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no longer like I was living with a stranger, but it felt more like living with an old and dear friend. There was immediate change within me, and I began to heal from the many years of destructive self-talk. I still at times catch myself with the negative self-talk, old thought patterns are hard to overcome. I know my truth

now though.

Nothing about living a lifetime with a disability has been easy, but that doesn't mean it's all bad. It takes humble courage to face adversity and view your adversities as life lessons and remain optimistic. Don't waste your time dwelling on the bad, but rather spend your time

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dwelling IN the GOOD. It will change you! Until next time ...  
Amy Shinneman is a former National Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, disability blogger, wife, and mom of two boys. You can find her blog at [humblycourageous.com](http://humblycourageous.com) and reach her on Instagram @ashinneman.

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said. "He has been active in Noblesville as a businessman, councilor, and volunteer. His accomplishments over the past two decades will have an impact in our community for generations to come. I'm grateful to have served alongside him, and I wish him all the best in his well-deserved retirement."  
Councilor Greg O'Connor has served District 5 on the council for 16 years. O'Connor served as the council president in 2016, 2012, and 2009. He has been the chair of the council's finance & economic development committees and a member of the Noblesville Plan Commission. He has been instrumental in setting fiscal policy for the city and enhancing accounting and financial strategies in coordination with the city controller to promote stewardship of taxpayer funds. O'Connor was instrumental

in acquiring the Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations property between Division Street and Pleasant Street near downtown Noblesville, which the city acquired 14 years after the closure of the manufacturing plants.  
"I applaud Greg O'Connor on his 16 years of service to our community," Mayor Jensen said. "He has played an instrumental part in the growth of our city while being responsible with taxpayer dollars. Greg has been an important part of our community and council, and I wish him a happy and healthy retirement."  
Councilor Dan Spartz joined the council in 2021 when he was elected via a caucus to fill former councilor Wil Hampton's remaining term on the Noblesville Common Council. He chaired the council's Wastewater Committee and was a member of the Public

Safety Committee. He has also served as the street department liaison.  
"Dan Spartz stepped up to serve our community on the Common Council and has been a part of transformational projects for our city," Mayor Jensen said. "During his time on the council, he has had an impact on the long-term growth opportunities in the City of Noblesville. I'm grateful he stepped in to serve and wish him a relaxing retirement."  
At the conclusion of their final council meeting, Mayor Jensen presented each outgoing member with the Distinguished Hoosier Award on behalf of Gov. Eric Holcomb. The Distinguished Hoosier Award is one of the highest tributes given out by the State of Indiana to its citizens.  
"The City of Noblesville owes a debt of gratitude to Brian Ayer, Greg O'Connor,

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and Dan Spartz," Council President Aaron Smith said. "Over the last four years, this council funded the Pleasant Street extension, supported our public safety officials at record levels, and moved crucial economic development projects forward. I'm grateful for the support from all three of these councilors to ensure Noblesville continues to grow well."  
Beginning Jan. 1, 2024, the Noblesville Common Council will include Evan Elliott (At-Large); Darren Peterson (At-Large); Pete Schwartz (At-Large); Mike Davis (District 1); Todd Thurston (District 2); Aaron Smith (District 3); Mark Boice (District 4); Dave Johnson (District 5); and Megan Wiles (District 6). The elected officials were sworn into office on Dec. 13 along with City Judge S. Matthew Cook, Mayor Jensen, and Clerk Evelyn Lees.

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# Indiana leaders pause action on water pipeline for Boone County LEAP Project

By MICHAELA SPRINGER  
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Indiana state officials on Tuesday announced they will pause all action on the development of a cross-county pipeline that would bring water to a high-tech research park near Lebanon.

The Greater Lafayette Commerce said in a release that the pipeline, which would transport water from Tippecanoe County to the LEAP district in Boone County, will be on hold until the state receives results

from a water study by the Indiana Finance Authority.

Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb along with state legislative leaders met on Friday with local government and business leaders in Tippecanoe County to hear their concerns regarding the LEAP district and utilization of area water sources.

The Indiana Finance Authority took over the study from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation. The finance authority also said no more test wells will be drilled.

Greater Lafayette Commerce added that the results from the water test aren't expected until next fall.

# Baby surrendered at Carmel Fire Station first to be adopted under new law

## New amendment eliminates foster care & expedites adoption process

### The REPORTER

An infant surrendered in a Safe Haven Box at a Carmel fire station in August has been adopted by her forever family. She is believed to be the first baby adopted through a new amendment to Indiana's Safe Haven Law (I.C. 31-34-2.5, sections 1-6) that allows surrendered newborns to be placed directly with a licensed child placing agency

(LCPA) instead of the Department of Child Services. The law went into effect on July 1. The baby was surrendered on Aug. 7.

"The law prevents a child from languishing in the foster care system, instead placing them with an adoptive family within hours," said Meg Sterchi, executive director of Adoptions of Indiana. "Adoptions are finalized in three months, instead of 18 months to three years."

There are 110 safe haven baby boxes in Indiana that allow mothers in crisis to surrender their newborn safely, securely, and anonymously if they are unable to care for it. The boxes are installed in exterior walls of fire stations and hospitals. Four babies have been surrendered at Carmel Fire Station No. 345 – the most for any baby box in the country.

Carmel Fire Chief David Haboush lobbied state lawmakers for the amendment in an effort to ensure the infants are placed with an adopted family sooner.

"We make a point of staying with the babies in the hospital until their family can be with them," Chief Haboush said. "Firefighters exist to take care of human life, so this falls right into our wheelhouse. That is exactly what this law allows us to do."

Hamilton Superior Court 5 Judge David Najjar granted the baby's adoption



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Hamilton Superior Court 5 Judge David Najjar and the newly adopted baby who was surrendered in August at Carmel Fire Station No. 345.

on National Adoption Day, Friday, Nov. 17.

"I could not be more thrilled," Judge Najjar said at the hearing. "A lot of adoption cases will come through this courthouse today, but none like this one. I am honored to be part of this, and I am honored to say I am granting this adoption."

"Babies are sensory beings," Sterchi added. "They learn everything from what

they see, hear, touch, taste, and smell. This change to the Safe Haven law allows an infant to establish security and stability as soon as possible by creating a consistent sensory experience as soon as possible."

Anyone in need of a baby box or who wants to speak to a licensed counselor can call the National Safe Haven crisis hotline at 1-866-99BABY1.

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# Donate to Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank as part of your year-end giving

**The REPORTER**

Here's some food for thought:

There are 22,370 food-insecure people in Hamilton County. At three meals a day, 365 days a year, that's 24,495,150 meals – a lot to comprehend.

The good news? Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank isn't doing this on their own. Many friends and neighbors just need a little help; SNAP and other food assistance helps with a large amount. There is a tremendous food support network in Hamilton County.

This year, HCHFB provided 180,500 meals. This may seem like a very small portion of the total need, but consider how even just one healthy meal can make a difference.

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vided today made all the difference.

**How can you help?**

As 2023 comes to a close and you finalize your year-end giving decisions, have you considered how your charitable donations can impact HCHFB's mission?

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Please keep your email donation receipt, mailed donation thank you letter, or your canceled check as your official record for tax purposes.

Most importantly, your charitable donations will impact the local community year-round by providing food and network support throughout Hamilton County in 2024.

You can also help by organizing a food drive. [Click here](#) for more information.

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Learn more about Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank at [hchfoodbank.org](http://hchfoodbank.org).



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These hardworking volunteers did their part to help HCH Food Bank "fill the barrel" and feed neighbors in need across Hamilton County this year.

# Upcoming delays in Carmel trash pickup

**The REPORTER**

Carmel Utilities and Republic Services remind residents that residential trash and recycling pick-up will be delayed by one day due to the Christmas and New Year holidays.

There will be no service on Christmas Day; a one-day delay will begin on

Dec. 26.

There will be no service on New Year's Day; a one-day delay will begin on Jan. 2.

The Carmel Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center will be closed Saturday, Dec. 23 through Tuesday, Dec. 26, and from Saturday, Dec. 30 through Tuesday, Jan. 2.

**246th Street reopens in eastern Hamilton County**

Effective immediately, 246th Street between State Road 213 and Brehm Road is now open to all thru traffic. Thank you for your patience as the Hamilton County Highway Department completed the work for bridge repair.

**Meeting Notice**

The Fall Creek Township Board will meet to elect new board officers at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024, at the Fall Creek Township Trustee's Office, 11595 Brooks School Road, Fishers.

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# Meijer now offering SNAP participants discount on select milk purchases

**The REPORTER**

In an effort to increase access to healthy food and beverages, Meijer is now offering SNAP participants special discounts on select milk products.

The initiative, called "Add Milk," features 20 percent off any brand or size of 1 percent and fat free milk and is thanks to a grant awarded recently by Auburn University's Hunger Solutions Institute that Meijer applied for earlier this year. Meijer is the largest retailer – and the only one in its six-state footprint – selected

to partner on Healthy Fluid Milk Incentives (HFMI) projects, which were established by the 2018 Farm Bill to promote milk as part of a healthy diet.

"As a company committed to enriching lives in the communities we serve, we're pleased to partner with Auburn University to give families easier access to milk," Meijer Vice President of Grocery Calli Schmid said. "Milk is an excellent source of vitamins and minerals and our involvement in this program offers another opportunity

to stretch our customers' dollars further."

The milk discounts apply for purchases made online and in-store at all Meijer supercenters, neighborhood markets and Express locations, and will remain in effect until March 30, 2024.

In addition to the new 20 percent off milk discounts for SNAP participants, Meijer is also continuing to offer a 10 percent discount on SNAP purchases of qualifying produce thanks to a waiver granted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture last year, and free Home Delivery for SNAP customers.

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Letter to the Editor

Remnant Trust launches website to broaden public’s exposure to country’s historical artifacts

Dear Editor:

Explore the Remnant Trust collection of historical artifacts. Our books are old, but they're not musty!

The informative content represented in the Remnant Trust's Collection serves as a wonderful catalyst for inspiring inquiry into the world's most important questions. Just as people over the past 4,000 years have stewarded the wonderful items in our Collection, with your support, we continue this important stewardship, not only of books and manuscripts, but importantly of the ideas they contain. Our books are old, but they're not musty.

Questions we continue to pursue through our programming include the role of religion and culture in society, the importance of equality under the law, the Commanding Heights of the Economy, and the necessity of civic engagement all encapsulated in the essential opportunity for ongoing education.

These passions drive every aspect of our programming and exhibits. In 2023, we've reached over 50,000 people through the Great Conversation Series, hosting exhibits all around the country, and offering exciting online content via six different channels. Our programming has provided valuable intellectual stimulus to those as young as 10 years old up to those in their 90s.

Looking forward to 2024

The Trust's mission accomplishments in 2023 have strengthened our momentum and commitment in 2024. We are planning exciting addressing the impact of social media on democracy; events featuring the words of Frederick Douglass set to jazz; investigating AI and medical ethics through Frankenstein; and revisiting Adam Smith's works through a lens of morality, economics, and the politics of freedom.

Our continued partnerships with the Indiana Historical Society, the Columbia Club and many other organizations continue to expand our reach. In addition, we

currently have dozens of inquiries for programs in 2024 across the country where the important ideas contained in our can inspire a new generation of people to thoughtfully face challenges of our modern and increasingly global lives.

In an effort to make our programming even more accessible to those around the globe and to the younger generation, we've launched the Remnant Trust website, [RemnantTrust.org](https://RemnantTrust.org). You can find and explore it online, where it is thoughtfully divided into three distinct ages, to immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of the people, works, and ideas that have shaped the world. With the capacity to grow to include all 1,600 items in the Collection, it has launched with 42 authors and 60 works.

We continue to develop strategic partnerships with like-minded organizations to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 2026. Please contact us at [info@remnanttrust.org](mailto:info@remnanttrust.org) for ways to get involved in this important milestone for our country.

As we pursue these opportunities, we recognize your support is what enables our efforts and expands our reach. As you consider your year-end giving opportunities, we welcome your thoughtful contribution to furthering our important mission to use old books that aren't even slightly musty to inspire inquiry into the world's most important questions. You can access our secure giving portal at [remnanttrust.org/donate](https://remnanttrust.org/donate). Together, we can add our contribution to that of the hundreds of authors our Collection represents in our quest to shape the future we seek for ourselves and our children — one that shines brightly on a new day and a new era.

Great ideas belong to everyone!

The Remnant Trust, Inc. is located at 121 Monument Circle, Suite 612, Indianapolis.

**Chris Talley**  
Chairman & CEO  
The Remnant Trust, Inc.

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# Senator Mike Braun & colleagues introduce bill to hold ATF accountable

**The REPORTER**

U.S. Senator Mike Braun has reintroduced the ATF Accountability Act to provide transparency to gun owners across America on rules made by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). The ATF engages in a classification review process where the agency makes decisions about whether a particular firearm is regulated by the National Firearms Act. Decisions and justification for decisions are often only made available to manu-

facturers in private correspondence. “This causes a lot of uncertainty for both gun-owning Americans and firearm manufacturers, especially in combination with the ATF’s refusal to make final public rules regarding classification,” Sen. Braun said. Senators Barrasso, Cramer, Crapo, Daines, Hawley, Hoeven, Hyde-Smith, Lankford, Lummis, Marshall, Mullin, Risch, and



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R. Scott cosponsored the legislation. “American gun owners and manufacturers have been left in the dark for far too long with closed-door rule changes by the ATF,” Sen. Braun said. “Americans exercising their Second Amendment rights shouldn’t be the last to know the classification status of firearms, or what licenses or tax stamps they need to avoid running afoul of the law. The ATF

needs accountability and transparency, which this bill accomplishes.” The ATF Accountability Act: • Creates an appeals process following a ruling by ATF with specific regular timeframes • Permits gun manufacturers to appeal the legal status or classification of any product by filing with the Director of Industry Operations with jurisdiction. After which, the appeal is directed to an administrative law judge [Click here](#) to read the full text of the bill.

# Lt. Gov. Crouch selects Terre Haute Mayor Bennett to lead Indiana Office of Community & Rural Affairs

**The REPORTER**

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch announced Monday that Terre Haute Mayor Duke A. Bennett will become the new Executive Director of the [Office of Community and Rural Affairs](#) (OCRA). Bennett will begin in his new role at OCRA in Indianapolis on Jan. 8, 2024. “The next chapter in Indiana’s history is quality of life, in large and small communities around the state, and Mayor Bennett understands this,” said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Indiana’s Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. “As communities and cities strive to build economically thriving places where people want to live, work, and grow, Mayor Bennett will spread the collaborative spirit he cultivated in Vigo County around the state. Indiana will be in good hands with Mayor Bennett leading the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs into the future.” Bennett, who is from Terre Haute, is finishing his last term as that city’s mayor. He was first elected mayor in 2007, and his four terms ties him for second-longest serving mayor in Terre Haute

history. In addition to being mayor, Bennett has also served as a Special Deputy Sheriff with the Vigo County Sheriff’s Department for more than 20 years. He sits on the board of Accelerate Indiana Municipalities (AIM), which is an organization representing more than 460 cities and towns as members. AIM’s goal is to help shape the dynamic municipalities of the future and make government work better for the benefit of all Hoosiers. “I am thankful and honored for this opportunity from Lt. Gov. Crouch,” Bennett said. “As a four-term mayor, it’s obvious I love the city of Terre Haute. But, I am equally passionate about the state of Indiana, and I am excited I have the opportunity to work with mayors, township boards and local officials all around that state who all share a common goal of making their communities – and Indiana – the best it can be.” Bennett graduated with an A.S. from Indiana Vocational Technical College in 1980 and earned his B.S. in Business Administration from Indiana Wesleyan University in 2006.

# ‘How did this happen?’: Indiana lawmakers concerned as Medicaid faces billion-dollar deficit

**By KODY FISHER**

WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](#)

Medicaid in Indiana is projected to have a nearly billion-dollar deficit over the next few years. The Family and Social Services Administration, or F.S.S.A., presented the staggering numbers to the state budget committee Tuesday morning. “How did this happen?” asked Democrat State Rep. Ed DeLaney during the budget meeting. The F.S.S.A. fielded tough questions from the budget committee about how the deficit happened. The administration explained that their previous forecast in April was not using the most up-to-date data. At the same time, there was an increase in the number of people using and enrolling in Medicaid.

“All of that together actually prompted this challenge,” Cris Johnston, director of the Indiana Office of Management and Budget, said. The F.S.S.A. said what they’re doing right now to prevent miscalculations from happening again. Medicaid Director at the F.S.S.A. Cora Steinmetz said that the administration is “monitoring really, on a monthly basis at a very detailed level around enrollment and expenditures, utilization, so we can see very close to real-time what might be driving increases in cost and respond appropriately.” DeLaney asked during the meeting, “So, I guess I have to assume that those careful and important measures have not been employed up until now?” “We have an opportunity to improve in the level of

detail we are reviewing that type of information,” said Steinmetz. “I’ll take that as a yes, thank you,” was DeLaney’s response. In a statement, Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb pointed to money in the state’s reserve funds as a way to help cover the cost of the projected deficit. “The Medicaid forecast reveals there is work to be done. We have begun a deep dive to understand the factors driving the spending increases and what is causing the unanticipated growth. In the meantime, we will be able to mitigate the fiscal impact while continuing to deliver needed services thanks to a healthy reserve,” he said. Democrat State Rep. Greg Porter fears Republicans will try to cut programs to make up for the shortfall. “There are dollars there

that we can backfill those shortfalls. So, it can’t be all cuts, because I know that’s what they’re trying to do is anticipate and create an atmosphere of having to cut people off the program vs. giving people the services that they need in regard to healthcare,” he said. Republican State Senator Ryan Mishler said, “This is a forecast, so this is long-term. Currently, we’re in good shape. Fortunately, we have a year before the next budget to work on this.” As lawmakers on the budget committee came to terms with the projected Medicaid budget, there was a consistent message to the F.S.S.A. about the future. “It can’t happen again,” Mishler said. I-Team 8 will continue to follow this developing story to find out how it will impact people on Medicaid.

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# Franciscan Health updates visitor restrictions for its central Indiana hospitals

## The REPORTER

With increasing activity of respiratory viruses such as flu, COVID-19, and RSV, Franciscan Health hospitals in Indianapolis, Mooresville, and Carmel are implementing new visitation restrictions.

These changes only affect inpatient areas and do not apply to outpatient departments. The following policy goes into effect today, Dec. 21:

- Visitors must be at least 18 years of age.

- If visiting a patient who has respiratory symptoms, visitors are asked to keep a mask on and do not visit the cafeteria, coffee & gift shops, or waiting rooms.

- Those having symptoms suggestive of respiratory illness, including, but not limited to: cough, fever, shortness of breath, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, diarrhea, tiredness, headache and vomiting, will not be allowed to visit.

- Visitors should continue to practice good hand hygiene.

- Only two visitors per patient are allowed to visit at a time (excluding clergy who are part of the care team).

- Visitation hours are from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The new policies are being implemented with input from Franciscan Alliance leadership and in accordance with guidelines from the CDC, Indiana Department of Health, and Marion

County Health Department.

The rate of influenza-like illness (ILI) reported in patients at Marion County emergency departments this year has been 4.63 percent, the second-highest year for cases. ILI is defined as a temperature of 100°F or greater with a cough and/or sore throat.

Franciscan Health urges everyone age 6 months and older to get a flu shot as the first and most important step for protecting against flu viruses.

## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

### JACOB ARRIVES IN PADDAN ARAM

*While he was still talking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she was a shepherd. When Jacob saw Rachel daughter of his uncle Laban, and Laban's sheep, he went over and rolled the stone away from the mouth of the well and watered his uncle's sheep. Then Jacob kissed Rachel and began to weep aloud. He had told Rachel that he was a relative of her father and a son of Rebekah. So she ran and told her father.*

*As soon as Laban heard the news about Jacob, his sister's son, he hurried to meet him. He embraced him and kissed him and brought him to his home, and there Jacob told him all these things. Then Laban said to him, "You are my own flesh and blood."*

Genesis 29:9-14 (NIV)

## Dennis Lee Zelhart

December 19, 1939 – December 19, 2023

Dennis Lee Zelhart, 84, Fishers, passed away on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at Countryside Family-First Senior Living in Anderson. He was born on December 19, 1939, to Elmer and Jeanette (Gevert) Zelhart in Chicago, Ill.

For 35 years, Dennis worked for Western Electric/AT&T as a tool and die maker. He coached little league baseball and was a member of Hamilton 533 Masonic Lodge. Dennis served at the Fishers Community Volunteer Fire Department back in the 60s and 70s and was chief in 1969. He enjoyed working in the machine shop as well as hunting, fishing, and woodworking.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Jennifer Zelhart; sister, Rene Woods; and brothers, John Zelhart and Mike Zelhart.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 6, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Eulogy and comments will begin at 2:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038 ([hamiltonhumane.com](http://hamiltonhumane.com)); or English Springer Rescue America, Inc., 1025 Rose Creek Drive, Suite 620-305, Woodstock, GA 30189 ([springerrescue.org](http://springerrescue.org)).

Condolences: [randallroberts.com](http://randallroberts.com)



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Jan. 11, 18 at 11 a.m.: Discovery Time (18-36 months)

### Preschool

Jan. 11, 19, 26 at 11 a.m.: Story Time (ages 3-6)

Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31 at 11 a.m.: Mindful Movements (ages 2-6)

Jan. 27 at noon: Spidey + Friends Feast (ages 2-7)

### Grades K-5

Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30 from 3 to 5 p.m.: Lego Club

Jan. 18 at 1 p.m.: Home-school Event

### Grades 6-12

Jan. 11 at 4 p.m.: Pokeball Origami Box

Jan. 18 at 1 p.m.: Home-school Event

Jan. 25 at 4 p.m.: TAB Game Day

### Adults

Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at 11 a.m.: Needle Crafters

Jan. 9 at 3 p.m.: Adult Bingo (sponsored by Robert Owen)

Jan. 15 at 6 p.m.: Pinners

Jan. 17 at 5:30 p.m.: Sheridan Readers: *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict

### All Ages

Jan. 10 at 6 p.m.: Family Science Night (Registration required)

Jan. 12 at 6 p.m.: Bingo Night, Free Event

Jan. 20 at 6 p.m.: Winter Concert Series presented by The Farmers Bank: Breanna Faith

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### Wrestling

## 'Hounds get tournament win at Kyle Osborn Invitational

*Carmel takes on No. 3 Center Grove, Fishers competes at Jeff Classic, Heights places fifth at McKee Invitational*

#### The REPORTER

The Carmel wrestling team scored a solid tournament win last Saturday in the Kyle Osborn Invitational at McCutcheon. The Greyhounds scored 211 points for the team victory, with the host Mavericks the runners-up at 182.5 points.

Carmel scored points in every weight class at the meet and had three individual champions. Carlo Federici won at 106 pounds, Tamir Halevi took the 113-pound division with a technical fall in the final, and Jackson Schmidt was the winner at 150 pounds.

An additional three Greyhounds were runners-up in their weight class. Jacob Gardner placed second at 120, as did Caleb Mattingly at 132 and Drew VanBibber at 165. Three more Carmel wrestlers took third: Jairo Ojeda-Cortes at 157, Alex Ryan at 175 and Killian Miller at 285.

Other Greyhounds place winners were Ben Gardner (fourth at 126), Alex Agee (fifth at 126), Elijah Penquite (fifth at 144), Adel Navarrete (fifth at 190), William Massey (fifth at 215), Arty Bryant (fifth at 285), Jackson Timmons (sixth at 165) and Tyler Elliot (sev-

enth at 138).

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Carmel did not rest on its laurels after its win at McCutcheon. Instead, the Greyhounds took on Center Grove, the No. 3-ranked team in IndianaMat.com's Class 4A top 10 rankings on Wednesday.

The Trojans were in control of the match early and eventually won the dual 57-10. Carmel got two wins: Ryan got a fall at 175 pounds, then Halevi took the 113-pound match with a 16-5 major decision.

"We thought our fight was good today," said Greyhounds coach Ed Podoski. "We got positions we need to get better at. We're happy with where we're at. We're looking forward to going to break. We're looking forward to training for the postseason."

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Fishers traveled to Jeffersonville last Saturday to compete in the 2023 Jeff Classic. The Tigers finished third out of 27 teams in a very close meet: Oldham County (Ky.) was the meet champion with 237 points, Bloomington South the runner-up with 236.5, points, then Fishers scored 229.5 points to get the bronze.

The Tigers had one indi-



Reporter photo by Richie Hall  
**Carmel's Alex Ryan got a pin at 175 pounds during the Greyhounds' match with Center Grove on Wednesday.**

vidual champion at the meet. Junior Chayce Yant flew through the 126-pound division, winning two matches by fall and his other two by technical fall. One of those tech falls came in the championship bout, where Yant defeated Oldham County's Aeson Springer 15-0.

Will Hruskoci was the runner-up at 113 pounds, while Xavier Smith took second at 165. Fishers also got three third-place finishers: Teyon Leonard at 138, Diego Carabano at 175 and Julian Burgett at 190. Other place winners for the Tigers were Aiden Lamb (fifth at 132), Stephen Breck (sixth at 150), Seth Lamb (seventh at 106), Owen Ingalls (sev-

enth at 120) and Camden Funk (eighth at 157).

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Hamilton Heights placed fifth in the John McKee Memorial Invitational last Saturday at Rochester.

Two Huskies wrestlers finished first in their weight classes. Jaylyn Pugh was the winner at 144 pounds, while Michael Cain triumphed at 157 pounds. Cooper Doucette was the runner-up at 113 pounds, with Carson Fettig placing second at 150.

Kendall Moe took third at 106 pounds. Other place winners were Alex Furst (fourth at 138), Andrew Latits (fifth at 285), Aiden Furst (seventh at 165), Josh Getchell (eighth at 120).

### Girls Basketball

## Royals have no trouble taking down Cathedral

#### The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern girls basketball team put together an overwhelming win at Cathedral on Tuesday.

The Class 4A No. 2 Royals beat the Irish 65-31. Southeastern had a fantastic defensive effort in the first quarter, shutting out Cathedral 18-0. The Royals then led 31-4 at halftime.

Maya Makalusk scored 27 points, while Abigaile Brown hit three 3-pointers on her way to

11 points. Zoe Lawless collected eight rebounds and dished out four assists. Kayla Stidham had five steals and four assists, with Kennedy Holman making four steals.

Southeastern is 12-1 and is off until next Thursday, Dec. 28, when it begins play at the Paul Loggan Memorial Invitational at North Central. The Royals take on Decatur Central at 10 a.m. Southeastern plays the host Panthers the next day (Dec. 29) at 5 p.m.

### HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 65, CATHEDRAL 31

Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Maya Makalusk	10-12	6-6	27	0
Kennedy Holman	4-8	0-0	8	2
Kayla Stidham	2-4	2-3	6	1
Zoe Lawless	1-3	2-2	5	0
Addison Van Hoesen	0-1	0-0	0	1
Kayla Brinley	3-7	1-2	8	1
Antonette Green	0-0	0-0	0	0
Abigaile Brown	4-5	0-1	11	1
Hannah Wade	0-0	0-0	0	0
Tommi Burton	0-0	0-0	0	1
Kenley Johnson	0-1	0-0	0	2
Abigail Orme	0-1	0-0	0	0
Totals	24-42	11-14	65	9

#### Score by Quarters

Southeastern	18	13	21	13-65
Cathedral	0	4	13	14-31

Southeastern 3-point shooting (6-9) Brown 3-3, Makalusk 1-2, Brinley 1-2, Lawless 1-1, Stidham 0-1.

Southeastern rebounds (24) Lawless 8, Holman 3, Green 3, Van Hoesen 3, Makalusk 2, Brown 2, Brinley 1, Stidham 1, Burton 1.

## 15 county wrestlers ranked in state

#### The REPORTER

Hamilton County wrestlers are holding their own when it comes to state recognition in the IndianaMat.com rankings.

Fifteen county athletes are ranked across nine different weight classes. The website lists its top 20 wrestlers in each class, with the exception of 285 pounds, which has 30 wrestlers.

Fishers leads the local schools with four ranked wrestlers, while Hamilton Heights has three. One of them is Kendall Moe, who is rated first in the girls 100-pound rankings and 18th among the boys.

These rankings were as of Dec. 13.

**106 pounds:** 18. Kendall Moe, Hamilton Heights.

**120 pounds:** 8. Porter Temples, Westfield; 10. Chayce Yant, Fishers.

**126 pounds:** 17. Peter Nguyen, Guerin Catholic.

**138 pounds:** 18. Teyon Leonard, Fishers.

**150 pounds:** 3. Michael Major, Carmel; 11. Carson Fettig, Hamilton Heights; 20. Adam Gerstner, Hamilton Southeastern.

**157 pounds:** 13. Michael Cain, Hamilton Heights; 14. Aidan Kincaide, Noblesville; 15. Zach Lang, Hamilton Southeastern.

**165 pounds:** 12. Xavier Smith, Fishers.

**175 pounds:** 14. Chris Quarles, Fishers.

**285 pounds:** 11. Austin Hastings, Noblesville; 23. Aiden Padgett, Westfield.

In addition to the statewide list, IndianaMat.com lists a top eight in each weight class for each of the four IHSAA semi-states. The path of all Hamilton



Reporter photo by Julie Brown  
**Fishers' Xavier Smith (left) bumped up to 175 pounds for Tuesday's Mudsock match, but he is ranked 12th in the IndianaMat.com 165-pound rankings and third in that class in the website's New Castle semi-state rankings. Pictured at right is Hamilton Southeastern's Landon Hicks.**

County wrestlers leads to the New Castle semi-state.

Here are semi-state rankings for each weight class.

**106 pounds:** 4. Moe.

**113 pounds:** 8. Tamir Halevi, Carmel.

**120 pounds:** 1. Temples, 4. Yant.

**126 pounds:** 2. Nguyen; 8. Nick Anderson, Hamilton Southeastern.

**132 pounds:** 3. Caleb Mattingly, Carmel; 5. Isaac Kuhn, Hamilton Heights.

**138 pounds:** 4. Leonard; 8. Jake Saez, Westfield.

**144 pounds:** 7. Jaylyn Pugh, Hamilton Heights.

**150 pounds:** 1. Major, 3. Fettig, 4. Gerstner.

**157 pounds:** 3. Cain, 5. Kincaide, 6. Lang.

**165 pounds:** 3. Smith, 8. Carter Richardson, Noblesville.

**175 pounds:** 3. Quarles, 8. Gage Guley, Noblesville.

**190 pounds:** 6. Evan Lawhead, Hamilton Southeastern; 7. Riley Davison, Westfield.

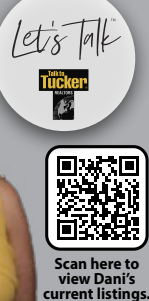
**285 pounds:** 2. Hastings, Noblesville; 3. Killian Miller, Carmel.



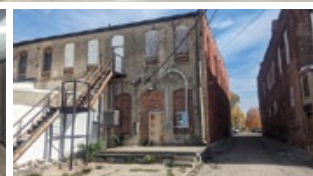
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**Carmel's Tamir Halevi is rated eighth in the IndianaMat.com New Castle semi-state 113-pound rankings.**

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# Tarter commits to IU track & field team



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Fishers senior Tyler Tarter has committed to the Indiana University men's track and field team. Tarter has been a star runner for the Tigers since his freshman year; he was part of the Fishers state champion 4x400 relay team as a sophomore in 2022. (Front row, from left) Shelby Tarter (mother and Fishers High School hurdles coach), Tyler Tarter, and Jeremy Tarter (father). (Back row, from left) Coaches Lorraine Eloms, Sarah Riordan, Kyle Goodwin, and Corey Eloms.

# Girls Basketball Hamilton Southeastern graduate Erika (Roudebush) Mundt makes Silver Anniversary Team

**The REPORTER**  
Erika (Roudebush) Mundt, a 1999 graduate of Hamilton Southeastern, is among the 18 women that have been named to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame's 2024 Silver Anniversary Team, based on outstanding accomplishments as a senior basketball player 25 years ago.

Mundt was a record-setting player for the Royals, as she set school records for single-game (41 against Anderson Highland on Feb. 9, 1999), season (669) and career points (1,276); her career point total record stood for over a decade. She also set a record for most assists in a game (12 vs. Delta on Nov. 22, 1997), 3-pointers in a game (seven during the afore-mentioned Anderson Highland game) and 3-pointers in a season (61).

Mundt received several honors during her senior season, starting with a selection to the Associated Press third-team All-State; Louisville Courier-Journal second-team All-State; North-South Indiana All-Star Classic and IndyStar Super Team. She was a two-time IndyStar all-Metro North selection, three-time all-Hamilton County selection and a two-time Hamilton County co-Player of the Year.

Mundt led Southeastern to a 1999 sectional championship, the first basketball sectional title (boys or girls) in school history. She was a three-time team MVP and a two-year team captain. Mundt also earned four letters each in cross country and track; she was a track state qualifier in 4x100 as a senior.

Mundt went on to play college basketball at Cleveland State University. She was the 2002 and 2003 team MVP at Cleveland State, as well as a 2002 first-team all-Horizon League player and a 2003 second-team all-Horizon League player.

Mundt led the Horizon League in scoring (18.2) and assists (3.4) as junior, then led the league in scoring again (18.8) as senior. She set school records for season 3-pointers (67) and career 3-pointers (190) and was also second in career 3-point percentage (.349). Mundt was fourth in career scoring (1,458 points), sixth in career assists (301) and ninth in career steals (184). Off the floor, Mundt was a member of the CSU Student-Athlete Advisory Board and the Horizon League Community Service Committee. She earned the 2000 CSU Athletic-Academic Excellence Award and made the school's Dean's List. Mundt played No. 3 doubles for the CSU women's tennis team as junior.

Mundt graduated from Cleveland State with a Bachelor's degree in sports management in 2003. She would later earn a master's degree in sports administration from Valparaiso University in 2005 and a master's degree in secondary education from Western Illinois University in 2009. She is a physical education teacher at Iowa City West High School and has received numerous professional awards. She is the 2017 Iowa High School P.E. Teacher of the Year, 2018 SHAPE Central District P.E. Teacher of the Year; 2018 SHAPE American High School P.E. Teacher of the Year; current SHAPE American Teacher of the Year presenter (around the nation); 2023 IAHPERD State Teacher of the Year in Iowa. Mundt has been an assistant coach with the ICWHS girls basketball team since 2011; the team won the Class 4A state title in 2012 and the 5A state title in 2018.

She is married to Nathan Mundt, the current head women's swimming and diving coach at the University of Iowa and has three sons.

The 2024 Women's Silver Anniversary Team members will be honored at the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame's 22nd Women's Awards Banquet on Saturday, April 27, 2024. A mid-day reception, free and open to the public, will be held at the Hall of Fame Museum in New Castle. The evening banquet will take place at the Primo Banquet Hall, which is located on the south side of Indianapolis. Banquet reservations will soon be available on the Hall of Fame's website or by calling (765) 529-1891. For more information, you may also email [kayla@hoopshall.com](mailto:kayla@hoopshall.com).

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