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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Morning and midday sunshine. Clouds increase in the afternoon. Wind gusting to 25 mph. Chills below zero ALL DAY. Tonight: Mostly cloudy.

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Fire damages kitchen at Grand Park Events Center

By GREGG MONTGOMERY
 WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A fire broke out early Wednesday morning at the Grand Park Events Center, causing damage to the kitchen area but no injuries.

The fire, reported at 2:29 a.m. Wednesday, was quickly contained, the Westfield Fire Department said in a social media post.

The Grand Park management said the fieldhouse and the playing surfaces were not damaged, and that no disruption to scheduled events was anticipated. Management also said, in their own social media post, that no one was present when the fire broke out.

The cause of the fire has not yet been determined, the post said.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/local-news/fire-damages-kitchen-at-grand-park-events-center.



Photo provided by Westfield Fire Department

A silence reset

Like most of us, I move through my days juggling multiple schedules – work, family, kids, sports practices, community commitments, and events that fill both my calendar and my heart. Life is full, fast, and often loud. Yet this past week, and especially over the long Martin Luther King Jr. weekend, I was given something I didn't realize I needed so deeply: permission to pause.

This year, I chose flourish as my word. Not hustle. Not achieve. Flourish. I imagined growth that feels rooted rather than rushed. Looking back now, I realize that choosing a silence course was one of the most intentional ways I could honor that word.

At first, silence felt uncomfortable. We are conditioned to fill space – to respond, to react, to keep moving. But as the quiet settled in, it began to speak louder than the chaos I had grown used to. In that stillness, I learned so much – clearly, honestly, and without distraction. Silence didn't take anything away; it revealed what was already there.

In the quiet, I began a deep dive inward. Without the roles I play daily – professional, parent, volunteer, community member – I met myself simply as I am. I learned to talk to my body and, more importantly, to listen to it. To notice where I was holding tension. To acknowledge what I had been ignoring. To recognize what truly nourishes me and what quietly drains me.

One of the most profound realizations during this experience was understanding that a big part of who we are is also who we are not. Silence gently stripped away expectations, labels, and assumptions that no longer align with my truth. In their place, clarity emerged. Not loud or demanding – just steady and grounded.

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COLUMNIST

POOJA THAKKAR
 Taste of Community

Once upon a time in Noblesville



Photo provided

If you were around in 1977, you might have been watching the original *Star Wars* movie (or *Saturday Night Fever*, if you bought into that whole disco thing), saying "WOW" at the bleeding-edge innovation of the Atari 2600, complaining about President Jimmy Carter, or perhaps mourning the loss of Elvis. But if you lived in Noblesville and you could afford the gas, you also drove across this bridge on Logan Street. Happy flashback, HamCo! You're welcome.

Sheridan restaurant hosts Polish Cultural Society of Indiana

Submitted

Friday, Jan. 16 was a fun-filled, food-infused experience brought to northern Hamilton County by Tom and Maggie Baniak, owners of the newly launched Gosia's Rustic Kitchen at 308 S. Main St., Sheridan.

Lines formed outside and the venue was standing-room-only excitement as guests sampled the vibrancy of the Polish culture through its food, its language, and its cultural traditions.

During the Indianapolis visit of the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago during the week of Jan. 12, Consulate representatives hosted a ceremonial opening with a ribbon cutting by Consul General Regina Jurkowska, accompanied by Vice Consul Oskar Gradziel (for Polonia affairs).

The Baniaks have been on a long journey to celebrate and share their love for the Polish culture. They enjoy a strong mar-

ketplace following through farmers markets. But their dream is a successful restaurant offering an authentic Polish cuisine spot in a small town giving back and adding to community connections.

The opening of Gosia's affirms the Baniaks' agreement with the Polish Cultural Society of Indiana that, "Moments like these show how powerful it is to build bridges through culture and shared experiences."

Gosia's is officially open for lunch Wednesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. through January. Hours will expand in February, including Saturdays. Gosia's menu includes traditional dishes like pierogis, kielbasa, and broccoli cheddar soup plus weekly offerings of American-influenced meals and soups rounding out the options for the community.

Details are available at [Facebook.com/gosiasrustickitchen](https://www.facebook.com/gosiasrustickitchen).



Photo courtesy Cynthia Keever

Gosia's Rustic Kitchen, 308 S. Main St., Sheridan, welcomed a large, hungry crowd last Friday, Jan. 16.

Wood Ducks

Editor's note: The Sheridan Student Column is brought to readers by Sheridan High School's 10th grade Accelerated English class, taught by Alicia Burnell.



COLUMNIST

AMY FOLEY
 Sheridan High School Student

Living in the Midwest, there's a good chance that you've seen a duck before.

You may have seen one at the park, swimming in a pond, or even flying overhead. Ducks are truly fascinating creatures in our world today.

I'm going to tell you all about my favorite one: the Wood Duck. Aix sponsa, commonly known as the Wood Duck, is a partially migratory species of perching duck often found in North America. Their habitats tend to be marshy or wooded. You will often see them in beaver ponds, wooded marshes, streams, and small lakes. They stick to wet areas with trees or lots of cattails.

Wood ducks have a unique shape. They have a boxy, crested head, a thin neck, and a long broad tail. They hold their head high when they fly, and sometimes bob them. Males have bright green heads with white stripes going from their eyes to their crests. They have bright red eyes and orange beaks, with a chestnut breast and buffy sides. The females are less iconic, being mostly gray-brown with a speckled white breast. Juvenile Wood Ducks look similar to females.

Their diet mostly consists of plants such as acorns, berries, wild rice, and different grasses. They also sometimes eat snails, insects, and various kinds of small fish. They nest in trees near water, sometimes directly over water, or possibly a mile or more away. In an article about Wood Ducks from All About Birds, it talks about how the ducklings get out of the tree. The article reads, "After hatching, the ducklings jump down from the nest tree and make their way to the water. The mother calls them to her, but does not help them in any way. The ducklings may jump from heights of over 50 feet without injury" (allaboutbirds.org/guide/Wood_Duck).

Unfortunately, natural cavities necessary for nesting are scarce, so people will often build nesting boxes for them. If nesting boxes are built too close together,

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Table captains needed for Janus' upcoming Create Connect Commit breakfast

The REPORTER

Janus Developmental Services has announced its annual Create Connect Commit (CCC) Fundraising Breakfast, set for Tuesday, March 24 at 502 East Event Centre, 502 E. Carmel Drive, Carmel. The breakfast will take place 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Janus is looking for table captains to host a table for the event and invite friends and colleagues to come support the organization and enjoy a complimentary breakfast. Once again this year, tables will have seat-



ing for eight to 10 guests.

Please contact Jerry Jamison, Senior Director of Development, by email at jjamison@janus-inc.org if you would like to participate as a table captain. You will receive an electronic copy of the invitation to send to your guests. You will also receive a help

sheet with details of how to have a successful table. Jamison is available to answer questions anytime regarding this event.

If you have any additional questions about sponsorships for this event, please reach out. Janus thanks you in advance for your support.

Submitted by Office of Gov. Mike Braun

Governor Mike Braun and Secretary of Commerce David Adams visited ReElement Technologies' pilot facility in Noblesville on Thursday, Jan. 22.

ReElement is a leader in recycling and refining critical minerals, including rare earth elements, supporting President Trump's mission of ending America's dependence on China for critical earth minerals.

"Indiana's economy is

growing, and the most critical industries are choosing the Hoosier State to innovate and grow," Gov. Braun said. "Rare earth elements and critical minerals are extremely important to modern manufacturing, and ReElement is taking a leading role in America's mission to build our own rare earth supply chain free from dependency on China. We're proud they are innovating right here in Indiana."

The large majority of

the current supply of rare earth elements is sourced from China, and these critical minerals are necessary for advanced manufacturing, modern consumer technology, and defense. ReElement processes elements like lithium, germanium, gadolinium, antimony, and yttrium for reuse from recycled materials. The company acquired Purdue University's materials purification plant in 2021 and continues to collaborate with the university.

SILENCE

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This quiet became the beginning of a long-lasting friendship with myself. A reminder that being my own biggest friend means staying true to who I am, even when life pulls me in many directions. It means choosing alignment over noise, awareness over autopilot.

As I move forward into the rest of the year, I am carrying this pause with me. Not as an escape from responsibility, but as a foundation for how I want to continue – intentionally, authentically, and with strength. Flourishing, I am learning, does not always look like more growth on the outside. Sometimes it looks like deeper roots within.

Perhaps the reset we all need is not louder goals or



Photo provided by Pooja Thakkar

fuller calendars, but quieter moments of listening. Because when we choose stillness with intention, silence has a remarkable way of guiding us back to ourselves – and helping us truly flourish.

As this new year begins, where is life asking you to Pause. Breathe. Listen?

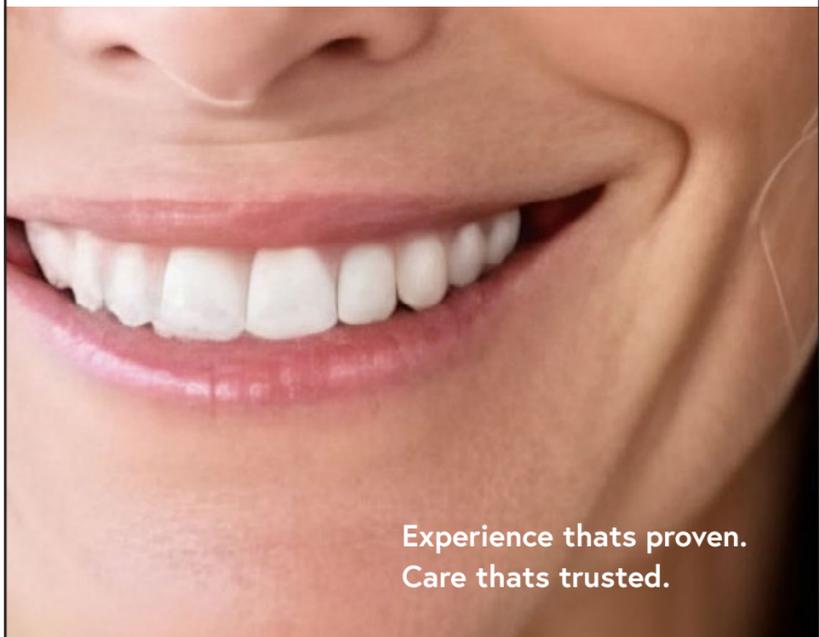
Pooja Thakkar is working to build connections through cuisine. You can read her column each week in the pages of The Reporter.

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DUCKS

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the females will lay eggs in other female's nests. Woods ducks are especially unique, since they are the only North American duck that regularly produces two broods in one year.

If you live near a pond, swamp, or other body of water, and want to attract a breeding pair, you should consider building a nesting box in your yard. You must make sure you put it up well before the breeding season, and attach guards to prevent predators from raiding eggs. Their nesting period ranges from late April to early August.

Their nests should be from six to 30 feet off the ground, and the boxes should

lean slightly forward in order to shed rain. According to an article about how to build the boxes, you must install the box facing water and build a ladder for the ducks to get in. The article reads, "Make sure the box has a fledgling ladder under the entrance hole. This can be a strip of 1/4 inch mesh hardware cloth stapled to the inside, or you can roughen a one-foot-deep section under the entrance hole with a chisel so the young ducklings can get a toehold while climbing up to the entrance" (nestwatch.org).

Wood Ducks have an especially unique behavior, being among some of the only waterfowl to perch

and nest in trees. With their broad tail and short, broad wings, they are extra maneuverable, which makes them more comfortable flying through woods. When walking, they act similar to pigeons, jerking their heads back and forth. They also tend to be in smaller groups, fewer than 20.

Finally, their calls are unique and make them easier to identify. When disturbed or taking flight, females make an "oo-eek oo-eek" sound. Males make a high-pitched thin rising and falling whistle noise. So next time you or your family are out on a walk, take a listen out on the water to hear or see a familiar bobbing head.

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— Good news from Stony Creek Church of Christ —

Veiled faces?

Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 3:12-18 that when Moses came down from Mount Sinai, His face shone so bright that the Israelites had to put a veil over it to look at him. Yet, this passage is not

just about Moses, but about us. It is about how WE ALL can see with unveiled faces the glory of God. And because of it, we are being transformed (changed) into the image of God. What a blessing!

But the warning of this text is that some have a veil over their eyes when they read the Word of God and cannot see it clearly. Has that ever been you? Has there ever been a barrier between what the Bible is actually saying and how you saw or understood it? Maybe that is you now? We have all been there.

How does that happen?

#1. We are afraid of what we will find, so we veil



CURTIS COOPER
Think on These Things

our eyes to it. The Bible can show us some ugly, uncomfortable things about ourselves (c.f. James 1:23-25). But 2 Timothy 1:7 says God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power and love and a sound

mind. In other words, if we are sincere truth seekers, then there is nothing to fear. The truth has nothing to lose by honest investigation. The question is, "Are we honest truth seekers?" If not, we have a veil over our eyes.

#2. We have already drawn conclusions before we read the scripture. Instead of asking, "What all does the scripture teach here on this subject?" we come to the Bible with an agenda. "Here's what I want to find, so how do I make the Bible say it?" That is a terrible way to study. That is not being honest with the text. Let me encourage you to do your best to remove those things and look at scripture with new eyes. If not, we

have a veil over our eyes.

#3. We do not consider (or accept) everything the Bible says on a subject. I have been guilty of this. The scribes were guilty of this in Mark 12:34. The Sadducees were guilty of this in Mark 12:18-27. They did not believe in the resurrection, so they came up with this hypothetical situation, based on the levirate marriage law in the law of Moses (Dt 25:5-10), one they thought could trick Jesus by making the resurrection sound ridiculous.

Something about the Sadducees: They were phenomenal Bible students. They could quote Moses without even looking it up. Even though their question was based on the law of Moses (scripture), they were wrong! In fact, look at what Jesus says to them: "Are you not, therefore, mistaken, because you do not know the Scriptures nor the power of God? ... You are therefore greatly mistaken."

Do you think they were offended by that? "Are you telling me I don't know the scriptures?!" Remember what Jesus did here? He took them back to the law of Moses (scripture) and showed them that there indeed is a resurrection.

The problem with the Sadducees is one many of us have: They based their entire understanding of the resurrection on one or two passages, instead of looking at all the scriptures have to say on the topic.

So, have we not read? Have we not read another passage where God says something else that helps us have a better, more rounded understanding of the subject? I do not know

how many people I have studied with who believe that salvation is based on one thing, and one thing alone. Mostly, they will say, "All you have to do is BELIEVE!" Then you show them another passage about REPENTANCE (Acts 2:38, Acts 3:19; Luke 13:3; 2 Corinthians 7:10; etc.). Then you show them another passage about CONFESSION (Romans 10:9-10; etc.). Then you show them another passage about BAPTISM (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21; etc.). Then that is the question we should ask: "Have you not read" all these things to find out what God has actually taught about salvation? "Have you not read" more than just your select passages? We need to make sure we take all things into account. Those in Berea understood this (Acts 17:11). The Psalmist understood this (Psalm 119:160), but do we? If not, we have a veil over our eyes.

Unfortunately, we all have them, but that is just a few ways a veil can cover our eyes and prevent us from clearly seeing when we read the Word of God. Let me encourage you to pray about it and then work as hard as you can to remove those things. We need to look at scripture with new eyes and honest hearts.

Visitors are welcome and valued. We meet at 15530 Herriman Blvd., Noblesville. Our phone number is (463) 287-0664. We meet for Sunday morning Bible Study at 10 a.m. and have classes for all ages. Worship begins at 11 a.m. and we have a Bible Study Wednesdays at 7 p.m. A warm welcome awaits!

Fishers opens 2026 Community Survey

The REPORTER

The City of Fishers invites residents ages 18 and older to participate in the 2026 Fishers Community Survey, designed to gather feedback on residents' quality of life and their experiences with city services.

The survey asks residents to share input on a wide range of topics, including overall quality of life, neighborhood experiences, safety, transportation, growth and development, parks and recreation, and community amenities. Residents are also asked to provide feedback on specific city services such as streets and sidewalks, utilities, public safety, snow removal, recycling, parks and facilities, public information, and customer service.

"Resident feedback is essential to how we plan,

invest, and deliver services," Mayor Scott Fadness said. "This survey allows residents to tell us what's working well, where improvements are needed, and what matters most to them in their daily lives."

Survey results will be used to help guide city planning, prioritize service improvements, and inform future investments across departments. The survey is conducted by Polco, a third-party research and benchmarking firm. All responses are confidential, and no identifying information will be shared.

The 15-minute survey is open now through Feb. 24. Residents may receive an invitation to participate by text message from Polco, and the survey is also available online at [FishersIN.gov/Survey](https://fishersIN.gov/Survey).



Fadness

Luxury Bingo event will support Hamilton County Seniors

The REPORTER

Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County (SCHC) will hold its annual Designer Bag Bingo event, presented by Paradigm Health, on Thursday, March 19. This high-end evening of fun features an impressive lineup of prizes, including a Louis Vuitton raffle, a luxury trip, and designer handbags as bingo prizes.

Attendees will also enjoy a buffet, a cash bar, a

silent auction, and a 360-degree video booth. All proceeds benefit SCHC's mission to provide essential programs and services for local seniors.

The event will be held at 502 East Event Centre, 502 E. Carmel Drive, Carmel, with doors opening at 5 p.m. For tickets and more information, please contact Megan Newcomer at megan@scofhc.org or visit secure.qgqv.com/event/bingo2026.

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2 TIMOTHY 3:15 SAYS IT MAKES US WISE FOR SALVATION.

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I think some thanks are in order

"Let all your thinks be thanks." – W.H. Auden, American poet

Please allow me to begin this week's column with a thank you. I thank you for reading my column and especially thank you for reading the Hamilton County Reporter, the most comprehensive local news source in Hamilton County.

Words are important to me; I cherish them. So – when I make that statement regarding the local news please be assured that I do not use those words lightly. And do yourself a huge favor by reading the always-enlightening and often-entertaining fellow Word Warriors – Amy, Amy, and Jan!

I am inspired to write about those two precious words – *thank you* – by a reader who said those words to me just the other day. I am pleased to say that other readers have also thanked me for my health and fitness column and suggestions over the past few years as well. How-



SHARON McMAHON
Be Well

ever, this reader not only thanked me for writing my column but also said this to me: "I copy each column and post it on my refrigerator after reading it to help me focus on my own health."

Wow. Those words were both touching and energizing. (And K. if you are reading this you know I just quoted you!) And just today a woman in the class I teach said to me, "You have really helped me. I am so glad I met you." Thank you, T., your words made my day.

I am humbled that publisher Stu Clampitt gives me space to share my experience, knowledge, and suggestions to Hamilton County Reporter readers. Obviously not every column will speak to every person. There is no "one size fits all" in health and fitness plans and goals. Therefore, my objective in reaching out to Reporter readers is not to diagnose, prescribe, or even provide specific dietary or fitness

plans. My objective is to find common ground on issues which relate to our health and well-being.

My dual career paths have been focused on non-profit leadership as well as fitness. Though now retired from my management career, I find it both important and rewarding for me to work with those who wish to stay viable and healthy especially in their maturing years; I like to say I am "rewired!" I am certified in several fitness disciplines, including as a yoga instructor as well as balance and strength training, along with certification in nutrition counseling. I am not a licensed practitioner in the health care field. *Please make sure that you determine the accreditations of anyone you follow for health advice.*

If you would like to join me in my FlexAbility class resuming on Tuesday, Feb. 10, 9:30 a.m. at the Noblesville branch of the Hamilton East Public Library, I would enjoy meeting you. This class is suitable for most any age group and gender. If you had recent surgery

or are under the care of a physician for a chronic or acute ailment please seek their advice before beginning any fitness program. This is not a yoga class, although we do use some yoga movements in our routine. There is no charge for the class but please register on the library website at hamiltoneastpl.com so that the room can be set up accordingly.

Back to "thank you" – two words which are so meaningful but often said so casually. When you receive these words, ponder them and relish them. When you say these words, know that you can make a profound impact on the person who hears them. *Thank you, Gracias, Merci, Danke, Arigato, Toda!*

Dear Readers, as the Scots say...

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

From the desk of Heights Supt. Dr. Derek Arrowood

Update No. 166

As winter settles in and the need for support grows, many families in our community face challenges that are often unseen. As a district, we remain committed to ensuring every student has access to the essentials they need to learn, grow, and thrive.

We are grateful for our partnership with Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana and The Feeding Team, both of which play an active role in supporting Hamilton Heights families. Together, they host mobile food pickups at Hamilton Heights High School on the second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. This resource is open to the entire community and provides a variety of fresh produce, meat, and non-perishable items.

Gleaners supports families across Indiana through a network of more than 300 partner agencies, including The Feeding Team, which help distribute food through emergency pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and other community-based programs. Their work ensures that families facing food insecurity have reliable access to nutritious options throughout the year. We are profoundly grateful for the meaningful impact these organizations have on the wellbeing of our school community.

Speaking of partnerships, the Northern Hamilton County Academy (NHCA) continues to thrive thanks to the strong partnership between Hamilton Heights and Sheridan Community Schools, whose shared commitment to students helped secure the program's future.

Created to support students facing academic, behavioral, or personal challenges, NHCA offers a structured, supportive environment with in-person instruction, online coursework, job-readiness training, and mentorship.

When recent state funding changes threatened the program, both districts worked together – alongside generous local families, businesses,

and foundations – to secure nearly \$1 million in support, including a Lilly Endowment matching opportunity through the Hamilton County Community Foundation. Last year alone, NHCA students earned more than 200 credits, with most seniors graduating on track.

This collaborative effort ensures that students who need a second chance continue to have one, reflecting the power of partnership and a community that puts students first.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the many community mentors who make a meaningful difference in our students' lives every day in recognition of National Mentoring Month. Their steady presence, encouragement, and belief in our young people help create the conditions where students feel seen, supported, and capable of achieving more than they imagined.

Through supportive, one-on-one relationships, these volunteers enrich the educational experience in powerful ways – offering guidance, listening with care, and helping students build confidence, resilience, and a sense of belonging. Whether they are reading with a young learner, offering advice to a middle school student, or helping a high schooler navigate future goals, mentors play an essential role in helping our students reach their potential in inspiring and life-changing ways.

We are deeply grateful for their commitment to our schools and for the positive ripple effect their service creates throughout the Hamilton Heights community.

As we pause to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., we are reminded that his enduring message of service, compassion, and unity continues to guide and inspire our work. His legacy encourages us to lift one another up and to build a community where every student feels valued, supported, and empowered to thrive.

#WeAreHuskies

House legislators partner with Indiana Diaper Bank for 2026 philanthropy

The REPORTER

Indiana House lawmakers are partnering with the **Indiana Diaper Bank** for this year's 2026 philanthropy to collect diapers and diapering supplies for Hoosier families in need.

House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers) and House Democratic Leader Phil GiaQuinta (D-Fort Wayne) announced the House will host a collection drive in support of the Indiana Diaper Bank through the end of February.

The Indiana Diaper Bank empowers families in Indiana by providing a reliable and adequate supply of diapering essentials. The nonprofit has 70 distribution partners across the state. Since 2017, the Indiana Diaper Bank has distributed 19,786,359 diapers to 294,073 babies.

"We're proud to partner with the Indiana Diaper Bank this session to support the vital work they do for Hoosier families," Huston said.

"The cost of raising a child adds up quickly, and no baby should ever go without clean diapers. We're grateful for the meaningful impact the Indiana Diaper Bank and its partners are making across our state."

As part of its collection drive, the House will accept donations including new and opened packages of diapers of all sizes, pull ups, wipes, diaper cream and clean cloth



Huston



GiaQuinta

diapers. Donation bins are located near the House Chamber entrance and the 4th Floor South Atrium at the Statehouse in Indianapolis.

"It's expensive and stressful to be a new parent, and the Indiana Diaper Bank helps Hoosier parents keep their heads above water," GiaQuinta said. "The Indiana Diaper Bank acts as a critical safety net for Hoosier families and babies, and we couldn't be prouder to support their mission this year."

The House is also accepting monetary donations to support the Indiana

Diaper Bank. You can contribute to the House fund here.

"One in two Indiana families are in diaper need. Indiana Diaper Bank distributes diapers through a partnership with other nonprofits throughout the state," said Ashley Burns, president and CEO of Indiana Diaper Bank. "When babies have access to clean diapers, they are healthier, parents are better able to work and families are more stable. Addressing diaper need is a simple but powerful way to support the health and economic well-being of Indiana families."

The House collection drive will run through the end of the 2026 legislative session in February.

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

STATE SENATOR

District 21
*James (Jim) Buck (R)
Joseph Kazlas (D)
Tracey Powell (R)
Kirsten Root (D)
District 25
*Mike Gaskill (R)
District 29
V. Roni Ford (R)
David W. Greene, Sr. (D)
Demetrice Hicks (D)
Kristina Moorhead (D)
John Ruckelshaus (R)

District 31
Juanita Albright (R)
Tiffanie Ditlevson (R)
Kerry J. Forestal (D)
Travis Hankins (R)
Lasima O. Packet (D)
Catherine Torzewski (D)

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

District 24
Racheal Bleicher (D)
*Hunter Smith (R)
District 29
Coumba Kebe (D)
*Alaina Shonkwiler (R)
Devon Wellington (D)

District 32
*Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D)

District 37
*Todd Huston (R)
Joel Levi (D)

District 88
Stephanie Jo Yocum (D)

SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

Superior Court No. 3

Chris Evans (R)
Amy B. Summerfield (R)

Superior Court No. 4

Chadwick Hill (R)
Angela Brown Swenson (R)

Trampas Alan Whalin (R)

Superior Court No. 5

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*Jeff D. Jellison (R)

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*Josh Kocher (R)

COUNTY RECORDER

*Trini Beaver (R)

COUNTY SHERIFF

Dustin K. Dixon (R)

John Lowes (R)

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District 1
*Christine Altman (R)

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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)

ARCADIA TOWN COUNCIL

District 2
*Amanda Engle (R)

CICERO TOWN COUNCIL

At-Large (vote for 2)
*Joe Cox (R)

Harrison J. Massone (R)

SHERIDAN TOWN COUNCIL

At-Large
*Daniel A. Bragg (R)
*Michael Foote (R)

District 1
Garrett Gossard (R)

District 2
Heidi Kienholz (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)
David Haboush (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)
Lynne Goodin (R)

Jackson Township (vote for 3)
Elizabeth Fouch (R)
*Jeffery S. Roberts (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)
Michael Cardwell (D)
*Erica Strahm (R)

Wayne Township (vote for 3)
*Joy Sisson Kiskaden (R)

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

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

PRECINCT CMTE. – DEMOCRATS

Clay 40: Minda Epstein
Clay 47: Amber Davis
Clay 48: Beth Sprunger
Clay 49: Jessica Griffith Cortwright
Clay 51: Mark Taber
Clay 60: Elizabeth Stippler
Clay 68: Annette Gross
Delaware 19: Bill Stuart
Fall Creek 24: Mani Subramaniam
Fall Creek 25: Jasmine Jackson
Fall Creek 33: Deetta Steinmetz
Jackson 6: Dorcia Bradley
Noblesville 2: Jeffrey Nickloy
Sheridan 1: Kirsten Root
Sheridan 3: Cheryl L. Popiela
Westfield 8: Evelyn J. Davis
Westfield 20: Jacquelyn Grigg
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
David Rosenthal
Beth Sprunger
Elizabeth Stippler

Delaware Township (vote for 20)
Nancy Arce
Sarah Elizabeth Crawford
Litsi Plonski
Bill Stuart

Fall Creek Township (vote for 20)
Sonia Ivy Fuller
Janis Kaye Hinchcliff
Amanda R. Slonaker
Deetta Steinmetz
Mani Subramaniam

Jackson Township (vote for 6)
Dorcia Bradley
John Bradley

Noblesville Township (vote for 20)
Christopher Hartig
Riley Issacs
Coumba Kebe
Debra Marcum
Joseph Marcum
Jeffrey Nickloy

Washington Township (vote for 20)
Cheryl L. Austin
Bennie Britt
Evelyn J. Davis
Brandee L. Easterday
Kirk King
Karen Klutzke

Wayne Township (vote for 10)
Justin Canady-Flatt
Nocona Canady-Flatt

STATE DELEGATE – REPUBLICANS

Adams/Wayne (vote for 5)
Fredrick Fritz Good
Clay 1 (vote for 5)
Gary Duncan
Fred Glynn
Alexander T. Stencil

Clay 2 (vote for 5)
Paul Arbouw
Frederick Daniel Landis
Edison Gene Perry

Clay 3 (vote for 5)
Patricia Bratton
Robin Clark
Lisa Elmore
Diane Gomez
Rich Taylor

Clay 4 (vote for 5)
Rob Brown
Raju Chinthala
Robert Fulk
Carl Mills

Delaware 1 (vote for 5)
Rick Fain
Paul G. Nix
Matthew S. Rollins

Delaware 2 (vote for 5)
David Giffel
Wayne Nicodemus

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
Jamie Rulon

Noblesville 1 (vote for 5)
Trini Beaver
Kimberly A. Irvin
Darren Peterson
Karen Williams Pryor

Noblesville 2 (vote for 5)
Tim Berry
Ellen Cortrecht
Tim Cortrecht
Mike Davis
Lisa D. Hall
Mark F. Hall
Dana D. Webster

Noblesville 3 (vote for 5)
Susan Beckwith
Stu Rhodes
Beth Sheller
Martin Strother

Washington 1 (vote for 5)
Timothy Enyart

Washington 2 (vote for 5)
Matt Dooley
Richard (Rich) J. Hardcastle Jr.

Washington 3 (vote for 5)
Nick Barbknecht
Lisa Marie Everling Baumgartner
Ron Mangus



**INDIANA
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Five local students graduate from Indiana Connections Academy

The REPORTER

More than 150 students recently graduated from Indiana Connections Academy, a tuition-free full-time public virtual school, as part of the Class of 2026.

Hamilton County students among the graduates include Maverick McCoy of Carmel, Emmalyn La Lanne of Fishers, Kameryn Fazekas of Noblesville, and Kimora Baca and Cohen Cope, both of Westfield.

Indiana Connections Academy provides a high-quality educational experience that keeps students motivated and engaged with a strong circle of support and a deep sense of belonging. The school's team of supportive and experienced educators, specially trained in online instruction, establish meaningful connections with students helping them achieve their full potential and reach their goals.

Parents and caregivers are involved in the learn-

ing journey as their child's learning coach, serving as their mentor and guide throughout the school day.

Indiana Connections Academy offers a variety of activities throughout the year for all students to help build community and foster relationships, including numerous in-person and virtual field trips, National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, student government and in-person prom and graduation ceremonies.

In addition to core classes in math, science, language arts and social studies, students can choose from various electives, honors courses and dual credit opportunities. The schools also offer a broad assortment of online clubs, ranging from robotics and gaming to poetry and art.

For more information about Indiana Connections Academy, visit IndianaConnectionsAcademy.com or call 1-833-591-0251.

TIPTON COUNTY

Candidates who have filed for the May 5, 2026 Primary Election as of Wednesday, Jan. 21.

Information from the Secretary of State's Office was not available at press time.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 5TH DISTRICT

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

STATE SENATOR

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

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, 36TH DISTRICT

Matthew B. Quigley (R)

COUNTY ASSESSOR

Shannon Cassons (R)

COUNTY AUDITOR

Jon DeBaun (R)

COUNTY CLERK

Brent R. Baird (R)

Rhiannon Rhi Tansy (D)

COUNTY SHERIFF

Craig R. Henderson (R)

Matt Tebbe (D)

COUNTY PROSECUTOR

Justin K. Clouser (R)

COUNTY SURVEYOR

Jason R. Henderson (R)

COUNTY TREASURER

Christy Crawford (R)

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

District 1 (vote for 1)
Dennis L. Henderson (R)
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)
Maureen A. Dougherty

District 4
Chase Meyncke (D)
Mike Terry (R)

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Cicero Township
Amber R. McLearran (R)

Jefferson Township
Jerry L. Larson (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)
Carl R. Colbert (R)
Nicholas Grant (R)
Jeff Lacy (R)
Barry Tolle (R)

STATE DELEGATE – REPUBLICANS

At Large
Brent R. Baird
Michael Bollman

STATE DELEGATE – DEMOCRATS

At Large
Maureen A. Dougherty
Janette Martin
George Sullivan-Davis
Matthew Terry

PRECINCT CMTE. – DEMOCRATS

Cicero 2: Tom Frye

Cicero 3: Janette Martin

Cicero 4: Thomas Dolezal

Cicero 6: Matthew Terry

Cicero 7: George Sullivan-Davis

Prairie 1: Maureen A. Dougherty

CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Candidates and potential candidates who wish to have their campaign announcements in the pages of The Reporter can email them to News@ReadTheReporter.com.

Digital edition versions must be under 500 words. Print versions must be under 150 words.

'Timeless Treasures' of music history go on display

The REPORTER

Following a successful display of artifacts related to the classic musical *White Christmas*, the Great American Songbook Foundation is offering visitors a rare opportunity to view more seldom-seen items from its Songbook Library & Archives in a free temporary exhibition open through Feb. 27.

This specially curated display showcases some of the most noteworthy pieces in the Foundation's collections. Representing iconic vocalists, composers, lyricists, and music industry professionals active from the 1920s through the 1960s, these artifacts come together to tell the story of the Great American Songbook and its lasting impact on music and American culture across generations.

The exhibition, *Timeless Treasures*, is displayed in the Traditions Senior Communities Songbook Gallery, located in the Payne & Mencias Palladium at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts. Rarely shown to the public, the artifacts include costumes, awards, original materials from Broadway shows, and musical arrangements of historical significance in shaping popular music.

Highlights include a newly uncovered musical arrangement performed by Ella Fitzgerald in her final career recording, an Academy Award presented to director Vincente Minnelli (on loan from Liza Minnelli), and costumes worn by performers like the McGuire Sisters and Steve Lawrence.

The gallery is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and also will be open to ticketed patrons

prior to three Center Presents performances at the Payne & Mencias Palladium during the exhibition's run: *CeCe Teneal's Divas of Soul* on Jan. 31, *Wayne Newton: Mr. Las Vegas – Memories & Melodies* on Feb. 14, and *Great American Crooners: A Jazz at Lincoln Center Presents Production* on Feb. 25.

Admission is free. Tickets are available on arrival or may be reserved in advance online at TheSongbook.org/TimelessTreasures, by phone at (317) 843-3800, or in person at the Fifth Third Bank Box Office at the Payne & Mencias Palladium, 1 Carter Green, Carmel.

Tours for senior, school and community groups may be scheduled in advance by emailing info@TheSongbook.org or calling (317) 844-2251.

Exhibit highlights include:

- Original subway poster for the musical *Mame* from Jerry Herman
- Datebook and Academy Award of Vincente Minnelli on loan from Liza Minnelli
- Emmy Award presented to Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gormé
- Musical arrangement and performance costume of Ella Fitzgerald
- Andy Williams musical arrangements for "Moon River" and "Sleigh Ride"
- Autographs and memorabilia of the Andrews Sisters

About the Songbook Library & Archives

The Songbook Library & Archives preserves cultural materials with enduring value to the historical documentation of American popular music. The Songbook Foundation's collections house more than 500,000 docu-



Photo courtesy of the Great American Songbook Foundation
Artifacts on display from the Great American Songbook Foundation's archives include this Emmy Award presented to singers Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gormé for their 1978 television special *Celebrating Irving Berlin*.

ments, images and historic artifacts, with highlights including the papers of *The Music Man* creator Meredith Willson; the musical arrangements of Natalie Cole, Rosemary Clooney, Sammy Davis Jr. and Andy Williams; a growing library of books and audiovisual materials; and Hy Zaret's original lyrics for "Unchained Melody," one of the 20th century's most recorded songs.

About the Great American Songbook Foundation

The mission of the Great American Songbook Foundation, founded in 2007 by five-time Grammy® Award nominee Michael Feinstein, is to inspire and educate by celebrating the foundational era of American popu-

lar music. Headquartered at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel, the Foundation advances this rich legacy by curating physical artifacts of its creators, performers and publishers; operating a multimedia exhibit gallery; overseeing the Songbook Hall of Fame; offering programs for the public and research opportunities for scholars and artists; and providing educational opportunities for student musicians, including the annual Songbook Academy® summer intensive. The Foundation is a Cultural Affiliate of the Los Angeles-based Grammy Museum®. More information is available at TheSongbook.org.

Westfield school board changes 2026-27 calendar, approves architect for high school renovation

Submitted by Westfield Washington Schools

The Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) Board of School Trustees approved a revised 2026-2027 school calendar and took several additional actions at its regular meeting. The items below represent meeting highlights and are not a comprehensive summary of all discussion or action taken.

Revised 2026-2027 School Calendar

The Board approved a revised 2026-2027 school calendar following a change to the LIV Golf schedule, which will now begin Thursday, Aug. 20, 2026. The revision preserves instructional time and professional development days, avoids starting school during the first full week of August, and supports building moves while minimizing disruption for students and staff.

Key revisions include:

- First student day moved to Monday, Aug. 17, 2026
- WWS closed Thursday, Aug. 20, 2026, and Friday, Aug. 21, 2026
- Students attend three days during the first week of school
- Teacher workdays and professional development shifted to the prior week
- Calendar adjustments support operational needs and planned building moves
- Instructional time and professional development days remain intact

Westfield High School additions & renovations: architectural/engineering services approved

The Board approved CSO Architects to provide full architectural and en-

gineering services for the renovation and expansion of Westfield High School, a major project that includes replacement of key building systems; renovations to instructional and student spaces; construction of new learning, performing arts, and athletic/locker room areas; and significant site improvements, including parking and pedestrian updates and full track replacement.

The estimated construction cost is \$88 million.

To support next steps, the Board also authorized the administration to advertise and begin the selection process for a Construction Manager as Constructor (CMc) – a delivery method that helps manage cost, schedule, and coordination for large-scale projects. Design work is slated to begin in early 2026, with construction occurring in phases through summer 2028.

Board reorganization & next meeting

The Board also completed its annual reorganization. Officers and members are as follows:

- Rebecca Ogle, President
- Bill Anderson, Vice President
- Carrie Larrison, Secretary
- Amber Willis, Member
- Mike Steele, Member

The Board approved its **2026 meeting agenda**, available on the WWS BoardDocs [website](http://www.wwschools.org/BoardDocs). The next regular meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10 at the WWS Administration Center, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B.



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Election Board to discuss candidates who did not file campaign finance reports

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Election Board will meet at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26 to discuss a series of resolutions the board considers each year for passage.

The resolutions deal with topics such as voting by travel board, establishing in-person early voting hours and locations, combining precincts, allowing 16- and 17-year-olds to work the polls, whether

to have Sheriff's deputies present at voting locations, and the security protocol for voting equipment.

In addition, the Board will also discuss the fact that seven candidates failed to file their campaign finance reports by noon on Jan. 21. According to County Clerk Kathy Williams, three of those seven ended up filing their reports on Thursday, Jan. 22.

Whalin officially files for judge of Hamilton County Superior Court 4

Submitted

Trampas Whalin, a longtime Hamilton County attorney and community leader, as officially filed his candidacy for Judge of Hamilton County Superior Court 4, marking a significant milestone in his campaign to bring fairness, integrity, and sound judgment to the bench.

Whalin announced his candidacy earlier this year and has spent the past several months meeting with voters, community leaders, and supporters across Hamilton County. With the Republican Primary election scheduled for May 5, 2026, Whalin says he is energized by the growing support and focused on earning the trust of voters.

"When I announced my campaign this summer, I was incredibly grateful for the encouragement I received from friends,

colleagues, and members of our community," Whalin said. "Over the past seven months, that support has continued to grow. Filing my candidacy today is an important step forward, and I'm excited to continue connecting with voters and sharing my vision for the court."

Whalin's judicial philosophy is guided by three core principles: Respect, Reason, and Reliability. He emphasizes treating all individuals with dignity, applying the law with fairness and common sense, and providing consistent, impartial leadership on the bench.

"Justice is more than decisions from the bench," Whalin said. "It's about how people are treated, how



Whalin

the law is applied, and whether the court earns the confidence of the public it serves."

Whalin has dedicated his entire legal career to serving the people of Hamilton County. After graduating with honors from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law in 2010, he began his practice at Adler Law Office in Noblesville. He now leads his own firm, Whalin Legal, where he represents clients in Criminal Law, Civil (Small Claims), and Family Law, the primary areas handled by Superior Court 4.

Beyond his legal practice, Whalin is deeply involved in the community. He is a two-time President of Noblesville Elks Lodge #576, a past President of the

Indiana West Central District Elks, founding chairman of the Indiana Elks Endowment Fund for Cancer Research. He is also committed to mentoring future leaders through long-standing volunteer service with Sigma Nu Fraternity.

Within the legal community, Whalin serves as President of the Hamilton County Bar Association, is a member of the Indiana State Bar Association, and serves on the Hamilton County Community Corrections Advisory Board.

"With Election Day now less than four months away, I respectfully ask for the support and vote of Hamilton County residents," Whalin said. "I am ready to serve our community with fairness, integrity, and respect."

The Republican Primary Election will be held on May 5, 2026.



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Kirsten Root announces campaign for Indiana State Senate District 21; launches community input survey

Submitted

Kirsten Root, a Sheridan resident and social worker, announced Thursday, Jan. 22 that she is running for Indiana State Senate in District 21, emphasizing a campaign grounded in community listening and practical problem-solving.

Root's career has focused on supporting families and strengthening community systems. Her professional background includes several years working with the Indiana Department of Child Services in Hamilton County, an internship with Westfield Fire's Mobile Integrated Health program, and an

internship with the IU Student Outreach Clinic ("Compassion Clinic"), a free health service in Indianapolis. She has also advocated for expanding social work-informed programs within public safety settings, including the Sheriff's Department and Coroner's Office, with a focus on crisis response, resource connection, and reducing repeat emergencies.

"I've sat with families on their hardest days," Root said. "I've met people who are doing everything right by



Root

working hard, loving their kids, and giving everything they have for their family. And still, people fall behind. Too often, first responders are carrying situations that never should have become emergencies, because the system isn't built for everyday working people. I'm running for the folks who feel invisible when decisions are made: the ones working overtime, caring for loved ones, and still worrying they're one emergency away from losing everything.

"But I'm hopeful, because I've seen what happens when the right support shows up at the right time. When people are given a fair shot and real support, they don't just survive, they rebuild and thrive. Indiana

can be a place where families get ahead again, and I'm ready to do the work to make that real."

To help shape her policy priorities, Root is inviting District 21 residents to complete a short community input survey at forms.gle/XqmSRwVvuf7PeH-Hw8. The campaign will use responses to guide outreach and inform legislative priorities.

Root's campaign website, including opportunities to volunteer and learn more, is available at RootForIndiana.org.

About Kirsten Root

Kirsten Root is a Sheridan resident and social worker with experience supporting individuals and families in crisis and collaborating with community partners across central Indiana. She is running for the Indiana State Senate in District 21.

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Creative Valentine's Day experiences abound at Fishers & Indy Art Centers

The REPORTER

Whether you're looking for an activity for your Valentine, Galentine, yourself or the entire family, the Indy Art Center in Broad Ripple and Fishers Art Center have options for your observation of Cupid's Day.

Special Valentines Day specific Date Night Make It Take Its

On Feb. 6, 7, 13 and 14, couples will find Date Night Make It Take Its in the jewelry, welding, clay, and glass studios, among others. Themed classes include:

- Heart fused glass pendants
 - Hand-printed Valentines
 - Robert Indiana's LOVE screenprint
 - Felted heart pot holders
 - Glass heart
 - Mobile phone portrait photography
 - Welded candle holder
- Need childcare for the kids?**

At the Broad Ripple location only, you can treat the kids to a Valentine Art Party while the adults do a Date Night Make It Take It

class. Themed parties for ages 4 and 5 and 6 through 10 will let kids explore their artistic talents with artist educators. They'll play games, enjoy a snack and create a treasure to take home.

Regular Make It Take It classes

Of course, you don't have to have love on your mind to enjoy a "Make It Take It" class. You can enjoy these art class "samplers" any time, spending two hours trying an art medium by yourself, with a friend or even with the kids. Make It Take It classes are offered regularly, and gift cards are available.

Date Night Make It Take It classes and Valentine Art Parties are Feb. 6, 7, 13, and 14; classes are offered regularly, so check classes and times at [this link](https://thislink). Cost varies by class.

The Indy Art Center is located at 820 E. 67th St., Indianapolis; register at indyartcenter.org/miti. The Fishers Art Center is located in the Fishers Arts & Municipal Complex at 1 Municipal Drive; register at fishersartcenter.org/miti.

Winter weather alert: blood donors needed now

The REPORTER

Winter weather forecasts are signaling severe conditions across Indiana and the Midwest. While forecasts can change, one fact remains: when winter hits, blood donations often slow, and patients still rely on lifesaving blood supplies.

Eligible donors are encouraged to donate before extreme weather arrives. A quick visit to a donor center now helps ensure that life-saving blood is available, regardless of what winter may bring.

Hamilton County donor center locations

- **Carmel:** 726 Adams St., Suite 150
- **Fishers:** 11005 Allisonville Road

Versiti is urgently seeking O-negative and O-positive blood donors. These universal types can be transfused to all patients, including trauma victims, cancer patients, and those undergoing surgery.

Platelets are also in constant demand for cancer patients, trauma survivors, and premature babies, and they remain viable for only five

to seven days outside the body. Like blood, platelets cannot be manufactured.

If you are eligible, please consider making an appointment at a Versiti donor center or a nearby community blood drive. Your donation helps ensure that patients in local communities receive the critical care they need, no matter what the weather forecast.

Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins are always welcome. To schedule an appointment, visit Versiti.org or call 1-800-632-4722. If winter weather prevents your visit, please reschedule as soon as the forecast improves. Your donation will still help hospitals stay prepared for inclement weather.

Donating blood takes about an hour, with the actual donation itself taking 10 to 15 minutes. Anyone aged 17 years or older who is in good health and meets eligibility requirements is encouraged to give. Parental consent is required for donors who are 16 years old. Donors should bring a photo ID that includes their birth date.

Kayla White of Carmel makes Furman University dean's list

The REPORTER

Kayla N. White of Carmel earned a place on Furman University's dean's list for the 2025 fall semester. She is the daughter of Nicholas and Michele White.

Furman's dean's list is composed of full-time undergraduate students who earn a grade-point average of 3.4 or higher on a four-

point system.

Furman is a private, undergraduate liberal arts and sciences university of 2,550 students in Greenville, S.C. The university is noted for its rigorous academic program and strong faculty. Its 940-acre campus is widely recognized as one of the most beautiful in the nation.

Human Trafficking Awareness Initiative results announced

The REPORTER

The Indiana State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division partnered with the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) for the CVSA Human Trafficking Awareness Initiative, which took place from Jan. 12 to 16.

This initiative seeks to empower commercial motor vehicle drivers, motor carriers, school bus drivers, law enforcement officials, and the public with crucial knowledge about human trafficking, including how to recognize its signs and what actions to take if they suspect someone is being trafficked.

During the initiative, Indiana State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement units distributed 1,007 wallet cards, decals, and other brochures from TAT (formerly Truckers Against Trafficking) to drivers of the 718 commercial motor vehicles they inspected. In addition, the initiative included seven outreach events and six media interviews to

amplify awareness.

Commercial motor vehicle drivers serve as the eyes and ears of America, often working in locations where human trafficking may occur, such as truck stop parking lots, rest areas, or commercial facilities that could potentially exploit labor trafficking victims. By training members of the commercial motor vehicle industry to recognize the indicators of human trafficking, we can collectively help combat this issue. Over 40 percent of Human Trafficking cases reported by truck drivers have involved victims that were minors.

To report information about a potential trafficking situation, please call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) at 1-888-373-7888 or text 233733. NHTRC is a national, toll-free hotline, with specialists available to answer calls from anywhere in the country, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can also submit a tip on the NHTRC website.

Westfield's popular Winter 5K race returns on Feb. 21

Submitted by City of Westfield

The City of Westfield's popular Melt the Trail 5K, presented by The Farmers Bank, returns on Saturday, Feb. 21. The race, coordinated by the city's event team, Westfield Welcome, starts at 10:30 a.m. at Grand Junction Brewing Co., 1189 E. 181st St.

"Melt the Trail is one of our most beloved events of the year for a reason," Mayor Scott Willis said.

"It's a fantastic opportunity to get outside, spend time with your community, and find your new favorite trail route."

Runners, joggers, and walkers will kick off at Grand Junction Brewing, then head onto the course along Westfield's award-winning trail system. After the race, participants are invited to attend the post-race celebration at the brewery. Children and leashed dogs are also wel-

come to join.

The race registration fee is \$40 and includes a long-sleeve race shirt, finisher's medal, post-race snacks, one free drink ticket (21 and over), a timed route, and the opportunity to win an age-group award. The registration fee will increase to \$45 on Feb. 2 and to \$50 on Feb. 16. Race day registration is also available on-site at Grand Junction Brewing from 9 to 10:15 a.m. To guarantee receiving a long-sleeve race shirt, participants must register by Feb. 3.

Early packet pick-up will be available at The Farmers Bank (17370 Farmers Bank Way) on from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19 and Friday, Feb. 20. Participants may also pick-up their packets on race day at Grand Junction Brewing from 9 to 10:15 a.m.

To learn more or to register, visit MeltTheTrail.com.

Teacher accused of forcing students to give foot massages at Fishers school

By MICHAELA SPRINGER WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Parents of three Hamilton Southeastern elementary school students have filed a tort claim that says a teacher reportedly forced their children to rub her feet.

News 8 has elected not to identify the teacher named in the tort claim as no criminal charges have been filed.

Attorneys from Massilamany Jeter & Carson law firm in Fishers are representing the New Britton Elementary School students.

According to the claim, the incidents happened between August and October. Attorneys say the girls' teacher would "reward" the students for doing "certain tasks, helping her in the classroom or 'being good' by allowing them to give her foot massages."

The teacher reportedly "would sit in a chair during

story time while the girls took turns rubbing her feet."

After the students and their families reported the inappropriate contact to the school, the teacher was placed on administrative leave two separate times in late October during an investigation into the claims.

In November, the Hamilton Southeastern Schools human resources department announced that the "allegations could not be substantiated," ultimately closing the investigation.

Tom Blessing, an attorney with the law firm representing the students, said in a statement in a news release issued Tuesday that the incidents at New Britton Elementary "look like a textbook case of grooming."

Blessing added that these recent cases aren't isolated, reporting that other parents have had similar experiences involving their children and

the teacher that stretch back at least 10 years.

"Schools are always boasting about their 'Zero Tolerance' policies: zero tolerance for drugs, zero tolerance for weapons, zero tolerance for bullying. Why isn't there zero tolerance for teachers grooming students?" Blessing said in the release.

"This is not a good look for HSE schools, so it wants to sweep this under the rug and move on, which is usually how schools handle these situations: Deny it, refuse to tell parents what's being done about it, and hope everyone just forgets it. Teachers get quietly transferred or are allowed to resign, but no one ever apologizes or gets fired."

Blessing says that the teacher does not work at New Britton Elementary School anymore, but "she is still employed by HSE Schools as a teacher at a different elemen-

tary school in the district."

Blessing referred to this move as "passing the trash." "It doesn't solve the problem, it just moves it somewhere else."

The tort claim further accused the school district of being negligent for not supervising the students and for hiring, retaining, and not supervising the teacher.

"(The parents) are seeking an admission of fault, a public apology, monetary damages, disciplinary action, additional training and changes to school policies," the attorneys argued.

News 8 reached out Tuesday afternoon to Hamilton Southeastern Schools for a response to the tort claim.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/education/teacher-accused-of-forcing-students-to-give-foot-massages-at-fishers-school.

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Arts Commission supports creative small businesses with two programs

The REPORTER

The Indiana Arts Commission announced Tuesday, Jan. 20



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that 33 Indiana artists have received Work In Progress: Micro-Support Grant awards and 12 creative small businesses have completed The Creative Leap business strategy series.

The Creative Leap, a workshop series focused on business strategy for established creative entrepreneurs in Indiana led by Dr. Elaine Grogan Luttrull of Minerva Financial Arts, recently concluded. Twelve creative small business owners attended a series of business coaching workshops and group check-ins over the last four months. The creative entrepreneurs who completed the full series received a \$1,000 honorarium to put toward purchasing business resources that were identified during the series to accompany their newly revised business strategy.

Two local participants of the program, and their small businesses, are:

- Clare Longendyke, Hamilton County, Pianist
- Devonna Miltenberger, Hamilton County, Gifts That Give Studio

Work In Progress: Exchange Labs were in-person convenings for artists of all disciplines to gather to discuss topics of interest pertaining to creatives such as the status of current projects, their creative practices

and careers, and how they engage the various phases of the creative process. Artists who participated in at least one Exchange Lab meeting were eligible to apply to the Work In Progress: Exchange Labs Micro-Support Grant. The Micro-Support Grant Program was a competitive grant program providing funding of between \$250 and \$1,000 to support a current project connected to Exchange Lab discussions, topics, or an artist's individual practice. Applications were evaluated based on artistic vision and project alignment, project management and planning, and community benefit and career development.

In the fall of 2023, the Indiana Arts Commission launched a statewide **Artist Needs Assessment** to inform new and refined services and programming for artists and creative small businesses in Indiana. The Creative Leap and Work In Progress programs were designed to meet needs identified by the assessment process, including a need for marketing and financial education, and a need for networking and connection among creative small businesses.

Learn more about **The Creative Leap** and **Work In Progress** programs.

Catherine Mariah Stofel March 22, 1975 – January 21, 2026

Catherine Mariah Stofel, 50, Anderson, passed away on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville. She was born on March 22, 1975, to Tim and Shelia (Zion) Summers in Anderson, Ind.



Cathy loved camping, diamond art, swallow tail butterflies, and the colors purple and pink. She was smart, funny, full of life, loved everyone, and lit up any room she walked into. Cathy loved nature, swimming, bowling, Wii, movies, and chili. Most of all, she loved her family.

She is survived by her father, Tim Summers; sons, Ian (Lacey) Moore, Edward (Emily) Van Dalsen, Damon (Kristin) Van Dalsen, and Gage Daniels; brother, Jeff Summers; and six grandchildren.

Cathy was preceded in death by her mother, Shelia Zion Summers; and her husband, James A. Stofel.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes has been entrusted with cremation services.

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Robin L. Karn March 19, 1955 – January 21, 2026

Robin L. Karn, 70, Cicero, passed away on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at St. Vincent/Ascension Hospital in Carmel. She was born on March 19, 1955, to Carl, III and Rosemarie (DeCosta) Bowman in Fall River, Mass.



Robin was a healthcare professional for many years and a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Cicero. She enjoyed reading, traveling, playing euchre, and dining. Most of all Robin loved spending time with her family, especially her grandsons. She loved family vacations, attending all her grandsons' activities, and living life to the fullest. Her quick-witted sense of humor will be dearly missed. Robin was loved by many.

She is survived by her husband, Ronald W. Karn, Sr.; son, Ronald W. (Kelley Ann) Karn, Jr.; daughter, Mindy (Bob) McClave; grandsons, Nicholas Karn, Alex Karn, Matthew Karn, Eli McClave, and Andrew McClave; and brothers, Kevin (Kimberly) Bowman, Carl (Carol) Bowman, IV, Jack (DeAnna) Bowman, and Adam Bowman.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Travis Karn.

Services will be held at noon on Saturday, January 31, 2026 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Cicero Cemetery in Cicero at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, 410 Pearl St., Cicero, IN 46034.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

THE ISRAELITES LEAVE SINAI

Finally, as the rear guard for all the units, the divisions of the camp of Dan set out under their standard. Ahiezer son of Ammishaddai was in command. Pagiel son of Okran was over the division of the tribe of Asher, and Ahira son of Enan was over the division of the tribe of Naphtali. This was the order of march for the Israelite divisions as they set out.

Now Moses said to Hobab son of Reuel the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law, "We are setting out for the place about which the Lord said, 'I will give it to you.' Come with us and we will treat you well, for the Lord has promised good things to Israel."

He answered, "No, I will not go; I am going back to my own land and my own people."

But Moses said, "Please do not leave us. You know where we should camp in the wilderness, and you can be our eyes. If you come with us, we will share with you whatever good things the Lord gives us."

So they set out from the mountain of the Lord and traveled for three days. The ark of the covenant of the Lord went before them during those three days to find them a place to rest. The cloud of the Lord was over them by day when they set out from the camp.

Numbers 10:25-34 (NIV)

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Girls Basketball

Young Blackhawks learning lessons as sectional nears

Sheridan falls to Delphi, look to stay focused

By **RICHIE HALL**

sports@readthereporter.com

SHERIDAN — The Sheridan girls basketball team has been going through a transition this season.

The Blackhawks are a very young team, with eight freshmen on a roster of 13. While Sheridan has been winning games, the young Hawks are still learning, and the lessons continued Thursday when Sheridan fell to Delphi 55-42 in a Hoosier Heartland Conference game.

“They’re learning,” said Blackhawks coach Jaidlin Bradshaw. “They’re willing to learn and they are doing the things we ask. It’s hard to play with eight freshmen and only five returners on our team. That’s what our team is composed of this season.”

The Blackhawks and the Oracles were tied 6-6 after the first quarter, but Delphi took control in the second period, scoring 17 points for a 23-13 halftime lead. The Oracles led 45-29 after three quarters.

“We’re just not shooting the ball very well,” said Bradshaw. “People probably think we don’t ever shoot the ball in practice, but we get a ton of game-like shots up. We just haven’t found a way yet to focus and lock in and put the ball in the basket in games.”



(LEFT) Sheridan's Sadie Timme scored 10 points for the Blackhawks during their game with Delphi on Thursday. (RIGHT) Freshman Marah Fausset scored six points for Sheridan.

en’t found a way yet to focus and lock in and put the ball in the basket in games.”

Sheridan’s returners have experienced success, as they were part of the Blackhawks’ two-year run of 45 wins and back-to-back regional titles. The veterans did the majority of the scoring: juniors Brielle Garner and Sadie Timme both had eight points, while

senior Makenzy Terry scored seven points.

The freshmen had some promising moments during the game. Marah Fausset scored six points, all in the second half. Olivia Long and Delaney Bell both added four points.

Bradshaw called the team’s youth “a blessing and a curse.” While Sheridan is having to take some

lumps now, Bradshaw believes it will be “good for us in a couple of years,” once the team has a little more experience.

“We work on it a lot in practice,” said Bradshaw. “We do a lot of attacking the basket. We are really fortunate we have Hudl Assist, and just looking at the data and looking at where we score the ball really well

is at the rim, so trying to get more of those high-percentage shots is our goal.”

The Blackhawks have three more games left before competing in Sectional 39, which takes place at Lapel this year. Sheridan is scheduled to play at Seeger Saturday afternoon then play two HHC games to finish the regular season, at Clinton Central on Tuesday

and home against Taylor on Friday, Jan. 30. Sheridan is 3-3 in the conference.

“We’ve been emphasizing to the girls that [the conference games] matter and that they’re important,” said Bradshaw. The coach said now the goal is to keep the team “mentally tough and mentally focused for however long we get to play.”

WISH-TV Athlete of the week: Westfield’s Connor Maddox

By **JOSH BODE**

WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The boys wrestling state tournament starts on Saturday, Jan. 31, and one of the state’s best wrestlers is from Hamilton County.

Westfield sophomore Connor Maddox is the No. 1 wrestler in the state at 106 pounds.

Last season, as a freshman, Maddox went 40-3 and was fourth in the state. This season, he is undefeated, with a record of 20-0.

Last month, Maddox won The Ironman, a prestigious national event in Ohio.

With the IHSAA state tournament looming, Maddox is hoping to use last year’s experience to his benefit as he hopes to win the championship this year.

“Obviously I fell short of my goal and what I wanted to win a state title, but it was still a cool experience,” Maddox said. “It was honestly kind of surreal watching that tournament so many times when I was little, just going every year and watching the finals. It was just cool to be a part of it and hopefully this year I can actually get it done.”

“Coming into his fresh-

man year, we knew he was going to be really talented,” Westfield boys wrestling head coach Tom Griffin said. “Obviously, placing fourth as a freshman was pretty amazing. This past year though, he’s pretty much traveled all across Indiana and the Midwest to find training partners. So we know that he had taken a major step this year, so it’s been awesome to see that on the mat.”

Wrestling has always been a part of Maddox’s life. “I’ve been wrestling,

honestly, as long as I can remember, maybe three or four years old,” Maddox said. “I’ve been competing since I was about five. My dad was a wrestler back in the day, and my whole family always been around it, and it’s done so much for me, the sport has, and fell in love with it from a very, very early age.”

This story originally appeared on WISH-TV at wishtv.com/sports/athlete-of-the-week-westfields-connor-maddox.

Hamilton County football players named to IFCA Academic All-State team

The **REPORTER**

The Indiana Football Coaches Association released its Academic All-State team on Thursday.

Several Hamilton County players were named to the team. A list of honorees now follows.

Carmel: Dane Bathurst, Anthony Coellner, Aaron Fedorcha, Flynn Hornsby, Chase Jarred, Will Massey, Liam McDowell, Isaac Nelson, Matthew Obermeier, Joshua

Orahood, Spencer Sell.

Fishers: Jaxson Andrews, Hudson Bell, Kasope Dairo, Kyle Gunawan, Micah Hillen, Zeke Kramer, Nolan Kuhn, Tyler Maynard, Max Musgrave, Maena Ochieng, Walid Oumammar, Jacob Robbins, Owen Stout, Gage Sturgill, Josh Wilkins.

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Smith honored for breaking assist record

The REPORTER

Purdue basketball star Braden Smith broke the Big Ten assist record earlier this month.

It may be awhile before someone breaks Smith's record, since he's not done yet.

Smith, the 2022 Mr. Basketball from Westfield, officially eclipsed the record on Jan. 3 during the Boilermakers' 89-73 win at Wisconsin. Smith dished out 12 assists that day, bringing his career total at the time to 893. The old record was held by Cassius Winston; he totaled 890 assists while playing for Michigan State from 2017 to 2020.

"It's obviously a huge accomplishment and it's awesome to have," Smith said during an [interview](#) with FOX Sports after the game. "I was put around a lot of good teammates and guys that can put the ball in the hoop and make my job easier."

Purdue's next game was on Jan. 7 back at home at Mackey Arena, where Smith received a plaque honoring his accomplishment. He quickly added to that new record, handing out seven assists during the Boilers' 81-73 win over Washington, reaching the 900-assist plateau.

Smith has dished out 31 assists over Purdue's past four games, putting his career total at 931. The Boilers are 17-2 for the season and 7-1 in Big Ten play, dropping a 69-67 game at UCLA on Tuesday.

Purdue is back home on Saturday to host No. 11 Illinois.

Suder leads undefeated Redhawks

The Miami (Ohio) men's basketball team has been doing something this season that Peter Suder is used to doing: winning all the time.

Suder, a two-time state champion for Carmel, is enjoying a splendid senior campaign for the RedHawks. Miami is 20-0 and is getting national recognition, as the RedHawks are ranked No. 25 in this week's Asso-

ciated Press top 25 poll.

Suder has been a big part of the RedHawks' success, averaging 14.1 points per game. His average went up dramatically over the past two games, as Suder scored 37 points in Miami's 105-102 win over Buffalo on Jan. 17. Suder scored 27 points on Tuesday as the RedHawks defeated Kent State 107-101.

Suder spent two seasons at Bellarmine University before transferring to Miami last year. He immediately contributed to the RedHawks' team, averaging 13.7 points last season.

Cardinal fitting in at Butler

Guerin Catholic graduate Bryson Cardinal is in the middle of his freshman year at Butler University and is a member of the Bulldogs' men's basketball team.

Cardinal hasn't played yet, but that was his choice: he is red-shirting this year. But he is still a presence at the games, cheering on his Butler teammates.

Cardinal explained his decision during an [interview](#) with The Reporter last summer. "It was my personal decision, just because I know I'm not physically ready and physically at the point where I need to be to play," he said. "If you watch a practice, you'll see that as well."

One of Cardinal's Butler teammates is a player he became familiar with over his high school career. Evan Heyman, a Carmel resident, went to Brebeuf Jesuit, a frequent Circle City Conference rival of the Golden Eagles.

Heyman is in his sophomore year with the Bulldogs and is making an impact. Heyman averages 7.9 points per game and has reached double-digit scoring eight times, including an 18-point performance during Butler's Dec. 13 win over Providence. He also dished out four assists in that game. Heyman has twice reached the five-rebound mark in games, pulling that number in the Bulldogs' games against NJIT and Creighton.



Braden Smith was honored during Purdue's game with Washington on Jan. 7 for breaking the all-time Big Ten assists record. He received a plaque and is shown here with Boilermakers coach Matt Painter. Smith then dished out seven assists in Purdue's victory over Washington to reach 900 for his career.

Photos by Joshua Herd



(LEFT) Carmel's Peter Suder has had much to celebrate during his senior season at Miami (Ohio). The senior has helped the RedHawks to a 20-0 record and is averaging 14.1 points per game. (RIGHT) Suder has scored 64 points in his past two games, starting with 37 against Buffalo on Jan. 17, then adding 27 against Kent State on Tuesday.

Photo by Noah Maurer

Photo by Zach Fremder



(LEFT) Guerin Catholic's Bryson Cardinal (left) is redshirting his freshman year with the Butler University men's basketball team but is supporting his teammates during games. (RIGHT) Brebeuf Jesuit's Evan Heyman, a Carmel resident, has made an impact for Butler during his sophomore season, averaging 7.9 points per game.

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Hamilton Southeastern: Turner Berry, Chase Bradle, Jack Jacobs, Alex Jenkins, Kyle Jenkins, Kian Kelly, Jordan Rogers, Jackson Tolle, Graham Toner, Henry Wans.

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5:45 pm Carmel vs Fishers | Junior Varsity | Fishers Sports Network
6:00 pm Harrison (West Lafayette) vs Noblesville | Junior Varsity | HCTV Sports
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
5:50 pm Zionsville vs Hamilton SE | Girls Varsity | Southeastern Sports Network
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)
7:15 pm Delphi vs Sheridan | Boys Varsity | Bragg Sports Media
7:30 pm Franklin Central vs Noblesville | Boys Varsity | Hamilton County TV Sports

Sat Jan 24 - Girls/Boys Basketball
1:00 pm Franklin Central vs Noblesville | Girls JV | Hamilton County TV Sports
1:40 pm Pendleton Heights vs Hamilton Heights | Girls | Husky Sports (PPV)
2:30 pm Franklin Central vs Noblesville | Varsity | Girls Varsity | HCTV Sports
4:15 pm FW Carroll vs Fishers | Boys Varsity | Fishers Sports Network
5:50 pm Center Grove vs Hamilton SE | Girls JV | Southeastern Sports Network
7:20 pm Hamilton Southeastern vs Mt Vernon | Boys Varsity | IndianaSRN
7:30 pm Center Grove vs Hamilton SE | Girls Varsity | Southeastern Sports Network

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Boom grinds out low-scoring battle for third straight win

Slawson, Thompson lead Boom past Herd in 95-90 finish

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Boom (7-6), the NBA G League affiliate of the Indiana Pacers, earned their third straight win after defeating the Wisconsin Herd (6-8), 95-90, Thursday afternoon at Oshkosh Arena.

Two-way guard Ethan Thompson nearly recorded a triple-double with 18 points, nine rebounds and nine assists to lead the way for the Boom. Jalen Slawson filled the stat sheet by matching a game-high 23 points on 8-of-13 shooting from the field, including 4-of-6 from beyond the arc, to go along with six rebounds and six assists, while tying a career high in blocks (5) and steals (4). Gabe McGlothan came off the bench to add 16 points,

five assists, three rebounds and two steals.

The Herd were paced by Cormac Ryan, who finished with 23 points and seven rebounds while shooting 9-of-12 from the field, including 5-of-8 from three-point territory. Victor Oladipo sparked the bench with 13 points, four assists and three rebounds, while John Butler Jr. (12 points, 13 rebounds) and Jeremiah Tilmon (10 points, 11 rebounds) each posted a double-double.

After surrendering an opening three-pointer, the Boom responded with eight consecutive points and remained in front for the rest of the half. Noblesville forced eight turnovers, resulting in six points, helping build an 11-point lead after 12 minutes of action. Trail-

ing by 13, the Herd used an 8-0 run to cut their deficit to four points until Gabe McGlothan pushed the Boom back ahead by double digits. McGlothan recorded a quarter-high nine points with three made three-pointers, while the team shot 57.1 percent (8-of-14) in the period, taking a 54-43 advantage into halftime.

The Herd kept things close throughout the third quarter and closed the period on a 13-4 run, outscoring the Boom 27-18. As a team, Wisconsin shot 52.9 percent from the field, including 62.5 percent from three-point range, to trail by just two (72-70) entering the fourth. Wisconsin carried its momentum into the final period by scoring six straight points, taking

its first lead since the opening minutes and going up by four early in the quarter. Trailing by three, the Boom responded with three consecutive three-pointers, including back-to-back makes from RJ Felton, to reclaim a six-point lead with 6:26 left in regulation. Clinging to a two-point lead down the stretch, Ethan Thompson sealed the win by scoring the Boom's final seven points, securing the victory.

The two teams will meet once again to conclude the two-game series on Saturday. Coverage streams live on NBAGLeague.com, tipping off at 8 p.m.

Tickets and team updates are available at NoblesvilleBoom.com, and fans can stream every game live at NBAGLeague.com.

'Champions Gala' fundraiser will support local student-athletes

The REPORTER

Premier Soccer Academy will hold its first Champions Gala: Raising the Next Generation of Greats from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 7 at the Forest Park Inn in Noblesville.

The evening will bring together families, local businesses, and community leaders to raise funds supporting the academy's mission of developing student-athletes both on and off the field. The dress is

code is cocktail attire.

The Champions Gala will feature dinner, drinks, music and dancing, and a silent auction, with proceeds benefiting Premier Soccer Academy's educational and athletic programs. Funds raised will help provide students with individualized academic support, athletic training, and community-focused learning opportunities.

Premier Soccer Academy is a charter school

dedicated to creating an educational environment that meets students' individual needs while fostering curiosity, problem-solving skills, and lifelong relationships. The academy integrates rigorous academics with competitive soccer, preparing students for success in the classroom, in athletics, and in the community.

"The Champions Gala is an opportunity for our community to come together

and invest in the future of our students," said a Premier Soccer Academy representative. "Every dollar raised helps us continue providing a well-rounded education that supports both academic and athletic excellence."

Community members, local businesses, and supporters are invited to attend or contribute through sponsorships and auction donations. Tickets and additional event information are available online at this link.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Jan. 23

BOYS BASKETBALL

Delphi at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.
Fishers at Avon, 7:30 p.m.
Franklin Central at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at Brebeuf Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Lafayette Central Catholic, 7:30 p.m.
Pike at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.
Westfield at Brownsburg, 7:30 p.m.
Zionsville at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS WRESTLING

Noblesville at Taylor, 5:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Fishers at Avon, 6 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at Brebeuf Jesuit, 6 p.m.
Westfield at Brownsburg, 6 p.m.
Zionsville at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.
Carmel at Pike, 7:30 p.m.
Hoosier Conference championship game
Rensselaer Central at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Carmel at Warren Central Warrior Diving Invitational, 6 p.m.
Fishers Tigers College Events Classic, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 24

BOYS BASKETBALL

Fort Wayne Carroll at Fishers, 1:30 p.m.
Carmel at Brownsburg, 7:30 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Maconaquah, 7:30 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Mt. Vernon, 7:30 p.m.
Sheridan at Purdue Polytechnic, 7:30 p.m.
Westfield at Muncie Central, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS WRESTLING

Hoosier Heartland Conference meet, 9 a.m. at Delphi

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Sheridan at Seeger, 1 p.m.
Carmel at Homestead, 1:30 p.m.
Franklin Central at Noblesville, 2:30 p.m.
Center Grove at Hamilton Southeastern, 3:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Hamilton Heights at Logansport, 10 a.m.
Noblesville at Fishers (with Fort Wayne Carroll), 1 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 25

GIRLS BASKETBALL

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