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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly sunny.
Tonight: Partly cloudy evening.
Mostly cloudy late.



HIGH: 27 LOW: 22

Sounds like Christmas at the Westfield Lions Club



The Westfield High School Signature Sound Choir regaled the Westfield Lions and their numerous guests at the Lions Christmas Dinner and Awards Night on Thursday, Dec. 4 at the Westfield Lions Clubhouse, 1001 E. 169th St. These 10 young singers performed a selection of holiday classics that rivaled most professional a cappella groups. More photos from the night are on Page 3 in today's edition and online at ReadTheReporter.com.

Little hands, big impact

Girl Scouts packed 10,376 meals for neighbors across the world

In a world where headlines often focus on division and uncertainty, it is moments of pure service that remind us what humanity is capable of – especially when the hands doing the work are small, determined, and fueled by purpose. This November, our Girl Scouts stepped into the newly expanded International Disaster Emergency Service facility here in Noblesville and proved that compassion has no borders.

What started as a simple idea – to help families experiencing food insecurity in places far beyond our own city – quickly grew into something bigger than any of us imagined. In the first week of November, our troop visited the center for the very first time. The energy was soft but hopeful. The girls didn't fully know what to expect, yet their curiosity and willingness to serve carried them through every step.

Together, we packed 4,320 meal bags that day – 4,320 small but meaningful reminders that someone, somewhere, cares.

Just two weeks later, in the third week of November, we returned. This time, something had shifted. Word had spread. More Girl Scouts showed up – older ones ready to guide, younger ones ready to learn, and all of them driven by the same shared mission: to help our neighbors in need. And as we say, the more the hands, the more the hope. With their collective effort, the girls packed 6,048 meal bags in a single session.



COLUMNIST

POOJA THAKKAR
Taste of Community

Sheridan cheerleader performs in Philadelphia Thanksgiving Parade

Submitted
Sheridan High School junior Jada Trietsch has earned a remarkable honor this season. She was selected for the Varsity Cheer All-American Team, a distinction reserved for standout athletes who demonstrate exceptional skill, leadership, and spirit. As part of the All-American experience, Trietsch traveled to Philadelphia, Pa., where she joined cheerleaders from across the nation to perform in the legendary Philadelphia Thanksgiving Parade, one of the oldest parades in the country. The week was packed with rehearsals, sightseeing, and unforgettable memories. One of the highlights of the trip came when Trietsch and her fellow All-Americans were selected to be in the background

on *Good Morning America*, giving the athletes a moment in the national spotlight. Reflecting on her time away from home, Trietsch said, "Having the opportunity to perform in the Philadelphia Thanksgiving parade was an experience I'll never forget. I'm so grateful for the chance to meet girls from around the country and work with an amazing team of staff. I made some new friends, saw new sites, and made memories for a lifetime!" This opportunity strengthened her passion for cheer and deepened her appreciation for her teammates and coaches. For Sheridan High School, Trietsch's achievement is a point of pride, showcasing the dedication and excellence of its cheer program.



Photo courtesy Varsity Spirit, LLC
"Having the opportunity to perform in the Philadelphia Thanksgiving parade was an experience I'll never forget," Trietsch said.

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From intern to industry leader

Gaylor Electric CEO Chuck Goodrich named IBJ's CEO of the Year

Submitted
Gaylor Electric has announced that CEO Chuck Goodrich has been named Indianapolis Business Journal's CEO of the Year for companies with \$500 million to \$1 billion in revenue. As one of only six executives honored across all revenue categories, this award recognizes Goodrich's outstanding leadership, visionary approach, and unwavering commitment to creating opportunities within the skilled trades. Goodrich's journey with Gaylor Electric began in 1991 as a college intern, where he learned the electrical trade through hands-on experience. After graduating from Purdue University with a degree in Construction Management, he returned to Gaylor Electric and steadily rose through leadership roles, becoming President in 2014 and CEO in 2018. Today, under his guidance, Gaylor Electric stands as the largest merit-shop electrical contractor in the Midwest, employing more than 3,500 team members and generating \$750 million in annual revenue. "Chuck's leadership reflects how we built Gaylor Electric from the ground up – integrity, innovation, and care for people," former Gaylor Electric Owner and CEO John C. Gaylor said. "When I sold the company to Chuck, I knew he would not only preserve our legacy but elevate it to new heights. His vision and commitment have exceeded every expectation."



Goodrich



Westfield student earns prestigious Congressional Award Gold Medal

Submitted
Westfield High School senior Will Chambley has earned the Congressional Award Gold Medal, the highest honor bestowed by the United States Congress for youth achievement. The Award recognizes initiative, service, and personal development in young Americans ages 14 to 24. Fewer than 500 students nationwide earn the Gold Medal each year. To achieve this honor, Chambley completed 400 hours of voluntary public service, over 200 hours of personal development, over 200 hours of physical fitness, and fulfilled expedition and exploration requirements by planning and executing a family trip to Puerto Rico. Chambley's service demonstrates a deep commitment to his community. His volunteer work includes:

- Westfield Welcome events such as the Westfield International Festival, Shamrock Drop, and Touch-a-Truck
- Indy Great Pyrenees Rescue, caring for rescue dogs through walking, brushing, and feeding
- Westfield Aquatics, serving as a volunteer coach for



Chambley

younger swimmers

- Westfield Washington Public Library and Hamilton North Public Library, including summer reading support and teaching a Scratch coding class
- Westfield High School service activities
- Indiana Swimming, working as a meet timer and deck control

In addition to his volunteer achievements, Chambley is a dedicated student-athlete, recognized for his strong analytical skills, maturity, and ability to balance academics, athlet-

ics, and service. He is a member of multiple honor societies and was recently named an Indiana CPA Society Scholar. He plans to major in Accounting in college, where he intends to continue both his academic and athletic pursuits. Chambley's accomplishment exemplifies the Congressional Award's mission: empowering young people to set challenging goals, develop character, and contribute meaningfully to their communities. His family, teachers, coaches, and the Westfield community congratulate him on this extraordinary achievement.

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Don't miss Fishers Tree Lighting tonight

The REPORTER

Night Lights, presented by GBC Bank, returns to the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater for Fishers' annual tree lighting and holiday kickoff celebration.

The celebration is set for 5 to 7 p.m., with the tree lighting at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome and no registration is required.

Come hear live music,

warm up by the fire pits, see igloos, live ice carving, reindeer and animals, eat from the food trucks, take photo opportunities, see the light displays through downtown, and more.

Don't miss the annual tree-lighting ceremony with Santa and Mayor Scott Fadness arriving on a fire truck to the NPD AMP stage.

LEADER

Under Goodrich's leadership, Gaylor Electric achieved a historic milestone: being named Associated Builders and Contractors' National Contractor of the Year. It was also the first time any company has earned this distinction more than once. This achievement highlights the company's reputation for excellence, innovation, and integrity in the electrical contracting industry.

His impact also extends beyond business success. He served six years in the Indiana House of Representatives, championing workforce development and education initiatives to expand opportunities for Hoosiers in construction and technical fields. His bipartisan legislative efforts and advocacy for lifelong learning have shaped a smarter, better-informed workforce across Indiana.

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About Gaylor Electric
Gaylor Electric delivers on their Cornerstone of Reliable Resources, Outcomes, Insights and Genuine Care for People; dedicated to Innovation, Quality and being Measurement-Centric accountable. The organization is comprised of multiple national production and innovation-driven locations that provide innovative industry expertise, and client-focused solutions.

As the Highest Performing National Contractor of Excellence, Gaylor Electric offers design-build electrical construction, 24/7 on-demand electrical support, and utility service. Their teams provide an unparalleled commitment to cultivating strong business relationships, resulting in continued client loyalty nationwide.

Visit Gaylor.com for more information.

IMPACT

In total, over these two visits, our scouts packed 10,376 meals – 10,376 bags of nourishment, 10,376 bags of relief, 10,376 bags of hope. These meals will travel across borders to support families in Jamaica, Haiti, and wherever the need is greatest. It is humbling to realize that while we may never see the faces of the people who receive these bags, our actions will touch their lives in a very real way.

This experience taught our girls something essential: a neighbor isn't always someone who lives next door. Sometimes, a neighbor is a child in another country whose struggles we cannot fully imagine. A mother waiting for help that is slow to arrive. A family trying to rebuild after disaster. And though we may not see their world firsthand, we can still stand beside them – one meal bag at a time.

The brand-new, expanded facility of the International Disaster Emergency Service made this possible. With their strong logistics, warm guidance, and mission-driven operations, our Girl Scouts had a safe, structured, and meaningful environment to serve. Not only did they pack meals – they learned what service looks like in action. They experienced teamwork beyond their troop. They understood that kindness, when multiplied, becomes impact.



Photo provided

Most importantly, they discovered the power of their own hands. Hands that may be small, but hands that create big change.

In a time when the world can feel heavy, it is heartening to watch our youth lighten the load – quietly, humbly, and with joy. These moments remind us that leadership isn't taught; it's lived. And this November, our girls lived it fully.

Here's to raising young leaders who believe in a world where no neighbor – near or far – feels forgotten. A world where service comes naturally. A world where compassion is active, not passive.



And as we look back on 10,376 meals packed, we know this is just the beginning. We are already scheduled for 2026 each quarter to bring more Girl Scouts and their families to chance to serve in our backyard to help across the border.
Pooja Thakkar is working to build connections through cuisine. You can read her column each week in the pages of The Reporter.



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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:

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- Crackers
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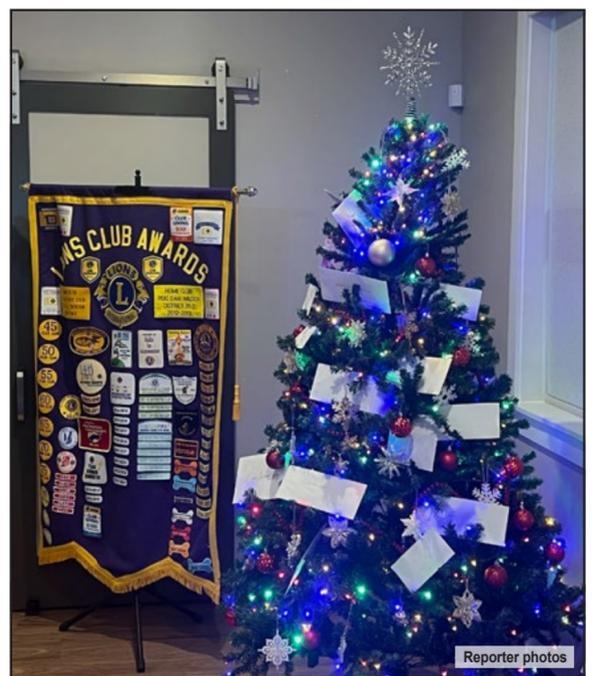
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Lions really 'Rock' that Christmas spirit

The REPORTER

At their annual Christmas Dinner and Program Night held Thursday night, Dec. 4 at the Westfield Lions Clubhouse, 1001 E. 169th St., several well-

serving Lions received awards. Prior to the awards portion of the meeting, the Lions were served dinner by the Westfield High School Foodies and entertained by the WHS Signa-

ture Sound Choir.

The Foodies credited the Westfield Lions for their growing success. The first event they catered was a Christmas dinner for the Lions, and they have been

back ever since. In the intervening years, they've catered numerous events, gained enough recognitions to get their own professional kitchen and compete at a national level, all

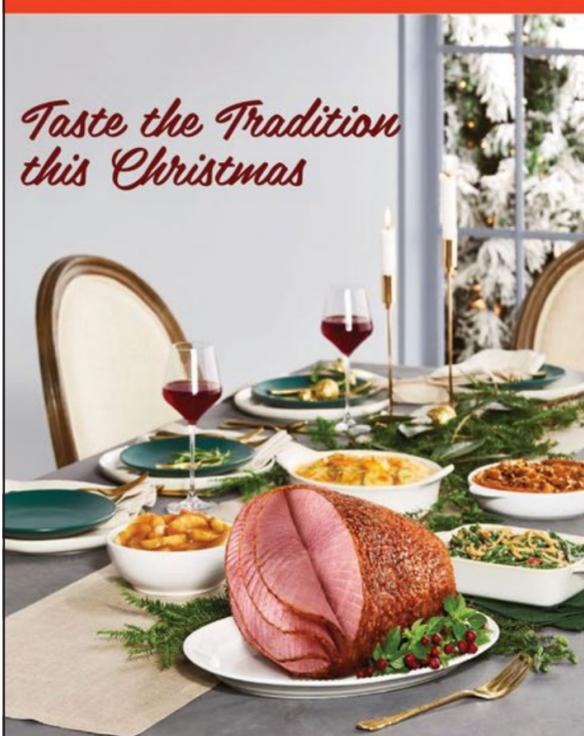
thanks in large part to the work Westfield Lions have done to spread the word about their exceptional culinary skills.

The Westfield Lions are proud to serve their commu-

nity and are actively looking for people interested in joining them in making a difference in Westfield. For information on the Club and how to become a Lion, go to WestfieldLions.org.

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Carmel VFW supports veterans' graves

Submitted

Veterans and members of Carmel VFW Post 10003 recently donated funds to the Daughters of the American Revolution Jonathon Jennings Chapter in Carmel to maintain graves of veterans and their families.

The \$1,000 will cover the costs of specialty supplies to clean headstones

for up to a year.

"Our primary mission is to help veterans and their families," said Rock Efron, Post Chaplain, a 35-year comrade of the Carmel VFW and a two-term Special Forces veteran of the Vietnam War. "When we saw the before and after photos of the headstones that the ladies of the DAR had done using supplies

that they purchased, it was phenomenal. We wanted to contribute."

Kayla Wyatt, a VFW life-time member and Auxiliary President agreed.

"The funds to support programs like this comes from multiple sources such as events, raffles and donations," Wyatt said. "I have grandfathers who served in World War II and the Korean War. It is important to remember and preserve the history of those who served."

Gerrie Bonarrigo-Burton, a member of the local DAR and Auxiliary Chaplain at the Post said the funding will enable them to preserve more veterans' headstones.

"Cleaning headstones is part of the DAR's Historic Preservation Committee, and this is something that is nobody's job, but we do it out of respect for those



Photos courtesy of Gerrie Bonarrigo-Burton

Before and after photos of a veteran's gravesite in Carmel's Farley Cemetery.

who have served," Bonarrigo-Burton. "We covered the Farley Cemetery this season and have now started working in the Old Carmel Cemetery. We already found more than 30 veterans' headstones in Old

Carmel and there are more. We are grateful to the Carmel VFW for the funds to expand our work."

Wyatt said the Carmel VFW Post strives to make the more than 700 comrades and members feel like

the Post is second home.

"We are here 365 days a year and holidays are some of our busiest days," Wyatt said. "A lot of people come alone, or they bring their family members. All are welcome."

From the desk of Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood

Update No. 162

Hamilton Heights is proud to announce the launch of our Distinguished Alumni Program – a new initiative celebrating graduates who have made lasting contributions in their professions and communities. We

are thrilled to share that our very first honoree has been selected! Their story reflects the pride, excellence, and legacy of Hamilton Heights.

Stay tuned ... the official reveal is coming soon, and we can't wait to honor this remarkable alum together.

In times of uncertainty, coming together as a community isn't just comforting – it's essential. Indiana 211 is a free, confidential service that connects Hoosiers to vital resources. Available 24/7/365, it serves as a lifeline for individuals and families seeking help with food, housing, health care, mental health support, transportation, and more. By simply dialing 2-1-1 or texting 898-211, residents can access a wide range of essential services tailored to their needs whether they are facing a short-term challenge or navigating an ongoing need.

This is a reminder that help is always within reach, and that Hamilton Heights is part of a broader network working to uplift and empower friends and neighbors in our community and beyond.

I want to extend a sincere thank you for the collaborative efforts and shared commitment to ensuring no one in our community goes without. Many in-house initiatives support Heights families and students in need, especially during the holiday season.

Our student-led Food Pantry, located inside Door A of the high school, is open on the third Monday of each month from 4 to 6 p.m. It offers non-perishable and frozen foods, cleaning supplies, and personal hygiene items.

Your support helps sustain this vital resource. Whether through a monetary gift or donating needed items, we are grateful for the students, staff, and community members who work together to keep the shelves stocked. Every contribution strengthens our culture of care. For more information or to donate contact Lillian Morris at lillianmorris@



DR. DEREK ARROWOOD
Heights Superintendent

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Another valued program at this time of year is the Giving Tree. A Heights tradition for decades, this program helps ensure there will be gifts to open on Christmas morning in homes where children might otherwise go without. Generously supported by staff and community members, the Giving Tree at the high school still has a few tags waiting to be claimed.

If you are interested and able to help make the season magical for a family in need, we invite you to select a tag from the tree. Gifts are due by Dec. 10. Stop by the front office for assistance with a tag. Thank you for your compassion, generosity, and willingness to brighten the holidays for others.

On Saturday, Dec. 13, Hamilton Heights Band Boosters will host its annual Alumni Night and Holiday Party. Join us for an evening of spirited basketball and festive half-time performance by our award-winning band as the Huskies welcome the Benton Central Bison. The first game tips off at 6 p.m., and the Band Boosters will keep the celebration going with music, holiday cheer, and a party following the game.

We look forward to welcoming back alumni, families, and friends for this special tradition.

The holiday season is a reminder of the strength we find in one another. Whether it's celebrating student achievements, supporting each other through challenges, or building traditions that unite us, our district continues to shine because of the people who call it home.

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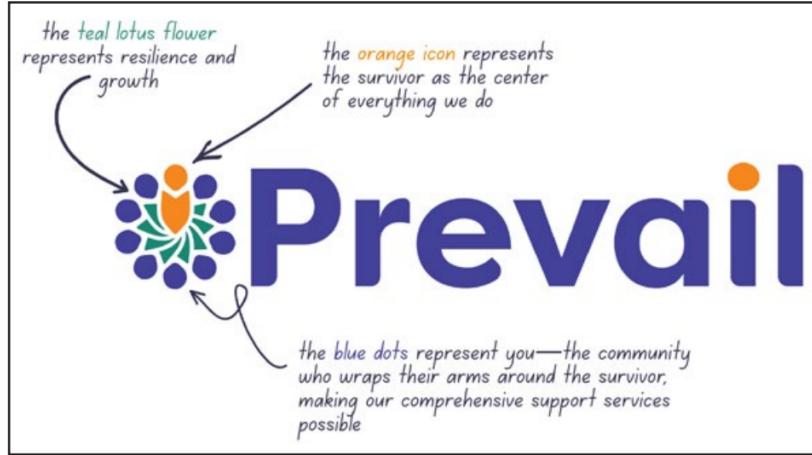
By **TAMI WANNINGER**
Executive Director, Prevail Inc.

We're excited to share some big news: we've refreshed our brand with a new logo!

This update reflects who we are today and symbolizes our unwavering commitment to survivors, who remain at the center of everything we do. We also couldn't do this work without the support of our incredible community. Whether you're a first responder, a dedicated donor, or a long-time advocate, you play a vital role in helping Prevail equip survivors with the resources they need to begin, and continue, their healing journey.

Why the change?

For nearly 40 years, our organization has grown, learned, and adapted to



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better serve survivors, and now, our brand reflects that journey.

Our new logo more clearly reflects the work we do each day and the support that makes it possible, while intentionally incorporating colors from the key aware-

ness months we honor each year. Take a deeper look:

While our look has evolved, our mission remains the same: to empower victims of crime and abuse on their path to healing while engaging the community to support safe,

healthy relationships.

We hope you're as excited as we are about this new chapter. Thank you for being part of our journey. We can't wait to continue growing with you!

Learn more at prevail-inc.org.

'Special delivery': Fishers police officers drop off packages after delivery driver's arrest

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

A group of Fishers police officers briefly added "package delivery" to their daily tasks Wednesday after a delivery driver's arrest left dozens of packages stuck in transit.

The Fishers Police Department [shared the story on social media](#), saying the officers' side quest came to them Wednesday afternoon after they arrested a man who "fled from a traffic stop, crashed, and ran on foot, all while working as a delivery driver."

While the driver left in handcuffs, the officers were

left with the driver's undelivered goods.

So, the officers took to delivering the packages themselves, braving the ice and snow to drop off nearly 50 packages, dividing them up evenly to get them to different parts of town.

"This is just another example of their dedication to serving our community in every way they can," the department wrote on Facebook.

Police say the delivery driver was charged with driving while suspended, resisting law enforcement, leaving the scene of an accident, and dealing in marijuana.

This story was original-



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A Fishers police officer takes a side quest to deliver packages after arresting a delivery driver who fled from a traffic stop.

by published by WISH-TV beat/fishers-police-package-delivery at wishtv.com/lifestyle/off-age-delivery.

Letter to the Editor

You don't need to face the holidays alone

Dear Editor:

The holiday season is a busy time of year for most people. It's a time of reconnecting and reminiscing. People are traveling back home or to the new homes of those close to them, sometimes seeing people they haven't seen in a long time. It's a great time to catch up with others, and an even better time to check in on them.

While the holidays are typically filled with excitement, they can stir up negative feelings for people as well. Depression and stress are just a couple that people experience. They are also risk factors for suicide. Mental illness is the biggest risk factor for youth suicides (ages 10 to 24). Up to 90 percent of suicides are associated with addictive or mental disorders. Depression specifically affects 60 percent of those who die by suicide.

External stressors are also a risk factor for suicide. While there are many kinds of external stressors, financial instability is a prevalent one during the holidays. Buying gifts, holiday meals, traveling to see family or friends, are all common occurrences this season that can contribute to financial stress.

Be intentional about checking in on others this holiday season. You never know just how much of an impact listening to someone talk about their experiences and emotions can have. Mental illness and external stressors are just a few of the risk factors for suicide. For more information on these suicide risk factors and others, you can visit jasonfoundation.com.

The Jason Foundation is a nonprofit dedicated to the prevention of youth and young adult suicide through education. Their website offers free training and materials on youth suicide, as well as assistance in locating the nearest Jason Foundation Affiliate Office.

If you or someone you care about are experiencing suicidal thoughts this season, the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is a resource available to you 24/7. You can call or text 988 and get the assistance you need. As you're checking off names on your guest and gift lists this year, check in with them, too.

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Division Director

The Jason Foundation

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White River Chamber Orchestra invites you to Christmas concert



The eighth annual Christmas Extravaganza will be performed by the White River Chamber Orchestra, a professional orchestra in Fishers, at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 at Legacy Bible Church, 13490 Howe Road, Fishers. You will hear many Christmas favorites in the program, including "Happy Holidays," "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," "Silent Night," and "O Holy Night." Various soloists will be featured. Tickets for this extraordinary concert are \$30 for adults and free admission for children under 18 years. Group discounts are also available: 10 percent off for 10 to 14 tickets; 15 percent off for 15 to 19 tickets; and 25 percent off for 20 or more tickets. Tickets can be purchased online at FishersMusicWorks.Simpletix.com. Get your tickets now!

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OneZone announces 2026 Leadership Class

Submitted

OneZone Chamber has announced the 2026 OneZone Leadership Institute Class of 2026, a cohort of outstanding professionals representing a wide range of industries, businesses, and community organizations across Hamilton County.

This year's class reflects the Chamber's continued commitment to developing strong, connected leaders who will shape the future of our region.

The OneZone Leadership Class is designed to deepen participants' understanding of community assets, regional challenges, leadership styles, and opportunities to engage in meaningful ways. Over the coming months, class members will participate in sessions focused on government, economic development, community vitality, personal leadership growth, and collaboration.

The 2026 OneZone Leadership Class includes:

- David Glenn, Coaster-Stone
- Tyler May, GBC Bank
- Nicole Duncan, Jackson Township
- Robyn Cook, Jackson Township
- Ann Baloski, Behavior

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- Jennifer Miller, Town of Sheridan
- Ryan Everett, BAR Communications
- Brock Easton, Castor Easton LLP
- Kendra Latta, Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts
- Jessica Morrison, F.C. Tucker Company / Independent Fine Art Artist
- Mike York, SMARI
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- Janice Vadas, IU Health

• Karynn Adamowicz, Right at Home

- Lauren Dickson, Whiting-er & Company, LLC
- Crystal Jones, Indiana University Kokomo
- Olawale Ojo, Magnolia Springs Southpointe – Senior Living
- Sarabjit Sikand, Legacy Homes International
- Michael Connors, Northwest Bank
- Carlonda Davis, Community First Bank of Indiana
- Jay Schemanske, HIRONS

"OneZone Leadership Institute continues to be a cornerstone of our mission to build stronger businesses and stronger communities," OneZone Chamber President and CEO Jack Russell said. "This 2026 class brings together a remarkable group of leaders who are passionate about making a lasting impact. We look forward to supporting their growth and helping them connect in meaningful ways across our county."

The 2026 program will begin in January and conclude with a graduation celebration in the fall.

For more information about the OneZone Leadership Institute and future class opportunities, visit onezonechamber.com.

Pence Media Group promotes Sundahl & Bostrom to support continued growth & client success

Submitted

Pence Media Group (PMG) announces the promotions of Melissa Sundahl to Vice President of Operations and Jennifer Bostrom to Director of Client Success, two leaders whose steadfast commitment to PMG and exceptional service to clients have directly fueled the consultancy's continued growth.

Over the past several years, PMG's expansion has been driven by one core truth: "when our clients win, we win." The agency's reputation for award-winning work, strategic execution, and trusted partnerships continues to attract organizations seeking a true thought partner. Sundahl and Bostrom have been instrumental in delivering that standard of excellence.

"PMG grows because our clients grow – and leaders like Melissa and Jeni make that possible," PMG Owner Nicole Pence Becker said. "Their dedication, accountability, and commitment to doing the right work at a high level are why clients stay with PMG and why new partners continue to seek us out. Promoting them is both earned and essential to supporting the momentum they helped create."

As Vice President of Operations, Sundahl will lead internal operations, oversee the implementation of business processes, and support client scoping and onboarding. She previously served as PMG's Director of Client Success and



Sundahl



Bostrom



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brings more than 20 years of marketing, communications, and client service experience. Her operational leadership has been a critical force behind maintaining PMG's high-performance culture as the consultancy continues to scale.

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Colts & Academy Sports + Outdoors partner to spread Christmas cheer

The REPORTER

To kick-off the holiday season, Academy Sports + Outdoors teamed up with NFL wide receiver Alec Pierce, who was joined by the Indianapolis Colts Receiving team, to spread Christmas cheer by surprising 20 children from the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana with an \$8,000 holiday shopping spree.

The shopping spree took place Tuesday evening, Dec.

2 at Academy Sports + Outdoors of Westfield-Carmel, 1960 E. Greyhound Pass.

Each child received a \$400 gift card to shop for items on their wish lists, including all new games, clothes, shoes, sports equipment, and more to help make their holiday season brighter. Academy Sports + Outdoors and the Indianapolis Colts are matching \$4,000 donations to make this event possible.

“It’s the season of giving, and we are thrilled to surprise 20 kids with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana with an \$8,000 holiday shopping spree!” Khatijah Smith, Academy Sports + Outdoors Store Director said. “Fun can’t lose when you team up to make holiday magic happen, so we partnered with Alec Pierce and The Indianapolis Colts to make the evening even more special for these

deserving kids. Seeing the looks on their faces when they realized what was happening was priceless. It’s just one way we’re spreading cheer and making the holiday season brighter for our local community.”

Colts Cheerleaders and Blue were also onsite to shop alongside Pierce and his teammates and the kids. Academy’s donation is one of several across its footprint this holiday season.

Albright announces run for Indiana Senate District 31

Submitted

Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) School Board President and Republican Juanita Albright has officially announced her run for Indiana Senate District 31.

Albright is running on a platform that focuses on lowering inflation and the high cost of living, championing fiscal responsibility, advocating for quality education, and promoting public safety.

The primary election will be held on May 5, 2026, and Albright is the only Republican candidate since current State Senator Kyle Walker announced he will not run again.

“My life has been defined by service over self, and that is why I became a doctor, ran for the HSE School Board, and it is why I am now running for the Indiana Senate,” Albright said. “I have received an outpouring of support and encouragement already from people all over the district.”

Dr. Albright grew up in Indiana, living in a rural community where educa-

tion beyond high school was atypical. Despite the cultural differences and obstacles, she set out to obtain the highest education possible and set her sights on becoming a doctor by the time she was in the seventh grade.

Dr. Albright has practiced medicine and lived in Fishers for over 20 years, along with her husband, Eric, a pediatric pathologist. They have three children, all of whom graduated from Fishers High School and currently attend Taylor and IWU.

When asked why she is choosing to run for the Indiana Senate, Dr. Albright said, “We need a fresh voice in the state senate promoting fiscal responsibility and public safety. With my experience on the school board and decades in healthcare, I am used to tackling tough problems and finding creative solutions, and I plan to do the same at the state-house.”

Learn more about the candidate at AlbrightForIndiana.com.



Albright

Ivy Tech Community College maintains AA+ bond rating from S&P Global

The REPORTER

S&P Global announced it has affirmed Ivy Tech Community College’s bond rating as “AA+ stable,” signaling confidence in the college.

“Ivy Tech’s bond rating is a testament to the College’s commitment to being responsible stewards of every dollar received,” Ivy Tech President Marty Pollio said. “Our strong financial position allows us to continue to best serve our students and communities by providing an affordable and accessible education.”

“Affirming Ivy Tech’s

‘AA+ stable’ rating underscores the College’s history of healthy financial performance,” said William Bogard, Interim Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer. “We are committed to continued fiscal planning in order to meet the needs of the College and the state.”

According to S&P, the rating reflects their “view of the college’s extremely strong enterprise risk profile and very strong financial

risk profile.” In addition, the financial risk profile reflects the S&P’s “view of ITCC’s consistently positive operations, good financial resources, and manageable debt.”

The report gives credit to the Indiana General Assembly’s financial support of the College through operating dollars and support of debt service, along with the fundraising successes by the College and the Ivy Tech Foundation.

“ITCC’s leadership team is sophisticated, experienced, and highly capable, providing a solid foundation of oversight guided by detailed strategic planning efforts,” the report states.

There are three primary bond rating agencies – Fitch, Moody’s, and S&P Global. Ivy Tech has historically worked with Fitch and S&P to evaluate its ability to meet its debt obligations as it relates to capital. These agencies monitor financial conditions in an ongoing way and conduct a thorough annual review.



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AG Rokita's Litigation Division saves taxpayers \$1M in jury trials

Submitted by Office AG Todd Rokita

The Office of the Attorney General's Litigation Division has achieved favorable outcomes for the State of Indiana in all 13 jury trials it has defended this year – saving taxpayers more than \$1 million in those trials. Overall, the division has achieved more than \$36 million in taxpayer savings through successful advocacy, motion practice and trials during 2025.

"This team's impressive achievements in court are a testament to the qual-

ity of our public servants in two different ways," AG Todd Rokita said. "First, the legal complaints brought against state employees are often retaliatory or meritless but no less damaging. Second, the talent of this office's litigators means they prevail in their pursuit of justice."

Rokita thanked Chief Counsel of Litigation Patricia Orloff Erdmann for her strong and effective



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leadership. For her part, Erdmann credited the individuals whose work she oversees.

"This year's achievements exemplify the unwavering dedication and passionate advocacy of the Office of Attorney General Todd Rokita's litigation team and partners," Erdmann said. "These are resolute defenders of the state and its citizens' vital legal interests, always prepared

to fend off legal challenges and fiercely safeguard the taxpayers."

Rokita also recognized the office's partners in this effort, Lewis & Wilkins and Eichhorn & Eichhorn, who, together with the office's litigation attorneys, produced these results.

In 11 of the 13 jury trials, the litigation team defended the Indiana Department of Correction. In the other two cases, they defended the Indiana Office of Technology and the Indiana Department of Transportation.



Photo provided

(From left) Maria Abdelmalek, Ryan Riddlesperger, Sen. Young, Charles Alderice, and Ashlyn Moritz.

Two local students serve as interns in Young's Indianapolis office

The REPORTER

U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) recognized students who participated in the fall session of his internship program in his Washington, D.C., Indianapolis, and New Albany offices. The students assisted with daily activities and special projects related to legislation, communications, and constituent services.

The Indianapolis internship class included Maria Abdelmalek, a Carmel native and junior at Butler University; Ryan Riddlesperger, a senior at Purdue University; Charles Alderice, a Fort

Wayne native and senior at Purdue University; and Ashlyn Moritz, a Westfield native and recent Bob Jones University graduate.

Sen. Young's office offers internship opportunities year-round, in both his Washington, D.C. and Indianapolis offices. The internship program offers students the opportunity to experience the legislative branch of government and serve Hoosiers.

Students interested in applying can visit Senator Young's [internship webpage](#) or call (202) 224-5623 to learn more.

More than \$320,000 in energy bill assistance available for Duke Energy Indiana customers

Submitted by Duke Energy

Duke Energy Indiana is dedicating \$320,000 in financial assistance to help its customers in need pay their energy bills this winter season. The **Share the Light Fund** is supported by Duke Energy shareholders and voluntary contributions from customers and employees.

How it works

Duke Energy works with the **Indiana Community Action Association** to distribute funds to qualifying customers to pay energy bills, deposits and reconnection/connection charges.

- Eligibility for the Share the Light Fund is based on income, family size and the availability of resources.

- Customers can receive up to a \$300 credit annually on their account.

- Individuals should contact their local commu-

nity action agency to see if they are eligible. [Click here](#) to find a listing of service providers by county.

"Each year, more than 2,600 Indiana households receive assistance with their energy bills through Duke Energy's Share the Light Fund, so as you would imagine, this support from the company is truly a gift," Indiana Community Action Association Director Ed Gerardot said. "Duke continues to 'walk the talk' for its customers in need and is a great community partner."

Duke Energy offers a number of other tools and resources to help customers take control of their energy use and save money, including:

- **Usage Alerts** that send customers a notification of



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how much electricity they are using and its cost so they can make adjustments before their billing period ends

• **Free Home Energy House Calls**, where energy professionals assess a home in person or virtually for efficiency and provide customers with a tool kit of energy-saving devices

- Interest-free installment **payment plans** for eligible customers needing flexibility
- To learn more about these programs, visit [duke-energy.com/SeasonalSavings](#).

By the numbers
Over the last five years, the Share the Light Fund

has provided more than \$4 million in bill assistance, which has helped support nearly 15,000 Indiana households.

"Duke Energy's Share the Light Fund is available to those who may be struggling to make ends meet," Duke Energy Indiana President Stan Pinegar said. "We work hand in hand with community partners to connect our customers with available assistance, offer programs and tools to help manage their energy use and provide financial support during times of economic hardship. Thank you to our customers and employees who, along with our shareholders, contribute to this important endeavor."



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Community News

Give blood at Sheridan Library

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

Phi Beta Psi invites families to have breakfast with Santa

Bring your little ones and come eat breakfast with Santa at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 at Red Bridge Community Park Building in Cicero.

Call (317) 796-8672 to reserve your spots at \$8 each. Besides breakfast, Phi Beta Psi Delta Chapter will have crafts, stories, and coloring available for the kids, as well as a sales table for the big people!

Visit Santa & Mrs. Claus at Sheridan Public Library

It's that merry time of year! Santa and Mrs. Claus will visit the Sheridan Public Library, 103 W. 1st St., from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6. Bring your list and enjoy some Christmas cheer! Santa will hand out craft bags with wooden toys and books (available while supplies last). Thank you to Carmel Kiwanis for donation of these toys. Enjoy the Holiday Workshop, along with hot chocolate, donuts, and games.

Carol Christine Hodson

June 1, 1965 – December 3, 2025

Carol Christine Hodson, 60, of Noblesville, passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, December 3, 2025 following an extended illness. She was born on June 1, 1965, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Carol was an optician for most of her working years. She later worked at Meijer where she became reacquainted with an old classmate, Phil McKee. They hit it off immediately and were inseparable for the next 20 years.

Carol's constant compassion for everyone she met was unwavering. No matter the circumstances, she always put others' needs before her own. She had a kind soul and never wanted anyone to be sad or hurt.

Carol enjoyed crocheting, reading and watching her favorite television shows. She loved watching her birds at her feeders every morning with her coffee. Most of all, she loved her sons and grandchildren.

Being with Carol was a constant reminder that there are still good people in the world. She will be forever loved and missed.

Carol is survived by her mother, Elke Hens Curtin; sons, Logan Hull and Shawn (Mystical) Hull; brothers, Steven "Horst" Lyons and James Delbert Lyons Jr.; six grandchildren; cousins, Patrick Rigsby and Lorry Middleton; niece, Caroline Lyons; nephew, Jim Lyons; and her partner of 20 years, Phil McKee.

Carol was preceded in death by her father, James Delbert Lyons Sr.; and stepfather, Kenneth Curtin.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Carol's family has entrusted her care to Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes.

Memorial contributions may be made to Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038 (hamiltonhumane.com).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Melinda "Mindy" Nicholson Leighton

January 25, 1971 – November 28, 2025

Melinda "Mindy" Nicholson Leighton, 54, Fishers, passed away peacefully on Friday, November 28, 2025, at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis, surrounded by the love that defined her life. She was born on January 25, 1971, to Charles and Patricia Nicholson in Greencastle, Ind.

Mindy's warmth and generosity touched everyone who knew her. She was a beloved wife and mother who imparted all her wisdom and love to her children. A proud graduate of DePauw University and member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, she carried her college friendships throughout her life. Her faith was the cornerstone of her days, particularly as she fought her battle against cancer. She cherished her fellow parishioners at St. Simon Catholic Church, where she poured her energy into the St. Simon Royal Extravaganza Committee and MOMS (Ministry of Mothers Sharing). One of her greatest joys was helping those around her on their life's journey.

Her compassion extended far beyond her church community. Mindy championed causes close to her heart, including the V Foundation, St. Vincent de Paul, K-Love Radio, Hamilton County Humane Society, Miracle Place, and Wheeler Mission. Whether she was curled up with a book (she was never without one), exploring history and her faith, or advocating for animals in need, Mindy lived with purpose and conviction.

Above all, Mindy treasured her family. She leaves behind her devoted husband, Erik Leighton; her beloved children, Rachel and Ryan Leighton, who were her greatest pride; her father, Charles Nicholson; her sisters, Debra (Brent) Bach and Laurie (Rick) Allison; and her brother, Gregory (Sherrie) Nicholson. She was preceded in death by her mother, Patricia Nicholson, with whom she is now reunited.

Visitation will be from noon to 4 p.m., Sunday, December 7, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers, and a Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, December 8, 2025, at Saint Simon the Apostle Catholic Church, 8155 Oaklawn Road, Indianapolis, with burial to follow at Oak Lawn Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to the V Foundation for Cancer Research at v.org, continuing Mindy's legacy of hope and healing.

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Charles "Charlie" McBride

January 16, 1943 – December 2, 2025

Charles "Charlie" William McBride, born January 16, 1943, passed peacefully on December 2, 2025, at the age of 82 in his hometown of Avon, Ind. He was born in High Point, N.C., son of the late Rev. Charles J and Louise Lassiter McBride.

Charlie was a 1961 graduate of John D. Bassett High School and attended LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas.

Survivors include his wife of 36 years, Carolyn Buckner McBride; daughters, Trisha (Todd) Ferguson, Molly (Joel) Frias, Delynn (Eric) Davis; sons, Kevin Harper and Ryan (Libby) Harper; 18 grandchildren, Haley, Colten, Holden, Isabelle, Juliet, Ashley, Corbin, Grant, Haven, Alex, Madison, Brylan, Andrew, Lauren, Carley, Nathan, Jaxon and Jasper; 10 great-grandchildren; sister, Pat Neal; and nephews, David (Jen) Neal and Mark Neal.

He was preceded in death, but reunited in Heaven, by his parents; brother-in-law, Roy Neal; along with his mother and father-in-law, Dr. Wilbur and Charlotte Buckner.

Charlie served in the United States Air Force as an airplane mechanic for four years and was stationed for two years in Japan.

He was employed by Pacific Southwest Airlines (PSA) in 1969, which became US Airways in 1988, and worked for the airline for 32 years total, retiring as a Station Manager.

After retiring from the airline, he worked as a Caddie Master at Pinehurst Resort and traveled to other famous golf courses to train caddies.

A lifetime golfer, Charlie began playing as a teenager in High Point, N.C., and played until this year. He played with friends and colleagues in the Golfers of Lindbergh Field (GOLF) club in San Diego in the late 1970s and 1980s, then at Cypress Lakes in Hope Mills, N.C., and for the last eight years at Prestwick Golf Course in Avon.

Charlie was a faithful Christian and a member of Faith Baptist Church (Danville) who loved God and his church family very much.

When not on the golf course, he was happiest spending time with family while sitting in his recliner with a dog on his lap.

Charlie will be missed for his humor and dad jokes along with the kind compliments he always gave to those around him.

Family and friends will gather at 10 a.m. Friday, December 5, 2025, in Faith Baptist Church, 3860 E. Main St., Danville, Ind., where the Funeral Service will begin at 11 a.m.

Burial with military honors will take place at 9 a.m. Monday, December 8, 2025, in Marion National Cemetery, Marion, Ind.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family in arrangements.

Condolences: bussellfamilyfunerals.com

Jeffrey Kim Higginbotham

December 15, 1955 – November 25, 2025

Jeffrey Kim Higginbotham, 69, was born on December 15, 1955, in Noblesville, to Charles and Shirley (Mosbaugh) Higginbotham. He left us on November 25, 2025, after a brief battle with lung cancer.

Jeff is survived by his wife, Sandy (Winger) Higginbotham of Cinebar, Wash.; his children, Hollie (Phillip) Curry of Zebulon, N.C., and Ryan Cain of Portland, Ore.; two grandchildren, Ian Curry of Zebulon, N.C., and Braden Cain of Portland, Ore.; his beloved dogs, Jack and Zoey; mother, Shirley Higginbotham of Tipton; siblings, Mike (Cindy) Higginbotham of Noblesville, Randy (Ginger) Higginbotham of Sheridan, Robin Mills, of Cicero, John (Kim) Higginbotham of Arcadia, and Paul (Susan) Higginbotham of Noblesville; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

Jeff was a 1974 graduate of Noblesville High School where he was active in FFA. Jeff also completed the Purdue University Short Course in 1982. After graduating, Jeff was engaged in farming where he worked for Harger Farms of Noblesville, Lynnwood Farm of Carmel, and Walnut Creek Farm of Greencastle, Ind. After moving to Glidden, Wis., Jeff was the Head Fire Kiln Operator at Glidden Black Bear Forest Products. After several years living in Wisconsin, Jeff and Sandy returned to Noblesville and Jeff worked for Hamilton County in the Maintenance Department at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department. Upon retiring from Hamilton County after a few years, Jeff and Sandy landed in Cinebar, Wash., to be near their son Ryan.

Jeff enjoyed farming, fishing, hunting, horses, reading, and history. Jeff was a member of Union United Methodist Church. Jeff will be missed.

There will be no funeral service. Should you wish to make a memorial contribution please do so to your favorite charity in his name.

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Legal Notice
Board of zoning appeals

The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on December 18th, at 7:00 PM in the Cicero Town Hall located at 70 N Byron Street, Cicero, Indiana 46034. In order to hear the following petitions:

Docket No. BZA-1225-59-R4

A Land Use Variance Request application has been submitted concerning Article 3.10 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance in order to: allow a plumbing business with additional rental space in the "R5" residential district. Whereas a plumbing business with additional rental space is not a Permitted Use or Special Exception Use in the "R5" residential district.

Project Address: 49 N Peru Street, Cicero, IN 46034
Legal Description: Acreage .00 Section 31, Township 20, Range 5
Parcel number: 05-03-31-03-02-022.000

The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission, 331 E. Jackson St, Cicero, IN 46034.

Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Information related to this petition may be requested by emailing the Planning Director, Frank Zawadzki at fzawadzki@townofcicero.in.gov. Letters regarding the petitioner may be submitted via email or in person at 331 E Jackson Street Cicero, IN 46034.

The Hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
Petitioners Name: Drew Hunter/Elite Plumbing Date: 12/2/2025
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Joanne Carolyn (Hunt) Tharp
October 16, 1928 – December 1, 2025



Joanne Carolyn (Hunt) Tharp passed away peacefully on Monday, December 1, 2025, just weeks after celebrating her 97th birthday. She was born on October 16, 1928, in Anderson, Ind., to Estie Eri Hunt, M.D. and Irene Thompson Hunt. She spent her formative years in Pendleton, Ind., where Falls Park held a special place of happy childhood memories. After the loss of her father when she was 12 and the prolonged illness of her mother, she was lovingly raised by family, friends, and eventually by her maternal uncle and aunt, Harold and Dora Thompson, who became her cherished surrogate parents. Their three children became the lifelong siblings she adored.

She graduated from Shaker Heights High School in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1946. Following high school, she attended Indiana University School of Nursing and graduated as class president in 1949. It was during her time in nursing school that she met the love of her life, Donald Warren Tharp, then a medical student. They were married in 1949 in Geneva, Ill., beginning a beautiful partnership that spanned 63 years until Donald's passing in 2013.

Together, Joanne and Donald raised four children, making homes and lifelong friendships in many cities, including Buxton at Cape Hatteras, N.C.; New Orleans, La.; and Muncie, Winchester, and Indianapolis, Ind. In every place they settled Joanne became an integral member of the community serving her church and enriching the lives of those around her.

She was a natural leader and compassionate organizer, leaving a legacy of service. She took pride in founding the first Girl Scout troop on Cape Hatteras. She was instrumental in establishing the Well Child Clinic at the YWCA in Muncie, which provided free immunizations to uninsured and underinsured families. In Winchester, she worked with the local YMCA and the Methodist Church to create the Y's OWLS, a beloved program dedicated to serving local senior citizens.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dr. Estie Eri and Irene Hunt; her husband, Donald Warren Tharp; and her loving daughter, Kathryn Jo Bloomquist, in 2004.

Joanne is survived by her daughter, Carol Jeanne Tharp-Perrin (husband Larry Gindhart, PhD); her son, David Hunt Tharp, M.D. (wife Beth); and her son, Andrew Warren Tharp, M.D. (wife Patricia Tharp, M.D.). She also leaves behind her brother, John E. Hunt; and his wife, Nancy; 17 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at St. Luke's Midtown Methodist Church, 6185 Guilford Ave., Indianapolis, on Saturday, December 13 with visitation from 10:30 a.m. to noon and a memorial service at noon. Burial will follow at Fountain Park Cemetery in Winchester, Ind.

In lieu of flowers, individuals are invited to donate to the Betsy and James U. Guthrie, M.D. Class of 1949 Nursing Scholarship at the Indiana University School of Nursing. Gifts may be sent to the IU Foundation at P.O. Box 6460, Indianapolis, IN 46206, or by phone at (800) 558-8311, with Betsy and James U. Guthrie, M.D. Class of 1949 Nursing Scholarship in the memo line.

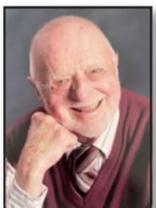
Gifts may also be sent to The Dr. Donald and Mrs. Joanne Tharp Endowed Scholarship at Franklin College in memory of Joanne Tharp. Giving Link: franklincollege.edu/giving/give-now, or mail to Franklin College, 101 Branigan Blvd., Franklin, IN 46131.

Gifts to St. Luke's Methodist Church may be made at the service or online at stlukesumc.com/memorialgift. Condolences: randallroberts.com

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David Earl Cave

March 12, 1932 – November 30, 2025



Reverend David Earl Cave, 93, known to many as Dave, passed away on November 30, 2025. He was born on March 12, 1932, in Freeport, Ill., to the late Dewey and Florence (Long) Cave. Dave married the love of his life, the late Beverly Cave (Gunterman), in 1952. They enjoyed over 70 years of marriage. Their love and commitment to each other were deeply inspiring to all who knew them.

Dave and Beverly were blessed with four children – Bill (Betty Lou) Cave of Marshalltown, Iowa, John (Joanne) Cave of Ireton, Iowa, Jim (Sue) Cave of Spencerville, Ohio, and Susan (Michael) Hirl of Cicero, Ind. Dave was also a loving grandfather to 22 grandchildren and 39 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Kathryn Walker; a brother, Roger Cave; and a daughter, Kathryn Mary Cave.

Dave is also survived by his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Norma Kay and Marvin Everly of Grass Lake, Mich.; his sister-in-law, Barbara Gunterman of Ft. McCoy, Fla.; cousins; and four nephews, Bruce Walker, Ken Walker, Mike Walker, and Martin Walker.

Dave grew up helping his parents on a farm in Liberty, Ill., and also assisted them in caring for residents at a nursing home facility in Girard, Ill. After high school, he left Illinois to volunteer at the Brethren Volunteer Service in New Windsor, Md., where he met Beverly, and soon after, they were married. Dave then attended Manchester College in Manchester, Ind., and obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree. Sensing a call to full-time ministry, Dave attended Bethany Biblical Seminary in Chicago, Ill., and obtained a Bachelor of Divinity. He was ordained as a minister in 1954 and served faithfully as a pastor for 60 years, beginning with the Church of the Brethren and later serving with the United Church of Christ. Dave served as senior pastor for congregations in Minnesota and Iowa.

After retiring from full-time ministry, Dave served as an interim pastor for many years, ministering to congregations during their transition to a new pastor. He was a compassionate, creative, and inspiring person to all those fortunate to cross his path. His influence throughout his ministry was profound and far-reaching, touching many people's lives and making countless long-lasting friendships during his career as a pastor and also in his retirement. His life was a testament to his steadfast faith, his love for his wife Beverly, and family, and his love of serving others. His legacy of love, faith, and generosity will continue to inspire all who knew him.

Dave showed his love to his family by supporting their interests during their youth, their many adventurous activities, and he especially enjoyed family camping vacations filled with canoeing and fishing. He led many church youth group canoe trips to the Boundary Waters of Northern Minnesota. He also enjoyed Clowning for Christ with Beverly, where they went by the names Jelly Bean (Beverly) and Lil Oscar (Dave). A highlight of their lives together, during his retirement years, was the summer-long adventure vacation Dave and Beverly enjoyed when they drove their truck-camper from Moose Lake, Minn., to Alaska. Another highlight of his retirement life was designing and building their beautiful home in the woods of Northern Minnesota near Moose Lake.

Dave enjoyed woodworking, carving, and turning bowls, and would donate profits from selling the items he created to missionary work. He was an avid amateur ham radio operator with the call letters WNOP.

A Celebration of Life will be held in the spring (April or May) near the Silver Creek Cemetery in Leaf River, Ill. Please contact a family member if interested in receiving updates regarding this celebration.

Funeral Services are under the direction of Hartley Funeral Homes – Cicero, Ind.

We invite you to share your memories and photos of Dave on his memorial page. Your stories and pictures will serve to comfort family and friends as they celebrate the remarkable life of this inspiring man.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

THE TEST FOR AN UNFAITHFUL WIFE

Then the priest shall put the woman under oath and say to her, "If no other man has had sexual relations with you and you have not gone astray and become impure while married to your husband, may this bitter water that brings a curse not harm you. But if you have gone astray while married to your husband and you have made yourself impure by having sexual relations with a man other than your husband"—here the priest is to put the woman under this curse—"may the Lord cause you to become a curse among your people when he makes your womb miscarry and your abdomen swell. May this water that brings a curse enter your body so that your abdomen swells or your womb miscarries."

"Then the woman is to say, "Amen. So be it."

"The priest is to write these curses on a scroll and then wash them off into the bitter water. He shall make the woman drink the bitter water that brings a curse, and this water that brings a curse and causes bitter suffering will enter her. The priest is to take from her hands the grain offering for jealousy, wave it before the Lord and bring it to the altar."

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The Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8, 2025, in the Board Room at Sheridan High School, 24185 Hinesley Road.

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 8 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, 2025, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9) To discuss a job performance evaluation, employee specific compensation, or employment matters of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a general discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process.

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting and public hearing at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2025, in the Community Room at the Westfield Washington Schools Administration Center, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B.

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Boys Wrestling

Millers win close dual meet with Eagles

The REPORTER

The Noblesville boys wrestling team won a thrilling dual meet over Zionsville Tuesday by the score of 30-29.

Both teams won seven matches during the meet. The Eagles won the opener at 150 pounds by a technical fall, but the Millers took the next four for an 18-5 lead. Kyle Howard got a 11-6 decision at 157, then Aidan Kincaide (at 165) and Evan Nicholls (at 175) picked up pins.

Yan Tioua toughed out a 7-3 decision for the 190-pound match. The Eagles then stormed back to win the next four matches, starting with a tech fall at 215. Zionsville won three more by decision and took a point lead, 19-18.

Blake Weimer came up

next and scored a pin at 120 pounds in what turned out to be the meet-clinching bout: the Millers led 24-19 and would not trail again. Brody Weimer picked up a 4-0 decision at 126 to follow his brother.

Zionsville won by tech fall at 132, then Justus Suddarth won a 9-4 decision at 138. Justus' twin brother Isaac Suddarth had to take on the Eagles' Cash Mays – the No. 6 wrestler at 144 pounds in the IndianaMat.com rankings – for the final bout. Mays won by technical fall, but that made the difference: by not giving up the outright pin, Isaac Suddarth preserved the Millers' one-point win.

Noblesville is back in action Saturday at Westfield for the Shamrock Duals. Carmel and Fishers will also be competing.

Girls Basketball



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

University's Leah Norvell scored 13 points for the Trailblazers during their win over Anderson Prep Academy on Thursday.

Blazers cruise past Jets

By **RICHIE HALL**
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CARMEL – University girls basketball head coach Lisa Pryor took the time to explain a basketball concept some people might not be familiar with: the hockey assist.

“A hockey assist is the pass before the assist,” said Pryor.

The Trailblazers were making quite a few hockey assists – and regular assists – during their Thursday game against Anderson Prep Academy Thursday at the U Center. University beat the Jets 73-32, for its 24th consecutive Pioneer Academic Athletic Conference North victory.

The Blazers and Anderson Prep are the only two girls basketball teams in the North Division, so the victory gave University its eighth consecutive PAAC North title. University plays the South Division championship for the conference title on Jan. 16.

The Trailblazers burst

out of the gate and rolled through the first quarter, leading APA 31-12 by the end of the period. University outscored the Jets in each of the four quarters and totaled 31 baskets, which meant many hockey assists.

“For us, that means that you’re seeing the floor and you’re seeing things ahead of what’s happening,” said Pryor. “I’ve really challenged them to see, how can you make the pass that then becomes the pass that creates the score. Just a different way to look at the game. How are we setting up our teammates?”

Gabby Culp scored nine points during the first quarter, while Mack Feeney scored eight points.

The Trailblazers' defense took over in the second period, limiting Anderson Prep to three points. University led 44-15 at halftime, then began the third quarter with a 12-4 run. A Sydney Culp basket put the Blazers ahead 54-19, instituting a running clock.

| UNIVERSITY 73, ANDERSON PREP ACADEMY 32 | | | | |
|---|----|-----|----|-------|
| University | FG | FT | TP | PF |
| Sydney Culp | 6 | 0-0 | 15 | 1 |
| Nyla Blanding | 5 | 0-0 | 11 | 1 |
| Leah Norvell | 6 | 0-0 | 13 | 3 |
| Mack Feeney | 5 | 1-2 | 11 | 2 |
| Gabby Culp | 5 | 5-5 | 15 | 1 |
| Julie Montiel | 3 | 0-2 | 6 | 1 |
| Addy Pritchard | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Quinn Wilmot | 1 | 0-0 | 2 | 0 |
| Jane Armstrong | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Anya Hicks | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 31 | 6-9 | 73 | 9 |
| Score by Quarters | | | | |
| Anderson Prep | 12 | 3 | 12 | 5-32 |
| University | 31 | 13 | 15 | 14-73 |

University 3-pointers (5) S. Culp 3, Blanding, Norvell.

Nyla Blanding's 3-pointer pushed University ahead 59-21 late in the third. The Jets' Clara Fulton then made a personal 9-0 run – two triples to finish the third and another to begin the fourth – which made the score 59-30. The Blazers answered that with a 7-0 spurt. Blanding made two layins with Sydney Culp nailing a 3 in between.

Five University players scored in double digits.

Sydney Culp and Gabby Culp both had 15 points, Leah Norvell added 13, while Blanding and Feeney each scored 11.

Julie Montiel had six points and Quinn Wilmot scored two. They are freshmen, along with Blanding and Jane Armstrong.

“They’re the future of this program,” said Pryor. “To get them out there

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NOBLESVILLE 30, ZIONSVILLE 29
Meet started at 150 pounds

150: Luke Chastain lost to H. Phenicie by technical fall, 21-6
157: Kyle Howard def. J. Phenicie by decision, 11-6
165: Aidan Kincaide def. Brown by fall 0:59
175: Evan Nicholls def. Poland by fall, 2:00
190: Yan Tioua def. Medvescek by decision, 7-3
215: Cale Metzler lost to Aescliman by technical fall, 18-2
285: Jackson Apple lost to McNeil by decision, 8-3
106: Henry Antrobus lost to Stauffacher by decision, 6-4
113: Eli Kincaide lost to Jo. Ingram by decision, 10-6
120: Blake Weimer def. Van Veldhuizen by fall, 2:10
126: Brody Weimer def. Miller by decision, 4-0
132: Bryson Gray lost to Ja. Ingram by tech fall, 21-5
138: Justus Suddarth def. England by decision, 9-4
144: Isaac Suddarth lost to Mays by tech fall, 21-4

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Shamrocks beat Brebeuf

The REPORTER

Westfield's girls easily won an away game Thursday at Brebeuf Jesuit 59-18.

The Shamrocks got off

to a strong start, leading 19-2 after one quarter. Lillian Clark scored 11 points, including three 3-pointers.

Westfield outscored the Braves in each of the periods, holding leads of 34-8 at halftime and 44-14 after three quarters.

Clark went on to score in each period, totaling 23

points and five 3s. MaKayla Hatcher also scored in each quarter, finishing the game with 10 points. Audra Parker also scored 10, including two 3s, while Gabby Bassett drained three triples for nine points.

The Rocks are 6-3 and host Bloomington North Saturday afternoon.

| WESTFIELD 59, BREBEUF JESUIT 18 | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----|-----|----|-------|
| Westfield | FG | FT | TP | PF |
| Gracie Czubik | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| MaKayla Hatcher | 5 | 0-0 | 10 | 0 |
| Olivia Murray | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 |
| Ellie Wheeler | 1 | 0-0 | 2 | 1 |
| Audra Parker | 3 | 2-2 | 10 | 1 |
| Lillian Clark | 9 | 0-0 | 23 | 1 |
| Laura Linville | 0 | 2-2 | 2 | 1 |
| Gabby Bassett | 3 | 0-0 | 9 | 3 |
| Avery Taylor | 1 | 1-1 | 3 | 0 |
| Jolie Miller | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 |
| Totals | 22 | 5-5 | 59 | 10 |
| Score by Quarters | | | | |
| Westfield | 19 | 15 | 10 | 15-59 |
| Brebeuf | 2 | 6 | 6 | 4-18 |

Westfield 3-pointers (10) Clark 5, Bassett 3, Parker 2.

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Six HSE student-athletes announce college commitments



Photo courtesy Hamilton Southeastern Athletics
Hamilton Southeastern honored six of its student-athletes who announced their college commitments during Wednesday's Signing Day. (From left) Aiden Stivers (swimming, University of St. Thomas), Sam Long (track & field, Butler University), Jackson Tolle (football, Indiana University), Terry Walker III (football, Duke University), Samantha (lacrosse, Ashland University), and Makenna Metrick (lacrosse, University of Cumberland).

Fishers' Jim Brown to be recognized by IBCA

The REPORTER

School administrators Jim Brown of Fishers, Brian Strong of Logansport and Chad Gilbert of Charlestown will be recognized with special awards for the 2025-26 academic year from the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association.

The three athletic directors will be honored as 2026 Administrators of the Year from the IBCA. They are being recognized for their support of basketball programs in their school, area and for state-level events. There is one winner from each IHSAA district. Brown is the honoree from District 2.

Brown is 20th year as athletic director at Fishers and his 41st year overall after serving as athletic director at Triton Central for the previous 21 years. He is recognized for his support of Indiana high school basketball throughout his tenure in an administrative role.

A 1973 graduate of Southwestern High School in Tippecanoe County (now part of McCutcheon), Brown competed in basketball, baseball and cross country and earned a sportsmanship award in basketball. He went on to Ball State, earning a bachelor's degree in industrial technology and physical education. He later earned

a master's degree in education from Indiana State in 1981 and an administrator's license from Butler in 1985.

Brown began his career in education in 1978-79 as a physical education teacher at Rushville Junior High. He taught at the Indiana State University Lab School in 1980-81, then moved to Triton Central as a teacher beginning in 1981-82. He became the Triton Central athletic director in 1985-86, then added the duties of assistant principal from 1988-89 for the rest of his tenure in Shelby County. He moved to Fishers for the opening of the school in 2006-07, and helped oversee facility renovations in 2009 and 2013.

He also has coached as a McCutcheon girls' basketball assistant in 1977-78, a Rushville Junior High football and wrestling assistant in 1978-79, the ISU Lab School junior high girls' basketball coach in 1980-81, Triton Central boys' track head coach from 1981-94, Triton Central football assistant from 1983-85 and Triton Central cross country head coach from 1988-90.

Brown currently is in his 12th year on the IHSAA Board of Directors, serving as Executive Committee



Brown

vice chairman in 2016-17, 2022-23 and 2025-26, board president in 2018-19 and board vice president in 2021-22. He also is in his 34th year as an assistant director of the IHSAA boys' basketball State Finals, and he worked at the IHSAA track State Finals from 1989-93 and the IHSAA volleyball State Finals in 2000 and 2001. In addition, he was co-director of the IHSAA soccer State Finals from 2006-11, a host school for the IHSAA soccer State Finals from 2019-21 and the host school for the 2025 Indiana All-Star Futures Games doubleheader.

He also has been involved with the Indiana Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. He has served that group as a District 4 director from 1991-94, second vice president in 1994-95, first vice president in 1995-96, president in 1996-97 and past president from 1997-2000. He also was the IIAAA treasurer and conference chairman from 1998-2015 and was a IIAAA conference presenter in 2004, 2006 and 2024.

In addition, Brown has been active in county and conference associations. He was executive secretary of

the Shelby County athletic directors from 1986-2006, meet director for Shelby County cross country and track meets from 1987-2006, meet director for Mid-Hoosier Conference cross country and track meets from 1988-2006, executive secretary of the Big Blue River Conference in 1989-90, executive secretary of the RangeLine Conference in 1993-94, executive secretary of the MHC from 1997-2006 and president of the Hoosier Crossroads Conference athletic directors in 2009, 2013 and 2020.

Brown has been recognized with the State Award of Merit from the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association in 2001 and with the NIAAA Distinguished Service Award in 2012. This spring, Fishers will host the third annual "Jim Brown Unified Track Invitational" that has been named in his honor.

Brown is the father to two adult children, Liz and Nick. Together, he and his wife, Gretchen, have eight grandchildren.

Pacers Sports & Entertainment starts 16th annual statewide Big Toy Giveaway

The REPORTER

Pacers Sports & Entertainment and JAKKS Pacific Toys today announced the tip off of the 16th annual Big Toy Giveaway, a holiday tradition that delivers toys to children in need across Indiana.

Since its launch in 2009, the Big Toy Giveaway has been fueled by the generosity of Stephen Berman, founder and CEO of JAKKS Pacific Toys, and his long-standing friendship with Herb Simon, owner of Pacers Sports & Entertainment. The annual statewide effort has delivered hundreds of thousands of toys to Hoosier children through a network of more than 100 community partners.

"Stephen has brought joy to countless Hoosier children over the years, creating memories that last a lifetime," Simon said. "His generosity and commitment

to this program year after year continues to make an extraordinary impact."

"This annual holiday tradition began with friendship and grew into something much bigger," Berman said. "It's an honor for JAKKS Pacific Toys to work alongside the Pacers Sports & Entertainment family to help bring holiday cheer to kids and families who need it most."

This month, PS&E will again partner with local nonprofits to distribute toys through a series of in-person events throughout the state bringing together local officials, Indiana Pacers and Indiana Fever personalities, and other special guests. Toy giveaway events are scheduled in seven cities, including Bloomington, Indianapolis, Knightstown, Muncie, Noblesville, Plymouth and Vincennes.

CRUISE

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right now, with the seniors that we have and starting to see [Montiel's] confidence grow, is really exciting. So, I was proud of her for taking those shots, and then she didn't take the shots that she

shouldn't have taken, right? I can see her basketball IQ coming along and that's really exciting to see."

University is 4-5 and plays at Bishop Chatard next Thursday.



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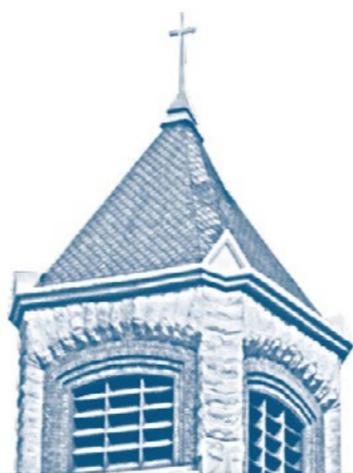
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SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Dec. 5

BOYS BASKETBALL

Carmel at Lawrence Central, 7:30 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Avon, 7:30 p.m.
New Castle at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.
Noblesville at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.
Seton Catholic at University, 7:30 p.m.
Sheridan at Clinton Prairie, 7:30 p.m.
Zionsville at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Fishers vs. Castle, 6 p.m. at Evansville North
Roncalli at Guerin Catholic, 6 p.m.
Sheridan at Clinton Prairie, 6 p.m.

Hamilton Southeastern vs. Evansville Central, 7:30 p.m. at Evansville North

Saturday, Dec. 6

BOYS BASKETBALL

Hamilton Heights at Mississinewa, 7:30 p.m.
Marion at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.
Sneakers For Santa Tournament, Brownsburg
Noblesville vs. Lawrence North, 4 p.m.
Fishers vs. Mt. Vernon, 8:15 p.m.

BOYS WRESTLING

Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Heights at Elwood Super Duals, 8:30 a.m.
Carmel, Fishers, Noblesville at Westfield Shamrock Duals, 9 a.m.
Sheridan Super 6, 9 a.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Fishers at Evansville North, 12:30 p.m.
Connersville at Hamilton Heights, 1:30 p.m.
Crispus Attucks at Noblesville, 1:30 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern vs. Greensburg, 2 p.m.
Bloomington North at Westfield, 5:30 p.m.

GIRLS WRESTLING

Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet, 8:30 a.m.
Hamilton Heights, Noblesville at Peru Invitational, 9 a.m.
Sheridan at Christel House Academy, 9 a.m.

SWIMMING

Hamilton Heights at Western Diving Invitational, 10 a.m.
Noblesville Invitational, 10 a.m.
University at Muncie Burris (with New Castle), noon

Tuesday, Dec. 9

BOYS BASKETBALL

Cardinal Ritter at University, 7:30 p.m.
Faith Christian at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS WRESTLING

Indianapolis Lutheran at Guerin Catholic, 6 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Carmel at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Logansport, 7:30 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Pendleton Heights, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Lawrence North at Noblesville, 5:30 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at North Central (with Eastern Hancock), 6 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Westfield (with Franklin Central), 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 10

BOYS WRESTLING

Hamilton Heights at Bishop Chatard, 6 p.m.
Sheridan at Brebeuf Jesuit, 6 p.m.
Fishers at Carmel, 6:30 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Avon, 6:30 p.m.
Westfield at Warren Central, 6:30 p.m.

GIRLS WRESTLING

Center Grove at Hamilton Southeastern, 6:30 p.m.
Fishers at Carmel, 6:30 p.m.

Please email schedule changes or corrections to sports@readthereporter.com.



Photos provided

(Clockwise from above left) John Libs, Noblesville; Brady Stump, Hamilton Southeastern; Alivia Lozier, Westfield; Sloane May, Hamilton Southeastern; and Madison Miles, Hamilton Southeastern.

Five county athletes among HCC Athletes of the Year

The REPORTER

Five Hamilton County student-athletes were among the Hoosier Crossroads Conference's list of fall sports Athletes of the Year.

The local athletes are as follows:

Boys cross country

John Libs
Noblesville

Libs, a senior, placed third at the IHSAA state meet with a time of 15:07.5, the best time of an HCC runner. He also placed second individually at the Shelbyville regional. Libs was a part of the Millers' HCC, sectional and regional team championships.

"John Libs is Noblesville's school record holder with a time of 14:58 and our highest finisher at the State Meet (3rd)," said Millers coach Bill Kenley. "He's earned everything he has won. His legacy as a leader and a model teammate will stay with us. He's among the greatest of our Band of Brothers."

Libs will continue his

education and running career at Butler University.

Boys tennis

Brady Stump
Hamilton Southeastern

Stump, a junior, won the HCC singles title this fall and led Southeastern to sectional, regional and semi-state championships.

"Brady's talent, determination, leadership and relentless work ethic, whether in practice or competition, set the standard for excellence and inspires everyone around him to give their best," said Royals coach Doug Gernert.

Girls cross country

Alivia Lozier
Westfield

The junior Lozier repeats as Athlete of the Year after winning the HCC individual championship and leading the Shamrocks to a team championship. Lozier placed second at the Noblesville sectional, third at the Shelbyville regional and 19th at the IHSAA state meet, receiving All-State honors.

"Alivia had a fantastic

season, winning the HCC individual Championship and earning first team All State," said Westfield coach Scott Lidskin, the HCC Coach of the Year. "She is an incredible student-athlete. She meticulously takes care of little details and brings an amazing positive attitude to practice every day. She is respected by her teammates, loves to compete, and she is willing to train at the highest level in order to be among Indiana's elite runners. Most importantly, she is a great person!"

Girls soccer

Sloane May
Hamilton Southeastern

May, a senior, led the Royals to their first IHSAA state championship in girls soccer. Southeastern also won the HCC championship and finished the season 22-0-1.

"Sloane led the team in both goals and assists," said Royals coach Greg Davidson. "She is a talent that the Royals have counted on the past four years. She scored a goal and assist, or had the

game winner in 5 of the 7 conference games this year."

May will continue her education and soccer career at the University of Michigan.

Girls volleyball

Madison Miles
Hamilton Southeastern

Miles was a four-year letter winner who played on four HCC championship teams and two IHSAA state championship teams. The Royals went 7-0 in HCC play and finished the season 29-4.

"Madi is an incredible talent and has been a player we have counted on and come through for us in many situations," said HSE coach Jason Young.

Miles has committed to University of Illinois to continue her education and volleyball career.

Other HCC Athletes of the Year

- Boys soccer: Micah Eldridge, Brownsburg
- Girls golf: Taylor Snively, Zionsville
- Football: Branden Sharpe, Brownsburg

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