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Observing the tradition of hometown newspapers across the country and across the decades, The Reporter looks back at the top stories from 2025. Many newspapers pick what they think the most significant stories were, but this is your hometown newspaper, so we let our readers decide what mattered most.

The following list was compiled from our website, ReadTheReporter.com. In the spirit of Hoosier native David Letterman, we are counting down our Top 10 list from No. 10 to No. 1.

10. Answering the \$625 million question

Senate Enrolled Act 1 (SEA 1) is the so-called "property tax relief bill" that reduces individual homeowner property tax bills by a minor amount. It continues to cause problems for government entities across the state. One of the problems coming from the 345-page document that is SEA 1 arose from the sheer complexity of changing too much too fast with too little actual tax relief. Hamilton County tax revenue was found to be just under \$625 million less than originally anticipated, which meant Hamilton County is going through a recertification process for 2026 tax revenue coming from the net assessed value of real estate.

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(ABOVE LEFT) No. 10 on Facebook: Jake Chesney was named Sheridan's new football coach in January 2025. (ABOVE CENTER & RIGHT) No. 1 on Facebook: April Phillips, pictured above right, said that during the call the family made to the HOA, they were "made to feel kind of criminal" for asking about getting approval for a wheelchair ramp for her son, Corban, shown above center.



Photo provided
Our columnist had a helper as she composed her thoughts this week.

Top 10 ponderings

It's a quiet Christmas morning here in Tampa. It's 6:00 and Chuck is still sleeping. Alex, our goldendoodle granddog, is nestled close to my feet.

Alex is spending a few days with us while his family is in Wyoming. They might be having some "wild and scary" adventures on the slopes and trails in Jackson Hole. There may be a column about them. It's Emily's story to tell. The story almost gave her mother a come-apart.

I have many ponderings this morning as I sit and drink my coffee.

2025 has been quite the emotional year. If I'm being honest, I'm ready for it to be over. It's been a rough year.

As I sit here in Chuck's chair, candles flickering and tucked under a comfy throw, my mind is wandering around the things I learned in 2025. Before the day gets going into full-on Christmas Day mode, I'm writing this column.

Things I learned in 2025

No. 10: We're all just doing our best to figure out how to live our best lives. The older I get, the "best" looks different. It goes at a slower pace. I've become more of a noticer. You have to slow down to really notice what is special about every day. In 2026, at the end of every day, I plan to write down one thing I "noticed" that was good. On some days, there will be more than one. Most will be simple things.

No. 9: Every one of us shows love differently. We need to learn to allow our family and friends the grace to do so. Why do we complicate relationships with how we want to be loved? Let them love us in the ways they know how. Period.

No. 8: Slather grace over everyone you love. Don't allow your expectations to paint an unrealistic picture of your relationships. Love is shown and felt differently by everyone. Slathered grace is a beautiful thing. This might blend into No. 9 a bit.

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PARKVIEW HEALTH



(ABOVE LEFT) No. 7 on Facebook: Parkview Health, headquartered in Ft. Wayne, has entered into a management partnership with Riverview Health, based in Noblesville. (ABOVE RIGHT) No. 6 on Facebook: Noblesville's sweetheart couple Aaron Head (Noblesville's Community Engagement Manager) and Lindsey McVey (Co-Founder & Marketing Director of the Indiana Peony Festival) found that Hallmark kind of love in the heart of Noblesville at the Indiana Peony Festival.



HSE Schools honors Blair Satterfield & Ellie Taylor with Superintendent's Impact Award

Submitted by HSE Schools

Two outstanding students were recognized with Hamilton Southeastern Schools' highest honor during the Mudsock basketball game on Friday, Dec. 19 at the Fishers Event Center.

Blair Satterfield and Ellie Taylor were named recipients of the Superintendent's Impact Award, now in its second year. The award recognizes individuals who exemplify Honor, Scholarship, and Excellence through leadership and service.

Presented by Superintendent Patrick Mapes, the award was established to celebrate individuals whose impact reaches beyond personal achievement.

"The Superintendent's Impact Award was created to recognize individuals who don't just succeed, but who lift others through their leadership, character, and commitment to excellence," Mapes said. "Blair and Ellie represent the very best of Hamilton Southeastern Schools, and their impact will be felt long after their time here."

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Photos provided by Hamilton Southeastern Schools

Blair Satterfield (left) and Ellie Taylor (right) were each presented with a Superintendent's Impact Award by HSE Schools Supt. Patrick Mapes.

HCCF names five Lilly Scholarship recipients

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Community Foundation (HCCF) has announced the recipients of the 2026 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship for Hamilton County:

- Savannah Greenbaum, Fishers High School
- Alexandra Behringer, Cathedral High School
- Soro Dustova, Westfield High School
- Brea Ellis, Westfield High School
- Yasemin Yildirim, Noblesville High School

Lilly Endowment Community Scholars are recognized for their community involvement, academic achievement, character, and leadership.



Behringer



Dustova



Ellis



Greenbaum



Yildirim

"Our 2026 Lilly Scholars are the kind of young people who see a need and step up," HCCF President Danielle Stiles-Polk said. "They have shown real leadership, follow-through, and a heart for service in Hamilton County. This scholarship will open doors on their campuses,

and we are excited to see how they keep learning, leading, and giving back here at home."

Meet the Scholars Alexandra Behringer Cathedral High School

"As the oldest of six children, I have learned responsibility early

while balancing AP coursework, extracurriculars, and a demanding soccer schedule alongside working to fund my education. This scholarship would allow me to remain on campus instead of commuting to work

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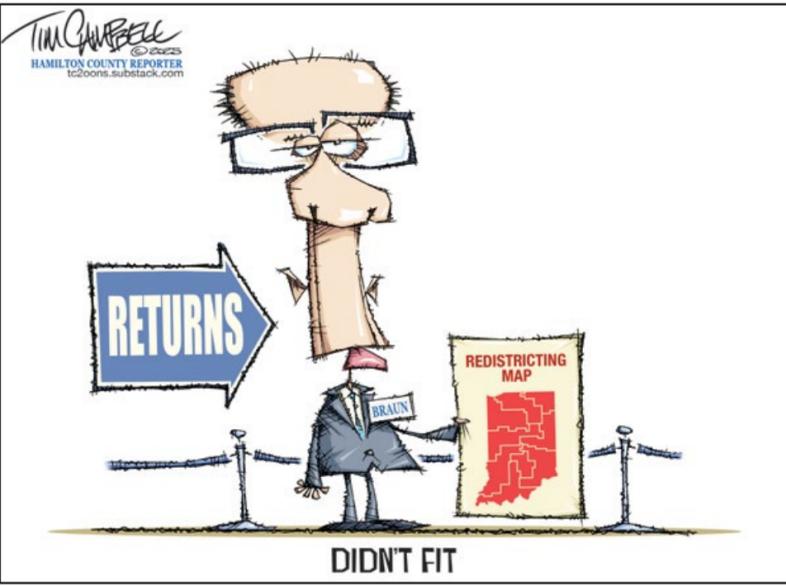


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This might look like a boring old photo of 11 people in a generic room full of boxes, but it's really a photo of elves in clever disguises getting ready to absolutely save Christmas for local families.

Noblesville Elks deliver boxes full of Christmas

Submitted by **Terri Sigman-Kennedy**

The Noblesville Elks #576 members have been donating food items and money this month to help support 30 local families,

led by Jason Snyder.

Over the past 15 years the Noblesville Elks has been able to deliver food boxes to more than 300 local families.

On Friday, Dec. 19, 15

members gathered at the Elks Lodge to fill boxes to be delivered to members in the community who welcome a little help over the

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From Our Firehouse To Your Home

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

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- Space It:** Keep heat sources 3ft away.
- Check It:** Throw away broken lights/cords.
- Dispose It:** Recycle the tree when needles drop.

Wishing you a safe and joyous New Year.



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Santa with members of Jackson Fire, loading his truck for the food drive.

Santa Claus shows up for Jackson Twp. Fire awards

Submitted by **Robyn Cook**
Jackson Twp. Trustee

As the year comes to a close, the Jackson Township Fire Department extends warm Christmas wishes to our community, families, and supporters. Your continued trust and encouragement allow our department to serve with pride and dedication every

single day.

This December, the department proudly continued one of its most cherished traditions with the Annual Christmas Awards Banquet – an evening of fellowship, reflection, and recognition honoring the exceptional service of our personnel throughout the year.

During the ceremony, the following members

were recognized for their outstanding commitment and professionalism:

2025 Award Recipients

- Officer of the Year: Deputy Chief Ryan McIntyre
- Chief's Award of Excellence: Lt. Brian Owens
- Firefighter of the Year: FF/Medic Jen Moon

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



Reporter photo by Alexander Webster (TOP) Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam joined the Mark & Lauren Weghorst and their children for the grand opening celebration. (ABOVE) The Smith and Boswell families were the first customers at Saturday's grand opening.

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.

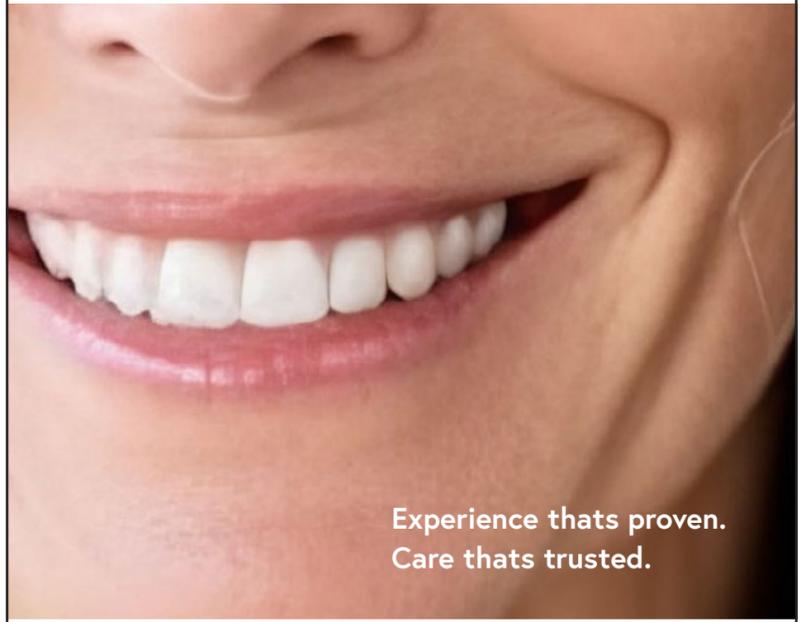
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PONDERINGS

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No. 7: Spending time with those you love is the greatest gift of all. Time is a hugger of the heart. An invitation is truly a gift. It tells others you value their presence in your life.

No. 6: Taking a walk relaxes your mind and lets you step away from the demands of the day and put things into the proper perspective. Walking is both mental and physical therapy. Don't we all need a little therapy? Some of us ... a lot.

No. 5: Your soul needs music. When you listen, it opens the heart to joy. When you sing, it swings open the door to more joy. You may sing off-key, but your heart doesn't care.

No. 4: Let people think what they think and do what they do. You must decide to ... Let them. You cannot change them. Please don't let their issues ruin your day (or your life). Don't allow their grouching or ugliness to puke all over you. Verbal puke is the worst. The philosophy of "Let Them" is life-changing.

No. 3: Walking away from a conversation without engaging in an argument is sometimes not only the best thing to do, but it also makes the loudest statement. Walking away is like putting an exclamation point on your thoughts. They know.

No. 2: Quiet love speaks volumes. When your husband makes you a cup of

coffee and knows exactly how you like it. Sending a text that says ... Have I told you lately? Sitting across from your husband and quietly praying for him while he watches the third football game of the day. I call these things quiet slatherings of love.

No. 1: Kindness matters. In a world where loud chaos and pure meanness are the news of the day, kindness matters. Look for the kind words of people. Look for the gestures of kindness that are shown every day. Look for ways to be kind. Your heart, as well as the people you encounter, will thank you. Don't allow the loud voices to make you mean. Be nice to the ugly, but don't let their ugliness make you ugly. Pretty is as pretty does is something my mother taught me. Ugly is as ugly does is also true. In a world full of ugly ... be pretty. Nothing will ever be as pretty as kindness.

Those are my Top 10 ponderings of 2025. Thank you for reading my column each week. I wish you a Happy, Kind, and Blessed New Year.

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

Submitted

Lasima Packett, a longtime public servant, community advocate, and military veteran, announced her candidacy for Indiana State Senate District 31. Her campaign centers on putting people first, protecting the voices of hard-working Hoosiers, and delivering practical solutions for families.

Packett

brings more than a decade of experience in public service and community engagement at the local, state, and national levels. She served as a community advocate, working alongside residents, nonprofits, and government agencies



Packett

with integrity," said Packett. "We need solutions rooted in service and fair-

ness. If elected, Packett will prioritize fair tax policies that support public infrastructure, public schools, cost-of-living relief, and affordable housing.

Packett lives in Hamilton County with her husband, a retired Army veteran and union electrician, and their daughters. Learn more at packett4thepeople.com.

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

Submitted

Catherine 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

sits on the Lawrence Township School Foundation Board and volunteers with her local Moms Demand Action chapter in which she advocates for common sense gun laws such as safe stor-



Torzewski

for Statehouse Represent-

ative Victoria Garcia Wilburn last year.

Catherine is no stranger to running campaigns in both Hamilton County and Marion County, having managed a successful reelection campaign for Statehouse Represent-

ative Victoria Garcia Wilburn last year.

Catherine was recently quoted to say, "Voters in Senate district 31 are tired of the polarizing politics. They want lawmakers to get back to Hoosier values, values that prioritize public school funding, safety, and a comfortable life for all."

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Blair Satterfield

A senior at Hamilton Southeastern High School, Satterfield is a standout student-athlete and leader who was recently honored as the 2025 IHSAA Theresa Wynns Mental Attitude Award recipient, one of the highest honors in Indiana high school athletics.

A four-year varsity soccer starter and team captain, she has earned numerous accolades, including All-State, Academic All-State, and the Senior SAGE Award. Beyond athletics, she has served in Student Government and multiple leadership organizations, while also giving back through community service and entrepreneurial efforts. Known for her humility, integrity, and positive leadership, she exemplifies what it means to lead by example.

Ellie Taylor

Ellie Taylor, a 2025 graduate of Hamilton Southeastern High School, earned first place nationally

in Agricultural Communications Proficiency at the 98th National FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis, one of the highest distinctions an FFA member can receive.

During her time at HSE, she served as both a chapter and district FFA officer and led the expansion of the HSE FFA media program across social media, print, and in-person outreach. She also founded and continues to lead agricultural advocacy platforms that elevate awareness and education within the industry. Now a freshman at Purdue University, she is dual-majoring in Agricultural Communication and Agricultural Sales and Marketing while remaining actively involved in campus leadership organizations.

The Superintendent's Impact Award reflects Hamilton Southeastern Schools' ongoing commitment to recognizing excellence, leadership, and service among its students and staff.

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Christmas holiday. The boxes were filled with canned fruits and vegetables, boxed macaroni and cheese, cereals, pop tarts, dessert mixes, and even candy canes. On the Sunday before, the drivers gather to make the deliveries and additional perish-

able items will be added to help complete their Christmas dinners. Each family will receive a Christmas ham as well.

A total of 15 families from each Noblesville middle school will receive these family Christmas meals.

The Elks who volunteered to pack the boxes included Steve Willey, Bob Fink, Steve Vallier, PER, Nick Vallier, Nolan Vallier, Treva Vallier, Georr Robinson, PSP, Lisa Robinson, Marta Sweitzer, Mike Sweitzer, Phil Ander-

son, Exalted Ruler, Brian Wanous, Joe Thompson, Thad Holder, Jerry Wides, and Jason Snyder.

Thank you to the Elks members who helped make this happen and to the Tony Etchison Memorial Foundation for the extra support.

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full-time, enabling me to be a more focused, rested, and engaged nursing student. Being fully present in the classroom is essential to my academic success, especially in a hands-on field like nursing. Beyond academics, this support would reduce financial stress and help me graduate with less debt, bringing me closer to my goal of becoming a pediatric or labor and delivery nurse and giving back to my community."

Soro Dustova

Westfield High School

"Receiving the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship would be life changing for me and my family. As a first-generation daughter of immigrants, I've always worked hard to build the opportunities that did not exist for my parents, and to be forever grateful to them for allowing me this ability of having a better life. But, despite all my academic achievements and leadership experience, the cost of attending college remains a heavy burden. This scholarship would give me the opportunity to fully focus on my education, especially in a field like computer science, which is extremely rigorous, without having to constantly stress about financial problems. It would open doors for me to do more research, internships, and be more involved in the community that I might otherwise would have to give up in order to earn money. Most importantly, it would empower me to graduate without any debt to my name and to return the favor by using my education and opportunity to lift up others, just like this scholarship would uplift me."

Break Ellis

Westfield High School

"Receiving this schol-

arship would allow me to focus on my pre-medical coursework and my commitment to community service without the burden of financial stress. Rather than dedicating time toward a part-time job to help with potential debt, I'd be able to spend more time in rigorous science courses, clinical or internship experiences, and volunteering. This support would allow me to continue serving others while gaining the academic and hands-on experiences necessary for a future career as a physician."

Savannah Greenbaum

Fishers High School

"Since I was eight, I have planned to pursue a career in medicine, and aspire to one day be a pediatric cardiothoracic surgeon. Undergraduate and medical degrees are not only academic undertakings, but significant financial commitments. It is such an honor to be a Lilly Endowment Scholar, as I know that I can achieve this goal and be a part of a community of motivated, passionate students in Indiana."

Yasemin Yildirim

Noblesville High School

"The Lilly Scholarship gives me the opportunity to fully focus on my studies without worrying about the financial burden of college. Instead of splitting my time between school and work, I'll be able to engage more in my classes, leadership opportunities, and campus organizations. After I graduate, I'll be able to walk across the stage without worrying about student debt that I will have to carry into my adult life, which is a huge weight off my shoulders. This scholarship gives me the freedom and space to grow, try new things, and prepare for my future with confidence. I'm

extremely grateful for this opportunity and the blessings God has put in my life leading me to this point."

Each Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship provides full tuition, required fees, and up to \$900 per year for required books and equipment for four years of full-time undergraduate study leading to a baccalaureate degree at any eligible Indiana public or private nonprofit college or university. Scholars also join the Lilly Scholars Network (LSN), which connects them with resources and opportunities to lead on campus and in their communities. Both the scholarship program and LSN are supported by grants from Lilly Endowment to Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI).

"This was a very strong applicant pool, and our committee took a careful, multi-step look at academics, recommendations, community involvement, character, leadership, and interviews," said Tonya Hyatt, member of HCCF's board, who served on the selection committee for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship for Hamilton County. "The finalists made this a tough decision. These five recipients stood out for their consistency and the way they already make a difference for others."

Since its inception in 1997-98, Lilly Endowment has supported this program with tuition grants totaling more than \$505 million, benefiting over 5,400 Indiana students. The program's primary purposes are:

- To raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana.
- To increase awareness of the beneficial roles Indiana

community foundations play.

• To encourage and support Lilly Scholars' engagement with Indiana leaders to improve quality of life statewide.

About Hamilton County Community Foundation

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

About Lilly Endowment Inc.

Lilly Endowment Inc. is an Indianapolis-based private philanthropic foundation created in 1937 by J.K. Lilly Sr. and his sons Eli and J.K. Jr. through gifts of stock in Eli Lilly and Company. The Endowment supports community development, education, and religion, with a special commitment to Indianapolis and Indiana.

About Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI)

Founded in 1948, ICI serves as the collective voice for Indiana's 29 private, nonprofit colleges and universities. ICI institutions employ over 22,000 Hoosiers and generate a local economic impact of over \$5 billion annually. Students at ICI colleges have Indiana's highest four-year graduation rates and produce 30 percent of Indiana's bachelor's degrees while enrolling 20 percent of its undergraduates.

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Local court reporter earns national certification

Submitted

The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), the country's leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers, has announced that Amy Doman, RDR, CRR, CRI, from Carmel, has earned the nationally recognized Certified Reporting Instructor (CRI) certification, which acknowledges the high-level and necessary skills developed by court reporting teachers needed to encourage excellence in educational programs that prepare tomorrow's court reporters. Quality education is vi-

tal to ensure that court reporters of the future are well skilled and knowledgeable about this field and about the specialized areas that are available for them to pursue. CRIs provide the necessary guidance to court reporting schools dedicated to offering their students accredited courses and the opportunity for long-term success. Doman is a member of NCRA and has worked as a court reporter for 35 years. She also holds the nationally recognized professional



Doman

certifications of Registered Diplomate Reporter (RDR) and Certified Realtime Reporter (CRR). She is also certified to work in Missouri, California, Illinois, Texas, and Washington state. Doman is the owner of Doman Reporting. CRIs are educators, administrators, and reporters, who are NCRA Associate members and have attended a 13-hour, NCRA Council on Approved Student Education-sponsored session designed to expand their level of knowledge for becoming

more effective real-time reporting instructors. CRIs are knowledgeable about the learning process, development of course syllabi and lesson plans, and are able to interact through role play of various courtroom scenarios. "For 37 years, NCRA has been setting the standards for national certification, and those standards have never wavered," Doman said. "Through my membership, I've pushed myself harder than ever, but I'm accomplishing goals right along with my dear court reporting friends. You'll never find a more enthusiastic and supportive group than the members of NCRA."

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.

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.

Learn more at pursuit-alert.com.

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



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.

County Sheriff's Office, Shop for Kids, Six Points Church, Fuel Church, and the HOA of Osbourne Trails sponsored 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.

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- Paramedic of the Year: FF/Medic Garrett Spires
- EMT of the Year: FF/EMT Steven Weir

Part-Time Service Recognition

- FF/EMT Mike McIntyre
- FF/Medic John Moore Jr.

Five-Year Service Recognition

- Deputy Chief Ryan McIntyre
- FF/Medic Michael Kimball
- FF/Medic Nick Rainbolt

A special highlight of the evening included the formal swearing-in of Ryan McIntyre as Deputy Chief, administered by Fire Chief James Carter. Adding to the significance of the moment, Ryan's father – also a firefighter with the Jackson Township Fire Department – had the honor of pinning him, making it a truly memorable and meaningful occasion for the department and their family.

The holiday season also provided an opportunity to give back. Santa Claus made a special appearance and proudly headed up the department's Annual Food

Drive, helping to collect much-needed donations for local families in need. In the spirit of the season, Santa also contributed \$500 in support of Angel's Attic Food Pantry, reinforcing the department's ongoing commitment to serving the community both on and off emergency calls.

The Jackson Township Fire Department congratulates all award recipients. Your hard work, professionalism, and dedication to serving our community do not go unnoticed. We are incredibly proud of the team we have built.

Thank you for a great year

From emergency responses to community events, 2025 has been a year of growth, teamwork, and strong community partnerships. We are grateful for every resident, business, and supporter who continues to stand behind Jackson Fire. Thank you for helping us make our township a safer place to live, work, and raise a family.

On behalf of the Jackson Township Fire Department, we wish everyone a safe, joyful, and blessed Christmas season.

TOP 10

from Page A1

9. Kroger breaks ground on new Marketplace at 146th Street & Howe Road

In March, Kroger broke ground on the Kroger Marketplace located at the corner of 146th Street and Howe Road. There was enough reader interest in getting a grocery option with wider aisles, a Murray's Cheese, a Starbucks, and other amenities to land this article firmly in our Top 10. Helping them make the cut was a \$10,000 donation Kroger and Coca-Cola Consolidated combined donation to the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville on the day the shovels hit the dirt.

8. Memberships to Fishers Community Center available for pre-sale soon

In January, the announcement that the Fishers Community Center was set to open in November and membership pre-sales would begin Feb. 10 was wildly popular news. The fee schedule for memberships was either complex or complicated (depending on your perspective), which may account for the number of readers who came back to this article again and again for details.

7. County sending five wrestlers to first-ever IHSAA state competition

Also in January, five young women from Hamilton County earned their spots at the first-ever IHSAA state finals for girls wrestling. Three Hamilton Heights wrestlers qualified out of the Rochester regional, and two wrestlers from Carmel qualified from the Alexandria regional.

6. Don't be scared, be prepared

Heading into Severe Weather Preparedness Week in Central Indiana back in March, Hamilton County Emergency Management (HCEM) encouraged residents to prepare for severe weather season. HCEM played host to the National Weather Service's Storm Spotter training. This year's event was held virtually.

5. China controls America's food

In March of 2024, The Reporter spoke to Marty Irby, who serves as the president of Competitive Markets Action and as board director for The Organization for Competitive Markets about the growing Chinese control of the American food supply. While this story was published in 2024, it is firmly in the middle of this year's Top 10 list for all the obvious reasons, and perhaps a few

less-than-obvious ones.

4. Maggie Baugh's been everywhere, man, but you can see her right here

Maggie Baugh, usually labeled as a rising country music star, is a multi-genre entertainer who sings and plays several instruments. She was in Carmel for one night only, Friday, Oct. 17, at Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael, 1 Carmichael Square. A couple weeks before the show, The Reporter had the chance to talk to Baugh about her life, her music, and what to expect at the show, which sold out completely shortly after we published our story.

3. First concert announced at The Arena at Innovation Mile

Signs of Life: The American Pink Floyd – a tribute to one of the most legendary rock bands of all time, was the free inaugural concert at The Arena at Innovation Mile in August. Our preview article with details on how to get tickets to the show landed at the number three position in this year's Top 10 list.

2. State & local officials detail plan of attack for coming storm

Our second weather-related article on this list made it all the way up to the No. 2 spot. Just before a blizzard that dumped foot of snow fell on parts of Indiana in January, we published an article about how Hamilton County and the Indiana Department of Transportation were preparing for the storm.

1. Indiana Orthopedic Institute surgeon conducts groundbreaking knee replacement surgery

Coming in at No. 1 was an article about Dr. Robert Malinzak performing Indiana's first cementless partial knee procedure. No one at The Reporter had any idea this story would get the kind of (pardon the pun) traction it takes to be the most-read story on our website for the year.

Social media followers' picks

Newspaper subscribers and social media followers are very different creatures. Thus, our social media Top 10 is a very different list. Those who prefer scrolling through social media might click that "see more" link to at least get to the end of the first sentence, and if their interests are piqued they will even click again for the full story on

our website if they are interested enough or have the time in our now-hectic world for the details. The following are stories behind the top posts on our social media account this year.

10. Jake Chesney named Sheridan football head coach

The announcement that Jake Chesney had been named the next head coach of the Sheridan Blackhawks football program was the 10th most popular post among our social media followers this year. Chesney stepped into the role following the legendary tenure of Coach Bud Wright, who led the Blackhawks for an incredible 59 seasons.

9. This Voodoo Brew is coming for you, Fishers

Indianapolis surgical sales specialist David Rivotto and his wife Shayre are new restaurateurs who opened Indiana's first Voodoo Brewing location at 8729 Front St., Fishers. Our interview with the owners in September, long before Voodoo opened, was the ninth-most engaging post of 2025.

8. Memberships to Fishers Community Center available for pre-sale soon

Sometimes statistics and coincidences are fascinating. This story, which is also No. 8 on our top website engagement list, is also No. 8 on social media for 2025.

7. Looking into the agreement between Riverview & Parkview

After readers reached out to this newspaper with questions and concerns about the potential fate of Riverview Hospital now that it has entered into a managed service agreement with Parkview Health, The Reporter spoke with Dr. Greg Johnson, chief physician executive of growth and emerging markets for Parkview Health, and with Dr. William Kirsch, vice-chairman of the Riverview Health Board of Directors, about what this working relationship means for Hamilton County's hometown hospital.

6. A match made in Noblesville

Noblesville's sweetheart couple Aaron Head (Noblesville's Community Engagement Manager) and Lindsey McVey (Co-Founder & Marketing Director of the Indiana Peony Festival) found their "forever" in the heart of Noblesville. They first met at the Indiana Peony Festival vendor tent at the Noblesville Main Street Farmers

Market, and they got engaged at Seminary Park. In a world too focused on negative news, it's nice to see a feel-good story firmly in the Top 10.

5. Carmel first stop for Swimming World Cup North American tour

The Carmel High School aquatic center was the first of three stops on the World Aquatics Swimming World Cup 2025 North American tour.

4. HSE Schools expands enrollment to include out-of-district students

In February, Hamilton Southeastern Schools (HSE) announced that for the first time in its history, families living outside the district's boundaries will have the opportunity to apply for enrollment. Hamilton Southeastern Schools is Indiana's third largest school district, serving more than 21,000 students across Fishers and parts of Noblesville.

3. State Road 32 & Hague Road to close in June

The announcement that Hague Road just north of the intersection with State Road 32 would close as crews constructed a new roundabout as part of the Reimagine Pleasant Street project in Noblesville came very close to taking the No. 1 spot. Even in a county that is weary to the point of numbness over constant road construction, which now appears to go on year-round, this garnered lively debate.

2. Atlanta is ready for influx of New Earth Festival visitors

The population of Atlanta is approximately 760, but on the weekend of New Earth Festival each year, 60,000 to 100,000 visitors come to town for a festival that started all the way back in 1974. Our preview of this year's festival was firmly in the No. 2 spot.

1. Family battles Noblesville HOA for safe wheelchair ramp for teen

In the No. 1 spot is an article from our news gathering partners at WISH-TV Channel 8. Corban Phillips was partially paralyzed while on a trampoline during gymnastics practice in Westfield. When his family was preparing to move to a new home in Noblesville, they were denied approval from the homeowners' association (HOA) for a safe wheelchair ramp because of the way it's designed.

Ink-stained wretch

I am a hard person to surprise. A self-proclaimed control freak, I am normally very intuitive to any change in the normal routine. I noticed my husband was acting strangely last Wednesday evening.



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Disability in the City

Earlier in the evening, my friend Jan, a.k.a. The Reporter's front-page columnist, and winner of the first ever Ink-Stained Wretch award, visited me. She told me that she wanted to bring something by, as I was recovering from surgery.

I was thrilled to have a visit from Jan. Her warm and encouraging personality could brighten anyone's day. While she was at my house, I was excited when I heard my husband's car pulling into the garage, much earlier than normal. I told her, "Oh good, you can meet Jamie!"

The three of us chatted for a bit until Jan had to take a phone call. She stepped outside to take the call. When she came back in, she announced that she needed to go. She asked Jamie to walk her to her car, as it was a bit slick outside.

Little did I know, they were in cahoots, plotting to surprise me. There was a small snafu in their plan. Something they needed to discuss. I was clueless.

After she left, we went about our evening, discussing preparing dinner and a few other things. Something continued to seem off with Jamie. I kept telling him I was worried about him, that he just was not acting like his normal self. He shrugged it off and blamed exhaustion.

We were in the kitchen putting the finishing touches on dinner, when he announced someone was at the door. I heard him talking to our visitor, and I ran through who I thought it could be in my mind.

Then, it hit me. That is my editor's voice. *What is Stu doing at my house on a random Wednesday evening? Is he releasing me from my title of columnist?*

I slowly made my way to the door. Though I had spoken to Stu many times on the phone, we had never had the chance to meet in person. In my shocked state, I shook his hand and asked him what the reason for his visit was. He said, "Jan will be here in just a minute."

Jan was just here, I thought. Two visits from Jan in one day? Unusual, but ok! My wheels were turning as I invited Stu in to take a seat in my living room. We chatted for a few minutes before Jan arrived.

At this time, I was just looking back and forth at the three of them trying to figure out what in the heck was going on.

It did not take long before they revealed the reason for the surprise visit.

It was worth the wait. They told me they were there to present me with the Winter 2025 Ink-Stained Wretch award. Things were fuzzy, as I tried to take in all they were saying to me. I could not believe the positive things they were saying were about me as a writer.

All I could think of was, *how am I receiving an award for my writing?* They presented me with my award, along with a few other goodies, including an awesome fountain pen. As they kept talking, I had tears streaming down my face.

The last couple of weeks had taken a toll on me after my surgery, and I was in a lower place than I have been in awhile. God has way of meeting us in our low places and He uses experiences and people to bring us back up.

Hearing the impact my writing has made on not only them, but my community as well, was incredibly meaningful to me. I thanked Stu for giving me a platform to help educate and inform others about life with a disability.

As they were getting ready to leave, Stu mentioned he wanted to get a picture of me and Jan for the front page of the newspaper. I panicked. I certainly was not feeling and looking my best and told them as much.

First, Jan offered her glasses to me, to help me feel more put together. I put them on and could not see a thing. Then, a hat was suggested. I agreed, as I do like a good hat moment.

The next thing I knew, Stu offered the hat off his head. His hat, that is part of his signature look. That made the moment that much more special.

A perfectly, imperfect moment. I am now a proud ink-stained wretch.

Until next time ...

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No swans were harmed in the making of this Christmas pun

The REPORTER

In the summer of 2024, CrossRoads Church at Westfield, 19201 Grassy Branch Road, was having trouble with some Canadian geese. Someone suggested the church get a pair of plastic swans for the lake because geese and swans don't like to nest together.

The church adopted two decoy swans, which helped a bit keeping the geese at bay.

Unbeknownst to CrossRoads officials, years ago, there were a pair of real swans nesting in a local lake. The plastic ones were very realistic and fooled not only the geese, but many of the humans, who took to social media talking about the

return of the swans.

Last winter, when the lake froze, the two plastic swans froze in place in the lake.

The people who were curious about the CrossRoads swans were now concerned that the church allowed swans to freeze in the lake. Reportedly, half a dozen people went to the church door alarmed anyone would allow those swans to freeze in the lake.

Church officials politely explained that the swans were not real, and some had a good laugh over the misunderstanding.

As Christmas approached, CrossRoads adopted five more plastic swans, adorned them with bows, and launched them



Photo provided

on their little lake so we could have seven swans a swimming for Christmas.

Now that we're successfully stuck the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas" in your

head, we wish you're a Merry Christmas and happy Seven Swans a Swimming from The Hamilton County Reporter and CrossRoads Church at Westfield.

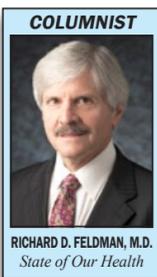
Time to get new COVID booster shot

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 rearview 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



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State of Our Health

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.

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 updated 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, multisystem 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.

Richard D. Feldman, M.D. is an Indianapolis family physician and former Indiana State Health Commissioner who served in the administration of Governor Frank O'Bannon.

PrimeLife 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



Wagner



Thompson



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.

Carmel Library's West Branch reopens Jan. 5

The REPORTER

The Carmel Clay Public Library's Joyce Winner West Branch will reopen to the public on Monday, Jan. 5. The branch library has been closed since August for improvements to the front facade, windows, and heating and cooling systems. A holds pickup locker has also been installed outside the branch to allow for 24-hour pickup of books and other items.

Beginning Monday, Jan. 5, library patrons will also be able to:

- Return items at the West Branch's indoor and outdoor

return slots (including items checked out from the Main Library)

- Select the West Branch or the new holds pickup locker as their hold pickup location
- Reserve the West Branch study room

Because of delays in building materials needed to fully complete the project, the library plans to close the branch again for approximately two weeks beginning on or around the last week of February. During that time, patrons will still be able to use the outdoor



Photo provided

returns slots and the holds pickup locker.

Updates about the project are available at carmelclaylibrary.org/west.

The Carmel Clay Public Library provides a wide range

of resources and programs designed to educate, entertain, and enrich the community. With a commitment to fostering lifelong learning, the library offers services and events for all ages.

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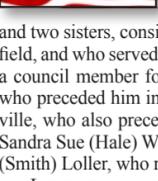
Lanny Ross Hale

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 Harworth, 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.

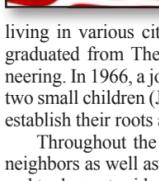
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Theodore Victor Landberg

January 15, 1933 – December 23, 2025

Theodore Victor Landberg, Fishers, peacefully passed away on December 23, 2025, at the age of 92. Ted was born on January 15, 1933, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to the late John Victor and Veronica Estelle (Huestis) Landberg.

After high school graduation, Ted proudly served in the United States Navy during the Korean war and was assigned to the USS Grand Canyon for two years. Afterwards, he was stationed in Washington, D.C., where he would meet the love of his life, Jeanette, who was also serving in the Navy. They started dating, were both transferred to California, and once they fulfilled their enlistment contracts, moved back to the east coast and wed on January 26, 1957 in Rocky Hill, Conn.



Ted and Jean started their lives together living in various cities on the east coast. Ted went to college and graduated from The University of Hartford with a degree in engineering. In 1966, a job offer with Eli Lilly would bring them and their two small children (John and Beth) to the Midwest where they would establish their roots and raise their family in Carmel.

Throughout the years, Ted developed lifelong friendships with neighbors as well as his Lilly colleagues. He was extremely creative and took great pride in making thoughtful gifts for the special people in his life; either through his woodworking skills or making videos of trips taken or of a family member's milestone birthday. Other hobbies he enjoyed included listening to classical music, fishing in Canada with his Lilly friends, golfing with the neighborhood guys, spending time with his family, and upon retirement after working for Lilly for 30 years, traveling the world with Jean.

Ted will be remembered as a man of great strength, integrity, loyalty, honesty, intelligence, thoughtfulness, and quick wit. He was always steadfast in his opinion and actions and fiercely loyal and committed to his wife, family, and friends. When Jean became ill, Ted remained steady and displayed his heroic character taking care of her until she passed away on November 5, 2020.

Ted is survived by his children, John (Mary Pat) Landberg and Beth (Wes) Bagnell; grandchildren, Colin (Gina), Kyle, and Carson Landberg; great-granddaughter, Quinn Jeanette Landberg; sister, Judy Campbell; sister-in-law, Betty Lou Malaguti; and several nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

A family celebration of Ted's extraordinary life will be held at a later date.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Cole Steven Biddle

July 22, 1991 – December 22, 2025

Cole Steven Biddle passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, on Monday, December 22, 2025. Taken too soon at 34, Cole was born on July 22, 1991. He resided in Arcadia and graduated from Hamilton Heights High School in 2010.

He is survived by many friends and family, including his mother, Lori and stepfather Doug Grishaw; his brother, Eric (Kasey) Biddle; and his father, Anthony Biddle. His beloved nieces, Blakelee and Bryn Biddle, were the apple of his eye.

Other survivors include his uncle's, Mike (Alicia) Lynch, Wes (Shaunna) Grishaw, and Brian (Sherri) Grishaw of West Virginia. He had a very special relationship with his cousins Vivian, Hazel, and Michael Lynch Jr.

Cole loved the outdoors and especially looked forward to the cold, snowy winters each year. He spent many seasons plowing and playing in the snow. Cole always found a way to bring home a new toy, most recently a side-by-side. His "ride or die" and partner in crime, his mom, was able to take him on a final joy ride before his health declined. Cole proudly served as a reserve police officer for many years, honoring the uniform just like his stepfather. He was extremely proud to follow in his footsteps. In the warmer months, you could catch him strolling the streets of Arcadia and Cicero in his freshly wrapped golf cart, compliments of his brother.

Cole was an avid card player who loved a good game of Euchre or Skip-Bo. He never missed an opportunity to call out a misplayed hand. Competitive to the core, Cole was both a sore winner and a sore loser; either way, his opponent didn't stand a chance. Before his passing, Cole was able to check a few things off his bucket list, including attending a Cincinnati Reds game this past summer. He called it one of the best days of his life and left with a Reds jersey proudly bearing the name "Biddle" on the back.

Cole was truly one of a kind. He had a huge heart and loved fiercely. Once you made it past his tough exterior and became one of his people, his loyalty was unwavering. One thing always remained true: if you needed him, no matter the time or place, he showed up. He had a close-knit group of friends that supported and loved him through the last two years, and he called them family.

The heavens rejoiced the day Cole came to know the Lord and was baptized. Welcoming him home are his grandparents, Jimmie Joe Lynch Sr. and Sammie Kaye Lynch, John and Linda Grishaw, great-grandparents, Arcy and Jean Garmon, and his uncle, Jimmie Joe Lynch Jr.

Hartley Funeral Home is honored to care for Cole and his family during this difficult time. Visitation will be held at East Union Christian Church in Atlanta on Monday, December 22, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., with the service immediately following. Pastor Mark Knapp will preside. Burial will take place at Tipton Fairview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to "Shop for Kids" at 176 W. Logan St., Suite 116, Noblesville, IN 46062, an organization Cole held close to his heart.

"Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." – Isaiah 41:10

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James Austin "Buggy" Hollenbeck, Jr.

July 15, 1962 – December 17, 2025

James Austin "Buggy" Hollenbeck, Jr., 63, Sheridan, passed away on Wednesday evening, December 17, 2025, at Riverview Hospital in Westfield. Born July 15, 1962, in Tacoma, Wash., he was the son of James Austin Hollenbeck, Sr. and Dianna Kay (Raines) Hollenbeck-Ridge.

He attended Sheridan High School and later went to work as a construction tradesman, with roofing being his trade of choice. What began as side work for some extra money when he was a teenager became a 30-year career as a self-employed roofer.

Buggy was one of a kind, and he made an impact on everyone he met. He lived life unapologetically and loved being around other people. He could usually be found out and about on his bike, coming or going from his normal haunts around Sheridan, and he'd never miss an opportunity to stop and talk with anyone who would listen. If Buggy wanted to stop and chat, it was bound to happen – likely with his trademark "Rock and roll!" thrown in a time or two for good measure. His smile was infectious, as was his laugh (he truly loved a good laugh), but his most important quality was in the way he really saw people. It didn't matter to Buggy who you were or where you came from in life, he saw you the same as everybody else.

Buggy loved his family and friends to no end and was always willing to help anyone who needed a hand, especially when it came to his parents. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Buggy is survived by his mother, Dianna Hollenbeck-Ridge of Sheridan; son, James A Mossburg (Ashley) of Lebanon; four daughters, Melissa Mathis of Lebanon, Amber Dorsey of Kokomo, Erica Dorsey-Hensley (Scott) of Indianapolis, and Diana Michelle Dorsey; 14 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Kelly J. Ridge of Sheridan and Jonalee Grimes (Jeff) of Sheridan.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Austin Hollenbeck, Sr.; and by his stepfather, John Ridge.

Services will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, December 26, 2025, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to Kercheval Funeral Home, P.O. Box 42, Sheridan, IN 46069, to help defray the cost of funeral expenses.

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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 collabora-

tion 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.

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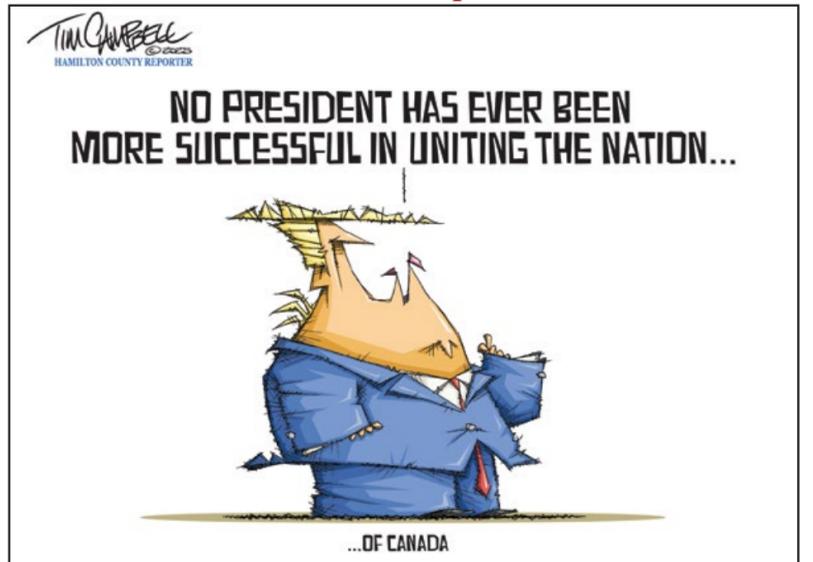

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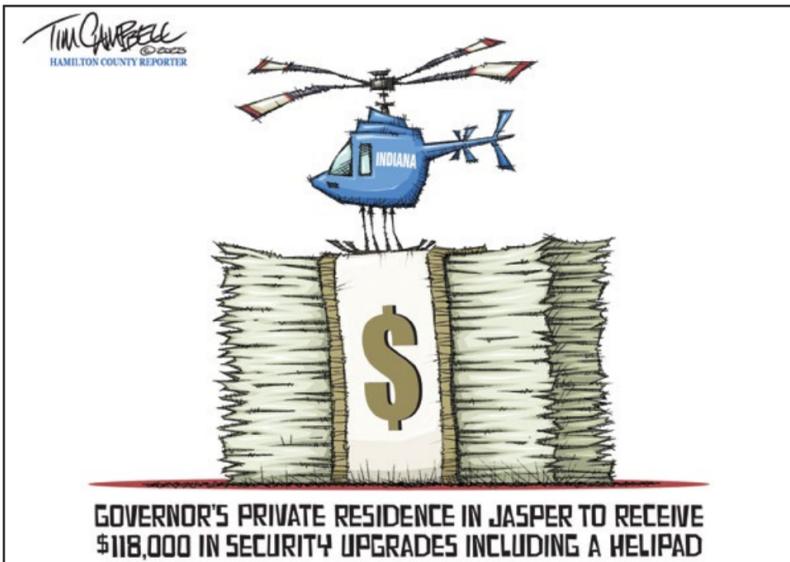
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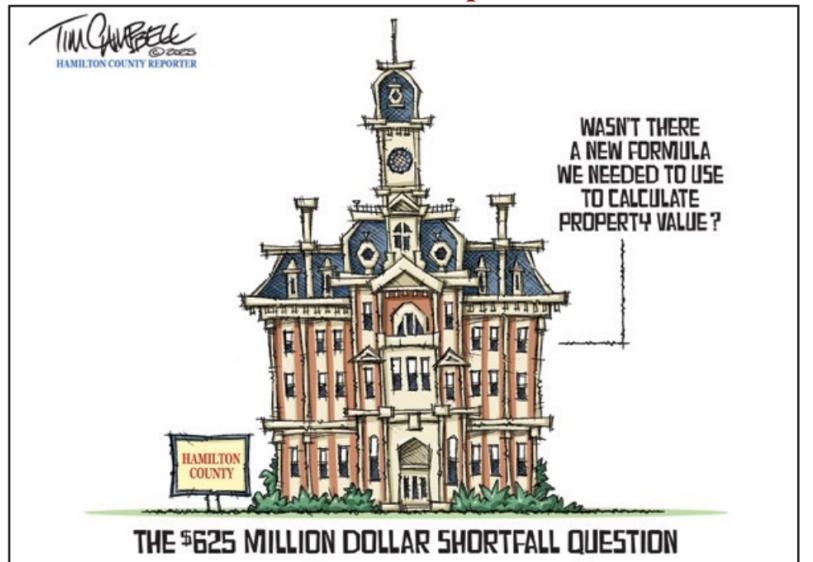
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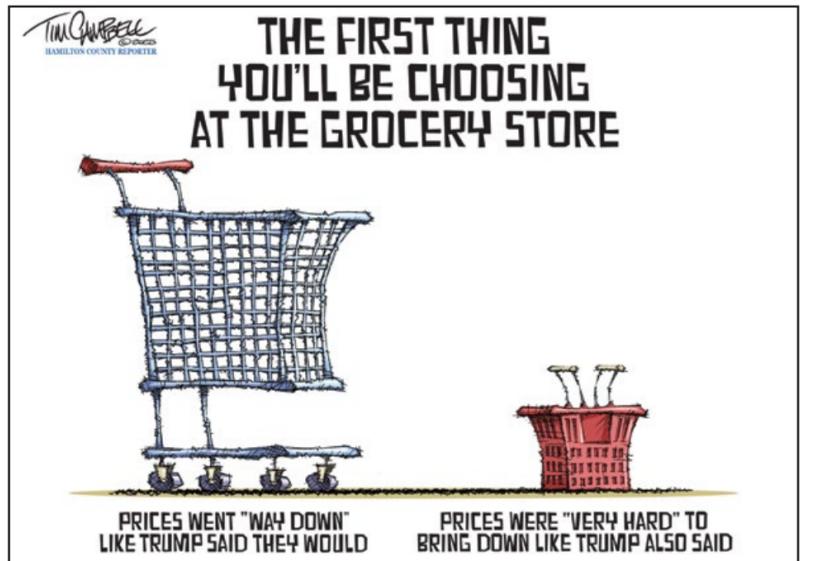
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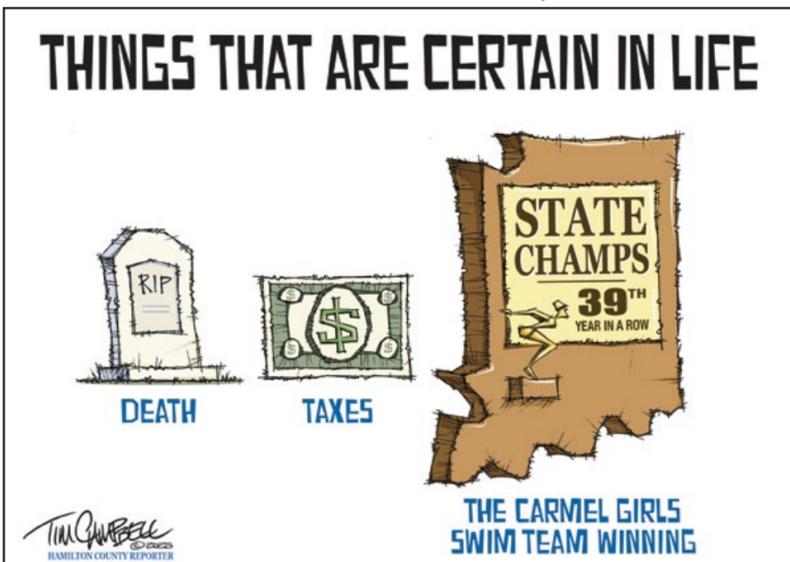
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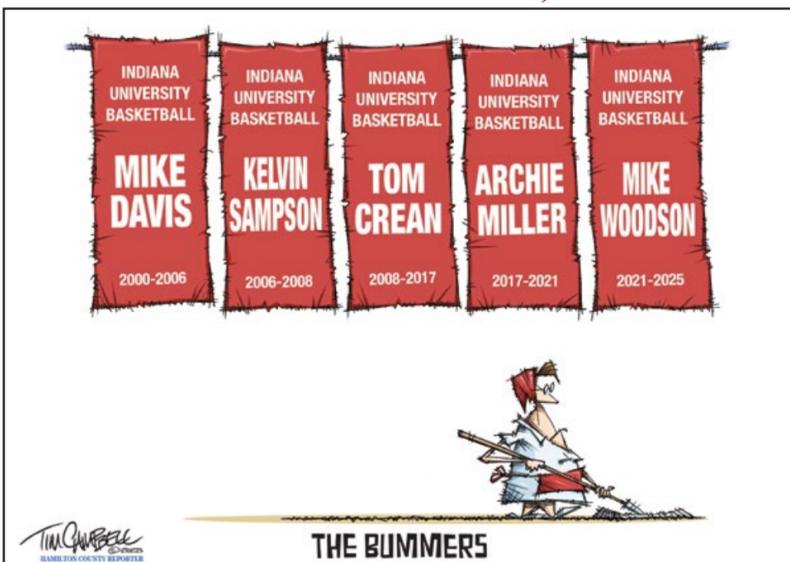
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From Jim Dandy to Ginger's

Hamilton County Basketball Hall of Fame finds a new home

By **QUINN MATTHEWS**
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The Hamilton County Basketball Hall of Fame has found a new home at Ginger's Café, 1111 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Hall of Fame, which features 92 plaques honoring standout players, coaches, and contributors was previously displayed at Jim Dandy for 18 years before the longtime Noblesville restaurant closed last year. Its closure left many in the community wondering what would happen to the longstanding collection.

"When Jim Dandy announced they were closing, people were going in and trying to take the plaques," said member of the Hall of Fame committee Dave Nicholson. "I have had several calls since January saying, 'where did the plaques go?'"

The collection was displaced for a year as the committee searched for a new home that felt just as welcoming; a comfortable place where people can gather and reconnect Hamilton County's history of great basketball.

"We talked to maybe six or seven places and they either didn't have enough room or a visible space," said Nicholson. "Then I talked to Mikki and she was really excited about it, so that's how we ended up here."

Mikki Perrine, the owner of Ginger's Café and a

longtime Noblesville resident, is thrilled to house the plaques that she admires, and has admired, for a long time. Her immediate enthusiasm made it clear that the collection had finally found a home where its significance would be understood and appreciated.

"I had gone to Jim Dandy for years and years since I was little, and I remember seeing it there. I know a lot of the people in the Hall of Fame, and it just seemed fitting that since I'm a local girl that it should come here," said Perrine.

The Hamilton County Basketball Hall of Fame was established in 2003 with the goal of honoring deserving players and coaches who gave so much to their programs and communities.

"Janus development got this idea to have a banquet and honor a 'Hall of Fame'. They didn't have any guidelines, they didn't have applications, they just picked people," said Nicholson. "The first class was super. They had two Mr. Basketball winners and people that were very deserving, but people didn't want to pay 60 bucks to go to a banquet."

Over the past 22 years, the organization has refined its mission and raised its standards for induction. When legendary Hamilton County sports writer Don Jellison took over, they shifted away from banquets and instead began distributing plaques to the high



Reporter photo by Quinn Matthews

Ginger's Café is the new home of the Hamilton County Basketball Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame was previously displayed at Jim Dandy for 18 years before the longtime Noblesville restaurant closed last year. Hall of Fame committee member Dave Nicholson is pictured with the plaques.

schools where the players and coaches once competed or served, ensuring the recognition would reach the communities most connected to each honoree.

"We've got a committee of seven people spread all over the county and they do a good job. We've got an awful lot of good players, but we decided just a few years ago that we want the very best," said Nicholson. "We've got five people up there that have played for the NBA, and they all came back for the induction."

By honoring these players and coaches, the plaques tell a story across genera-

tions – from local gymnasiums to the highest levels of basketball. Each induction reconnects the community with moments and figures that shaped Hamilton County's basketball legacy.

"I think it's important that people see these. You would be surprised when people come in and look at those they would say, 'I remember when that person played.'"

Now displayed at Ginger's Café, the Hall of Fame once again offers the community a place to remember, reflect and celebrate a tradition deeply rooted in Indiana basketball culture.

Hamilton County Basketball Hall of Fame Inductee Criteria

1. Must have a completed nomination form on file
2. Forms are available at each school Athletic Director's office
3. Nominations will be solicited through the media
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Hamilton County Basketball Player

- Who graduated from a Hamilton County High School
- Who has graduated at least 10 years ago
- Who made significant contributions to Hamilton County basketball
- Who has proved to be a person of good character and citizenship
- Who has made valuable contributions to his/her team

Hamilton County Coach

- Who has coached in Hamilton County for at least five years
- Who has been retired for five years
- Who has proved to be a person of good character and citizenship
- Who made significant contributions to Hamilton County basketball

Significant Contributor

- (Team doctors, media personnel, volunteers, long time assistants, etc.)
- Who made significant contributions to Hamilton County Basketball
 - Who has proven to be a person of good character and citizenship
- **Inductees must be a positive role model, worthy of being emulated by students

Number of Inductees per year

- One significant contributor per year
- A maximum of four male or female coaches or players each year
- Significant contributor counts as one of the four

Screening Procedures

- All nominations will be reviewed by Hall of Fame Committee
- Committee members will then choose inductees from nomination list (The committee may choose less some years but not more)

A nominee must receive at least 50 percent of committee votes to be inducted. Removal from the Hall of Fame shall be by unanimous vote of the Hall of Fame Selection. HOF Members must be a positive role model, worthy of being emulated by current and future students – removal is responsibility of HOF committee based on observation.

Boys Basketball

Huskies get first win of the season

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights boys basketball team picked up its first win of the season Tuesday, Dec. 23 at its own Holiday Invitational.

The Huskies beat McCutcheon 64-42 in the consolation game of the event. Heights led 12-8 after the first quarter, then powered through the second period, outscoring the Mavericks 25-11 for a 37-18 halftime lead. A 14-7 fourth quarter sealed the game for the Huskies.

Three Heights players reached double-digit scoring, led by Rees Knapp's 17 points. Jackson Mikesell scored 16 points and Jack Kakasuleff scored 15 points. Mikesell made it a double-double with 12 re-

bounds and Will DeStefano collected seven rebounds.

Freshman Gavin Lucchesi added eight points. Austin Day dished out four assists.

In their morning game, the Huskies fell to Covenant Christian 75-53. The Warriors led 21-19 after one quarter, then pulled away in the second period by outscoring Heights 18-4 to lead 39-23.

Kakasuleff scored 18 points, with Knapp contributing 14 points. Caleb Sullivan had three rebounds.

Kakasuleff was named selected to the All-Tournament team at the conclusion of the event.

The Huskies are 1-7 and are idle until Jan. 9 when the host Northwestern.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Hamilton Heights' Jack Kakasuleff was named to the All-Tournament team at the Huskies' Holiday Invitational on Tuesday, Dec. 23. Kakasuleff scored 33 points over Heights' two games.

Thanks, Quinn!

By **RICHIE HALL**
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If you've been reading The Reporter's sports section for the past few months, you've seen the name Quinn Matthews.

Quinn is a Noblesville High School senior and was our intern for the first semester of the school year. She helped me out with covering events, taking pictures and writing several feature stories.

Quinn proved herself to be a great writer and photographer, and I also need to mention her willingness to learn

and adapt. One of the feature stories she wrote required a Zoom interview on short notice, but not only did Quinn get the interview, she knocked the story out of the park.

Quinn received an invitation to join the NHS newspaper, *The Mill Stream*, which means she must conclude her internship after this semester. We're very grateful for the time we had with Quinn over the past four months, and we know she will do great things in journalism, at *The Mill Stream*, college and in the working world.

Thanks, Quinn!

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Girls Basketball

Rocks beat Millers, stay on top of HCC race

By **RICHIE HALL**
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WESTFIELD – The Westfield girls basketball team stayed at the top of the Hoosier Crossroads Conference standings after a home win over Noblesville on Saturday, Dec. 20. The Shamrocks beat the Millers 46-32 at CSI Gymnasium. Westfield broke away from Noblesville after a close first quarter, using some hot shooting from Ellie Wheeler and solid defense to win its seventh consecutive game.



Wheeler

Rocks coach Kelsey Steele said this was “probably one of our best all-around defensive games” this season.

“We talked about it beforehand, like we needed to make a stand on the defensive end tonight,” said Steele. “And I felt like our kids bought into that and we did, for the most part, what we talked about going into the game.”

The Millers led 9-8 after the first quarter, with Maia Blower scoring five points. Wheeler also had five points, including a 3-pointer.

Wheeler was just getting warmed up. She nailed two more triples in the second quarter and they were part of an 11-2 run for Westfield that put the Rocks ahead 19-11.

Blower stopped the spurt with a layin, then C.C. Quigley’s and-1 brought Noblesville within 19-16 by halftime.

Norah Vetur made a free throw to begin the third quarter and cut the Shamrocks’ lead to 19-17. But Westfield went on another run, scoring 13 consecutive points for a 32-17 lead. Gracie Czubik had four points in the run, which Wheeler finished with her fourth 3 of the game.

Czubik was also an important part of the Rocks’ defense; Steele said the team

was using a “high-pressure” 2-3 zone in the second half.

“With just her energy and her athleticism up top, she makes things hard because she’s so quick and so athletic,” said Steele.

The Shamrocks led 34-19 going into the fourth quarter. Freshman Lillian Clark threw in a pair of triples to push Westfield ahead 40-20. Quigley had seven points in the fourth quarter, while Blower made two 3s.

Wheeler finished with 14 points and five assists, followed by Clark with 10 points and five rebounds despite being the focal point of Noblesville’s box-and-1 defense, something Steele said the Rocks expected to see during the season.

“And when that happens, obviously she has to continue to work hard, but you need other kids to make shots,” said Steele. “And Ellie Wheeler was that kid tonight and we’re proud of her effort. She also did a good job getting into the paint and helping create offense for others.”

Blower scored 15 points and had six steals, with Quigley adding 14 points. Aleah Magee and Blythe Walker led the rebounds with five each.

“We turned it over too much, but talked about cleaning that up and giving ourselves a chance in the second half and we just did not do that,” said Millers coach Donna Buckley. “We turned the ball over way too many times and couldn’t get into our offense.”

The Rocks are now 5-0 in the conference and share the HCC lead with Hamilton Southeastern. The two teams will meet on Jan. 16 at Westfield. Overall, the Shamrocks are 11-3 and play this week at the Interra Classic at Northridge.

Noblesville is 2-3 in the conference and 6-5 overall.

Boys Basketball

Millers hold off Shamrocks

The REPORTER

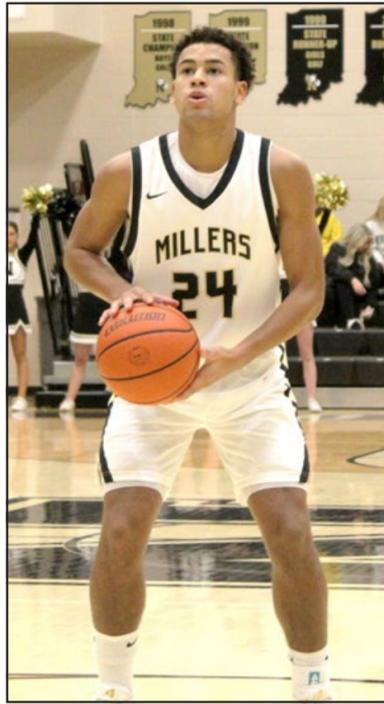
Noblesville’s boys picked up their first Hoosier Crossroads Conference win of the season Friday, Dec. 19, holding off county rival Westfield 47-45 at The Mill.

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.



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(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.

Millers win Holiday Tournament

The REPORTER

The Noblesville boys basketball team won its annual Holiday Tournament on Tuesday, Dec. 23 with two easy victories.

In the morning semifinals, the Millers cruised past Evansville Reitz 72-43. Noblesville started fast, zooming to a 23-4 lead after the first quarter. The Millers led 40-22 at halftime and put up another 32 points in the second half to earn a place in the championship game.

Noblesville’s two Division I commits both had outstanding games. Baron Walker, headed to Butler University, poured in 31 points, while Valparaiso commit Justin Curry II scored 26 points. Both players collected eight rebounds

and Walker dished out six assists.

The Millers took care of business in the championship game with a 51-30 win over Gary 21st Century. Noblesville led 18-8 after one quarter, then shut out the Cougars 13-0 in the second period for a 31-8 halftime lead.

Curry was the leading scorer with 18 points, followed by Walker with 15 points. Max Flanagan made three 3-pointers for nine points.

Curry collected nine rebounds, while Dylan Knaga pulled seven rebounds. Walker collected six and Luke Fogg had five. Walker dished out four assists.

The Millers are 4-4 and are idle until Jan. 2 when they host Warren Central.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Noblesville’s Luke Fogg drives to the basket during the Millers’ game with Evansville Reitz at their Holiday Tournament on Tuesday, Dec. 23.

Golden Eagles place fifth at Richmond

The REPORTER

The Guerin Catholic girls basketball team placed fifth at the Casey Pohlenz Memorial Tournament last week.

The Golden Eagles dropped their first-round game to Ben Davis 52-36 on Monday, Dec. 22. The Giants led 16-8 after one quarter and 33-19 at halftime. Guerin Catholic cut that lead to 41-30 after three periods, but Ben Davis scored 11 in the fourth to get the win.

Cecilia Titus led GC with nine points, followed by Lorigrace Rockwood with eight.

The Golden Eagles beat host Richmond 59-41 in a

consolation game, the first of two contests they played on Tuesday, Dec. 23.

Guerin Catholic led 15-14 after the first quarter, with Ella Horvath scoring eight points. The Golden Eagles dominated the second period, pouring in 21 points for a 36-21 halftime lead. Emersyn French hit two 3-pointers on her way to eight points in the quarter.

Guerin Catholic held its lead throughout the second half. Horvath went 5-of-6 from the free-throw line and finished as the leading scorer with 18 points.

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Girls Basketball

Trailblazers place fifth at Carroll

The REPORTER

The University girls basketball team finished fifth at the Carroll Tournament last week.

University opened play Monday, Dec. 22 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 3-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.

The Blazers won two games on Tuesday, Dec. 23, starting with a 52-27

victory over Tipton.

University outscored the Blue Devils in each of the four quarters. The Trailblazers led 6-5 after one period, then dominated the second quarter, outscoring Tipton 17-2 for a 23-7 halftime lead. University made four 3s in the second, two each from Blanding and Gabby Culp.

The Trailblazers kept things going in the second half, leading 38-18 after three quarters. Sydney Culp stepped up in the second half, nailing three 3s on her way to 13 points. She finished as the leading scorer for the Blazers with 19 points and four triples.

Blanding scored 12 points, making three 3s.

Norvell totaled 10 points, nine of them in the second half.

University won the fifth-place game by beating Western 52-33. The Blazers held an 11-9 advantage after the first quarter and went up 26-17 by halftime. Norvell scored eight in the first half.

University made another run in the third quarter, outscoring the Panthers 17-6 to lead 43-23. Norvell contributed six points in the third and again finished as the leading scorer with 14 points.

Sydney Culp added 13 points and Gabby Culp scored 11.

The Trailblazers are 6-8 and play at Sheridan this Saturday.

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Jenn Anderson inducted in Hamilton County Basketball Hall of Fame

The REPORTER

Westfield graduate Jenn Anderson was inducted into the Hamilton County Basketball Hall of Fame on Saturday, Dec. 20, prior to the Westfield-Noblesville girls basketball game.

Anderson is a 2013 graduate of Westfield, where she was a four-year All Hoosier Crossroads Conference selection and was an Indiana All-Star in 2013. She was part of two Shamrocks sectional championship teams, in 2010 and 2013.

Anderson went on to play at Indiana University, where she helped the Hoosiers to an 81-52 overall record, two WNIT appear-

ances and one NCAA tournament berth.

"It's such a huge honor," said Anderson. "I never really thought that this was possible, so I'm super excited to now be inducted."

Anderson is a Pathway IA at Noblesville High School and is in her sixth season as a varsity assistant coach for Donna Buckley and the Millers' team.

"I've had the best support system and I love that I get to come back on an all-female staff with Donna and that she gave me the opportunity here," said Anderson. "Just adding more marks on my story, because it's not over yet."



Reporter photo by Richie Hall
Westfield graduate Jenn Anderson was inducted into the Hamilton County Basketball Hall of Fame on Saturday, Dec. 20. Anderson graduated from Westfield in 2013, where she was an Indiana All-Star and helped the Shamrocks to two sectional championships.

Heights' Smith honored for 1,000 digs



Photo courtesy Hamilton Heights Athletics
Hamilton Heights volleyball player Macie Smith was honored by the Huskies at their girls basketball game on Saturday, Dec. 20 for clearing 1,000 career digs during her senior season. Smith, a West Virginia University commit, received a game ball from Heights athletic director Kurt Ogden.

Swimming

Royals host Holiday Splash

The REPORTER

The Hamilton South-eastern swim teams hosted their annual Forum Credit Union Holiday Splash on Saturday, Dec. 20.

The Royals won the girls meet by scoring 728 team points, well ahead of runner-up Homestead's 599 points. Southeastern's girls claimed eight events, including the last five races.

Naomi Haines was a double winner in the 50 freestyle and backstroke. The Royals also got wins from Ellason Miller in the 200 free, Izzy Schmitt in the 500 free and Lauren Ing in the breaststroke. Southeastern swept all three relays.

In the boys meet, the Royals finished second to

Homestead, scoring 482 points to the Spartans' 596. HSE's Nolan Pugh won the individual medley.

Southeastern results now follow, including all top 10 relay finishes.

GIRLS MEET

200 medley relay: 1. Southeastern "A" 1:46.22, 3. Southeastern "B" 1:50.88, 5. Southeastern "C" 1:53.43, 8. Southeastern "D" 1:59.95, 10. Southeastern "E" 2:04.60.

200 freestyle: 1. Ellason Miller 1:54.01, 2. Mia Henderson 1:55.67, 3. Brooklyn Penn 1:58.80, 5. Emerson Bunch 2:05.06, 6. Eleanor Hultgren 2:07.86.

200 individual medley: 2. Kinsey Bogaards 2:09.62, 5. Izzy Schmitt 2:17.29, 6. Jocelyn Graham 2:21.99, 7. Scarlett Fanger 2:22.29, 9. Hayden Bunch 2:26.56.

50 freestyle: 1. Naomi Haines 23.77, 3. Payton Walker 24.93, 4. Sarah Cooper 25.15, 6. Delaney Miller 25.77, 7. Lauren Ing 26.44.

One-meter diving: 7. Sarah Jane Seyferth 228.00, 9. Juliet Pearce 203.65,

10. Abby Earl 201.40.
100 butterfly: 2. E. Miller 57.16, 3. Lacey Huston 58.27, 5. Kaavya Patel 1:05.73, 12. Abby Collins 1:09.31, 15. Dylan McIntosh 1:12.71.

100 freestyle: 2. Henderson 53.81, 5. Ella Chesterfield 55.48, 6. Walker 55.49, 8. Bunch 56.67, 9. Cooper 56.81.
500 freestyle: 1. Schmitt 5:11.09, 2. Bogaards 5:11.17, 4. Molly Hultgren 5:34.58.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Southeastern "A" 1:38.65, 3. Southeastern "B" 1:43.76, 6. Southeastern "C" 1:49.44, 7. Southeastern "D" 1:49.76.

100 backstroke: 1. Haines 58.30, 3. Bunch 1:02.96, 4. Penn 1:03.22, 5. Huston 1:04.90, 9. Chesterfield 1:09.07.

100 breaststroke: 1. Ing 1:06.45, 3. D. Miller 1:08.64, 4. Graham 1:08.75, 7. Sophia Listenfelt 1:11.20, 9. Fanger 1:12.08.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Southeastern "A" 3:35.02, 2. Southeastern "B" 3:46.54, 4. Southeastern "C" 3:57.68.

BOYS MEET

200 medley relay: 4. Southeastern "A" 1:40.41, 8. Southeastern "B" 1:46.79, 9. Southeastern "C" 1:48.52.

200 freestyle: 3. Ivan Semko

1:48.25, 9. Jackson Reine 1:59.74, 14. Tyler Tisch 2:04.08.

200 individual medley: 1. Nolan Pugh 2:02.07, 2. Joshua Lawrance 2:02.78, 7. Sawyer Green-Whitehead 2:11.20, 9. Lucas Cochran 2:17.59.

50 freestyle: 4. Jagger Chan 23.04, 6. Alden Sealls 23.26, 13. Braeden Van Hyfte 24.19, 16. Lucas Fletcher 24.93, 17. Clive Bourff 25.15.

100 butterfly: 4. Zachary Marchisin 53.14, 10. Xander Goss 55.59, 13. Cade Breske 59.69.

100 freestyle: 2. Pugh 50.47, 7. Sealls 51.61, 10. Green-Whitehead 52.80, 11. Van Hyfte 55.38, 14. Fletcher 56.47.

200 freestyle relay: 4. Southeastern 1:32.00, 8. Southeastern "B" 1:38.69.

100 backstroke: 6. Marchisin 56.68, 8. Goss 58.98, 10. Nelsen 1:00.13, 11. Bourff 1:01.37, 12. Reine 1:01.89.

100 breaststroke: 2. Chan 59.14, 5. Lawrence 1:02.68, 7. Grayer Belaire 1:02.90, 11. Aiden Stivers 1:06.91, 13. Lucas Cochran 1:09.52.

400 freestyle relay: 3. Southeastern "A" 3:20.15, 6. Southeastern "B" 3:36.08.

EAGLES

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French totaled 11 points, while Titus scored nine.

The Golden Eagles triumphed in overtime in the fifth-place game, beating Purdue Poly Englewood 66-64.

The Techies led 22-19 after one quarter and 34-31 at halftime. Caroline Ford kept GC in the game with 12 points in the first quarter.

The second half was just as close, with Guerin Catholic cutting the lead to 46-45

after three periods and tying the game at 55-55 by the end of regulation. Lauren Keller nailed two 3s during the overtime period, including the game-winner with four seconds left.

Ford finished the game with 26 points. Keller added 15 points and Titus scored 10.

The Golden Eagles are 9-5 and return to action this Saturday at the Covenant Christian Winter Shootout.

Millers, Shamrocks split dual meet

The REPORTER

The Westfield and Noblesville swim teams split a dual meet Saturday, Dec. 20 at the Shamrocks' aquatic center.

Westfield won the girls meet 99-84. Evie Wheat was a double winner in the butterfly and backstroke events, with Laney McCulloch placing first in the 500 free. The Rocks also won the medley and 400 free relays.

Haley Blackwell triumphed in the 50 and 100 freestyles for the Millers, while Kyra Blackwell won the individual medley and breaststroke. Maya Preston won the 200 free, Eryn McMahon was first in diving and Noblesville won the 200 free relay.

The Millers got a close victory in the boys meet, edging out the Rocks 92-88. Noblesville got wins from Liam Hayward in the 50 free, Micah Ruvalcaba in diving and Jackson Teske in the backstroke. The Millers also won the medley relay.

Westfield had three double winners: Zach Welch was first in the 200 and 500 freestyles, Garreth Thomas won the IM and butterfly, and Griffin Barents Froman paced the 100 free and breaststroke. The Shamrocks also claimed the 200 and 400 free relays.

GIRLS MEET

Team score: Westfield 99, Noblesville 84.

200 medley relay: 1. Westfield "A" 1:59.35, 2. Noblesville "A" 2:00.31, 3. Noblesville "B" 2:03.23, 4. Westfield "B" 2:03.84, 5. Noblesville "C" 2:11.50.

200 freestyle: 1. Maya Preston (N) 1:58.01, 2. Kate Cassidy (W) 2:00.43, 3. Laney McCulloch (W) 2:04.35, 4. Gracie Alley (W) 2:06.18, 5. Ava Middleton (N) 2:10.26, 6. Anna Miller (N) 2:10.98.

200 individual medley: 1. Kyra Blackwell (N) 2:19.24, 2. Maggie Alley (W) 2:22.71, 3. Nalani Hendrix (W) 2:23.48, 4. Stella Cramer (N) 2:26.26, 5. Emily Wilhelm (N) 2:30.88, 6. Carly Davis (W) 2:31.25.

50 freestyle: 1. Haley Blackwell (N) 25.60, 2. Macy Brown (W) 26.77, 3. Nora Sperry (W) 26.83, 4. Celia Springer (N) 27.27, 5. Bella McNally (W) 28.75, 6. Mallory Mehinger (N) 29.15.

One-meter diving: 1. Eryn McMahon (N) 275.10, 2. Makenna Dammeier (W) 179.15, 3. Carly Herring (W) 134.65.

100 butterfly: 1. Evie Wheat (W) 58.00, 2. Sperry (W) 1:02.84, 3. G. Alley (W) 1:04.07, 4. Meredith Nickloy (N) 1:07.42, 5. Leilani Mark (N) 1:08.48, 6. Norah Mathes (N) 1:09.36.

100 freestyle: 1. H. Blackwell (N) 55.63, 2. Brown (W) 56.99, 3. Middleton (N) 58.15, 4. Makenzie Gater (W) 1:00.32, 5. Celia Springer (N) 1:01.12, 6. Christie Stuart (W) 1:03.47.

500 freestyle: 1. McCulloch (W) 5:18.16, 2. Cassidy (W) 5:19.67, 3. Preston (N) 5:24.22, 4. Addie Goettler (N) 5:34.15, 5. Greta Smith (W) 5:37.05, 6. Miller (N) 5:59.32.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Noblesville 1:44.03, 2. Westfield "A" 1:45.55, 3. Noblesville "B" 1:49.45, 4. Noblesville "C" 1:54.44, 5. Westfield "B" 1:54.50, 6. Westfield "C" 2:02.11, 7. Westfield "D" 2:05.14, 8. Westfield "E" 2:07.42.

100 backstroke: 1. Wheat (W) 1:01.56, 2. Goettler (N) 1:05.58, 3. M. Alley (W) 1:07.90, 4. Mehinger (N) 1:07.94, 5. Audrey Brown (N) 1:08.11, 6. Ellana Morse (W) 1:16.52.

100 breaststroke: 1. K. Blackwell (N) 1:11.76, 2. Hendrix (W) 1:15.42, 3. Davis (W) 1:17.52, 4. Cramer (N) 1:17.81, 5. Wilhelm (N) 1:17.83, 6. Stuart (W) 1:21.07.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Westfield

"A" 3:46.22, 2. Noblesville "A" 3:46.61, 3. Westfield "B" 3:58.95, 4. Noblesville "B" 4:08.52, 5. Westfield "C" 4:13.66, 6. Noblesville "C" 4:29.86.

BOYS MEET

Team score: Noblesville 92, Westfield 88.

200 medley relay: 1. Noblesville "A" 1:38.03, 2. Westfield "A" 1:39.63, 3. Westfield "B" 1:45.84, 4. Noblesville "B" 1:45.94, 5. Noblesville "C" 1:57.09.

200 freestyle: 1. Zach Welch (W) 1:45.00, 2. Nolan Stormer (W) 1:49.83, 3. Drew Setmeyer (N) 1:52.90, 4. Adam Hill (N) 1:58.83, 5. Hayden Wong (N) 2:05.73, 6. Samy Talbi (W) 2:14.28.

200 individual medley: 1. Garreth Thomas (W) 1:56.86, 2. Joshua Naas (N) 1:59.20, 3. Will Chambley (W) 2:02.80, 4. Lane Monger (N) 2:05.90, 5. Eli Creakbaum (N) 2:12.79, 6. Jon Obusek (W) 2:23.58.

50 freestyle: 1. Liam Hayward (N) 22.78, 2. Brayden Wright (N) 23.03, 3. Esteban Roussel (W) 23.45, 4. Noah Lonicz (W) 23.93, 5. David Naas (N) 24.53, 6. Cullen Heaton (W) 27.01.

One-meter diving: 1. Micah Ruvalcaba (N) 137.55, 2. Brady Monger (N) 117.50.

100 butterfly: 1. G. Thomas (W) 52.59, 2. Hayward (N) 54.28, 3. Jackson

Teske (N) 54.35, 4. Stormer (W) 54.92, 5. Lornicz (W) 54.99, 6. Keaton Hoffman (N) 1:00.87.

100 freestyle: 1. Griffin Barents Froman (W) 48.43, 2. Setmeyer (N) 49.28, 3. Alden Thomas (W) 49.55, 4. L. Monger (N) 50.87, 5. Hill (N) 54.39, 6. Jackson Burgess (W) 55.88.

500 freestyle: 1. Welch (W) 4:44.19, 2. Naas (N) 5:38.17, 3. Wong (N) 5:46.77, 4. B. Monger (N) 5:47.53, 5. Talbi (W) 6:12.60, 6. Obusek (W) 6:13.01.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Westfield "A" 1:31.36, 2. Noblesville "A" 1:34.12, 3. Noblesville "B" 1:45.27, 4. Westfield "B" 1:47.26.

100 backstroke: 1. Teske (N) 53.26, 2. Wright (N) 54.76, 3. A. Thomas (W) 58.30, 4. Burgess (W) 1:00.52, 5. Evan Hess (W) 1:02.48, 6. Hoffman (N) 1:02.78.

100 breaststroke: 1. Barents Froman (W) 59.21, 2. Naas (N) 1:00.76, 3. Chambley (W) 1:01.33, 4. Roussel (W) 1:03.58, 5. Creakbaum (N) 1:05.00, 6. Ellis (N) 1:10.62.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Westfield "A" 3:16.70, 2. Noblesville "A" 3:16.76, 3. Noblesville "B" 3:30.31, 4. Westfield "B" 3:33.58, 5. Noblesville "C" 3:52.04, 6. Westfield "C" 4:11.34.

Where you can find Feeding Team Food Pantries

Here is a list of all the yellow Feeding Team food pantries across Hamilton County. For more information, go to FeedingTeam.org.

ARCADIA

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

ATLANTA

Wesleyan Church, 330 S. Walnut St.

CARMEL

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

CICERO

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

FISHERS

Christ the Savior Lutheran Church, 10500 E. 126th St.
Christ's Community Church, 13097 Allisonville Road
Cynthiaanne Christian Church, 13151 Cynthiaanne 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 Schuller Road

Thanks for reading!

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.

The junior guard made up for his prolonged silence with a loud, nine-point outburst late in the fourth quarter that shifted the momentum inside the Fishers Event Center and led the top-ranked Class 4A Fishers Tigers to a 68-61 victory.

"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 poten-

tial 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 fourth quarter.

Down 6-0 to start the game and later 16-8 in the first quarter, the Tigers 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 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 tre-



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.

mendous for us. Obviously, 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."

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 remain-



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



ing, 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.

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 4A 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."



(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) Fishers' Makayla Triplett looks to pass the ball. (BELOW RIGHT) Hamilton Southeastern's Kennedy Holman cleared 1,000 career points and scored 16 to help the Royals win the Mudsock game.

The win was just as sweet for HSE, which extended its streak to four straight against its top Hoosier Crossroads Conference and county rival.

Fishers' last win against HSE was during the 2022-23 season when the Tigers swept both the regular-season and postseason meetings.

"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."

— COURT NOTICE —

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT NO. 1
NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA
In the Matter of the Unsupervised Estate of JAMES D. BEEHLER, deceased.
Estate Docket: 29D01-2402-EU-000063

Notice is hereby given that Sarah J. Beehler was, on the 20th day of February 2024, appointed Personal Representative of the unsupervised estate of James D. Beehler, deceased, who died on the 31st day of January 2024.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this 20th day of February, 2024.

Kathy Kragg Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court No. 1

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— WESTFIELD —

City of Westfield
2026 Meeting Dates
Advisory Plan Commission (APC)
Public Hearing Meeting
7:00pm
Westfield City Hall
130 Penn Street
Westfield, IN 46074

- Wednesday, January 14, 2026
- Monday, February 2, 2026
- Monday, March 2, 2026
- Monday, April 6, 2026
- Monday, May 4, 2026
- Monday, June 1, 2026
- Monday, July 6, 2026
- Monday, August 3, 2026
- Wednesday, September 9, 2026
- Monday, October 5, 2026
- Monday, November 2, 2026
- Monday, December 7, 2026
- Wednesday, January 13, 2027

Advisory Plan Commission (APC)
Workshop Meeting
7:00pm
Westfield City Services Center
2728 East 171st Street
Westfield, IN 46074

- Tuesday, January 20, 2026
- Tuesday, February 17, 2026
- Monday, March 16, 2026
- Monday, April 20, 2026
- Monday, May 18, 2026
- Monday, June 15, 2026
- Monday, July 20, 2026
- Monday, August 17, 2026
- Monday, September 21, 2026
- Monday, October 19, 2026
- Monday, November 16, 2026
- Monday, December 21, 2026
- Tuesday, January 19, 2027

Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA)
7:00pm
Westfield City Hall
130 Penn Street
Westfield, IN 46074

- No meeting in January
- Monday, February 9, 2026
- Monday, March 9, 2026
- Monday, April 13, 2026
- Monday, May 11, 2026
- Monday, June 8, 2026
- Monday, July 13, 2026
- Monday, August 10, 2026
- Monday, September 14, 2026
- Monday, October 12, 2026
- Monday, November 9, 2026
- Monday, December 14, 2026

Plat Committee
1st Meeting
11:00am
Westfield City Services Center
2728 East 171st Street
Westfield, IN 46074

- Monday, January 26, 2026
- Monday, February 23, 2026
- Monday, March 23, 2026
- Monday, April 27, 2026
- Tuesday, May 26, 2026
- Monday, June 22, 2026
- Monday, July 27, 2026
- Monday, August 24, 2026
- Monday, September 28, 2026
- Monday, October 26, 2026
- Monday, November 23, 2026
- Monday, December 28, 2026
- Monday, January 25, 2027

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
9:00am
Virtual Meeting Only

- Tuesday, January 20, 2026
- Tuesday, February 17, 2026
- Tuesday, March 17, 2026
- Tuesday, April 21, 2026
- Tuesday, May 19, 2026
- Tuesday, June 16, 2026
- Tuesday, July 21, 2026
- Tuesday, August 18, 2026
- Tuesday, September 15, 2026
- Tuesday, October 20, 2026
- Tuesday, November 17, 2026
- Tuesday, December 15, 2026

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COURT NOTICES

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

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR)
COURT)
CAUSE NUMBER)
29D02-2511-EU-000499
IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF)
MICHAEL A. BONFIGLIO,)
DECEASED)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION)
Notice is hereby given that Sue)
Clavenger was on the date of)
November 24, 2025, appointed)
Personal Representative of the Estate)
of Michael A. Bonfiglio, deceased,)
who died intestate on August 30,)
2025. The Personal Representative)
is authorized to proceed pursuant to)
the statutory provisions of the)
Indiana Code governing Unsupervised)
Administration.
All persons having claims against)
said estate, whether or not now due,)
must file the same in the office of)
the Clerk of this Court within three)
(3) months from the date of the first)
publication of this notice, or within)
nine (9) months after the decedent's)
death, whichever is earlier, or said)
claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this)
1st day of December, 2025.
Kathy Kreag Williams)
Clerk of the Superior Court)
of Hamilton County, Indiana)
Attorney for the Estate)
Alexandra M. Dowers (#37331-30))
Massillamany Jeter & Carson LLP)
11650 Lantern Road, Suite 204)
Fishers, Indiana 46038)
Telephone: (317) 576-8580)
Facsimile (317) 203-1012)
E-mail: chris@mjcatorneys.com)
R7179 12/22/25, 12/29/25

29D03-2512-EU-000538
ATTORNEY:)
Dustin L. Plummer)
Mallor Grodner Plummer LLP)
11595 N. Meridian Street #850)
Carmel, IN 46032)
(317) 453-2000)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION)
In the Hamilton Superior Court,)
Probate Division.)
In the Matter of the Estate of John J.)
Kenley, deceased.)
Cause Number 29D03-2512-)
EU-000538)
Notice is hereby given that R. Daniel)
Faust was on December 15, 2025)
appointed Personal Representative of)
the Estate of John J. Kenley, deceased.)
All persons who have claims against)
this estate, whether or not now due,)
must file the claim in the office of)
the Clerk of this Court within three)
(3) months from the date of the first)
publication of this notice or within)
nine (9) months after the Decedent's)
death, whichever is earlier, or said)
claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on)
December 15, 2025.
Kathy Kreag Williams)
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court)
Probate Division)
R7187 12/22/25, 12/29/25

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2511-MI-012288
IN RE THE MATTER OF:)
Steven Robert Avitabile)
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR)
CHANGE OF NAME)
Steven Robert Avitabile, whose)
mailing address is: 13940 broad)
mdw, Carmel, Indiana 46032, in the)
Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby)
gives notice that Steven Robert)
Avitabile has filed a petition in the)
Hamilton County Circuit Court)
requesting that their name be changed)
to Steven Robert Avit.
Notice is further given that the)
hearing will be held on said Petition)
on: March 20, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Steven Robert Avitabile)
Petitioner)
Date: November 5, 2025
Kathy Kreag Williams)
Hamilton County Clerk)
R7195 12/22/25, 12/29/25, 1/5/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT)
CAUSE NO 29D03-2506-DN-006811
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:)
Mary Simal)
Petitioner)
v)
Kenneth G Duke)
Respondent)
SUMMONS)
The State of Indiana to Respondent:)
Kenneth G Duke)
You have been sued by your spouse)
for dissolution of marriage. The case)
is pending in the Court named above.)
If this Summons is accompanied by)
an Order Setting Hearing, you)
must appear in Court on the date)
and time stated on the Order Setting)
Hearing. IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR,)
EVIDENCE MAY BE HEARD AND A)
DECISION MAY BE MADE)
BY THE COURT. If a Temporary)
Restraining Order is issued, it is)
effective immediately upon your)
receipt or knowledge of the Order.)
If you wish to retain an attorney)
to represent you in the matter, it is)
advisable to do so before the date)
stated on the Notice of Provisional)
Hearing.
If you take no action in this case)
after receipt of this Summons, the)
Court can grant a Dissolution of)
Marriage and/or make determinations)
that may include but not limited to)
any of the following: paternity, child)
custody, child support, maintenance,)
parenting time, property (real or)
personal), and other distribution of)
assets and debts, attorney fees and)
costs.
Dated: December 10, 2025
Kathy Kreag Williams)
Clerk, Hamilton County)
R7197 12/22/25, 12/29/25, 1/5/26

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



SHERIFF SALES

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE)
AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES)
NOTICE OF)
SHERIFF'S SALE)
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of)
the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No.: 29C01-2403-)
MF-003491 wherein U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN)
ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCAF)
ACQUISITION TRUST, was Plaintiff, and JENNIFER SUZANNE RIDER, KEVIN)
EUGENE RIDER were the Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided)
for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest)
bidder, on the 5th day of February, 2026 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)
or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville,)
IN 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County,)
Indiana.
Situating in part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 18 North,)
Range 6 East of the Second Principal Meridian, Fall Creek Township, City of)
Fishers, Hamilton County, Indiana, and being more particularly described)
as Lot 421, The Woods at Thorpe Creek, Section 5, Secondary Plat, as shown)
on plat recorded in Plat Cabinet 5, Slide 1151 and being Instrument Number)
2020045498, Hamilton County, Indiana records.
More Commonly Known As: 14746 Autumn View Way, Fisher, IN 46037)
Parcel No. 29-12-31-013-002.000-020)
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made)
without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II)
Sheriff of Hamilton County)
Fall Creek)
Township)
14746 Autumn View Way, Fishers, IN 46037)
Street Address)
Phillip A. Norman #13734-64)
Benjamin Pliskie #30407-45)
PHILLIP A. NORMAN P.C.)
March 17, 2025)
Date)
The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address)
published herein.)
R7185 12/22/25, 12/29/25, 1/5/26

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND)
ALL INTERESTED PARTIES)
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE)
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of)
Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D06-2409-)
MF-010135 wherein Groundfloor Properties GA, LLC was Plaintiff, and Bardwell)
& Sons Properties, LLC and Adrain Monte Bardwell, were Defendants, requiring)
me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will)
expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 5th day of February, 2026,)
at the hour of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100)
Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of)
Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.
LOT 40, IN TROY ESTATES, SECONDARY PLAT, RECORDED)
SEPTEMBER 17, 2021 IN PLAT CABINET 6, SLIDE 155, AS)
INSTRUMENT NO. 2021067927 AND CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION)
RECORDED FEBRUARY 4, 2022 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2022006108,)
IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY,)
INDIANA..
More commonly known as: 4026 W 141st Street Westfield, IN 46074)
Parcel No. 29-09-19-000-011.000-018)
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made)
without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.
Subject to all liens, encumbrances and easements of record not otherwise)
enjoined in the proceedings known as Cause 29D06-2409-MF-010135 in the)
Superior Court of the County of Hamilton, Indiana.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II)
Sheriff of Hamilton County)
Plaintiff Attorney)
Zarksis V. Daroga (17288-49))
Sottile and Barile, LLC)
7530 Lucerne Drive, Suite 210)
Middleburg Heights, OH 44130)
Clay Township)
4026 W 141st Street Westfield, IN 46074)
Street Address)
The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address)
published herein.)
NOTICE)
SOTTILE AND BARILE LLC IS A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS)
AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION)
OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.)
R7186 12/22/25, 12/29/25, 1/5/26

CICERO

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS)
The Town of Cicero - Storm Water Utility Board)
331 E. Jackson Street)
Cicero, Indiana 46034)
Separate sealed Bids for the construction of the Town of Cicero - Morse)
Landing Underdrain Replacement will be received by the Town of Cicero)
Clerk Treasurer's Office located at 331 E. Jackson Street, Cicero, IN 46034 until)
9:00 AM (local time) on January 26, 2026. Bids will also be accepted on January)
26, 2026, at the Town of Cicero Storm Water Utility Board Meeting at the Town)
Hall located at 70 N. Byron Street from 10:00 AM to 10:10 AM (local time).)
Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town of Cicero Storm Water)
Management Board Meeting after 10:10 AM (local time) on the same date. Any)
Bids received later than the above times and date will be returned unopened.
Description of Work)
Morse Landing Drive Underdrain Replacement consists of approximately of)
2,000 LF of 6" underdrain, removal and replacement of approximately 2,000)
LF of concrete curb, related site work and appurtenances. The project area is)
on the North/West side of Morse Landing Drive between N Lanyard Drive and)
Moonlight Bay Circle.
There will be no Pre-Bid Meeting held for this project.)
All prime contractors, subcontractors, small, minority, disadvantaged and/)
or women business enterprises and other interested parties are invited and)
encouraged to submit a Bid. Contractors and subcontractors performing public)
works with a value of \$300,000 or greater must be certified by the Indiana)
Department of Administration (IDOA) in accordance with IC 4-13-6-4.)
The Bidding Documents may be examined at the following locations:)
• United Consulting, 8440 Allison Pointe Blvd., Suite 200, Indianapolis,)
Indiana 46250)
• Cicero Utilities, 331 East Jackson Street, Cicero, IN 46034)
• Eastern Engineering Supply (Plan Room))
Copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from Eastern Engineering)
Supply, 9901 Allisonville Road, Fishers, Indiana 46038, (317) 598-0661.)
Documents are available in either printed or electronic form by registering as a)
plan holder and placing online orders at https://distribution.easternengineering.)
com/. Costs of downloading, printing, and shipping shall be the Contractor's)
responsibility. Any questions, comments, or requests for clarification should be)
made to United Consulting.
No Bid will be considered unless submitted on a copy of the printed proposal)
form in the Bidding Documents. Bidders must obtain bid documents from Eastern)
Engineering Supply to be included in the project plan holders list to ensure proper)
notification of any Addendum. Failure to obtain Bidding Documents in this)
manner may be deemed as non-responsive and may result in Bid rejection.
Each Bid must include the following completed and executed items:)
1. Proposal Form)
2. Form 96 (State Board of Accounts))
3. Bidder's Financial Statement (if required by Form 96))
4. Bid Bond or certified check (5% of Bid amount))
5. E-Verify Affidavit)
6. Bidder's written plan for a program to test Bidder's employees for drugs)
in accordance with IC 4-13-18.
Before commencing Work, the Bidder to whom the Work is awarded will be)
required to furnish Performance and Payment Bonds in an amount equal to the)
Contract Price, and certificates of insurance as required in the Specifications)
and by Statute. All Bonds and liability insurance shall remain in effect for a)
period of twelve (12) months following completion and OWNER acceptance of)
construction.
Failure to execute a Contract and to furnish Bonds, certificates of insurance,)
and IDOA certification, as hereinafter set out will be cause for forfeiture to the)
OWNER of the amount of money represented by the certified check or Bidder's)
Bond, as and for liquidated damages. A conditional or qualified Bid will not be)
accepted. No Bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt)
of Bids for at least 60 days to allow review of Bids before announcing award of)
Contract.
Bidders shall be required to meet all applicable State requirements including but)
not limited to those in IC 4-13-18, 4-13-6.4, 5-16-13, 22-5-1.7 and 36-1-12.)
The OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, or to make such)
combination of Bids as may seem desirable, and to waive any and all informalities)
in the bidding. The OWNER may award Bids based upon selection of any)
combination of Proposal Form line items as well as mandatory alternatives. Bids)
shall be awarded to the Bidder or Bidders deemed to be the lowest, responsible,)
and responsive by the OWNER.
By the order of the Town of Cicero Storm Water Utility Board)
Bruce Freeman, Member)
Doug Mehlan, Member)
Ted Lenze, Member)
December 17, 2025)
R7184 12/22/25, 12/29/25

Legal Notice)
Board of zoning appeals)
The Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission will meet on January 14th, at)
7:00 PM in the Red Bridge Park Community building, located at 50 Red Bridge)
Park/697 W Jackson Street, Cicero Indiana, 46034, in order to hear the following)
petition:
Docket No. PC-0126-02-C3)
A Rezone application has been submitted concerning Article 8 of the Cicero/)
Jackson Township Zoning Ordinances in order to: Rezone a parcel currently zoned)
"C3" (Business Park/Light Industrial) to "PD-C3".)
Project Address: 0 State Road 19, Cicero, IN 46034)
Parcel Number: 03-06-12-00-00-009.008)
Legal Description: Acreage 27.59 Section 12, Township 19, Range 4)
The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Plan)
Commission, 331 E. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034.)
Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Comments may)
be also mailed to Cicero/Jackson Plan Commission at P.O. Box 650 Cicero, IN)
46034. Comments may also be dropped off in the Cicero Utilities payment drop)
box located at 331 E. Jackson St. Cicero, IN. Comments may also be emailed to)
fzawadzki@townofcicero.in.gov Comments must be received by 3:00 pm on the)
date of the hearing.)
The Hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.)
Petitioner's Name: Nickel Plate Reliability Project LLC/Ron and Dawn Coverdale)
Date: 12/17/2025)
R7211 12/29/25

Submit Public Notices To:)
PublicNotices@ReadTheReporter.com)
R7213 12/29/25, 1/5/26

FISHERS

NOTICE OF APPROVED ORDINANCE)
AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN REAL ESTATE)
TO THE CITY OF FISHERS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA)
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:)
City of Fishers Community and Economic Development Department)
planning@fishersin.gov)
(317) 595-3155)
R7205 12/23/25, 12/29/25

SHERIDAN

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS AND ALL OTHER PERSONS AFFECTED BY)
ADOPTION AND CONTENT OF RESOLUTION OF THE SHERIDAN)
TOWN COUNCIL)
AND OF A PUBLIC HEARING)
Notice is hereby given that the Town Council (the "Council"), being the)
designating fiscal body of the Town of Sheridan, Indiana (the "Town"), on)
December 16, 2025, adopted Resolution No. 2025-29 (the "Declaratory)
Resolution") (i) identifying an area within the Town by maps and plats (the)
"Area"; (ii) declaring that the Area is designated as the "Lot 7 Countryside)
Industrial Park Economic Revitalization Area" (the "Economic Revitalization)
Area"), an economic revitalization area within the meaning of Ind. Code §6-)
1.1-12.1 et seq. (as amended) (the "Act"), and (iii) establishing a tax abatement)
schedule for the Economic Revitalization Area.)
A general description and map of the Economic Revitalization Area are included)
in the Declaratory Resolution which are available for inspection at the office of)
the Hamilton County Assessor and the office of the Town's Clerk-Treasurer at)
Sheridan Town Hall, 506 S. Main Street, Sheridan, Indiana 46069 during normal)
business hours. Notice is hereby given that the Council will conduct a public)
hearing on January 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., local time, at the Sheridan Community)
Center, 300 E. 6th St., Sheridan, Indiana 46069, to receive and hear remonstrances)
and objections from all persons interested in or affected by Economic)
Revitalization Area and the proceedings pertaining thereto.)
Following the public hearing, the Council shall take final action determining)
whether the qualifications for tax abatement have been met, and shall confirm,)
modify and confirm, or rescind the Declaratory Resolution. Such a determination)
by the Council shall be final except that an appeal may be taken and heard as)
provided by the Act.)
Individuals needing special accommodations to participate in the public hearing)
are encouraged to contact the office of the Clerk-Treasurer during normal business)
hours no less than 72 hours prior to the meeting at (317) 758-5293.)
Dated this 26th day of December, 2025.)
TOWN OF SHERIDAN, INDIANA)
TOWN COUNCIL)
R7206 12/29/25

VARIOUS ROADWAY RESURFACING AND REPAIRS)
TOWN OF SHERIDAN)
SHERIDAN, INDIANA)
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS)
Sealed Bids for the Various Roadway Resurfacing and Repairs project will be)
received by the Town of Sheridan at the Sheridan Town Hall, 506 S. Main St.,)
Sheridan, IN 46069, until 5:00 pm local time Tuesday, January 20, 2026. Any)
bids received later than the above time will be returned unopened. The Bids)
received on time will be publicly opened and read aloud at 6:00 pm on Tuesday,)
January 20, 2026, at the Sheridan Town Council Meeting.
DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Various roadways throughout the Town of)
Sheridan will be either resurfaced and repaired or reconstructed as part of the)
Community Crossings Matching Grant program. Work includes, but is not limited)
to, milling, overlaying, excavating and replacing existing asphalt and subgrade,)
hauling and disposal or compacting of millings, asphalt patching, sidewalk)
replacement, driveway apron replacement, pavement markings, and ADA curb)
ramp replacement.
BID DOCUMENTS: Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at)
Banning Engineering, Inc. Office, 853 Columbia Road, Plainfield, IN 46168.)
Copies of the documents are available for examining beginning at 12:00 pm local)
time on Wednesday, December 31, 2026. Paper copies will be \$50.00. Payments)
shall be made by check, money order or cash payable to Banning Engineering,)
Inc. Electronic copies may be obtained at Banning Engineering 317-707-3700 or)
by emailing Banning@banning-eng.com. There is no fee for electronic copies.
INDIANA REQUIREMENTS: Bids shall be properly and completely)
executed on Bid Forms and in the order as identified and contained in the)
Contract Documents obtainable from the offices as stated above. Each bid shall)
be accompanied by a completely filled out Form No. 96, including attachment)
of Contractor's Financial Statement as stipulated in Section III, E-Verify)
Certification Form and acceptable Bid Security. Any bid not accompanied by the)
above-required items shall be deemed a non-responsive bid. Contractor must be)
INDOT prequalified.
No Bidder may withdraw his bid within a period of 60 days following the date)
set for the receiving of bids. The Owner reserves the right to retain all bids for a)
period of not more than 60 days and said bid shall remain in full force and effect)
during said time. The Owner further reserves the right to waive informalities and)
to award the Contract to any Bidder, all to the advantage of the Owner or to reject)
all bids.
BID SECURITY: Each bid shall be accompanied by an acceptable certified)
check made payable to the Town of Sheridan or an acceptable bid bond in the)
amount equal to five (5%) percent of the total bid price executed by an)
incorporated surety company in good standing and qualified to do business)
in the State of Indiana and whose name appears on the most current Treasury)
Department Circular No. 570.
PRE-BID CONFERENCE: A virtual pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00)
am local time on Wednesday, January 7, 2026. Provisions will be made to meet)
virtually at the discretion of the Owner. Invitations will be sent out to all official)
plan holders before the conference. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is highly)
encouraged but is not mandatory. Final day for questions that will receive an)
answer is Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 12:00 pm local time.
BONDS: A Performance Bond and Payment Bond each in the amount of 100)
percent of the Contract price will be required from the Contractor to whom the)
work is awarded.
Owner: Town of Sheridan)
Location: 506 S. Main St., Sheridan, IN 46069)
R7208 12/29/25, 1/5/26

WESTFIELD

Notice of Adoption of Ordinance)
Annexing Certain Real Estate to the City of Westfield, Indiana)
Ordinance 25-84, An Ordinance Annexing Certain Real Estate to the City of)
Westfield, Hamilton County, Indiana, was adopted by the Westfield Common)
Council on December 22, 2025. The annexation area consists of approximately)
6.2 acres +/-, generally located on the south side of E. 191st Street. The ordinance)
shall be effective in accordance with Indiana Law upon its passage by the Council,)
its publication in accordance with law, and upon the passage of any applicable)
waiting period, all as provided by the laws of the State of Indiana. Ordinance)
25-84 in its entirety is available for inspection during regular business hours at the)
Westfield Clerk-Treasurer's Office located at 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana.)
Dated this 23rd day of December, 2025.)
R7209 12/24/25, 12/29/25

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY)
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY)
Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for the City of Westfield and)
Unincorporated Areas of Hamilton County, Indiana, Case No. 25-05-0165P.)
The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management)
Agency (FEMA) solicits technical information or comments on proposed flood)
hazard determinations for the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where)
applicable, the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for your community. These)
flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base)
Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or)
zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. The FIRM and, if applicable, the)
FIS report have been revised to reflect these flood hazard determinations through)
issuance of a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), in accordance with Title 44, Part)
65 of the Code of Federal Regulations. These determinations are the basis for)
the floodplain management measures that your community is required to adopt or)
show evidence of having in effect to qualify or remain qualified for participation)
in the National Flood Insurance Program. For more information on the proposed)
flood hazard determinations and information on the statutory 90-day period)
provided for appeals, please visit FEMA's website at https://www.floodmaps.)
fema.gov/fhm/BFE_Status/bfe_main.asp, or call the FEMA Mapping and)
Insurance eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).)
R7188 12/22/25, 12/29/25



Wrestling

Maddox wins at the Carnahan, Sheridan girls make impact at Quad-Conference

The REPORTER

Another week, another big win for Westfield wrestler Connor Maddox.

The 106-pound sophomore was the champion of his weight class at the Carnahan Memorial Invitational on Saturday, Dec. 20 at Crown Point. Maddox won four matches to claim the title.

In the first round, Maddox beat Alex Powers of Lemont (Ill.) by an 18-1 technical fall. He then defeated Brownsburg's Alex Huddleston with a second-period pin in the quarterfinals.

Maddox cruised to a 22-4 technical fall victory over Sebastian Gracia of Mt. Carmel (Ill.) in the semifinals. Maddox wrestled Colton Wyller of Marmion (Ill.) in the championship and won by an 11-5 decision.

The Sheridan girls team made a significant impact at the Quad-Conference meet, which took place Saturday, Dec. 20 at Kokomo's Memorial Gymnasium.

The Blackhawks scored 90 points to finish seventh overall and were the top Hoosier Heartland Conference team at the event, finishing 36 points ahead of Eastern and Delphi. Sheridan also had two individual HHC champions.

Aubrey Koch won the 115-pound conference title and was the overall runner-up. Eva Todd was the 140-pound HHC champion

and was fourth overall in that division.

Other top finishers were AJ Hamersley at 145 and Devyn Pewarski at 135, both of whom placed fourth in their respective weight classes. Ryleigh Hampton added six team points for Sheridan by making a 29-second pin over her Richmond opponent.

Other Sheridan competitors were Gracie Stowers at 110, Khloe Goebel at 125 and Ellen Phillips at 130.

Carmel's boys took second place at the Kyle Osborn Memorial Invitational on Saturday, Dec. 20 at McCutcheon.

The Greyhounds totaled 221 points, just behind winner Harrison's 229 points. Brock Raasch won the 132-pound championship, starting his run with a pin of Lebanon's Juelz Suarez in the quarterfinals. Raasch then won a 13-0 major decision over Northview's Koleten Starkey in the semifinals, then toughed out a 5-4 decision against McCutcheon's Rafael Sanchez in the championship.

Carmel placed all 14 of its wrestlers in the top six. Brayson Mack (at 157) and Gavin Adkins (at 190) both finished second in their weight classes. Greyhounds finishing third were Clayton Alexander at 106, Sullivan Mahar at 120, Carlo Federici at 126, Elliott Leonard at 138, Tyler Elliott at 144, Jaxen

Timmons at 150 and Will Massey at 215.

Joshua Velarde-Gallardo took fourth at 113. Jordan Jay (at 165) and Harrison Grant (at 175) were fifth, while Peyton Hasseld took sixth at 285.

The Fishers boys placed fourth at the Columbus East Invitational on Saturday, Dec. 20.

The Tigers scored 152 points. The top three teams were Columbus East with 312, Plainfield with 207 and Terre Haute South with 188.5.

Fishers had seven wrestlers finish in the top six, led by the 120-pound champion, Seth Lamb. After receiving a first-round forfeit, Lamb won his quarterfinal match over Terre Haute South's Alec Sauer by a 17-0 technical fall.

Lamb beat South Putnam's Noah Redman with another tech fall, this one 17-2. Lamb then took care of Mt. Vernon's Ty Barnhart by a 14-6 major decision to win the championship.

Will Hruskoci (at 126) and Camden Funk (at 190), both finished as runners-up in their divisions. Other place winners for the Tigers were Ezekiel Kramer (third at 157), Julian Burgett (third at 215), Alexander Petricic (fifth at 132) and Johnny Irving (sixth at 144).

Hamilton Heights' boys were fourth at the John McKee Memorial Wrestling Tournament, which took



Photo by Cael Maddox

Westfield's Connor Maddox won another big tournament on Saturday, Dec. 20. Maddox claimed the 106-pound championship at the Carnahan Memorial Invitational at Crown Point.

place Saturday, Dec. 20 at Rochester.

The Huskies scored 146 team points and had one champion, Simon Kuhn at 157 pounds. Kuhn began with pins against Concord's Greyson Snapp-Williams in the first round and Bremen's Ethan Borsodi in the quarterfinals.

Kuhn then beat North Miami's Cooper Pattison in the semifinals by an 11-3 major decision before defeating Eastern's Evan Williams by a 17-0 technical fall in the championship.

Heights had 10 place winners, including Kolter Galloway, who took second at 126. Ezekiel Rice (at 106) and Jameson Mullins (at 150) were fourth; Jonah Wolfgang (at 120), Kase

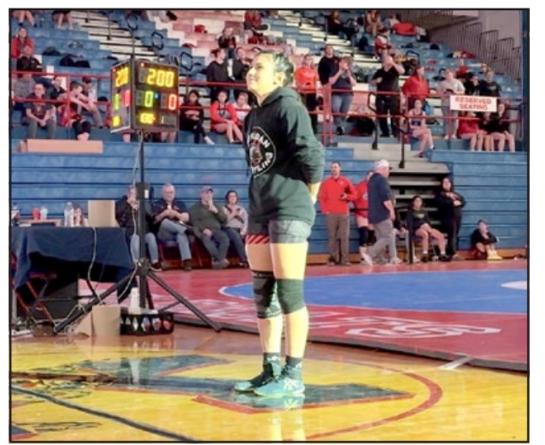


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Sheridan's Devyn Pewarski placed fourth at 135 pounds at the Quad-Conference meet Saturday, Dec. 20 at Kokomo.

Powell (at 132) and Hans 113), Nathan Flanders (at Frymier (at 190) all placed 165) and Braxtyn Baber (at fifth, and Jude Bailey (at 175) all placed sixth.



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