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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly to partly cloudy.
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Sheridan Youth Assistance takes care of its community

Submitted

Sheridan Youth Assistance Program (SYAP), Mama's Cupboard, and the Sunflower Pantry of Sheridan United Methodist Church work together to support Sheridan families during the holiday season.

Sheridan families with children 18 and under in their households as well as senior citizen households may apply for the program and request assistance for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Through this program, more than 120 households received food to make a Thanksgiving meal that was distributed on Nov. 22. From Dec. 6 to 13, over 130 households received gifts, hygiene products, homemade goodies, and food gift cards for their Christmas and holiday celebrations in December.

SYAP and its partners are grateful for the donors and sponsors who ensure this program happens. Secret Families of Hamilton County, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, Shop for Kids, Six Points Church, Fuel Church, and the HOA of Osbourne Trails sponsored mul-



Photos provided

Three groups of good-hearted people in Sheridan came together in the true spirit of Christmas to help local families have more joyful holidays this year.

multiple families this year. Other sponsors include local families, churches, businesses, and even high school groups who provide gifts for a family and make sure

everyone has a great Christmas. The Sheridan Lions Club, along with Sheridan Community Schools and community volunteers make sure distribution

happens with their wonderful community and Christmas spirit. Thank you to all who play a part and have a wonderful holiday season.

Time to get new COVID booster shot

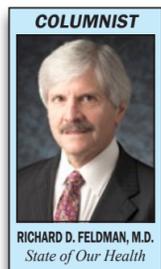
It's fall and time to consider receiving the newly updated COVID booster to better protect against the continually mutating SARS-CoV-2.

Unfortunately, most Americans have COVID in their rear-view mirror. Only 23 percent of adults received last year's updated COVID booster. COVID "fatigue," disinformation leading to vaccine distrust, uncertainty, political agendas, and plain old complacency are responsible.

Many believe that COVID is now not much different from a common cold. True, it is less virulent due to progressive favorable mutations and the "collective" immunity that has developed from millions having become infected and/or receiving COVID vaccines. But to think that COVID is merely like a cold is a big mistake. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 50,000 people died last year from COVID. And there are potential long-term, life-changing sequelae from COVID. Let's take a look:

Long COVID is a condition of symptoms continuing for at least three months after the infection. An article in the *Journal of Medical Virology* found that 20 percent of long COVID patients were still symptomatic at three years; other studies have also found that symptoms can persist for months and years.

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RICHARD D. FELDMAN, M.D.
State of Our Health

Carmel Lobster roll lovers rejoice at opening of new Slapfish location

By ALEXANDER WEBSTER
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It's no secret that dedicated seafood restaurants are few and far between in Hamilton County, but seafood lovers have been able to get their fix from locally-owned seafood restaurant Slapfish.

Slapfish has grown from a counter inside Broccoli Bill's to a local seafood restaurant chain known for its lobster rolls. Husband-and-wife duo Mark and Lauren Weghorst operate four locations throughout Hamilton County and northern Indianapolis, with the latest opening Dec. 20 in the Market District in Carmel, 11505 Illinois St., Suite 110.

"It started six years ago in my family's small grocery store," Mark said. "We started it there because we had some space, and I told my mom and dad I wanted to try something. Fast forward to today, this is the fourth location."

The newest location is leased through the Market District in



The Smith and Boswell families were the first customers at Saturday's grand opening.

Carmel. Having started in a grocery store, the partnership seemed like a natural fit for Slapfish.

"Market District - this is a special one. We're partners with them, and they've been great," Mark said. "The first one was in my family's grocery store, so

Reporter photo by Alexander Webster

I thought this would be a great partnership. They're a lot bigger

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PrimeLife Enrichment Center names new executive director

The REPORTER
Gary Wagner, Executive Director of PrimeLife Enrichment (PLE), has announced his retirement effective the end of this year.

Wagner joined PrimeLife as its Chief Development Officer in 2018 and has served as its Executive Director since 2020. He has been elected to join PLE's Board of Directors effective Jan. 1, 2026.

"PrimeLife has become part of my identity, and the relationships I have formed here are ones I will carry with me forever," Wagner said. "I look forward to my new role as a PLE Board member and will continue to be a strong advocate for the value that PrimeLife adds to our community and its importance to our ever-growing senior population."

Sloane Thompson was selected by PLE's Board of Directors to succeed Wagner as Executive Director effective Jan. 5, 2026. Thompson comes to PLE as a recent graduate of the Hamilton County Leadership Academy and with an extensive background in not-for-profit management.

"I am thrilled to join PrimeLife Enrichment in its mission to promote active aging for members of our community age 50 and above," Thompson said.

About PrimeLife Enrichment
PrimeLife Enrichment has been serving the senior community of Hamilton County since 1977. It is recognized as a unique resource for seniors and their families primarily due to the 20,000 square foot Enrichment Center located at 1078 Third Ave. SW in Carmel, and its door-to-door, on-demand transportation program serving all of Hamilton County.

Mission - PrimeLife's mission is to help seniors lead active, independent and purposeful lives by providing access to clinical and social determinants of health.



Wagner



Thompson



Noblesville presents its 2025 Year in Review

Submitted by City of Noblesville
As 2025 comes to a close, the City of Noblesville reflects on milestones, achievements, and events.

- Key Highlights**
- \$1.5 billion of private investment in 2025, \$4 billion in six years
 - The Arena at Innovation Mile opened - home of the Noblesville Boom, the Indiana Pacers G League affiliate
 - USA Gymnastics chose Noblesville's Innovation Mile as the site for its Training & Wellness Center and HQ
 - Completion of the Reimagine Pleasant Street Project
 - Named the 12th Safest Suburb in the United States by SmartAsset
 - Adopted East and West Gateway Master Plans

"This was a year full of great accomplishments, growth, challenges, and investments in the City of Noblesville,"

Mayor Chris Jensen said. "I'm humbled daily by the leadership and hard work from our city employees to make Noblesville a prosperous and safe community to live, work, and thrive. I look forward to what 2026 has in store for Noblesville and believe our best days lie ahead."

- Mayor Chris Jensen**
- A promise made when first elected as Mayor was a commitment to complete the Pleasant Street Project. This project will be completed in 2025, with all lanes fully opening in 2026. This creates an east-to-west connection from SR 37 to SR 32 in Noblesville.
 - Continues to prioritize mental health in our community and hosts monthly Mental Health Mondays with licensed therapist Kristen Boice on Facebook Live.
 - Mayor Jensen's Friday Five videos continued in 2025, with his weekly posts to the community providing proactive up-

- dates on road projects and events.
- Serves on the U.S. Conference of Mayors Advisory Board.
- Serves as the Vice Chair of the Central Indiana Regional Development Authority.
- Chaired the Accelerate Indiana Municipalities (AIM) Legislative Committee for the fifth straight year and led efforts to advocate for cities and towns' operational and financial interests at the Statehouse.
- Appointed to the Indiana Mental Health Roundtable (IMHR), a cross-sector coalition committed to strengthening the mental health and wellness landscape in Indiana.
- Through the Central Indiana Regional Development Authority, where Mayor Jensen serves as co-chair, received \$45M for READI 2.0 grants, where Noblesville

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SLAPFISH

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than my family's grocery store. We probably won't have the impact on the Market District that we do on Broccoli Bill's, but it's good synergy."

While Mark handles the day-to-day operations of owning a restaurant, Lauren focuses on ensuring Slapfish gives back to the community.

"I do any events we do. We do a lot of give-back nights for local schools," Lauren said. "So I handle all of those relationships and most of the community events – just building relationships as we meet people and form those connections. The city of Indianapolis is such a great place. We've been lucky enough to be included, and it's a great way to see old customers, new customers and build our brand."

Being roughly 750 miles from the nearest coast, the logistics of getting high-quality seafood to central Indiana can be a challenge, and it's one Slapfish has mastered.

"We buy pretty much all of our seafood from a company called Food America," Mark said. "They're out of California, and they help us import the fish. It is very challenging. I have a close partnership with them, and that partnership is a huge part of how this all works."

Slapfish has four locations: the original in Noblesville off Gray Road inside Broccoli Bill's, one in Fishers at The Yard, one in Indianapolis on Massachusetts Avenue, and the newest location in Carmel.

For more information go to slapfish.net.



(TOP LEFT) Nicole Pence Becker (left) of Pence Media Group addresses the crowd during the ribbon cutting. (ABOVE LEFT) The Weghorst Family cuts the ribbon on their newest Slapfish location. (ABOVE RIGHT) Mark & Lauren Weghorst are ready to welcome you to Slapfish at Market District in Carmel. (BELOW LEFT) Woodbrook Elementary School Principal Kelly Davis (left) was sure to get a photo with the Weghorst Family. (BELOW RIGHT) Eager customers flocked to Slapfish when it opened at 11 a.m. last Saturday.

Reporter photos by Alexander Webster



BOOSTER

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Symptoms include extreme fatigue, poor concentration, "brain fog", cardiac arrhythmias, shortness of breath, persistent cough, chest pain, joint and muscle pain, headaches, reductions in the sense of smell, sleep and mood disturbances, and visual changes.

According to a 2025 Lancet study, 85 percent of people with long COVID had multiple SARS-CoV-2 infections over the four-year study. The study also demonstrated – consistent with other research – that prior vaccination reduces

the risk of developing this condition.

Long COVID isn't rare. Two surveys, conducted by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and reported in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* in 2024, established that 6.9 to 8.4 percent of the U.S. population has ever had long COVID. Midlife individuals, people with chronic conditions, and females had the highest rates. The study also found decreased rates in vaccinated people, especially in those receiving an updat-

ed booster. Another 2024 *JAMA* study demonstrated a 31 percent higher risk among females.

COVID can still, albeit uncommonly, cause serious complications. These include acute respiratory failure, acute liver and kidney injury, blood clots and thromboembolism, multi-system inflammatory syndrome in children, stroke, encephalopathy, myocarditis, heart failure, and various other cardiac conditions.

A yearlong study in the *European Heart Journal* revealed accelerated vascular

aging, especially in women, after a COVID infection. This vascular injury was measured by increased vessel stiffness. A mild COVID infection resulted in about five additional years of vessel aging and up to 10 years if the woman was in the ICU. The aging was most marked among those with long COVID and less pronounced in the vaccinated.

Recent research published in *Nature Communications* identified accelerated structural brain aging on MRI imaging among those living through the COVID

pandemic. Remarkably, this included even those who were not infected (possibly due to social isolation and other pandemic-created situational factors). The greatest effect was among those infected during the two-year study, especially among older individuals and men. Importantly, a decrease in cognitive function was only observed in those with a history of COVID infection.

There are additional sequelae from COVID infection. Notwithstanding the disinformation, the COVID vaccine is safe and effective

in reducing severe infection and long-term ill effects.

Despite the CDC issuing contradictory and confusing recommendations with certain eligibility restrictions, COVID vaccination should now be generally available to anyone who desires one.

Everyone should consider receiving an updated booster.

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received a \$4M award for a marquee pedestrian boulevard going from The Arena at Innovation Mile to the future subdivision, Gatewood Lakes, enhancing quality of life and place for Noblesville's booming east side.

Common Council & City Initiatives

The council and city invested in Mental Health to Combat Loneliness, lifting the fee for block parties, putting design elements in place to increase front porches.

The Noblesville Common Council approved the Civil City 2026 budget totaling \$119,261,048 to fund city operations, personnel, projects, and programs.

The city launched its Neighborhood Match Grant, which will provide matching funds to homeowner associations and neighborhood groups that enhance, improve, and beautify our local communities. Eligible projects include recreation improvements, safety enhancements, and landscape sustainability initiatives. The Neighborhood Match Grant is a 1:1 matching grant with the city contributing 50 percent of eligible project costs up to \$10,000 per project. The Noblesville Common Council appropriated funds for the Neighborhood Match Grant in the 2025 budget and continued to allocate funding for the grant in 2026.

Budget

"The 2026 budget continues our emphasis on living within our means, being good stewards of taxpayer funds, and making smart investments in our community," Mayor Jensen said. "I'm proud that as one of the fastest growing communities in state with increasing public demands in infrastructure, public safety, and core services, we were able to work with the Noblesville Council members to provide a responsible budget that maintains our city's top priorities."

Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen and city leaders strategically developed the 2026 budget to address an \$8.2 million revenue shortfall in fiscal year 2026 caused by Senate Enrolled Act 1 (SEA 1), which lowers the city's projected local tax collections by \$30.4 million over the next four years. The overall 2026 budget is \$8.4 million lower than the 2025 adopted budget.

Ongoing expense increases for city departments were kept under 1 percent based on the impact of SEA 1 on the 2026 property tax levy and five-year revenue forecast. The budget includes less than \$1 million in overall core operational base budget growth, and a property tax rate decrease from \$1.10 per \$100 assessed value in 2025 to no higher than \$1.00 in 2026.

The 2026 budget includes \$114,036,614 in ongoing expenses and \$5,224,434 in one-time expenses. In 2026, the city will not add new positions, unless previously planned, and employee compensation rates will be held flat in response to the new fiscal uncertainty caused by SEA 1.

The 2026 budget continues the city's focus on safety, allocating 55 percent of the ongoing core operational budget to public safety – up from 52 percent in 2025 and the highest share in the past five years.

Economic Development

Economic Development continued to drive the city's economic momentum through private investment, new business partnerships, and relocations, while competing with cities nationwide and strengthening existing businesses.

In 2025, Economic Development:

- Private Investment: \$1.5 billion in 2025, \$4 billion in the past six years
- New Commercial Space: 690,000 Sq ft
- New Jobs Created: 770
- Innovation Mile: At Innovation Mile, Noblesville's 600 acre Innovation,

Tech, Sports & Entertainment District, the Indiana Orthopedic Institute opened as the first tenant in this growing area, The Arena at Innovation Mile officially cut the ribbon prior to Mayor Jensen's State of the City address in August, USA Gymnastics selected this district for its Training & Wellness Center and headquarters, Caterpillar announced plans for a high-tech operation, and the Noblesville Boom, the NBA G League affiliate of the Indiana Pacers, kicked off its inaugural season.

Business Growth: In 2025, Evolve Transporters announced plans to relocate its headquarters to Noblesville, King Jugg Brewing Company announced plans to move to downtown, Gared Performance Sports Systems announced plans to expand and relocate its headquarters from Herriman Blvd to the Deer Creek Business Park on the city's east side, and SMC relocated 200 jobs from California to its Noblesville headquarters.

Noblesville Sister Cities: Noblesville Economic Development Department hosted an inaugural business exchange with business leaders from Noblesville's City Sister Nova Prata, Brazil.

Make My Move Program:

- 28 Movers (2025), 109 Movers (all-time)
- New residents: 62 (2025), 265 (all-time)
- Annual Economic Impact: \$11 million

Downtown Noblesville The city works closely with community organizations such as Noblesville Main Street, Noblesville Creates, and local business owners to support economic vitality and visitation to the heart of our community.

DORA District

The Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA), the first in Hamilton County, currently has 18 participating locations. This district allows the community to sip, shop, and stroll the downtown while supporting local businesses. Learn more at [this link](#).

Embrace Downtown

The Embrace Downtown project is a critical infrastructure initiative that will enhance the historic downtown square by addressing critical aging infrastructure, pedestrian, accessibility, and aesthetic upgrades in the downtown area.

Project Schedule: Phase 1 construction is anticipated to begin in 2026.

The total project cost is estimated at \$8.175 million.

Thirty years have passed since the last significant infrastructure update downtown Noblesville. The current needs are pressing and addressing them allows the city to act more efficiently and cost-effectively to benefit our downtown. Embrace Downtown will enhance the aging underground storm sewer and sanitary sewer systems.

In 2025, the city successfully completed the Embrace Downtown design and received construction bids below the engineer's estimate, allowing the project to move forward while protecting taxpayer dollars.

City of Noblesville Community Engagement Manager Aaron Head holds weekly office hours at Noble Coffee & Tea between 2 and 4 p.m. to discuss the project and answer questions.

Parks & Recreation

In 2025, the Parks & Recreation Department hosted more than 30 events, including the Dillon Park Summer Concert Series, Concerts at the Commons, Fourth of July Fireworks Festival, Halloween at Forest Park, Holidays at the Hill, and Jingle Bell Breakfast.

By the Numbers:

- 10,000 people attended the Dillon Park Summer Concert Series
- 30,000 people attended

Concerts at the Commons

- 15,000 people attended the Fourth of July Festival and Parade

- 75,000 people attended community events

In 2025, the Parks

Department:

- Submitted a five-year masterplan to the Department of Natural Resources for review, with city review planned for Q1 of 2026. Implementation is expected April 2026 through April 2031.

In 2026, the Parks Department's flagship park, 150-acre Forest Park just north of downtown, will turn 100 years old. Forest Park is home to the Forest Park Aquatic Center, playgrounds, shelters, indoor rentals, courts, and trail connections. In 2025, 45 trees were planted by volunteers from SMC Corporation and the City of Noblesville to invest in the park's future.

Engineering

- Reimagine Pleasant Street: The Reimagine Pleasant Street project – a project four decades in the making – was substantially completed in 2025, within budget. The Reimagine Pleasant Street project was designed to enhance pedestrian and motorist traffic while improving safety, accessibility, and trail connectivity. This east to west corridor will shape Noblesville for generations.

- One lane of Pleasant Street is now open in each direction as construction continues for Phase 2. This phase of the project is the final segment to link SR 32 to SR 37 in Noblesville. Construction continues in the area, and the entire corridor will be fully open to traffic in early 2026.

- Opened Pleasant Street Phase 3

- New roundabout at SR 32 and two tunnels for safe connection to the Midland Trace Trail

- Provides key east-west connectivity from State Road 32

- The final section of the Midland Trace Trail completes a critical trail connection that forms a 40-mile loop connecting Noblesville, Fishers, Indianapolis, Carmel, and Westfield

2025 Grant Funding

Received: In 2025, the city secured more than \$8.6 million in state and federal grant funding, significantly reducing the local tax burden while advancing critical infrastructure projects.

- Awarded grant funding includes:

- \$1.6 million for Carrigan Road & Little Chicago Road Roundabout

- \$2.0 million for 141st Street & Howe Road Roundabout

- \$2.8 million for the roundabout at Olivo Road & 156th Street

- \$680,000 in Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding

- \$1.5 million in Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG) funds

- Secured \$2.8 million in proactive federal funding for the Olivo Road & 156th Street roundabout, bringing total federal investment in the Olivo Road corridor to more than \$10 million to improve safety, traffic flow, and regional connectivity.

- The city received a \$1,599,999.20 grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Grant Program to begin the planning process to build the White River Pedestrian Bridge, increasing accessibility for residents in the surrounding neighborhood. The grant will enable the city to conduct essential design, engineering and planning initiatives to address a significant community disconnection along the White River historically caused by State Roads 32 and 19 in Noblesville's downtown core.

Construction:

- In 2025, the city finished construction of Park Link Pass, creating a new pedestrian and bicycle connection between Forest Park

and the Federal Hill and completed critical drainage improvements, including installation of a new 42-inch storm pipe to reduce localized flooding.

- Completed 18 miles of roadway resurfacing as part of the city's street rehabilitation program.

- Added five centerline miles to Noblesville's roadway network.

- Executed on long-planned infrastructure projects in Wayne Township to support development, including Finch Creek, Gatewood Lakes, and Innovation Mile.

- Supported responsible economic development through coordinated public and private investments that improve transportation and utility infrastructure while creating jobs.

- The Little Chicago Road Pedestrian Bridge opened, marking a significant step forward in improving both safety and connectivity for pedestrians and drivers across Morse Reservoir. This project reflects our ongoing commitment to infrastructure improvements that support a growing community and promote safe transportation options for all.

Public Safety

The City of Noblesville's Police and Fire Departments continue to gain national attention for their implementation of successful programs and high-quality service to our community.

Noblesville Police

Department:

- Noblesville Named 12th-Safest Suburb: For the second year in a row, Noblesville was named the 12th-safest suburb in the United States by SmartAsset, a personal finance website.

- Noblesville PD School Resource Officer named 2025 Indiana SRO of the Year: Noblesville PD Sgt. Jason Shonkwiler was named the 2025 Indiana SRO of the Year by the Indiana School Resource Officers Association.

- Hamilton County Real Time Information Center (RTIC): In 2025, Noblesville PD reached one year of being an original member of RTIC, a multi-agency collaboration that enhances public safety and emergency response operations.

- Drone First Responder (DFR) Program: In 2025, NFD advanced their DFR program to become one of first departments in nation to acquire "beyond visual line of sight" (BVLOS) approval. The DFR program is now part of the RTIC.

- Hamilton County Public Safety Training Facility: This facility broke ground in 2025. The Hamilton County Council, in collaboration with every public safety agency in the county, approved funding for a public safety training facility to be built at River Road and 160th Street in Noblesville. The facility will provide police, fire, and emergency management professionals with a state-of-the-art training center.

- NobleACT: This proactive, sustainable mental health collaboration among the police and fire departments and area service providers continues to have a positive impact on our community. This unique program allows police officers, community paramedics, and mental health clinicians to provide linkage to community services and divert those in crisis away from the criminal justice system. The program has responded to thousands of calls for service to date and serves as a blueprint for departments across the state. Learn more at [this link](#).

- Looking Ahead to 2026: The NPD looks to break ground on the new police department headquarters, implement new policing strategies for safety and community involvement and relationships, along with involvement and advancement in multi-agency

task forces/units and groups to further enhance our existing public safety and community partnerships.

Noblesville Fire

Department:

- 48th Annual Food & Toy Drive: The NFD accepted donations from the community to help 118 families in Noblesville. The Noblesville Mayor's Youth Council also partnered with the fire department to collect food at The Michael Treinen Foundation Turkey Trot to donate to the Food & Toy Drive along with helping pack toys for distribution.

- Public Protection Classification rating of 2/2Y: This rating is an improvement over NFD's previous 3/3Y score and places NFD in an elite group (top 5.6 percent) of fire departments nationwide and in the top 2.8 percent in the State of Indiana. NFD's classification improvement is a positive factor in keeping residents' homeowner's insurance affordable.

- Training: Completed two recruit academies – 14 replacement firefighters

- Fire Prevention: 35 Truck Demos, 31 Station Tours, 25 Parades, 91 Smoke Detector Installs/Replacements

- Operations: Created Response Guides for Emergency Vehicles (EV) and Lithium-Ion Batteries

- Replaced the command vehicle, remounted an ambulance, received a new Tactical Rescue Vehicle

Looking ahead to 2026:

- Land acquisition for New Fire Station

- Put new Ambulance into service

- Equip firefighters with new SCBAs

- Put new Fire Boat into service

- Recruit Academy – more than 10 replacement firefighters

- Adding a Commercial Burn Building to the Training Facility at Station 77

- Develop a five-year strategic plan

Utilities

The Utilities Department advanced major infrastructure projects and modernized systems to prepare Noblesville for future growth and improve quality of life for residents.

In 2025, the Utilities Department:

- Began construction on a \$20 million treatment plant upgrade that will replace pieces of machinery that are 35 years old and completely renovate the headworks pumping facility, originally constructed in 1990. This work will include installation of odor control equipment to reduce nuisance odors emanating into the neighborhood. Most of the improvements will be installed in 2026.

- Upgraded a vital sewage lift station, increasing its pumping capacity, to proactively accommodate ongoing community growth in Wayne Township.

- Was awarded a permit from the state to work with regional farmers to use Noblesville's high-quality treated solids as fertilizer for crops.

- In 2026, the department will replace one of its largest sewage lift stations to increase pumping capacity to accommodate future growth of the southwest quadrant of Noblesville Township and install a 3-mile force main directly to the treatment plant. This \$17 million project for the new facility will include odor control equipment to reduce nuisance odors emanating around 161st Street near the Indy Premier Soccer Club, Hoosier FC and Spencer Farm.

Human Resources

The City of Noblesville currently employs 516 people.

In 2025:

- Five employees retired with a combined years of service of 113 years.

- The city created and implemented a Parental Leave Policy that provides paid leave time for employees to bond with a child due to birth, adop-

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tion, or foster placement.

- In coordination with the Mayor's Office, Human Resources continued a workplace culture and professional development program, "NOBLE," to promote recognition of best practices in serving constituents and supporting colleagues.

Planning Department

The Planning Department supported continued growth while focusing on a long-term vision for the city.

In 2025, the Planning Department:

- Issued permits to 1,099 residential units, which includes town homes and single-, two-, and multi-family homes.

- Issued 1,227 building permits.

- Adopted East and West Gateway Master Plans that establish a vision for enhancement of the city's gateways and steps needed to bring the vision to reality over the next 15-20 years.

- In 2026, Noblesville's Comprehensive Plan/UDO will be updated for the first time. The Comp Plan was last updated in 2020, and the UDO was created in 1996 with various amendments throughout the years. Multiple stages of the Comprehensive Plan process will happen during 2026 including robust community engagement, stakeholder meetings, visioning, and overall analysis of existing and future land uses and infrastructure. The planning process is anticipated to take 15 months with plan adoption in early 2027.

Street Department

The Street Department continued to make investments in the city's treescape. Named a 2025 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management, it is the 35th consecutive year that the City of Noblesville has earned this national distinction.

In 2025, the Street Department:

- Planted 398 Street Trees

- Installed new School Zone Flashers

- Passed a Revised Encroachment Ordinance

- Replaced 540 Sidewalk Panels

- Levelled 2,334 Sidewalk Panels

- Maintained the city's 700 lane miles and 315 centerline miles of public roadway

IT Department

- The City of Noblesville launched a new and improved website with emphasis on accessibility enhancements along with a more user-friendly platform for the community to get news and information on city services and events.

Advisory Council on Disabilities & Mayor's Youth Council

The Noblesville Advisory Council on Disabilities is dedicated to the City of Noblesville's mission to create a more inclusive, supportive, and vibrant future where everyone can thrive in our community. The Mayor's Youth Council offers leadership development and community service opportunities to local students.

In 2025:

- The Advisory Council on Disabilities hosted a Caregiver Retreat, partnered with the Westfield Mayor's Council on Disabilities to host a Sensory Nature Walk, and offered a sensory friendly zone at the City of Noblesville's 3rd Annual Holiday in Lights Parade presented by Gaylor Electric.

- Mayor's Youth Council created TagsToTap, a mental health smart product, to benefit Ben's Ranch Foundation, volunteered with First Friday in downtown Noblesville, hosted a Christmas lights recycling program, volunteered at the Michael Treinen Foundation's Turkey Trot, Noblesville Fire Department's Food and Toy Drive, the State of the City, and other community events.

Letter to the Editor

Shaffer compares NYC's debt to Carmel's

Dear Editor:

It is easy to gloat over the financial difficulties of New Yorkers. Every day the media reports on another financial fiasco in the nation's biggest city.

The public debt of 8.5 million citizens totals upwards of \$96.9 billion according to Google AI. That's \$11,400 per capita.

Back home in Carmel, Ind., its 103,093 citizens bear \$2.063 billion in combined city, township, schools and library debt. That's \$20,012 per capita.

What? Carmel folks owe 1.7 times what New Yorkers owe?

Can Google AI be that far off?

Bill Shaffer

Carmel

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Maggiano's Little Italy HH

You know, there are a lot of restaurants in the Fashion Mall sphere that have Happy Hours (HH). The latest one we tried was Maggiano's Little Italy, 3550 E. 86th St., Indianapolis. They hold HH from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday in their bar or lounge areas. We've always enjoyed Maggiano's when we come for dinner, so we were very interested in their specials for Happy Hour.

Their menu for Happy Hour features a more limited selection than some others we have experienced. Cocktails (a variety of three) are \$8, while wine by the glass is offered for the same price. A Red Blend and a Pino Grigio from Italy plus Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir, or Chardonnay from California are on their list.

Food offerings are even more selective. The menu on the web page shows just four appetizers—Two Frittés (Zucchini and Calamari),

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KEN KLINGENMEIER

A Seat at the Table

Stuffed Mushrooms (three), and Tomato Bruschetta. Each item is \$8 and is a reduced portion. Check out the menu online at tinyurl.com/MaggianosHH.

We arrived to find a fuller parking lot than expected at 4 p.m. We managed to find a fairly close space, lucky on a brisk and windy late afternoon. Quizzically, the restaurant was empty for the most part. We told the hostess we had come for the Happy Hour and were allowed to sit wherever we pleased in the bar area, which was empty. She followed us with the usual stack of menu including the HH menu on a card. The bartender, Chris, greeted us at our table and asked if we wanted drinks – we did! Mrs. K. got her Chardonnay and I ordered a Pinot Noir. Her wine was okay – improved by icing it down and my red was nothing special but still very good. Chris also brought us two portions

of soft bread with butter.

The bar/lounge at Maggiano's is at the front of the restaurant near the hostess lobby and it was very smartly decorated for Christmas. Lighted animals, trees, and boughs were everywhere. Christmas songs from the '40s and '50s played over the speakers. It really was a lovely environment and put us in a nice mood.

When it came time to order, we decided to try everything on the food menu except the Calamari. I like it just okay; my wife doesn't prefer it at all. So it came down to the Zucchini, the Mushrooms, and the Bruschetta.

It turned out these were ALL very delicious menu items. The Zucchini was made with long slices of the vegetable, coated in seasoned bread crumbs and fried crispy, so that each bite gave you a nice crunch. It was delicious and was served hot with a creamy Lemon Aioli dipping sauce that added to the enjoyment. (Two staff members walked by and enthusiastically told us it was their favorite item on the menu!)

The Mushrooms were large-sized and served hot sitting in a flood of butter sauce, packed with a smooth stuffing, much like you'd have on Thanksgiving. They were very delectable. Finally, the cold dish, the Tomato Bruschetta, was offered heaped with chopped tomatoes, laced with a Ricotta & Pistachio Pesto. And the bread was soft, not toasted like you often get.

It was a feast in miniature. Make that a vegetarian feast in miniature.

We were very pleased by everything at Maggiano's – the food, the wine, the price (\$40 plus tip), the atmosphere. I was totally surprised that for the hour or so we were there, we were the only ones there for Happy Hour. It's a very comfortable and worthwhile place to visit! We'll be back.

Ken Klingenmeier offers this series of columns, called "A Seat at the Table," wherein he reviews Indy-area restaurants – specifically their Happy Hour offers. Keep reading The Reporter for future restaurant reviews.

No one-size-fits-all: the benefits of exploring educational pathways

One of the best parts of my job is witnessing students discover their potential, and find their passion for learning. Every student has unique strengths, goals, and circumstances. As educators, our mission is simple: help students find the pathway that works best for them and give them the tools they need to succeed.

Some students aim for college and thrive with honors courses and dual-credit options. Other students are

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KELLY SIMONE

focused on careers after graduation, gaining valuable skills through exploration programs, certifications and real-world experiences recognized by employers.

Then there are students who need flexibility. There are those balancing family responsibilities, managing health challenges or simply learning best outside a brick-and-mortar classroom schedule. Virtual schooling allows students to progress while

honoring their individual circumstances.

While all pathways are different, there is a through-line of commitment to personalized instruction, strong support and meaningful connections. Our teachers, counselors, and learning coaches work closely with students to identify goals, monitor progress, and adjust learning plans along the way.

The impact is clear. Whether it's college, career or a combination of both, students graduate ready for their next step. By offering multiple pathways, we ensure that every student can

define what success looks like for them, rather than trying to conform to a one-size-fits-all standard.

At Indiana Connections Academy, education isn't a single road; it's a network of paths, all leading toward the same destination of student achievement, growth and opportunity. Every learner deserves a chance to explore the pathway that best fits them and with the right support, they can reach their full potential.

Kelly Simone serves as the Executive Director of the Indiana Connections Academy.

Carmel is first Indiana city to deploy 'Pursuit Alert'

The REPORTER

Carmel is the first city in the state to offer a notification system designed to keep drivers safe in the event of hazardous traffic.

Nearly 90 percent of Carmel Police Department (CPD) patrol vehicles are

now equipped with Pursuit Alert, a cutting-edge notification system designed to enhance safety and efficiency for various agencies, including law enforcement, fire, and roadway management.

By providing real-time

alerts about the nearby presence of police vehicles responding to emergencies, the technology ensures that citizen motorists are informed of an emergency vehicle presence.

How it works

When an officer is responding in a vehicle in emergency status, Pursuit Alert automatically transmits to technology-enabled cars in a 1.5-mile radius, allowing drivers vital time to respond to the presence of emergency vehicles. The alert can also be manually activated by the officer.

This alert provides notice to motorists nearby of the approaching emergency vehicle, reminding drivers to slow down and be aware of the emergency response.

How to use it

Simply download the WAZE app to your smartphone. Information related to the responding emergency vehicle will then appear on your phone or linked infotainment system. Some vehicle infotainment systems are already loaded with the technology that enables the Pursuit Alert notifications.

Noblesville's own Taryn Lengacher makes Union University dean's list

The REPORTER

Three hundred eighty-one students have been named to the Union University dean's list for the fall 2025 semester.

Among those students is Taryn Lengacher of Noblesville.

The dean's list includes full-time students who achieve a 3.5 grade-point average on a four-point scale.

Founded in 1823 and affiliated with the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Union University in Jackson, Tenn., is characterized by quality Christ-centered teaching and learning. Union offers liberal arts training in more than 100 majors and programs of study along with professional programs in fields such as business, education, nursing, pharmacy and social work.



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Noblesville Creates' Comic Book in a Day returns January 2026

Creators of all ages invited to imagine, draw & publish – one page at a time

Submitted

Noblesville Creates, in partnership with the Hamilton East Public Library, announces the return of its 13th annual Comic Book in a Day Challenge, taking place Jan. 16 and 17, 2026. Sponsored by Moonshot Games and Citizens State Bank, this beloved event invites creators of all ages and experience levels to turn big ideas into finished comic stories, often in just a single day.

Following the success of last year's expanded format, Comic Book in a Day 2026 will once again offer separate virtual and in-person competitions, ensuring artists near and far can fully participate in the challenge.

A day of creation, collaboration & community

The in-person event will feature two divisions:

- Four-hour Youth Competition (up to age 12)
- Seven-hour Teen & Adult Competition (ages 13 and up)

Participants will develop an original comic from concept to completion, guided by professional artists and supported by a creative, welcoming community. Whether it's a first comic or a seasoned creator's latest experiment, Comic Book in a Day is designed to meet artists where they are and help them go further.

Learn from the pros

This year's event will be hosted by Erik Lundorf and Victor Dandridge, both accomplished comic professionals with extensive

experience coaching and teaching creators of all ages. Throughout the day, they'll help contestants navigate creative roadblocks, share practical tips, and foster collaboration among participants.

Featured Artists and Judges Stuart Sayger, Gavin Smith, and Jackie Crofts will be on site all day, talking with contestants and visitors, demonstrating techniques, selling artwork and prints, and reviewing submissions at the end of the competition.

• Stuart Sayger is an internationally renowned comic artist whose work includes projects for LEGO Bionicle, DC Comics, IDW, Dynamite, and his creator-owned title *Shiver in the Dark*.

• Jackie Crofts, an Indianapolis-based artist, is the illustrator and co-creator of *Nutmeg*.

• Gavin Smith is an Indianapolis artist and writer whose credits include *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*, *Godzilla*, *Star Trek: The Mirror War*, *Ghost in the Shell*, *Heavy Metal Magazine*, and *Dead Legends*.

From sketch to shelf

Artwork created during both the in-person and on-line competitions will be scanned and compiled into a trade-paperback style comic anthology. Every registered contestant will receive a printed copy featuring their work once production is complete.

Not competing? Still come join the fun

Comic Book in a Day

isn't just for contestants. Visitors are encouraged to stop by during the in-person competition to watch creativity in action, meet and shop from featured artists, participate in comic-themed art activities, and soak in the energy of a room buzzing with imagination.

Event Details
Zoom International Competition

Friday, Jan. 16, 2026
All ages: Parental Guidance suggested

Designed for aspiring adult professionals around the world, the online competition takes place via Zoom from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with story presentations beginning around 4:15 p.m.

For \$60, contestants receive drawing supplies (if registered by Jan. 9), guidance and inspiration from featured artists, and a printed copy of their work in the Comic Book in a Day Anthology. Registrants may also use their own supplies or work digitally.

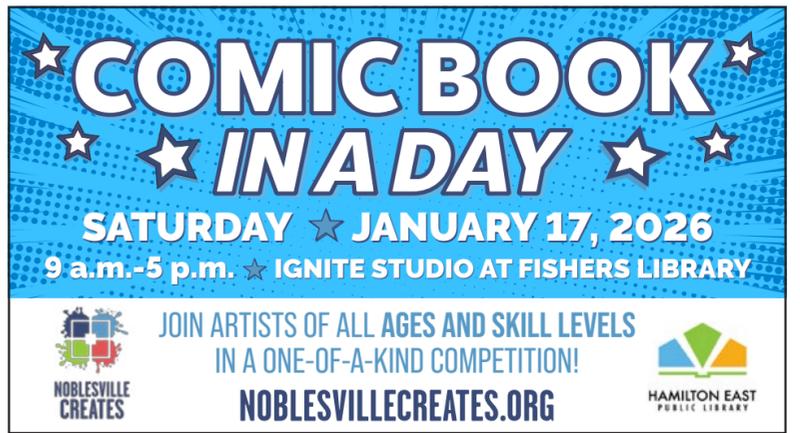
To register, [click here](#).

Adult & Teen Division (In-Person)

Saturday, Jan. 17, 2026
Ignite Studio at the Fishers Library
Ages 13+

The seven-hour competition begins at 9 a.m. with a pep talk and rules overview. Contestants have until 4 p.m. to complete and submit up to eight pages, followed by presentations starting around 4:30 p.m.

Registration is \$60 and includes supplies, artistic guidance, and a printed an-



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Youth Division

Saturday, Jan. 17, 2026
Ages 12 & Under

The four-hour youth competition runs from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., with presentations beginning around 3 p.m. Participants may submit up to four pages.

Registration is \$40 and includes supplies, guidance, and a printed anthology.

To register, [click here](#).

Comic Book in a Day VIP Night

Friday, Jan. 16, 2026
7 to 9 p.m.
Ball State Fishers, 8626 E. 116th St.
Ages 21+

Celebrate with an exclusive VIP experience featuring nationally recognized comic artists and outstanding local creators. Guests will enjoy complimentary food and drinks, raffles, and behind-the-scenes conversations with industry professionals.

A special highlight of the evening is a Drink &

Draw session with Emmy Award-winning artist Joe Wos, offering a relaxed, interactive opportunity to sketch, sip, and learn.

Proceeds support Noblesville Creates and year-round Comic Book in a Day programming.

To secure a ticket, [click here](#).

Awards Ceremony

Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2026
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
All Ages

Ignite Studio at the Fishers Library

Top awards from Comic Book in a Day will be presented during this free, public celebration. Judges will announce winners, showcase standout work, and recognize creative achievements from across all divisions.

Those unable to attend in person may watch via livestream on the Noblesville Creates Facebook page.

Comic Book in a Day Workshops

Leading up to the com-

petitions, Noblesville Creates and the Hamilton East Public Library will host free workshops celebrating the art of comics. Participation in the Challenge is not required.

Thursday, Jan. 8, 2026

Instructor: Erik Lundorf

Comic Quick Tips – Build confidence and dive headfirst into starting your comic. Registration opens Dec. 24, 2025. [Click here](#) to register.

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2026

Instructor: Stuart Sayger

How to Draw Convincing and Meaningful Worlds – Learn how environments elevate storytelling. Registration opens Dec. 29, 2025. [Click here](#) to register.

Thursday, Jan. 15, 2026

Instructor: Victor Dandridge

COMICS 101 – An introduction to comic narratives, art, and production. Registration opens Dec. 31, 2025. [Click here](#) to register.

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Year-end reflections from Comptroller Elise Nieshalla

Submitted by Office of Comptroller Elise Nieshalla

Greetings this Christmas and holiday season! We are grateful for the opportunity to serve you through the diligent accounting and reporting of your tax dollars.

The Comptroller's Office is at your service, from **earning national recognition** for excellence in financial reporting, to leading a movement from the states to address America's \$38 trillion debt crisis. We are committed to diligently executing and promoting fiscal responsibility and transparency.

In addition, come early 2026, our office will share Indiana's Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), the official audited record of the state's revenues, expenditures, reserves and debts. Alongside the ACFR, we will publish the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA), which details how federal dollars are spent across Indiana agencies. These annual reports are cornerstones of transparency and accountability and provide Hoosiers with a clear view of how their government manages public funds.

We also look forward to introducing a new feature on the **Indiana Transparency Portal** that brings the federal funds information from the SEFA to a user-friendly dashboard format on the portal.

We can be proud of how Indiana continues to lead as a model of financial responsibility, and in 2026, I look forward to seeing



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The Comptroller's Accounting and Reporting team in front of the wall of plaques and awards, including the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from GFOA.

you across our great state! **Office report on recent highlights: Indiana's fiscal discipline spotlighted in Governing Magazine**

In her latest op-ed, "**Federal Financial Reform and Lessons From Indiana**," Comptroller Nieshalla highlights Indiana's journey from a severe cash flow crisis to becoming one of the nation's most fiscally disciplined states, with a AAA credit rating and one of the lowest debt per capita standings. Published in *Governing Magazine* this month, the piece underscores how Indiana's fiscal turnaround offers lessons for national reform.

Drawing on Indiana's example of determined discipline in budgeting, debt repayment and spending cuts, Nieshalla calls on Washington policymakers to confront America's \$38 trillion debt crisis with the same resolve. She also emphasizes Indiana's leadership in advancing bipartisan **IN Senate Resolution 51**, now serving as a model for legislatures nationwide, and shares about

her role in forming the National Debt Crisis Task Force to press for federal balanced budgets and debt reduction.

Hoosier START earns national Leadership Award

As the administrator for Hoosier START, Indiana's deferred compensation retirement plan, Comptroller Nieshalla announced that the program **received the Leadership Award** from the National Association of Government Defined Contribution Administrators (NAGDCA) for the second consecutive year. Recognized for innovative outreach to more than 68,000 state employees and retirees, Hoosier START was honored for empowering managers with tools to clearly communicate retirement savings benefits and for strengthening employee engagement.

This award underscores Indiana's commitment to building a financially secure workforce and highlights the Comptroller's leadership in advancing retirement education.

90 state officials join Comptroller Nieshalla in call for federal action on debt crisis

As chair of the National Debt Crisis Task Force of state financial officers, Comptroller Nieshalla is growing a national coalition that includes 90 governors, state legislators, and state financial officers who sent a **letter of support** to President Trump and Congress backing immediate action to address America's \$38 trillion debt crisis. The letter underscores the urgency of restoring fiscal solvency and highlights the role of state leaders in building a movement to prioritize federal financial sustainability. By uniting voices from across the country, this effort demonstrates Indiana's leadership in elevating the issues of the national debt crisis as the states call for a lower debt-to-GDP ratio and a balanced budget.

We look forward to sharing more highlights in the New Year, and it is our pleasure to serve you. From all of us in the Comptroller's Office – may you and yours have a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

INDOT: be safe, plan ahead & drive sober for holiday travel

The REPORTER

AAA predicts at least 109 million travelers will hit the road across the U.S. this year for the Christmas holiday, more than 2.5 million of those from Indiana. As Hoosiers drive to their holiday destinations, INDOT urges motorists to plan ahead, travel safely, and drive sober as increased traffic has already underway.

"Motorists should expect increased traffic and potential delays as early as this weekend for holiday travel," INDOT Commissioner Lyndsay Quist said. "While the weather looks favorable, we still encourage drivers to plan ahead, practice patience, and allow for extra travel time. We want everyone to reach their holiday destinations safely."

Although the weekend before Christmas is behind us, AAA expects the weekend after Christmas, from Friday, Dec. 26 through Sunday, Dec. 28 to have increased traffic, with heavier traffic between 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. on those days. Traffic restrictions related to maintenance or construction should be minimal outside of longer-term projects. Visit 511in.org or download the INDOT TrafficWise app on your mobile device to see current closures and restrictions, view traffic cameras, and plan your route.

Buckle Up Phone Down

While just under seven percent of Indiana drivers don't wear their seatbelts, they account for 45 percent of passenger car fatalities, and texting while driving increases the risk of a crash by 50 percent. Buckling up and putting the phone down

are two simple actions drivers and their passengers can take 100 percent of the time, not just during holiday travels, to prevent crashes – or survive if one occurs.

Drive Sober

December is National Impaired Driving Prevention Month, a timely reminder to never drive while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. From 2019 to 2023, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that more than 4,900 people died in drunk-driving crashes during the month of December. It is never safe to drink and drive. Make a plan to use a rideshare, designate a sober driver, or use public transit so everyone makes it home safely.

INDOT Hoosier Helpers

The Hoosier Helper Safety Service Patrol, sponsored by GEICO, will be active this holiday season. The purpose of the program is to help keep interstates safe, provide traffic control and minor medical care at crash sites, and offer limited roadside assistance like changing a tire.

Since 1991, INDOT Hoosier Helpers have assisted more than 400,000 motorists, driven more than 20 million miles and responded to over 1.2 million incidents statewide. Hoosier Helpers cover 177 miles of interstate in central, northwest, and southern Indiana, including the Indianapolis and Louisville metropolitan areas and Gary. Drivers in need of assistance from a Hoosier Helper should contact INDOT Customer Service at 855-INDOT4U (463-6848).

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Medical treatments don't take a holiday, so make time to give blood now with Red Cross

The REPORTER

The American Red Cross urges donors to make an appointment to give blood now to keep the blood supply as strong as possible in the final days of the year and into 2026. Types O, A negative, and B negative blood donors are especially needed now.

Record-setting travel is happening across the country. With more people headed away from home, blood donations can dip at a crucial time when patients count on care. Bad weather or shifting travel schedules could force donors to cancel or reschedule donation appointments and tighten

the blood supply. Make time to give before you go – it's a simple way to make a lifesaving impact.

Give hope during the holidays and schedule a blood donation appointment by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). 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. See RedCrossBlood.org/Gifts for details.

As a special thank-you to donors for helping ad-

Upcoming donation opportunities

- Carmel**
• Dec. 31 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hotel Carmichael, 1 Carmichael Square
• Jan. 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at IU Health North Hospital, 11700 N. Meridian St.
- Fishers**
• Dec. 23 from 1 to 6 p.m. at Billericay 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
• Jan. 2 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Osprey Pointe Pavilion, 19777 Morse Park Lane

dress the need for blood during the critical post-holiday time, those who come to give Jan. 1 to 25, 2026, will be automatically entered for a chance to win a trip for two to Super Bowl LX in the San Francisco

Bay Area. See RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl for details.

If you're unable to give blood, consider making a financial donation to support the Red Cross' lifesaving mission at redcross.org.

Westfield school board & city council to hold joint meeting

Submitted

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees and the Westfield City Council will meet for a Joint Working Session at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2026, in the Westfield High School auditorium.

The meeting will include a review of demographic data, discussion of the city's comprehensive plan, and an exploration into how thoughtful collab-

oration can support responsible long-term planning for both the school district and the city. These conversations are essential as the district plans for the future to ensure its decisions align with the needs of students, families, and residents.

Community members are welcome to attend. If you are unable to join in person, the session will be live-streamed and recorded for later viewing.

Young applauds bill to formally end Iraq Wars becoming law

Submitted by Office of U.S. Senator Todd Young

U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.) and Tim Kaine (D-Va.) applauded the repeal of the 1991 and 2002 Authorizations for Use of Military Force (AUMFs) against Iraq. Their bipartisan legislation to repeal these AUMFs was included in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which was signed by President Trump last week.

"It's time to close the book on these forever wars once and for all," said Young, a member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. "This is an

important step of what I like to call legislative hygiene, for Congress to formally end these two wars. The 1991 and 2002 AUMFs are no longer necessary and leaving them on the books carries risk of potential misuse. I want to thank my Congressional colleagues and President Trump for supporting this legislation and specifically thank Senator Kaine for his partnership on this effort for many years.

"Finally, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all of the men and women who served in these two conflicts. We honor your service and sacrifice."



Young

Army Veteran Lasima Packett announces candidacy for Indiana State Senate District 31

Submitted

Lasima Packett, a long-time public servant, community advocate, and military veteran, announced on Sunday, Dec. 21 her candidacy for Indiana State Senate District 31, launching a campaign focused on putting people first, protecting the voices and values of hard-working Hoosiers, and delivering practical solutions for families.

Packett brings over a decade of experience in public service, community engagement, and leadership at the local, state, and national levels. She recently served as a community advocate, working closely with residents, neighborhood associations, non-

profits, and government agencies to strengthen communities, expand access to resources, and address quality-of-life issues.

"I'm running because our neighbors deserve a state senator who listens, shows up, and leads with integrity," Packett said. "District 31 deserves leadership that is grounded in service, committed to fairness, and focused on building opportunities for every family, no matter their ZIP code or political affiliation."

A proud military veteran, Packett's career has



Packett

been defined by service and accountability. She has worked across sectors – including local government, nonprofit organizations, and federal service – and has consistently focused on collaboration, transparency, and results. Her campaign emphasizes bipartisan problem-solving and a belief that the government should work for the people it serves.

If elected, Packett will prioritize:

- Strong public schools that support students, educators, and families
- Fair tax policies that

support public infrastructure, safety, and community well-being

• Supporting affordable housing and cost-of-living relief for working families

• Protecting democracy, including fair representation and accountable government

Packett lives in Hamilton County with her husband, a retired Army veteran and union electrical apprentice, and their daughters. As a parent, she says her campaign is also focused on the future of Indiana for the next generation.

For more information, to get involved, or donate, please visit packett4thepeople.com.

Local realtor & small business owner Catherine Torzewski enters race for Indiana Senate District 31

Submitted

Catherine Torzewski, a local Realtor, small business owner, and mother of two who resides in the Geist area, has announced her intention to run for Indiana Senate District 31.

Torzewski grew up on the east side of Indianapolis and attended Saint Simon Catholic School and Scecina Memorial High School. She credits her upbringing with forming her sense of community and pride. Her mother was a local librarian, and her father was a Sheet Metal Workers, Local 20, union worker. Catherine earned her Bachelor of Science degree from University of Indianapolis in 2005.

Torzewski is heavily involved in the MIBOR Association, serving on

various committees and participating in the MIBOR Real Estate Academy of Leadership. She is a successful Central Indiana Realtor and owner of a small business focused on investment properties.

Torzewski is committed to her community outside of her career as well. She sits on the Lawrence Township School Foundation Board. She also volunteers with her local Moms Demand Action chapter in which she advocates for common-sense gun laws such as safe storage and the Jake Laird Law.

Torzewski is no stranger to running campaigns in both Hamilton Coun-



Torzewski

ty and Marion County, having managed a successful reelection campaign for Statehouse Representative Victoria Garcia Wilburn last year, in which Representative Wilburn's win margin increased by nearly five points. She also previously managed a campaign in the city of Fishers in 2023 for candidate Howard Stevenson who ran for City Council.

"Voters in Senate district 31 are tired of the polarizing politics," Torzewski said. "They want lawmakers to get back to Hoosier values, values that prioritize public school funding, safety, and a comfortable life for all. I'm committed

to a different kind of politics, one that is transparent and authentic. I'm raising my kids here, I'm doing business here, my friends and family all live here. Indiana is home, and I want to make it the best place it possibly can be. I'm ready to roll up my sleeves and get back to basics at the statehouse – to focus on Hoosiers and how we can make all of our lives better."

Latest Westfield road construction updates

The REPORTER

Chad Hittle Boulevard closure

Village at Chatham Hills will be closing Chad Hittle Boulevard from Jan. 5 to 12 for a water crossing. Please detour via 196th Street to Tomlinson Road to 191st Street to Chad Hittle.

INDOT update: Moontown Road

The Indiana Department of Transportation has

opened Moontown Road to traffic. Hinkle Road will remain closed until Jan. 12.

Transmission line extension project

Citizens Gas will begin the second phase of its transmission line extension project that began in 2024. Operations will be along the east side of Oak Ridge Road, between Oak Ridge and Holly Farms Drive (Viking Meadows entrance).



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-  **Dispose It:** Recycle the tree when needles drop.

Wishing you a safe and joyous New Year.




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Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will hold a special meeting at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2025, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.
A live stream of the meeting will be available at [youtube.com/@CityofNoblesville](https://www.youtube.com/@CityofNoblesville).

The Jackson Township Board will hold its annual organization meeting at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2026, at the Trustee's Office, 506 W. Main St., Arcadia.
The annual financial board meeting will follow at 1:30 p.m. in the same location.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY PROVIDED that on Monday, December 15, 2025, the Common Council for the City of Fishers, Hamilton, Indiana ("City"), meeting in a duly noticed public meeting, and in accordance with Ind. Code §36-4-3-5.1, passed Ordinance No. 111725G, annexing approximately .44 acres located outside of but contiguous to the City, generally known as the Ketchum Property Annexation (the "Annexed Territory"), located at 8615 Willow Drive, Fishers, IN. This Annexation Ordinance is available for review at Fishers Municipal Center, One Municipal Drive, Fishers, Indiana 46038. If you have specific questions please contact:

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Family Leisure announces exclusive retail partnership with Jacuzzi

Submitted

Family Leisure, a leading retailer in home recreation, outdoor living, and wellness products, has announced a landmark partnership with Jacuzzi Group, becoming the exclusive retailer of Sundance® Spas from Jacuzzi® in its markets. This strategic relationship brings two of the most recognized and respected names in the spa industry directly to Family Leisure

showrooms, expanding premium options for customers nationwide.

For nearly 60 years, Family Leisure has built its reputation on offering high-quality products backed by expert service, competitive pricing, and unmatched customer support across its 10 national locations. [Editor's note: *And Mr. Weatherman himself, Paul Poteet, has been the voice of Family Leisure's television advertisements for many, many years!*] With the addition of the Sundance® Spas from Jacuzzi®, the retailer strengthens its commitment to providing consumers with best-in-class wellness and relaxation solutions.

"Sundance Spas and Jacuzzi stand for innovation, longevity, and exceptional craftsmanship," said Noah Williams, Chief Operating Officer of Family Leisure. "Bringing their full product lines into our stores reinforces our dedication to giving customers the highest-quality spa experience available today."

A powerful alignment of trusted brands

Jacuzzi is globally recognized for its engineering excellence, advanced hydrotherapy technology, and long-standing leadership in the hot tub and wellness industry. The Sundance Spa line is best known for its advanced hydrotherapy technology that delivers a highly therapeutic, luxurious, and reliable spa experience. This exclusive partnership enables Family

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- Greater availability and faster delivery of high-demand Jacuzzi and Sundance models
- Trusted, nationally known brands that give customers confidence in their investment

"Family Leisure has been a respected retailer in the home recreation space for decades," said Scott Bollitier, Strategic Account Manager at Jacuzzi Group. "We're excited to partner with a company that shares our passion for quality, customer satisfaction, and elevating the wellness experience in homes across America."

Why this partnership matters

With this exclusive partnership now in place, Family Leisure is ready to set a new standard in home wellness and outdoor living. Customers can look forward to exploring a wider selection of premium spas, enjoying expert guidance from factory-trained professionals, and experiencing faster delivery and excep-

tional service.

Whether you're building your dream backyard retreat or upgrading your home spa, Family Leisure – now the exclusive home of Sundance® Spas from Jacuzzi® in its markets – is your trusted destination for quality, reliability, and luxury. Browse online today to discover the future of relaxation and wellness.

About Family Leisure

Family Leisure is a leading home recreation and outdoor living retailer specializing in hot tubs, pools, patio furniture, game room products, and wellness equipment. Family-owned and operated for nearly 60 years, the company is committed to delivering top-tier products, competitive pricing, and excellent customer service. Learn more at familyleisure.com.

About Jacuzzi Group

Jacuzzi Group is a global leader in premium hot tubs, swim spas, whirlpool baths, and wellness products. With a legacy of innovation spanning over 100 years, Sundance® Spas from Jacuzzi® brand are trusted worldwide for their engineering, hydrotherapy performance, and exceptional design. Learn more at jacuzzi.com.

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.

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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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Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita

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million – with just over a week still left in 2025.

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Lanny Ross Hale

January 2, 1939 – December 18, 2025



Lanny Ross Hale was a native of Noblesville, born on January 2, 1939. He passed peacefully into eternal glory on December 18, 2025.

The son of LaFairie Hale and Ruth Elizabeth (Blazier) Hale, his parents preceded him in death in 1986 and 1999, respectfully. Also, a precious stepfather, Forest O. Smith, from age 6 years to adulthood reared Mr. Hale, after marriage to his mother in 1945. His stepfather preceded him in death in 1985. Lanny has one child, Rhonda Michelle Berry, via a marriage union to the former Sherolyn Ann Lambert, who also preceded him in death in 2025. His daughter is married to William (Kenny) Berry, and they presently reside in New Market, Ala.

Lanny had five siblings, three brothers and two sisters, consisting of Robert Joe Smith, who resides in Westfield, and who served as Fire Chief there for 30 years, as well as being a council member for that city; Richard Lee Hale of Ralston, Ind., who preceded him in death; and Dwight Elsworth Smith of Noblesville, who also preceded him in death. He is survived by his sisters Sandra Sue (Hale) Warner, who resides in Kokomo, and Delcie Rose (Smith) Loller, who resides in Noblesville.

Lanny was married to Margaret (Zook), who preceded him in death, and he had a very special lady friend, Martha Douthitt, also preceding him in death. Lanny is survived by numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Lanny graduated on May 19, 1957, from Jackson Central High in Arcadia. After graduation, he volunteered to serve in the U.S. Navy for four years. During this time, he graduated from Class A Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes, Ill. He served eight months at Oakland, Calif., Naval Hospital as a surgical orderly, specializing in Operating Room Techniques. He spent the last 18 months of his military service as a Navy Corpsman aboard the U.S.S. Bennington, CUS-20, stationed out of San Diego, Calif.; he often recanted stories of assisting fellow servicemen who affectionately called him "Doc." He received a good conduct medal and an honorable discharge on July 24, 1961. Lanny also served two years in the reserves.

Lanny worked for General Motors (Delco-Remy) located in Anderson for 31 years and retired from GM on November 31, 1995. After his retirement, he relocated to the state of Tennessee to be close to his daughter, Rhonda. He resided in the Nashville area for right at 30 years.

While living in Tennessee, he was affiliated with the First Free Methodist Church (Smyrna, Tenn.), Creekmont General Baptist Church of Murfreesboro, Tenn., Hillview Community Church (LaVergne, Tenn.), and the Lighthouse Wesleyan Church also in LaVergne. Lanny was active in these churches as a song/worship leader, a Sunday School teacher, and he often brought messages to these congregations; however, he said his love for children was where his heart was and he made a lasting impression upon the little ones as a puppeteer using puppets and ordinary objects to bring moral lessons and to point them to Christ Jesus.

Although he was a great example and happy to serve in the churches, Lanny's hope of eternal life and salvation was placed solely in His Savior Jesus Christ, through His shed blood on Calvary. His death, burial, and victorious resurrection unto life eternal. Lanny completely trusted in Jesus as being the only way, the ultimate Truth, and Life everlasting. Truly, he will be remembered as a man of wisdom, great faith, compassion, and unsurpassed generosity.

Visitation and funeral services for Lanny were held Monday, December 22, 2025, with Paul Featherstone officiating, at Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero. Burial followed in Arcadia Brethren Cemetery.

Those who were touched by Lanny's life are invited to share their memories and photos on his memorial page. Lanny Hale's memory will continue to live on in the hearts of those he loved and those who loved him.

Condolences: hartleyfuneralhomes.com

Joel David Roberts

April 29, 1946 – December 16, 2025



Joel David Roberts, was born April 29, 1946, in Evansville, Ind. Joel lived a life defined by faith, service, community, and a loving devotion to family and friends. He was the son of Douglas and Ruth (Graves) Roberts and grew up in Winchester, Ind., where he attended Lee L. Driver High School.

Joel met the love of his life, Connie Haworth, in the seventh grade – a bond that would shape the rest of his life. They were married on September 15, 1967.

Joel attended Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, earning a degree in Civil Engineering. While there, he played on the Rose-Hulman golf team and formed lifelong friendships through his fraternity, Alpha Tau Omega. Following graduation, Joel and Connie moved to Indianapolis, where he began working at Indiana Bell while attending law school at Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis. During this time, they welcomed three daughters.

After completing law school, Joel relocated to Portland, Ind., where he practiced law at Clamme and Roberts, served as a Deputy Prosecutor, and later was appointed Superior Court Judge in Jay County. Joel served with distinction as Superior Court Judge for 20 years. Following his retirement, he continued to serve the people of Indiana as a Special Judge throughout the state. In recognition of his service and character, Joel was honored with the prestigious Sagamore of the Wabash Award.

Joel was deeply committed to his community. He volunteered extensively with numerous organizations, including the Rotary Club, Cincinnatus League, Knights of Columbus, Jay County Arts Place, Jay Community Center Board, and the Portland Foundation. His faith was central to his life.

An avid golfer, Joel also loved reading, playing the guitar, singing, and watching sports – especially Indiana University athletics, the Cleveland Browns, and the Cincinnati Reds. He cherished traveling with Connie and treasured time spent with family and friends. Above all, Joel was an extraordinarily devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend as was adored by all who were closest to him.

Joel is survived by his wife of 58 years, Connie Roberts; brother, Brad (Stacy) Roberts; sister, Polly Roberts; daughters, Kim (Chris) Janak, Lexie (Patrick) Hughes, and Kristen (Brad) Robling; and his cherished grandchildren: Joel, John, and Joshua Janak; Quinn, Jenna, and Noah Hughes; and Nick, Sophia, Jacqueline, and Luke Robling.

Those who knew Joel will remember him as kind, generous with his time and talents, humble, and fiercely devoted to his family. He was deeply grounded in his Catholic faith and known for his witty, dry sense of humor. Joel was profoundly loved by his wife, daughters, grandchildren, and friends, and he will be dearly missed by all whose lives he touched.

Visitation and funeral services were held Monday, December 22 at St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, 17102 Spring Mill Road, Westfield.

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

Condolences: bussellfamilyfunerals.com

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

OFFERINGS AT THE DEDICATION OF THE TABERNACLE

On the seventh day Elishama son of Ammihud, the leader of the people of Ephraim, 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 Elishama son of Ammihud.

On the eighth day Gamaliel son of Pedahzur, the leader of the people of Manasseh, 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 Gamaliel son of Pedahzur.

On the ninth day Abidan son of Gideoni, the leader of the people of Benjamin, 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 Abidan son of Gideoni.

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Boys Basketball

Tigers fend off Royals to win Mudsock

By RICHARD TORRES
For The Reporter

FISHERS — For 29 minutes on Friday, Dec. 19, the Hamilton Southeastern defense held Cooper Zachary scoreless.

The same couldn't be said for the final three.

"They did a very good job of taking me away," Zachary said. "Once I hit my first shot, I knew we had to win this game, so I had to step up in big ways, and I feel like I did."

With the Tigers trailing 55-53 in the fourth quarter, Zachary buried his first shot — a 3-pointer — marking the night's 13th and last lead change in a back-and-forth Mudsock rivalry installment that wasn't settled until the final 32 seconds.

"It did not feel good. I'm not going to lie, but I mean, I released it, and I didn't think about it. I just shot it. When that happens, it tends to fall," Zachary

remarked on his clutch 3-pointer.

Zachary was shadowed by HSE senior Maverick Young throughout, but his first points initiated a 9-0 run capped by two of the standout's six converted free throws down the stretch to fend off a potential Royals' comeback.

"It was a rough night. Obviously, they did a nice job guarding, but we found a way to win. (Cooper) is one of the toughest players I've ever coached, and we've got to do a better job being able to get him shots when they're going to guard him like that," Fishers coach Garrett Winegar said.

"We've got to screen better, and that's something we're constantly working on, but it's just taking longer than I'd like to figure it out."

The Tigers solved the issue after a trio of ties in the second half, including a 46-46 deadlock to start the



Photo by Joshua Herd

The Fishers boys basketball team won the Mudsock game Friday, Dec. 19 at the Fishers Events Center. The Tigers held off Hamilton Southeastern 68-61 to claim their fifth consecutive Mudsock trophy.

fourth quarter.

Down 6-0 to start the game and later 16-8 in the first quarter, the Tigers (5-0, 2-0 HCC) converted 10 of 10 free throws in the last 2:09 to push the program's winning streak against Hoosier Crossroads Conference rival HSE to seven

consecutive games.

The Royals (2-3, 1-1 HCC) carried the advantage until Fishers senior Kai McGrew, who finished with a game-high 26 points and eight rebounds, drilled one of his four 3-pointers with 1:31 remaining in the first half to put the Tigers

ahead 25-24.

With Fishers trailing 30-28, McGrew struck again with a buzzer-beating 3-pointer that gave the Tigers a 31-30 lead at half-time.

"He gave us a lot of momentum. Kai has been tremendous for us. Obvi-

ously, he's a player that we need, and he's going out there and showing it every night," Zachary said. "Whether that's getting rebounds, dunking or hitting shots, he does everything for us."

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Girls Basketball

Holman surpasses 1,000 points, leads Royals to Mudsock win

By RICHARD TORRES
For The Reporter

FISHERS — Kennedy Holman knew she was close to 1,000 career points, but she wasn't keeping count.

Instead, the Hamilton Southeastern senior remained oblivious, and it was exactly what she wanted Friday, Dec. 19 inside the Fishers Event Center.

Sitting at 989 career points before Class 4A No. 5 HSE tipped off against 4A Fishers for their annual Mudsock rivalry game, Holman buried a 3-pointer at the top of the key for the night's first points.

Sixteen minutes later, the University of Florida commit cleared her mark.

With a 3-pointer to open the second half, Holman sparked a 10-0 run and simultaneously joined the 1,000-point club en route to a game-high 16 points and a 32-19 HSE victory.

"I didn't look at how many points I needed, and I told everybody not to tell me because I didn't want to worry about it," Holman confessed after becoming the 10th girls player in HSE history to reach 1,000 points. "I just wanted to play my game."

Holman had nine points by halftime, but her 12th — and 1,001st in her career

— to start the third quarter turned a nip-and-tuck contest into a lopsided finale.

The Royals trailed 6-5 in the first quarter before a Holman layup gave HSE a 7-6 lead heading into the second.

Back-to-back steals and transition baskets by Holman in the second quarter pushed HSE's lead to 11-8 after falling behind 8-7.

Her second 3-pointer in the game catapulted the Royals to a 24-11 advantage by the start of the fourth quarter.

"It's been a huge milestone of mine, so just to be able to celebrate that with my team at this big arena means a lot to me," said Holman, who now has 1,005 points. "I've actually not been shooting the best with my three, so hitting those to get to 1,000 felt good."

The win was just as sweet for HSE (10-2, 5-0 HCC), which extended its streak to four straight against its top Hoosier Crossroads Conference and county rival.

Fishers' (6-7, 0-4 HCC) last win against HSE was during the 2022-23 season when the Tigers swept both the regular-season and post-season meetings.

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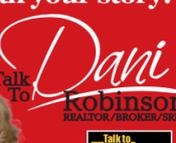


Photos by Joshua Herd

(ABOVE) The Hamilton Southeastern girls basketball team won the Mudsock trophy over Fishers Friday, Dec. 19 at the Fishers Events Center. The Royals won the game 32-19. (BELOW LEFT) Hamilton Southeastern's Kennedy Holman cleared 1,000 career points and scored 16 to help the Royals win the Mudsock game. (BELOW RIGHT) Fishers' Makayla Triplett looks to pass the ball.



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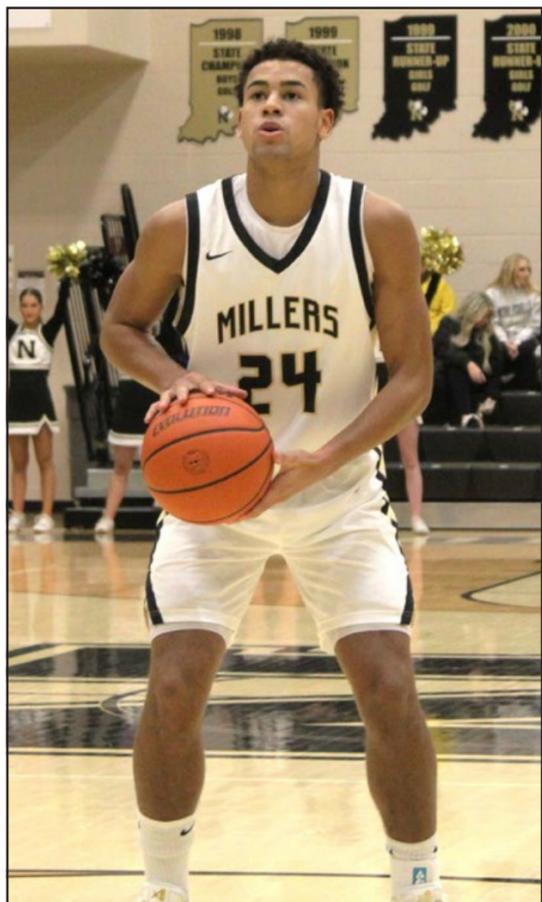
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Boys Basketball



(LEFT) Noblesville's Baron Walker prepares to make a free throw during the first quarter of the Millers' boys game with Westfield on Friday, Dec. 19. Noblesville won 47-45. (RIGHT) Westfield's Brock Detamore scored 16 points for the Shamrocks.

Reporter photos by Richie Bell

Millers hold off Shamrocks

The REPORTER

Noblesville's boys picked up their first Hoosier Crossroads Conference win of the season Friday, Dec. 19, holding off county rival Westfield 47-45 at The Mill.

The Millers led 14-8 after the first quarter, with Justin Curry II scoring eight points. Noblesville's lead increased to 24-15 by halftime.

The Shamrocks began to come back in the third period, cutting the Millers' advantage to 30-24 by the end of the period. Brock Detamore scored five points in the third.

Westfield poured in 21 points in the fourth, including 10 from Ryan

Hunsucker and eight from Detamore. But Noblesville held on for the win, with Curry adding six points and the team going 7 of 8 from the free-throw line during the quarter.

Curry finished with 21 points, while Max Flanagan scored 10. Detamore and Hunsucker both totaled 16 points.

Noblesville is 1-1 in HCC play and 2-4 overall. The Millers host their own Holiday Tournament today, taking on Evansville Reitz at 11:45 a.m. in the first round.

The Shamrocks are 0-2 in the conference and 3-3 overall. They host Richmond on Saturday afternoon.

NOBLESVILLE 47, WESTFIELD 45				
Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Drew Haffner	3	0-0	7	1
Brock Detamore	6	1-3	16	4
Logan Sumpter	0	0-0	0	2
Ryan Hunsucker	6	4-5	16	2
Luke Vandegriff	0	0-0	0	0
Ian Muntel	1	1-2	3	4
Graham Wilson	1	0-0	2	1
Bryce Bigsbee	0	1-2	1	4
Joey Iovino	0	0-0	0	1
Max Vandegriff	0	0-0	0	1
Totals	17	7-12	45	20
Westfield 3-pointers (4) Detamore 3, Haffner.				
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Luke Fogg	1	0-0	3	4
Justin Curry II	7	4-4	21	0
Evan Magsamen	1	0-0	2	5
Baron Walker	0	8-10	8	3
Max Flanagan	4	0-0	10	2
Royce Haney	1	0-0	2	0
Dylan Knaga	0	0-0	0	1
Cooper Smits	0	1-2	1	2
Bear Rucker	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	14	13-16	47	17
Noblesville 3-pointers (6) Curry 3, Flanagan 2, Fogg.				
Score by Quarters				
Westfield	8	7	9	21-45
Noblesville	14	10	6	17-47

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GIRLS

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"Defense allowed us to get going along with Kennedy hitting those threes, which was key," HSE coach Brian Satterfield said. "It's a rivalry, and it's always fun when you get that win, but that's one game. Now, we're on to the next one, and we could face them again in tournament time." Currently, the Royals continue to own the series, holding an 18-12 record against Fishers since 2006.

HSE senior Kayla Stidham, a Bowling Green commit, finished with 11 points and 10 rebounds, including seven points in the second half. Sophomore Piper Brinley hauled in eight rebounds with two points.

Holman supplied eight rebounds and four steals, in addition to two assists, which draws her 11 closer to a potential school record.

"It's been special for me to coach her for four years. What she brings to the table, seeing her get that mark with 1,000 points is special," Satterfield said. "She's truly special because of what she does at both ends of the floor."

Collectively, the Royals

clamped down on the Tigers in the second half, holding them to 11 points and no more than eight points in a single quarter throughout.

A rough shooting first half for HSE kept the game in question early until defense fueled a 19-point final 16 minutes.

"We really focused on a good start, getting stops, and I think during the second half, we did that a lot better," Holman said. "We did start off slow again, but we're continuing to get better."

Sophomore Reagan Reiff and junior Lillian Burns led the Tigers with five points each, followed by senior Natalie Thomas' three points.

HSE's largest lead was 15 points, 23-8, when Stidham capped the Royals' decisive run with a 3-pointer at the midway point of the third.

Holman shot 7 of 16 from the field and 2 of 4 from 3-point range overall.

"Just knowing that my teammates trust me to get those points and score when they need me, means a lot," Holman said. "Just knowing they always have my back is what I always need."

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 32, FISHERS 19				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Reagan Reiff	2	0-2	5	3
Makayla Triplett	1	0-0	2	2
Ella Bureson	1	0-0	2	4
Alanna Anthony	0	0-2	0	3
Natalie Thomas	1	1-2	3	0
Delaney Wilson	0	0-0	0	1
Caroline Kirkendall	1	0-0	2	0
Lillian Burns	1	2-2	5	3
Brooklynn Hudnut	0	0-0	0	0
Nicole Ellison	0	0-0	0	0
Akya Koenig	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	7	3-8	19	16
Fishers 3-pointers (2) Reiff, Burns.				
Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Piper Brinley	1	0-0	2	3
Kennedy Holman	7	0-0	16	2
Antonette Green	1	0-0	2	3
Abby Orme	0	0-0	0	0
Kayla Stidham	3	4-4	11	2
Eevee Tolliver	0	1-2	1	1
Ava Kashani	0	0-0	0	0
Haylee Mezera	0	0-0	0	0
Helena Kiely	0	0-0	0	0
Boston DeBolt	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	12	5-6	32	11
Southeastern 3-pointers (3) Holman 2, Stidham.				
Score by Quarters				
Fishers	6	2	3	8-19
Southeastern	7	6	11	8-32

BOYS

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Photos by Joshua Herd

(LEFT) Fishers' Kai McGrew scored 26 points to help the Tigers win the boys' Mudsack game over Southeastern. (RIGHT) Landon Osswald scored 16 points for Southeastern.

Fishers junior Jason Gardner Jr. poured in 20 points on 7 of 16 shooting with three assists, while Zachary had nine points – all in the fourth quarter – and senior Torey Breland added seven.

"I feel like we are a little bit doubted because we lost six seniors. Everyone's

really writing us off. We're the No. 1 team in the state, but everyone thinks they can really get us," Zachary said. "But we know how good we are. We know what we can do, and we've got to go out there and prove it."

After a pair of 3-pointers by HSE senior Luke Weemer

and sophomore Varschon Clark cut Fishers' lead 62-61 with 48 seconds remaining, Zachary and McGrew stepped up and cemented the game from the foul line.

Zachary went 4-for-4 and McGrew hit the game's final two free throws for a 6-0 run in the last 32 seconds.

Weemer posted a team-high 20 points for HSE, followed by 16 points and eight rebounds by senior Landon Osswald. Clark added 12 points, seven rebounds, four assists and two blocks.

"I do not think we're playing great, but we're finding ways to beat good teams.

FISHERS 68, HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 61				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Cooper Zachary	1-5	4-4	7	4
Jason Gardner Jr.	7-16	6-10	20	1
Levi Walker	1-3	2-2	5	1
Torey Breland	3-5	0-1	7	1
Kai McGrew	10-14	2-2	26	3
Jean-Claude L'Homme	0-2	0-0	0	2
Tristan Breland	1-3	0-2	3	2
Max Hopkins	0-0	0-0	0	0
Jalen Campbell	0-1	0-0	0	0
Totals	23-49	14-21	68	14
Fishers 3-point shooting (8-20) McGrew 4-5, Zachary 1-5, Walker 1-3, To. Breland 1-3, Tr. Breland 1-1, L'Homme 0-2, Gardner 0-1.				
Fishers rebounds (27) McGrew 8, L'Homme 2, Zachary 2, Gardner 2, Walker 2, Campbell 2, To. Breland 1, Hopkins 1, team 7.				
Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jack Jacobs	2-2	0-0	5	4
Maverick Young	3-10	1-2	8	3
Varschon Clark	2-13	7-8	12	4
Luke Weemer	8-12	1-1	20	2
Landon Osswald	6-12	3-3	16	4
Kian Kelly	0-1	0-0	0	1
Alex Weber	0-0	0-0	0	0
Kallen Hoeft	0-0	0-0	0	0
KJ Buckley	0-0	0-0	0	2
Totals	21-50	12-14	61	20
Southeastern 3-point shooting (7-14) Weemer 3-4, Young 1-5, Clark 1-2, Osswald 1-2, Jacobs 1-1.				
Southeastern rebounds (32) Osswald 8, Clark 7, Jacobs 5, Kelly 3, Weemer 3, Young 1, team 5.				
Score by Quarters				
Fishers	10	21	15	22-68
Southeastern	16	14	16	15-61

I think HSE is a very good team. I think coach (Bobby) Allen's an excellent coach. They're just going through the phase of learning how to win," said Winegar, who

became Fishers' winningest boys coach with a 113-24 record in six years. "That's a team that nobody's going to want to see in the tournament."

Westfield's girls beat Noblesville in Saturday, Dec. 20 basketball action, while the Hamilton Heights girls scored another win. Read more in The Reporter's Wednesday edition.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Dec. 23
BOYS BASKETBALL
 Parke Heritage at Fishers, 6:30 p.m.
Hamilton Heights Tournament
 Hamilton Heights vs. Covenant Christian, 10 a.m.
 McCutcheon vs. Heritage Christian, noon
 Consolation game, 5 p.m.
 Championship game, 7 p.m.
Noblesville Holiday Tournament
 Gary 21st Century vs. Brebeuf Jesuit, 10 a.m.
 Noblesville vs. Evansville Reitz, 11:45 a.m.
 Consolation game, 6 p.m.
 Championship game, 7:45 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Casey Pohlenz Tournament, Richmond
 Guerin Catholic vs. Richmond, noon
 Placement game, 4 p.m. or 6 p.m.
Carroll Holiday Tournament
 University vs. Tipton, 11 a.m.
 Placement game, 6:15 p.m. or 8 p.m.

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Boys Basketball



Photo by Mike Navarro

Guerin Catholic's Jake Grissom scored 21 points during the Golden Eagles' win over Lafayette Central Catholic on Friday, Dec. 19.

Guerin Catholic boys roll past LCC

The REPORTER

Guerin Catholic's boys made it a Bishop's Cup sweep in the night game of the girls/boys doubleheader, beating Lafayette Central Catholic 71-31 Friday, Dec. 19 at the Eagles Nest.

The Class 3A No. 8 Golden Eagles outscored the Knights in each of the four quarters, leading 13-11 after the first period. Guerin Catholic then powered through the second quarter for a 39-17 advantage, then

poured in 22 more points in the third quarter.

Jake Grissom scored 21 points, followed by Carter Murans and Andrew Reithman with 10 points each. Reithman led the rebounds with six, followed by Murans with five. Hayden Rogers dished out four assists.

The Golden Eagles are 4-2 and are idle until Jan. 2 when they play in the Ray Furney Classic at Lawrenceburg.

GUERIN CATHOLIC 71, LAFAYETTE CENTRAL CATHOLIC 31				
Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jake Grissom	9-12	3-4	21	2
Will Bach	3-4	1-2	9	0
Hayden Rogers	2-3	1-3	5	1
Carter Murans	4-11	1-2	10	3
Andrew Reithman	4-6	0-0	10	1
Alex Wall	0-1	0-0	0	2
Luke Keller	2-2	0-0	5	1
Jack Linden	2-3	0-0	4	1
Drew Burnett	1-5	0-0	3	1
Sawyer Holman	0-1	0-0	0	0
Liam Workman	0-0	0-0	0	1
Finn Dooley	0-1	0-0	0	0
Cole Tyson	2-2	0-0	4	0
Ethan Frayer	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	29-51	6-11	71	13
Score by Quarters				
Laf. Central Catholic	11	6	9	5-31
Guerin Catholic	13	26	22	10-71

Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting (7-16) Bach 2-3, Reithman 2-2, Murans 1-4, Burnett 1-3, Keller 1-1, Grissom 0-1, Dooley 0-1, Holman 0-1.
 Guerin Catholic rebounds (32) Reithman 6, Murans 5, Linden 5, Grissom 4, Bach 2, Wall 2, Workman 1, Keller 1, Rogers 1, Holman 1, Burnett 1, Frayer 1, team 2.

Boys Basketball

Tigers edge out Shortridge

The REPORTER

The Fishers boys held off a tough challenge from host Shortridge on Saturday, Dec. 20 before winning 64-62 to stay unbeaten for the season.

The game was close the entire 32 minutes. The Class 4A No. 1 Tigers led 16-14 after one quarter, with Kai McGrew scoring nine points. Fishers led 38-36 at halftime, with seven different Tigers players scoring. Cooper Zachary had six points.

The Blue Devils were

within 50-49 after three periods, but Fishers held on in the fourth quarter. Levi Walker and McGrew both scored four points.

McGrew led the Tigers with 15 points, while Zachary scored 14.

Fishers was missing Jason Gardner Jr., who is out with a hand fracture after getting hurt during the second half of the Tigers' game with Hamilton Southeastern.

Fishers is 6-0 for the season and plays 2A No. 1 Parke Heritage at 6:30 p.m. tonight.

FISHERS 64, SHORTRIDGE 62				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Cooper Zachary	3	8-9	14	3
Levi Walker	4	0-0	9	0
Tristan Breland	1	0-0	2	4
Torey Breland	3	3-6	9	2
Kai McGrew	6	3-6	15	4
Jean-Claude L'Homme	3	0-0	7	4
Max Hopkins	1	0-0	2	2
Jalen Campbell	2	2-2	6	1
Dominic Mulenga	0	0-0	0	0
Jayden Bogdan	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	23	16-23	64	20
Score by Quarters				
Fishers	16	22	12	14-64
Shortridge	14	22	13	13-62

Fishers 3-pointers (2) L'Homme, Walker.

Girls Basketball

Guerin Catholic dominates Central Catholic to capture Bishop's Cup

By CRAIG ADKINS

For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE – The Friday, Dec. 19 varsity doubleheader got off to a great start for the Guerin Catholic girls basketball team.

The Golden Eagles jumped out early and kept Lafayette Central Catholic at a distance for a majority of the game, dominating the visiting Knights, 50-19, to hoist the Bishop's Cup.

Guerin started off on an 8-0 run with two Lorigrace Rockwood free throws, a Dana Dues jumper from the right elbow and a pair of Cecilia Titus buckets. That forced the Knights to burn a full timeout.

"Even though all of these kids are new, they know what this has been like," said Guerin Catholic head coach Danielle Cardinal. "Every time we've gone to LCC, it's been an absolutely murderous game and not played well. This meant a lot to this group and it's a step forward for our program."

In the overall series, Central Catholic owns a 10-1 record and owned a 10-game winning streak against the Golden Eagles, prior to this meeting. Guerin Catholic got its lone win over the Knights on Jan. 31, 2014 (66-63).

The closest LCC got was 12-8 in the last couple minutes of the first. Guerin led 19-8 after one and didn't look back.

The second quarter was tight, but great ball movement and solid rebounding helped propel the Golden Eagles to a 31-15 lead at halftime.

"They always have a little bit of nerves before we start," added Cardinal. "I think once we got into that press and they saw how well it was working, they felt great about it and it changed the dynamic immediately. It also changed



Photo by Mike Navarro

Guerin Catholic's Lorigrace Rockwood scored eight points for the Golden Eagles' during their win over Lafayette Central Catholic.

LCC's dynamic and they immediately got back on their heels and got nervous."

Rebounding and second chance opportunities were a big part of this win. Guerin had unofficially 23 offensive rebounds, which made Central Catholic work even harder on defense.

The Golden Eagles outscored the Knights 9-4 in the third to push it to 40-19. They were 5-for-6 at the foul line in the frame and also got their two field goals on offensive rebound putbacks from Ella Horvath and Delanie Cardinal.

"He doesn't put stats on MaxPreps, so it's hard to know who does what," stated Cardinal. "Then what ends up happening is, you watch an insane amount of film. And by watching that film, we start to be able to adjust things. I think for us that was a benefit."

Cardinal's squad wound up having to watch a lot of film to figure out how to defend Central Catholic and it paid dividends.

"We knew what to expect. I think the girls really

GUERIN CATHOLIC 50, LAFAYETTE CENTRAL CATHOLIC 19				
Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Lauren Keller	1	0-0	2	2
Dana Dues	1	0-0	2	3
Ella Horvath	2	0-0	4	2
Lorigrace Rockwood	2	4-6	8	0
Cecilia Titus	6	2-2	15	0
Delanie Cardinal	2	1-2	5	2
Caroline Ford	3	0-0	6	1
Emersyn French	0	0-0	0	1
Rachel Behrle	0	0-0	0	0
Brinna Wolf	1	0-0	2	0
Lillian Behrle	2	0-0	6	0
Totals	20	7-10	50	11
Score by Quarters				
Laf. Central Catholic	8	7	4	0-19
Guerin Catholic	19	12	9	10-50

Guerin Catholic 3-pointers (3) L. Behrle 2, Titus.

locked in and they did a great job," Cardinal continued.

The Golden Eagles shut out Central Catholic 10-0 in the fourth for the rout of the Knights.

Cecilia Titus had 13 to pace Guerin. Lorigrace Rockwood had eight, followed by Caroline Ford and Lillian Behrle each with six off of the bench.

Guerin Catholic is playing the tough field at Richmond's Casey Pohlenz Memorial Tournament on Dec. 22 and 23.

"We're actually going to spend the night, which will be really fun. We haven't done that ever as a program. Win or lose, there are great teams on both sides of the bracket," Cardinal added.

"Regardless of what happens with us on Monday, we are scheduled to face some serious competition. I think it's a good test for these kids getting ready for sectional."

Boys Basketball

Blazers drop tight game to Purdue Poly

The REPORTER

University's boys fell to 3-2 on the season dropping a tightly contested 70-64 decision to Purdue Polytechnic Saturday, Dec. 20 at The U Center.

The game was a back-and-forth affair with the score being within two possessions for all but 59 seconds. University led 47-45 after the third quarter but the Techies made the plays down the stretch and made all six free throws in the last 35 seconds to secure the win.

University jumped to a quick 6-0 lead behind a Josh Henderson basket and four points from Blake Gray. Purdue Poly recovered to lead 13-11 at the end of the first quarter.

The Techies used a 6-0 run early in the second quarter to open up a 21-16 lead and lead 29-23 at halftime. Gray had seven first half points.

University exploded for

25 third-quarter points, using a 7-0 run midway through the third quarter to open up a 42-39 lead on a Faisal Mohamud basket. Buckets by Henderson and Noah Cortez and Mohamud gave the Blazers a 47-45 lead after three quarters.

After Purdue Poly scored the first four points of the fourth quarter, Henderson knotted the game at 49 with two free throws. TJ Williams answered to put Purdue Poly back in front and the Techies scored the next seven for a 56-49 lead. Baskets by Peter Morales and Josh McGee pulled University within three before Mohamud's three-point play tied the score at 58 with 3:05 left.

University went scoreless for the next two minutes as Purdue Poly built a 63-58 lead. The Trailblazers had a chance to tie the game late. McGee was fouled while scoring and completed the three-point

PURDUE POLYTECHNIC 70, UNIVERSITY 64				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Joshua McGee	6	1-4	14	2
Blake Gray	3	3-4	11	4
Faisal Mohamud	5	5-6	15	2
Cooper Cammack	3	0-0	6	3
Joshua Henderson	5	4-6	14	2
Jaxen Bennett	0	0-0	0	2
Noah Cortez	1	0-0	2	2
Peter Morales	1	0-0	2	1
Totals	24	13-20	64	18
Score by Quarters				
Purdue Poly	13	16	16	25-70
University	11	12	24	17-64

University 3-pointers (3) Gray 2, McGee.

play with 28 seconds left to cut the lead to 67-64. University forced a turnover on the ensuing inbound, but the Blazers missed a game tying three-pointer. The Techies made three of four foul shots to close the game out.

Mohamud led University with 15 points and four assists. McGee had 14 points on six of eight field goals. Henderson also had 14 and Gray added 11 and seven

rebounds. Cooper Cammack had a team-high nine rebounds.

Williams led Purdue Poly with 30 points.

University will next play Dec. 29 in the Bill Hawkins Basketball Classic at Bethesda Christian. The Trailblazers open with Indianapolis Metropolitan at 10:30 a.m. and will play a second game later that day. Placement games will be Dec. 30.

Girls Basketball

Purdue Poly pulls away from Blazers

The REPORTER

University's girls hung tough with the 15th-ranked team in Class 3A before Purdue Polytechnic pulled away in the last minute to defeat the Trailblazers 69-56 Saturday, Dec. 20 at The U Center.

University fell behind 24-11 at the end of the first quarter before changing up defenses and crawling back in the game. The Trailblazers scored 20 points in the second quarter, tying the game at 31 with 53 seconds left in the half on a Nyla Blanding three-pointer from the right corner. The Techies scored the last four points of the quarter and led 35-31 at the half. University made seven first half three-pointers. Blanding had 11 first half points and Leah Norvell nine.

The contest was a two-possession game throughout the second half but the Blazers never led. Two Sydney Culp free throws tied the game at 50 and two more Sydney Culp free throws pulled University within 56-54 with 2:37 left before Purdue Poly outscored University 13-2 the rest of the way.

Norvell led University with 18 points. Sydney Culp had 14 points including making all eight free throws. She dished out a team-high six assists. Blanding had 13 points and Gabby Culp had 11 points, eight rebounds and five assists. Mack Feeney grabbed eight rebounds.

Te'asia Briscoe had a game high 30 points for Purdue Poly, who improved to 11-1 on the season.

PURDUE POLYTECHNIC 69, UNIVERSITY 56				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Sydney Culp	2	8-8	14	5
Nyla Blanding	4	2-2	13	3
Leah Norvell	6	2-4	18	2
Mack Feeney	0	0-0	0	5
Gabby Culp	5	1-4	11	5
Addy Pritchard	0	0-0	0	0
Quinn Wilmot	0	0-0	0	0
Anya Hicks	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	17	13-18	56	20
Score by Quarters				
Purdue Poly	24	11	11	23-69
University	11	20	12	13-56
University 3-pointers (9) Norvell 4, Blanding 3, S. Culp 2.				

University girls drop first game at Carroll

The REPORTER

University girls opened play in the Carroll Tournament Monday by dropping a 76-53 decision to the host Cougars.

The Trailblazers started fast, leading by eight points early in the second quarter before foul trouble piled up. Playing with a short bench, University could not overcome a 17 free-throw attempt advantage for Carroll.

The Blazers made five three pointers in the first quarter, opening up a 17-11 advantage. Gabby Culp hit three triples and Nyla Blanding added two. A Blanding three pointer early in the second quarter gave University a 20-12 lead with seven minutes left in the half. University made just

one more field goal the rest of the half as Carroll tied the game at 24 with 1:45 left before taking the lead for good with 30 seconds left in the second quarter. Carroll led 28-26 at halftime.

University trailed just 44-38 late in the third quarter before two starters fouled out. A 12-3 spurt by the Cougars put the game away.

Blanding had a career-high 19 points to lead University. Leah Norvell had 15 points. Gabby Culp had 11 points and Sydney Culp eight.

University is now 4-8 on the season and will play Tipton at 11 a.m. today in the consolation bracket. The Blazers will play for fifth or seventh place later in the day.

CARROLL 76, UNIVERSITY 53				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Gabby Culp	3	0-0	8	4
Nyla Blanding	6	3-3	19	3
Leah Norvell	5	4-6	15	2
Mack Feeney	0	0-0	0	5
Gabby Culp	3	2-2	11	5
Quinn Wilmot	0	0-0	0	0
Addy Pritchard	0	0-0	0	0
Anya Hicks	0	0-0	0	0
Jane Armstrong	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	17	9-11	53	19
Score by Quarters				
University	17	9	15	12-53
Carroll	11	17	21	27-78
University 3-pointers (10) Blanding 4, G. Culp 3, S. Culp 2, Norvell.				

Boys Basketball

Carmel gets two big victories

The REPORTER

Carmel's boys stayed perfect for the season after two lopsided wins this past weekend on Bill Shepherd Court at the Eric Clark Activity Center.

On Friday, Dec. 19, the Class 4A No. 6 Greyhounds rolled over rival North Central 77-39. Carmel led 22-9 after one quarter, then dominated the second period by outscoring the Panthers 31-5. That gave the Hounds a 53-14 halftime lead; the entire second half was played with a running clock.

Evan Harrell led the way with a double-double of 22 points and 16 rebounds. Ten different Carmel players scored, with Aiden Dickerson adding nine points and collecting seven rebounds. Cash Daniels scored eight points and dished out six assists. Adler Cole had five rebounds.

The Greyhounds hosted Kokomo on Saturday, Dec. 20 and beat Kokomo 68-48. Carmel led 35-28 at halftime before powering through the third quarter, when the Hounds outscored the Wildkats 21-9.

Harrell poured in 28 points and pulled six rebounds. Daniels put together a double-double of 17 points and 14 assists, also making four steals. Julian Vogt threw in three 3-pointers on his way to 11 points, while Dickerson contributed 10 points and five rebounds. Jamichael Fountain also collected five rebounds.

Carmel is 5-0 and plays in the Paul Loggan Memorial Tournament next week. The Greyhounds take on last year's Class 4A state champion Jeffersonville on Monday, Dec. 29 and Lake Central on Tuesday, Dec. 30.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall
Carmel's Cash Daniels (3) shares a high five with Aiden Dickerson during the Greyhounds' game with North Central on Friday, Dec. 19. Carmel won 77-39.

CARMEL 77, NORTH CENTRAL 39				
Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Cash Daniels	3-8	0-2	8	1
Julian Vogt	2-5	0-0	5	3
Aiden Dickerson	3-6	3-3	9	1
Evan Harrell	9-13	4-4	22	0
Ben Bremer	3-4	0-0	7	1
Adler Cole	4-5	0-0	8	1
Vince Nover	3-5	0-0	6	2
Jamichael Fountain	2-3	1-2	6	0
Delacy Fant	1-4	1-2	4	1
Niko Kazmierczak	1-1	0-0	2	0
Mark Shostak	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	31-54	9-13	77	10
Score by Quarters				
North Central	9	5	11	14-39
Carmel	22	31	5	19-77
Carmel 3-point shooting (6-14) Daniels 2-3, Vogt 1-3, Bremer 1-1, Fountain 1-1, Fant 1-1, Nover 0-2, Cole 0-1, Dickerson 0-1, Harrell 0-1. Carmel rebounds (38) Harrell 16, Dickerson 7, Cole 5, Nover 4, Daniels 3, Vogt 1, Bremer 1, Fountain 1.				

CARMEL 68, KOKOMO 48				
Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Cash Daniels	8-14	1-1	17	3
Julian Vogt	4-8	0-0	11	3
Aiden Dickerson	4-8	0-0	10	3
Evan Harrell	12-16	4-4	28	3
Ben Bremer	0-3	0-0	0	0
Jamichael Fountain	0-0	0-0	0	1
Adler Cole	1-3	0-0	2	0
Vince Nover	0-0	0-0	0	0
Delacy Fant	0-0	0-0	0	1
Niko Kazmierczak	0-0	0-0	0	0
Joe Kudjoe	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	29-52	5-5	68	14
Score by Quarters				
Kokomo	14	14	9	11-48
Carmel	20	15	21	12-68
Carmel 3-point shooting (5-18) Vogt 3-7, Dickerson 2-4, Daniels 0-3, Bremer 0-3, Cole 0-1. Carmel rebounds (28) Harrell 6, Dickerson 5, Fountain 5, Daniels 4, Vogt 2, Bremer 2, team 4.				

Huskies drop two close games

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights dropped two close games on the road this past weekend.

On Friday, Dec. 19, the Huskies fell at Western in overtime, 53-48. Heights led 21-12 after one quarter and 28-15 at halftime. But the Panthers came back, using a 22-point fourth quarter to tie the game by the end of regulation. Western out-

scored the Huskies 9-4 in the extra period.

Rees Knapp scored 20 points for Heights, with Jackson Mikesell scoring 11 points and pulling eight rebounds. Jack Kakasuleff also had 11 points and Austin Day collected seven rebounds.

The Huskies played at West Lafayette on Saturday, Dec. 20, with the Red Devils winning 76-72.

Heights led 22-14 after the first period, but West Lafayette cut the lead to 38-33 by halftime. The Red Devils scored 23 points in the third and held off Heights in the fourth quarter.

Kakasuleff was the Huskies' top scorer with 21

points. Will DeStefano had 13 points and Knapp scored 12. Day dished out nine assists.

Heights is 0-6 and hosts its own Holiday Tournament today. The Huskies play Covenant Christian at 10 a.m. for their first game.

WESTERN 53, HAMILTON HEIGHTS 48 (overtime)				
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Caleb Sullivan	3-7	0-0	6	1
Rees Knapp	8-18	2-2	20	2
Austin Day	0-3	0-0	0	3
Jack Kakasuleff	2-9	7-14	11	5
Jackson Mikesell	4-9	3-4	11	5
Justin Overton	0-3	0-0	0	2
Gavin Lucchesi	0-2	0-0	0	0
Drew Woodruff	0-3	0-0	0	0
Totals	17-54	12-20	48	18
Score by Quarters				
Heights	21	7	5	11-48
Western	12	3	7	22-53
Heights 3-point shooting (2-21) Knapp 2-10, Sullivan 0-3, Kakasuleff 0-3, Lucchesi 0-2, Mikesell 0-2, Overton 0-1. Heights rebounds (27) Mikesell 8, Day 7, Sullivan 4, Knapp 4, Woodruff 2, Overton 1, Kakasuleff 1.				

WEST LAFAYETTE 76, HAMILTON HEIGHTS 72				
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Caleb Sullivan	2-5	0-0	5	4
Rees Knapp	5-14	0-0	12	3
Austin Day	2-2	0-0	5	0
Will DeStefano	6-8	0-0	13	2
Jack Kakasuleff	8-13	3-6	21	4
Drew Woodruff	0-2	1-2	1	2
Jackson Mikesell	3-4	0-0	7	3
Cal Engle	2-2	0-0	6	0
Justin Overton	1-3	0-0	2	0
Gavin Lucchesi	0-1	0-0	0	0
Jackson Cantlon	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	29-54	4-8	72	19
Score by Quarters				
Heights	22	16	12	22-72
West Lafayette	14	19	23	20-76
Heights 3-point shooting (10-19) Knapp 2-5, Kakasuleff 2-3, Engle 2-2, Sullivan 1-4, Day 1-1, DeStefano 1-1, Mikesell 1-1, Woodruff 0-1, Overton 0-1. Heights rebounds (15) Mikesell 3, Knapp 2, Day 2, DeStefano 2, Lucchesi 2, Woodruff 2, Sullivan 1, Kakasuleff 1.				

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Boys Basketball



Photos by Dwight Caster

(LEFT) Sheridan's Trey Page made five 3-pointers during the Blackhawks' boys win over Eastern on Friday, Dec. 19. (RIGHT) Olivia Long helped the Sheridan girls to a win at Eastern.

Blackhawks sweep doubleheader

The REPORTER

Sheridan's basketball teams traveled to Eastern on Friday, Dec. 19 and came home with two Hoosier Heartland Conference victories.

The Blackhawks won the girls game 54-32. Sheridan outscored the Comets in all four quarters, turning a 12-5 first-quarter lead into

a 26-14 halftime advantage. Brielle Garner led the Hawks with 24 points, including six 3-pointers, while Makenzy Terry scored 19 points.

Sheridan won the boys game just as easily, beating Eastern 80-47. The Blackhawks blasted out to a 27-9 first-quarter lead and were up 46-29 at halftime. Sher-

idan took further control in the third quarter, finishing that period with a 71-38 advantage.

Trey Page led the way with 23 points, draining five 3s. Devon Hamilton added 16 points and Brayden Whisman scored 10.

The Sheridan boys played at Frankfort on Saturday, Dec. 20 and won 79-50. Stats from that game were unavailable at press time.

The Sheridan girls are 2-1 in HHC play and 6-5 overall. The Blackhawks travel to Logansport for the Mike Anderson Automotive Group Holiday Tournament on Saturday, playing Lowell in their first game.

Sheridan's boys are 3-0 in the conference and 5-0 overall and host their own Holiday Classic on Saturday. The Blackhawks play Lewis Cass in their first game.

GIRLS GAME				
SHERIDAN 54, EASTERN 32				
Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Brielle Garner	9	0-0	24	3
Sadie Timme	1	2-2	5	1
Makenzy Terry	6	7-7	19	2
Lucy Marquis	0	0-2	0	1
Teagan Horney	1	0-0	2	0
Olivia Long	1	1-2	3	2
Kelsie Hagan	0	0-0	0	0
Liv Gould	0	0-0	0	0
Marah Faucett	0	1-2	1	0
Delaney Bell	0	0-0	0	0
Remi Smith	0	0-0	0	0
Brooklynn Conley	0	0-0	0	0
Eva Beckner	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	18	11-15	54	9
Score by Quarters				
Sheridan	12	14	15	13 - 54
Eastern	5	9	10	8 - 32
Sheridan 3-pointers (7) Garner 6, Timme.				

BOYS GAME				
SHERIDAN 80, EASTERN 47				
Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Chance Spencer	3	2-2	9	1
Trey Page	8	2-4	23	0
Jax Peerman	2	1-2	6	1
Devon Hamilton	6	4-5	16	0
John Crowder	0	2-2	2	2
Desh Donathan	3	0-0	7	3
Landon Moffitt	0	0-0	0	1
Brayden Whisman	3	4-4	10	1
Brock Hagan	3	1-2	7	1
Rylan Garner	0	0-0	0	0
Corbin Webster	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	28	16-21	80	10
Score by Quarters				
Sheridan	27	19	25	9 - 80
Eastern	9	20	9	9 - 47
Sheridan 3-pointers (8) Page 5, Spencer, Peerman, Donathan.				

IBCA girls basketball poll – Week of Dec. 21

NOTE: There will not be a poll released on Dec. 28. The next poll will be released on Jan. 4.

Rank	School	Points	Record
1	Norwell (14)	427	12-1
2	Pike (3)	395	11-1
3	Warsaw (4)	389	11-1
4	Hamilton Southeastern	360	11-2
5	Center Grove (1)	359	11-0
6	Homestead	322	10-2
7	Lawrence Central	290	10-2
8	Valparaiso	285	9-1
9	Pendleton Heights	249	10-2
10	Bloomington South	242	10-0
11	Plainfield	162	9-3
12	McCutcheon	154	12-2
13	Brownsburg	153	6-4
T14	Northridge	132	10-3
T14	Westfield	132	11-3
16	Floyd Central	110	10-2
17	Bellmont	90	12-1
18	Franklin Central	74	8-4
19	Washington	72	11-2
20	Roncalli	67	12-3

First place votes are in parentheses.

Other schools receiving votes, with records

Borden (9-1), Castle (11-4), Charlestown (7-2), Crown Point (10-3), East Central (10-1), Evansville Reitz (7-1), Greensburg (7-3), Jeffersonville (5-7), Jennings County (9-2), Lawrence North (7-5), Marquette Catholic (12-0), Penn (11-2), Rensselaer Central (11-1), Silver Creek (7-3).

IBCA boys basketball poll – Week of Dec. 21

Rank	School	Points	Record
1	Fishers (17)	429	6-0
2	Crown Point (2)	410	3-0
3	Pike (2)	388	5-1
4	Lawrence North	371	5-0
5	Plainfield	359	7-0
6	Cathedral	313	5-0
7	Carmel (1)	300	5-0
8	Mt. Vernon	294	6-1
9	Silver Creek	275	7-0
10	New Albany	170	3-2
11	South Bend Riley	149	4-0
12	Zionsville	147	4-2
13	Homestead	145	4-1
14	South Bend St. Joseph	130	3-2
15	Chesterton	124	5-0
16	Ben Davis	107	2-2
17	Northview	99	5-0
18	Northridge	71	6-1
19	Brownsburg	65	6-3
20	Penn	49	4-1

First place votes are in parentheses.

Other schools receiving votes, with records

Barr-Reeve (6-0), Blackhawk Christian (5-2), Centerville (6-0), Columbia City (5-0), Columbus East (2-1), Crispus Attucks (5-2), Decatur Central (6-1), Evansville North (5-0), Fort Wayne South Side (7-0), Goshen (4-0), Hamilton Southeastern (2-3), Jeffersonville (3-3), Kokomo (4-1), Lawrence Central (1-4), New Haven (5-1), New Palestine (4-2), Noblesville (2-4), North Central (3-2), Norwell (3-2), Oak Hill (5-0), Princeton Community (5-1), Parke Heritage (6-0), Roncalli (5-0), Shelbyville (6-1), Terre Haute North Vigo (2-3), Westfield (3-3), Westview (7-1), 21st Century Charter School – Gary (4-3).

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