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## See what you can do when you give up shaving for a month?

By RENEE BUTTS  
Carmel Fire Department Public Education Officer

The Carmel Fire Auxiliary and Carmel VFW Post 10003 were proud to present a \$9,000 donation – raised through this year’s Movember initiative – to Building A Refuge (BAR).

Their work aligns perfectly with the heart of Movember, and we are grateful to everyone who helped make this contribution possible.

Community partners played an important role in this effort as well. After seeing a recent newspaper article about our Movember campaign, Dr. Ronald Miller of Carmel Orthodontics and Matt Frey, owner of Bub’s Burgers, immediately stepped forward to get involved. Their support was extraordinary. Bub’s employees wore promotional shirts, and passed out flyers throughout the month to raise awareness, and Dr. Miller rallied his entire practice – growing a mustache himself and generously matching all donations that came in.

Movember, a global movement dedicated to men’s health, is highlighted every November, and the Carmel Fire Department proudly participates each year. Our focus is to encourage male firefighters to become strong ad-



(From left) Carmel Firefighter Tim Griffin, Active Volunteer Tom Porteous, BAR Board Member Austin Leum, Carmel Firefighter and Auxiliary President Renee Butts, VFW Post 10003 Quartermaster Callagher Chaffin, and President and Found of BAR Brandon Leum.

vocates for their own health. With occupational cancer remaining the number one health threat to firefighters – and PTSD following closely behind – it is critical that we confront these challenges openly and proactively.

That is why Building A Refuge was the perfect partner for

this campaign. As a caring, local mental-health organization based here in Carmel, they provide vital resources, support, and community for men navigating life’s challenges. Their mission aligns seamlessly with the Carmel Fire Department’s commitment to improving the physical

and mental well-being of our firefighters and our community.

The Carmel Fire Auxiliary are truly thrilled to support Building A Refuge and to help more men connect with the valuable services they offer. For more information, go to [buildingarefuge.org](http://buildingarefuge.org).

## Finding Heavenly peace

“Let the calm of your soul seep into the chaos of your circumstances instead of letting the chaos of your circumstances seep into the calm of your soul.” – Kelly Callen Heath



Have you ever felt as if your world was being shaken like a snow globe? Life no longer looks the same. Nothing makes sense. I have.

Yet ... My soul rests in the calm of knowing who Jesus is in my life, for it is in knowing Him as my Savior that I find my peace.

Peace: Freedom from being disturbed or bothered by people or circumstances I cannot control. It is a state of security.

The second week of Advent talks about peace. I love the scripture, “I am leaving you with a gift – peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So, don’t be troubled or afraid.” John 14:27

Heavenly peace is a gift from God. It was early in the day when I decided to take a walk ... in the snow ... in the cold. For some reason, walking in the snow has always brought me a sense of peace.

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## Finding a better way to do business is key to Pence Media Group’s success

By STU CLAMPITT  
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This season, Pence Media Group (PMG) was named to PR Daily’s Top Agencies List for 2025. This is only the latest in a string of awards PMG has won. The Reporter spoke with PMG Owner Nicole Pence Becker about how her company started and what makes it different from other media consulting companies.



When Pence Becker retired from TV news in 2017, she founded PGM.

“In 2018, my father, Congressman Greg Pence, ran for Congress, and he wanted a communications and marketing director. I told him, ‘You should go find one,’” Pence Becker said. “And he told me, ‘You’re going to do it.’ So we argued for about 24 hours, and I lost. He won the primary, and I said, ‘See you later,’ and then just slowly started finding my own clients at Pence Media Group. One of my first clients was Church Church Hittle + Antrim, the largest law firm and oldest law firm in Hamilton County. Another client was Slapfish, and another client was He Knows Your Name, and they’re all still clients today.”

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## Feeding Team supporters yak it up

The REPORTER

It was a chilly evening on Thursday, Dec. 11 when Woolly Yak Ranch & Winery, 3124 E. 266th St., Arcadia, played host to Yuletide with the Yaks fundraiser benefiting The Feeding Team.

The music was good, the beverages were tasty, the food truck stayed busy, and everyone was happy to get a special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. It is always a good night to help fight food insecurity in Hamilton County.

You can learn more about Woolly Yak Ranch & Winery online at [WoollyYak.com](http://WoollyYak.com), and you can donate to The Feeding Team online at [FeedingTeam.org](http://FeedingTeam.org).



(TOP) What’s that? Santa and Mrs. Claus came to Woolly Yak Ranch & Winery to spread Christmas cheer, give candy canes to the little ones, and raise money for families in need. (ABOVE LEFT) Faith and Stef took a moment to pose for this shot, even though Feeding Team supporters were keeping them extra busy all evening. (ABOVE RIGHT) Adrienne Rogers was volunteering at the event and came decked out in what The Reporter thought was a bison hat, but she quickly informed us that she was identifying as a yak that night. That’s one we’ve never “herd” before.

## Warriors in Nature Project awarded quarterly funds from Fishers Century Club

The REPORTER

The Fishers Century Club held its quarterly meeting on Tuesday evening, Dec. 9 at The Club Coworking, 9800 Crosspoint Blvd., Suite 200, Fishers, where a strong turnout gathered to continue the club’s mission of supporting meaningful nonprofit organizations.

The meeting featured presentations from three charities, as well as an update from September’s winning organization, Rock Steady

Boxing, on how it used its awarded funds. The organization reported that the contribution was directed toward scholarship support for individuals who rely on Rock Steady’s non-contact, boxing-based fitness program but lack the financial means to participate.

Attendees then heard from three new charity presenters. Club newcomer Marcus Zimmerman shared the mission



The Warriors in Nature Project was selected as the charitable recipient during Fishers Century Club’s most recent meeting.

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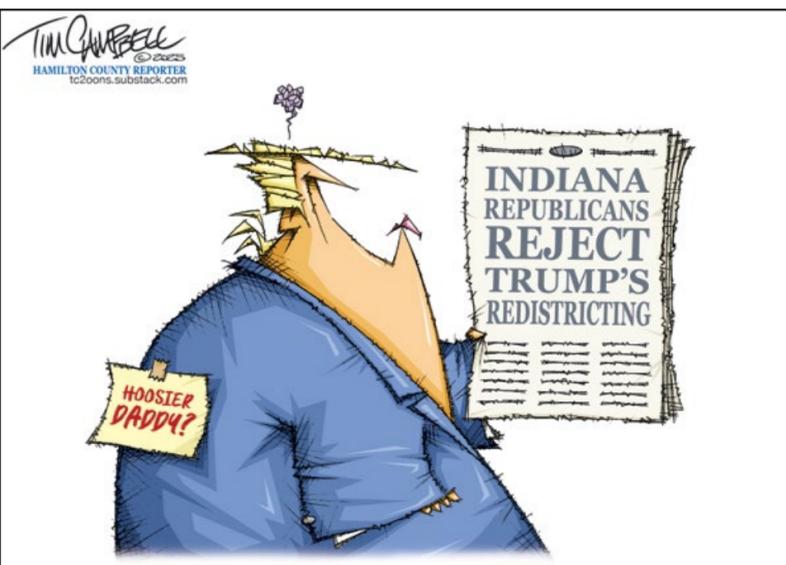
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## Carmel Clay Park Board renames Central Park Woodlands as "Susannah H. Dillon Woods"

**The REPORTER**  
At the final Park Board meeting of 2025, the Carmel Clay Board of Parks and Recreation honored Sue Dillon by renaming the Central Park Woodlands as the "Susannah H. Dillon Woods," recognizing her dedication and service to Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR).  
In 1988, Dillon and a passionate group of citizens founded the not-for-profit Citizens for Greenspace, where she served as the organization's first president. Part of their mission statement was to support the development of parks and

a strong urban forestry program in Carmel and Clay Township. This grassroots effort laid the foundation for the park system the city enjoys today.  
Building on this momentum, the Clay Township Board proposed the creation of a parks department in 1991, leading to the launch of Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation. Dillon was appointed to the very first Park Board, serving 16 years from 1991 to 1994 and from 1999 to 2010, including seven years as President and six years as Vice President. Her leadership helped guide the park sys-

tem through its most formative years.  
"Few individuals have had a more profound impact on the Carmel Clay park system than Sue Dillon," CCPR Director and CEO Michael Klitzing said. "Her vision, advocacy and unwavering service have enriched the quality of life for past, present and future residents of the community."  
In recognition of her legacy, the woods north and south of Central Park Drive East will now be named in her honor. A dedication and sign unveiling will take place in June 2026.

## Noblesville East Middle School students show care for others



Photo provided by Noblesville Schools  
Noblesville East Middle School seventh graders (front row, from left) Sebastian Andrade, Juliana Hawk, and Aurora Randazzo each donated more than 500 cans to their school's annual food drive – and even raised money just to purchase more cans! They were recognized earlier this week by school leaders and the Noblesville Fire Department for their generosity and community spirit.

## Fishers GOP gets together to help kids



Reporter photo  
Fishers GOP Club and Right Social held their December Get Together Tuesday evening, Dec. 9, at Voodoo Brewing Co., 8729 Front St., Fishers. During the festivities, Michael Bilderback was named Man of the Year and Dawn Lang (above left) was named Woman of the Year. Attendees contributed to the toy drive for Life Centers, where Lang serves as Executive Director. Fishers City Councilwoman Tiffany Ditlevson (above right) was kind enough to join in for this photo.

## SUCCESS

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(From left) Megan Benish, Katie Kiel, Holly Enneking, Andrea Kleymeyer, Lauren Casey Bemis, Sarah Cox Detric, Molly Shreve, Nicole Pence Becker, Melissa Sunsdahl, Emily Sullivan, Melissa Mattingly, Jennifer Bostrom, Claire Hunter, Anna Carrera, and Lisa Wallace.

In 2019, Pence Becker spent time growing her client list and finding team members.  
While she expressed great respect for her father's choice to serve in the public realm, PMG was built on working with nonprofit, public, and private entities.  
"I always say that it's not just PR," Pence Becker told The Reporter. "There's advocacy for the organization or the client, and also, we're shining a light. When I would be on TV and I would do a story about a nonprofit, it could change the trajectory of that nonprofit. They would, all of a sudden, sell more tickets to a nonprofit fundraiser. They would get more inquiries about volunteering. It really moved the needle."  
Because of those experiences, her company has a "PMG Gives Back" program. "We have dozens of nonprofit clients, and we give them a discounted rate because I am so committed to making sure that a nonprofit client has as good of a marketing and PR team as a big for-profit client," Pence Becker said. "I love telling those stories, and it's so important. We just got to work with Carmel Education Foundation. I love it, and it moves the needle for them so quickly that it of course demonstrates our value. But most importantly, it makes an impact, and PMG is obsessed with that."  
PMG is a woman-only company. Pence Becker said

that is both by design and by accident.  
"I jokingly say this – and this is the truth: I have four sons and a husband whom I love dearly, but I basically think, just by default, live in a fraternity all day and balance my work life with the sorority," Pence Becker said. "There isn't any sort of intentionality behind that other than that joke."  
Pence Becker was a working mother in the television industry, and that was not a career that allowed for the kind of flexibility she needed.  
"I couldn't just not go in at 3:30 in the morning to anchor my TV show – that wasn't possible," Pence Becker said. "What started PMG was that I was looking for other expert women. 'Expert' being women who had 10, 15 plus years of experience who were also just entering that phase of life where they had children and they were starting to balance motherhood and work. And they wanted work. What I realized I was doing, subconsciously, was making that opportunity for those expert women."  
PMG was founded on remote work years before COVID made it fashionable. Pence Becker told everyone she hired that they would work remotely and visit clients on site once a month. The bulk of everyone's work would be done professionally, efficiently, and with all the flexibility they needed.

The long list of awards PMG has won in recent years proves it is a solid business model when you can find people who are the right fit.  
"So I always say we're a consultancy, not an agency," Pence Becker said. "We're doing something different. I'm hiring experts. I'm investing in people who have the sets and reps and the experience. That also makes us a different model. I'm hiring for that and I'm only selling that and our clients find that incredibly valuable."  
Pence Becker said she is proud both to come from Hamilton County, and that she's able to serve her clients and her team with her business model.  
"We're proud to be based in Hamilton County," Pence Becker said. "We are proud to do work with nonprofit and for-profit clients in Indiana, across Indiana, and nationally. We're grateful that the market has embraced our unique model. It allows me the opportunity to find these women who are pros and bring them in. I'm proud of the work our team does and all the awards we've won in the last year, particularly, but I'm more proud of the team that I assembled. I found a way to get these expert women to the table and create value for our clients in a different model. It's working for clients and for our team. I'm really proud of that."  
Learn more at [Pence-MediaGroup.com](http://Pence-MediaGroup.com).

# From Our Firehouse To Your Home

As we celebrate this season of giving, we want to ensure our community stays safe. Please keep these fire safety tips in mind as you deck the halls:

**TREE SAFETY CHECKLIST**

- Water It:** Dry trees are dangerous. Water daily!
- Space It:** Keep heat sources 3ft away.
- Check It:** Throw away broken lights/cords.
- Dispose It:** Recycle the tree when needles drop.

Wishing you a safe and joyous New Year.




[www.hcfirefighters.org](http://www.hcfirefighters.org)

## Open Doors of Westfield receives holiday boost from Duke Energy Foundation

### The REPORTER

The Duke Energy Foundation is contributing a shareholder-funded hunger relief grant to one nonprofit in Hamilton County.

Open Doors of Westfield is receiving \$15,000 to purchase food and holiday meals.

“Thanks to this wonderful Duke Energy grant, we’ll now be able to support more Westfield families, children, and seniors through our food pantry,” said Kurt Wanninger, vice president of Open Doors of Washington Township. “This week’s



Wanninger



Pinegar

community are warm and have enough to eat.”

During the holiday season and colder weather, many Hoosier families turn to assistance programs that help support those facing hunger. But those programs are facing challenges of their own to support this tremendous need.

“These organizations are consistently there for Hoosiers when hardships arise,” Duke Energy Indiana President Stan Pinegar said. “There’s often an increased need for their services during the holiday season, and we’re grateful to collaborate with them and boost their positive impact on our local communities.”

## Cicero getting \$426K in road project funding

### Submitted by Office of State Sen. Scott Baldwin

Cicero will receive \$426,107.20 to improve roads and bridges through the Community Crossings Matching Grant Program (CCMG), according to State Sen. Scott Baldwin (R-Noblesville).

The CCMG, established by the Indiana General Assembly in 2016, aims to advance community infrastructure projects, strengthen local transportation networks, and improve Indiana’s roads and bridges. Since its enactment, the program has awarded more than \$2 billion in state matching funds for local construction projects.

“Supporting local transportation networks is vital for all Hoosiers,” Baldwin said. “The Com-

munity Crossings Grant Program helps boost local infrastructure and improves Indiana’s roads, and I am pleased to see Cicero take advantage of this great opportunity.”

Through the program, the Indiana Department of Transportation matches up to \$1 million annually when localities invest in road and bridge repairs. Counties with populations fewer than 55,000 and cities and towns with populations fewer than 10,000 receive an 80 percent/20 percent match, while counties with populations greater than 55,000 and cities and towns with populations greater than 10,000 receive a 50/50 match.

See the full list of communities receiving matching funds at [tinyurl.com/CCMGrecipients](http://tinyurl.com/CCMGrecipients).

## WARRIORS

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of The Progress House, one of Indiana’s longest-standing recovery residential programs. Returning club member Klynt Brummett spoke on behalf of Josiah White’s, highlighting the organization’s work with youth and families.

The winning presentation of the evening was delivered by new club member, Marine veteran and Purple Heart recipient Justin McDonald, who presented on an organization personally meaningful to him: the Warriors in Nature Project. The 501(c)(3) nonprofit’s mission is “To help veterans get outdoors and unplugged from the chaos of life after service.” Members voted overwhelmingly to award the collective support to Warriors in Nature Project.

“The Warriors in Nature Project gives veterans an opportunity to reconnect with nature, with each other, and with themselves,” McDonald said. “So many of us veterans struggle in silence after service. This organization creates space for healing, camaraderie, and purpose in some of the most peaceful outdoor settings imaginable. I’m deeply grateful the club chose to support this mission.”

With contributions still coming in from members who were unable to attend in person, the collective support has already exceeded \$3,000, with additional donations expected.

“Our members were truly moved by what the Warriors in Nature Project does, and excited to support it,” Club Founder Adam Kallick said. “The passion behind

Justin’s presentation and the mission of helping veterans decompress, reconnect, and find peace resonated with everyone in the room.”

With this latest award, the Fishers Century Club is now approaching \$70,000 in total giving across its 19-meeting history, a milestone that reflects the power of community-driven philanthropy.

The Club meets quarterly, hears from up to three charities pitched by attendees, and votes to select a winning organization to receive direct financial support that same evening. The next Fishers Century Club meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, 2026. New members are always welcome to attend and bring others along.

For more information and a list of previous winners, please visit [FishersCenturyClub.com](http://FishersCenturyClub.com) or visit [Facebook.com/fisherscenturyclub](https://Facebook.com/fisherscenturyclub). Those who wish to participate in the group who are unable to attend in person can visit the Grapevine site at [tinyurl.com/OnlineGivingFCC](http://tinyurl.com/OnlineGivingFCC).

### About Fishers Century Club

The Fishers Century Club, founded in 2021, is a group of individuals committed to making a positive impact on the local community. Through collective giving and active participation, the club aims to support and uplift deserving charities, ultimately contributing to the betterment of Fishers and the local community. The Club has donated nearly \$70,000 since its inception.

# Hometown Christmas spirit fills Sheridan’s streets

### Submitted

Sheridan was filled with holiday spirit Saturday night, Dec. 6 at the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. The town gathered on Main Street as a celebration was held that brought together families, students, volunteers, and local leaders to kick off the festive season.

The event was brought together by Sheridan Main Street, Inc. They highlighted the town’s mission of preserving and revitalizing Sheridan’s history, which is proudly listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Christmas Committee chairs Heidi Kienholz and Julia Neff were the emcees and guided the evening with jolly spirit and warm enthusiasm.

The Christmas tree stands tall in front of the beautifully lit Carnegie Library, which is now home to United Animal Health. As the lights came on, the crowd cheered and welcomed in the holiday season.

“There’s something about our Annual Christmas Tree Lighting that feels magical! I think it’s



Photo provided

Rarely have we seen adults this happy to see the lighting of a Christmas tree. There truly is something very special about Sheridan.

a perfect way to welcome the Christmas season,” Heidi Kienholz said. “We can’t thank our community enough; the event wouldn’t have been a success without them.”

Also at the ceremony, Libby Doublestein and Patrick Cronin, Sheridan Community Schools choir and band directors, led performances that brought the spirit to life. Middle school

students also joined in as they provided the event with a great soundtrack.

This year debuted the new illuminated snowflakes which are mounted on the lamp posts throughout downtown Sheridan. These additions were made possible by the generous support of the 15 sponsors. Sheridan Main Street, Inc. decorates for the season annually, and these new

snowflakes offer a beautiful addition.

Sheridan Main Street, Inc. relies on the generosity of community members to make each year more memorable than the last. Donations are greatly appreciated and can be delivered to Keever’s Hardware or mailed to this address:

ATTN: Michelle Junkins  
506 S. Main St.  
Sheridan, IN 46069

## ‘Twas just weeks before Christmas

### The REPORTER

Sunday night, Dec. 7, the Town of Atlanta lit the tree and officially began being festive for the Christmas season. Over 100 people came out to let the kids see Santa, stroll past the live manger scene, and enjoy a small-town homecooked meal provided by local churches.

There were toy bags for local kids, thanks to an annual toy drive by Mid-Indiana Marine, which also helps provide Christmas for local youngsters who would otherwise not have as merry a holiday as they deserve.

Inside the community center, where that homecooked meal was served, there were also holiday-themed kids’ craft activities. It was so festive, even the Grinch was in good



Photo provided by Town of Atlanta

The people of Atlanta enjoyed this live Nativity starring local youngsters.

spirits, and we all know how hard THAT guy is to please ...

Not only does Atlanta not pay for a professional Santa, but the Santa they chose donates more than

just his time. Atlanta’s Santa gave over \$600 to support the town’s festivities. This newspaper suspects Atlanta may have invited the OG Santa directly from the North Pole because that

kind of generosity of spirit it is almost mythological these days.

But we heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight, “Happy Christmas to all, and to all a goodnight.”

## HEAVENLY

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There is something about it that brings calm to my anxious mind and weary heart. God and I had a lot to discuss.

That morning, my friend Kelly, whom I quoted at the beginning of this column, reminded me that peace is found in the midst of my circumstances. I would not recognize peace or appreciate it if I did not face adversity.

Adversity throws us “under the circumstances.” It’s a scary place. My mind searches for an escape as it pictures the worst things that could happen. My body tenses up, my chest tightens, and my breathing is labored.

Perhaps I imagine the worst things happening because I’ve had them happen. I go straight there. I’ve written about some of those things, but some things will never be written. Perhaps writing about them presses a mental rewind that is just too painful. Some things put others’ pain into my story, and I do not feel it is right to share anything that would cause them greater pain.

Heavenly peace differs from earthly peace because it cannot be fully explained. When Jesus was born, an angel appeared to the shepherds. The angel declared,

“Fear not!” There will never be another declaration that changes the world by offering heavenly peace because of the birth of a baby.

From that first “Fear not,” followers of Jesus have been given a new perspective. I call it the “Even If” Declaration. Even if the worst happens and my prayers aren’t answered the way I prayed, I will feel a peace that passes all understanding.

I felt at peace while standing in the hallway of my mother’s healthcare facility when the funeral home came for her body. December 17, 2020.

I felt at peace when I signed the papers declaring I was no longer loved. July 5, 2000.

I felt at peace when my heart broke because, well, it’s not my story to tell. May 2022.

That heavenly peace declared at Christ’s birth cannot be explained; it can only be felt.

“And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:7

When peace is mentioned in the scriptures, it is usually in the midst of chaos.



Photo provided by Janet Hart Leonard

Would we even recognize peace if we didn’t have the circumstances that shake us to our very core?

I love peace, tranquility, and quiet. And so, I walk ... in the snow ... in the cold. I reflect on that baby born in a manger in circumstances that made no sense. What a strange way to bring peace to the world. And so ... I fear not.

At the end of the day, I lay my head on my pillow and feel the calmness in my soul, then I sleep ... in Heavenly Peace.

Thank you, Kelly, for the reminder.

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**The Hamilton County Reporter: it’s what newspapers were like when they were good!**

## Westfield's Special Census has resumed

### The REPORTER

The Special Census crews resumed going door to door on Friday, Dec. 5.

Crews will be out daily, and Westfield city officials will provide updates as needed to keep residents informed throughout the census process.

When they visit, they'll ask where you were living on Sept. 15, 2025, which is the official reference date for this special census. If you aren't home or don't answer, they'll leave a notice of visit with a phone number you can call to

complete the census over the phone.

Participation in the special census is very important; it helps ensure the community is counted accurately, which directly impacts the funding and resources received for roads, schools, public safety, and other local services.

By taking a few minutes to respond, you're helping support future improvements and investments in the community.

If you have questions, please call (212) 584-3451.

## Come have Cookies with Santa in Westfield

### Submitted

Westfield High School Student Government will soon play host to Cookies with Santa, a fun, free, family-friendly holiday celebration open to all elementary, intermediate, and middle school families.

Cookies with Santa will take place from noon to

2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20 at Westfield High School, 18250 N. Union St. Enter through Door 1 or the main cafeteria Doors 2 and 3.

The event will include crafts, cookie decorating, hot chocolate, a bounce house, and even visits with puppies along with the opportunity to meet Santa.

# Christmas Express delivers joy to 48 local children

By SCOTT GOFF  
Sheriff's Office

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Community Foundation proudly announces the successful completion of this year's Christmas Express, an annual outreach initiative dedicated to bringing holiday joy to families in need throughout our community.

With the generous support of our partners: Target, Universal Cares 501(c)(3), Old Navy, and Hamilton County's Youth Assistance Program, the Christmas Express team delivered gifts, food, warm coats, and festive stockings to 48 children across Hamilton County. Each stocking was carefully stuffed with treats to make the season brighter.

This year's effort was strengthened by the invaluable help of volunteers, including HCSO Citizens Academy Alumni, who donated their time to wrap gifts and prepare deliveries.



Photo provided

The Christmas Express team included K-9 Deputy Justice and Santa Claus.

Their dedication helped ensure every child received a thoughtful and personalized holiday experience.

The greatest joy came from watching a child's face brighten during the holiday season. We are deeply grateful to all of our community partners for making

this tradition possible year after year.

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Community Foundation remains committed to supporting those less fortunate in our community, supporting our hard-working employees, and building strong

relationships in our community.

For more information about the Christmas Express or how to support future community initiatives, please contact the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Community Foundation at [hcsogivesback.org](http://hcsogivesback.org).



## Westfield organizations partner to fight hunger

### Submitted

The Westfield Fire Department, in partnership with the Westfield Washington Township Trustee's Office and Trustee Jamie Goetz Mills, have begun a community-wide food drive to support Open Doors of Westfield, a vital local organization addressing food insecurity.



Goetz Mills

Open Doors of Westfield provides critical support by distributing 26,000 pounds of donated food each month to more than 450 children and adults in need. This partnership aims to bolster those efforts and ensure no one in the community goes hungry.

"Hunger is a problem we can fix as a community," Goetz Mills said. "By working together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of our neighbors."

Residents are encouraged to donate non-perishable food items at the following convenient drop-off locations:

- Fire Station 381, 17001 Ditch Road
- Fire Station 382, 1920 E. 151st St.
- Fire Station 383, 17944 Grassy Branch Road
- Township Trustee's Office, 130 Penn St.

Every donation helps stock the shelves at Open Doors and directly supports families facing food insecurity.

The Westfield Fire Department and the Township Trustee invite all residents, businesses, and community groups to join in this shared mission of compassion and action.

The food drive will continue through the end of January 2026.

## When kids need Christmas, local police answer the call



Photo provided by Emily Pearson

The annual Shop for Kids was held Saturday, Dec. 6 at Harbour Shores Church, 8011 E. 216th St., Cicero. Police officers from multiple departments welcomed 55 at-risk children to a party and then spent the morning at the Target store in Fishers shopping with them for gifts. In total, more \$16,000 was spent and more than 50 police officers from Fishers, Sheridan, Arcadia, Cicero, State Police, Indiana DNR, and parole took place. You can learn more about the good work Shop for Kids does for local kids in need at [ShopForKidsHC.org](http://ShopForKidsHC.org).

## Scouts, Lions & firefighters fight food insecurity together

### By RENEE BUTTS

Carmel Fire Department  
Public Education Officer

Thanks to the hard work of Boy Scout Troop 112 and the Carmel Lions Club, 400 boxes of food were packed last week and then delivered on Saturday, Dec. 13.

Each delivery included pantry staples, a special holiday meal, and thoughtfully chosen presents for the children of nearly 200 Carmel Clay families.

Since 1967, the Carmel Fire Auxiliary has been committed to supporting families in need. The Community Assistance Program (CAP) is the longest-running initiative of both the Auxiliary and the Carmel Fire Department, and this year marks our largest effort yet. We are able to grow and sustain this program because of the extraordinary generosity of the Carmel community. Donations are collect-



Photo provided

Children of nearly 200 Carmel families will have a better Christmas thanks to the efforts of Boy Scout Troop 112, Carmel Fire Department, and Carmel Lions.

ed year-round, and we are continually grateful for the neighbors, businesses, and volunteers whose contributions and hard work make CAP possible.

A special thank-you goes to Kristin and Lauren Dufek for organizing our annual BINGO fundraiser, which was so suc-

cessful this year that it enabled us to serve even more families. In addition, many community members sponsor families directly, purchasing and wrapping gifts for the children. Those presents are dropped off at our training facility, where the spirit of giving fills every corner.

Volunteers gathered at the Carmel Fire Department Training Center to load vehicles with gifts, holiday meals, and food boxes. Then, in true Santa-like fashion, they headed out across the community to deliver these items to families who need a little extra support this season.

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# Jason Dobbins named Husky Hero

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.

Jason Dobbins, a custodian at Hamilton Heights Student Activity Center and High School, has been named the Husky Hero for November.

Dobbins, who has worked primarily at the high school for nine years, is known for building strong relationships with students – especially those in the Life Skills program.

Dobbins is well-liked, respected, and is the type of individual people can turn to when they have a problem. He also enjoys the connections with the students, watching them grow each year, and building relationships throughout the district.

Here is what Summer Bailey, Hamilton Heights Student Resource Coordinator, had to say about Dobbins:

“I have watched Jason make time to talk and interact with the students from the high school life skills class. Some of these students are nonverbal but have grown to recognize Jason and respond favorably to his presence. He embodies the spirit of inclusion and acceptance, making each student feel seen and valued. Jason is a true Husky Hero.”



Photo provided by Hamilton Heights School Corporation

Jason Dobbins, a Custodian at the Student Activity Center and High School, was selected as the Husky Hero for the month of November. (From left) Emma Burgan (HHHS Life Skills Teacher), Bruce Bannon (HHHS student), Maizey Morrison, Kaden Cantlon, Taylor Morrison, Jackson Cantlon (HHEF Student Board Members), Craig, Amber and Laken Bowen (FC Tucker), Jason Dobbins, Colin Barber (HHHS student), Emma Luce (Life Skills IA), Whitney Gray (HHHS Principal), Boston Bailey (HHHS student), Summer Bailey (Student-Family Resource Coordinator), and Mitch Street (HHHS Assistant Principal).

HHSC Facility Director Dori Hochstedler added, “He goes out of his way to provide whatever a student needs and is always willing to do whatever it takes to get a job done. Jason is caring, compassionate, and never hesitates to help students and staff.

He also prioritizes the safety of our students, staff, and building.”

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“I was shocked and honored when I learned I had been nominated as a Husky Hero,” said Dobbins, who is motivated by helping students and staff feel safe and seen. “There are so many deserving people throughout the district. I am humbled to be recognized.”

Do you know a Husky Hero? Nomination forms and information about this special recognition program for Hamilton Heights employees are available at [bit.ly/hhschuskyhero](http://bit.ly/hhschuskyhero). The Husky Hero Recognition program is made possible through the Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation in partnership with Craig and Amber Bowen (FC Tucker). #hhd-foundation

# Sheridan middle & high school bands shine in packed Winter Concert

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Sheridan’s music program held its Winter Concert on Thursday, Dec. 4.

This annual event filled the Sheridan Auditorium with audiences for both the Middle School performance at 6:45 p.m. and the High School performance at 7:30 p.m. Families and community members came out to show their support and celebrate all the hard work the Sheridan musicians do.

The Middle School Beginning Band kicked off the evening, as they performed their very first concert ever. Students picked up their instruments in September, so this performance truly marked their growth, confidence, and teamwork. Their set featured classics such as “Jingle Bells,” “Good King Wenceslas,” “Dreidel, Dreidel,” “Holiday Sampler,” and “A Christmas Sleigh Ride.”

The 7th and 8th Grade Advanced Band followed with an impressive program showcasing their accelerated skill. Their set included “Epic Battle 3000,”



Photo provided by Sheridan Community Schools

“Anasazi Legend,” “March Onward,” “Holly Jolly Christmas,” “Winter Wonderland,” and “Jingle Bell as “Jingle Bells,” “Good King Wenceslas,” “Dreidel, Dreidel,” “Holiday Sampler,” and “A Christmas Sleigh Ride.”

They began with the Jazz Band, which featured performances such as “Killer Joe,” “Night Train,” and “Frosty the Snowman.” Solists included Devyn Pewarski, Teddy Cooper, Lyzz Powers, Micah Smoot, and Avery Garrett.

The evening concluded with the High School Concert Band. They performed powerful pieces such as “Fanfare on ‘Joy to the World,’” “Eagle Mountain

Overture,” and “Carol of the Bells.” This group truly demonstrated their musical maturity and readiness for the ISSMA competitions later this school year.

Overall, the Sheridan Middle and High School Bands delivered a memorable evening filled with holiday cheer, pride, and, of course, music. Congratulations to all students and directors on a successful concert.

# Indiana Senate rejects Trump-backed redrawing of congressional maps

By GARRETT BERGQUIST  
WISH-TV | [wistv.com](http://wistv.com)

Indiana voters will not face new congressional districts in 2026 after the state Senate on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 11, rejected those maps by a vote of 31-19.

The vote brings to a close a five-month political drama in which the administration of President Donald Trump pressured Republican state lawmakers nationwide, and Indiana lawmakers in particular, to redraw U.S. House district maps to more heavily favor their party ahead of next year’s midterm elections. Republicans hold a narrow majority in the House and the president’s party typically loses control of that chamber in the first midterm election after a new president takes office.

Republicans already control seven of Indiana’s nine U.S. House seats. The new maps would have given them theoretical control of all nine seats by redrawing the districts held by Democrats Andre Carson and Frank Mrvan to more heavily favor Republican candidates. The Cook Po-



WISH photo by Garrett Bergquist

Indiana state Sens. Greg Taylor (left), a Democrat from Indianapolis, and Mike Gaskill (right), a Republican from Pendleton, speak Dec. 11, 2025, in the Indiana Senate chambers about a plan to redraw the state’s congressional districts.

litical Report rates Carson and Mrvan’s current districts as D+21 and D+1, respectively.

Last Thursday’s vote marked the first time Republican state lawmakers have rejected Trump’s demands for more GOP-friendly congressional district maps. Lawmakers in Texas, Missouri and North Carolina all redrew their maps to Trump’s behest, leading to

a retaliatory redistricting effort in Democratic-controlled California. Democrats in Virginia are considering doing the same.

Trump in recent weeks had specifically called out Indiana senators who had balked at the new maps, including Senate President pro tempore Rod Bray, R-Martinsville. Pressure to redistrict also came from Indiana’s entire Republi-

can congressional delegation and all of its statewide elected officials, including Gov. Mike Braun and Lt. Gov. Micah Beckwith, who serves as president of the Senate but has no role in it except to break a tie.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wistv.com/news/politics/indiana-senate-rejects-trump-backed-redrawing-of-congressional-maps](http://wistv.com/news/politics/indiana-senate-rejects-trump-backed-redrawing-of-congressional-maps).

# Give blood & give patients time this holiday season

The REPORTER

Time is critical for patients this December. The American Red Cross urges donors to make an appointment to give blood now to keep the blood supply steady over the busy holiday season. Types O positive, O negative, and B negative blood donors are especially needed now and in the coming weeks. December is National Month of Giving, and your Red Cross blood donation can bring hope and healing. Create a new holiday tradition and help spread comfort and support lifesaving care. When the unexpected happens, it’s the blood products already on the shelves that matter.

Redefine the meaning of

a gift bag; give something that means something and schedule a blood donation appointment by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

For a limited time, those who come to give through Dec. 18 will receive a \$15 Amazon Gift Card by email. Those who come to give Dec. 19, 2025, through Jan. 4, 2026, will receive an exclusive Red Cross long-sleeved T-shirt, while supplies last.

For details on December offers, see [RedCrossBlood.org/Gifts](http://RedCrossBlood.org/Gifts). If you’re unable to give, consider making a financial donation to support our lifesaving mission at [redcross.org](http://redcross.org).

## Upcoming donation opportunities

- Carmel**
- Dec. 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at IU Health North, 11700 N. Meridian St.
  - Dec. 31 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hotel Carmichael, 1 Carmichael Square
- Fishers**
- Dec. 18 from 1 to 6 p.m. at IU Health Fishers, 13100 E. 136th St.
  - Dec. 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Fishers YMCA, 9012 E. 126th St.
  - Dec. 23 from 1 to 6 p.m. at Billerica Park Multi-Purpose Community Building, 12690 Promise Road
- Noblesville**
- Dec. 24 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Osprey Pointe Pavilion, 19777 Morse Park Lane
- Westfield**
- Dec. 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Ascension St. Vincent YMCA, 874 Virginia Rose Ave.
- Zionsville**
- Dec. 22 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Security Federal Savings Bank, 10880 N. Michigan Road

# Hamilton County Community Foundation tops \$558K awarded to community nonprofits

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Community Foundation (HCCF) has awarded \$558,000 in total grant funding this year, including \$405,000 distributed through its 2025 competitive grant round. These grants provide unrestricted operating support to nonprofit organizations working to improve the well-being of individuals and families throughout Hamilton County.

“Every grant we award reflects our commitment to strengthening the well-being of our neighbors,” HCCF President Danielle Stiles-Polk said. “Whether expanding access to housing, education, childcare, or essential social services, nonprofits are leading community change, and HCCF is proud to support their work.”

HCCF highlights four organizations receiving support in this round:

- Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville: This funding will support safe and affordable after-school and summer programs for K-12 youth, fostering academic growth, healthy habits, and strong character. Low membership costs ensure every child can participate, removing financial barriers to opportunity.

- HAND: With this support, HAND will continue expanding safe, stable, and affordable housing in Hamilton County. The grant strengthens HAND’s rental communities, resident resource programs, and volunteer initiatives, helping the organization advance housing stability for vulnerable residents.

- Teach One to Lead



One: Through this grant, Teach One to Lead One will sustain and expand community-based mentoring at Hamilton Heights and Sheridan Middle Schools. Led by trained local community leaders, the program helps students navigate challenges, discover their potential, and build the character and life skills needed to thrive.

- Teter Retreat and Organic Farm: Funding will enable year-round produce production and donations for individuals facing food insecurity. The grant also supports community volunteering, educational programs, and free access to three miles of trails.

See a full list of 2025 competitive grant recipients at [tinyurl.com/HCCF-2025grants](http://tinyurl.com/HCCF-2025grants).

## About Hamilton County Community Foundation

Hamilton County Community Foundation (HCCF), established in 1991, is a \$140 million public foundation working to mobilize people, ideas and investment to make this a community where every individual has an equitable opportunity to reach their full potential. The foundation aims to build a community where opportunity meets growth for everyone, and philanthropic efforts support nonprofit organizations doing vital work. Learn more at [hamilton-countycf.org](http://hamilton-countycf.org).

**Paul Poteet . . .**  
**Your Hometown Weatherman!**

# Don't wait Amended legal contract with Santa

I cannot count the number of times someone has come to me after becoming injured and apologized or expressed respect for my life with a disability.

Most of the time, they have an injury that will heal in time and will not live with a permanent disability. It does not take much to take someone's abilities away.

Living without something, like strength, causes me to see things differently. The way I view the world is quite different from many people in my life. That is in no way a brag. I believe most who know me get that.

Living physically hindered has a direct effect on my gratitude meter. I have had and lost so much physically. Several times a day, I say a prayer of gratitude thanking God for the abilities I still have, which are abundant.

My disabilities are also abundant. What I choose to focus on has an enormous impact on my life.

I often wonder what my life will look like in a year or two or beyond. Will I be walking at all? Time will tell. I appreciate walking, even though it is one of the hardest things I do.

Most of the time when someone comes to me after they've been injured, they are speaking in a very apologetic manner. They are remorseful that they never took the time to really think what life would be like if they lost certain abilities.

They say things like "I had no idea even the little things are so challenging and deplete energy so quickly." They are surprised at the lack of public accessibility. They are shocked at both the dismissive nature of strangers, and the kindness of strangers.

In speaking with a friend recently, I asked him about his change in perspective a few months ago after a significant injury that left him non-weightbearing on one foot. I asked him if he would share specifics about how living temporarily disabled changed his perspective going forward after healing from his injury.

He recalled a time when he went to fill a gas can so his brother could mow his lawn for him. He filled the can and then realized that he could not get it in the car as he was non-weightbearing and on crutches. He remembered it felt impossible.

Luckily, a kind stranger noticed his struggle and offered to load the gas can into his car. He mentioned that after getting in the car, he was emotional over the kindness of that stranger.

He learned a lot in that one moment of the importance of slowing down and noticing people, and how a single act of kindness can have lasting effects.

He also recalled being more aware of accessible parking, and how he had never really noticed all the barriers that those with disabilities face daily.

He spoke candidly about how his empathy has improved for others because of his temporary life-altering time. He has a newfound joy of again being able to walk/jog to various places along the cross-country course to watch his three children run.

His experience helped shift his perspective and he is more inclined to view everyday life through the lens of gratitude. I really appreciate the vulnerability he tapped into to share all of this with me, and you!

Don't wait until you or someone you care about faces physical challenges to notice where there could be improvements to help those who live with disabilities.

Offer to lend a helping hand when you see someone struggling.

Those small acts of kindness are a truly life changing and stick to the soul.

Until next time ...

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**AMY SHINNEMAN**  
Disability in the City

Dear Mr. Santa Claus (aka Kris Kringle, aka Saint Nicholas, aka Father Christmas),

I am writing today to discuss our mutual yearly agreement in which I do what is necessary to stay on the Nice List and, in turn, you provide free stuff. I would like to discuss the terms of our contract.

I understand that you don't work pro bono, and I have certain obligations to fulfill for this contract, but I would like to make some revisions.

In the past, I have been responsible for not pouting or crying. I understand the reasoning behind this condition; however, I believe there should be some exceptions for this rule. I listed them below.

The Pouting/Crying clause shall be null and void under the following circumstances:

- The Colts, Hoosiers, Irish, or Pacers lose.
- Stepping on Legos while barefoot.
- When I don't want to get up in the morning.
- When I have to go somewhere that I don't want to go.
- Any time prior to morning coffee.

- When I don't get my way.
- When my dog poops on my floor.
- During Hallmark Christmas movies.

This contract should be a living document that can change with time. I believe my demands are reasonable.

As a sign of good faith, and in exchange for previously mentioned "stuff," I will continue to leave cookies and milk for you, as my amendment proposal for peanuts and beer was denied. I

am also open to leaving apples or carrots for the *Rangifer tarandus*, aka reindeer.

I will avoid malfeasance on my part, but any accusations against me should be considered hearsay and not considered until properly vetted.

Below is a list of all "stuff" you shall provide once my contracted obligations are fulfilled.

- One fully funded vacation – this is reasonable.
- Six new grills and accessories – because there's no such thing as too many grills.
- One new car – to keep up with the Jones.
- The beer and peanuts that you refused – why waste.
- A partridge in a pear tree – to see if you're reading the fine print or just skimming.
- Five boxes of Cella's Dark Chocolate Covered Cherries – if you know, you know.
- Some video games – please don't tell my wife.

• Oh, and I guess peace on Earth and stuff like that.

I am willing to forgo all of these items if you bring a National Championship to IU football in January. Well, I guess not the peace on Earth and good will to blah blah blah. Although, in my opinion, a National Championship would indeed bring peace and good will and all that jazz.

If you are agreeable to these terms, please sign the document and return to me. If not, then you can reach me through the Law Firm of Moron and Moron.

Warm Regards,  
Timothy P. Rathz (writer of the wildly popular, funny and famous *Forty-Something in Fishers*)

The moral of the story is ... Google is great for finding legal terms for fake letters to Santa. Merry Christmas, everybody!!!

*Tim Rathz can be reached at [40somethinginfishers@gmail.com](mailto:40somethinginfishers@gmail.com). Follow on Facebook or Instagram.*



**TIM RATHZ**  
Forty-something in Fishers

## Who's pushing you to be your best?

Longtime readers know I have a new book coming out next year. *Happy and Solo at Church – Light Your Fire and Worship with Joy* will be available through Elk Lake Publishing in the spring. I'm looking forward to helping those who attend church alone and the people who love them.

This is my first book to be traditionally published, which means it's gone through multiple editing sessions. When some friends asked me last summer how the process was going, my response was ... oh ... let's say, less than enthusiastic.

I thought I'd been through the editing process before with my other self and hybrid-published books. Oh, no. That was more like Baby Editing.



**AMY SHANKLAND**  
Perfectly Imperfect

When I first opened the book in Microsoft Word after Editor Extraordinaire Carol McClain put in her comments and changes, my jaw dropped. Carol pointed out my overuse of the words "that" and "just." She didn't like all my exclamation

points and said they made me look a bit crazy. (Well, those aren't the only things in my life that make me look that way ... but I digress.)

Elk Lake in general also wanted me to change my title, which was originally *How to Thrive, Not Just Survive, Attending Church Solo*. Now, I can write a 40,000-page book. When it comes to 10-word titles, however, I freeze. My mind empties. I can almost hear the crickets

chirping in my head.

I did what any mature, intelligent adult writer would do in this situation. I pouted and complained. Then I finally rolled up my sleeves and got to work.

As I went through the draft, I began to realize Carol and her team were absolutely, positively ... right. They were right on the first round of edits, and the second, and the third. And with their suggestions and encouragement, I discovered they helped me not only improve my book, but my columns and grant proposals as well.

I truly did overuse "that" and "just" – and I still catch myself falling into the trap at times. I may have edited those words out of this very column. I do overuse exclamation points, which my grant team members have mentioned, too.

And Elk Lake had a valid point on my title. I see the phrase

"Don't just survive but thrive" – or something close to it – everywhere these days. Thanks to some prayer, I literally woke up one day with the new title in my head, which I like much better.

We've now had over four rounds of edits for the book, with Managing Editor Judy Hagey assisting me recently. Both Carol and Judy have pushed me to be my best, and I am incredibly grateful.

Is anyone pushing you to be your best? It's not easy at first when someone does this. But you must remember, if someone truly cares about you and approaches you in a loving and caring manner, the push may be exactly what you need.

*Amy Shankland is an empty-nester, writer, and fundraising professional living in Noblesville with her husband John and two dogs. You can reach her via email at [amys@greenavenue.info](mailto:amys@greenavenue.info).*

## The growth of women's high school wrestling

*Editor's note: The Sheridan Student Column is brought to readers by Sheridan High School's 10th grade Accelerated English class, taught by Alicia Burnell.*

Women's wrestling is undeniably one of the fastest growing sports currently.

From the 2023-24 season to the 2024-2025 season, the number of high school women wrestlers increased by almost 10,000 athletes, and that number is only going up.

So you may be wondering, what's so special about this sport? Why this massive increase in athletes?

Throughout history, wrestling has been seen as a male-only sport. Though it is still primarily male-dominated, that's slowly taking a turn. As schools grow, there becomes an increase in high school girls willing to participate in this high-demanding sport. A



**MADISON UNDERWOOD**  
Sheridan High School Student

lot of people see wrestling as "too hard for girls" or "not womanly enough," but with that backlash, more and more athletes take on the criticism.

See, wrestling is one of the only full-contact sports, making it very physically demanding.

Many wrestlers believe that this sport is 90 percent mental, which as one of these athletes, I agree. Along with the long, hard, and draining practices, it takes an incredible amount of mental toughness. Not only do you have to be strong against the judgement of others, but the judgement of yourself, and the will to keep going. Most people quit after one practice, some quit after a week, but the ones who stay develop the most resilience a person can have. A common wrestling quote is "Once you've wrestled, everything else in life is easy," and it's 100 percent true.

Now, what's happening in the wrestling community with this large growth?

Last season was the first year for the sport to be sanctioned by the IHSAA, and this was huge! Women's wrestling officially made itself a high school sport, sponsored by the state, making it a massive step for the program. This shows the rapid growth of the sport. Tournaments now have upwards of 300 registered athletes. Nearly every school has a women's wrestling program now, in comparison to the past where women's wrestling was a rare occurrence.

This past weekend, a tournament was held with nearly 60 teams and around 430 wrestlers. That's a lot of athletes! The growth of women's wrestling goes beyond high school though, with more and more college athletes each year.

Women's college wrestling has also seen a rapid growth in athletes and college teams. In the 2024-2025 season, Norwich

University, Manchester University, McDaniel College, West Liberty University, and this season, Penn State Altoona, have all formed teams. The NCAA staff is also working with the women's wrestling committee to establish the first championship for winter of 2026.

Ultimately, the wrestling community is undergoing a large change. With the increase in female athletes each year, the community's growth is not going unnoticed. Tournaments are larger, teams have more people, and current athletes are paving the way for younger generations to get involved. The women's high school wrestling program is undeniably one of the fastest growing sports currently. The mass increase in athletes brings hope to everyone that one day women's wrestling will be as popular as other sports.

Maybe even one day, it will overtake men's wrestling, but until then, the number of athletes will continue to grow and it will not go unnoticed.

## When jalebis warm December gatherings

This year, our home in Indianapolis transformed into a warm, joy-filled mandir as we hosted the Vaishnav Samaj Jalebi Utsav, a beloved celebration rooted in the traditions of Pushtimarg. What makes this Utsav special is not only the aroma of jalebi or the gathering of our Vaishnav parivar – it is the divine story and sweetness that fill the festival with meaning.

The Jalebi Mahotsav commemorates the birth of Shri Vitthalnathji, lovingly known as Gusaiji, the son of Shri Mahaprabhuji. The celebration began with a divine wish from Lord Shrinathji, who lovingly instructed the head priest to prepare jalebis for Gusaiji's birthday, saying the sweet – filled with Ras, or divine essence – perfectly symbolized Gusaiji's compassionate teachings. When the jalebis were prepared, the temple miraculously overflowed with them, marking the origin of this cherished Utsav.

Hosting the celebration at home allowed that divine sweetness to fill our own space. The jalebis bubbled in hot oil, their golden

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**POOJA THAKKAR**  
Taste of Community

*"We elves try to stick to the four main food groups: candy, candy canes, candy corn, and syrup." – Buddy, Elf*

We are not elves ... although I do look forward to some of the same goodies as our friend Buddy. However, holiday indulgences of food and drink should pair with some alternative suggestions to make more reasonable decisions and modifications.

A diet which is higher in sugar, fat, caffeine, and alcohol can rob us of the energy, flexibility, and strength we need to get through this hectic time. Focus on whole grains, fruits such as figs and apples; substitute that third cup of coffee with green tea, and include good protein sources such as fish and nuts. Cured meats should also be kept to a minimum if possible.

Cheese items, particularly cheeseballs, are very popular during the holidays as well.



**SHARON McMAHON**  
Be Well

Choose cheese products that are lower in fat such as Swiss, Parmesan, and mozzarella, while cheddars are normally higher in both fat and calories. Again, if you introduce vegetables onto your plate you can meet your daily requirements as well as enjoying the goodies!

It is not that I don't delight in the baking, shopping, decorating, wrapping, planning, socializing, etc., but there is often quite a bit of activity in a short amount of time. And, as I mentioned in a previous column, the holidays can sometimes cause added stress due to family loss and estrangement.

It is easy to get caught up in the expectations of the season and lots to do in a relatively short amount of time. We are bombarded with visuals of what a happy family holiday should be and, by golly, we think we can make it happen! Our often over-indulgence of high-fat and sugary foods can

also weigh in (no pun intended) in our loss of sleep, nervousness, and overall malaise.

However, it is also true that we often put ourselves through some unrealistic expectations which can bring on holiday stress. Seriously, I do enjoy this time of year, added duties and all. I anticipate and appreciate the Christmas carols and lovely music of the season, but I am wondering ... and I use the word "wonder" as it can give us pause during this most holy time to really contemplate how we wish to celebrate and honor this very special time of year. We often forget that silence can be calming, refreshing, and a most wondrous way to fully enjoy and appreciate all we have and how we can make a difference in the lives of others. Allow yourself to practice silence every day during this busy month and you will be rewarded with a more calm and reflective demeanor and giving within your means to those less fortunate is the best gift you can give yourself.

I am often asked by my

readers if I adhere to my suggestions, which are vetted through the proper sources, in my own life. Like you, I am only human, so I do the best I can in my daily eating and activity plans and I am passionate about sharing my experience, knowledge, and ideas with you all. I am especially rewarded when you share your lifestyle changes that have helped you feel better and enjoy life more. So this holiday season practice silence when you can, share with others, enjoy those yummy goodies within reason and balance your palate! Remember, we are not elves!

*"Maybe Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more."* – Mr. Grinch

**Sharon McMahon, CNWC**  
*The opinions expressed in this article are not intended to replace advice of your personal physician or licensed health professional. Please consult your physician for any issues you may have related to nutrition or fitness activity.*

# Go & Do Foundation helps feed local families

**FeedingTeam.org** is grateful and thankful for the amazing generosity of the Go & Do Foundation. Their donation for Giving Tuesday 2025 of \$20,000 will help fight hunger in Hamilton County. This donation will directly translate to feeding thousands of meals right here in Hamilton County.



**FeedingTeam.org Facts**  
78 pantries  
14,000 meals per month  
Over 30 volunteer families

servicing our neighbors who need us most.”

This generous gift helps us keep our 78 outdoor food pantries open and filled for families who depend on them each day.

**About FeedingTeam.org**

More than 44,000 people in Hamilton County struggle with food needs.

FeedingTeam.org is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit that offers outdoor, no-questions-asked food pantries that are open 24/7, all year long. These pantries help families who may not qualify for other programs but still need a few meals to get by.

We are so thankful for all the volunteers, hosts, do-



Photo provided (From left) Feeding Team Co-Founders Mark & Lisa Hall accept a \$20,000 check from Lindsey and Mike Rinehart of the Go & Do Foundation.

nors, and sponsors who help us every day. We love serving our neighbors and seeing how your generosity changes lives. Hunger doesn't always look the way people think it does, and every meal makes a big difference.

A simple can of food can mean everything to a parent who has nothing left to feed their kids. A few meals can change someone's life.

If you'd like to help, there are many volunteer opportunities. We are also looking for new spots for future pantries. If you know a good location, please contact us.

Mark and Lisa Hall are the Founders of Feeding Team. They may be reached at [lisa@feedingteam.org](mailto:lisa@feedingteam.org) and [mark@feedingteam.org](mailto:mark@feedingteam.org) or by calling (317) 832-1123.

## JALEBIS

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spiral soaking into warm sugar syrup, and the home glowed in vibrant shades of orange and yellow, echoing the joyful colors of the sweet itself.

This year, Prasad took on a special role. Along with jalebi, we prepared saffron-and-dry-fruit-infused milk, simmered to perfection, and offered Mishri – small square sugar crystals coated with saffron and dry fruits – symbolizing purity, sweetness, and blessings. The fragrance of saffron, milk, and devotion filled the evening beautifully.

The celebration truly came alive during Kirtan, when everyone joined together to sing Shri Nathji's bhajans in one rhythm. Our voices blended like a single offering, echoing devotion and blessings through every corner of the home. It was mesmerizing – a moment where community and divinity felt inseparable.

Our Indianapolis Vaishnav group, formed only in June 2024, has already blossomed into a loving spiritual family. Each month, we gather in a devotee's home to continue the devotion of our ancestors, ensuring these traditions flourish for generations ahead.

From Gusaiji's life, we reflected on three gentle but powerful lessons:

- 1. Respect and honor

your spouse – harmony begins at home.

2. Do not let worries overwhelm you – stay centered in clarity and faith.

3. Find joy in small moments – divine sweetness often hides in simplicity.

And beautifully, these lessons aligned with the season around us. In the midst of December, when most homes think of cookies and holiday treats, we found joy in creating round, golden jalebis instead – a new tradition filled with warmth. If you've never tried jalebis during this season, give it a try. Your family may discover a new flavor, a new ritual, and a new joy.

Even more magical was how Gusaiji's life lessons mirrored the December spirit – community harmony, togetherness, and cherishing the little things. As families gather and hearts open wider, the sweetness of Jalebi Utsav blended beautifully with the sweetness of the holidays.

As the evening ended with warm smiles, sticky fingers, and grateful hearts, we were reminded that devotion isn't in grandeur – it lives in togetherness, shared prayers, and the sweetness we pass on to one another.

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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### Brian Jay Decker

February 22, 1962 – December 4, 2025

Brian Jay Decker, 63, Fishers, passed away on Thursday, December 4, 2025, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born on February 22, 1962, to Regis and Barbara Decker (nee McDonald) in Indianapolis.

Brian owned Venture Systems, a telecommunications business. He loved mechanical things and electronics, riding and rebuilding motorcycles. Brian enjoyed watching the Indy 500, as well as basketball and football, with IU being his favorite team.

He is survived by his son, Michael Decker; brother, Eric Regis (Ellen) Decker; niece, Micaela (Dan) Saviano; and his nephews, Geoffrey (Caitlin) Klein, Jeremy Klein, Kristopher (Katie) Decker, and Nicholas (Alison) Decker.

In addition to his parents, Brian was preceded in death by his sister, Gaylen Sue Klein (nee Decker).

Visitation and services were held Thursday, December 11, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Burial was at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

### Darrell Eugene Scott

July 28, 1959 – November 22, 2025

Darrell Eugene Scott, 66, Westfield, passed away Saturday, November 22, 2025. He was born July 28, 1959, in Greenwood, Ind., to the late Grandy and Ruth (Smith) Scott.

Following high school graduation, Darrell worked in several retail stores. He was skilled in a variety of areas, so he also worked other jobs. Darrell possessed a strong work ethic and was a proven hard worker. He had years of experience and received several accolades from his various jobs.

On April 13, 2018, Darrell married the love of his life, Connie Sue (Deane) Scott. He was a loving and dedicated family man. Darrell was blessed with a generous heart and a personality that allowed him to make everyone he met become a friend. Due to his social skills, Darrell was well known in Westfield.

Survivors include his loving wife of seven years, Connie Sue Scott; daughters, Jennifer Sue Scott and Amber Scott; granddaughters, Jasmine Hayes and Nevaeh Moore.

Darrell will be greatly missed and loved forever. There will be no services scheduled at this time. Arrangements entrusted to Bussell Family Funerals.

Condolences: bussellfamilyfunerals.com

### Mary Frances Stone Tate

August 15, 1933 – December 9, 2025

Mary Frances Stone Tate, 92, Noblesville, passed away on December 9, 2025. Born on August 15, 1933, in Long Beach, Calif., Mary led a rich and purposeful life devoted to faith, family, creativity, and community.

A graduate of San Diego State in 1954, she married the love of her life, Robert L. Tate, in 1955. Together they raised two children, Robert Edmund Tate and Mary Lynn (Chris) Tate. Mary and Robert shared decades of devotion until his passing. Professionally, Mary's determination and intellect shone through in 1980 when she and her husband started a defense contracting business. Later, she discovered a passion for watercolor painting, beginning in 1995, and lovingly shared her artistic gift by teaching others.

Mary was a dedicated member of the First United Methodist Church of North Hollywood, where she founded the Ruth Circle, taught Sunday school, and served in leadership positions including President of the Board of Global Missions and President of the Church and Society. Additionally, she was active in the PEO Sisterhood and Hamilton County Purdue Extension.

A calling will be held at noon, followed by a service at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St., Noblesville. Interment will follow on Thursday at Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to Riverview Health Foundation - Acute Rehab Unit, 395 Westfield Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, or online at riverview.org/riverview-health-foundation.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

### Michael Lynn Sanders

April 23, 1942 – December 10, 2025

Michael Lynn Sanders, 83, Carmel, passed away on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at Carmel Health & Living. He was born on April 23, 1942, to Robert and Helen (Morris) Sanders in New Castle, Ind.

Michael proudly served his country in the United States Army and worked as a Deputy Sheriff for Hamilton County. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling, and gambling. Michael enjoyed his life.

He is survived by his wife, Debra Tina Sanders; son, Michael (Latonya) Sanders, Jr.; stepson, Steven Smith; brother, Donald Sanders; sister-in-law, Jackie Schoolcraft; brothers-in-law, John C. Harville, Edward Harville, James Harville, and David Harville; and three grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Michael was preceded in death by his son, James Sanders; and his sister, Karen Elder.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to noon, with services at noon, on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery in Fishers.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

### Jerry Holloway

March 17, 1956 – December 5, 2025

Jerry Holloway, 69, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, December 5, 2025, at Riverview Health in Noblesville. He was born on March 17, 1956, to William "Bill" and Faye (Cornelius) Holloway in Madison County, Ind.

Jerry was a farmer his entire life, working for Likens Farm in Anderson. He was a 10-year 4-H member and passed that love onto his grandkids.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Vickie Holloway; son, Darrell (Sharon) Holloway; grandchildren, Austin (Kaylynn) Holloway, Andrew Holloway, and Abby Holloway; great-grandchild, Harper; sister, Teresa (Rick) Kinder; and his brother, Richard (Darlene) Holloway.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister-in-law, Susan Holloway.

Visitation took place Thursday, December 11, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. An additional visitation was held, followed by funeral services, on Friday, December 12, 2025, at the funeral home. Rev. Jeff Gammon officiated. Burial was at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hamilton County 4-H Council, Inc., 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville, IN 46060.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

### Ruth Ann Hawley

October 11, 1936 – December 6, 2025

Ruth Ann Hawley, 89, born in Pleasant Hill, Ohio, passed away on Saturday, December 6, 2025, at Heritage Woods of Noblesville. She was born on October 11, 1936, to Vernon E. & Frieda S. Jay (Trost).

She is preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Ester Hall (Jay) and Mary Ellen Chipley (Jay); brother, Paul Jay; as well as deceased husbands, Edward Hogle and Orba Hawley.

She is survived by two brothers, John Jay of Laura, Ohio, and James Jay of Pleasant Hill, Ohio.

Ruth was a dedicated housewife and loved her children and all their families listed below. She loved farming, growing her garden, camping, and fishing. She worked as a nurse's aide at Jackson Foote Hospital in Jackson, Mich. After retirement, she moved to a 10-acre cabin in Grayling, Mich. She loved her dachshunds! Sony was red, and she had two litters of puppies. Later in life, she had 17 years with Snoopy in the cabin; he enjoyed cheeseburgers and resembled a black log with four legs! She also loved taking the fifth-wheel camper out west every winter. She will be missed as she was always kind and loving to her six children, 12 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by:

Son *Chris Hogle and grandchildren Blu & Amy Hogle, Dylan & Erica Hogle, and Billi (Hogle) & Kevin Allman. Blu & Amy have great-grandchildren, McKenna, Delaney, Serena, and Alexis. McKenna just added a great-great-granddaughter, Josie.*

Dylan's added grandchildren, *Jaeden and Abby. Billi & Kevin added grandchildren Braden, Madelyn, Kyla, and Gabby.*

Son *James & Joanne Hogle had grandchildren Alex Hogle, Brian & Chelsea Carman (Hogle), and great-grandchild Dylan. Nick & Emily Miller had great-grandchildren Jackson and Ben. Ryan & Lauren Dimick have great-grandchildren, Macy & Joey.*

Daughter *Michele Pierce (Hogle) & Rob had grandchildren Kristine Pierce and Lauren Combs (Pierce) & Michael Combs and great-grandson Rylan Turner.*

Stepson *Randy Hawley has two grandsons, Tim Hawley and Alan Hawley. They have great-grandchildren, Abigail, Lucas, Hunter, Angel, Neviah, and Samantha.*

Stepdaughter *Laurie Adams (Hawley) – David Adams has grandchildren, Zachary, great-great-grandson, and Shaelynn, great-great-granddaughter. Denelle Adams – Kaylee Zamora's granddaughter, and they have Aleena and Mirajane, great-great-granddaughters. Kyle Adams grandson, Nathaniel Dignard grandson, and Greyson's great-great-grandson. Preceded in death by Jeffery Adams, grandson, Cameron and Colton, great-and Breanna, great-great-granddaughter.*

Stepdaughter *Shari King (David preceded in death) has grandchildren Russell King, Melissa Ray, William King, great-great-grandson and great-great-grandson Carson, and great-great-great-great-granddaughter Kayce. Great-grandsons Caleb and Cody Hoover, and Breanna Thacker great-great-great-granddaughter.*

A private service will be held at the convenience of the family at Bethel Lutheran Church Columbarium. Arrangements are in the care of Harley-Dunnichay Funeral Home in Cicero. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Bethel Lutheran Church in Noblesville at [bethellutheranchurch.com](http://bethellutheranchurch.com). Click the GIVE NOW button. Thank you.

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### Gene Wright Myers

May 4, 1931 – December 6, 2025

Gene Wright Myers, 94, Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, December 6, 2025, at Maple Park Village in Westfield. He was born on May 4, 1931, to Leo and Margaret (Wright) Myers in South Gate, Calif.

Shortly after the 1933 earthquake in Long Beach, Gene's parents moved to Grass Valley, Calif., where he spent the next 18 years. He served in the United States Navy on Treasure Island where he met the love of his life, his sweetheart, Irma Jean Wilson. They married on August 8, 1951, and were married for 68 years until her passing on July 21, 2022.

During the early years of their marriage, Gene finished his master's degree from Berkeley and then Long Beach State. He then became a teacher in the Paramount Unified School District, where he worked until retirement. He loved teaching, and his students appreciated his sense of humor and his style of teaching. Many returned to him after graduation to thank him for helping them through their high school years and for making learning fun and interesting.

Gene loved adventure, teaching, and driving fast. He was a backpacker, camper, fisherman, hunter, race boat driver, water skier, motorcycle rider, traveler, miner, and caregiver.

Gene is survived by his daughter, Sharon (Bob) Eup; son, Mark (Nancy) Myers; sister, Melba (Roger) Sachs; brother, John (Anne) Myers; grandchildren, Lisa (Tom) Bannwart, Melanie (Brad) Wing, Cory (Kim) Davis, Steven Myers, and Jacob Myers; and his great-grandchildren, Sara, Evan, Savanna, Sam, Sophia, Scarlett, Skyler, Noah, Elijah, and Daniel.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Irma Jean Myers.

Private family services will be held. Graveside services were held Friday, December 12, 2025, at Riverside Cemetery, 5th Street and Maple Avenue in Noblesville.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

### Eric Matthew Berman

March 5, 1965 – December 5, 2025

Eric Matthew Berman, who spent nearly three decades reporting news, the Indiana Legislature, and elections on radio in Indianapolis, died December 5, 2025 after a nearly 19-year battle with cancer. He was 60.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Christine, a former reporter at the *Kokomo Tribune*, and their 22-year-old son, Christian.

A native of Crown Point, Ind., Eric was born March 5, 1965, to Leonard Till and Joyce (Horton) Berman. He was a lifelong fan of Broadway and the Chicago Cubs, a longtime member of the National Puzzlers' League, and had most recently worked as the communications director for the Indiana State Medical Association.

Berman graduated from Crown Point High School as valedictorian and was inducted to its Hall of Fame in 2011. He attended Indiana University, receiving a bachelor's degree in journalism. While there, he was a member of the Singing Hoosiers musical group. He was also a member of the IU College Bowl Team, including representing the school in the National College Bowl Tournament.

Berman went on to work at WIOW in Kokomo, WOWO in Fort Wayne, and WIBC in Indianapolis. As a reporter in Indiana, he covered six governors. His reports were broadcast to scores of stations across the state on Network Indiana.

Berman was named a Sagamore of the Wabash, Indiana's highest civilian honor, in 2022 by Governor Eric Holcomb.

He taught LSAT classes to students aspiring to go to law school. He was granted a full ride to attend the UCLA law school but turned it down due to health reasons. Eric had a quest for knowledge at a young age. He was a five-time *Jeopardy!* champion, making it to the Tournament of Champions in 1987. He most recently was a champion on the game show *Trivial Pursuit*. Eric competed in several national trivia tournaments, with his teams finishing in the top five nationally on more than one occasion.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Christopher Mark Berman, and an aunt.

A celebration of life service will be held at 4 p.m. December 19, 2025, at Zionsville Presbyterian Church, 4775 W. 116th St., Zionsville. Visitation will be held from 2 to 4 p.m.

Donations may be made to the IU Simon Cancer Center, 1030 W. Michigan St., Indianapolis, 46202; or the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, 1275 York Ave., New York, NY, 10065.

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You can read great theatre reviews from the *ASOTA* crew online at [asota.wordpress.com](http://asota.wordpress.com).

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# Greyhounds & Shamrocks win cross-county rivalry games



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(ABOVE LEFT) Carmel's Evan Harrell scored 15 points for the Greyhounds during their 64-52 win over Noblesville Friday, Dec. 12 on Bill Shepherd Court at Eric Clark Activity Center. (ABOVE RIGHT) Noblesville's Justin Curry II (right) led the Millers with 20 points. Also pictured for Noblesville is Dylan Knaga. (RIGHT) Westfield's Drew Haffner (3) scored 22 points for the Shamrocks in their 56-51 win at Guerin Catholic on Friday, Dec. 12. Also pictured is Guerin Catholic's Hayden Rogers, who scored 15 points.



Photo by Joshua Herd

(ABOVE) Hamilton Southeastern honored its seniors during the Royals' Hoosier Crossroads Conference game with Avon Friday, Dec. 12. Southeastern won the game 67-42. (RIGHT) Sheridan's Brayden Whisman shoots a free throw during the Blackhawks' 65-20 Hoosier Heartland Conference victory over Clinton Central on Friday, Dec. 12.



Photo by Dwight Casler

## Pacers Sports & Entertainment, JAKKS Pacific Toys bring 16<sup>th</sup> annual Big Toy Giveaway to Noblesville

**The REPORTER**

As part of the 16th annual statewide Big Toy Giveaway, Pacers Sports & Entertainment and JAKKS Pacific Toys teamed up with the City of Noblesville on Friday, Dec. 12 to provide toys to local families and children in need.

The toy distribution event took place at the Boys and Girls Club of Noblesville, and children enjoyed appearances by players and coaches from the Noblesville Boom, their mascot, Bobby the Bobcat, the Indiana Pacemates and Indiana Pacers mascot, Boomer.

"We are grateful to Pacers Sports & Entertainment Owner Herb Simon and the entire organization, along with JAKKS Pacific Toys, for partnering with the City of Noblesville to give back to families in our community and across Indiana," said

Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen. "The holidays are a time for reflection and giving back to others, and I'm grateful that the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville will benefit from the generosity of this event. It's great to see the impact of this toy giveaway and the smiles on the kids' faces."

After speaking to the kids, Jensen said to The Reporter, "anytime you can have a corporate partner like Pacers Sports & Entertainment not only invest in our community as part of the Noblesville boom, but for them to go a whole another layer deeper and be invested in our community, like this toy drive today, just speaks to the quality of that organization, speaks to the quality of Noblesville as a community and is going to brighten so many families' lives this time of year."



Photo provided

**Pacers Sports & Entertainment and JAKKS Pacific Toys teamed up with the City of Noblesville on Friday, Dec. 12 to provide toys to local families and children in need. The event took place at the Boys and Girls Club of Noblesville.**

Since its launch in 2009, the Big Toy Giveaway has been fueled by the generosity of Stephen Ber-

man, 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.

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Hamilton Southeastern 67, Avon 42  
Westfield 51, Zionsville 46

See Friday night basketball coverage in our Tuesday digital edition and online at [ReadTheReporter.com](http://ReadTheReporter.com).

Basketball

# Rocks hold on for win over Hounds



Photo by Dwight Casler

Sheridan's Trey Page scored 15 points, one of three double-digit scorers for the Blackhawks in their win on Tuesday, Dec. 9 over Faith Christian.

## Blackhawks beat Faith Christian

**The REPORTER**

Sheridan won a hard-fought game with Faith Christian 73-67 Tuesday, Dec. 9 at Larry Hobbs Hall.

The Blackhawks led 22-17 in a high-scoring first quarter. Devon Hamilton scored seven points, while Trey Page made two 3-pointers.

Hamilton added another five points in the second quarter, part of a 20-point period for Sheridan. The

Hawks led 42-36 at half-time.

Sheridan was up 58-51 going into the third quarter and held its lead in the fourth for the victory. Jax Peerman helped out with two second-half triples. Both he and Hamilton scored eight points in that half.

Hamilton led the Blackhawks' scoring with 20 points. Peerman scored 16, including four 3s, and Page finished 15, hitting three 3s.

**The REPORTER**

Westfield won a hard-fought all-county girls basketball game on Tuesday, Dec. 9, holding off Carmel 35-32 at the Shamrocks' CSI Gymnasium.

The game was low scoring all the way, with Westfield leading 6-5 after one quarter. The Shamrocks went up 15-13 by halftime, thanks to three 3-pointers in the second period. Lillian Clark, Gabby Bassett and MaKayla Hatcher all hit triples. Natalie Whelan-Edwards kept the Greyhounds close with six points in that quarter.

Westfield surged ahead 27-20 by the end of the third period, with Hatcher adding another seven points. Carmel came back in the fourth and cut the lead to 33-32, but two free throws from Audra Park-



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(LEFT) Westfield's MaKayla Hatcher scored 12 points for the Shamrocks during their Tuesday, Dec. 9 win over Carmel. (RIGHT) Carmel's Natalie Whelan-Edwards scored 13 points for the Greyhounds.

er sealed the game for the Rocks.

Hatcher led Westfield with 12 points, while Whel-

an-Edwards scored 13 for the Hounds.

## Millers flip switch, rally past Tigers

**By RICHARD TORRES**

For The Reporter

**NOBLESVILLE** – For the first seven minutes, the Fishers Tigers controlled both the tempo and the scoreboard inside The Mill on Thursday, Dec. 11.

Then, the Class 4A Noblesville Millers (6-3, 2-2) flipped the switch and erased a five-point deficit with an 18-0 run fueled by their zone defense to rally back and pull even in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference.

The youthful Millers, which feature a combined nine freshmen and sophomores compared to one junior and three seniors, built a double-digit lead by halftime and fended off a late Tigers' (6-5, 0-3) charge in the second half to win big, 54-39.

"You think it's probably a coin flip game coming in, but our sophomores, our young kids, played so well tonight," Noblesville coach Donna Buckley said. "They're so athletic and can shoot it. Definitely a difference maker tonight."

The change was evident in the final minute of the opening quarter, as Noblesville pulled ahead 11-10 and later ran out to a 23-10 lead late in the second.

The Millers' 1-3-1 zone forced Fishers into 10 first-half turnovers, which played a factor with the 4A Tigers going scoreless for 7-plus minutes after holding a 10-5 advantage early.

"Defense changed everything. I thought when Nalani (Render) came in, we were able to get out in our 1-3-1 and make that a speed game," Buckley said. "We can't play in that half-court slow, get the ball inside game. That's just not us."

Instead, the Millers applied the pressure, and they outscored Fishers 18-7 in the second quarter.

Noblesville's defense created transition buckets



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(ABOVE) Noblesville's Norah Vetur (left), C.C. Quigley (second from left) and Nalani Render (right) react after Aleah Magee (33) makes a basket during the Millers' game with Fishers on Thursday, Dec. 11. Noblesville won the game 54-39. (BELOW) Fishers' Alanna Anthony looks to pass the ball.

where sophomores Maia Blower and Norah Vetur found space, scoring 19 and 14 points, respectively.

Senior C.C. Quigley added eight points and six rebounds, while sophomore Aleah Magee finished with five points and seven rebounds. Senior Ally Hutchinson had six points.

Render didn't score a point, but her handful of steals and defense were substantial.

"All three of those sophomore guards are feisty and just getting after it," Buckley said. "Then Nalani, our little freshman, she's going to be good. We brought her in and just went out 1-3-1, and those kids rose to the challenge."

Fishers cut the deficit 34-29 late in the third, but an 18-2 run by Noblesville established its largest lead of the night at 21 points in the fourth quarter.

The Tigers were led by senior Natalie Thomas with eight points and three rebounds and junior Delaney Wilson with eight points. Sophomore Reagan Reiff had four points and eight rebounds.

"It takes just a couple back-to-back turnovers, not getting a bucket and another bucket, and then it kind of



explodes on you," Fishers' acting coach Bill Thomas said. "I thought initially our effort was really good."

A five-minute Tigers' scoring drought in the fourth quarter locked in Noblesville's third win in four games and snapped Fishers' three-game winning streak.

"When we played down in Evansville (last week), we moved without the ball really well, and I think with their aggressive zone on top, we made the pass, but we didn't move without the ball," Thomas said. "That's just something where I think it's just a mental focus for

them to get a little bit better on that."

The Millers continue to build in-season after losing to 4A No. 13 Brownsburg, 67-48, last month; at 4A Carmel, 49-46, on Nov. 25; and at 4A No. 4 Hamilton Southeastern, 50-34, this past week.

"We haven't lost to anybody badly. HSE, we tried our 1-3-1, and we played that in the third quarter against them and outscored them 17-7, then ran out of gas," Buckley said. "They're finding it. They're finding their way."

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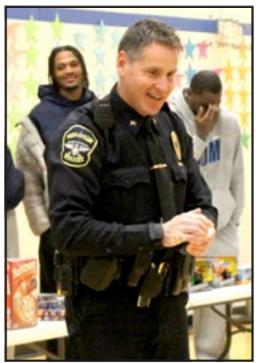
## TOYS

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(TOP LEFT) Noblesville Police Chief Brad Arnold speaks to Boys and Girls Club members. (TOP RIGHT) Boys and Girls Club Development Director Nathan Helm speaks to Boys and Girls Club members. (ABOVE LEFT) Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen speaks to Boys and Girls Club members before the event. (ABOVE RIGHT) Pacers Pacemate Libby talks with a girl after she received a gift.

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Wrestling



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**Fishers' Amaiya Howard won an exhibition match at 125 pounds.**

## Hounds win dual over Fishers

By **RICHIE HALL**  
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**CARMEL** – The Carmel girls wrestling team won a dual meet over Fishers Wednesday, Dec. 10, 53-12 on Bill Shepherd Court at the Eric Clark Activity Center.

All but one of the matches were decided by fall or forfeit. The Greyhounds got victories by fall from Laila Mack (140 pounds), Daniela Ramirez-Zarate (155), Tess Seif (110) and Ana Penquite (125). Grace Sharp won the 120-pound match by a technical fall.

Ramirez-Zarate and Sharp are state-ranked wrestlers, along with 190-pound-

er Josie Belloti, who won by forfeit.

“The three state-ranked wrestlers and our teams had 19 girls on it this year,” said Carmel coach Josh Baxter. “We had seven last year. You see a lot of growth and there’s a bright future here with Carmel girls wrestling.”

The Tigers’ two victories came from Isabelle Denney at 235 and Jamariah Patton at 135, both by fall.

The two teams wrestled exhibition matches following the conclusion of the varsity meet. Masha New-some won at 120 for Carmel, while Amaiya Howard (125), Patton (130) and Anjali Dhanda (140) won for Fishers.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

**Carmel's Daniela Ramirez-Zarate won the 155-pound match by fall during the Greyhounds' dual meet with Fishers on Wednesday, Dec. 10.**

## RALLY

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The Millers host 4A Lawrence North on Tuesday before resuming HCC play at 4A Westfield (8-3, 2-0) on Dec. 20. The Tigers host 4A Pendleton Heights on Monday before traveling to conference foe HSE on Dec. 19.

“We lost to Carmel in a

close game. We lost to HSE in a game that was closer than that final score,” Buckley said. “Trust me, I don’t want to lose, but if you lose and you learn something and get better, then we grow. This group seems to really understand that and take those lessons.”

# Westfield sails to unbeaten day at Shamrock Duals

By **RICHIE HALL**  
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It’s always fun to win your own tournament.

The Westfield wrestling team was all smiles Saturday, Dec. 6 when it accepted the trophy at its own Shamrock Duals tournament. Westfield easily won five dual meets for the victory.

The Rocks were winners over Ben Davis 52-23, Fishers 45-27, Rossville 57-20 and Fort Wayne Carroll 51-19 before beating Whiteland 51-19 in the championship bout.

“We’re getting better,” said Westfield coach Tom Griffin. The coach said his wrestlers still have “some stuff to figure out, but overall, we’re getting consistent improvement. That’s what we’re looking for.”

The Shamrocks had six wrestlers finish the day undefeated: Charley Head, Aiden Driscoll, Trevor Humburg, Graydon Staley, Seth Tanner and Job Mavrick.

Westfield’s own dual meet was the second big event for the Rocks. They competed at the Center Grove Classic on Nov. 22, where Connor Maddox won at 113 pounds and Jon Stryker was the 190-pound champion.

Maddox did not wrestle at the Shamrock Duals, as he was preparing the IRONMAN tournament, which took place last weekend at Walsh Jesuit High School in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Maddox said his preparation consists of “training hard, eating clean and preparing my mind. It’s been a while since I’ve gotten to wrestle on a big national stage, so I’m glad to get to do it here soon.”

### Noblesville takes third place

Noblesville coach Michael Weimer had plenty of reason to be happy with how his Millers performed after their third-place finish at the Shamrock Duals.

“We’ve never been in the top pool,” said Weimer. “We’ve never been a top-four team since I’ve taken over as the head coach. We had a lot of firsts.”

Noblesville won duals over Mt. Vernon 69-9, Carmel 47-25, Homestead 43-30 and Fort Wayne Carroll



Photo by Manford Photography

**The Westfield wrestling team won its own Shamrock Duals on Saturday, Dec. 6, going 5-0 in dual meets to win the trophy.**

50-23, with its only loss to Whiteland 35-23. The Millers had three wrestlers go undefeated: Luke Chastain at 150 pounds, Aidan Kincaide at 165 and Yan Tioua at 190.

“This program is a process-based program,” said Weimer. “Everybody embraces the process. Guys aren’t worried about winning and losing. They’re embracing the process of getting better and learning.”

The day was especially satisfying for Kincaide, who had gotten injured around this time last year. He fractured his back, which he said put him “in a really dark place.”

“I just wanted to come back and compete,” said Kincaide. “And just being able to come out here and just wrestle for the glory of God, it just brings me so much joy.”

Carmel was 3-2 at the Duals, beating Mt. Vernon 49-24, Yorktown 66-12 and Fishers 40-30. The Hounds fell to Homestead 37-31 and Noblesville.

Will Massey went undefeated for Carmel at 215 pounds. The Greyhounds have a new coach this year: Kyle Ayresman, who was a longtime assistant for Brownsburg, the two-time defending team state champion.

“We are a very green team when it comes to wrestling,” said Ayresman. “My first few months here is just about getting these kids more matches. Just go out and compete more so they can be ready for these larger matches when we get later in the year.”

Fishers went 2-3 at the meet, with wins over Rossville 44-27 and Westfield’s junior varsity 60-19. The Tigers fell to Westfield 45-



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**(ABOVE) Charley Head was one of six undefeated wrestlers for Westfield at the Shamrock Duals. (BELOW) Preston Springer competed for Fishers at 165 pounds. (BOTTOM) Blake Weimer wrestled for Noblesville at 120 pounds.**



27, Ben Davis 44-33 and Carmel.

Two Fishers wrestlers went unbeaten for the day: Camden Funk at 190 and Julian Burgett at 215.

“Overall I think we wrestled okay,” said Tigers coach Cameron Diep. “We have a lot of young guys who are first-timers in the varsity lineup, so we’re really trying to get those guys to turn the page and mature

quicker than normal.”

Unfortunately, one of Fishers’ top wrestlers, Xavier Smith, is out for the season with an injury. Diep said the focus for Smith is getting him ready for college competition next season at Purdue.

“He is a very bright young kid and is a positive young kid and you’ll see him in the corner coaching with us,” said Diep.

## Where you can find Feeding Team Food Pantries

Here is a list of all the yellow Feeding Team food pantries across Hamilton County. For more information, go to [FeedingTeam.org](http://FeedingTeam.org).

### ARCADIA

Arcadia Brethren Church, 8989 E. 266th St.  
Hamilton Heights School Administration Building, 410 W. Main St.

### ATLANTA

Wesleyan Church, 330 S. Walnut St.

### CARMEL

Carmel Lions Club, 141 E. Main St.  
St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 10655 Haverstick Road

### CICERO

Cicero Christian Church, 1715 Stringtown Pike  
Harbour Shores Church, 8011 E. 216th St.  
Koteewi Park – Taylor Center, 12308 Strawtown Ave.  
Laura Hayden’s School of Dance, 7830 E. 236th St.  
Roundabout at SR 37 & Strawtown Ave. (23297 Lafayette St.)  
The Indiana Academy, 24815 State Road 19  
The Pizza House, 11 N. Main St.

### FISHERS

Christ the Savior Lutheran Church, 10500 E. 126th St.  
Christ’s Community Church, 13097 Allisonville Road  
Cyntheanne Christian Church, 13151 Cyntheanne Road  
G5 Auto Sales, 11544 Allisonville Road  
Life Church Fishers, 9820 E. 141st St.

### SHERIDAN

Issachar Church, 501 E. Main St.  
Sheridan Church of God, 705 W. 2nd St.  
Sheridan Elementary School, 24795 N. Hinesley Road

### WESTFIELD

CrossRoads Church, 19201 Grassy Branch Road  
Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 4283 E. 191st St.  
Radiant Life Church, 16162 Carey Road  
The Playhouse, 1836 State Road 32 (Eagletown)  
Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St.

### NOBLESVILLE

American Eagle/Miller Auto Body, 16100 Allisonville Road  
Chapel Church, 675 Walnut St.  
Christ Lutheran Church, 10055 E. 186th St.  
Clarksville Christian Church, 16600 Lehr St.  
Deer Path HOA Community Building, 12109 Wolf Run Road  
Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 16000 Cumberland Road  
Family Promise of Hamilton County, 1051 N. 10th St.  
Feeding Team Headquarters, 485 Sheridan Road (State Road 38)  
First Christian Church, 16377 Herriman Blvd.  
First Presbyterian Church, 1194 Maple Ave.  
First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St.  
Freedom Church, 1361 Christian Ave.  
Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St.  
Hamilton County Fire Fighters Local 4416, 399 S. 14th St.  
Hamilton County Health Department, 18030 Foundation Drive  
Hinkle Creek Friends Church, 21617 Hinkle Road  
IDES (International Disaster Emergency Service), 355 Park 32 West Drive  
Ignite Transform, 698 N. 10th St.  
Legacy Christian School, 470 Lakeview Drive  
Life Church, 2200 Sheridan Road (State Road 38)  
Moose Lodge, 950 Field Drive  
Morse Beach FOP Lodge, 7201 E. 196th St.  
Mystic Images Tattoo, 164 N. 10th St.  
Noblesville Schools Admin Building, 18025 River Road  
Open Door Church, 20545 Riverwood Ave.  
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St.  
Promise Road Elementary School, 14975 Promise Road  
Suburban Estates, 3288 Cicero Road  
Union United Methodist Church, 19090 Deshane Ave.  
Victory Baptist Church, 2021 Cicero Road (State Road 19)  
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Wrestling

Huskies cruise past Chatard

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights cruised to a 62-15 dual meet victory at Bishop Chatard on Wednesday, Dec. 10.

The Huskies won 11 of the 14 matches, collecting seven pins along the way. Heights winners by fall were Zeke Rice, Jonah Wolfgang, Kolter Galloway, Braden Rutledge, Jameson Mullins, Braxtyn Baber and Hans Frymier.

Kase Powell and Asher Barrick both won matches by major decision, while Colton Watson and Seth Vanhook each won by forfeit.



Hamilton Heights' Kolter Galloway was one of seven Huskies to win by fall during their dual meet Wednesday, Dec. 10 at Bishop Chatard.

Tigers win tough dual over Hounds

By RICHIE HALL sports@readthereporter.com

CARMEL - A few days after meeting at the Shamrock Duals, the Fishers and Carmel boys wrestling teams had another showdown on Wednesday, Dec. 10, this time on the Greyhounds' Bill Shepherd Court at the Eric Clark Activity Center.

Thursday's dual meet between the two squads was a spirited one and it finished with the Tigers winning 34-24. Fishers won the first four matches, then absorbed a Carmel run of seven consecutive match victories before the Tigers finished the meet with the last three wins.

When the teams met at the Duals, the Greyhounds won 40-30 in a dual that Fishers coach Cameron Diep said was "a little wonky."

"We wrestled half [junior varsity] and they did the same thing so extra guys could get matches," said Diep. "But tonight was varsity versus varsity."

The Tigers' lightweights set the tone, with 106-pounder Nick Moltzer and 126-pounder Will

Hruskoci both winning by technical fall. Seth Lamb won at 120 by major decision, with Bryce Rogers picking up a decision at 113.

"I think our guys are really gritty," said Diep. "We are pushing the pace, which is what we preach in the [practice] room, like, if guys are tired, smell blood and get after it. I think we wrestled well."

Those early matches gave Fishers a 17-0 lead. Carmel came back to win the next seven matches and go up 24-17. Elliott Leonard won at 138 by tech fall and Tyler Elliott got a major decision at 144.

Brock Raasch started the run with a 1-0 decision victory at 132, picking up an escape point in the second period. Jaxen Timmon (150), Braydon Mack (157) Jordan Jay (165) and Harrison Grant (175) all got decision wins.

Grant won after trailing at the start of the third period but won 12-11; a takedown in the final period helped send him to victory. At 165, Jordan Jay and Fishers' Carter Fraley battled to overtime; Jay won the match with



Reporter photo by Julie Brown



(TOP) Fishers' Seth Lamb won at 120 pounds for the Tigers during their dual-meet win at Carmel on Wednesday, Dec. 10. (ABOVE) Carmel's Elliott Leonard won by technical fall at 138 pounds.

a takedown in the sudden-victory OT. The Tigers' Camden Funk won by fall at 190, then Julian Burgett scored a tech fall at 215 to push Fishers in front 28-24. At 285, Ryan Dungee won by fall over Carmel's Will Massey, who was wrestling up from 215 pounds. "There was a lot of

fight from a lot of guys," said Greyhounds coach Kyle Ayresman. "When we're down four, Will Massey's one of our senior leaders and I think it's in our best favor to bump him up to heavyweight to try to go out and get a W for us. Unfortunately, it just didn't work out for us."

Millers battle with Frankton in girls/boys meet

The REPORTER

The Noblesville wrestling teams took on Frankton Thursday, Dec. 11 at the Noblesville Auxiliary Gym.

The Millers' boys team cruised to victory, winning 63-11 and triumphing in 11 of the 14 matches. Noblesville picked up 10 of those wins by fall, including first-round pins

from Aidan Kincaide, Cale Metzler, Henry Antrobus, Eli Kincaide and Blake Weimer.

In the girls meet, the Millers fell to Frankton 48-30. Noblesville only had seven wrestlers competing, but five of them won by fall: Azzura Moretti, Olivia Benefield, Tiffany Manglona, Jessica Lester and Arianna Mendez.



Antrobus



Reporter photo by Richie Hall The Noblesville girls wrestling team won five matches over Frankton Thursday, Dec. 11. Pictured: Azzura Moretti, Olivia Benefield, Tiffany Manglona, Jessica Lester, Arianna Mendez.

COURT NOTICES

29D01-2512-EU-000523 Eric M. Douthit, #20099-49 CHURCH CHURCH HITTLE + ANTRIM Two North Ninth Street Noblesville, IN 46060 (317)773-2190; FAX (317) 773-5320 NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION In the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana. Notice is hereby given that Amy Lutz was, on December 3, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of CRAIG A. LUTZ, deceased, who died January 8, 2025. All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Noblesville, Indiana on December 3, 2025. Kathy Kreag Williams Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana 12/8/25, 12/15/25 R7152

STATE OF INDIANA ) COUNTY OF HAMILTON ) IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT ) Cause No. 29C01-2511-MI-012945 ) IN RE THE MATTER OF: ) Aldina Dedakovic ) Petitioner ) NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME ) Aldina Dedakovic, whose mailing address is: 13133 Hirsch Ln Unit 207, Fishers, IN 46037, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Aldina Dedakovic has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Aldina Alibegic. Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: April 24, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. Aldina Dedakovic Petitioner Date: November 19, 2025 Kathy Kreag Williams Hamilton County Clerk R7122 12/15/25, 12/22/25, 12/29/25

29D01-2512-EU-000529 Jack G. Hittle, #7550-29 CHURCH CHURCH HITTLE + ANTRIM Two North Ninth Street Noblesville, IN 46060 (317)773-2190; FAX (317) 773-5320 NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION In the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana. Notice is hereby given that David W. Haldane was, on December 5, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of ROBERTA ANNE HALDANE, deceased, who died October 24, 2025. All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Noblesville, Indiana on December 5, 2025. Kathy Kreag Williams Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana 12/15/25, 12/22/25 R7168

29D02-2512-EU-000528 PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION In the matter of the Estate of LETITIA LESLIE WENISCH, deceased. Cause Number 29D02-2512-EU-000528 Notice is hereby given that JEANNETTE E. BYERS was on the 8th day of December, 2025 appointed personal representative of the estate of LETITIA LESLIE WENISCH, deceased, who died on October 9, 2025. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Noblesville, Indiana this 8th day of December, 2025. Kathy Kreag Williams Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court 2 12/15/25, 12/22/25 R7163

STATE OF INDIANA ) COUNTY OF HAMILTON ) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT ) CAUSE NO. 29D01-2512-EU-000518 ) IN THE MATTER OF THE ) UNSUPERVISED ) ADMINISTRATION OF THE ) ESTATE OF ) ROBERT C. PEABODY, Deceased. ) NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION ) Notice is hereby given that Maegan M. Hollingsworth was on December 2, 2025 appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Robert C. Peabody, Deceased, who died on October 12, 2025. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Noblesville, Indiana this December 3, 2025. Kathy Kreag Williams Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court 1 Shawn M. Scott, #25413-49 Sloan F. Crawford, #36238-49 SCOTT LEGAL GROUP LLC 8555 River Road, Ste. 210 Indianapolis, IN 46240 (317) 672-6722 (317) 779-2289 fax R7170 12/15/25, 12/22/25

29D02-2512-EU-000525 STATE OF INDIANA ) COUNTY OF HAMILTON ) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT, PROBATE DIVISION ) IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE ) OF ) JANET L. LOFTIN, Deceased. ) NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION ) Notice is hereby given that Tera R. Viola and Stacia A. Georgi were, on December 8th, 2025, appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the estate of Janet L. Loftin, deceased, who died on the 14th day of November 2025. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the Office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Fort Wayne, Indiana, December 8th, 2025. Kathy Kreag Williams Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court Mark E. Witmer #16554-02 BECKMAN LAWSON, LLP 201 West Wayne Street Fort Wayne, IN 46802 260-422-0800 Attorneys for Estate R7169 12/15/25, 12/22/25

29D01-2512-EU-000526 NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION In re the Estate of Madeline Jannette Epes ADLER ATTORNEYS Raymond M. Adler, P.C., #2336-29 136 South 9th Street Noblesville, IN 46060-2614 (317) 773-1974 ray@noblesvilleattorney.com In the Superior Court 1 of Hamilton County, Indiana Notice is given that Julie King, on December 11, 2025 was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of the above-named Decedent, who died on November 17, 2025. All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or within nine (9) months of Decedent's death whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated: December 11, 2025 Kathy Kreag Williams Clerk for Hamilton Superior Court 3 Hamilton County, Indiana 12/15/25, 12/22/25 R7174

29D03-2512-EU-000534 Hamilton Superior Court 3 FRANK D. OTTE OLIVIA A. HESS CLARK, QUINN, MOSES, SCOTT & GRAHN, LLP ATTORNEYS AT LAW 320 NORTH MERIDIAN STREET, SUITE 1100 INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204-2011 NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT/ SUPERIOR COURT IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: SARAH BETH TOOMBS, DECEASED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Joshua A. Toombs was on December 11, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Sarah Beth Toombs, deceased, who died intestate on October 4, 2025. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated: December 11, 2025 Kathy Kreag Williams Clerk, Hamilton Circuit/Superior Court R7173 12/15/25, 12/22/25

HAMILTON COUNTY

JOINT MEETING NOTICE Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners and the Hamilton County Council will meet on Friday, December 19, 2025, in Conference Room 1A in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square Noblesville, Indiana 46060. Meeting will begin at 10 a.m. with Joint Executive Session for Implementation of Purchase or Lease of Real Estate IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D). Public Joint Work Session to discuss county business will begin at 11:30 a.m. /s/ Todd E. Clevenger Hamilton County Auditor R7159 12/9/25, 12/15/25

NOTICE The Hamilton County Emergency Management Advisory Council hereby provides notice of its regular business meetings for 2026, pursuant to Indiana's Open-Door Law, Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-5(a). Hamilton County Emergency Management Advisory Council will hold meetings at the Hamilton County Emergency Management office, located at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. Meetings will begin at 9:00 am on January 22, April 23, August 13 and October 15. Meeting dates, locations, and times are subject to change. For more information visit www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/em R7172 12/15/25

Table with 2 columns: Date and Time. Title: 2026 Hamilton County Council Meeting Dates. Rows include dates from January 7 to December 2, 2026, with times ranging from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Includes notes for Budget Workshops and Final Adoption 2027 Budget.

Send Meeting Notices to: News@ReadTheReporter.com

ATLANTA

NOTICE The Atlanta Plan Commission will meet on December 29, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Atlanta Town Hall, 105 E. Main St., Atlanta, IN 46031 in order to hear the following re-zoning petitions: Partition #1: DOCKET NO. 122925 A request for Re-Zoning from Special Character Commercial (SC) to Business Park / Light Manufacturing / Utility (C2) is hereby made of the Atlanta Plan Commission. The reason for this Request is for the sale of the property. Project Address: 795 S. Central St. Atlanta, IN 46031 Petitioner's Name: Atlanta Town Council Date: December 8, 2025 Partition #2: DOCKET NO. 122925 A request for Re-Zoning from Agriculture (AG) to Business Park / Light Manufacturing / Utility (C2) is hereby made of the Atlanta Plan Commission. The reason for this Request is proposed Outdoor Storage. Project Address: 635 S. Central St. Atlanta, IN 46031 Petitioner's Name: Jacqueline Beeler Date: December 8, 2025 The petitions may be examined at the office of the Atlanta Building Commissioner, 105 E Main St, Atlanta, IN 46031. Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing or may file written comments concerning the matter to be heard prior to or at the Hearing. The Hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary. R7167 12/15/25

FISHERS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ANNEXATION BY THE CITY OF FISHERS, INDIANA LYNNWOOD HILLS ANNEXATION Ordinance No. 111725E Interested persons are hereby notified that on February 23, 2025, the Common Council of the City of Fishers will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. local time (EST) at the Fishers Municipal Center Theater, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, Indiana 46038, concerning a proposed annexation of territory into the City of Fishers generally known as the Lynnwood Hills Annexation. The annexation ordinance upon which the hearing will be held, Ordinance No. 111725E, provides for the proposed annexation of approximately 77.064 acres of land generally located at the northeast corner of 131st and Allisonville Road in Fishers, Hamilton County, Indiana. The proposed annexation ordinance and corresponding fiscal plan, legal description, and map of the annexation area are available for inspection by the public during regular business hours at the Fishers Municipal Center Theater, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, Indiana 46038. The City reserves the right to amend the annexation area, fiscal plan, and/or ordinance prior to taking final action. The City is authorized to consider the annexation in accordance with Indiana Code §36-4-3. At such hearing, all interested parties will have an opportunity to testify as to the proposed annexation, and the hearing may be adjourned to a later date or dates. Dated this 15th day of December 2025. City of Fishers, Indiana R7171 12/15/25

HAMILTON COUNTY

HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 2026 Meeting Schedule Meetings are held in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. Meeting dates and times are subject to change. January 12, 2026 1:00 p.m. January 26, 2026 12:15 p.m. February 9, 2026 1:00 p.m. February 23, 2026 12:15 p.m. March 9, 2026 1:00 p.m. March 23, 2026 12:15 p.m. April 13, 2026 1:00 p.m. April 27, 2026 12:15 p.m. May 11, 2026 1:00 p.m. May 26, 2026 12:15 p.m. June 8, 2026 1:00 p.m. June 22, 2026 12:15 p.m. July 13, 2026 1:00 p.m. July 27, 2026 12:15 p.m. August 10, 2026 1:00 p.m. August 24, 2026 12:15 p.m. September 14, 2026 1:00 p.m. September 28, 2026 12:15 p.m. October 12, 2026 1:00 p.m. October 26, 2026 12:15 p.m. November 9, 2026 1:00 p.m. November 23, 2026 12:15 p.m. December 7, 2026 1:00 p.m. December 18, 2026 12:15 p.m. TUESDAY FIRST MONDAY DUE TO HOLIDAYS FRIDAY (EMERGENCY MEETING/ ITEMS ONLY) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners will (tentatively) meet with the Hamilton County Highway Department staff at 8:30 a.m. on the following dates. Meetings will be held at the Hamilton County Highway Department, 1700 S. 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana. Meeting dates and/or times are subject to change. Friday, January 2, 2026 Friday, February 6, 2026 Friday, March 6, 2026 Friday, May 1, 2026 Friday, June 5, 2026 Friday, August 7, 2026 Friday, September 4, 2026 Friday, October 2, 2026 Friday, November 6, 2026 Friday, December 4, 2026 /s/ Todd Clevenger Auditor R7175 12/15/25, 12/17/25

HAMILTON COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION 2026 Meeting Schedule Meetings are held in the Commissioner's Courtroom in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. Monday, June 1, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. Monday, August 17, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. Monday, November 9, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. /s/ Todd Clevenger Auditor R7177 12/15/25, 12/17/25

COURT NOTICES

SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY
COUNTY OF HAMILTON ) SUPERIOR COURT
CAUSE NO. 29D05-2510-MF-011886
NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING )
Plaintiff )
Vs. )
UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND DEWISEES OF SUZETTE A. HARTKE, )
DECEASED, JOHN TODD WALTER, TIMBERSTONE VILLAS )
HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; GENE M. HARTKE; KAREN S. )
HARTKE )
Defendant )

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the Defendants above named and any other person who may be concerned.
You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named.
The nature of the suit against you is:
Complaint on Note and to Foreclose Mortgage on Real Estate against the property described in Exhibit B of the Complaint as set out below:
Legal Description:
LOT 116, TIMBERSTONE VILLAS SECTION 3B, SECONDARY PLAT, AN ADDITION TO HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED SEPTEMBER 16, 2016 AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 2016048355, PLAT CABINET 5, SLIDE 555, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.

More commonly known as 9533 Rocky Shore Drive, McCordsville, Indiana 46055
This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant:
UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND DEWISEES OF SUZETTE A. HARTKE, DECEASED; JOHN TODD WALTER; TIMBERSTONE VILLAS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; GENE M. HARTKE; KAREN S. HARTKE

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant whose whereabouts are or may be unknown:
UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND DEWISEES OF SUZETTE A. HARTKE, DECEASED; JOHN TODD WALTER; TIMBERSTONE VILLAS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; GENE M. HARTKE; KAREN S. HARTKE

If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer or response.
You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded by the plaintiff

/s/ Andrew L. Kraemer
Andrew L. Kraemer
Attorney No. 14872-71

Andrew L. Kraemer
Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC
500 W. Lincoln Hwy., Suite J
Merrillville, IN 46410
Ph. 312-541-9710
Fax 312-541-9711
JBA# IN 25 8506

NOTICE

JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC IS A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

R7132 12/8/25, 12/15/25, 12/22/25

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY
COUNTY OF HAMILTON ) SUPERIOR COURT
CAUSE NO. 29D06-2408-EV-008602
JVM FISHERS DISTRICT, LLC f/k/a TTRG FISHERS DISTRICT, LLC )
Plaintiff, )
vs. )
ELLAVATION CLEANERS #2, LLC, FRANKLIN MORGAN FUND 1, LLC, )
and LAWRENCE R. FRUTKIN )
Defendants. )

This Summons is to the Defendants, Ellavation Cleaners #2, LLC and Lawrence R. Frutkin named above, and to any other person, organization or entity who may be concerned. You are notified that Defendants, Ellavation Cleaners #2, LLC and Lawrence R. Frutkin, named above, have been sued in the Hamilton County Superior Court in Hamilton County, Indiana in an action entitled Amended Complaint for Breach of Lease, Breach of Assignment and Assumption of Lease, and Breach of Guaranty, Cause No. 29D06-2408-EV-008602 by the Plaintiff, JVM Fishers District, LLC f/k/a TTRG Fishers District, LLC. This Summons by Publication is specifically directed to you, whose current addresses, locations and/or whereabouts are unknown to the Plaintiff and/or its attorneys. The named Plaintiff is represented by William J. Barkimer and Hilary K. Leighty of Krieg DeVault LLP, 12800 North Meridian Street, Suite 300, Carmel, Indiana 46032. The nature of this lawsuit, litigation and/or Amended Complaint against you is: Amended Complaint to recover damages arising from breach of lease, breach of assignment and assumption of lease, and breach of guaranty.

An Answer or other response in writing to the Amended Complaint must be filed by you and/or your attorney on or before thirty (30) days after the third (3rd) notice of this suit is published. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded by the Plaintiff, JVM Fishers District, LLC f/k/a TTRG Fishers District, LLC.

An Answer is considered filed when it is received in the office of the Clerk of the Hamilton County Superior Court, 1 N. 8th Street, Noblesville, Indiana 46060, (317) 776-9600. The method you choose to deliver the Answer to the Clerk is up to you; however, you should be able to prove that you filed your Answer. If you have a claim against the Plaintiff, JVM Fishers District, LLC f/k/a TTRG Fishers District, LLC arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written Answer or response.
Dated: 12/1/2025

Kathy Kreag Williams
CLERK, HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
R7139 12/8/25, 12/15/25, 12/22/25

29D02-2510-EU-000479
STATE OF INDIANA )
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )
IN THE HAMILTON )
CIRCUIT COURT )
Cause No. 29C01-2511-MI-013151
IN RE THE MATTER OF: )
Ruth Milagros Robertson )
Petitioner )

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Ruth Milagros Robertson, whose mailing address is: 16970 Adler Ln Noblesville, Indiana 46060, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Ruth Milagros Robertson has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Ruth Milagros Rivero Cermeno.

Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: April 24, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Ruth Milagros Robertson
Petitioner
Date: November 25, 2025

Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R7112 12/1/25, 12/8/25, 12/15/25

29D01-2512-EU-000517
STATE OF INDIANA )
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )
IN THE HAMILTON )
CIRCUIT COURT )
Cause No. 29C01-2511-MI-12900
IN RE: NAME CHANGE OF: )
DAVID EDWARD TUCKER )
NOTICE OF HEARING )
Notice is hereby given that )
Petitioner, DAVID EDWARD )
TUCKER, pro se, filed a Verified )
Petition for Change of Name to )
change his name from DAVID )
EDWARD TUCKER to MAEVE )
MCMULLEN MEYER )
The petition is scheduled for hearing )
in the Hamilton Circuit Court on )
March 20, 2026 at 10:00 am, which )
is more than thirty (30) days after )
the third notice of publication. Any )
person has the right to appear at the )
hearing and to file written objections )
on or before the hearing date. The )
parties shall report to One Hamilton )
County Square, Suite 337, Noblesville, )
IN 46060. )
Date: November 19, 2025 )
Kathy Kreag Williams )
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court )
R7150 12/8/25, 12/15/25, 12/22/25

29D01-2512-EU-000517
STATE OF INDIANA )
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )
IN THE HAMILTON )
CIRCUIT COURT )
Cause No. 29D01-2512-EU-000517
IN RE THE SUPERVISED )
ESTATE OF )
NORDA J. RICHARDS, )
Deceased )
Attorney: Jane B. Merrill )
Attorney at Law )
550 Congressional Blvd, #210 )
Carmel, IN 46032 )
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION )
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF )
HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA. )
In the matter of the Estate of Norda J. )
Richards, deceased. )
Cause Number: 29D01-2512- )
EU-000517 )
Notice is hereby given that on )
December 1, 2025, Steven D. )
Richards is appointed personal )
representative of the estate of Norda )
J. Richards, deceased, who died on )
October 27, 2025. )
AU persons having claims against )
this estate, whether or not now due, )
must file the claim in the office of )
the Clerk of the Court within three )
(3) months from the date of the first )
publication of this notice, or within )
nine (9) months after the decedent's )
death, whichever is earlier, or the )
claims will be forever barred. )
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this )
December 1, 2025. )
Kathy Kreag Williams )
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court )
R7153 12/8/25, 12/15/25

29D01-2512-EU-000517
STATE OF INDIANA )
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )
IN THE HAMILTON )
CIRCUIT COURT )
Cause No. 29C01-2511-MI-013131
IN RE THE MATTER OF: )
Arslan Subhani )
Name of Minor )
Noorul Qamar Subhani )
By Next Friend )
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME )
Notice is hereby given that, Noorul )
Qamar Subhani, Next Friend of )
minor child, self-represented, filed a )
Verified Petition for Change of Name )
on November 29, 2025 to change the )
name of Arslan Subhani to Ibrahim )
Qamar Subhani. )
The Petition is schedule for hearing )
in the Hamilton County Circuit Court )
on April 24, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. which )
is more than thirty (30) days after )
the third notice of publication. Any )
person has the right to appear at the )
hearing and to file written objections )
on or before the hearing date. )
Date: December 3, 2025 )
Kathy Kreag Williams )
Clerk, Hamilton County Court )
R7151 12/8/25, 12/15/25, 12/22/25

29D01-2512-EU-000517
STATE OF INDIANA )
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )
IN THE HAMILTON )
CIRCUIT COURT )
Cause No. 29C01-2511-MI-013151
IN RE THE MATTER OF: )
Arslan Subhani )
Name of Minor )
Noorul Qamar Subhani )
By Next Friend )
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME )
Notice is hereby given that, Noorul )
Qamar Subhani, Next Friend of )
minor child, self-represented, filed a )
Verified Petition for Change of Name )
on November 29, 2025 to change the )
name of Arslan Subhani to Ibrahim )
Qamar Subhani. )
The Petition is schedule for hearing )
in the Hamilton County Circuit Court )
on April 24, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. which )
is more than thirty (30) days after )
the third notice of publication. Any )
person has the right to appear at the )
hearing and to file written objections )
on or before the hearing date. )
Date: December 3, 2025 )
Kathy Kreag Williams )
Clerk, Hamilton County Court )
R7151 12/8/25, 12/15/25, 12/22/25

SHERIFF SALES

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
SHERIFF'S SALE NOTICE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D03-2508-MF-008893 wherein The Bank Of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York, as Trustee for The Certificate Holders of CWABS IN, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-1M1 was Plaintiff, and Dennis Magnuson was the Defendant, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the January 22, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., or as soon as thereafter as is possible, at Sheriff's Office at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.

Lot Number 512 in Deer Path, Section Fourteen, an addition in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded January 12, 2004 as Instrument No. 2004-2652 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana. Commonly known address: 12318 Wolf Run Road, Noblesville, IN 46060
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.

Dennis J. Ouakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County
Township: Wayne
Parcel No./ Tax Id #: 20-11-15-00-012-029,000-022

J. Dustin Smith (29493-06)
MDK Legal
P.O. Box 165028
Columbus OH 43216-5028
Telephone: 614-220-5611
Attorney for Plaintiff

The Sheriffs Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein
R7141 12/8/25, 12/15/25, 12/22/25

WESTFIELD

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.5 that the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of Westfield Washington Schools (the "School Corporation") did, on December 9, 2025, make a preliminary determination to issue one or more series of bonds and enter into one or more lease agreements (the "Lease") for the Destination Westfield Phase 3 Projects, including (i) renovations and construction of additions to all elementary schools, (ii) construction of a new elementary school, (iii) construction and renovations to Westfield Middle School East, (iv) construction of a new middle school, (v) renovations and construction of additions to Westfield High School, (vi) site and athletics improvements primarily at Westfield High School, and (vii) deferred maintenance improvements, site improvements, and the purchase of buses, equipment, and technology (collectively, the "Destination Westfield Phase 3 Projects").

Each Lease will be for a maximum term of 20 years, with a maximum aggregate annual Lease rental for the Destination Westfield Phase 3 Projects of \$100,000,000. The maximum annual lease rental has been estimated based upon an estimated principal amount of bonds of \$950,000,000, estimated interest rates ranging from 1.00% to 7.00%, and estimated total interest costs of \$870,801,400.
As required by Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.5(b)(1), the following information was available to the public at the public hearings on the preliminary determination: (i) the School Corporation's current and projected annual debt service payments divided by the net assessed value of taxable property within the School Corporation, which is 2.19%; and (ii) the sum of the School Corporation's outstanding long term debt plus the outstanding long term debt of other taxing units that include any other territory of the School Corporation divided by the net assessed value of taxable property within the School Corporation, which is 24.96%.

The School Corporation's current Debt Service Fund levy is \$51,750,086 and the current non-exempt Debt Service Fund tax rate is \$0.6898. After the School Corporation enters into the proposed lease agreement and the bonds are issued, the gross Debt Service Fund levy will increase by a maximum of \$100,000,000 and the gross Debt Service Fund tax rate will increase by a maximum of \$1.4038. The estimated amount of the School Corporation's Debt Service Fund levy and Debt Service Fund tax rate that will result during the following ten years if the School Corporation enters into the lease and issues the bonds, after considering any changes that will occur to the Debt Service Fund levy and Debt Service Fund tax rate during that period on account of any outstanding bonds or lease obligations that will mature or terminate during that period, is as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Debt Service Levy, Estimated Total Debt Service Rate, Estimated Total Debt Service Rate. Rows for years 2025 through 2035.

The Destination Westfield Phase 3 Projects involve the opening of new school facility space. The School Corporation expects to annually incur an increase of \$5,000,000 to operate such new facility space, if all new facilities and additions are constructed. The purpose of the Lease is to provide for the Destination Westfield Phase 3 Projects.

If a valid petition pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.5 is received within 30 days from the publication of this notice, the proposed debt service or Lease payments must be approved in an election on a local public question held under Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.6.
Dated December 15, 2025.

/s/ Secretary, Board of School Trustees
Westfield Washington Schools
R7191 12/15/25

FISHERS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
9001 MAYNARD LANE, FISHERS, INDIANA 46037
PROPERTY ID. NO. 15-15-06-00-00-015,000

The City of Fishers Redevelopment Commission, a commission of the City of Fishers authorized and existing pursuant to Ind. Code § 36-7-14 et. seq. (the "Commission"), hereby provides NOTICE that the Commission is offering property generally located at 9001 Maynard Lane, Fishers, Indiana 46037 and identified by Property Identification No. 15-15-06-00-00-015,000 (the "Property") for public sale. Pursuant to and consistent with Ind. Code § 36-7-14 et. seq., the Commission prepared an offering sheet for the Property, including the offering price, which offering sheet is available to prospective buyers on request. Maps and plats showing the size and location of the Property is available for inspection at the City of Fishers.

General Information:

1) Date and Time Offers Due: By or before January 9, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. Offers must be provided in writing, in pdf format, via email at the following: jennifermesserslaw@gmail.com and baumgartnerm@fishers.in.us. All offers shall be addressed to the attention of the Commission and must be sent to both email addresses. The Commission, at a designated time properly noticed, will open and consider written offers for the Property during the week of January 12, 2026.

2) Location of Property: 9001 MAYNARD LANE, FISHERS, INDIANA 46037
PROPERTY ID. NO. 15-15-06-00-00-015,000. Offers must be submitted for the entire Property. The City will not consider offers for portions of the Property.

3) Bids submitted by a trust (as defined in Ind. Code § 30-4-1-1(a)) must identify the following:
(A) beneficiary of the trust; and
(B) settlor empowered to revoke or modify the trust.

4) Offers: May consist of consideration in the form of cash, other property, or a combination of cash and other property. If offering other property, the offer must be accompanied by evidence of the property's fair market value that is satisfactory to the Commission, in its sole discretion.

5) Commission Discretion: The Commission reserves the right to reject any bids and may make awards to the highest and best bidders.

6) Evaluation of Offers: In determining the best bids, the Commission will consider the following factors:
a) The size and character of the improvements proposed to be made on the Property.
b) The plans and ability to improve the Property with reasonable promptness.
c) Whether the Property when improved will be sold or rented.
d) Factors that will assure the Commission that the sale will further the execution of the redevelopment plan and best serve the interest of the community, from the standpoint of both human and economic welfare.
e) The price offered.
f) Any other factors permissible under Ind. Code 36-7-14 et. seq.

7) Availability: The Property is available for immediate conveyance.

R7162 12/11/25, 12/15/25, 12/18/25, 12/22/25

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Request for Proposal documents for E-Rate eligible vendors to bid on NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES for the Hamilton Southeastern School Corporation are available on the Universal Service (E-Rate) website. Hamilton Southeastern School Corporation is not responsible for documents distributed through other means. Vendors shall submit bids according to the Instructions, Provisions and Specifications stated in the solicitation documents.
R7140 12/8/25, 12/15/25

HAMILTON COUNTY

LEGAL NOTICE
DUKE ENERGY INDIANA, LLC

Public notice is hereby given to affected property owners pursuant to 170 IAC 4-9-4(f) that within two (2) to six (6) weeks of the date of this notice, weather permitting, Duke Energy Indiana, LLC will be performing vegetation management as part of its power line maintenance program in the area described below. As part of this project, one of its contractors that employ qualified utility line clearance tree workers will be trimming and/or removing trees and brush to clear the lines of vegetation to provide safe and reliable electric service. Vegetation management will be performed in/near Sheridan, Westfield, Noblesville, Fishers on or near streets identified below:

- Beginning at the substation located near the intersection of W 226th St & Six Points Rd to include the areas around & near: N of W 186th St, E of Mule Barn Rd, S of W 236th St, W of Oak Ridge Rd
Beginning at the substation located near the intersection of Logan St & N 8th St to include the areas around & near: N & W of the substation, E of N Mill Creek Rd, S of Buttonwood Dr
Beginning at the substation located near the intersection of Campus Pkwy & Marilyn Rd to include the areas around & near: N of Packers Ave, E of Palodura Ct, S of the substation, W of Brooks School Rd
Beginning at the substation located near the intersection of Southeastern Pkwy & Jack Walker Ln to include the areas around & near: N of E 116th St, E of Hoosier Rd, S & W of the substation

The date this notice is published initiates the two (2) week period for calculating implied consent by an affected property owner under 170 IAC 4-9-9. If you have any questions, you may contact the Duke Energy Vegetation Management toll free number, 866-385-3675.
Duke Energy Indiana, LLC
Vegetation Management Department
Duke Energy Indiana, LLC
Vegetation Management Department
R7166 12/15/25

SHERIFF SALES

HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Date of Sale: January 22, 2026
Sale Location: 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060
Publisher's Name/County: The Hamilton County Reporter - Hamilton County
Judgment to be Satisfied: \$336,123.01
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D05-2505-MF-005528
Plaintiff: CrossCountry Mortgage, LLC
Defendant: Rebecca McArdle, et al.
Required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, at the hour of 10:00 AM of said day as listed above, at, fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

LOT 419 IN BRISTOLS, SECTION 3A, A SUBDIVISION IN HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JULY 23, 2004 IN PLAT CABINET 3, SLIDE 451, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2004-51679, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.
Parcel No. 29-11-27-016-061,000-020
Commonly Known as: 12995 QUARTERBACK LANE, FISHERS, IN 46037

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. This Notice shall also represent service of Notice of Sale of the above-described real estate upon the owners, pursuant to requirements of IC 32-29-7-3.
Dennis J. Ouakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County

Matthew C. Gladwell (30493-49)
Christopher J. Arlinghaus (31680-15)
Aaron Rodgers (28418-84)
Attorney
Reisenfeld & Associates, LPA LLC
Attorneys' Law Firm
(513) 322-7000
Contact Telephone Number

Fall Creek
Township
12995 Quarterback Lane, Fishers, IN 46037
Street Address

The Sheriffs Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein.
R7142 12/8/25, 12/15/25, 12/22/25

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No.: 29C01-2506-MF-007110, wherein AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC, was Plaintiff, and Jennifer L. Barlow-Kreitschmar, was/were Defendant(s), requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 22nd day of January, 2026, at the hour(s) of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. said day, at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, 18100 Cumberland Rd, Noblesville, Indiana, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate, in Hamilton County, Indiana:
Lot Numbered 159 in the subdivision known and designated as Brighton Knoll, Section 3 and the Replat of Common Areas 3 and 4 in Brighton Knoll, Section 1, a subdivision in the City of Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded September 21, 2010 in Plat Cabinet 4, Slide 629, as Instrument No. 2010046394 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana. All streets shown and not heretofore dedicated, are hereby dedicated to the public.

More Commonly Known As: 15340 Atkinson Drive, Noblesville, IN 46060
29-11-17-020-022,000-013
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.
Dennis J. Ouakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County
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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D02-2506-PL-006031, wherein Wilson Village Condominium Association, Inc., was Plaintiff, and J. David Snyder & Paula W. Snyder were the Defendants, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose a public sale to the highest bidder, on the 22nd day of January, 2026 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. of said day, at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana:
Unit 35 Terrace Court in Wilson Village Condominiums Horizontal Property Regime as recorded as Instrument Number 4525 in the records of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana, recorded in plat book 8, pages 42-61, and amended in plat book 12, page 113 plat book 13 page 14 and plat book 14, page 69 and amended in an instrument recorded October 1, 1981 in miscellaneous record 166, pages 718-728 as Instrument Number 26963 under dated of January 4, 1980. Together with all of the appurtenances thereto, all according to the Declaration including: (A) The perpetual and exclusive right to use for parking purposes covered parking space no. 39 as shown on the floor plans for the Wilson Village Condominiums Horizontal Property Regime recorded in plat book 8, pages 42-61, as Instrument Number 4626, under the dated of January 4, 1980, in the records of the Hamilton County, Indiana Recorder's Office, which right and benefit is appurtenant to the above described unit, (said instrument is hereafter referred to as "the floor plans"), (B) A .0143 undivided interest, appertaining and appurtenant to the above described unit, in the common areas and limited common areas of the Wilson Condominiums Horizontal Property Regime. Parcel No. 29-09-25-310-047,000-018

Commonly known as: 35 Terrace Court, Carmel, Hamilton County, IN 46032
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.
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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
COUNTY OF HAMILTON ) HAMILTON COUNTY
COUNTY OF HAMILTON ) NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA
CAUSE NO. 29D02-2508-MF-009277

LENNAR MORTGAGE, LLC )
PLAINTIFF )
vs )
JUSTIN D. FOSTER; NICOLE MARIE FOSTER; )
AQUA FINANCE, INC.; WHELCHLE SPRINGS )
HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. )
DEFENDANTS )

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
By virtue of an Order of Sale, directed to me from the Clerk of the Hamilton Circuit Court and pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on 10/22/2025, I will expose to public sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the office of the Sheriff of Hamilton County, in Hamilton County, Indiana, located at 18100 Cumberland Rd., Noblesville, IN 46060 on January 22, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Local Time, the fee simple title together with the rents, profits, issues and income or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, interest, costs and accruing costs of the following described real estate located in Hamilton County, Indiana, to-wit:

Lot Numbered 187, in Whetzel Springs, Section 5, Secondary Plat, as per plat thereof, recorded September 2, 2020 in Plat Cabinet 5, Slide 1185, as Instrument 2020-60318, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Commonly known as: 11940 Springtide Lane, Fishers, IN 46037
State Parcel Number: 29-12-31-014-002,000-020
Township: Fall Creek

This sale is to be made in all respects pursuant to an act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, approved March 7, 1931, and entitled An act concerning proceedings in actions to foreclose real estate mortgages, providing for the sale and custody of the mortgaged premises and repealing all laws conflicting therewith (see Indiana Code).

It is further provided by law that there shall be no redemption from such sale, and the purchaser at such sale, upon complying with the terms of his purchase, shall be entitled to immediately receive from the undersigned, Sheriff of Hamilton County, a deed conveying to him, the purchaser, the fee simple title in and to said real estate.

Taken as the property of the Defendant(s) stated above at the suit of Lennar Mortgage, LLC. Said sale to be without relief from valuation and/or appraisal laws.

THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DOES NOT WARRANT THE ACCURACY OF THE STREET ADDRESS PUBLISHED HEREIN.

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STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
COUNTY OF HAMILTON ) HAMILTON COUNTY
COUNTY OF HAMILTON ) NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA
CAUSE NO. 29D02-2508-MF-009277

# Raised on the mat: The Weimer Family's wrestling bond

By **QUINN MATTHEWS**  
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Most can say that their school sports team is like a family – but for the Weimers, it's more than a figure of speech.

Michael Weimer has been the head wrestling coach at Noblesville for nine years. His coaching journey, which started in 2002, has always been a family affair. Following in his footsteps are his sons Blake Weimer, who wrestles at 140 pounds as a sophomore, and Brody Weimer, who wrestles at 126 pounds as a freshman. For their family, wrestling is at the heart of it all.

"I applied for my job here because I wanted to build something amazing for my sons, selfishly, because the best friends that I have in my life are still my former wrestling teammates from high school and college, and I just wanted to create something amazing for them, so they would always have a cool place to go to, a nice, safe haven," said Michael.

Blake and Brody were practically born on the mat, with their dad sharing his love for wrestling with them since day one.

"I always called them mat rats. When they were babies, I had to carry them both in there [the wrestling room] because they're only 15 months apart, and they would sit there and watch practice," said Michael.

Not only did they sit and watch on the sidelines, they jumped in and learned to wrestle.

"We just enjoyed



Reporter photos by Quinn Matthews  
**Wrestling is a family affair for Michael Weimer, the Noblesville boys wrestling head coach, and his sons Blake (gray sweatshirt) and Brody (blue sweatshirt). Michael Weimer has been the Millers head coach for nine years, while Blake and Brody are varsity wrestlers on the team.**

talking to all the wrestlers and learning little moves on the side and wrestling with everybody, and then it just kind of stuck with us as we got older," said Blake.

Michael always made tagging along to wrestling meets fun for Blake and Brody, and he loved to bring that fun home. "We always did something called Singlet Sundays. So when they were little on Sundays, they would put a singlet on, and I'd put a singlet on, and we would just run around the house, wrestle around, and have fun," said Michael. "Then Singlet Sundays turned into Sunday Funday, because that's when we would go compete at the youth level."

They believe that this lifestyle would never be possible without their "rock": Lisa Weimer.

"My wife is the biggest supporter of this program," said Michael. "Our winter-time is family time. A lot of other sports, sometimes the coaches, you know, aren't around their families or around their wives. In wrestling, our whole family does everything together, we go to every tournament together, so it's pretty cool."

Not every family gets to be together in almost every aspect of their lives, but for the Weimers it's a central part of their lives. They feel grateful for this connection through a sport and recognize that it is rare. "He gets to see the dif-

ferent sides of us, he sees our home life all the time, obviously. And then he sees us come in the [wrestling] room, flip the switch, and we work our butts off with everybody in the room, and make each other better every single day," said Brody.

It's hard for Blake and Brody to imagine wrestling without their family at the center, because that's where their love for the sport comes from.

"If my dad wasn't my coach, I probably wouldn't be wrestling. Without him, I don't think I would have found an interest in it," said Blake. "Growing up, it's really been a part of me, and I'm just not gonna change. I'm gonna keep wrestling."



Photos provided  
**Blake and Brody Weimer have been wrestling ever since they were little.**



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