

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 21, 2026

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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly cloudy and windy, with a few snow showers, mainly in the morning.
Tonight: Partly to mostly cloudy.

HIGH: 40 LOW: 22



Westfield Lions initiate new member into the pride

Westfield High School & IU alum Logan Reiff joins the club

By **JEFF LARRISON**
Westfield Lions Club

At the Jan. 15 Westfield Lions Club meeting, Logan Reiff, 22, born and raised in Westfield and a graduate of both Westfield High School and Indiana University was initiated into the Club.

Reiff was sponsored by Lion Jeff Boller, one of the Club's top recruiters. This brings the Club's roster up to an all-time high of 75 members.

Reiff returned to the area after graduating from IU and now works with Shepherd Insurance as a Commercial Insurance Advisor. He said he is looking forward to getting out into the community, having a positive impact, and recruiting future Lions. Giving back to the community that has given him so much, along with providing opportunities to others less fortunate, are his motivating factors for becoming a Lion.

The Westfield Lions Club has been serving the citizens of Westfield and beyond since 1930. They are part of



(From left) Jeff Boller, Logan Reiff, and Jeff Larrison.

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the world's largest service organization, Lions Clubs International, and are the lon-

gest serving service club in Hamilton County. If you are interested in being part of an

organization that serves those in need, go to WestfieldLions.org to find out more.

Rejecting my identity

At some time or another in our lives, many of us have wished we were anyone but ourselves. Often, the grass seems greener on the other side.

Longing to be someone else was a pattern throughout much of my life. I am not sure if it was longing to fully embody someone else, or just to erase the largest part of me that made me who I was. It seemed to me that would make my life so much easier.

I fully rejected my disabled identity. I did not often voice that, but I thought it. A lot.

I felt like God made a mistake when He formed me. Sounds sad, silly, and selfish writing that out. I wanted to be different. Truthfully, I wanted *not* to be different.

When you spend all your mental energy rejecting your identity, it is a constant state of unease.

My mind spun in a carousel of thoughts. If only I could run, if only I could effortlessly climb the stairs at school, or play tag. If only I could take part in gym class, if only I could turn cartwheels or do a somersault. If only I could take part in dance class without the teacher having to help me do simple things that others did with ease. Daydreams of walking into a room without people gawking overtook my young mind.

My thoughts lingered in the La La land of if onlys more than it should have. For all our if onlys, someone else is coveting something that we embody. Something we take for granted.

Looking back, I can clearly see that, over time, views about a disabled person from society sparked this self-loathing. I adopted the opinions of others because I did not know any better. I did not yet know my truth.

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COLUMNIST

AMY SHINNEMAN
Disability in the City

Eric Thornbury named top Indiana music educator

Second time in four years that honor is earned by Noblesville High School educator

Submitted by **Noblesville Schools**

Noblesville Schools announces the high school's director of bands and music department chair Eric Thornbury has been named the Outstanding High School Music Educator of the Year by the Indiana Music Educators Association (IMEA).

This the second top music educator award in recent years for Noblesville High School (NHS), with former jazz director Bethany Robinson winning the honor in 2023.

Thornbury was presented

with the award Jan. 17 during the Indiana All-State Jazz Ensemble Concert, which featured several of his student musicians performing in the top state honor band.

"Eric is a passionate educator who loves music and sets high standards for student excellence and achievement," NHS Principal Dr. Janae Mobley said. "We're thankful for his strong contributions to our school and are proud to see



Thornbury

him recognized at this level."

Thornbury is a veteran music educator with over 30 years of experience and joined NHS in 2011. Under his leadership, the NHS music program has earned state and/or national honors in jazz, marching band, color guard, orchestra, choir and winter percussion. Noblesville has also been named a Best Community for Music Education for the past

11 consecutive years.

A trumpet player and founding member of the Hamilton County Community Band, Thornbury has also been an adjunct faculty member at Indiana University Kokomo, is an alumnus of the Star of Indiana Drum and Bugle Corps, and has served as vice president of the Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission.

He holds a bachelor's degree in music education from Indiana State University and a master's in education from Indiana Wesleyan University.

Northern Hamilton County Academy's future is secure

Alternative education continues thanks to partnership between Sheridan & Hamilton Heights communities

Submitted

Sheridan Community Schools and Hamilton Heights School Corporation have always been great partners, sharing a common goal of doing what is best for students. Under the leadership of the districts' superintendents, Dr. Dave Mundy and Dr. Derek Arrowood, respectively, the two schools have again teamed up to secure the future of the Northern Hamilton County Academy (NHCA).

NHCA was created as an alternative education program for students who face academic, behavioral, or personal challenges that place them at risk of falling behind or leaving school altogether. Students from Sheridan, Hamilton Heights, and

Westfield attend this alternative program, which provides a structured, supportive learning environment. At the academy, students do online coursework, get in-person instruction, job-readiness training, and mentorship. For a lot of students, the NHCA is a second chance to earn their diploma and remain connected to their respective high school.

Recently, changes in state funding eliminated designated financial support for alternative education programs. This dramatically reduced funding



for NHCA and left the academy's future up in the air. But thanks to the support of local businesses, families, foundations, and community leaders, NHCA's funding has been secured.

The NHCA has proven its success and service to students. Because of that, they have benefited from a unique matching opportunity through the Lilly Endowment, which is brought to students through the Hamilton County Community Foundation. That being said, the program has secured approx-

imately \$1 million in funding for the next several years. The funds will allow the NHCA to continue serving students in the individual districts of Hamilton Heights and Sheridan.

The impact of the NHCA is evident in its numbers. Last school year alone, 35 students were enrolled across the three districts, and those students earned a total of 207 academic credits. Ten of the 13 seniors met graduation requirements, and the remaining three are on track to graduate this year. The year before last also saw strong results. Eleven of the 12 seniors met graduation requirements, and nearly 190 credits were earned.

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Current state of Cicero's battery talks

The **REPORTER**

Editor's note: Last Wednesday, Jan. 14, the Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission sent an unfavorable recommendation of the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) proposed by Apya Power to the Cicero Town Council.

As recently as Monday, Jan. 19, the agenda posted on the Town's website for the Council's Tuesday, Jan. 20 meeting included discussion of the Plan Commission's unfavorable recommendation. However, in a real power move, at some point on Tuesday, Jan. 20, the Town's website was updated with the following statement from Council President Joe Cox.

As of press time, discussion of the BESS plan is slated for the Town Council's Tuesday, Feb. 3 meeting. The Reporter will update our readers as necessary.

Cicero, Jackson Township, and surrounding residents.

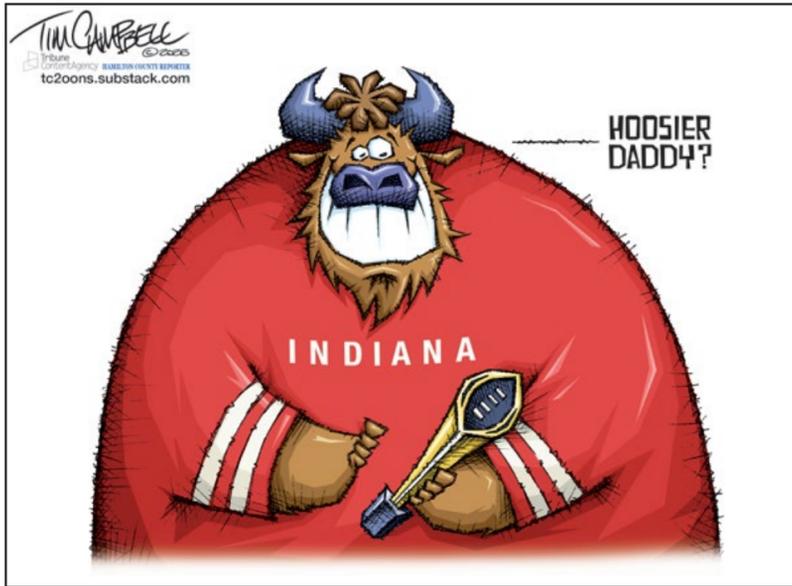
BESS will NOT be on the Agenda for Tuesday night's council meeting. There will be no discussion or vote on this topic

As you are aware, there is a BESS proposal currently working through the petition process. The petitioner had requested that this be added to the Town Council agenda for the Tuesday, 1/20/2026 Council meeting.

A project of this complexity requires extensive due diligence, and all aspects must be considered to make an informed decision. We as a council perform due diligence on projects whether they are supported or not supported. It is extremely important to have a full understanding of ALL impacts, both positive and negative to the long-term outlook and best interest of our community.

It is imperative that we fully understand the ins and outs of this type of proposal. Each petition provides an

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REJECTING

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I felt ashamed of who I was. Like I was doing something wrong and should have the power within to “fix” myself. The message I received was that I was broken.

In fact, fighting the pressure of societal beliefs and opinions on disabilities is still intense. The immense weight of carrying the lie that I can “fix” myself threatens to crush me if I give it an inch. It is still a battle to fight thoughts that I am broken or less than.

That is why it takes such diligence to adhere to the belief that this is my life, and I am going to faithfully live out my purpose. There is an influx of opinions and comments that make me question that every single day.

I have been able to channel my mental energy to work towards what I believe my purpose is in this life. Although I may ques-

tion my self-worth from time to time, I have become solid with my truth of what I believe to be my purpose.

It will take time to untangle the complex knot created throughout many years. Deciphering who I truly am and how I feel about myself, apart from the judgmental opinions I have taken on as a part of my identity throughout my 51 years of living disabled.

Rejecting my identity was an attempt to escape the deep pain I felt. Sometimes, it is hard to tell what my true feelings are separate from those beliefs or judgements. It is easier to get things into a tangled mess than it is to unravel the damage done.

I do not seek out negative comments or views of disabled people, but at times they are unavoidable. Reading or hearing things blaming the dis-

abled for disruption of functionality is painful. When I see those comments directed towards others with disabilities my heart breaks.

If only ignorance could transform into kindness and an attempt to understand. What a difference that would make. What a weight that would lift off a population that fights just to exist in a world that is in many ways not designed to help us succeed.

Until next time ...
 Amy Shinneman is a former National Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, disability blogger, freelance writer, wife, and mom of two boys. She is the recipient of the Reporter's Winter 2025 Ink-Stained Wretch award. You can find her blog at humblycourageous.com and reach her on Instagram @ashinneman.

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invaluable learning opportunity and experience to help us better manage future proposals. We do not feel that we have been provided with adequate time to complete this necessary due diligence from a legal, environmental, financial, or planning standpoint.

I would anticipate that

this topic will be on the 2/3/2026 Town Council meeting agenda. It will likely be a council discussion, but I do not anticipate a vote at that meeting either. We would like to utilize our own team of resources to assist in the discovery process. The Town Council will be engaging

consultants with expertise in this field, including an environmental consultant, in the coming weeks to analyze the project and advise the council.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions.

Thank you,
 Joe Cox
 Cicero Town Council

ACADEMY

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The proposal to the Hamilton County Community Foundation was made possible through the support and generosity of the following individuals, families, and organizations, who believe in the power of education and the second chance the academy provides. They include:

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- Tracey Sheehan
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- Duke Energy Foundation

Their support has secured the funding, reduced the barriers, and strengthened the already shared commitment of putting students first. The academy, now in its respective districts, is still changing lives and supporting students who need it most.

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The Carmel Democrats spent their second annual Day of Service helping at the Indiana Diaper Bank.

Carmel Dems package 16,000 diapers for Hoosiers in need

Submitted

More than 40 members of the Carmel Democratic Club packaged 16,000 diapers for the Indiana Diaper Bank on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The club's second annual Day of Service event continues to grow, making a difference for the one in two Hoosier families that struggle to afford diapers.

"My work at the diaper bank is so fulfilling and rewarding because the result is tangible," said Sara Draper, the club's Vice President. "A bundle of diapers I put together is placed into a parent's hands when they need it most, and makes their life easier that month."

Draper has volunteered for three years and now serves on the Indiana Diaper Bank's Board. A dozen club members show up once a month to package diapers and help the Indianapolis nonprofit meet the critical need Hoosiers face without any governmental assistance for buying diapers.

Daycares require parents to provide one diaper for every two hours their child is in attendance, which adds up to about 25 per week. If parents can't meet this requirement, they have to keep their child at home. Some 60 percent of Hoosier families have reported missing work for this reason.

Volunteers re-package diapers in quantities of 25 specifically with these families in mind. Every month, nearly one million diapers are distributed through Indiana Diaper Bank's robust network of community leaders and organizations.

"Ninety percent of what we do is through volunteers," CEO Ashley Burns said. "Volunteers help keep our costs down so we can buy and distribute between 500,000 and 750,000 diapers a month. We can't do this without amazing volunteers like this."

Diaper need in Indiana continues to grow. If you want to make a difference



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(From left) Carmel Democratic Club Secretary Dakota Crawford and Club Vice President Sarah Draper.

to Hoosier families, please consider volunteering at the Indiana Diaper Bank or, if you are able, donating to their work. Find more information at indianadiaperbank.org.

About the Carmel Democratic Club

The Carmel Democratic Club was founded in 2019

and functions as an extension of the Hamilton County Democratic Party. Nearly 300 members work to make Carmel stronger year-round through volunteer work and advocacy for elected leaders and policies that support Hoosier families. Find more information at hamcodem-sin.org/carmel.

Free dance classes for Veterans

Submitted

Local artist, dance instructor, and fitness coach Tina Mangos has partnered with Armed Services Arts Partnership (ASAP) to offer free classes for Veterans and their families. This is made possible through generous donations from sponsors.

Click here to check out

what's being offered. More programs will be added.

You can also see youth-specific programming at [this link](#). The winter session starts Jan. 29.

Mangos welcomes your ideas and comments. You can email her at tinatango@aol.com. Find out everything she has to offer at TinaMangosArts.com.

Fishers announces expanded summer camp program

The REPORTER

The City of Fishers has announced the lineup for its reimagined summer camp program, now hosted by the Fishers Community Center, Strengthened by IU Health.

The expanded summer camp program, previously hosted by Fishers Parks, now includes offerings for children as young as three, along with extended hours to better support working families.

Fishers Summer Camps will run weekly in June and July at six locations throughout the city, including the new Fishers Community Center. Half and full-day camps are available, with expanded before and after-care options for full-day camps from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

New camp offerings for 2026 include a preschool camp for children three to five years, along with Enrichment Camp options like Bowling Camp, Cooking Camp, Hoosier Heights Camp, and Urban Air Camp. View [Summer Camp](#)

Guide and Quick-View Grid.

"The Fishers Community Center is excited to build upon this well-loved summer camps program with refreshed programming and new amenities for 2026," said Mike Lindbloom, Director of the Fishers Community Center. "Not only are we excited to offer our brand-new facility as one of the camp sites, but we've also added new themed camps across the city and increased our capacity so more kids than ever can join in on the summer fun."

Registration is open now for Fishers residents and Community Center members. Fishers residents get a discount on all camp locations except for the Fishers Community Center. Only Fishers Community Center members receive discounted pricing on camps hosted at the Fishers Community Center.

Public registration opens on Monday, Jan. 26.

To learn more and register, visit FishersCommunityCenter.com/Camps.

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Fishers PD provides update on Hailey Buzbee case

The REPORTER

Editor's note: The following information was released by the Fishers Police Department on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 20.

"We want to thank everyone for their continued interest in the search for Hailey Buzbee. We have received numerous tips, and together, FPD, state, and federal partners have investigated every single one.

"Sharing her information is helping. Calling us with pertinent information is helping. Please continue to do both!

"Because this is an active investigation and to protect Hailey, many details about the search for her cannot be shared publicly. Here's what we can tell the public:

"Hailey did not act alone. She left her house either the night of January 5th or in the early morning hours of January 6th. Hailey left her house willingly and with a plan, which categorized her as a runaway. We do not believe she acted alone in leaving.

"Based on the facts of the investigation, which we cannot share with the public at this time, her case has now been upgraded to an endangered missing juvenile. We have worked with and continue to work with our state and federal law enforcement partners to locate Hailey. If you see Hailey or have any pertinent information on her whereabouts, please call 911 or the non-emergency line at 317-773-1282."

Westfield Special Census worker roles available

The REPORTER

The City of Westfield is looking for seasonal workers to help gather data during the community's special census.

Applications for census workers are now open and will remain open until Feb. 25. The city is NOT conducting the hiring process. To apply, please [click here](#).

Letter to the Editor

Massillamany thanks supporters of Hamilton County Republican Party

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Hamilton County Republican Party, I want to extend my sincere thanks to the sponsors listed below who have committed to be Chairman's Cabinet or Chairman's Club members in 2026. Their commitment plays a vital role in strengthening our organization and advancing the conservative principles that matter so deeply to our community.

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Because of supporters like these, we are able to host meaningful events, engage voters, support Republican candidates, and build the strong foundation necessary for future success. Their investment goes far beyond a single event or year. It helps ensure that our party remains active, effective, and prepared to meet the challenges ahead.

We invite you to join one of our Annual Giving Clubs and help champion conservative values in our community. To learn more about membership levels and how you can make a difference, please call (317) 849-9600 or email hcrp@hamiltoncountygop.org.

Mario Massillamany

Chairman, Hamilton County Republican Party

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New at Sheridan Public Library

Submitted

Here are some of the new items that can be found at the Sheridan Public Library.

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- Correspondent – Virginia Evans
- Devil's Daughter – Danielle Steel
- First Time I Saw Him – Laura Dave
- Mona's Eyes – Thomas Schlessler (large print)
- Nightshade – Michael Connelly
- Order of Royals – Jude Deveraux
- Private Rome – James Patterson
- Quicksilver – Callie Hart
- Right to Remain – James Grippando
- Rings of Fate – Melissa De La Cruz
- Shop on Hidden Lane – Jayne Ann Krentz
- Storm – Rachel Hawkins
- Theo of Golden – Allen Levi
- Unseen – Kat Martin (large print)
- Viper – Brad Meltzer

Non-Fiction

- 1929 – Andrew Ross Sorkin

- Empathy Impact
- Finding My Way – Malala Yousafzai

Children's

- Bath time For the Crayons – Drew Daywalt
- Best Bunny Brother Ever – Marilyn Sadler
- Bluey: Where's the Easter Egg
- Chicka Chicka I Love You – Bill Martin
- G Is For Giggles – Sesame Street
- If It Were My Birthday Party – Dr. Seuss
- InvestiGATORS: Case Files – John Patrick Green
- Luck From the Very Hungry Caterpillar – Eric Carle
- PAW Patrol: Rubble & Crew: Paint the Town!
- Zenguin – Danna Smith

Inspirational Fiction

- Defending the Child – Sharon Dunn
- Grave Amish Secrets – Patricia Johns
- Home For His Amish Children – Virginia Wise
- K-9 Alaskan Defense – Sarah Varland
- Uncovering the Truth – Carol J. Post
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State Sen. Walker wants your input Students encouraged to apply for STAR Bank's Future of Agriculture Scholarship

The REPORTER

State Senator Kyle Walker (R-Lawrence) is seeking input from his constituents via an online survey.

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Walker

of Hamilton and Marion counties.

you live in Walker's district, you can complete the survey online at [surveymonkey.com/r/KWalker2026](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KWalker2026).

Click here to learn more about District 31, which includes portions

Submitted

STAR Financial Bank is now accepting applications for its Future of Agriculture Scholarship, continuing its commitment to support students who are passionate about shaping the future of Indiana agriculture.

STAR will award five Indiana students \$1,000 scholarships to be applied toward post-secondary education.

The scholarship is designed for students who have first-hand experience in agriculture and a clear vision for how they plan to address real-world challenges facing the industry.

To be eligible, students must currently be a senior in high school or have at least one year remaining in their college/trade school in the fall of 2026. Eligible

high school students would need to be entering a trade or collegiate program within two years of earning the scholarship.

Applicants must submit an essay in response to the prompt, "From Field to Future: Your Lived Problem & Impact Pathway in Agriculture." The essay should describe a real agricultural challenge the student has personally experienced and explain how their education and career plans will help create solutions that benefit both today's industry and future generations. Essays must be at least 300 words and should include personal experience, future goals, and consideration of ethical trade-offs within agriculture.

To be eligible, students must meet one of the following criteria:

- Be a high school senior planning to enter a trade or collegiate program within two years of earning the scholarship, or

- Be currently enrolled in a college or trade school with at least one year remaining in their program as of Fall 2026.

Applicants must permanently reside in one of the following Indiana counties: Allen, Blackford, Boone, DeKalb, Delaware, Grant, Hamilton, Hancock, Henry,

Huntington, Howard, Jay, Madison, Marion, Noble, Randolph, Steuben, Tipton, Whitley, or Wells.

Submissions will be reviewed by a panel of STAR Agricultural Banking representatives, with scholarship recipients announced later this spring.

"At STAR, we see firsthand how agriculture continues to evolve and how important it is to invest in students who are ready to lead that change," said Chris Stark, Senior Commercial Banker at STAR Financial Bank. "This scholarship supports students who are grounded in real agricultural experiences and motivated to build a stronger future for the industry and our communities."

Previous winners are not eligible to receive awards in consecutive years. This policy ensures fair recognition and opportunities for all participants. STAR employees, their immediate family members, and individuals living in the same household are also not eligible. The deadline to submit applications is April 17, 2026.

Click here to fill out the application. Students with questions about the scholarship may contact Chris Stark at chris.stark@star-financial.com.

HAMILTON COUNTY

Candidates who have filed for the May 5, 2026 Primary as of Tuesday, Jan. 20

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*Doug Allman (R)

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*Robyn Cook (R)

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Lisa Suzanne Flanders (R)

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Brian Niec (R)

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Clay 51: Mark Taber

Clay 60: Elizabeth Stippler

Clay 68: Annette Gross

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Westfield 34: Cheryl L. Austin

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Washington 3 (vote for 5)
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Todd Shelton (D)
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Can you guess which tax is most unpopular with Hoosiers?

Submitted by **5StarLoans.com**

Americans may joke that only death and taxes are certain, but which taxes do they hate the most?

5StarLoans.com carried out a poll of 3,044 respondents, which aimed to uncover the most despised tax in every state, from sky-high property taxes, to steep sales taxes, to the polarizing “death tax.”

The three most hated taxes in the Hoosier State are:

No. 1 Income Tax
Utterly despised

Indiana’s income tax may look straightforward on paper, but it remains one of the state’s most grumbled-about levies. Residents say the combination of state and county income taxes creates a layered system that people rarely feel in control of. Even modest earners often feel squeezed, especially as wages lag behind rising living costs.

What irritates Hoosiers most is the sense that the tax structure hasn’t evolved with modern financial realities. Many feel they’re paying yesterday’s tax rates on today’s strained paychecks – and the gap between cost and fairness is only widening.

No. 2 Property Tax
Pretty much universally hated

Hoosiers hate property tax because it’s the bill that never really goes away. Even after the mortgage is

paid, homeowners know they’re still renting from the government in a sense. It’s visible, unavoidable, and often rises faster than wages.

For many, it represents a system that punishes stability – the longer you stay, the more you pay.

No. 3 Vehicle Registration Tax
Loathed on principle alone

Few taxes feel as redundant as the annual vehicle registration fee. Hoosiers dislike paying for something they already own, and the ritual of renewal can feel more like rent than responsibility. Whether called a tag fee, ad valorem, or personal property tax, it’s a recurring reminder that ownership always comes with strings attached.

After revealing which taxes Hoosiers despise most, 5StarLoans.com decided to look beyond tax season and into the daily emotions tied to money, credit, and borrowing.

The findings reveal a nation that’s financially stretched, emotionally candid, and cautiously optimistic about its financial future.

When you think of taking out a loan . . .

For most Hoosiers, borrowing isn’t a source of relief – it’s a source of anxiety

- 54 percent said their first emotion is stress, far outweighing every other feeling

- 13 percent described hope, suggesting some still see loans as a fresh start

- Only 10 percent said relief, and 11 percent admitted to shame, proving that while attitudes toward debt are softening, they’re far from neutral

Credit scores: a call for fairer rules

If there’s one thing that unites Americans, it’s frustration with how credit scores are built and how long bad credit follows them.

- 32 percent want to shorten how long negative marks last

- 27 percent think on-time rent and utility payments should count more

- 21 percent say the system should be free and transparent

- 20 percent want medical debt removed entirely

Together, the responses show a desire for credit scoring that rewards responsibility rather than penalizes past mistakes – a system based on progress, not punishment.

Financial regrets they can’t shake

When asked about their biggest money mistakes, one answer towered over the rest: not saving soon enough.

- 48 percent regret not starting to save earlier

- 29 percent regret credit card debt

- 12 percent regret missing loan payments

- 11 percent regret co-signing for someone else

Would you co-sign for a friend?

Despite good intentions, generosity has its limits:

- 77 percent said they would refuse to co-sign a loan

- Only 23 percent said they would take the risk

What’s keeping Hoosiers up at night

When it comes to day-to-day financial stress, housing costs remain the heaviest weight on the national wallet.

- 31 percent said rent or mortgage payments are their biggest source of pressure

- 24 percent named credit card debt

- 22 percent pointed to taxes – perhaps unsurprising, given the nation’s fiscal frustrations

- 14 percent said medical bills

- 9 percent cited personal loans

Together, the findings show that whether it’s a tax bill, a credit score, or a late payment reminder, the emotional cost of debt continues to shape how Hoosiers think about money and how they feel about their financial future.

“Every state’s top-hated tax tells you something about what its people value,” said Bryan Solis, Head of Sales and Strategic Partnership at 5 Star Car Title Loans. “For some, it’s the dream of owning a home. For others, it’s the freedom to spend without penalty. Taxes hit a nerve because they touch our sense of fairness as much as our finances.”

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Three Hamilton County cities among best for building your career

Submitted by **CoworkingCafe**

Hamilton County just pulled a small-city hat trick since a **new study by CoworkingCafe** identifying the best small U.S. cities for big careers ranks Carmel (No. 6) and Fishers (No. 7) in the top 10 nationwide, with Noblesville (No. 29) not far behind.

The data reveals these suburbs have become a career “cheat code”: they offer the six-figure incomes of a coastal tech hub combined with the affordability and safety of the Midwest.

Carmel (No. 6)

- Affordability: No. 8 for one-bedroom rent affordability (24 percent of the median wage); No. 13 for cost of living.
- Job market: No. 16

for unemployment rate (3 percent); No. 19 for co-working spaces per 100k residents (12.5).

- Quality of life: No. 11 for crime rate (88 per 10,000 people yearly); No. 14 for access to healthcare (97 percent).

Fishers (No. 7)

- Affordability: No. 6 for 1-bedroom rent affordability (24 percent of the median wage); No. 13 for cost of living.

- Job market: No. 2 for unemployment rate (1.6 percent); No. 11 for share of remote workers (26.7 percent).

- Quality of life: No. 9 for crime rate (73 per 10,000 people yearly); No. 14 for access to healthcare (97 percent).

Noblesville (No. 29)

- Affordability: No. 13

for cost of living.

“Gen Z is motivated by wellness, positive relationships, social impact, meaningful work, work-life balance and financial stability,” said Sean Walker, Ph.D., Professor of Management at Tennessee University. “Smaller cities, with their slower pace, make these easier to achieve – supporting balance, wellness and the ability to find work that feels meaningful.”

Methodology

CoworkingCafe analyzed 298 U.S. cities with populations under 250,000 looking at a broad set of economic (income and affordability metrics), workforce and quality-of-life factors. To deepen the findings and add real-world context to the data, Co-

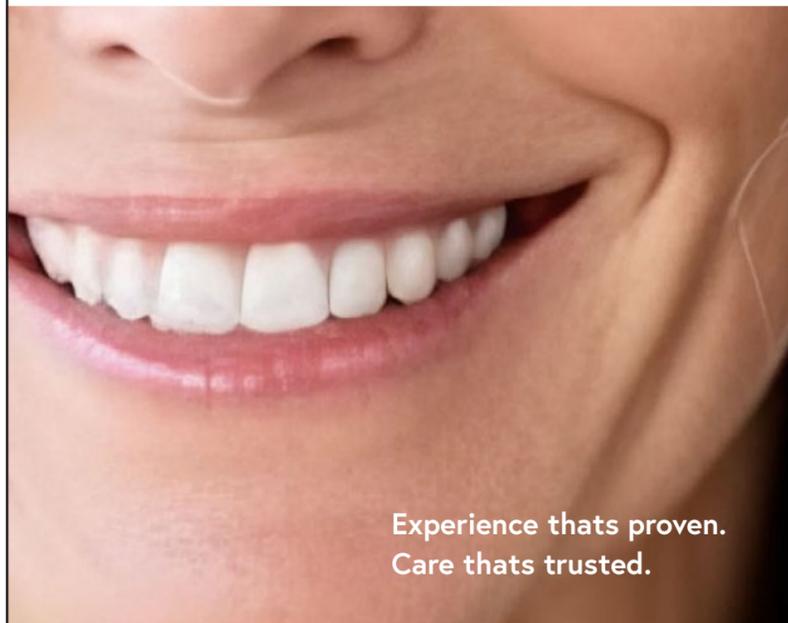
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Latest updates from Civic Theatre

The REPORTER

Here is the latest news from the Civic Theatre, 3 Carter Green, Carmel.

The Great Gatsby opens Feb. 6 . . .

Jay Gatsby, a self-made millionaire, passionately pursues the elusive Daisy Buchanan. Nick Carraway, a young newcomer to Long Island, is drawn into their world of obsession, greed and danger.

The breathtaking glamour and decadent excess of the Jazz Age come to the stage in F. Scott Fitzgerald's classic novel, and in Simon Levy's adaptation, approved by the Fitzgerald Estate.

[Click here](#) to get your tickets to see *The Great Gatsby*, staging Feb. 6 to 21.

See Pete the Cat, one day only

Civic Theatre will bring *Pete the Cat* to the stage in February.

For *Pete the Cat*, life is an adventure no matter where you wind up. So the minute the groovy blue cat meets The Biddles, he gets

the whole family rocking. That is, except for young Jimmy Biddle, the most organized second-grader on planet Earth.

But when Jimmy draws a blank in art class during the last week of school, it turns out Pete is the perfect pal to help him out. Together, they set out on a mission to help Jimmy conquer second grade art, and along the way, they both learn a little something new about inspiration. Join Jimmy and Pete on an adventure of friendship, all the way to Paris and back in a VW Bus.

[Click here](#) for tickets.

Make an impact

Your support brings theatre to life. Each year, Civic Theatre creates 50,000 opportunities for the community to engage – on stage, in class, behind the scenes, and in the audience.

Ticket sales and tuition cover only half of the costs. Your gift helps close the gap and keeps the magic going for everyone.

[Click here](#) to donate.

OrthoIndy announces new chief information officer

Submitted

OrthoIndy, a leading independent, physician-owned orthopedic practice specializing in bone, joint, spine and muscle care, announced on Tuesday, Jan. 20 the hiring of Caroline Jarrell as its new chief information officer (CIO), effective Jan. 5.

Jarrell joins OrthoIndy with more than 15 years of experience aligning technology strategy with organizational goals, including more than a decade in physician-led organizations and hospital systems. In her new role, she will oversee information technology strategy, infrastructure and cybersecurity to support OrthoIndy's continued growth and commitment to high-quality, patient-centered care.

"Technology plays a critical

role in how we care for patients and support our physicians and staff," OrthoIndy President and CEO Dr. Matthew Lavery said. "With her extensive experience in healthcare IT, Caroline will help ensure our technology infrastructure continues to support seamless orthopedic care for patients across all settings. She will also partner closely with our clinical and operational leaders to thoughtfully streamline and optimize how our teams interact with technology."

Prior to joining OrthoIndy, Jarrell served as director of information services at Riverview Health. She previously held senior IT



Jarrell

leadership roles as executive director of information technology at Ladd Memorial Hospital/Osceola Medical Center in Osceola, Wis., and as vice president and CIO at The South Bend Clinic in South Bend.

Jarrell said she was drawn to OrthoIndy's strong reputation for delivering high-quality patient-centered care within a collaborative, technology-driven environment.

"OrthoIndy has a clear commitment to ensuring its information technology systems are innovative yet reliable, secure, and designed to support high-quality care delivery," Jarrell said. "I'm

excited for the opportunity to partner closely with physician and executive leaders to ensure our technology investments align with the practice's long-term vision and continue to enhance both the patient and team experience."

Jarrell earned her bachelor's degree in political science and psychology at the University of Vermont in Burlington. She also completed a post-graduate program in cloud computing, with specialization in Amazon Web Services (AWS) and Microsoft Azure, through the University of Texas at Austin.

To learn more about OrthoIndy and its comprehensive, patient-centered orthopedic services, visit orthoindy.com.

Mercedes-Benz will pay \$12.7M to Indiana & Hoosier consumers to settle allegations of deception regarding vehicle emission controls

Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita announced Tuesday, Jan. 20 that Mercedes-Benz will send \$12.7 million to Indiana to settle allegations the companies violated state laws prohibiting unfair or deceptive trade practices by marketing, selling and leasing vehicles equipped with illegal and undisclosed emissions "defeat devices" designed to circumvent emissions standards.

Under the settlement, the State of Indiana will receive a payment of \$4,765,500, and Hoosier consumers of 16,521 vehicles sold in Indiana can receive up to

\$7,976,304 in restitution.

"Hoosiers deserve to be treated with fairness, honesty, respect and transparency by companies doing business in our state," AG Rokita said. "At the bare minimum, they should be able to trust that companies will follow our laws rather than deliberately attempt to cover up violations."

AG Rokita thanked members of his team who worked on this settlement, including Deputy Attorney General Mark Snodgrass, Chief Counsel and Direc-



Rokita

tor of Consumer Protection Scott Barnhart, and Section Chief of Consumer Litigation Corinne Gilchrist.

Indiana is one of 48 states and two U.S. territories involved in a \$150 million national settlement.

Beginning in 2008 and continuing to 2016, the states allege Mercedes manufactured, marketed, advertised, and distributed nationwide more than 211,000 diesel passenger cars and vans equipped with software defeat devices that optimized emission controls during emissions tests, while reducing those controls outside of normal operations.

The states allege the defeat devices enabled vehicles to far exceed many legal limits of nitrogen oxides (NOx) emissions, a harmful pollutant that causes respiratory illness and contributes to the formation of smog. Mercedes allegedly engaged in this conduct to achieve design and performance goals, such as increased fuel efficiency and reduced maintenance, that it was unable to meet while complying with applicable emission standards.

Mercedes concealed the existence of these defeat devices from state and federal regulators and the public. At the same time, Mercedes marketed the vehicles to consumers as "environ-

mentally-friendly" and in compliance with applicable emissions regulations.

The settlement requires Mercedes-Benz to pay \$120 million to the states immediately upon the effective date of the settlement. An additional \$29,673,750 will be suspended and potentially waived pending completion of a comprehensive consumer relief program.

The consumer relief program extends to the estimated 39,565 vehicles, which as of Aug. 1, 2023, had not been repaired or permanently removed from the road in the United States. Mercedes must bear the cost of installing approved emission modification software on each of the affected vehicles. The company must provide consumers with an extended warranty and will pay consumers \$2,000 per subject vehicle.

The company must also comply with reporting requirements and reforms to its practices, including a prohibition on any further engagement in unfair or deceptive marketing or sale of diesel vehicles, misrepresentations regarding emissions and compliance.

This settlement follows similar settlements reached previously between the states and Volkswagen, Fiat Chrysler, and German engineering company Robert Bosch GmbH over its development of the cheat software. Automaker Fiat Chrysler and its subsidiaries paid \$72.5 million to the states in 2019. Bosch paid \$98.7 million in 2019. Volkswagen reached a \$570 million settlement with the states in 2016.

Read the complaint [here](#) and the judgement [here](#).

Meeting Notices	
The Cicero Town Council Retreat meetings will be held on the following dates at 6 p.m. Meetings will be held at Cicero Town Hall, 70 N. Byron St. Feb. 3 March 3 Feb. 12 March 12 Feb. 17 March 17	The City of Noblesville PACE (Parks, Arts, Community Engagement – formerly Downtown District) Council Committee will meet on the following dates in 2026. Meetings will be held at 9 a.m. in Room A213 at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., unless otherwise noted. Jan. 23 July 24 Feb. 27 Aug. 28 March 27 Sept. 25 April 24 Oct. 23 May 22 Nov. 20 June 26 Dec. 18
The Westfield Finance Committee will meet on the following dates in 2026. All meetings will be held at 9 a.m. in the Meeting Room on the main level of the Westfield City Services Building, 2728 E. 171st St. Feb. 23 Aug. 24 March 23 Sept. 28 April 27 Oct. 26 May 26 Nov. 23 June 22 Dec. 28 July 27	Send Meeting Notices to: News@ReadTheReporter.com

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Rescheduled holiday concert will bring evening of love & hope

Submitted

Just in time for celebrating your Valentine, Carnegie Hall headliner Anthony Nunziata has rescheduled his fundraising show (canceled due to snow) originally planned for the holiday season. The fundraiser is intended to benefit three local organizations as well as help a young Butler Graduate Opera Singer launch her career.

The concert, scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, will take place at the Broadway United Methodist Church, 609 E. 29th St., Indianapolis. [Click here](#) for tickets.

The organizations that will benefit from this gracious and beautiful night of romantic classics are

Actors Theatre of Indiana, Kids Dance Outreach, and Indianapolis Men's Chorus. Members of these three groups will also participate in the performance.

Dubbed "America's new romantic singing sensation," classical-crossover tenor Anthony Nunziata is the Brooklyn-born, Nashville-based singer, songwriter, actor, and entertainer who brings his soulful voice to classic jazz, pop standards, Italian arias, and his timeless original music. He has a deep passion for The Great American Songbook, Italian arias, and sharing his genre-bending original songs through his recordings and live concert appearances.

Nunziata has been invit-

ed to be a headline soloist for over two dozen symphony orchestras around the world, including co-headlining Carnegie Hall with the New York Pops Symphony Orchestra.

He has performed over 400 concerts over the past decade headlining major performing arts centers, theaters, symphony concert halls, jazz clubs and private events across the country and around the world. The classically trained singer is hailed by *Broadwayworld* as "an explosion of love and entertainment."

"I'm in the business of making people feel good, making people happy, moving people in some way," Nunziata said. "We all are on this life's journey in

search of that feeling of being moved, to feel alive. If I can have a small part in moving you in some way during my live concerts or through my music, this is the greatest gift I can give."

Nunziata is also giving the gift of using his amazing voice to benefit three outstanding performance groups in central Indiana.

During the concert Nunziata will also help Ashley Nicole Soprano, opera singer and Butler graduate, as she launches her career performing music in a similar vein as Nunziata currently performs.

You can learn more about Nunziata at his website, AnthonyNunziata.com. Enjoy a sample of his music on [YouTube](#).

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

THE ISRAELITES LEAVE SINAI

On the twentieth day of the second month of the second year, the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle of the covenant law. Then the Israelites set out from the Desert of Sinai and traveled from place to place until the cloud came to rest in the Desert of Paran. They set out, this first time, at the Lord's command through Moses.

The divisions of the camp of Judah went first, under their standard. Nahshon son of Amminadab was in command. Nethanel son of Zuar was over the division of the tribe of Issachar, and Eliab son of Helon was over the division of the tribe of Zebulun. Then the tabernacle was taken down, and the Gershonites and Merarites, who carried it, set out.

Numbers 10:11-17 (NIV)

Chere Feerst

July 10, 1944 – January 1, 2026

Chere Feerst, 81, Fishers, passed away on Thursday, January 1, 2026, at her home. She was born on July 10, 1944, to Lawrence and Grace (Kraemer) King in Madison, Wis.



Chere worked for many years as a bookkeeper. She enjoyed gardening and being outdoors. Chere loved watching movies and connecting with friends on Facebook. Chere graduated from Purdue University in 1966 with a Bachelor of Science in Design.

She is survived by her son, Chris (married to Annette) Feerst; and her grandchildren, Kathryn and Harrison Feerst. In addition to her parents, Chere was preceded in death by her sister, Karen Lenkei.

Cremation services had been entrusted to Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes of Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959 (stjude.org).

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Wrestling Wednesday



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(CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE LEFT) Noblesville's Aidan Kincaide was the 165-pound champion. Noblesville's Yan Tioua (left) and Fishers' Camden Funk battled in the 190-pound championship match at the Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet Saturday, Jan. 17 at Zionsville. Funk won the match in a 2-1 decision. Hamilton Southeastern's A.W. VanKirk finished as the 285-pound runner-up. Hamilton Southeastern's Cale Beattie (left) and Westfield's Keegan Carson battle in a 126-pound consolation match. Fishers' Julian Burgett won the championship at 215 pounds. Westfield's Charley Head placed third at 113 pounds.

County picks up three championships at HCC meet

By **RICHIE HALL**
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ZIONSVILLE – The Hoosier Crossroads Conference boys wrestling meet took place Saturday, Jan. 17 at Zionsville, and it was once again the Brownsburg Invitational.

The two-time defending team state champion Bulldogs were their usual dominant selves at the meet, totaling 245.5 points to easily win their 12th consecutive conference title. Brownsburg had six champions and placed 13 of its 14 wrestlers on the podium.

While no one would catch the Bulldogs that day, Hamilton County's HCC teams did put together some highlights at the meet. Noblesville was the highest-placing local squad, finishing fourth with 138 points.

The Millers also had a champion at the meet. Aidan Kincaide continued his dominance with a victory at 165 pounds. Kincaide, a junior, seemed to get stronger as the meet went on, pinning all three of his opponents, with each pin faster than the previous one. Kincaide, the No. 3-ranked wrestler at 165, took down Avon senior Griffan Larson in the championship match with a 22-second pin.

"I just want to be the most dominant person I can," said Kincaide, who is now 24-0 for the season. "I've been chasing this goal of winning a state title ever since I was a young kid."

Noblesville had two additional wrestlers reach the championship matches of their divisions. Brody Weimer was the 126-pound runner-up; the 14th-ranked

Miller freshman gave a battle to fourth-ranked Ryan Hockaday of Brownsburg before the Bulldog sophomore won in a 17-5 major decision. Weimer collected two pins to reach the final.

Lone all-county final

The only all-county final of the day took place at 190, where Noblesville's Yan Tioua met up with Fishers senior Camden Funk. That match was one of the tightest of the day, with the No. 22-ranked Funk edging out Tioua 2-1. It was Funk's third decision victory of the tournament.

"I knew it was going to be a tough match," said Funk. "I was going to have to wrestle six minutes. But I really just trusted my gas tank, my coaches, they pushed me every day. That's really what I came down to is wrestling all six minutes."

The Tigers picked up another championship right away, as Julian Burgett claimed the 215-pound crown. The third-ranked Burgett won his first two matches by technical fall, then cruised to a major-decision win over Zionsville's Brody Aeschilman 13-2 in the title bout. Burgett is 29-2 for the year.

"The past two years I've gotten second," said Burgett. The senior said he was "grateful that I got to win my first one my senior year."

Fishers finished eighth with 88.5 points, but Burgett pointed out the Tigers have "a pretty young team" this year.

"Not everyone's been at the sectional tournament before, but this was definitely a good stepping stone towards that," said Burgett.

Westfield scored 130

points to place fifth as a team, getting 11 wrestlers on the podium. Brayden Head was the runner-up at 113 pounds.

Hamilton Southeastern took seventh, scoring 117.5 points. The Royals had two runners-up at the meet: Nolan Culp at 106 pounds and A.W. VanKirk at 285 pounds.

Team scores: Brownsburg 245.5, Avon 165.5, Zionsville 152, Noblesville 138, Westfield 130, Franklin Central 122.5, Hamilton Southeastern 117.5, Fishers 88.5.

106: 2. Nolan Culp (HSE), 3. Charley Head (W), 5. Henry Antrobus (N).

113: 2. Brayden Head (W), 4. Eli Kincaide (N), 6. William Lakes (HSE).

120: 3. Seth Lamb (F), 4. Aiden Driscoll (W), 6. Raj Nagra (HSE).

126: 2. Brody Weimer (N), 3. Cale Beattie (HSE), 5. Keegan Carson (W).

132: 4. Zachariah Nekolite (N), 132. Will Hruskoci (F).
138: 4. Parker Culp (HSE), 5. Justus Suddarth (N), 6. Brayden Rhea (W).

144: 4. Alic Washburn (W), 5. Max Inman (HSE).

150: 4. Luke Chastain (N), 5. Graydon Staley (W), 6. James Schwartz (F).

157: 3. Seth Tanner (W), 5. Kyle Howard (N), 6. Ezekiel Kramer (F).

165: 1. Aidan Kincaide (N), 4. Cohen Davis (HSE), 5. Blake Glodowski (W).

175: 3. Maxwell Brown (W), 5. Evan Biehl (HSE), 6. Luke Hargis (N).

190: 1. Camden Funk (F), 2. Yan Tioua (N), 4. Jon Stryker (W), 6. Reid Snider (HSE).

215: 1. Julian Burgett (F), 4. Cale Metzler (W), 6. Brandon Alvarez (HSE).

285: 2. A.W. VanKirk (HSE), 3. Ryan Dungee (F).

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Huskies place fourth at Hoosier Conference, Kuhn wins at 150 pounds

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights boys wrestling team finished fourth at the Hoosier Conference meet, which took place Saturday, Jan. 17

at Western.

Rensselaer Central won the meet with 260 points. Benton Central finished second with 205.5 points, followed closely by West

Lafayette's 202.5 points and the Huskies' 201.5 points.

Heights had one champion at the meet. Simon Kuhn won the 150-pound division with three easy victories. After a first-round bye, the senior won his quarterfinal match with a first-period fall in the semifinals. Kuhn beat Western's Jacob Scott by an 11-0 major decision in the championship match, improving his record to a perfect 30-0. Kuhn was the first of 11

place winners for Heights. Kase Powell was the runner-up at 132 pounds, while Asher Barrick was second at 144 and Braxtyn Baber was the runner-up at 165. Two more Huskies got third-place finishes: Kolter Galloway at 126 and Nathan Flanders at 157.

Four Heights wrestlers took fourth: Ezekiel Rice (106), Jonah Wolfgang (120), Braden Rutledge (138) and Thiago Zuniga (215). Hans Frymier finished fifth at 190.

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December 2025
Median Sale Price

\$305,000*

compared to this time last year

Sales Decreased
December pending home sales compared to this time last year

6.3%

871
More Homes For Sale
12/24 vs. 12/25

2.0%
Price Increase
12/24 vs. 12/25

Months of Inventory Change

26.6%

12/24 vs. 12/25

Interest Rates
30-Year Fixed

6.125%

With an APR of 6.244%

TOP COUNTIES

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Hendricks Sales Up 11.1%
Morgan Sales Up 8.8%

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Girls Basketball

Tigers top Hounds, 54-47

The REPORTER

Fishers' girls took control during the middle quarters of their home game with Carmel on Tuesday and held on for a 54-47 victory.

The Greyhounds jumped out to a 15-10 lead after the first quarter. Catherine Bassi scored seven points and Taylee Fisher added six points; both made three 3-pointers.

The Tigers bounced back in the second period, pouring in 20 points for a 30-26 halftime lead. Ella Burleson drained three 3s for nine points, while Makayla Triplett contributed six points.

Fishers further extended its lead in the third quarter, holding a 47-34 advantage going into the fourth. Reagan Reiff scored seven points, with Triplett adding six more points.

Carmel's Bassi scored seven points in the fourth, part of a 13-point quarter for the Hounds. But Fishers held on for the win.

Triplett finished the game with 16 points, while Burleson had 12 points. Bassi also totaled 16 points.

Fishers is 10-8 and plays a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game Friday at Avon, part of a girls-boys doubleheader. Carmel is 8-9 and plays Friday at Pike.

Huskies fall to Huntington North

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights girls' lost a close home game to Huntington North 62-59 on Tuesday.

The two teams played to a 13-13 tie after the first quarter. The Vikings edged ahead 28-27 by halftime, but the Huskies came back and took a 45-43 lead after three quarters. But Huntington North scored 19 points in the fourth to get the win.

Zoey Curry scored 24 points to lead Heights, followed by Riley Suarez with 13 points and Addison Blum with 11 points. Blum, Kamryn Rhoton and Curry all pulled four rebounds. Stella Taylor dished out eight assists and Blum handed out four.

The Huskies are 14-5 and host Rensselaer Central on Friday in the Hoosier Conference championship game.

Boys Basketball

WISH-TV Athlete of the week: Fishers' Cooper Zachary

By JOSH BODE

WISH-TV | wistv.com

Fishers boys basketball is off to another incredible season, as the Tigers are still undefeated with a 12-0 record.

A big part of the top-ranked Tigers' success is junior point guard Cooper Zachary. He's averaging 14 points per game this season and is leading the team in assists, steals, and three-pointers.

Fishers lost in the state championship last year, and as the Tigers look to reclaim their 4A state title, Zachary credits his success to hard work put in by his coaches and teammates.

"We're a very well put together group," Zachary said. "Coach Winegar does a great job on and off the floor of getting us ready for games. Me as a junior, I'm 71-2 in my three years, and all that credit goes to Winegar and all the coaches that do all the scouts for us and get us prepared."

His head coach had

nothing but great things to say about him.

"He's probably the hardest working kid I've ever been around," Fishers boys basketball head coach Garrett Winegar said. "Not just how he plays the game, obviously if you watch him play the game, it's extreme effort at all times, but how he approaches practice and what he does on his own time, and he just works so hard that guys are going to feed off that."

Fishers won state in 2024, and that's the goal for this year's team.

"Coming into this season, we have a chip on our shoulder and we had one goal, and that's to win the state championship," Zachary said. "All of our guys bought in, Coach Winegar told us what to do. We're doing it, and every day, we're getting better just to get one step closer to that goal."

This story originally appeared on WISH-TV at wistv.com/sports/athlete-of-the-week-fishers-cooper-zachary.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Jan. 21

BOYS WRESTLING

Harrison at Westfield, 6 p.m.
Carmel at Hamilton Southeastern, 6:30 p.m.
Franklin Central at Fishers, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 22

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Delphi at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Westfield at Avon, 6 p.m.
Zionsville at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.

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

Boys Basketball

Speedy Blackhawks sprint to victory

Sheridan is 9-2 after first half of season

By RICHIE HALL

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SHERIDAN — Don't blink too much if you're watching the Sheridan boys basketball team this season. You might miss something.

The Blackhawks are putting together another strong season. Sheridan's record improved to 9-2 on Tuesday after the Hawks defeated Southmont 63-43 at Larry Hobbs Hall. This is the second consecutive year that Sheridan has finished the first half of the season at 9-2.

Just like last season, the Blackhawks' offensive numbers are solid. Sheridan is averaging 67 points per game, with consistent scoring from seniors Devon Hamilton and Jax Peerman, and junior Trey Page, who led the Hawks with 20 points in their victory over the Mounties.

Bill Bowen, now in his fourth year coaching Sheridan, said that up-tempo style is what the team wants to play.

"We want to play with pace, both in the full court and we're working on trying to play with a little more pace on the half-court, too," said Bowen.

The Blackhawks outscored Southmont in each of the four quarters, leading 20-13 after the first period. Page scored 11 points in that quarter, nailing three 3-pointers. Hamilton stepped up in the second quarter with six points, helping Sheridan to a 35-24 halftime lead.

The Hawks continued to roll in the third quarter to take a 50-33 advantage going into the fourth. Page added another seven points.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Sheridan's Desh Donathan scored 10 points for the Blackhawks during their Tuesday win over Southmont.

Hamilton scored another five in the fourth quarter.

"We had three in double figures tonight," said Bowen. "If we play with the pace we were talking about, you're going to score more. That's what we want to do. It's just more shots, more people get to score, more people are involved."

Sheridan began its season 6-0. That streak included three Hoosier Heartland Conference wins over Clinton Prairie, Clinton Central and Eastern, as well as a key non-conference win over

Class 3A Frankfort. The Blackhawks are in 2A.

After a setback against Liberty Christian, Sheridan claimed big HHC victories over Tri-Central and Rossville before falling to 3A Lebanon 61-54 on Friday, Jan. 16.

But the Blackhawks rebounded on Tuesday. After Page's 20 points, Hamilton scored 15 points. Desh Donathan added 10 points, giving Sheridan three double-digit scorers.

Bowen said his team has "several different pieces"

that can go different ways for the Hawks. For example, when Southmont subbed out its 6-6 forward Austin Foley, "we went smaller and a little bit more athletic," said Bowen.

Sheridan will put its undefeated conference record on the line Friday when it hosts Delphi at 7:30 p.m. Next up will be Taylor on Jan. 30 in another HHC contest. The Titans are 3-1 in HHC play.

"We got to bring out 'A' game on Friday," said Bowen.

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6:40 pm Huntington vs Hamilton Heights | Varsity | Husky Sports (PPV)
7:15 pm Carmel vs Fishers | Varsity | Fishers Sports Network
7:30 pm Harrison (West Lafayette) vs Noblesville | Varsity | HCTV Sports

Tues Jan 20 - Boys Basketball

7:15 pm Southmont vs Sheridan | Varsity | Bragg Sports Media

Thurs Jan 22 - Girls Basketball

7:00 pm Delphi vs Sheridan | Varsity | Bragg Sports Media

Fri Jan 23 - Girls/Boys Basketball

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6:00 pm Franklin Central vs Noblesville | Boys JV | Hamilton County TV Sports
6:40 pm Rensselaer vs Hamilton Heights | Girls Varsity | Husky Sports (PPV)
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Indiana's first padel facility opens in Westfield

NorthPoint Padel introduces fast-growing global sport to the region

**Submitted by
City of Westfield**

Westfield is now home to Indiana's first padel facility with the opening of NorthPoint Padel, a new, fully automated indoor sports venue located at 20099 N. East St., Suite 100. The facility introduces padel, one of the world's fastest-growing racquet sports, to Indiana for the first time.

NorthPoint Padel features two premium indoor courts manufactured by Padel Alba in Spain, offering panoramic glass walls and professional-grade artificial turf. The facility is designed for accessibility and convenience, operating

24 hours a day, seven days a week through a fully digital experience. Court reservations, payments, lighting, and secure door access are all managed through the Playtomic mobile app, with no on-site point-of-sale system.

"Padel is exploding globally because it is social, accessible, and easy to enjoy from day one," said Jon Omer, Managing Partner of NorthPoint Padel. "Our goal is to make it simple for people in Westfield and across central Indiana to experience the sport, whether they are brand new or already competitive."

Private court reser-

vations are available in 30-minute increments and require four players to confirm a booking. Peak rates are \$25 per hour per person during weekday evenings and Saturday mornings, with non-peak rates at \$20 per hour per person. For a limited time, rackets and balls will be complimentary. Players must be at least 18 years old to play without an adult present.

In addition to private play, NorthPoint Padel will offer group clinics, open-play sessions, and instructional opportunities throughout the week. Complimentary introductory clinics will be available

several times weekly for beginners, while more advanced "drill and play" and "play with a coach" sessions will be offered for \$40 per participant. Private lessons are also available, with complimentary racket rental included for all clinics and lessons.

Padel, a doubles-focused racquet sport played on enclosed courts, originated in Mexico in 1969 and gained global popularity through rapid growth in Argentina and Spain, where it is now the second-most-played sport behind soccer. Worldwide, more than 3,000 new padel clubs opened in 2024 alone,

bringing the global total to more than 50,000 courts, with projections exceeding 80,000 courts by 2027. In the United States, the sport is entering a breakout phase as participation continues to grow, while court availability remains limited compared to mature international markets.

"Westfield is focused on expanding high-quality recreational options for our community," Mayor Scott Willis said. "We are excited to welcome Indiana's first padel facility; NorthPoint Padel reflects our commitment to innovative amenities that enhance quality of life and reinforce West-

field's position as a destination for active lifestyles."

To celebrate its opening, NorthPoint Padel will host a ribbon cutting with the Westfield Chamber of Commerce at 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22. Additionally, a public open house is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24. The public is invited to stop by, watch live play, step onto the court, and try a few swings. Light food and drinks will be served.

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Indiana Hoosiers Football National Champions Bobblehead Collection unveiled

Submitted

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The top-ranked Hoo-

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The National Bobble-



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