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TODAY'S WEATHER
Today: Partly sunny.
Tonight: Partly cloudy.
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Young Heights artists create, share new mural



The most recent work of art to be featured on the Iris Rubber Company building in Cicero is a painting created by students at Hamilton Heights Elementary School commemorating the work of artist Yayoi Kusama. Kusama, 92, is one of the most celebrated Japanese contemporary artists. She works primarily in sculpture and installation, but is also active in painting, performance, video art, fashion, poetry, fiction, and other arts. Her work is based in conceptual art and was inspired by American Abstract impressionism. She credits creating art to having a positive influence on her mental health. (Above) Student artists who contributed to a new mural, inspired by Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama and under the guidance of HHES Elementary art teacher Cheri Trachtman, include (back row, from left) Ariel Allwardt, Stella Seall, Jaedon Melson, Lyla Bentley, and Bentley Wine; and (front row, from left) Matt Hiday, Tommy Kloepper, Briley Bailey, Hans Kloepper, and Amelia Hoffman. Not pictured: Anthony Meier.

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Alexander's goals as Council VP: Create tighter processes, more transparency

Happy New Year! I am not sure how long we can continue to use that salutation, but at the time I write this, it still feels appropriate because for most of you, this is the first time we have communicated since the turning of the year. I have always looked at this time of year as an opportunity to take stock of your life but never at the expense of understanding the important things like family and friends.

Usually this is a somewhat muted time of the year with respect to the County Council, but this year it has been extraordinarily busy with county business. Whether it be holiday functions, ARPA funding meetings, close of business for the fiscal year, meeting with several agencies/departments, or meeting with others to discuss the coming year, it has been a full schedule. I will try and cover many of these activities in the paragraphs that follow.

Before I get into the overview of the January Council meeting, I want to bring you up to speed on the ARPA grant program that we initiated in the summer/fall of last year.

As a Council, we use the committee's recommendations to initiate funding from the money granted to our county by the U.S. government. I am a rotating member of that committee, and when my time came to participate in the meetings in December, I carried the message that we needed to focus on the business and charity applications that had not been acted on by the committee. To date, our focus has been funding projects that met the requirements of the legislation and paying bonuses to government and public safety personnel that worked through the pandemic.



Westfield welcomes new fire chief

The REPORTER

Westfield Mayor Andy Cook announced Monday that Rob Gaylor is the new Fire Chief for the Westfield Fire Department (WFD). Chief Gaylor succeeds Chief Marcus Reed, who retired at the end of 2021.

"Chief Gaylor brings a wealth of experience to the role and has already proved to be an excellent asset to the Westfield Fire Department," said Mayor Andy Cook. "Chief Reed has been integral in the successful growth of the department and leaves behind a great legacy."

Chief Gaylor has been in the fire and EMS service since 1995 and a member of WFD since 2004. He most recently served as Deputy Chief for the department and the Chief of Training and Operations. He is also a member of several public safety service organizations



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Westfield's new fire chief, Rob Gaylor, has served on the fire department since 2004.

including the District 5 Incident Management Team, Indiana Task Force One, Indiana Fire Instructors Association and the International Association of Arson Investigators.

According to city officials, Reed left WFD in a great position for the future and was integral in the implementation of several innovative initiatives including the Field Resource

Paramedicine Program and PulsePoint.

To learn more about the Westfield Fire Department and services, please visit westfield.in.gov/fire.

Carmel to close Monon Greenway trail for 10 months of renovations

The REPORTER

A major renovation project in Carmel along the Monon Greenway in the City Center area will result in the closure of the trail beginning Monday, Jan. 17 and continuing until late October or early November. Detours using Carmel Drive, Range Line Road and City Center Drive will be posted.

The full closure of the trail will be from the new Monon Green Boulevard (located just south of Carter Green) to the tunnel under City Center Drive. The closure will also include the east side of Carter Green's circle drive.

This closure will accommodate a major renovation to the trail in this section of the greenway. The project is in conjunction with Clay Town-



Rendering provided by City of Carmel

ship and City of Carmel's joint effort to complete improvements to the trail in this area and tie the trail back to the ex-

isting and new buildings being constructed.

City officials say the new trail section will have enhanced

landscaping, a tree-lined canopy, seating areas, places to gather and will be widened from 14 to 18 feet.

Noblesville to celebrate MLK, Jr. Day with community service of unity

The REPORTER

The Noblesville community gathers each year on the third Monday of January, the holiday set aside as Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Day, to celebrate his life and legacy in a community service of unity.

The year's celebration will take place at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 17 at Celebration Hall (Door 2,7) at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St.

Mayor Chris Jensen has invited Karrah Herring, the Chief Equity, Inclusion and Opportunity Officer for the State of Indiana to be the guest speaker. She was appointed to this position created by Governor Holcomb.

Noblesville Schools Superintendent Beth Niedermeyer has lined up the Noblesville West Middle School Choir to sing, presentation of the new We Are All Human mural recently painted in the Noblesville High School library, and two collaborative art pieces the public will be invited to contribute to on the way into the program. Everyone is encouraged to arrive early to participate in this opportunity created with the help of Nickel Plate Arts.

Other highlights include a presentation organized by Norm Williams on Dr. King's Letter from a Birmingham Jail. Dr. Jeff Wright will lead a community choir ensemble. Anyone interested in participating can come for a rehearsal that evening at 6 p.m.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Celebration is a collaboration of several Noblesville churches, the Noblesville Diversity Coalition, Noblesville Schools, and the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce.

Questions? Contact Pastor Jerry Rairdon at jrairdon@Noblesville-First.com or call the church office at (317) 773-2500.

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ALEXANDER

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We had two ARPA meetings in December. The first reviewed some general approvals for projects, and the second focused on reviewing the business and charitable applications. The follow-up to the second meeting is scheduled for Firday, Jan. 14, where I intend to push for some decisions that will allow us to distribute funds to some of the businesses and charities that had devastating damages from the COVID-19 pandemic that shut down our economy and closed businesses. I hope to provide an update next month.

Regarding the regularly scheduled Council meeting, the actions that we can take in January are limited, but we do have several procedural items to address. This month's meeting was no different with the election of our 2022 President and Vice President and the approval of board appointments for the several bodies that we support.

This past year was a highly productive year for the County Council. We accomplished a great deal and continue to drive and support this county. Before I get into the election of the Council's leadership, I must thank Councilor Amy Massillamany for her leadership

over the past year. While this role is administrative in nature, it was a difficult year with many activities that required a great deal of time, and she did an outstanding job in that role and deserves our appreciation.

For 2022, our Council elected Steve Schwartz to serve as the President and I was elected to serve as the Vice President.

My goals for this year are to maintain the decorum of our meetings but to also develop tighter processes and procedures that improve the transparency of the Council, continue to educate the community about what we do and provide better information to Councilors to allow for them to make more informed decisions. This will include creating a methodology that provides for a process to select professional support to the Council whether it be legal, financial or other service that we require. I am excited and looking forward to the coming year.

The other procedural item was an issue I made a big stink about several years ago, the Council Board Appointments. This has traditionally been a rubber stamp of the individuals that served the previous year. This is one of the best ways for people to engage in county business

in the community. Last year we put some new people in these positions, and I hope to continue to provide new opportunities for citizens in the county. I recognize that we need to do a better job by advertising these opportunities, educating of their importance, and allowing new people to get engaged in our county government. We have improved some in the past few years, but we have room to get better.

This year we asked existing appointees to submit a letter of interest to the Council. I do not believe we did enough to highlight these opportunities to the community as I received only one email from the public expressing their interest and it was for a position that was not up for appointment. Like I stated above, I will work this year to create a better process.

There was only one major action addressed in the January meeting. Over the past few months, we have all seen the need to "hire outside of the salary range" for several positions. Many of these positions remain unfilled as they compete with the private sector, which generally pays higher wages. Government is not nearly as nimble, which is not all bad, but in this case it causes some real problems. This month

our personnel committee brought forth a recommendation to change the Labor, Trade and Craft (LTC) pay scales to be more in line with the private sector. We hope this helps our ability to fill LTC positions and voted unanimously in favor of the recommendation. If you are interested in pursuing work with the county, you can find job postings on our [website](#).

As many of you know, I work in the construction industry and meet regularly with hotels and service industry groups. They are all experiencing similar struggles to fill these types of positions as well. In some cases, people have sought new jobs and left LTC careers or they have left the workforce all together.

It is part of the reason why the Council's seed investment in the Hamilton County Center for Career Achievement (HCCCA) is so vital. Since our decision to support this venture – which will repurpose millions of dollars in federal grant money into our communities and schools – our program is beginning to take shape with programs in healthcare, cybersecurity, civil engineering, and advanced manufacturing starting this spring in some schools. The intent of the HCCCA is to offer programs

across the county this fall.

We are also anticipating 15 new course offerings kicking off in the fall of 2023 and are beginning the conversation with college and universities about integration into their learning curriculum. Businesses interested in getting involved need to reach out to our Executive Director, Carrie Lively at clively@hamco-careers.com or catch her at our county-wide Architecture, Engineering and Construction Trades Job Fair at Hamilton Heights High School on Feb. 16.

I am excited for the coming year. While we all hope that COVID-19 will stop impacting our lives, we know that it most likely will continue to disrupt. Elections are important, and I think we have learned that over the past few years.

When I first ran for office, I stated a few principles that guided me. I believe in the importance of partnerships to achieve better results, I believe in the importance of public service, I believe that the government sector has a lot to learn from the private sector, and I also believe in term limits.

After the craziness of the past couple of years I must add another principle, which is I believe in the power of personal responsibility. I stated a few months ago that I was going to run for re-election, but understand that a campaign will not get in the way of me doing the job I was elected to do. I made my commitment to seek re-election official on Jan. 7. This will be the last time I mention my campaign in these articles until after the primary in May as I believe this communication is intended to educate and not be used to promote any agenda.

Congratulations to the new leadership of the Hamilton County Reporter. I am excited for Stu and think the world of this local paper. I am pleased that the Hamilton County Reporter will continue to allow me to write a monthly column. A special thanks to you, the readers, and residents of Hamilton County, for reading it and being engaged in the discussion. Our county is better because of you all. I welcome your questions at ken.alexander@hamilton-county.in.gov.

Ken Alexander is serving in his first term on the Hamilton County Council, representing District 4, which includes Adams and Washington townships, and part of Clay Township. He currently serves as the Vice President of the County Council.



Advocating for
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I was born and raised right here in Noblesville. I grew up in a home without domestic violence or assault – it wasn't something I saw, or even heard about. But when I was introduced to Prevail of Central Indiana, I was shocked by the number of individuals who are affected by domestic violence. In 2018 alone, Prevail helped more than 4,000 clients in Hamilton County. (Nearly 80 percent of clients are women and children.) Domestic violence and abuse are hard topics to discuss, so you don't often hear about them. But at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, we're breaking the taboo and raising awareness for Prevail, an organization that helps families in Hamilton County.

– Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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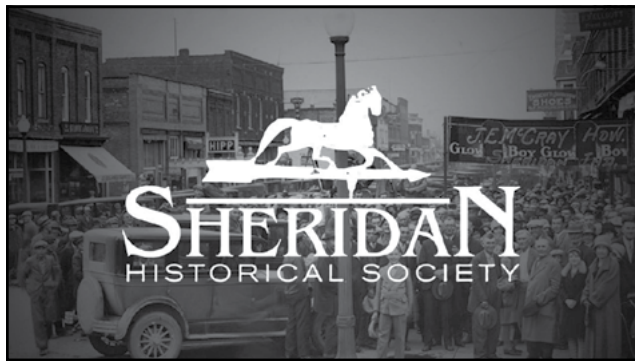
Immerse yourself in Sheridan's rich history at NHCCC luncheon

The REPORTER

This Thursday don't miss the Northern Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce's (NHCCC) first luncheon of the year.

The luncheon will feature a look through Sheridan's history. The Sheridan Historical Society will host the luncheon and tell attendees about the museum, which has been in its new location for two years now.

The museum recently opened a new exhibit honoring Sheridan's long time



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football coach Bud Wright.

"Our exhibits cover the history of Adams Township and Marion Township of

Boone County," said Historical Society President Ron Stone. "We are proud of our work in genealogy

and have many active members who help in searching family history. We have lots of resources to aid in searching for information. Sheridan, once the second largest town in the county, was at one time a bustling community."

The luncheon will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 13 at the Sheridan Historical Society, 315 S. Main St., Sheridan. [Click here](#) to get your tickets. Members can attend for \$15; guests for \$18.

Fishers company OfficeWorks now represents group of 21 modern design brands

The REPORTER

Fishers-based OfficeWorks is now the new exclusive representative of both Herman Miller and Knoll for Central Indiana.

This partnership brings together the design heritages of Herman Miller, Knoll, and their 19 brands under one roof for the first time in this market. The group of brands includes Colebrook Bosson Saunders, DatesWeiser, DWR, Edelman Leather, Fully, Geiger, HAY, Holly Hunt, KnollExtra, Knoll Office, KnollStudio, KnollTextiles, Maharam, Muuto, naughtone, and

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"OfficeWorks is thrilled to represent a group of the most iconic brands in modern design," said OfficeWorks President Larry Martin. "We welcome the opportunity to earn the support of new clients and specifying partners and strengthen our relationships with our customers by adding even greater value to their evolving workplaces."

A certified minority-owned business (MBE), OfficeWorks has been leading the central Indiana market in helping its clients create great places to work, learn and heal since 1984.

Nix first to file in House District 32

By FRED SWIFT

[ReadTheReporter.com](#)

A newcomer to county politics, Paul G. Nix, has become the first to file for the office of state representative in the new 32nd district. Nix, 66, and his wife, Ann, are longtime residents of the Fishers area.

District 32 now includes southern portions of Clay and Delaware townships. It was established this year by the state legislature due to the rapidly increasing population in southern Hamilton County.

Nix, a Republican, filed his candidacy Jan. 5 in the district that appears competitive with only slightly more GOP voters than Democrats in the most recent election. The area was formerly represented by Jerry Torr and Todd Huston, but due to redistricting was split from their districts to form a new house district.

The candidate, originally from Fort Wayne, and his wife are parents of seven adult children. Although never having sought elective office, Nix serves as a vice precinct committeeman in Delaware Township where he has lived for 31 years. He works in the insurance industry, serving mostly a senior clientele.

Incumbent representatives who have filed for re-election include Chuck Goodrich, Noblesville; Donna Schaibley, Carmel; as well as Huston and Torr. Rep. Tony Cook, Cicero, announced his retirement from the legislature.

The filing period for the 2022 election is currently underway and extends until noon on Feb. 4.

In other political news, Steve Dillinger has been elected president of the Board of County Commissioners for 2022, and Steve Schwartz has been named

president of the Hamilton County Council.

Commissioners held their reorganization meeting Monday at which time they usually make appointments

to various county boards and commissioners. The appointments were delayed until Jan. 24 because only two of the three commissioners were present Monday.

Who's on my ballot for the May 2022 Primary Election?

Candidate filings current as of Tuesday, Jan. 11

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Kathy Kreag Williams (R)

County Recorder

Trini K. Beaver (R)

County Sheriff

Dennis Quakenbush (R)

County Coroner

Jeff Jellison (R)

County Assessor

Kevin W. Poore (R)

County Council

District 2

Amy Elizabeth Massillamany (R)

District 3

Steve Schwartz (R)

District 4

Ken Alexander (R)

Adams Twp. Trustee

Michelle Junkins (R)

Adams Twp. Board

Floyd H. Barker (R)

Clay Twp. Trustee

Paul D. Hensel (R)

Clay Twp. Board

Matthew J. Snyder (R)

Mary Eckard (R)

Delaware Twp. Trustee

Debbie R. Driskell (R)

Delaware Twp. Board

Rick Fain (R)

Fall Creek Twp. Trustee

Doug Allman (R)

Fall Creek Twp. Board

Brian Baehl (R)

Jason W. Meyer (R)

Noblesville Twp. Trustee

Theresa Caldwell (R)

Noblesville Twp. Board

Peggy R. Pfister (R)

Joe Arrowood (R)

Perry Williams (R)

Mary Sue Rowland (R)

Wayne Twp. Trustee

Laura McNamara (R)

White River Twp. Trustee

Robbie Ping (R)

Cicero Town Council

At Large

Heidi Wilcox (R)

Eric Hayden (R)

Sheridan Town Council

Steve C. Fisher (R)

Eric D. Gifford (R)

Daniel A. Bragg (R)

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Clay 28

Edwin Russell

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Clay Township

Dallas Shelby

Republican State

Convention Delegates

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Clay District 2

Mary (Dubbie) Buckler

Clay District 4

Sue Lile

Dwight Lile

Barry S. Simich

Delaware District 2

Barbara Layton

Fall Creek District 1

Amy Elizabeth Massillamany

Fall Creek District 2

Dawn Lang

Fall Creek District 3

Jeff Dossett

Doug Allman

Michele L. Allman

Jackson/White River

Dennis Quakenbush

Sarah L. Reed

Noblesville District 1

Jason Spartz

Dianna Bradley-Lynch

Noblesville District 2

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IU Kokomo School of Nursing inducts four students from Hamilton County

The REPORTER

Faculty and staff welcomed 32 future healthcare professionals to the Indiana University Kokomo School of Nursing and Allied Health Professions, with its traditional induction ceremony for the spring 2022 semester.

Locally, four future professionals from Hamilton County were inducted. They were:

- **Karly M. Dean of Atlanta**
- **Samantha de Bie of Carmel**
- **Madison Taylor Fields of Noblesville**
- **Alexandra Lee Gasparino of Westfield**

Samantha Fouts, clinical assistant professor of nursing, welcomed the class, congratulating them on beginning a journey that will lead to becoming a member of one of the most trusted professions – a journey they will never forget.

She encouraged them to build relationships with classmates and faculty, to sustain themselves along the challenging path, and to put their heart and soul into caring for their patients.

“Each patient encounter you have will bring with it an opportunity of growth for you,” Fouts said. “Never forget to seize each opportunity and be thankful for each experience.”

Carolyn Townsend, associate dean of the pre-licensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program, reflected on what it means to be a nurse in unprecedented times, serving at the forefront during a global pandemic that has impacted millions of people.

“As nurses, we respond to this challenge, we do what is needed for as long as

it is needed,” Townsend said. “We are dedicated to care for our community. That is who we are, and we are looking forward to having you join us in the profession of nursing. Nurses’ commitment to caring is part of our very being, and we stay the course with our very sick and sometimes dying patients every day.”

Townsend reminded the new students that as a nurse, caring matters, care is based on scientific evidence, they will serve as coaches and teachers for patients, healthcare is about effective teamwork and leadership, and they must advocate for their patients.

“In this difficult journey, it will be so important to keep in mind the sacred duty you have to meet patient needs,” she said. “Similarly, you must learn self-care, making time for your own well-being. Both are essential to creating a professional life in which you flourish.”

Additional speakers included Mark Canada, interim deputy chancellor and executive vice chancellor for academic affairs; Stephanie Pratt, director of the RN to BSN track and clinical assistant professor of nursing; Erin Geiselman, assistant professor of nursing; and nursing students Shaun Fewell, Karly McKay, and Jaycee Polk.

The new students, selected in a rigorous acceptance process, wore the red scrubs that marked them as an IU student for the first time as they each crossed the stage to receive a certificate of accomplishment. The incoming class also recited the Nursing Pledge, which is a promise to uphold the ethics of the nursing profession.

House Committee to consider ‘Nursing Indiana Back to Health’ proposal to address workforce shortages, support Hoosier nurses

Submitted

The Indiana House Public Health Committee today will consider **House Bill (HB) 1003**, a House Republican legislative agenda bill termed “Nursing Indiana Back to Health.” The bill, authored by Rep. Ethan Manning (R-Denver), would address Indiana’s health care workforce shortage and support Hoosier nurses if passed this session by the Indiana General Assembly.

The legislation will be heard in committee at 8:30 a.m. this morning in Statehouse Room 404.

“The gap between supply and demand for nurses has long been growing, but the length and stress of the pandemic has exacerbated the issue,” said Brian Tabor, president of the Indiana Hospital Association. “The ‘Nursing Indiana Back to Health’ legislation is a crucial step forward in narrowing that gap and ensuring that Hoosier patients will have the nurses they need to care for them for years to come. Indiana hospitals greatly appreciate the General Assembly’s recognition of the importance of our workforce challenges and their willingness to take up this legislation to empower nursing educa-

tors in Indiana.”

The demand for registered nurses (RNs) in Indiana is projected to grow 12 percent from 2018 to 2028, a far greater rate than the average for all occupations. That translates to 4,750 new job openings, without enough nurses to fill those positions.

“Nursing Indiana Back to Health” provides flexibilities and removes unnecessary regulations for nursing schools in Indiana, allowing additional students to enter the nursing workforce pipeline.

“Ivy Tech Community College was created to be responsive to workforce needs,” said Dr. Sue Ellspermann, president of Ivy Tech Community College. “The ‘Nursing Indiana Back to Health’ legislation will enable the College to expand its nursing programs by 600 students annually by 2025, helping close the gap on the nursing shortage. We appreciate the legislature’s willingness to remove barriers that will allow the College the flexibility to address urgent workforce needs.”

The Indiana Hospital Association and Ivy Tech Community College will testify in support of the bill in committee.

Rep. Chris Jeter seeks stronger penalties for killing police K-9s

The REPORTER

State Rep. Chris Jeter (R-Fishers) is working to strengthen criminal penalties and sentencing for killing a police K-9.

Jeter, an attorney who serves on the House Courts and Criminal Code Committee, authored legislation that would increase the penalty for killing a police K-9 from a Level 6 to a Level 5 felony carrying a sentence of between one to six years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000. He said killing a K-9 in the commission of a crime would also be an aggravating circumstance for sentencing in criminal cases.

“These animals are vital for police officers in their

work to protect our community,” Jeter said. “Not only do they serve alongside their handlers, but they also fearlessly pursue suspects and take on dangerous tasks that inevitably save human lives.”

Jeter’s legislation is inspired by the 2019 killing of Harlej, a K-9 with the Fishers Police Department shot by a fleeing suspect. With the current maximum sentence for the crime standing at six months, Jeter said the penalty is too low and criminals who take the lives of police K-9s like Harlej need



Jeter

to face stiffer penalties.

He said in addition to the emotional toll of losing a K-9, their death is costly and impacts budgets as training can cost up to \$45,000 per dog.

House Bill 1056 is assigned to the **House Courts and Criminal Code Committee**. Watch session and committees live, and view legislation at iga.in.gov.

State Rep. Chris Jeter (R-Fishers) represents *House District 88, which includes portions of Marion, Hamilton and Hancock counties.*

Letter to the Editor

New York reader questions Sen. Scott Baldwin's motives

Senator Baldwin, There was almost a degree of sympathy elicited from your apology for your now obviously wrong-headed statements on what teachers should be instructing in schools. I am as sorry as you for the statements. But I am dismayed by the want to make the remarks in the first place. There is no need for legislators to get involved in school subject matters, unless they are attempting to appeal to a simple-minded political base that cannot understand what the proper forum for such issues might be. While I am afraid you are not the only elected official to engage in this practice, perhaps this will be an opportunity for you to urge others to refrain from such tactics and apply themselves in a more responsible way. Thank you.
Ken Williams
Baldwin, N.Y.

Letter to the Editor

Solar supporter in Westfield calls on Sen. Baldwin to fix utility "loophole"

Dear Editor: Our legislators are back in session, and I hope they work on good solar policies for Indiana. This state should be thrilled so many people, schools, businesses, and cities have and want to invest in solar technology. It makes us more energy self-sufficient. I'm a solar owner and want to thank my representative Tony Cook for introducing a bill (**HB 1136**) that would extend net metering and makes solar more affordable for homes, schools, and cities. Solar helps to cut energy costs and saves taxpayer dollars for schools and cities. Solar and sustainable energy should be promoted to its utmost. Net metering is for small-scale, customer-owned and rooftop solar that is used to meet your own energy needs. It's not about the large-scale solar farms for utilities. I also want to urge Senator Scott Baldwin who sits on the utilities committee to hear a bill (**SB 248**) that fixes a terrible loophole. Utilities are using this loophole to change the way they reimburse solar owners for energy supplied to the grid. By changing from "monthly" to "instantaneous" netting, solar owners are compensated significantly less. Instantaneous netting hurts people, schools and cities that embrace energy freedom and expect to receive fair compensation for power we create. Lawmakers need to fix this loophole.
Jodi Becker
Westfield

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Health officials offering COVID tests for students in Fishers schools

By GREGG MONTGOMERY
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The Fishers Health Department has announced that effective Jan. 10, it will provide **COVID-19 testing for students** in kindergarten through grade 12 in the Hamilton Southeastern school district.

HSE Schools is Indiana's fourth-largest school district with more than 22,000 students and two high schools. The **HSE Schools COVID Tracker** on Saturday showed a total of 43 cases and absences among staff

members, and 1,113 among students since Dec. 6.

The department will give polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests.

The testing hours at the health department, located at 2 Municipal Drive, Fishers, will be open from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Monday through Friday; 3 to 5 p.m. Monday and Wednesday; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 2 to 4 p.m. on Friday; and noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday. People can register online for the tests for students at fishers.in.us/SchoolTesting. Rapid tests are available

Fishers sees highest ever monthly case number

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According to data from the Fishers Health Department, December 2021 saw the highest number of cases – 3,184 – since the creation of the department.

FHD is urging residents to get vaccinated to help decrease the level of

community transmission of COVID-19. In addition, the health department says residents should continue masking in public places, wash their hands, and social distance.

See the latest metrics report at fishers.in.us/1254/Data-Center.

only through appointments for people 18 and younger, and 50 and older via a [state website](http://fishers.in.us/1254/Data-Center).

Letter to the Editor

Fishers mayor reflects on 2021, looks forward to what's coming in 2022

Editor's note: The following was originally released by the City of Fishers at the end of 2021.

Dear Fishers residents, As we close out 2021, I want to take a moment to reflect on this past year and provide some insights on what's to come in 2022 in our community.

Our city has been impacted by the same challenges other communities, our state, our country, and our world have been affected by. Fortunately, in true Fishers fashion, we hit those issues head on. Our community's willingness to address issues aggressively and innovatively has served us well. Fishers is well positioned for the near- and long-term future.

In the coming year, you will see a new life sciences industry sector emerge in our community. National and international life science companies have committed nearly half a billion dollars of investment to make Fishers their home. These companies will bring great paying jobs and additional momentum to our already growing and dynamic economy.

Our strong economic performance has allowed us to make historic investments in quality of life.

In the coming year we will break ground on the Fishers Community Center that will include amenities such as aquatics, indoor courts, fitness center, and indoor playground. The city will also construct three key additions to our parks and trail systems with the Nickel Plate Trail, Geist Greenway, and Geist Waterfront Park. And lastly, the city, faced with extensive infrastructure challenges at the existing City Hall, will make a transformative investment in the arts by building a Fishers Arts Center in conjunction with the reconstruction of City Hall.

2022 is going to be a busy and exciting year. I am eager for our community to see these become a reality and enjoy these new additions to our city. As our community heals from the challenges and discord that we have all experienced over the last 24 months, know that your city's leadership stands as optimistic and as energized as ever to make Fishers not only a world class city, but a truly great community.

Yours in service,
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Harold Layton Box

October 28, 1941 – January 9, 2022

Harold Layton Box, 80, Indianapolis, passed away on Sunday, January 9, 2022, at his home. He was born on October 28, 1941, to Norris and Hazel (Minchew) Box in McArthur, Ark.

For 37 years, Harry worked for Delco-Remy and sold real estate at the same time; he was a hard worker all his life. Harry loved old antique cars and owned several. He loved to sing and loved gambling at casinos. Family was most important to Harry; he supported his grandkids athletics, never missing a game. He also traveled to visit extended family all over the country. Harry served on the Noblesville City Council for 14 years.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Box; sons, Randy (Susie) Box and Ricky (Mary) Box; stepson, Brian (Barbara) Hall; grandchildren, Sara and Daniel, and Kaitlyn and Kimberly; step-grandson, Andy; and his great-grandchildren, Britton, Carter and Maddox.

In addition to his parents, Harry was preceded in death by his brothers, Bob Box, Curt Box, and Don Box; twin brother, Howard Box; and his great-grandchild, Kayden.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. on Friday, January 14, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville.

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Patsy A. Brown

April 6, 1940 – January 9, 2022

Patsy A. Brown, 81, Fishers, passed away on Sunday, January 9, 2022, at Prairie Lakes Health Campus in Noblesville. She was born on April 6, 1940, to Ira and Lillian (Koehn) Esler in Bowler, Wis.

Pat got her certificate as a flight cabin hostess soon after graduating from Bowler High School where she was a long-time cheerleader, baton twirler and saxophone player. She worked as a realtor alongside a dear friend in Illinois for six years. After moving to Indiana, Pat was an office manager for 10 years with a local engineering company and volunteered with the Assistance League delivering presents every year.

Pat retired and started playing golf every day and traveling. When at home, she spent most hours in her gardens, fossil hunting, walking in the woods or creek walking for geodes.

Pat enjoyed being around old friends and making new ones feel like part of our family. She loved, adored and was always beside her husband of 64 years, Adrian. Pat was filled with Faith and was always sharing her stories of hope and healing at every opportunity so they knew the reason for her joy.

Pat is survived by her husband, Adrian Brown; daughters, Alicia Brown and Lori (Tim) Krieter; grandchildren, Jordan Mann, Dylan Mann, Cody Christiansen, Parker Christiansen, Kayle Krieter, and Kyle Krieter; great-grandchildren, Adrian, Brooks, Mats, Jozi, Trey, and Conner; and her brother, Jack Esler.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, January 20, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. A Celebration of Pat's life will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Transitions Care, 8435 Keystone Crossing, Suite 108, Indianapolis, IN 46240; or Hamilton Hills Church, 10293 E. 126th St., Fishers, IN 46038.

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Richard R. Hauser

June 19, 1944 – January 8, 2022

Richard R. Hauser, 77, Carmel and Westfield, passed away on January 8, 2022. He was born June 19, 1944, in Pittsburgh, Pa., son of the late Ernest and Rita (Wolfenberger) Hauser.

Richard was a graduate of Eastmoor High School, Columbus, Ohio. He continued his education at Franklin University in Columbus, Ohio, and earned his MBA at Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, in 1978.

As a U.S. Navy veteran, Richard served his country during the Vietnam War, stationed in Iceland, where he was awarded a letter of commendation for efficiency recommendations.

During the years of working as a business executive and in leadership roles, Richard was with multiple companies in Ohio and Michigan before moving to Indiana. From 1982 to 1988, Richard worked as Chief Financial Officer and Vice President for Operations at Que Corp., which was a leading computer book publisher. From 1989 to 1998, he worked as CFO and then President at Howard W. Sams Co., a leading technical publisher. Richard enjoyed being a consultant to small businesses from 1998 to 2010, during which time he was invited to be a guest lecturer at Capital University in Columbus. He worked as the Controller at Whitesell Corporation from 2011 to 2014. Richard worked as an executive at American Fasteners, Whitesell Corporation, Midwest Graphics and Hoosier Trim before his recent retirement. The highlight of his career was owning and managing Howard W. Sams with business partner, Damon Davis, during the 1990s. They purchased the company from Macmillan, then sold to Bell Atlantic (now Verizon).

Richard felt honored to have had the privilege to personally meet such dignitaries as Margaret Thatcher, Jack Kemp, Colin Powell, and Dan Coats. He loved being a part of the Honor Flight and the experience of seeing the Washington, D.C. monuments and meeting Bob Dole.

Richard received the 1990 "New Venture of the Year" as well as the MBA Alumni Award in 2000 from Capital University.

Richard was known as a dedicated, hardworking, loving husband, father, and grandfather who took great joy in the accomplishments of his family. He loved high school football and several of his teammates went on to play collegiate and NFL football.

Survivors include his devoted wife, Nancy L. Hauser; sons, Mark R. Hauser of Pekin, Ind., and Craig A. (Shannon) Hauser of Charlotte, N.C.; daughter, Jen N. Hauser of Birmingham, Ala.; grandchildren, Max, Karl, Conrad, and Lorelei Hauser; sister, Elaine (Don) Lakin of Dublin, Ohio, and brother-in-law; sisters-in-law; and nieces and nephews.

Visitation will take place from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 15, 2022, at Bussell Family Funerals, 1621 E. Greyhound Pass, Carmel, where a Funeral Service for the family will begin at 2 p.m. A Committal Service will follow in Carmel Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be given to Indy Honor Flights, P.O. Box 10, Plainfield, IN 46168, or at indyhonorflight.org; or Wounded Warriors Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family in arrangements.

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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother;

To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people—the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

Colossians 1:1-8 (NIV)

Ellen M. Stoops

June 19, 1942 – January 9, 2022

Ellen M. Stoops, 79, Atlanta, passed away on Sunday, January 9, 2022, at IU Health Tipton Hospital. She was born on June 19, 1942, to Willard and Nancy Elizabeth (Ehman) Forkner in Tipton, Ind.

Ellen worked for Noblesville Schools for several years. She loved camping, traveling, and the beach. Most of all, Ellen loved being with her family.

She is survived by her husband, Douglas Stoops; children, Debbie Anderson, Richard (Diane) DeWitt, Randall (Glenda) DeWitt, James (Vickie) DeWitt, Sheila (Carl) Abbott, Sonya (Randy) Pearson, David (Charles) Stoops, and Douglas (Melissa) Stoops; 17 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and her brother, Donald (Ruth) Forkner.

In addition to her parents, Ellen was preceded in death by her sister, Wanda Gullion; son, Dana L. Stoops; grandchildren, Joy Anderson and Michael Anthony Crooks; son-in-law, Donnie Anderson; and her great-grandson, Gabriel Stoops.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with services at 1 p.m., on Thursday, January 13, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Pastor Mark Knapp will officiate. Burial will follow at Arcadia Cemetery in Arcadia.

Memorial contributions may be made to Arkansas Children's Foundation, P.O. Box 2207, Lowell, AR 72745; or Ronald McDonald House of Indiana, 435 Limestone St., Indianapolis, IN 46202.

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Girls basketball

Millers return to action with big win



Reporter photo by Kirk Green
Noblesville's Meredith Tippner takes a shot during the Millers' game with Mount Vernon Tuesday at The Mill. Noblesville won 64-30 in its first game back after an 11-day layoff.

After an extended break, the Noblesville girls basketball team returned to the floor Tuesday with a home game at The Mill against Mount Vernon.

The Millers, ranked No. 4 in the IBCA Class 4A poll and No. 6 in the ICGSA one-class poll, cruised past Mount Vernon 64-30. Noblesville outscored the Marauders in all four quarters, steadily increasing its lead as the game progressed.

"We had an 11-day layoff, so I wasn't sure what we were going to look like," said Millers coach Donna Buckley. The coach was concerned that her team might have been a little out of shape by the second half. But Noblesville powered through that half, outscoring Mount Vernon 36-13.

"It was great to see our kids come out and continue to play well in the second half, even though I'm sure they were a little fatigued and fight through that and have mental toughness."

The Millers led 12-8 after the first quarter, with Ashlynn Shade pouring in 10 of those points, including two 3-pointers. Noblesville extended its lead to 28-17 by half-time, with Shade scoring eight more points.

The Millers ramped up their defense even more in the third quarter, outscoring the Marauders 19-6. Noblesville opened the period with a 7-0 run, then after back-to-back baskets by Mount Vernon, went on an 8-0 run. Five different players scored during that run, with Brooklyn Smitherman totaling four points. Reagan Wilson and Ava Shoemaker both hit 3s.

Wilson drained another 3 before the end of the quarter, at which time the Millers led 47-23. Noblesville then sprinted

to the finish line, with Shade making four more 3s in that period, and Wilson hitting one.

Shade finished the game with seven triples on her way to 34 points, reached double-double status by collecting 11 rebounds and also dished out five assists. Wilson had three 3s, scored 11 points overall and handed out nine assists.

Smitherman had seven rebounds and two blocked shots, while Meredith Tippner collected five rebounds.

The Millers are 15-3 for the season and travel to Zionsville on Friday for a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game, the first part of a girls-boys doubleheader. The girls game starts at 6 p.m., with the boys game to follow.

NOBLESVILLE 64, MOUNT VERNON 30				
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Kaitlyn Shoemaker	1-7	1-2	3	0
Ashlynn Shade	12-20	3-4	34	3
Reagan Wilson	4-9	0-0	11	0
Meredith Tippner	3-10	1-2	7	1
Brooklyn Smitherman	3-4	0-0	6	2
Brooklyn Ely	0-2	0-0	0	0
Ava Shoemaker	1-4	0-0	3	3
Dani Mendez	0-1	0-0	0	1
Carly Motz	0-0	0-0	0	0
Aubrey Novinger	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	24-57	5-8	64	10
Score by Quarters				
Mount Vernon	8	9	6	7 - 30
Noblesville	12	16	19	17 - 64
Noblesville 3-point shooting (11-23) Shade 7-10, Wilson 3-5, A. Shoemaker 1-1, K. Shoemaker 0-5, Ely 0-1, Tippner 0-1. Noblesville rebounds (34) Shade 11, Smitherman 7, Tippner 5, K. Shoemaker 4, A. Shoemaker 2, Wilson 2, team 3.				

Division showdown with Tipton Saturday . . .

Huskies beat Western, are 3-0 in HC East

Hamilton Heights kept its record perfect in Hoosier Conference East Division play by beating Western 42-29 Tuesday in a home game.

While it wasn't easy, the Class 3A No. 7 Huskies outscored the Panthers in each quarter. Heights led 9-7 after the first quarter, then went up 19-14 at halftime. Mia Shields scored five points in the second period, including a 3-pointer. Kaylee Rhoton had two 3s in the first half.

The Huskies continued to slowly separate themselves during the second half, leading 31-22 after three quarters, then outscored Western 11-7 in the fourth. MyKayla Moran helped out in the final quarter by scoring six points. Rhoton made two more 3s; she wound up with one triple in each quarter for a total of four 3-pointers during the game.

Rhoton led the scoring with 12 points, while Moran had 11 points. Shields totaled nine points; Shields, Camryn Runner and Hadleigh Cherry each hit one 3-pointer for the Huskies.

"Gutsy performance tonight," said Heights coach Keegan Cherry. "Western plays a unique style by switching defenses often and they try to make games ugly and be there in the end. This was a good game for us. We can't simulate that physical-

ty in practice. And the remaining games will be similar. Not pretty, but a conference win is always nice. Kaylee Rhoton was a key factor in this one. Her ability to stretch the floor was huge. And her threes were timely tonight. We've been waiting on teams to play this style against us. And now as a staff we get to work on our counters. We know Saturday against Tipton is going to be much the same."

The Huskies are 3-0 in division play and 14-4 overall. Heights will finish up the division Saturday when it hosts the 2A No. 3 Blue Devils at 1:30 p.m. Tipton is 16-1 and was the 2A state runner-up last season.

HAMILTON HEIGHTS 42, WESTERN 29				
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ella Hickok	1	0-0	2	2
Mia Shields	4	0-2	9	2
Camryn Runner	2	0-0	5	3
Hadleigh Cherry	1	0-0	3	2
MyKayla Moran	3	5-6	11	3
Kaylee Rhoton	4	0-1	12	0
Kennedy Cherry	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	15	5-9	42	12
Score by Quarters				
Western	7	7	8	7 - 29
Heights	9	10	12	11 - 42
Heights 3-pointers (7) Rhoton 4, Shields 1, Runner 1, H. Cherry 1.				

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Double-doubles for Chikamba, DuBois . . .

Trailblazers sweep past Seeger, 66-40

The University girls made the long trek to Western Indiana Tuesday night a successful trip by scoring a convincing 66-40 win over Seeger.

The Class 2A No. 8 Trailblazers won their 11th consecutive game to improve to 13-2 on the season while handing Seeger just their fourth loss in 18 contests.

Senior Patty Chikamba led University with 22 points and 12 steals. Junior Kelsey DuBois also had a double-double with 13 points and 14 rebounds. Payton Seay chipped in with 12 points, six rebounds and four assists.

University never trailed in the game, jumping out to an early 7-0 lead. Payton Seay hit a three pointer, Jordan Patterson scored and Chikamba had a lay-in off a steal. The Patriots battled back to cut University's lead to 11-9 and the end of the first quarter.

Seeger made a pair of foul shots early in the second quarter to tie the contest at 11 before Chikamba's three pointer put University ahead to stay. The Trailblazers led 20-18 with three minutes to play in the first half before closing on a 10-4 run to lead 30-22 at halftime. DuBois had another put-back basket, Kamryn Washington scored off a steal and Chikamba had a basket before Payton Seay hit University's last two baskets of the half, including a deep two pointer at the buzzer.

University turned up the defensive intensity in the third quarter to open the game up. Patterson found DuBois for a basket before Chikamba scored off a steal. Washington had a steal and found Chikamba for a three pointer and a 37-24 lead just

three minutes into the second half. University led 50-33 after three quarters and won going away.

Taylor Seay had seven points off the bench with Emily Adamowicz adding six. Washington had four points and Patterson two to round out University's scoring.

Aubry Cole had 18 points to lead Seeger, including eight points from the foul line. The Patriots were 16 of 24 at the charity stripe.

University will return to The U Center Thursday evening to host the Indianapolis Homeschool Wildcats in a 6 p.m. varsity only contest. The Wildcats bring a 17-1 record in to the contest, having their 17 game winning streak snapped Monday by Warren Central.

UNIVERSITY 66, SEEGER 40

University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Kelsey DuBois	6-14	1-2	13	3
Patty Chikamba	10-18	0-0	22	3
Kamryn Washington	2-5	0-0	4	1
Payton Seay	5-11	1-2	12	2
Jordan Patterson	1-6	0-0	2	2
Emily Adamowicz	2-2	1-1	6	3
Taylor Seay	3-4	1-1	7	3
Anne Gibboney	0-0	0-0	0	0
Abby Hannon	0-0	0-0	0	2
Arrion Sherrod	0-2	0-0	0	0
Alex Feeney	0-1	0-0	0	0
Totals	29-63	4-6	66	19

Score by Quarters

University 11 19 20 16 - 66

Seeger 9 13 11 7 - 40

University 3-point shooting (4-11) Chikamba 2-5, Adamowicz 1-1, P. Seay 1-1, Patterson 0-4.

University rebounds (33) DuBois 14, P. Seay 6, Chikamba 4, Patterson 2, Sherrod 2, Gibboney 1, Adamowicz 1, Washington 1, T. Seay 1, Feeney 1.

Westfield's Braden Smith chosen as IBCA District 2 Player of The Week

Westfield senior Braden Smith was among the selections for the Week 10 IBCA/Franciscan Health Players of the Week.

Smith won the award for District 2 boys, joining Chesterton senior Travis Grayson (District 1 boys), Maconaquah senior Lilly Maple (District 1 girls), New Castle senior Maddy Meek (District 2 girls), Austin senior Brysen Montgomery (District 3 boys) and Cannelton junior (Kendall Hale) (District 3 girls).

The Shamrocks began their three-game week with a Tuesday night matchup against Mount Vernon, ending the evening with an 87-78 victory. Senior Braden Smith posted a double-double with 30 points and 10 assists in the 'Rocks first win in five days. Smith knocked down 11 of 15 shots from the field, a pair of treys, and all six of his free throw attempts. He also chipped in five rebounds and a blocked shot for good measure.

Friday night, Westfield traveled to Yorktown, winning convincingly, 68-36. In somewhat limited time, the 6-0 point guard scored 14 points, grabbed four caroms, handed out four assists, and picked up a pair of steals. Smith was a solid 6-12 from the field and 2-5 from long range.

Saturday was the big one, though, as Westfield hosted the Carmel Greyhounds. Smith, a Purdue University commit, knocked down 5 of 9 from deep, on his way to 28 points in the contest, as the Shamrocks narrowly defeated the Greyhounds, 43-42. The senior guard again contributed in other ways, adding five rebounds and three assists in the rivalry game.

The Chesterton Trojans picked up two wins last week, to push their overall record to 11-0. Senior Travis Grayson has been a big part of their success, and he got the ball rolling in their 77-48 win over Bishop Noll Tuesday night. Grayson scored 22 points and handed out nine assists in the victory, affecting more than half of the Trojans points in one way or another. He added a pair of rebounds and three steals in the effort.

Saturday, the Trojans traveled to Merrillville for their first Duneland Conference matchup. This time, Grayson scored a career-high 32 points in a hard-fought, 76-68 triumph. The 5-10 point guard contributed six more assists, seven rebounds, and four steals, as Chesterton began their conference season with a win. For the week, Grayson was 19 of 29 from the field and 17 of 22 from the free-throw line.

Maconaquah senior Lilly Maple has per-

formed at a high level all season, and Saturday was no different. The 5-7 guard helped the Lady Braves to double up Three Rivers Conference rival Wabash, 54-27. In the win, Maple scored 27 points, she knocked down three 3-pointers, and she buried all four of her free throw attempts. Add to that seven rebounds, five steals, and another eight deflections, and she played both ends of the floor equally well.

New Castle senior Maddy Meek had a career performance Thursday against a good Wapahani squad. The 5-8 forward scored 32 points on 10-19 shooting, plus she was dangerous outside, knocking down seven shots from 3-point range in the 66-49 win. Additionally, Meek grabbed 18 big rebounds in the victory, helping the Lady Trojans to their fourth win in their last five tries.

Austin Senior Brysen Montgomery lit it up last weekend in a Friday/Saturday tilt. Friday evening, the Eagles traveled to Mid-Southern Conference rival North Harrison, falling 82-63 in a tough one. However, it wasn't for a lack of production from Montgomery, as he was 17 of 29 from the field and 5 of 12 from deep, scoring 39 points in defeat. He also snagged eight rebounds and three steals in the game.

Saturday, the Eagles were back at it, as Austin hosted another conference opponent in Eastern (Pekin), but again unfortunately losing this one, 78-61. The 6-0 Montgomery remained tough to stop, as he poured in another 37 points on 13 of 27 shooting, including five made 3-pointers and 6-6 from the charity stripe. The Senior guard also managed another seven rebounds in the loss.

The ever-so-tiny Cannelton Bulldogs put together two wins in a row for the first time in three years last week, and junior Kendall Hale was a huge part of that success. Monday, in a tightly contested, 43-38 win over Frederick Fraize (Ky.), Hale scored 27 points, knocking down an impressive 10 of 11 from the free throw line in the close outcome. The Junior also grabbed 18 rebounds and blocked three shots in the win.

Saturday, the Lady Bulldogs traveled to Columbus Christian, where they again won, this time by a 54-43 margin. Hale, a 6-2 post, was again dominant inside, scoring 38 points, grabbing 14 rebounds, and blocking eight shots in the victory, nearly posting a triple-double. Hale was 16 of 30 from the field and a perfect 5 of 5 from the free throw line, plus she contributed three assists and four steals on the day.

Golden Eagles drop CCC game to Roncalli

Guerin Catholic returned to action after a 19-day layoff by hosting Roncalli Tuesday in a Circle City Conference game at the Eagles Nest.

The Golden Eagles fell to the Royals 42-29. Roncalli jumped out to a 15-5 lead after the first quarter, but Guerin Catholic cut into that lead by halftime, getting within 25-17. Kathryn Loso scored 12 points in the first half, while Katie Koger added five points.

The Royals led 34-26 after three quarters. Mia Thompson scored seven points in that period for the Golden Eagles. But Roncalli ran away with the fourth quarter, outscoring GC 8-3.

Loso scored 13 points to lead the Golden Eagles. Koger and Thompson each made one 3-pointer.

Guerin Catholic is 1-2 in conference

play and 8-8 overall. The Golden Eagles host Lebanon Saturday afternoon.

RONCALLI 42, GUERIN CATHOLIC 29

Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Katie Koger	2-9	0-0	5	3
Natalie Fernandez	0-1	0-0	0	2
Hannah Weitzel	0-0	0-0	0	0
Kathryn Loso	5-14	3-8	13	1
Mia Thompson	3-5	0-0	7	2
Megan Cobb	0-3	0-0	0	0
Ava Bills	2-3	0-0	4	0
Sutton Worman	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	12-35	3-8	29	8

Score by Quarters

Roncalli 15 10 9 8 - 42

Guerin Catholic 5 12 9 3 - 29

Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting (2-9) Koger 1-2, Thompson 1-2, Cobb 0-3, Fernandez 0-1, Bills 0-1.



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Swimming

Noblesville hosts three-team meet

The Noblesville swim team competed in a three-way meet with North Central and University Tuesday at the Millers’ aquatic center.

In the girls meet, the Millers beat the Trailblazers 90-9, but fell to the Panthers 59-43. North Central also beat University 87-9. Noblesville had three event wins, starting with Sophie Resner, Fiona Halvorsen, Emily Knott and Exley Tricker placing first in the medley relay.

Later, Caroline Santerre was first in the individual medley, then joined Resner, Julia Santerre and Emily Knott to win the 200 free relay.

In the boys meet, the Millers won 82-19 over the ‘Blazers and dropped the meet to North Central 76-26. The Panthers also beat University 85-12. Parker Mutter won the diving event.

Noblesville coach Aleks Fansler said the Millers are a young team, but said the season has been progressing well so far.

“The mentality’s been great,” said Fansler. “It’s been an amazing team. We’re very young, but they’re excited and eager and they’re working really hard. There’s still a learning curve they have.”

Noblesville will swim again Thursday, when it hosts Zionsville in a dual meet.

“The group’s great,” said Fansler. “They’re progressing really well. I think they’re learning, which is fun to watch.”

University’s highest finish at the meet came from Neiman Kumler in the boys meet, as he placed third in the IM and the breaststroke.

GIRLS MEET

Team scores: North Central 87, University 9; Noblesville 90, University 9; North Central 59, Noblesville 43.
200 medley relay: 1. Noblesville “A” (Sophie Resner, Fiona Halvorsen, Emily Knott, Exley Tricker) 1:54.97, 3. Noblesville “B” (Julia Santerre, Maya McDonald, Reagan Hart, Amelia Field) 1:55.56, 5. University “A” (Eva Warren, Kate Lautenbach, Audrey Priest, Zoe Napier) 2:35.47.
200 freestyle: 2. McDonald (N) 2:04.46, 4. Katie Sutton (N) 2:13.71, 5. Priest (U) 2:28.76, 6. Napier (U) 2:34.29.
200 individual medley: 1. Caroline Santerre (N) 2:15.84, 4. Olivia Motz (N) 2:29.19.
50 freestyle: 3. Halvorsen (N) 26.86, 4. Katie Kramer (N) 27.58, 5. Kendall Booth (U) 41.50.
One-meter diving: 2. Ava Pavich (N) 138.30, 3. Aidan Gates (N) 115.30.
100 butterfly: 2. Field (N) 1:04.91, 3. Tricker (N) 1:05.30, 5. Priest (U) 1:15.89.
100 freestyle: 2. Resner (N) 56.11, 4. Knott (N) 59.11, 5. Warren (U) 1:19.48, 6. Booth (U) 1:36.36.
500 freestyle: 3. Hart (N) 5:51.89, 4. Delaney Howard (N) 6:15.76, 5. Napier (U) 6:58.64.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Noblesville “A” (Resner, C. Santerre, J. Santerre, Knott) 1:44.57, 4. Noblesville “B” (Kramer, Ellie Hayward, Motz, Sutton) 1:53.05, 5. University “A” (Napier, Lautenbach, War-



ABOVE: Noblesville’s Maya McDonald swam the anchor leg of the girls 400 freestyle relay during the Millers’ three-team meet with North Central and University on Tuesday.
BELOW: Graham Kulp competed in the breaststroke for the Millers in the boys meet.

ren, Priest) 2:13.12.
100 backstroke: 2. Sara Fife (N) 1:04.05, 4. Motz (N) 1:08.12, 5. Lautenbach (U) 1:40.45, 6. Warren (U) 1:41.44.
100 breaststroke: 2. Tricker (N) 1:12.49, 4. Madison Everhart (N) 1:25.57, 5. Ava Greenlee (U) 2:05.32.
400 freestyle relay: 2. Noblesville “A” (Field, Halvorsen, Hart, McDonald) 3:53.04, 3. Noblesville “B” (C. Santerre, Hayward, Kramer, Tricker) 3:54.79.

BOYS MEET

Team scores: North Central 85, University 12; Noblesville 82, University 19; North Central 76, Noblesville 26.
200 medley relay: 2. Noblesville “A” (Jeremiah Ledwith, Aidan Biddle, Cavan Cameron, Wyatt Wade) 1:42.54, 4. Noblesville “B” (Shepard Huff, Anthony Mathis, Graham Kulp, Jonah Setmeyer) 1:48.05, 5. University “A” (Alex Munn, Neiman Kumler, Alexis Herrera Gonzalez, Andrew Laramore) 1:50.52.
200 freestyle: 3. Sean Halvorsen (N) 1:56.83, 4. Huff (N) 2:07.52, 5. Owen Ascioti (U) 2:26.92.
200 individual medley: 3. Kumler (U) 2:07.74, 4. Cameron (N) 2:11.34, 5. Caleb Mathis (N) 2:19.28.
50 freestyle: 3. Kulp (N) 24.38, 4. Munn (U) 24.47, 5. Liam Westlund (N) 24.50, 6. Laramore (U) 26.33.
One-meter diving: 1. Parker Mutter (N) 200.50, 2. Aiden Kless (N) 154.15, 4. Colton Suhan (N) 112.55.
100 butterfly: 3. Biddle (N) 56.71, 4. Mason Snyder (N) 58.87, 5. Munn (U) 59.04.
100 freestyle: 3. Cameron (N) 52.37, 4. Ledwith (N) 55.45, 5. Laramore (U) 1:00.78, 6. Zach Sullivan (U) 1:05.47.
500 freestyle: 3. Mark Berger (N) 5:22.99, 4. Herrera Gonzalez (U) 5:28.56, 5. Zak Armstrong (N) 5:30.25.
200 freestyle relay: 2. Noblesville “A” (Wade, Mathis, Kulp, Snyder) 1:35.01,



4. Noblesville “B” (Westlund, Ledwith, Halvorsen, Armstrong) 1:39.15, 5. University “A” (Munn, Herrera Gonzalez, Laramore, Kumler) 1:40.04.
100 backstroke: 3. Biddle (N) 58.78, 4. Mathis (N) 1:01.74, 5. Herrera Gonzalez (U) 1:09.05, 6. Sullivan (U) 1:23.55.
100 breaststroke: 2. Wade (N) 1:05.32, 3. Kumler (U) 1:05.45, 5. Kulp (N) 1:06.95, 6. Ascioti (U) 1:27.83.

400 freestyle relay: 2. Noblesville “A” (Cameron, Mathis, Snyder, Biddle) 3:28.21, 4. Noblesville “B” (Halvorsen, Oliver Mark, Berger, Armstrong) 3:47.72.

HCC RESULTS THURSDAY
Complete results from the Hoosier Crossroads Conference swim meet will run in Thursday’s edition.

Huskies compete in two meets

The Hamilton Heights swim team competed in two meets over the past few days.

On Saturday, the Huskies split a dual with Northwestern. The boys team won 94-86. Eli VanHaaren won the 200 and 100 freestyles, while Owen VanHaaren was first in the 50 free. Nathan Cox won diving. Gabe Roosa was first in the backstroke and joined Blake Blackhurst, Cole Martin and Noah Shlater to win the 200 free relay. Eli VanHaaren, Grant Forrer, Shlater and Owen VanHaaren sealed the meet by winning the 400 free relay.

“Every boy on the team contributed to the victory and should be proud,” said Heights coach Jenni Clarke.

The Huskies girls team lost 102-80. Jane Pache, Teegan Madara, Kennedy Weaver and Mady Hutcherson started the meet with a victory in the medley relay. Madara also won the 50 free and breaststroke, while Campbell Lively-Mason was first in diving.

On Tuesday, the Huskies were swept by Western. The girls fell 100-80, winning two events: Maosn-Lively took the diving and Madara was first in the butterfly. Sarah Toll placed second in the butterfly with a lifetime best time of 1:16.62.

In the boys meet, Heights lost 118-67. Owen VanHaaren won the individual medley.

Full results for the Western meet appear below.

The Huskies will compete in the Hoosier Conference meet later this week at West Lafayette. The diving takes place Thursday and the swimming events are set for Saturday.

GIRLS MEET

Team score: Western 100, Hamilton Heights 80.
200 medley relay: 2. Heights “A” (Sophia Hulen, Teegan Madara, Kennedy

Weaver, Mady Hutcherson) 2:03.60, 3. Heights “B” (Jane Pahe, Maggie Pache, Alaina Stohler, Bea Pache) 2:24.68.
200 freestyle: 2. Hulen 2:19.76, 4. Anna Jozsa 2:27.03, 5. Karley Duncan 2:39.71.
200 individual medley: 3. Weaver 2:36.87, 4. J. Pache 2:47.93, 5. Mary Ella Bichey 2:49.54.
50 freestyle: 3. Hutcherson 27.28, 4. J. Pache 30.49, 6. M. Pache 35.24.
One-meter diving: 1. Campbell Mason-Lively 176.30.
100 butterfly: 1. Madara 1:00.35, 2. Sarah Toll 1:16.62, 4. Duncan 1:23.11.
100 freestyle: 2. Hulen 1:02.11, 4. Jozsa 1:05.54, 6. B. Pache 1:13.69.
500 freestyle: 2. Hutcherson 6:18.86, 3. Stohler 6:29.01.
200 freestyle relay: 2. Heights “A” (Jozsa, Duncan, Toll, Hulen) 2:02.08, 3. Heights “B” (Bichey, M. Pache, B. Pache, J. Pache) 2:08.19.
100 backstroke: 2. Madara 1:07.09, 4. Stohler 1:24.15, 5. B. Pache 1:31.32.
100 breaststroke: 3. Weaver 1:24.50, 4. Bichey 1:27.93, 5. M. Pache 1:38.80.
400 freestyle relay: 2. Heights “A” (Madara, Hutcherson, Duncan, Weaver) 4:12.11, 3. Heights “B” (Toll, Stohler, Bichey, Jozsa) 4:37.15.

BOYS MEET

Team score: Western 118, Hamilton Heights 67.
200 medley relay: 2. Heights “A” (Grant Forrer, Owen VanHaaren, Eli VanHaaren, Noah Shlater) 1:53.31, 4. Heights “B” (Gabe Roosa, Max Bowman, Blake Blackhurst, Cole Martin) 2:06.76.
200 freestyle: 2. Forrer 2:09.66, 4. Shlater 2:12.89, 5. Martin 2:18.63.
200 individual medley: 1. O. VanHaaren 2:20.35, 4. Blackhurst 2:30.95, 6. Rudy



The Hamilton Heights boys swim team was all smiles Saturday after winning its dual meet with Northwestern.

Bowman 2:46.80.
50 freestyle: 4. Alex Knepper 26.16, 5. Martin 28.60, 6. Owen Eshelman 30.62.
One-meter diving: 1. Nathan Cox 275.00, 2. Ethan Swart 238.75.
100 butterfly: 3. Blackhurst 1:04.30, 4. O. VanHaaren 1:05.08, 6. Roosa 1:12.17.
100 freestyle: 2. E. VanHaaren 52.59, 4. Knepper 59.82, 6. R. Bowman 1:05.29.
500 freestyle: 2. Shlater 6:00.99, 5. M. Bowman 6:48.77.
200 freestyle relay: 2. Heights “A” (E.

VanHaaren, Forrer, Knepper, O. VanHaaren) 1:40.63.
100 backstroke: 3. Forrer 1:09.32, 5. Eshelman 1:30.84, 6. Landon Poland 1:52.44.
100 breaststroke: 1. E. VanHaaren 1:08.54, 3. Roosa 1:22.57, 6. M. Bowman 1:28.95.
400 freestyle relay: 3. Heights “A” (Blackhurst, Knepper, Roosa, Shlater) 4:02.80, 5. Heights “B” (R. Bowman, Swart, M. Bowman, Martin) 4:52.82.

<p>Tuesday's games</p> <p>Washington 122, Oklahoma City 118</p> <p>Phoenix 99, Toronto 95</p> <p>Chicago 133, Detroit 87</p>	<p>Memphis 116, Golden State 108</p> <p>New Orleans 128, Minnesota 125</p> <p>L.A. Clippers 87, Denver 85</p>
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Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Utah	28	13	.683	-
Denver	20	19	.513	7.0
Minnesota	20	21	.488	8.0
Portland	16	24	.400	11.5
Oklahoma City	13	27	.325	14.5
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Phoenix	31	9	.775	-
Golden State	30	10	.750	1.0
L.A. Lakers	21	20	.512	10.5
L.A. Clippers	21	21	.500	11.0
Sacramento	16	27	.372	16.5
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Memphis	29	14	.674	-
Dallas	22	18	.550	5.5
San Antonio	15	25	.375	12.5
New Orleans	15	26	.366	13.0
Houston	11	31	.262	17.5

Week 18 scores	
Kansas City 28, Denver 24	Cleveland 21, Cincinnati 16
Dallas 51, Philadelphia 26	San Francisco 27, L.A. Rams 24, OT
Detroit 37, Green Bay 30	Tampa Bay 41, Carolina 17
Jacksonville 26, Indianapolis 11	Seattle 38, Arizona 30
Washington 22, N.Y. Giants 7	Miami 33, New England 24
Minnesota 31, Chicago 17	New Orleans 30, Atlanta 20
Tennessee 28, Houston 25	Buffalo 27, N.Y. Jets 10
Pittsburgh 16, Baltimore 13, OT	Las Vegas, 35, L.A. Chargers 32, OT

American Conference

East	W	L	PCT	PF	PA	
z-Buffalo	11	6	.647	483	289	
w-New England	10	7	.588	462	303	
Miami	9	8	.529	341	373	
N.Y. Jets	4	13	.235	310	504	
South	W	L	PCT	PF	PA	
hz-Tennessee	12	5	.706	419	354	
Indianapolis	9	8	.529	451	365	
Houston	4	13	.235	280	452	
Jacksonville	3	14	.176	253	457	
North	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
z-Cincinnati	10	7	0	.588	460	376
w-Pittsburgh	9	7	1	.559	343	398
Cleveland	8	9	0	.471	349	371
Baltimore	8	9	0	.471	387	392
West	W	L	PCT	PF	PA	
z-Kansas City	12	5	.706	480	364	
w-Las Vegas	10	7	.588	374	439	
L.A. Chargers	9	8	.529	474	459	
Denver	7	10	.412	335	322	
z - Clinched division			h - clinched homefield advantage			

IBCA girls basketball poll for week of Jan. 9

Rank	School	Points	Record	FPV
1	Homestead	389	15-1	13
2	Bedford North Lawrence	370	16-1	2
3	Franklin Community	352	18-1	4
4	Crown Point	337	13-2	1
5	South Bend Washington	324	16-2	
6	Noblesville	309	14-3	
7	Westfield	262	15-3	
8	Silver Creek	210	16-1	
9	North Central (Indianapolis)	203	15-5	
10	Fishers	194	13-4	
11	Benton Central	174	19-0	
12	Lake Central	158	15-3	
13	Fort Wayne Snider	153	12-2	
14	Columbia City	149	16-0	
15	Mishawaka Marian	133	14-3	
16	Zionsville	89	13-5	
17	Columbus East	87	13-3	
18	East Central	71	12-4	
19	Garrett	62	16-1	
20	Valparaiso	34	12-3	

Other schools receiving votes (record):
Ben Davis (10-6), **Carmel (10-6)**, Castle (12-4), Evansville North (12-2), Fairfield (14-2), **Hamilton Southeastern (11-6)**, Jac-Cen-Del (13-4), Jennings County (12-3), Lafayette Central Catholic (14-3), Lanesville (17-1), North Central-Farmersburg (14-4), Northridge (15-4), Penn (12-6), South Central-Union Mills (17-0), Tipton (15-1), Waldron (16-1), Warsaw (12-5), Washington (15-3), Winchester (16-1).

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