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TODAY'S WEATHER



Today: Partly sunny.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with snow showers late.
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WYAP gets \$20K grant from Hamilton County Community Foundation to support youth

The REPORTER

Westfield Youth Assistance Program (WYAP) recently received a \$20,000 grant from Hamilton County Community Foundation (HCCF) to support WYAP's youth-centered services.

The funding will allow WYAP to continue to support Westfield youth through services such as mentoring, tutoring, truancy support, and connections to mental health counseling, camps, and other enrichment activities. Since 2009, WYAP has worked with youth and their families who are facing challenging life circumstances, connecting them with the community's vast array of talents, services, and resources. WYAP's Early Intervention Advocates (EIAs)



work with each individual family to create the best action plan to support each youth's unique needs and help them reach their full potential.

"This investment from Hamilton County Community Foundation strengthens our ability to meet youth where they are and intervene early,

where the greatest impact can be made," WYAP Past President Tammy Havard said. "This partnership ensures we can continue to surround young people with the support, services, relationships, and experiences that help them reach their full potential."

HCCF awards grants to nonprofit organizations serving residents and working to advance long-term opportunity in the community. The foundation connects donors, nonprofits, and partners to address the county's most pressing challenges and drive lasting change.

How can I make this right?

Years ago, I wrote a column about what I believe is a true apology. I'm not talking about an "oops" apology, where we do something minor like bumping into a person while walking, making a spelling error in an email, etc. A true apology is important for situations where we've deeply hurt or upset someone.



The three parts of a true apology are to listen to the person, apologize verbally or in written form, and ask them, "How can I make this right?" Many of us forget this last step - I know I'm guilty on occasion. And I've seen people look completely surprised when I ask them the question. I've never shared an example of how to do this and thought I'd share one.

Years ago, our Indiana Grant Professionals Association (GPA) hosted the GPA National Conference in Indianapolis. It was a lot of fun - and a lot of work.

Our chapter had an exhibitor booth to share information about our activities and hopefully recruit new people. Local board members all took turns and enjoyed talking to attendees.

On the final day, I was packing items away from the booth and felt exhausted - yet exhilarated - about the success of the conference. One board member I'll call Caroline stomped up to me, her face red and eyes blazing.

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Home is where the toy drives are



Photo provided

M/I Homes of Indiana's recent Santa Meet-and-Greet events, which ran from Nov. 30 to Dec. 20, 2025, successfully brought holiday joy to families while supporting Toys for Tots. In addition to collecting new, unwrapped toys for children in need, the leading residential homebuilder also raised \$2,000 for the organization. The eight free community events took place at M/I Homes of Indiana neighborhoods throughout the region, including: Sawyer Walk in Bargersville; Bonterra in Westfield; Sagebrook West in Indianapolis; Hickory Run in Indianapolis; Silo Ridge in Noblesville; Bear Run in Shelbyville; Auburn Ridge in Brownsburg; and Grayson in Indianapolis. Families enjoyed photos with Santa, festive treats, and a warm holiday atmosphere, reinforcing M/I Homes of Indiana's commitment to community connection and giving back. M/I Homes of Indiana is proud to support initiatives that make a meaningful impact for children and families throughout Central Indiana and looks forward to continuing these efforts in the years ahead.

CFB launches "Small Change, Big Impact" campaign as penny phase-out gets underway

The REPORTER

Community First Bank (CFB) has launched its "Small Change, Big Impact" campaign, an initiative designed to help ease the transition as the nation moves away from the penny.

Most pennies quickly leave circulation, often ending up in jars and drawers, which contributes to ongoing shortages in local economies. In fact, households across the country are holding onto an estimated \$60 to \$90 in coins, according to the Federal Reserve.

To help keep small change in circulation and support local businesses, CFB invites customers and community mem-

bers to participate in the "Small Change, Big Impact" campaign now through Feb. 13. Community members can bring in pennies to exchange, and in return, participants will receive a coupon card featuring special offers from beloved local businesses. In Hamilton County, participating businesses are Rivet, Turn the Page, and Big Hoffas.

To add to the excitement, anyone who brings in at least 25 pennies will be entered into a drawing for a local prize basket valued at \$350. See bank for full details.

CFB's "Small Change, Big Impact" campaign is a way to keep small change circulating



locally, support neighborhood businesses, and foster community spirit. As a community bank, CFB is committed to helping local businesses thrive, especially during times of change.

To find a branch near you, visit CFBIndiana.com/locations.

Note: The One Concourse branch in Fishers can accept loose pennies up to \$1. All other coinage must be rolled before deposit or exchange. This limitation applies only to the Fishers location; other branches do not have this restriction.

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

Indiana House bill would dissolve majority of state's townships

By GARRETT BERGQUIST
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Hundreds of townships could be eliminated under a bill an Indiana House panel approved Tuesday morning.

The bill marks the latest chapter in a long-running debate at the Statehouse, dating back to at least the Mitch Daniels administration, over the future of township government.

The bill would dissolve all townships that have a population of less than 6,700 or if at least 80 percent of their land area is located within the boundaries of a municipality. It specifically exempts townships that operate a fire department as well as the nine townships of Marion County.

According to analysis by the Legislative Services Agency, the bill could affect as many as 700 of Indiana's roughly 1,000 townships.

Townships in Indiana most commonly provide some forms of public assistance through the township trustee's office. The bill directs townships to transfer any services they provide to a city or to their county. Christina Neeley, the former trustee of Harrison Township in Fayette County, said even in her own county, townships varied wildly in terms of services provided.

"There are townships, not just in my county, that haven't helped a family in years. Some trustees don't even answer their phones. Some don't fully understand their job responsibilities," she said. "Others don't just have the budget for basic technology and they still rely on paper checks and vouchers. I'm not saying the system is broken beyond repair but it allows too much inconsistency."

Supporters of township government said they provide critical services tailored to a specific community's

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“Amy ... what did you do with my basket?” She cried. My mind felt muddled as I struggled to recall what she was talking about. “Basket? Caroline, we didn’t have a basket on the table.” I replied.

“Yes, yes we did ... I brought a Longaberger basket, and it was right here.” I was completely taken aback. I turned to one of my other GPA friends and asked if she had seen the basket. She didn’t know what Car-

oline was talking about either. I was sorely tempted at this point to argue with her. But I didn’t have the energy, and I didn’t want her to be upset and cause issues for our chapter in the future. I thought for a moment, then took a deep breath.

“Caroline, I’m terribly sorry. I’m afraid we don’t remember seeing your basket. But obviously it meant something to you.” Caroline huffed in reply, but I could tell she at least felt heard.

“Tell you what ... I’m going down to the outlet mall in Edinburgh on Veteran’s Day weekend. There’s great shop there that sells beautiful baskets. How about you describe the basket to me, and I’ll buy you a new one to make this right. Would that be okay?”

Caroline didn’t speak for at least 30 seconds. Her face was a mask of surprise and confusion.

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“Oh ... wow ... um ... gosh. You don’t have to do that,” she replied sheepishly.

“I don’t mind at all. I’d like to make this up to you.”

“No ... you know what ... it’s okay. I have too much stuff in my house anyway. Thanks, though.” Caroline turned and walked away looking almost embarrassed. The subject never came up again.

We all hurt people on occasion, whether we mean to or not. When we do what we can to make the situation right, it speaks volumes to others. It shows a true apology from the heart and can help make relationships better and stronger.

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needs, even in a built-up area. Carmel almost entirely overlaps Clay Township but Carmel City Council President Matthew Snyder said Clay Township has remained a critical partner for the city, including building a fieldhouse and seven roundabouts. He said the presence of township government has never held the city back.



Snyder

“Township government is one of the most Hoosier ideas imaginable. It is gov-

ernment closest to the people. It’s accountable to neighbors, not bureaucrats. Grounded in community knowledge, not distant mandates,” he said. “Eliminating it does not shrink government, it centralizes power.”

The bill was approved on a 9-3 vote and now goes to the full House.

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Be prepared to avoid health emergencies during extreme cold

Submitted by Parkview Health

As temperatures plunge below freezing across the region, planning ahead and limiting your exposure to the elements is key to protecting yourself from the biting cold.

Dr. Thomas Gutwein, physician executive for the emergency department and pre-hospital service line at Parkview Health, said thinking ahead and being prepared for extreme cold is the best way to avoid health incidents such as falls, frostbite and hypothermia.

Local temperatures are forecast to fall this weekend and into next week, with single-digit lows starting Saturday night and highs below 20 degrees Sunday through Tuesday.

Gutwein provided information on three health issues most commonly associated with bitter cold, what to look out for and how to avoid them.

Falls

Falling on snow and ice is a big risk during winter and when temperatures are sub-freezing. Falling outdoors not only puts you at risk for broken bones (especially among older patients) but can also leave you exposed to frostbite and hypothermia.

Whether you're going out to get the mail, walking

from your car into work or a store, going to the neighbor's or taking your dog outside, dress for the weather from head to toe, Gutwein said. Although you expect to just run out for a moment, if you fall and injure yourself, that 30-second walk to the mailbox can become many minutes.

"When it's really cold out, you need to think about what you're doing before you go outside," Gutwein said. "You need to make sure that you put proper shoes or boots on. You don't want to throw on some sandals or slippers that are going to slide. I see a lot of people who fall on their deck just 8 feet from their back door because they're going to run out their door real quick."

"You should put on proper shoes or boots so they can grip the ground, along with a coat to keep you protected. And just be prepared to fall or get stuck in the cold every time you walk outside," Gutwein said.

No matter how quick an errand you're running, take your cell phone with you so you can call for help if you need it, Gutwein said. And let someone else know that you're going outside and what you're doing so they can come looking for you if you don't return indoors at the expected time.

"It's important to let somebody know you're going out, especially the older you get," Gutwein said.

Frostbite

Any skin left exposed to cold is at risk of frostbite. And the colder it is, the faster it can happen.

When your body gets cold, your blood vessels narrow, and your body works to preserve its core temperature to keep your brain and organs functioning. That reduces blood flow to your extremities – especially fingers and toes – which makes them the most susceptible to frostbite. But any area that's exposed and gets very cold can be at risk, Gutwein said. When part of your body is getting reduced blood flow, it begins to lose both warmth and oxygen.

Frostbite develops in stages as blood flow to your extremities decreases, accompanied by decreasing nerve function before tissue begins dying.

"You're going to start getting some burning in those tissues, tingling, then when you go past that stage and it gets numb and you lose sensation, then the skin will start to blister like a burn," Gutwein said. "The smallest blood vessels, called capillaries, can freeze. The freezing causes expansion of the capillaries, which causes the capil-

laries and blood vessels to break open. Then, as those blood vessels break open, you get blood blisters. As it freezes deeper, then you get necrosis, which is death of the tissue."

When you start feeling that burning cold sensation, it's time to get out of the elements and indoors to warm up. Don't rub your hands together to try to generate friction heat – that can damage skin that has become fragile due to reduced blood flow – and don't run your cold skin under hot water, use lukewarm water at most, because your nerves have reduced sensitivity and you can burn yourself if you crank up the heat from the faucet, Gutwein said.

If you're going to be outside in the cold, always wear layers of loose-fitting clothing to trap your body's heat. Wearing tight-fitting clothing that compresses your body can reduce blood flow, which reduces heat and oxygen to your extremities, Gutwein said.

Hypothermia

If your body temperature drops too much, you could begin to experience hypothermia.

Hypothermia can begin occurring even indoors in conditions where a home is too cold. Gutwein noted, for example, senior citizens

who have their furnace set too low to try to save on their gas bill can potentially be putting themselves in danger.

"As your body temperature gets colder, you slow down," Gutwein said. "You'll start shivering but then you'll stop shivering, get colder, and get very slow. It's harder for you to get around. You'll feel extremely tired and fatigued. You can get confused because the blood flow to your brain is slower."

If you're getting so cold to the point of disorientation, hypothermia can quickly become an emergency, Gutwein said. In a state of confusion from cold, it's not uncommon for people to actually start removing clothing, which will make them colder faster and speed them toward a greater risk of death. A person may also begin to experience stroke-like symptoms as blood flow and the oxygen that comes with it are reduced to their brain.

If you're getting too cold, layer up with clothing or blankets, turn up the heat and/or get to a public warming station, which generally open during stretches of extreme cold.

Gutwein also provided one other reminder about staying warm indoors during the winter – never use any

kind of heater meant for outdoor use, like kerosene heaters, inside your house. Aside from being a fire risk, using gas-based heaters inside the home can cause a buildup of deadly amounts of carbon monoxide gas.

"Everyone should have a carbon monoxide detector in their home as well as a smoke detector. Never use a heating source that's intended to be used outside inside your house," Gutwein said, also warning against using your barbecue grill inside your garage, as that can also release dangerous gases.

Be prepared

Gutwein's final message: Be prepared.

Dress warm, wear good shoes, tell someone where you're going, and keep your phone close. Whether you're going to the mailbox or driving across town, auto accidents on snow and ice or vehicle breakdowns can be another winter danger – always consider the possibility that if something happens, you might be caught out in the elements for longer than you anticipate.

"When you go out and the temperatures or wind chills are less than 20 degrees, don't think you're going out for just two minutes," Gutwein said. "You may unexpectedly be out in extremely dangerous weather for 20 minutes."

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A little less conversation, a little more action, please

"The right way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing."
— Walt Disney

Let's get real and start out with "true confessions" here.

As I confess to being somewhat of a fashionista, I did not adhere to my usual bedtime last night in order to view the parade of formal attire in the latest awards program on television. Therefore, this morning being a little sleep deprived I was reluctant to bound out of the door to make my way to the gym. I nearly talked myself out of it until I stopped talking in order to "begin doing" as Mr. Disney shares with us in his quote this week.

For those of us of any age, but particularly those of us of a "certain age" it is vital that we keep moving — beyond the usual routines of our daily lives. Now, if you are a professional athlete or Olympic hopeful this would



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not apply to you as your fitness routine is your life. And, since most of us do not fit into that category of humans we must rally those brain cells which will kick that body into gear and move forward!

So let's look at some suggestions for those of us who need to keep moving, which include all of us in some form or another.

Let's begin with walking. Are you getting your 10,000 steps in? Of course, the weather is not always perfect but we can work around that, and many of us have treadmills and stationary bikes. Walking is indeed the best exercise available, in my opinion. For those who have walking issues, of course swimming is a possible alternative and actually should be included for nearly anyone as it is a great conditioning exercise.

For women of a certain age it is very important to

include weight-bearing exercise, which is recommended for those with osteopenia and osteoporosis; your physician will diagnose those conditions, of course.

Strength training for muscle tone; most of the big box stores carry hand weights and you can work out with these for your biceps, triceps, shoulder and back muscles, and in muscle-toning exercises for the lower body. Many of you have exercise bands which are very easy to include in your routine.

Flexibility is extremely important, whether you are an infrequent exerciser or a conditioned athlete. Always do your stretching and flexible movements before doing any other type of exercise.

And we come to one of my favorites — dancing! Bruce and I love to dance and do so every chance we get from the kitchen to the dance floor! However you can dance whether you have a dance partner or not,

turn up your faves (Motown for me) and move it! Not only will your body benefit but your brain as well when those endorphins kick in!

ALWAYS get clearance from your physician first before beginning any exercise regimen.

If you are interested, I will once again begin teaching my FlexAbility class at the Hamilton East Public Library in Noblesville on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 9:30 a.m. This class meets once weekly and is offered at no cost. HEPL does request that you register, and you may do so at hamiltoneastpl.org. This class is appropriate for all ages, genders, and fitness levels. All you need is a mat or large towel.

Sharon McMahon, CNWC

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

Get ready to cheer IU football to victory with free Watch Party at Fishers Event Center

The REPORTER

The City of Fishers, in partnership with the Fishers Event Center, 11000 Stockdale St., invites the community to a free Indiana Football Watch Party on Monday, Jan. 19. Doors open at 7 p.m. and kickoff is at 7:30 p.m.

As Indiana Football takes the national stage, residents and fans are invited to cheer the Hoosiers to victory at the Fishers Event Center to experience the game in a shared, high-energy environment. The watch party will feature the game broadcast on the center

scoreboard screen.

Admission is free; however, a ticket is required for entry. Concessions will be available for purchase, and complimentary parking will be provided onsite. Tickets are available [here](http://fishers.com).

The Fishers Event Center is a 7,500-seat venue and a premier destination for entertainment and community events in the Midwest. The facility also serves as home to the Indy Fuel Hockey Club, Indy Ignite of Major League Volleyball, and Fishers Freight of the Indoor Football League. Learn more at FishersEventCenter.com.

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Indianapolis nonprofit leader Lindsay Gramlich files candidacy for Indiana House District 39

Submitted

Lindsay Gramlich officially filed paperwork on Wednesday, Jan. 14, with the Indiana Election Division to formalize her candidacy for the Indiana House of Representatives' 39th District, which serves portions of Carmel and Westfield.

Gramlich has been a longtime community advocate and brings with her over 16 years of experience in leadership and philanthropy in central Indiana. Currently, she serves as the President and CEO of Girls Inc. of Greater Indianapolis, a nonprofit leadership organization dedicated to helping girls realize their full potential. She has also worked in various capacities at the Children's Museum of Indianapolis and was voted one of Indy's Most Pivotal Leaders in 2022.

"I am running as a dedicated parent and neighbor," Gramlich said. "I am an active participant in our community. I am a normal working parent, doing school and daycare drop-offs and pickups, shuffling kids to activities, and cheering them on at games and activities.

As an active participant of our community, I believe Carmel and Westfield want someone who represents commonsense solutions in an era of extremism. I want what is best for our kids, young families, older families, and our aging population, and I am ready to be the leader who listens."

Gramlich is a graduate of several notable leadership fellowships in central Indiana. She has served on various boards and currently sits on the DePauw Alumni Association Board and serves as Co-Chair of Community Outreach of the Local Organizing Committee of the 2026 Final Four. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from DePauw University and a Master of Public Affairs from Indiana University.

"For too long, the Indiana supermajority has not been focused on the issues that actually matter to Hoosiers," Gramlich said. "It is time to put the power back in the hands of the people by working on what really matters to Indiana families: earning a decent living, strengthening our public schools, and setting our fu-



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ture generations up for success."

Lindsay lives in Carmel with her husband, three children, and two rescue dogs.

Lindsay Gramlich is a Carmel resident, community leader, and mother of three running to represent District 39 in the Indiana House of Representatives. A community leader with over 16 years of experience in Central Indiana philanthropy, she currently serves as the President and CEO of Girls Inc. of Greater Indianapolis, a youth nonprofit organization. She is a grad-

uate of DePauw University and Indiana University, and lives in Carmel with her husband, three children, and two rescue dogs. Learn more about her campaign at LindsayGramlich.com.

Young issues statement on procedural vote related to Venezuela war powers

Submitted by Office of U.S. Sen. Todd Young

U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) released the following statement regarding Wednesday Jan. 14's procedural vote in the Senate on the Venezuela War Powers Resolution:

"I support President Trump's decision to bring Nicolás Maduro to justice, but I am deeply skeptical about sending American troops to stabilize Venezuela. I strongly believe any commitment of U.S. forces in Venezuela must be subject to debate and authorization in Congress.

"After numerous conversations with senior national security officials, I have received assurances that there are no American troops in Venezuela. I've also received a commitment

that if President Trump were to determine American forces are needed in major military operations in Venezuela, the Administration will come to Congress in advance to ask for an authorization of force.

"For over a decade, under multiple presidents, I've pushed for Congress to fulfill its role defined in the Constitution on matters involving American boots on the ground. Since U.S. involvement in Venezuela began last year, I've pushed for briefings and congressional engagement. On that note, I am pleased that Secretary Rubio has agreed to appear before the Senate Foreign Relations Commit-



Young

tee to provide an update on Venezuela immediately after the recess.

"Regardless of who serves as president or which party controls the White House, Congress must get back to carefully fulfilling its constitutional responsibilities."

A letter from Secretary Rubio to Senator Young addressing this situation can be found at this link.

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Hicks to run for Indiana Senate seat being vacated by State Sen. J.D. Ford

Submitted

Pike Township (Marion County) Board President Demetrick Hicks (D) filed paperwork Wednesday, Jan. 14 to run in the Primary Election for the State Senate District 29 seat to replace State Senator J.D. Ford. The district includes parts of Boone, Hamilton, and Marion counties.

Hicks, 33, is currently the youngest elected official in Marion County to hold a township legislative seat. Hicks is also the youngest Black official in Marion County.

"Sen. Ford has been a wonderful lawmaker and will make an incredible Congressman," Hicks said. "I hear from constituents in our district all the time that he is incredibly responsive to their concerns and engaged in the community. I vow to continue the level of service that those in SD 29 have come to know."

Hicks was elected to the Pike Township Board, which is the legislative and fiscal body of the township, in 2024. Hicks currently serves as President.

"I had hoped to complete my full term on the Pike Board," Hicks said. "However, when Sen. Ford told me of his plans to run for Congress, I felt called to step up so that residents in my district didn't experience a leadership void. I'm very familiar with the Statehouse. I have advocated on education and foster care policy, and recently spoke out against redistricting as a local elected official. I am ready to serve Senate District 29 as its next State Senator!"

In the past, the Indianapolis resident has served as a Pike Township Precinct Committeeman and was the two-term elected President of the Indianapolis Indiana Democrat African American Caucus (IDAAC Indy).

Hicks works full-time as a Director of Clinical Operations and oversees millions in government funding for crisis intervention services. He has also served as a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) for abused and neglected children to help represent children's voices in court.

Yoder lauds J.D. Ford's accomplishments as Senator

Submitted

Indiana Senate Democratic Leader Shelli Yoder (D-Bloomington) issued the following statement Wednesday, Jan. 14 after State Senator J.D. Ford (D-Indianapolis) announced he will not seek re-election.

"Sen. J.D. Ford has been one of the most thoughtful, principled and transparent

leaders to serve in the Indiana Senate, and his impact on Hoosiers will be felt long after his time in office," Yoder said. "For the past eight years, J.D. has worked to peel back the layers of government and invite people in, giving his constituents a clear, honest look at how

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Democrat J.D. Ford to challenge Rep. Spartz in Indiana's 5th District

By **ASHLEY FOWLER**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Democratic State Senator J.D. Ford, who represents Indiana's 29th District, has **launched a campaign** to unseat U.S. Rep. Victoria Spartz.

Ford will run in Indiana's 5th District, a seat Spartz, a Republican, has held since 2020. Spartz has already announced her re-election campaign.

Indiana's 5th Congressional District covers Delaware, Grant, Hamilton, Madison, Tipton, and most of Howard counties.

"Washington politics has been playing an outsized role in our state's government and too many decisions are made based on power instead of peo-



Ford

ple," Ford said in a release Wednesday. "I'm running for Congress because my service to Hoosiers doesn't stop at the Statehouse. I want to bring Indiana's hard work and community values to our nation's capital. Hoosiers deserve a compassionate leader who shows up, lis-

tens, and takes action."

Ford was first elected to the State Senate in 2018 and won re-election in 2022. He is currently the only openly gay lawmaker in the Indiana General Assembly.

IU Indianapolis professor Todd Shelton has also filed to run as a Democrat.

The primary is May 5.

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HAMILTON COUNTY

Candidates who have filed for the May 5, 2026 Primary as of Wednesday, Jan. 14

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*Victoria Spartz (R)

STATE SENATOR

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Tracey Powell (R)
Kirsten Root (D)

District 25
*Mike Gaskill (R)

District 29

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John Ruckelshaus (R)

District 31

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Kerry J. Forestal (D)
Travis Hankins (R)
Lasima O. Packet (D)

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*Hunter Smith (R)

District 29
Coulmba Kebe (D)
*Alaina Shonkwiler (R)
Devon Wellington (D)

District 32

*Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D)

District 37

*Todd Huston (R)
Joel Levi (D)

District 88

Stephanie Jo Yocum (D)

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Chris Evans (R)

Superior Court No. 4
Chadwick Hill (R)

Angela Brown Swenson (R)
Trampas Alan Whalin (R)

Superior Court No. 5
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*Christine Altman (R)

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District 1
*Tim Griffin (R)

District 2
*Amy Elizabeth Massillamany (R)

District 3
*Mark F. Hall (R)

District 4
*Ken Alexander (R)

CICERO TOWN COUNCIL

At-Large (vote for 2)
*Joe Cox (R)
Harrison J. Massone (R)

SHERIDAN TOWN COUNCIL

At-Large
*Michael Foote (R)

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Clay Township
*Paul D. Hensel (R)

Fall Creek Township
*Doug Allman (R)

Jackson Township
*Robyn Cook (R)

Noblesville Township
*Theresa Caldwell (R)

Washington Township
*Jamie Goetz Mills (R)

Wayne Township
*Laura McNamara (R)

White River Township
Lisa Suzanne Flanders (R)

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER

Clay Township (vote for 3)
*Paul K. Bolin (R)
Morgan B. Rinehart (R)

Delaware Township (vote for 3)
*Rick Fain (R)
*Kim Logan (R)

*Marilyn A. Schenkel (R)

Fall Creek Township (vote for 3)
*Susan Davis (R)
Diane Eaton (R)

Noblesville Township (vote for 3)
*Joe Arrowood (R)
*Peggy R. Pfister (R)

*Mary Sue Rowland (R)

Washington Township (vote for 3)
Bennie Britt (D)
*Erica Strahm (R)

White River Township (vote for 3)
*John Dean (R)

*Edward Trent Gordon (R)
Brian Niec (R)

PRECINCT CMTE. – DEMOCRATS

Clay 40: Mindi Epstein

Clay 51: Mark Taber

Clay 60: Elizabeth Stippler

Clay 68: Annette Gross

Delaware 19: Bill Stuart

Noblesville 2: Jeffrey Nickloy

Sheridan 1: Kirsten Root

Sheridan 3: Cheryl L. Popiela

Westfield 8: Evelyn J. Davis

Westfield 25: Bennie Britt

STATE DELEGATE – DEMOCRATS

Adams Township (vote for 6)
Cheryl L. Popiela
Kirsten Root

Clay Township (vote for 40)
Kirk Boller
Ben Boyce
Annette Gross
Stephen K. Ring
Susan Kelly Ring
Elizabeth Stippler

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
Coulmba Kebe
Jeffrey Nickloy

Washington Township (vote for 20)
Bennie Britt
Evelyn J. Davis

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Fred Glynn

Clay 2 (vote for 5)
Frederick Daniel Landis

Clay 4 (vote for 5)
Rob Brown
Robert Fulk

Delaware 1 (vote for 5)
Rick Fain

Delaware 2 (vote for 5)
David Giffel

Fall Creek 1 (vote for 5)
Tiffanie Ditlevson
Diane Eaton
Dawn Lang

Fall Creek 2 (vote for 5)
Patricia (Trish) Poteet
Evan Woodruff

Fall Creek 3 (vote for 5)
Doug Allman
Shelly Allman
Pete Peterson

Jackson/White River (vote for 5)
Ray Adler
Max Engling

Noblesville 1 (vote for 5)
Trini Beaver
Darren Peterson

Noblesville 2 (vote for 5)
Tim Berry
Ellen Cortrecht
Tim Cortrecht
Mike Davis
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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Candidates who have filed for the May 5, 2026 Primary Election as of Wednesday, Jan. 14

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 5TH DISTRICT

J.D. Ford (D)
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Todd Shelton (D)
*Victoria Spartz (R)

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Tracey Powell (R)
Kirsten Root (D)

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

District 38
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Heath R. VanNatter (R)

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, 36TH DISTRICT

Matthew B. Quigley (R)

COUNTY ASSESSOR

Shannon Cassons (R)

COUNTY AUDITOR

Jon DeBaun (R)

COUNTY CLERK

Rhiannon Rhi Tansy (D)

COUNTY SHERIFF

Craig R. Henderson (R)
Matt Tebbe (D)

COUNTY PROSECUTOR

Justin K. Clouser (R)

COUNTY SURVEYOR

Jason R. Henderson (R)

COUNTY TREASURER

Christy Crawford (R)

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

District 1 (vote for 1)
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Kirk D. Retherford (R)
Ken Ziegler (D)

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Matthew Terry (D)
Zack Timm (R)

District 3
Matthew L. Deckard (R)

District 4
Mike Terry (R)

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Cicero Township
Amber R. McLearran (R)

Liberty Township
Paul Kingery (R)

Madison Township
Chuck Bell (R)

Wildcat Township
Amanda Tolle (R)

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER

Cicero Township (vote for 3)
Carla Good (R)
Jane F. Harper (R)
Steve Niblick (R)
George Sullivan-Davis (D)

Wildcat Township (vote for 3)
Nicholas Grant (R)
Barry Tolle (R)

STATE DELEGATE – DEMOCRATS

At Large
Janette Martin
George Sullivan-Davis
Matthew Terry

PRECINCT CMTE. – DEMOCRATS

Cicero 3: Janette Martin

Cicero 6: Matthew Terry

Cicero 7: George Sullivan-Davis

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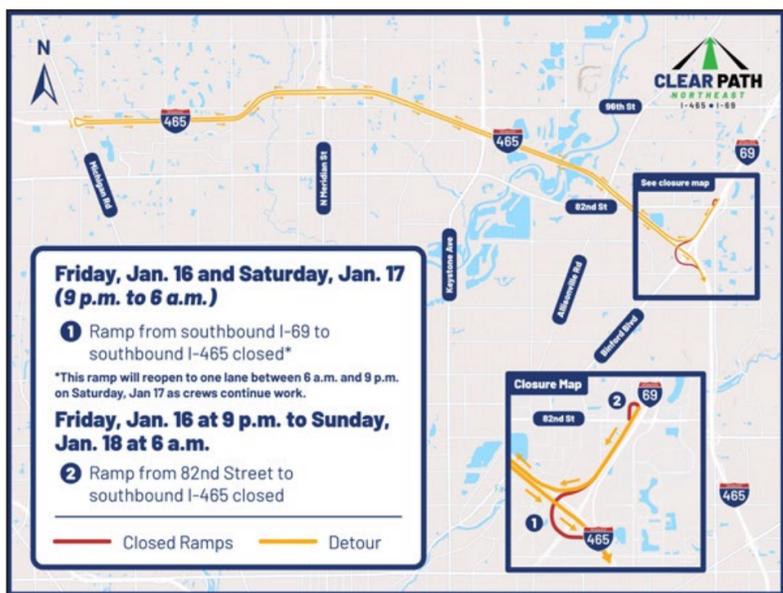
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Traffic shifts at I-69/I-465 interchange in NE Indianapolis

The REPORTER

Significant ramp and ramp lane closures are scheduled this weekend to allow INDOT crews to shift traffic onto a new ramp and bridge from southbound Interstate 69 to southbound I-465 in northeast Indianapolis.

Drivers can expect the following restrictions:
9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16 to

6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17

- Ramp from southbound I-69 to southbound I-465 closed

- Ramp will reopen to one lane between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 17 as crews continue work

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16 to 6 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 18

- Ramp from 82nd Street to southbound I-465 closed

The new ramp and bridge

are expected to open early in the morning on Sunday, Jan. 18. Drivers should plan ahead and consider alternate routes to avoid delays.

These closures are weather dependent. Actual dates and anticipated work may be adjusted if inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances occur.

For schedule updates, visit ClearPath465.com.

Applications now being accepted for Indiana Governor’s Fellowship program

Submitted by Office of Gov. Mike Braun

Governor Mike Braun announced Monday, Jan. 12 that applications will be accepted through March 6 for the 2026-2027 Governor’s Fellowship.

The Governor’s Fellowship is highly selective and provides a unique experience in Indiana state government by placing fellows in various state agencies on a rotating basis throughout the year.

“One of the pleasures of being Governor is working with the next generation of leaders in our state,” Gov. Braun said. “If you know an ambitious and enterprising

person early in their career, encourage them to apply to work with me in the Governor’s Office this year.”

The program is open to college graduates who receive their associate or bachelor’s degrees beginning in either summer or fall of 2025 or spring of 2026 as well as those without a degree who have at least two years of full-time professional experience. Fellows are paid, full-time employees who participate in the day-to-day activities of state government.

Many Governor’s Fellowship participants have gone on to successful careers in both the public and private

sectors – a with some serving at the highest levels of local, state and federal government.

The application and submission guidelines can be found online at [this link](#). To be eligible for consideration, the application and all supporting materials must be submitted via email by March 6.

Applicants should know if they have been selected for an interview no later than Friday, March 13. Recipients of the Fellowship will begin July 1.

If you have questions about the fellowship, contact Jessica Roeder at jroeder@gov.in.gov.

AG Todd Rokita secures revocation of license against Avon real estate broker who defrauded investors of millions

Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita has ensured that an Avon real estate broker who lied to investors to induce them to loan him money will no longer be a licensed real estate professional in Indiana. The broker, Jeremy Tucker, also forged signatures of investors and a notary on mortgages and promissory notes.

On Dec. 17 – in response to a 29-count administrative complaint filed by Attorney General Rokita’s team – the Indiana Real Estate Commission ordered that Tucker’s real estate broker license be permanently revoked.

“All Hoosiers – consumers, investors and businesses – deserve the opportunity to conduct fair, honest transactions in our state,” AG Rokita said. “Those who engage in illegal behavior or professional misconduct, however,

forfeit the privileges enjoyed by others – and our office will always work to protect the public from such predatory racketeers.”

At the commission hearing, multiple victims testified about falling for Tucker’s misrepresentations and loaning him money. One testified he lost more than \$10 million to Tucker’s schemes. Another told of losing more than \$4 million. Total victim losses could exceed \$100 million.

AG Rokita praised collaboration in this case between his Homeowner Protection Unit (HPU) and Licensing Enforcement (LE) team. He particularly praised the diligent work on this matter by Investigator Denise Singleton (LE) and Deputy Attorneys General Chase Haller (HPU) and Kelsey



Rokita

McKnight (LE).

In their order, the commission also levied \$29,000 in civil penalties and ordered Tucker to pay all court costs. It further stipulated that Tucker cannot apply for a new license unless he has fulfilled consumer restitution – as ordered by a criminal or civil court – to any person who suffered financial distress because of Tucker’s fraudulent schemes.

Hoosiers are encouraged to contact the Office of the Indiana Attorney General about any suspected scams or scam attempts. Consumers can file a complaint by visiting indianaconsumer.com or calling 1-800-382-5516.

A copy of the administrative complaint is attached [here](#).

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decisions are made and how power should serve the public.”

First elected in 2018, Ford represented communities across central Indiana and quickly became known for his hands-on approach to public service and his commitment to accessibility and accountability. Throughout his time in the Senate, he consistently prioritized listening to constituents and bringing their concerns directly into the legislative process.

Yoder highlighted Ford’s leadership on issues affecting students and families, including his advocacy for student mental health, education policy and fair and free elections.

“J.D. never lost sight of who government is supposed to work for,” Yoder said. “Whether he was standing up for students’ mental health, protecting the integrity of our elections or asking tough questions in committee rooms, he led with courage, empathy and integrity.”

Ford also served in key leadership roles within the Senate Democratic Caucus and on several major committees, boards, and commissions, including Elections, Family and Children Services, Homeland Security and Transportation, Veterans Affairs and the Military, Health and Provider Services, Education and Career Development,

Commerce and Technology, Utilities and Ethics.

In each role, he was known for his preparation, his willingness to challenge the status quo and his focus on practical solutions that put Hoosiers first.

“On a personal level, J.D. has been an incredible colleague and a trusted leader within our caucus,” Yoder said. “I am deeply grateful for his service, his friendship and the example he has set for what public service can and should be. While we will miss his voice in the Senate, I know his work on behalf of Hoosiers is far from over, and I wish him nothing but success in whatever comes next.”

Still time to get your Fishers MLK yard sign

Submitted by City of Fishers

Commemorate and honor Martin Luther King, Jr. Day with your community through Fishers Parks’ annual yard-sign activity.

With all materials provided at no cost, stop by the Fishers Parks HQ to create your own unique “I Have A Dream” sign to display at your home. This passive activity offers up space in the Fishers Parks Maker

Labs to customize your free yard sign with provided supplies.

Drop in now through Jan. 16 during the hours listed below leading up to the MLK Day food drives and days of service. Signs will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. All materials are provided at no cost. No registration is required.

Schedule

- 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15

- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16

The Fishers Parks HQ will be closed Monday, Jan. 19, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, but yard signs and stakes will be available for pickup on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last just outside of our front office door inside Hub & Spoke, 8100 E. 106th St.

[Click here](#) for more information.

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Governor Braun unveils 2026 agenda focused on affordability

Submitted by Office of Gov. Mike Braun

Indiana Governor Mike Braun announced on Wednesday, Jan. 14 his 2026 Freedom and Opportunity agenda focused on kitchen table issues, making life more affordable for Hoosiers, which spoke about during his State of the State address that evening.

The agenda builds on the progress achieved in 2025, and focuses on solutions for affordability, keeping Hoosiers safe, improving education quality and choice, and new jobs and higher wages.

"I've heard across all 92 counties that there's more work to be done to make life affordable," Gov. Braun said. "Hoosiers need solutions that help make ends meet, and my 2026 agenda is focused on tackling these kitchen table issues. Our number one focus is making life better and more affordable for Hoosiers."

Below are some key priorities from the 2026 agenda.

Affordability

Hoosiers continue to feel squeezed by the costs of inflation, especially in housing, energy, and healthcare.

Governor Braun knows there's more work to be done. In every corner of the state, Hoosiers have been clear: wages may be on the rise, but medical bills, energy bills, and mortgages have not let up. So neither will Governor Braun.

Affordable Housing

- Remove unnecessary and unpredictable regulations that increase costs and delay construction

- Restore affordability particularly for first-time buyers and working families

Lower Energy Rates

- Modernize rate-setting practices and hold utilities accountable

- Expand Indiana's energy capacity, because more power means lower rates for families

Reform Healthcare and Lower Prices

- Build on historic reforms of the 2025 legislative session to continue providing relief, protecting Hoosiers from medical debt, and increasing healthcare access across the state

- Reduce administrative burdens on providers, modernizing prior authorization, and strengthening workforce standards allow doctors to focus on patients

Jobs & Wages

With wages rising and businesses investing across the state, Governor Braun's 2026 plan builds on Indiana's economic momentum by putting local communities in the driver's seat and focusing on higher wages and new job opportunities.



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strengthening Indiana's competitiveness in advanced manufacturing and next-generation industries

Remove Barriers to Growth and Improve Business Climate

- Streamline permitting and modernize outdated regulations that hold back growth

- Pursue meaningful tort reform to eliminate hidden costs that burden employers

Education

Governor Braun's education agenda focuses on raising quality, empowering parents, and supporting Indiana's teachers, and takes an entrepreneurial approach to strengthen the quality of our students' education.

Academic Excellence & Student Well-Being

- Reduce distractions in the classroom and promote responsible technology use

Strengthen School Choice & Early Learning

- Build on Governor Braun's universal school choice leadership by empowering every parent through universal access to choice scholarships and

Workforce Development & Wage Growth

- Expand opportunities like Power Up Indiana that allow more workers to benefit from upskilling to higher wages,

expanding early childhood options to further strengthen this ecosystem

Support Teachers

- Improve benefits, reduce administrative burdens, and make it easier for qualified educators to teach in Indiana

Public Safety

The safety and security of Hoosiers is Governor Braun's highest priority, and the most important responsibility of Indiana's state government. Families should be able to trust that their children are safe from violent crime in their homes and communities.

Keeping Hoosiers Safe by Getting Tough on Crime

- Strengthen cooperation with federal partners to continue enforcement on illegal immigration

- Governor Braun supports amending the constitution to allow for preventative detention along with meaningful safeguards focused on repeat violent offenders, and accountability for a justice system that fails to carry out its duties

Addressing Homelessness with Compassion and Order

- Address root causes of homelessness while restoring safety in public spaces

- Encourage connections to services, support local solutions, and set clear expectations for the use of public spaces

[Click here](#) to view Governor Braun's 2026 Agenda.

Fishers Arts Council invites public to annual meeting

The REPORTER

Fishers Arts Council (FAC) will hold its annual meeting from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21 in the Fishers Pavilion, located between the Fishers Municipal Center and the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater at 10 Municipal Drive.

The public is welcome to attend this meeting, which will review the FAC budget for 2026, elect new officers to join the board, and vote on executive committee positions.

If you wish to attend, please notify FAC Executive Director Les Reinhardt by sending an email to info@FishersArtsCouncil.org by Monday, Jan. 19.

About the

Fishers Arts Council

Fishers Arts Council is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts



organization whose mission is to support, advocate, and cultivate visual and performing arts opportunities that educate and/or enhance the lives of those who live, work, and visit Fishers. Visit the gallery space inside Fishers Municipal Center at 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers. The organization also maintains the FAC Hub Gallery at the Collaboration Hub at Hamilton County Community Foundation, 11810 Technology Drive, Fishers. Check out FAC online at FishersArtsCouncil.org or call us at (317) 537-1670 for more information.



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Level up your care: CME event launches at Indiana Musculoskeletal Summit

Submitted

Primary care providers, physicians, and advanced practice providers are invited to the inaugural Indiana Musculoskeletal Summit, a complimentary, one-day CME event hosted by Indiana Orthopedic Institute (IOI) in collaboration with The MORE Foundation.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 7 at Indiana Orthopedic Institute, 14065 Westinghouse (formerly BorgWarner) Drive, Noblesville.

Designed specifically for MSK primary care providers, the summit will focus on practical skills for managing the high volume of musculoskeletal complaints seen in primary care settings. Instead of traditional lecture-based education, the program emphasizes interactive learning that can be immediately applied in the clinic.

Educational content will

include guided instruction to refine injection techniques for the shoulder, knee, and hand; case-based discussions addressing differential diagnoses for complex joint pain; rapid diagnostic strategies such as the "5-Minute Workup"; and expert guidance on navigating complex patient conversations related to musculoskeletal care.

The event will feature instruction from local experts in musculoskeletal care and participants can earn up to 6.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. To preserve an interactive learning environment, attendance will be limited to 100 participants.

Registration is required and available at [this link](#). Additional information about the summit can be found at IndianaResearchFoundation.org.

Primary care providers are encouraged to register early to secure a place at this inaugural educational event.

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February 14

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February 21

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Fridays at 6 pm in February

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Foster Success FriendsGiving campaign exceeds goal as community steps up for older foster youth

The REPORTER

Foster Success is celebrating community support after its annual Friends-Giving campaign raised more than \$150,000, surpassing its original goal of \$120,000. The successful campaign comes at a critical time for the organization, which recently announced it must reduce its budget by more than \$600,000 due to federal and state government funding losses.

In December, Foster Success asked the community to step up to help ensure teens and young adults transitioning out of foster care could continue receiving essential support. Hoosiers responded with outstanding generosity, demonstrating a powerful commitment to young people who often have no safety net as they enter adulthood. More than 82 first-time Foster Success donors contributed from Nov. 1 to Dec. 31, mean-

ing 45 percent of the total FriendsGiving Campaign donors had never donated to the organization before.

"We are incredibly grateful for this outpouring of support," Foster Success President and CEO Dr. Maggie Stevens said. "At a moment when our organization is navigating uncertainty, our community showed up in a big way for older foster youth. This campaign sent a clear message to young people: you are not alone, and your community cares about your future."

Funds raised through FriendsGiving will support Foster Success initiatives such as its **Basic Needs program**, which provides emergency financial assistance and access to essentials such as housing support, utilities, food, clothing, hygiene products, and transportation. These resources help young people stay safe, warm, and housed while



they work toward long-term stability through education and employment.

While the campaign's success is a major milestone, Foster Success leaders stress that additional support is still needed to help close the remaining funding gap created by recent government cuts.

"Exceeding our Friends-Giving goal was incredibly encouraging, but the reality is that the loss of more than \$600,000 in funding still presents serious challenges," Dr. Stevens said. "Continued community investment is essential to ensure we can keep showing up for young people as they navigate adulthood without family support."

Foster Success is the only organization in Indiana exclusively focused on supporting teens and young adults transitioning out of foster care, providing programs and resources designed to help them become educated, housed, financially stable, employed, and connected by their 26th birthday.

Community members can continue to support Foster Success through donations, which may qualify for a state tax credit of up to \$10,000. More information about Foster Success and ways to give can be found at fostersuccess.org. Donors with questions can reach out to development@foster-success.org.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

THE CLOUD ABOVE THE TABERNACLE

On the day the tabernacle, the tent of the covenant law, was set up, the cloud covered it. From evening till morning the cloud above the tabernacle looked like fire. That is how it continued to be; the cloud covered it, and at night it looked like fire. Whenever the cloud lifted from above the tent, the Israelites set out; wherever the cloud settled, the Israelites encamped. At the Lord's command the Israelites set out, and at his command they encamped. As long as the cloud stayed over the tabernacle, they remained in camp. When the cloud remained over the tabernacle a long time, the Israelites obeyed the Lord's order and did not set out. Sometimes the cloud was over the tabernacle only a few days; at the Lord's command they would encamp, and then at his command they would set out. Sometimes the cloud stayed only from evening till morning, and when it lifted in the morning, they set out. Whether by day or by night, whenever the cloud lifted, they set out. Whether the cloud stayed over the tabernacle for two days or a month or a year, the Israelites would remain in camp and not set out; but when it lifted, they would set out. At the Lord's command they encamped, and at the Lord's command they set out. They obeyed the Lord's order, in accordance with his command through Moses.

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Meeting Notice

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility has changed the date for its quarterly Infrastructure and Security Committee executive session and meeting. It will now take place at 7:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 16, 2026, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.

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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Boys Wrestling

Rocks win hard-fought dual over Carmel

By RICHIE HALL
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CARMEL — Boys wrestling sectionals are on the horizon, and two teams that are likely to make an impact on the Frankfort sectional faced off Wednesday at Carmel.

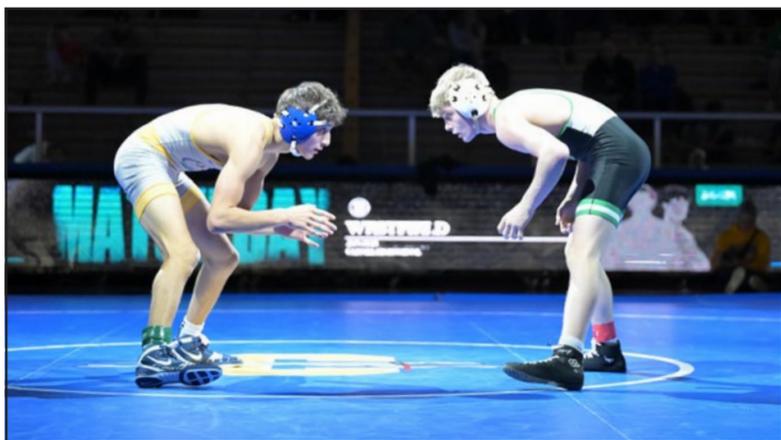
The Greyhounds hosted Westfield in a dual meet on Bill Shepherd Court at the Eric Clark Activity Center. The Shamrocks won 42-19, taking 10 of the 14 matches.

“I’m happy to get a nice win against a rival team,” said Rocks coach Tom Griffin. “A lot of little things we got to clean up.”

Westfield led 8-7 after the first four matches. Keegan Carson won at 126 pounds by decision, then Trevor Humburg took the 132-pound bout by technical fall. Elliott Leonard was the 138-pound winner by major decision, then Tyler Elliott won at 144 in a 6-5 decision.

The Rocks won the next four matches, starting with a pin by Graydon Staley at 150. That was the first of three falls for Westfield; Charley Head (106) and Brayden Head (113) both got pins in their matches later in the meet.

It was a good start to the week for the Shamrocks, who travel to Zionsville on Saturday for the Hoo-



(ABOVE) Westfield Aiden Driscoll (right) won at 120 pounds for the Shamrocks during their dual meet win at Carmel on Wednesday. Pictured at left is the Greyhounds’ Carlo Federici. (BELOW) Carmel’s Tyler Elliott (left) won a hard-fought match over Westfield’s Aiden Driscoll at 144 pounds.

sier Crossroads Conference meet. Westfield is ranked No. 8 in the IndianaMat.com team rankings, which makes the Rocks one of six ranked programs in the HCC. Two-time defending state champion Brownsburg is No. 1, with Noblesville, Zionsville and Avon ranked 11th, 12th and 13th respectively. Fishers is rated No. 25.

“I think a lot of it, as we get to this point in the season, is just refining some of our things that we’ve been working on and cleaning up the little finer details on things that are going to matter in the postseason,” said Griffin.

After their early victo-



ries, the Greyhounds won two matches by fall. Gavin Adkins won the 190-pound match by pin after being down 12-1. Will Massey moved up to 285 pounds and got a fall in the third period.

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Hamilton Southeastern’s Raj Nagra (left, at 120 pounds) and Cole Beattie (right, at 126 pounds) won matches by pin during the Royals’ dual meet Wednesday at Bishop Chatard.



Reporter photos by Julie Brown

Royals sail past Chatard

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern boys wrestling team cruised past Bishop Chatard 62-9 in a Wednesday away dual meet.

The Royals got three wins by pin. A.W. VanKirk

won at 285 pounds, Raj Nagra was victorious at 120 and Cole Beattie followed that with a pin at 126.

Owen McGuire took the 132-pound match by a 19-3 technical fall. Jett

Sottong started the meet with a 7-0 decision at 150 pounds. Reid Snider was the 190-pound winner in a 7-6 decision, while Parker Culp won at 138 by a 7-3 decision.

Southeastern had five

wins by forfeit from Evan Biehl, Reid Snider, Nolan Culp, William Lakes and Max Inman.

The Royals travel to Zionsville on Saturday for the Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet.

Girls Basketball



Reporter photo by Richie Hall
Hamilton Heights’ Zoey Curry is one of four freshmen starting for the Huskies this season.

Huskies back on track, surging toward postseason, beyond

By RICHARD TORRES
For The Reporter

The turnaround is in full swing for the Hamilton Heights Huskies, and it’s showing no signs of slowing down.

A year after winning five games, the Class 3A Huskies are back on track with a 13-4 record only two weeks into January, and the program’s rebuild is just getting started with six freshmen on the roster.

In 2024-25, it took the Hamilton Heights girls basketball team 19 games to reach five victories. In 2004-05, the last time the program posted sub-five wins, the Huskies needed 13 games to tally three wins.

This year, coach Erin Trimpe’s revamped squad used five games to reach three wins and seven games to match last season’s ceiling.

“I think the season’s going pretty well, especially as young as we are,” Hamilton Heights freshman forward Riley Suarez said. “I feel like since the beginning of the season, we’ve adapted pretty well. It’s a learning process, and we haven’t lost two in a row.”

“When you start four freshmen, every game is a big learning opportunity. We’ve had a lot of different teams throw a lot of different things at us, especially with Riley Suarez and just how hard she plays and how talented she is. When you have a young team like this, there’s just some growing pains. But I truly believe that it’s going to make us better for the sectional.”

— Coach Erin Trimpe

The Huskies haven’t lost more than two games in any month this season with four freshmen starters in the lineup and a pair of rising stars in 6-foot-1 Suarez and 5-5 freshman point guard Bayleigh Eisele.

A season after averaging 35.0 points per game, the Huskies have nearly doubled their output at 60.8 ppg with all four freshmen leading the team in scoring.

Zoey Curry (8.5 ppg, 3.7 rpg), a 6-0 forward, and Addison Blum (9.0 ppg, 3.2 rpg), a 5-7 guard, rank fourth and third, respectively,

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Boys Basketball

Golden Eagles fall to Crispus Attucks

By RICHIE HALL
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Guerin Catholic’s boys dropped a close game to Crispus Attucks 71-69 Wednesday at The Nest.

The Golden Eagles dominated the opening minutes, skipping off to a 12-2 lead before the Tigers came back to within 17-12 after the first quarter. The second period was tighter, but Guerin Catholic held on to a 31-28 lead at halftime.

Attucks pulled ahead during a high-scoring third

quarter, pouring in 25 points to take a 53-49 lead going into the fourth. The Golden Eagles scored 20 points in the fourth, but the Tigers held on for the win.

Jake Grissom led Guerin Catholic with 24 points. Hayden Rogers scored 15 points and handed out eight assists, while Carter Murans totaled 11 points and eight rebounds. Andrew Reithman scored nine points.

The Golden Eagles are 8-5 and play Friday at Tri-West.

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DUAL

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“That’s what we’re preaching to these guys, stay in the match. I think we’re one of the best in-shape teams in the state. I would put our shape up against anyone in the state,” said Carmel coach Kyle Ayresman.

Both teams will compete in the Frankfort sectional on Jan. 31, after one more dual meet next Wednesday (Jan. 21). On that night, Westfield wrestlers at Harrison while the Greyhounds travel to Hamilton Southeastern.

WESTFIELD 42, CARMEL 19 Meet started at 126 pounds

126: Keegan Carson (W) def. Jordan Penquite (C) by decision, 8-4
132: Trevor Humburg (W) def. Brock Raasch (C) by technical fall, 15-0
138: Elliott Leonard (C) def. Abe O’Neill (W) by major decision, 21-7
144: Tyler Elliott (C) def. Alic Washburn (W) by decision, 6-5
150: Graydon Staley (W) def. J.J. Marsh (C) by fall, 1:10
157: Seth Tanner (W) def. Braydon Mack (C) by decision 13-9
165: Blake Glodowski (W) def. Austin Yunker (C) by major decision, 10-2
175: Max Brown (W) def. Eli Isen (C) by decision, 10-8
190: Gavin Adkins (C) by Jon Stryker (W) by fall, 2:32
215: Sam Travis (W) def. Elliott Johnson (C) by decision, 5-0
285: Will Massey (C) def. Aiden Padgett (W) by fall, 4:47
106: Charley Head (W) def. Clayton Alexander (C) by fall, 1:09
113: Brayden Head (W) def. Joshua Velarde (C) by fall, 2:22
120: Aiden Driscoll (W) def. Carlo Federici (C) by decision, 11-4

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behind Eisele (10.2 ppg, 4.2 rpg, 4.4 apg) and Suarez (23.5 ppg, 6.0 rpg).

“I feel like so far, we’re doing much better than last year and building onto that. I think it’s important to show people how much we have grown, especially all being freshmen for the most part,” Suarez said.

Chemistry among the program’s youth infusion has played a role, as has leadership from a trio of returnees in juniors Kameron Rhoton (5.6 ppg, 3.7 rpg) and Reece Blanton and sophomore Abi Hilfiker.

“The girls that stuck with us last year did such a great job of setting the tone. Those who returned this year have talked with these girls about the culture we’re setting and what we’re doing,” Trimpe said. “Our freshmen are following that and helping it grow.”

Eisele and Suarez are fortifying the foundation.

Suarez is shooting 58 percent in her first season and has eclipsed 20 points in 11 games while posting a career-high 35 points against Peru on Dec. 3.

She has 102 rebounds and 399 points through 17 games, but more significantly, Suarez is converting 50 percent (33-for-66) from 3-point range and 82 percent from the free-throw line (50-for-61).

Eisele is shooting 51

percent with 173 points (nine double-digit games) and has hauled in 72 rebounds and dished out 75 assists.

“It’s so fun to have a little point guard like Bayleigh. She just has the highest motor. She knows how to create for herself and for her teammates. She almost is always our leading rebounder also,” Trimpe said.

“When you have a kid with a motor like that, and you can play kind of a two-man game, it only opens up everybody else. The two of them do a great job. They’ve played together their whole lives, so they do a great job playing off each other.”

The duo cut their teeth with the West Virginia Thunder, a Grand Park Premier girls basketball club

in Westfield, since grade school. Currently, Suarez is playing with Indy One EYBL for Danny Riego.

Now, they’re pushing the Huskies back into the Hoosier Conference championship and Sectional 24 conversation.

Regardless of the result, optimism is growing for February and beyond.

“The kids, whether we won five games or where we are now, they’re so coachable, and they’re just ready to learn. It’s been something that has kind of reinvigorated my love for coaching,” said Trimpe, who is in her second year at Heights.

“Even with the five-win record, we had kids who were ready to help build something, and I can’t tell the girls how much I appreciate that from them.”

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, Jan. 15

BOYS BASKETBALL

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.

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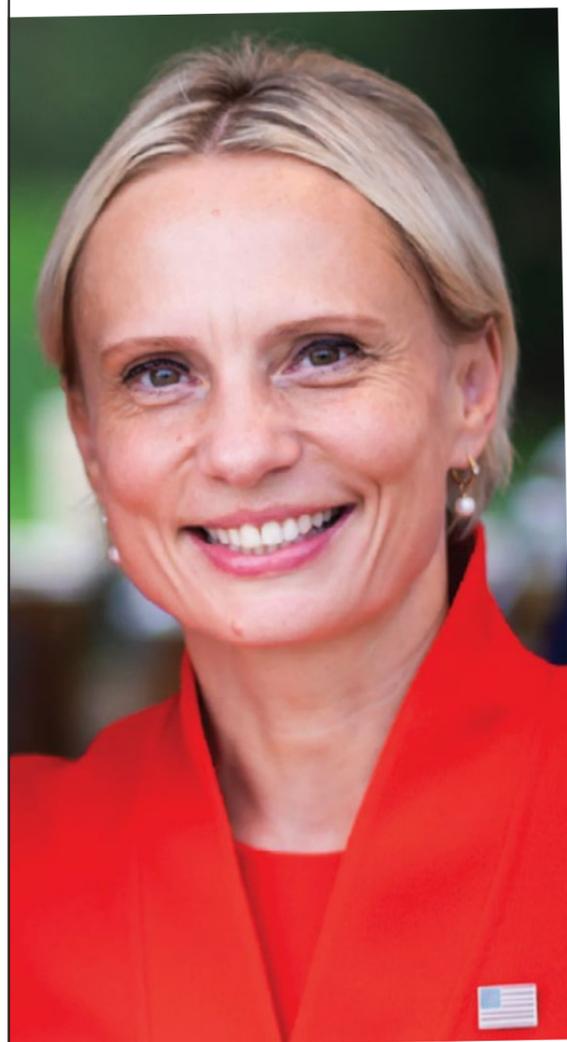
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