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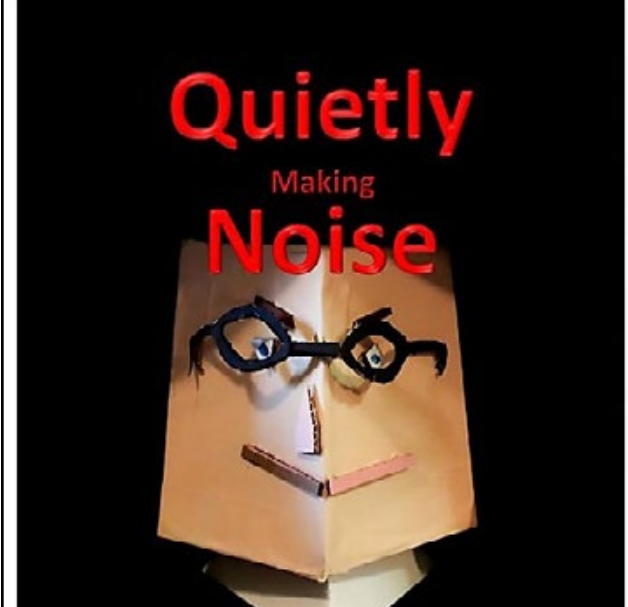


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high as the roost. Fill with straw. Some people put a "nest egg" in to help the hens find the nests. Our hens were always smart and so I did not use a "nest egg." Eggs should be gathered once or twice each day. Before launching into the chicken business, one should check city ordinances as to what is permitted.

Roosters are known to be early risers. They love to let everyone know it is morning (perhaps 4 a.m.). The lazy rooster may sleep in until 5, so don't set your clock by Alexander the Great. Roosters do a good deal of "flopping." That is something one does not wish to experience more than once.

If you think it will happen to you, try to dress appropriately. Wear a suit of armor. Trust me; I have had experience. Neighbors within a mile should be consulted about their love of roosters. Many have been known to complain violently about raucous crowing. Have fun.

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## BRIDGE

There were two gentlemen who were greeting people and holding the doors. I was about what seemed like half a football field away when they started loudly saying things like, "You are definitely obeying the speed limit," and "You are doing great, keep going!" and "You've got this!" drawing as much attention to me as possible, which is the last thing I like to happen when trying to concentrate on my walking

and not falling is the goal. I strive to bridge the gap between where I am and society's lack of understanding what it's like for me (and many others) as a mostly ambulatory disabled person, whose disability is very visible when walking. I appreciate that their goal was likely to encourage me and make me more comfortable in what they possibly viewed as an uncomfortable situation for me. I know from a stranger's point of view it looks like I'm very uncomfortable when I am walking. I always try to be gracious in those moments, giving people the benefit of the doubt. Through speaking openly about these inter-

actions, I believe we can attempt to help others understand. You don't need to go out of your way or give me special treatment. I'm just like you in most ways aside from a physical disability. A greeting like everyone else gets would be perfectly sufficient for me. As a disabled person, I do not think that I am "special" or deserve special treatment. However, do not confuse that with the fact that sometimes things do have to be done a little differently to accommodate or make things accessible for those with disabilities just to function in society. Those aren't "special" needs, but rather human needs. Just like a non-disabled person has needs,

disabled people do, too. It's not easy for me to write about a topic like this because I do fear I will continue to be misunderstood. I feel like at least attempting to gain further understanding, and working to bridge that gap is ultimately far more important than if people don't agree with me. If we don't try, we will never know the difference we could make for those that come after us. 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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## SAFE

made available online. The Feb. 8 public show is sold out. Upcoming shows will be posted on X. Turner says the planetarium has changed students' lives as they learn about

lesser-known career paths. Carmel High School junior Jackson Moffett said, "Ever since I came here for a field trip in elementary school, I've always loved this room. I love viewing

the stars. I love being in this room. I felt like I wanted to do this when I grew up, teaching astronomy. It was a really changing experience because it looked so magical."

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State Senator Scott Baldwin (left) and Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen (right) were among those who testified in favor of Senate Bill 10. Baldwin authored the bill.

# Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen testifies before State Senate Committee in support of mental health initiative

The REPORTER

Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen testified on Monday before the [Indiana Senate Health and Provider Services Committee](#) in support of [Senate Bill 10](#) (SB 10), the Indiana Community Cares initiative grant pilot program. The bill was unanimously approved and recommitted to the Appropriations Committee.

SB 10 is a statewide pilot program empowering communities to invest in proactive and sustainable mental health resources to rehabilitate at-risk Hoosiers while reducing public safety expenses across Indiana.

“The City of Noblesville prioritizes public safety and

the health of our community through the NobleACT Program. This program has proven it can save lives, and it’s now time to take this program statewide,” Jensen said. “I am encouraged that Senators Scott Baldwin, Michael Crider, and Ed Charbonneau have taken the lead on Senate Bill 10. This bill is a substantial step forward in investing in our people and the future of integrated public health and safety.”

In 2020, the city launched the NobleACT program, a proactive and sustainable mental health collaboration aimed at strengthening community-based responses through a partnership with the police

and fire departments and area service providers.

Since its inception, the NobleACT program has responded to over 6,000 calls for help to appropriately address issues like housing, mental health episodes, challenges associated with aging and premature birth, and addiction issues with the help of a crisis intervention specialist on staff and K-9 therapy dogs Luna, Carbon, and Sadie. NobleACT has reduced the number of repeat calls to emergency services from some residents needing support while connecting them with a full spectrum of resources that would meet their needs.

“I have witnessed firsthand the challenges that can arise when mental health is not prioritized in a community. Noblesville has proven the success of its NobleACT program, which exemplifies the need for the Community Cares Initiative Grant Pilot Program to exist statewide,” said State Sen. Baldwin (R-Noblesville). “I’m committed to getting this legislation across the finish line

so Hoosiers will ultimately receive the mental health and support services they deserve while providing resources to our first responders who answer the calls for help.”

Jensen has worked to take the NobleACT Program statewide and encouraged state leaders to use Noblesville as a blueprint for similar programs. State Senators Baldwin, Crider (R-Greenfield), and Charbonneau (R-Valparaiso) have authored Senate Bill 10. This bill establishes the community cares initiative grant pilot program for the purpose of assisting in the costs of starting or expanding mobile integrated health care programs and mobile crisis teams in Indiana.

The bill is co-authored by State Senators Eric Bassler (R-Washington), James Buck (R-Kokomo), Justin Busch (R-Fort Wayne), Cyndi Carrasco (R-Indianapolis), John Crane (R-Avon), Chris Garten (R-Charlestown), Mike Gaskill (R-Pendleton), Tyler Johnson (R-Leo), and Kyle Walker (R-Lawrence).

# CONNER PRAIRIE

STEP INTO THE STORY

## Who says fun at Conner Prairie has to stop in winter?

The REPORTER

For the first time, Conner Prairie is opening its grounds during the winter months. Guests can experience the beauty of winter as they stroll across acres of fun. From indoor play spaces to learning alongside the residents of Prairietown, there's something for everyone at [Winter on the Prairie](#).

Admission is free for members and half-off for nonmembers (\$14). Nonmembers can save \$2 when purchasing tickets online.

Due to the forecast including inclement weather, Conner Prairie has decided to postpone the opening of Winter on the Prairie until Friday, Jan. 26.

For the first weekend of Winter on the Prairie (Jan. 26 to 28), guests can get \$20 off their membership renewal and \$10 off the purchase of a new membership. Available for in-person purchases only.

**Winter on the Prairie Programming (included with admission)**

- [Animal Encounters at Bayt Pavilion](#) (Fridays and Saturdays, 1 to 2 p.m.) Featuring our heritage breed animals, get up close and learn how the conservation and awareness of these rare and endangered breeds of livestock impact the world around us.

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# Noblesville, get ready for more major construction



The Indiana Department of Transportation has announced it will soon begin construction on State Road 32 through Noblesville. The exact dates and timelines are still being developed but the early projected schedule proposes three phases starting in March with each phase taking 30 to 45 days to complete. Those phases are as follows: Phase I – full closure and upgrades to the intersection of 16th Street and SR 32; Phase II – full closure from west of 16th Street through 9th Street, including the intersections of 9th and 10th streets and SR 32; and, Phase III – full closure from west of 9th Street to 6th Street, including the intersection of 8th (9th & 10th Streets open). Noblesville city officials are working with INDOT to set up a public meeting about the project. In the meantime, you can find more information at [ReconstructingSR32.com](https://www.reconstructingsr32.com).



Photo illustration provided by City of Westfield  
The Newby Property lies to the west of the Westfield City Services Center between State Road 32 and 171st Street.

## Westfield to hold public meeting on Newby Property

**The REPORTER**  
Westfield city officials will hold a public input meeting regarding the parcel known as the Newby Property at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 7 at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St. This is the public's opportunity to be involved in the development of one of Westfield's future parks.  
The city purchased the 25-acre property in January 2023 and it is located generally at 2510 E. 171st St. The purpose of the meeting is to develop a plan that will create a clear set of objectives and provide direction for development of a future park.  
Representatives from Mader Design Group, the consulting firm in charge of developing the plan, as well as city officials, will be on hand to answer questions from attendees.  
"This is an exciting time for our Parks Department," Parks Superintendent Chris McConnell said. "By hosting this public input session, we hope that residents will provide their feedback so that we can develop a park that not only meets their needs but also makes them feel proud."

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## Don't miss Alan Cumming & Ari Shapiro's two-man cabaret Och & Oy

**The REPORTER**  
Don't miss your chance to get tickets for these great events coming up soon at The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.  
**Live at the Center: Clare Longedyke**  
*Wednesday, Jan. 31 at 7:30 p.m.*  
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musical voices, she curates programs that expand the classical concert stage to be more inclusive and imaginative. Longedyke holds degrees from Boston University's College of Fine Arts, the École Normale de Musique in Paris, and the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, where she earned her Master's and Doctor of Music degrees. [Click here](#) to buy tickets.  
**Alan Cumming & Ari Shapiro: Och & Oy! A Considered Cabaret**  
*Saturday, Feb. 3 at 8 p.m.*  
**The Palladium**  
Alan Cumming (*Cabaret*,

*The Good Wife*) and Ari Shapiro (Pink Martini, NPR's *All Things Considered*) are both known for transporting audiences to other worlds through their stories. Now, they're joining forces in song. Witness the Palladium debut of their new evening of tunes and tall tales, with musical direction by Henry Koperski. "We're both storytellers who try to help audiences better understand themselves and the world around them," Shapiro said. "This show lets us explore those shared ideals on stage together, through stories and songs." [Click here](#) for tickets.

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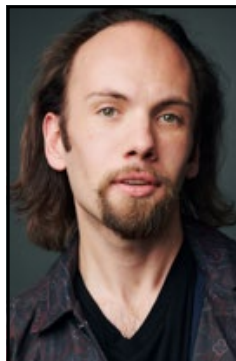
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# Meet the cast of Route 66

**The REPORTER**  
**Actors Theatre of Indiana** (ATI) announces the cast for the upcoming production of *Route 66* which will be performed Feb. 2 to 18 at the Studio Theater at The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. ATI co-founder Cynthia Collins will direct and choreograph the musical.

Take a dollop of *Grease*, mix in some *Pump Boys and Dinettes*, and add a generous dose of *Forever Plaid* and you've got the high-octane fun of *Route 66*. Beginning with the sounds of 1950s Chicago and traveling along the "Main Street of America" to the California coast with the surf music of the 1960s, this exciting musical revue features 34 of the greatest "Rock 'n' Road" hits of the 20th century.

Four ATI veterans will help you "get your kicks" as they perform songs such as "Dead Man's Curve," "King of the Road," "Six Days on the Road," "Little GTO," "Fun, Fun, Fun," and many more.

**BRETT MUTTER's** last role with ATI was as the winner of *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, William Barfeeback, in 2018. Originally from Dayton, Ohio, he studied musical theatre at Bowling Green State University. After living in both Chicago and NYC, *Spelling*

*Bee* was his first exposure to Indianapolis. Since, he has made Indy his home base, having performed in a dozen shows with Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre, including *Escape to Margaritaville*, *42nd Street*, and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Some other favorite regional credits include: *The Music Man* (Circa 21), *Ripcord* (Sierra Rep), *Into the Breeches* (Saint Michael's Playhouse), *Forever Plaid* (Round Barn), and *Sweeney Todd* (Cumberland County Playhouse).

**CRAIG UNDERWOOD** appeared at ATI in *Route 66* back in 2012 and *Sweeney Todd* in 2015. He also participated in the ATI Lab-Series reading of *The Liars Bench* in 2023. A proud graduate of Ball State University theatre and dance, he now calls NYC home. Some past favorite roles include *Hair* (Margaret Mead), *Into the Woods* (Baker), *Guys and Dolls* (Nicely Nicely), and *Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story* (Big Bopper).

**ERIC OLSON** has performed for ATI in *Violet*, *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* and *Cabaret*. Theatre credits include: First National Tour of *Ragtime*, Off-Broadway and regional theatres across America and Europe, including Goodspeed Opera House, Trinity Repertory Company, Sacramento Mu-

sic Circus, The Kennedy Center, American Stage, The Link Theatre Company, Gateway Playhouse, Theatre by the Sea, The Garry Marshall (Falcon) Theatre, Disney's Hyperion, Eclipse, Phoenix Theatre, Constellation Stage & Screen and many more. Favorite appearances include *Ada and the Engine* (Charles Babbage), *Bloody, Bloody Andrew Jackson* (Andrew Jackson), *The Sound of Music* (Captain VonTrapp), *Peter and the Starcatcher* (Black Stache), *Fun Home* (Bruce Bechdel), *Macbeth* (Macbeth), *American Idiot* (St. Jimmy), *Evita* (Che), *West Side Story* (Tony), and *Avenue Q* (Nicky/Bad Idea Bear). Film credits include: *Malum*, *Raising Helen*, *Rosie's Rescue*, *Drive*, and *River*.

**KIERAN DANAAN's** previous ATI appearance was in the 2023 World Premiere of *Mr. Confidential*. Off-Broadway: *Happily Ever After*. National Tour: *A Christmas Carol*. Regional: Theatre SilCo, The Barnstormers, Totem Pole Playhouse, Lauderhill PAC, George Street Playhouse, Texas Shakespeare, Notre Dame Shakespeare, Camden Shakespeare, and Judson Theatre Company, among others. TV (selected): *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*, *Billions*, *Mr. and Mrs. Smith* and *Blue Bloods*, among others. Film: *Chew*,

*Dirty Laundry*, *Sounds of a Choice* and *Dougherty Row*. Danaan is the host and creator of **Beyond the Seas podcast** found on Apple, Spotify and others. He has an MFA from the University of Alabama and is a proud member of Actors' Equity Association.

ATI's Co-Founder Emeritus **CYNTHIA COLLINS** will direct and choreograph this production of *Route 66*. Collins received her BFA in Theatre from Ohio University. A proud member of Actors Equity Association since 1991, she has numerous regional, television and Off-Broadway credits as an actress. She has worked as a choreographer in several productions and currently teaches theater classes at Anderson University. A native of Livingston, N.J. and longtime resident of New York City, Cindy has resided in Carmel since the founding of ATI in 2005.

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*Route 66* was written and created by Roger Bean. Music Director is Brandon Vos. This toe-tapping, hand-clapping musical will be performed at The Studio Theatre at The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. Get your tickets for this show by visiting [atistage.org](http://atistage.org) or by calling The Center for the Performing Arts box office at (317) 843-3800.

## Fishers student makes LeTourneau University dean's list

### The REPORTER

LeTourneau University has released the Fall 2023 dean's list. The Dean's List recognizes students who have achieved a grade-point

average between 3.50 and 3.99 for the semester.

Benjamin Trosen of Fishers made the dean's list. He is working toward of Bachelor of Science in Cyber Security.

## Imagine Theatre's Winter Kids Film Series begins Friday

### The REPORTER

This winter, Imagine Entertainment will play its Winter Kids Film Series at all locations, including in Noblesville.

This series features a different family-friendly themed film each week Jan. 26 through March 7. All ticket prices are only \$3 per person and magic pack concession packages are available for only \$5 per person.

- Jan. 26 to Feb. 1: *Shrek*
- Feb. 2 to 8: *How to Train Your Dragon*

- Feb. 9 to 15: *Shrek 2*
- Feb. 16 to 22: *How to Train Your Dragon 2*
- Feb. 23 to 29: *Kung Fu Panda 3*
- March 1 to 7: *Madagascar*

Films, showtimes, and on-sale dates are subject to change.

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## Which weighs more: truth or doubt?

The Hyperion Theatre's latest endeavor, John Patrick Shanley's *Doubt: A Parable*, opening today, Jan. 25, owns many accolades including the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and the Tony Award for Best Play.

Its story of suspicion by an "old school" nun of a young "next wave" priest's activities with a boy student might be called a straight-from-the-headlines plot – and it seems to be. The fact that it is titled "a parable" takes some of that categorizing away however and as the tale plays out, the entire truth is buried in a lack of factual info, which raises doubt, of course, and leaves us with several morals to glean.

In the best of productions of this play, this conflict – with all the emotions that it raises – does not get resolution. It hangs in the air for discussion after the curtain falls. So it is with director Daniel Maloy's product. All the boxes are checked on both sides of the debate, with a careful balance in mind.

Maloy's top-level cast adroitly conveys the opposing ideals at work here. Marie Beason is powerful as the self-righteously assured Sister Aloysius, principal at St. Nicholas Church School. The sister values a more strict and unemotional approach to her job of educating children, rejecting the annoying changes that The Church hopes to put into practice. She is also frustrated, rightfully so, by the hierarchy she must face in her quest to correct what she feels is gross misconduct by an ignoble priest. Ms. Beason is beyond up to the task with a fully devel-



KEN KLINGENSTEIN  
*A Seat on the Aisle*

oped character, a wide range of expressiveness and a rising level of assurance which ultimately collapses under its own weight.

Joe Wagner handles Father Flynn's situation with an uncomplicated mix of confidence and suffering. Flynn is accused of a heinous act and must save his reputation as a forward-thinking member of the Church community. His actions with the boy could be an innocent helping-hand – or are they the workings of a self-centered man of the cloth? Wagner's straight-forward portrait never lets us know for certain – which is the actor's assignment here.

The supporting roles of young Sister James and the boy in question's mother, Mrs. Muller, are keenly fashioned by Morgan Morton and Ka'Lena Cuevas, respectively. Ms. Morton's naive and confused young nun is, I think, meant to convey our own unsureness with what is presented, and Morton plays it well. Ms. Cuevas is convincing as a no-nonsense mother, who believes that as long as her boy can make it to high school, he has a chance to succeed, no matter what befalls him in the church school. Her acceptance of her boy's being "that way" and needing the priest's attention is perhaps the most strikingly honest idea in the play.

A simple set by Greg



Photo by Rob Slaven / [IndyGhostLight.com](http://IndyGhostLight.com)  
**Morgan Morton as Sister James meets with Marie Beason as Sister Aloysius.**

Fiebig works perfectly, costumes by Dede Wamberg hit the mark, and sound and lights by Zach Catlin and Natalie Spoerle are just what is needed.

**Bottom line:** All this fine work was seen at a dress rehearsal which Mrs. K. and I attended, and I will presume that with a full audience's reaction and energy, this piece will rise to an even greater level. I believe many will see this one as a high point of our local community theatre season.

*Doubt: A Parable* runs ONLY Jan. 25 through 28 at The Switch Theatre, 10029 126th St., Fishers. Tickets are available online at [hyperionplayers.com/tickets](http://hyperionplayers.com/tickets).

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# Thousands rally in downtown Indianapolis for annual March for Life

By CAMILA FERNANDEZ  
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Thousands of protestors in downtown Indianapolis on Monday participated in the second Indiana March for Life since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade. Organizers sent a loud message as they marched through downtown. They want the country to know that Indiana is a symbol of hope for moms and their babies.

“Especially as young people, I think we can show the support for the community that they really need,” Nora Alcala said. The seventh annual Indiana March for Life started near the Pan Am Tower on Capitol Avenue where thousands of protestors got together to remember the lives cut short due to abortion. “This is a memorial day. This is a day to remember the 65 million-plus lives that

have been lost for abortion, and all of the women who have regretted their abortion and who’ve suffered because of abortion that we’ve had over 50 years in our nation,” said Marc Tuttle, president of Right to Life of Indianapolis. They say that while Indiana has a near-total abortion ban, work remains to be done. Maria Thomas said, “People think they know what the pro-life movement

stands for, what it does, and they really don’t. So, I’ve been very glad to work with ... there’s an account called Pro-Life Indy, which is on TikTok and Instagram that works to combat that misinformation.” Thousands of protestors walked a little over a mile with a message to the community. They reached Monument Circle and finished at the Statehouse, where state and community leaders met

with them for a second rally. Tuttle says the number of pregnant women seeking help is going up. “We’ve had an increase in the number of women who’ve sought help at our pregnancy resource centers, who look for community help, who’ve looked for state services, and so we still have work to do, but we’re meeting the need,” he said. Abortion-rights supporters say they’re fighting

against misinformation. They want women to know they can still choose abortion elsewhere. Jessica Marchbank, director of state programs at All-Options, said, “We are concerned that people don’t know that they can still access an abortion, or how maybe there’s uncertainty about ‘will I get in trouble if I ask or will I get in trouble if I go to Illinois?’” And we really want to debunk all of that.”

## Max Engling joins Indianapolis March for Life

**Submitted**  
Republican candidate for Indiana’s Fifth Congressional District Max Engling joined the Indianapolis March for Life on Monday with supporters of his campaign. After the march, Engling said, “I was proud to be at the U.S. Supreme Court when Roe v. Wade was overturned and proud to march with Indiana Right to Life today. The Indianapolis March for Life shows the support for protecting innocent life and loving both the mother and the child.” As a father of four and a Christian, Engling says he believes that all life is sacred, both born and unborn, and that families, mothers, and children must be loved and protected at every stage of life. This



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includes ensuring that fathers share in the responsibility of parenthood and

are incentivized to work and provide for their children.

Learn more about the candidate at [MaxForIndiana.com](http://MaxForIndiana.com).



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# Rocket Fish scores are out of this world!

Last Saturday, Westfield High School welcomed student competitors in the FIRST Lego League (FLL) Challenge State Championship. This year's theme was Masterpiece where teams built Lego robots and conducted research projects to solve scientific and real-world communication and art challenges. Team 21449, Rocket Fish, which works out of the Westfield Washington Public Library, was the highest scoring team. Team 16059 from Mishawaka, Ind., won the Champions Award and will advance to the FIRST Championship taking place April 17 to 20 in Houston, Texas. The FLL explore festival took place as well with 10 total teams, six of which were mentored by the students from the FRC team SHAM-ROCK-BOTICS that works out of Westfield High School. (Photos provided)







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# Sen. Braun introduces bill to target Medicare fraud

**The REPORTER**

U.S. Senators Mike Braun (R-Ind.) and Bill Cassidy (R-La.) have introduced legislation to create an algorithm-based pilot period of oversight at the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) targeted at the irregular billing activity of certain products for the 5 percent of beneficiaries who al-

ready receive electronic notices.

Representative David Schweikert (R-Ariz.) introduced the companion legislation in the House of Representatives.

Medicare loses approximately \$60 billion



Braun

annually due to fraud, errors, and abuse involving both predatory healthcare professionals and anonymous organized criminals. These individuals charge Medicare beneficiaries for unapproved diagnostic tests and fraudulently bill

them for wheelchairs, braces, and other Durable Medical Equipment products in order to obtain Medicare reimbursements.

“An annual loss of \$60 billion is unacceptable,” Sen. Braun said. “It’s time for CMS to strengthen their fraud detection process in order to stop the hemorrhaging of the Medicare trust fund.”

# Proposed Indiana legislation concerns LGBTQ advocates

By DANIELLE ZULKOSKY  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

A new Indiana House bill would replace instances of the word “gender” with the phrase “biological sex” in some state statutes.

**House Bill 1291** aims to remove the word “in certain statutes in which the term is used to describe the condition of being physically male or female.”

Advocates against the **legislation** said it would endanger members of the LGBTQ+ community.

“It’s going to ‘out’ a lot of people,” said Chris Paulsen, the chief executive officer of Indiana Youth Group. “It also makes Indiana an unwelcoming place.”

Paulsen says attempting to remove the word “gender” from state statutes could be dangerous for transgender people.

“We will be wasting all kinds of resources because obviously a law like that will get challenged in the court, and once again Indiana will spend millions of dollars defending a law that probably is unconstitutional,” Paulsen said.

Examples where the state

could see change include anti-discrimination laws and the currently unenforceable law banning same-sex marriage in Indiana.

The House bill would also change the requirements for state ID cards. Paulsen said, “This law means they would have to carry an ID with the sex they were assigned at birth, which is not the gender identity that they currently have, so it’s going to out a lot of people.”

Paulsen says advocates will continue to fight for LGBTQ+ people in Indiana.

“There’s a group of LGBTQ organizations,” Paulsen said. “We keep in close contact when the legislature is in session so we know what’s going on. We will continue the fight both against bad bills and then pushing for positive legislation for LGBTQ youth and young people.”

Lawmakers have yet to schedule a hearing for the bill as of Tuesday night.

News 8 reached out to the bill’s authors – Reps. Chris Judy, Joanna King, Michelle Davis, and Robert Morris – on multiple occasions and did not receive a comment from them.

# Indiana House committee advances new pet store regulations

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

Breeders and pet store owners on Monday said legislation in the General Assembly would make their industry safer and more accountable for pets and their owners.

A House committee voted to advance a measure that would require random inspections of pet stores and require stores to acquire dogs from breeders who are certified by the **Canine Care certification program** beginning July

1, 2025.

The bill also would prohibit any city from banning retail pet sales, as cities including Carmel already have done.

Dog breeder John Troyer said he has worked with other breeders for years to help them become certified by the program. He said the bill would help ethical breeders while putting puppy mills out of business.

“There is a good way to breed dogs,” Troyer said. “America wants it, and, if we don’t do it right, they’re

going to get it in the black market, so why not support good breeding practices?”

Animal rights groups criticized the bill, especially its language on local retail sale bans. Sana Azem with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animal says the bill would still allow the sourcing of dogs from breeders who are not practicing humane standards. She says the bill largely restates existing regulations and is unenforceable.

The bill also drew criticism from Adam Aasen,

vice president of the Carmel City Council, who says the measure would encroach on cities’ ability to enforce their own laws and create an unfunded enforcement mandate on the part of the Indiana Board of Animal Health.

Aasen says Carmel voters overwhelmingly backed the ban, and its adoption in the city by an overwhelmingly Republican city council shows such bans are not a left-wing initiative.

The bill now heads to the full House.



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## The REPORTER

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## WTIU now available to Hulu + Live TV subscribers

### The REPORTER

WTIU is now live streaming on Hulu + Live TV, one of the nation's largest streaming services for live television with more than 4.5 million subscribers.

Hulu + Live TV's subscribers will now have access to inspiring and educational content from WTIU like [Journey Indiana](#) and [Indiana Newsdesk](#) along with PBS favorites including [PBS NewsHour](#), [FRONTLINE](#), [Antiques Roadshow](#), and WTIU PBS KIDS channel.

Participating PBS stations like WTIU will make Hulu + Live TV available in more than 300 markets over the next year. This agreement represents PBS's continued commitment to make its quality and award-winning content accessible to all Americans on as many digital platforms as possible.

"We are thrilled that one of the largest live TV streaming services is now home to quality local programming from PBS Member Stations," PBS Chief Digital and Marketing Officer Ira Rubenstein said. "As more and more households look to digital streaming offerings, this announcement is part of our commitment to meet audiences where they are with the PBS programming

they know and love. PBS will continue to make trusted content available to all households across as many platforms as possible. We thank Hulu + Live TV for working with us to provide our viewers with more ways to watch programs through their local PBS station."

"As one of the largest live TV streaming services in the U.S., we are committed to providing a best-in-class user experience and a premium national and local channel line-up for our millions of subscribers," said Reagan Feeney, SVP, Live TV Content Programming and Partnerships for Hulu. "PBS and PBS KIDS are among the most frequently requested channels by our subscribers and we're thrilled to add them to our core line-up that now includes more than 90 live channels."

PBS, PBS KIDS, and local station content is also available on [PBS.org](#) and [pbskids.org](#), as well as the PBS App and PBS KIDS app available on iOS, Android, Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Chromecast, and smart TVs from Samsung and Vizio. WTIU station members are also able to view an extended library of quality public television programming via [WTIU Passport](#).

## United Way of Central Indiana opening its accreditation process to area nonprofits

### The REPORTER

United Way of Central Indiana is opening its accreditation process to nonprofits interested in joining its network of accredited community partners.

Accreditation allows nonprofits to apply for United Way grants and access training, resources, and programs to grow their organizations.

Applications are open now through 5 p.m. on Feb. 23.

United Way accredits nonprofits in the human services sector that work to tackle the most complex issues in local communities and align with United Way's issue areas of basic needs, early care and learning, economic mobility, and safe, and affordable housing.

In opening the accreditation process, United Way conducted an analysis to identify current needs in the community and gaps in services. This year, United Way is only accepting accreditation applications from organizations that address these areas of alignment in the following counties and ZIP codes:

- Organizations in Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Morgan, and Putnam counties must address: two-generation services; adult or youth workforce development or workforce pathways (education or credential attainment); safe and affordable housing;

food; or transportation.

- In Marion County, organizations must be serving the zip codes of 46218, 46201, 46222, 46225, 46226, 46241, 46224, 46203, 46216, 46227, 46219, 46235, or 46208 and address: safe and affordable housing; or adult or youth workforce development or workforce pathways (education or credential attainment).

To be eligible, an organization must be a legally authorized nonprofit incorporated in Indiana or a nonprofit with its own governing or advisory board organized as an identified part of another organization incorporated in the state. Organizations must have been incorporated for at least five years and employ at least two full-time employees.

Applying organizations are required to attend one virtual application workshop:

- 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 29
- 10 to 11:30 a.m. Feb. 7

To RSVP to a workshop, email [accreditation@uwci.org](mailto:accreditation@uwci.org).

The accreditation process involves a site visit and evaluation by a team of United Way staff, board members and volunteers. They assess a nonprofit's financial health, governance, strategy and innovation, sustainability, and diversity and inclusion, among other things. Eligible organizations applying for accreditation must participate in an in-person site visit the week of April 22.



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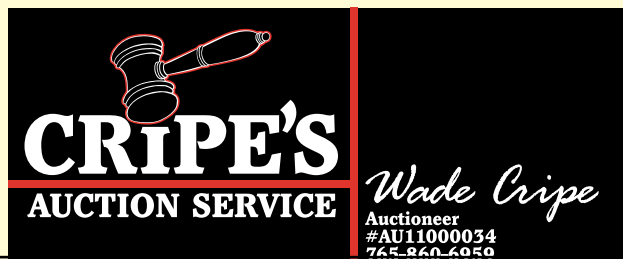
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The Fall Creek Township Board and Trustee will meet to discuss the adoption of the 2023 Annual Report at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 5, 2024, at the Fall Creek Township Office, 11595 Brooks School Road, Fishers.

Send Meeting Notices to:  
[News@ReadTheReporter.com](mailto:News@ReadTheReporter.com)

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Redevelopment Commission will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 26, 2024, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville. The meeting may be viewed via Microsoft Teams by using Meeting ID: 238 912 051 904 and Passcode: piZu8r.

Thanks for reading The Reporter!



TODAY'S BIBLE READING

LABAN PURSUES JACOB

*So Jacob took a stone and set it up as a pillar. He said to his relatives, "Gather some stones." So they took stones and piled them in a heap, and they ate there by the heap. Laban called it Jegar Sahadutha, and Jacob called it Galeed.*

Genesis 31:45-47 (NIV)

Patricia Anne (Skinner) Ogden

March 8, 1948 – January 18, 2024



Patricia Anne (Skinner) Ogden was born on March 8, 1948, in Tipton, Ind., to the late Charles Lewis and Daisy Irene (Stewart) Skinner. Heaven's gates opened wide for her on January 18, 2024.

Patricia was a true angel on Earth. She had a huge heart and loved everyone unconditionally. She was the easiest person to talk to, never judging and always standing firm in her beliefs. Her positive outlook on life always helped her see the best in people. She always had a smile on her face and loved to laugh, causing many to say that she was the life of the party.

She was a survivor, always conquering whatever obstacles God put in front of her. One of the biggest obstacles she endured in life was contracting polio at the age of three. Many of her doctors told her she would never be able to do certain things, but she proved them wrong. She was strong and stubborn and never took no for an answer.

Patricia went by many names over the years. Most recently she was known as Trish by her friends and family; however, many people also knew her as Patty.

One of her first jobs was working at the Diana Theatre in Tipton. She later waitressed at Slim's Cafeteria for several years. Her labor of love was owning Patty's Ceramics in Arcadia. She truly loved the years she spent teaching classes at her shop. She also worked for the Topics Newspaper in Noblesville before making the move to Gordon Marketing in Noblesville, where she would finish out her career.

Trish was an active member of the Tipton Moose Lodge #1590, where she held the position of Senior Regent.

She loved vacationing in Florida with the girls, and with her family. Her family was a very special part of her life, and she always looked forward to family reunions and holiday dinners. She loved to cook, and her extensive collection of recipes never disappointed. Trish loved her sweets, and al-

ways made sure to eat dessert every day. She also loved Facebook, where she was an avid poster.

The legacy she leaves behind is in the lives she touched throughout her life. No matter how you knew Trish, she will never be forgotten. She loved the Lord and thanked Him daily. We are thankful for the time that God blessed us with her in our lives. She will be deeply missed, but we know that she is in her new body, void of all pain and suffering.

Trish is survived by her daughter, Christy Moore (Charles) of Sheridan; two sons, Kenny Majors (Pamela) of Arcadia and Curt Majors of Fishers; six grandchildren, Blake Majors, Andrew Majors (Brittany), Jessica Wise (Nick), Paul Majors (Malisa), Luke Majors, and Jake Majors; eight great-grandchildren; two brothers, Rick Skinner (Roxie) and Tom Skinner (Mindy); three sisters, Deborah Trump (Toby), Teresa Arnett, and Deanna Zink; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles Lewis and Daisy Irene (Stewart) Skinner; sister, Connie Bess; paternal grandparents, Louis and Elsie Skinner; maternal grandparents, Homer and Mable Stewart; brother-in-law, Dave Arnett; grandson, Trevor Hartfield, and by her husband, John Ogden in 2006. She and John were married on May 1, 1976.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 27, 2024, at the Arcadia Christian Church, 26901 State Road 19, Arcadia, with visitation from 10:30 a.m. until the time of service. Pastor J.R. Moffatt will be officiating.


In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the American Heart Association, or to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan.

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

Mary Owens Beam

November 15, 1933 – January 23, 2024



Mary Owens Beam, 90, Noblesville, passed away on January 23, 2024, at home. She was born on November 15, 1933, at Galveston, Texas, to Reuben Elijah and Edith Merle (Wilhite) Dollar.

She grew up in the Whitestown area and graduated from Whitestown High School. She had worked several years at Naval Avionics and also Western Electric as an assembler of electronics. Both were in Indianapolis.

She was married to Charles Owens, and they were blessed with three children who survive her: Stan (Sue) Owens, Eddie Owens, and Chuck (Penny) Owens. Additional survivors include grandchildren: Axel Owens, Chad Owens, Jacob (Chris) Owens, Jonathon (Allie) Owens, and Mary Frances (Wayne) Caswell, also great-grandchildren: Alexa, Delaney, Hannah, Cody, Kyla, Landon, Walker, Vada, Wyatt, and Barbara Ann, plus several nieces and nephews.

Mary was preceded in death by her first and second husbands, Charles Owens and Paul Beam, and by her sisters, Dolores, Ruby, Faye, Dorothy, and Millie.

She was very dedicated to her family. Whenever her family was involved in sporting events, school programs, or awards, she was there supporting them. Even though she wouldn't drive a four-wheeler, she would ride with them. And when they entered stock car racing, she was there, cheering them on. Growing up, her family just knew their grandmother was always for them and would always have their back.

Mary was a woman of faith and a faithful attendee at the Noblesville Nazarene Church where she enjoyed working in the kitchen and helping with church dinners. In her younger years she loved to sing and many in the congregation said she had a lovely voice. She was an outgoing person and after getting to know her she was known as everyone's friend.

Funeral services for Mary will be held at noon on Friday, January 26, 2024, at Hartley Funeral Homes Cicero Chapel, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero, with burial to follow at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville. A time of visitation will be from 10 a.m. until time of the services.

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### Girls Basketball

# Sheridan slams Southmont, holds the line on home court

*Kenzie Garner joins 1,000 point club on free throw*

By **RICHIE HALL**

sports@readthereporter.com

**SHERIDAN** — It seemed as if the third quarter of Sheridan's girls basketball game with Southmont on Wednesday turned into a bit of extra free-throw practice.

The Blackhawks' Kenzie Garner and Cecilia Timme kept getting sent to the line — the duo combined for 20 free-throw attempts during that period. But they were up to the challenge, making 17 of those foul shots, and that helped propel Sheridan to a 52-37 win over the Mounties at Larry Hobbs Hall.

Garner said that every morning, the Blackhawks come in about an hour before school and shoot 100 free throws, "so that helps," she said. The team also gets in more free-throw practice during practice after conditioning and running drills.

In other words, Sheridan is ready when it goes to the line.

"It makes a big difference," said Blackhawks coach Jaidlin Bradshaw. "The way we're shooting free throws this year compared to the way we shot free throws last year is night and day. They've done a much better job and it's honestly because they work so hard and that they're willing to put the work in. And then that makes a big difference."

The biggest free throw came with 6:41 left in the third quarter. Garner was sitting at 999 points at that moment, and she made a free throw to hit the 1,000-point mark. Garner is the fourth Sheridan girl to reach 1,000 points, joining Audrey Reed, Brittany Welch, and her coach, who said Garner "deserves it."

"She works her butt off," said Bradshaw. "She's a great leader. She shows up to practice every day and she makes herself and her teammates better, and this is certainly the fruits of her labor."

"I was pretty nervous coming in, but I knew we could get the win," said Garner. "Starting off, I think we were a little rocky, but we pulled it together in the second half."

Sheridan had to contend with a young 12-win Southmont team — the Mounties have five freshman, four of whom played significant minutes — that used speed and pressure defense on the 'Hawks the entire game. One of those freshman, Layla Gomez, put in back-to-back 3-pointers to erase an early 4-0 Sheridan lead.

The Blackhawks led 9-8 after one quarter. DeLorean Mason then hit back-to-back triples of her own to get Southmont ahead 14-11. Garner began to take over, scoring 11 points in the second quarter; her last basket tied the game at 20-20. But a 3 from Mounties freshman Molly Williams gave her team a 23-20 lead at the break.



Photo by Dwight Casler

**Sheridan's Kenzie Garner was honored during the Blackhawks' Wednesday game with Southmont after she scored her 1,000th point in the third quarter. Garner is the fourth Sheridan girls player to reach 1,000 points.**

Southmont led 27-26 as the third quarter approached the midway point. But the Mounties kept putting Sheridan on the line, and the 'Hawks took advantage. Timme and Garner teamed to make 14 consecutive free throws between the 4:23 and 1:05 marks of the third quarter. Sheridan led 38-33 at that point, and Garner hit one more foul shot before the end of the period to put the Blackhawks up 39-33.

Sheridan wore the Mounties down in the fourth quarter, only allowing them four points. The 'Hawks accelerated to the finish line, with Timme scoring seven points and Mac Smith adding a pair of late layins to clinch the game.

"We watched a lot of film and we knew what to expect, but it's just different when you get in the game, and the girls were definitely frazzled by their effort in the press at the beginning, but then I think thankfully, we figured it out and settled down and got into a little bit of a groove, especially there in the third quarter," said Bradshaw.

Garner picked up another double-double, finishing with 25 points and 12 rebounds. She also had a monster game on defense, with seven blocked shots and six steals. Timme scored 15 points and collected five rebounds. Sadie Timme pulled six rebounds and Nova Cross handed out four assists.

Sheridan is 16-5 and finishes its Hoosier Heartland Conference and regular seasons on Friday when it hosts Taylor as part of a HHC doubleheader.



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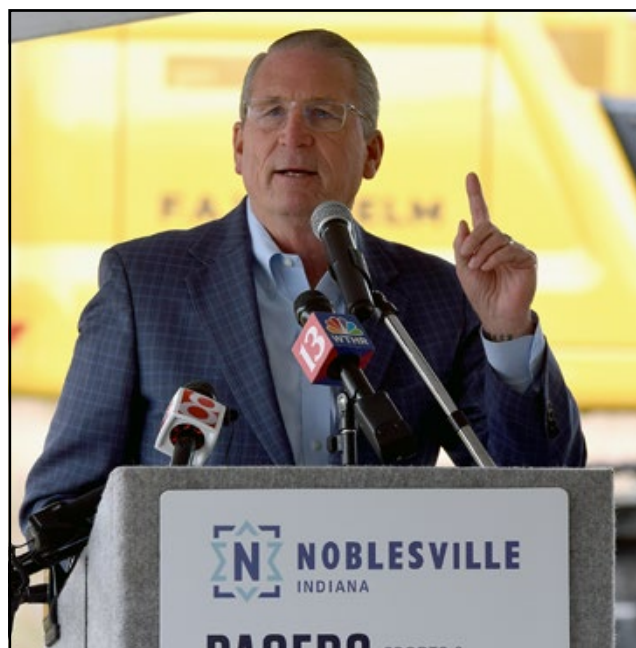
**Sheridan's Nova Cross had four assists.**

#### SHERIDAN 52, SOUTHMONT 37

Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Cecilia Timme	3-13	9-14	15	4
Kenzie Garner	7-15	10-12	25	2
Nova Cross	1-8	0-0	2	4
Brielle Garner	1-7	0-0	2	2
Sadie Timme	1-7	0-0	2	0
Mac Smith	3-3	0-0	6	1
Makenzy Terry	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	16-53	19-26	52	13

#### Score by Quarters

Southmont	8	15	10	4-37
Sheridan	9	11	19	13-52
Sheridan 3-point shooting (1-6)	K. Garner 1-2, Cross 0-1, S. Timme 0-1, B. Garner 0-1, C. Timme 0-1.			
Sheridan rebounds (27)	K. Garner 12, S. Timme 6, C. Timme 5, Cross 2, Smith 1, B. Garner 1.			



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**Rick Fuson, Pacers Sports & Entertainment Chief Executive Officer, announced his retirement, effective June 18. Fuson joined PS&E in June of 1984. He is shown here speaking at the groundbreaking of the Noblesville Events Center in November; it will be the future home of the Indiana Pacers G League Franchise.**

## Pacers S&E CEO Rick Fuson to retire

### The REPORTER

Rick Fuson, Pacers Sports & Entertainment Chief Executive Officer, announced today that, effective June 18, he will retire as CEO. Fuson, who joined PS&E in June of 1984 as Director of Special Events, moved into the CEO role at the beginning of 2022 after serving as President and Chief Operating Officer since 2014.

Fuson will remain advisor to owner and chairman Herb Simon, while Mel Raines, PS&E's President and COO since 2022, will take over as CEO beginning in June.

"Nobody cares more deeply for this company, our people, or this city than Rick, and that above all is what has made him such a transformational leader and effective advocate for four decades," said Simon. "Rick rose through the company, approached every role with enthusiasm and loyalty, and grew into one of the very best in this industry, and I am so proud of him and so grateful for his years of incredible work and friendship."

Fuson's 40-year career at PS&E was bookended by NBA All-Star experiences. In 1984, he was hired by new Pacers owners Herb and Melvin Simon and Pacers president Bob Saliers to help plan and execute the 1985 NBA All-Star Game that drew more than 40,000 fans to the Hoosier Dome, a record for that annual game that stood until 2010. Fuson led the charge to bring NBA All-Star back to Indianapolis in 2021 (now 2024), overseeing planning as Chair of the Board of Directors of the NBA All-Star 2024 Host Committee.

Fuson's time in PS&E executive leadership included the Pacers' move to one

of the NBA's most iconic venues. In 1999, he helped lead the design and construction of Conseco Fieldhouse (now Gainbridge Fieldhouse), managed the organization's transition to their new home, and subsequently oversaw, along with Raines, the Fieldhouse of Future renovations completed last year. That project is the second-largest renovation project in NBA history.

"My entire career has been, in some form or fashion, an effort to leave my city and state a stronger and more inclusive place than I inherited it, and I am so fortunate to have spent four decades working for and alongside amazing people who share that commitment," said Fuson. "Herb Simon and the Simon family have given me the opportunity to help lead this company and grow Indianapolis, and words could never express my gratitude to them. I'm looking forward to watching Mel and the staff excel and find new ways to grow the impact PS&E can make, on and off the court."

Fuson's passion for leveraging the power of basketball to create lasting community impact and social justice has pushed PS&E to be more intentional with its resources and partnerships in support of important causes. He has long championed the notion that success is measured as much by what happens on the court as off it, a concept that has become a core aspect of the company's mission. As chair of the Pacers Foundation, additionally, Fuson guided the organization through a reimagining of its priorities and strategic focus following the social unrest of 2020.

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FUSON

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While Fuson’s vision has helped shape PS&E’s growth for several decades, a critical piece of his legacy will undoubtedly be his leadership during some of the most important large events the city has hosted. In addition, Fuson has left an indelible mark on the city and state he loves through his service on so many of the boards and commissions created to serve Hoosiers. His roles as a longtime executive board member of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, the Central Indiana Corporate Partnership, the Indiana Repertory Theater, the Indianapolis Urban League, Visit Indy, and the Downtown Indy Inc. have put him squarely at the center of the city’s evolution into a global center for live sports and entertainment, arts and culture, and business. Most importantly to Fuson, though, they have given him an important voice in advocating for the causes about which he cares most.

Fuson has been a tireless advocate for causes of social justice, community engagement, and racial equality, something he has ensured is reflected throughout the company. In 2022, he hired PS&E’s first-ever senior leader for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and has actively promoted greater diversity as a key point of emphasis across the organization. He has reinforced that component of PS&E’s community-focused mis-

sion, as well, with the result being greater intentionality across all community investment.

Fuson has been a recipient of several prestigious awards over his career, recognitions that highlight the impact he has had in the sports and entertainment industry and beyond. He was recognized in 2023 by Indiana University College of Arts & Sciences as their Distinguished Alumnus and, in 2021 he was commended by the national Sports Business Journal in their special section honoring Leaders in Diversity and Inclusive Hiring.

He has also received other important recognitions, including the Indianapolis Ambassadors 1988 Community Service Award; the “Indiana 250,” “Who’s Who in Hospitality,” “Who’s Who in Sports,” and “Forty Under Forty” from the Indianapolis Business Journal; and more.

Finally, Fuson is passionate about cultivating the next generation of leaders in Indianapolis, something he has dedicated considerable time to. Over the past five years, he served as moderator for Stanley K. Lacy Leadership Program, was a mentor for the Indiana Latino Institute’s Leadership Circle, and was the inaugural class leader for the Kennedy-King Marvelous Potential Program designed to support young leaders of color in neighborhoods around Indianapolis.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

**Thursday, Jan. 25**  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Heritage Christian at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.  
Noblesville at Pendleton Heights, 7:30 p.m.  
University at Tri-West, 7:30 p.m.  
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Swimming

Guerin Catholic boys place 2<sup>nd</sup>, girls 3<sup>rd</sup> at conference meet

The REPORTER

The Guerin Catholic swimming and diving team had many strong performances at last Saturday’s Circle City Conference meet, which took place at Southport.

The Golden Eagles boys finished a close second to champion Brebeuf Jesuit. The Braves scored 290 points to Guerin Catholic’s 270 points. The Golden Eagles had five event victories, starting with Drew Wilhite, Will Ladine, Sam Holl and Charlie Jurewicz placing first in the medley relay.

Holl won two additional events, pacing the individual medley and 500 freestyle. Wilhite finished first in the 50 free and Ladine was the breaststroke champion.

Guerin Catholic’s girls team placed third, claiming three events. Bridget Keller won the 200 free, Anna Ososki was first in diving and Katie Scott took the breaststroke.

GIRLS MEET

**Team scores:** Brebeuf Jesuit 309, Bishop Chatard 254, Guerin Catholic 206, Heritage Christian 194, Roncalli 171, Covenant Christian 58.  
**200 medley relay:** 4. Guerin Catholic (Maggie Schlick, Katie Scott, Molly Deppen, Ellie Gove) 2:09.50.  
**200 freestyle:** 1. Bridget Keller 2:09.40, 6. Kalen Moe 2:21.33.  
**200 individual medley:** 2. Kara Van Woerkom 2:26.36, 10. Scott 2:51.42.  
**50 freestyle:** 9. Gove 30.38, 12. Ella Capofari 31.03.  
**One-meter diving:** 1. Anna Ososki 377.95.  
**100 butterfly:** 6. Deppen 1:14.28, 9. Moe 1:23.39.  
**100 freestyle:** 8. Schlick 1:03.21, 10. Gove 1:07.17.  
**500 freestyle:** T2. Keller 5:41.90; Van Woerkom 5:41.90.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 5. Guerin Catholic (Gove, Deppen, Keller, Van Woerkom) 1:56.36.  
**100 backstroke:** 5. Schlick 1:09.98, 9. Deppen 1:20.79.



Photo courtesy Guerin Catholic Swim and Dive

The Guerin Catholic swim teams picked up several event wins at last Saturday’s Circle City Conference meet and at the Schools with No Pools meet Tuesday at the IU Natatorium.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Scott 1:15.72, 11. Capofari 1:27.15.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 3. Guerin Catholic (Schlick, Moe, Keller, Van Woerkom) 4:12.81.

BOYS MEET

**Team scores:** Brebeuf Jesuit 290, Guerin Catholic 270, Bishop Chatard 256, Roncalli 156, Heritage Christian 155.  
**200 medley relay:** 1. Guerin Catholic (Drew Wilhite, Will Ladine, Sam Holl, Charlie Jurewicz) 1:44.29.  
**200 freestyle:** 3. Ladine 1:52.53, 4. Lucas Morse 2:09.84.  
**200 individual medley:** 1. Holl 2:08.80, 7. Jude Hubner 2:43.29.  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Wilhite 22.40, 7. Adam Jurewicz 25.40, 10. Ethan Nimri 26.28.  
**100 butterfly:** 3. Joey Kunkel 1:02.79, 4. Morse 1:03.30, 6. Huber 1:04.28.  
**100 freestyle:** 7. A. Jurewicz 56.85, 9. Nimri 59.49, 14. Jacob Gaskill 1:15.35.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Holl 4:56.43, 3. C. Jurewicz 5:38.45.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 3. Guerin Catholic (Morse, Kunkel, Nimri, A. Jurewicz) 1:43.01.  
**100 backstroke:** 2. Wilhite 53.92, 4. C. Jurewicz, Isaiah Gaskill) 1:22.20.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. Ladine 1:03.70.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 2. Guerin Catholic (Holl, C. Jurewicz, Ladine, Wilhite) 3:26.23.  
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Guerin Catholic and

University both competed in the Schools with No Pools meet Tuesday at the IU Natatorium in downtown Indianapolis.

The Golden Eagles’ boys team finished third with 273 points, while the Guerin Catholic girls were sixth by scoring 197.5 points. Both teams won two individual events.

In the girls meet, Kara Von Woerkom won the 500 freestyle, with Katie Scott taking the breaststroke. Meanwhile, Will Ladine won the boys 200 free, with Sam Holl placing first in the individual medley.

University’s boys scored seven points to tie for 19th place.

Results follow for the top 16 finishers from Guerin Catholic in both meets. University top 16 finishers are also noted.

GIRLS MEET

**200 medley relay:** 6. Guerin Catholic (Maggie Schlick, Katie Scott, Kalen Moe, Ellie Gove) 2:00.82.  
**200 freestyle:** 5. Bridget Keller 2:13.08, 13. Molly Deppen 2:28.08.  
**200 individual medley:** 6. Schlick 2:34.92.  
**100 butterfly:** T4. Kara Van Woerkom 1:07.55, 9. Deppen

1:13.08.  
**100 freestyle:** 15. Schlick 1:03.20.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Van Woerkom 5:36.48, 3. Keller 5:54.24.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 7. Guerin Catholic (Gove, Deppen, Keller, Van Woerkom) 1:58.19.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. Scott 1:15.45, 12. Moe 1:24.04.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 4. Guerin Catholic (Gove, Deppen, Keller, Van Woerkom) 4:23.86.  
**BOYS MEET**  
**200 medley relay:** 3. Guerin Catholic (Drew Wilhite, Will Ladine, Sam Holl, Charlie Jurewicz) 1:45.17.  
**200 freestyle:** 1. Ladine 1:53.40, 10. Joey Kunkel 2:08.51.  
**200 individual medley:** 1. Holl 2:08.58, 11. Lucas Morse 2:28.39.  
**50 freestyle:** 2. Wilhite 22.00.  
**100 butterfly:** 9. Kunkel 1:03.15, 10. Morse 1:03.62, 11. Jude Hubner 1:04.47.  
**100 freestyle:** 6. C. Jurewicz 53.17, 14. Gabe Pryor (University) 55.71, 15. Zach Sullivan (University) 56.96.  
**500 freestyle:** 2. Holl 4:57.70, 8. Ethan Nimri 6:19.62, 15. Cael Head (University) 6:54.37.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 8. Guerin Catholic (Hubner, Kunkel, Nimri, Adam Jurewicz) 1:48.31.  
**100 backstroke:** 2. Wilhite 54.32, 6. C. Jurewicz 1:02.37.  
**100 breaststroke:** 2. Ladine 1:05.84.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 2. Guerin Catholic (C. Jurewicz, Holl, Ladine, Wilhite) 3:26.56.

Fishers sweeps dual meet with Fort Wayne Carroll, then welcomes Noblesville & Carroll

The REPORTER

Fishers hosted its annual College Events Classic last Friday, a dual meet with Fort Wayne Carroll.

The Tigers swept both parts of the meet. The boys won 161-72, winning 13 of the 15 events. Fishers’ girls won their meet 125-111, getting eight event victories.

GIRLS MEET

**Team scores:** Fishers 125, Fort Wayne Carroll 111.  
**200 medley relay:** 2. Fishers “A” (Avery Stein, Emma Schumacher, Emily Wolf, Emma Schwertfeger) 1:48.59.  
**1000 freestyle:** 1. Schumacher 10:33.79, 3. Frankie Ramey 11:00.34, 4. Izzy Heuck 11:18.50, 5. Lisa Bradford 11:20.55.  
**200 freestyle:** 1. Wolf 1:53.10,

3. Claire Francis 1:56.01.  
**100 backstroke:** 3. Schwertfeger 1:00.87, 4. Avery Hannon 1:01.85.  
**100 breaststroke:** 2. Polina Sopova 1:08.97, 3. Schumacher 1:09.41.  
**200 butterfly:** 2. Lily Ziino 2:15.93, 3. Mia Wilson 2:15.96.  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Stein 24.40, 2. Schwertfeger 24.79.  
**One-meter diving:** 2. Elaine Van Trees 142.80, 3. Allison Irwin 140.70.  
**100 freestyle:** 1. Stein 52.75, 3. Francis 54.77, 4. Schwertfeger 55.56.  
**200 backstroke:** 1. Wolf 2:05.06, 3. Hannon 2:12.10, 5. Sophie Blue 2:18.95.  
**200 breaststroke:** 2. Sopova 2:26.64, 3. Schumacher 2:28.85, 5. CJ Piotrowski 2:40.14.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Stein 5:15.44, 2. Ramey 5:23.64, 4. Heuck 5:34.92, 5. Bradford 5:35.14.  
**100 butterfly:** 1. Wolf 56.71, 4. Wilson 1:01.15.  
**400 individual medley:** 2. Francis 4:39.31, 3. Sopova 4:44.08, 5. Wilson 4:48.38.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Fishers “A” (Wolf, Schwertfeger, Francis, Stein) 1:37.43.

BOYS MEET

**Team scores:** Fishers 161, Fort Wayne Carroll 72.  
**200 medley relay:** 1. Fishers “A” (Tommy Johanneman, Eduardo Sanchez, Alex Koo, Hudson Lee) 1:39.16.  
**1000 freestyle:** 1. Jonny Hines 9:35.56, 2. AJ Adams 9:54.62, 3. Brody Chop 10:14.22, 4. Sean Harvey 10:32.23, 5. Caden Askren 10:32.50.  
**200 freestyle:** 2. Johanneman 1:48.88, 4. Hagen Lee 1:54.71.  
**100 backstroke:** 1. Sanchez 53.12, 3. Hu. Lee 57.68, 4. James Gropp 58.65.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. Victor Herbert 1:04.53, 2. Allon Bluvshsteyn 1:05.17, 3. Qwinton Upshaw 1:06.29, 5. George Kallas 1:08.07.  
**100 butterfly:** 1. Hines 1:58.86, 2. Koo 2:00.52, 4. Diego Kitazuka 2:05.02.  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Hu. Lee 22.74, 2. Johanneman 22.87, 5. Sean Harvey 24.25.  
**One-meter diving:** 1. Mason Lawson 304.05, 2. Jack Roby 303.95, 3. Jacob Schade 278.60, 4. Kirby Danglelade 254.85.  
**100 freestyle:** 1. Hines 48.52, 2. Koo 49.16.  
**200 backstroke:** 1. Johanneman 2:01.37, 3. Gropp 2:09.06, 5. Santiago Castro 2:11.14.  
**200 breaststroke:** 1. Sanchez 2:14.88, 2. Upshaw 2:24.06, 4. Allon Bluvshsteyn 2:28.90.  
**500 freestyle:** 2. Adams

4:45.18, 3. Brody Chop 4:59.84, 4. Ha. Lee 5:08.95, 5. Harvey 5:09.83.  
**100 butterfly:** 1. Koo 55.46, 2. Herbert 55.52, 3. Kallas 56.57, 4. Hu. Lee 56.72.  
**400 individual medley:** 1. Sanchez 4:10.56, 2. Adams 4:11.83.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Fishers “A” (Koo, Sanchez, Hu. Lee, Hines) 1:28.37, 3. Fishers “B” (Johanneman, Herbert, Kallas, Ha. Lee) 1:33.92.  
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Fishers then hosted Noblesville and Carroll for a meet last Saturday afternoon.

Team scores were not available. Results now follow, featuring the top county finishers – top five in relays and top seven in individual events.

GIRLS MEET

**200 medley relay:** 1. Fishers “A” (Avery Hannon, Polina Sopova, Emily Wolf, Emma Schwertfeger) 1:48.30, 4. Noblesville “A” (Julia Santerre, McDonald, Haddie Vohs, Ellie Hayward) 1:52.65, 5. Noblesville “B” (Mallory Mehringer, Exley Tricker, Emily Knott, Mia Field) 1:56.65.  
**200 freestyle:** 1. Schumacher (F) 1:54.72, 4. Frankie Ramey (F) 1:57.41, 6. Tricker (N) 2:05.19, 7. Izzy Heuck (F) 2:06.98.  
**200 individual medley:** 1. Stein (F) 2:05.36, 4. Claire Francis (F) 2:12.01, 5. Mia Wilson (F) 2:13.11, 6. McDonald (N) 2:16.55.  
**50 freestyle:** 2. Schwertfeger (F) 24.59, 4. Lily Ziino (F) 25.99, 5. Hannon (F) 26.21, 7. Santerre (N) 26.30.  
**One-meter diving:** 1. Eryn McMahon (N) 224.40, 2. Elaine Van Trees (F) 174.00, 4. Allison Irwin (F) 135.80, 7. Gracie Obremski (N) 99.80.  
**100 butterfly:** 1. Wolf (F) 56.44, 4. Wilson (F) 59.75, 5. Sopova (F) 1:01.10, 7. Mia Field (N) 1:05.27.  
**100 freestyle:** 2. Schwertfeger (F) 54.13, 3. Vohs (N) 54.35, 4. Francis (F) 54.57, 5. Ramey (F) 55.04.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Schumacher (F) 5:10.13, 4. Izzy Heuck (F) 5:30.99, 5. Lisa Bradford (F) 5:32.35, 6. Hayward (N) 5:36.50.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Fishers “A” (Stein, Francis, Ramey, Schwertfeger) 1:38.08, 2. 3. Fishers “B” (Ziino, Sopova, Wilson, Schumacher) 1:41.87, 4. Noblesville “A” (Hayward, Santerre, Field, Emily Knott) 1:43.73.  
**100 backstroke:** 1. Wolf (F) 57.73, 4. Hannon (F) 1:01.58, 6. Sophie Blue (F) 1:04.16, 7. Olivia Motz (N) 1:05.90.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. Stein (F) 1:06.22, 2. Sopova (F) 1:09.15, 5. Hayward (N) 1:14.66, 7. CJ Pi-

otrowski (F) 1:15.02.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 2. Fishers “A” (Francis, Schumacher, Wolf, Stein) 3:33.71, 3. Fishers “B” (Ramey, Ziino, Hannon, Wilson) 3:46.10, 5. Noblesville “A” (McDonald, Santerre, Field, Tricker) 3:54.19.  
**BOYS MEET**  
**200 medley relay:** 2. Fishers “A” (Tommy Johanneman, Eduardo Sanchez, Alex Koo, Hudson Lee) 1:38.66, 3. Fishers “B” (AJ Adams, Allon Bluvshsteyn, George Kallas, Victor Herbert) 1:42.39, 4. Noblesville “A” (Liam Hayward, Graham Kulp, Anthony Mathis, Zak Armstrong) 1:42.42.  
**200 freestyle:** 1. Jonny Hines (F) 1:42.22, 3. Sean Harvey (F) 1:50.15, 4. Mason Snyder (N) 1:52.68, 6. Hagen Lee (F) 1:53.10.  
**200 individual medley:** 1. Sanchez (F) 1:55.16, 2. Adams (F) 1:59.29, 3. Sean Halvorsen (N) 2:05.78, 4. Qwinton Upshaw (F) 2:06.75, 6. Lane Monger (N) 2:08.09.  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Koo (F) 22.25, 3. Herbert (F) 22.81, 4. Hu. Lee (F) 22.85, 6. Armstrong (N) 23.89, 7. Connor Pearson (N) 24.85.  
**One-meter diving:** 1. Jack Roby (F) 309.25, 2. Jacob Schade (F) 285.25, 3. Mason Lawson (F) 271.80, 4. Aiden Kless (N) 251.70, 5. Kirby Danglelade (F) 242.35, 6. Colton Suhan (N) 177.85.  
**100 butterfly:** 1. Sanchez (F) 51.75, 3. Herbert (F) 54.50, 4. Kulp (N) 54.81, 6. Kallas (F) 56.80.  
**100 freestyle:** 2. Johanneman (F) 49.45, 3. Hu. Lee (F) 50.37, 4. Hayward (N) 50.52, 6. Harvey (F) 52.06.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Hines (F) 4:40.30, 3. Adams (F) 4:45.30, 4. Caden Askren (F) 4:55.38, 6. Armstrong (N) 5:11.80, 7. Josh Naas (N) 5:17.61.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Fishers “A” (Koo, Hu. Lee, Herbert, Hines) 1:29.02, 3. Noblesville “A” (Kulp, Armstrong, Hayward, Halvorsen) 1:33.59, 4. Fishers “B” (Kallas, Upshaw, Ha. Lee, Harvey) 1:34.47, 5. Noblesville “B” (Snyder, Monger, Naas, Shepard Huff) 1:35.42.  
**100 backstroke:** 2. Johanneman (F) 55.23, 3. James Gropp (F) 58.12, 4. Askren (F) 59.88, 5. Hayward (N) 1:01.59, 7. Monger (N) 1:03.34.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. Kulp (N) 1:02.32, 2. Bluvshsteyn (F) 1:04.80, 3. Snyder (N) 1:05.05, 4. Upshaw (F) 1:09.30, 6. Oliver Mark (N) 1:10.76.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Fishers “A” (Koo, Sanchez, Johanneman, Hines) 3:14.30, 3. Fishers “B” (Adams, Ha. Lee, Upshaw, Harvey) 3:29.67, 4. Noblesville “B” (Mark Berger, Halvorsen, A. Mathis, Drew Seimeyer) 3:31.62, 5. Noblesville “B” (Mark, Huff, Caleb Mathis, Connor Pearson) 3:34.48.

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