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**TODAY'S WEATHER**  
Today: Partly to mostly cloudy.  
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HIGH: 28 LOW: 26



## Carmel Rotary boasts big turnout at Holiday Luncheon

Submitted by  
**Dubbie Buckler**  
Rotary Club of Carmel

The annual Carmel Rotary Club Holiday luncheon held Friday, Dec. 12 filled every seat at Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael, with more than 90 Rotarians and guests attending.

A silent auction with a bountiful array of items was followed by a live auction of select pieces. All auction items were donated by club members and raised more than \$5,000 to support Rotary's many charitable projects. Rotarian Jeff Worrell served as live auctioneer for the spectacular painted and hand-crafted items donated by members Peter Beering, Randy Sorrell, Ranj Puthran, Gary Sexton, plus two magnificent "experience the arts" baskets donated by the Center for the Performing Arts and the Carmel Symphony Orchestra.

Also, Carmel Rotarians' generosity again earned accolades from WRTV-6 station executives for the large number of new toys club members donated for the WRTV Annual Toy Drive at the club's Dec. 5 meeting.

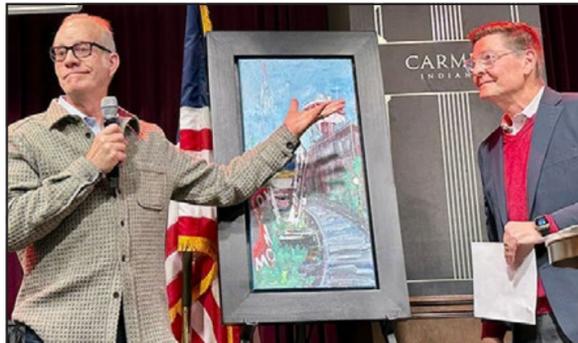
WRTV-6 Managing Account Executive Ryan Jensen, also a Carmel resident, thanked Carmel Rotary for its long-



(ABOVE, from left) Carmel Rotary Club Auction Chair Tyler Smith; auctioneer Jeff Worrell; winning bidder Scott Osborne; sculptor Peter Beering; artist Randy Sorrell; winning bidders Gail Bardach, Sarah Luedtke, and Susie Steel; and craftsman Gary Sexton. (BELOW) Rotarian and artist Randy Sorrell (left) describes the Carmel landmarks pictured in his painting onstage with Rotarian auctioneer Jeff Worrell.

standing support, commending the club for annually being one of the top organizations in central Indiana for donating such large numbers of toys. Jensen shared that WRTV-6, originally established in 1949 as WFBM-TV, is the oldest television station in Indiana, and the WRTV Toy Drive has served tens of thousands of Hoosier families since 2001.

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## Let's all start the new year mentally well

"Promise me you'll always remember – you're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think." – Christopher Robin from *Winnie the Pooh*



In recent years, a brighter light has been shone on mental illness, which statistics show has grown exponentially. Harvard researchers said the research results demonstrate the high prevalence of mental health disorders worldwide, with 50 percent of the population developing at least one disorder by the age of 75.<sup>1</sup>

Dear readers, I am not, nor wish to indicate in any way, that I am qualified to expound on mental illness or disorders. That scientific area of study is best left to professionals who can identify, diagnose, and treat said disorders.

To add a historical perspective, it was not that many years ago that mental health illness was met by shunning those who suffered from it or incarcerating individuals to remove them from society. Women, in particular, were often met with that fate. And one only has to watch any commercial television to be bombarded with the many ads for depression medications. Medical science, thankfully, has discovered remedies for clinical depression which has saved lives and brought hope to many.

That being said, I would like to focus my first column of the new year on *mental wellness* which is defined as "an internal resource that helps us think, feel, connect and function; it is an active process that helps us to build resilience, grow and flourish."<sup>2</sup> I particularly like this definition as it uses the word resource and the word active.

And please, readers, I ask you to not equate "happiness" with inner peace and wellness. Happiness is circumstantial while true mental wellness is not situation-based, in my opinion. Let's talk about some positive actions or decisions which can both spark and maintain that wellness.

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## Indiana volunteers honor America's veterans with annual wreath-laying

By **CYNTHIA SEQUIN**  
For The Reporter

Despite facing Indiana's first major snow and ice storm of this season, volunteers, military service members, and other officials from across central Indiana gathered on Saturday, Dec. 13 at Crown Hill National Cemetery in Indianapolis to lay wreaths on the graves of veterans.

About 200 people, including volunteers from Indianapolis, Carmel, Westfield, Fishers, and Noblesville, honored the 5,000-plus veterans buried in Crown Hill, which is the sixth largest private cemetery in the U.S. The National Wreaths Across America organization named the site as Indiana's official location for wreath-laying.

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(LEFT) Indiana National Guard members stand before the Field of Valor Memorial as part of the 2025 Wreaths Across America. (RIGHT) Volunteers laying wreaths on veterans' graves in Crown Hill Cemetery. Volunteers Gerrie Bonarrigo-Burton (in front) prepares to place a wreath on a veteran's grave as Julie Morrison in back lays a wreath on another grave.

Photos provided by Margaret Hentz

## Westfield Washington Schools job fair set for Jan. 15 at Shamrock Station

**The REPORTER**  
Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) will hold a job fair from 5 to 7 p.m. Jan. 15, 2026, at Shamrock Station, 333 W. Hoover St, Westfield.

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## Kroger expands food access with launch of Verified Savings Program

**The REPORTER**

The Kroger Co. has launched its Verified Savings Program that provides a 20 percent discount\* on fruits and vegetables and half-off Boost by Kroger Plus memberships to customers who are recipients of various government assistance programs including SNAP, WIC, Medicaid and more. Customers may sign up [online](#) using [SheerID](#), a trusted verification service provider that helps retailers confirm eligibility.

"Making fresh food more affordable and equipping more customers with free grocery delivery is an incredible step in expanding food access," said Carlo Baldan, Kroger group vice president of Fresh Merchandising. "With the launch of the Verified Savings program, we are thrilled to make fruits and vegetables more affordable and eliminate one more barrier to food security in our mission to end hunger."

Customers may enroll in the program with an online verification form. Verification is good for five months and customers will need to reconfirm eligibility to remain enrolled. To learn more, visit [here](#).

To receive 20 percent off fruits and vegetables, eligible customers simply need to have a Kroger digital account, enroll in Verified Savings, and the offer will automatically be loaded to their account. Savings is valid on all fruit and vegetable purchases through Jan. 31, 2026.

Verified Savings enrollees are eligible for half-off annual and monthly Boost membership plans\*, including Boost Essential at \$34.50 per year or \$4.50 per month and Boost at \$49.50 per year or \$6.50 per

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## WELL

**Physical activity** – this can be anything from walking around your house to running a marathon! There is no “one size fits all” here but a balanced activity schedule which takes you and your current fitness level and your goals into perspective. If you try too hard, too soon, you will lose the incentive. Find what motivates you, challenges you, makes you breathe more deeply, and kicks those feel-good endorphins into gear! Practicing deep breathing will help you cope with stress as well.

**Social media/news feed** – I hope you all are nodding on this one! Both have their

place but please use restraint; try actually having live conversations more often instead of text conversations.

**Friends & family** – spending time with those who are special to you and with whom you can share positive reinforcement and pleasantries will help you find fun and enjoyment.

**Volunteering** – from personal experience I can share with you that when you focus on the needs of others and you can make a difference in their lives and well-being you will find that you are uplifted.

**Good food** – yes, it is true! Good, nutritious and wholesome food and a solid

eating plan in place will allow your brain to avoid the junk food/sugar fog that can cloud your thinking as well as do harm to your body.

**Nature** – while nature does not always cooperate, we should spend time outside as much as we can, away from traffic noise and chaos. Birds are very interesting to observe and have intricate social interactions.

**Meditation** – whether you find this in prayer, introspection, focus on the breath, find time each day to quiet the mind.

Other endeavors include personal goals; whether that is cleaning your closet or writing a novel, taking

(or teaching!) an art class or learning a musical instrument, or spending time walking, petting or grooming your pet.

Let's look at 2026 as the opportunity to be well – physically, mentally, emotionally, and focus on self-care.

<sup>1</sup> [hms.harvard.edu](https://hms.harvard.edu)  
<sup>2</sup> [universityhealth.com](https://universityhealth.com)  
*Happy New Year!*

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

## ROTARY

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This year's WRTV 25th annual Toy Drive, the longest running holiday toy drive in the state, again supported organizations across central Indiana providing toys for their families in need and this year is partnering with the Salvation Army to handle distribution.

The Rotary Club of Carmel, founded in 1972, regularly contributes to local community projects and non-profits including the Merciful H.E.L.P. Center, Crooked Creek Food Pantry, Meals on Wheels, Carmel Summer Lunch Program, Trinity Free Clinic, and many more. Carmel Rotary is active in the Youth Exchange Program, hosting incoming high school students from abroad and

sponsoring outbound local high school students from Carmel to countries around the globe. Carmel Rotary is proud to present and provide the leadership for CarmelFest, Carmel's annual Fourth of July parade and celebration.

Carmel Rotary is also involved in service projects around the globe, with the major focus areas of: Peace and conflict prevention/resolution; Disease prevention and treatment; Water and sanitation, Maternal and child health; Basic education and literacy, and Economic and community development. The longstanding primary goal of Rotary International and all clubs is the eradication of polio from the face of the earth.

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## VETERANS

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It is the ninth consecutive year the cemetery received this designation. David Ziemba of Indianapolis is an organizer of the program. "I had the opportunity to work in D.C. in the early 2000s and became involved in this program at Arlington National Cemetery. It changed my life," Ziemba said. "When I returned to Indiana I stayed involved because we would not be who we are or the country we are without the sacrifice of all those buried in these cemeteries – around the world. I'm teaching my own sons about the importance of what this means."

Maj. Gen. Lawrence "Larry" Muennich, Indiana National Guard adjutant general was the keynote speaker. U.S. Army Soldiers, civilian employees and family members from the Indiana National Guard, U.S. Army Financial Management Command and volunteers were in attendance. An opening ceremony was held at the Field of Valor memorial prior to the laying of the wreaths. Vol-

unteers said each veteran's name aloud as they placed the wreaths.

Joining Muennich were Command Sgt. Maj. Joshua A. Brown Indiana National Guard, and other guardsmen. Indiana officials in attendance at the event included Adjutant General of the Indiana National Guard Attorney General Todd Rokita, and a representative from the office of Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett.

"We do this to remember the fallen, honor those who have served and teach our children the value of freedom," said Margaret Hentz, one of several volunteers from the Carmel-based Jonathan Jennings Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Volunteers from the Carolyn Scott Harrison DAR also were present.

Similar events honoring buried American veterans were held around the globe. There are about 6,000 U.S. veterans' cemeteries and volunteers laid more than 3.1 million wreaths on graves this year, according to Ziemba.

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# Atlanta & Cicero receive road funding from state

Submitted by Office of Speaker Todd Huston

Hamilton County communities received over \$870,000 in state funding for local road and bridge projects, according to House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers).

The Community Crossings Matching Grant Program, established through a law House Republicans passed in 2016, offers funding to local communities for road repairs, bridge maintenance, intersection upgrades, and other infrastructure projects. Nearly 200 communities received \$100 million in state matching grants for this round of funding.

Local grant recipients include Atlanta (\$447,907.20)

and Cicero (\$426,107.20).

“Community Crossings is an opportunity for our local governments to partner with the state to make needed investments in their infrastructure,” Huston said. “I’m glad to see these funds coming to Cicero and Atlanta to make our roadways safer and stronger for residents, local businesses and visitors.”

Huston noted that to be eligible for funding, smaller municipalities must contribute 20 percent in local funds, while larger communities are required to provide a 50 percent match. State guide-



Huston

lines also ensure that half of the available matching funds each year are directed to communities in counties with populations of 50,000 or fewer. Since 2016, the Community Crossings program has invested over \$2 billion in enhancing local roads and bridges.

Visit [in.gov/indot/communitycrossings](http://in.gov/indot/communitycrossings) to view a full list of grant recipients and learn more about the program.

House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers) represents House District 37, which includes a portion of Hamilton County.

# Anderson man arrested after Christmas Day crash on I-69 in Noblesville

Submitted by Noblesville Police Department

At approximately 4:50 p.m. on Christmas Day, Noblesville police officers responded to Interstate 69 southbound at the 213 mile marker in reference to a report of a single vehicle crash.

Based on preliminary information from witness statements and evidence at the scene, it appears that a 2009 Chevy Silverado pickup truck was traveling southbound on I-69 near the 213 mile marker when the vehicle suddenly veered from the far-left lane to the right side of the roadway. The vehicle left the roadway and crashed into a guardrail causing the vehicle to roll over. No other vehicles were reported to be involved in the crash.

The driver was identified as Cesar Cruz-Santiago, 21, Anderson. He was trans-

ported by ground ambulance to Ascension St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis with non-life-threatening injuries.

The lone passenger was also transported by ground ambulance to the same hospital; however, with life-threatening injuries. She has been identified as Patricia Laurido, 36, Anderson. Her condition was last characterized as critical.

The Noblesville Police Department Crash Reconstruction Unit was summoned to the scene to investigate the crash and to collect evidence at the scene. The southbound lanes of I-69 were restricted and/or closed during the crash investigation and were reopened at 8 p.m. that evening.



Cruz-Santiago

As a result of the crash investigation, Cruz-Santiago was placed under arrest and transported to the Hamilton County Jail and booked on the following preliminary charges:

- Operating a Vehicle with ACE of .08 percent or more (Causing Injury), I.C. 9-30-5-1 (Level 4 Felony)
- Operating without Receiving a License (Causing Injury), I.C. 9-24-18-1 (Level 6 Felony)
- Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated (Endangering a Person), I.C. 9-30-5-2 (Class A Misdemeanor)

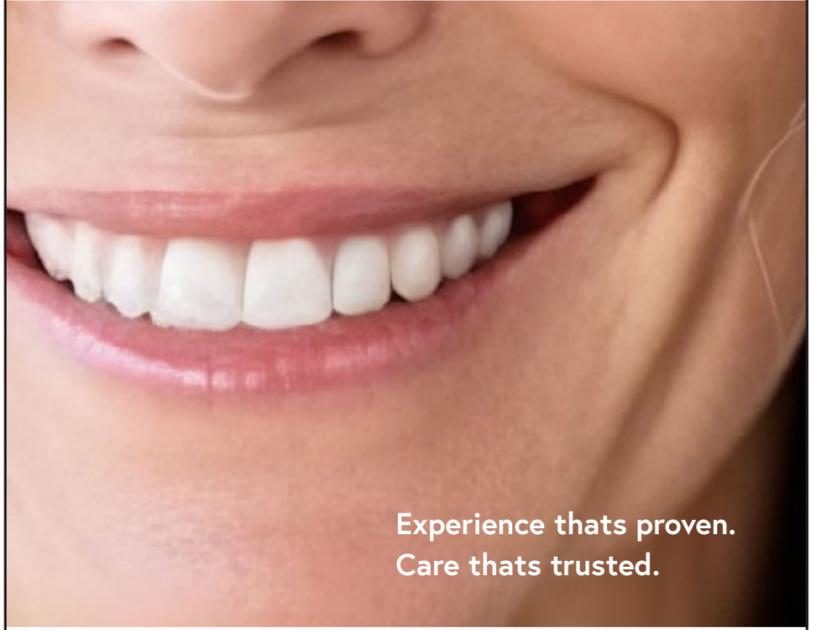
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# Christmas Eve at Bonefish



**KEN KLINGENMEIER**  
*A Seat at the Table*

Mrs. K. and I decided to go out to dinner on Christmas Eve. Bonefish Grill, 4501 E. 82nd St., Indianapolis, sounded good as we hadn't been there in a few months and really enjoy the place.

The last time we were there was for a Happy Hour visit, and they have a very good dinner menu.

I went online a few days beforehand to make the reservation and found that any times after 5 p.m. and before 9 p.m. were already taken. We decided on 5 p.m. – we really don't mind an early dinner.

When we arrived, the parking lot was full and the place was surprisingly crowded for the early hour. Not every seat was taken, but I'd say it was well over half full – Christmas Eve! We were shown to our table and our server Alexa gave us the rundown on specials before taking our drink order. Mrs. K decided on the Kendall Jackson Chardonnay, and I took my usual at Bonefish – Ecco Domani Pinot Grigio.

We had looked at the menu online before we left home and we both were interested in a shared meal offered on the Specials Menu. For just over \$40, it

consisted of two selections from a list of salads and soups, an array of four menu items (no choices, but a good selection: Glazed Salmon, Ahi Tuna, Grilled Mahi Mahi, and Grilled Shrimp served with a chopped combination of fruit and veggie bits) plus two premium sides. We had ordered it before and had enjoyed the variety it offered.

We usually decide on a soup *and* a salad in order to share both. The Shaved Brussels Sprouts Salad is so good at Bonefish and for the soup we chose the Corn Chowder with Lump Crab topped with Bacon. We could have added Bang Bang Shrimp for half-price (\$7), but thought that might be too much food.

Alexa brought over a small loaf of crusty bread with oil and herbs for dipping. Looking around the room as we shared the bread, it was a festive gathering – lots of big families and plenty of couples and smaller groups as well. Our soup and salad arrived quickly. Both were delicious and sharing the two bowls was satisfying.

Next came a plate with our four seafood selections on it and the side dishes – we had ordered Au Gratin Po-

tatoes and Roasted Brussels Sprouts to go with our entrees. My favorite of the lot was the Glazed Salmon – it was sweet and tangy and the fish was very moist. It was served in a tangy sauce as well. My wife always prefers shrimp dishes and this one did not disappoint. The chopped fruit and veggies were just the right touch for the five large shrimp. I have had Ahi Tuna before and it has never been my favorite, nor is it for Mrs. K. It was good, but it was the only thing we left much of on the serving plate. The Grilled Mahi Mahi was also very tasty, although it's a bit of a heavier white fish and we both prefer the lighter varieties.

All told, it was a wonderful dinner with a lively atmosphere and good service. Afterward we drove around to see some Holiday Lights in our area, winding up at our home for a glass or two of Bailey's and a wonderful show from the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra to put us in a quiet Christmas mood.

Happy New Year everyone!

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

## The Salvation Army encourages Hoosiers to give with joy as year ends

### The REPORTER

As the year comes to a close, The Salvation Army Indiana Division is encouraging residents to give generously so that neighbors in need can receive support not just during the holidays but throughout the entire year.

Gifts made this season will help The Salvation Army continue providing essential services, including food assistance, shelter, rent and utility support, and rehabilitation, year-round.

This year, the need is

great. In fact, 67 percent of U.S. workers reported living paycheck to paycheck, up from 63 percent last year. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps make a real difference. In 2024, The Salvation Army Indiana Division provided almost 2.6 million meals to Hoosiers facing food insecurity and 106,310 nights of safe shelter to those struggling to maintain safe and stable housing.

Make a year-end gift by visiting [salarmy.us/give](http://salarmy.us/give)

### withjoy.

"Every gift makes a difference," said Major Marc Johnson, Divisional Commander for The Salvation Army Indiana Division. "Temperatures will drop again in a few days, and there are families right here in Indiana who are making the tough decision whether to turn on the heat or buy food for their table. That's where The Salvation Army can step in and help.

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# Maggie Baugh returns to Feinstein's in March

**Submitted**

Back by popular demand, Maggie Baugh returns to the Feinstein's stage this March.

From classical prodigy to rising country star, Baugh is redefining what it means to be a modern entertainer. Known for her viral "Finish the Lick" series – amassing over 40 million views across social media – Baugh is a multi-instrumentalist and powerhouse vocalist who's capturing hearts and climbing charts.

Her debut album *Dear Me* earned editorial features on Spotify, Apple Music, and Amazon Music, racking up over 500,000 streams on its first day and charting in the U.S. and Australia. She's graced stages from the Grand Ole Opry to Nissan Stadium and made appearances on the CMT Awards, *Jimmy Kimmel Live!*, *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*, *Today*, and more. Most recently, Keith Urban invited her to join his tour as his multi-instrumental utility player.

Baugh brings her genre-blending sound and



Photo provided

undeniable charm to Feinstein's for a night of heartfelt storytelling, fiddle-slinging, and pure musical joy.

Shows are Friday, March 20 and Saturday, March 21. Shows start at 7:30 p.m. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for dinner and drinks.

Feinstein's is proud to partner with **Allied Solutions** in presenting this series, bringing exceptional entertainment and unforgettable experiences to guests.

Get your tickets today as these shows are sure to sell out fast. For tickets for the March 20 show, [click here](#). For the March 21 show, [click here](#).

To learn about other shows at Feinstein's, visit [feinsteins.com/events](http://feinsteins.com/events). You can also call The Hotel Carmichael, home of Feinstein's, at (317) 688-1947.

Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael is located at 1 Carmichael Square, Carmel.

# No Title Needed welcomes the New Year & shares inspiration from Jan Keefer

**Submitted**

As the New Year approaches, it is natural to consider change and look for inspiration. *No Title Needed* looks to find what drives people – what folks are passionate about and what inspires them – and then bring that to you.

In this week's episode, kick off the New Year with hosts Scott Osborne and Cindy Collins as they bring you a heavy dose of inspiration with attorney and trailblazer Jan Kepley Keefer. From finding her voice as a young girl in Washington, D.C., to her impactful work with the IU Women's Philanthropy Leadership Council, Keefer's story is a masterclass in independence and "aiming big." She talked about her career, her life, and the power of women finding their own voices.

"You can be anything you want to be." Keefer's father imparted these words to his young daughter, allowing her to pursue her dream of becoming an attorney. Hear what led her to look to that career and how her mother inspired her, as well.

Finishing up her high school years in Marion, Ind., Keefer shared the culture shock of moving there. Becoming a Hoosier must have worked for her, though, as she decided to change her plans and stay in Indiana for her undergraduate and graduate studies.



Photo provided

**(From left) No Title Needed hosts Cindy Collins and Scott Osborne welcomed guest Jan Kepley Keefer for the Monday, Dec. 29 episode.**

Keefer is a member of the Women's IU Foundation – Women's Philanthropy Fellowship Council. Learn more about why this organization was founded and how this led to a feeling of independence for women. During her interview, she describes the program and explains the groups it continues to help after 15 years.

Thanks to Randy Sorrell Art for sponsoring this episode.

*No Title Needed* will take a break next Monday, Jan. 5, but will return on Jan. 12 with guest Jeff McDermott, President and CEO of the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts and

The Songbook Foundation in Carmel. Learn about his successful career as a litigation attorney and how he came to be involved in the arts late in life when he joined the Board of Directors for the performing arts center when it was new.

*No Title Needed* is taped every week inside The Hotel Carmichael in Carmel. Tune in as Scott Osborne and Cindy Collins welcome a new guest and explore what fuels those people and their passions beyond the 9-to-5 grind.

*No Title Needed* airs Mondays at 8 am. Follow the show at [Facebook.com/notitleneededshow](https://www.facebook.com/notitleneededshow).

# Joy

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This is our mission 365 days a year, to help those who are in the greatest need get through their toughest challenges. We can't do it alone, though, so I would ask if you have blessings to share, then please do. Together we can make 2026 a more joyful year for Hoosiers in need."

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community's needs and has a significant impact on spreading joy to individuals and families in need by providing them with essential programs and services.

Here are several ways to give to The Salvation Army across Indiana:

- Give online to your local Salvation Army's **2026 Virtual Red Kettle**
- Give a one-time or monthly sustaining gift at

[salarmy.us/givewithjoy](http://salarmy.us/givewithjoy).

- Mail a gift to The Salvation Army Indiana Division, 6060 Castleway West Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46250

Donations made by Dec. 31, 2025, may be eligible for valuable tax benefits.

Additional information about making planned gifts, IRA rollover gifts, and more can be found on [MyPlan2Give.org](http://MyPlan2Give.org).

## Feeding Team Food Pantries

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

**ARCADIA**

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

**ATLANTA**

Wesleyan Church, 330 S. Walnut St.

**CARMEL**

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

**CICERO**

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

**FISHERS**

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

**SHERIDAN**

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

**WESTFIELD**

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

**NOBLESVILLE**

American Eagle/Miller Auto Body, 16100 Allisonville Road  
Chapel Church, 675 Walnut St.  
Christ Lutheran Church, 10055 E. 186th St.  
Clarksville Christian Church, 16600 Lehr St.  
Deer Path HOA Community Building, 12109 Wolf Run Road  
Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 16000 Cumberland Road  
Family Promise of Hamilton County, 1051 N. 10th St.  
Feeding Team Headquarters, 485 Sheridan Road (State Road 38)  
First Christian Church, 16377 Herriman Blvd.  
First Presbyterian Church, 1194 Maple Ave.  
First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St.  
Freedom Church, 1361 Christian Ave.  
Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St.  
Hamilton County Fire Fighters Local 4416, 399 S. 14th St.  
Hamilton County Health Department, 18030 Foundation Drive  
Hinkle Creek Friends Church, 21617 Hinkle Road  
IDES (International Disaster Emergency Service), 355 Park 32 West Drive  
Ignite Transform, 698 N. 10th St.  
Legacy Christian School, 470 Lakeview Drive  
Life Church, 2200 Sheridan Road (State Road 38)  
Moose Lodge, 950 Field Drive  
Morse Beach FOP Lodge, 7201 E. 196th St.  
Mystic Images Tattoo, 164 N. 10th St.  
Noblesville Schools Admin Building, 18025 River Road  
Open Door Church, 20545 Riverwood Ave.  
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St.  
Promise Road Elementary School, 14975 Promise Road  
Suburban Estates, 3288 Cicero Road  
Union United Methodist Church, 19090 Deshane Ave.  
Victory Baptist Church, 2021 Cicero Road (State Road 19)  
Wayne Township Volunteer Fire, 18441 E. Durbin Road  
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# Still time to make an impact with Janus in 2025




## — CICERO —

**Legal Notice  
Plan Commission**

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](mailto: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, 12/30/25, 1/5/26

## — WESTFIELD —

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Please be advised that the Westfield-Washington Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana, or in a virtual format viewable at <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofWestfieldIN>, for the purposes of holding a public hearing and reviewing and acting on the following petitions for the purpose of reviewing and acting on the following petitions:

- 2601-VS-01; 17531 Joliet Road, Dmytro Sudak by Direct Homes, LLC requests Variances of Development Standard to modify Minimum Lot Area, Minimum Lot Frontage, Minimum Lot Width, and Minimum Front Yard Building Setback for an existing legal nonconforming lot as well as an existing legal nonconforming structure and to encroach twenty-seven (27) feet into the thirty (30) foot Minimum Rear Yard Setback to accommodate a new detached Accessory Structure on 0.5 acres +/- in the AG-SF1: Agriculture/Single-Family Rural District (Articles 4.2(C), 4.2(D), 4.2(E) & 4.2(F);
- 2512-VS-20; 19900 East Street, Community Health Network by Staley Signs, Inc. requests a Variance of Development Standard to modify sign standards on 53 acres +/- in the GB: General Business District; and
- 2601-VS-01; East Side of Shelbourne Road, approximately 0.2 miles south of Little Eagle Creek Avenue, Hidden Pines Land Development, LLC by Old World Development Co. Inc. requests a Variance of Development Standard to modify the Minimum Lot Frontage from 250 feet to zero (0) feet for five (5) of six (6) proposed lots of a minor subdivision on 20.8 acres +/- in the AG-SF1: Agricultural/Single-Family Rural District (Article 4.2(D)).

Specific details regarding the cases may be obtained from the Westfield Community Development Department, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074 or by calling (317) 804-3170.

Westfield-Washington Township Board of Zoning Appeals  
Westfield Community Development Department  
2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074  
[www.westfield.in.gov](http://www.westfield.in.gov)  
R7233 12/30/25, 1/6/26

## — HAMILTON COUNTY —

**Public Notice of Petroleum Release, Spill or Overflow**

For Immediate Release: 12/29/2025

Local health departments are required by statute (IC 13-23-16) to inform the public of the discovery of released regulated substances at an underground storage tank site or in the surrounding area under 329 IAC 9-4-1 (1) or a spill or overflow under 329 IAC 9-4-4 (a). The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) was notified on 12/19/2025 00:00:00 of such a petroleum incident from the owner or operator of the JBS United located at 4310 W SR 38 in or near Sheridan in Hamilton County.

For further information on the Underground Storage Tank program, please go to <http://www.in.gov/idem/programs/land/lust/about.html>  
Or contact the Indiana Department of Environmental Management at 317/232-8900 or by e-mail at [LeakingUST@idem.in.gov](mailto:LeakingUST@idem.in.gov).  
R7234 12/30/25, 1/6/26

### Submitted

Your donations make it possible for groups from Janus to have the opportunity to go out into the community and make a difference.

Janus has two groups a week go to Independence Village to volunteer and play bingo, sing, or just visit with the residents. They are making a big difference in the lives of the residents. This opportunity is all because of your donation.

Your donations make opportunities like this a reality.

Janus uses gifts large and small to change lives in Hamilton County. All donations are tax-deductible, and you'll receive a receipt immediately via email.

#### Ways to give

- **Online:** [Click here](#) to make a difference.
- **By mail:** Addressed to



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**Janus makes two visits per week to Independence Village to bring joy to the lives of the residents there.**

Janus Developmental Services, Attn: Jerry Jamison, 1555 Westfield Rd., Noblesville, IN 46062

• **In person:** Call Jerry

Jamison at (317) 773-8781 ext. 100.

However you choose to give, thank you for being on a mission with Janus. Your

contribution makes a world of difference.

Learn more about the good work Janus does at [janus-inc.org](http://janus-inc.org).

# Give the gift of local theater & keep the spotlight shining

### Submitted

*Editor's note: The following was submitted to The Reporter by Carmel Community Players.*

As a volunteer-driven, not-for-profit organization, we are deeply grateful for the generosity of family, friends, and cherished community members. Thanks to your unwavering support, we have had the privilege of bringing high-quality, affordable live theatre to Hamilton County since 1993.

With the year coming to a close, we welcome your continued support to continue creating opportunities for artists and audiences alike. Your donations make a meaningful difference by helping us cover essential costs and allowing us to continue our mission.

Every contribution, big or small, ensures that the stories we share continue to inspire and connect us into the new year!

[Click here](#) to make a donation.



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# Check out these upcoming events with Fishers Parks

### The REPORTER Circuits + Synths: Atari Punk Console Workshop

Registration is now open for a brand-new workshop in partnership with Jennasen at Fishers Parks' Maker Playground maker-space facility!

Build your own analog oscillator and lo-fi glitch synthesizer to take home! Learn basic electronic circuitry, soldering technique, and the fundamentals of sound synthesis. No experience needed. All materials provided.

**What is it?** An analog lo-fi glitch synthesizer is a hardware device, often handmade and circuit-bent that generates distorted, warped, colorful, and noisy sound effects by manipulating analog signals, creating unique retro-digital textures.

### Geist Half Race Series returns in 2026

The 2026 Geist Half Race Series returns Saturday, Sept. 12, with a family friendly 5K, 10K, and the iconic half-marathon race around Geist Reservoir.

Lock in the lowest price of the season with today's New Year's special through

Thursday, Jan. 1. Register before 11:59 p.m. on Thursday to take advantage of this deal – no promo code needed. All participants receive a race shirt, medal, and free drink at the after party.

Learn more and sign up at [GeistHalf.com](http://GeistHalf.com).

### Open Gym resumes Jan. 11

Open Gym is a collaboration between the Fishers Health Department on Sundays through March at Fishers Junior High School, 13257 Cumberland Road, Fishers. Open Gym runs from noon to 5 p.m., and guests should use the north parking lot and enter through the athletic entrance (Door 12).

These free sessions are open to all Fishers residents and are designed to bring families and friends together to stay active and connected with pickup basketball, pickleball, and more to move and play. Open Gym is community focused and intended for recreational play rather than organized team practices.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

### Christmas Tree Recycling

Fishers residents can

drop off bare, live Christmas trees for free through Feb. 1 for recycling at parks locations in Fishers. Please ensure that all lights, decorations, and tinsel are removed, and do not place the tree inside a plastic bag.

Drop off locations:

- Brooks School Park (parking lot, gated area)
- Cumberland Park (first parking lot) Roy G. Holland Memorial Park (parking lot, gated area)

[Click here](#) to learn more.

### Volunteer with Fishers Parks

Get involved, and make a difference in your city! Throughout the year, the City of Fishers offers a variety of volunteer opportunities. Sign up now to get involved with our events, park properties, and programs.

Current opportunities:

- Open Gym
  - MLK Day of Service
  - Park Steward Program
  - Ritchey Woods Ranger Program
  - Maker Playground
  - Fishers AgriPark
- Sign up at [Volunteer-Fishers.com](http://Volunteer-Fishers.com).

## From Our Firehouse To Your Home

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

 **TREE SAFETY CHECKLIST**

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

Wishing you a safe and joyous New Year.



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

**Sharon Sue Wade**

June 30, 1941 – December 22, 2025



Sharon Sue Wade, 84, Fishers, passed away on Monday, December 22, 2025, at Riverview Health in Noblesville. She was born on June 30, 1941, to Wilbur and Lola (Kellems) Batch in Huntingburg, Ind. Sharon was a homemaker and member of American Legion Post #470 Auxiliary. She was a country music fan and enjoyed trips to Nashville, Tenn., and Branson, Mo. She loved attending concerts and dancing with her sisters.

She seldom declined an invitation to dine out and hosted many large family gatherings with homecooked meals.

She is survived by her husband, Carol "Grub" Thomas Wade; daughter, Marsha (Dale) Day; son, Tim (Brenda) Wade; grandchildren, Rachel (Chris) Day, Grace Wade, and Thomas Wade; brother, Donald (Angie) Batch; and sisters, Linda Kost and Debra Batch.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her grandson, Drew Day; and brother, Gerald Batch.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, January 5, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Burial will be at 1 p.m. on Wednesday January 7, 2026, at Birdseye Cemetery in Birdseye, Ind.

Memorial contributions may be made to Riley Children's Foundation, P.O. Box 3356, Indianapolis, IN 46206-3356 ([rileykids.org](http://rileykids.org)); or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959 ([stjude.org](http://stjude.org)).

Condolences: [randallroberts.com](http://randallroberts.com)

**Nancy J. Duke**

May 12, 1957 – December 26, 2025

Nancy J. Duke, 68, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, December 26, 2025, at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville. She was born on May 12, 1957, to A. Donald and Doris (Rhoads) Duke in Chicago, Ill.

She is survived by her sister, Jan (Hugh) Macdonald-Smith; nieces and nephews, Ryan Duke, Kelly Curry, Joshua Collins, and Alex Macdonald-Smith; and several great-nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Pamala Duke.

Private family services will be held. Burial will be at Carmel Cemetery in Carmel.

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

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**TODAY'S BIBLE READING**

**OFFERINGS AT THE**

**DEDICATION OF THE TABERNACLE**

*On the twelfth day Ahira son of Enan, the leader of the people of Naphtali, brought his offering.*

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

*Numbers 7:78-83 (NIV)*

**Meeting Notices**

The Carmel Plan Commission will hold a combined meeting of the Residential and Commerce Committees at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2026, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 the Hamilton County Council will meet in an executive session at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2026, in Conference Room 1A in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, for discussion concerning litigation pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B).

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners will meet on Friday, Jan. 9, 2026, in Conference Room 1A at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville. The meeting will begin with an executive session at 9 a.m. for Implementation of Security Systems IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(C), Purchase or Lease of Real Estate IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D), Discussion of Pending Litigation IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B), and Discussion of Personnel Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7). The public session to immediately follow the Executive Session.

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## Girls Basketball

# Stidham's 3 gives HSE win at Paul Loggan Tournament

### The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern's Kayla Stidham only made one 3-pointer during the Royals game with Valparaiso Monday at the Paul Loggan Memorial Tournament at North Central.

But it came at the right time.

Stidham drained her 3-pointer with one second left in the contest and it lifted Class 4A No. 4 Southeastern to a 53-50 win over the Vikings. That basket helped the Royals get past a tough Valparaiso team which is ranked eighth in 4A and nearly stole the game from HSE in the final seconds.

The Royals were leading 50-46 with 30 seconds left when Valpo's Lilli Barnes made a floater. After a timeout, the Vikings stole the ball and it wound up in the hands of Barnes, who made a layin to tie the game at 50-50.

Southeastern quickly got the ball to their side of the court, with Haylee Mezera catching it on the left side. Mezera passed to Abby Orme, who passed to Antonette Green, who sent the ball to Stidham on the right corner outside the arc. Stidham shot the ball and was right on target.

Valparaiso led 11-7 after the first quarter with Barnes, a Ball State recruit, scoring six points. Stidham, a Bowling Green State recruit, helped the Royals come back in the second period with seven points, that helped HSE lead 20-18 at halftime.

The scoring picked up



Reporter photos by Julie Brown

(TOP) Hamilton Southeastern's Kayla Stidham scored 20 points, including the game-winning 3-pointer, during the Royals' 53-50 victory over Valparaiso at the Paul Loggan Memorial Tournament Monday at North Central. (BELOW) Southeastern's Piper Brinley stays focused on defense.

for both teams in the third quarter, which finished with Southeastern ahead 40-37. Kennedy Holman, a Florida recruit, scored eight points but was injured during the quarter and would not return to the game. Stidham made all six of her free-throw attempts during the third, with Green and Orme both making a triple.

Stidham scored five points in the fourth, including her game-winning 3, giving her 20 points for the contest. Orme finished with 13 points, making three triples along the way. Holman scored 10 points.

The Royals are 12-2 and play Decatur Central at 6:45 p.m. tonight for their second game of the tournament.



# Heights girls split games at New Castle

### The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights' girls split a pair of games at the New Castle Holiday Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 27.

The Huskies opened the tournament with a 75-65 win over Oldenburg Academy. The game was tied at 16-16 after one quarter, but Heights put together back-to-back 20-point quarters to take a comfortable lead, going up 36-28 at halftime and 56-45 after three periods.

Four Heights players scored in double digits, led by Riley Suarez with 26 points. Addison Blum added 17 points, Bayleigh Eisele contributed 16 points and Zoey Curry scored 12.

Suarez came close to a double-double, pulling nine rebounds. Kamryn Rhoton

made four steals and blocked three shots.

The victory extended the Huskies win streak to eight consecutive games. But the host Trojans ended that streak in the championship game, beating Heights 69-61.

New Castle led 20-15 after one quarter. The Huskies were still in it at halftime, trailing 30-26, but the Trojans poured in 21 points during the third quarter to take a 51-42 lead.

Suarez scored 20 points to lead Heights, with Eisele adding 15 points and Curry scoring 12. Suarez also collected five rebounds and made four steals. Eisele dished out four assists.

The Huskies are 10-3 for the season. Their next game is Jan. 6 at North Miami.

# Hounds take third at Walt Raines Classic

### The REPORTER

Carmel's girls team finished in third place at the Walt Raines Classic, which took place Saturday, Dec. 27 at Franklin Community.

The Greyhounds played Class 3A No. 7 Jennings County, falling to the Panthers 49-37. Jennings County jumped out to a 16-6 first-quarter lead, then extended its advantage to 28-14 by halftime.

The Panthers led 37-23 after three periods. Carmel scored 14 points in the fourth, with Sydney Bonds adding seven points.

Bonds finished as the Greyhounds' leading scorer with 15 points. Bella Ramsey was next with eight points.

Carmel rolled through the third-place game, overwhelming South Bend Washington 73-23. The Hounds led 25-6 after one period and 46-10 at halftime; the entire second half was played under a running clock.

All 11 players that took to the floor for the Greyhounds scored at least two points. Ramsey led the way with 16 points, followed by Bonds with 12 and Taylee Fisher with 11. Natalie Whelan-Edwards had eight points, with Maddy Wallace, Ella Weaver and Catherine Bassi all scoring five.

The Greyhounds are 7-6 for the season and play Friday at Hamilton Southeastern.

## Boys Basketball

# Trailblazers advance to Bill Hawkins championship game

### The REPORTER

University's boys won a pair of games Monday at the Bill Hawkins Classic at Bethesda Christian to advance to Tuesday night's championship game.

The Trailblazers opened play with a 77-59 win over Indianapolis Metropolitan before blitzing Faith Christian 81-41 in the semifinals.

University trailed for only 35 seconds against Metropolitan and led by double digits for most of the second half but could not put away the Pumas un-

til an 8-0 run in the middle of the fourth quarter. Two baskets by Josh Henderson, one by Josh McGee and another by Cooper Cammack gave University a 69-55 lead with 2:32 remaining. The Trailblazers held Metropolitan scoreless for more than five minutes to put the game away.

Blake Gray stuffed the stat sheet, scoring a career-high 27 points. The senior made 11 of 16 shots, including 4 of 7 on three pointers. He added seven rebounds, seven assists and

five steals. Henderson had 20 points, including eight in the fourth quarter. McGee was also in double figures with 13.

The Trailblazers took control of the game early against Faith Christian, scoring the last 17 points of the first quarter. University led 25-4 after the opening period. Henderson's 10 points led six Blazers who scored in the first quarter. University led 8-4 midway through the quarter before breaking the game open.

The Blazers led 48-22

at halftime before opening up the 35-point lead for a running clock with 3:35 left in the third quarter at 65-28.

Four Trailblazers reached double figures, led by Henderson who recorded a double-double with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Gray had 14 points with Faisal Mohamud and Peter Morales scoring 13 each.

University has a 5-2 record and will play host Bethesda Christian Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. for the championship.

# Shamrocks cruise past Richmond

### The REPORTER

The Westfield boys basketball team cruised past Richmond 63-33 in a Saturday, Dec. 27 home game at CSI Gymnasium.

The Shamrocks outscored the Red Devils in each of the four quarters, starting with a 19-11 advantage after the first period. Brock Detamore led the way with eight points, including two 3-pointers.

Drew Haffner scored five, draining one triple.

Detamore took over the game in the second quarter, throwing in four 3s. That was part of a 21-point outburst from Westfield, which led 40-21 at halftime. The Rocks moved ahead 52-26 after three quarters, then scored another 11 in the

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## Correction

Sheridan wrestler Aubrey Koch was incorrectly identified in this photo that ran in The Reporter's Wednesday, Dec. 24 edition.

Koch won the 115-pound Hoosier Heartland Conference title and was the overall runner-up at the Quad-Conference meet at Kokomo on Saturday, Dec. 20.

The Reporter regrets the error.

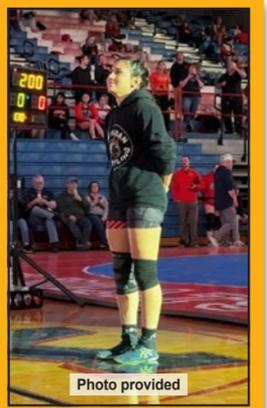


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## Boys Basketball

# Sheridan splits game at own tournament

## The REPORTER

The Sheridan boys finished 1-1 at their own Holiday Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 27.

The Blackhawks opened with a 63-51 win over Lewis Cass in the first round. The Kings led 16-15 after the first quarter, but Sheridan outscored them in the other three.

Trey Page kept the Hawks in the game during the first period with three 3-pointers, then kept going in the second period with 12 more points. Page was part of a 22-point second quarter that moved Sheridan in front 37-33. Jax Peerman added six points, giving him 10 for the first half.

Devon Hamilton stepped up in the third quarter, scoring eight points to help the Blackhawks extend their lead to 51-43. Sheridan finished the game with 12 points in the fourth.

Page totaled 25 points, including four 3s. Hamil-

ton was next with 13 points, while Peerman scored 12.

Sheridan fell in the championship game to Liberty Christian, 65-57. It was the Blackhawks' first loss of the year.

Sheridan led 14-12 after the first quarter, with Hamilton scoring five points. The Lions took over in the second period, pouring in 18 points for a 30-20 lead, then moved ahead 46-32 after three periods.

The Hawks made a comeback in the fourth quarter, pouring in 25 points, but Liberty Christian was able to hold them off. Peerman scored 12 points in the fourth, with Desh Donathan adding nine points in that quarter.

Donathan and Hamilton both scored 15 points. Peerman scored 14, all in the second half.

Sheridan is 6-1 and is off until Jan. 9 when it plays at Hoosier Heartland Conference game at Tri-Central.



Photo by Dwight Casler  
Sheridan's Devon Hamilton scored 28 points in two games for the Blackhawks during their holiday tournament on Saturday, Dec. 27. Hamilton had 13 points in Sheridan's win over Lewis Cass and 15 in the Hawks' loss to Liberty Christian.

## HSE boys place fourth at Homestead tournament

### The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern's boys basketball team finished fourth at the BSN Holiday Tournament, which took place last weekend at Homestead.

The Royals advanced to the semifinals with a Friday, Dec. 26 victory over Penn, 65-55. The Kingsmen led 15-11 after the first quarter before Southeastern came back to lead 26-24 at halftime. After an even third period, the Royals poured in 23 points during the fourth quarter to secure the win.

Three HSE players reached double-digit scoring, starting with Landon Osswald's 17 points. Lucas Weemer added 15 points and KJ Buckley scored 11 points off the bench.

Jack Jacobs scored seven points and dished out seven assists. Osswald led the rebounds with seven, followed by Jacobs and Buckley with five each.

Southeastern played the tournament host Spartans in the Saturday, Dec. 27 semifinals and lost 57-51. The Royals led 25-24 at halftime, but Homestead

outscored HSE 14-4 in the third quarter to take control of the game.

Maverick Young scored 18 points, while Osswald contributed 15 points and seven rebounds. Jacobs handed out eight assists. Varschon Clark collected seven rebounds.

Southeastern dropped the third-place game to South Bend St. Joseph 66-64. The contest was tight all the way through, with 11 lead changes.

The Huskies led 24-23 after one quarter and jumped ahead 38-31 during the second period before the Royals finished on a 9-0 run to lead 40-38 at halftime. St. Joseph edged ahead 53-52 after three periods and held on in the fourth.

Osswald led HSE with 18 points, followed by Weemer's double-double of 16 points and 11 rebounds. Jacobs came close to double-double status with 10 points and nine assists. Young scored eight points.

Southeastern is 3-5 and travels to Crown Point on Friday to take on the Class 4A No. 2-ranked Bulldogs.

## Tigers pick up road trip victory

### The REPORTER

The Fishers girls took a road trip to Washington (the Southern Indiana city) on Friday, Dec. 26 to play Heritage Hills.

The Tigers came home with a 48-39 win over the Patriots, who are receiving votes in the latest Class 3A poll. Fishers evened its record to 7-7 with the victory.

The game was tied at 12-12 after the first quarter, but the Tigers dominated the second quarter, outscoring Heritage Hills 16-4 to take a 28-16 halftime lead. Reagan Reiff hit two 3-pointers in the second quarter, while Makayla Triplett scored five in that period. Ella Burleson

and Alanna Anthony both scored five points in the first quarter.

Fishers moved ahead 38-24 after three quarters, then held off a late comeback by the Patriots in the fourth. Burleson poured in 11 points during the second half; she led the Tigers with 16 points. Triplett and Natalie Thomas both finished with seven points.

Fishers will play in the Chicago Invitational on Friday at Naperville North High School. The Tigers play New Trier at 11:30 a.m. and Mother McAuley (Chicago) at 4 p.m.

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fourth, including eight points from Graham Wilson, who finished the game with 21 points.

Detamore was the lead-

ing scorer with 22 points, totaling six 3-pointers.

Westfield is 4-3 and plays another home game this Saturday against Marion.



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## SPORTS SCHEDULE

### Tuesday, Dec. 30

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

Bill Hawkins Basketball Classic, Bethesda Christian University vs. Bethesda Christian, 7:30 p.m.  
Paul Loggan Memorial Tournament, North Central Carmel vs. Lake Central, 11:45 a.m.

#### BOYS WRESTLING

Carmel, Hamilton Southeastern at Mooresville Holiday Classic, 9 a.m.  
Fishers at Connorsville Tournament, 9 a.m.  
Sheridan at Eastern Holiday Classic, 9 a.m.

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Westfield vs. Penn, 11:30 a.m. at Northridge  
Westfield at Northridge, 4:30 p.m.  
Paul Loggan Memorial Tournament, North Central Hamilton Southeastern vs. Decatur Central, 6:45 p.m.

#### SWIMMING

Carmel at Homestead Dive Invitational, 10:30 a.m.  
Carmel Invitational, noon

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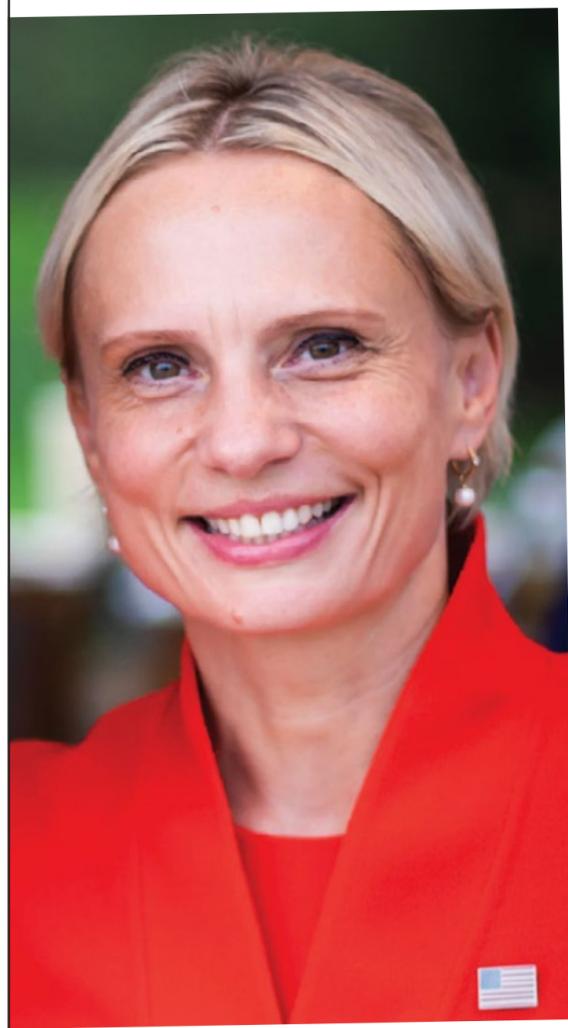
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