a template teacher, and always changes things up to

keep learning exciting.

“She’s just like she’s an amazing curriculum designer,” Kohlmann said. “She’s always incorporating like trivia and games and just a variety of different assignments. So it’s not always the same thing every day. She tries to make it interactive. Everything from the cooking aspect to interpersonal relationships, which she also teaches and like made that class so awesome, and the kids love it now.”

“She goes to them,” fellow teacher Michelle Goudy explained. “She finds lessons that inspires them. She finds topics that they want to learn about, that they need to become life ready after high school.”

Miss Duda teaches kids everything from conflict resolution to cooking. She is a trained chef turned educator, so she takes culinary to the next level. However, she focuses most on building relationships and teaching



WISH-TV photos

kids how to do the same.

“It’s not just the way in which she teaches it,” Julie McComb added. “It’s her as a person. She, she is just magnetic and the kids are just drawn to her. And whether it’s for a listening ear, if they’re having a bad day or to review material, they all know that she cares so much about them,” career and technical education teacher.”

She says Miss Duda’s

care is genuine. This is not a job for her, but it is a calling.

“She always told me that the reason why she wanted to be a teacher is she wanted to change lives,” McComb explained.

Miss Duda is changing lives after school, too. She heads culinary club called “Foodies Rock,” and she leads Safebae, a group educating kids about dating violence, healthy relationships, and consent.

She is also in charge of FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America), helping students explore careers and do community service.

“She loves what she does. She truly loves what she does and it shows every day,” McComb said.

That’s why McComb nominated Miss Duda for the WISH-TV Golden Apple Award.

So, along with her mom,

dad, and boyfriend, the WISH-TV team went to surprise Miss Duda with the Golden Apple Award. She was shocked and asked if it was all a prank.

Click here to nominate a deserving teacher for the Golden Apple Award.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishv.com/golden-apple/west-field-teacher-wins-golden-apple.

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Winter Food Drive

November 10th - December 12th | Drop Off Locations: All Branches

Help us support local families in need by donating non-perishable food items to benefit food pantries in each of our branch cities. American Bank will make an additional monetary donation to your local food pantry for each item collected.

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- Canned Fruit
- Canned Vegetables
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- Pasta and Sauces
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Powdered Milk
- Fruit Snacks
- Cookies
- Crackers
- Cooking Oil
- Baby Formula



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It's beginning to look a lot like Weihnachten



Danelle Webb and Kasara Cromwell



Cecilia Gibson

"I am very pleased with how the evening went! It is always rewarding to watch the Market come to life each season. It's even more fun to see others enjoying themselves in such a festive environment. We are very grateful for the Sponsors and Guests who participate and support the Market, and last night's crowd was a blast! Of course, there are always improvements and adjustments that can be made to help ensure the continued success of events like Wundernacht, but I am very proud of our team of staff, vendors, and volunteers. I really think they knocked it out of the park this year. It was a great kick-off to the Carmel Christkindlmarkt season, and we are ready for Opening Day on Saturday!"

— Julia Davis, Acting CEO
Carmel Christkindlmarkt Inc.



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Above and at right are some of the fine Carmel Christkindlmarkt vendors who allowed The Reporter to (like Simple Simon) try their wares at Wundernacht.

Reporter photos



Experience

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SCAN TO LEARN MORE

Westfield High School inducts nearly 250 students into National Honor Society



Photo by Rocks Media House

Westfield High School inducted nearly 250 students into the National Honor Society last week, celebrating the four pillars of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. The Westfield community is proud of the inductees and grateful to the Westfield Washington Schools leadership team for organizing such a meaningful event. [Click here](#) to see more photos.

Indiana State Police investigating 'swatting' incidents

The REPORTER

The Indiana State Police (ISP) is aware of and are currently investigating multiple instances of the crime known as "swatting" which have recently targeted members of the Indiana General Assembly.

Three Indiana senators have been targeted as of Thursday, Nov. 20: Sen. Greg Goode (R-Terre Haute), Sen. Dan Dernulc (R-Highland), and Sen. Spencer Deery (R-West Lafayette).

Swatting is an incident in which someone with ill intention notifies law enforcement via phone call, email or other form of communication of a false emergency at a targeted location. The end goal of this is to generate as large a scale law enforcement response as possible.

ISP warn that not only is this potentially dangerous to all involved, but it is also against the law. While the motives for this type of activity may vary, police are working diligently with local, county, and federal law enforcement partners to identify those responsible for these reckless, careless, and illegal activities.

ISP's goal is to seek criminal prosecution against those involved to the fullest extent allowed by law.

The public can also be of significant assistance by contacting the Indiana State Police at iifc@iifc.in.gov with any information they have which may lead to the identification of those responsible. If you see or know something... say something.

State Sen. Kyle Walker (R-Lawrence) made the following statement Thursday.

"Attempts have been made to intimidate me and threaten violence at my home. I am grateful to local and state law enforcement personnel for their ongoing efforts to keep us safe, and for their work to identify and hold these criminals accountable.

"All state leaders should send the strongest message possible that not only are these violent threats and intimidation tactics against the law, they are also counter-effective.

"I will not be providing additional details at this time as law enforcement conducts their investigation."

Treasurer Daniel Elliott released a statement on recent swatting incidents targeting Indiana State Senators.

"I'm appalled by the recent string of swatting incidents and swatting attempt incidents targeting Indiana state senators. There is no room for threats of violence in our political discourse.

"After speaking with the affected senators, I've directed my team at Indiana Statewide 911 to examine these threats and the specific manner in which they were made and see if there are any changes in policy or safety protocols that need to be brought to the Indiana Statewide 911 Board and the General Assembly."

Multiple Carmel partners join forces for Holiday Lights Recycling Drive

Submitted by City of Carmel

Carmel residents have the opportunity to make this holiday season truly green by recycling lights instead of throwing them away.

The community can recycle used and unwanted lights by taking them to White's Ace Hardware & Garden Center, 731 S. Range Line Road, Monday, Nov. 24 through Friday, Jan. 9, 2026. The recycling

drive is sponsored by Carmel Clay School's Green Teams, Carmel Utilities, the City of Carmel, Technology Recyclers, and White's Ace Hardware & Garden Center.

Since the start of the collaborative program in 2011, more than 19 tons of lights have been recycled. Recycling inoperable or inefficient lights keeps those items out of landfills, which reduces the long-term carbon impact on the environment.

Carmel Utilities recommends using EnergyStar-rated LED lights as they reduce energy usage by 75 percent compared to conventional incandescent lights. Not only will you save in energy costs and lower your carbon footprint, LED lights also have the following advantages:

- **Safer:** LEDs are much cooler than incandescent lights, reducing the risk of combustion or burnt fingers.

- **Sturdier:** LEDs are made with epoxy lenses and are much more resistant to breakage.

- **Longer Lasting:** The LED lights last 25 times longer than conventional lights.

For more information about the Holiday Lights Recycling Drive, please call Kelli Prader with the Marketing & Community Relations department at (317) 571-2494.

Thanks for reading The Reporter!

Stony Creek church of Christ



"Jesus took the bread in his hands and **GAVE THANKS** to God. Then he passed the bread to the people, and he did the same with the fish, until everyone had plenty to eat."

"Now **THANKS BE TO GOD** who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place."

"**GIVING THANKS ALWAYS FOR ALL THINGS** to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ"

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, **WITH THANKSGIVING**, let your requests be made known to God.

"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and **BE THANKFUL**."

"Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it **WITH THANKSGIVING**."

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, **IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS** for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

"**WE GIVE YOU THANKS**, O Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was and who is to come, because You have taken Your great power and reigned."

ONE THING IS FOR SURE: CHRISTIANS ARE TO BE THANKFUL PEOPLE. COME GIVE THANKS WITH US!

John 6:11

2 Corinthians 2:14

Ephesians 5:20

Philippians 4:6

Colossians 3:15

Colossians 4:2

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Revelation 11:17

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Our Assembly times:

Sunday Bible Study | 10:00 AM

Sunday Worship | 11:00 AM

Wednesday Bible Study | 7:00 PM

From the desk of Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood

Update No. 161

Kylie Dhonau, our Director of Food Services, headlined our quarterly Superintendent Advisory Group meeting last week. She shared a detailed and inspiring look into the daily operations that fuel our students and staff – literally and figuratively. From scratch-made meals to fresh, nutritious options, and the new Husky Sprout Initiative, our cafeterias are more than just places to eat – they're hubs of care, creativity, and connection.

Every tray served reflects a commitment to student wellness, academic readiness, and a welcoming school environment. We're proud of the dedicated team behind the scenes who make mealtime meaningful and delicious. Their work nourishes our bodies and gives us a sense of belonging and community throughout our campus.

Hamilton Heights Schools have launched a new "Tech Free Tuesday" initiative in partnership with community leaders. This program encourages students, families, and neighbors to take a weekly pause from screens and rediscover the



DR. DEREK ARROWOOD
Hamilton Heights Superintendent

power of face-to-face connection.

With support from HHMS and HHHS Counseling/Admin Teams, Officer Kevin Neal (HCSO), Summer Bailey (HHYAP), and Cicero Christian Church leadership, Tech-Free Tuesdays will soon be launching both in our schools and across the community. Nov. 18 marked our second Tech-Free Tuesday at participating Cicero restaurants that have begun creating tech-free zones and offering conversation prompts to spark meaningful dialogue.

Throughout the school year, Hamilton Heights will also continue finding ways of implementing Tech-Free Tuesdays with staff and students, reinforcing our shared commitment to presence, balance, and authentic engagement. We invite you to get involved or share ideas. Reach out to April Baugher (HHHS) at abaugher@hhschuskies.org or Sabrina Duncan (HHMS) at sduncan@hhschuskies.org with ideas, to get involved, or for more information.

With our first weather-related day of the season

and crisp autumn days settle in, we're reminded that Thanksgiving break is coming up next week. Whether you're gathering with loved ones, savoring the flavors of the season, or simply stepping away from daily routines, I hope this time offers a chance to pause, reflect, and embrace a spirit of gratitude and appreciation.

#WeAreHuskies

Please visit our Inclement Weather [webpage](#) to familiarize yourself with our district's communications processes and procedures if hazardous weather conditions warrant delays or cancellations. Take this time to make sure your contact information is updated within PowerSchool to ensure delivery of our messages. In preparation for possible delays and closures in the months ahead, stay weather aware and up to date through the corporation's social media sites: X (@hhschuskies), Facebook, website, and/or the local media outlets.

As the seasons shift

Victor Dandridge named deputy director of Noblesville Creates

Submitted

Noblesville Creates has announced the appointment of Victor Dandridge as the organization's new Deputy Director, a newly created role designed to guide the organization into its next era of growth, leadership, and creative impact.

Victor Dandridge's journey with art and storytelling began in childhood through his love of comics, which sparked a lifelong passion for creativity and self-expression. He studied commercial art at Fort Hayes Metropolitan Education Center and the Columbus College of Art and Design before launching his own publishing imprint, Vantage:Inhouse Productions, and co-founding U Cre-8 Comics, an educational initiative using comics to inspire creativity in classrooms and libraries.

Dandridge first connection to Noblesville Creates came as a featured guest artist and host at the organization's annual event, Comic Book in a Day.

"From that very first experience, I had an absolute ball," he said. "It tapped into my calling, helping emerging artists find their footing."

That passion for mentorship and creative empowerment ultimately led Dandridge to join Noblesville Creates as Deputy Director. "It was a lightbulb moment," he said. "This is what I wanted to be doing: supporting artists, building community, and leading creative growth. The universe gave me a push."

In his new role, Dandridge will focus on advancing Noblesville Creates' mission through leadership, collaboration, and innovation.

"My job is to disrupt stagnation," he said. "Noblesville Creates is both a resource for artists and a vehicle for creativity itself. Sometimes those missions can feel at odds, but I'm here to help us move forward. You can't have prog-

ress without a little disruption."

Dandridge's approach aligns with Noblesville Creates' 2025-2029 Strategic Plan, which emphasizes leadership, community engagement, and economic development. As he relocates from Columbus, Ohio, he looks forward to integrating into the Noblesville community and fostering meaningful connections between local creatives and opportunities.

"Integrating into the community will naturally build leadership," he said. "As I learn the people and the place, I'll help identify opportunities for growth and collaboration. Trust will follow, and that trust will move our goals forward."

Dandridge brings a unique perspective on the value and impact of the arts.

"Art isn't just a painting on a wall," he said. "It's the logo on your toothpaste, the design of your neighborhood, the way we express ourselves. When we tell stories that highlight creativity's role in everyday life, people begin to see how vital the arts truly are."

Dandridge has set three key goals for his tenure: understanding the full scope of his position, increasing public awareness of Noblesville Creates' programs, and cultivating excitement for what's next.

"It's not just about maintaining what we already do," he said. "It's about expanding our reach so more people know about the creative opportunities available, and getting to the point where people can't wait for our next event."

Noblesville Creates invites the community to welcome Victor Dandridge to the team. His creativity, energy, and leadership are poised to strengthen the organization's role as a hub for artistic expression, community engagement, and creative growth.



Dandridge

"My vision," he said, "is to make Noblesville Creates an executive vehicle for creative accomplishment, where anyone who connects with us walks away knowing that their idea could become reality."

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Hamilton County Reporter!

Nine Westfield police officers promoted to leadership positions

Submitted by
City of Westfield

Westfield Police Chief Shawn Keen has announced the promotion of nine officers to key leadership positions within the department. These promotions reflect the department's commitment to operational excellence and continued advancement of its strategic mission.

The Police Merit Commission has approved the following promotions:

Captain Josh Harrell has been appointed to lead Special Services. With more than 19 years of service, all with the Westfield Police Department, Captain Harrell steps into his new role after serving as Patrol Lieutenant. A 15-year member of the Emergency Services Unit and current Assistant Team Leader, he is also the department's lead instructor in Close Quarters Battle and Active Assailant Response. A graduate of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department Leadership Academy, NTOA SWAT Team Leader and Command Schools, and FBI-LEEDA programs, Captain Harrell brings exceptional tactical and leadership expertise to our community.

Lieutenant Mike Wheeler has been promoted after serving Westfield for 25 years, following two years with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. Throughout his career, he has worked as a K9 handler, field training officer, traffic enforcement officer, school resource officer, and most recently served four years as a sergeant. He is also a graduate of the IMPD Leadership Academy (2022) and

continues to dedicate himself to mentoring officers and supporting community safety.

Lieutenant Broc Larrison has been promoted after serving Westfield for 17.5 years and brings a total of 18.5 years of law enforcement experience. Most recently, Lt. Larrison was a Sergeant on Night Shift B and has served specialized roles including the Event Response Group, Critical Incident Stress Management Program Coordinator, and Public Employee Retirement Fund Board Secretary. He is Westfield's only ILEA Master Instructor, one of only two in all of Hamilton County, and is trained as a Force Science Analyst. A Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu practitioner since 2018, Lt. Larrison is committed to officer development, wellness, and excellence in training.

Lieutenant Jackie Carter has been promoted after proudly serving Westfield since 2002 and brings 25 years of law enforcement experience. She most recently served as a Sergeant within the patrol division. Lt. Carter supports officer wellness through her work as a Lead Peer Support member and contributes to departmental readiness as a Mobile Field Force Team Leader, Bike Team Instructor, and FTO Program Manager. She holds a Master of Public Administration (Honors) and is a Certified Public Supervisor. In 2025, she earned a Gold Medal at the World Police & Fire Games for softball. Lt. Carter is dedicated to community engagement, officer resilience, and developing future



Photo provided by City of Westfield

public safety leaders.

Sergeant Kaeden Gebhart has been promoted after serving Westfield for six years as a law enforcement officer. Currently assigned to Days B as a patrol officer, he also serves as an FTO, Honor Guard member, Drone Instructor, Emergency Response Group member, and EVOC/STOPS Instructor. Sgt. Gebhart is a three-time lifesaving award recipient, a 2020 Chief's Award honoree, holds a Part 107 drone license, and currently serves as the Second Vice President of the Law Enforcement Drone Association for Indiana.

Sergeant LeeAnn Carter has been promoted after 10 years of law enforcement experience, including eight years with Westfield. Most recently, Sgt. Carter

served as a Violent Crimes Detective, focusing primarily on sensitive investigations involving children. Sgt. Carter also serves as a Crisis Negotiator and Field Training Officer. In 2024, she was honored with the Westfield Chamber of Commerce Lantern Award: First Responder Award of Distinction for her dedication and impact within the community.

Sergeant Lisa Ottenweller has 5.5 years with Westfield and eight years of total law enforcement experience. She currently serves on Nights A and holds specialties as a hostage negotiator, FTO, road evidence technician, and fitness evaluator. Sgt. Ottenweller is completing her MBA with a leadership concentration at Butler University and pre-

viously graduated from the Indiana University Police Academy (2017) and Indiana University (2018).

Sergeant William Ottenweller has been promoted after serving Westfield for 5.5 years and brings eight years of law enforcement experience including time with IU Police and Bloomington PD. He is assigned to the Nights A shift and specializes in crash reconstruction, drone operations (Part 107 pilot), Mobile Field Force/ERG, drug recognition, chemical breath testing, and bicycle patrol. He is pursuing an MBA with a leadership concentration at Butler University and is a graduate of the IU Police Academy (2017) and IU Bloomington (2018).

Sergeant Adam Zosso has served Westfield for nine

years and brings 21 years of total law enforcement experience. He is currently assigned to Investigations as a Violent Crimes Detective and has previously served as an FTO and Fire Investigator I. A graduate of the IMPD Leadership Academy (2019), Sgt. Zosso began his career in Northwest Indiana with the Portage Police Department and later served in Lynwood, Illinois before making Westfield his home in 2016.

"These promotions recognize the dedication, expertise, and leadership these officers bring to our department," Chief Keen said. "Their commitment to professional excellence and community service will continue to strengthen our ability to serve and protect the residents of Westfield."



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Noblesville Lions raise diabetes awareness



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club



Photo by Vicki Neddenriep

Noblesville Lions took Strides for Diabetes Awareness on the trail around Forest Park on Saturday, Nov. 15 to bring attention to National Diabetes Awareness Month. Members were joined by Indiana Lions State Diabetes Chair Angela Mounsey. Riverview Health Diabetes Care and Education Specialist Kim Ramirez provided free diabetes screenings and Riverview Health Dietician Christine Lewis provided information on prevention and treatment. The Lions shared free, healthy snacks with walkers in the park. (LEFT) Lion Stanley (Stephen Craig) puts his paw out to let Riverview Health Diabetes Care and Education Specialist Kim Ramirez test for his risk of diabetes. (RIGHT; standing, from left) Members David Marsh, Lion Stanley (Stephen Craig), Walt Scheid, Steve Shaw, Indiana Lions State Diabetes Chair Angela Mounsey, Joe Connerley, Gene Beck, Jen Carr, and George Long. (Kneeling, from left) Riverview Health Dietician Christine Lewis, Lions Skylar Herold and Lisa Dick, and Riverview Health Diabetes Care and Education Specialist Kim Ramirez.

Eastbound I-465 ramp to southbound Meridian Street opens early

The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) announces the eastbound Interstate 465 ramp to southbound Meridian Street is now open, one month ahead of schedule. This is the first opening of the three extended Phase 1 closures in the **Level Up 31** project that were detailed in October.

With the ramp from Eastbound I-465 to Meridian Street open, commuters should note that the junction will again be traffic signal-controlled. Watch your

speed and be prepared to slow for a red light.

The remaining Phase 1 closures are expected to reopen by late December:

- Closure of the southbound U.S. 31 ramp to 106th Street
- Closure of eastbound 106th Street from Illinois Street to U.S. 31

Crews are adding capacity and increasing safety and traffic flow in the four-phase project that concludes in late 2027. An interactive map showing how the project will look when completed is also

now available for review on the Level Up 31 website.

INDOT reminds drivers to slow down, avoid distractions, and use extra caution while traveling in and around work zones. All work is weather-dependent, and schedules are subject to change. Visit INDOT TrafficWise at 511in.org to monitor conditions before departing as longer wait times are possible.

Sign up at alerts.indot.in.gov for the latest Level Up 31 project updates, available via email or text.

Senator Banks introduce legislation to penalize employers who hire illegal aliens

Submitted by Office of U.S. Senator Jim Banks

On Wednesday, Nov. 19, Senators Jim Banks (R-Ind.) and Bill Cassidy (R-La.) introduced the Putting American Workers First Act. This bill gives the National Labor Relations Board jurisdiction to investigate and prosecute employers who hire illegal aliens.

The bill would make it an unfair labor practice to hire or unionize illegal aliens, while creating a safe harbor for employers who use E-Verify to confirm work eligibility. Senators Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.), Ted Budd (R-N.C.), and Bernie Moreno (R-Ohio) are original cosponsors of this bill. "Hiring illegal aliens drives down American wages and pushes our workers out of good jobs," Sen. Banks said. "If employers won't follow the law, we'll use every tool we have to make sure they face consequences."

Key provisions

- Make it an unfair labor

practice to hire an illegal alien.

- Make it an unfair labor practice to unionize an illegal alien.
- Add a safe harbor for employers that use E-Verify to confirm work eligibility.
- Shield employers from unfair labor practice charges for firing employees that are ineligible to work in the United States.

Click [here](#) to read the full text of the bill.

Background
It is illegal to hire illegal aliens in the United States. Notwithstanding this clear prohibition, employers around the country continue to employ illegal aliens and replace American workers with cheap foreign labor.

Meanwhile, instead of fighting for fair employment conditions for American workers, labor unions make it easier for employers to violate their obligations by advocating for illegal aliens. At least one labor union has declared itself a "sanctuary union." The National Labor Relations Board has the power to investigate and prosecute unfair labor practices by employers or unions.



Banks

Sen. Young introduces bill to protect American AI innovation

Submitted by Office of U.S. Sen. Todd Young

U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.) and Mark Kelly (D-Ariz.), both members of the Senate Intelligence Committee, recently introduced the Advanced Artificial Intelligence (AI) Security Readiness Act.



Young

The legislation would direct the National Security Agency (NSA) to develop an AI security playbook to protect America's advanced technology from foreign adversaries.

in advanced technology depends on our ability to protect it," Sen. Young said. "As our foreign adversaries race to steal and exploit cutting-edge AI systems, we must stay ahead of these threats. The Advanced AI Security Readiness Act will ensure the intelligence professionals at NSA have the tools and direction needed to safeguard U.S. innovation and preserve America's technology advantages."

"America's leadership

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AI

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Background

The Advanced AI Security Readiness Act would direct the NSA's AI Security Center to develop an AI Security Playbook that identifies potential vulnerabilities and threats and establishes security strategies and contingency plans for America's advanced AI systems.

More specifically, the legislation would:

- Safeguard American AI innovation from theft or sabotage by foreign actors, maintaining our national defense and technological leadership;
- Strengthen national security by developing strate-

gies to identify, protect, detect, respond to, and recover from cyber threats from foreign adversaries; and

- Protect U.S. AI ecosystems by directing the NSA to proactively identify vulnerabilities within AI technologies and the AI supply chain.

Companion legislation was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by Representatives Darin LaHood (R-Ill.-16), John Moolenaar (R-Mich.-02), Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-Ill.-08), and Josh Gottheimer (D-N.J.-05).

[Click here](#) to read the full text of the legislation.

Hamilton County Democrats celebrate party's future at first Inspiring Torchbearer Gala

Submitted

The Hamilton County Democratic Party held its inaugural Torchbearer Gala on Friday, Nov. 14 at The Hawthorns Golf and Country Club in Fishers, bringing together elected officials, candidates, party leaders, and community members for an evening themed "A Light in the Darkness."

County Party Chair Josh Lowry emphasized the event's focus on momentum and investment in local leadership.

"We didn't choose our speakers by chance," Lowry said. "We chose the future of the Democratic Party, because everything we're building is aimed at supporting and investing in our 2026 candidates and beyond."

The gala featured key-



Photo provided by Hamilton County Democratic Party

note remarks from Terre Haute Mayor Brandon Sakbun, State Senator Andrea Hunley, as well as video messages from Congressman Ro Khanna and newly sworn-in Congresswoman Adelita Grijalva. Other attendees included State Senator JD Ford, State Representative Dr. Victoria Garcia Wilburn, Fishers City Councilman Bill Stuart, Carmel City Council Member Dr. Anita Joshi, and State Representative Carey Hamilton (Indianapolis).

The guests of honor were the candidates for the state legislature in 2026: Racheal Bleicher for House District 24, Joel Levi for House District 37, Lasima Packett for State Senate District 31, Stephanie Jo Yocum for House District 88, and Tiffany Stoner for House District 25. All of the House and Senate candidates are leading the way to help break the Republican supermajority.

Nocona Canady-Flatt, the HamCo Dems Events Chair, closed the night with

gratitude for the community members who made the gala possible.

"Thank you to every single person who bought tickets, donated a Young Dems ticket, contributed, or volunteered in any way," Canady-Flatt said. "You continue to fight through the fatigue of the endless news cycle to show that hope is possible, change is necessary, accountability is worth fighting for, and that light always defeats darkness. You matter and the future world we work for thanks you, as do I. May we all continue to hold the torch to light our path through the dark."

About the Hamilton County Democratic Party

The Hamilton County Democratic Party works to engage voters, support candidates, and build a more inclusive and representative future for all residents of Hamilton County. Through community outreach, volunteer engagement, and ongoing efforts to uplift Democratic values, the organization is committed to fostering positive change at every level of government. To learn more about how to get involved with the Hamilton County Democratic Party, visit hamcodemsin.org.

"Reclaim Your Retirement" secure database will connect Hoosiers with forgotten retirement benefits

Submitted

Thousands of Hoosiers may have forgotten they have retirement benefits earned through public service. However, finding a forgotten retirement account hasn't always been easy.

The Indiana Public Retirement System (INPRS) has launched a secure public database that all Hoosiers can search to identify a potentially forgotten pension benefit, defined contribution account, or account

distribution from their Public Employees' Retirement Fund or Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Visitors to the **Reclaim Your Retirement secure database** must enter a first name, last name, and date of birth including the four-digit year to initiate a search. If there is a match in the database, the resulting text will provide instructions on what the named individual or their survivor or beneficiary should do next.

The cost of a forgotten retirement can be steep, quickly escalating to tens, if not hundreds of thousands of dollars in lost retirement income for a former public employee, teacher, or first responder.

As of October 2025, 3,704 INPRS members are eligible to request their earned retirement benefits, representing a median monthly benefit payment ranging from \$545.50 to \$783.50. These individuals may also have a defined contribution account waiting for them, with balances averaging \$14,451 to \$33,342.

Through this effort, INPRS is also seeking to reconnect 2,379 retirees, survivors, and beneficiaries with the funds previously issued to them but have not been utilized, a result often driven by outdated address records. In some situations, benefit checks were delivered as intended but never deposited.

Each month that goes by without collecting one's retirement benefits can be devastating, but when you use the Reclaim Your Retirement database, it's easy. The public can search INPRS's secure database to identify their potentially forgotten retirement benefits and, if their search results indicate

a match, find out if they're due a benefit today.

Hosted securely in a database outside of INPRS member accounts, the Reclaim Your Retirement secure database lists members who may be due a retirement benefit or whose survivors or beneficiaries have benefits to collect.

Everyone is invited to visit the Reclaim Your Retirement secure database, available at in.gov/inprs/reclaimyourretirement, and search for themselves, friends, family members, former colleagues, and the like for a match. When a search for someone other than yourself is successful, let that person know right away.

When calling INPRS, individuals should be prepared to authenticate their identity. INPRS is only able to assist members, survivors, and beneficiaries directly regarding their accounts and the reason their name is present on the Reclaim Your Retirement secure database. The database will be updated regularly as INPRS strives to reconnect members with their well-earned retirement benefits so they can realize their retirement dreams.

About INPRS

The Indiana Public Retirement System (INPRS) is an independent body, corporate and politic of the State of Indiana, which currently consists of 16 funds. With approximately \$50.0 billion in assets under management at fiscal year-end 2024, INPRS is among the largest 100 pension funds in the United States, serving the needs of approximately 542,793 members representing 1,333 employers including public universities, school corporations, municipalities, and state agencies.

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Thanksgiving Breakfast with a Cop highlights good work done by law enforcement



Photos provided by Office of State Rep. Danny Lopez

The annual Thanksgiving Breakfast with a Cop, hosted by the Central Indiana Police Foundation, is a chance to recognize police officers for their service. State Rep. Lopez says this is always a special event for him, but this year was particularly impactful and emotional for the hundreds who attended. Former State Police Superintendent (and former Hamilton County Sheriff) Doug Carter reflected on his career and the ways policing has evolved, and guests heard from the families of Abby Williams and Libby German, the two young women from Delphi brutally taken from us in 2017. The Central Indiana Police Foundation does so much in support of those who serve and protect local communities and their families, and events like this one are a great illustration of just how powerful their work really is. (ABOVE LEFT) Carmel Police Chief Drake Sterling and State Rep. Lopez. (TOP RIGHT) Retired State Police Superintendent Doug Carter speaks to attendees.

Community News

Give blood at Sheridan Library

The Sheridan Public Library, 103 W. 1st St., has partnered once again with Versiti to hold a blood drive from 1:45 to 5:45 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8 in the Community Room. [Click here](#) to sign up right away.



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**Applications will be accepted at
the Clerk's Office until 4:30 p.m. on
Monday, December 1st.**

Fatal crash closes several miles of U.S. 31 in Hamilton County

By **MICHAELA SPRINGER**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A crash involving a deer, an SUV, and a semitruck in northern Hamilton County resulted in one person's death and southbound lanes of U.S. 31 being closed for several miles.

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office first reported about the crash on [Facebook](#), later sharing it took place around 4 a.m.

An SUV driving southbound on U.S. 31 hit a deer, and then the semitruck following behind struck the SUV.

The SUV driver died at the scene, deputies say; no one else was hurt.

INDOT traffic maps show U.S. 31 as closed from State Road 28 to 236th Street, or from the 140- to 148-mile markers. The sheriff's office says the crash left debris scattered for at least an eighth of a mile, resulting in the



Emergency crews were on the scene of a fatal accident on U.S. 31 in northern Hamilton County that closed the southbound lanes of the highway for several hours on the morning on Nov. 20.

lengthy closure.

Investigators did not say how long the closure would last. Deputies added the truck driver and the trucking company who owns the semi are working with detectives.

Drivers were asked to seek alternate routes.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/local-news/fatal-crash-closes-us-31-sb-near-256th-street-in-hamilton-county.

Indiana Bond Bank completes \$106.57 million bond sale

Submitted

The Indiana Bond Bank (IBB) has closed a \$106.57 million bond sale designed to strengthen access to affordable, long-term financing for communities of all sizes across Indiana.

The bond sale, completed as a strategic part of the IBB's Community Funding Resource (CFR) Program, securitizes multiple local government loans into a single, pooled financing structure. This approach lowers costs, simplifies participation, and ensures the long-term sustainability of the program that helps Hoosier communities fund critical projects and infrastructure.

Similar pooled structures have been used successfully in other states, as well as in Indiana for the State's SRF program. The Bond Bank's adoption of

this tool reflects a thoughtful adaptation of proven models to meet the needs of Hoosier communities.

"This transaction demonstrates our continued commitment to finding smarter, more efficient ways to support Hoosier communities," said State Treasurer Daniel Elliott, Chair of the Indiana Bond Bank Board. "By pooling resources and lowering borrowing costs, we're helping local governments focus their limited budgets on essential services and infrastructure that directly benefit their residents and taxpayers."

The \$76,050,000 in senior-lien bonds received an AA+ rating from S&P Global Ratings, reflecting the strong credit quality of the program and investor

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Elliott

One festive night of holiday cheer and community impact with FeedingTeam.org at Woolly Yak Ranch & Winery!

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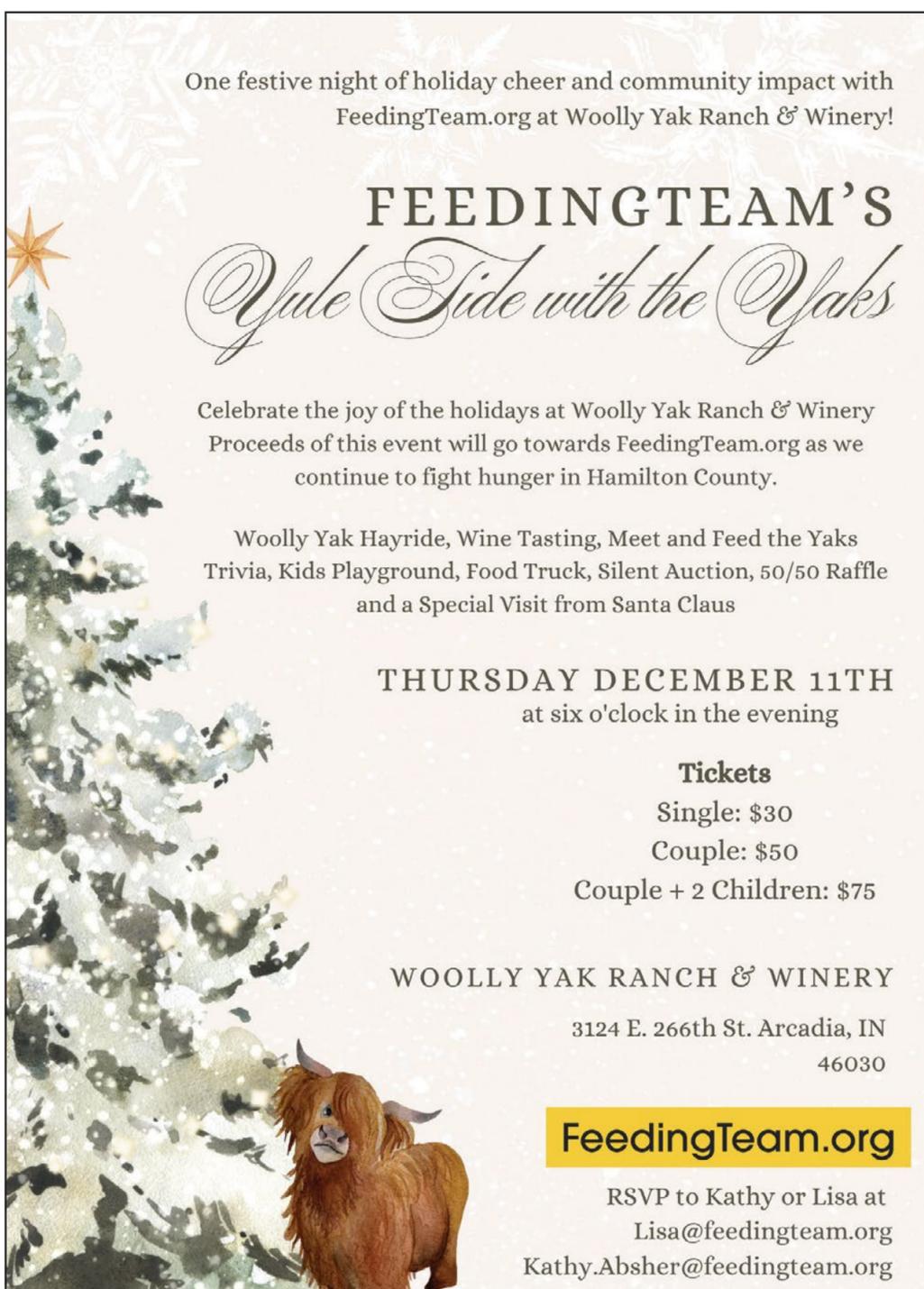
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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

THE NUMBERING OF THE LEVITE CLANS

The Gershonites were counted by their clans and families. All the men from thirty to fifty years of age who came to serve in the work at the tent of meeting, counted by their clans and families, were 2,630. This was the total of those in the Gershonite clans who served at the tent of meeting. Moses and Aaron counted them according to the Lord's command.

The Merarites were counted by their clans and families. All the men from thirty to fifty years of age who came to serve in the work at the tent of meeting, counted by their clans, were 3,200. This was the total of those in the Merarite clans. Moses and Aaron counted them according to the Lord's command through Moses.

So Moses, Aaron and the leaders of Israel counted all the Levites by their clans and families. All the men from thirty to fifty years of age who came to do the work of serving and carrying the tent of meeting numbered 8,580. At the Lord's command through Moses, each was assigned his work and told what to carry.

Thus they were counted, as the Lord commanded Moses.

Numbers 4:29-37 (NIV)

Erika Ann (Florey) Spicer

January 30, 1986 – October 27, 2025

Erika Ann (Florey) Spicer passed on October 27, 2025, at the age of 39. She was born on January 30, 1986, in Indianapolis and resided in Noblesville, where she was known and loved for her compassionate nature and humble spirit. Erika had a unique blend of humor that brought

laughter to every conversation. Erika, an adoring mother, was deeply committed to her children. She found her greatest joy in the simple, cherished moments spent with her son Grayson and daughter Willow. From baking cookies to decorating her home for every holiday and singing songs out of key with her children, Erika's hobbies reflected her love for family. She lit up a room with her boundless energy and vibrant personality, making each occasion memorable and every family member feel loved. Erika was a woman who measured her wealth not in material possessions but in the love of her family and the joy she found in her work. She was a daycare professional, a role that allowed her the privilege of shaping young minds and hearts, which she approached with a blend of dedication, patience, and love.

Erika is survived by her parents, Tom and Michelle Florey; her children, Grayson and Willow Spicer; her brother, Jason (Michelle) Florey; and her sister, Audrey Florey. Erika was preceded in death by her beloved grandparents, Ted (Priscilla) Willhoit and Sam (Mary) Florey. Erika's life may have been brief, but her impact was profoundly felt, and she will be forever remembered by those who were fortunate enough to know her.

In lieu of flowers and in honor of Grayson and Willow, the family requests that memorial contributions be made payable to Tom Florey and sent to Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Homes, P.O. Box 527, Cicero, IN 46034.

Erika's wishes were to be cremated, and her care has been entrusted to Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Homes, Cicero.

As we honor and remember Erika, we invite you to share your memories and upload photos to the memorial page. The stories, the laughter, the love – these are the pieces of Erika that will continue to light our way, reminding us of the compassionate, humble, loving, and funny woman who touched our lives in countless ways.

Condolences: hartleyfuneralhomes.com

Surpassing \$82.5 million, AG Rokita & team return record-shattering amount of unclaimed property to Hoosiers

Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita announced Thursday, Nov. 20 that his office has shattered the all-time record for the amount of unclaimed property returned to Hoosiers in a single year.

As of this month, the Unclaimed Property Division has delivered more than \$82.5 million to rightful owners during 2025, eclipsing the prior record of \$81 million set in 2023.

"From day one, our team has been laser-focused on getting every possible dollar back to its rightful owner, and breaking our own record just two years later shows what's possible when we set our minds on a goal," AG Rokita said. "I'm proud of this milestone, but we're not done – there's still plenty of money out there waiting for Hoosiers."

AG Rokita commended Unclaimed Property Division Director Amy Hendrix for her leadership and her entire team for this record-breaking achievement.

"This record is a team victory," Hendrix said. "We've worked extremely hard and reached further than ever to find owners before they even know to look. Every claim processed means real money back in Hoosier hands – and with weeks left in 2025, we're pushing to return even more."

New property is added to IndianaUnclaimed.gov regularly. With nearly a billion dollars waiting to be claimed, AG Rokita encourages everyone to spread the word to friends, family, co-workers, or others.

Examples of unclaimed property include:

- Unclaimed wages or commissions
- Money orders
- Safe deposit box contents

- Savings and checking accounts
- Refunds
- Overpayments such as credit card balances, cell phone bills, and BMV payments



Rokita

High-value unclaimed property returned to Hoosiers this year:

- \$1,707,790.55 returned to a Hoosier in South Bend
- \$1,313,287.58 returned to a Hoosier in Goshen
- \$1,189,791.95 returned to a Hoosier in Indianapolis
- \$609,571.36 returned to a Hoosier in Valparaiso
- \$550,106.11 returned to a Hoosier in Auburn
- \$503,300.37 returned to a Hoosier in Fishers

How to keep your property from going unclaimed:

- Keep a record of all bank accounts.
- Cash all checks promptly.
- Change address form with the U.S. Postal Service when moving.
- Open all the mail (in case there is a due diligence letter from the company holding their funds).
- Record all utility deposits, including telephone, cable, and electricity deposits.
- Record all stock certificates and be sure to cash all dividends received.

Visit IndianaUnclaimed.gov or text CLAIM to 46220 to search your name, family or business. You can also contact the Unclaimed Property Division at 1-866-462-5246 or updmal@atg.in.gov. You may also like and/or follow the Unclaimed Property Division on Facebook.

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confidence in Indiana's financial stewardship. The \$30,520,000 in subordinate-lien bonds were non-rated and sold via private placement.

"We're proud to bring forward a transaction that continues our mission to expand affordable capital access for Indiana communities," IBB Executive Director Jacob Blasdel said. "This structure not only supports today's refinancing but establishes a scalable model for future local investment."

What the transaction delivers:

- Furthers the CFR Program which delivers lower overall costs for participating communities through pooled financing

- Sustainable long-term model that keeps funding accessible and affordable for future participants
- Broader access to capital, especially for smaller or rural units that benefit from the Bond Bank's scale and credit strength

Syndicate & Advisors included: Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated (Senior Manager); Robert W. Baird & Co. and Mesirow Financial, Inc. (Co-Managers); Crowe LLP (Municipal Advisor); Barnes & Thornburg LLP (Bond Counsel); Bose McKinney & Evans LLP (Underwriters' Counsel); Krieg DeVault LLP (General Counsel); Causey Public Finance, LLC (Escrow Verification Agent); BOKE, N.A. (Trustee)

The Reporter's policy on obituaries

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

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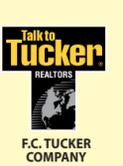
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Girls Basketball

Huskies speed past Trojans

By **RICHIE HALL**
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ARCADIA – Who says you can't run from your fears?

Hamilton Heights girls basketball coach Erin Trimpe said her team "looked a little scared," during the opening minutes of the Huskies' home game with Bishop Chatard on Thursday. But after a timeout, the young Heights team used its speed, talent and remarkable balance to beat the Trojans 80-67.

The victory pulled the Huskies back above the .500 mark, while those 80 points were by far the most Heights has scored this season.

"We preached to them to be patient and everything's going to come together," said Trimpe. "And they just did a great job."

Patience was necessary after Chatard got the Huskies down 12-4 midway through the first quarter. Heights worked its way back to a 20-20 tie by the end of the period. Freshman Zoey Curry threw in three 3-pointers during the Huskies' run, with junior

Kamryn Rhoton adding five points.

Rhoton drained a pair of triples early in the second period, which helped Heights keep pace with the Trojans during what would be a tight quarter. Bayleigh Eisele hit a jumper, then Riley Suarez made an and-1 late in the second to give the Huskies a 33-28 lead.

Chatard scored the last six points of the half for a 34-33 advantage at the break, then scored the first basket of the second half to lead by 36-33.

After that, Suarez took over. The 6-1 freshman is already getting notice from Division I schools, and she showed why by pouring in 18 points during the third quarter.

It wasn't just the Riley Show, either. Freshman Addison Blum made two 3s in the third. Eisele added five points, while Curry drained her fourth triple of the game. Junior Abi Hilfiker made a free throw.

In all, Heights scored 33 points in the third quarter, doubling their halftime total for a 66-54 advantage over the Trojans.

"These girls have played



Reporter photo by Richie Hall
Hamilton Heights' Zoey Curry scored 17 points, including four 3-pointers, during the Huskies' Thursday win over Bishop Chatard.

together for such a long time," said Trimpe. "They really know each other well. They played together through the AAU circuit,

through middle school, so their chemistry is good. I asked them at one point, **See Speed . . . Page 12**

Cross Country



Mike Navarro / File photo

Noblesville's John Libs was named the Boys Class 4A Runner of the Year by the Indiana Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches.

Noblesville's John Libs named 4A Runner of the Year

The REPORTER

Noblesville senior cross country runner John Libs has been named the Indiana Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches' Boys Class 4A Runner of the Year.

Libs was a consistent force for the Millers on their way to a runner-up finish at the IHSAA state meet on Nov. 1. He placed third as an individual in a time of 15 minutes, 7.5 seconds.

Libs is one of several Hamilton County cross country runners to receive IATCC First Team or Honorable Mention for the 2025 season. The other honorees are listed below.

Boys Class 4A - First Team: Jonah Kaul, Carmel; Liam Powers, Hamilton Southeastern; Banner Barnes, Noblesville. Honorable Mention: Carter Buhr, Carmel; Zach Flint, Carmel; Nate Thomas, Fishers; Reece Torres, Fishers; Isaac

Smith, Hamilton Southeastern; Cooper Click, Noblesville; Isaiah Vohs, Noblesville.

Girls Class 4A - First Team: Sadie Foley, Carmel; Annabel Pollert, Carmel; Larkin Taylor, Carmel; Caitlin Hawkins, Fishers; Alivia Lozier, Westfield. Honorable Mention: Margo Halle, Carmel; Kaitlyn Oshimura, Carmel; Allie Belush, Fishers; Jayde Stamm, Noblesville; Jenna Burns, Westfield; Mackenna Condon, Westfield.

Boys Class 3A - First Team: Isaiah Heuer, Hamilton Heights. Honorable Mention: Cole Eckstein, Guerin Catholic.

Girls Class 3A - Honorable Mention: Chloe Tragesser, Guerin Catholic; Allie Bushey, Hamilton Heights.

Girls Class 2A - Honorable Mention: Laurel Gough-McKeown, University.

Blackhawks fall to Warriors at home

The REPORTER

Sheridan dropped a 42-29 game to Covenant Christian Thursday at Larry Hobbs Hall.

The Warriors led 12-8 after the first quarter and 21-17 at halftime. Covenant Christian took further control in the third period, outscoring the Blackhawks

12-4 for a 33-21 lead.

Brielle Garner scored 12 points off four 3-pointers, making a triple in each quarter. Sadie Timme totaled six points, six rebounds, four assists and four steals. Makenzy Terry led the rebounds with seven.

Sheridan is 2-2 and hosts Western Boone on Tuesday.



Photo by Dwight Casler
Sheridan's Sadie Timme steals the ball and scores during the Blackhawks' game with Covenant Christian on Thursday.

COVENANT CHRISTIAN 42, SHERIDAN 29

Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Brielle Garner	4	0-0	12	3
Sadie Timme	2	2-2	6	2
Makenzy Terry	1	2-4	4	3
Lucy Marquis	2	0-0	5	2
Teagan Horney	1	0-0	2	2
Olivia Long	0	0-2	0	1
Marah Fausset	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	10	4-8	29	13

Score by Quarters

Covenant Christian	12	9	12	9-42
Sheridan	8	9	4	8-29

Sheridan 3-pointers (5) Garner 4, Marquis 1.

Sheridan rebounds (19) Terry 7, Timme 6, Marquis 4, Horney 1, Garner 1.

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Boys Basketball

Millers enter season with fresh mindset

By **QUINN MATTHEWS**
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The Noblesville boys basketball team finished last season with an impressive 19-6 record. The team showed improvement throughout the year and made a strong postseason run, but they fell to Fishers in the sectional championship by only nine points.

"It was obviously disappointing when you get that close, but to win 19 games again, I'm certainly proud of our efforts," said Noblesville head coach Scott McClelland. "I thought our kids gave great effort. We had good opportunities, but credit Fishers, they made a couple big plays at key times."

The Millers are entering this season with a fresh mindset and are also bringing back some key players that made them such a strong team last year. Justin Curry and Baron Walker, who were Junior All-Stars last year, return as varsity starters for their senior year, joined with experienced seniors Adam Fine and Max Flanagan. With so much offensive talent on the ros-



Reporter photos by Quinn Matthews

Noblesville's Baron Walker, Adam Fine, and Justin Curry are three of the senior leaders on this year's boys basketball team.

ter, the team is placing extra emphasis on strengthening its defense.

"We lost five seniors last year, and I think the loss of Aidan Brewer is going to be significant. He was kind of the backbone of our defense and now we are replacing him with inexperienced and younger players to try to fill his place," said McClelland.

While some younger players lack the experience of playing on a fast-paced varsity team, juniors Luke

Fogg and Cooper Smits and sophomores Bear Rucker and Evan Magsamen are ready to contribute. With guidance from both their coaches and older teammates, they are expected to adapt quickly into the roles they have been given.

"Last year the seniors really led the whole team. I feel like I stepped into a big leadership role along with the other seniors to lead our underclassmen," said Curry.

This leadership and teamwork in an effort to re-

build their defense and further strengthen their offense has instilled a strong chemistry throughout the players that is just as impressive as their play on the court.

"The culture of our program is just second to none. We just have really great guys that are good to each other, care about one another, and ultimately want the best for the basketball program," said McClelland.

These athletes are ready to give this season everything they've got, and they

have already shown that through their hard work and dedication in preseason practice.

"Our last few weeks of preseason were really geared towards getting in shape, which our guys did a really good job with. And it wasn't always easy, we kicked them pretty hard there for a few weeks," said McClelland.

With strong preseason progress, the team is well-positioned to continue improving as the season

moves forward.

"We're in a really good spot with our guys and we're just trying to take a little different mindset to see if we can go compete again this year and put ourselves in a position to try to win a sectional," said McClelland.

Even while focusing on one small step at a time, the team's aspirations extend far beyond simply winning a sectional title.

"Our big goal is to win state. There's no doubt about that," said Curry.

Football Preview

Class 6A north semi-state championship preview: Westfield at Fort Wayne Carroll

By **CRAIG ADKINS**
For The Reporter

There is just one team left of the eight football schools in Hamilton County and that is the Westfield Shamrocks.

There were mixed picks thoughts as to who would come out of Sectional 3. Would it be No. 2 Carmel or No. 5 Westfield? Two weeks ago, that epic battle went to overtime with the Shamrocks using a little bit of trickery to stun the Greyhounds on their home turf, 23-20.

It was another all-county matchup for the Rocks in last week's regional as they outlasted a very talented Fishers team at home, 20-10.

Westfield is making its fifth semi-state appearance in the last six seasons. State runners-up in 2024 to Brownsburg (22-17), current Wabash College head coach and former Shamrocks coach Jake Gilbert guided them to the 2023 semi-state, falling at Crown Point in double overtime, 38-31.

The 2021 and 2020 seasons resulted in state runner-up finishes to Center

Grove, 27-21 and 38-14, respectively.

No. 2 Westfield Shamrocks (10-2) at No. 11 Fort Wayne Carroll Chargers (9-3)

Tonight's meeting is just the second all-time between Westfield and Carroll. The Shamrocks and Chargers met four years ago in 2021. Westfield won that regional matchup in Fort Wayne, 37-14.

The following year in 2022, Carroll took down Hamilton Southeastern in a home semi-state game, 21-15.

Westfield has signature wins at Hamilton Southeastern (21-17), at Avon (38-17), a regular season win over Fishers (14-7), along with the sectional championship thriller over Carmel in overtime (23-20) and last week's regional title contest over Fishers, 20-10.

Second-year head coach Josh Miracle is 22-4, making his second straight semi-state appearance in leading the Rocks. There probably hasn't been a smoother transition from assistant coach to head coach than Miracle's.

Splitting time at quarterback, senior Aiden

Grabowski (673 yards) and four touchdowns and sophomore Cooper Melvin's seven touchdowns and 1,011 yards have become situational signal callers and it's a system that simply works for the Shamrocks.

Deacon King has seen more time defensively of late, but has 657 yards rushing and seven touchdowns when he has been in the backfield. Grabowski has called his number a fair share in the latter part of the season, gaining 547 yards and scoring 12 touchdowns. Melvin also has 166 rushing yards and scored three times.

Junior Baylor Conner has carried 64 times for 363 and three rushing scores. Conner also has 195 receiving yards and scored the game-winning TD in overtime against Carmel two weeks ago.

Sophomore Andrew Noble leads the receivers with 510 yards, freshman Caiden Snow has 419 and both have four touchdowns.

Olumide Fapetu leads defensively with 100. Alex Aramboles has 23.5 tackles for a loss (12 sacks), a fumble recovery and a blocked field goal.



Joshua Herd / File photo

Westfield's Cooper Melvin has passed for 1,011 yards and seven touchdowns as one of the two quarterbacks for the Shamrocks. Melvin has also scored three rushing touchdowns and gained 166 yards.

Logan Loring has six interceptions and Ja'Deon Smith has recovered three fumbles.

Carroll head coach Doug Dinan is 128-55 in his 16th season and has six sectional championships.

The Chargers finished second in the Summit Conference, behind Bishop Dwenger. The Saints defeated Carroll in the Summit with an early 9-6 win. Dwenger (11-2) is also playing in the northern semi-state tonight, hosting South Bend St. Joseph's (12-1) in Class 4A.

The loss to Dwenger

had Carroll 1-3. The Chargers have eight consecutive wins, including conference wins over Fort Wayne Snider (47-10), Homestead (49-0) and Fort Wayne Northrop (48-37).

They closed out the regular season with a win over Bishop Luers (35-10). Luers faces Knox and the state's rushing leader Myles McLaughlin in the 3A semi-state.

They've had high-scoring games in the playoffs so far with sectional wins at Elkhart (49-14), home against Northrop for the Sectional 2 title (42-23) and

last week's regional win at Penn (41-30).

Quarterback Gabe Frisinger is a 64.5 percent passer (200-310) for 3,148 yards (fifth in the state), 26 touchdowns and eight interceptions. Frisinger also has 477 rushing yards and seven scores.

Jackson Rhodes has 346 (three TDs) and Asher Waggoner 283 (14 TDs) rushing.

Jaiden Vanpelt has 1,365 receiving yards (fourth in the state) with 16 TDs and Harrison Scheele (911, six TDs) and Mason Baughman (601) provide receiving depth.

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SPEED

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"What are you thinking is working on offense?" And they're able to look at me and be very decisive about what it is that they are comfortable out there running against an older team."

Suarez finished with 28 points, scoring in every quarter, and five rebounds. She was one of five Huskies to reach double-digit points on Thursday.

Curry totaled 17 points on perfect field-goal shooting, as she was 6-of-6 from the field, including four 3s. Blum hit three 3s on her way to 13 points, Rhoton also nailed three 3s while scoring 11 points. Eisele had 10 points and also dished out

HAMILTON HEIGHTS 80, BISHOP CHATARD 67				
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Addison Blum	4-6	2-2	13	0
Bayleigh Eisele	4-9	1-2	10	4
Kamryn Rhoton	4-8	0-0	11	3
Riley Suarez	10-14	6-8	28	3
Zoey Curry	6-6	1-2	17	3
Reece Blanton	0-1	0-0	0	0
Stella Taylor	0-1	0-0	0	1
Abi Hilfiker	0-0	1-2	1	0
Totals	28-45	11-16	80	14
Score by Quarters				
Chatard	20	14	22	11-67
Heights	20	13	33	14-80
Heights 3-point shooting (13-23) Curry 4-4, Rhoton 3-7, Blum 3-5, Suarez 2-4, Eisele 1-2, Taylor 0-1.				
Heights rebounds (13) Suarez 5, Blum 3, Eisele 2, Blanton 2, Taylor 1.				

six assists.

Heights is 3-2 and plays

Saturday afternoon at Danville.

Beckett Doane commits to Mississippi State University

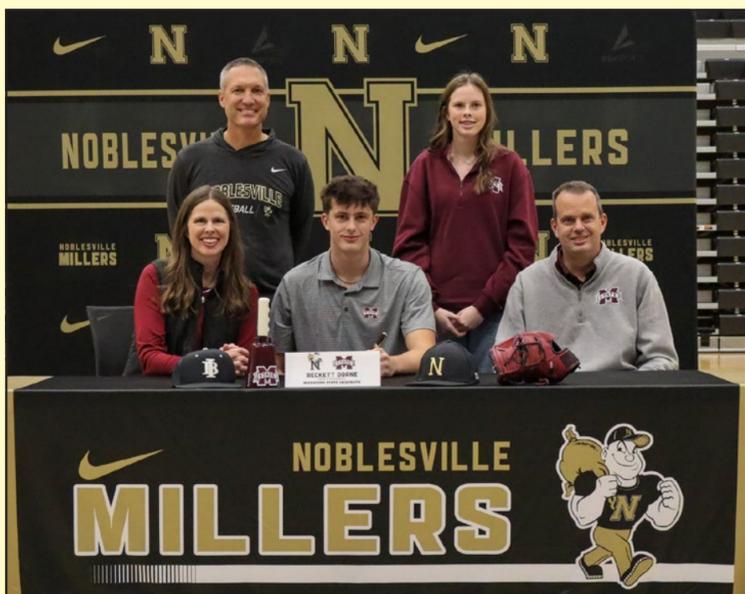


Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics
Noblesville's Beckett Doane has committed to play baseball for Mississippi State University. (Front row, from left) Susan Doane (mother), Beckett Doane, and Keith Doane (father). (Back row, from left) Justin Keever (Noblesville Baseball Head Coach) and Amelia Doane (sister).

Ashlyn Turner commits to Marian University



Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics
Noblesville's Ashlyn Turner has committed to play volleyball for Marian University. (Front row, from left) Jim Turner (father), Ashlynn Turner, and Diane Turner (mother). (Back row, from left) Annie Poulson (Noblesville Girls Volleyball Head Coach) and Adyson Turner (sister).

Baron Walker commits to Butler University



Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics
Noblesville's Baron Walker has committed to play basketball for Butler University. (Front row, from left) Annie Walker (mother), Baron Walker, and Brent Walker (father). (Back row, from left) Roger Broulette (grandpa), Linda Broulette (grandmother), Mike Adams (Noblesville Boys Basketball Assistant Coach), Delores Walker (grandmother), Chris Schrank (Noblesville Boys Basketball Assistant Coach), Blythe Walker (sister), Blakely Walker (sister), Matt Fine (Noblesville Boys Basketball Assistant Coach), Taryn Walker (aunt), Bree Walker (sister), and Scott McClelland (Noblesville Boys Basketball Head Coach).

Ansley Applegate commits to Taylor University

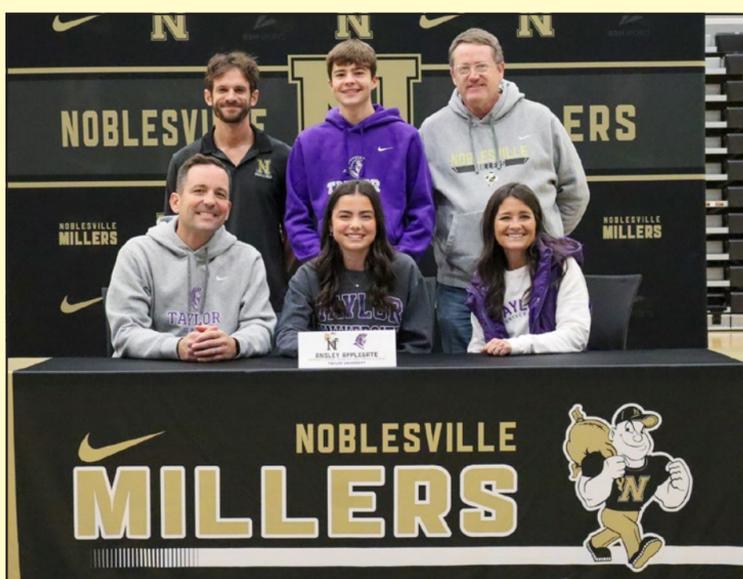


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Noblesville's Ansley Applegate has committed to the Taylor University women's cross country and track & field teams. (Front row, from left) Kelly Applegate (father), Ansley Applegate, and Molly Applegate (mother). (Back row, from left) Aaron Becker (Noblesville Girls Cross Country Head Coach), Parker Applegate (brother), and Jim Pearce (Noblesville Girls Track & Field Head Coach).

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Indy 500 winner Palou unveils image on Borg-Warner Trophy



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2025 Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge winner Alex Palou unveiled his likeness on the Borg-Warner Trophy on Nov. 19 in Indianapolis, one of the most significant honors since he earned his first Indy 500 victory May 25 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Four-time NTT INDYCAR SERIES champion Palou, driving the No. 10 DHL Chip Ganassi Racing Honda, earned the first oval victory of his career and became the first Spaniard to win "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing." He passed Marcus Ericsson on Lap 187 and never trailed thereafter, earning Chip Ganassi Racing's sixth Indy 500 victory.

The unveiling took place at The Above Event Center at Commission Row. Located in downtown Indianapolis, it is part of the Pacers Sports & Entertainment Complex known as Bicentennial Unity Plaza. Following the unveil, Palou attended the Indiana Pacers' game with the Borg-Warner Trophy. It was a full-circle moment as he also attended an Indiana Pacers' playoff game following his Indy 500 win.

The bas-relief, sterling silver image of Palou is the 112th face to be affixed to the iconic trophy, awarded annually to the winner of the Indianapolis 500 since

1936. "This is one of those days that I knew I wanted to be part of at some point in my career," Palou said. "I knew it was going take a lot of work, and finally to be here and to get to see the trophy for the first time, it's amazing."

"I know that it's always going to be there forever, if I race one more year or if I race 50 more years. And whatever the history of INDYCAR is going to be, it's always going to be there. So, it's great to be part of all those amazing drivers. And, yeah, I feel that now. I want to get that face again on that trophy. Try and be part again of the history of our sport."

Renowned sculptor Will Behrends created Palou's image, as he has for every winner since 1990.

Behrends begins his creative process by studying a series of 360-degree photos

of the winner to get a baseline for sculpting. Palou then visited Behrends' studio in Tryon, N.C., for an in-person session where Behrends constructed a full-scale clay model of the driver's face.

This life-size clay version is used as reference for Behrends to construct the smaller model, a piece created out of a mixture of oil-based clay. The smaller clay model is turned into a mold and cast in wax before being sent to a jeweler to be transformed into sterling silver. Behrends completes his process by polishing and buffing the sculpture before adhering it to the trophy.

"I'm honored to continue one of the greatest traditions in all of sports and unveil the latest addition to the iconic Borg-Warner Trophy at this beautiful venue," said Michelle Collins, global director, Marketing and Public Relations, BorgWarner.

"Alex's victory exemplifies that tenacity and constant commitment to excellence will result in success, on and off the track. On behalf of everyone at BorgWarner, congratulations to Alex and the team at Chip Ganassi Racing."

Originally designed in 1935, the sterling silver trophy measures over 5 feet, 4-3/4 inches tall and weighs more than 110 pounds as it carries the sculpted face of every victor since 1911 and of former IMS owner Tony Hulman.

Early next year, Palou will receive his BorgWarner Championships Driver's Trophy, also known as a "Baby Borg," a miniature replica of the large-scale Borg-Warner Trophy.

Tickets for the 110th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge and all Month of May events at Indianapolis Motor Speedway are on sale at IMS.com.

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 Class 6A north semi-state
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Saturday, Nov. 22
BOYS WRESTLING
 Carmel at Rossville Invitational, 9 a.m.
 Fishers at John Hurrle Invitational, 9 a.m. at Arsenal Tech
 Noblesville at Hamilton Heights Super 6, 9 a.m.
 Hamilton Southeastern, Westfield at Center Grove Classic, 9:30 a.m.
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 Carmel at Fort Wayne Carroll, 1:30 p.m.
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 Hamilton Heights at Danville, 3:30 p.m.
GIRLS WRESTLING
 Noblesville at Ben Davis Invitational, 8 a.m.
 Carmel, Hamilton Southeastern at Mooresville Girls Team Duals, 9 a.m.
 Fishers, Hamilton Heights, Sheridan at Clinton Prairie Invitational, 9 a.m.
NBA G LEAGUE
 Motor City Cruise at Noblesville Boom, 7 p.m.
SWIMMING
 Westfield Kristin Rice Memorial Girls Invitational, 10 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 23
NBA G LEAGUE
 Motor City Cruise at Noblesville Boom, 3 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 24
BOYS WRESTLING
 Hamilton Heights at Lapel, 6 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
 Hamilton Heights at Lapel, 6 p.m.
SWIMMING
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New IMS Museum exhibit explores Indy 500's broadcasting legacy

By HANNA MORDOH
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

INDIANAPOLIS (WISH) — The Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum's newest exhibit is called "Now Stay Tuned." It opens on Saturday.

"Now Stay Tuned" explores how broadcasting the Indianapolis 500 helped make the race a global phenomenon.

The title is a nod to famed Indy 500 announcer Sid Collins' famous phrase, "Now stay tuned for 'The Greatest Spectacle in Racing,'" which was created by copywriter Alice Greene in 1955.

Jason Vansickle is the vice president of curation and education at the museum and joined Daybreak on Tuesday to discuss the new exhibit.

"You really walk through that history, if you will. You start with the radio broadcast. I think a lot of people would be surprised to notice that they were broadcasting the '500' in the early days of radio broadcast. In 1922, you would have updates throughout the [race], and then with a legacy of great announcers leading up to Sid Collins, and all the way through the more modern radio announcers like Mark Jaynes, who [is currently] the 'Voice of the

500,'" Vansickle explained. He adds that guests will hear the voices of generations past as they're immersed in different eras of broadcasting. People can listen to the voices of broadcasters who have led race coverage and learn more about them.

"We have memorable calls throughout the presentation of the exhibition, whether it be radio or [TV]. You know, the '500' is unique because you have over 350,000 people in the place, you have over 7 million watching the broadcast, but also, you have people listening to the radio at the same time. Each person has their own way of consuming the '500' and this presentation really shows that," Vansickle said.

Vansickle also says IMS Museum visitors will also have the chance to become announcers themselves by stepping into a broadcast booth and recording their own race call from pre-selected years.

"There's karaoke style, where you can mimic people like Paul Page and Sid Collins, but there's also one that you can have your own flair to it," Vansickle said.

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