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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly cloudy, with flurries and snow showers. Wind gusting to 40 mph! Chills in teens and 20s.
Tonight: Partly cloudy, with gusty winds and flurries. Chills in the teens.
HIGH: 38 **LOW:** 26



Surveillance economy is on notice

AG Rokita: "Your personal data is your personal property"

By **STU CLAMPITT**
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On Tuesday, Nov. 25, Attorney General Todd Rokita and members of his team put the surveillance economy on notice with the "Data Consumer Bill of Rights."

"Protecting Hoosiers personal information has always been a priority of our office," Rokita said. "We've been in this game a long time. We've sued Google over their use of your location data, and we've consistently enforced the privacy rights under HIPAA regarding your health care information. Starting Jan. 1, 2026, we will enforce Indiana's new Consumer Data Protection Act because we now live in a full-blown, what I call 'surveillance economy.'"

According to Rokita, data from every online click, purchase, and search, as well as every visit to a doctor and dollar you spend is tracked, packaged, and sold.

"Your personal data is your personal property, and for years now, decades now, it's been taken from you," Rokita said. "Your personal data has been treated like someone else's property for too long. Thanks to



Reporter photo
(From left) Consumer Protection Director Scott Barnhart, Data Privacy Section Chief Doug Swetnam, and Attorney General Todd Rokita spoke to the press Tuesday morning, Nov. 25, in the Media Room at the Indiana Government Center South, located across the street from the Statehouse.

unanimous bipartisan action by our General Assembly, we now have a huge first step, not a complete solution by any means, but a huge first step in empowering

Hoosiers to steward and protect their own data. You've got to put the power in our own hands to keep our property ours."

Companies that do business

with Hoosiers will be required by law to put a clearly marked "privacy notice" or "your data

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A thankful heart

There is a small store in a town in northern Indiana called A Thankful Heart. My mom, sister, and I have visited many times throughout the years. It is a tiny space, but a comforting coziness oozes out of this place.

We never really buy much there, but each time we go it feels like a warm hug. It is like stepping into a different world for a few minutes. It is a deep breath from the outside world.

It is a reminder to take a moment to regroup and recenter.

With Thanksgiving quickly approaching, it is a popular time of reflection for all in our lives that we must be thankful for.

Many of you reading this may be dealing with some difficult life circumstances right now. It may feel like there is nothing in the world to be thankful for. I have those moments too.

In fact, I used to live comfortably in the world of unthankfulness. I had a chip on my shoulder, cursing the hand life had "dealt" me every chance I got. It was easier to look at things that way.

Even if I tried to live thankfully, it did not take much to throw my hands in the air, and say, "See, things really do stink for me."

To be honest, it would still be easier to live with an unthankful heart. Things have always felt physically difficult and exhausting. As I get older, that is just more magnified. An aging body, combined with existing muscle disease, are double teaming to take me down.

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AMY SHINNEMAN
Disability in the City

Sheridan Elementary holds first Family Literacy Game Night

Submitted by **Sheridan Community Schools**

On Wednesday, Nov. 19, Sheridan Elementary School held its first-ever Family Literacy Game Night.

This event allowed current second- and third-graders, along with their families, to attend a fun night of games, laughter, connection, and literacy.

"It was a fabulous success for our first time out!" SES Assistant Principal Melissa Hoffman said.

She also thanked all the people who made it so successful.

"I just wanted to say thank you so much to all the people who worked so hard on family literacy game night!" Hoffman said. "We

had 40 kids turn in their papers and several older and younger siblings also participated. I really appreciate all your time and hard work! I can't wait to see how this event grows in the future."

All evening, students and their families played through a variety of literacy-themed games or activities. These included read-alouds, game stations, take-home activities, visits from the Sheridan Public Library, and a special Book Fair. Throughout these activities, students could complete a Literacy Game Night Checklist.

This encouraged them to stay active and participate in each station. Some of the items included visiting the Book Fair,



Photo provided by Sheridan Community Schools

going to a read-aloud, playing multiple games, visiting the Sheridan Public Library table, choosing free books, and choos-

ing a game in a baggie to take home and play.

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Health Department offering insurance navigator services

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Health Department now has a certified Health Insurance Navigator available to help residents understand and apply for health coverage options.

The navigator is certified through the Indiana Department of Insurance after completing a financial navigator course and state exam. The Health Department is officially certified as a site where the navigator can work with residents to explore their insurance options.

Services include confidential, one-on-one assistance with Medicaid programs such as HIP, CareSource, Anthem, and other plans available under the Affordable Care Act. Support is also available for parents, children, WIC participants, and residents who are uninsured.

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Hamilton County Public Safety agencies conduct multi-agency training exercise at Ruoff Music Center

The REPORTER

Public safety agencies from across Hamilton County and central Indiana have participated in a large-scale, multi-day training exercise designed to validate coordinated response efforts during a major incident.

The objective of this exercise is to strengthen multi-agency communication, response, and coordination during complex emergency scenarios. Training includes active-threat situations, suspicious objects, and multiple simulated victims. All this helps to provide realistic, high-pressure environments for responders.

Over the course of four days, approximately 400 public safety personnel and more than 550 volunteer crisis actors will take part in 12 scenarios, representing the culmination of 19 months of planning.

Training tools & enhancements

To ensure a safe but realistic experience, the exercise incorporates:

- Medical equipment used in real-world incidents
- Non-lethal training ammunition & blanks
- Gunshot simulators
- Simulated crowd noise
- Professional moulage for realistic injury simulation

Participating agencies

Law Enforcement

- Fishers Police Department
- Carmel Police Department
- Noblesville Police Department
- Westfield Police Department
- Hamilton County Sheriff's Office
- Ascension St. Vincent Police Department

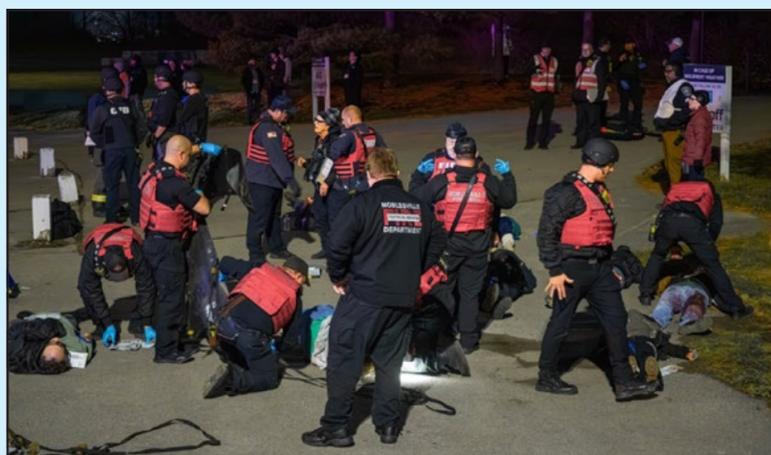


Photo provided by City of Noblesville

Agencies provided training on how to handle a major incident, and Ruoff Music Center served as the perfect place for such training.

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Westfield Welcome makes Wesley's wish come true!



Photo provided by City of Westfield

On Saturday, Nov. 22, Mayor Willis and many city staff members participated in a parade for Wesley, a four-year-old resident with Hunter Syndrome whose wish was to have a school bus-themed golf cart. Westfield Welcome, the city's events team, coordinated the parade in Wesley's neighborhood. Thank you to all who participated and made Wesley's dream come true!

THANKFUL HEART

What I have learned over the last few years since consciously practicing thankfulness is that I am no longer fighting against myself. I have enough not in my favor. Why would I add a disgruntled attitude to the mix? I was hurting myself.

We hear stories about people living in some of life's worst circumstances of unimaginable pain and suffering, yet somehow, they still find something to be thankful for in their lives. Each time I hear a story like that, it encourages me. I can do this too.

Even when life feels crushing and scary times

lie ahead, we can find peace within ourselves. We, too, can create that warm, comforting space to retreat to.

Maybe you are practicing gratitude or finding simple joy in the smallest of things. A warm cup of coffee along with the comforting glow of a candle, a phone call from a college-age kid, a text from a parent, a hot shower.

Whatever it may be, we all have the ability to find a thankful heart somewhere within ourselves.

For some of us, at this moment, it may be difficult and even make us feel a little angry that the world expects us to find thankfulness

in our painful life circumstances. That can feel unfair.

I learned long ago that life is not fair. It will never be fair. That took a long time for me to accept and not live with a bitter heart.

A bitter heart cultivates rot inside of you. A thankful heart cultivates a string of gratitude and is contagious. Once I crossed the hump to the other side, it became easier to find things to be grateful for.

We are gardeners of our hearts. Each time we practice gratitude a new seed is planted, and our garden weeded ... removing the bitterness and anger one weed at a time.

Now, I crave those moments where I take time to be thankful for the blessings in my life. I like living in the space of my own thankful heart. It is a warm, comforting place to be.

Happy Thanksgiving! I am thankful for all those who take time to read my column.

Until next time...
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DATA

rights" information link in a prominent position on their websites.

"A common practice, and what we suggest, is that companies put that on the bottom right-hand corner of their home page,"

Rokita said.

Starting Jan. 1, Hoosiers have the right to correct inaccuracies in personal data held by a company, delete personal data held by a company, and obtain your personal data in an easily

transferable form. After 45 days, if a company has not complied, you call the AG's office for assistance.

"By far, it's not a perfect law," Rokita said. "There are exemptions in this law that special interest groups

and lobbyists put in, and some have no sense whatsoever. The idea that utilities — our power generators — need an exemption from this law in this day and age when it's in the non-nuclear context is absolutely ridiculous. Some of our nonprofits are the biggest takers of our private personal data, but they're exempted from this law. Why? Who knows? Other exemptions may be in place because they're preempted by federal law."

Examples of exemptions from the Indiana law that are preempted by federal law include banking and HIPAA-related statutes, according to Rokita.

Scott Barnhart, Chief Counsel and Director of Consumer Protection at the Office of the Indiana Attorney General, echoed Rokita's position that this law is a good start.

"This is a good first step," Barnhart said. "The surveillance economy is there. It's not going away, but this allows for an opportunity for consumers to recapture some of their privacy, recapture some transparency into the system, [and] to better understand how data brokers and others are using their information. There is a reason why there are approximately 56 data centers in Indiana. Those data centers are accumulating information, and they're accumulating data on consumers, and they're using it. This will allow the opportunity for consumers to empower themselves to better understand how that data is being used."

According to Rokita, the consumer protection division of the AG's office is its second-largest division.

"It's a very active di-

Correction

In Monday's edition of The Reporter, the story "Hamilton County Community Band prepares for Christmas Concert" listed the incorrect time for the concert.

The concert will begin at 5 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Hamilton Heights High School Auditorium.

GAME

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Photos provided by Sheridan Community Schools

One of the major highlights of the event was the generous donation of books from community members, allowing students to "shop" for books to build their own at-home libraries. These additions not only support students' reading development but also promote literacy throughout the community.

Although this first event focused on second- and third-graders, Sheridan Elementary has plans for grades K-2 in conjunction with the school's annual spring game night. If the success of this first event is any indication, Family Literacy Game Night will definitely become an exciting tradition for years to come.

INSURANCE

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"We're here to serve our community, no matter someone's ability to pay, and every day we see patients who would benefit from insurance coverage but simply don't know where to start," Health Department Administrator Jason LeMaster said. "Our goal is to walk beside them through the process — because when more of our neighbors are covered, our



LeMaster

whole community is healthier in the long run."

Appointments take place in a private setting at the Health Department, and participants receive an aftercare packet with next steps and resources. Residents should bring necessary documentation such as birth certificates or proof of income to their appointment.

To schedule, email health.navigators@hamilton.county.in.gov.

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vision," Rokita said. "We were the first in the nation to sue the Chinese government, for example."

Doug Swetnam, Section Chief of the Data Privacy & Identity Theft Unit at the Office of the Indiana Attorney General also spoke on Tuesday.

"There are areas that are not covered because of the exemptions, and I think that we will certainly make recommendations moving forward with the General Assembly about ways that we could protect consumers even better," Swetnam said. "But we're looking forward to being able to have a new tool in our toolbox for enforcing the rights of consumers to privacy and the ability for them to control their data. The section is set up where companies are required under this law to provide a privacy notice that explains what data they're collecting from you and how they're using it in a simple to understand way."

According to Swetnam, examples of complaints consumers will be able to make through an online portal hosted by the AG's office include:

- I couldn't find their policy.

- I don't know how to delete my data or correct my data.

- I read what they had on their website, but it was complicated and I couldn't understand it.

"That transparency into how companies are collecting the data and using it is something that will be new for consumers, and that really gives a lot of power to consumers to make choices about who they do business with," Swetnam said. "If you don't like what they're

doing, you do have a choice not to do business with that company and that may become a differentiator in the market. We are looking forward to making sure that that law is enforced and that consumers have some level of protection, finally, where they used to have none."

The Consumer Data Protection Act was passed in 2023 and takes effect Jan. 1, 2026. Due to that long delay in implementation, Rokita said there is no excuse for a company to claim ignorance as a way to avoid penalties for non-compliance.

"Any company that wants to claim ignorance needs to change their lawyers," Rokita said.

When asked if there will eventually be an online location for consumers to see a list of companies that have not complied or have a pattern of not complying, Rokita said, "I will commit to that to the extent I can under the public records laws and everything else. I'll compile that and publish it. I think that's a great deterrent. And again, it's a tool to empower consumers."

You can read the full text of the Data Consumer Bill of Rights at tinyurl.com/DataBOR.

Editor's note: The Hamilton County Reporter's website, ReadTheReporter.com, has never stored, shared, or sold personal data from website visitors. We will have a clear data privacy statement to that effect posted on every page before Jan. 1. This newspaper is not in the business of sharing or selling consumer data, and we are pleased that the State of Indiana is finally making life a little harder for data brokers everywhere.

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Carmel Christkindlmarkt Concert
10 Carter Green, Carmel, IN • Friday, December 5, 4:00 pm

Arcadia Tree Lighting - Mini Concert
Main Street, Downtown Arcadia, IN • Saturday, December 6, 6:45 pm

Hope Bible Fellowship Concert
(Cookie Reception Following Concert)
772 N 10th Street, Noblesville, IN • Sunday, December 7, 6:00 pm

Admission is free. No ticket required. Additional information
beholdthelamb129@gmail.com or beholdthelamb.com

PUBLIC SAFETY

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- Indiana State Police
- IMPD
- Fire/EMS
- Fishers Fire & EMS
- Carmel Fire Department
- Noblesville Fire Department
- Westfield Fire Department
- South Madison Fire Department

- Additional partners**
- Dispatch / 911 Communications
 - Hamilton County Emergency Management
 - Three private partner organizations

Statements from partner agencies
Noblesville Police Chief Brad Arnold

“I want to extend my sincere gratitude to the media for being here today and for their support of first responders throughout this week-long training exercise. Initiatives of this scale require a significant effort, and we are immensely grateful to all Hamilton County agencies for contributing to this successful

week. Additionally, I would like to express our appreciation to the Noblesville community and our local business partners for their support and generosity in making this exercise possible. As Chief of the Noblesville Police Department, I believe this exercise has not only enhanced the safety of our communities but also highlighted the strong working relationships we have with our public service partners here in Hamilton County.”

Noblesville Fire Chief Matt Mitchell

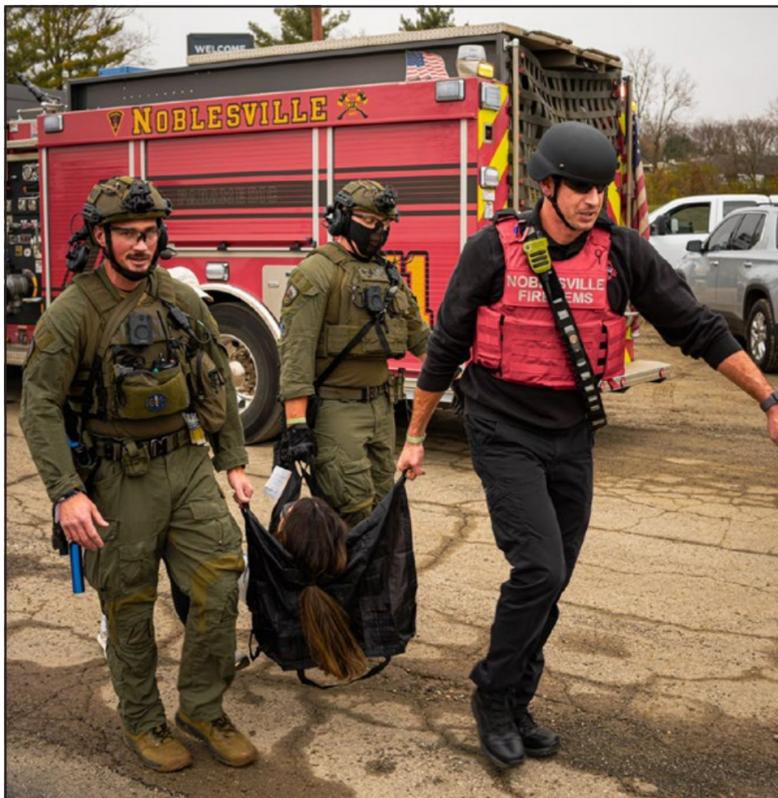
“This week’s coordinated multi-agency training brought together law enforcement, fire departments, EMS, and emergency management to prepare for the challenges and realities of an active-shooter incident. Training side by side allows us to refine our skills, strengthen our communication, and understand how each discipline operates under pressure. When a real emergency occurs, those shared experiences ensure

that every agency can move with purpose, clarity, and confidence.

“However, just as important as the tactics are the relationships that are built here. These exercises help us forge strong partnerships—partnerships founded on trust, respect, and a shared mission to protect the people we serve. By working together, learning together, and continually improving together, we make our entire community safer. Thank you to everyone who dedicated their time and expertise to making this training a success.”

Andrew Newport, Regional Vice President of Operations, Ruoff Music Center

“Ruoff Music Center is committed to maintaining the highest standards of preparedness through ongoing collaboration with public safety and emergency management partners. This exercise demonstrates our shared commitment to the safety of our fans, crew, and community.”



Photos provided by City of Noblesville

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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.

Your generosity can make a big difference this season—let’s work together to fight hunger in our communities!

Suggested Items:

- Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Vegetables
- Boxed Mac and Cheese
- Pasta and Sauces
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Powdered Milk
- Fruit Snacks
- Cookies
- Crackers
- Cooking Oil
- Baby Formula



Fishers Parks' Jingle Bell Junction joins lineup of beloved seasonal holiday traditions

Submitted by City of Fishers

Celebrate the holiday season in Fishers with holiday magic, community spirit, and family fun.

This year, Fishers Parks debuts Jingle Bell Junction at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater, a brand-new holiday destination featuring nightly themed events, live music, hands-on activities, and festive surprises.

Along with traditions like Santa's Mailbox and holiday lights around the Nickel Plate District to community festivals such as A Merry Prairie Holiday at Conner Prairie, there are countless ways to make memories and share in the joy of the season.

This year's seasonal lineup in Fishers includes:

Fishers Parks' Santa's Mailbox
Friday, Nov. 28 to Friday, Dec. 12
City Hall at Fishers Municipal Center
(1 Municipal Drive) &
Fishers Parks HQ (8100 E. 106th St.)
Free

Drop off your letters to Santa in the special mailboxes at City Hall at Fishers Municipal Center or Fishers Parks HQ. Include your address and you'll receive a reply from St. Nick. Can't drop off in person? Email Santa at santa@fishersin.gov. Learn more at FishersParks.com.

Fishers Event Center Holiday Lineup

Experience the holidays at the Fishers Event Center (11000 Stockdale St.) and enjoy the music of Amy Grant, Cece Winans, and Michael W. Smith with "Christmas Together" on Dec. 4, cheer on the Indy Fuel with games throughout the season, and support Fishers' high school athletes at the Mudsock Rivalry Basketball Game on Dec. 19. Get the full lineup and purchase tickets at FishersEventCenter.com.

**Conner Prairie's
A Merry Prairie Holiday**
Nov. 28 & 29; Fridays through Sundays,
Dec. 5 to 21; Dec. 22 & 23
Conner Prairie (13400 Allisonville Road)
Tickets required

Surround yourself amongst thousands of lights, celebrate the holidays in Prairietown with Historic Holidays, and capture picture-perfect moments all around as you celebrate the season. Purchase tickets at ConnerPrairie.org.

**Hamilton East Public Library's
Season of Giving**
Monday, Dec. 1 to Sunday, Jan. 11
Hamilton East Public Library
(5 Municipal Drive)
Free

Give back this season with the Hamilton East Public Library, offering several opportunities to donate and give, including dona-

tion drives and holiday gift-making classes. Learn more at HamiltonEastPL.com.

Fishers Arts Council's Winter Art Market

Thursdays, Dec. 4, 11 & 18 from 6 to
8:30 p.m.

Peace Water Winery (11547 Yard St.,
Suite 830)
Free

Stop by the Winter Art Market to meet talented artists and artisans and shop unique creations perfect for gift-giving. Each week features different artists and artisans. After you shop, visit The Yard at Fishers District's weekly Holiday Open House, featuring Santa, carolers, and crafts. Learn more at FishersArtsCouncil.org.

Fishers Parks' Jingle Bell Junction at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater

Friday, Dec. 5 to Sunday, Dec. 14
Nickel Plate District Amphitheater
(10 Municipal Drive)

All ages | Free, unless noted

New this year, Jingle Bell Junction transforms the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater into a weeklong celebration of holiday cheer, with each evening featuring a festive event in the heated, clear tent that lets you enjoy the glow of the holiday lights all around the circle. Learn more at FishersParks.com/JingleBellJunction.

Night Lights: City of Fishers Tree Lighting + Holiday Kickoff Celebration

Friday, Dec. 5, 5 to 7 p.m.

Tree-lighting ceremony at 6:30 p.m.
Free

Presented by GBC Bank, kick off the holiday season with live music, fire pits, igloos, live ice carving, reindeer and animals, food trucks, holiday light displays throughout the Nickel Plate District, and the annual tree-lighting ceremony with Santa and Mayor Scott Fadness.

Through December, check out the free light display at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater and around the Fishers Municipal Complex, open daily at dusk.

DIY Wrapping Paper

Tuesday, Dec. 9, 5 to 8 p.m.

Free

Create your own holiday wrapping paper with various techniques, designs, and supplies while enjoying live acoustic music at this drop-in event.

Santa's Workshop

Wednesday, Dec. 10, 5 to 8 p.m.

Free

Step into Santa's Workshop and work alongside his elves as you create festive wood projects for all ages and skill levels. Dress in your favorite PJs and enjoy holiday movie shorts and snacks at this drop-in event.

Reindeer Games & Heartland Film Festival's Merry Movie Nights

Thursday, Dec. 11, 6 to 10 p.m.

Free

Enjoy a holiday game night with trivia, Christmas music bingo, karaoke, a live DJ, prizes, and food and drinks for purchase from local vendors.

Fishers Parks will also partner with Heartland Film Festival's Merry Movie Nights inside the Theater at Fishers Municipal Center for a screening of *It's a Wonderful Life* at 7 p.m., along with an Ugly Holiday Sweater Contest and toy drive for Riley Children's Hospital. Learn more.

Community Jazz Improv + Jazz Lounge

Friday, Dec. 12, 6 to 10 p.m.

Free

This free, all-ages workshop offers an inclusive, welcoming space for musicians and music lovers of any skill level, where attendees can join the house band for a 120-minute live improv session with their own instruments.

After the workshop, the space transforms into a Jazz Lounge with a professional performance from 8:30 to 10 p.m. A full bar and snacks will be available for purchase all evening.

Inside City Hall at Fishers Municipal Center, check out Fishers Arts Council's free Second Friday Art Reception from 6 to 8 p.m., celebrating the gallery's newest exhibit, "Art of the Emerging Artist." Learn more at FishersArtsCouncil.org.

Cookies with Characters: The Grinch

Saturday, Dec. 13, 5 to 8 p.m.

\$10 per person

The annual tradition returns, featuring a meet-and-greet with classic Whoville characters, cookie decorating, and festive games and crafts. Register at FishersParks.com.

Cookies with Characters: Bluey

Sunday, Dec. 14, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

\$10 per person

A new spin on Fishers Parks' Cookies with Characters event lets you meet Bluey and Bingo while decorating cookies and enjoying holiday fun and games! Register at FishersParks.com.

Fishers Rotary presents Water is Life Charity Gala

Friday, Dec. 5, 6 p.m.

Jingle Bell Junction at the Nickel Plate
District Amphitheater

Tickets required

Guests will kick off the holiday season and save lives through the gift of clean water at this special event benefitting the Fishers Rotary, featuring live music, a cocktail reception, live and silent auctions, and a three-course dinner. Get tickets.

Fishers Art Center's Crafts & Carols

Dec. 6, 7 & 13, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Theater at Fishers Municipal Center
(1 Municipal Drive)

\$20 for adults, \$15 for ages 15 & under
Celebrate the season with an afternoon of creativity, caroling, and holiday cheer at the Fishers Art Center! Enjoy festive crafts, sweet treats, and photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Get tickets at FishersArtCenter.org.

Fishers Police Department's Winter Wonderland Walkthrough

Friday, Dec. 12 & Saturday, Dec. 13,

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Fishers Police Department

(4 Municipal Drive)

Free

Join the Fishers Police Department for a Winter Wonderland Walkthrough to see Santa, Mrs. Claus, Buddy the Elf, and Jovi, his girlfriend, as you are transported to the North Pole. Learn more at FishersIN.gov/Police.

Fishers Winter Break Camp

Monday, Dec. 22 to Friday, Jan. 2,

8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

(special holiday dates and hours)

Holland Park (1 Park Drive)

Ages 5 to 12

\$52.50 per day for residents,

\$75 per day for nonresidents

Registration is open for Operation: Cold Front, a frosty adventure filled with icy experiments, chilly challenges, and cool crafts. Designed with busy families in mind, this drop-in-only camp lets parents choose the days that work best for their schedules. Register at FishersCommunityCenter.com/Camps.

Free Christmas Tree Recycling

Friday, Dec. 26 to Sunday, Feb. 1

Brooks School Park,

Cumberland Park & Holland Park

Free

Fishers offers a free Christmas Tree Recycling program, where residents can drop off bare, live trees at three park locations around the city. Learn more.

**LOCAL NEWS?
LOCAL SPORTS?
We keep you covered.**

**THE HAMILTON COUNTY
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."

John 6:11

"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."

2 Corinthians 2:14

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

Ephesians 5:20

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

Philippians 4:6

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

Colossians 3:15

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

Colossians 4:2

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

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

"**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."

Revelation 11:17

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



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Our Assembly times:

Sunday Bible Study | 10:00 AM

Sunday Worship | 11:00 AM

Wednesday Bible Study | 7:00 PM

Noblesville, now bursting with boundless Christmas spirit!

Submitted by City of Noblesville

The City of Noblesville and its community partners at Noblesville Chamber of Commerce, Noblesville Main Street, and Noblesville Creates have numerous events for the upcoming holiday season in the downtown district, including Federal Hill Commons, the Historic Courthouse Square, and Seminary Park.

"Making memories with family and friends is part of what makes the holidays so special," Mayor Chris Jensen said. "As you explore Noblesville during this season, I encourage you to support small business, which are the heartbeat of our community. Here in the City of Noblesville, we have festive events for all ages and abilities to enjoy getting into the holiday spirit."

Upcoming Events

Nov. 27: The Michael Treinen Foundation's 18th Annual Turkey Trot

Get your steps in at 9 a.m. on Thanksgiving morning at The Michael Treinen Foundation's 18th Annual Turkey Trot, a 5k run and 3k family walk, in Downtown Noblesville. Proceeds from the event go to The Michael Treinen Foundation, which helps families and patients battling cancer.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Nov. 29: Small Business Saturday

Shop small all season long. Celebrate the charm of Noblesville's downtown shops and boutiques, enjoy special deals at your favorite spots, and discover new businesses on Small Business Saturday.

Nov. 29: Hamilton County Lighting of the Square

Join Santa at 6 p.m. in celebrating the Lighting of the Square in downtown Noblesville with the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce. This annual tradition features local musical and dance talents including Noblesville High School band and choir ensembles, En Pointe Indiana Ballet, and the Noblesville United Methodist Church Choir. After these performances in the Judicial Center, head outside with Santa for hot cocoa and the Lighting of the Square at approximately 7:15 p.m.

Learn more about this free event at [this link](#).

Nov. 22 to Jan. 6: Holidays at the Hill

Noblesville Parks invites the community to join them for [Holidays at the Hill](#) featuring the ice-skating rink. The Ice Plaza, presented by Ascension St. Vincent Hospital Fishers, is open from 5 to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 5 to 10 p.m. on Friday, noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday, and noon to 9 p.m. on Sunday, with extended hours during school breaks and holidays.

Admission, which includes skate rental, is \$13 and season passes are \$90 a person.

Nov. 28 to Dec. 27: Noblesville Creates' "Gifted: Handmade Wonders"

Noblesville Creates hosts its annual celebration of artistic creativity for another holiday season. They are seeking items of all media and varieties that make great gifts, from holiday-themed fine art to giftable handmade crafts. This shopping experience will be located at both NobleMade (839 Conner St.) and the Noblesville Creates campus (107 S. 8th St.) from Nov. 28 through Dec. 27.

For more information, visit [NoblesvilleCreates.org](#).

Nov. 29 to Dec. 24: Visit Santa's Village at Hamilton Town Center

People and pets can get their photo taken with Santa at Santa's Village at Hamilton Town Center starting on Nov. 29 through Dec. 24. Pets can get their picture taken with Santa, too, on dates through Dec. 18. If you're celebrating your baby's first Christmas, you can receive a Free 5-by-7-inch Santa photo and Holiday ornament sponsored by Indiana University Health.

Book your photo sessions at [this link](#).

The Santa House on the Square

Take part in a longstanding Hamilton County tradition by visiting the Santa House on the Square this holiday season. Located on Conner Street in Downtown Noblesville, Visit Santa at the Santa House beginning on Nov. 29 following the Lighting of the Square. The Santa House on the Square is managed by the Hamilton County Historical Society. Find other dates to see Santa at [hamiltoncoins.com](#).

Nov. 29 & 30: Christmas at the Mill Top

The Mill Top Banquet and Conference Center invites the community to join them on Nov. 29 and 30 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for their second annual Christmas at the Mill Top, presented by the Hope and Recovery Centers Inc. One hundred vendors will display their beautiful and handcrafted items for guests to enjoy. Tickets are available now to purchase for \$10 general admission or \$25 for VIP. VIP will include general admission, hors d'oeuvres, and a cocktail or beverage of your choice. Get your tickets at [this link](#).

Dec. 5:

First Friday – Deck The Downtown

A trolley providing free travel to Downtown, Seminary Park, Noblesville Creates, and Federal Hill Commons will run that evening.

Lights Over Seminary & Noblesville Flower Market

Join the City of Noblesville, Nobles-

ville Preservation Alliance, and the Indiana Peony Festival for Lights Over Seminary, a free, walkable, holiday lights display in Seminary Park that takes place as part of Noblesville's First Friday: "Deck the Downtown" events.

The Lights Over Seminary event runs from 5:30 to 8 p.m., accompanied by the Noblesville Winter Flower Market from 4 to 7 p.m. The Lighting Ceremony will be at 6 p.m. followed by Mayor Chris Jensen reading of "'Twas the Night Before Christmas" at 6:15 p.m. Lights Over Seminary runs 5 to 11 p.m. nightly throughout December.

Stuff Your Stocking

From 4 to 8 p.m. on the square, Noblesville Youth Assistance Program will be selling stockings that can be filled with treats and trinkets from participating businesses for \$20. For more information on Stuff Your Stocking, visit [noblesvilleap.org/events](#).

Mayor's Youth Council Art Exhibit

Enjoy art made by local artists from 5 to 7 p.m. in the City Hall lobby. Snacks and hot chocolate will be available.

"Gifted" Exhibit

Noblesville Creates will have a First Friday Holiday Open House, 6 to 9 p.m. that includes the annual Gifted exhibit and Nova Dreamspace exhibit opening. The evening will also feature live music by White River Sound and a book signing by children's book author/illustrator Abby Tharp and Holly Osburn. NobleMade and HCAA will also be open late for holiday shopping.

Downtown Shops Open Later

Participating downtown shops will be open later for Noblesville Main Street's First Friday. Check store information and Noblesville Main Street for more information.

Dec. 5: Wizards of Winter Concert

Rock around The Arena this Christmas. The Wizards of Winter are turning Noblesville into a winter wonderland on Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. with their holiday rock spectacular at The Arena at Innovation Mile.

Grab your tickets at [ticketmaster.com](#).

Dec. 6: Holiday Market at Federal Hill Commons

Head to Noblesville Main Street's Holiday Market from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 6 to enjoy food trucks, ice skating, live music, and shopping from over 40 vendors at Federal Hill Commons.

Dec. 6: Cookie Crawl

Get your sweet tooth ready for the Downtown Noblesville Third Annual Cookie Crawl. Tins need to be pre-ordered prior to the event. Starting at 10 a.m. on Dec. 6, attendees can pick up their tin at Linden Tree at 210 N. 10th St. The tin serves as your ticket to receive a cookie at each location, and you'll receive a map with your stops when you pick up your tin. Artwork has been generously donated by local artist Rodney Reveal. He will be signing tins at his new studio at 942 Maple Avenue that day. Get tickets at [this link](#).

Dec. 6: Handmade Vintage Market at Hamilton County Fairgrounds

Enjoy supporting local businesses at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds on Dec. 6 for Handmade Vintage Markets Christmas Market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration is required for \$5.

Get tickets now at [handmadevintagemarkets.com](#).

Dec. 6: Holiday in Lights Parade

The city's festive twist on a downtown tradition, the Holiday in Lights Parade presented by Gaylor Electric, will begin at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6. The nighttime parade will begin at Harrison and 16th streets before heading west along Logan Street, north on Ninth Street, east on Harrison, before ending back at Ivy Tech Community College's Hamilton County Campus.

Public safety and Hamilton County Emergency Management are working together to provide an illuminated and safe parade route. The parade route will have a sensory-friendly zone located along Harrison Street between 10th and 12th streets.

For more parade information, [click here](#).

Dec. 11: Noblesville Main Street Holiday Gala

Noblesville Main Street's Holiday Gala will take place at The Mill Top Banquet & Conference Center with Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m. and a Dinner & Live Auction at 7 p.m. Cocktail Attire is required.

Tickets are available at [Noblesville-MainStreet.org/gala](#).

Dec. 13: Holiday Home Tour at Downtown Noblesville

The Noblesville Preservation Alliance will host its Holiday Home Tour from 5 to 8 p.m. on Dec. 13. To say thank you to the community for the support they've received during past Holiday Home Tours, tickets will be free with an optional opportunity to donate if you feel inspired to do so. There will be a combination of historic locations for you to walk through as well as must see drive by light displays. Registration is still required.

For more information, visit [Noblesville Preservation.org](#).

Dec. 13: Breakfast with Santa

In partnership with the Noblesville Parks Foundation and Ascension St. Vincent Fishers Hospital, this year's Breakfast with Santa event will feature a delicious breakfast, festive activities, and of course, a visit from Santa Claus himself inside the bright and beautifully decorated Ascension St. Vincent Fishers Hospital Atrium from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Families can enjoy a cozy, cheerful atmosphere filled with lights, laughter, and holiday joy – the perfect way to start the season together. All proceeds from the event benefit the Noblesville Parks Foundation, helping fund local park improvements and future family programs.

Additional information is available at [this link](#).

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Jon McLaughlin is back home for the holidays

The REPORTER

Returning for the third straight season, Hoosier-born singer-songwriter Jon McLaughlin will perform original Christmas tunes as well as holiday classics alongside some of his talented friends.

Jon McLaughlin & Friends: Home for the Holidays gets underway at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5 at the Payne & Mencias Palladium in Carmel.

The Anderson native has been attracting fans with his heartfelt, hook-laden songwriting and impassioned



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delivery since his 2007 debut album, *Indiana*. He has released several full-lengths in the years since, most recently his new studio album *Scenarios* in October, revealing a true evolution in both his piano playing and singing. Joining him again

will be *American Idol* winner Kris Allen and pop/soul singer-songwriter David Davis, as well as singer and Broadway actress Morgan James.

[Click here](#) for tickets.

Old Town is the sponsor of this Holiday Series event.

Celebrate the season with a New Orleans twist

The REPORTER

Celebrate the season as the Preservation Hall Jazz Band takes the stage with Creole Christmas, a performance featuring New Orleans classics as well as beloved holiday selections with a twist.

The show takes place at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8 at the Payne & Mencias Palladium in Carmel.

Founded in 1963, the band takes its name from Preservation Hall, the humble but historic French Quarter music venue dedicated to keeping the past



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and future of jazz alive. Its recent releases redefine modern New Orleans music by tapping into sonic elements that stretch back to the city's Afro-Cuban roots and reach forward to con-

temporary artists like Stevie Wonder, Elvis Costello and Arcade Fire.

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Old Town is the sponsor of this Holiday Series event.

Police investigating threat allegedly made by rifleman at INDOT-owned property

Submitted

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) is investigating a criminal threat reported in the 22700 block of southbound U.S. 31.

Responding units searched for a male who was observed inside a residence at 22730 U.S. 31. According to information obtained on scene, the male suspect was seen on the

second floor of the house and was reportedly armed with a rifle, making threats with the gun towards a witness that was outside of the house.

The residence and property were searched and found to be unoccupied; the property is owned by the Indiana Department of Transportation. This investigation continues to be active.

Personnel from the

HCSO Patrol Division and the HCSO Emergency Response Unit, along with the Sheridan Police Department, Indiana State Police, the Noblesville Police Department, Hamilton County Emergency Management, and the Sheridan Fire Department were all on scene providing support and resources.

U.S. 31 is now open again.



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Good Samaritan NETWORK

Howard Bailey Financial partners with Good Samaritan Network for holiday food drive

Submitted

Howard Bailey Financial® announced that its five offices across Indiana and northeast Ohio are partnering with local nonprofit hunger-relief organizations to host community food drives through Dec. 22. The effort invites the public to support families facing food insecurity during the holiday season by donating nonperishable food items or making financial contributions.

The Carmel office has partnered with the **Good Samaritan Network**, a nonprofit organization that directly assists underserved and at-risk individuals and families within Hamilton

County. GSN has become the signature Holiday Assistance program in Hamilton County with basic holiday provisions. Community members may drop off nonperishable food items, including canned chicken or tuna, peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables, soups, boxed dinners, beans, rice and pasta, at the office located at 1344 S. Range Line Road, Suite 202.

"Our team strives to deliver the very best experience not only in financial planning but in how we care for our community," Howard Bailey CEO Casey Weade said. "Partnering with GSN and opening

this food drive to the public is a meaningful way for us to support our neighbors and lift up families in need this holiday season."

Financial donations are also accepted, and every dollar helps provide meals for local families. Community members can donate at gsnlive.kindful.com.

Helping others remains central to the mission of Howard Bailey. As the holiday season approaches, the organization emphasizes that even small contributions can provide meaningful support to families in need.

For more information, contact Howard Bailey at (866) 482-9559.

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Westfield celebrates annual Volunteer Appreciation Night



Photo provided by City of Westfield

Westfield Welcome, the city's events department, celebrated the contributions of all the city's incredible volunteers at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Night on Thursday, Nov. 20. The Westfield Welcome team honored the volunteers who went above and beyond to serve the community in 2025. The night was filled with awards, dinner, treats from Becky the Bakerster, games, and so much more fun in show gratitude for the special individuals who help make the city's events possible. If you're looking for ways to make a positive impact in your community, consider joining this growing volunteer network. [Click here](#) to learn more.



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Don't miss Noblesville's final Flower Market of the year

By **KELLY McVEY**
President, Indiana Peony Festival, Inc.

your Christmas shopping seamless to start! We'll have wreaths, garlands, gifting, and more! Nestled in the park will be Christmas caroling, hot chocolate provided by Noblesville Preservation Alliance, and a special reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" by Mayor Chris Jensen at 6:15 p.m.

We've saved the best for last! Our final flower market will be Friday, Dec. 5 from 4 to 7 p.m., and we have an exciting update to share!

The December flower market will coincide with the Lights Over Seminary event, hosted by the City of Noblesville and Noblesville Preservation Alliance. Stop by Seminary Park to witness the countdown to the flip of the switch to light up all of Seminary Park. A trolley providing free travel to Downtown, Seminary Park, Noblesville Creates, and Federal Hill Commons will be running that evening.

We'll have a wide-range of floral and non-floral vendors to shop from, making

Enjoy carolers, hot chocolate, live music, and festive flower market vendors all in one spot! We've got a lot of holiday cheer to spread, so plan to spend December's First Friday evening with us. It's a magical, must-see experience to start the Christmas season!

Our 2025 Flower Market series is sponsored by Noblesville Ace Hardware, Keep Noblesville Beautiful, and Hometown Windows & Doors.

In one year, Fishers Event Center surpasses \$1M distributed back into community through local nonprofit partnerships

Submitted

The Fishers Event Center is celebrating a milestone first year following its opening on November 22, 2024.

In a whirlwind inaugural year, the ultra-modern, 7,500-seat venue established itself as a key player in the region's entertainment landscape hosting big name shows and sporting events (Alabama, Cirque du Soleil, comedians Jeff Foxworthy and Leanne Morgan, country stars Megan Moroney and Blake Shelton, Nathaniel Rateliff, John Legend's 20th Anniversary tour, various Indy Fuel (ECHL), Indy Ignite (Major League Volleyball) and Fishers Freight (Indoor Football League) match-ups and more), while also serving as a community hub for graduations, elevated private events, donation sites, local artists and more.

"Community is at the heart of what we do and why we're here," Fishers Event Center General Manager

Mitch List said. "Beyond the wide variety of events we host, we are continually focused on uplifting and supporting our community, and over the last year this has included celebrating local artists and musicians by providing a space for them to showcase their work, supporting and partnering with local nonprofits, and partnering with local farmers and businesses to bring the freshest, locally sourced culinary ingredients to every event. These are just a few of the ways we support the community who has supported us."

The First Year, by the numbers

- Hosted 141 events, welcoming 527,313 of patrons
- Serving as a donation site, helping to compile more than 1,000 donated items and raising over \$5,000 for organizations including Indy Humane, Kids Coats, and The Marigold Project
- Celebrated with 2,055



high school graduates, serving as the graduation ceremony venue for Hamilton Southeastern High School, Fishers High School, Cathedral High School.

• Supported local artists and musicians in a variety of ways, including:

- Hosting the Summer Elevation Series, a rooftop recording session featuring eight Indiana bands. The series was featured across the venue's channels, exposing the participating bands to more than 200,000 listeners.
- Commissioning 12 creators to produce 80 pieces of unique art ranging from murals to one-of-

a-kind artist gifts, many showcased throughout the venue inspired by various aspects and characteristics of the venue itself.

Before you go

For a full list of upcoming events and ticket information, visit FishersEventCenter.com. Fans can sign up for the venue newsletter to stay informed of event announcements and presale options.

Review the **Know Before You Go information**, including details on the venue's hassle-free free flow **pre-pay parking, clear bag policy**, cashless policy, local directions, suggested lodging and venue maps.

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Huston: House Republicans to gavel in for session on Dec. 1

Submitted by Office of Speaker Todd Huston

Indiana House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers) issued the following statement Tuesday, Nov. 25 regarding the session schedule:

"House Republicans will gavel in on Monday, Dec. 1, reconvening the 2026 regular session. All legislative business will be considered beginning next week, including redrawing the state's congressional map. Because session will start early this year, we plan to adjust the calendar and complete our



Huston

legislative business by the end of February."

The 2026 second regular session officially commenced on Nov. 18 on Organization Day. Per IC 2-2.1-1-3, the General Assembly may reconvene the session either on a certain day fixed by concurrent resolution or when the gavel of each house falls in the presence of a quorum, regardless of whether a certain date has been fixed.

House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers) represents House District 37, which includes a portion of Hamilton County.

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

Rest In Peace, Baxter



By **PAUL POTEET**
Mr. Weatherman

Mrs. Poteet spotted our cat Baxter at a Petsmart adoption event in Carmel 10 years ago. He was eight years old, and his owner had moved, keeping a dog but giving up this cat. We could never figure out why. Baxter was friendly from the start. Maybe we saved him then.

We definitely bought him another three happy years once we started treating his diabetes. Twice a day with the shots, 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. He never complained. (It may have been the treats that always followed.) Unfortunately, our little guy ran out of time this past week. He had a good run. We loved sharing our home with him, and I loved shar-

ing his handsome face with people online and sometimes in our "Hello Hamilton County" videos. My advice: if you are ever at a shelter, or any kind of adoption event, don't overlook the "middle-aged" dog or cat. He was a warm, cuddly, loving, amusing companion that me and Mrs. Poteet already miss so much.
R.I.P. Baxter.

Westfield reveals snowplow naming contest winner



Photo provided by City of Westfield

And the winner is ... "Sleet Caroline"! Amy Foley is the lucky winner of the 2025 snowplow naming contest. She had the opportunity to meet the Westfield Streets Superintendent Justin Jones and hop into the plow truck. Thank you to everyone who participated, and be on the lookout for "Sleet Caroline" this winter around Westfield.

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Centier Bank once again ranked 'Best Bank to Work For' in Indiana

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Centier Bank once again ranked No. 1 in Indiana for eight years in a row.

Indiana's largest private, family-owned and operated bank, has been ranked as the Best Bank to Work For in Indiana by American Banker's 2025 Best Banks to Work For list. Centier also ranked No. 5 nationally on the list of the top 90 banks, up from No. 11 in 2024.

American Banker, a nationally renowned industry publication, partners with Best Companies Group to identify banks that excel at creating positive and supportive workplaces for employees. This year 90 banks earned a spot in the ranking of American Banker's 13th annual Best Banks to Work For, based on an anonymous employee survey and a thorough review of the benefits and perks offered. Throughout its duration, Centier has been included in all 13 rankings.

"This year, which marks our 130th anniversary – and throughout our history – we have worked very hard to establish a servant-heart culture of caring where we put people first in a hospitality environment," said Michael Schrage, CEO and Chairman of the Board at Centier Bank. "Being recognized again by American Banker as the Best Bank to Work For in Indiana and having our national ranking increase from No. 11 to No. 5 validates our purpose, vision, mission and values."

Determining the Best Banks to Work For involved



Photo provided by Centier Bank

The Centier Bank Fishers branch, located at 11684 Allisonville Road, is ready to welcome customers. Two other locations exist in Carmel and Westfield.

a two-step process. The first consisted of evaluating each participating bank's workplace policies, practices, and demographics. This part of the process was worth approximately 25 percent of the total evaluation. The second consisted of employee surveys aimed at assessing the experiences and attitudes of individual employees with respect to their workplace. This part of the process was worth approximately 75 percent of the total evaluation. The combined scores determined the final ranking.

"Taking care of people, including our own associates, has always been at the forefront of everything we do," said Chrisanne Christ, Senior Partner in Human Resource Development. "Because we employ the best, servant-heart driven associates, we as a company do all we can to invest and support them with benefits and offer-

ings that they have told us are important to them."

This accolade adds to an already impressive 130th year, as Centier Bank's earned its inaugural distinction as Best Retail Bank for Customer Satisfaction in the North Central Region in the U.S. in the 2025 J.D. Power U.S. Retail Banking Satisfaction Study. The bank has also received recognition from Forbes as one of Indiana's top-rated banks for seven consecutive years, ranking first in the state most recently for 2024. The Indiana Chamber of Commerce also recognized Centier Bank for the 19th year in a row on its 2025 Best Places to Work list.

For more information about Centier Bank, go to centier.com. To learn more about the Best Banks to Work For, visit bestcompaniesgroup.com/best-banks-to-work-for.

Indiana Connections Academy ranks among state's top charter schools

Submitted

Indiana Connections Academy, a **tuition-free full-time online public virtual school** serving students statewide in grades K-12, was recently recognized among the top charter schools in Indiana in recent statewide rankings published by *U.S. News & World Report*. The public virtual school ranked 18 among *U.S. News'* best Indiana charter schools for 2026.

"Being included among the top-ranked charter schools in Indiana is an honor for our community," said Kelly Simone, executive director of Indiana Connections Academy. "This recognition reflects the dedication of our teachers, the passion of our support staff and the determination of our students and families. Online learning is a powerful option and we are proud that our program is delivering results."

Indiana Connections Academy provides a high-quality educational experience that keeps students motivated and engaged with a strong circle of support and a deep sense of belonging. The school's team of supportive and experienced educators, specially trained in online instruction, establish meaningful connections with students helping them achieve their full potential and reach their goals. Parents and caregivers are involved in the learning journey as their child's learning coach, serving as their mentor and guide throughout the school day.

According to the 2025 Parent Satisfaction Survey, an annual third-party survey that allows families to review their experience with the school, found:

- 98 percent of parents say their child is satisfied learning at Indiana Connections Academy
- 97 percent of parents agree the Indiana Connections Academy program gives them greater opportunity to be more involved with their child's education
- 96 percent of parents feel their children are making progress on their academic goals with Indiana Connections Academy
- 95 percent of parents agree that the Indiana Con-



nections Academy teachers improve the learning experience

For middle and high school students, Indiana Connections Academy's expanded **College and Early Career Readiness** program integrates traditional academic subjects with industry-leading, career-focused options like IT, business, health sciences and marketing. This program will equip students with durable skills like leadership, critical thinking and teamwork. Students can participate in career exploration and industry networking opportunities to build confidence, make connections and find direction to prepare for their future.

The school also offers a variety of activities throughout the year for all students to help build community and foster relationships, including numerous in-person and virtual field trips, National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, student government and in-person prom and graduation ceremonies. In addition to core classes in math, science, language arts and social studies, students can choose from various electives, honors courses and dual credit opportunities. The schools also offer a broad assortment of online clubs, ranging from robotics and gaming to poetry and art.

Families interested in Indiana Connections Academy are encouraged to attend an **online information session** to learn more, ask questions and discover if virtual school is the right fit for their student. For more information or to begin the enrollment process, visit IndianaConnectionsAcademy.com or call 1-833-591-0251.

Survey Methodology
Connections Academy conducts the annual Parent Satisfaction Survey to find out how parents, guardians, and Learning Coaches grade the program in several key areas. The 2024-2025 School Year survey was conducted from Jan. 15 to Feb. 26, 2025, by Shapiro

+ Raj, an independent market research company that created the questionnaire, collected the data and tabulated the results. Parents and caretakers of all students enrolled at the time of the survey were invited to complete the survey online.

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Comptroller Nieshalla leads national call to confront America's debt crisis

Submitted by Office of Comptroller Elisa Nieshalla

Indiana State Comptroller Elise Nieshalla, chair of the National Debt Crisis Task Force of state financial officers, is one of 90 state elected officials from across the country who recently sent a **formal letter** to President Donald J. Trump and Members of Congress urging immediate action on the national debt.

"We are building a movement from the states to support federal leaders in tackling the massive problem of deficit spending and \$38 trillion of debt," Comptroller Nieshalla said. "Our letter was sent with a great sense of urgency from back home in the states."

Building on early momentum, 37 financial officers sent an **initial letter** to President Trump and Congress a year ago that captured the attention of leaders eager to get involved. As a result, the first National Debt Crisis Forum was held at the Capitol this fall, bringing together key leaders including Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.), Senator Rick Scott (R-Fla.) and Congressman Josh Brecheen (R-Okla.).

This latest letter provides an additional opportunity for elected officials from the states to sound the alarm in unison on the severity of the debt problem.

Indiana Governor Mike Braun and numerous states' legislators have joined the financial officers in signing this most recent letter on the national debt crisis, underscoring the growing strength of the movement and welcoming more officials to join. The leaders warn that without decisive action, the nation faces not just a painful day of reckoning, but a prolonged age of reckoning that would undermine America's fiscal stability and global leadership.

"It is extremely important for the federal government to chart a new course to address the national debt head on after over two decades of overspending," Comptroller Nieshalla said. "We've seen President Trump willing to take on big issues, and we urge Congress and the White House to come together to avert this crisis for the sake of



Nieshalla

our children and grandchildren. It is time to establish a concrete plan to balance the budget, reduce the debt and empower a future of economic prosperity, financial security and affordability."

The letter emphasizes:

- The national debt has surpassed \$38 trillion – equal to \$112,000 per person
- Annual interest payments now exceeds the budgets of the U.S. Military and Medicare
- Impending insolvency of Social Security trust funds by 2033, likely resulting in more than a 20 percent reduction that equates to a \$16,500 decrease of benefits on average per couple
- The reality of saddling younger Americans with an unsustainable fiscal future, while leaving our oldest and most vulnerable citizens in need of assurances

State leaders' call to action

The coalition of state leaders urges the President and Congress to take the following actions:

- Implement a concrete

plan to put the federal government on a path to a balanced budget as soon as possible.

• Unleash economic prosperity by cutting red tape and tapping into our nation's vast natural resources with a timeline for reducing the debt that is empowered by a growing economy.

• Evaluate how to maximize taxpayer savings by rolling back the costly and burdensome requirements that accompany federal funds sent to states. In return, states are empowered to increase efficiency, innovation and positive outcomes in the use of these dollars.

Legislatures across the country also have the opportunity to further build this movement by passing a **resolution on the seriousness of the national debt**, modeled after U.S. Senate Resolution 600 and Indiana Senate Resolution 51 that both passed with overwhelming bipartisan support.

The letter sets a target date of July 4, 2026 – America's 250th Anniversary – for approving a long-term debt reduction plan to restore our country's financial strength and independence.

Sen. Young moves to protect medical residents from coercive abortion training practices

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

U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.) and James Lankford (R-Okla.) recently introduced the

Conscience Protections for Medical Residents Act. The legislation would ensure medical students and residents are not pressured or coerced into abortion training that violates their moral or religious beliefs.

The bill would also clear federal protections so that residents are not forced to choose between their conscience and their careers.

"Medical students who believe in the sanctity of life should not be pressured to participate in trainings that contradict their values," Sen. Young said. "Our bill will protect the conscience rights of young medical professionals and ensure they can choose life as they advance their careers."

Under current rules from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, residents are allowed to opt out of abortion training, but the opt-out system

puts pressure on trainees to participate in procedures that violate their moral or religious beliefs. Residents often fear that opting out could affect evaluations, recommendations, or future career opportunities.

The Conscience Protections for Medical Residents Act would replace the opt-out system with an opt-in system. This would ensure residents can choose whether to participate in abortion training and protect them from discrimination or retaliation if they decline.

In addition to Senators Young and Lankford, Senators Jim Banks (R-Ind.), Bill Cassidy (R-La.), John Cornyn (R-Texas), Cynthia Lummis (R-Wyo.), Steve Daines (R-Mont.), Katie Britt (R-Ala.), Rick Scott (R-Fla.), Ted Budd (R-N.C.), Josh Hawley (R-Mo.), and Roger Wicker (R-Miss.) also joined the legislation.

The following organizations support the bill: American Association of Pro-Life

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Indiana laboratory company agrees to pay more than \$9 million to settle alleged False Claims Act violations

Submitted by U.S. Attorney's Office

Patients Choice Laboratories (PCL), a diagnostic laboratory headquartered in Indianapolis, has agreed to pay the United States \$9,620,000 to resolve allegations that it violated the False Claims Act and the Anti-Kickback Statute (AKS).

The government alleges that PCL knowingly submitted claims to Medicare for respiratory pathogen panels (RPPs) that were ei-

ther medically unnecessary or obtained through kickbacks. PCL also paid commissions to independent sales representatives and marketing firms ("1099 representatives") based on the volume or value of referrals.

Specifically, the United States alleges that on Nov. 20, 2020, PCL entered into a Marketing Services Agreement (MSA) with a purported infection prevention company ("the Company"), agreeing to pay \$5,000 per month in exchange for

"marketing and management services" in long-term care facilities. According to the United States, the MSA served as a pretext for paying the company for laboratory test referrals, which PCL then billed to Medicare.

The United States further alleges that PCL paid the Company to perform services in long-term care facilities, including specimen collection for infectious disease testing. The Company swabbed resi-

dents for COVID-19, and PCL used the same specimens to conduct and bill Medicare for medically unnecessary RPPs. In some cases, PCL billed for RPPs without performing any COVID-19 tests at all.

Between Dec. 1, 2020, and May 11, 2022, PCL paid the Company approximately \$1.86 million in exchange for RPP referrals. During that time, PCL billed Medicare for thousands of RPPs conducted at 43 long-term care facilities nation-

wide, receiving over \$6 million in reimbursement.

Additionally, from Jan. 1 to March 31, 2021, PCL contracted with 1099 representatives to promote its laboratory tests to health care providers. The United States alleges that these individuals were not bona fide employees. PCL paid them a percentage of the revenue generated from testing they facilitated. The representatives helped arrange referrals and orders for tests billed to Medicare in vio-

lation of the AKS. PCL's commission payments to these representatives totaled at least \$372,000.

"Kickback arrangements that drive unnecessary testing waste taxpayer dollars and undermine the integrity of our healthcare system," said Tom Wheeler, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana. "This settlement reflects our commitment to holding accountable those who seek

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en for America Legislative Action Committee, Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, Live Action, Heritage Action, FPA, Liberty Counsel, Family Research Council, and Liberty Counsel Action.

Click here to read the full text of the bill.

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to profit at the expense of federal healthcare programs and the patients they serve.”

“Providing impermissible compensation to induce patient referrals that then lead to medically unnecessary diagnostic tests is simply unacceptable,” said Kelly O. Hayes, U.S. Attorney for the District of Maryland. “We’re committed to taking the necessary actions to protect patients and taxpayer-funded government health programs.”

“Wasteful spending fueled by kickback arrangements undermines the public’s confidence in our health care system and depletes valuable resources that should be used to improve patient care,” said Mario M. Pinto, Special Agent in Charge of the HHS-OIG Chicago Regional Office. “Working together with our law enforcement partners, HHS-OIG will continue to identify and investigate alleged violations of federal law.”

“Entities who submit false Medicare claims destroy public trust in federal health care programs and divert taxpayer-funded resources away from vulnerable citizens who truly need them,” said Maureen Dixon, Special Agent in Charge of the HHS-OIG. “We are unwavering in our dedication to safeguarding the integrity of the Medicare trust fund and the services provided to enrollees.”

“Companies that submit false claims undermine pub-

lic trust and divert critical resources away from legitimate care,” said Timothy J. O’Malley, special agent in charge of the FBI Indianapolis Field Office. “The FBI will continue to work with our law enforcement and government partners to hold accountable those who seek to profit through fraud or deception.”

The matter was handled by Trial Attorneys Kelly McAuliffe and Asha Natarajan of the Civil Division’s Fraud Section, Assistant U.S. Attorneys Tarra DeShields, District of Maryland, and Adriana Figueroa, Southern District of Indiana, who jointly handled this case. The litigation team received investigative support from the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The United States’ settlement in this matter illustrates the government’s emphasis on combating healthcare fraud. One of the most powerful tools in this effort is the False Claims Act. Tips and complaints from all sources about potential fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement, can be reported to the Department of Health and Human Services, at 800-HHS-TIPS (800-447-8477).

The claims resolved by this settlement are allegations only and there has been no determination of liability.

Ruby Fern Provence

January 25, 1937 – November 23, 2025



Ruby Fern Provence, born on January 25, 1937, in Virgie, Ky., was a compassionate, loving, and loyal woman who dedicated her life to her family and church. Fern, as she was affectionately known, passed away on November 23, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of love, faith, and dedication. Fern was a devoted wife to her husband, Joe Provence, for over 68 years, after marrying him on November 1, 1957. Their relationship was a testament to their undying loyalty and love for each other.

Fern was a homemaker by occupation, but her heart was always in service of others. Whether it was fishing with Joe after retirement, quilting with her friends, or tending to her beautiful garden, Fern put her heart and soul into every task. A dedicated member of Landmark Baptist Church in Anderson where she sang in the choir, taught Sunday school and Vacation Bible School. She was a former charter member of Bethel Baptist Church in Noblesville. Her travels took her from her birthplace in Kentucky to Noblesville, where met and married Joe Provence. She then traveled with Joe to Arkansas and Kansas to visit family, and Arizona where she went on mission trips to the Navajo Nation. Fern’s compassion shone through in her dedication to family and church, a testament to her loving nature.

Fern is survived by her husband, Joe Provence; their children, Bryan (Debbie) Provence, and Beverly (David) York; her grandchildren, Amanda York, Tyler (Kelli) Provence, and Erin (James) Copeland; as well as her great-grandchildren, Graisyn York, Lukas and Raegann Copeland, and Finn, Eddie, and Will Provence. She is also survived by her brothers, Dean (Angel) Damron and Reed (Ruby Jean) Damron; and several nieces and nephews.

Fern was preceded in death by her parents, Ballard and Maxie Damron; her brother, Paul Damron; and sisters, Mary King and Anna Blevins.

Visitation for Fern will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, November 26, 2025, at Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero. The funeral service will follow at the same location at 1 p.m. with Pastor Gary Woodring officiating. Services are under the direction of Hartley Funeral Homes – Cicero. The funeral service will also be livestreamed at my.gather.app/remember/ruby-fern-provence.

In memory of Fern, we encourage you to share your memories and upload photos to the memorial page. Your tributes will serve as a comforting reminder of Fern’s compassionate spirit, loving heart, and her unwavering dedication to the people she cherished.

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TODAY’S BIBLE READING

THE NUMBERING OF THE LEVITE CLANS

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.

Numbers 4:42-45 (NIV)

Andrea Meara McNew

June 22, 1978 – November 21, 2025



Andrea Meara McNew, born June 22, 1978, in Noblesville, passed away on November 21, 2025. A smart, loving, and compassionate woman, Andrea was known for her spirited energy and her unwavering dedication to her family and friends.

Andrea was a graduate of Hamilton Heights High School and later attended and graduated from Butler University. She was currently managing Pizza by the Harbor, where she was a beloved employee and leader. However, Andrea’s real passions lie outside her professional life. She was an avid reader, always eager to learn and research new things. A gifted violinist, Andrea found joy in music and shared this passion with others. She was also a loving mother who enjoyed spending time with her sons, supporting their hobbies and creating cherished memories. As a devoted friend, she was always there to lend a helping hand or a listening ear. Andrea was a woman of many talents, and her love for writing was only one of the many ways she expressed her creative spirit.

Andrea leaves behind a rich tapestry of memories for her family, including her mother, Karen Huffman; her two sons, Addison Sutton and Triston McNew; her brother, Nathan Huffman; her cousins; and several other relatives who loved her dearly. Andrea is preceded in death by her father, Timothy Huffman, and her brother, Brandon Huffman.

Visitation for Andrea will be held at Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, November 28, 2025. The funeral service will follow at the same location at 1 p.m. For those unable to attend in person, the service will be live-streamed at my.gather.app/remember/andrea-mcnew. All services are under the direction of Hartley Funeral Homes – Cicero.

In memory of Andrea, we invite you to share your favorite memories and upload photos of Andrea to the memorial page. Her life was filled with love, compassion, and spirit, and we encourage you to celebrate her by sharing your treasured moments together.

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Meeting Notice

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2025, regarding: Initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing. As used in this clause, “litigation” includes any judicial action or administrative law proceeding under federal or state law. A special session of the board will follow at 6 p.m. at the WWS Administration Center, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B.

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Basketball



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(ABOVE LEFT) Carmel's Taylee Fisher scored 11 points for the Greyhounds in their win over Noblesville on Tuesday. (ABOVE RIGHT) Noblesville's Maia Blower scored 10 points.

Hounds win competitive game over Millers

By **RICHIE HALL**
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NOBLESVILLE – The Carmel girls basketball team won an entertaining and competitive game over county rival Noblesville 49-46 Tuesday on Bill Shepherd Court at the Eric Clark Activity Center.

The Greyhounds were in control for most of the first half, cruising to 17-9 lead after the first quarter. Bella Ramsey scored nine points in that period.

Carmel kept going in the second quarter, holding its largest lead at 24-9 midway through the period. Ramsey began the second with a 3-pointer, then Maddy Wallace and Taylee Fisher both made layins.

The Millers began to

come back after that, closing out the quarter on a 13-3 run and cutting the Greyhounds' lead to 27-22 by halftime. The major part of that run was an 11-0 spurt that included five points from Norah Vetur, and she made two free throws with 34.3 seconds left to finish the half.

Maia Blower kept the run going to start the third quarter, nailing back-to-back triples to give Noblesville its only lead of the night at 28-27. Ramsey then scored five straight points to push Carmel ahead 32-28.

"We talked at halftime," said Hounds coach Jess Dar-melio. "We're like, 'Look, the pressure is coming. We have to settle and not get so frantic and use our team-

mates, move up without the ball and really keep trying to get towards that rim.'" Baskets by Blower and C.C. Quigley tied the game at 32-32. But Carmel finished the third quarter on a 7-1 run and never trailed again. Fisher started things with two free throws, Wal-lace made a jumper, then Fisher grabbed a steal and scored while being fouled, making the free throw for the and-1.

While the Greyhounds stayed in front for the entire fourth quarter, Noblesville kept things close. Ally Hutchinson scored the Millers' first eight points, then hit a 3 with just over a minute left to keep her team within 48-46. But Carmel held on for the win; Ramsey got the last

point with a free throw at the 3.9-second mark.

Ramsey scored 21 points to lead the Greyhounds, followed by Wallace with 13 and Fisher with 11. Natalie Whelan-Edwards led the rebounds with six, while Wallace dished out four assists.

Hutchinson scored 13 points, with Blower adding 10 points and four assists. Quigley collected six re-bounds.

"I definitely loved our fight and I thought our kids in that second half definitely played their butts off," said Noblesville coach Donna Buckley.

Carmel is 6-1 and plays next Tuesday at Lawrence North. The Millers are 3-2 and host Mt. Vernon Satur-day.

CARMEL 49, NOBLESVILLE 46

Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ally Hutchinson	5-14	2-2	13	4
Ellie Motz	2-4	0-0	4	1
Maia Blower	3-10	2-2	10	2
Norah Vetur	2-5	3-4	8	1
C.C. Quigley	2-5	2-2	6	3
Devyn Johnson	0-0	0-0	0	0
Aleah Magee	2-8	0-0	5	2
Nelani Render	0-1	0-3	0	3
Totals	16-47	9-13	46	16

Noblesville 3-point shooting (5-22) Blower 2-7, Hutchinson 1-4, Vetur 1-4, Magee 1-4, Motz 0-2, Quigley 0-1.

Noblesville rebounds (23) Quigley 6, Hutchinson 3, Motz 3, Magee 3, Johnson 2, Blower 2, Render 1, Vetur 1, team 2.

Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Bella Ramsey	7-10	4-6	21	2
Maddy Wallace	6-10	0-0	13	4
Sadie Rexorth	0-0	0-0	0	0
Jacobi Warren	0-1	0-0	0	3
Sydney Bonds	1-1	0-0	2	2
Taylee Fisher	3-7	4-5	11	2
Natalie Whelan-Edwards	1-5	0-0	2	4
Kate Sears	0-1	0-0	0	0
Layla Abdo	0-3	0-0	0	0
Totals	18-38	8-11	49	17

Carmel 3-point shooting (5-17) Ramsey 3-4, Wallace 1-3, Fisher 1-3, Abdo 0-3, Whelan-Edwards 0-2, Sears 0-1, Warren 0-1.

Carmel rebounds (23) Whelan-Edwards 6, Wallace 4, Bonds 4, Ramsey 2, Fisher 2, Rexroth 1, Abdo 1, team 3.

Score by Quarters

Noblesville	9	13	11	13-46
Carmel	17	10	12	10-49

Tigers win opener at Ben Davis

The REPORTER

The Fishers boys basketball team traveled to Ben Davis for its season opener on Tuesday and came home with a 65-57 victory.

The game was close in the first half, with the first quarter finishing in a 12-12 tie. The Giants led 25-24 at halftime. Jason Gardner Jr. kept the Tigers in it with 11 points, while Lawrence North transfer Kai McGrew had seven points. Cooper Zachary made two first-quarter 3-pointers.

Fishers took control in the third quarter, pouring in 23 points for a 47-39 lead. McGrew scored nine points in the third. Ben Davis tried to come back in the fourth, but the Tigers held on, thanks to 10-of-13 shooting from the free-throw line.

Gardner scored 23 points, followed by McGrew with 19. Zachary totaled 11 points, including three 3s.

Fishers goes back on the road Friday, playing at Arsenal Tech.

FISHERS 65, BEN DAVIS 57

Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Tommy Williams	2	1-2	5	4
Jean-Claude L'Homme	1	0-0	2	1
Cooper Zachary	3	2-2	11	3
Jason Gardner Jr.	6	10-17	23	2
Kai McGrew	5	9-10	19	2
Tristan Breland	1	1-2	3	3
Torey Breland	1	0-0	2	2
Jalen Campbell	0	0-0	0	0
Max Hopkins	0	0-2	0	1
Totals	19	23-35	65	18

Score by Quarters

Fishers	12	12	23	18-65
Ben Davis	12	13	14	18-57

Fishers 3-pointers (4) Zachary 3, Gardner.

Hawks beat WeBo

The REPORTER

The Sheridan girls basketball team won a 45-33 game over Western Boone Tuesday at Larry Hobbs Gymnasium.

The Blackhawks out-scored the Stars in each period, leading 10-7 after the first quarter and 21-16 at halftime. Sheridan held a 35-27 advantage after three quarters.

Sadie Timme led the scoring with 17 points, also pulling seven rebounds and making four steals. Brielle

Garner was next with 11 points.

Makenzy Terry totaled six points, while Olivia Long had five points and five rebounds. Lucy Marquis and Teagan Horney completed the scoring with three points each; Horney also collected four re-bounds.

Sheridan is 3-3 and returns to action on Dec. 5 with a game at Clinton Prairie. It will be the Hoosier Heartland Conference opener for the Hawks.

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Boys Wrestling

Rocks get two champions at Center Grove

The REPORTER

The Westfield boys wrestling team claimed two individual champions at the Center Grove Classic, which took place Saturday, Nov. 22.

Connor Maddox won for the Shamrocks at 113 pounds, while Jon Stryker was the champion at 190 pounds.

Hamilton Southeastern had one champion, with Amgalan VanKirk winning at 285 pounds.

106: 3. Charley Head (Westfield), 9. Dillon Mineart (W).

113: 1. Connor Maddox (W), 7. Brayden Head (W), 9. Jackson Zenn (Hamilton Southeastern).

120: 4. Keegan Carson (W), 6. Aiden Driscoll (W), 7. Rah Nagra (HSE), 9. Hunter Miles (HSE).

126: 4. Oliver Baud (W), 6. Diego Yoo (HSE), 7. Cale Beattie (HSE), 8. Noe Miranda (W).

132: 5. Abraham O'Neill (W), 6. Owen McGuire (HSE),



Photo by Bethany Maddox

(LEFT) Westfield's Connor Maddox won the 113-pound championship at the Center Grove Classic. (RIGHT) Jon Stryker was the champion at 190 pounds.

7. Trevor Humburg (W), 12. Troy McKibben (HSE).

138: 5. Brayden Rhea (W), 7. Parker Culp (HSE), 10. Kelton Greene (W), 12. McKay Gerstner (HSE).

144: 5. Max Inman (HSE), 7. Alic Washburn (W), 9. Sebastian Zamora (W), 13. Cameron McGuire (HSE).

150: 4. Roben Randhawa (HSE), 5. Graydon Staley (W),

10. Jacob Kowalow (W), 15. Nikolas Presley (HSE).

157: 4. Dylan Lane (HSE), 6. Seth Tanner (W), 10. Travis Mack (HSE).

165: 4. Cohen Davis (HSE), 7. Padraig Oatis (W), 9. Blake Glodowski (W).

175: 3. Maxwell Brown (W), 4. Graham Haney (W).

190: 1. Jon Stryker (W), 7. Brandon Alvarez (HSE).

215: 5. Aiden Padgett (W), 6. Jeffrey Haag (HSE), 7. Samuel Travis (W), 10. Tyler Koeter (HSE).

285: 1. Amgalan VanKirk (HSE), 5. Domino Gordon (W).

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Fishers won the John Hurre Invitational, which took place Saturday, Nov. 22 at Arsenal Tech.



Photo by Mackynlee Maddox

The Tigers scored 270.5 points and claimed two weight-class champions. James Schwartz won at 150 pounds, while Julian Burgett was the 215-pound winner.

106: 3. Nick Molter.

113: 3. Bryce Rogers.

120: 3. Seth Lamb.

126: 2. Will Hruskoci.

132: 2. Goyo Mireles.

138: 2. Ellis Burns.
144: 2. Johnny Irving, 5. Donovan Murray.

150: 1. James Schwartz, 9. Barsoun Abdelshahid.

157: 5. Ezekiel Kramer.

165: 3. Preston Springer.

175: 11. Kael Jacobs.

190: 13. Jaxson Marsh.

215: 1. Julian Burgett, 4. Blake Jackson.

285: 5. Ryan Dungee.

Basketball

Free throws prove costly for Golden Eagles as they fall to 2A No. 3 Lapel

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE – Tuesday night's girls basketball game at Guerin Catholic was the Golden Eagles' toughest yet. Facing one of the top scorers in not only the state, but the country in senior Laniah Wills, the Golden Eagles showed toughness and grit.

Unfortunately, that wouldn't be enough as Guerin Catholic fell to Class 2A No. 3 Lapel, 67-51.

Wills, a Butler University commit, grabbed a 2-0 lead for the visiting Bulldogs. Ella Horvath tied it 2-2 on an up-and-under from a Dana Dues pass. After that, Lapel went on a 14-3 run to end the first quarter to lead 16-5.

"They play well together," Guerin Catholic head coach Danielle Cardinal said. "They all play a great role and complement her. She's a great player. If they're not in the 2A state finals, I'll be shocked."

Lapel's lead stayed in the double-digit range throughout the second and the Bulldogs held onto a 36-23 lead at halftime.

The Golden Eagles started off well in the third on a 6-2 stint, thanks to three-pointers from Cecilia Titus and Lauren Keller that cut the deficit under 10 to 38-29, but that's the clos-

est that Guerin got the rest of the way.

Lapel used its experienced lineup going up against the youth of Guerin, but the Golden Eagles didn't back down.

"They've got good basketball players who play their role exactly how they're supposed to," said Cardinal. "He (Zach Newby) is a really good coach, too, so that helps."

Newby is 129-56 in his eighth season at Lapel. He has two sectional and two regional titles and guided the Bulldogs to a 2A runner-up finish three seasons ago in 2023, losing to Forest Park (38-37).

Wills and sophomore Serenity Conyers shared the scoring to keep Guerin at a distance. Lapel's lead stayed at around 14-16 points and wound up with a 67-51 win.

"We played hard. They didn't quit. And, we started to find what worked and they stuck with it," Cardinal added.

The biggest deciding factor in the outcome was at the free throw line. Guerin Catholic struggled, making just 8-of-22, which could've made a big difference. Lapel converted on 14-for-16 at the line. Make even half to three-fourths of those misses and it could have been a completely different result.

LAPHEL 67, GUERIN CATHOLIC 51				
	FG	FT	TP	PF
Guerin Catholic	4	0-8	9	1
Lauren Keller	4	2-2	6	1
Dana Dues	2	0-0	2	1
Ella Horvath	1	0-0	0	3
Lorigrace Rockwood	0	0-0	0	3
Cecilia Titus	2	1-2	6	1
Rachel Behrle	2	0-0	4	0
Emersyn French	2	1-2	5	1
Delanie Cardinal	3	0-0	7	4
Caroline Ford	2	4-6	9	3
Brinna Wolf	0	0-2	0	1
Lillian Behrle	1	0-0	3	1
Totals	19	8-22	51	17
Score by Quarters				
Lapel	16	20	4	17-67
Guerin Catholic	5	18	15	13-51
Guerin Catholic 3-pointers (5) Keller, Cardinal, L. Behrle, Titus, Ford.				

Laniah Wills showed why she is both an Indiana all-state and all-star candidate. She was able to score at will, but the Golden Eagle defense didn't make it easy.

"We're young and we're learning, which is super positive," Cardinal said. "If you can get kids to buy into their role and not worry about 'me' but worry about 'we,' it makes the biggest difference."

Unselfish play by this young group will get them far. Numerous factors like that will pay dividends for Cardinal's young squad.

"Those things that I just talked about will get us where we want to be in February, more so than getting a W today," Cardinal said.

Willis finished with a game-high 29. She's the

10th-ranked scorer nationally at 28.2 per game and is also 19th in rebounding with 13.1.

Serenity Conyers (16) and Sophie Goodwin (10) joined Wills in double figures.

Lapel (8-0) hosts Connersville Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p.m.

Caroline Ford and Lauren Keller both scored nine to pace the Golden Eagles. Delanie Cardinal (seven), Dues and Cecilia Titus (six each) and Emersyn French (five) spread out the Guerin scoring.

Guerin Catholic (3-2) dropped its second game in a row. There is no rest for Cardinal's team as tonight, the Golden Eagles play at 6 p.m. at Cardinal Ritter in a girls/boys doubleheader.

Royals pull away from Bulldogs

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern's girls won a top-10 Hoosier Crossroads Conference battle at Brownsburg on Tuesday, beating the Bulldogs 57-48.

The Class 4A No. 3 Royals led 15-14 after one quarter, with 4A No. 9 Brownsburg coming back to lead 28-27 at halftime. But Southeastern took control in the third period, outscoring

the Bulldogs 15-7 for a 42-35 third-quarter advantage.

Kennedy Holman led the Royals with 17 points and nine rebounds; she also blocked two shots. Kayla Stidham added 13 points and seven rebounds. Eevee Tolliver collected five rebounds.

Southeastern is 2-0 in conference play and 6-1 overall. The Royals host Noblesville next Wednesday.

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 57, BROWNSBURG 48				
	FG	FT	TP	PF
Southeastern	3-7	0-0	9	4
Piper Brinley	5-11	7-9	17	3
Kennedy Holman	2-4	0-0	5	2
Antonette Green	2-7	2-2	8	0
Abby Orme	5-9	2-2	13	4
Kayla Stidham	2-3	0-0	5	1
Haylee Mezera	0-3	0-0	0	3
Eevee Tolliver	0-1	0-0	0	0
Ava Kashani	19-45	11-13	57	17
Totals				
Score by Quarters				
Brownsburg	14	14	7	13-48
Southeastern	15	12	15	15-57
Southeastern 3-point shooting (8-21) Brinley 3-6, Orme 2-5, Green 1-3, Stidham 1-2, Mezera 1-1, Holman 0-2, Tolliver 0-2. Southeastern rebounds (25) Holman 9, Stidham 7, Tolliver 5, Brinley 2, Orme 2, Mezera 1.				

Tigers fall to Eagles

The REPORTER

Fishers dropped a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game to Zionsville 50-30 Tuesday at the Tiger Den.

The Eagles led 20-9 after one quarter and 38-

19 at halftime. Makayla Triplett led the Tigers with six points.

Fishers is 0-2 in the conference and 3-4 overall. The Tigers play Saturday afternoon at Fort Wayne Snider.

ZIONSVILLE 50, FISHERS 30				
	FG	FT	TP	PF
Fishers	2	0-0	4	0
Reagan Reiff	3	0-0	6	1
Makayla Triplett	0	0-0	0	1
Ella Burleson	0	1-4	1	3
Alanna Anthony	1	2-2	4	1
Natalie Thomas	1	0-0	3	0
Caroline Kirkendall	1	0-0	3	0
Lillian Burns	1	0-0	3	0
Delaney Wilson	1	0-0	2	1
Nicole Ellison	1	0-0	3	1
Audrey Love	0	0-0	0	0
Brooklynn Hudnut	0	1-2	1	1
Akya Koenig	1	0-0	3	0
Totals	11	4-8	30	9
Score by Quarters				
Zionsville	20	18	12	0-50
Fishers	9	10	0	11-30
Fishers 3-pointers (4) Wilson, Kirkendall, Burns, Koenig.				

Rocks begin with win at Scecina

The REPORTER

Westfield's boys basketball team began the season with a 63-52 victory Tuesday at Scecina.

The Shamrocks led 12-10 after one quarter and 30-19 at halftime. Drew Haffner scored 10 points for Westfield, including three 3-pointers. Wyatt Freehauf contributed eight points.

The Rocks poured in 20 points in the period to take further control of the

game, with Haffner scoring another seven points. He finished the game with 20 points, scoring at least three points in every quarter and making five triples.

Freehauf had 13 points, also scoring in each quarter, while Luke Vandegriff totaled 10 points.

Westfield plays its home opener next Tuesday, hosting Pendleton Heights at CSI Gymnasium.

WESTFIELD 63, SCECINA 52				
	FG	FT	TP	PF
Westfield	7	1-2	20	2
Drew Haffner	3	3-6	10	0
Brock Detamore	1	1-2	4	2
Logan Sumpter	5	1-2	13	2
Wyatt Freehauf	4	2-2	10	2
Luke Vandegriff	2	0-0	4	1
Ian Muntel	0	2-2	2	3
Ryan Hunsucker	0	0-0	0	1
Graham Wilson	22	10-16	63	13
Totals				
Score by Quarters				
Westfield	12	18	20	13-63
Scecina	10	9	14	19-52
Westfield 3-pointers (9) Haffner 5, Freehauf 2, Detamore, Sumpter.				

Blazers drop defensive slugfest to Brebeuf

The REPORTER

The University girls dropped a defensive slugfest Tuesday night at The U Center, falling 34-29 to Brebeuf Jesuit.

Brebeuf scored the last five points of the game and made three of four foul shots in the last 31 seconds to put the game away. The teams combined for just four field goals in the second and third quarter.

The Trailblazers held a 9-8 first quarter lead when Leah Norvell scored off a Mack Feeney assist, but then went scoreless for the next seven minutes. University scored just three foul shots in the second quarter, including two by Gabby

Culp after time expired and trailed 17-13 at halftime. Brebeuf led 21-19 after three quarters as the teams went scoreless for the last 3:25 after two Sydney Culp charity tosses.

The Blazers trailed 26-21 two minutes into the fourth quarter before running off six straight points to take a 27-26 lead. Sydney Culp scored before Norvell drove the lane for two. Two Norvell free throws gave University the lead with 4:41 left. After a Brebeuf three-pointer put the Braves in front, Sydney Culp scored off an assist from Norvell to knot the score at 29 with 2:25 left. Brebeuf went ahead for good on a re-

BREBEUF JESUIT 34, UNIVERSITY 29				
	FG	FT	TP	PF
University	2	2-2	8	1
Sydney Culp	0	0-0	0	2
Nyla Blanding	4	2-4	10	1
Leah Norvell	1	0-0	2	4
Mack Feeney	3	3-6	9	4
Gabby Culp	0	0-0	0	0
Julie Montiel	0	0-0	0	0
Brooke Henderson	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	10	7-12	29	12
Score by Quarters				
Brebeuf Jesuit	12	5	4	13-34
University	9	4	6	10-29
University 3-pointers (2) S. Culp 2.				

bound basket with 1:06 left before closing out the game at the line.

Norvell had a game-high 10 points. Gabby Culp had nine and Sydney Culp eight. Feeney rounded out

the scoring with two points.

University is 3-5 on the season and host defending Sectional 42 champion Monrovia Tuesday at The U Center. Tip time is 6:30 p.m. for the varsity-only contest.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Nov. 26	
BOYS BASKETBALL	
Guerin Catholic at Cardinal Ritter, 7:30 p.m.	
Noblesville at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.	
Park Tudor at University, 7:30 p.m.	
GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Guerin Catholic at Cardinal Ritter, 6 p.m.	
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Noblesville High School college commitments

Ella Coppock commits to DePauw University

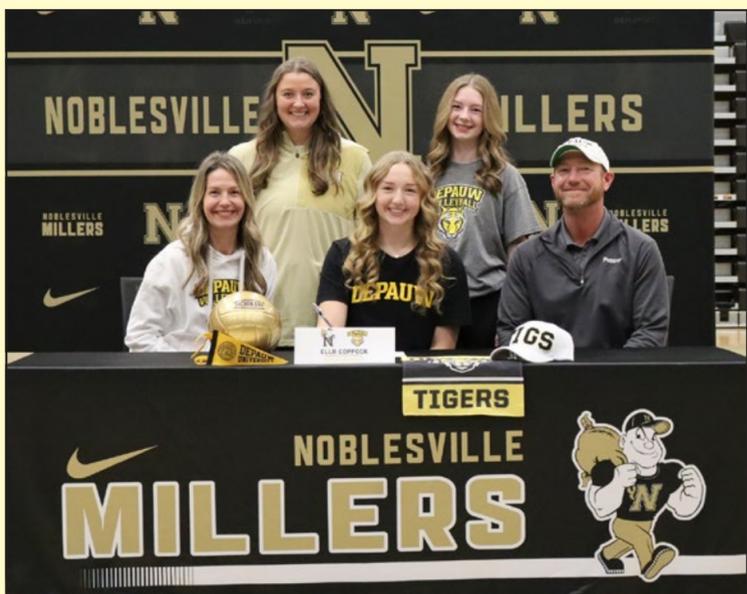


Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics
Ella Coppock has committed to play volleyball at DePauw University. (Front row from left) Courtney Coppock (mother), Ella Coppock, and Daniel Coppock (father). (Back row, from left) Annie Poulson (Noblesville Girls Volleyball Head Coach) and Audrey Coppock (sister).

Eryn McMahon commits to Ball State University



Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics
Eryn McMahon has committed to the Ball State University women's diving team. (Front row, from left) Angie McMahon (mother), Eryn McMahon, and Tim McMahon (father). (Back row) Andra Pavich (Noblesville Diving Head Coach).

Haley Schatko commits to Indiana University



Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics
Haley Schatko has committed to the Indiana University softball team. (Front row, from left) Rachael Schatko (mother), Haley Schatko, and John Schatko (father). (Back row, from left) Jen Thompson (Noblesville Softball Assistant Coach), Gary King (grandfather), Joni King (grandmother), Don Craft (grandfather), Bella Schatko (sister), John Schatko (grandfather), and Deke Bullard (Noblesville Softball Head Coach).

John Libs commits to Butler University



Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics
John Libs has committed to the Butler University men's cross country and track & field teams. (Front row, from left) Rob Libs (father), John Libs, and Molly Libs (mother). (Back row, from left) Jake Freske (Noblesville Boys Track & Field Head Coach), and Lura Libs (sister), and Bill Kenley (Noblesville Boys Cross Country Head Coach).

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