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# The best is yet to come

## Carmel Education Foundation turns 60

**The REPORTER**

2026 will mark Carmel Education Foundation's (CEF) 60th anniversary, celebrating six decades of impact, partnership, and investment in Carmel Clay Schools (CCS).

Founded in 1966, CEF is one of Indiana's oldest and most established educational foundations, and this milestone year will honor the people, programs, and community support that have shaped generations of students.

Since its founding, CEF has worked alongside CCS and awarded more than \$2.5 million in scholarships to Carmel High School seniors and nearly \$2 million in grants



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funding innovative classroom experiences, directly benefiting thousands of students from elementary through high school. Through the generosity of donors, businesses, and community partners, the foundation has helped bridge critical funding gaps and fuel innovative educational experiences that prepare students for their future.

"As we commemorate our 60th anniversary, we are reflecting with gratitude and looking ahead with purpose," CEF CEO Jennifer Penix said. "This milestone

is not just about celebrating our history, it is about honoring the people who made that history



Photo provided by Carmel Education Foundation  
**Countless students from yesterday, today, and tomorrow are helped by the work of Carmel Education Foundation.**

possible and inviting our community to be part of the impact we will make in the future."

Throughout 2026, CEF will host a year-long anniversary celebration designed to honor its legacy while inviting the community to celebrate, en-

gaging, and support education in Carmel. Anniversary initiatives will include storytelling, special events, community engagement opportunities, and milestone giving campaigns.

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## Snow day

Our house on Harrison Street had a small radio that sat on the counter when we were growing up. When it would snow, my mom, sister, and I would sit around the kitchen table eagerly awaiting the report of school closures on our little radio.

My mom was a second-grade teacher, so she would be as hopeful as us for a good old snow day.

A break from the fast pace of life and all its demands. A time to stay cozy inside and sit on top of the warm floor vents that we let blow up our long nightgowns. We would laugh as we changed shapes.

One year that I remember well, day after day for a whole week, was we heard "Noblesville Schools CLOSED." We all cheered and began planning our cozy days at home.

My sister and I couldn't wait to gear up and play in the snow or go sledding with our aunts and our cousins. We would pile as many of us as we could on the old wooden toboggan with the red rails. What fun that was!

The hill at Forest Park is where we would sled. My mom or one of my aunts would give me a ride back to the top of the big hill as it was difficult for me to walk back up. Other kids called me lucky. I wished I could walk up like everyone else.

Those were the best of days. "Core memories" are what those memories are called these days, I think.

When I had my own kids, they would get so excited, too, when they had a snow day to play with their cousins.

I was limited on what I could do in the snow with them, but that did not stop me from trying. By the time I got the boys all bundled, I was exhausted! Not to mention the big wet mess when we came back in. It was worth it. Then we would warm our bones with hot chocolate piled high with marshmallows.

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AMY SHINNEMAN  
Disability in the City

# Embrace Downtown Project officially kicks off in Noblesville

**The REPORTER**

Noblesville officials and community stakeholders broke ground Tuesday, Feb. 3 on the Embrace Downtown project, aimed to improve infrastructure, enhance pedestrian safety, and introduce beautification upgrades throughout downtown Noblesville.

The multi-phase initiative is a long-term investment designed to create a more welcoming, accessible, and vibrant downtown for residents, visitors, and local businesses.

"This groundbreaking ceremony marked the first step in preserving downtown Noblesville and making critical infrastructure upgrades to create a safe, accessible area for people to shop, dine, and visit," Mayor Chris Jensen said. "Embrace Downtown will further support Noblesville's growth by promoting a vibrant and healthy downtown economy."

During Phase 1A of the project, construction will focus on underground infrastructure and streetscape improvements along Logan Street between Eighth and Ninth streets.

Noblesville leaders will also begin initiatives to support the business community throughout construction. Access to businesses will remain throughout the construction, and detours for vehicles and pedestrians will be clearly identified.

"We look forward to the



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**Work on the Embrace Downtown Project is expected to be complete by this November.**

lasting impact Embrace Downtown will have on our historic downtown square," Noblesville Main Street Executive Director Joshua Mason said. "We will continue to work with the project team to support our downtown business community and encourage visitors and residents to continue to shop, dine, and spend time in downtown Noblesville."

Phase 1A construction will begin at the intersection of Eighth and Logan streets. This closure is anticipated to last 45 days, weather permitting. Phase 1A construction



Jensen



Mason

includes new stormwater infrastructure, pavement, and a new sidewalk connecting Logan Street to Clinton Street.

Phase 1B construction will take place on Logan Street from Eighth Street to Ninth Street.

This work will begin after Phase 1A is complete. Phase 1C construction includes sidewalk reconstruction along Logan Street. In addition to widening sidewalks, crews will be removing curbs, installing landscaping buffers, and other elements to cultivate a traffic-calmed environment to promote pedestrian safety and accessibility.

Overall construction is anticipated to be complete in November 2026.

Visit [EmbraceDowntown-Noblesville.com](http://EmbraceDowntown-Noblesville.com) to learn more about the project.

# Lillian Cloud named Tipton County Lilly Scholar

**The REPORTER**

The Tipton County Foundation (TCF) announced the recipient of the 2026 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship for Tipton County, Lillian Cloud.

Lilly Endowment Community Scholars are known for their community involvement, academic achievement, character, and leadership.

Cloud is a senior at Tipton High School and the daughter of Brandon and Carrie Cloud. She plans to attend either Ball State, Taylor, or Purdue University and obtain a degree in speech language pathology, with the goal of working in a hospital setting in the Tipton County area working with children. She is an exceptional student and community member who serves as the Tipton FFA Chapter Pres-

ident, a member of National Honor Society, and plays on the Lady Devils Soccer Team.

Each Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship provides full tuition, required fees, and a special allocation of up to \$900 per year for required books and required equipment for four years. The scholarship is for full-time undergraduate students leading to a baccalaureate degree at any eligible Indiana public or private nonprofit college or university. Lilly Endowment Community Scholars may also participate in the Lilly Scholars Network (LSN), which connects both current scholars and alumni with resources and opportunities to be active leaders on their campuses and in their communities. Both the scholarship program and LSN are supported by grants from



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Lilly Endowment to Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI).

Twenty-seven members of the Tipton High School Class of 2026 applied for this scholarship. Their applications were reviewed anonymously and independently by TCF's LEC-SP Nominating Committee. In

determining Tipton County's Lilly Endowment Community Scholar nominee, consideration was given to academics, leadership, community involvement, extracurricular activities, written essays, and an in-person

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## Indiana lawmakers consider changes to alert system after death of Hailey Buzbee

By GARRETT BERGQUIST  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

Indiana state lawmakers on Tuesday said they're already looking into possible changes to state law following the death of Fishers teen Hailey Buzbee.

A [Change.org](http://Change.org) petition begun Sunday calls for state lawmakers to approve changes which organizers are calling Hailey's Law. Petition organizers are calling for the creation of a so-called Pink Alert, which would send out a statewide alert for dangerous or unusual disappearances that meet certain criteria but don't fit the requirements for an AMBER Alert or a Silver Alert.

They are also demanding mandatory online grooming awareness training in all schools, updating classic "stranger danger" teachings to fit modern online culture. The petition already had nearly 80,000 signatures as of Tuesday afternoon.

Fishers is represented in the Indiana House of Representatives by Rep. Chris Jeter and



Jeter



Garcia Wilburn



Huston



Walker

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## SNOW DAY

Each year, I still wait for the time it snows enough to challenge me a little to walk in it. I especially love when I can get out while it is actively snowing. There is nothing like that peaceful feeling. It is so gloriously silent.

I always document my snow walks with pictures and videos, not knowing if it will be my last walk in the snow. Each year, it feels like it may be the last. I cherish it.

It is a double-edged sword. Part of me loves to look back on the videos of my snow walks. The other part a stark reminder of the cruel progression of my disease on full display.

Last weekend was the biggest challenge I have had in many years. I sat and stared at the snow for hours as it came down, psyching myself up to go out in it. My mind daydreamed about gearing up and going for a long, peaceful walk alone with my thoughts.

My husband went out to shovel, so I decided I better gear up if I was going to attempt my annual snow walk.

Pulling on my snow pants and tying my boots, quickly depleted my energy.

With about eight inches of snow on the ground by then, he held me up on one side, and my big sunflower stalk, given to me by my aunt last summer, the other.

Leaning heavily on him, I took a step just barely clearing the snow. That was my stronger side. The other side, impossible to lift over the tall snow. I felt like quitting. "You can do this," my husband said. I stepped over with my stronger side and dragged my other leg about 50 steps or so.

My days of solo snow walking may be over, but I will fight with everything in me just to take a few steps with whatever help I need each year. Facing those types of challenges and getting to the other side gives me a rush of motivation that I crave.

I will do my best to let my thoughts ruminate on the best-case scenario for next year's snow day.

Until next time ...

Amy Shinneman is a for-



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mer National Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, disability blogger, freelance writer, wife, and mom of two boys. She is the recipient of the

Reporter's Winter 2025 Ink-Stained Wretch award. You can find her blog at [humblycourageous.com](http://humblycourageous.com) and reach her on Instagram @ashinneman.

## ALERT

House Speaker Todd Huston, both Republicans, and by Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn, a Democrat. All three have endorsed changes to state law to varying degrees. Jeter told News 8 he wonders if it's time for lawmakers to revisit the requirements for an AMBER Alert. He said he would prefer to expand the requirements for AMBER Alerts rather than create a new, potentially confusing alert category.

Buzbee left her home a little after 10 p.m. on Jan. 6 to meet with someone she had met and communicated with online and thus was classified as a runaway. Jeter, who is a criminal defense attorney, said runaways are treated under state law and by law enforcement as someone who has left home voluntarily. This precludes any use of AMBER Alerts. He said Buzbee's case suggests law enforcement needs more flexibility in when to send out an alert.

"The effort with an AMBER Alert is to make sure that it applies to a specific type of victim," Jeter said. "We know now in our current culture of online grooming and things that may happen with our kids, a case may present itself originally as a runaway and

there may be a lot more to the story, as we're learning in this case."

Jeter said the Buzbee case suggests the state needs to revise how children are taught about stranger danger given the explosion of on-line culture. He said any potential grooming prevention training for children would likely have to wait until next session as a standalone bill. As for new or revised alerts, he said lawmakers are looking into whether they can add new language to existing bills this session, either in committee or on the chamber floors, though he can't guarantee this will happen.

Garcia Wilburn told News 8 she also is open to revising the alert rules.

"I think that local law enforcement entities should have every tool at their discretion in order to help in situations that they see and deem fit. I am extremely proud of the way our Fishers Police Department and Chief Ed Gebhart handled this situation," she said. "If there's a tool that's missing, we need to empower our locals with that tool."

When asked about the education proposal, Garcia Wilburn said any changes need to balance parents' rights and that the discussion right now should center

on Buzbee's legacy.

Huston has also indicated support for changes following Buzbee's death. As the Speaker, Huston has control over committee assignments and floor calendars. Explicit support from him would likely supercharge any legislative effort.

"This is a devastating tragedy for our community and my heart goes out to Hailey's parents, family and loved ones," Speaker Houston said. "We will work with urgency to look at ways we can strengthen Indiana's laws to protect young Hoosiers and prevent tragedies like this from occurring, including making sure a situation like this triggers an alert."

Fishers' state senator, Kyle Walker, said he, too, is looking into potential changes to state law.

"I am deeply saddened by the tragic and heartbreaking loss of Hailey Buzbee," Walker said. "During this unimaginable time, my condolences are with her family, friends and the Fishers community. In light of this tragedy, I am committed to working with my colleagues in the Senate and House to identify ways we can strengthen Indiana's laws to better protect young Hoosiers and prevent tragedies like this from hap-

pening again."

In a Tuesday morning post on X, Gov. Mike Braun said he has asked the Indiana State Police to look for gaps in the state's existing alert system.

"My prayers are with the family and loved ones of Hailey Buzbee during this heartbreaking time. No family should ever endure a loss like this," Braun said. "This tragedy raises serious questions about how we better protect our kids in the digital age. Stronger tools for parents, including limits on social media and a more responsive alert system, are important. I am working with the Indiana State Police to identify solutions to gaps in our alert system. I urge our legislature to take action to prevent further tragedies and I call on Big Tech to stop selling their product to children."

The legislative session is already past its halfway point, so many key legislative deadlines have already passed. The session is scheduled to wrap up at the end of the month, after which lawmakers won't reconvene until January 2027.

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## CEF

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### Fundraisers

As part of the 60th anniversary celebration, the community is invited to support CEF through two special fundraising initiatives.

On Feb. 8 CEF launches its "Share the Love, Shape the Future" fundraising campaign in celebration of Valentine's Day. This campaign invites supporters to show their love for students and educators by making a gift that directly supports classroom grants, scholarships, and educational opportunities across Carmel Clay Schools. You can learn more about that at [this link](#).

In honor of its founding year, CEF has introduced the 1966 Donor Society, recognizing leadership-level donors who contribute \$1,000 annually to the foundation. Members of the 1966 Society play a vital role in sustaining CEF's mission and advancing its impact for future generations. You can learn more about that at [this link](#).

### Special events

CEF's 60th anniversary will also be celebrated through a variety of events and opportunities to connect with community members and partners throughout the year, including:

- CEF's annual **Taste of Carmel** celebration will take place on Aug. 27. This ticketed event brings together community members, local businesses, and supporters for an evening of food, connection, and philanthropy in support of CEF's mission. Sponsorships are available and tickets will go on sale to the public in April.

- CEF's signature **Ghosts and Goblins** race will take place on Oct. 24, and welcomes a large num-

ber of Carmel community members annually for a morning of fun and fitness. Participants may run, walk, or jog a one-mile or 5K course. Proceeds benefit Carmel Clay students and teachers through CEF programs and scholarships.

### Community events

CEF will engage with the community at events throughout the year that are hosted by established community organizations.

- CEF will have an interactive booth at the OneZone Chamber of Commerce's Taste of the Chamber on Thursday, Feb. 19. There will also be interactive booths at the Carmel Farmers Market this summer and at Carmel Public Safety Day.

- The CEF 60th Anniversary parade float will be seen in the CarmelFest parade hosted by the Rotary Club of Carmel on Saturday, July 4.

- In partnership with the Carmel Clay Historical Society, a special exhibit will be on display at the museum during the month of November, offering the public an opportunity to explore and celebrate CEF's legacy.

- Additional details about anniversary events, exhibits, and engagement opportunities will be announced throughout the year.

As CEF looks ahead to its next chapter, the 60th anniversary year will serve as both a celebration and a call to action, inviting the community to continue investing in education and ensuring students have the resources they need to thrive.

For more information about Carmel Education Foundation and updates on its 60th anniversary celebration, visit [ccs.k12.in.us/foundation](http://ccs.k12.in.us/foundation).

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### About Lilly Endowment Inc.

Lilly Endowment Inc. is an Indianapolis-based private philanthropic foundation created in 1937 by J.K. Lilly Sr. and his sons Eli and J.K. Jr. through gifts of stock in Eli Lilly and Company. The Endowment supports community development, education, and religion, with a special commitment to Indianapolis and Indiana.

### About Independent Colleges of Indiana

Founded in 1948, ICI serves as the collective voice for the state's 29 private, nonprofit colleges and universities. ICI institutions employ more than 22,000 Hoosiers and generate a total local economic impact of over \$5 billion annually. Students at ICI colleges have Indiana's highest four-year, on-time graduation rates, and ICI institutions produce 30 percent of Indiana's bachelor's degrees while enrolling 20 percent of its undergraduates.

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The primary purposes of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program are: 1) to raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana; 2) to increase awareness of the beneficial roles Indiana community foundations play; and 3) to encourage and support Lilly Scholars' engagement with Indiana leaders to improve quality of life statewide.

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# Hamilton County Councilman Mark Hall's January Timesheet

Welcome to The Timesheet. This column is a report of work done on behalf of the people of Hamilton County. It's to be informative, too – a place to learn about projects and how our county government works.



time law clerk positions from Judicial Services, two requests from the Sheriff's Department to reclassify two existing positions, and one request to hire above basic level one from the Prosecutor's Office.

asking me about the possibility of securing county assistance in locating ground for development of affordable housing within the county. After meeting and reviewing his plans for development, I offered my thoughts and suggestions on potential locations for this type of development. I reminded him that the council is merely the financial oversight body for County Government and that the Commissioners were the Executive branch, so any action from the County on this topic would come from the Commissioners. If it had financial implications to the taxpayers, then it would require Council's involvement.

surveillance cameras, and deployable drones to assist law enforcement and first responders. This enables faster suspect tracking, missing person location, efficient dispatching, and quicker emergency responses – such as during winter weather incidents – enhancing public safety across the county. As one example, recently, the location of a fire within a home was determined after the resident called 911 and before fire apparatus even arrived on scene. Images were available for first responders as they arrived.

I am pleased to report that Hamilton County is leading the way with state-of-the-art technology, information, and collaboration with first responders and other agencies. This use of technology is truly revolutionary and can serve the citizens well.

This is my timesheet. This is where my time went during January 2026. While my job is primarily the financial oversight of the county budget, it is important that I understand the Board of Commissioners' priorities and balance them with the stewardship of taxpayer dollars. That is the job, and I am excited to do the people's business.

As a taxpayer myself, and listening to so many of you, our employers, it's important for the taxpayers to have access to all the information you want. I work for you, and although you may not choose to do a deep dive into what your County Council does, it's important that you can always do so.

Feel free to contact me at (317) 832-1104 or [mark.hall@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:mark.hall@hamiltoncounty.in.gov) with questions, feedback, or if you would like to talk about county business.

As your employee, it's important to me that you know what is being worked on as transparently as possible in county government. You hired me as your County Councilman, and my hope is that you will choose to be informed by regularly reading this column, getting involved, considering volunteering, and by asking questions.

Council meetings are at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center in downtown Noblesville. Meetings are also available to watch online for those unable to attend in person.

Here is where my time this past month has been spent.

In addition to the County Council public meetings, January work included: watching Board of Commissioners public meetings, a Regional Development Commission meeting, attending and watching Noblesville and Cicero Town Council meetings, meeting with the government affairs team from Parkview Health, attending a Cicero Jackson Township Planning meeting, attending the IMMI Culture Amplifier: Faith Forward Collaboration meeting with several local business leaders, and a Council Executive session.

The in-person January personnel committee meeting was cancelled in lieu of a poll of the voting committee members. The poll addressed one request for reclassification of three part-

All requests were approved after committee members reviewed the supporting documentation. The requests were moved on to the full council for a final approval vote. The finance committee did not meet this past month. The insurance committee did not meet this past month.

During January I received two constituent service requests and communications. A local not-for-profit organization, Rapha Road, works with reentry and recovering individuals helping them with beating addiction, housing, employment, and recovery. They asked for assistance in finding a place in Hamilton County that could be used as a working farm and to create affordable housing for those whom they serve. After researching their organization and potential available solutions I connected their leadership team with Commissioner Altman as she champions so many of the initiatives in County Government that address these issues.

The second request focused on where in Hamilton County acreage could be found to build affordable housing. The constituent, frustrated with many of the local planning and zoning authorities, had already met with two Hamilton County Commissioners and was

Lastly, it was an honor to represent you this month at the Hamilton County Sheriff's annual awards. It is always a special event to honor the men and women who serve the residents of Hamilton County in such an important way.

Of special note this month, was a study of Hamilton County's Real Time Information Center. It was quite a learning experience working with Lt. Brian Niec to get an in-depth understanding of the capabilities of this unit within the Sheriff's Department.

The Hamilton County Real Time Information Center (HCRTIC or RTIC) is a centralized intelligence hub launched in November 2024 by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office in partnership with the Carmel Police Department, Noblesville Police Department, and Hamilton County Public Safety Communications Center.

Located in Noblesville, it integrates real-time data from 911 dispatches, license plate readers, traffic/video



## What's happening at Tipton County Public Library?

For more information, go to [TiptonCountyLibrary.org](http://TiptonCountyLibrary.org), call (765) 675-0212, or visit during regular hours.

### Winter Reading Program Main Library & Windfall Branch Feb. 1 to 28

Bundle up and dive into a great book this winter. The Tipton County Public Library's Winter Reading Program returns with "Snow is Falling, Books are Calling!"

Open to all ages – children, teens, and adults – this beloved program offers more than just reading rewards. Participants can earn prizes for their reading achievements and join in the fun by searching for a hidden animal on the library shelves to claim a special treat.

Whether you're looking to escape the cold with an adventure story or warm up with a cozy mystery, there's something for everyone. Visit the Main Library or Windfall Branch to sign up and get complete program details.

### Free tax preparation

The Tipton County Public Library is partnering with the United Way of Howard and Tipton Counties to offer free tax preparation assistance to eligible community members.

Tax preparation packets will be available at the library's front desk throughout February and March. Simply pick up a packet, complete it, and return it to the Tipton Library. A United Way representative will then contact you to schedule a review appointment at the library.

This service is designed to help qualifying residents navigate their tax preparation with expert assistance at no cost. For more information, visit the Tipton County Public Library or call during regular business hours at (765) 675-0212.

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# S.A.F.E. House makes learning a blast



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If you are between 8 and 80, the Carmel Fire Department S.A.F.E. House, 210 Veterans Way, has something for you. For kids, the technology involved is probably a lot of fun. For adults, it is impressive. For everyone, it is an environment that makes lessons about home safety soak in so easily you don't even realize how much you learned until you leave. Ok, it's not just fun for kids. As evidenced by these photos of Lisa Brandenburg, it is also great for kids at heart.

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## Westfield police check video after fights at Grand Park

By GREGG MONTGOMERY  
WISH-TV | [wistv.com](http://wistv.com)

No arrests have been made, but Westfield Police Department investigators on Monday were checking video after several separate fights on Sunday afternoon during kids' 7-on-7 football events at Grand Park Sports Campus.

Westfield police sent around 3:20 p.m. Sunday to a fight in progress at the Grand Park Events Center, which has

indoor sports surfaces.

Assistant Police Chief Billy J. Adams told News 8 by email that officers arrived to find the fights in progress throughout the events center. The people involved dispersed as police units arrived at the location, located off East 191st Street about a mile west of the U.S. 31 interchange.

Medics treated a man for injuries. He signed a medical release and was not transported to a hospital.

No other injuries were reported.

Adams said in the email, "No arrests have been made at this time, however it is an open investigation as we are reviewing video and attempting to identify individuals involved."

*This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wistv.com/news/crime-watch-8/westfield-police-check-video-after-fights-at-grand-park](http://wistv.com/news/crime-watch-8/westfield-police-check-video-after-fights-at-grand-park).*

## Local students invited to attend Greater Indy Northside College Fair

### The REPORTER

Local high school students have an opportunity to take advantage of the Greater Indianapolis Northside College Fair.

The fair is set for 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 at the Carmel High School Greyhound Activity Center, 2400 E. Smoky Row, Carmel.

The event is sponsored by a consortium of high schools on Indianapolis' Northside, in partnership with the Indiana Association for College Admission Counseling, as a way to provide access to college information for local students. Over 100 colleges and universities will be represented at the fair.

The event is free, and students in all grade levels are welcome to attend. Students are encouraged to register for the fair in advance at [StriveFair.com](http://StriveFair.com). Registered students will receive a barcode that they can bring with them to the college fair in order to share their information with admission reps electronically.

## Indiana Land Protection Alliance receives Lilly Endowment investment

### Submitted

Indiana Land Protection Alliance (ILPA), a non-profit organization dedicated to uniting, empowering and

elevating Indiana's conservation community, has received a significant grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. As ILPA's single largest donation to date, the \$500,000 investment will contribute to efforts to expand the organization's capacity, further statewide conservation efforts and ultimately improve Hoosiers' quality of life.

Over the course of the next three years, ILPA will intentionally allocate grant funds to drive key elements of the organization's five-year strategic plan forward, focusing on initiatives that have the greatest promise for the longest-term impact on land trusts across the state. ILPA also continues to pursue additional funding to achieve all strategic plan goals.

"This grant will be transformative to ILPA's operations," said Andrea Huntington, ILPA executive director. "As the largest donation in our organization's history, this investment sets a strong foundation that allows us to carry out essential conservation work with far-reaching benefits, like improving community health and wellbeing and enhancing workforce recruitment and retention. We are extremely grateful to Lilly Endowment and our entire donor base – past, present and future – for contributing to the pursuit of the ambitious goals we've set for the next five years."

Starting internally, then transitioning to actionable opportunities for land trusts, the Lilly Endowment grant will provide ILPA with the resources needed for sustain-

able growth. Beginning by increasing staffing and improving management and reporting processes, ILPA will expand capacity to develop a Conservation Excellence Program, a self-assessment tool designed to evaluate and identify growth areas for individual land trusts, as well as commission a statewide economic impact study. This study will provide data-backed solutions to elevate and expand the impact of local land trusts.

Building on this work, ILPA will pilot the Conservation Excellence Program with interested land trusts, gather findings to improve the offering, and execute an audience analysis to understand how land trusts can best serve local communities in the future. The final phase will launch the Conservation Excellence Program statewide and implement findings from the audience analysis and economic impact study to inform a communications toolkit, aimed at providing organizations with consistent, evidence-based messaging for outreach. A final step will involve commissioning a feasibility study to explore financial needs for time-sensitive land conservation projects.

"Conservation is a team sport," said Alan Morrison, Indiana Department of Natural Resources director. "ILPA and Indiana's land trusts are key partners with DNR in our shared mission of conserving and protecting natural resources and cherished spaces across the state. This grant from Lilly Endowment

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# Doing favors for family is hard enough when they're still alive

Actors Theatre of Indiana (ATI) continues their 2025-26 season with *Lucky Stiff*, a musical farce from Stephen Flaherty (music) and Lynn Ahrens (lyrics and book), the same team that brought us *Ragtime*. This rather complex and zany tale opened off-Broadway in 1988, and was made into a film in 2015.

ATI's production, directed with a flourish by Lysa Fox, with apt choreography and musical direction by Carol Worcel and Brandon Vos, features a team of energetic performers. Fashioned as a farce, there is a certain over-the-top quality that works splendidly given the storyline:

A young Brit shoe salesman, Harry Witherspoon, receives a telegram from the USA telling him his uncle (whom he has never met) has died and he is the sole heir to \$6 million. There is a catch to receiving the money, however. Harry must take his uncle's corpse to Monte Carlo for a week of gambling and other pleasures. This, of course, breaks open a plotline of various crazy circumstances which leads the audience on a merry and very funny ride.

What makes this whole premise work is the fine portrayals by the troupe



**KEN KLINGENMEIER**  
A Seat on the Aisle

of well-directed players. Jacob A. Butler stars as Harry, bringing a perfectly placed performance. Butler handles his character's predicament with a solid array of songs about his anguishes, his hopes, and his burgeoning feelings for Miss Annabel Glick, played by Logan Hill. Ms. Hill has a lovely voice and is quite moving in her turns with "Times Like This" and her duet with Butler, "Nice." These two convey a closeness which is quite natural.

The play is full of marvelous mayhem and has a roster of zany characters to carry it out. At the top of the list is Rita LaPorta, a nearly blind woman who informs her brother, Vinnie, that she accidentally shot and killed her boyfriend, Tony (the uncle), and needs to go to Monte Carlo to find the \$6 million in diamonds she and Tony embezzled from her husband, Nicky, after she reads in the paper that Harry has been named as Tony's heir. Well, that's just what we are made to believe. There are twists and turns that further fill the plot with chaos and twists.

Diana O'Halloran plays the floozyish Rita to the hilt, giving a lavish accounting to everything Rita thinks and feels. It works well and



Photo by Rob Slaven / IndyGhostLight.com  
(From left) Jacob A. Butler as Harry, John Vessels Jr. as the nun, and Logan Hill as Annabel.

fits very aptly in the crazy plot. Brett Mutter is a wonderfully frantic Vinnie, having been dragged into the disorder. His frenzied phone call from Monte Carlo to his wife to inform her he won't be home for dinner ("The Phone Call") is hilarious as only Mutter can be. Local favorite John Vessels Jr. plays a myriad of characters – from a cheesy night-club emcee to a nun and is memorable in each – as always.

Nathalie Cruz, Hannah Elizabeth Boswell, Thomas J. Cannon, Josh Maldonado, and Sam Arce (as the corpse of Tony) round out the outstanding cast. Save for Arce, all make multiple contributions to the action. There is no way to measure Mr.

Arce's role except to say he is an excellent dead person.

**Bottom line:** A lot happens very quickly in this show and it is a challenge to keep up at times, but the result is a very funny, very entertaining production. My lone issue would be that although the music produced by Mr. Vos and his small orchestra is great accompaniment to the onstage vocals, the volume level – of the piano especially – often times drowns out the singers' efforts. As a result, we miss parts of the story as told through song. Perhaps this can be adjusted for the audience's benefit.

*Lucky Stiff* continues at ATI's Studio Theatre in the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel through Feb. 15. You can get information about the schedule and tickets by calling (317) 843-3800 or by logging onto [atistage.org](http://atistage.org).

Read more great play reviews from *A Seat on the Aisle* at [asota.wordpress.com](http://asota.wordpress.com).

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showcases the importance of this shared mission and the impact it has on Hoosier lives and strong communities across the state."

Established in 2004, ILPA is a nonprofit coalition of land trusts, government agencies and other organizations dedicated to restoring and sustaining land in Indiana. Through education, advocacy, collaboration and communication, the alliance works closely with local land

trusts to protect and preserve natural and working lands statewide so Indiana communities can continue to enjoy nature for years to come.

"ILPA plays an essential role in the long-term health and growth of Indiana's land conservation sector. Herbert Simon Family Foundation has been pleased to support ILPA since it began professionalizing in 2020, and Lilly Endowment's investment serves as a strong validation

of ILPA's work and its importance to the state," said Rachel M. Simon, Herbert Simon Family Foundation president. "HSFF is proud to partner with ILPA and looks forward to the opportunities this expanded scope of work will create for land conservation in Indiana."

Learn more about ILPA, its efforts to preserve Indiana land and water, and ways to support at [protectindianaland.org](http://protectindianaland.org).

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## Community News

### Phi Beta Psi's Euchre Tournament set for Saturday

It's time for Phi Beta Psi Sorority Sheridan Chapter's annual Euchre Tournament.

The fun starts at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7 at The Studio On Main, 302 S. Main St., Sheridan

Cost to play is \$20, plus \$1's to pay the pig. Snacks are included.

## Bring your Valentine to WYAP Masquerade Ball

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Are you looking for an event for you and your Valentine this year? The Westfield Youth Assistance Program's Masquerade Ball is the perfect opportunity for you.

The Ball will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7 at the Westfield Washington Public Library, 17400 Westfield Blvd. The evening is the perfect date night, set just one week before Valentine's Day.

It's going to be a night of fun, friends, Cajun-inspired cuisine, casino games, live music and more. All proceeds will benefit WYAP, enabling the organization to continue to provide services to Westfield youth. These services include mentoring, tutoring, truancy support, and connections to mental health counseling, summer camps, recreational activities, and more.

Looking to spend time with friends instead? It will also be the perfect evening to socialize with your friends and make some new ones. Tickets are limited, and will sell out, so you don't want to miss the chance to **secure yours today**.

### Frequently Asked Questions

**How much does it cost?**

Tickets are \$175 per person or \$350 per couple. For

your convenience, you can also add masks on to your purchase (ranging from \$20 to \$25), which you will pick up at the event. You can view your mask options [here](#).

### What is the dress code?

Women typically wear long evening gowns or elegant cocktail dresses, while men wear either tuxedos or suits. If you were a previous attendee of the Yellow Tie Gala, it is a similar dress code, with the addition of Masquerade masks. You can view some examples of Masquerade masks [here](#).

### What does my ticket include?

With your ticket, you will receive a free drink ticket, a Cajun-inspired buffet, a slice of King Cake, live music, and chances to win fabulous prizes. Casino Entertainment will also be provided to all. More fun activities will be announced soon, so stay tuned for our upcoming updates.

### Are there sponsorship opportunities?

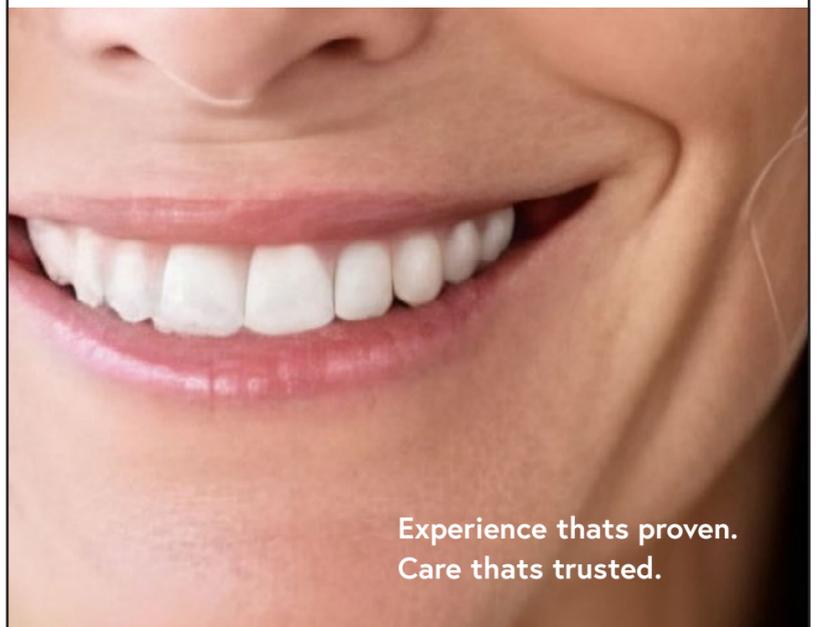
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### Meeting Notices

The Sheridan Public Library Board of Trustees will hold its regular monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, 2026, at the library, located at 103 W. 1st St., Sheridan. The board will also have a special meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16, 2026, also at the library.

The Noblesville Police Merit Board Meeting scheduled for 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2026, has been rescheduled to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2026, in Room A213 at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.

In addition, an executive session will be held prior to the public meeting at 4:30 p.m., pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5) to receive information about and interview prospective employees.

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

## Senator Todd Young issues statement on Trump Administration's critical minerals stockpile plan

Submitted by Office of U.S. Senator Todd Young

U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.) and Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.), lead sponsors of the **SECURE Minerals Act** to create a new Strategic Resilience Reserve that ensures a domestic supply of critical minerals, released the following statement on the announcement that the Trump Administration is launching a \$12 billion stockpile of critical and rare earth

minerals:

"We are pleased to see the Administration take steps to stockpile critical minerals for economic purposes. It's a clear sign that there is bipartisan support for securing a robust domestic supply of critical minerals that both reduces our reliance on China and stabilizes the market.



Young

"Beyond this effort, we should ensure a reliable, long-term supply and provide the durability needed to grow and maintain a domestic critical minerals industry in order to stabilize prices and diversify our most important supply chains away from China. Our bipartisan, bicameral SECURE Minerals Act will give American companies and consumers the certainty we need to fend off supply chain disruptions, volatile prices and economic coercion from our most important economic adversary.

"With this announcement in mind, we look forward to working with our colleagues to earn more support and pass our bill through Con-

gress to advance long-term American leadership to secure the materials and good jobs that strengthen our national security and grow our economy."

Young and Shaheen recently introduced the **SECURE Minerals Act** to establish a Strategic Resilience Reserve in an independent government corporation to boost U.S. critical minerals supply and support the critical mineral market.

Additionally, Young has laid out a critical minerals strategy for Congress to implement that prioritizes securing supply chains, identifying vulnerabilities, and rapidly diversifying our partnerships. The strategy includes the Finding ORE Act, the Critical Minerals Security Act, and the STRATEGIC Minerals Act.

## Indiana law firm offers scholarships for high school students

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To support the next generation of leaders in the communities it serves, Indiana Estate & Elder Law has opened applications for its annual college scholarship. Students graduating in 2026 from high schools in Hamilton, Johnson, Parke, and Wabash counties, where the law firm has offices, are invited to apply for the \$1,000 award.

Interested students must complete and submit the scholarship application by April 17, 2026. In addition to the application, candidates are required to provide a personal recommendation letter and write a 600- to 800-word essay.

The essay topic changes each year, prompting applicants to consider issues related to estate planning or elder law. This year, students are asked to explain how they would decide between two possible life paths: going away to college to pursue a career they are passionate about or staying home to learn and eventually run the family business.

## Indiana Estate & Elder Law

"We want to support the communities we serve and encourage students to think critically about the intersections of life and estate planning," said Jennifer "Jenny" Rozelle, an attorney and co-owner of Indiana Estate & Elder Law. "We're always inspired and encouraged by the applications and essays we receive each year. The future of Indiana is in good hands."

Students and families can find more information, eligibility requirements and the full scholarship application at [indianaestateelder-law.com/scholarship](http://indianaestateelder-law.com/scholarship).

About Indiana Estate & Elder Law

Indiana Estate & Elder Law assists clients throughout Indiana with probate, wills, trusts and general estate planning as well as elder law and long-term care planning.

### TIPTON COUNTY Candidates who have filed for the May 5, 2026 Primary Election as of Monday, Feb. 2

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J.D. Ford (D)  
Scott A. King (R)  
Jackson Franklin (D)  
Dylan McKenna (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

Mark Hufford (R)  
Nate Stout (D)  
\*Heath R. VanNatter (R)

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

Matthew B. Quigley (R)

#### COUNTY ASSESSOR

Shannon Cassons (R)

#### COUNTY AUDITOR

Jon DeBaun (R)

#### COUNTY CLERK

Brent R. Baird (R)  
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)

Madison Township (vote for 3)

Taylor Fettig (R)

Mark E. Noble (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

Miguel S. Mike

George Sullivan-Davis

Matthew Terry

#### PRECINCT CMTE. – DEMOCRATS

Cicero 2: Tom Frye

Cicero 3: Janette Martin

Cicero 4: Thomas Dolezal

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District 21

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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)

District 39

Lindsay Gramlich (D)  
\*Danny Lopez (R)

District 88

\*Chris Jeter (R)  
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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#### COUNTY COUNCIL

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\*Tim Griffin (R)

District 2

\*Amy Elizabeth Massillamany (R)

District 3

\*Mark F. Hall (R)

District 4

\*Ken Alexander (R)

Jason E. Frank (D)

#### ARCADIA TOWN COUNCIL

District 2

\*Amanda Engle (R)

District 3

\*Doug Grishaw (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)

District 4

Andrew R. Porterfield (R)

Terry Thompson (R)

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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)

Mulalo Rikhotso (D)

Jackson Township (vote for 3)

Elizabeth Fouch (R)

Andre Maue (R)

\*Jeffery S. Roberts (R)

Noblesville Township (vote for 3)

\*Joe Arrowood (R)

Paula Jo Gilliam (D)

Thomas (TJ) Houghtalen Jr. (R)

\*Peggy R. Pfister (R)

\*Mary Sue Rowland (R)

Joe Spangler (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)

Paula V. Trowbridge (R)

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- Clay 12: Jessica Irvine
- Clay 23: Dawn Sparks
- Clay 28: Edwin Russell
- Clay 31: Deborah Pickett
- Clay 40: Mindi Epstein
- Clay 47: Amber Davis
- Clay 48: Beth Sprunger
- Clay 49: Jessica Griffith Cortwright
- Clay 51: Mark Taber
- Clay 55: Lawrence McCormack
- Clay 68: Annette Gross
- Delaware 5: Amy Klodzen
- Delaware 8: Ronald F. Crawford
- Delaware 9: Sara Schmitt
- Delaware 19: Bill Stuart
- Delaware 20: Judy Delp
- Fall Creek 1: Barbara A. Jenkins
- Fall Creek 16: Glen D. Kemery
- 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 27: Julia Ann Resler
- Noblesville 29: Brian S. Jonasen
- Sheridan 1: Kirsten Root
- Sheridan 3: Cheryl L. Popiela
- Sheridan 4: Pam Williams
- Wayne 1: Mary Frischkorn-Meza
- Wayne 7: James (Jim) Harter
- Westfield 3: David M. Garcia
- Westfield 5: Axel J. Sundling
- Westfield 8: Evelyn J. Davis
- Westfield 10: Amy Christmas
- Westfield 14: Andrew D. Kauffman
- Westfield 20: Jacquelyn Grigg
- Westfield 24: Elizabeth H. Anderson
- Westfield 25: Bennie Britt
- Westfield 26: Rhonda Ann Cardwell
- Westfield 33: Brandee L. Easterday
- Westfield 34: Cheryl L. Austin
- Westfield 35: Tracy M. Wheeler

### STATE DELEGATE – DEMOCRATS

- Adams Township (vote for 6)**
  - Cheryl L. Popiela
  - Kirsten Root
  - Pam Williams
- Clay Township (vote for 40)**
  - Kirk Boller
  - Sharon Boller
  - Ben Boyce
  - William Clontz
  - Jason Cookson
  - Christopher Daniel
  - Amber Davis
  - Robert Draper
  - Sara Draper
  - Mindi Epstein
  - Pam Fischer
  - Lindsay Gramlich
  - James A. Grimes
  - Annette Gross
  - Cynthia Henry
  - Jessica Irvine
  - Cynthia Johnson
  - Grace Johnston
  - Lawrence McCormack
  - Susan Mills
  - Marcia Molenda
  - Deborah Pickett
  - Zach Phillips
  - Stephen K. Ring
  - Susan Kelly Ring
  - David Rosenthal
  - Edwin Russell
  - Beth Sprunger
  - Elizabeth Stippler
  - Jean M. Upton
  - Judith A. Weitzman
- Delaware Township (vote for 20)**
  - Nancy Arce
  - Ronald F. Crawford
  - Judy Delp
  - Amy Klodzen
  - Lasima O. Packett
  - Litsi Plonski
  - Diana W. Riggsbee
  - Bill Stuart
- Fall Creek Township (vote for 20)**
  - Patricia Trish Biggs
  - Samantha R. Chapman
  - Daniel R. Cooper
  - Mary Coyle
  - Jeb Stuart Cox
  - Eric Crouse
  - Jane B. Crouse
  - Mary Dankoski
  - Sonia Ivy Fuller
  - Janis Kaye Hinchcliff
  - Dylan Zachary Noble
  - Mulalo Rikhotso
  - Amanda R. Slonaker
  - Deetta Steinmetz
  - Mani Subramaniam
- Jackson Township (vote for 6)**
  - Dorcia Bradley
  - John Bradley
- Noblesville Township (vote for 20)**
  - Kathleen A. Boyle
  - Diane E. Evans
  - James Foote
  - Angie K. Foreman
  - Paula Jo Gilliam
  - Lori C. Hand
  - Christopher Hartig
  - Riley Issacs
  - Brian S. Jonasen
  - Sandra Kaufman Jonasen
  - Coumba Kebe
  - Debra Marcum
  - Joseph Marcum
  - Jennifer Midkiff
  - Jeffrey Nickloy
  - Julia Ann Resler
  - Michele A. Tharp-Taylor
  - Roger W. Tharp-Taylor
  - Jessica Garten Vandergraff
  - David R. Wellington
  - Devon Wellington
- Washington Township (vote for 20)**
  - Elizabeth H. Anderson
  - Cheryl L. Austin
  - Racheal Bleicher
  - Bennie Britt

- Rhonda Ann Cardwell
- Amy Christmas
- Emily M. Cook
- Alyssa Crawford-Paree
- Gabriel Crawford-Paree
- Evelyn J. Davis
- Brandee L. Easterday
- Natalie K. Fonte
- David M. Garcia
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- Gabrial Hohneke
- Kirk King
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- Jennifer Ann Kocolowski
- Mary P. Milewski
- Vicki Semler
- Amy J. Stewart
- Nicholas Joseph Tomaszewski
- Lisa M Walters
- Tracy M. Wheeler
- Kirk Young
- Wayne Township (vote for 10)**
  - Justin Canady-Flatt
  - Nocona Canady-Flatt
  - Sherrri Elder
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## Heart Hike returns to Ritchey Woods Feb. 28

### The REPORTER

Celebrate love and heart health on the last day of February at Fishers Parks' annual Heart Hike.

Held in partnership with the Fishers Health Department, residents are encouraged to visit Ritchey Woods Nature Preserve for this short, self-led community through that park's natural trail landscape while viewing posted images of heart

shapes in nature along with heart-healthy tips from the Fishers Health Department. Interact with Fishers Parks nature education staff to learn more about the nature preserve and its wildlife.

This is an all-ages event, and all are welcome. Ritchey Woods Nature Preserve is located at 10410 Hague Road, Fishers.

[Click here](#) for more in-formation.

### Letter to the Editor

## Hartig applauds Noblesville students for exercising their First Amendment rights

Dear Editor:

I wish to express my support for the Noblesville High School students who peacefully marched to protest the actions of Immigration and Customs Enforcement on Monday. At a time when young people are often criticized for being unmotivated and disengaged, these students showed civic responsibility, empathy, and bravery.

The students exercised their First Amendment rights peacefully and thoughtfully, drawing attention to a significant issue that affects families and classmates within our own community. Even if you disagree with their views, their willingness to participate in democracy deserves respect.

For many students, immigration policies impact their friends, neighbors, and loved ones. Some marched in solidarity, showing compassion and a commitment to standing up for others. These are values we should embrace in our Noblesville Schools and community.

Civic engagement is an aspect of education. The Noblesville High School students who spoke out should not be criticized as disruptive to learning, but as young people learning how to engage in a world full of challenges created for them.

**Chris Hartig**  
Noblesville

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## AG Todd Rokita issues statement of advancement of FAIRNESS Act

### Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita

Attorney General Todd Rokita issued the following statement on Monday, Feb. 2 regarding the FAIRNESS Act.

[On Monday, Feb. 2] the House Judiciary Committee significantly amended a poor Senate version of Senate Bill 76 and advanced a substantially improved version that incorporates the stronger, more effective provisions of the FAIRNESS Act. This improved bill would deliver meaningful enforcement for Indiana's anti-sanctuary law, hold violators accountable, ensure illegal aliens do not undercut Hoosier workers, and directly protect Hoosier communities from the serious burdens of illegal immigration.

I commend State Rep.

J.D. Prescott for his tireless work to strengthen this legislation and make it truly effective for Indiana families. I also thank Chairman Chis Jeter for hearing this legislation and everyone who testified in strong support of the amended version.

We can't afford half-measures on this issue, and no compromises should be made when it comes to mitigating the devastating effects of illegal immigration in our communities – only decisive, unequivocal action will protect public safety and put Hoosiers first.

The moment to act is now. After it gets through the House, the Senate needs to pass this version of the FAIRNESS Act without further delay and deliver the results our state deserves.



Rokita

## 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](mailto:News@ReadTheReporter.com).

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## Thanks for reading!

# Register now for Westfield Young Professionals Leadership Summit

## The REPORTER

Join the Westfield Young Professionals Council (WYPC) for a one-of-a-kind professional and personal development experience starting at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 25 at the IMMI Conference Center, 18880 N. East St., Westfield.

The conference is open to anyone who lives or works in Hamilton County and is looking to sharpen their skills, network, and

grow personally and professionally. The all-inclusive cost of \$60 per person includes leadership training, lunch, snacks, service project with Student Impact, and a ticket to the post-conference networking happy hour. Registration is available at [this link](#).



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This year's keynote speaker will be Danyele Easterhaus of Danyele Easterhaus Consulting.

Breakout session topics will include:

- **Building a Championship Culture** – Amber Cox, COO of Indiana Fever

- **Building Without a Playbook: How to lead, decide, and grow when there is no clear roadmap** – Kara Riggle, President & Co-owner of 92c Partners

- **Beyond the Scoreboard: Sports, Leadership, & Community Impact** – Gabe Amick, Senior Sports Development Manager of Hamilton County Sports Authority

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# RadNet enters Indiana with acquisition of Northwest Radiology

## Submitted

RadNet, Inc., a national leader in providing high-quality, cost-effective outpatient diagnostic imaging services and a global developer of digital health solutions, announced on Tuesday, Feb. 3 that it has acquired the outpatient imaging assets of Northwest Radiology Network, P.C., marking the company's entry into Indiana and expanding RadNet's presence into the Midwest.

"For decades, Northwest Radiology has built remarkable trust and confidence with the Indianapolis physician communities," said Steve Forthuber, President and CEO of Eastern Operations for RadNet. "We are excited to work with the Northwest radiologist team to support and further expand its clinical reach and capabilities. I am confident that our collaborative efforts will result in leading-edge patient care for the greater Indianapolis region. Indianapolis is a flourishing Midwest market, and this acquisition establishes a base from which RadNet can expand its operational scale, AI-powered workflow and clinical technologies to greatly improve population-health across the region. Ultimately, we are striving to shift Indiana's healthcare from reactive detection toward proactive prevention – detecting diseases earlier with the goal of improving outcomes."

The six acquired multi-modality outpatient centers are located in the greater Indianapolis area, with a concentration of centers in Carmel. Founded in 1967, Northwest Radiology's 18 radiologists will continue providing contracted professional services to the six locations, ensuring continuity of care and preserving the strong local community physician relationships on which Northwest Radiology has built its reputation.

"This transaction represents an exciting and transformative time for Northwest Radiology," said Dr. Brian Jellison, CEO of Northwest Radiology. "We have been committed to setting the standard for imaging excellence throughout Central Indiana, and working with RadNet allows us to build upon that legacy while expanding our capabilities. While our physician-led model and local relationships will remain unchanged, we will now have access to cutting-edge AI technologies and resources that will enable us to deliver better care for our patients. We are proud to continue serving this community with the same compassion and quality it has come to expect from us."

The acquisition is projected to add approximately \$18 million of revenue on an annualized basis to RadNet. Learn more at [radnet.com](#).

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# Indiana Orthopedic Institute Direct offers walk-in same-day expert orthopedic care

**Submitted**

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"Prompt expert care and compassion make a real difference," said Dr. Michael Meneghini, joint replacement surgeon and CEO and founder of Indiana Orthopedic Institute. "We've designed Indiana Orthopedic Institute to combine elite-level musculoskeletal care through our surgeon-led, research-driven model that puts the patients at the center of all we do. We treat patients like family."

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## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

MIRIAM AND AARON OPPOSE MOSES

*Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite. "Has the Lord spoken only through Moses?" they asked. "Hasn't he also spoken through us?" And the Lord heard this.*

*(Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.)*  
Numbers 12:1-3 (NIV)

## SUMMIT

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**Civility: The Strongest Stance You Can Take** – Jeff Worrell, Founder of Carmel Civility Foundation  
If you have questions, please send an email to [info@westfieldchamber-indy.com](mailto:info@westfieldchamber-indy.com).

**Attention business owners & supervisors**

WYPC fully recognizes that key staff members taking a day off from the office is a big ask. That's why speakers and presenters have been carefully selected who will help those staff members grow and come back to your company re-energized and ready to meet the moment.

**About Westfield Young Professionals**

The new Westfield Young Professionals Council is a networking group for young professionals under 40 in Westfield, but it is more than that. WYPC offers a space for people to grow their careers, for those new to Hamilton County and Indianapolis to make lasting friendships, and for young professionals to grow themselves personally. Through this opportunity, young professionals will become invested members of the community, looking for ways to give back to Westfield and each other.

# Delta Dental invests in Indiana's dental workforce through scholarships & loan relief

**Submitted**

As part of a continued investment in the future of oral health, Delta Dental of Indiana and the Delta Dental Foundation are again partnering to support dentists and dental hygienists through scholarship and loan repayment programs.

With nearly one million Hoosiers living in areas of the state where access to dental professionals is limited, these initiatives are designed to reduce financial barriers for those committed to serving underserved communities and help strengthen Indiana's dental workforce.

In its first year, the partnership invested more than \$250,000 to support dentists practicing in Indiana, along with dental hygienist students enrolled at Indiana University and Ivy Tech campuses.

Programs being offered this year include:

- A loan repayment program to support private practice dentists in underserved communities (up to \$40,000 per year, up to five years). At least 15 percent of the dentist's patients must be covered by Medicaid each year.

- A loan repayment program for dentists (up to \$25,000 per year, up to three years) who commit to working in nonprofit clinics.

- A loan repayment program for dental hygienists (up to \$5,000 per year, up to three years) who commit to working in nonprofit clinics.

- A scholarship program for dental hygiene students to cover the cost of attendance (up to \$15,000 per year, up to two years).

"Indiana's dental workforce depends on a strong pipeline of students who

can afford to enter and stay in the profession," said Jeff Johnston, DDS, chief science officer with Delta Dental of Indiana. "By easing the cost of education through scholarships and loan repayment, we can help ensure more dentists and hygienists are able to build their careers here."

"For many communities, especially rural and underserved areas, access to dental care comes down to whether providers can af-

ford to practice there," said Holli Seabury, EdD, executive director of the Delta Dental Foundation. "These programs help remove financial barriers so dentists and dental hygienists can serve where they are needed most."

Applications are now open and will close on March 31.

For more information, an FAQ and to apply, visit [resources.deltadentalmi.com/Loan-Repayment](http://resources.deltadentalmi.com/Loan-Repayment).

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## Girls Basketball



Reporter photo by Richie Hall



Reporter photo by Julie Brown

(ABOVE LEFT) Hamilton Southeastern's Antonette Green (left) guards Westfield's Ellie Wheeler during the Royals-Shamrocks Sectional 8 game Tuesday at Carmel. (ABOVE RIGHT) Fishers' Natalie Thomas led the Tigers with nine points during their sectional game with Zionsville.

## Fishers falls to Eagles, HSE advances over Rocks

By **RICHIE HALL**  
sports@readthereporter.com

CARMEL—Sectional 8 began Tuesday at Carmel's Eric Clark Activity Center, with first-round games taking place on Bill Shepherd Court.

Fishers took on Zionsville in the opening game, with the Eagles beating the Tigers 50-37. Defending sectional champion Ham-

ilton Southeastern faced Westfield in the second contest and won 60-46.

Both teams advanced to the Friday semifinals with their victories. Zionsville takes on the host Greyhounds at 6 p.m., while the Royals play Noblesville at 7:45 p.m.

### Disruptive Eagles

The Eagles led 13-7 after the first quarter and increased that lead to 32-15 by

halftime. Zionsville shot the ball well, with nine points each from Emma Tinder and McKenzie Chapman, while Emma Zack scored eight.

"They definitely came out ready to play," said Fishers coach Lauren Votaw. "They hit shots early and they really disrupted what we wanted to try to do offensively."

The Eagles kept going in the third period, which finished with Zionsville

ahead 44-23. The Tigers kept fighting until the end, making an 8-0 run late in the fourth quarter.

Delaney Wilson started the run with an and-1, then Lillian Burns made a basket off a steal, and followed that with a 3-pointer. That cut the Eagles' lead to 46-34, but they would hold on for the win.

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## Huskies fall to Connersville at sectional

By **CRAIG ADKINS**  
For The Reporter

The Hamilton Heights girls basketball team had high hopes heading into postseason play.

Unfortunately, the Huskies met their match in the first round of Class 3A Sectional 24 at Yorktown. Heights' season came to an end on Tuesday night, falling to Connersville, 50-30.

The Spartans were in control from the tipoff, leading 11-3 after one quarter.

The Huskies came alive in the second, but still trailed

23-13 at halftime.

Connersville outscored Heights 27-17 in the final two quarters to win by 20.

Leading scorer Riley Suarez led with 18 points on 9-for-18 shooting and three rebounds. Kamryn Rhodon had seven points, seven boards and four assists. Zoey Curry also added five points.

The big plus for the Huskies is that they have no seniors, returning their whole roster for 2026-27.

Hamilton Heights finishes its season with a 14-7 record.

## Sheridan falls to Lapel

The **REPORTER**

Sheridan had a tough assignment on Tuesday, playing Class 2A Sectional 39 host Lapel.

The No. 6-ranked Bulldogs beat the Blackhawks 64-40. Lapel led 12-4 after one quarter and 27-14 at halftime. The Bulldogs outscored Sheridan 23-8 in the third quarter for a 50-22 advantage.

The Hawks made a

fourth-quarter run with 18 points. Brielle Garner poured in 13 points during that period, including three 3-pointers. Sadie Timme scored five. Garner finished the game with 22 points and four triples, while Timme scored nine.

Lapel's Butler-bound star Laniah Willis scored 22 points.

Sheridan finished its season 9-13.

## Braves best Golden Eagles in OT at Sectional 25

By **CRAIG ADKINS**  
For The Reporter

Guerin Catholic was out for revenge on fellow Circle City Conference for Brebeuf Jesuit. They knew it was going to be a battle for the ages.

The two played to a low-scoring game (37-34) on Jan. 23 that also went to overtime at Brebeuf. The Braves got the best of the Golden Eagles in the extra frame for the second time in 11 days with a first-round win at Lebanon over Guerin, 61-52.

Brebeuf led 16-12 after one, but the second belonged to Guerin, scoring 14 to the Braves' 11 and trailed just 27-26 at halftime.

The third was knotted 14-14, putting the Braves up 41-40 through three.

The Golden Eagles had an 11-10 advantage in the



Photo by Mike Navarro

Guerin Catholic's Cecilia Titus scored 19 points for the Golden Eagles during their Sectional 25 game against Brebeuf Jesuit at Lebanon Tuesday.

fourth, tying it 51-51 to force overtime.

Guerin was held to one point in overtime and their first winning season in four years came to a screeching halt.

Cecilia Titus had a team-high 19 points and was joined in double-digits by Ella Horvath with 10. Caroline Ford chipped in with seven, senior Dana

Dues scored six in her final

game, along with Lorigrace Rockwood matching. Lauren Keller added four.

Dues is the lone senior, so Guerin Catholic (15-9) will stay loaded for 2026-27.

## Millers finish regular season with win

By **CRAIG ADKINS**  
For The Reporter

On Saturday, Jan. 31, the Noblesville girls basketball team finished the regular season on a high note, just in time for sectional play.

The Millers hit the road to Anderson and came home with a dominating 60-40 victory over the Indians.

Noblesville started off on the right foot and led Anderson 14-8 after one quarter.

The Millers put another 20 points on the scoreboard in the second to six for the Indians for a 34-14 halftime lead.

Outscoring the hosts 18-10 in the third, the Millers were up 52-24, allowing them to cruise to the 20-point win.

"The kids played well and it was a good way to finish the regular season," said Noblesville head coach Donna Buckley.

Lipscomb commit C.C. Quigley led the Millers with a career-high 32 points on 13-for-20 shooting and also grabbed 18 rebounds (10 offensive).

Maia Blower stuffed the stat sheet with eight points, seven rebounds, seven assists and seven steals.

"She was really good today and is finally getting healthy," Buckley said.

Ally Hutchinson (six boards) and Aleah Magee (three assists) each added six points.

Noblesville (9-11) next plays in the sectional semifinal at Carmel against Hamilton Southeastern Friday at 7:30 p.m.

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## Boys Basketball

# Henderson's layin finished Blazers rally and win

## The REPORTER

Josh Henderson's layin with less than one second remaining lifted University to a thrilling 70-68 win over Bishop Chatard Monday evening, capping a furious rally from 12 points down with less than six minutes remaining.

University inbounded from deep in the corner to Henderson outside the three-point line on the right wing. The junior beat his man off the dribble with his left hand, took three dribbles and scored the bucket to send The U Center crowd in to a frenzy.

The Trailblazers had rallied from a pair of 16-point first half deficits to get as close as five points in the third quarter, but Chatard pulled back out to a 61-49 lead with 5:52 remaining. Henderson made two free throws to start the comeback. Sophomore Jaxen Bennett drilled a three pointer to cut the lead to 61-54 with 4:33 left. After Chatard missed two free throws Henderson's three pointer from the left corner pulled the Blazers within 61-57.

Chatard scored to push the lead back to six before Faisal Mohamud split two foul shots. Henderson had

a steal that led to a Blake Gray three pointer to cut the lead to 63-61 with 2:50 left. After a defensive stand by University, Gray found Henderson for the bucket that tied the game at 63 with 2:20 left, capping a 14-2 burst by the Trailblazers.

Chatard retook the lead at 64-63 with 1:53 left on a free throw. Henderson put University on top for the first time since 5-2 by making two foul shots with 1:26 left. Gray had a steal and layin with 1:11 left for a 67-64 University lead. The Trojans scored on a deep two pointer with a minute left. Henderson was fouled with 41 seconds left and split a pair of free throws for a 68-66 University lead. Ari Sahm scored for Chatard with 28 seconds left to tie the game at 68. University missed a shot with under ten seconds left with ball going out of bounds after a wild scramble to set the stage for Henderson's game winner after two timeouts.

Chatard entered the game shooting 29 percent on three pointers and averaging four three point makes a game. The Trojans made four three pointers in the first quarter alone as

they raced to a 21-10 lead after the opening quarter, closing on a 7-0 run. 6-10 junior Zack McCormack and 5-9 junior Mikey Lane each made two triples in the quarter.

The Chatard lead reached 35-19 with 1:45 left in the half before a late University flurry cut the lead to 37-27 at halftime. McGee made a basket before Gray had a pair of steals and baskets. Mohamud found Henderson for a dunk with eight seconds left to send University to the locker room with some momentum. While University did get within 48-43 late in the third quarter, Chatard still led by 10 after three quarters as University struggled with Chatard's size.

Henderson scored 14 of his game-high 23 points in the fourth quarter. Gray had seven of his 14 points in the final quarter and a team high five steals. Joshua McGee had 13 points. Faisal Mohamud had nine points and dished out a team high nine assists.

McCormick tied Henderson for game high scoring honors with 23 points. Sahm added 21 points, 15 in the second half.

Each team made seven three pointers. Each team

made 13 of 18 foul shots. University had an 18-17 edge in two-point baskets thanks to Henderson's game winner.

University improved to 11-3 on the season. Chatard is now 4-12.

The Trailblazers lost to Liberty Christian 69-65 Tuesday in a road Pioneer Academic Athletic Conference game. The Lions captured the PAAC North Division championship and clinched a berth in the PAAC championship game to be held Feb. 13 at the South Division winner. Park Tudor currently leads the South Division and can clinch a spot in the title game with a win over Bethesda Christian tonight.

# Huskies win over Believe Circle City

## By CRAIG ADKINS

For The Reporter

On Saturday, Jan. 31, Hamilton Heights faced a new opponent.

Believe Circle City is located on North Capitol Avenue in downtown Indianapolis, just north of Fall Creek Parkway, near Ivy Tech Community College. Believe is in its first season as a program and will not be eligible to play in the IHSAA state tournament in March.

The Huskies welcomed the Cyclones to northern Hamilton County with a whopping 85-20 win.

Heights started the game off with a scoring flurry. The Huskies put up 30 points to the Cyclones' two.

Believe woke up in the

second. The Huskies took the second 22-13 for a 52-15 halftime score.

The second half was similar to the first quarter. Heights ran away in the third and fourth with 33 more points to just five from BCC.

The Huskies had quite the balanced effort. Calum Engle led with 17 points, five rebounds and three assists. Gavin Lucchesi (13) and Rees Knapp (12) joined in double figures, while Jackson Cantlon and Hayden Spicer each scored eight and Caleb Sullivan and Will DeStefano both added six.

The win was Heights' (8-7) eighth straight and they will travel to KIPP Indy Legacy (6-9) in downtown Indianapolis on Wednesday.

# Royals bounce back, beat Arabians

## By RICHARD TORRES

For The Reporter

The Hamilton Southeastern Royals bounced back with a home victory against Pendleton Heights, 76-72, on Saturday, Jan. 31.

The Class 4A Royals used a strong 27-point third quarter to break a 35-35 halftime deadlock and led 62-48 entering the final eight minutes.

The visiting Arabians attempted to rally with a 24-point fourth quarter, but HSE held on to win and

snapped their three-game losing streak.

HSE improved its season record to 8-9.

Sophomore Varschon Clark paced the Royals with a game-high 21 points with four rebounds and seven assists. Clark shot 2-for-4 from 3-point range.

Overall, HSE converted 11 of 24 shots from beyond the arc.

Senior Luke Weemer had 17 points on a 6-for-9 shooting night, including 3-for-4 from 3-point. He also posted a

team-best nine rebounds.

Senior Landon Osswald finished with 14 points on 6 of 11 shooting. He went a perfect 2-for-2 in 3-point attempts.

Senior Maverick Young had eight points and two 3-pointers with three rebounds. Freshman KJ Buckley chipped in seven points. Senior Kian Kelly added six points.

The Royals head to HCC foe Franklin Central on Thursday where they look to improve on their 2-3 conference record.

# Golden Eagles make comeback at Noblesville

## By CRAIG ADKINS

For The Reporter

On Saturday, Jan. 31, Guerin Catholic and Noblesville's boys basketball teams met up at The Mill. Prior to this matchup, the Millers were 6-2 against the Golden Eagles.

It was a tale of two halves. Each had their half to lead, but Guerin took advantage in the second half and overcame a halftime deficit

to win an all-county road game, 48-39.

The Millers had a slight 14-12 edge after the first quarter and the second was just as tight to give them a two-possession lead of 29-23.

Guerin made halftime adjustments and outscored Noblesville 25-10 in the final two quarters to hold off the hosts for the nine-point win.

The Golden Eagles were led by Will Bach with 24 and

Jake Grissom scoring 14 and grabbing five rebounds.

Class 3A No. 14 Guerin Catholic (13-5) hits the road at Culver Academy at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7.

The Millers had two in double figures. Baron Walker had a team-high 19 to go along with five rebounds and five assists. Justin Curry had 11 and three boards.

Noblesville (8-8) visits 4A No. 3 Mt. Vernon (16-2) on Thursday.

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"I was really proud of our kids," said Votaw. "I challenged the kids at halftime to leave this court with pride. I really feel like they did that."

Natalie Thomas scored nine points to lead Fishers, with Burns scoring six points. The Tigers finished their season 11-11.

**Third-quarter takeover**  
Southeastern outscored Westfield in all four quarters, but three of them were close.

The Royals led 11-9 after one period and 27-23 at halftime. Kennedy Holman had nine points in the first half, while Abby Orme scored eight, including a pair of 3s.

The Shamrocks were also balanced. MaKayla Hatcher, Ellie Wheeler and

Audra Parker all totaled six points.

Southeastern took over the game in the third quarter, outscoring Westfield 22-13 for a 49-36 advantage. Holman poured in 12 points, with four baskets and a 4-for-4 performance from the free-throw line. Orme added five points, including her third triple of the game.

Holman added six more points in the fourth, finishing with a game-high 27 points, going 10-of-12 from the line along the way. Orme added 15 points.

"The defensive intensity picked up for us," said HSE coach Brian Satterfield. "We were able to cause a little bit of havoc. The first half, we were starting to get a little separation, but then

we would let them come back." In the third quarter, the Royals got their lead "up to double digits and continued from there," he said.

Parker scored 13 points for the Shamrocks, with freshman Lillian Clark scoring nine. Westfield finished its season 17-8, the Rocks' highest total of wins since they went 18-5 in the 2021-22 season.

Westfield coach Kelsey Steele said this was the first senior class "that I've spent all four years with them," and the coaches and teammates thanked the seniors for their contributions.

"They've matured a lot in their leadership," said Steele. "You can see they've matured a lot as basketball players."

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# SPORTS SCHEDULE

## Basketball

**Wednesday, Feb. 4**  
**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
 Hamilton Heights at KIPP Legacy School, 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Feb. 5**  
**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
 Franklin Central at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.  
 Lawrence North at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.  
 Noblesville at Mt. Vernon, 7:30 p.m.  
 Sheridan at Herron, 7:30 p.m.  
 Westfield at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.

**GIRLS SWIMMING SECTIONAL PRELIMS**  
 University at Lafayette Jefferson, 5:30 p.m.  
 Fishers, Hamilton Heights at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.  
 Guerin Catholic, Noblesville, Westfield at Carmel, 6 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 6**  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL SECTIONALS**  
**Sectional 8 at Carmel**  
 Carmel vs. Zionsville, 6 p.m.  
 Noblesville vs. Hamilton Southeastern, 7:45 p.m.  
**Sectional 42 at Park Tudor**  
 Monrovia vs. Riverside-Park Tudor, 6 p.m.  
 University vs. Covenant Christian-Cardinal Ritter, 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 7**  
**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
 Sheridan at Alexandria, 1:30 p.m.  
 Center Grove at Noblesville, 2:30 p.m.  
 Heritage Christian at University, 2:30 p.m.  
 Winchester at Hamilton Heights, 2:30 p.m.  
 Guerin Catholic at Culver Academies, 7:30 p.m.

**BOYS WRESTLING REGIONALS**  
 Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Sheridan, Westfield at North Montgomery, 9 a.m.  
 Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Heights, Noblesville at Pendleton Heights, 9 a.m.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL SECTIONALS**  
**Sectional 8 at Carmel**  
 Championship, 7 p.m.  
**Sectional 42 at Park Tudor**  
 Championship, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, Feb. 10**  
**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
 Carmel at Brownsburg, 7:30 p.m.  
 Hamilton Heights at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.  
 Indpls. Metropolitan at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.  
 New Palestine at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.  
 University at Lebanon, 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 13**  
**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
 Carmel at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.  
 Fishers at Center Grove, 7:30 p.m.  
 Harrison at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.  
 Noblesville at Brownsburg, 7:30 p.m.  
 Sheridan at Carroll, 7:30 p.m.  
 University at Pioneer Conference playoff game, 7:30 p.m. at Shortridge

*Please email schedule changes or corrections to [sports@readthereporter.com](mailto:sports@readthereporter.com).*

# Quigley named IBCA District 2 Player of the Week

**The REPORTER**  
 Noblesville girls basketball senior C.C. Quigley was named the IBCA's District 2 Player of the Week for her performance during Week 13 of the basketball season (Jan. 26 to 31).

Quigley averaged 26.0 points and 11 rebounds as the Noblesville girls went 1-1 for the week. The 6-2 forward opened with 20 points, four rebounds and one steal in a 49-39 setback at Class 4A

No. 10 Pendleton Heights. The Lipscomb University signee followed with a career-high 32 points, 18 rebounds, one assist and one block in a 60-40 victory at Anderson. In the two games, Quigley went 18-of-34 on field goals, 2-of-6 on 3-pointers and 12-of-17 on free throws for the Millers (9-11).

Eastern senior Colton Lindsay is the Boys District 2 Player of the Week. Other winners are Nor-

well's Vanessa Rosswurm and Blackhawk Christian's Bryce LaCross for District 1 and Evansville Central's Maddy Shirley and Triton Central's Eli Sego for District 3.

This is the 18th season for the IBCA Player of the Week program. This is the second season for the IBCA Team of the Week program and the second season the IBCA corporate partner.

Coaches may nominate players and teams via buttons on the IBCA website ([in.nhsbca.org](http://in.nhsbca.org)). Coaches must be a current-year member for their players and/or team to be selected for a weekly award. Girls' winners are chosen from now through Monday following the IHSAA girls' State Finals. Boys' winners are chosen from now through the Monday following the IHSAA boys' State Finals.

# Thompson fuels Boom to sixth straight win

## Two-way guard lifts his team past Squadron, 125-109

**The REPORTER**  
 The Noblesville Boom (10-6), the NBA G League affiliate of the Indiana Pacers, extended their winning streak to six games with a dominant 125-109 victory over the Birmingham Squadron (5-15) on Sunday afternoon at The Arena at Innovation Mile.

Two-way guard Ethan Thompson erupted for a game-high 34 points on 11-of-19 shooting from the field, including 9-of-15 from beyond the arc, to go along with eight assists, seven rebounds and three steals. His nine made three-pointers tied a Boom single-game record and matched a personal best for the second time this season. Two-way guard Taelon Peter followed with 19 points on 6-of-11 shooting from deep, while DaJuan Gordon added 14 points and five rebounds off the bench.

Trey Alexander paced the Squadron with a final stat line of 28 points, eight rebounds, five assists



Photo by Mike Navarro

**The Noblesville Boom's Ethan Thompson scored 34 points and led the Boom to a 125-109 victory over the Birmingham Squadron Sunday, Feb. 1.**

and four steals. Christian Shumate (20 points, 13 rebounds) and Keion Brooks Jr. (20 points, 10 rebounds) combined for 40 points, with both recording double-doubles.

After a slow start, the Boom found their rhythm by using an 18-0 run to build an 11-point lead late in the opening period. Thompson led the way with 11 points in the frame on 4-of-6 shooting from the field, including 3-of-5 from three-point range. As a team, Noblesville shot 52.4 percent from the field and 50.0 percent from beyond the arc in the quarter to take a 31-20 advantage into the second.

Noblesville's defense took over in the second quarter, holding Birmingham to just five points through the midway mark and outscoring the Squadron 32-16 in the period. Birmingham finished the half with 36 points, marking the lowest first-half total allowed by the Boom this season, as Noblesville carried a 63-36 lead into the break.

The Boom continued their onslaught in the second half, pushing the lead to as many as 35 points with 6:13 remaining in the third quarter - the largest margin they have held over an opponent this season. Despite the deficit, the Squadron

outscored the Boom in the period, trailing 96-72 heading into the fourth. Alexander scored 16 of his 28 points in the final frame to help Birmingham cut the deficit to 15, but Noblesville coasted to the 16-point victory.

The Boom will hit the road for a four-game road trip beginning Wednesday against the Osceola Magic at Silver Spurs Arena. Coverage will be available on ESPN+, with tipoff scheduled for 7 p.m.

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

# Coaches called on to nominate players for National Football Foundation scholarships

**The REPORTER**  
 The Central Indiana Chapter of the National Football Foundation is urging all area high school football coaches to nominate players for the Chapter's annual college scholarship awards.

Players eligible for the awards are from the Chapter's multi-county area that includes Greater Indianapolis and its surrounding

counties. Candidates must have been juniors or seniors who played high school football in 2025. Deadline for submitting applications is Feb. 28.

Close to 20 scholarships of \$1,000 were awarded last year. The recipients are based on scholarship, community service, and athletic ability.

Applications can be obtained by contacting event co-chairs Matt Hunt or Andy

Birge. Mr. Hunt can be reached at [mhunt@kiterealty.com](mailto:mhunt@kiterealty.com) or at (317) 727-4986. Mr. Birge can be reached at [abirge2@gmail.com](mailto:abirge2@gmail.com) and by cell at (317) 502-7070.

The awards banquet is scheduled for Sunday, April 19 at the Indianapolis Colts Indiana Farm Bureau facility located in Indianapolis. Additional information can be obtained online at [nffcentralindiana.org](http://nffcentralindiana.org).

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