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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Rainy, mainly in the afternoon. Wind gusts to 40 mph.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Showers may end mixed with a few snow showers.



HIGH: 51 LOW: 19

Dining to donate helps local family



Reporter photo

On Tuesday, Dec. 16, the Bartalone family held a fundraiser for one of their own at Pasto Italiano, 3150 E. State Road 32, Westfield. Allison Patterson, a member of the Pasto family, was diagnosed with clear cell sarcoma in her ankle when she was 20. She recovered for five years, but the cancer returned and Allison had to have a leg amputated this year. (ABOVE) These fine Pasto patrons were kind enough to pose with Allison and her family Tuesday night. A full 100 percent of the funds from family dinner carry-out meals and 20 percent of the dine-in sales went directly to Allison. If you were not there but would like to contribute, you can do so on Venmo at [this link](#) or on Cash App at [this one](#).

Look up from those phones

Some readers may recall my recent column about my disdain for group texts. But sometimes I loathe my cell phone in general. Perhaps I'm not alone.



I met up with one of my grant consultant friends for coffee and tea in Carmel a couple of weeks ago. We had a great discussion and shared terrific ideas with one another. I love that we have a consultant group made up of members who support each other vs. see everyone else as competition. There's plenty of work for all. As I left the meeting and walked to the parking lot, I realized I had some texts and a chat message I needed to reply to. But something told me to wait until I got into my car. Safety first, you know. And I'm so glad I waited.

I looked up and saw a breathtaking sky. My jaw dropped. I paused that cold morning to admire the long wispy clouds that streaked across a background of bright blue.

Thank God I wasn't looking at my phone, I thought. I would have missed this.

It's a bummer that so many of us feel like we must have a phone glued to our hips. I certainly do for my business. I'm always so relieved when I'm forced to part with it, such as when I go swimming. In fact, when a friend shared with me earlier this week that there are ear buds you can take into the water, I was mortified.

"Oh, no!" I exclaimed, "That's the last thing I would want."

Now, there are times when I am glad to have my phone. It has certainly made life easier. And I'm a curious person – it's still amazing to me that, when I have a question, I can just pull out my phone and hop on Google to find an answer. Teenager Amy, who relied on encyclopedias, would have been thrilled.

And what did I do on that beautiful winter morning when I saw such a brilliant sky? I took a photo with my phone, which I'm sharing with you all today.

As the holidays approach, with one of them being New Year's Eve, my mind turns to 2026 resolutions. One of them will be to not look at my phone as often as I do now. My first reason is for safety – I know lots of accidents happen due to people looking at their phones while driving, walking, or even riding a bicycle.

My second reason is that I simply want to enjoy life - real life. Not social media, website, Google, or any other internet-related thing. I want to soak in nature, good conversations with family and friends, books, walks with my dogs, and so much more.

Heights' annual Giving Tree shopping event brings holiday cheer

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.

For the fourth consecutive year, Hamilton Heights Elementary K-Kids Club, and for the first time, Hamilton Heights Middle School Builders Club, partnered with staff, parents, and community members to bring holiday cheer to families in need.

This tradition blends student leadership, fundraising creativity, and community service into a special event designed to make Christmas brighter for those who may need a little lift this season.

Members of the Elementary School's Kiwanis K-Kids Club hosted its annual Penny War event, proving that small contributions add up to big impact. Members of the Middle School's Kiwanis Builders Club sponsored a student dance, channeling fun into fundraising. In all, the effort raised \$3,569



Photo provided by Hamilton Heights School Corporation

Eighty-two K-Kids + 16 Builders Club members + 50 adults (parents and staff) + 2 buses + \$3,569 = tangible joy for others. HHES' Penny War and middle school dance fundraiser came together to make the season brighter for families through the Giving Tree. Watching students shop with staff and parents at Noblesville Walmart reminds us that teamwork and compassion create lasting impact. Four years strong – and still one of the elementary school's favorite traditions!

and spent on Giving Tree Tags. Last week, students and adults climbed aboard two buses and traveled to Noblesville Walmart. Divided into small groups, each team selected gifts from Giving Tree tags, ensuring every purchase was thoughtful

and meaningful. With guidance from staff and parents, students

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Kathy Williams has spent a lifetime in service to you



Photo provided

Hamilton County Clerk Kathy Williams was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2025 Elections Conference. She was nominated for the award and was chosen by the co-directors of the Indiana Election Division as this year's recipient for her work for almost 50 years in election administration. Congratulations, Kathy!

SERVE Celebration: a night of community, connection & impact

Submitted

Neighbors, families, and friends are invited to come together for an unforgettable evening of connection, celebration, and community pride at the annual SERVE Celebration, hosted by SERVE Village, from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, 2026, at the Fieldhouse at Finch Creek, 16289 Boden Rd, Noblesville.

A signature event for Hamilton County, the SERVE Celebration shines a spotlight on the people, partnerships, and possibilities that make our community stronger. Guests will enjoy backyard and carnival games, an inflatable obstacle course, delicious food and drinks, and a few fun surprises designed to spark connection for all ages.

Rooted in SERVE Village's mission of inspiring service, creating space for connection, and elevating the strengths of every neighbor, this annual gathering



Photo provided

Last year's SERVE Celebration award winners.

honors the dedicated volunteers, celebrates inspiring stories, and reflects on the community-driven projects that shaped the past year. With more than 150 attendees expected, the evening promises laughter, shared moments, and an energizing vision for the work ahead in 2026. As a multigenerational event, the SERVE

Celebration is thoughtfully designed so kids, parents, grandparents, and neighbors of all backgrounds can celebrate side by side. This year's program will be emceed by Andrew Bradford, Principal and Managing Partner of Bradford Consulting Group.

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GIVING

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Photos provided

(TOP LEFT) HHEs Principal Julie Griffey is pictured with (from left) Monroe Hermanns, Emma Yagelski, and Raylynn Essig shopping for gifts for the Giving Tree program. (TOP RIGHT) HHEs students (from left) Camryn McKenzie, Zayda Ellis, Olivia Kincaid, Katelyn Pitcher, HHEs Teacher Lauren Knapp, and daughters Harper and Hadley are pictured shopping for Hamilton Heights Giving Tree program. (ABOVE LEFT) HHEs students Evelyn Robison, Cambrie Irwin, Sadie Wooldridge, Brooklyn Hoane, Blakelee Biddle, and Charlotte Adams shop together to select just the right gifts that will help make Christmas brighter for others. (ABOVE RIGHT) HHEs students (from left) Jamey Bradley, Bryce Allen, Jake Hackett, Charlie Trost, Nolan Becker, and Brooks Young helped raise money and shopped for this year's Giving Tree program.

experienced firsthand the joy of giving and the power of teamwork.

"This initiative not only provided gifts for families in need but also fostered leadership and service among students," said Tra-

cy Zachary, Special Education Teacher and K-Kids Club Sponsor. "It strengthened school-community partnerships and created lasting memories for participants."

"This is definitely a

highlight of the holiday season for our students and families," she continued. "It embodies the Kiwanis spirit of service, showing students that a collective effort can transform generosity into tangible joy for others."

LOOK UP

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Photo provided by Amy Shankland

Our columnist was glad she wasn't gazing at her phone weeks ago and instead saw this beautiful sight.

Won't you join me in 2026 and look up from your phone more often? I think you'll see that this one act will bring you more

joy than you ever imagined.

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.

SERVE

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A passionate advocate for Hamilton County, Bradford brings both experience and enthusiasm to the stage, helping guide an evening filled with heart and community pride.

During the event, SERVE Village will also present its 2026 Community Awards, recognizing neighbors and partners with seven awards that embody the spirit of SERVE. A massive congratulations to our nominees for their outstanding dedication and hard work this year: Ann Lemna, Kathy & Deb Talblert, Tim & Heather Ingle, The Larson Family, Rayan Tayeh, and Sandra Lynch.

"The SERVE Celebra-

tion is a reminder of the incredible things we can accomplish when neighbors come together," said Patrick Propst, Executive Director of SERVE Village. "Each donation, each partnership, and each moment of connection helps us build a stronger and more compassionate Hamilton County. When we slow down long enough to see one another, really see one another, we begin to recognize that every neighbor has something to offer. This celebration is more than an event; it's a reflection of who we are becoming as a community and the opportunity for impact we carry into the future."

Whether you volun-

teered at SERVE Week, explored new cultures at FUN Fest, celebrated your neighborhood during Come Together Week, or simply love the charm of historic downtown Noblesville, we invite you to join us at SERVE Celebration for a chance to reconnect, be inspired, and hear what exciting opportunities are coming in 2026. Tickets are available now, and guests are encouraged to reserve their spot for this memorable community-wide evening.

SERVE Village extends heartfelt gratitude to its event sponsors: Progressive Insurance, Mindy Riley Real Estate, The Baker Family, Indiana Members



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Credit Union, Jenni Back Photography, and Peterson Architecture, for their gen-

erous support in bringing this event to life. To learn more about the

2026 SERVE Celebration or to purchase tickets, visit servevillage.org.

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A box of hope – just in time for Christmas

Dear Readers,
I look forward to sharing my Christmas story with you each year; and especially this year as we have all been made more aware of the need for assistance both locally and nationally due to the recent government shutdown and the repercussions for those who need help.

Thank you for reading the Hamilton County Reporter newspaper and may you and yours enjoy the blessings of the season.

December 1955

Until the age of eight, when my brother was born, I was an “only child” and spent a great deal of time playing or reading by myself; though my other favorite pastime was hanging out with my father, following him around like a little shadow.

My dad was the person who taught me the importance of giving to others. Mom was more focused on running the house and keeping things organized. On Saturdays I would go with my dad on his “rounds” – we visited the bank, the hardware store, filled up the car with gas, etc. I always looked forward to those Saturday times just to “pal around” with Dad in Noblesville. (Some of you will remember American National, Western Auto, Phillips 66, etc.)

When I was around the age of five, near the holidays, Dad asked me if I wanted to accompany him on a very special errand. Daddy was a member of a lodge in our town, whose members decided that they wanted to help some local families in need during the holiday season. Names and addresses were distributed, and Dad and I stopped at the local grocery store to pick up some food items and at the “five and dime” store (similar to a tiny Walmart I suppose!) to purchase some small toys.

Though I thought it was a neat adventure, I did not of course have an understanding of what real human need was ... my world was secure and cozy, that was all I knew. So, we purchased our items and off we went...to an area of town where I had never visited.

My dad parked the Buick (he always drove a Buick) on the street and lifted a large box out of the trunk and carried it to the front door. My first impression was that the door was very dirty. (An odd thing to remember, specifically after so many years, but there you go.) We were loaded down with packages and waited patiently for the door to be answered, and it was.

My experience with people in general at that point in my life was pretty much limited to my immediate and extended families and Disney television programs. After so many years, I can still visualize the appearance of the mother who answered the door.

To me, as a child, she looked both frightened and frightening. Her eyes were red, her face drawn, hair unkempt, and I recall that she was very thin. Behind her were several small children, and nearby in the room were a couple of older kids – older than me at least. I could



COLUMNIST

SHARON McMAHON
Be Well

see that someone was lying on the threadbare sofa but the mother and children were mostly blocking my view from the doorway. I don't recall exactly what my dad said to her, but I am sure he was indicating who we were, why we were there, etc.

I am also sure that my mouth dropped open completely because still today I recall how shocked I was. When my eyes left the dirt floor, I was able to see more clearly the form on the sofa in the tiny house. It was a man, who was obviously ill. Although of course I never learned what his illness was, only that he seemed quite incapacitated. He may have sat up, but I don't recall that he ever actually stood up; I believe he was unable to do so.

I now realize as an adult how utterly humiliated he must have been as well. The time frame was the mid-1950s and it was widely considered at that time that a man was the sole provider of his home and family.

The children – and I am guessing at this time, of course, but I believe there were at least five of them – were barefoot (recall that this is just before Christmas – in Indiana!) and were wearing thin and dirty clothes. There was no Christmas tree and I think at that time to me that was just as shocking as anything else!

The large box we delivered was mostly fruit – oranges, apples, pears – and the children immediately began digging into the box, which included staples such as bread and milk, as well as some small toys for boys and girls. I consequently learned that Dad had a list of all the genders and ages provided by the coordinators at his Lodge. I then saw the children opening some packages and the contents really surprised me as I did not know we even had these items with us – underwear and socks! (I suppose my mother was in charge of purchasing those.) I could not imagine at the time why anyone would get underwear and socks for Christmas!

The house was cold, there was newspaper taped up to the wall in several places and now, of course, I know that was to help keep out the cold air. I am sure there was little if any heat in the house. It was so different from anything I had seen in my short life, though the images that day made such a lasting impression that I can still close my eyes and see it all again. And I daresay that there are few homes, if any, now in Noblesville which fit this description.

My dad was born in the 1920s, one of four children, and his father was a coal miner in Kentucky. Most of Dad's growing up years were rather poor, I am certain. The financial woes

of the Great Depression lingered for many years throughout this country. I believe, though he never said so, that the visit that day had some familiar overtones from his own youth. Members of what Tom Brokaw has often referred to as the “Greatest Generation” seldom talked about their Depression-era experiences – they just used them to make a better life for themselves and their families, and to reach out to others in need. Fortunately for our family my dad secured a job as a young man with General Motors and we had ample income for our needs.

That cold December day in 1955 revealed to me in no uncertain terms the meaning of love – the purest form of love which is that for fellow suffering human beings – the love that causes people to step out of their own comfort zone with a heart and hand for others. As often happens, significant childhood memories stay somewhat buried through our teenage and young adult years, and then settle into our psyches as we become more mature adults.

Seeing for the first time my dad's compassion for these people (and other instances through the years) made a lasting impression upon me – and one that I will always cherish. I firmly believe that it is due to my dad's example that I do have a heart and a motivation to help those in need, both human beings and others – all God's creatures!

There were many similar examples throughout my childhood, but this one is truly memorable to me.

Love is about what we can do to reduce others' suffering, to give them a reason to hope and a reason to believe that their lives are significant, and that others care about them. From serving those in the greatest need around the world to those who may live around the corner in our own neighborhoods, love manifests itself in its greatest form by each of us, individually. I feel so completely blessed that growing up I knew that I was loved by my family, and as an adult I have found committed and romantic love with my spouse. I am both thankful and humbled by this.

And I am very grateful that although Daddy is no longer here, he left to me the greatest legacy a parent could provide – an example of how to love others and give of yourself because, to me, that is the meaning of love. I hope that I, too, have modeled that behavior to my own children and that they will continue that legacy to my grandchildren and beyond. Generations of love and compassion will give us the power to truly change our world for the better.

What are you doing? In the 1950s there were few organized efforts to reach out to those in need of shelter, food, clothing and yes – toys for Christmas. Thankfully,



Photo provided

“Small Town Girl” Sharon McMahon with her mom and dad, circa 1955.

today there are many organizations, and the need is great. Most of us are blessed with some level of resources to make a difference in our communities and our world.

Whether it is your financial resources, your volunteer time, the extra goodies you prepare for family, friends and neighbors ... and the time you take to smile and

wish a stranger well, know that you have made a difference in this world and have shined a light which can radiate onward to others.

Matthew 25:35-40

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.

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)
Wayne Township Volunteer Fire, 18441 E. Durbin Road
White Rock Fellowship Church, 21070 Schullery Road



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Thank you for reading *The Reporter!*

Hamilton County Councilman Mark Hall's November Timesheet

Welcome to The Timesheet. This column is a report of work done on behalf of the people of Hamilton County. It's to be informative, too – a place to learn about projects and how our county government works.



As your employee, it's important to me that you know what is being worked on as transparently as possible in government. You hired me as your County Councilman, and my hope is that you'll choose to be informed by regularly reading this column, getting involved, consider volunteering, and by asking questions. Council meetings are at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center in downtown Noblesville. Meetings are also available to watch online for those unable to attend in person.

Here is where my time this past month has been spent.

In addition to the County Council public meetings, November work included:

attending and watching Board of Commissioners public meetings, a Regional Development Commission meeting, watching Noblesville and Cicero Town Council meetings, a Council Work session, a joint session that included the Council and the Commissioners.

The in-person November personnel committee meeting was canceled due to no pending business. The finance committee did not meet this past month nor did the insurance committee.

This month I received two constituent service requests and communications. One request had to do with increased traffic in the 171st Street and Cherry Tree Road intersection once the Pleasant Street bypass opens. This initially came into the City of Noblesville offices and they looped me in as the area includes county roads. After speaking with Mayor Jensen and listening to the city of Noblesville engineers and plan-

ners, I reached out to the homeowners to set time to better understand their concerns. They initially asked for speed bumps and better overall access on this stretch of road. I have reached out to the Highway Department and at present there are no planned improvement projects for these roads.

The second communication came as a thank you from the constituent whose mailbox had been damaged. They were expressing their gratitude for the city and county combined efforts in getting their mailbox replaced.

This month I continued feedback meetings with several department heads, elected officials, and experienced professionals from the county. In each of the three meetings this month (10 in total) I asked each person, what can I do better, how can I improve as a councilman, what should I do more of and what should I stop doing. Their feedback was constructive and helpful. I appreciate their willingness to be transparent and offer feedback.

Lastly, it was an honor to represent you this month

at the Westfield State of the City Address, at the Public Safety Training Facility groundbreaking, at the Carmel State of the City Address, and at a tour of the IDES (International Disaster Emergency Services) Warehouse.

This is my timesheet. This is where my time went during November 2025. While my job is primarily the financial oversight of the county budget, it is important that I understand the Board of Commissioners' priorities and balance them with the stewardship of taxpayer dollars. That is the job, and I am excited to do the people's business.

As a taxpayer myself, and listening to so many of you, our employers, it's important for the taxpayers to have access to all the information you want. I work for you, and although you may not choose to do a deep dive into what your County Council does, it's important that you can always do so.

Feel free to contact me at (317) 832-1104 or mark.hall@hamiltoncounty.in.gov with questions, feedback, or if you would like to talk about county business.

NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS Board Highlights

Dec. 16, 2025 Meeting

Submitted by Noblesville Schools

The school board has responsibility for major district functions including school district governance and oversight, setting school policies, approving funding, strategic planning, and hiring and evaluating the superintendent.

- The board recognized NWMS and NEMS middle school student athletes in volleyball and golf for their county championships. NWMS students were also recognized for winning a media award from the Indiana Association of School Principals. A Noble Crossing Elementary student was recognized for his artwork, which was selected for the district's holiday card.

- Hazel Dell Elementary presented on their "how to" manual for academic excellence.

- Marnie Cooke, executive director of marketing and communications, presented on Engaging Community Relations and the district's new Dollars + Sense financial effort as part of a series of presentations on the district's strategic plan.

- The board approved a consulting contract, the purchase of a small parcel of parking lot bordering the Educational Services Center, and a change in Little Millers Preschool lunch fees.

Go to noblesvilleschools.org/leadership/school-board for meeting agendas, minutes, videos, and more.

Variety of art exhibits featured this month by Noblesville Creates

Submitted

In December, Noblesville Creates will showcase artists Craig Mullins, Michael Levine, and Sofia and Fernando Casanova, along with *Gifted: Handmade Wonders* at the Judge Stone House and NobleMade.

Details on exhibit locations, dates, receptions, and featured artists can be found below.

Judge Stone House & NobleMade
Gifted: Handmade Wonders

Our annual celebration of artistic creativity returns for another holiday season in *Gifted: Handmade Wonders*. Shop hundreds of unique handmade items at both NobleMade and the Noblesville Creates on 8th campus.

You can view the full holiday exhibit-turned-gift-market, *Gifted: Handmade Wonders*, through Dec. 27 in the Judge Stone House gallery on the



Art and photo provided

"Abstract Tulips" by Sofia and Fernando Casanova, seen above right.

Noblesville Creates on 8th campus and at NobleMade.

The Noblesville Creates on 8th campus is open Wednesday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. NobleMade is open Wednesday through Thurs-

day from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Stephenson House
Nova Dream Space

Nova Dream Space has returned to the Stephenson House Gallery this December! Duo Sofia and Fernando Casanova bring vibrancy and warmth with bright hues and carefully constructed mediums. Their artwork reflects a deep relationship with nature and a desire to protect it through found materials.

The pair reflect on their journey and goals thus far:

Fernando: "I am an Ecuadorian-American artist. I grew up in Guayaquil, and in California, where I took my first art classes. I am an alum of the School of Art Institute of Chicago, with an emphasis in Painting and Drawing. I met Sofia during my time at SAIC and in 2020, Sofia and I founded *Nova Dream Space*. We are an artist duo that aims to stop the pollution of our planet, especially the ocean, by bringing awareness to single-use plastics and other harmful practices.

"Over time I have drawn my inspiration from a variety of sources. Initially, I made works based on comics or cartoons, lyrics from a song, or a phrase from a movie. These things would catch my attention and I would make art with that in mind. My current work is more conceptual and I'm more sure of myself as an artist. Recent themes in my work include community, family, and personal responsibility to sustainability."

Sofia: "I am a graduate of The School of the Art Institute of Chicago (Fall BFA Show 2017) with concentrations in Printmaking, Fibers, and Painting, and Latin American & Caribbean Studies. My work is about

the human connection to nature and transforming discarded materials. Fernando and I created *Nova Dream Space* envisioning spaces of collaboration with infinite possibilities.

"For many years, I have been experimenting with various materials and techniques. As I have developed my artistic voice and style, I have a deeper understanding of how these materials relate to the viewer and the message behind my work has become more clear. I used to paint paintings all in one sitting, but now I'm way more comfortable with developing an idea over time, letting my work grow with me, and working at a slower pace. I take inspiration from naturescapes and plant life from my travels."

See the full exhibit, *Joy*, in the Stephenson House Gallery at the Noblesville Creates on 8th campus now through Dec. 27. The full campus is open for exploration Wednesday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

You can meet Sofia and Fernando during their free public open house reception from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20 at Noblesville Creates on 8th.

Four Day Ray
Craig Mullins

You can view the full *COLORS* exhibit through Dec. 27 at Four Day Ray Brewing, 11671 Lantern Road, Fishers, Sunday and Monday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Meyer Najem
Michael Levine

See the full exhibit, *Paintings Thus Far*, through Dec. 26 at the Meyer Najem 2nd floor gallery, 11787 Lantern Road, Fishers, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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42 years of bringing Santa to Sheridan

On Saturday, Dec. 13, the annual Sheridan Children's Holiday Party was held at the Sheridan Masonic Lodge, 930 S. White Ave. This party has been held for 42 years, headed by former Sheridan police officer Bill Curl. Children select a toy, sit on Santa's lap and enjoy cookies and punch. Fun was had by all. (Photos provided by Emily Pearson)



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Don't miss your chance to hop on board the Christkindlmarkt Shuttle



Photo provided

This season, **Carmel Christkindlmarkt** has introduced a new, free shuttle service designed to make visiting the Market easier and more accessible for guests. The Market's ADA-accessible shuttles run every 15 minutes on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the season. With two buses (combined capacity of 69 riders), the new service helps alleviate parking challenges for the more than 250,000 visitors expected this year. Shuttles will pick up guests from the former CNO Financial Group campus at 550 College Drive in Carmel and drop them directly at the Market's entrance on 3rd Avenue, drastically reducing the time it takes to step into the Market's holiday magic. [Click here](#) for more information about the Shuttle. Remember that this is the final shopping weekend before the Market closes at 4 p.m. Christmas Eve!

Trent Scott named new Aspire Indiana Health Board Chair

The REPORTER

Trent Scott has begun a four-year term as the new Chair of the Board of Directors for Aspire Indiana Health. He takes over from previous Chair Michael Collette.



Scott



As chair, Scott will lead the board in oversight of the nonprofit community health system, which provides comprehensive healthcare services including primary care, behavioral health, addiction treatment and support services in Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Madison, Marion, and Shelby counties. He has served on the Aspire board since 2014.

"I feel deeply honored to step into the role of Chair of the Board of Directors at Aspire Indiana Health as we prepare to celebrate our 60th year of operation," Scott said. "What excites me most is the opportunity to work hand-in-hand with our passionate board members, incredible leadership team, and dedicated staff. Together, we'll continue

building meaningful change and creating a healthier, brighter future for the communities we serve."

Scott is Chief Operating Officer of Pathway International, a social services organization headquartered in Indianapolis. He has more than 30 years of executive experience in human resources, finance and business strategy. He earned a bachelor's degree in English and psychology from Wabash College and a master's degree in adult and community education from Ball State University.

"Trent Scott's decades of executive experience in business oversight and his unwavering commitment to our mission make him the ideal leader for our Board as we expand our integrated health model," Aspire

President & CEO Antony Sheehan said. "I know his exceptional leadership and dedicated service will help guide Aspire as we continue to experience significant growth and increased partnership in the communities we serve."

About Aspire

Serving Central Indiana since 1966, Aspire Indiana Health is a nonprofit community health system with services including behavioral health, primary and specialty care medicine, pharmacy, substance use disorder treatment, infectious diseases, deaf services, crisis continuum, recovery housing, abused/neglected children advocacy and programs addressing the social drivers of health such as housing and employment. Learn more at aspireindiana.org.

Fishers unveils new White River Park & trail connections

Ribbon cutting celebrates opening of city's new riverside park & continued investment in parks & trails

Submitted by City of Fishers

Officials from the City of Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern Schools Superintendent Pat Mapes, and White River stakeholders recently marked the opening of the new 120-acre Fishers White River Park.

The park reflects the city's continued investment in parks, trails, and outdoor recreation infrastructure, expanding access to nature while strengthening connectivity across the community.

Fishers White River Park offers expansive access to the outdoors with 2.45 miles of trails, including two asphalt trails, a 0.67-mile crushed rock loop, and a 1.33-mile combination dirt-and-gravel trail. Additional amenities include three scenic overlooks, creek and river access points, native plantings, and opportunities for paddling and exploration. The park also features a dedicated kayak launch with a paved access path and nearby parking for convenient river access.

venient river access.

A key feature of the park is its direct connection to Fishers Heritage Park, located immediately north of the property. Trail connections from the north end of Fishers White River Park lead into Heritage Park, where the new Bur Oak Bridge spans the White River and extends west to Carmel's Hazel Landing Park, creating a seamless regional recreation link.

In addition to recreation and trail connectivity, Fishers White River Park also serves as a space for environmental education. In partnership with Hamilton Southeastern Schools and Friends of the White River, the Fishers Parks is piloting a hands-on study trip experience for sixth-grade students that brings in-class learning to life by exploring the river by float, learning about water ecology, and testing water quality.

"This investment reflects our long-term commitment to building a con-

nected system of parks and trails across Fishers," Mayor Scott Fadness said. "Fishers White River Park expands access to the White River and creates new opportunities for residents and students to explore, stay active, and connect with nature year-round. Today is the realization of a commitment we shared with the community to prioritize our natural environment."

Designed as a four-season destination, the park supports the city's focus on community health and wellbeing. Its trail network, river views, and natural features provide year-round opportunities for families, trail users, and outdoor enthusiasts to stay active.

"Fishers is a city that embraces the outdoors all year long," Fishers Recreation and Wellness Director Jake Reardon McSoley said. "This park was intentionally designed to showcase the beauty of the White River

See *Park* . . . Page 7

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:

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Tipton School Board Briefs: Dec. 9, 2025

Submitted by Tipton Community Schools

Tipton Community School Corporation Board Briefs is designed to share highlights from the most recent School Board of Trustees monthly meeting. Official minutes of each Board meeting are posted on the district website and are available for public viewing.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of School Trustees is Jan. 13, 2026. School board meetings are conducted from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the TCSC Board Room at the Administrative Offices and are open to the public.

Superintendent Report

TCSC Superintendent Dr. Ryan Glaze shared a detailed presentation on the TES Playground Project. The project has progressed through extensive stakeholder review and vendor evaluation, culminating in the unanimous recommendation of Commercial Recreation Group for installation in Summer 2026. Updated renderings balance cost efficiency with a refreshed color scheme, while grant funding efforts are underway. The current playground's aging equipment, accessibility gaps, and drainage issues underscore the urgency of this project. He emphasized that this project represents a critical investment in student safety, accessibility, and engagement.

The project, at a cost of \$688,318.61, is positioned to deliver a modern, inclusive, durable play space that reflects community priorities and addresses

longstanding facility challenges. Contributing to this project is a generous contribution of \$200,000 from Tipton County Foundation, \$50,000 from Campbell Family Foundation, and \$50,000 from TESO reducing the cost to taxpayers for the much needed improvement.

Spotlight on Schools

TCSC Association Superintendent and TCSC Treasurer Brook Cleaver shared a presentation on the district's Medicaid Reimbursement Program. District participates in Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) and direct service claiming. Families contacted voluntarily by ClaimAid for eligibility; no cost or service changes for families. Reimbursement offsets costs for services such as speech, occupational/physical therapy, behavioral interventions, and nursing. The program typically generates tens of thousands of dollars annually to support student services and special education.

Associate Superintendent Report

Scott Jaworski shared district initiatives are advancing on multiple fronts: professional development is equipping teachers with practical tools and collaborative structures, new state requirements for teacher recognition are being met with a transparent and fair local process, and Medicaid reimbursement continues to provide critical fund-



ing for student health and support services. Together, these efforts strengthen instructional quality, recognize teacher excellence, and sustain resources that directly benefit students and families.

Director of Technology Report

Steven Gingerich updated the board that technology upgrades are progressing steadily, with cost-saving measures underway, intercom installation scheduled, server migration testing continuing, and critical network equipment replacement poised to restore full capacity.

Director of Food Service Report

Adam Proulx shared the Food Service Department is focused on compliance and readiness for the state's administrative review, while ensuring smooth daily operations through completed equipment repairs. Staffing remains the primary concern, with efforts underway to secure replacements and build a substitute pool to strengthen resilience and continuity.

Athletic Director Report

Colin Quin reported Tipton Athletics continues to thrive across programs, with strong performance in basketball, wrestling, and swimming, alongside dedicated cheerleaders and student leaders who exemplify commitment and sportsmanship. Tipton will host the 7th & 8th grade girls

basketball conference tournament in February. Community support remains a cornerstone, reflected in the Quigley family's generous memorial contributions and the corporation's investment in facilities that benefit both athletics and the arts.

While Tipton's request to join the HHC was declined, conference expansion discussions are ongoing, the department remains focused on fostering excellence, unity, and outreach through initiatives like Devils Advocate (a student leadership council), ensuring that Tipton's student-athletes and programs are well-positioned for success and recognition.

Old Business

Second Reading and Adoption for Batch #9 of CCHA Board Policy, Administrative Guidelines, and Forms

The following new policies were presented for a second reading were approved as written. The corresponding NEOLA policies were retired. G175 (Chemical Management and Preparedness for Toxic Hazard), G200 (Environment Health and Safety Issues), G225 Vehicle Idling, G250 (Pest Control), G275 (Animals on Corporation Property), G300 (Latch-Key Program), G325 (Free and Reduced-Price Meals), G375 (Use of School Facilities), and G400 (Title I Comparability Policy). Retired Policies PO 8431, PO8405, PO8615, PO8432, PO8390, PO2262, PO8531, PO7510, and PO7510.01.

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PARK

in every season. Whether you're crossing the Bur Oak Bridge, exploring a trail, or enjoying the views, there's something for everyone here."

Fishers White River Park was made possible

in part through two major grant awards supporting the City's investment in parks and infrastructure. The project received \$4.7 million through Governor Eric Holcomb's Regional Economic Acceleration and Develop-

ment Initiative and an additional \$1 million grant from the Office of the Hamilton County Commissioners to support park and infrastructure development.

The opening of Fishers White River Park marks a

significant step in the city's efforts to improve mobility, expand access to natural resources, and strengthen neighborhood connections on the west side of Fishers. Learn more at FishersParks.com/FWRP.

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: jennifermesslerlaw@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.

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TIPTON COUNTY

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Tipton County, Indiana that the Tipton County Council will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year at their regular meeting place at the First Floor Meeting Room, Tipton County Courthouse, at 6:30 p.m. on the 30th day of December 2025.

Fund Name: General

Account Name: ADA Compliance

Tipton County Board of Commissioners: 1000.37300.00000.0068 \$75,000.00

Total for Fund: \$75,000.00

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF). The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken.

Dated: December 17, 2025

Jon DeBaun, Tipton County Auditor

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Fund Names:

General

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Cumulative Capital Development Repair & Maintenance Bldg./Prop. County Owned Property

Tipton County Board of Commissioners:

1000.36000.00000.0068 General \$315,000.00

1112.37300.00000.0068 Edit \$5,000.00

1138.36000.00000.0000 Cumulative Capital Development \$315,000.00

Total: \$315,000.00

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Fund Name: General

Account Name: Exp: Part Time

Tipton County Clerk: 1000.11900.00000.0062 \$5,000.00

Total for Fund: \$5,000.00

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF). The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

OFFERINGS AT THE

DEDICATION OF THE TABERNACLE

On the second day Nethanel son of Zuar, the leader of Issachar, brought his offering.

The offering he brought was one silver plate weighing a hundred and thirty shekels and one silver sprinkling bowl weighing seventy shekels, both according to the sanctuary shekel, each filled with the finest flour mixed with olive oil as a grain offering; one gold dish weighing ten shekels, filled with incense; one young bull, one ram and one male lamb a year old for a burnt offering; one male goat for a sin offering; and two oxen, five rams, five male goats and five male lambs a year old to be sacrificed as a fellowship offering. This was the offering of Nethanel son of Zuar.

On the third day, Eliab son of Helon, the leader of the people of Zebulun, brought his offering.

His offering was one silver plate weighing a hundred and thirty shekels and one silver sprinkling bowl weighing seventy shekels, both according to the sanctuary shekel, each filled with the finest flour mixed with olive oil as a grain offering; one gold dish weighing ten shekels, filled with incense; one young bull, one ram and one male lamb a year old for a burnt offering; one male goat for a sin offering; and two oxen, five rams, five male goats and five male lambs a year old to be sacrificed as a fellowship offering. This was the offering of Eliab son of Helon.

Numbers 7:18-29 (NIV)

Melissa Michaelis

February 16, 1970 – December 13, 2025

Melissa Michaelis, Noblesville, passed away on December 13, 2025, at Majestic Care of Carmel. She was born on February 16, 1970, in Chula Vista, Calif. She was 55 years old.

Melissa was full of love and charitable beyond measure; she never had an abundance from which to give but always gave as much as she could. She enjoyed crocheting, and made many sweaters, hats, baby blankets, and other goods for Pregnancy Choices Indy. She had compassion for the homeless and assembled "homeless bags" which included hats and gloves she had crocheted, food, water, and hygiene products. She kept the "homeless bags" in her vehicle, ready to be freely given whenever she passed by someone living on the street.

Melissa loved the holidays, including birthdays. She would often tell people that she celebrated the entire month of February; it was her "birth month" and any gathering of family or friends which occurred in February was also said to be "for my birth month!" Melissa loved animals and had many dogs throughout her life, including rescued puppies which she bottle-fed.

Melissa loved spending time with her family and friends, even when that only meant "being in the same room together while everyone does their own thing." She would often say, "Your visit made my day!" at the conclusion of a visit. Melissa was a "den mother" and offered support and love to the friends of her son, niece, and nephew during their teenage years. Melissa did everything in her power to make sure that her only son had a good childhood. Later in life, she enjoyed watching football games at her son's house. Even when our team lost, she enjoyed being together.

Most of all, words cannot adequately describe how much Melissa loved being a grandma. She was fondly called "Memaw" and "Grandma Lassa" by her grandchildren. She always had candy ready to give to her grandchildren and experienced pure joy when giving them "just because" presents. She looked forward to meeting her pre-born grandchild, Matthew. She loved after-school visits with Michael and Madeline. She especially treasured sleepovers with her eldest grandchild, Kaylee.

Melissa is survived by her parents, Matthew and Linda Robinson; son, Michael (Alysha) Michaelis; grandchildren, Kaylee, Michael, Madeline, and Matthew; sister, Jennifer (Nick) Ream; nieces and nephews, Caitlin (Taylor) Brooks, Nicholas Ream, Julie Ream, and Matthew Ream; grandnephews, Theodore and Oliver Brooks; cousins, Katy (Reggie) Brown and Mike (Linda) McMurry; aunt, Sharon McMurry; closest friend, Robb Shepard; dog, Crumpet; and many other friends and relatives.

She was preceded in death by her cousin whom she was very close to, T. Andrew McMurry; grandparents, Samuel and Janette Robinson, Bill and Betty McMurry; uncles, Richard and Steven McMurry; and her dog of many years, Little Sister.

Private family services will be held.
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Recommendation for Remaining GO Bond Funds Approved

With the reroofing project running ahead of schedule and surplus bond funds available, TCSC is positioned to address three priority facility needs—playground (\$266,000), pool deck (\$86,000), and auditorium sound system replacement (\$80,000)—ensuring lasting benefits for students and the community. These upgrades represent critical, long-term investments in TCSC facilities.

New Business

First Reading for Batch #10 of CCHA Board Policy, Administrative Guidelines, and Forms. Second reading and adoption will be of these policies will be in the January monthly board meeting. (G425) Pledge of Allegiance Moments of Silence, (G450) Advertising, Sponsorship, and Naming Rights, (G475) Prohibition of Unmanned Aircraft, (G500) Intellectual Property Ownership and Revenue, (H125) Corporation Support Organizations, (H150) Public Records, and H175 Questioning of Students.

New THS Curricular Offering Approved

THS approved the addition of a Biblical Literature course beginning Fall 2026, designed to meet English/Language Arts standards while offering students a literary exploration of Biblical texts and their influence on broader literature. Biblical Literature, a course based on the Indiana Academic Standards for English/Language Arts, is a study of the Bible, viewed from a literary standpoint, as a source of a wide variety of literary patterns, themes, and conventions. The course fulfills gradua-

tion requirements, requires no prerequisites, and provides flexibility in instructional delivery.

Transfer from The Friends of Inferno Fund to the Rainy Day Fund Approved

The board approved a \$32,000 transfer from the Friends of Inferno Fund to the Rainy Day Fund, part of a multi-year reimbursement plan supported by sponsorships and naming rights to offset prior upgrade costs. Funds generated through sponsorships and donations are being used to offset the \$249,246.85 previously drawn from the Rainy Day Fund for facility upgrades. TCSC will continue annual reimbursements to the Rainy Day Fund each December. Additional sponsorships and naming rights opportunities will be pursued to fully restore the Rainy Day Fund.

In other new business, the Board shared that TCSC received its initial 1782 Notice in late November and requested appropriation increases of \$100,000 for the Education Fund and \$50,000 for the Operation Fund, using end-of-year operating balances. This update is informational only; no board action required. The board approved the contracts with ClaimAide and Indiana MAC to manage Medicaid billing and reimbursement, enabling TCSC to legally recover substantial funds that will help offset special education costs beyond federal grant coverage.

Important Dates

- Dec. 19: Last Day of 2nd Grading Period/Semester 1
- Dec. 20 to Jan. 5: Winter Break
- Jan. 13: Monthly Board Meeting

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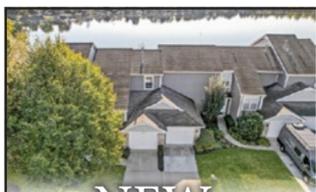
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NEW LISTING!

7389 E 209TH STREET
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Listed at \$499,900



SOLD!

11405 Haverstick Road
CARMEL

This immaculate ranch in Carmel boasts hardwood floors, crown molding, a stone fireplace, and a relaxing sunroom. It sits on .37 acres, a four-minute walk to Woodbrook Elementary. Spotless basement and garage.

Listed at \$409,900



PENDING!

19173 Fox Chase Drive
NOBLESVILLE

Welcome to Prairie Crossing! Charming 3BR/2BA ranch features a convenient split floor plan, woodburning fireplace, and laminate floors. The kitchen has a walk-in pantry. Screened porch, deck, privacy fence, and a new roof.

Listed at \$289,900



NEW LISTING!

1307 CLIFF VIEW DRIVE
WESTFIELD

This 4BR/2.5BA home with a 3-car garage offers a covered front porch overlooking a pond. Flexible living spaces, a 2-story great room with fireplace, and a spacious kitchen. Primary bedroom features a spa-like bath.

Improved Price \$479,900



NEW LISTING!

18826 LONG WALK LANE
NOBLESVILLE

Ready for the holidays? This fantastic 4BR/3BA, nearly 3,000 sq ft home in Woods at Prairie Crossing is situated on a quiet cul-de-sac. It offers a den, loft, and wooded views. It's freshly updated and ready for new owners.

Improved Price \$379,900

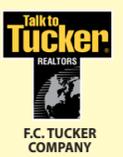


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Swimming



Reporter photo by Richie Hall



Photo provided

The Fishers swim teams swept the Mudsock meet on Tuesday night.

Tigers sweep Mudsock swimming

The REPORTER

The Fishers swimming teams swept the Mudsock meet, which took place Tuesday at the Hamilton Southeastern aquatic center.

The Tigers won the girls meet 108-78 and claimed nine of the 12 individual events. Emily Wolf was a place first in the individual medley and backstroke, while Ashlyn Hayes got two wins in the 200 and 500 freestyles. Other Fishers winners were Paige Wilson in diving, Audrey Wolf in the butterfly, Polina Sopova in the breaststroke and the 200 and 400 free relays.

The Royals began the meet by winning the medley relay, then Naomi Haines was first in the 50 free and Ellason Miller won the 100 free.

The Tigers won the boys meet 114-69, taking 10 of the 12 events. Camden Askren was first in the IM and 500 free, while Alex Koo won the 50 and 100 freestyles. Other Fishers winners were Carter Schultz in the 200 free, Mason Lawson in diving, Logan Senior in the butterfly and all three relays.

Southeastern's Camden Bailey was first in the backstroke while Jagger Chan won the breaststroke.

GIRLS MEET

Team score: Fishers 108, Hamilton Southeastern 78.

200 medley relay: 1. Southeastern "A" (Naomi Haines, Lauren Ing, Ellason Miller, Delaney Miller) 1:47.67, 2. Fishers "B" (Brooklyn Rager, Ruby Haines, Alex Nguyen, Larkin Lee) 1:50.83, 3. Southeastern "B" (Kinsey Bogaards, Jocelyn Graham, Lacey Huston, Sarah Cooper) 1:51.05, 4. Fishers "A" (Isabelle

Ortiz, Polina Sopova, Ella Hare, Frankie Ramey) 1:51.13, 5. Southeastern "C" (Hayden Bunch, Sophia Listenfelt, Ella Chesterfield, Emerson Bunch) 1:55.33, 6. Fishers "C" (Sophie Blue, CJ Piotrowski, Lexi Adams, Sakhari Shaw) 1:57.79.

200 freestyle: 1. Ashlyn Hayes (F) 1:52.55, 2. Rager (F) 1:57.47, 3. Lily Cain (F) 1:58.10, 4. Mia Henderson (HSE) 1:58.30, 5. Izzy Schmitt (HSE) 1:58.39, 6. Brooklyn Penn (HSE) 2:01.39.

200 individual medley: 1. Emily Wolf (F) 2:23.99, 2. Nguyen (F) 2:09.35, 3. Bogaards 2:13.14, 4. Polina Sopova (F) 2:13.15, 5. Huston (HSE) 2:18.01, 6. D. Miller 2:21.91.

50 freestyle: 1. Haines (HSE) 24.40, 2. Miller (HSE) 24.50, 3. Audrey Wolf (F) 24.77, 4. Hare (F) 24.93, 5. Payton Walker (HSE) 25.00, 6. Lee (F) 25.49.

One-meter diving: 1. Paige Wilson (F) 165.85, 2. Frankie Robinson (F) 148.65, 3. Linette Coonce (F) 141.45, 4. Olivia Barras (HSE) 135.10, 5. Ava Cox (HSE) 129.05, 6. Abby Earl (HSE) 111.80.

100 butterfly: 1. A. Wolf (F) 56.49, 2. Haines (HSE) 58.06, 3. Nguyen (F) 59.52, 4. Huston (HSE) 1:00.17, 5. Adams (F) 1:02.18, 6. Chesterfield (HSE) 1:04.74.

100 freestyle: 1. Miller (HSE) 53.01, 2. Henderson (HSE) 55.11, 3. Hare (F) 55.65, 4. Lee (F) 55.68, 5. Ramey (F) 56.23, 6. Walker (HSE) 56.62.

500 freestyle: 1. Hayes (F) 5:12.48, 2. Schmitt (HSE) 5:15.06, 3. Cain (F) 5:15.39, 4. Rager (F) 5:20.56, 5. Penn (HSE) 5:20.84, 6. Eleanor Hultgren (HSE) 5:48.78.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Fishers "A" (Hare, A. Wolf, E. Wolf, Hayes) 1:36.81, 2. Southeastern "A" (Haines, Henderson, D. Miller, E. Miller) 1:42.77, 4. Fishers "B" (Lee, Sopova, Shaw, Ramey) 1:43.10, 5. Southeastern "C" (Ing, Schmitt, Huston, Scarlett Fanger) 1:48.28, 6. Fishers "C" (Audrey Diehl, Sofia Ortiz, Annamari Nagy, Adams) 1:51.47.

100 backstroke: 1. E. Wolf (F) 57.21, 2. Bogaards (HSE) 1:00.71, 3. Ortiz (F) 1:01.77, 4. E. Bunch 1:03.42, 5. H. Bunch 1:03.70, 6.

Blue 1:04.00.

100 breaststroke: 1. Sopova (F) 1:07.70, 2. Ing (HSE) 1:07.71, 3. D. Miller 1:08.60, 4. Graham (HSE) 1:09.16, 5. Hines (F) 1:11.17, 6. Piotrowski (F) 1:11.91.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Fishers "A" (Rager, A. Wolf, E. Wolf, Hayes) 3:34.20, 2. Southeastern "A" (Henderson, Walker, Bogaards, Schmitt) 3:41.81, 3. Fishers "B" (Nguyen, Cain, Ortiz, Ramey) 3:41.99, 4. Southeastern "B" (Penn, Chesterfield, H. Bunch, E. Bunch) 3:54.46, 5. Fishers "C" (Shaw, Blue, Adams, Hines) 3:56.90, 6. Southeastern "C" (Camdyn McGuire, Dylan McIntosh, Ryan Murphy, Eva Willency) 4:11.32.

BOYS MEET

Team score: Fishers 114, Hamilton Southeastern 69.

200 medley relay: 1. Fishers "A" (Logan Senior, Qwinton Upshaw, Alex Koo, Elijah Fishman) 1:38.11, 2. Southeastern "A" (Camden Bailey, Jagger Chan, Joshua Lawrence, Nolan Pugh) 1:40.03, 3. Fishers "B" (Caden Askren, Dylan Geesaman, Brody Chop, Zakariya

Akhtar) 1:43.70, 4. Southeastern "B" (Alden Sealls, Grayer Belaire, Xander Goss, Jackson Reine) 1:45.38, 5. Fishers "C" (Grayden Jones, Joshua Kimmel, Rodrigo Sanchez, Ken Smith) 1:48.96, 6. Southeastern "C" (Clive Bourff, Aiden Stivers, Cade Breske, Braeden Van Hyfte) 1:49.78.

200 freestyle: 1. Carter Schultz (F) 1:48.26, 2. Zachary Marchisin (HSE) 1:49.26, 3. Hagen Lee (F) 1:49.31, 4. Ivan Semko (HSE) 1:50.61, 5. Sawyer Green-Whitehead (HSE) 1:52.97, 6. Caleb McCoy (F) 1:53.27.

200 individual medley: 1. Askren (F) 1:59.08, 2. Chan (HSE) 2:01.55, 3. Upshaw (F) 2:02.69, 4. Bryce Salvadori (HSE) 2:03.51, 5. Lawrence (HSE) 2:06.27, 6. Jones (F) 2:07.46.

50 freestyle: 1. Koo (F) 21.31, 2. Fishman (F) 22.94, 3. Pugh (HSE) 23.12, 4. Akhtar (F) 23.61, 5. Van Hyfte (HSE) 24.87, 6. Reine (HSE) 25.07.

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Girls Basketball

Rocks dominate overtime to beat Avon

The REPORTER

After four close quarters of regulation, Westfield's girls blasted through an overtime period to beat Avon 65-54 Tuesday in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference road game.

The teams were tied at 53-53 at the end of regulation, but the Shamrocks outscored the Orioles 12-1 in the extra period. Ellie Wheeler scored five points, Lillian Clark scored four and Gabby Bassett hit a 3-pointer.

The freshman Clark led the way, scoring in each quarter on her way to 25 points. Clark nailed five 3s, including two in the second quarter. Bassett totaled 17 points, also scoring in each period. Wheeler finished with nine points.

Westfield is unbeaten in HCC play at 4-0 and improved to 10-3 overall. The Shamrocks are back home Saturday afternoon to play Noblesville in another conference contest.

WESTFIELD 65, AVON 54 (overtime)

Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Gracie Czubik	2	0-0	4	2
MaKayla Hatcher	2	0-0	4	5
Olivia Murray	1	0-0	2	4
Ellie Wheeler	3	3-6	9	4
Audra Parker	2	0-2	4	3
Lillian Clark	9	2-3	25	1
Gabby Bassett	7	1-2	17	1
Avery Taylor	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	26	6-13	65	20

Score by Quarters

Westfield	12	16	11	14	12-65
Avon	13	15	12	13	1-54

Westfield 3-pointers (7) Clark 5, Bassett 2.

Girls Wrestling



Photo courtesy HSE Athletics

The Hamilton Southeastern girls wrestling team won the Mudsock meet on Wednesday.

Royals win Mudsock meet

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern girls wrestling team won the Mudsock meet 70-6 over Fishers on Wednesday.

The Royals picked up

three wins by fall: Fanta

Sall at 235 pounds, Lillian Rodriguez at 110 pounds and Savannah Scott at 130. Lindsey Lanen won the 120-pound match in a 14-2 major de-

cision.

The following Royals wrestlers won matches by forfeit: Charlotte Drago at 100, Anjali Patel at 105, Norah Tolbert at 115, Joice Nguti at 125, Jaelyn

Fowler at 140, Katherine Lee at 155 and Eevee Loy at 170.

Anjali Dhanda got Fishers' lone win with a fall at 135 pounds.

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Women's Basketball

Two IU women's basketball players win Big Ten weekly honors

Southeastern's Maya Makalusky is Freshman of the Week

By **JOSH BODE**
 WISH-TV | wishtv.com

BLOOMINGTON (WISH) — After a 2-0 week with wins over Louisiana-Monroe and Eastern Michigan, IU women's basketball senior guard Shay Ciezki was named the Big Ten Player of the Week and freshman forward Maya Makalusky was named Big Ten Freshman of the Week.

bounds, 2.0 assists and 1.5 steals in the two games.

Ciezki had her third 30-plus point game of the season, scoring 31 against Louisiana-Monroe.

Makalusky made her first two starts of her career against Louisiana-Monroe and Eastern Michigan. She averaged 15.5 points per game while shooting 57.9 percent from the floor and 52.9 percent from three. She also averaged five rebounds per game.

It's the second Big Ten Player of the Week honor for Ciezki this season. She averaged 28 points per game in the two games, shooting 61.8 percent from the floor and 66.7 percent from three. She also averaged 3.5 re-

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MUDSOCK

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One-meter diving: 1. Mason Lawson (F) 334.15, 2. Kirby Dangle (F) 307.35, 3. Joseph Justice (HSE) 170.05.

100 butterfly: 1. Senior (F) 54.34, 2. Chop (F) 55.61, 3. Sealls (HSE) 56.17, 4. Lawrance (HSE) 56.33, 5. Lee (F) 56.56, 6. Nelsen (HSE) 100.13.

100 freestyle: 1. Koo (F) 46.61, 2. Bailey (HSE) 46.86, 3. Schultz (F) 49.73, 4. Semko (HSE) 51.22, 5. Geesaman (F) 51.49, 6. Goss (HSE) 53.72.

500 freestyle: 1. Askren (F) 4:46.45, 2. Marchisin (HSE) 4:51.74, 3. Chop (F) 4:51.80, 4. Salvadori (HSE) 4:58.44, 5. Green-Whitehead (HSE) 5:04.67, 6. McCoy (F) 5:07.28.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Fishers "A" (Schultz, Upshaw, Lee, Koo) 1:29.44, 2. Southeastern "B" (Pugh, Chan, Semko, Marchisin) 1:32.24, 3. Fishers "B" (Geesaman, Smith, McCoy, Akhtar) 1:35.52, 4. Southeastern "B" (Reine, Salvadori, Van

Hylte, Green-Whitehead) 1:38.22, 5. Fishers "C" (Krimmerl, Reece Thomasson, Hrishu Patri, Jayden Paull) 1:47.50.

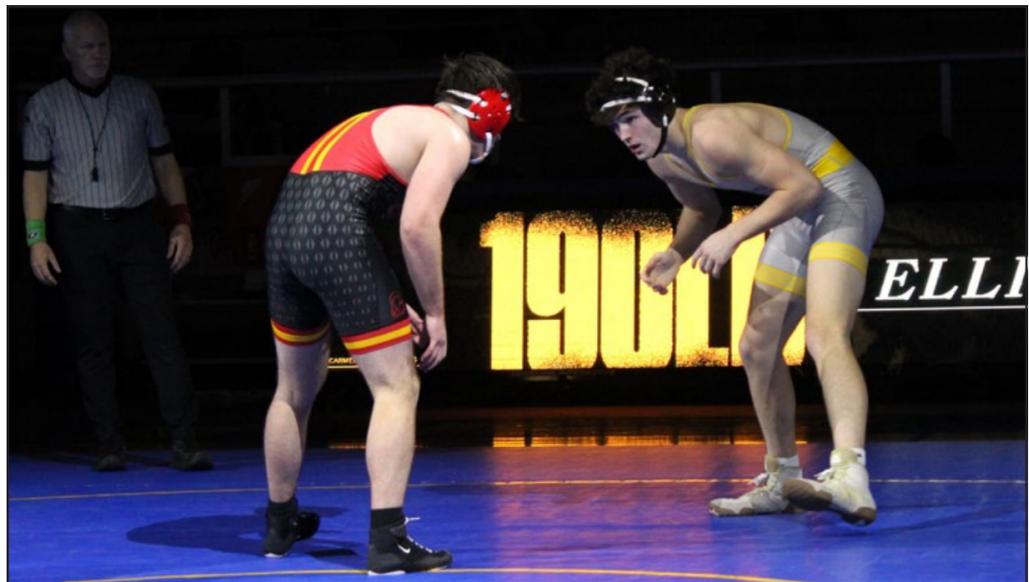
100 backstroke: 1. Bailey (HSE) 53.62, 2. Senior (F) 54.96, 3. Jones (F) 57.23, 4. Sealls (HSE) 58.45, 5. Goss (HSE) 59.47, 6. Sanchez (F) 1:00.15.

100 breaststroke: 1. Chan (HSE) 1:01.05, 2. Upshaw (F) 1:01.84, 3. Fishman (F) 1:03.08, 4. Belaire (HSE) 1:03.13, 5. Pugh (HSE) 1:03.16, 6. Geesaman (F) 1:05.12.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Fishers "A" (Askren, Lee, Senior, Schultz) 3:18.67, 2. Southeastern "A" (Semko, Bailey, Marchisin, Lawrance) 3:20.75, 3. Fishers "B" (Akhtar, McCoy, Chop, Fishman) 3:29.84, 4. Southeastern "B" (Goss, Sealls, Salvadori, Reine) 3:34.11, T5. Southeastern "C" (Green-Whitehead, Van Hylte, Nelsen, Lucas Fletcher) 3:37.51; Fishers "C" (Smith, Sanchez, Paull, Jones) 3:37.51.

Boys Wrestling

Hounds overwhelmed by Center Grove



The Carmel boys wrestling team lost a dual meet to Center Grove 69-3 Wednesday on Bill Shepherd Court at the Eric Clark Activity Center. Pictured is Elliott Johnson, who won the Greyhounds lone match at 190 pounds in an 11-4 decision. The Trojans are ranked No. 2 in the Indianamat.com team rankings. "We knew what we were getting into," said Carmel coach Kyle Ayresman. "We just got to keep fighting." The Greyhounds' next tournament is Saturday at the Kyle Osborn Memorial Invitational at McCutcheon.

Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Girls Basketball

Hawks bounce back at Tipton

The REPORTER

Sheridan's girls got a nice bounce-back win at Tipton Wednesday, beating the Blue Devils 47-31.

The Blackhawks played the night before, falling to Tri-West 58-25 on Tuesday. But Sheridan was in control at Tipton from the beginning, jumping out to a 12-1 lead after one quarter. Lucy Marquis scored six points in that period.

The Hawks led 25-9 at

halftime. Sheridan maintained its lead around that margin for the second half; Sadie Timme helped out with 10 points, including a 4-of-4 effort from the free-throw line.

Timme was the leading scorer with 12 points, the first of four Sheridan players in double digits. Marquis finished with 11 points, Brielle Garner scored 10, including two 3s, and Makenzy Terry also had 10 points, scoring in each quarter.

SHERIDAN 47, TIPTON 31

Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Brielle Garner	4	0-0	10	5
Sadie Timme	4	4-4	12	3
Makenzy Terry	3	4-8	10	3
Lucy Marquis	4	3-4	11	3
Teagan Horney	2	0-0	4	1
Olivia Long	0	0-0	0	4
Kelsey Hagan	0	0-0	0	0
Delaney Bell	0	0-0	0	1
Brooklynn Conley	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	17	11-16	47	20
Score by Quarters				
Sheridan	14	11	12	10-47
Tipton	1	8	11	11-31
Sheridan 3-pointers (2) Garner 2.				

Golden Eagles power past Falcons

The REPORTER

Guerin Catholic's girls got off a strong start at Perry Meridian on Wednesday and that carried the Golden Eagles to a 49-30 victory.

Guerin Catholic led 19-4 after the first quarter, with Cecilia Titus making a pair of 3-pointers. The Golden Eagles led 23-11 at halftime and 35-22 after

three periods. Lauren Keller scored eight points in the fourth quarter, where GC outscored the Falcons 14-8.

Titus led the Golden Eagles with 14 points. Keller had 11 points.

Guerin Catholic is 6-4 and hosts Lafayette Central Catholic on Friday, the first game of a girls/boys double-header.

GUERIN CATHOLIC 49, PERRY MERIDIAN 30

Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Lauren Keller	4	1-2	11	1
Dani Dues	1	1-2	3	2
Ella Horvath	3	1-4	7	3
Lorigrace Rockwood	1	0-0	2	3
Cecilia Titus	5	2-2	14	2
Emersyn French	0	0-0	0	0
Delanie Cardinal	3	0-0	6	1
Caroline Ford	2	2-2	6	3
Lillian Behrle	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	19	7-12	49	15
Score by Quarters				
Guerin Catholic	19	4	12	14-49
Perry Meridian	4	7	11	8-30
Guerin Catholic 3-pointers (4) Keller 2, Titus 2.				

Boys Basketball

Golden Eagles get tough win at Pendleton Heights

The REPORTER

Guerin Catholic's boys won a tough game at Pendleton Heights 44-42 on Tuesday.

The game was close throughout, with the Arabians leading 8-5 after one quarter. The Golden Eagles came back to tie the contest at 21-21 by halftime, then held their largest lead of the

game at 34-27 late in the third quarter.

Carter Murans scored 18 points. Guerin Catholic had 16 team assists on 19 field goals; Hayden Rogers dished out seven assists and Zachary Tansel handed out four.

The Golden Eagles are 3-2 and host Lafayette Central Catholic on Friday.

GUERIN CATHOLIC 44, PENDLETON HEIGHTS 42

Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jake Grissom	4-8	0-2	8	4
Will Bach	1-3	0-0	2	1
Hayden Rogers	2-5	1-4	5	2
Carter Murans	8-14	0-0	18	0
Andrew Reithman	3-7	0-1	8	1
Zachary Tansel	0-2	0-0	0	3
Jack Stoner	0-0	0-0	0	1
Alex Wall	0-0	0-0	0	1
Sawyer Holman	1-3	0-0	3	0
Totals	19-42	1-7	44	13
Score by Quarters				
Guerin Catholic	5	16	13	10-44
Pendleton Heights	8	13	9	12-42
Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting (5-11) Murans 2-3, Reithman 2-3, Holman 1-2, Grissom 0-2, Rogers 0-1.				
Guerin Catholic rebounds (16) Grissom 3, Rogers 3, Murans 3, Tansel 2, Stoner 2, Reithman 2, Holman 1.				

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