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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Morning rain and gusty winds.
High around 60 in the morning,
falling into the 50s.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy.

HIGH: 60 LOW: 39

County's Super Six Pack

Photo provided by Noblesville Schools

All six Hamilton County school superintendents spoke about school leadership and challenges at the Hamilton County Leadership Academy Education Day, held Thursday, Jan. 8 at Noblesville Schools. Class members also learned about school funding and school boards, and they had an opportunity to tour Noblesville High School. (From left) Dr. Derek Arrowood of Hamilton Heights Schools, Dr. Dan Hile of Noblesville Schools, Dr. Tom Oestreich of Carmel Clay Schools, Dr. John Atha of Westfield Washington Schools, Dr. David Mundy of Sheridan Community Schools, and Patrick Mapes of Hamilton Southeastern Schools.

Photo provided

This year, I flourish

Every new year arrives with a familiar rhythm – resolutions written with fresh ink, promises whispered with hope, and an unspoken pressure to be better immediately. January often feels like a stage where we are expected to perform goodness, discipline, success, and certainty all at once. This year, I am choosing a different pace and a different word.

My word for 2026 is flourish.

Not flourish as a performance, but flourish as a process. To me, flourishing is blooming with intention while keeping my roots firmly grounded. It is growth that is visible, yes – but also growth that is honest, patient, and deeply connected to purpose.

Recently, during a work meeting, I encountered a quote that stayed with me:

"What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year." — Vern McLellan

That sentence quietly shifted my perspective. It reminded me that the year ahead is not something that simply happens to us – it is something we actively participate in. What we bring matters. Our mindset, our intentions, our energy, our willingness to learn and unlearn – all of it shapes what unfolds.

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Romance is on the rails this February

Submitted by Nickel Plate Express

Cold winter days don't have to mean staying home. This February, guests can trade dreary weather for a warm, cozy ride aboard a vintage train, with Nickel Plate Express offering a full schedule of themed experiences departing from Forest Park in Noblesville.

Friday nights are trivia nights on the train, and we're kicking things off with Rom-Com Trivia Night on Feb. 6. Come ready for laughs, friendly competition, and plenty of questions inspired by favorite romantic comedy movies. Then on Feb. 20, we're turning back the clock for 1980s Trivia Night, packed with all the neon, nostalgia, and pop culture you'd expect.

If you're looking for a truly special night out, Cocktails and Candlelight is a brand-new experience on Feb. 7 and Feb. 14. This is one of our favorite new rides because it feels personal from the moment you step onboard. Each table is reserved just for you (no communal seating), and the whole train is set with candlelight for the perfect cozy, romantic backdrop. Add in specialty cocktails and charcuterie, and honestly, it doesn't get much more romantic than this on a vintage train.

We'll also have family-friendly Valentine's Day rides, because celebrating love can (and should) include the whole crew – kids, grandparents, and everyone in between.

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Photo provided by Nickel Plate Express

Indiana Center for Prevention of Youth Abuse & Suicide fundraiser coming to Topgolf

The REPORTER

The Indiana Center for Prevention of Youth Abuse & Suicide (ICPYAS) announces the return of its highly successful Driving Hope: Chaucie's Challenge event, taking place from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29 at Topgolf, 9200 E. 116th St., Fishers.

Following a fantastic inaugural year, this dynamic fundraiser invites community members, corporate teams, organizations, and families to come together for an evening of hope, inspiration, purpose, and fun," ICPYAS Executive Director Melissa Peregrin said. The event features friendly competition at the golf bays, great food, exciting auction items, and opportunities to give back – all in support of critical prevention and youth advocacy efforts across central Indiana.

"This event reminds us how powerful our community can be when we come together for a shared purpose. Driving Hope brings joy, connection, and a spirit of giving – all while supporting lifesaving prevention education for youth and families. We are honored to walk alongside Hoosiers who care deeply about protecting and uplifting our young people."

Registration is open now, and spots are available for individuals, families, corporate groups, and community organizations eager to be part of an evening that truly makes a difference. For more information visit drivinghope2026.wedoauctions.com.

About ICPYAS

The Indiana Center for Prevention of Youth Abuse and Suicide (ICPYAS) is dedicated to empowering youth and adults to recognize, prevent, and respond to child abuse and suicide. Through education, advocacy, and community engagement, ICPYAS reaches thousands of students, parents, and professionals each year, equipping them with the tools to create safer environments for children across Indiana. Learn more at indianaprevention.org.

Indiana Center for PREVENTION of Youth Abuse & Suicide

The REPORTER

Your help is needed during the MLK Day of Service Community Food Drive on Monday, Jan. 19.

With local food pantries experiencing an increase in demand and a decrease in supply after the holidays, give back with Fishers' annual community-wide food drive. Register for one of the following volunteer opportunities:

Kroger (11700 Olivo Road)

- Monday, Jan. 19 from noon to 2 p.m. **Volunteer here.**

Kroger (7272 Fishers Crossing Drive)

- Monday, Jan. 19 from 10 a.m. to noon. **Volunteer here.**

Monday, Jan. 19 from noon to 2 p.m. Volunteer here.

Donate to the Food Drive

Don't forget to donate non-perishable food items at these drop-off locations:

Now through Jan. 16:

- Fishers City Hall (1 Municipal Drive)
- Fishers YMCA (9012 126th St.)
- Fishers Community Center, Strengthened by IU Health (11400 Johnson Farm Way)

Monday, Jan. 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.:

- Fishers Kroger locations

See a list of donations needs and learn more at fishersin.gov/MLKDay.

From the desk of Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood

Update No. 164

Welcome to 2026! I hope you and your families enjoyed a restful and joyful winter break. One of the things I love most about education is that we get to celebrate a fresh start twice – once in August and again as we begin the new calendar year. This gives us the opportunity to carry fresh momentum into the second semester and build upon the progress we’ve made.

Hamilton Heights is proud to announce that Mr. Lawrence “Sonny” Beck has been selected as our inaugural Distinguished Alumni honoree. A 1958 graduate of Jackson Central High School, Mr. Beck has



DR. DEREK ARROWOOD
Hamilton Heights Superintendent

built a remarkable legacy as CEO of Beck’s Hybrids, guiding the company to become the largest family-owned retail seed company in the nation.

His impact extends far beyond agriculture – he served 20 years on the Hamilton Heights School Board, is a current Purdue University Trustee, and has been recognized with honors including the Sagamore of the Wabash and an Honorary Doctorate of Agriculture from Purdue University. His lifelong commitment to service, youth education, and community makes him an extraordinary first recipient of this honor.

The community is invited to celebrate

Mr. Beck’s enduring impact at a special ceremony on Friday, Jan. 30, in the Hamilton Heights High School media center. Dinner (\$10) begins at 6 p.m., followed by the recognition program at 7 p.m. To RSVP for the dinner, contact Mitch Street at mstreet@hhschusky.org or (317) 984-3551, ext. 1091, by Friday, Jan. 16.

Mr. Beck will also be honored during Winter Homecoming at halftime of the boys’ varsity basketball game, where the Huskies will host the Tipton Blue Devils.

This event is proudly presented by the Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation (HHEF), Title Sponsor of the Distinguished Alumni Program.

January is School Board Appreciation Month, and Hamilton Heights School Corporation is proud to recognize the dedicated individuals who serve on our Board of School Trustees: Dr. Kevin Cavanaugh, Arnett Cooper, Julie Davis, Benjamin Lehman, and Gretchen Pennington. Their leadership, vision, and unwavering commitment shape the educational experience of every student who walks through our doors.

Our board members give countless hours – often behind the scenes – to ensure that Hamilton Heights remains a place where students thrive, staff feel supported, and families are welcomed as partners. They navigate complex decisions, champion student-centered initiatives, and steward our resources with integrity and care. Their work touches every classroom, every program, and every corner of our community.

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ROMANCE

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And we’re ending the month with a bang – literally – with 1980s Prom Gone Bad, our over-the-top murder mystery experience. In this unique adventure, guests are the actors and interact with other passengers to find out clues in this whodunnit adventure.

Tickets and additional ride details are available online. Seating is limited, so riders should book early. For more details or to book online, visit NickelPlateExpress.org. About Nickel Plate Express

Nickel Plate Express, a program of Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad, offers themed train rides and seasonal experiences aboard historic equipment departing from Forest Park in Noblesville, Indiana. Our goal is simple: create memorable experiences for guests of all ages while sharing a unique piece of Indiana railroad history.

FLOURISH

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Flourishing, then, is not about demanding instant results. It is about showing up intentionally. It is about bringing curiosity instead of comparison, consistency instead of pressure, and grace instead of self-criticism. Growth does not require loud declarations; it requires quiet commitment.

We often bind ourselves to resolutions that sound impressive but feel heavy. We hold ourselves accountable with rigidity instead of compassion. And somewhere between the first week of January and the last, many of us quietly release those promises – not because we lack discipline, but because we forget to offer ourselves room to grow.

This year, I want to be more vulnerable with my intentions. I want to allow myself grace – not as an excuse, but as a foundation for sustainable growth. Grace to learn. Grace to recalibrate. Grace to celebrate small wins that often go unnoticed.

Flourishing also means staying connected to gratitude. Gratitude for lessons learned in seasons that were not easy. Gratitude for people who continue to walk beside me. Gratitude for community – because growth is rarely a solo journey.

At Taste of Community, we believe stories, food, traditions, and shared experiences nourish more than just the body – they nourish belonging. As I step into 2026, my intention is to grow personally while also creating spaces where others feel encouraged to grow – without pressure, without comparison, and without fear of being unfinished.

If this new year feels overwhelming, I invite you to pause and reflect on what you are bringing into it. Let your growth be intentional, not performative. Let it be visible, grounded, measurable, and achievable – rooted in grace and gratitude.

As we step into 2026 together, I hold close a thought that beautifully captures what flourishing truly means to me:

“ફલવું એટલે ફક્ત ઊંચે વધવું નહીં, પણ મૂળ સાથે જોડાઈને અર્થપૂર્ણ રીતે વિકસવું.”

May this year allow us to grow without rushing, to bloom without losing our roots, and to create spaces where growth feels safe, shared, and sincere.

I’m happy to hear your new year, new word-resolution at tasteofcommunity25@gmail.com.

Pooja Thakkar is working to build connections through cuisine. You can read her column each week in the pages of The Reporter.

2026 Comprehensive Plan a roadmap for Tipton County's future

Public Presentation with Q&A
Jan. 15, 2026
from 5-7 p.m.
Tipton County Foundation
1020 W Jefferson St

The plan The presentation

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Comments and questions are welcome until Jan. 22
email: tiptonfeedback@hwcengineering.com

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Speaker Huston announces Indiana House Republicans’ 2026 legislative agenda

Submitted by Office of Speaker Todd Huston

Indiana House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers) and members of the House Republican Caucus released priorities for the 2026 legislative session on Thursday, Jan. 8, which is focused on lowering costs for Hoosier families and reducing government bureaucracy.

Huston said this year’s priorities build on efforts advanced in recent years to reduce costs, get government out of the way and grow the economy.

“House Republicans are focused on making sure Indiana remains a low cost of living state and supporting Hoosier families,” Huston said. “The best way to reduce cost burdens on Hoosiers is to roll back regulation and bureaucracy, unleash the economy and expand opportunity.”

Over the last few years, Indiana’s GDP grew at a

faster rate than all of our neighboring states, and Indiana ranks seventh in the country for attracting new residents. A recent MarketWatch report shows Indiana as one of 15 states currently experiencing expansion and growth – faring better than most other states in the country.

Huston said this year’s priorities are aimed at continuing this momentum while tackling some of the highest costs for Hoosiers, including home ownership and utility costs.

Lowering costs for families & reducing government

1. Expand Indiana’s housing supply and drive down costs of home ownership by rolling back costly regulations that impede development (House Bill 1001, authored by Rep.



Huston

Doug Miller, R-Elkhart)

2. Prioritize energy affordability by adding performance-based accountability to ensure utilities are hitting targets aimed at reducing costs and increasing reliability (House Bill 1002, authored by Rep. Alaina Shonkwiler, R-Noblesville)

3. Reduce government by combining, eliminating or streamlining dozens of redundant or inactive boards and commissions (House Bill 1003, authored by Rep. Steve Bartels, R-Eckerty)

4. Cut red tape in education by eliminating unnecessary rules and regulations, freeing up resources and giving K-12 schools more flexibility to focus on educating our kids (House Bill 1004, authored by Rep. Bob Behning, R-Indianapolis)

Last year, House Republicans prioritized cost-saving efforts including reducing health care costs (HEA 1003, HEA 1004), helping communities invest in housing infrastructure (HEA 1005), expanding energy generation (HEA 1007) and advancing the first phase of K-12 education deregulation (HEA 1002).

The legislature also advanced more than a billion dollars in tax cuts last year, including property tax relief and continued cuts to the state income tax to one of the lowest rates in the nation.

The 2026 legislative session is expected to conclude at the end of February. Visit iga.in.gov to learn more about proposed legislation, view calendars, and watch committee meetings and session.

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

Tipton County Commissioner Tracey Powell officially files for Indiana State Senate District 21

Submitted

Tipton County Commissioner Tracey Powell has officially filed his candidacy for the Indiana State Senate in District 21.

A lifelong Hoosier, chiropractor, farmer, and small business owner, Powell brings a proven record of local leadership, legislative experience, and a deep commitment to conservative principles.

Powell’s service as Tipton County Commissioner since 2020 has been marked by a dedication to responsible development, infrastructure improvements, and fiscal accountability. His leadership has earned him recognition from the Indiana County Commissioners, including the 2025 Legislative Service Award, honoring his advocacy for policies that strengthen local government and improve the lives of Hoosiers.

Through his work with the Indiana County Commissioners Association, where he has served as Vice Chair, Chair of his region, and Treasurer of the ex-

ecutive board, Powell has represented counties at the Statehouse and gained firsthand insight into the impact of state legislation on local communities.

“Indiana needs leaders who will fight for our values and ensure that Republican principles are protected,” Powell said. “I’m running for State Senate to bring fresh, effective leadership to the Statehouse and serve the interests of Republicans and all Hoosiers in District 21.”

Powell’s diverse background as a county commissioner, small business owner, chiropractor, and farmer gives him a unique perspective on the challenges facing Hoosiers. His campaign priorities include cutting taxes, strengthening schools, supporting healthcare access, and delivering policies that empower families and businesses.

If you have any questions, please contact the campaign by visiting PowellForIndiana.com or emailing tracey@powell-forindiana.com.



Photo provided

Tracey Powell (right) submits his paperwork to run for the Indiana Senate District 21 seat.

ARROWOOD

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Their influence extends far beyond board meetings. It is reflected in the success of our students, the strength of our staff, and the unity of our community. Because of their leadership, Hamilton Heights continues to grow, innovate, and uphold the values that make our district exceptional.

Thank you for your service, your dedication, and your belief in what our students can achieve. Your guidance helps shape futures, strengthen families, and build a district we are all proud to call home. Your commitment is seen, felt,

and making a lasting impact.

Get ready for slam dunks, big laughs, fun for all ages, and an exceptional show of talent on the home court at the high school! Join us this Sunday, Jan. 11 as the Huskers face off against the Hamilton County Fire Fighters in a spirited exhibition game. [Click here](#) for more information and to order your ticket.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership in learning! Looking forward to an awesome 2026 for Hamilton Heights!

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HAMILTON COUNTY

Candidates who have filed for the May 5, 2026 Primary Election as of Thursday, Jan. 8

Note that * indicates the candidate is the incumbent for that office. To view precinct and district maps, please visit hamiltoncounty.in.gov/221/Precinct-and-District-Maps.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 5TH DISTRICT

Todd Shelton (D)

STATE SENATORS

District 21

*James (Jim) Buck (R)
Tracey Powell (R)

District 25

*Mike Gaskill (R)

District 29

John Ruckelshaus (R)

District 31

Juanita Albright (R)

Kerry J Forestal (D)

Lasima O. Packet (D)

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

District 24

Racheal Bleicher (D)

*Hunter Smith (R)

District 29

Coumba Kebe (D)

Devon Wellington (D)

District 88

Stehanie Jo Yocum (D)

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Superior Court No. 3

Chris Evans (R)

Superior Court No. 4

Chadwick Hill (R)

Angela Brown Swenson (R)

Superior Court No. 5

*David K. Najjar

Superior Court No. 8

Danica L. Eyler

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*Kevin W. Poore (R)

COUNTY CLERK

Beth Sheller (R)

COUNTY CORONER

*Jeff D. Jellison (R)

COUNTY RECORDER

*Trini Beaver (R)

COUNTY SHERIFF

Dustin K. Dixon (R)

John Lowes (R)

COUNTY COUNCIL

District 1

*Tim Griffin (R)

District 2

*Amy Elizabeth Massillamany (R)

District 3

*Mark F. Hall (R)

CICERO TOWN COUNCIL

At-Large (vote for 2)

*Joe Cox (R)

Harrison J. Massone (R)

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Fall Creek Township

*Doug Allman (R)

Noblesville Township

*Theresa Caldwell (R)

White River Township

Lisa Suzanne Flanders (R)

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Clay Township (vote for 3)

Morgan B. Rinehart (R)

Delaware Township (vote for 3)

*Kim Logan (R)

*Marilyn A. Schenkel (R)

*Rick Fain (R)

Fall Creek Township (vote for 3)

*Susan Davis

Noblesville Township (vote for 3)

*Peggy R. Pfister (R)

*Mary Sue Rowland (R)

White River Township (vote for 3)

*John Dean (R)

PRECINCT CMTE. – DEMOCRATS

Delaware 19

Bill Stuart

STATE DELEGATES – DEMOCRATS

Delaware Township (vote for 20)

Sarah Elizabeth Crawford

Litsi Plonski

Bill Stuart

Fall Creek Township (vote for 20)

Janis Kaye Hinchcliff

Noblesville Township (vote for 20)

Christopher Hartig

STATE DELEGATES – REPUBLICANS

Clay 4 (vote for 5)

Robert Fulk

Delaware 1 (vote for 5)

Rick Fain

Fall Creek 1 (vote for 5)

Tiffanie Ditlevson

Dawn Lang

Fall Creek 3 (vote for 5)

Doug Allman

Pete Peterson

Jackson/White River (vote for 5)

Ray Adler

Noblesville 1 (vote for 5)

Trini Beaver

Noblesville 2 (vote for 5)

Lisa D. Hall

Mark F. Hall

Noblesville 3 (vote for 5)

Beth Sheller

Washington 1 (vote for 5)

Timothy Enyart

Washington 2 (vote for 5)

Matt Dooley

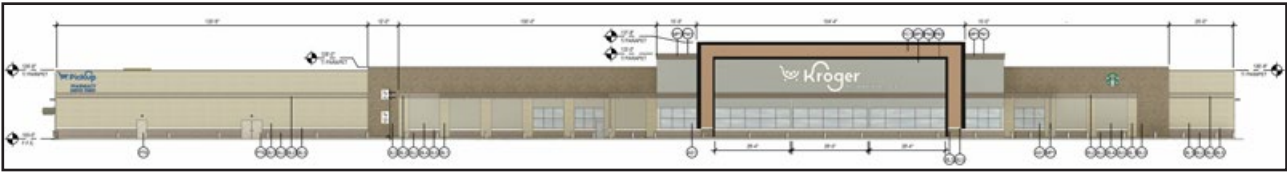


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This is a rendering of the front of what will be the new Kroger Marketplace in Noblesville.

Kroger plans \$200M year in 2026

Grocer ready to begin full year of new construction & store updates

Submitted

Kroger anticipates another ambitious year of investment in its midwestern stores. The grocer’s Central Division will direct \$201 million to new store construction, a major store expansion and the remodeling of numerous existing stores across the region stretching from Defiance, Ohio, to Rolla, Mo.

The investment will be highlighted by the summer opening of the new Kroger Marketplace at 146th Street

and Howe Road in Noblesville. The grocer will also begin the enlargement of its existing store at 146th Street and Hazel Dell Crossing in Noblesville. Both projects represent Kroger’s commitment to rapidly growing population centers across Central Division.

“Our company made an impressive commitment to growth in 2025,” said Division President Colleen Jurgensen, “and it will continue in this new year. The construction in Indiana will ex-

pand our ability to provide fresh, affordable groceries to even more Hoosiers who have been eagerly waiting for their own neighborhood Kroger.”

Work is also underway on a new Kroger Marketplace in Boone County. The construction team broke ground in Zionsville this past November. An adjoining Kroger Fuel Center will be across the street in Whitestown. Engineers are striving for completion of those projects by the end of this

year. Later this month, Kroger contractors will break ground to begin a new Marketplace in Crawfordsville, expanding the service available to customers in Montgomery County.

Kroger dedicates nearly \$40 million to each new Marketplace project. These buildings exceed 120,000 square feet, the equivalent of two-and-a-half football fields under one roof, to provide an array of services, features,

See Kroger . . . Page 5

Letter to the Editor

January is Mental Health Awareness Month

Dear Editor:

January can mean many different things to people: a clean slate, the start of something new, or the chance to change things they didn’t like from the past year. It’s a month of introspection as people challenge themselves to become a better version of who they are now.

For some, this is a welcome opportunity, while for many others the new year can feel overwhelming. There’s pressure to make big changes by committing to lofty resolutions in an attempt to overhaul their life. It can take a toll on anyone.

This month has been dedicated as Mental Wellness Month. It serves as a reminder to take care of oneself, especially during a season of change.

While the beginning of a new year does serve as a natural opportunity for change in all aspects of life, those changes don’t have to be large to make a difference. Setting small goals with more flexibility in how they’re measured can combat the discouragement someone may

feel when they haven’t met a rigid goal. For instance, saying you want to walk more rather than committing to a certain step count a day or that you want to read more instead of finishing a book every week. It changes the perspective on progress.

While people take this opportunity to analyze themselves and their lives, it can lead to a multitude of different feelings. Not all those feelings are positive. When taking these moments to reflect, it can also lead to comparison of others in similar life stages or fields of work. This typically produces negative thoughts as people weren’t made to be a measuring tool for others’ progress. Personal growth can’t be measured by another person. This is important to remember when last year’s achievements and this year’s goals are popular conversation topics.

For some, recognizing Mental Wellness Month may look like addressing mental battles they’ve been experiencing. One commitment everyone can make is to learn more about mental health issues and how

to help. Knowing more can make a difference in someone’s life.

Suicide is the second leading cause of death for ages 10 to 24. Four out of five people considering suicide give warning signs, whether it’s verbally or behaviorally. Knowing these warning signs, and what to do when you recognize one, can mean the difference of someone’s life.

The Jason Foundation is a non-profit dedicated to the awareness and prevention of youth and young adult suicide through education. They offer training videos, materials, and other resources at no cost. To access these videos, order materials, or find the closest Jason Foundation Affiliate Office, visit [JasonFoundation.com](https://www.jasonfoundation.com).

As you make your list of 2026 goals, make sure to include learning more about youth suicide and how you can help. Doing so can not only change your life but change someone else’s as well.

Mallory Wire
Division Director
The Jason Foundation, Inc.

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Letter to the Editor

Westfield Chamber & Downtown Westfield Association to split

Editor’s note: The following information was released on Thursday evening, Jan. 8. It is republished here in full.

Dear Community Members and Partners,
We are thrilled to share an important update about the future of two cornerstone organizations in our community.

The Westfield Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Westfield Association will pursue their missions independently – an intentional step toward growth, innovation, and expanded impact.

Why this change?

Both organizations have experienced tremendous growth in recent years. To continue building on this momentum, we believe that focusing on our unique missions will allow us to deliver even greater value to our members and the community.

This is not a separation of spirit, but a strategic move to amplify our strengths.

What’s ahead for each organization?

Westfield Chamber of Commerce will continue to champion more than 450 local businesses, providing robust networking opportunities, resources, and advocacy to drive economic development. We are excited to launch new initiatives that empower our business community and strengthen Westfield’s position as a thriving hub for commerce.

Downtown Westfield Association will remain dedicated to creating a vibrant, welcoming downtown experience. From community events to beautification projects, our focus is on celebrating the unique character of Westfield and enhancing the experience for residents and visitors alike.

Collaboration continues

While we will operate independently, our commitment to collaboration remains strong. Both organizations will work closely with each other and community stakeholders to ensure a seamless transition and maintain the partnerships that have made Westfield successful.

Join us in this exciting journey

We have many exciting initiatives and events on the horizon, and we invite you to stay engaged and support local efforts. Together, we will continue to build a community where businesses thrive and residents feel connected.

This is a moment of opportunity and optimism for Westfield. Thank you for your continued support as we embark on this new chapter—we can’t wait to see what the future holds!

Courtney Albright, President
Westfield Chamber of Commerce

Dan Moyer, Board President
Downtown Westfield Association

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Eight local students make UW-Madison Dean’s List

The REPORTER

The University of Wisconsin-Madison has recognized the following Hamilton County students named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2025-2026 academic year.

Carmel

- Jaelyn Copeland, College of Letters and Science
- Grant Ludwig, School of Business
- Dylan Meeks, Col of

- Agricultural & Life Sci
- Charles Miller, College of Letters and Science
 - Brooke Thoren, College of Letters and Science
 - Elyse Wiener, Col of Agricultural & Life Sci

Fishers

- Joe Augustine, College of Letters and Science
 - Zoey Newell, College of Letters and Science
- Students who achieve at a high level academically

are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester. Each university school or college sets its own grade-point average requirements for students to be eligible to receive the distinction.

To view an online listing, visit registrar.wisc.edu/deanslist.

Long-term planning takes center stage at Westfield’s joint city-school board work session

Submitted by City of Westfield

Editor’s note: The following release was sent to The Reporter on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 8.

The Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) Board of School Trustees and the Westfield City Council convened a joint working session on Wednesday, Jan. 7 at the Westfield High School auditorium.

The public meeting reflected a shared commitment to collaboration and strategic planning as Westfield continues to grow. The session focused on aligning long-term residential growth, infrastructure planning, and school facility needs to best serve students, families, and residents.

The goal of the joint session was to strengthen coordination between the city and WWS around thoughtful, sustainable growth. Discussions emphasized the importance of proactive planning to support a growing community while maintaining a high quality of life and strong educational outcomes.

During the session, school officials clarified that WWS is operating under a well-researched, data-driven strategy to responsibly expand facilities over the next 10 to 15 years. This approach prioritizes student experience, educator support, and family needs while responding to continuing

steady enrollment growth.

“The solution to this problem isn't about slapping up homes or enabling unchecked sprawl,” Mayor Scott Willis said. “It’s about growth that creates a healthy, sustainable, and prosperous community. My commitment to our residents is to balance the resident feedback I’ve heard about density with the undeniable necessity of supporting our school district.”

Superintendent Dr. John Atha emphasized the value of bringing the two governing bodies together in a transparent, collaborative setting.

“The initial idea behind the joint meeting was to bring our two governing bodies together to explore opportunities for collaboration that would better serve our community,” Dr. Atha said. “We created some momentum this evening, and we look forward to more collaborative opportunities to make Westfield a great place for students to learn and grow and for families to live.”

The meeting included a presentation of demographic and enrollment projec-

tions prepared by McKibben Demographics, along with a review of the city’s comprehensive plan related to residential development and infrastructure investment. Participants discussed how projected population growth and school enrollment trends intersect and how coordinated planning can support responsible, long-term decision-making.

McKibben Demographics has partnered with the school system for more than a decade and actively works with hundreds of districts each year.

The session concluded with a question-and-answer period involving representatives from Westfield Washington Schools, the City of Westfield, and McKibben Demographics, reinforcing the shared commitment to transparency, public engagement, and collaboration.

Both the city and WWS expressed their intent to continue working together to ensure future growth aligns with the needs of students, families, and the broader Westfield community, citing that joint work sessions and meetings will remain a priority.



Willis



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Indiana Arts Commission accepting applications for Arts Project Support grant program

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The Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) and its Regional Arts Partners announced on Thursday, Jan. 8 the opening of applications for the Fiscal Year 2027 Spring Arts Project Support grant program.

Arts Project Support grants provide nonprofit organizations and public entities with funding to support a specific arts activity, such as a one-time event, a single production, an exhibition, an educational workshop, or a series of related arts activities such as art classes or training sessions. Applications are accepted twice per year, with organizations eligible to receive one grant award per fiscal year.

The purpose of the program is to provide broad access to arts opportunities throughout the state. Applicants may request up to \$4,000 to support their project, and there is no match requirement. Projects must occur between July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027, to be eligible for FY27 Spring Arts Project Support.

“Arts Project Support grants provide Indiana communities with an opportunity to increase the quality of life and quality of place for local residents,” IAC Executive Director Miah Michaelsen said. “Arts and creativity are a community and economic development driver, and we are proud to support Hoosiers who are working to making Indiana a better place to live, work, study, and stay through the arts.”

Applications for the Arts Project Support program are reviewed and scored by members of the public. Reviewers play a significant role in application evaluation for public funding by reviewing, scoring, and providing comments on submitted applications. [Click here](#) to learn more about serving as a grant reviewer and submit an interest form.

Applications for Arts Project Support are due by 11:59 p.m. March 5 through the IAC's [online grant system](#).

[Click here](#) to learn more and access the guidelines.



Loren E. Schmierer

May 9, 1935 – December 30, 2025

Loren E. Schmierer was born in Lodi, Calif., in 1935. He was raised by his parents, Ted and Elsie, on a vineyard until he left to attend college at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo.

Before finishing college, he married his high school sweetheart, joined the U.S. Navy, and they were stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. After two years of active duty, he went into the Reserves to serve out another four years and finish a degree in Animal Husbandry from CalPoly.

In 1966, and after the birth of two of his children, he was offered a job with Eli Lilly in Indianapolis in their agricultural division, Elanco. It was during his first couple years with Elanco in Indiana that Loren began his interest in growing pumpkins for the public. This passion grew into a business, growing pumpkins for families to enjoy a farm experience and pick pumpkins directly from the field. To expand on his idea, Loren bought a farm just east of Noblesville and moved his family, which had now grown to three children.

While developing his passion for what became Stonycreek Farm into a viable business, Elanco asked Loren to head up marketing and sales of its agricultural products in South America, so he took up the challenge and moved his family to Colombia. While there, the Schmierers added to their family by adopting a native-born baby girl. A few years later, Elanco moved them to their office in Mexico City for a few years.

Not long after returning to Indiana, he retired from Lilly to manage Stonycreek Farm on a full-time basis as his own boss. Stonycreek Farm became a well-known attraction of central Indiana for decades until Loren's second retirement 10 years ago.

Loren was an active member of the Noblesville and Hamilton County community. Besides being a business owner, he was a part of many community and charitable organizations developing and supporting the community, such as a member of the Chamber of Commerce and Director of Habitat for Humanity of Hamilton County.

Loren is survived by his four children, Katharine, Kirk, Kyle, and Karee, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. His desire was not to have a service or burial.

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The Lord spoke to Moses in the Desert of Sinai in the first month of the second year after they came out of Egypt. He said, "Have the Israelites celebrate the Passover at the appointed time. Celebrate it at the appointed time, at twilight on the fourteenth day of this month, in accordance with all its rules and regulations."

So Moses told the Israelites to celebrate the Passover, and they did so in the Desert of Sinai at twilight on the fourteenth day of the first month. The Israelites did everything just as the Lord commanded Moses.

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The Carmel Police Department Merit Board will meet in an executive session at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2026, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(B)(5) To receive information about prospective employees.

The Board will hold a regular meeting at 2:10 p.m. or immediately after the executive session, whichever is later, in the Training Room at Carmel Police Headquarters, 1000 S. Range Line Road.

The Carmel Advisory Committee on Disability will meet at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2026, in Meeting Room C at Carmel Clay Public Library, 425 E. Main St.

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2026, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9) To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process; and (11) To train school board members with an outside consultant about the performance of the role of the members as public officials.

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.

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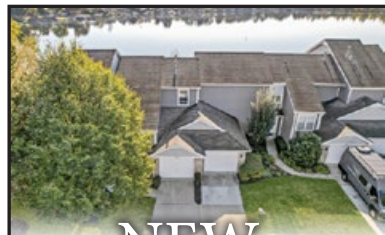
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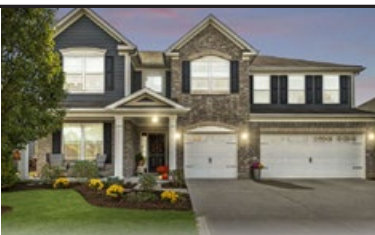
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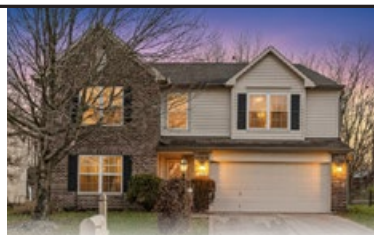
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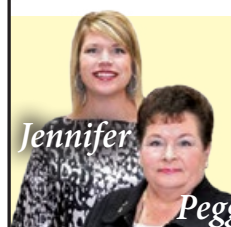
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Girls wrestling sectional provides full-circle moment for Heights

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

Hamilton Heights made history on Friday, Jan. 2, becoming the first Hamilton County school to host an IHSAA-sanctioned post-season event.

The Huskies' gym was one of 16 sectional sites across Indiana, where champions were crowned and the top four in each weight class earned places at this weekend's regional tournaments.

One of the people watching was Gary Myers. The longtime Heights boys coach was the man that started girls wrestling in Indiana. The Huskies hosted the first Indiana High School Girls Wrestling (IHSGW) state tournament in 2017.

Myers said there were 87 girls wrestling in that first state championship, comparing that to the 90 girls that competed at this year's Hamilton Heights sectional. "Just one section-

al covers what we used to have 10 years ago for the whole state," he said.

Myers pointed out that there are 2,700 girls registered to wrestle in Indiana through the IHSAA, calling the growth "unbelievable."

"Tell me it's not the fastest-growing sport in America," he said.

The Heights sectional was a full-circle moment for not just Myers, but for one of the first-ever state champions. Huskies coach Markaela Pugh was the 106-pound champion in that inaugural IHSGW state tournament, winning state as a freshman back in 2017.

Pugh and her assistants were cheering and coaching throughout the day, sending four Heights girls on to the regional at Kokomo, which takes place on Saturday.

"It's awesome," said Pugh, who agreed that it was "a full-circle moment."

"I get to see it from a different perspective now, in the coaches' corner, which



(LEFT) Gary Myers watches a sectional match. Myers started girls wrestling in Indiana; the Huskies hosted the first IHSGW state tournament in 2017. (RIGHT) Hamilton Heights girls wrestling coach Markaela Pugh was one of the first state champions in 2017. Pugh agrees that seeing the Huskies host an IHSAA-sanctioned sectional is "a full-circle moment."

is super exciting," said Pugh. "Sometimes I get so into it, I feel like I'm wrestling myself, so that's super awesome and fun to enjoy."

Pugh earned four state medals before graduating from Hamilton Heights in 2020; winning the Mental Attitude Award her senior

year. She went on to wrestle at Indiana Tech before coming home to coach the Huskies.

Pugh said that being a

young coach helps, "because I can definitely relate to them. We build a sisterhood, so being close in age helps our bond build."

Reporter photos by Richie Hall



Girls Basketball

Trojans pull away from Greyhounds

By **RICHIE HALL**
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The Carmel girls basketball team gave a tough challenge to Class 4A No. 3 Center Grove Thursday before the Trojans pulled away for a 57-40 win on Bill Shepherd Court at the Eric Clark Activity Center.

The Greyhounds led 10-9 after one quarter, with sophomore Catherine Bassi hitting two 3-pointers. Bassi missed significant time last year and this year recovering from an injury but is slowly coming back.

"She was allowed to play half the game today, because she played four minutes per quarter," said Carmel coach Jess Darmelio. "She just has an extremely high basketball IQ. She was out for a year, but you can't tell based on how she's picked things up, how she's played seamlessly with her teammates on the court."

The game was tied 20-20 at halftime. Taylee Fisher scored five points in the second quarter to help keep

the Greyhounds in it.

But the Trojans, now 16-0, took over in the third period, outscoring Carmel 20-6. Gracyn Gilliard, Center Grove's star player, scored eight points in that quarter, then added nine more in the fourth. Gilliard led all scorers with 21 points.

"They're ranked third in the state, they're undefeated for a reason. So, at halftime we talked about how they were going to turn their dial up, they're coming to Gracyn Gilliard a little bit more," said Darmelio. "They're going to come after us, and we talked about things what things we're going to do to turn our dial up as well. I thought we froze a little bit in that third quarter."

"We're looking for progress. We're super young. The fact that we showed that we are capable of playing with them for that first half is a step in the right direction for us, so I'm proud of what they did."

Bella Ramsey scored 10 points in the fourth, including a pair of 3s. She led the



Carmel's Catherine Bassi scored eight points for the Greyhounds during their Thursday game with Center Grove.

Hounds with 16 points, with Bassi and Fisher each scoring eight.

Carmel is 7-8 and hosts Heritage Christian on Saturday.

Huskies take big win over West Lafayette

By **CRAIG ADKINS**
For The Reporter

Last night's Hoosier Conference road game for the Hamilton Heights was a big one. It helped the Huskies stay undefeated in league play atop the East.

The Huskies had their feet on the gas pedal and didn't let up en route to a 52-34 win.

Heights jumped out to a commanding 20-3 lead in the first quarter and never looked back.

The pace slowed a little in the second, still doubling up the host Red Devils, giving the Huskies a 30-8 half-time lead.

West Lafayette woke up offensively in the second half. They outscored

Heights 12-11 in the third and 14-11 in the fourth. Their second half effort wouldn't be near enough to come back and Hamilton Heights wound up victorious for the 12th time this season.

The win gives Heights a full-game lead at 2-0 in the East Division over Western (1-0).

The Huskies (12-3) have won 10 of their last 11 and visit IBCA No. 18 Westfield (15-5) in an all-county showdown tonight.

Riley Suarez led Heights with 26 points on 10 of 17 shooting. Suarez also grabbed eight rebounds before fouling out. Addison Blum added 10, Kamryn Rhoton seven and Bayleigh Eisele had six assists.

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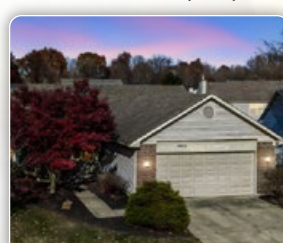
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Boys Basketball

Top-ranked Tigers extinguish fourth-ranked Red Devils

By RICHARD TORRES
For The Reporter

FISHERS – Their highly-anticipated showdown against fourth-ranked Pike was moved up a day, but the top-ranked Fishers Tigers were weekend ready on Thursday night, and junior Cooper Zachary punctuated it – twice.

Zachary finished with 12 points – one of four Tigers to reach double figures – and set the tone inside The Jungle with a pair of buzzer-beating, deep 3-pointers to end the first and second quarters, as unbeaten Fishers (11-0) won 76-67.

“Going into a game like this is always fun,” Zachary said. “I’ve played with those guys my whole life and against them. At the end of the day, like nine times out of ten, we should come out with the win.”

The Tigers solidified their chances to extinguish the red-hot Pike Red Devils (9-2) with a quick 9-2 run to start and a 10-3 swing to end the first quarter capped by a near, halfcourt 3-pointer from Zachary that put Fishers ahead 19-9.

Fishers built a 38-23 lead by halftime after Zachary drilled an NBA-range 3-pointer before the horn

sounded.

“Obviously, I’m not going to go finish over Isaiah (Hill). He’s seven feet, so I felt like my best shot was a 30-, 45-footer. Luckily, two of them dropped tonight,” Zachary said. “The first one felt good. The second one fell a little bit to the left, but then it found its way. It was a good moment going into the half.”

Coached by former NBA star Jeff Teague, Pike showcases 7-foot Isaiah Hill and 6-2 guard Jahari Miller, both juniors, along with 6-6 sophomore Landon Lampley.

All three were key during Pike’s 48-44 double-overtime win at Noblesville on Tuesday, and against the Tigers, they produced.

Miller posted 13 points with four steals and four rebounds. Lampley had 14 points and seven rebounds, while senior TJ Davis scored a team-high 20 points. Junior Kenneth Lampley III had 10 points, while Hill finished with eight points, six rebounds and five blocks.

Pike’s slow start and



Hillsman

Fishers’ pressure defense and depth put the game seemingly out of reach in the third quarter, as the Tigers led by as many as 22 points.

“I thought our guys did a good job of defending actions, doing what we wanted to do for the most part in ball screens, and they had a good preparation yesterday, and we’re locked in on what we’re trying to do,” Fishers coach Garrett Winegar said.

“We’re going to just find a way, and now, this group and this program has gotten to that point where with what we’ve done the last two and a half years, I think they always believe regardless of the score, regardless of the opponent that we expect to win.”

The Tigers’ readiness and adaptability since junior Jason Gardner Jr. went down last month with a left-hand injury was evident.

Senior Ethan Hillsman led the Tigers with 20 points, followed by senior Kai McGrew’s 16 points and 11 rebounds. Junior Levi Walker had 15 points and six rebounds. Senior Jean-Claude L’Homme added seven points and three

steals, but Zachary supplied the daggers.

Zachary shot 4 of 8 from beyond the arc. The team shot 11 of 22 overall with McGrew burying 4 of 6 attempts from 3-point range.

The Tigers ended the night 54 percent from the field and 50 percent from deep while out rebounding the Red Devils 37-20 in a game that featured back-and-forth dunks, 3-pointers and up-tempo transitions.

“It’s not like an arrogance of expecting to win. We know we’ve put in the work. We’re prepared, and we’ve been diligent about what we’re trying to do,” Winegar said. “So, we have confidence no matter the moment that we can find a way to win.”

The Tigers were tested in the fourth quarter. A stretch of 10 consecutive turnovers as Pike applied the half-court trap cut their advantage to seven points, but late buckets by Hillsman and 4 of 6 free-throw shooting fended off the Red Devils.

“I told the team, I’m very proud of them, but I’m glad it happened that way,” Winegar said. “If we pull away and keep going and win by 30 or 35, there’s not a lot you can come back to the next day and learn from.”

Blazers come back, beat Scecina in OT

The REPORTER

University's boys overcame a 10-point fourth deficit and went on to pick up a 67-63 overtime win over Scecina Thursday night at The U Center.

The Trailblazers outscored the Crusaders 15-11 in the four-minute overtime behind a pair of Blake Gray three pointers and five points from Cooper Cammack.

Scecina scored the first basket of the fourth quarter to take a 46-36 lead. Faisal Mohamud hit a three pointer with 6:07 left to start the comeback. Scecina scored on a rebound basket with 5:09 left but University scored the next 11 points. Josh Henderson made a basket before Gray hit a three pointer. Henderson pulled University with in two off a Cammack assist. Henderson had a big defensive play

with a blocked shot that led to Mohamud knotting the score at 48 with 3:16 left.

Josh McGee gave University their first lead of the night at 50-48 with 2:17 left. After the Crusaders split a pair of free throws, Henderson put the Blazers up 52-49 with 1:15 left. Jake Marshall came off the bench for Scecina to make a three pointer from the right wing that tied the game at 52 with 1:02 left. University held for the last shot but it was off the mark.

Mohamud opened the overtime with a basket before Scecina's Bryce Mathis split two foul shots and had a steal layup to give the Crusaders their last lead at 55-54. Henderson's foul shot tied the game at 55 before Gray made back-to-back three pointers for a 61-55 lead with 1:22 left. Scecina

kept battling back, Adrian Hill making a three pointer before Cammack scored. After Mathis made a three to cut the lead to 63-61, Henderson fed the ball to Cammack for two. Hill scored again to make it 65-63. University's defense forced a turnover and missed three pointer and Mohamud and Cammack iced the game with free throws.

The Blazers struggled to generate offense through three quarters, turning the ball over 14 times and scoring just 36 points. The Blazers scored 31 points in the last ten minutes of the

game and committed only three turnovers. University shot 11 of 14 in the fourth quarter and overtime, including four of six on three pointers.

Henderson led four Trailblazers in double figures with 17 points. Gray and Mohamud had 15 each while Cammack scored 12. McGee had eight rebounds.

Mathis had a game-high 27 for Scecina.

University is now 8-3 on the season. Scecina is 6-3.

University plays again on Saturday at Covenant Christian as the nightcap of a girls-boys doubleheader.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Jan. 9

BOYS BASKETBALL

Guerin Catholic at Bishop Chatard, 7:30 p.m.
Noblesville at Marion, 7:30 p.m.
Northwestern at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.
Sheridan at Tri-Central, 7:30 p.m.
Westfield at Yorktown, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Hamilton Heights at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.
Sheridan at Tri-Central, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 10

BOYS BASKETBALL

Fishers vs. St. Louis Ritter, 4 p.m. at Highland, Ill.
Heritage Christian at Guerin Catholic, 4:30 p.m.
Carmel at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.
Rossville at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.
University at Covenant Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Yorktown at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS WRESTLING

Hamilton Heights at Bill Kerbel Invitational, 8:30 a.m. at New Haven
Sheridan at Tipton Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Guerin Catholic Invitational, 9 a.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Paul Loggan Memorial Tournament, 9 a.m. at North Central
Noblesville, Westfield at IHSWCA Team State, 9 a.m. at Brownsburg

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Heritage Christian at Carmel, 1:30 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Fort Wayne Carroll, 2:30 p.m.
University at Covenant Christian, 6 p.m.

GIRLS WRESTLING REGIONALS

Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville at Muncie Central, 9 a.m.
Hamilton Heights, Sheridan at Kokomo, 9 a.m.

SWIMMING

Carmel at Fishers, 10 a.m.
Hamilton Heights at Elwood (with Frankton), 10 a.m.
Zionsville at Westfield, 11 a.m.
Pioneer Conference meet, noon

Tuesday, Jan. 13

BOYS WRESTLING

Guerin Catholic at Anderson, 6 p.m.
Pendleton Heights at Fishers, 6:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Carroll at Sheridan, 6 p.m.
Carmel at Pendleton Heights, 7:30 p.m.
University at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.
Western at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.
Noblesville at Lafayette Jefferson, 7:45 p.m.

SWIMMING

Hamilton Heights at Western, 6 p.m.
University and North Central at Noblesville, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 14

BOYS BASKETBALL

Crispus Attucks at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS WRESTLING

New Castle at Hamilton Heights, 6 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Bishop Chatard, 6:30 p.m.
Westfield at Carmel, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 15

BOYS WRESTLING

Taylor at Sheridan, 6 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Sheridan at Speedway, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Hoosier Conference diving meet, 5 p.m. at West Lafayette
Carmel at Pike, 6 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at Westfield, 6 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at North Central, 6 p.m.
Noblesville at Zionsville, 6 p.m.

Please email schedule changes or corrections to sports@readthereporter.com.

Second-half comeback propels HSE to victory

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern’s boys made a big second-half comeback on their way to a 66-64 win over Lawrence Central Thursday in an away game.

The Royals led 19-17 after one quarter, but the Bears dominated the second period, pouring in 25 points in the quarter to lead 42-29 at halftime.

Southeastern turned the tables on LC during the third quarter, outscoring the Bears 18-9 to cut their lead to 51-47. The Royals poured in 19 points in the fourth to clinch the win.

Four players scored in double figures, starting with Landon Osswald’s 18 points. Luke Weemer added 17 points, Varschon Clark scored 15 and KJ Buckley came off the bench to add 12.

Clark was close to triple-double territory, collecting eight rebounds and dishing out eight assists. Jack Jacobs handed out five assists, while Weemer pulled six rebounds.

The Royals are 5-6 and travel to Westfield next Friday for a Hoosier Crossroads Conference girls-boys doubleheader.

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Tues Jan 6 - Girls Basketball
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7:15 pm Indianapolis Shortridge vs **Fishers** High School | Fishers Sports

Fri Jan 9 - Boys Basketball
7:15 pm **Hamilton Heights** vs Northwestern | Varsity | Husky Sports (PPV)
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Fri Jan 9 - Girls Basketball
5:50 pm Ritter vs Heritage Christian | Indiana SRN
5:45 pm Tri-Central vs **Sheridan** | Girls/Boys Basketball | Bragg Sports Media

Sat Jan 10 - Boys Basketball
7:20 pm **University** vs Covenant Christian | Indiana SRN
7:20 pm Bloomington North vs Seymour | Indiana SRN

Sat Jan 10 - Girls Basketball
1:20 pm North Harrison vs Seymour | Indiana SRN
5:50 pm University vs Covenant Christian | Indiana SRN





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Blackhawk Bowler named to All-Conference



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On Tuesday, Jan. 6, Sheridan High School freshman Sophia Hufferd was named to the White River Valley All-Conference Team. This earns her one of only seven spots awarded to bowlers across the conference. Hufferd led the Blackhawks this season with an impressive 188 average, which ranks as the second-highest average in the conference. Her performance also set a new school record, making it the highest bowling average in school history. This outstanding achievement highlights a remarkable freshman season and a bright future for the Blackhawks' bowling program.

All-Sportsmanship teams announced for Fall Sports

The REPORTER

With the November conclusion of the fall high school spring sports season, the IH-SAA is pleased to announce the schools who achieved the state's highest sportsmanship numbers. During the last school year, the Association began recognizing schools' sportsmanship and adherence to the principles of wholesome amateur athletics in this new way. As part of the Association's continuing Sportsmanship/Leadership program, school administrators are able to monitor their score daily on the member schools-only myIHSA website. Those schools who have accumulated 100 points are recognized as "First Team

All Sportsmanship" and those with 95 points are recognized as "Honorable Mention All Sportsmanship". These scores are based solely on deductions for the fall season so they will not reflect the ongoing total sportsmanship score for a school if the school engaged in activities to earn points through the sportsmanship program. Hamilton County schools earning First Team All-Sportsmanship are Carmel, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Heights and Sheridan. Local schools earning Honorable Mention All-Sportsmanship are Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern and University. Seasonal Sportsmanship Awards recognize schools at the end of each season based on scores for an indi-

vidual season. For example, fall sportsmanship scores are based solely on the fall sports regardless of what sportsmanship score will achieve during the winter and spring. Points are deducted by contest ejections of players, coaches, administrators, and fans. "We want to acknowledge and congratulate those schools who have exemplified sportsmanship as indicated by their sportsmanship scores," says IHSA Assistant Commissioner Jane Schott, who administers the IHSA sportsmanship program. "By recognizing schools at the end of season, we hope this encourages schools to celebrate those programs who show exemplary sportsmanship."

Men's Basketball

Boom overpowered by Raptors 905, 117-98

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Boom (3-5), the NBA G League affiliate of the Indiana Pacers, lost to the Raptors 905 (7-1), 117-98, Thursday night at Paramount Fine Foods Centre. Cody Martin posted a season-high 22 points on 10-of-16 shooting from the field with eight rebounds, four assists, three steals and two blocks. Kyle Guy added 18 points, four rebounds and four assists, while Taelon Peter recorded a double-double with 13 points and 10 rebounds (career-high), along with a career-high five steals. 905 was led by David Roddy and Tyreke Key, who scored 26 points apiece, while Roddy added eight rebounds and eight assists.

Jarkel Joiner contributed 16 points and five assists for the Raptors. In the turnover-filled first half, the Boom fell behind early after committing 17 turnovers, leading to 19 points for 905. The Boom managed to stay within striking distance behind Cody Martin's 14 first-half points until 905 closed the half on a 17-4 run to take a 56-42 advantage at the break. Noblesville was held to a season-low offensive output, while Roddy and Key combined for 29 points to lead the Raptors at half-time. 905 opened the third quarter with an 8-0 run and never looked back, building a 29-point lead late in the frame while shooting 57.1

percent from the field and 54.5 percent from three-point range. Despite limiting turnovers, the Boom couldn't find a rhythm, shooting 6-of-20 from the field, including 0-of-8 from beyond the arc in the third. 905 extended their lead by 33 in the fourth quarter, their largest of the game, to earn the convincing win despite a 35-point quarter from the Boom. The Boom will complete the five-game road trip against the Windy City Bulls on Sunday at Now Arena. Coverage begins at 8 p.m. on NBAGLeague.com. Tickets and team updates are available at NoblesvilleBoom.com, and fans can stream every game live at NBAGLeague.com.



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