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**TODAY'S WEATHER**  
 Today: Mostly cloudy, with morning snow showers. An inch or less accumulation.  
 Tonight: Scattered snow showers.  
 HIGH: 38 LOW: 21



# Same plan, new name, new location

*Aypa Power's new battery plan sparks second round of resident resistance*

**The REPORTER**

Last July, a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) proposed by Aypa Power was unanimously denied by the Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals. You can read The Reporter's coverage of that meeting at [readthereporter.com/farm-land-beats-batteries](http://readthereporter.com/farm-land-beats-batteries).

On Wednesday, Jan. 14, Aypa presented a distinctly similar plan to the Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission.

The more than four-hour-long meeting was attended by over 150 residents, most of whom spoke publicly against the proposal. There were re-

portedly two people who spoke in favor of it and three who wrote letters in favor. The overwhelming majority of residents who spoke or wrote to the plan commission were against this proposal.

The plan commission voted 6-3 to send it to the town council with a negative recommendation. Dennis Johnson, Jacob Evertt, and Mark Dillard voted against the negative recommendation.

The plan commission does not have the option to deny a rezoning proposal outright, but only to pass it on to the Cicero Town Council for final determi-

nation with one of three possible recommendations: a "favorable" (positive) recommendation, a "non-favorable" (negative) recommendation, or a (neutral) "no recommendation."

The proposal for Aypa's Overdorf Road BESS location last year was called the Kingfisher Reserve Project, LLC. This one, located on State Road 19 near 221st Street, is called the Nickel Plate Reliability Project LLC.

Much like Aypa's last attempt, this one would have a battery backup capacity of 200 megawatts for a four-hour duration (800 MWh).

The proposal is now in the hands of the Cicero Town Council.

Aypa will present its plan, with the negative recommendation, to the town council at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20 at Red Bridge Community Building, 697 W. Jackson St.

You can watch the full plan commission meeting at [tinyurl.com/Aypa2Meeting](http://tinyurl.com/Aypa2Meeting).

Also at the Jan. 14 meeting, plan commission officers were installed. Dan Strong will continue as president, Harrison Massonne will serve as vice president, and Mark Thomas will serve as secretary.

# Uttarayan: a sky full of strings, service & stories

Uttarayan – Mark Sankranti – was never just another festival on the calendar while growing up in India. It was a season of anticipation, a feeling that arrived weeks before the actual day. Long before the sun changed its course, our minds were already soaring with the kites.

Preparations began quietly at first. Shops would suddenly bloom with bright paper wings and spools of manjha, the glass-coated string that promised victory in the sky. Choosing the right kite was serious business – lightweight yet strong, colorful yet fierce. We tested strings between fingers, compared reels with friends, and made secret plans about whose kite would rule the neighborhood skyline.

But alongside the fun lived something deeper. In my family, Uttarayan always began with a visit to the temple. We went not only to pray but to give. Food donations were an essential part of the ritual – grains, meals, sweets – offered for those who had less than us. The festival celebrates harvest and abundance, and with abundance comes responsibility. I grew up learning that joy multiplies only when shared, that a celebration is incomplete if it ends at our own doorstep.

Those mornings taught me to think beyond our circle – to extend hands toward strangers and neighbors, to recognize that community is larger than family. Giving food in the name of the festival was a quiet lesson in compassion. Only after that act of gratitude did the day truly feel ready to begin.

And then came the terraces. Rooftops woke up before the streets did. Goggles, finger covers, hats, and a few bandages "just in case" became our festival uniform. From every corner came voices – someone cheering a victory, someone groaning over a cut string, someone yelling the famous cry, "Kai Po Che!"

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**COLUMNIST**  
**POOJA THAKKAR**  
*Taste of Community*

# Republican Women welcome crowd for first meeting of 2026



Photos provided

The Hamilton County Republican Women (HCRW) held their most recent meeting on Wednesday evening, Jan. 14, in the Courtroom of the Hamilton County Historic Courthouse, 33 N. 9th St., Noblesville. The topic of discussion was county elections, presented by Elections Administrator and HCRW Secretary Beth Sheller, seen above left. In addition to a meal from Chicken Salad Chick, County Recorder and HCRW Treasurer Trini Beaver, seen above center, baked a delicious batch of oatmeal chocolate chip cookies. Thank you to everyone who attended to learn how local elections work in Hamilton County.

# County Council & Commissioners elect new leadership

**The REPORTER**

Hamilton County's two governing bodies have elected new leadership as part of their annual organizational meetings, marking a "changing of the guard" for both the County Council and Board of Commissioners.



Altman

Christine Altman has been elected President of the Hamilton County Commissioners, replacing Steve Dillinger. Mark Heirbrandt will serve as Vice President.



Beaver

"It's an honor to step into this role," Altman said. "I'm excited to work alongside my fellow commissioners to guide the county forward in a thoughtful and strategic way."

Brad Beaver has been elected President of the Hamilton County Council, succeeding Sue Maki. Steve Nation will serve as Vice President. Beaver was first elected to the Council in 1994 and currently represents the county as an At-Large member.

"I'm grateful for the confidence my colleagues have placed in me," Beaver said. "The Council has a strong track record of responsible stewardship, and I look forward to continuing that work on behalf of Hamilton County taxpayers."

The election of officers is an annual practice held at the first meeting of each year for both the County Council and the Board of Commissioners.

# Carmel's own Shivani Desai selected for United States Senate Youth Program

**The REPORTER**

The United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) announces that two Hoosier high school students, Ms. Shivani Ankit Desai and Ms. Ishita Masetty, will join Senator Todd Young and Senator Jim Banks in representing Indiana during the 64th annual USSYP Washington Week, to be held March 7 to 14.

Shivani Desai of Carmel and Ishita Masetty of Granger were selected from among the state's top student leaders. They will join the delegation of 104 outstanding high school students – two from each state, the District of Columbia, and the Department of Defense Education Activity – for an intensive week-long study of the federal government and the people who lead it, meeting with Senators, the President, a Supreme Court Justice, and

other high-level officials.

Each delegate will also receive a \$10,000 undergraduate college scholarship with encouragement to continue coursework in government, history and public affairs.

Desai, a senior at Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School, serves as a Student Council Representative, a National Merit Semifinalist, and a Rising Star of Indiana.

This past summer, she attended the American Legion Auxiliary's Hoosier Girls State, where she was elected Senator and Federalist Party Vice Chair. She is also Co-Captain of the Speech and Debate Team, mentoring novice members and competing in Public Forum Debate, where she placed third at the



Desai

state competition. She serves as Editor-in-Chief of her school newspaper, writing opinion pieces on local and federal politics and current events.

Beyond journalism and debate, Desai is the founding President of the Pre-Law Club, a student-run club that is dedicated to the preprofessional development of high school students interested in law and public service. She is the President of the Learn Like Me Club, which brings volunteer tutors into local elementary schools.

Desai works as a researcher on the Advocacy and Policy Subcommittee of the Indiana Youth Advisory Board within the Indiana Department of Health. In this role, she focuses on policy de-

velopment, youth advocacy, and advancing public health initiatives, particularly those affecting schools.

After attending a liberal arts university and studying political science and economics, Shivani plans to obtain an advanced degree in public policy and pursue a career that promotes equity while improving the quality of life for all individuals.

Chosen as alternates to the 2026 program were Mr. Shawn Shi Feng, a resident of Carmel who attends Carmel High School, and Mr. Kris Nok Hang Lau, a resident of Newburgh who attends Signature School. This year's Indiana delegates and alternates were designated by Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education.

Learn more about the United States Senate Youth Program at [ussenateyouth.org](http://ussenateyouth.org).

# UTTARAYAN

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The sky turned into a moving rainbow. Millions of kites danced at once – red, yellow, blue – each carrying the pride of the person holding its string. There was playful rivalry everywhere, yet the same rivals would sit together minutes later, sharing chikki, til laddoos, and seasonal undhiyu.

Undhiyu was the true flavor of Uttarayan in our home – a rich mixed-vegetable curry slow-cooked with patience and love. My mom and my aunt would start preparing it early, the aroma floating up to the terrace and mixing with the crisp winter air. Even today I can almost taste it. Just yesterday I found freshly made undhiyu at Patel Brothers here in Indiana, a store that has carried our food legacy for more than 50 years. Finding it felt like discovering a small piece of home.

For years I wondered if my children would ever experience the Uttarayan I knew. Then, after a long wait, something beautiful happened. Last year, for the first time, the Hindu Temple of Central Indiana on Post Road celebrated Uttarayan here in April, when the weather was kinder and the winds perfect for kites. Standing outside with friends in Indianapolis, strings in our hands and laughter in the air, I felt my childhood return. I was no longer only remembering the festival – I was living it again, this time on American soil and with a new community.

Living far from India,



(TOP LEFT) Our columnist and her younger daughter at the Indy Hindu Temple in April 2025. (TOP RIGHT) Our columnist's younger brother and her older daughter offer food donations to animals in 2015 in India. (ABOVE) The last time our columnist did Uttarayan when she was back home in India.

Photos provided by Pooja Thakkar

I realize what I miss most is not just the kites but the terrace life – the late-night movies, endless games, sleepovers under open skies, and my favorite ritual of star gazing. Those terraces taught us how to belong to a neighborhood, how to

celebrate without invitations, how to be together without plans.

So when someone asks, "Do you still miss India?" my answer is simple. I miss Uttarayan mornings that smelled of sesame and jaggery, the thrill of a kite

duel, the quiet joy of giving before celebrating – and now I am grateful to recreate a piece of it here with my family.

Uttarayan reminds me that festivals are not only about looking up at colorful skies but also about

looking around at the people beside us. Gratitude, generosity, food, and fun – together they form the real string that holds a community.

I'm sharing a photo memory from last year's celebration with my family

– a small proof that traditions, like kites, can travel across oceans and still find the wind.

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



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# Fishers Arts Council announces calls for art: February, March, April

## Submitted

Fishers Arts Council has calls for art for exhibits in the Art Gallery at City Hall for February, March, and April 2026.

Calls for art are open to individuals in central Indiana and surrounding areas, ages 16 and older, who meet the requirements of the exhibit theme. Callout details and submission links for each exhibit can be found at [FishersArtsCouncil.org/blog](http://FishersArtsCouncil.org/blog).

### February

#### Embracing Black Culture

Eighth-grade students from Fall Creek Junior High will create art based

on W.E.B. Du Bois' concept of Double Consciousness, inspired by the artistic style of Everlyn Nicodemus. Their work will display alongside community artists who can either follow the students' prompt or offer artwork the artist feels embraces black culture. The deadline has been extended to Jan. 20.

### March

#### Disability Awareness

Since 2017, Fishers Arts Council has partnered with the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability for the annual exhibit. The exhibit is open to artists who identify as having a

disability. Both visual and performing artists are encouraged to submit work, as well as organizations who support individuals with disabilities. Performing artists will have the opportunity to perform at the Second Friday reception on March 13. Deadline to apply is Feb. 16.

### April

#### Spring Blooms with Poetry – Tiny Art

This new exhibit focuses on 2D and 3D works that are no larger than 8-by-8-by-8 inches along with poetry. Fishers Arts Council will print and frame accepted poems. Visual art and

poetry submissions are encouraged to focus on the joy of art, nature, poetry, and beauty – but can be on any topic that is appropriate for all ages. Deadline to apply is March 16.

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Musicians are also needed for the 2026 Season of Art, which offers paid performance opportunities for solo, duet, and trios in the Fishers Arts Council gallery spaces as well as those of their Gallery Hop partners. At least 28 opportunities are available. The schedule and interest form can be found at [FishersArtsCouncil.org/blog](http://FishersArtsCouncil.org/blog).

# Jenell Fairman to speak at next Westfield Chamber luncheon

## The REPORTER

The Westfield Chamber invites business leaders, community members, and guests to attend the February Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19 at The Club at Chatham Hills, 1100 Chatham Hills Blvd., Westfield.

The guest speaker will be Jenell Fairman, Executive Chief of Economic and Community Development for the City of Westfield.

Westfield is going through a series of economic development and planning updates, including a comprehensive plan, downtown development plan, and a master plan for the Grand

Park District. Fairman will provide an overview of the status of each of these efforts, her vision for developing a city designed to facilitate walkability and alternative transportation strategies, strategically grow the commercial tax base, and deliver community centers that foster relationships and business success.

Please plan to attend for what is sure to be an insightful event. Discounted Partner Tickets and Non-Partner Tickets are available. Corporate Reserved Tables (seating for eight) are also available.

[Click here](#) to get your tickets now.



Fairman

# Schedule change: traffic shifts at I-69/I-465 interchange in northeast Indianapolis

## The REPORTER

Significant ramp and lane closures are scheduled to begin Friday morning to allow crews to shift traffic onto a new ramp and bridge from southbound I-69 to southbound I-465 in northeast Indianapolis.

Closure dates have been adjusted to accommodate changing weather conditions.

Drivers can expect the following restrictions:

### Daytime Friday, Jan. 16 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

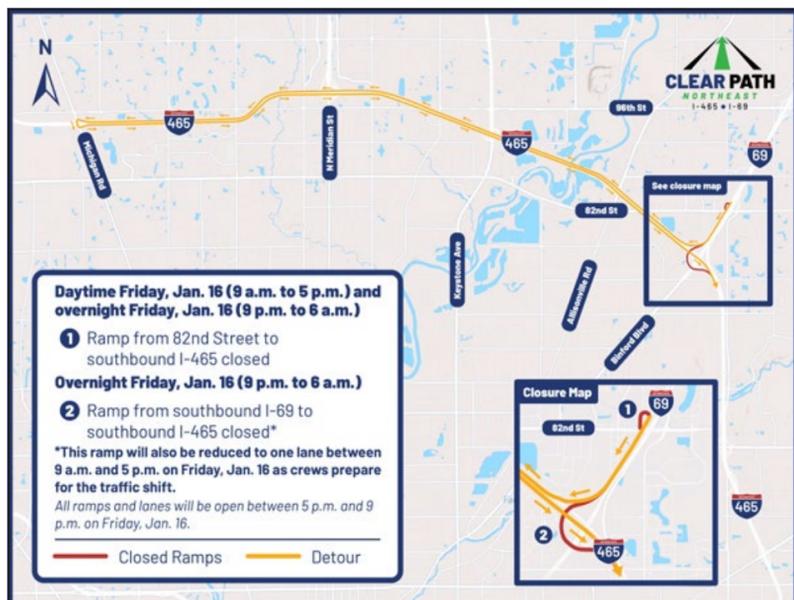
- Ramp from 82nd Street to southbound I-465 closed

- Ramp from southbound I-69 to southbound I-465 reduced to one lane

All ramps and lanes will be open between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 16

### Overnight Friday, Jan. 16 (9 p.m. to 6 a.m.)

- Ramp from southbound I-69 to southbound



Graphic provided by INDOT

I-465 closed

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

The new ramp and bridge are expected to open early in the morning

on Saturday, Jan. 17.

Drivers should plan ahead and consider alternate routes to avoid delays.

These closures are weather dependent. Ac-

tual dates and anticipated work may be adjusted if inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances occur.

For schedule updates, visit [ClearPath465.com](http://ClearPath465.com).

# 13 local students make Saint Mary's College Dean's List

## The REPORTER

The following students have been named to the Saint Mary's College Dean's List for the Fall 2025 semester.

- Carmel:** Anna Ferretie, Odessa Norton, Savannah Paulson, Lilly Richardson, Kathryn Tiplick, and Eleanor York.
- Cicero:** Gwyneth Ganger
- Fishers:** Laynie Cheek

and Catherine Miller

- Noblesville:** Mackenzie Althouse, Miley Smith, and Sarah Whitten

- Westfield:** Madeline Escamilla-Murillo

To earn this academic honor at Saint Mary's, a student must achieve a grade-point average of at least 3.6 on a 4.0 scale, have a minimum of 12 graded credit hours, no incompletes, and no grades lower than a C.

# Carmel's Cana Duckworth makes Loras College Dean's List

## The REPORTER

Cana A. Duckworth of Carmel made the Dean's List for the most recent semester at Loras College.

To be eligible, a student must earn a minimum grade-

point average of 3.50 for the term and be a full-time student taking at least 12 graded credits (pass/fail courses are excluded). The Dean's List is compiled at the completion of each semester.

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# HSE School Board approves 2026 leadership

**Submitted**

The Hamilton Southeastern Schools Board of Trustees approved its leadership slate for 2026 during the Wednesday, Jan. 14 board meeting. The slate passed with four votes and establishes Tiffany Pascoe as President, Dawn Lang as Vice President, and Ben Orr as Secretary.

The newly elected officers will guide the board's work as it continues its mission to support student success, strengthen community partnerships, and ensure responsible governance of the district.

Following the vote, President Tiffany Pascoe shared the following statement:

"I am deeply honored to serve as President of the School Board. This role is not about individual leadership or singular achievements, but about the col-



Pascoe



Lang



Orr

lective work of the board in service to our students.

"Our successes are shared and are realized when we collaborate, listen, and remain focused on what matters most: putting students first. Every meaningful win is one that benefits our students, supports our staff, and strengthens our community.

"I am grateful for the trust placed in me and look forward to continuing this important work alongside my fellow board members and our community."

Vice President Dawn

Lang and Secretary Ben Orr join Pascoe in the Board's leadership team, bringing continuity, experience, and a shared commitment to transparent governance and student-centered decision-making.

The Hamilton Southeastern Schools Board of Trustees meets regularly to oversee district operations, set policy, and ensure the district remains focused on educational excellence for all students. For more information about the Board of Trustees, [click here](#).

# Franklin files as candidate for Indiana's 5th District

**Submitted**

Jackson Franklin officially filed to run for Congress in Indiana's 5th Congressional District on Wednesday, Jan. 14, launching a grassroots campaign centered on the message "People Over Profits."

A paramedic, Staff Sergeant in the Army National Guard, and experienced campaign professional, Franklin brings frontline crisis leadership and public service experience to the race.

"When lives are on the line, I've been there," Franklin said. "This campaign is about fighting for working families, dignity, and leadership that puts people first – not corporate interests."

Franklin's campaign is powered by a diverse, grassroots coalition representing voices long ignored by politics as usual.

"Our diversity isn't a slogan – it's our strength," Franklin said. "We bring lived experience and real solutions to a system that has failed too many for too long."

Running as the only committed grassroots candidate in the race, Franklin emphasized readiness to serve with courage, discipline, and compassion.

"This isn't about ambition," Franklin said. "It's about duty."

Franklin welcomed other candidates into



Photo provided

the primary, noting that Hoosiers deserve a competitive race with qualified candidates and real choices.

For more information, visit [Jackson-FranklinForCongress.com](#).

# Indiana nonprofits partner to offer local filmmaking grants

**The REPORTER**

Hoodox, Indiana Humanities, Heartland Film, and Free Press Indiana announced on Thursday, Jan. 15 a new film program to support Indiana filmmakers in producing short, uplifting stories of Hoosiers working to connect, strengthen, and celebrate their communities.

LIFT will offer \$5,000 grants to five filmmakers to create high-quality short films that feature stories of Hoosiers who have a vision for how to strengthen their communities.

"It's \$5,000 each for five films under five minutes each," said Rocky Walls, co-founder and executive director of Hoodox. "We believe stories have the power to transform our lives

and communities, and we hope this program will help elevate Hoosier stories and raise the spirit of Indiana."

If selected, filmmakers or filmmaking teams have two months (April 15 to June 15) to complete their films. In addition to financial support, LIFT partner organizations will provide mentorship opportunities throughout the process.

"The goal of LIFT is to provide a strong foundation for filmmakers as they undertake the important job of telling Hoosiers' stories," said Megan Telligman, director of programs at Indiana Humanities. "It's meant to be an all-encompassing program that supports the ideation, production, distribution, and amplification of each film

from the ground up."

LIFT invites stories that center on a single Hoosier or small group whose actions, perspective, or presence meaningfully contribute to their community. The story does not have to be dramatic or heroic; it could simply reveal something genuine and illuminating about how people strengthen, support, or uplift one another in Indiana.

The final films will premiere at Heartland Film's Indy Shorts Film Festival in July 2026 and will be shared online via a media partnership with Free Press Indiana.

Applications are due by 11:59 a.m. March 15. Visit [LIFTIndiana.com](#) for in-depth guidelines, application instructions, and more.

# What families in Indiana should know about their school options

Every child in Indiana and across America deserves the opportunity to learn, thrive, and succeed – and education plays a central role in shaping that opportunity.



ANDREW CAMPANELLA

their children at home, and some families pair homeschooling with microschoools or Montessori-style learning environments.

If you want to explore these education options in advance of the 2026-27 school year, the time to begin that process is now. National School Choice Week begins Jan. 25, with 622 school events across Indiana, including school fairs, open houses, parent nights, and information sessions.

Before starting your search, it can help to pause and write down your goals for your child and what you want in an ideal learning environment. Doing so helps center the process on what – and who – really matters: your daughter or your son. When possible, visit schools and schedule tours or meetings with staff. Research shows that parents who visit schools in person are twice as likely to enroll their children in a new school as parents who search without touring or visiting.

During those visits, ask questions. One of the most common mistakes parents make is accepting education jargon – of which there is plenty – at face value. If you do not understand a term, a reference to curriculum or instructional methods, or a school policy, ask for clarification until you do. You may also want to talk with other parents about their experiences, while keeping in mind that their perspectives are shaped by their own child's unique needs.

And remember: you know your child better than anyone else. When it comes to your child's well-being, you are the expert. Finding the right school is not about choosing what works for everyone – it's about choosing what fits your daughter or son best.

To access a free guide to K-12 school choice options in Indiana, visit [myschool-choice.com/indiana](#).

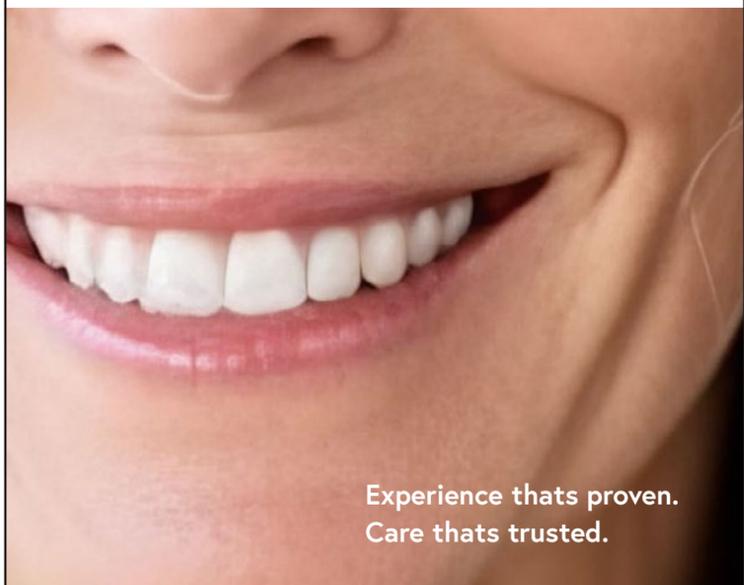
Andrew Campanella is the CEO of the National School Choice Awareness Foundation, the nonprofit organization that coordinates National School Choice Week, Navigate School Choice, and Conoce tus Opciones Escolares. He is also the author of *The School Choice Roadmap: 7 Steps to Choosing the Right School for Your Child*.

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# Indiana's life sciences sector growing with more than 1,300 new high-wage jobs across the state

## Submitted by Office of Gov. Mike Braun

On Wednesday, Jan. 14, Governor Mike Braun highlighted the surge in Indiana's life sciences sector, with three major industry expansions that will create more than 1,300 new high-wage Hoosier jobs.

These expansions further cement Indiana's position as a national leader in advanced manufacturing, medical device production, and biopharmaceutical innovation.

"Indiana continues to prove that we are the top destination for companies looking to grow," Gov. Braun said. "These expansions show exactly what happens when you focus on jobs and wages. Companies invest, communities grow, and Hoosiers benefit."

Under Gov. Braun's direction, Indiana's economic development strategy has focused on two priorities: more jobs for Hoosiers and higher wages. The latest life sciences investments demonstrate the strength of that strategy, and Indiana's growing dominance in one of the world's most competitive industries.

## INCOG BioPharma \$200 million expansion, adding hundreds of new jobs in Fishers

INCOG BioPharma Services will double its current Hoosier workforce to nearly 1,000 employees by 2030. The \$200 million expansion of its Fishers manufacturing campus will create hundreds of new high-paying jobs, with an average wage 159 percent above the county average and expand the company's capacity to produce up to 480 million injectable drug units annually.

The 21-acre campus will grow to approximately 300,000 square feet of purpose-built space, positioning Indiana as a global hub for injectable biopharmaceuticals.

## West Pharmaceutical Services

### New Greenfield operation, up to 300 high-wage jobs

West Pharmaceutical Services Inc. is expanding into Indiana with a new manufacturing operation in Greenfield, creating up to 300 high-wage jobs that pay an average wage 125 percent above the county average. The investment strengthens Indiana's role in the global pharmaceutical and medical device sup-

ply chain and underscores the state's ability to attract world-class advanced manufacturing employers.

## Autocam Medical 300 new high-wage jobs in Kosciusko County

Autocam Medical is ex-

panding its operations in Warsaw, creating 300 new high-wage jobs, with average wages 138 percent above the county average. The expansion reinforces Warsaw's title as the Orthopedic Capital of the World and showcases the

Hoosier state's unmatched talent pipeline in precision engineering and advanced manufacturing.

"Our ability to attract, retain and develop a skilled workforce is a key differentiator," Indiana Commerce

Secretary David J. Adams said. "These investments strengthen Indiana's position as a national leader in life sciences and create hundreds of high-quality jobs that will benefit Hoosier families for decades to come."

## HAMILTON COUNTY

Candidates who have filed for the May 5, 2026 Primary as of Thursday, Jan. 15

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](http://hamiltoncounty.in.gov/221/Precinct-and-District-Maps).

### U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

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Jackson Franklin (D)  
Todd Shelton (D)  
\*Victoria Spartz (R)

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Joseph Kazlas (D)  
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Kirsten Root (D)  
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\*Mike Gaskill (R)  
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Kristina Moorhead (D)  
John Ruckelshaus (R)  
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\*Alaina Shonkwiler (R)  
Devon Wellington (D)  
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\*Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D)  
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\*Todd Huston (R)  
Joel Levi (D)  
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Beth Sheller (R)

### COUNTY CORONER

\*Jeff D. Jellison (R)

### COUNTY PROSECUTOR

\*Josh Kochoy (R)

### COUNTY RECORDER

\*Trini Beaver (R)

### COUNTY SHERIFF

Dustin K. Dixon (R)  
John Lowes (R)

### COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**District 1**  
\*Christine Altman (R)

### COUNTY COUNCIL

**District 1**  
Christopher Daniel (D)  
\*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 47:** Amber Davis  
**Clay 48:** Beth Sprunger  
**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  
**Westfield 33:** Brandee L. Easterday  
**Westfield 34:** Cheryl L. Austin

### STATE DELEGATE – DEMOCRATS

**Adams Township (vote for 6)**  
Cheryl L. Popiela  
Kirsten Root  
**Clay Township (vote for 40)**  
Amber Davis  
Kirk Boller  
Ben Boyce  
Annette Gross  
Stephen K. Ring  
Susan Kelly Ring  
Beth Sprunger  
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  
Coumba Kebe  
Jeffrey Nickloy  
**Washington Township (vote for 20)**  
Cheryl L. Austin  
Bennie Britt  
Evelyn J. Davis  
Brandee L. Easterday

### STATE DELEGATE – REPUBLICANS

**Clay 1 (vote for 5)**  
Fred Glynn  
**Clay 2 (vote for 5)**  
Frederick Daniel Landis  
**Clay 3 (vote for 5)**  
Patricia Bratton  
**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)**  
Kevin W. Poore  
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)**  
Stu Rhodes  
Beth Sheller  
**Washington 1 (vote for 5)**  
Timothy Enyart  
**Washington 2 (vote for 5)**  
Matt Dooley  
**Washington 3 (vote for 5)**  
Lisa Marie Everling Baumgartner

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Candidates who have filed for the May 5, 2026 Primary Election as of Thursday, Jan. 15

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Scott A. King (R)  
Jackson Franklin (D)  
Todd Shelton (D)  
\*Victoria Spartz (R)

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**District 21**  
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Joseph Kazlas (D)  
Tracey Powell (R)  
Kirsten Root (D)

### STATE REPRESENTATIVE

**District 38**  
Nate Stout (D)  
Heath R. VanNatter (R)

### CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, 36<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

Matthew B. Quigley (R)

### COUNTY ASSESSOR

Shannon Cassons (R)

### COUNTY AUDITOR

Jon DeBaun (R)

### COUNTY CLERK

Brent R. Baird (R)  
Rhannon 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)

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Kirk D. Retherford (R)  
Ken Ziegler (D)

### COUNTY COUNCIL

**District 2**  
C.J. Taylor (R)  
Matthew Terry (D)  
Zack Timm (R)  
**District 3**  
Matthew L. Deckard (R)  
**District 4**  
Milke 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 – REPUBLICANS

**At Large**  
Brent R. Baird

### STATE DELEGATE – DEMOCRATS

**At Large**  
Janette Martin  
George Sullivan-Davis  
Matthew Terry

### PRECINCT CMTE. – DEMOCRATS

**Cicero 2:** Tom Frye  
**Cicero 3:** Janette Martin  
**Cicero 6:** Matthew Terry  
**Cicero 7:** George Sullivan-Davis

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# Gov. Braun backs affordability push in State of the State speech

By GARRETT BERGQUIST  
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Gov. Mike Braun on Wednesday officially threw his weight behind Republican-backed measures on utility rates and housing costs.

In his second State of the State speech, the Republican governor explicitly endorsed House Republican priority bills to change how utility rates are calculated and to limit the regulations local governments can impose on design elements for housing and accessory dwelling units. He went so far as to back the bills' authors by name — Republican Reps. Alaina Shonkwiler of Noblesville and Doug Miller of Elkhart, respectively.

"There are too many Hoosier who can't afford to own a home at all. Home prices have surged because we aren't building enough and unnecessary regulations are driving up costs," Braun said, adding, of Miller's bill, "I support it 100 percent."

Republicans and Democrats in both chambers have said cost-of-living issues will be their top priorities during this session. Miller and Shonkwiler's bills carry the designations House Bill 1001 and 1002, respectively, which are reserved each session for the majority caucus' priority bills. Democrats in both chambers have called for repealing the sales tax on

utilities and creating tax-free savings accounts for first-time home purchases.

Democrats said the governor is responding to a crisis they have been warning about for years. Senate Minority Leader Shelli Yoder, D-Bloomington, said Braun will need to match his words with quick action.

"Hoosiers are not confused. They see a pattern. Affordability is talked about but costs keep rising. Supports are cut and families are being told to do more with less," she said. "Hoosiers want leadership focused relentlessly on the cost of living, not on distractions, not on power plays, not on Washington politics. Affordability cannot be a slogan. It is a test of leadership and any government that asks families to do more with less while playing politics with more has failed that test."

Yoder said Republicans' focus on affordability is an opportunity for Democrats to push through some of their ideas, such as legislation on medical debt.

Braun faces a shorter than usual calendar to push his agenda through. Law-



Braun



Shonkwiler

makers plan to end the 2026 session by Feb. 28 in order to offset the early start for December's redistricting debate. Rather than provide a list of policy requests to lawmakers, Braun instead endorsed several bills already moving through the legislative process. He did, however, add one demand without endorsing a particular piece of legislation: finding a way to lower child care costs. The governor told lawmakers he wants to see a program to allow businesses to contribute to the costs of child care, something Democrats have asked for.

The governor also addressed the controversy surrounding data centers. He said his administration will push prospective data center developers to ensure they offset 100 percent of any increased generation costs. State law already requires proposed data centers to cover 80 percent of the cost of increased generation even if the center is ultimately not built.

"AI is going to be key to the jobs and wages of the future but data centers can't stick Hoosiers with the pow-

er bill," he said. "If other companies will follow this model, we'll lead the country in the AI race and Hoosiers' electricity rates won't go up — they'll go down."

Legislative Republican leaders said they took exception to Democrats' assertion they are turning to the minority party's ideas to address affordability. Senate President Pro Tempore Rod Bray, R-Martinsville, said Republicans are focusing on assistance through deregulation rather than government spending. He said Republicans are focused on lowering tax burdens and reducing the costs associated with starting up new businesses, including those that serve families.

"Take a look at daycare, for instance. We've been trying over the last several years to decrease the regulation not so that it becomes unsafe but because, you know, when you decrease the regulation, you make it a little less expensive," he said. "So those are some conservative ideas we're trying that'll decrease some of the costs for Hoosiers around the state."

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Watch Gov. Braun's full address on YouTube at [tinyurl.com/BraunSOTS2026](http://tinyurl.com/BraunSOTS2026).

# Rokita: Gov. Braun "hit the mark"

Submitted

Attorney General Todd Rokita released the following statement in response to Governor Mike Braun's State of the State address on Wednesday evening.

"From driving down costs created by the Biden administra-



Rokita

tion to highlighting major job wins, celebrating school choice, and praising public safety gains, Gov. Mike Braun's State of the State address hit the mark.

"I look forward to continuing my office's partnership with him to put Hoosiers first."

# Speaker Huston: House GOP "laser focused" on maintaining momentum

Submitted

Indiana House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers) issued the following statement after Gov. Braun's State of the State address.

"Gov. Braun did a great job

telling Indiana's story tonight and highlighting the strong progress and positive momentum that's occurring in the Hoosier state. It's worth repeating that our economy is growing at a faster rate than all of our neighboring states and most of the country. We're attracting investment, jobs and the kinds of opportunities that improve quality of



Huston

life for Hoosiers and bring more people to our state.

"House Republicans are laser focused on continuing this momentum while addressing affordability. We look forward to continuing to work together on legislation this year to make it more affordable to own a home, reduce energy costs and get government out of the way to unleash opportunity for Hoosiers."

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

# Buck: "ready to work with my colleagues to accomplish more"

Submitted

State Sen. Jim Buck (R-Kokomo) made the following statement in response to Gov. Mike Braun's 2026 State of the State address.

"Listening to the governor

today, it was encouraging to hear Indiana's economy and GDP are growing much faster than our surrounding states.

"There were many new projects and high-paying job opportunities mentioned as well, and it is always great to see Indiana continue to grow and develop as a state.



Buck

It goes to show the Hoosier dollar goes far, and that our state's future looks bright.

"I am also pleased to see the governor recognize the importance of affordability, especially

with child care. "I look forward to working with my colleagues to accomplish more for Indiana this session."

State Sen. Jim Buck (R-Kokomo) represents Senate District 21, which includes Tipton County and portions of Hamilton and Howard counties.

# Yoder delivers Democrats' rebuttal, calls Braun's Affordability Agenda "long overdue"

Submitted

Indiana Senate Democratic Leader Shelli Yoder delivered a forceful rebuttal to Gov. Mike Braun's State of the State address Tuesday night, welcoming the governor's stated focus on affordability while sharply criticizing what she called a year of policy decisions that have failed to deliver real relief for Hoosier families.

"Affordability is not a slogan. It is a test of how leadership serves the people," Yoder said. "If policies were working, Hoosiers would feel it. Right now, they don't."

Yoder acknowledged that Braun's agenda echoed long-standing Democratic priorities, including addressing medical debt, housing costs and utility bills, but questioned why the governor didn't take responsibility for the Hoosier affordability crisis built on 20 years of Republican control.

"Agreement is wel-

come," Yoder said. "But agreement without urgency is just a press release. Hoosiers have been living this affordability crisis for years."

In her remarks, Yoder cited concrete pressures facing families across Indiana, including child care closures, rising housing and utility costs and continued barriers to affordable health care. She pointed to Braun-directed cuts to child care funding and reimbursement rates as decisions that directly contributed to growing child care deserts and workforce disruptions.

"You cannot claim to support workers and the economy while dismantling the system that allows parents to go to work," Yoder said.

Yoder also directly challenged the governor's public safety claims, pointing to



Yoder

Senate Enrolled Act 1 (SEA 1), signed into law last year, which reduced revenue available to local governments.

"Public safety is not a talking point. It's whether help arrives when someone calls 911," Yoder said. "SEA 1 cut funding that cities and towns rely on for police, firefighters and emergency medical response. No matter how it's framed, that undermined public safety."

Yoder emphasized that Hoosiers believe in the rule of law, accountability and due process, but warned that fiscal choices must align with those values.

"You cannot claim public safety as a priority while weakening the very services that keep communities safe," she said.

Framing the moment as a broader reckoning, Yoder

argued that Braun's embrace of affordability rhetoric reflects years of unmet need under one-party control at the Statehouse.

"After 20 years of Republican control, Indiana is in an affordability crisis," Yoder said. "Hoosiers don't care who gets credit. They care who gets results."

Yoder closed by urging the administration and legislative leaders to move beyond messaging and deliver measurable relief for working families.

"Hoosiers are doing everything right, and yet still fall behind" Yoder said. "They deserve leadership that offers more than words. Hoosiers deserve follow-through that offers real relief right now."

State Sen. Shelli Yoder (D-Bloomington) represents Senate District 40, which includes the majority of Monroe County and includes the Indiana University-Bloomington Campus.

# GiaQuinta: Hoosiers "need real relief, not lip service"

Submitted

House Democratic Leader Phil GiaQuinta (D-Fort Wayne) issued the following statement reacting to Gov. Mike Braun's 2026 State of the State address.

"House Democrats agree with Gov. Braun that Hoosiers are no better off than they were a year ago — and that's thanks to him and

the Braun supermajority.

"If Statehouse Republicans wanted to lower costs, they would have already done that. They've been in charge for the past 20 years.

"Now that Gov. Braun is catching up to the fact that Hoosiers are



GiaQuinta

struggling, he's talking about affordable utilities and child care. But his actions over the past year speak differently. Under Gov. Braun's watch, Indiana has seen the highest utility rate hikes in 20 years, doubled health insurance premiums for

300,000 Hoosiers, and dozens of child care centers close because of his voucher cuts.

"Gov. Braun has failed at making life more affordable for Hoosiers while gutting the programs that help them get by, like health care, food assistance, child care, and public safety. The proof is in Hoosiers' wallets — they need real relief, not lip service without action."

# Tallian on Braun: "anyone else . . . would be fired"

Submitted

Indiana Democratic Party Chair Karen Tallian released the following statement in response to Gov. Braun's State of the State Address.

"Hoosiers are interested in workers, wages and wallets, but Governor Braun continues to pander to corporate interests and elites that put him in power. Hoosiers can see the truth: 20-plus years of Republican rule have created this affordability crisis in Indiana.

"Due to the Republican Party's failing economic policies, wages are

stagnant, costs are rising and small businesses are hurting. Even larger businesses are struggling, such as Dalton Corporation foundry in Warsaw, Ind. which recently announced it was closing its doors after 100 years in business. Braun failed to mention the tsunami of rural hospital closures, which has left some communities, such as Dearborn County, Ind., with no place for women to safely give birth.

"In his rosy assessment of the Indiana economy, Braun also fails to mention the crumbling roads and potholes across the state. He fails to mention the looming disasters for local government and impending cuts to local police and fire departments, all thanks to yet another GOP misguided property tax overhaul.

"Braun and the Republican legislature continue to drive our economy off the cliff. From my position in the Senate, I watched



Tallian

years of failed Republican policies on so many counts: road funding, worker rights, health care and more. Each 'fix' required a subsequent 'fix'; and they are responsible for every mistake.

"What started as bickering among the factions of the Republican party has now evolved into all out public warfare, resulting in what appears to be a legislative session where they will accomplish nothing except establish an official state sandwich.

"Anyone else who performed this poorly for this long would be fired on the spot."



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# Vicious Biscuit brings its breakfast rebellion to Fishers

Official opening planned for week of Jan. 19

## Submitted

Vicious Biscuit, the award-winning fast-casual breakfast concept and Southern-made originator of bold biscuit creations, is officially opening its doors in Fishers on Saturday, Jan. 24.

With the new 3,000 square-foot location in Delaware Plaza at 8711 E. 106th St., Ste. 110, the restaurant will feature its renowned "Jam Bar" of custom signature jams and flavored house-made butters, making its biscuits even more crave-worthy. The expansion marks the seventh state for Vicious Biscuit, which currently has locations in South Carolina, North Carolina, Florida, Ohio, Louisiana, and Mississippi.

The Fishers restaurant is owned by local franchise partners David Dessner, Steve Wise, Scott Liberman, and Neda Smith operating as Biscuit Boys, LLC, with Mike Pratt serving as operator. Fishers will be the group's flagship as they plan to develop 10 locations across the greater Indianapolis area.

"We've been looking forward to sharing Vicious Biscuit with Fishers for a long time," Dressner said. "This concept is big flavor, big personality, and real hospitality – exactly what we love about great brunch. Our team is ready to welcome the community in, serve unforgettable biscuit creations, and make this a place people come back to again and again."

## Community Celebration Week

Monday, Jan. 19 to Saturday, Jan. 24

Vicious Biscuit is currently preparing for opening week as its team trains in real time. The countdown to its official grand opening



Photo by Andrew Cebulka

with special weekday offers for the community are as follows:

• **Monday, Jan. 19 at 7 a.m.** – Coffee Mug Giveaway: First 50 guests in line receive a Vicious Biscuit mug and a free coffee card.

• **Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 7 a.m.** – Charitable Tuesday: 20 percent of all sales that day will be donated to Mudsock Youth Athletics; and the first 100 guests who mention "Mudsocks" will receive a FREE Vicious Biscuit tee shirt or hat.

• **Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 7 a.m.** – Mimosa Wednesday: \$5 mimosas made with fresh-squeezed orange juice in-house offered to all guests.

• **Thursday, Jan. 22 at 7 a.m.** – Thankful Thursday: Free entrée for all first responders, police officers, and firefighters with a valid ID.

• **Friday, Jan. 23** – Ribbon Cutting Event: Local businesses are invited to participate in a ribbon-cutting with the Vicious Biscuit corporate team. (Please check the [Facebook event page](#).)

## Grand Opening Celebration

Saturday, Jan. 24

Vicious Biscuit will officially open its doors to the Fishers community with a Grand Opening Celebration on Sat., Jan. 24 from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Guests of the family-friendly event will be welcomed with a full lineup of festivities that include:

The first 100 families/individuals who purchase an entrée will receive a Vicious Biscuit Black Card, which provides one free Vicious Biscuit entrée monthly for an entire year.

Additional surprises and giveaways will be available throughout the celebration while supplies last.

"We're excited to bring Vicious Biscuit to Indiana and to officially welcome this franchise team into our growing family," Vicious Biscuit Co-Founder/CEO George McLaughlin said. "They share our commitment to hospitality and guest experience, and we believe Fishers is a fantastic market for the brand. We can't wait to serve this com-

munity and introduce even more guests to our take on brunch."

## Investing in the community

Giving back to the communities it serves is part of Vicious Biscuit's core values – and the Fishers opening is no exception. Vicious Biscuit Fishers is officially partnering with Mudsock Youth Athletics, a local 501(c)(3) dedicated to providing children in Fishers and the Hamilton Southeastern School District opportunities to participate in recreational team sports.

Starting Tuesday, Jan. 20 through the end of 2026, on the third Tuesday of every month Vicious Biscuit will donate 15 percent of guest checks that mention "Mudsocks" when placing their order.

For full details on Vicious Biscuit's Grand Opening Celebration, including dedicated community days and a timeline of events, visit the official [Facebook event page](#). Visit [Facebook.com/viciousbiscuitfishers](#) to follow the Fishers location.



## Immerse yourself in music with Carmel Symphony Orchestra

### The REPORTER

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Saturday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m.  
Ms. Kelly Corcoran – conductor

Featuring CSO's own **Tamara Thweatt, flute and Melanie Mashner, harp**

Continue your Valentine's Day celebrations with romantic and heartfelt pieces including Sibelius' *The Lover*, Mozart's *Paris*, and Elgar's *Love's Greeting*. These works pair nicely with Mozart's *Concerto for Flute and Harp*, which will feature much-beloved soloists from the CSO.

### Nordic Nights

Presented by **Pedcor Companies**  
Saturday, March 21 at 7 p.m.  
Mr. Kelly Kuo – conductor  
Featuring CSO's own **concertmaster, Davis Brooks, violin**

Refresh yourself with Sibelius' *Symphony No. 2*, music that is ethereal, growing and evolving just as nature reawakens after a harsh winter. Sibelius' *Karelia Suite* personifies the beauty of Finnish folk themes. Rounding out the program will be Adès' *Air – Homage to Sibelius*, which will feature a violin solo by CSO Concertmaster Davis Brooks.

**Symphonic Odyssey**  
Saturday, April 18 at 7 p.m.  
Ms. Kelly Corcoran – conductor

Feel revitalized with Dvorak's *Carnival Overture*, evoking the bountiful love for life. Cristina Spinei's work *...throes of increasing wonder* is lavish in its own way. Mahler's Adagio for string and harp reminds us of the love we have for those closest to us. Mendelssohn's Fifth Symphony, *Reformation*, contemplates themes of faith and life. These pieces will surely leave you in awe.



## SUPPORT GROUP

## Noblesville First UMC's GriefShare starts Feb. 1

### The REPORTER

Have you lost a loved one or know someone that will find it difficult to face each new day?

Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St., has announced its next GriefShare program, which is open to everyone in the community.

The winter session will meet from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sundays beginning Feb. 1. Participants are invited to join anytime during the 13 weeks of meetings. A one-time registration fee of \$20 is appreciated, but scholarships are available.

GriefShare is a 13-week non-denominational Christ-centered program focusing on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally

respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was seen on the DVD. Daily work in the GriefShare workbook also helps one look thoughtfully at their grief experience and helps in the healing process.

GriefShare is led by caring people who have experienced grief and have successfully rebuilt their lives. They understand how you feel because they've been in the same place. They will walk with you through grief toward healing and hope for the future.

To learn more about GriefShare, visit [noblesvillefirst.com](#), email [coleen.albright58@gmail.com](#), or call the church office at (317) 773-2500.

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January 22, 1924 – January 13, 2026



Cecelia Ann Sugden (née Cloe, Neer), 101, passed away peacefully on January 13, 2026, just days before her 102nd birthday. She was born on January 22, 1924, in Paris, Ill., to William and Ruth Cloe.

Cecelia was a proud graduate of Paris High School. On September 1, 1945, following the end of World War II, she married her first husband, James B. Neer. Together they made their home in Cleveland, Ohio, where they raised three children and shared 31 years of marriage.

On January 12, 1985, Cecelia married her second husband, Alan Brian Sugden, beginning another 31-year partnership filled with joy and adventure. Together, they sold their homes and traveled throughout the United States in their motor home, enjoying life on the open road. They eventually settled in central Florida, before relocating to Anderson, S.C., where Cecelia became actively involved in the many clubs at the senior center and formed lasting friendships.

Cecelia had a deep love for music and faithfully played the piano at church for many years. She was also a gifted artist who expressed her creativity through her artwork. Her life was marked by curiosity, resilience, and a gentle strength that touched all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Ruth Cloe; her first husband, James B. Neer; her second husband, Brian Sugden; and her beloved daughter, Melissa Cyphert.

Cecelia is survived by her daughter, Debra LePere; her son, Breck Neer; stepdaughter, Pam Sugden; her grandchildren, Scott (Misty) LePere, Mark LePere, Jen (Dan) Laura, Jaime (Drew) Daly, Lindsay Neer, and Leann (Paul Reed) Neer; her great-grandchildren, Christian (Carley) LePere, Caymen LePere, Cylix LePere, Gabe Laura, and Wyatt Reed; and her great-great-granddaughter, Hanna LePere.

In keeping with Cecelia's wishes, no funeral services will be held.

Memorial contributions may be made in her honor to Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County or the Hamilton County Sheriff's Shop for Kids.

The family would like to extend their sincere gratitude to the staff at The Crossings of Noblesville Assisted Living for their compassionate care and kindness.

Cecelia lived a long and meaningful life filled with love, creativity, and adventure, and she will be lovingly remembered.

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**Phyllis Irene McCarty**

September 17, 1932 – January 10, 2026



Phyllis Irene McCarty, 93, Sheridan, went to be with her Lord on Saturday evening, January 10, 2026, at Wellbrooke of Westfield in Westfield. Born September 17, 1932, in Boone County, Ind., she was the daughter of Jessie Ermin and Ethel Irene (Eelsey) Poer.

Phyllis graduated from Sheridan High School in 1950 and continued her education at Indiana Business College. She was employed by Waitt Elevator in Westfield as their bookkeeper for 30 years. The main love and joy of her life was serving as wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and Bible teacher.

Phyllis was an active member and teacher of both the children's and women's bible classes for over 70 years at Gadsden Church of Christ in Lebanon. Phyllis was also a beloved and respected softball coach, winning several championships and tourneys during her 10 years in coaching.

Traveling was one of her favorite activities. During the colder months, Phyllis (and Don) learned to appreciate the snowbird lifestyle, setting their sights on Florida. They enjoyed seeing all their friends, both old and new, and catching up on everything that had been going on in everyone's lives.

Phyllis is survived by her loving daughters, Jetta Lynn Hall (Steven) of Sheridan and Jodie Lee Freeland (Bob) of Sheridan; five grandchildren, Katie Scott (Anthony), Amy Sanford, Scott Hall, Andrew Freeland (Sarah), and Holly Anderson (Ricky); great-grandchildren, Mattie Scott, Chase Scott, Blake Sanford (Kaylie), Briley Sanford, Nadia Hall, Nigel Freeland, Jade Freeland, Heidi Anderson, and Maizy Anderson.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents, Jessie Ermin and Ethel Irene (Eelsey) Poer; her sisters, Vonda Spray (Calvin), Betty Simms (Tony), and Glendora Walker (Floyd); and by her husband, Donald Earl McCarty on October 22, 2018. He and Phyllis were married on December 1, 1951.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 17, 2026, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan. Brother Andrew Freeland will be officiating.

Phyllis will be laid to rest at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the Alzheimer's Association ([alz.org](http://alz.org)), or to an organization of your choosing.

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**TODAY'S BIBLE READING**

THE SILVER TRUMPETS

*The Lord said to Moses: "Make two trumpets of hammered silver, and use them for calling the community together and for having the camps set out. When both are sounded, the whole community is to assemble before you at the entrance to the tent of meeting. If only one is sounded, the leaders—the heads of the clans of Israel—are to assemble before you. When a trumpet blast is sounded, the tribes camping on the east are to set out. At the sounding of a second blast, the camps on the south are to set out. The blast will be the signal for setting out. To gather the assembly, blow the trumpets, but not with the signal for setting out."*

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**The Reporter's policy on obituaries**

The Hamilton County Reporter does not charge families for publishing obituary notices in our pages. Every obituary appearing in online editions Wednesday through Saturday also appears in our Monday print editions. In order to continue to offer this as a community service, we ask that obituaries not exceed 500 words. The limitations of space may not allow for longer ones to appear in print.

Submit obituaries under 500 words online at [ReadTheReporter.com/obitform](http://ReadTheReporter.com/obitform).

**Meeting Notices**

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2026, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(11) To train school board members with an outside consultant and the performance of the role of the members as public officials.

A regular meeting will follow at 6 p.m. in the Board Room at the Noblesville Schools Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road.

Finally, the Board of Finance will meet at 6:30 p.m. or at the conclusion of the regular board meeting.

The Noblesville Firefighter Merit Commission meeting scheduled for 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2026, has been canceled.

The Hamilton Heights School Corporation Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2026, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(11) To train school board members with an outside consultant about the performance of the role of the members as public officials.

The Board of Finance will meet at 6 p.m. in the Board Room at the Hamilton Heights Student Activity Center, 420 W. North St., Arcadia.

The regular board meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m.

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting and a Board of Finance meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2026, at the Westfield Washington Schools Administration Center, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B.

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

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**NOTICE**

The Cicero Town Council Meeting on 1/20/26 at 7:00pm has been moved to Red Bridge Community Building, 697 W Jackson Street. 1/16/26, 1/19/26

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## Boys Wrestling

# Sheridan boys wrestling wins dual meet

By **RICHIE HALL**  
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**SHERIDAN** – Like so many other teams this winter, the Sheridan boys wrestling team is a young one.

Of the 17 wrestlers on the Blackhawks' roster, six are freshmen and six are sophomores. That leaves five upperclassmen (two juniors and three seniors), so Sheridan coach Jason Pedigo said his team is "going to stay young for a little while."

"This season, though, it's been kind of an up-and-down battle of keeping guys healthy, keeping guys ready to go and some very tough competition throughout the season," said Pedigo.

The Blackhawks finished their dual meet season Thursday by hosting Taylor at Larry Hobbs Hall. Sheridan won the meet 42-27, taking seven of the 12 matches. Four of those victories were by pin, starting with a seven-second

fall Treyton Bogus at 132 pounds, which Pedigo confirmed as the "fastest pin of the season so far."

Bogus kept things simple: "The throw was there," he said. Bogus is one of the sophomores on the team.

"He's definitely turning a corner," said Pedigo. "We got guys that are stepping it up and doing really well."

Another sophomore, Gabe Snider, also got a quick fall, pinning his opponent in 21 seconds.

The Blackhawks' other two pins came from seniors. Alex Cravens won at 165 with a second-period fall, while Brady Hammack made his pin with 50 seconds left in the first period of the 175-pound bout.

Sheridan's three other wins were by forfeit. The Blackhawks getting those victories were sophomore Parker Cravens at 157, sophomore Jordan Byrne at 215 and freshman Brody McKinney at 285.

Pedigo said that high-

lights of the season included Alex Cravens reaching the 100-career win milestone at the Eastern Holiday Tournament, while Snider had several comeback wins.

Sheridan has one more competition before the sectional. The Hawks travel to Delphi next Saturday, Jan. 24 for the Hoosier Heartland Conference meet. Sheridan then competes in the Frankfort sectional on Jan. 31.

Since wrestling is not a class sport, the Blackhawks will see matches against big schools such as Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern and Westfield. But Pedigo believes his team can make an impact.

"I preach to the guys, no matter who you're stepping on the line against, you're just going to wrestle them how you need to wrestle them," said Pedigo. "It doesn't matter if they're from a big school or another small school."



Reporter photo by Richie Hall  
Four Sheridan wrestlers got pins during the Blackhawks' meet with Taylor on Thursday. Pictured are Treyton Bogus (132 pounds), Gabe Snider (150), Alex Cravens (165) and Brady Hammack (175).

## WISH-TV Athlete of the week: HSE's Kayla Stidham

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

**INDIANAPOLIS (WISH)** — HSE girls basketball has been one of the top programs in the state recently, and that is no different this season.

The Royals are 15-3 and ranked sixth in 4A, and a big contributor to their success is senior forward Kayla Stidham.

She's averaging nearly 16 points per game, which is second on the team. She is also the leading rebounder, averaging over seven boards per game.

Working on expanding her game has been one of Stidham's focuses.

"I think when I was younger, I was just a shooter and I was just a threat from three, so I think just improving my game, being able to post, especially getting my free throw percentage up was a big thing from last year," Stidham said. "So I think that was a big thing, just improving my game ev-

erywhere."

"You've just seen the maturity of her as she's gone throughout the years," HSE girls basketball head coach Brian Satterfield said. "When she started out, basically just trying to be more of an offensive threat and a shooter. But as she's come into this year, you can just see what she does at both ends of the floor."

HSE was so close to making it to the state game last season, losing in the semi-state championship game. Getting to state is one of the goals for this team.

"Everyone here works their butt off," Stidham said. "I think it'd be really cool. It would be amazing. I would love to be able to play at Gainbridge."

Stidham will continue her career next season at Bowling Green.

*This story originally appeared on WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/sports/the-zone-indiana-high-school/athlete-of-the-week-hses-kayla-stidham](http://wishtv.com/sports/the-zone-indiana-high-school/athlete-of-the-week-hses-kayla-stidham).*

## Gabriel's Dream comes true

Fishers student spends weekend with IU, Pacers basketball teams

By **RICHIE HALL**  
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**FISHERS** — Students were lined up in the hallways of Fishers High School the morning of Friday, Jan. 9 to give one of their fellow Tigers a sendoff to a memorable weekend.

Gabriel Nolting was in a classroom when he learned that he would be going to Bloomington and spending the day with the Indiana Hoosiers men's basketball team, which happened to be his favorite team.

Upon hearing the news, Gabe sprinted down the hallways while being cheered on by his classmates, teachers, administrators. The Fishers boys basketball team and members of the band were there to congratulate Gabe as well. You can view video of the sendoff [here](#).

"He did not know about this at all," Amanda Nolting, Gabe's mother, told The Reporter just before they were whisked to IU in a waiting limousine. "I kept this a secret from him."

"He is just going to be in shock for the next few days," said Amanda Nolting.



Reporter photos by Richie Hall  
(ABOVE) Fishers High School student Gabe Nolting had a "Dream Weekend" Jan. 9 and 10, as the Indiana University fan got to see the Hoosiers men's basketball team play, then attended a Pacers game. (BELOW) Dream on 3 coordinated the event and the Tigers gave Gabe a sendoff before he traveled to IU by limousine.

The event was coordinated by Dream on 3, an organization that helps children and young adults from ages 5 to 21 that are living with "life-altering conditions including those with mental health challenges and intellectual disabilities," according to the Dream on 3 [website](#).

Gabe has childhood apraxia of speech, a motor speech disorder. The Cleveland Clinic [describes](#) CAS



like this: "Your child knows what they want to say. But a disruption in the nerve pathways between their brain and mouth muscles makes it hard for them to form the words."

Dream on 3 worked with IU Athletics and Indiana's Collegiate Dream Team, a group of student leaders committed to inclusion, belonging and community impact on campus.

Gabe's first stop on the tour was a behind-the-

scenes tour of Assembly Hall, where he also got participate in a shootaround, talk with IU's coach, Darrian DeVries, take a group photo with the Hoosiers and receive an autographed basketball. Gabe also went on a \$500 shopping spree at Alumni Hall as well.

The next day (Saturday, Jan. 10) was filled with basketball for Gabe.

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December 2025 Median Sale Price <b>\$305,000*</b> <small>compared to this time last year</small>	Sales Decreased <small>December pending home sales compared to this time last year</small> <b>6.3%</b>	<b>871</b> More Homes For Sale <small>12/24 vs. 12/25</small>
<b>2.0%</b> Price Increase <small>12/24 vs. 12/25</small>	Months of Inventory Change <b>26.6%</b> <small>12/24 vs. 12/25</small>	Interest Rates 30-Year Fixed <b>6.125%</b> <small>With an APR of 6.244%</small>

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Boys Swimming

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The Fishers boys swimming and diving team won the Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet Thursday, Jan. 8 at the IU Natatorium.

# Fishers boys win HCC meet

**The REPORTER**

The Fishers boys swimming team won the Hoosier Crossroads Conference swimming and diving meet, which took place Thursday, Jan. 8 at the IU Natatorium.

The Tigers scored 395 points to win the team trophy and claimed three individual events. Alex Koo won the 50 freestyle in 20.90 seconds and the 100 free in 46.53 seconds.

Kirby Danglade led a 1-2 finish in diving, winning the event with a score of 321.30 points, while Mason Lawson took second with 312.15 points.

Westfield was the team runner-up, totaling 325 points. The Shamrocks' Zach Welch was a double winner, starting with a vic-

tory in the 200 free. Welch's time was 1 minute, 43.38 seconds. He later won the 500 free in 4:37.80.

Hamilton Southeastern finished third with 322 points. Camden Bailey placed second in the 200 free (1:44.47) and the 100 free (47.39) for the Royals.

Noblesville placed fifth with 250 points but had four event wins. The Millers were first in the medley relay (1:37.38) and the 200 free relay (1:28.35), while Joshua Naas won the individual medley in 1:56.81 and the breaststroke in 58.67 seconds.

Zionsville won a close girls meet, edging out Fishers 462-449. The Tigers won four events, including a double victory from

Emily Wolf in the 200 free (1:51.11) and 500 free (4:55.25.)

Ashlyn Hayes was first in the 100 free, clocking in at 52.30 seconds and placed second in the 100 free (1:51.88) to give the Tigers a 1-2 finish in that event. Fishers also won the 400 free relay in 3:31.31.

Southeastern placed third as a team with 391 points. Naomi Haines picked up wins in the 50 free (23.87) and backstroke (57.85), while the Royals also won the medley relay (1:47.06).

Westfield finished fourth, totaling 207 points. Evie Wheat was second in the IM with a time of 2:10.18.

Noblesville placed

fifth with 195 points. Eryn McMahon won the diving event, scoring 283.15 points.

**Friday, Jan. 16**  
**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
 Brownsburg at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.  
 Guerin Catholic at Tri-West, 7:30 p.m.  
 Hamilton Southeastern at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.  
 Lapel at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.  
 Noblesville at Zionsville, 7:30 p.m.  
 Plainfield at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.  
 Sheridan at Lebanon, 7:30 p.m.  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
 Brownsburg at Fishers, 6 p.m.  
 Hamilton Southeastern at Westfield, 6 p.m.  
 Noblesville at Zionsville, 6 p.m.  
 Guerin Catholic at Beech Grove, 7:30 p.m.  
 Pioneer Conference Championship  
 Shortridge at University, 6 p.m.  
**GIRLS WRESTLING**  
 State finals, 10 a.m. at Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum

**Saturday, Jan. 17**  
**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
 Anderson at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.  
 Bishop Dwenger at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.  
 Carmel at Columbus East, 7:30 p.m.  
 Mooresville Christian at University, 7:30 p.m.  
 Fishers vs. Centerville (Ohio), 8:30 p.m. at James S. Trent Arena, Dayton  
**BOYS WRESTLING**  
 Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet, 8:30 a.m. at Zionsville  
 Circle City Conference meet, 9 a.m. at Bishop Chatard  
 Hoosier Conference meet, 9 a.m. at Western  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
 Tipton at Hamilton Heights, 1:30 p.m.  
**SWIMMING**  
 Brownsburg at Noblesville, 9 a.m.  
 Hoosier Conference swim meet, noon at Purdue Aquatic Center  
 Circle City Conference meet, TBD at Perry Meridian

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## Michael Good to lead Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum as president

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

**INDIANAPOLIS (WISH)** — The **Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum** announced Thursday that the board has unanimously selected Michael Good as the new president of the museum.

Good will officially start his duties in February.

Good said a statement in a release, "Living in Indianapolis for more than 40 years has given me a deep appreciation for what the Indianapolis Motor Speedway represents to this city and to motorsports worldwide."

Chuck Jones, director of the board, said in a statement in the release "Michael is a results-driven leader with a proven ability to strengthen organizations, expand revenue, and execute at a high level."

As president, Good will oversee growth and daily operations. The museum reopened in April following a **major renovation**, and Good will also spearhead the next phase of the museum's new campaign, which involves **new restoration and a new construction** on an event space.

Good, his wife, Heather, and their family live in Westfield.

*This story originally appeared on WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/sports/indianapolis-motorspeedway-museum-new-president](http://wishtv.com/sports/indianapolis-motorspeedway-museum-new-president).*

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## DREAM

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He watched the Hoosiers take on Nebraska, after which he and his family traveled to Gainbridge Fieldhouse to watch the Indiana Pacers beat the Miami Heat 123-99. In addition to getting to see the Pacers win, Gabe got to meet Boomer, the team mascot,

and the Pacers cheerleaders. Gabe's weekend is documented on the Dream on 3 **website**, which summarized the weekend as, "Two days filled with generosity, joy, connection, and unforgettable moments – a truly perfect Dream Weekend for Gabe and his family."

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# Amid jubilation over IU's excellent football season, don't get sacked by ticket scams in attempts to attend championship game

Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita

As the 15-0 Indiana Hoosiers head to the national college football championship game on Monday, Jan. 19, fans are understandably elated. Many are making last-minute efforts to find a way to make it to Miami to watch the historic contest in person.

Amid all the euphoria, however, Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is warning individuals searching for tickets not to fall victim to scams.

"Fraudsters are always using moments like this to prey on fans' raw excitement and turn joy into fi-

nancial loss," AG Rokita said. "The massive hype surrounding Indiana's historic unbeaten season and shot at a first-ever national championship creates the perfect environment for their deceptive schemes. With kickoff against Miami just days away, everyone must stay sharp to avoid these predators and keep the focus on celebrating what could be a truly historic victory. Stay safe and go Hoosiers!"

To avoid scams, AG Rokita offers the following



Rokita

tips:

- Buy directly from official sources. In this case, that's directly from Indiana University, a verified vendor, or through a proven third-party ticket seller.
- Be wary of prices that seem too good to be true. (They probably are.) Do your homework and be knowledgeable about the prices being paid to attend the event. Review the range of prices on legitimate platforms and look up media reports about the costs of entry. If you find prices lower

than those you're generally seeing in your research, be deeply suspicious.

• Be wary of unsolicited offers to sell tickets through text, direct messages, email, or social media.

• Be suspicious of attempts by the seller to receive off-platform payments.

• If you purchase tickets, you should receive them shortly after a purchase. Be wary of promises to deliver tickets shortly before the event.

• Use the secure payment method of a credit card - avoiding paying with cash, debit cards, wire transfers or through odd methods such as gift cards.

• Avoid instant payment methods such as Venmo or Zelle with strangers. (Such payments are final.)

• Use only payment websites that have "https" at the beginning of website addresses (URLs). The "s" stands for "secure."

• Look for slight misspellings in URLs, which indicate a scammer is imitating a legitimate site.

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# Men's Basketball — Gold pulls away late to defeat Boom 102-92

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Boom (4-6), the NBA G League affiliate of the Indiana Pacers, fell to the Grand Rapids Gold (5-6), 102-92, on Thursday night at The Arena at Innovation Mile.

Two-way guard Ethan Thompson led the Boom with 25 points and eight rebounds, shooting 4-of-8 from three-point range. Kam Jones, on assignment from the Pacers, delivered a strong all-around performance with 14 points, 10 assists, seven rebounds, and four steals. Two-way guard Taelon Peter and Jalen Slawson added 14 points and eight rebounds each.

The Gold was paced by Curtis Jones, who posted a game-high 26 points along with nine rebounds, six assists, and four steals. Javante McCoy contributed 19 points on 8-of-13 shooting, while Dane Goodwin finished with 16 points.

The first half featured six lead changes and four ties, with the Boom taking a 47-45 edge into halftime after a late three-pointer from Taelon Peter. Peter scored 11 of his 14 points before the break, while Kam Jones added 10 in the opening half. Despite shooting strug-

gles, Noblesville closed the half on an 8-0 run to carry momentum into the locker room.

The Boom briefly pulled ahead by seven early in the third quarter before the Gold responded with a 27-7 run to seize control. Grand Rapids shot 50 percent from the field and 41.7 percent from deep in the period, outscoring the Boom 31-16. Noblesville's 16 points marked the lowest third quarter output of the season. After making just 5-of-24 three-point attempts across the first three quarters, the Boom opened the fourth by knocking down three straight threes, which help them cut the deficit to two later in the period. However, the Gold answered with an 11-0 run to rebuild a double digit lead and securing the win.

The Boom turn their attention to a back-to-back series against the Delaware Blue Coats, beginning Sunday at The Arena at Innovation Mile. Live coverage will stream on [NBAGLeague.com](http://NBAGLeague.com), with tipoff scheduled for 3 p.m.

Tickets and team updates are available at [NoblesvilleBoom.com](http://NoblesvilleBoom.com), and fans can stream every game live at [NBAGLeague.com](http://NBAGLeague.com).

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