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## Carmel to hold MLK Jr. Day Commemoration event

Submitted by  
City of Carmel

The City of Carmel will hold its eighth annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Commemoration at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12.

This free, community-wide event is dedicated to honoring the enduring legacy of Dr. King through music, performance and inspirational readings. The commemoration will take place at the Tarkington Theater within Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts, located at 3 Carter Green.

“Dr. King’s message of justice, equality and peace remains profoundly relevant today,” Mayor Sue Finkam said. “This annual event is a cherished opportunity for our entire community to come together, reflect on his contributions and commit ourselves to upholding the principles to which he dedicated his life. We invite everyone to join us for an evening of powerful and uplifting programming.”

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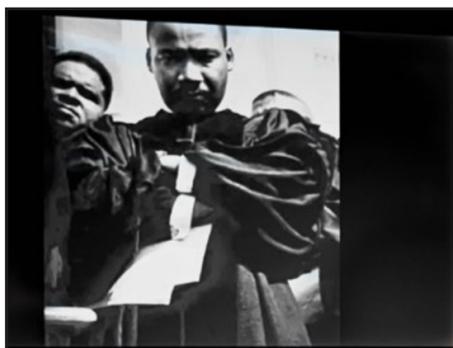


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As in years past, Carmel’s Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration promises to be uplifting and educational.

## Purposeful dinners

This is the time of year where we are flooded with the ideas and declarations of what people are going to do for New Year’s resolutions and how they are going to use this next year to be better, healthier, and thinner.

Oftentimes, we see people set health goals for themselves and promise to lose weight. It’s also common that the next few weeks to see crowded gyms with filled fitness classes and special promotions on exercise equipment and gym memberships. Sometimes we see folks with financial goals. This is going to be the year where we save money and get out of debt. This is going to be the year I reconcile with so-and-so. This is going to be the year where I no longer put up with fill-in-the-blank. This is the year I am going to choose myself and be happy.

You know your social media timelines, just like mine, are flooded with this right now. We also see the words that everyone has selected as their mantras for this upcoming year.

Personally, for me, I don’t mind resolutions. Whatever you need to do to motivate yourself to be better and happier, go for it. As for me, I know that I am looking at this next year as a year I want to be very intentional and specific with the goal that I have not only for myself, but for my family, and that is to make a point to sit at our dining room table and have dinner together each night that we are able to do so. It might sound simple, but it is so important to me and something that we can be lazy about at times.

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## Prevail celebrates 40 years of hope, healing & empowerment

By **TAMI WANNINGER**  
Executive Director,  
Prevail Inc.

As we step into 2026, I am filled with gratitude and excitement as Prevail officially kicks off our 40th Anniversary Year. For the last four decades, survivors have trusted Prevail to walk alongside them with compassion, advocacy, and hope.

That legacy continues because of our community.

In 2025, we focused on embedding ourselves more deeply within the community. We spent time listening, learning, strengthening partnerships, and ensuring survivor voices guided our work.

That foundation has prepared us well for what comes next.

Now, as we enter the second year of our strategic plan, we are excited to intentionally invite the community to engage with us to learn, to support, to partner, and to stand with survivors in meaningful ways. Whether through education, prevention, advocacy, or philanthropy, there is a place for everyone in this work.

Our 40th year is not just a milestone, it is a moment to look forward. We are energized by what lies ahead and deeply thankful for each person who continues to believe in Prevail’s mission.

Together, we will keep



building a safer, more supportive Hamilton County community for survivors for generations to come.

**You’re invited to the 40th Anniversary Celebration**

We invite you to join us at our 40th Anniversary Celebration as we roll out the ruby red carpet to celebrate 40 years of advocating for victims of crime and abuse.

The celebration is set for 6 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1 at the Ritz Charles, 12156 N. Meridian St., Carmel.

This special evening will

honor YOU – our incredible supporters who have stood with Prevail from the very beginning. Over 70,000 lives have been forever changed because of your commitment.

We hope you can join us for an evening of celebration, reflection, and connection as we look ahead with energy, optimism, and a renewed dedication to providing hope and support for survivors in the years to come.

Tickets and sponsorships are available now. [Click here](#) for more details.

## Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation’s Tree Recycling Day set for Jan. 9

**The REPORTER**

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) will hold its annual Holiday Tree Recycling Day from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9 at Westermeier Commons in Central Park, 920 Central Park Drive West.

Participants can bring their live, decoration-free trees to the Westermeier Commons parking lot for this free, drive-through recycling event. During the event, CCPR staff and volunteers will unload trees from vehicles and recycle them into mulch for use throughout local parks and green spaces. In addition, CCPR will offer warm refreshments as a thank-you.

CCPR continues to offer Holiday Tree Recycling Day as a seasonal service for the community. Last year, participants donated and recycled 41 trees,



Photo provided by Carmel Play Parks & Recreation

helping divert waste from landfills and support [park stewardship](#).

No advance registration is

required to participate. Volunteers are needed to help welcome guests, direct traffic, and assist with unloading trees.

[Click here](#) to sign up to volunteer. Questions about the event? Contact [volunteer@carmel-clayparks.com](mailto:volunteer@carmel-clayparks.com).

The presentation will be offered in-person and online and will include an opportunity for questions and feedback.

Information about the meeting, including instructions for accessing the online presentation, and the Draft Plan itself is available at [TiptonTomorrow.org](http://TiptonTomorrow.org). Following the presentation, the online comment session will remain open briefly to allow time for any final comments related to the presentation before it is formally closed.

Attendees who participate in person will also have the opportunity to review informational boards displayed in the lobby and may provide additional written feedback if they choose.

“This presentation is an important opportunity for the community to see how public input has shaped the Draft Comprehensive Plan,” Tipton Plan Commission President Jason Henderson said. “While this meeting is informal, the feedback we receive will help ensure the plan reflects the community’s priorities and vision for Tipton County’s future.”

Planning Director Judy Coker emphasized the role of public participation in the planning process.

“Community engagement is essential to creating a strong and effective comprehensive plan,” Coker said. “We encourage residents to review the draft document

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online, attend the presentation in person, and share their thoughts so we can make any necessary adjustments before moving into the formal hearing phase.”  
This event is an in-

formal presentation of the Draft Comprehensive Plan. The formal public hearing on the plan will take place before the Plan Commission later in the year, following this initial review period.

Members of the public may submit questions or comments by email to [tiptonfeedback@hwcengineering.com](mailto:tiptonfeedback@hwcengineering.com). The Draft Comprehensive Plan is available for review online at [TiptonTomorrow.org](http://TiptonTomorrow.org).

**2026 Comprehensive Plan**  
a roadmap for Tipton County's future

**Public Presentation with Q&A**  
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from 5-7 p.m.  
Tipton County Foundation  
1020 W Jefferson St

The plan **CLICK HERE** The presentation **CLICK HERE**

Comments and questions are welcome until Jan. 22  
email: [tiptonfeedback@hwcengineering.com](mailto:tiptonfeedback@hwcengineering.com)

**Thanks for reading!**

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It's easy when the week gets busy and you've got two kids in sports and both parents working various schedules, sometimes requiring late nights. It's not something that can feasibly happen every night, but it can happen more than it is right now. We fall into the rut like many others do where you've got mac and cheese for one kid, a peanut butter and jelly sandwich for the other one, and the kids are at the kitchen island with one person standing while they eat, and the other is at the table.

It's not that we aren't talking to each other and hearing about our day, but it is not intentional.

When we eat like that, there isn't any emphasis or priority placed on the importance of the meal and time spent. When the television is on in the background and one kid is finishing

math homework, we aren't looking each other in the eyes and genuinely hearing about our days.

*What message is this sending our children?* Don't get me wrong. We spend a lot of quality time together and I'm grateful for that, but meal time is a place that I see for 2026 as a place where we need to plug into each other as a family unit and give it the time and respect it deserves. For my family, that means gathering at the table together and sharing a meal and having those conversations about our days. That's where we can ask about the quiz they took that day and hear about their recess shenanigans and what made them happy that day. It's also a time for them to learn how to ask others about their days and invest in our family.

Sure, I wouldn't mind

if I also happened to lose 30 pounds this year and become a dedicated member of a fitness facility. I wouldn't mind saving more money and bettering other areas in my life, but I'm starting with my own family, in my own house, around my own table. I'm making the point to sit, slow down a bit, and place an emphasis on the importance of sharing a meal and conversation with each other as much as we can.

This time is fleeting and I don't want it to go by and wonder where it went. That's what my resolution is this year. It's not a word or a number on the scale. It's about time and being intentional with the people who matter most to me.

*Megan Rathz is a wife, mother, and teacher. She says everything she has ever learned in life came from her Master Gardener mother.*

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**Program & participants**

The 2026 program will feature a diverse array of community members and performers, including:

- **Remarks:** Mayor Sue Finkam, Ashaar Madni from the Mayor's Advisory Commission on Human Relations, and Pavel Polanco-Safadit, Executive Director of Amigos, The Richmond Latino Center.

- **Artistic performances:** Musical selections and original poetry delivered by talented local actors and musicians.

- **Community involvement:** Participation from Carmel Sister Cities representatives and the ceremo-

nial presentation of colors by the Carmel VFW Post 10003 Honor Guard.

The city encourages all residents and members of the surrounding areas to attend this significant tribute.

Thank you to the following people for their contributions to this event:

- Mayor Sue Finkam
- Artist Development Company
- Alia Blackburn – Fox59 Anchor, event emcee
- Carmel Sister Cities representatives
- Carmel VFW Post 10003 Honor Guard
- Blair Clark – Artistic Director
- Reverend George Da-

vis – Carmel Police Chaplain

- Jon Harris – musician & actor
- Lily Hirschfeld – singer
- India Latimore – musician & actress
- Ashhar Madni – Mayor's Advisory Commission on Human Relations
- Jackie Owens – musician & actor
- Pavel Polanco-Safadit – Executive Director, Amigos, The Richmond Latino Center
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# Happy Hour at Benihana

There are so many restaurants at which to experience Happy Hour (HH) in the Fashion Mall complex, Mrs. K and I decided to try one that has been a part of the mall area for a very long time:



**KEN KLINGEMEIER**  
*A Seat at the Table*

and mixed drinks, I decided on a Kirin Light beer, staying with the Japanese theme.

If you are a sushi lover, there is a decent variety of six types to choose from on Benihana's HH menu. We are not



Photo by Ken Klingemeier

**Benihana's Tokyo Wings with a plate of Edamame.**

Benihana at 8830 Keystone Crossing Road. Honestly, we had not been there since a graduation celebration about six years ago.

Their HH is featured in the menu list on their website – [benihana.com/menus/happy-hour](http://benihana.com/menus/happy-hour) – and features selections for \$3, \$6, \$9, and \$12, plus something called the Blue Ocean Punch Bowl (For Two or More) priced at \$35.

We sat down in an empty bar area, and a friendly server/bartender took care of us. The first thing we noticed about the HH drink menu was a lack of any Chardonnays. This seems to be a semi-normal point on many area HH menus. Mrs. K ordered off the regular menu, trying a California wine from Sea Sun winery; it was quite good. Out of a large selection of Sakes

fans, but found some interesting things to try. We started with a plate of Edamame, which was a generous, lightly-salted portion for \$3. While we worked on that, we came up with two very American style but Japanese-themed dishes. I chose the Black Pepper Teriyaki Tokyo Wings (\$12) and my wife ordered the Wagyu Burger and Fries (\$9). She requested tomato and lettuce, which was added for no charge, and also asked for mustard, which they do not offer.

The wings came out hot and with a nice crispiness that we both commented on. There were no celery stalks or blue cheese, so I guess they weren't as American as this old Buffalonian would have thought. They didn't need any of that, though, as the wings

were very tasty as they were, brushed with teriyaki sauce, and also very meaty.

Mrs. K's Wagyu Burger was smallish, but very flavorful. I had to look up what "Wagyu" means – it is a type of Japanese beef from specially raised cattle. So meticulous is the breeding and care for these animals, the resulting beef can cost between \$200 to \$400 per pound! Hence the smallish size, I guess. Anyway, the burger was quite good and the fries were actually some of the best we have had. Crispy on the outside and nicely seasoned, the smallish portion of these didn't get a chance to cool down.

As usual, our tab came

to just under \$50, plus tip.

While we sat and ate, very few others joined us in the bar-room. Two folks separately sat at the bar and ate. I realize it was a Wednesday, but many of the other places we have visited on our mid-week jaunts have had good turnouts. No reason to shun Benihana's though – it has a very comfortable room and the menu is full of pleasing possibilities.

*Ken Klingemeier 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.*

# Spend a day at the Statehouse, learn about government

Did you know students between the ages of 13 and 18 can spend a day at the Statehouse learning about state government and engage with their representatives?



**DANNY LOPEZ**  
*State Representative*

House Republicans are once again accepting applications for pages during the 2026 legislative session. Student pages assist state lawmakers and Statehouse staff with daily duties while having the opportunity to tour the governor's office, the Supreme Court, and House and Senate chambers. Pages will receive an excused absence from school and groups may participate together.

Students will be responsible for their own lunch along with transportation

to and from the Statehouse located in downtown Indianapolis.

Interested Hoosier students or parents can [click here](#) to fill out an application and select a day to participate. To schedule a large group, please reach out to the page program by calling (317) 232-9410 or emailing [pageprogram@iga.in.gov](mailto:pageprogram@iga.in.gov). Large groups will only be scheduled on Wednesdays.

I encourage all interested students to apply, and look forward to meeting you in the new year!

*State Rep. Danny Lopez (R-Carmel) represents House District 39, which includes a portion of Hamilton County.*

# Westfield school board & city council to hold joint meeting

## Submitted

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

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

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

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

# FDA issues recall for Indianapolis supermarket's products

By GREGG MONTGOMERY  
[WISH-TV](http://WISH-TV) | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

A supermarket on the north side of Indianapolis is part of a recall due to a risk of serious contamination from rodent and avian source at a distribution site that supplies the store, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration [announced in December](#).

The recall involved FDA-regulation products from Gold Star Distribution Inc., based in Minneapolis.

The Indianapolis store involved in the recall is Aimmart International Super Mercado, located on the southwest corner of West 86th Street and Ditch Road.

The recall, issued on

Friday, Dec. 26, affects **several products** including medical devices, drugs, human food, candies, pet foods, and cosmetics.

The FDA discovered numerous instances of unhygienic conditions at the Gold Star facility, including the presence of rodent excreta, urine, and bird droppings in areas where

products are stored. The FDA believes they represent a significant risk of contamination to consumers and animals who handle or ingest the affected products.

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# New year, new laws: what Hoosiers should know as changes take effect

By **KATIE COX**  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

As the calendar turns to 2026, several Indiana laws

approved during recent legislative sessions went into effect Jan. 1.

While Indiana lawmakers typically schedule most

new laws to begin July 1, some provisions are delayed until the start of the year. For 2026, several of those changes center on taxes,

along with a mix of unrelated measures affecting daily life for Hoosiers.

## Property tax changes begin phasing in

Several provisions of Senate Enrolled Act 1, Indiana's major property tax reform law, took effect Jan. 1.

The law reduces property taxes by increasing exemptions and deductions so less of a property's value is taxed.

For 2026, the standard homestead deduction will remain at \$48,000. At the same time, the supplemental deduction will increase from 37.5 percent to 40 percent. The standard deduction will gradually phase out and be eliminated by 2031, while the supplemental deduction will rise to two-thirds of a property's value by that year.

A new homestead tax credit will also take effect. Property owners will receive a credit equal to \$300 or 10 percent of their property tax bill, whichever amount is lower.

Additional changes include the elimination of the 30 percent tax floor on depreciated business equipment purchased in 2026 or later, meaning businesses will no longer be required to pay taxes on at least 30 percent of the original purchase price.

Rental properties and farmland will also receive a new supplemental deduction that begins at 6 percent in 2026 and increases to one-third of the gross assessed value by 2031.

The Department of Local Government Finance was required to launch an

online property tax transparency portal by Jan. 1. The portal is intended to allow property owners to compare their current tax bill with alternative tax rates and provide feedback to state and local governments.

## State income tax decrease

Indiana's state income tax rate will decrease slightly at the start of the year, dropping from 3 percent to 2.95 percent.

The reduction stems from the 2023 budget cycle. For someone earning \$100,000 annually, the change amounts to about \$50 in yearly savings.

## SNAP purchase restrictions

Under Indiana's "Smart SNAP" initiative, SNAP recipients will no longer be allowed to use benefits to purchase certain sugary snacks and drinks.

According to the Family and Social Services Administration, the change affects about 450,000 Hoosiers and roughly 5,000 retailers statewide.

## Data privacy updates

A consumer data privacy law will give Hoosiers new rights over how their personal data is collected and used by companies.

Consumers can request access to their personal data, correct inaccuracies, request deletion under certain conditions and opt out of targeted advertising.

Businesses are required to disclose how data is collected and used, implement reasonable security practices and respond to verified consumer requests. The

Indiana Attorney General's office is responsible for enforcement, with an emphasis on compliance.

## Other laws taking effect Jan. 1

Several additional provisions begin with the new year:

- Under House Enrolled Act 1380, electric vehicle registration fees will no longer apply to motorcycle owners.

- Senate Enrolled Act 108 limits facilities that host bingo or casino game nights to no more than three nights per week.

- House Enrolled Act 1004 requires the Department of Health to establish a reporting process for violations related to health insurance commission disclosures.

- House Enrolled Act 1285 requires schools to ensure at least one employee on site during the school year has received nonviolent crisis intervention training.

- Senate Enrolled Act 331 requires drivers who change a vehicle's color through paint or vinyl wraps to notify the Bureau of Motor Vehicles within 30 days. Failure to do so could result in a warning from law enforcement.

Both chambers of the Indiana General Assembly will reconvene for the 2026 legislative session on Monday, Jan. 5, at 1:30 p.m.

*This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/news/new-year-new-laws-what-hoosiers-should-know-as-several-changes-take-effect-jan-1-2026](http://wishtv.com/news/new-year-new-laws-what-hoosiers-should-know-as-several-changes-take-effect-jan-1-2026).*

## Home2 Suites by Hilton opens new hotel in Noblesville

### Submitted

Home2 Suites by Hilton, a five-story 116-guest room hotel – located just minutes from downtown Noblesville, Ruoff Music Center, Innovation Mile, and Fishers Event Center – recently opened in Noblesville.

The hotel was developed by and is owned and operated by Columbus, Ind.-based Sprague Hotel Developers led by Janeen M. Sprague, CEO.

"Everyone at Sprague Hotel Developers is proud to bring the Home2 Suites by Hilton Indianapolis/Noblesville to life," Sprague said. "This hotel represents our commitment to thoughtful development, strong local partnerships, and delivering a consistently exceptional guest experience. We're excited to see it become a trusted destination for both visitors and the Noblesville community."

"Launching a new hotel is energizing for our entire team," General Manager Raquel Garcia said. "From day one, our focus is on service, connection, and creating a stay that feels effortless for every guest. As Noblesville continues to grow, we're proud to welcome travelers and businesses with a hotel experience designed to meet them exactly where they are."

Guests will experience a modern, efficient extended-stay design featuring spacious suites with in-room kitchens, open and flexible social spaces, complimentary breakfast, a fitness center, a 24/7 market and lounge areas that reflect Home2 Suites by Hilton's focus on comfort, flexibility and connectivity.

Home2 Suites by Hilton Indianapolis/Noblesville is located at 13563 Tegler Drive, near Innovation Mile, Hamilton Town Center, and numerous restau-

rants and sports facilities.

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## AG Todd Rokita fights to lower healthcare costs for Hoosiers with new lawsuit against Eli Lilly

### Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is intensifying his efforts to lower insulin prices and improve healthcare affordability for Hoosiers by **filing a new lawsuit** against Indianapolis-based Eli Lilly and Company.

This action, in conjunction with Indiana's prior lawsuit against other insulin manufacturers and pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs), addresses deceptive market practices that artificially inflated prices and seeks structural changes through injunctive relief to promote fair competition and sustained lower costs for patients.

Nearly 700,000 Indiana residents have been diagnosed with diabetes, with millions more being pre-diabetic. Diabetes is the leading cause of blindness, kidney failure, and lower-limb amputations, and a major cause of death in Indiana despite effective treatments being available.

"Pharmaceutical companies should not take advantage of Hoosiers or any other American – this includes Lilly, regardless of its Indiana roots," AG Rokita said. "For

two years, I attempted to resolve this matter with them amicably and without litigation – an effort not required by the state and one not afforded to Lilly's out-of-state competitors. Lilly,

which maintains by far the largest market share for insulin, rejected this outreach and consumed two years of time. Not to worry – we intend to have Indiana added to the ongoing multistate litigation, where we will share in the results of evidence already uncovered and any settlement or judgment."

This lawsuit accuses Eli Lilly of participating in a scheme with other insulin manufacturers and PBMs that dramatically inflated insulin prices over the past decade by more than 1,000 percent despite low manufacturing costs (estimated at just a few dollars per vial). Prior accountability efforts, including Indiana's earlier lawsuit, have already prompted manufacturers – including Eli Lilly – to substantially reduce prices and introduce \$35 monthly out-of-pocket caps for many patients. This new



Rokita

action builds on that progress by pursuing injunctive relief to drive structural market changes, along with damages and penalties to benefit affected consumers and ensure lasting accountability.

This action is part of AG Rokita's ongoing efforts to ease healthcare burdens for Hoosiers. Since taking office, he has secured a \$66.5 million settlement against Centene; a \$573 million multistate settlement against McKinsey & Company for its role in the opioid epidemic; nearly \$7 million in a Medicaid fraud settlement against Mallinckrodt; a \$39.1 million multistate settlement with Apotex over generic drug price-fixing; assisted in a multistate opioid settlement against the Sackler family and Purdue Pharma; and announced an 11th multistate opioid deal – bringing the total opioid funds secured for Indiana to \$1.1 billion. Additionally, he has taken action against pharmaceutical companies for allegedly spiking EpiPen prices by 600 percent while deceiving Hoosier consumers.



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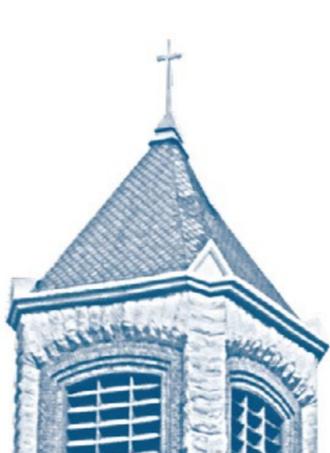
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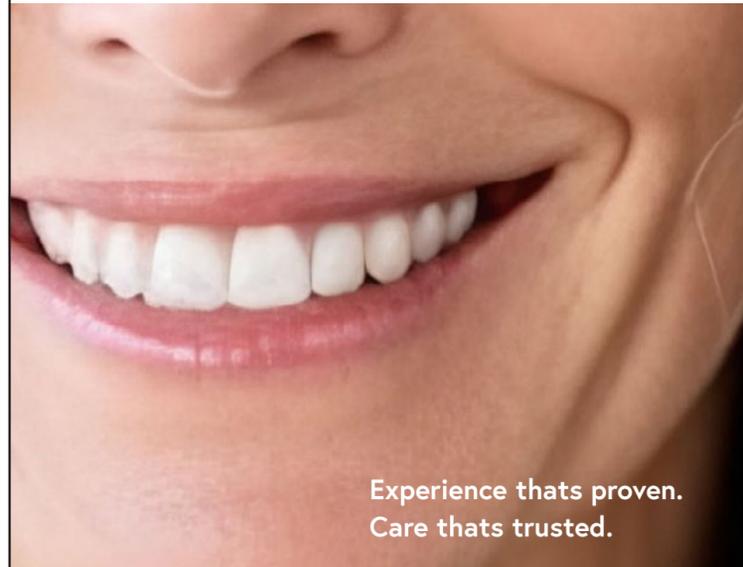


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# Carmel Symphony Orchestra featured on WISH-TV podcast

**Submitted**

Tom Alvarez began the year by featuring Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) on his podcast, *On the Aisle with Tom Alvarez*, on Jan. 2.

Enjoy listening to the conversation between podcast host Tom Alvarez, CSO Concertmaster Davis Brooks, and CSO Communications Director Nancy Heck as they discuss how their journeys brought them to the CSO.

Alvarez has a great rapport with his guests that makes the conversation interesting and easy to engage with.

[Click here](#) to listen to the episode.

**Enhancing connections & expanding CSO's audience**

CSO has launched a brand-new website designed to better serve and connect with all the valued audience members, as well as attract new fans.

Visit the new site at [CarmelSymphony.org](http://CarmelSymphony.org).

This new site offers an

improved user experience, up-to-date concert information, and engaging content that brings you closer to the music and musicians you enjoy. Whether you are a long-time supporter or visiting for the first time, the new website provides multiple ways to learn more about and connect with your symphony orchestra.

Some of the expanded areas include more background about CSO's musicians, teacher education portals, news pages, as well as sponsorship and giving opportunities.

Please take some time to explore the new website, discover upcoming events, and learn about CSO's programs and initiatives. Watch as CSO continues its mission to inspire, enrich, and unite the community through the power of music.

**Don't forget your tickets!**

There is still time to get your tickets for the upcoming concerts in Spring 2026.

- Saturday, Feb. 21 at 7



Photo provided (From left) Tom Alvarez, Davis Brooks & Nancy Heck.

p.m. – Love Letters from Paris: Music from the Heart presented by United Fidelity Bank

- Saturday, March 21 at 7 p.m. – Nordic Nights

presented by Pedcor Companies

- Saturday, April 18 at 7 p.m. – Symphonic Odyssey

[Click here](#) to purchase tickets now.

# Gov. Braun appoints 10 local residents to various state boards

**The REPORTER**

Governor Mike Braun announced on Friday, Jan. 2 new appointments to various state boards and commissions. The following individuals are from Hamilton County.

- **James Snyder** of HKW, Inc. was named to the Board of Directors of the Secondary Market for Education Loans; term expires Dec. 31, 2029.
- **Julie Griffith** was named to the Ball State University Board of Trustees; term expires Dec. 31, 2029.
- **David Holt** of Church Hittle + Antrim was named to the Distressed Unit Appeal Board; term expires Dec. 31, 2029.
- **Doug Klink** of Community Health Network was named to the Indiana Motorsports Commission; term expires Dec. 31, 2029.
- **Jamie Smith** of the State of Indiana was named to the Statewide Domestic

Violence Fatality Review Committee; term expires Dec. 31, 2027.

- **Kimberly Minniear** of the State of Indiana was named to the Statewide Child Fatality Review Committee. She serves at the pleasure of the governor.
- **Kevin Ward** of Fishers Dental Group was named to the State Board of Dentistry; term expires Nov. 30, 2029.
- **Allison Karns** of Allison Transmission was named to the Board of Directors of the Indiana State Museum & Historic Sites; term expires June 30, 2028.
- **Matthew Strzynski** was named to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles Commission; term expires Dec. 31, 2029.
- **Michael Thibideau** of Invest Hamilton County was named to the Commission on Rehabilitation Services; term expires Dec. 31, 2027.

# ‘Rooted in Art’ continues at Hamilton North Public Library

**Submitted**

Hamilton North Public Library's (HNPL) "Rooted in Art" Mosaic Mural Tile Painting Fundraiser is hosting painting parties in January.

From 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursdays, Jan. 15 and 22, you can join in the fun and paint your mosaic mural tile with family and friends.

Your \$25 tile painting kit includes all the supplies needed to create a 4-by-4-inch tile that will be a permanent part of this amazing mosaic mural.

For these two events, special promotional prices are offered to make it more affordable for the entire family or group of friends to participate. These events are for ages 8 and up.

Registration is required

as space is limited. Please visit [hnpl.lib.in.us](http://hnpl.lib.in.us) or call (317) 984-5623.

**Painting Party Savings**

- Buy 1 Tile Kit for \$25
- Buy 2 Tile Kits: \$30 (save \$20)
- Buy 3 Tile Kits for \$45 (save \$30)
- Additional Kits are \$15 each

Promotional pricing is for all participants who are present, and painted tiles are completed and turned in at conclusion of the event. Tile kits purchased to take home and paint later will be available to purchase at the regular price of \$25.

When this beautiful 8-by-8-foot Mosaic Mural is completed, you will visit the library, locate where your tile is placed in the mosaic mural and WOW! Show it to friends and fam-



Photo provided You can pick up your tile kit after you register at [hnpl.lib.in.us](http://hnpl.lib.in.us) or call (317) 984-5623.

ily for years to come. All funds raised will go to support library art programs and Makerspace.

# Governor Mike Braun launches ‘Smart SNAP’

**Submitted by Office of Gov. Mike Braun**

Governor Mike Braun announced on Dec. 31 the launch of Smart SNAP, which began New Year's Day.

It prohibits the use of SNAP benefits for sugary drinks and candy. This policy, a cornerstone of Gov. Braun's Make Indiana Healthy Again plan, reflects Indiana's commitment to improving nutrition and reversing troubling health trends statewide.

Under Gov. Braun's leadership, Indiana is taking decisive action to set a standard for healthy eating and provide a model for other states.

"This is a commonsense change that will help Hoosiers live healthier lives," Gov. Braun said. "By working hand-in-hand with retailers, community organizations, and food banks, we're ensuring this transition is smooth and effective. Indiana is proving that practical, collaborative solutions can make a real difference – and we hope other states will follow our lead."

**This policy change was first announced in April 2025 alongside U.S. Secretary of Health and Human**

Services Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., and Dr. Mehmet Oz, Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

To ensure a seamless rollout, the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) has implemented a comprehensive strategy:

- **Retailer Engagement:** Three meetings completed, eight more scheduled in January for compliance and training.
- **Smart SNAP Retailer Resources:** FAQs, posters, labels, and compliance checklists available online, with regular updates.
- **Community Partnerships:** Food banks and local organizations amplifying awareness statewide.
- **Direct Outreach:** Posters in all Division of Family Resources offices to inform SNAP recipients.

Indiana was among the first states to secure a USDA waiver for this change, and other states are already exploring similar measures. Smart SNAP underscores Gov. Braun's vision for healthier communities and practical leadership that delivers results.

For more information and resources, visit [snap.in.gov](http://snap.in.gov).



Braun

# Community First Bank named ISCDC's Small Business Lender of the Year for 2025

**Submitted**

Community First Bank of Indiana (CFB) announces its recognition as the Indiana Statewide Certified Development Corporation (ISCDC) Small Business Lender of the Year for 2025. This honor celebrates CFB's ongoing commitment to supporting local businesses and fostering economic growth throughout Indiana.

This year's award marks another milestone in CFB's history of service to small businesses, having previously earned the Small Business Lender of the Year title in 2014, 2016, and 2022, and being named runner-up in 2024. The ISCDC award recognizes institutions that make a significant impact through the SBA 504 loan program, which helps small business owners

access affordable financing for real estate, buildings, and equipment.

CFB's dedication to local reinvestment is at the heart of its mission. By partnering with small businesses, CFB not only provides essential financial resources but also reinvests in the neighborhoods it serves, supporting the growth of local businesses and strengthening the community.

**About CFB**

Community First Bank of Indiana was chartered in 2003 in Kokomo and is committed to keeping outstanding customer service, local decision-making, and relationship-building at its core. The locally owned and operated bank currently has nine offices throughout Fishers, Indianapolis, Kokomo, Noblesville, and



Photo provided Jonathon Malin, SVP Chief Commercial Banking Officer (left) and Scott Hammersley, SVP Commercial Loan Group Manager.

Westfield. Bank mission: We partner with you to build a better future. Additional information can be found at [CFBIndiana.com](http://CFBIndiana.com). Member FDIC.

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## Christopher Daniel announces County Council run

### Submitted

*Editor's note: The following campaign announcement was submitted to The Reporter by Christopher Daniel who is running as a Democrat to represent the District 1 on the Hamilton County Council.*

I am running for a seat on the Hamilton County Council to serve as a voice for those who feel their government can do more to meet their needs. Hamilton County has long been considered one of the best counties in the country and the way to maintain that status is to ensure that the people who live and work here have affordable housing options, quality childcare, and access to healthcare. If elected, I will work tirelessly to make sure the hardworking people of Hamilton County are always supported by their local government.

A native of Indianapolis, I have resided with my wife in Carmel since 2021 and

welcomed our first child, a boy, in 2025.

Since 2015, I have been employed as a healthcare worker – first as a mental health specialist at an inpatient psychiatric hospital while I worked my way through nursing school and since 2018, I have worked as an emergency room nurse where I developed the critical thinking skills, good judgment, and common sense I believe will make me an excellent councilman.

In our spare time, my wife and I enjoy traveling, entertaining friends and family, and playing with our little boy. I am an avid outdoorsman who enjoys hiking and backpacking. I also enjoy reading and studying U.S. history. I publish a Substack on the subject called Notes on the United States of America.

More information can be found at [instagram.com/chrisforhamiltoncounty](https://www.instagram.com/chrisforhamiltoncounty) or by emailing [chrisforhamiltoncounty@gmail.com](mailto:chrisforhamiltoncounty@gmail.com).



Daniel

## The Cat announces varied spring lineup featuring youth, comedy & classic mystery

### Submitted

The Cat, Carmel's home for inclusive and affordable live performance, is proud to announce its Spring 2026 theatrical lineup, featuring three productions that showcase the breadth of its programming – from youth musical theatre to fast-paced comedy and a gripping classic mystery.

The season highlights productions from The Drama Department and the Carmel Apprentice Theater, as well as a special hosted event, underscoring The Cat's mission to provide accessible space and opportunities for artists of all ages and experience levels.

### Spring 2026 Performances

#### at The Cat Bye Bye Birdie (Youth Edition)

Presented by  
The Drama Department  
Jan. 23-25

This energetic, family-friendly musical brings the golden age of Broadway to life through the talents of young performers. Featuring beloved songs like "Put On a Happy Face" and "Telephone Hour," *Bye Bye Birdie (Youth Edition)* celebrates teenage dreams, rock-and-roll hysteria, and the joy of performing. The Drama Department's production emphasizes arts education, collaboration, and confidence-building for young actors.



#### The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)

Hosted by The Cat  
Feb. 6 & 7

This fast-paced, hilarious romp through Shakespeare's entire canon delivers comedy at lightning speed. Condensing all of Shakespeare's plays into one wildly entertaining performance, *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)* is perfect for longtime fans and newcomers alike. The Cat is thrilled to host this crowd-pleasing production, continuing its commitment to bringing bold, accessible theatre to the community.

#### And Then There Were None

Presented by the Carmel Apprentice Theater  
March 27 through April 4

Agatha Christie's iconic mystery comes to life in this suspenseful stage adap-

tion. Ten strangers. One remote island. A chilling countdown. The Carmel Apprentice Theater's production invites audiences into a world of intrigue and tension, featuring a cast of teen and adult performers in the program's signature no-audition, no-cut model – creating high-quality theatre in a welcoming, collaborative environment.

### Spring Semester registration now open for The Drama Department

In addition to its Spring productions, The Drama Department at The Cat is now registering students for its Spring Semester of classes. Designed for young performers of varying experience levels, The Drama Department offers instruction in acting, musical theatre, voice, and audition skills in a supportive, edu-

cational environment.

Classes focus on building confidence, collaboration, and strong foundational skills in theatre, while providing students with opportunities to apply their learning onstage. Spring Semester classes run alongside The Cat's production schedule and are open to youth and teens interested in exploring the performing arts.

Registration details, class offerings, and schedules are available on The Cat's website, [thecat.biz](https://www.thecat.biz).

With this Spring lineup and educational programming, The Cat continues to serve as a creative hub for emerging artists and seasoned performers alike – offering affordable ticket prices, professional production values, and programming that reflects the community it serves.

Tickets and additional information can be found at [thecat.biz](https://www.thecat.biz) or by following The Cat on social media.

### About The Cat

The Cat is a community-focused performance venue in Carmel dedicated to providing affordable space and inclusive opportunities for live theatre, music, comedy, and arts education. Through programs like The Drama Department and the Carmel Apprentice Theater, The Cat supports artists of all ages while keeping the performing arts accessible to audiences across central Indiana.

## Latest Westfield road construction updates

### The REPORTER

#### Chad Hittle Boulevard closure

Village at Chatham Hills has closed Chad Hittle Boulevard through Jan. 12 for a water crossing. Please detour via 196th Street to Tomlinson Road to 191st Street to Chad Hittle.

#### INDOT update: Moontown Road

The Indiana Department of Transportation has

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

#### Transmission line extension project

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

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## Formally ending Iraq wars is a victory for the American people

### By U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.) & Tim Kaine (D-Va.)

The 1991 and 2002 congressional Authorizations for Use of Military Force (AUMFs) against Iraq have remained on the books as zombie war declarations for years after those conflicts ended. After our long advocacy, Congress has recently acted decisively to repeal these authorizations in the 2026 defense bill. These are the first war authorizations to be repealed by Congress in more than half a century.

We started our effort years ago out of a belief that Congress needs to shoulder its constitutional responsibility over decisions about the initiation and completion of war. The 1991 AUMF authorized the quick and successful operation against Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein's forces after he invaded Kuwait. The 2002 AUMF plunged the U.S. into another war against Iraq, marking the end of Saddam Hussein's rule.

Major military action against Iraq ceased with the fall of Hussein in 2003, but operations did not fully cease until 2011. Since that time, the United States

has worked with Iraq to counter Iranian influence in the region and to defeat ISIS. But even as we partner with Iraq, the AUMFs have remained on the books, allowing a president to justify military action in Iraq without coming to Congress to seek legal authorization. Presidents of both parties have used the Iraq AUMFs in this way to take additional military action without congressional approval.

There has always been a tug-of-war between the White House and Congress over war powers. The Constitution gives the power to declare war to Congress and then vests the power to execute war in the president as commander-in-chief. But the framers recognized that the president could defend the U.S. from ongoing or imminent attack, even without congressional approval. Since our nation's early days, there has been continuous debate over which circumstances permit a president to act unilaterally.

But the wisdom of congressional responsibility here is profound. The fram-



Young

ers recognized that global precedent put war powers in the executive's hands. They made the unusual decision to vest decisions of war and peace in the legislature, where trans-

parent debate before the public by its elected representatives would illuminate the need for military action and weigh the costs in blood and treasure – before committing American troops to war. In our view, Congresses controlled by both parties have long been guilty of ceding this responsibility to presidents. And presidents of both parties have zealously guarded their newfound power, further crowding the legislature out of the process.

A war vote is the toughest vote a member of Congress will ever take, as even a just and successful cause will bring suffering and death. So members of Congress have often allowed presidents to go it alone and avoided accountability for life-and-death decisions.

But confining the conversation to the White House Situation Room de-

prives the American people of the meaningful debate that should precede war. And it deprives our troops of the certainty that there is a national consensus behind their mission.

That's why we've worked so hard to repeal these outdated war authorizations. Congress needs to own its responsibility to authorize war – and also act to repeal war authorizations that are no longer necessary.

We are deeply grateful to all the veterans' organizations that helped us in this effort over many years. And we especially salute our Iraq War veterans, many of whom never felt the appreciation of their fellow Americans, as arguments over decisions made by our politicians obscured the bravery of those who served.

And we are grateful to President Trump for signing the repeal. As the bill was pending before the House of Representatives, his administration praised its "historic commitment to peace and ending 'forever wars.'" The American people are tired of forever wars and want their leaders to be wise and careful in their authorization of military action.

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# Indiana is not nearly as divided as our politicians claim

As we begin 2026, Indiana's political class keeps insisting that Hoosiers are split into irreconcilable camps on the left and right. Over the past year, actions and rhetoric from Mike Braun and Michah Beckwith, particularly during the redistricting fight, fed that narrative by turning a debate about representation into a cultural and moral showdown.



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Yet the response that followed mattered far more. Hoosiers pushed back. Lawmakers, including many Republicans, stepped away from the most extreme outcomes. Common sense prevailed because voters refused to accept the premise that Indiana belongs to irreconcilable camps. The episode revealed a clear gap between political provocation and public reality.

Step outside that political script and a different Indiana appears. It is clear that Hoosiers care about the same things: the economy, safety, healthcare, and their children. People work together without asking who voted for whom. Parents show up at school events. Neighbors help each other

after storms. Faith communities, youth sports leagues, volunteer fire departments, and food banks function because cooperation matters more than ideology. Politics rarely dominates those spaces. When it does it usually gives way to practical problem solving.

I see this daily in my own neighborhood. The political spectrum on my block is wide and obvious. Yard signs change every election cycle. Conversations shift depending on who is hosting the cookout or stopping to chat outside.

But the priorities stay the same. We worry about rising costs. We worry about aging parents. We worry about keeping up. We borrow tools. We watch each other's houses. We complain about traffic. We celebrate milestones together.

The labels fade quickly when real life shows up.

There is data behind that experience. Trust in Congress sits near historic lows, often below 20 percent. Trust in local communities and personal relationships remains far higher. Indiana

follows that same pattern. Skepticism flows upward toward institutions, not sideways toward neighbors. The division concentrates in politics and messaging, not in daily interaction.

Indiana's voting behavior also complicates the narrative of rigid camps. A growing share of registered voters identify as independent or unaffiliated. Ticket splitting remains common in statewide races. Hoosiers often separate candidates from parties and outcomes from ideology. That pragmatism clashes with a political culture that insists on sorting people into opposing teams.

So why does polarization feel dominant? Because it is rewarded. Conflict attracts attention. Outrage mobilizes supporters. Emotionally charged messaging spreads faster than careful analysis. Even I know that writing a more negative piece garners more attention. Division becomes a strategy instead of a failure.

The consequences show up locally. Polarization erodes trust in institutions that rely on cooperation. It complicates public health responses. It weakens civic participation. It makes governing harder than it needs to be. Indiana depends on

collaboration, whether responding to emergencies, supporting schools, or sustaining economic growth. Politics built on division undercuts that foundation.

Hoosiers do not need or want uniformity. Disagreement belongs in a democracy. We are asking for seriousness. We want leaders focused on outcomes rather than outrage, on governing rather than perpetual campaigning. With unified Republican leadership now in place, the opportunity and the responsibility to lower the temperature rests squarely in one party's hands, but the benefits belong to all Hoosiers.

As voters we have leverage. The task ahead is straightforward. Keep common sense front and center. Reject extremes on both the left and the right that thrive on outrage and grievance. Reward leaders who lower the temperature, tell the truth, and focus on solving problems.

Indiana works best when voters insist on politics grounded in reality, restraint, and shared purpose, and reject anything less.

Raja Ramaswamy is an Indianapolis-based physician and the author of "YOU Are the New Prescription."

## Obituary

### Stephen "Steve" B. Crow

August 31, 1945 – December 23, 2025

Stephen "Steve" B. Crow, 80, Syracuse, Ind., passed away peacefully on December 23, 2025. He was born on August 31, 1945, to Maurice B. and Thelma M. (Price) Crow.



Steve was a lifelong resident of Syracuse, and in 2011, he began spending winters at his home in Ft. Myers, Fla. He married Linda K. Robertson on June 21, 1963, in Syracuse. She passed away on July 24, 2010. Steve devoted

over 30 years to his roofing career as the owner of Crow Roofing Company, Syracuse.

A graduate of Syracuse High School in 1963, he was also a member of the Masonic Lodge, Sons of American Legion and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Steve is survived by daughters, Sonya (Jack) Wells of Lucas, Texas, and Stephanie Arnett of Avon, Ind.; son, Chris (Melissa) Crow of Carmi, Ill.; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. His brother Charles "Chuck" (Sally) Crow of Noblesville also survives. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; sister, Marsha Ann Fisher; son-in-law, Rick Arnett; and grandson, Michael Arnett.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon on Monday, January 19, 2026, followed by a Celebration of Life at Titus Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse, Ind. A private burial will take place at Syracuse Cemetery. Family and friends are welcome to join the gathering planned from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at the Owls Nest, 7369 County Road 800 North, North Webster, Ind.

Titus Funeral Home and Cremation Services has been entrusted with Steve's care. To send a written condolence, visit Steve's obituary page at [TitusFuneralHome.com](https://www.titusfuneralhome.com).

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## Letter to the Editor

### A message from Westfield Mayor Scott Willis

Editor's note: This letter was sent to Westfield residents on New Year's Eve. It is republished here in full.

Westfield Residents,  
Yet another incredible year has come and gone, and what a year it's been! Every holiday season, I'm reminded of what an incredible privilege it is to serve this community and amazed by just how much can be accomplished in a single 365-day period.

This year, my team kept their feet on the gas and never let up. They have consistently delivered the high-quality services our residents have come to know and expect all while securing new, meaningful wins for Westfield, and for that, I thank them wholeheartedly.

While it's incredibly difficult to choose which accomplishments stand out the most, a few highlights rise to the top in my mind, particularly those focusing on strengthening our business community:

- Together we Braved the Barri-

cares and supported existing local businesses, while welcoming even more new establishments to our area.

- Major companies from across Indiana and the country chose Westfield as their new home, and several broke ground on their projects, bringing hundreds of high-wage jobs to our area.

- The visions for the Grand Park District and our soon-to-be bustling downtown area were unveiled, giving a glimpse into what Westfield's economic and community life will look like in the future.

And, as painful as it may have been, I'd be remiss not to mention that we collectively endured a record-setting year of infrastructure investment. Thank you all for your patience as we improved our roads, trails, and more to keep pace with our explosive growth.

As we look ahead to the new year, 2026 is going to be even bigger and better! We have much to look for-

ward to, including the completion of State Road 32 construction, the opening of two new fire stations (Stations 84 and 85) to meet the increasing demands of our growing city, making significant investment into our roads and infrastructure, and the opening of more local businesses.

If you'd like to learn more about what 2026 and beyond will look like for our community, I invite you to join me as I present our State of the City presentation on Wednesday, January 28 at 7 p.m. at the Westfield High School Auditorium (18250 N. Union Street). This event is free and open to the public, and no RSVP is required.

As always, Westfield, thank you for entrusting me with the responsibility of being your Mayor. Let us work hand in hand to build a Westfield that we can all be proud of.

In service,  
**Scott Willis**  
Mayor of Westfield, Ind.

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### Meeting Notices

The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals will not meet as scheduled on Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2026, due a lack of petitions for consideration. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2026.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County GIS Policy Committee will hold a virtual Microsoft Teams meeting to discuss GIS projects at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2026. The Meeting ID is 236 233 281 763 8 and the Passcode is ke7LL9i4. Alternatively, you can listen in on the meeting by calling (219) 225-8177 and entering Conference ID 418 723 730#.

The Noblesville Finance Committee will meet at 8:15 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, 2026, in Conference Room A213 at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.

The Noblesville Roads Committee will meet at 8 a.m. Friday, Jan. 9, 2026, in Conference Room B206 at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.

The Hamilton County Plan Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2026, has been canceled due to a lack of petitions for consideration. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2026.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County ISS Board will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2026, via Microsoft Teams, Meeting ID: 234 503 955 865 7, Passcode: 42jM2Zv7; or by calling (219) 225-8177, Conference ID: 558 933 405#.

The Noblesville Park Board meeting has been rescheduled from Jan. 7, 2026, to Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2026, at 5 p.m. The meeting will take place in Room A213 at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.

The Sheridan Public Library Board will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, 2026, at the library, located at 103 W. 1st St. It will also include the Board of Finance meeting.

Each year, the Hamilton County Reporter requests government entities to notify us of public meetings as their Open Door Law notification under I.C. 5-14-1.5-5. The Reporter publishes these notices as a public service in our Tuesday through Friday digital editions. Meeting notices for Open Door Law compliance can be sent to [PublicNotices@ReadTheReporter.com](mailto:PublicNotices@ReadTheReporter.com).

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**TODAY'S BIBLE READING**

**SETTING UP THE LAMPS**

*The Lord said to Moses, "Speak to Aaron and say to him, 'When you set up the lamps, see that all seven light up the area in front of the lampstand.'"*

*Aaron did so; he set up the lamps so that they faced forward on the lampstand, just as the Lord commanded Moses. This is how the lampstand was made: It was made of hammered gold—from its base to its blossoms. The lampstand was made exactly like the pattern the Lord had shown Moses.*

**THE SETTING APART OF THE LEVITES**

*The Lord said to Moses: "Take the Levites from among all the Israelites and make them ceremonially clean. To purify them, do this: Sprinkle the water of cleansing on them; then have them shave their whole bodies and wash their clothes. And so they will purify themselves. Have them take a young bull with its grain offering of the finest flour mixed with olive oil; then you are to take a second young bull for a sin offering. Bring the Levites to the front of the tent of meeting and assemble the whole Israelite community. You are to bring the Levites before the Lord, and the Israelites are to lay their hands on them. Aaron is to present the Levites before the Lord as a wave offering from the Israelites, so that they may be ready to do the work of the Lord.*

*"Then the Levites are to lay their hands on the heads of the bulls, using one for a sin offering to the Lord and the other for a burnt offering, to make atonement for the Levites. Have the Levites stand in front of Aaron and his sons and then present them as a wave offering to the Lord. In this way you are to set the Levites apart from the other Israelites, and the Levites will be mine.*

*Numbers 8:1-14 (NIV)*

**Sharon Sue Trisler**

*April 12, 1955 – January 3, 2026*

Sharon Sue Trisler, 70, Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, January 3, 2026, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. She was born on April 12, 1955, to Wilmer and Emma (Sparks) Isenhower in Indianapolis.

Sharon served as Public Relations Director of Noblesville Schools for 20 years, and the Executive Director for the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation. She enjoyed her grandchildren, photography, building Legos, and being with her husband and family.

She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Jeffrey Trisler; children, Maggie Trisler, Lauren (Justin) Beuke, Ryan (Emily) Trisler, and Andrew Trisler; brothers, Mike (Debbie) Isenhower and Dean Isenhower; sister, Beverly Vance; her grandchildren, Grayson Trisler and Sydney Trisler; as well as many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Sharon was preceded in death by her brother, Wilmer H. "Buddy" Isenhower.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with services at 1 p.m., on Saturday, January 10, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Noblesville Schools Education Foundation, 18025 River Road, Noblesville IN 46062 ([noblesvilleschoolseducationfoundation.org](http://noblesvilleschoolseducationfoundation.org)).

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**Paul Thomas Quinn**

*August 29, 1953 – December 20, 2025*

Paul Thomas Quinn, 72, Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, December 20, 2025, at St. Vincent Ascension Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born on August 29, 1953, to John and Patricia (Corcoran) Quinn in Redwood City, Calif.

Paul was a graduate of Bellarmine College Preparatory and attended University of San Francisco.

Paul worked for Farmers Insurance Company in various positions that moved him around California, Arizona and Indiana. After retirement while living in Simi Valley, Calif., Paul and his family moved back to Indiana. Paul was a father who enjoyed spending time with his children, supporting them during their time in scouting, sports, and school. Paul enjoyed a variety of hobbies that would include scuba diving, scouting, traveling, and reading, but at the top of his list was spending time with family and friends, especially his grandson, Kayce.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Kathi Quinn; son, Patrick (Maria) Quinn; daughter, Meghann (Natalie) Motzel-Quinn; grandson, Kayce Quinn; sister, Judy Sullivan; brothers, John (Candy) Quinn, Dan (Cathy) Quinn, and Ed (Marianne) Quinn.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Dan Sullivan; and niece, Colleen Quinn.

The Quinn Family is very grateful to the medical teams at IU Methodist, Kindred Hospital, Bridgewater Healthcare, Ascension St. Vincent Hospital and Compassus for their help with Paul during the past four months.

Visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday, January 5, 2026, with funeral mass at 11 a.m. and lunch to follow at Our Lady of Grace Church, 9900 E. 191st St., Noblesville.

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## Boys Basketball

# Tigers roll to trophy at own invitational

By **RICHIE HALL**  
sports@readthereporter.com

**FISHERS** – There was nothing stopping the Fishers Tigers at their own invitational this past weekend.

Class 4A No. 1 Fishers easily won three games to claim the trophy at their tournament for the second consecutive year. The Tigers overwhelmed Fort Wayne Wayne 99-53 in a Friday, Jan. 2 first-round game, then took care of unbeaten Evansville North 72-36 in the Saturday, Jan. 3 morning semifinals.

Fishers beat New Albany 81-60 in the championship Saturday evening to earn their 10th win of the season. The undefeated Tigers used small runs during the first half to take a comfortable lead by halftime, then kept the momentum going in the second half.

Fishers coach Garrett Winegar said the Bulldogs are “one of the fastest teams in the state, as far as what they do transition-wise on offense.” In order to handle that, Winegar said his team was making sure on every shot the Tigers had what’s called a “short safety and a long safety.”

“We had two guys getting back, three guys crashing and containing them and making

it be a half-court game,” said Winegar. “We try to play that way, too. We wanted to make sure on their end, on offense, they had to work and score in the half-court. I thought in the first half, we did an excellent job of that.”

New Albany led twice during the game, holding its last lead at 7-6 midway through the first quarter. The Tigers went on their first run after that, an 8-0 spurt and never trailed again. Kai McGrew made a dunk as part of that run.

Fishers made another 8-0 run early in the second period to lead 24-11. Cooper Zachary drained the first of his five 3-pointers in that spurt. Many of the triples he hit were from well beyond the 3-point line.

“When you have a guy who’s broken the school’s all-time career 3-point record three games into his junior year, I’m willing to give him some freedom on the shots he takes,” said Winegar. “And he also gets that freedom because of how hard he plays. For me, if you play defense hard every possession and do what we ask on the offensive end, there’s going to be some freedom there.”

The Tigers led 38-19 at halftime and 61-43 after three quarters. Zachary fin-



Photos by Joshua Herd

(ABOVE) The Fishers boys basketball team won its own invitational this past weekend. The Tigers beat New Albany 81-60 in the championship game on Saturday, Jan. 3. (BELOW LEFT) Ethan Millsaps made his debut for Fishers during the Tigers’ invitational. He scored 45 points over the three games. (BELOW RIGHT) Fishers’ Cooper Zachary made 13 3-pointers during the tournament.

ished with 21 points, one of four double-digit scorers. Levi Walker and McGrew each scored 16 points.

Ethan Hillsman added 11 points for Fishers. He made his Tigers debut during the tournament, scoring 21 points against Wayne and 13 points against Evansville North.

Hillsman, a senior, played for the Tigers as a freshman, then attended other schools before transferring back for his senior year. After waiting out 30 days, Hillsman immediately made an impact.

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## Girls Basketball

# Blazers win battle of runs with Hawks

### The REPORTER

Saturday afternoon’s all-county girls basketball game between Sheridan and University featured numerous scoring runs by each team. University made the last run and the Trailblazers came away with a 41-32 win.

Freshman Nyla Blanding’s three pointer from the right wing put University on top 33-32 with 3:18 remaining and sparked an 11-0 game ending run. Gabby Culp added a rebound basket with 2:00 left and Leah Norvell split a pair of foul shots with 1:19 on the clock to put the Trailblazers up 36-32. Sydney Culp made five of six free throws in the last 62 seconds to put the game away.

The first quarter was a back-and-forth affair with neither team leading by more than two points. Makenzy Terry had eight points for Sheridan in the quarter with Lucy Marquis adding a basket. Sydney Culp had five points for University, Leah Norvell made a three pointer and Gabby Culp had two baskets including one that tied the score at 12 with 16 seconds left.

Sheridan put together the first scoring run of the game to open the second quarter, scoring the first eight points to take a 20-12 lead just 90 seconds into the

quarter. Brielle Garner hit a three pointer from the right corner to put the Blackhawks ahead. Freshman Marah Fausset scored the next five points, including a three pointer. University held Sheridan scoreless for the rest of the quarter, using their own 9-0 run to take a 21-20 lead at halftime. Sydney Culp made a free throw to start the University comeback and Gabby Culp added two three pointers and two foul shots to put University ahead.

The Blazers continued their run in the third quarter, scoring the first five points on a Sydney Culp left-wing three pointer and a Mack Feeney basket off an assist from Gabby Culp. Terry broke a nearly 10-minute scoreless streak for the Blackhawks to ignite an 8-0 Sheridan run. Garner and Sadie Timme scored to knot the game at 26 before Timme made two of four foul shots to give Sheridan a 28-26 lead. University closed the quarter on a quick 4-0 spurt with Sydney Culp ended a 4:15 scoreless streak by the Blazers with two foul shots with 47 seconds left. Norvell scored at the rim with 15 seconds left for a 30-28 University advantage entering the final quarter.

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Reporter photo by Julie Brown

(LEFT) University’s Sydney Culp (20) Scored 16 points for the Trailblazers during their win at Sheridan on Saturday, Jan. 3. Pictured for the Blackhawks is Olivia Long (15). (RIGHT) Sheridan’s Makenzy Terry scored 13 points for the Blackhawks.

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(TOP LEFT) Hamilton Southeastern's Kennedy Holman was honored for reaching the 1,000-point mark earlier in the season. Holman is pictured with Southeastern athletic directors Jim Self (left) and Tilton Clark (right) and Royals coach Brian Satterfield. (ABOVE LEFT) Southeastern's Kayla Stidham scored nine points during the Royals' win over Carmel. (ABOVE RIGHT) Carmel's Maddy Wallace led all scorers with 13 points.

Photos by Joshua Herd

## Fishers goes 1-1 in Chicagoland Classic

**The REPORTER** The Fishers girls basketball team split its games Friday, Jan. 2 at the Chicagoland Classic, where the Tigers took on two Illinois teams. The Tigers won their first game over New Trier 41-32. Alanna Anthony led Fishers with 12 points, including six in the first quarter. Ella Burleson added 11 points, going 4-for-4 from the free-throw line in the fourth period. Reagan Reiff had 10 points. The Tigers dropped their second game to Marist 62-47. Natalie Thomas scored 10 points, while Reiff and Burleson both contributed nine points. Fishers is 8-8 and hosts Shortridge tonight.

## Noblesville takes third at Huntington North

**The REPORTER** Noblesville's girls placed third at the Huntington North Classic on Saturday, Jan. 3. The Millers fell to Fort Wayne Northrop in their first game 70-48. Briley Morelli, playing her first game for Noblesville, scored 15 points, while Ally Hutchinson added 12 points. Maia Blower dished out six assists. The Millers came back in the third-place game and beat host Huntington North 54-51. Noblesville trailed 24-23 at halftime, but the Millers moved ahead of the Vikings after three quarters, 38-37, then added another 16 points in the fourth. Hutchinson dominated the game with 29 points, eight rebounds and three blocked shots. Blower scored nine points and handed out five assists. Aleah Magee contributed eight points and eight rebounds. Noblesville is 7-6 and plays at Cathedral on Wednesday.

## Guerin girls place third at Covenant Christian Shootout

**The REPORTER** The Guerin Catholic girls basketball team finished third at the Covenant Christian Winter Shootout on Saturday, Jan. 3. The Golden Eagles dropped their first game 46-39 to New Palestine. Lorigrace Rockwood scored 10 points, with Ella Horvath adding nine points. Guerin Catholic beat Christian Academy in the third-place game 46-40. Three GC players reached double digits in scoring, led by Caroline Ford's 15 points. Cecilia Titus added 12 points and Lauren Keller scored 11 points. The Golden Eagles are 10-6 and host Park Tudor tonight.

## Royals split weekend games

**The REPORTER** Hamilton Southeastern's girls split a pair of games last weekend. On Friday, Jan. 2, the Royals hosted Carmel and won 46-36. Southeastern jumped out to a 15-7 lead after the first quarter. Antonette Green scored eight points, including two 3-pointers. The Royals led 24-13 at halftime and 35-23 after three periods. Haylee Mezera scored five points in the third quarter. The Greyhounds' Catherine Bassi, back in the lineup after an injury kept her out for most of her sophomore year, provided a lift for Carmel in the fourth quarter by scoring 10 points.

Green finished the game with 12 points, while Piper Brinley scored 11. Kennedy Holman did not play; she was still recovering from an injury earlier in the week but has been cleared to play. Maddy Wallace led Carmel with 13 points, while Bassi scored 12. Southeastern lost an away game at Plainfield on Saturday, Jan. 3, by the score of 50-44. Brinley and Mezera both scored 14 points, with Brinley and Kayla Stidham each collecting seven rebounds. The Royals are 14-3 and play Saturday afternoon at Fort Wayne Carroll. The Greyhounds are 7-7 and host Center Grove on Thursday.

## BATTLE

The fourth quarter saw only a Timme basket in the first 4:30 of play. Kelsie Hagan gave Sheridan their last lead at 32-20 with 3:30 remaining before Blanding started Universi-

ty's game winning run. Sydney Culp led University with 16 points while Gabby Culp had 14 points and a game-high 18 rebounds. Feeney added six rebounds, five assists,

four blocks and five steals. Terry led Sheridan with 13 points and nine rebounds. Timme had a game-high seven assists. University improved to 7-8 on the season. The

Trailblazers will host Western Wednesday at 7 p.m. at The U Center. Sheridan drops to 7-7 on the season and will travel to Lapel on Tuesday.

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## Boys Basketball

## Hounds regroup, rally to beat Irish

By **RICHARD TORRES**  
For The Reporter

**INDIANAPOLIS** – An eighth consecutive victory seemed like a longshot for unbeaten Carmel on Saturday, but instead of panicking the Greyhounds believed.

Down by 17 points in the second quarter after top-ranked Class 3A Cathedral strung together a 20-3 run in the first half, the 4A seventh-ranked Greyhounds began chipping away before halftime and completed their comeback in the second half to win on the road, 63-62.

“It’s always keeping faith. It’s our mentality,” Carmel junior Cash Daniels said. “It’s talking to each other, helping each other out every day in practice, staying on top of each other and not just going through the motions. Giving 110 percent. That’s why we won.”

Defensive execution, re-discovering its offense and a trio of double-digit scorers helped, as Carmel (8-0) survived 11 deadlocks – seven in the fourth quarter – and six lead changes overall.

“I felt once we settled in, our offense moved a little better. We had some bad turnovers early. We had some bad shots. We had a

stretch where it was really working against us,” Carmel coach Ryan Osborn said. “Those bad shots turned into bad defensive possessions.”

Nine turnovers in the first half – 16 in total for the game – paired with an eight-minute scoring drought through the first and second quarters put the Greyhounds in a 29-12 hole with 3 minutes, 51 seconds remaining until halftime.

An 11-2 run by Carmel late in the second quarter sparked the rally.

First, junior Vince Nover reignited the offense by sinking a pair of free throws to end the Greyhounds’ scoreless streak with 2:46 left in the frame.

Daniels scored the Hounds’ first field goal in nearly nine minutes before senior Julian Vogt capped the run with a 3-pointer at the buzzer to trim the deficit to 31-23 by halftime.

“Vince came in tonight and had some huge rebounds, then the big play of the game. It’s an 11-point game, and Vince gets that huge rebound. He throws it ahead, and Julian hits the three to make it eight,” Osborn said. “We were able to go to the locker room with some momentum. Then it

was all about getting back to us.”

A 7-0 start to the third pulled Carmel within one point, 31-30, and a 3-pointer by senior Evan Harrell with 1:01 left in the quarter supplied the Hounds with their first lead, 43-42, since the opening frame.

“Games like this, you get down, and you’re on the road in a tough environment, and you find a way to win without a starter,” Osborn said. “Aiden [Dickerson] has been a huge piece of what we’re doing defensively, so to come in here and not have him, guys stepped up.”

Vogt, who shot 4 of 6 from 3-point range, finished with 12 points, while Harrell had 16 points and six rebounds.

Daniels, who made his return to Cathedral after transferring to Carmel over the summer, posted a team-high 19 points with five assists.

Daniels scored six points in the third quarter, including a buzzer-beating layup to put Carmel up 45-42 heading into the fourth.

“It’s a tough deal. Like any 16-, 17-year-old kid, just feeling the weight of the world. Everybody’s watch-

ing. Everybody wants to see you screw up. Everybody thinks you’re going to. It’s a tough situation, and I’m proud of him,” Osborn said. “At the end of the day for him, the win is everything.”

Carmel’s 3-point shooting was a factor. The Hounds converted 9 of 18 attempts with Harrell and senior Ja-Michael Fountain burying 2 of 3 from deep.

Harrell’s final trey snapped the third tie in the fourth, and Vogt’s last 3-pointer pushed Carmel ahead 63-62 with 1:33 remaining in the game.

“We’ve got to eliminate those segments where we get into silos and we stop connecting,” Osborn said. “They battled. They believe, and they’re a fun team to coach.”

The Hounds outrebounded the Fighting Irish 20-13 and turned their 36 percent first-half shooting into 62 percent in the second half with six 3-pointers.

“Just staying in the present moment has been a key for us, a big key to success. Hopefully, that continues,” Osborn said.

Carmel travels to Westfield on Jan. 10 before returning home against Plainfield on Jan. 16.

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

## Tuesday, Jan. 6

## BOYS BASKETBALL

North Central at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.

Pike at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.

University at Brebeuf Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.

## BOYS WRESTLING

Guerin Catholic at Hamilton Heights, 6 p.m.

Noblesville at Hamilton Southeastern, 6:30 p.m.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

Hamilton Heights at North Miami, 7:30 p.m.

Park Tudor at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.

Sheridan at Lapel, 7:30 p.m.

Shortridge at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.

## SWIMMING

Guerin Catholic at Hamilton Heights, 5:30 p.m.

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## IBCA girls basketball poll – Week of Jan. 4

Rank	School	Points	Record
1	Warsaw (11)	427	17-1
2	Pike (8)	420	14-1
3	Center Grove (1)	382	14-0
4	Homestead (1)	361	15-2
5	<b>Hamilton Southeastern (1)</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>14-3</b>
6	Lawrence Central	297	11-3
7	Valparaiso	279	13-2
8	Norwell	252	13-4
9	Pendleton Heights	228	13-3
10	Plainfield	216	12-5
11	Floyd Central	215	14-2
12	Bloomington South	181	12-2
T13	Brownsburg	156	7-6
T13	Northridge	156	13-4
15	Evansville Reitz	120	13-1
16	Washington	102	13-3
17	Bellmont	101	14-1
18	<b>Westfield</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>14-5</b>
19	Penn	68	14-3
20	Roncalli	64	13-3

First place votes are in parentheses.

## Other schools receiving votes, with records

Castle (12-4), Charlestown (12-3), Columbus North (13-3), Crown Point (13-3), East Central (14-2), Fort Wayne Snider (12-5), Franklin Central (9-7), Franklin Community (11-5), Greensburg (11-5), Jasper (13-4), Jennings County (12-4), Lafayette Jefferson (11-4), McCutcheon (13-4), Silver Creek (10-4), South Knox (12-3).

## IBCA boys basketball poll – Week of Jan. 4

Rank	School	Points	Record
1	<b>Fishers (18)</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>10-0</b>
2	Crown Point (2)	415	8-0
3	Pike (2)	393	8-1
4	<b>Carmel</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>8-0</b>
5	Silver Creek	321	12-1
6	Plainfield	303	10-1
7	Lawrence North	301	9-1
8	Mt. Vernon	300	10-2
9	Cathedral	231	7-3
10	Northridge	198	9-1
T11	South Bend Riley	194	7-1
T11	Ben Davis	194	7-1
13	Homestead	148	7-2
14	New Albany	140	6-3
15	South Bend St. Joseph	131	6-3
16	Chesterton	92	8-2
17	Penn	62	6-2
18	<b>Noblesville</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>6-4</b>
19	Zionsville	48	5-5
20	Northview	37	8-3

First place votes are in parentheses.

## Other schools receiving votes, with records

Anderson (6-2), Barr-Reeve (9-0), Blackhawk Christian (8-4), Bloomington North (5-1), Brownsburg (6-5), Centerville (9-1), Columbia City (8-1), Crispus Attucks (5-2), Decatur Central (9-1), Evansville Bosse (4-3), Fort Wayne South Side (12-0), Goshen (7-0), Lawrence Central (3-6), Oak Hill (8-0), Paoli (8-0), Portage (10-0), Parke Heritage (9-2), Roncalli (7-1), Shelbyville (9-2), South Bend Adams (8-0), Southridge (5-3), Terre Haute North Vigo (7-3), West Lafayette (7-1), Westview (8-1), 21st Century Charter School – Gary (5-5).

## Royals battle No. 2 Crown Point

## The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern’s boys gave the No. 2-ranked team in the state all it could handle on Friday, Jan. 2.

The Royals played at Crown Point and kept things close for the first three quarters before the

Bulldogs pulled away in the fourth to win 81-70. Southeastern led 18-15 after one period and was ahead 41-39 at halftime.

The Royals were still in front after three quarters, leading 61-57. But Crown Point pulled away in the

fourth, outscoring Southeastern 24-9.

Luke Weemer scored 19 points for the Royals, followed by Varschon Clark with 18 points and Landon Osswald with 17 points. Southeastern outrebounded the Bulldogs 36-24; Os-

swald collected eight rebounds, followed by Clark with seven. Jack Jacobs and Weemer both had five rebounds.

Maverick Young dished out five assists.

The Royals are 3-6 and host North Central tonight.

## Golden Eagles split games at Lawrenceburg

## The REPORTER

Guerin Catholic’s boys basketball team went 2-2 during last weekend’s Ray Furney Classic at Lawrenceburg.

On Friday, Jan. 2, the Golden Eagles dropped their first game 71-39 to Plainfield. Jake Grissom led Guerin Catholic with 17 points.

The Golden Eagles rebounded later that evening with a 63-29 victory over Castle. Guerin Catholic outscored the Knights in each

of the four quarters, leading 25-17 at halftime, then blasting through the second half 38-12.

Grissom scored 22 points for the Golden Eagles, while Andrew Reithman added 10 points. Hayden Rogers dished out seven assists and collected six rebounds, with Carter Murans also pulling six rebounds.

Guerin Catholic began the second day of the tournament, Saturday, Jan. 3, with a 71-59 win over

Cardinal Ritter. The game was tied 29-29 at halftime before the Golden Eagles poured in 21 points in both the third and fourth quarters.

Murans led GC with 21 points, the first of four double-digit scorers on his team. Rogers reached double-double status with 16 points and 10 assists. Reithman scored 14 points and Grissom contributed 12 points. Reithman led the rebounds with five.

The Golden Eagles

dropped their final game of the tournament, losing to Centerville 60-58. The Bulldogs were up 39-31 at halftime and held off a Guerin Catholic comeback in the second half.

Grissom scored 19 points and collected six rebounds, while Zach Tansel had 13 points. Will Bach scored 11 points and Rogers handed out eight assists.

The Golden Eagles are 6-6 and play at Bishop Chatard on Friday in a girls/boys doubleheader.

## Millers win weekend games

## The REPORTER

Noblesville’s boys easily won two games last weekend.

The Millers hosted Warren Central on Friday, Jan. 2 and breezed to a 53-32 victory. Noblesville shut out the Warriors in the first quarter to take an 18-0 lead. The other three periods were even, but Noblesville

maintained its advantage until the buzzer.

Baron Walker poured in 24 points and collected nine rebounds to lead the Millers, while Max Flanagan scored 12 points. Adam Fine dished out four assists and Walker made four steals.

Noblesville traveled to Arsenal Tech on Saturday, Jan. 3 and came home with

a 62-35 win. The Millers outscored the Titans in each of the four quarters, leading 28-12 at halftime.

Walker had another strong game with 21 points, six rebounds and four assists. Flanagan added 12 points, draining three 3-pointers.

Noblesville is 6-4 and hosts Pike tonight.

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“The team culture is great,” said Hillsman. “We go hard in practice, super high-IQ guys. Kind of feels like a family to be honest.”

“Obviously, he has a lot of talent, a lot of potential and he has been able to practice the whole time,” said Winegar. “He’s been practicing, I was getting him game shape and getting him used to playing with these guys.”

Hillsman’s 21 points led Fishers over the Wayne Generals; he was one of four double-digit scorers. The Tigers led Wayne 61-23 at halftime, so the entire second half was played under a running clock.

Tristan Breland scored 19 points, while Walker hit three 3s on his way to six points. Zachary nailed four

3s and also finished with 16 points.

Evansville North was 7-0 coming into its game with Fishers, but the Tigers were in control for the entire contest. Fishers led 38-17 at halftime. The game reached running-clock status by the third quarter, which finished with the Tigers leading 61-26.

Zachary and McGrew

both scored 14 points, with Zachary again making four 3s. Hillsman contributed 13 points.

Fishers hosts Pike on Thursday. The game was moved up a day in order to accommodate Indiana University football fans who will be cheering for the Hoosiers as they play in the Peach Bowl on Friday.

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