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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly cloudy.
Morning wind gusts to 35 mph
may produce blowing snow.
Tonight: Mostly clear.



HIGH: 20 LOW: -10

Gaylor Electric recognized for workforce education

Submitted

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD) recently highlighted Gaylor Electric's ongoing commitment to developing and educating its workforce. The feature showcases the company's dedication to creating long-term career opportunities and strengthening the skilled-trades pipeline through innovative training and employer-led education initiatives.

"At Gaylor Electric, we are intentional about building careers," CEO Chuck Goodrich said. "Our investment in training and development ensures our people have the tools, support, and opportunities they need to grow and succeed throughout their professional journey."

"You have to invest in your people because the only way you're going to grow and lead the industry is by investing in education," Gaylor University Director Jeff Bryant said.

You can read the full story on the [DWD website](#).

About Gaylor Electric

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Photo provided by Gaylor Electric

Gaylor Electric is investing in the future of its workforce. Gaylor University Director Jeff Bryant (far left) is shown here with students, as well as Gaylor Electric CEO Chuck Goodrich and Gaylor Electric President Jim Crews (far right).

of the Year Award, and with over 40 years of experience in the electrical contracting industry, Gaylor Electric has built a national reputation of excellence, delivering on its Cornerstone of Reliable Resources, Reliable Outcomes, Reliable Insights, and Genuine Care for People.

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port their field operations. Gaylor Electric excelled in 2024 in the data center, manufacturing, and pharmaceutical industries.

Visit Gaylor.com for more information.

What to consider about menopausal hormone replacement

Menopausal hormone replacement therapy (MHT) was once routinely used to relieve symptoms of menopause and protect against osteoporosis, heart disease, and possibly Alzheimer's disease. It was thought that it generally preserved health and quality of life. That all changed in 2002 with the publication of the large "definitive" study, the Women's Health Initiative (WHI), which cautioned that the risks of MHT outweighed the benefits.

The unfavorable findings led many medical authorities to abruptly reverse their recommendations regarding MHT. The standard of care changed. Women were no longer necessarily offered hormones to relieve their hot flashes and other menopausal symptoms.

Some physicians, including myself, questioned the new recommendations based on the study's design and findings of harm that were overly generalized to all menopausal women regardless of age, clinical situation, and the specific MHT regimen prescribed. The promotion and interpretation of the findings were misinterpreted, exaggerated, and misleading. The authors inexplicably appeared bent on portraying a negative view of hormone therapy.

See *Hormone* . . . Page 2

COLUMNIST



RICHARD D. FELDMAN, M.D.
State of Our Health

The bluecoats are coming!



Reporter photo

The Hamilton County Democratic Party welcomed a large crowd for the grand opening of its new office space in Fishers last Saturday, Jan. 24. The ribbon cutting and open house was held at The Eller House, 7050 E. 116th St., Suite 100, Fishers, just as the big snowstorm was barreling toward Hamilton County. Hot chocolate was available for all attendees and the HQ is conveniently located across the parking lot from a Starbucks. See more photos on Page 5 and at [ReadTheReporter.com](#).

Roberts & Rhinas represent Heights with distinction at IMEA Honor Band

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.

Two outstanding members of the Hamilton Heights High School Band, Kaylee Roberts (Euphonium) and Kiera Rhinas (String Bass), recently represented Hamilton Heights with excellence at the Indiana Music Education Association (IMEA) Honor Band. Their selection followed a highly competitive audition process that recognizes some of the most accomplished high school musicians in the state.

The IMEA Honor Band brings together top performers from across Indiana for an intensive weekend of rehearsals, sectionals, and collaboration, culminating in a showcase

concert led by esteemed guest conductors. Participation in this ensemble is considered one of the highest honors for student musicians in Indiana.

Their dedication, musicianship, and commitment to their craft were evident throughout the event. Their achievement reflects not only their personal hard work, but also the strength of Hamilton Heights' music program and the support of the directors who help students grow as artists and leaders.

Congratulations to Roberts and Rhinas on this exceptional accomplishment. Hamilton Heights celebrates the pride they bring to their school, their program, and the entire Huskies community.



Photo provided

Congratulations to Kiera Rhinas (left) and Kaylee Roberts and for representing Hamilton Heights with excellence at the IMEA Honor Band. Their talent and dedication make the Huskies community proud.

County Commissioners respond to HB 1001

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Commissioners are closely monitoring [House Bill 1001](#), legislation introduced at the Statehouse aimed at addressing Indiana's growing shortage of affordable housing.

The Commissioners have issued the following statement regarding the proposal and its potential impacts on local communities:

We are gravely concerned about the significant impact House Bill 1001 will have on Indiana's communities.

By preempting local planning and zoning authority, this legislation undermines the ability of local governments to shape the growth and development of their neighborhoods according to the unique needs of their residents. Local officials are best positioned to evaluate land use, manage infrastructure, and protect community housing interests.

House Bill 1001 strips away these critical decision-making powers, creating uncertainty for businesses and homeowners alike.

Centralized, one-size-fits-all mandates ignore the diverse character and challenges of Indiana's counties, cities, and towns. This bill threatens to erode public input and local accountability, reducing the opportunity for residents to have a voice in the future of their communities.

We urge lawmakers to reconsider HB 1001 and prioritize local control, thoughtful planning, and meaningful public engagement. Indiana's strength lies in its communities – their distinctive identities and the empowered local leaders who know them best.

Let's protect that by respecting local autonomy and opposing unnecessary state preemption.

Hamilton County Commissioners
Christine Altman (President), Mark Heirbrandt, Steve Dillinger



Altman



Heirbrandt



Dillinger

Thank you, essential workers!

The REPORTER

Thank you to all the essential workers across Hamilton County for braving the bitter cold, winds, and heavy snowfall to keep everyone safe.

Thank you to all the snowplow drivers, police,

and fire teams for working long hours to ensure the safety of all.

Please join all of us at The Reporter in thanking them and honoring their efforts by giving them room to complete their duties and staying home to prevent accidents.

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HORMONE

The potential benefits of hormone therapy are due to the effect of estrogen. Progesterone must be added to protect against uterine cancer

from the effects of unopposed estrogen in women with a uterus. But progesterone is primarily responsible for many of the negative ef-

fects of MHT.

Importantly, the average age of women initiating MHT in the WHI was 63 years. The study included relatively few women in their late 40s and early 50s, the typical age at the beginning of menopause and initiation of hormone therapy. It appears that MHT has a very different safety profile when initiated at or near the beginning of menopause rather than at older ages as was done in the WHI.

The WHI study did show an increased risk of coronary artery disease with combined estrogen/progesterone therapy initiated in older women; younger women did not manifest such an increase. Only the oldest women initiating estrogen alone experienced some adverse cardiovascular effects.

The risk for stroke, thromboembolic events, and dementia with MHT was slightly increased for both estrogen/progesterone and estrogen alone, especially in older women. Breast cancer was also slightly increased with combination therapy but not with estrogen alone.

Beneficial aspects of hormone therapy include reduced hip fractures, improved bone density, and possibly decreases in colon cancer and diabetes.

I always thought the pendulum would swing back in favor of wider use of hormone therapy. That pendulum has indeed swung with the publication of a recent *Journal of the Amer-*

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ican Medical Association article and other articles in the medical literature in recent years reevaluating the WHI findings. Here's my take on this complex and somewhat controversial clinical situation:

Women with vasomotor symptoms (such as hot flashes), aged 50 to 59 or within 10 years of the start of menopause, should not be discouraged from initiating MHT. In these age groups, there is no significant increase in cardiovascular risk with estrogen alone or with combination estrogen/progesterone. Some caution should be exercised for initiating therapy in the 60s and avoided for women in their 70s as cardiovascular risk is demonstrated at age 70 and older. I am hesitant to continue MHT as patients approach age 70.

MHT should be initiated for menopausal vasomotor and other menopausal symptoms but not for chronic disease prevention. I still believe that increased cardiovascular risk and the risk of breast cancer are greatest with estrogen/progesterone combination therapy.

Consult your physician about what is appropriate for you after consideration of your specific clinical situation and health and chronic disease status.

Richard D. Feldman, M.D. is an Indianapolis family physician and former Indiana State Health Commissioner who served in the administration of Governor Frank O'Bannon.

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IU Health Fishers welcomes 100th baby

The REPORTER

The Maternity team at IU Health Fishers recently delivered the 100th baby born in the hospital's new medical tower. Nolan Gegner, the son of Justine and Mike Gegner, was born on Jan. 14, weighing eight pounds and four ounces and measuring 20 inches long.

"We purposefully came to IU Health because we knew it was high-quality care," Mike, Nolan's father, said. "It's clear IU Health Fishers has done an amazing job of recruiting great talent. Even though it's a new unit, all the nurses were fantastic. They are a well-oiled machine."

The opening of the medical tower in late October marked the completion of IU Health's Fishers Community Impact Project, which nearly doubled the size of the IU Health Fishers campus and workforce. Along with a new Labor and Delivery unit, the tower also houses Mammography, Breast Surgery, Endocrine Surgical Services, an outpatient OB-GYN suite, Special Care Nursery, Med-



Photo courtesy IU Health Fishers
Mike and Justine Gegner welcomed their son Nolan on Jan. 14 at IU Health Fishers.

ical-Surgical Inpatient unit and more. "Watching our team come together over the last three months to begin caring for our community has been one of the greatest opportunities in my life," said Hannah Devenney, manager of clinical operations for Obstetrics. "We are establishing a presence of trust and safe, high-quality care in our community for women and their families. I can confidently say this is why every one of us are here and why we show up every day."

Gov. Braun opts in to new federal tax credit for school choice scholarships

Submitted by Office of Gov. Mike Braun

Indiana Governor Mike Braun announced last Thursday, Jan. 22 that Indiana is opting into a new initiative, which will allow Hoosiers to collect federal tax savings for investments made in K-12 scholarships.

The new federal tax credit, established under President Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill, applies to charitable contributions made to Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs) that serve eligible K-12 students.

"Parents are in charge of their children's education," Gov. Braun said. "As a state, we are prioritizing that through universal school choice and a state tax credit for donations made to scholarship granting organizations, which helps make a high-quality education accessible and affordable for every Hoosier family. Under President Trump's leadership, we welcome this increased focus on school choice at the federal level and are ready to leverage this additional, federal tax credit to expand opportunities for students and families across our state."

Governor Braun

visited Saint Philip Neri Catholic School to mark the occasion of opting into the new federal tax credit that will help parents remain in the driver's seat of their children's education. Gov. Braun spoke with teachers, and students showed him some of their most recent projects.

Families can access scholarships through eligible SGOs to support qualified educational expenses, including costs incurred for children at public and private schools, such as tuition, fees, tutoring, educational therapies, transportation, technology, etc.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2027, individuals will be eligible for a nonrefundable federal tax credit of up to \$1,700 for contributions to participating SGOs. Any unused credit may be carried forward for up to five years. The below Indiana-based SGOs have already indicated they plan to participate in the new federal tax credit program in 2027; others may continue to be added:



Braun

- Institute for Quality Education, Inc.
- Sagamore Institute Scholarship for Education Choice
- The Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Indiana, Inc.

- School Scholarship Granting Organization of Northeast Indiana, Inc.
- Legacy Foundation

"Every child is unique, and Indiana is home to a variety of high-quality educational options to meet those needs, regardless of a family's income or ZIP code," Indiana Secretary of Education Dr. Katie Jenner said. "This new federal tax credit will continue to drive investments in scholarships, ensuring high-quality educational opportunities are within reach for every learner, in an environment that helps them reach their greatest potential."

The State of Indiana also offers a 50 percent tax credit for donors to qualified Indiana SGOs. There are no limits to the amount a donor can contribute to a qualified Indiana SGO.

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A literal standing-room-only crowd packed the Hamilton County Democratic Party's new headquarters in Fishers. (TOP LEFT) An impressive number of supporters braved the sub-zero windchills to see local candidates and party officials cut the ribbon on the new offices at The Eller House, 7050 E. 116th St., Suite 100, Fishers. (TOP RIGHT) State Senator J.D. Ford and Jackson Franklin pose for a friendly photo. Both gentlemen are candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives from Indiana's Fifth District, which includes all of Hamilton County.

Letter to the Editor

Democrats face a pivotal opportunity to influence direction of their own party

Dear Editor:
 Democrats in Indiana's 5th Congressional District must participate in the 2026 primary to strengthen the party and choose their nominee to unseat Representative Victoria Spartz.
 Voting Democrat in the primary is essential for building party momentum, energizing supporters, and proving the candidate's viability to donors. Pulling a Republican ballot does not benefit Democrats and instead weakens the party's efforts in a self-defeating strategy. Primaries serve as a crucial method for parties to identify voters and mobilize supporters because general election voting information is private.

By voting for the most palatable candidate in the opposing parties' primary, Democrats risk becoming invisible to their own party and inadvertently positively impact the other parties' funding ability.
 It is also essential to vote for your party in the primary to ever run for office or hold a party position without special approval from the County Chair of the party.
 The primary elections typically have lower turnout than the general election, which means that the primary votes carry a greater weight in shaping the Democratic Party's direction.
 Both Democratic candidates running for Congressional District 5, J.D. Ford and Jackson Franklin,

are exceptional candidates running to unseat Rep. Spartz. Democrats need to educate themselves on the platforms to determine the best candidate from the party to represent Hoosiers.
 Representative Spartz's recent Trump endorsement clearly defines her loyalty expectations, so Democrats must show up to shape the party in the 2026 primaries to flip the District 5 seat blue in November.
 Learn more about both JD Ford and Jackson Franklin, and ways to get involved in this election, at ElectJDFord.com and JacksonFranklinForCongress.com.
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Angel Dean of Fishers named F.C. Tucker regional vice president

The REPORTER

As part of F.C. Tucker Company's continued growth, the brokerage has created two new Regional Vice President roles and selected Angel Dean and Andy Rudolph to fill these key leadership positions.
 Prior to being named to their new roles, Dean was Co-Manager of the F.C. Tucker Carmel office, and Rudolph was Vice President of Franchise Operations. Both assumed their new roles on Jan. 1 2026, working alongside F.C. Tucker Chairman of the Board, Owner and CEO Jim Litten, President and Owner Patrick Purdue and President of Residential Real Estate Services and Owner Donna Kreps in strategic planning, brokerage operations and office and agent

support, including supporting of F.C. Tucker's franchise partners in Indiana and Kentucky.



Dean

"Adding the Regional Vice President positions is a critical step to support F.C. Tucker's continued growth while ensuring strong support for our valued agents," Litten said. "We have studied this model for the last few years and are confident it creates the continuity of local leadership the F.C. Tucker Company thrives upon. Angel and Andy are uniquely qualified for their roles and are enthusiastic about continuing to provide best-in-class agent support and fostering the brokerage's growth far into the future."
 Learn more at TalkToTucker.com.

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Hamilton County Coroner Jeff Jellison announces candidacy for re-election

Submitted

A life-long Hamilton County resident, Hamilton County Coroner Jeff Jellison brings experience

in law enforcement, death investigation, and forensic operations. He has presented at national forensic conferences and is known for

his commitment to thorough death investigations and respectful care of decedents and their families.

Under Jellison's guidance, the Hamilton County Coroner's Office became



Jellison

provides real-time information for law enforcement and public health officials.

If re-elected, Jellison's priorities will include:

- Continuing to provide thorough death investigations for the residents of Hamilton County

- Continued identification of unresolved remains, including Fox Hollow Farm victims

- Maintaining national accreditation through rigorous standards

- Enhancing public education and transparency in death investigations

"The Hamilton County Coroner's Office has raised the bar in forensic science, death investigation and victim advocacy," Jellison said. "We've modernized our tools, improved transparency, and delivered long-awaited answers to grieving families. I'm running for re-election to continue that work with compassion, integrity and an unwavering commitment to the people of Hamilton County."

the first coroner's office in Indiana, and one of only 50 nationwide, to achieve international accreditation.

Recognized for his work in identifying remains from the Fox Hollow Farm murder case, Jellison leads an ongoing effort to identify multiple previously unknown victims. His leadership is bringing long-overdue closure to families affected by these tragic events.

During his tenure, the Hamilton County Coroner's Office has embraced cutting-edge forensic technology including the implementation of the Randox Multistat Toxicology Analyzer, reducing toxicology turnaround times from several weeks to under 60 minutes. This powerful tool enables alerts to potential emerging drug threats and

HAMILTON COUNTY

Candidates who have filed for the May 5, 2026 Primary as of Friday, Jan. 23.

Note that * indicates the candidate is the incumbent for that office.

To view precinct and district maps, please visit hamiltoncounty.in.gov/221/Precinct-and-District-Maps.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 5TH DISTRICT

Steven Avitabile Avit (D)
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)
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
Cumba Kebe (D)
*Alaina Shonkwiler (R)
Devon Wellington (D)
District 32
*Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D)
District 37
*Todd Huston (R)
Joel Levi (D)
District 88
Stephanie Jo Yocum (D)

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Chris Evans (R)
Amy B. Summerfield (R)
Superior Court No. 4
Chadwick Hill (R)
Angela Brown Swenson (R)
Trampas Alan Whalin (R)
Superior Court No. 5
*David K. Najjar
Superior Court No. 8
Danica L. Eyer
Superior Court No. 9
Christopher Barrows
Sarah Shields
Paul C. Sweeney

COUNTY ASSESSOR

*Kevin W. Poore (R)

COUNTY CLERK

Beth Sheller (R)

COUNTY CORONER

Brad Craig (R)
*Jeff D. Jellison (R)

COUNTY PROSECUTOR

*Josh Kocher (R)

COUNTY RECORDER

*Trini Beaver (R)

COUNTY SHERIFF

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

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

District 1
*Christine Altman (R)

COUNTY COUNCIL

District 1
Christopher Daniel (D)
*Tim Griffin (R)

District 2
*Amy Elizabeth Massillamany (R)

District 3
*Mark F. Hall (R)

District 4
*Ken Alexander (R)

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)

Delaware Township
*Deborah Debbie Driskell (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)

Nicholas Edward Musselwhite (D)

Jackson Township (vote for 3)
Elizabeth Fouch (R)

Andre Maue (R)

*Jeffery S. Roberts (R)

Noblesville Township (vote for 3)
*Joe Arrowood (R)

Thomas (TJ) Houghtalen Jr. (R)

*Peggy R. Pfister (R)

*Mary Sue Rowland (R)

Washington Township (vote for 3)
*Jim Ake (R)

Bennie Britt (D)

Michael Cardwell (D)

*Danyele Easterhaus (R)

*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 28: Edwin Russell
Clay 40: Mindi 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 1: Barbara A. Jenkins
Fall Creek 23: Mary Dankoski
Fall Creek 24: Mani Subramaniam
Fall Creek 25: Jasmine Jackson
Fall Creek 33: Deetta Steinmetz
Jackson 6: Dorcia Bradley
Noblesville 2: Jeffrey Nickloy
Noblesville 18: Daryl Cobranchi
Noblesville 29: Brian S. Jonasen
Sheridan 1: Kirsten Root
Sheridan 3: Cheryl L. Popiela
Westfield 8: Evelyn J. Davis
Westfield 10: Amy Christmas
Westfield 14: Andrew D. Kauffman
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
James A. Grimes
Annette Gross
Stephen K. Ring
Susan Kelly Ring
David Rosenthal
Edwin Russell
Beth Sprunger
Elizabeth Stippler
Delaware Township (vote for 20)
Nancy Arce
Litsi Plonski
Bill Stuart
Fall Creek Township (vote for 20)
Patricia Trish Biggs
Samantha R. Chapman
Mary Dankoski
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)
Angie K. Foreman
Christopher Hartig
Riley Issacs
Brian S. Jonasen
Sandra Kaufman Jonasen
Cumba Kebe
Debra Marcum
Joseph Marcum
Jeffrey Nickloy
Washington Township (vote for 20)
Cheryl L. Austin
Bennie Britt
Amy Christmas
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
Garrett M. Gossard
Clay 1 (vote for 5)
Gary Duncan
Fred Glynn
Alexander T. Stencil
Clay 2 (vote for 5)
Paul Arbouw
Brad Craig
Thomas P. Dakich
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
Angela Morris
Fall Creek 2 (vote for 5)
Kevin W. Poore
Patricia (Trish) Pootee
Nathan Reitenour
Evan Woodruff
Fall Creek 3 (vote for 5)
Doug Allman
Shelly Allman
Mario Massillamany
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
Alaina Shonkwiler
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)
Laura Alerding
Susan Beckwith
Graham Louhead
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)
Jim Ake
Nick Barbknecht
Lisa Marie Everling Baumgartner
Ron Mangus

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TIPTON COUNTY

Candidates who have filed for the May 5, 2026 Primary Election as of Friday, Jan. 23.

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Steven Avitabile Avit (D)
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
Jim Purvis (R)

C.J. Taylor (R)

Matthew Terry (D)

Zack Timm (R)

District 3
Matthew L. Deckard (R)

Maureen A. Dougherty (D)

Janice L. Smith (R)

District 4
Chase Meyncke (D)

Mike Terry (R)

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Cicero Township
Amber R. McLearnan (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)

Janette Martin (D)

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

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Michael Bollman

STATE DELEGATE – DEMOCRATS

At Large
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Janette Martin

George Sullivan-Davis

Matthew Terry

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Cicero 2: Tom Frye

Cicero 3: Janette Martin

Cicero 4: Thomas Dolezal

Cicero 6: Matthew Terry

Cicero 7: George Sullivan-Davis

Liberty 1: Linda S. Smeltzer

Prairie 1: Maureen A. Dougherty

Swipe fees are squeezing small businesses. Indiana finally has a chance to do something about it

Running a small business in Noblesville means wearing every hat imaginable. From accountant, marketer, customer-service rep, and sometimes even janitor, I've learned to adapt to just about everything.



BLAKE FOGELSONG

That's why State Rep. Alaina Shonkwiler's (R-29-Noblesville) **House Bill 1215** on swipe-fee practices matters. She listened to the concerns of small business owners,

businesses to escape. She's doing exactly what good legislators should do: paying attention to the details that affect everyday Hoosiers.

Now the bill needs a fair hearing.

Speaker Todd Huston has long emphasized Indiana's commitment to being a great place to do business. Giving this legislation a hearing would be a meaningful extension of that commitment. A hearing doesn't guarantee passage, but it does ensure that the voices of small businesses, nonprofits, and donors are heard and that the issue gets the thoughtful consideration it deserves.

To my fellow business owners: this is one of those issues that can slip under the radar because we're all so busy keeping our doors open. But swipe fees hit every one of us, every day, in every transaction. If we don't speak up, nothing will change.

Pay attention to this bill. Ask questions. Share your experiences. Let lawmakers know how these fees affect your margins, your growth, and your ability to serve your customers. The more they hear from us, the harder it becomes to dismiss this as a niche concern.

Indiana prides itself on being a state that supports small businesses. Addressing swipe-fee fairness is part of living up to that promise. I'm grateful that Rep. Shonkwiler stepped forward, and I hope Speaker Huston will help ensure this legislation gets the hearing it deserves.

If we stay engaged, this is a fight we can win. And with persistence, House Bill 1215 can one day become law.

Blake Fogelsong is the Owner and Director of Operations for Clancy's Hospitality, as well as an INRLA Board Member.

TODAY: Ivy Tech Hamilton County operating virtually

The REPORTER

Ivy Tech Hamilton County will operate virtually on Tuesday, Jan. 27, due to inclement weather. The campus building located at 300 N. 17th St., Noblesville, will be closed; however, campus offices will continue operating on a normal schedule, virtually.

Students

Students should check IvyLearn at ivylearn.ivytech.edu for specific class instructions provided by their faculty. For all other questions or support, students may:

- Access the virtual

queue at link.ivytech.edu/HamCoQueue.

- Email askhamilton-county@ivytech.edu.
- Leave a voicemail at (317) 921-4300.

Employees

As the campus building is closed, employees should follow directives provided by their supervisors.

Faculty

Additional guidance will be shared with faculty at the program level by their chair and/or dean.

Updates will be shared as needed through IvyAlerts, Ivy Tech's emergency communication method.

Jack Russell announces candidacy for Hamilton Heights School Board At-Large

Submitted

Jack Russell, a longtime Hamilton County civic leader, has announced his candidacy for Hamilton Heights School Board At-Large in the November 2026 election.

"Hamilton Heights schools play a critical role in shaping the future of our students and community," Russell said. "I'm running to elevate academic excellence, strengthen school safety and well-being, and ensure our schools remain fiscally responsible and community-focused."

If elected, Russell will focus on five priorities: academic excellence; school safety and well-being; community connection; fiscal responsibility and operational excellence; and a culture of respect, accountability, and growth.

"As a parent and community leader, I believe school boards are most effective when they listen,

collaborate, and plan for the future," Russell said.

Russell brings more than a decade of experience

in public service and organizational leadership. He currently serves on the Hamilton Heights Education Foundation, the Invest Hamilton County Board of Directors, the Hamilton County Tourism Commission, and the Cicero Fire Merit Board. He previously served on the Cicero Plan Commission and Cicero Town Council.

Professionally, Russell has spent 10 years in the chamber of commerce world, including eight years with OneZone Chamber of Commerce, where he serves as President and CEO.

A lifelong Hamilton County resident, Russell comes from a family that has been a staple in the community for generations. He and his wife, Emily, live in Cicero with their four children.



Russell

Happy Hour at The District Tap

Last Wednesday found us at another of those local establishments we have been wanting to try – The District Tap Northside at 3720 E. 82nd St. Tucked away back from the road, and across the river from the Fashion Mall area, it is a place we had heard good things about from friends for quite a while.



KEN KLINGENMEIER

A two-top booth, I asked our server, Brian, about HH fare and was told there were several low-cost drink options. There are well-drinks, a full list of select wines, and pints of select brews – any one for \$4.

Happy Hour runs from 2 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. When I told Brian that the info we were able to find online had indicated 3 to 6 p.m., he said he thought that maybe that was a recent change and likely the web info had not been updated. We ordered our drinks, picking a Chardonnay for Mrs. K (match) and a Pinot Grigio for myself. The brand on both was Canyon Road – inexpensive, but still very good.

Brian brought our drinks and we asked about HH plates. Surprisingly, there are none. At The District Tap, you get a very special HH drink price, the lowest we have run across anywhere, and you are welcome to order off the regular menu. This isn't a bad deal whatsoever. The menu is full of tempting items at good prices. Check it out at tinyurl.com/TDTmenu1225.

So, my wife ordered her favorite – Sliders. These were the Filet Sliders: "2 filet sliders, creamy horseradish peppercorn sauce, and fried onion straws." They

came with a choice of "Regular Sides." She wanted a Salad, which was listed as a Premium Side, so she included that for an up-charge of \$2. That brought the price to \$19. At Mrs. K's request, they added two tomato slices for her sandwiches and there was no extra charge.

As I said, there is a wide array of food items to choose from at TDT – really a great menu. I ordered the \$15 Hoosier Daddy Breaded Tenderloin and chose Sweet Potato Fries as my side. I also added a cup of French Onion Soup for \$6.

Before our food arrived, I had a nice chat with one of the managers, James H. I asked him about the HH info being so hard to find, and was told that he would look into that because it needed to be available. We broke into a happy conversation about the recent IU Football Championship. I guess the place was loaded with fans for the exciting TDT watch party.

The food arrived in stages – the salad and the soup first. Both were very good – the cup of soup was a generous sized portion. Then

our plates came out. My Tenderloin was full-out Indiana-style: big and crunchy on a soft roll with lettuce, tomato, pickle slice, and a cup of mayo. Mrs. K's sliders were heaped with a very thick and tender serving of filet. Both sandwiches were delicious, but she could only eat one of hers and I only finished half my massive sandwich. They became lunch for the next day. We finished all the Sweet Potato Fries, though.

Regardless that TDT's HH offering is drinks only, we enjoyed the food, the service, and the surroundings very much. Our tab came to just over \$50, plus tip, which is fairly normal for us at most any Happy Hour we go to. We'll definitely be back. There is so much left to explore on this menu and the drink prices can't be beat.

Ken Klingenmeier offers this series of columns, called "A Seat at the Table," wherein he reviews Indy-area restaurants – specifically their Happy Hour offers. Keep reading The Reporter for future restaurant reviews.



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Samaritan's Purse celebrates 12.2 million Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts

Submitted

Samaritan's Purse is celebrating a successful season after collecting 12.2 million Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts in 2025, sharing the love of Jesus with children in need around the world.

The milestone reflects the generosity of millions of shoebox packers helping to fill shoebox gifts with toys, school supplies and personal care items. Across the U.S., the project collected 10.9 million shoebox gifts in 2025. Combined with those collected from partnering countries, the ministry is now sending over 12.2 million shoebox gifts to

children worldwide, including those whose lives were turned upside down by Hurricane Melissa, the category 5 storm that struck Jamaica.

"Each shoebox gift is an opportunity to remind boys and girls around the world that God loves them," Samaritan's Purse President Franklin Graham said. "We are so thankful for the generosity of every person who packed a shoebox. These gifts are bringing joy and the hope of the Gospel to children in need."

For many children, a shoebox gift is the first gift they have ever received.

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Trump says he has approved an emergency declaration for Indiana

By JAY ADKINS
WISH-TV | wistv.com

President Donald Trump has approved an emergency declaration for Indiana, among other states.

An emergency declaration is an official action by a government leader that formally recognizes a crisis, such as a natural disaster and/or public health threat, and authorizes the immediate use of specialized powers and resources.

On his social media platform Truth Social, Trump posted the following

message Saturday: *"I have just approved Emergency Declarations for Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina, Maryland, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Indiana, and West Virginia. We are working closely with FEMA, Governors, and State Emergency Management teams to ensure the safety of everybody. Stay Safe, and Stay Warm!"*

Donald Trump, president of the United States.

Hours after Trump's post, Indiana Gov. Mike Braun posted the following messages on his social me-

dia accounts: *"I've requested and received approval for an emergency declaration for all of Indiana."*

"An emergency response declaration is necessary to address ongoing and future response efforts to this dangerous storm and to protect Hoosiers' lives as conditions worsen."

"Thank you, President Donald J. Trump for your support and approval of this important declaration!!"

"In addition to the federal emergency response declaration, I have signed

an executive order declaring a state of emergency in Indiana and directing the Indiana Department of Homeland Security to coordinate all of the state's emergency response efforts, as well as ordering all executive branch agencies to provide any and all assistance and resources requested by IDHS."

Mike Braun, governor of Indiana.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wistv.com/news/trump-says-he-has-approved-an-emergency-declaration-for-indiana.

Riley Gaines to speak at Lincoln Day Dinner

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Republican Party's annual Lincoln Day Dinner is scheduled for March 16 at the Embassy Suites in Noblesville.

Riley Gaines will be the guest speaker. She is a nationally recognized advocate for fairness in women's sports and a leading voice in the fight to protect Title IX.

Gaines first stepped into the national spotlight after speaking out about the challenges she faced as a colle-

giate swimmer competing against biological males in women's events.

"Her courage, clarity, and willingness to stand firm in her convictions have made her one of the most influential young conservative voices in the country," County GOP Chair Mario Massillamany said.

Registration information and more event details will be released in the coming days. Stay up to date by visiting HamiltonCountyGOP.org.



Photo provided by ISDA

Indiana FFA & Indiana Farm Bureau mark successful 2026 Advocacy Day at Statehouse

The REPORTER

Indiana FFA and Indiana Farm Bureau brought young leaders, educators, and agricultural advocates to the Indiana Statehouse on Jan. 21 for the 2026 Advocacy Day. The annual event connected FFA members and Farm Bureau volunteers with lawmakers to discuss issues shaping Indiana agriculture and rural communities.

More than 100 FFA students from across the state participated in legislative visits, policy discussions and leadership activities designed to strengthen their understanding of civic engagement. The event featured keynote remarks from Lt. Gov. Micah Beckwith and Don Lamb, director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture.

Lamb underscored the impact of the event.

"Advocacy Day is so important because it gives FFA members a real look at how things get done at the Statehouse," Lamb said. "When you're walking into

legislative visits, sitting in on committee hearings and talking directly with the people who make decisions, it suddenly clicks - your voice really does matter. This day helps young leaders feel confident speaking up, builds stronger connections across our ag community and makes sure the folks writing our laws understand what's happening on the ground in Indiana agriculture."

Participants met with legislative members and toured the Statehouse. The day concluded with a three-person panel featuring Jeanette Merritt, Indiana Pork director of communications; Hannah Gee, Indiana Beef education and industry relations director; and Katie Nelson, Indiana Farm Bureau executive director of public policy. The panel focused on the importance of agricultural education, volunteer efforts to teach young children about agriculture and the value of engaging with local government leaders.

Snow removal underway in Fishers

By GARRETT BERGQUIST
WISH-TV | wistv.com

The scrape of shovels and the roar of snow blowers filled the air Monday morning as residents dug themselves out.

Visiting from California, TD Doan shoveled his brother's driveway and sidewalk. He said his brother is too old to do it himself.

"Yesterday, there was a lot of snow. I couldn't do it yesterday," he said. "Today, no more snow. I'm doing a cleanup. Somebody can

walk easy."

By mid-morning, most of the major roads and a number of residential streets in Fishers had been plowed. Besides clearing their driveways and sidewalks, many residents had to dig out snow that had been pushed into their curbs by the plows.

Fifteen-year-old Tristan Burnworth said he spent about 45 minutes digging out their driveway so his mother could get out. He said this is the most snow he's ever seen in Fishers.

"The snow got really packed up. I had to use, like, a metal shovel to kind of break it down and get it apart so it would be easier to shovel," he said.

Like numerous schools in Indiana, Hamilton Southeastern Schools canceled in-person classes. Tristan said his teachers posted assignments on line for students to complete.

Despite the subzero wind chills, some kids and their parents loaded up their sleds and headed to Flat Fork Creek Park, home to

a 60-foot sledding hill that is the tallest point in Hamilton County. Deuce Woods and his father, Dallas, spent close to an hour making runs up and down the hill. Deuce said Flat Fork is his favorite place to go sledding.

"It's just the bumps, there's whole different ones, it's straight, you've got hills, it's all different," he said.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wistv.com/news/fishers-indiana-snow-cleanup.

Historic houses of worship invited to apply for grants from Indiana Landmarks' Sacred Places Indiana Fund

Submitted

Churches and other historic houses of worship stand among the most architecturally distinguished structures in a community, and when congregations shrink, maintenance suffers and landmarks become threatened.

To deal with an increasing volume of calls for help from congregations in historic churches with restoration needs, in 2015 Indiana Landmarks created the Sacred Places Indiana Program with support from Lilly Endowment Inc. In December 2025, Lilly Endowment renewed its support for Sacred Places Indiana with a \$10 million grant for ongoing programs to support historic houses of



Photos provided

Previous recipients of capital grants from Indiana Landmarks' Sacred Places Indiana Fund include (from left) North United Methodist Church, Indianapolis; Saint Adalbert Catholic Church, South Bend (photo courtesy of Kil Architecture); and First Christian Church, Bloomington.

worship, including expert guidance, training, and financial assistance.

"Lilly Endowment's

continued support for Indiana Landmarks' Sacred Places Indiana program is valuable beyond words,"

says David Frederick, director of Sacred Places'

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Each one is a tangible expression of God's love, offering hope to children facing war, poverty, disease, and disaster. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 244 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories.

While local drop-off locations are closed until National Collection Week, Nov. 16 to 23, 2026, anyone can participate year-round by packing a shoebox gift online at samaritanspurse.org/buildonline. These shoebox gifts built online go to the hardest-to-reach areas in the world, whether deep jungles, city slums, or steep

mountainsides. Information about ways to get involved year-round can also be found at samaritanspurse.org/occ.

About Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, seeks to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world and, together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 244 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories.

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Westfield welcomes three new businesses



Photos provided by City of Westfield

Westfield city officials recently welcome three new businesses to the community. Last week, Zaxbys Chicken, North Point Padel, and Indy Auto Man officially opened their doors with ribbon cuttings celebrating their arrival. Zaxby's Chicken, 1533 Chatham Commons Blvd., brings a new fast dining option to northern Westfield. North Point Padel, 20099 N. East St., brings a new indoor padel courts to Westfield, while Indy Auto Man, 17230 Foundation Pkwy., expands local options for vehicle sales. *Welcome to Westfield!*

Courage in action: cancer survivors unite at Statehouse to advocate for change

The REPORTER

On Wednesday, Jan. 21, cancer patients, survivors, caregivers, and advocates from across the Hoosier State gathered at the Statehouse to meet with their elected officials during the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network's (ACS CAN) Cancer Action Day.

ACS CAN and Blood Cancer United volunteers let lawmakers know that Indiana can and must do better to reduce the burden of cancer by preventing patients from incurring medical debt and reducing the burden of medical debt.

"My husband and I wanted to start a family, which for us meant fertility treatments. During that time, I was also diagnosed with breast cancer," Heather Almager said. "We had insurance throughout, but still found ourselves with over \$75,000 of medical debt. To this day, I am still facing medical challenges due to my infertility and cancer journey. It's been over a decade of bills, biop-



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sies, physical hardship and heartbreak."

Passing legislation to address medical debt would bring long-overdue relief to patients whose suffering is twofold – first from illness, then from the lasting financial harm that follows due to medical debt. By increasing access to financial assistance and limiting the use of

harmful collection practices, we can begin to reduce the often-unending negative consequences associated with disease, enabling patients to breathe easier and prioritize their health without fear of long-term financial harm.

An estimated 44,950

Hoosiers will be diagnosed with cancer, and 14,230 are expected to die from the devastating disease this year. Those who gathered at the Statehouse on Wednesday are calling on Indiana lawmakers to change this by prioritizing efforts to ease the fight against cancer.

OneZone Chamber announces 2026 legislative priorities

Submitted

OneZone Chamber announced its 2026 Legislative Priorities on Jan. 21, fo-

cus on two key areas critical to business competitiveness and community growth:

- **Local Governance, Economic Development, and Quality of Place:** OneZone supports preserving local authority, modernizing economic development tools, and maintaining policies that strengthen quality of place to attract talent and investment.

- **Property Tax and Local Fiscal Sustainability:** OneZone supports thoughtful property tax reforms that protect business competitiveness while ensuring local governments have sustainable, predictable funding for essential services and infrastructure.

"Our priorities are simple and focused," OneZone President and CEO Jack Russell said. "We are advocating for local flexibility, economic competitiveness, and fiscal stability so our communities and businesses can continue to grow and thrive."



Russell

Throughout the 2026 legislative session, OneZone will work with local, county, and state leaders to elevate the voice of business and advance practical policy solutions that support long-term economic growth across Hamilton County and the region.

About OneZone Chamber

OneZone Chamber serves more than 1,200 businesses across Hamilton County and advances business and community success through advocacy, connection, and leadership.

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Indiana. "We've already seen the impact that the program is having, not only in terms of support to participating congregations and the historic buildings they steward, but to the communities they serve as well."

The Sacred Places Indiana Fund awards matching grants in a competitive process to congregations who are committed to good stewardship of their historic structures and have demonstrated signs of organizational health. Applications for the next round of grant funding are now open and will be accepted through June 15, 2026.

If invited to participate in the program, congregations will have the opportunity to apply for planning grants up to \$25,000 and capital grants up to

\$500,000.

Congregations can learn more about the program and grant application process during an online informational webinar on Thursday, February 19.

In 2025, Indiana Landmarks' Sacred Places Indiana program provided \$2,835,950 to 25 congregations around the state to address capital and planning needs at their historic houses of worship. Other awards supported architectural, rehabilitation, and fundraising studies.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

THE ISRAELITES LEAVE SINAI

Whenever the ark set out, Moses said, "Rise up, Lord! May your enemies be scattered; may your foes flee before you."

Whenever it came to rest, he said, "Return, Lord, to the countless thousands of Israel."

Numbers 10:35-36 (NIV)

Meeting Notices

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2026, at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St. A Board of Finance meeting will follow at 6:15 p.m.

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2026. This meeting was originally scheduled as a work session.

The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2026, in an executive session to discuss personnel, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7) For discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute. An additional executive session for the same reason will follow at 8:45 a.m.

Finally, a regular meeting will follow at 9 a.m. in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.

A live stream of the meeting will be available at [youtube.com/@CityofNoblesville](https://www.youtube.com/@CityofNoblesville).

The Carmel Plan Commission will hold a combined meeting of the Residential and Commerce Committees at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2026, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square.

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold a Budget and Finance Committee meeting at 7:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 30, 2026, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.

The Noblesville Common Council will meet in an executive session at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2026, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2) (D)(i). For discussion of strategy with respect to a real property transaction including a purchase.

A regular meeting will follow at 6 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.

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— WESTFIELD —

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the City of Westfield, Hamilton County, Indiana, that the Common Council at their regular meeting place at Westfield City Hall at 130 Penn Street, in Westfield, IN at 7:00 PM, on the 9th day of February, 2026, will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year.

Additional appropriations to be added:
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Major Budget Classification:

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Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard on the additional appropriation.

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Boneta Joyce Hancock
July 27, 1942 – January 22, 2026



With a heart overflowing with love, an unyielding dedication to her faith, and a spirit that radiated generosity, Boneta Joyce Hancock, fondly known as Joyce, left an indelible mark on the world.

Born on July 27, 1942, near Rover, Mo., Joyce's journey was one filled with joy, love, and an unwavering commitment to her family, her faith, and the cause of education. On January 22, 2026, she completed her earthly journey, leaving behind a legacy that will continue to inspire and guide many.

Joyce's life was a testament to her loving and thoughtful nature. She married the love of her life, Steven Hancock, on May 24, 1967, and together they created a beautiful family, residing in Noblesville after living in various places, including New Orleans, La.; Hamilton and Cincinnati, Ohio; and West Hills, Inglewood, and Lakewood, Calif.; and Lawrence and Cicero, Ind.

Joyce was a dedicated mother to her children, Stefani (Doug) Hancock-Barnes and Scott (Rosalia) Hancock; a doting grandmother to her many grandchildren, Bryce (Lisa) MacDonald, Daniel (Kate) Hancock, Gabriella (Mark) Gonzalez, Jacquelyn (Joey) Peay, Henry Grant III, Joseph Hancock, Joshua Johannsen, Maria Hancock, Michaela (Dom) Xayasomloth, Hayley (Isiais) Diaz, and Samantha (Austin) Hill; and 12 great-grandchildren. She was also a beloved sister to Wilda (Bob) Pingel, Mary Jo (Roger) Freeman, and Mark (Pam) Willard, and a cherished aunt to several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Bertha Willard.

Joyce's passion for education saw her serving in many roles throughout her career, including as the Vice Principal of Lawrence Christian School and as a Professor at Cincinnati Christian Seminary. She loved her profession, but her love for teaching extended beyond the classroom. She found joy in teaching her grandchildren, and her hobbies of scrapbooking, reading, and gardening were avenues for her to impart wisdom and create lasting memories. She loved to sing and perform with her sisters, and she found fulfillment in being a part of her church groups and small groups. Her faith was the bedrock of her life, and she served her church community by teaching Sunday School and running several different Sunday Departments.

Joyce's life was a beautiful melody of love, faith, and dedication. Her memory will live on in the hearts of those who knew her. Friends and family are invited to remember Joyce during visitation hours from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero. The funeral service will be held at the same venue at 11 a.m. Wednesday, January 28, 2026. A private burial will take place following the services at Hamilton Memorial Park.

In commemoration of Boneta's life, we encourage you to share your memories, stories, and photos on her memorial page. Each shared memory is an affirmation of the love she spread and the lives she touched.

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Girls Basketball



Photo courtesy HSE Athletics

Hamilton Southeastern's Kennedy Holman scored 21 points for the Royals during their Friday, Jan. 23 victory over Zionsville. Southeastern clinched an undefeated Hoosier Crossroads Conference championship with the win, which was also coach Brian Satterfield's 100th victory as the Royals' head coach.

Royals beat Eagles, clinch undefeated HCC title

Satterfield gets 100th win as HSE girls coach

By RICHARD TORRES
For The Reporter

The Class 4A Hamilton Southeastern Royals had reasons to celebrate on Friday, Jan. 23.

Up 27-25 against visiting Zionsville at halftime, the seventh-ranked Royals surged further ahead in the second half, highlighted by a 12-point fourth quarter, to win 52-41.

HSE's third straight victory not only extended its winning streak but secured a fourth consecutive Hoosier Crossroads Conference championship and coach Brian Satterfield's 100th win

as the program's head coach.

Kennedy Holman scored 21 points and pulled seven rebounds, while Kayla Stidham scored 12 points.

Satterfield held a 100-19 record through five seasons as HSE's girls coach entering Saturday, Jan. 24.

Unfortunately, the Royals (17-4, 7-0 HCC) were unable to add another victory to complete their back-to-back weekend, falling to state-ranked Center Grove, 65-43 at home.

Holman scored 13 points and Stidham scored 11.

HSE concludes its regular season at home against Pike on Tuesday.

51st annual IHSAA girls basketball sectional pairings

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

On Sunday, Jan. 25, the IHSAA had a blind draw to decide the pairings for the 51st annual girls basketball sectionals that will take place starting on Tuesday, Feb. 3. The semifinal matchups will be on Friday, Feb. 6 and championships on Saturday, Feb. 7.

Carmel will host the Class 4A Sectional 8 tournament on Bill Shepherd Court at the Eric Clark Activity Center.

Zionsville plays the Fishers Tigers in Tuesday's first game, followed by Westfield against Hamilton Southeastern.

Carmel drew the first bye and plays the winner of the Zionsville-Fishers game in the first Friday semifinal at 6 p.m. Noblesville drew the second bye and faces the winner of the Shamrocks and the Royals in the second semifinal.

In Class 3A Sectional 24 at Yorktown, Jay County plays New Castle in the first game on Tuesday and Hamilton Heights meets up with Connersville in the second game. Friday's first semifinal features Delta against the Jay County-New Castle winner, followed by Yorktown versus the Huskies-Connersville winner.

Sectional 25 at Leba-

non has seven teams in its field. Guerin Catholic gets a rematch with Brebeuf Jesuit in the lone game on Tuesday, Feb. 3. The two Wednesday, Feb. 4 games pit Tri-West against Danville, along with Frankfort battling host Lebanon.

The Golden Eagles-Brebeuf winner plays Crawfordsville in the first Friday semifinal. The second game on Friday pairs up the winners of the Wednesday games.

Hamilton County has a couple teams in Class 2A. Sectional 39 at Lapel is where Sheridan plays.

Elwood and Frankton play in the first game Tuesday, followed by Lapel

against Sheridan.

Tipton drew the first bye and plays the Elwood-Frankton winner at 6 p.m. on Friday. The second semifinal has Taylor playing the Lapel-Sheridan winner.

Park Tudor hosts Sectional 42 where University will play.

Riverside and host Park Tudor open first at 6 p.m. on Tuesday. The second game has Covenant Christian facing Cardinal Ritter.

Monrovia has the first bye and plays Riverside-Park Tudor winner in the first Friday semifinal. University drew the second bye and faces either Covenant Christian or Ritter.

Millers fall to FC in home finale

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

Last Saturday, Jan. 24's final home game for the Noblesville girls basketball team went far from how they would have liked.

The visiting Flashes jumped out early on the host Millers and didn't look back in a 56-28 win over Noblesville.

Franklin Central was dominant from the opening tip. They were up 7-0 when the Millers used its first timeout. By the midway point of the first, it was 12-0 and Noblesville was forced to burn their second timeout.

The lead increased to 16-0 before Maia Blower took a pass from C.C. Quigley, swishing a three from the right wing with 2:35 on the opening quarter clock.

Trailing 21-3 through one, the Millers kept it honest in the second. The Flashes took the second



Reporter photo by Julie Brown

Noblesville's C.C. Quigley (43) scored 11 points for the Millers during their Saturday, Jan. 24 game with Franklin Central. Also pictured is Maia Blower (13).

8-7, giving them a 29-10 halftime advantage.

Unfortunately, the third mirrored the first and FC outscored the Millers 15-3, pushing their lead to 44-13.

Noblesville scored 15 to the Flashes' 12 in the fourth, but that left them on the end of a loss to end the home portion of their schedule.

Quigley led Noblesville with 11 points and seven rebounds.

The Millers (8-10) visit Anderson (6-14) tonight, weather permitting.

Boys Basketball

Blackhawks overwhelm Delphi

The REPORTER

Sheridan's boys scored an overwhelming Hoosier Heartland Conference win over Delphi on Friday, Jan. 23, beating the Oracles 74-40 at Larry Hobbs Hall.

The Blackhawks out-

scored Delphi in each of the four quarters. Sheridan led 17-12 after one period and 30-18 at halftime. The Hawks poured in 22 points in both the third and fourth periods, while holding the Oracles to 22 points during the entire second half.

Trey Page led Sheridan with 23 points, including three 3-pointers. Jax Peerman added 15 points, while Devon Hamilton scored 13 points. Peerman dished out nine assists, Page made six steals, while Hamilton,

Chance Spencer and John Crowder all collected five rebounds.

The Blackhawks are 6-0 in conference play and 10-2 overall. Sheridan will host Taylor this Friday, Jan. 30 in another HCC contest.

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Girls Basketball

Carmel girls drop OT game at Pike

The REPORTER

Carmel's girls fell to Pike 70-65 in an overtime away game Friday, Jan. 23. The Red Devils led 13-10 after the first quarter and 31-28 at halftime. The Greyhounds stormed back in the third period to take a 43-37 lead, but Pike made its own comeback, scoring 24 points in the fourth to tie the game at 61-61 and force overtime. The Red Devils outscored Carmel 9-4 in the extra period.

Bella Ramsey scored 30 points for the Hounds, making four 3-pointers. Taylee Fisher added 17 points; both players scored in all four quarters.

Carmel lost to Homestead 67-27 on Saturday, Jan. 24.

The Greyhounds are 8-12 for the season. Carmel's Tuesday game with Cathedral was postponed to Wednesday due to the winter storm.

Brebeuf edges out GC girls in overtime

By CRAIG ADKINS

For The Reporter

The Friday, Jan. 23 girls-boys doubleheader in the Circle City Conference between Guerin Catholic and Brebeuf Jesuit was just like it always is, a tough battle to the finish.

It would take overtime, but Brebeuf was able to defend their home court against Guerin, 37-34.

The Braves led just 8-5 after one and stretched it a little in the second for a 20-15 halftime score.

The Golden Eagles outscored Brebeuf in the

second half, 18-13, to tie it 33-33 and force the extra frame.

Points were hard to come by in the overtime. But Brebeuf Jesuit managed a field goal and pair of free throws and held Guerin to one made free throw to hold on.

Cecilia Titus led the Golden Eagles with 11, followed by Caroline Ford with eight. Lorigrace Rockwood and Ella Horvath each added six.

Guerin Catholic (14-8) closes out the regular season at home Wednesday against Crispus Attucks (9-9).

Orioles' fast start sends them past Tigers

By RICHARD TORRES

For The Reporter

The Fishers Tigers were aiming for their second straight conference win on Friday, Jan. 23, but the host Avon Orioles had other ideas.

The Class 4A Orioles (9-13, 1-6 HCC) jumped out fast and led 25-4 after the first quarter and never relinquished the advantage to win 67-41.

Fishers (11-9, 1-5 HCC) had won three games in a row entering their Hoosier Crossroads Conference trek to Avon.

Lillian Burns paced the

Tigers with a team-high nine points followed by Reagan Reiff with seven points. Natalie Thomas finished with six points.

The Orioles had three players reach double figures led by Makaylee Butts and Erika Larson with 16 points each. Elaina Narvell had 12 points. Ahlai Harris chipped in nine points.

The Tigers will look to resume their winning ways at 4A Lawrence North on Tuesday before heading to 4A Franklin Central on Friday, Jan. 30 to conclude their HCC and regular-season schedule.

Huskies fall to Rensselaer in conference championship game

By CRAIG ADKINS

For The Reporter

On Saturday, Jan. 24, the Rensselaer Central and Hamilton Heights girls basketball teams got together for an East vs. West showdown in the Hoosier Conference and they didn't disappoint.

The visiting Bombers escaped Arcadia with a 62-60 win to claim the Hoosier Conference championship.

The Huskies got off to a great start, leading Rensselaer Central 17-12 through one quarter.

The Bombers came back

in the second and Heights led 27-26 at halftime.

The second half was quite the battle between the two division leaders. But it would be the Bombers outscoring the Huskies 36-33 for the two-point road win.

The Huskies shot 50 percent from the floor and were led by Zoey Curry's 18 points. She was joined in double digits by Riley Suarez with 14, along with Addison Blum and Kamryn Rhoton both netting 11.

Hamilton Heights (14-8) hosts Heritage Christian (13-8) on Tuesday, weather permitting.

Boys Basketball

Huskies take care of LCC

By CRAIG ADKINS

For The Reporter

On Friday, Jan. 23, the Hamilton Heights boys basketball team hit the road to Lafayette to face Central Catholic in a Hoosier Conference game.

The Huskies grabbed their fifth consecutive win with a convincing 64-48 win over the Knights.

Heights started off with a 15-7 advantage after one quarter and didn't look back.

They held off the

Knights in the second in a defensive quarter (8-4) for a 23-11 halftime lead.

It was a much higher scoring second half. The Huskies scored 17 to LCC's 12 in the third for a 40-23 count.

Central Catholic out-

scored Heights in the fourth, 25-24, but the Huskies still cruised to a 16-point win.

Jackson Mikesell had a double-double with 19 points and 14 rebounds. Rees Knapp was right behind with 18 and Jack Kasuleff had 12.

Millers drop close game to Flashes

The REPORTER

Noblesville's boys dropped a close Hoosier Crossroads Conference game to Franklin Central, 46-44 Friday, Jan. 23 at The Mill.

The Millers led 13-7 after the first quarter and 19-15 at halftime. The Flashes moved ahead 34-33 after three periods, then edged out Noblesville 12-11 in the fourth.

Baron Walker scored 16 points for Noblesville and collected five rebounds. Max Flanagan contributed 12 points and six rebounds, while Luke Fogg scored eight points.

The Millers are 1-3 in conference play and 7-7 overall. Noblesville hosts Hamilton Southeastern on Friday, Jan. 30 to continue HCC action.



Photo by Joshua Herd
Noblesville's Baron Walker scored 16 points for the Millers during their Friday, Jan. 23 game with Franklin Central.

Golden Eagles blast back to stun Braves

The REPORTER

Guerin Catholic was down by double digits at Brebeuf Jesuit on Friday, Jan. 23, but the Golden Eagles stormed back to win 48-39 in a Circle City Conference game.

Guerin Catholic led 13-12 after the first period, but

the Braves dominated the second quarter and led 26-17 at halftime. Brebeuf went up 29-17 early in the third quarter before GC began its comeback. Guerin Catholic cut the Braves' lead to 33-30 by the end of the third and outscored Brebeuf 18-6 in the fourth quarter.

Jake Grissom scored 21 points and pulled eight rebounds to lead the Golden Eagles. Carter Murans added 11 points, while both he and Hayden Rogers collected five rebounds. Andrew Reithman also pulled eight rebounds.

Guerin Catholic is 2-0

in conference play; it hosts Roncalli on Feb. 19 to finish Circle City action. GC is 11-5 overall.

The Golden Eagles' Tuesday game at Seccina was postponed due to the winter storm. Guerin Catholic's next scheduled game is Friday, Jan. 30 at Lebanon.

Zionsville ends Southeastern's win streak

By RICHARD TORRES

For The Reporter

The host Hamilton Southeastern Royals battled to a 13-13 tie through the first quarter against rival Zionsville on Friday, Jan. 23, but a difficult second frame torpedoed their chances at a fifth-straight victory.

The visiting Eagles

surged ahead 26-15 by halftime and matched the Royals 32-all in the second half to win their Hoosier Crossroads Conference meeting, 58-47.

The loss halted HSE's winning streak at four consecutive games.

The Royals were outscored 33-12 from 3-point range and 11-9 from the free throw line, as the Ea-

gles tallied 10 points off nine HSE turnovers.

Zionsville controlled the outcome behind a quartet of double-digit scorers with Nick Snively (4-for-7 from 3-point, eight rebounds), Rylon Gore (3-for-10) and Camden Moore (3-for-6) each posting a team-high 14 points. Zack Green (1-for-2) added 11 points.

HSE's Maverick Young

supplied a game-high 17 points with three rebounds and three assists.

Landon Osswald followed with 10 points. Varschon Clark added eight points.

The loss dropped HSE's conference record to 2-2, which positions them fourth overall in the standings with three more HCC contests remaining.

Marauders run past Royals, looking for a bounceback

By RICHARD TORRES

For The Reporter

A hot start put the Class 4A Hamilton Southeastern Royals in position to challenge state-ranked 4A Mt. Vernon and Purdue recruit Luke Ertel on Saturday, Jan. 24, but the host Marauders pulled away to win 69-50.

HSE (7-8) trailed Mt.

Vernon 17-14 after the first quarter. However, the Marauders (14-2) poured in 42 points over the next two frames compared to the Royals' 20 to win their seventh straight game.

Mt. Vernon tallied 36 total points off 12 made 3-pointers to surge ahead while outrebounding HSE 31-21.

Ertel, an Indiana Mr.

Basketball candidate, had a game-high 22 points with 16 rebounds and 10 assists. The senior shot 7 of 17 from the field overall, 5-for-5 from the free throw line and 3 of 8 from beyond the arc. Ertel is averaging 25.1 points per game.

HSE was led by Varschon Clark with nine points and three rebounds.

Kallen Hoeft had seven points. Both Maskim Radovich and Landon Osswald added six points apiece. Jack Jacobs finished with five points.

The Royals have lost two straight after winning four in a row. They will look to bounce back at Muncie Central on Tuesday before heading to Noblesville on Friday.

IBCA girls basketball poll – Week of Jan. 25

Rank	School	Points	Record
1	Pike (14)	425	21-1
2	Homestead (7)	418	21-2
3	Center Grove	396	20-0
4	Warsaw (1)	385	22-2
5	Lawrence Central	339	18-4
6	Norwell	310	18-4
7	Hamilton Southeastern	300	17-4
8	Valparaiso	279	19-2
9	Plainfield	260	18-5
10	Pendleton Heights	249	17-3
11	Floyd Central	202	18-3
12	Penn	180	19-3
13	Evansville Reitz	177	17-2
14	Roncalli	165	19-3
15	Northridge	106	16-6
16	Bellmont	87	17-2
17	Brownsburg	74	10-9
18	Bloomington South	52	17-4
19	Greensburg	48	17-6
20	Washington	38	17-4

First place votes are in parentheses.

IBCA boys basketball poll – Week of Jan. 25

Rank	School	Points	Record
1	Fishers (21)	439	16-0
2	Crown Point (1)	417	12-0
3	Plainfield	371	16-1
4	Silver Creek	365	17-1
5	Pike	340	14-3
6	Lawrence North	333	15-2
7	Mt. Vernon	312	14-2
8	Carmel	301	10-2
9	Cathedral	264	12-3
10	Northridge	221	13-1
11	Ben Davis	203	10-3
12	New Albany	176	12-4
13	Chesterton	153	12-2
14	Penn	139	10-3
15	South Bend St. Joseph	131	10-4
16	South Bend Riley	104	11-3
17	Terre Haute North	76	12-3
18	Portage	52	14-0
19	Northview	49	11-4
20	Zionsville	31	10-6

First place votes are in parentheses.

Other schools receiving votes, with records

Castle (17-4), Columbus North (16-5), Crown Point (17-3), East Central (18-3), Fort Wayne Snider (15-6), Franklin Central (11-9), Franklin Community (13-8), Jennings County (16-5), McCutcheon (18-5), Silver Creek (15-5), South Knox (17-3), Westfield (16-7), Whitko (20-1).

Other schools receiving votes, with records

Barr-Reeve (13-1), Blackhawk Christian (10-5), Brownsburg (8-7), Centerville (13-2), Columbia City (13-2), Crispus Attucks (8-5), Evansville North (12-2), Fort Wayne Snider (10-5), Fort Wayne South Side (15-1), Goshen (11-2), Homestead (10-5), Kouts (13-0), New Haven (13-3), Noblesville (7-7), Oak Hill (12-0), Paoli (13-0), Park Tudor (9-5), Pendleton Heights (11-2), Parke Heritage (13-3), 21st Century Charter School – Gary (7-5).

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Boys Basketball

Tigers come back, beat Avon

By RICHARD TORRES
For The Reporter

The top-ranked Class 4A Fishers Tigers were in jeopardy of suffering their first loss of the season on Friday, Jan. 23, but then they flipped

the switch.

Down 29-21 to host Avon at halftime, the Tigers roared back with a 25-point third quarter and stymied the Orioles 19-2 in the fourth to win 65-50.

Senior Kai McGrew led

the Tigers' comeback charge with a game-high 24 points followed by 15 points from Levi Walker. Junior Cooper Zachary finished with 11 points. Ethan Hillsman had nine points.

Avon's Jediah Min-

nett paced the Orioles with a team-high 19 points. William Clore had 10 points.

The Tigers are now 4-0 in Hoosier Crossroads Conference games with their next league game at Franklin Central on Friday, Jan. 30.

Unbeaten Tigers cruise past Carroll

By RICHARD TORRES
For The Reporter

There's no place like home for the unbeaten Fishers Tigers.

A perfect 8-0 inside The Jungle before Saturday, Jan. 24, the top-ranked Class 4A Tigers made it 9-0 to complete their back-to-back weekend sweep.

The Tigers (16-0 overall) led 20-8 after the first quarter and 47-21 by halftime to defeat visiting Fort Wayne Carroll, 80-37.

Fishers junior Cooper Zachary propelled the Tigers with a career-performance from 3-point range. The sharp-shooting guard buried his first five 3-pointers to start before

sinking a career-high eight 3-pointers overall. Zachary finished with a game-high 28 points.

Senior Kai McGrew had 18 points. Ethan Hillsman added 12 points.

The Tigers posted 20-plus points in each of the first three quarters while holding the visiting Chargers to fewer than 10 points

in three of four frames.

Carroll was led by Jack Van Order and Carter Middleton with eight points apiece.

The Tigers travel to Franklin Central on Friday, Jan. 30 for Hoosier Crossroads Conference action before heading to state-ranked Carmel on Saturday, Jan. 31.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Carmel's Cash Daniels scored eight points for the Greyhounds during their Friday, Jan. 23 game with Pike.

Hounds fall to Pike in overtime

By RICHIE HALL
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The Carmel boys basketball team dropped a 61-55 overtime game to Pike Friday, Jan. 23 on Bill Shepherd Court at the Eric Clark Activity Center.

The Greyhounds led 11-9 after one quarter. The Red Devils came back to lead 24-21 at halftime; Evan Harrell scored eight points in the second quarter to keep Carmel close.

The Hounds stayed close for the entire second

half. Pike led 36-34 after three periods, but a 15-point fourth quarter, including another eight points from Harrell, brought Carmel to a 49-49 tie with the Red Devils at the end of regulation. Pike outscored the Greyhounds 12-6 in the overtime period.

Harrell finished the game with 22 points. Julian Vogt made four 3-pointers for 12 points. Cash Daniels and Ben Bremer both scored eight points.

Carmel is 10-2 and plays at Ben Davis on Friday, Jan. 30.

Rocks fall to Brownsburg, beat Muncie Central

The REPORTER

Westfield dropped a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game at Brownsburg 43-41 on Friday, Jan. 23, then went back on the road Saturday, Jan. 24 to cruise past Muncie Central 88-75.

The Shamrocks led 13-12 after one quarter, with Drew Haffner scoring eight

points, including a pair of 3-pointers. The Bulldogs came back to lead 26-24 at halftime; Brock Detamore had seven points in the second period for Westfield.

The Rocks surged ahead 38-33 after three quarters; Haffner added seven points. But Brownsburg held Westfield to three points in the fourth while scoring 10 to

get the win.

Haffner led all scorers with 15 points, while Detamore scored 13.

The Shamrocks got off to a spectacular start against the Bearcats, leading 28-10 after one period. Haffner nailed five triples for 15 points.

Westfield kept its foot on the gas, leading 50-29

at halftime and 76-55 after three quarters.

Haffner finished the game with 30 points, including seven 3s. Luke Vandegriff poured in 19 points, while Graham Wilson scored 13. Detamore finished with nine points.

Westfield is 7-6 and hosts Avon Friday, Jan. 30 in another HCC game.

Heights rolls past Maconaquah for sixth straight win

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

A Saturday, Jan. 24 non-conference road trip to Bunker Hill went very well for Hamilton Heights.

The Huskies won their sixth consecutive game

with a convincing 65-51 win over the Maconaquah Braves.

The two were knotted 13-13 after one quarter, but it wasn't long until Heights opened it up.

The Huskies outscored the Braves 14-8 in the sec-

ond to take a two possession lead to halftime, 27-21.

Heights came out scoring even more in the second half, besting Maconaquah 38-30 to roll on for the 14-point win.

Jackson Mikesell led the Huskies for the second

game in a row with 22 and nine rebounds. Rees Knapp scored 20 with six boards and Caleb Sullivan added 13 to go with grabbing five rebounds.

Hamilton Heights (6-7) hosts Tipton (5-9) on Friday.

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Jan. 27

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Heritage Christian at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.
Noblesville at Anderson, 7:30 p.m.

Pike at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.

Sheridan at Clinton Central, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Anderson at Hamilton Heights boys, 5:30 p.m.

Guerin Catholic, University at Schools With No Pools meet, 5:45 p.m. at IU Natatorium

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