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YMCA

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The effort to bring the YMCA to Westfield has been ongoing for nearly 20 years.

“The YMCA made several attempts to come to Westfield over the last decade and a half, and we just couldn’t get the money, just couldn’t make it work,” Westfield Mayor Scott Willis said. “Timing is everything.”

Willis went on to thank the Wheeler family, who generously donated the 10 acres on which the facility sits at the southwest corner of Wheeler Road and 181st Street. Willis said that without that donation, the building of the facility wouldn’t have been possible.

Willis also thanked former Westfield Washington Schools Superintendent Sherry Grate, Hamilton County Commissioner and Westfield resident Mark Heirbrandt, and the former Westfield City Council members for their significant contributions to making it possible to bring the YMCA to Westfield.

Willis said it was Grate’s vision of partnering with the YMCA that got the project off the ground. He described Heirbrandt as doing a lot of “heavy lifting” with the county to get the project underway, including a multi-year grant awarded by the Hamilton County Community Foundation. Finally, Willis highlighted how former Westfield City Council members, the late Joe Edwards, Scott Fry, Jake Gilbert, Mike Johns, Troy Patton, and Cindy Spoljarik, unanimously approved a \$5 million do-

nation for the project. The money came from the \$9.8 million in federal funding provided by the American Rescue Plan Act intended to combat challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mitch Frazier, chairman of the board for the Ascension St. Vincent YMCA in Westfield, said that COVID led to their fundraising efforts all but drying up. As a result, the board began looking at other opportunities for partnerships. They started imagining what it would look like to bring higher education opportunities to the area.

“What we see today is Westfield Washington School partnering with the YMCA to have the natorium, of course, but also classrooms on site,” Frazier said.

Frazier described high school classes as well as nursing classes and adult education classes from Indiana University Kokomo – all in a place where child-care already exists. He also talked about his delight at finally being able to provide a nice facility for the Westfield Police Department to work out.

“You see what is possible when community members come together,” Frazier said.

Hiland echoed his words.

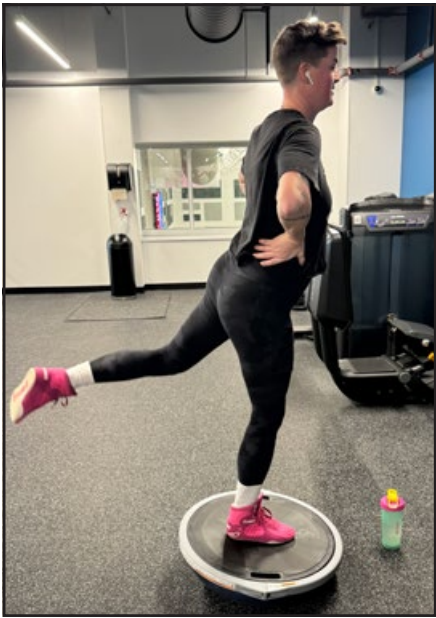
“Together, we’re creating a space that empowers families, builds community connections, and inspires the next generation,” he said.

Frazier said that the new YMCA will be a cornerstone of the community.



Photos provided

(ABOVE) Taking part in the ribbon-cutting are, from left, YMCA of Greater Indianapolis President and CEO Greg Hiland; Ascension St. Vincent Chief Strategy Officer Stephen Masoncup; Westfield Mayor Scott Willis; Ascension St. Vincent YMCA in Westfield Chairman of the Board Mitch Frazier; Westfield Chamber of Commerce President Courtney Albright; Hamilton County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt; Charlie Wheeler, representing the Wheeler family; Westfield Washington Schools Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations Brian Tomamichel; and Ascension St. Vincent YMCA in Westfield Executive Director Shannon Marshel. (BELOW LEFT) Membership Specialist Cade Luker helps the Brendel family with membership information. (BELOW RIGHT) Kailly Stanich has both worked at and worked out at the YMCA on and off since she was 15 years old.



“There are going to be amazing stories of life change that happen here because of this facility,” he said. “It’s far more than a building, but it takes a building to create that life change.”

For more information, visit indymca.org/ymca-westfield or call (317) 713-1081.

SERVICE

“The county offers great benefits, too,” Randall added. “Such as health insurance, paid holidays, and a 37.5-hour work

week.”

This year, five employees will celebrate 40 years of service with the County, two will observe 35 years,

five will mark 30 years, and 12 will observe 25 years. Another 14 employees will be honored for reaching the 20-year milestone with 14

marking 15 years, 27 celebrating 10 years, and 48 reaching five years of employment. The complete list is below.

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Hamilton County Employees Receiving Service Pins

5 Year Service Pins

Steven Rushforth
Ryan Tennessen
Leslie Taljaard
Beth Semester
Tom Pouch
Shandell Foust
Samuel Clark
Debra Mueller
Todd Whisman
Tanner Partain
Alvin Losh
Kim Franklin
Jared Mills
Rachel Jefferson
Toula Guedel
Angela Spicer
Karen Morris
Victoria Lemasters
Kelcey Stiles
Austin Moore
Justin Rhodes
Teresa Woods
Eddie Hansen
Dee Chandler
Henry Stevens
Amanda Whaley
Megan Contreras
Caleb Collier
Daniel Wallace
Melissa Yarger
Ryan Mosley
Jared Wilcox
Andrew Bloch
Blake Inglis
John Lowes
Cassandra Whitesell
Celia Presley
Patricia McGuckin
Sarah Buitendyk
Steffanie Pickett
Heather Dailey
Emily Viehe
Jeffrey Kushel
Kristen Gamble
Stacy Parker
Taylor Munoz

Burgandy Nugent

Samantha Filbin

10 Year Service Pins

Alex Davis
Mike Wood
Robbie Ping
Christy Brocken
Kyle Stocks
Mike Godby
James Thatcher
Allison Moss
Celia Saal
Laura Sadler
Danielle Pollard
Tracy Stiner
Keil-Anne McMahon
Janet Privett
Kevin Mulroony
Dana Harmison
Jessica Spray
John Cline
Robert Pontius
Richard Buckler
Adam Lockrone
Mike Heinzman
Kristi Wright
Meryle Pettiford
Derek Davis
Kirsten Gonzalez
Lydia Fairchok

15 Year Service Pins

Darby Brown
Chris Mertens
Jason Uhrick
Breanne Lewis
Chuck Hobson
Ronnie Feltz
Sandra Estes
Christopher Collins
Heather Pinkerton
Tony O'Connor
Nathan Gray
Robin Roberts
Matt Etchison
Seth Reichert

20 Year Service Pins

Cheryl Hobson

Chris Kuner
Kevin Sloderbeck
Chris Hurlock
William Inglis
Denise Kozlovich
Kelly Anderson
Jackie Wariner
Joe Murray
Robert Stevens
Brian Niec
Ryan Meier
Scott Hazel
Larken Uhrick

25 Year Service Pins

Jenny Engle
Darren Wilson
Lynette Mosbaugh
Nick Christiansen
Tim Knapp
Chris Burt
Kevin Morgan
Mark May
Kevin Poore
Sean Bauer
Tami Knauer
Tonya Wright

30 Year Service Pins

Michael Carter
Lee Graham
Tom Thomas
Nancy Williamson
Pete Jakositz

35 Year Service Pins

John Higginbotham
Mary Box

40 Year Service Pins

Tammy Baitz
Brad Cowan
Madonna Wagoner
Ralph Watson
Pam Higgs

45 Year Service Pin

Peggy Nation
Sheena Randall
Robin Mills
Janet Hansen

RESOLUTION

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I’m going to go to Costco for paper towels and leave with a full cart after spending \$500.

I’m going to eat out less. They just opened a new Taco Bell down the street.

I’m going to read more books this year.

I’m going to buy more books this year, even though I never read the books I bought last year.

I’m finally going to clean out my garage.

I’m going to continue parking in the street.

I’m going to drink more water.

I’m going to Starbucks.

I’m going to learn to play an instrument.

Well, I learned “Hot Cross Buns” on the recorder in third grade. That’s good enough.

I’m going to start taking the stairs.

I’ll take the stairs down and the elevator up.

I’m going to spend less time on my phone.

Right after I check how many “likes” I got for this post.

Don’t worry, Facebook nation. I will keep you updated on my progress with a picture of myself right before I spend two minutes on the elliptical machine, then realize how hard it is and go check out that new Taco Bell. Don’t forget to hit the “like” button!!

The moral of the story is ... Goals are great! Just be realistic and know your limit. Because, really, no one is able to walk out of Costco for less than \$500.

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GALA

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The evening’s program will include keynote remarks from distinguished guest speakers, live music during cocktail hour from Harp & Axe, and the presentation of the inaugural Spirit of Preservation Award, recognizing outstanding contributions to the preservation of the city’s historical assets.

“The Noblesville Preservation Alliance’s mission has always been to celebrate and safeguard the unique character of our community,” said Jessica Vandergraff, NPA Vice President & Events Committee Chair. “This gala is a chance for us to gather in appreciation of our past while looking ahead to a bright future for preservation in Noblesville.”

Tickets for the gala are

now available for purchase by visiting tinyurl.com/NPAGala or at NoblesvillePreservation.org. Special “early bird” pricing ends Feb. 1. Sponsorship opportunities are also available for local businesses, organizations and individuals interested in supporting this landmark event.

About Noblesville Preservation Alliance

Founded in 1987, the Noblesville Preservation Alliance is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving Noblesville’s historic architecture, promoting community pride, and fostering education about the city’s rich history. Through advocacy, events, and restoration projects, NPA works to ensure that Noblesville’s heritage remains a vital part of its identity.

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1.



Check your pipes for cracks and leaks.

3.



Insulate pipes in unheated areas of your home.

2.



Turn outdoor faucets off for the season.

4.



Schedule seasonal maintenance on your plumbing and heating systems.



Contact Indiana American Water to learn more about how to protect your pipes and other water infrastructure and resources this winter.

At Indiana American Water, we work hard year-round to ensure our customers have reliable access to clean, fresh water no matter what weather extremes come their way. Contact us today to learn more about how to protect your home's water supply and infrastructure or for help with an already frozen pipe

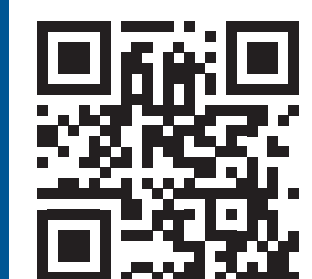




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Sheridan Lions Club members joined Sheridan Youth Assistance, the Methodist Church, and Mama’s Cupboard to support the local community during the holiday season.

Sheridan Lions hard at work serving their community

**Submitted by
Chuck Godby**
The Sheridan Lions Club closed out 2024 by giving back.
For Thanksgiving, the local Lions, with help from their friends, managed to feed more than 104 families and they helped brighten Christmas for nearly as

many. The Lions joined forces with Sheridan Youth Assistance, Mama’s Cupboard, and the Sheridan Methodist Church to serve their community.
The Lions will continue to raise funds for their service missions when they host their Lions Club Chili Dinner Friday night at Sher-

idan High School. Dinner will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. and the cost is a free-will offering.
The chili dinner is part of a huge night of high school basketball as the local Blackhawks host league foe Tri-Central in a girl-boy doubleheader that tips off at 6 p.m. The lo-

cal ladies are steamrolling along with a 12-1 record and are undefeated in the Hoosier Heartland Conference. The local lads are 8-2 overall and also unbeaten in the conference.
Proceeds from the chili dinner are used to fund Lions Club projects throughout the year.



Westfield recognizes city employees for years of service

The REPORTER
The City of Westfield recognizes 23 city employees for their dedicated years of service to the community. “Westfield would not be the thriving community it is without the tireless efforts of public servants like the ones we are honoring,” Mayor Scott Willis said. “As a resident of Westfield, I’m grateful for their years of dedication to our city and their willingness to share their talents with our community.”
The following individuals are to be recognized:

- 30 years**
 - James J. Lilly, Jr., Police
- 25 years**
 - Steven Miller, Fire
- 20 years**
 - Joseph Hopkins, Police
 - Kevin M. Todd, Community Development
 - Beverly B. Rawlings, Clerk Treasurer

- Patricia Leuteritz, Public Works
- Robert J. Gaylor, Fire
- Jason M. Gibbons, Fire
- Song T. Kang, Police
- 15 years**
 - Micha P. Farrar, Clerk Treasurer
 - Susie “Nicole” Hartman, Fire
 - Samuel N. Rivard, Information Technology
 - Kyle E. Howe, Fire
 - Jason C. Maners, Fire
 - Scott A. Wolfe, Fire
 - Eric R. Grimes, Police
- 10 years**
 - Nancy R. Woerner, Community Development
 - Brandon M. Oliver, Community Development
 - Dewey A. Abney, Police
 - Brandon T. Gehlhause, Police
 - John B. Rankin, Public Works
 - Brandon S. Taylor, Fire
 - Shaun P. Barnett, Fire



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Military Academy Nominations

High school students in our district may contact my office to request a nomination to attend one of our nation’s service academies.



US Capitol and White House Tour Requests

My office can help arrange tours throughout our nation’s capital.

Generosity makes this work

In one sense we love this time of the year – the spirit of giving is everywhere, people are generally more cheerful, and a natural renewal of hope, priorities, and goals happen with the changing of the calendar to a new year.

In almost 65 years on this planet, nothing has reset my way of thinking more than the simple magic of the date, Jan. 1. Goals, hopes, and plans all seem to rotate around this magical first day of the first month of the new year.

As 2024 ended, 18 new pantries were placed in service during the year, some managed by hosts and some by our volunteers. Each pantry holds several hundred meals, and we have no accurate way to report meals that are donated by you, by pantry hosts or volunteers that donate food directly into a pantry. We do track the meals that Feeding Team volunteers place in pantries. Throughout 2024 over 100,000 meals have gone from volunteers into volunteer-managed pantries. It is safe to say that another 70,000 have gone from hosts into host-managed pantries. This does not include pet food, personal hygiene, and toiletries.

Contrast this with the opposing sense, fear, shame, the sense of need, of desperation and of hunger. In over two decades of doing food charity service, we have never seen the need at pres-



ent levels. Other local food charities report that 2024 has been the highest need year in memory. With food costs up, distribution costs increasing, and demand skyrocketing, despair meets discouragement, and the smallest of hiccups in life force people to find alternatives to feed their families.

The generosity of our neighbors is on full display as together we continue to meet the needs of hungry neighbors. As an example, this week an errant driver on State Road 38 took out the mailbox at the Feeding Team office. Unfortunately, the driver left the scene and left us to deal with the damage.

But as Paul Harvey would say, here's the rest of the story.

Since we posted about the incident on our social media platforms, no fewer than 10 different neighbors offered to repair the damage or donate to have it done. Shout out to Dave Absher for his time and repair skills and to Lee Ackerman and the team at LA Landscapes for donating time to fix the mess. One local company even donated a big, bright, yellow industrial-size mailbox. Thank you Hammer MetalWerks and Derek Hammer. We love the color choice and will proudly display your work soon.

This month over a dozen groups from all over Hamilton County collected

non-perishable food and donated it to us for general distribution or donated directly into multiple pantries. The incredible generosity of people is on display often. It is important to acknowledge that without all that you do, we could not help as many people and there would be more families going without.

If you find yourself in need – maybe occasionally you are like I was, a member of the working poor – then Feeding Team Pantry's are especially for you. They are here for you, 24/7/365. They are completely anonymous, with no shame and no guilt. We take no information and have no expectations of you other than you merely take only what you need please. Leave food for others that are also in need. Some future day, we hope that you consider giving what food you can and sharing your blessings with others that could use some help.

The Feeding Team launched pantry 76 recently, with location 77 already secured, it will be deployed in the coming weeks. We are grateful for the support of our community, volunteers, sponsors, and donors. Thank you.

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With over 40,000 food-challenged neighbors in Hamilton County, [FeedingTeam.org](https://www.feedingteam.org) is a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that provides outdoor 24/7/365 no-questions-asked free food pantries throughout the county.

The pantries exist to meet the food insecurity needs of

FeedingTeam.org Facts
76 pantries
More than 13,000 meals in November 2024
Over 100 individual & 30 volunteer families

gap families, neighbors who may not qualify for public assistance and could use a few meals before payday. The pantries serve as many food-challenged neighbors as possible, and our hearts are with those who, like my family, could not always make ends meet.

Thank you for supporting the pantries. We love serving with so many neighbors across Hamilton County. In future columns, we will share more stories about how your generosity served neighbors in times of need. The face of hunger in Hamilton County is not what you may think.

In practical terms, this straightforward way to help neighbors is having real impact on lives, families, and our communities. Thank you. A few meals can change the course of a person's life. A can of green beans means so much more when you have nothing to feed your kids.

Would you like to get involved? Volunteer opportunities are available. We are evaluating new pantry locations. If you think you have a potential location, please contact us.

Mark and Lisa Hall are the Founders of Feeding Team. They may be reached at lisa@feedingteam.org and mark@feedingteam.org or by calling (317) 832-1123.

Carmel businesses weather winter storm

By CAT SANDOVAL
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](https://www.wishtv.com)

Monday was a winter wonderland in Carmel with snow-covered trees.

Plow trucks and salt trucks regularly drove through the intersection of 116th and Illinois streets. The roads were clear. The winter storm didn't stop most businesses; a lot of them had "open" signs by their windows.

"We're really slow today," said Kylie Ash, manager at the Jimmy John's restaurant. "We're usually pretty busy. We do about 5,000 a day for lunch because of two hospitals in the area ... We're probably not even a thousand today."

The restaurant manager tells News 8 a few people called off work due to the road conditions. "A lot of people who called off live in Indianapolis, so the people here live in Noblesville, Westfield, and Fishers."

Robert Humphrey lives

in Carmel so getting to work and Jimmy John's for lunch was easy. "Roads were pretty clear out. Mostly safe now that the parking lots are cleared out."

The roads were clear driving north on U.S. 31 to Westfield but not all businesses were open.

The **coffee shop Rivet** was closed due to the snow. One customer trekked through the freezing temperatures to get a sip of Rivet's mocha latte. He described the snow as "intermediate. This is nothing, compared to the big ones: 7, 8, 9, 12 inches."

Snow didn't stop Edward Endicott, and a closed coffee shop didn't either. He was determined to get that coffee. "I'm trying to go to Dunkin' Donuts," he said as he walked off.

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Actors Theatre of Indiana's 20th Anniversary Season rolls into new year with "Whodunit" on Jan. 31

Submitted

Actors Theatre of Indiana (ATI) continues its 2024-2025 Season on Jan. 31 with *Whodunit* ... *The Musical* by longtime Broadway actor & playwright Ed Dixon and directed by Dr. Julie Lyn Barber, head of Musical Theatre at Purdue Ft. Wayne.

Brace yourself for this farcical musical mystery based on *The Circular Staircase* and *The Bat* by Mary Roberts Rinehart, often considered "America's Agatha Christie."

Whodunit ... *The Musical* runs Jan. 31 to Feb. 16 and features two Thursday night shows and two Sunday afternoon matinees in addition to regular Friday and Saturday evening shows inside The Studio Theatre on the campus of the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts.

A wealthy socialite, a Miss Marple in the making, and her cockney maid rent a beautiful Connecticut sum-

mer home in 1931. When they arrive, all the help has quit, except for a very odd butler who warns that something strange is going on.

They are soon joined by the socialite's niece who's brought a friend ... a "friend" who turns out to be a young man! Heavens! After a night of attempted break-ins, the sound of gunshots, and the discovery of a dead body – or two – the detective arrives and things get REALLY strange as the detective, led by a pair of hilarious would-be sleuths reminiscent of Lucy and Ethel trapped in a haunted house, attempts to solve the crimes. *Whodunit* is a tuneful, riotous romp that's part mystery, part drawing room farce, and all musical comedy.

Get your tickets by calling The Center for the Performing Arts Box Office at (317) 843-3800 or by visiting [ATISTage.org](https://www.atistage.org). The folks at ATI can't wait to see you soon to be a part of the 20th Anniversary Season.

Study: Indiana migration balanced for the first time in nearly 30 years

By KYLA RUSSELL
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](https://www.wishtv.com)

Migration in Indiana is balanced for the first time in nearly 30 years, according to a **new study released by Atlas Van Lines**.

The **Indiana-based moving company** uses shipping data to analyze global moving patterns every year. The nearly 30-year study gathers Indiana data.

"We measure all moves globally," said Lauren Piekos, vice president of business development at Atlas. "So that's interstate, in between states, in between provinces and Canada, and in between countries."

The team then uses those numbers to look at two factors: how many people moved out of each state or area and how many people moved to each state and area.

If a higher percentage, or over 55 percent, moved out of the state, it is considered "outbound." If a higher percentage moved to the state, it is considered "inbound." Areas with a similar percentage for each are considered "balanced."

By looking at data gathered between Nov. 1, 2023 and Oct. 31, 2024, the team determined Indiana's migration was balanced. Atlas says the state has not been balanced since 1995.

"This is a change because historically, Indiana has been an outbound state," Piekos said.

The findings align with data from the **Census Bureau**, Atlas says. The change is not unique to Indiana.

"What is interesting this year is that we have the most amount of balanced states across the country,"

Piekos said. "There's actually only six outbound states, and the six outbound states have been pretty consistent, namely, some of the more populated states, California, Illinois, and New York. Those consistently remain on the outbound list, but, for the most part, a lot of states are balanced and that's historically more than what we've seen."

The company surveyed several consumers that chose to move in the past three years.

In Indiana, many people chose to move to the Carmel and Anderson areas. Experts say that choice is mostly due to the affordability the areas offer as opposed to some of their neighbors.

"When we look at Illinois, which is a neighboring state, they are consistently an outbound state," Piekos said. "When you dig into

other data sources, we know that 44 percent of people from Illinois that are moving out are coming to Indiana and we think it's really based on affordability."

To take a look at the study's other findings, **click here**.

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Fishers Arts Council invites public to annual meeting

The REPORTER

Fishers Arts Council (FAC) will hold its annual meeting from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9 in the Fishers Pavilion, located between the Fishers Municipal Center and the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater at 10 Municipal Drive.

The public is welcome to attend this meeting, which will review the FAC budget for 2025, elect new officers to join the board, and vote on executive committee positions.

If you wish to attend, please notify FAC Executive Director Les Reinhardt



by sending an email to info@FishersArtsCouncil.org by Jan. 9.

RESCHEDULED: Noblesville placing historic along new Pleasant Street

The REPORTER

This Friday, Noblesville officials and local dignitaries will unveil historic signage celebrating the history of the Plum Prairie neighborhood and Reverend Barney Stone.

The event has been rescheduled for 11:15 a.m. Friday, Jan. 10 near the in-

tersection of Eighth and Pleasant Streets.

Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen will lead the event. Additional speakers include Hamilton County Historian David Heighway and Bryan Glover with the Noblesville Diversity Coalition.

This historic signage

will inform and highlight the importance of the Plum Prairie neighborhood and the legacy of Reverend Barney Stone, who was the longtime pastor of the First Baptist Church and one of the first formerly enslaved persons to settle in Noblesville.

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Applegate & Dillman Elder Law rebrands

Submitted

Applegate & Dillman Elder Law has transitioned to Dillman & Owen Estate and Elder Law, reflecting its expanded focus and the addition of new partner, Attorney Brad Owen.

While the name is changing, the firm’s commitment remains the same: to be your law firm for life. From estate planning for young families to protecting assets from long-term care expenses, Dillman & Owen Estate and Elder Law is there to help you

navigate life’s transitions with holistic, personalized solutions.

The Vision of Dillman & Owen

Attorneys Dillman and Owen share their vision for building a dynamic team dedicated to serving their communities. Discover how their collaboration will strengthen the firm’s commitment to providing exceptional guidance and support for families facing legal, financial, and healthcare challenges. Learn more at dillman-owen.com.

Seven local students make UW-Madison dean’s list

The REPORTER

The University of Wisconsin-Madison has recognized students named to the Dean’s List for the fall semester of the 2024-2025 academic year.

Seven Hamilton County students made the list. They include:

- Joe Augustine, Fishers, College of Letters and Science
- Madeline Balanoff, Carmel, School of Education
- Lauren Kennedy, Carmel, School of Education
- Emma Langsford, Fishers, College of Letters and Science
- Rainie Lin, Carmel, College of Letters and Science

- Brooke Thoren, Carmel, College of Letters and Science
- Elyse Wiener, Carmel, College of Agricultural & Life Science

Students who achieve at a high level academically are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester. To be eligible for the Dean’s List, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester. Each university school or college sets its own grade-point average requirements for students to be eligible to receive the distinction. Most call the honor “dean’s list,” but some grant the “Dean’s Honor List” and “Dean’s High Honor List.”

IHA names Shawn McCoy 2025 Board Chair

The REPORTER

The Indiana Hospital Association (IHA) has named Shawn McCoy its board chair for 2025. McCoy serves as chief executive officer (CEO) of Evansville-based Deaconess Health System where he began his career more than 30 years ago.



McCoy

“Shawn has been an integral member of IHA’s board since 2017 and understands the critical issues facing hospitals and the patients they serve,” IHA President Scott B. Tittle, JD said. “I look forward to working under Shawn’s leadership in the coming year as we help Indiana’s hospitals navigate those issues and the ever-changing health care landscape.”

As IHA board chair, McCoy will oversee board meetings and play an active role in setting the priorities and goals for the association, which is made up of more than 170 acute care, critical access, behavioral health, and other specialized hospitals in Indiana.

“It’s an honor to be elected as IHA Board Chair for 2025,” McCoy said. “Strong communities depend on strong hospitals, and we have an opportunity to strengthen both by protecting access to high-quality care that’s affordable and close to home, especially for Hoosiers in rural communities.”

Among IHA’s top legislative priorities is an increase in the state’s low Medicaid reimbursement for hospitals, which has remained the same since 1991. As a result, hospitals must cover \$2.7 billion in unpaid health care costs each year, straining facilities financially and making it difficult to maintain access to much needed services.

“Continuing to underfund Medicaid at base rates that haven’t been raised in 34 years is a threat to access for every Hoosier across the state,” McCoy said. “It’s simply unsustainable, and this year is our opportunity to address it for our hospitals, our communities, and the patients we serve.”

Under McCoy’s leadership, Deaconess has grown to 15 hospitals serving Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky, all while maintaining its status as an independent, not-for-profit health care system.

Before becoming CEO of Deaconess, McCoy held several key roles in the health system, including Vice President of Facilities and Ancillary Services and Chief Operating Officer. He earned a bachelor’s degree in industrial management from Purdue University and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Indiana University.



Photo provided by Noblesville Fire Department

No injuries in Tuesday house fire in Noblesville

The REPORTER

Shortly before 2 p.m. Tuesday, a resident of the 1600 block of River Road in Noblesville was alerted to a fire in the garage when she noticed smoke coming into the home.

Four residents were home at the time of the fire, and all safely exited before

calling 911.

The Hamilton County Dispatch Center sent fire, law enforcement, and EMS units. Upon arrival, Noblesville Fire Department (NFD) crews could see large amounts of smoke coming from the home. Crews quickly entered the house and located the seat of the fire in the garage area.

The fire was marked under control a short time later.

There were no injuries to civilians or firefighters.

The family is working with the Red Cross to find temporary housing.

The Noblesville Police Department assisted NFD. Fire investigators have not released the cause of the fire.

The National Fire Protection Agency recommends changing smoke detector batteries every six months. If you need assistance changing smoke detector batteries, Noblesville residents can contact the Noblesville Fire Department to schedule a time to have an NFD firefighter assist.

Kick off new year with Norm Lewis & Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, featuring conductor Jack Everly

The REPORTER

Emmy, Grammy, Tony, and SAG Award-nominee Norm Lewis presents an extravagant program that highlights Lewis’ expansive career in theatre, film, and television. With beautiful arrangements performed by the ISO, Lewis’s enchanting voice and unmistakable charisma will take you on a journey through his fondest musical memories. Featuring music from *Les Misérables*, *The Music Man*, *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Once on This Island*, and more.

[Click here](#) for tickets.

Performances begin at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 10; 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10; and 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11.

For more information regarding the policies of the Hilbert Circle Theatre, visit indianapolissymphony.org.

About Norm Lewis

Emmy, Tony, and SAG

Award nominee Norm Lewis recently starred in Spike Lee’s critically acclaimed *Da 5 Bloods*, and in the groundbreaking FX series *Pose*. Additionally, Mr. Lewis can be seen starring in ABC’s newest series, *Women of The Movement*, and offscreen, his voice can be heard in the latest season of Apple TV’s animated series, *Central Park*. He was also seen as Caiaphas in the award-winning NBC television special *Jesus Christ Superstar Live in Concert!* alongside John Legend, Sara Bareilles, and Alice Cooper.

Mr. Lewis returned to Broadway in the fall of 2021, starring in *Chicken and Biscuits* at the Circle In The Square Theatre. He previously appeared in the Broadway revival of *Once on This Island* and as Sweeney Todd in the Off-Broadway production of *Sweeney*

Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street at the Barrow Street Theatre, receiving the AUDELCO Award for his performance. In May of 2014, he made history as *The Phantom of the Opera*’s first African American Phantom on Broadway.

About Jack Everly

Jack Everly is the Principal Pops Conductor of the Indianapolis and Baltimore Symphony Orchestras, Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, and the National Arts Centre Orchestra (Ottawa). He has conducted the Los Angeles Philharmonic at the Hollywood Bowl, the San Francisco Symphony, the New York Pops at Carnegie Hall, and the Seattle Symphony. Everly recently extended his contract with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra through 2026. He will continue to be the music director of the AES Indiana *Yuletide Celebration*,

the nation’s largest symphonic holiday production in the country. He led the ISO in its first Pops recording, *Yuletide Celebration, Volume One*. Some of his other recordings include *In The Presence* featuring the Czech Philharmonic and Daniel Rodriguez; *Sandi Patty’s Broadway Stories*; the soundtrack to Disney’s *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*; and *Everything’s Coming Up Roses: The Overtures of Jule Styne*.

Everly, a Hoosier native and graduate of the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University, is a recipient of the 2015 Indiana Historical Society Living Legends Award and holds an Honorary Doctorate of Arts from Franklin College. In 2023, he received the Sagamore of the Wabash award, the highest honor a Hoosier can receive, presented by Governor Eric Holcomb.

Meeting Notices	
Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5(a) The Hamilton County Health Board will hold its quarterly meeting to discuss health department issues at 8 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, 2025, at the Hamilton County Health Department, 18030 Foundation Drive, Suite A, Noblesville.	The Noblesville Police Merit Commission has released its meeting schedule for 2025. Meetings will be held at 5 p.m. in Room A213 at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville. Jan. 22 Feb. 19 March 19 April 16 May 21 June 18 July 16 Aug. 20 Sept. 17 Oct. 15 Nov. 19 Dec. 17
The Sheridan Public Library board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13, 2025, at the library, located at 103 W. 1st St., Sheridan. The Board of Finance will meet immediately following.	The Westfield Washington Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2025, in Meeting Room A at the library, located at 17400 Westfield Blvd.
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Both of Indiana’s senators named to Deputy Whip Team

The REPORTER

United State Senate Majority Whip John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) announced on Tuesday the Republican Senators who will serve on the Deputy Whip team during the 119th Congress.

- Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), Chief Deputy Whip
- Jim Banks (R-Ind.)
- Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.)
- Katie Britt (R-Ala.)
- John Cornyn (R-Texas)
- Deb Fischer (R-Neb.)
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• Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska)



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• Thom Tillis (R-N.C.)

• Todd Young (R-Ind.)

“I am very grateful to these Senators and friends that will join my Whip team for the 119th Congress,” Sen. Barrasso said. “While our job is not going to be an easy one, each of these Senators is committed to solving big challenges and seizing even greater opportunities. Our mission is to get America back on track. This team plans to hit the ground running hard.”



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WalkerHughes Insurance congratulates Denstorff on his retirement

Submitted

Editor’s note: WalkerHughes Insurance of Noblesville provided the following information to The Reporter.

It is with mixed emotions that we share the announcement of Russ Denstorff’s retirement from WalkerHughes Insurance. While our team will miss our daily interactions with our friend and colleague, we are all very excited for Russ’s next chapter and wish him nothing but the best in all his future endeavors.

Russ and his wife, Susan, are looking forward to this next season of life together. Their plans include connecting even closer to family, traveling to see this beautiful world, hiking, golfing, and listening

closely to God’s leading as they continue to serve Him and others in ways He makes clear. Russ describes the last 18 years of his career as having been a joy to connect with his clients and help with their insurance needs. He has truly enjoyed this time with all of you and feels grateful to be leaving you in very capable hands.

You may already be familiar in working with members of our team in Noblesville. Ashley Jorgenson, Ben Reno, and Tammy Matson have worked closely with Russ in servicing your account over the years and will continue to serve as your trusted guides to insurance going forward.

If you have any questions, please reach out to us at (317) 569-0097.

Keep your letter carrier safe by clearing paths of snow & ice

The REPORTER

The United States Postal Services reminds customers of the importance of keeping walkways, sidewalks, and areas around mailboxes clear from snow and ice so letter carriers can provide safe and timely mail delivery.

Snow and patches of ice in front of mailboxes can make it difficult for letter carriers to safely deliver the mail. Residents maintaining a clear path to the mailbox – including steps, porches, walkways, and street approach – will help letter carriers maintain consistent

delivery service. Customers receiving curbside delivery should also ensure clear access to their mailboxes for letter carriers who deliver from the street.

Postal employees make every reasonable effort to deliver mail in many difficult weather conditions.

With your help, letter carriers, your neighbors, and your property can be kept safe.

Thank you for protecting letter carriers as the Postal Services continue to bring packages and correspondence to your door each day.

Indiana challenges new federal rule that pushes Hoosiers further away from owning their own home

Submitted by Office of the Attorney General

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is partnering with 15 states and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) to challenge new energy standards that they say will make the American Dream of homeownership unattainable for many hard-working Hoosier families.

According to the NAHB, new standards from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) can add up to \$31,000 to the price of a new home and take up to 90 years for a home buyer to realize a payback on the added cost of the home. For every \$1,000 increase in the median price, more than 100,000 American house-

holds are priced out of being able to buy that home.

Even the agencies concede that by requiring all HUD- and USDA-financed new single-family home construction to meet the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) and ASHRAE 90.1-2019, they will drive down production of affordable housing at a time when lower- and middle-class families are finding homeownership out of reach.

“As a conservative, I love efficiency and would note that one cannot be a true ‘conservative’ without being willing to ‘conserve’ God’s green earth,” AG Rokita said. “But over-regulation, that doesn’t yield meaningful results and



Rokita

comes with wild costs, is a bad deal that common sense Hoosiers should reject. In their name, we are rejecting this latest liberal crackpot whim with this lawsuit that if successful will help keep already terrible home ownership and rental costs from going through the roof. We’re seeing it more and more. We will continue standing up for homeowners and renters and fighting back against federal overreach.”

AG Rokita thanked the Indiana Builders’ Association (IBA) for bringing this issue to his office. Rick Wajda, CEO of the IBA, said this ill-conceived policy will act as a deterrent to new construction at a time when Indiana and the nation

desperately needs to boost its housing supply to lower shelter inflation costs. It is also in direct conflict with the current energy codes in the majority of jurisdictions around the country.

“At a time when Hoosiers are struggling to qualify for a mortgage or make a rent payment, this federal policy is the last thing our potential customers need,” Wajda said. “For every \$1,000 increase in the cost of a house in Indiana, over 1,900 Hoosier households are priced out of the market. We need to reduce barriers to housing, not increase them. The Indiana Builders Association appreciates the efforts of Attorney General Rokita to stop these onerous costs being put on Hoosier homebuyers and renters.”

[Click here](#) to read the lawsuit.

Discount of cover crop premium available for Hamilton County farmers

The REPORTER

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), The Nature Conservancy, Indiana Agriculture Nutrient Alliance, and the United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Risk Management Agency have joined forces to implement the Cover Crop Premium Discount Program for the fifth year in a row.

This program will reward farmers who plant cover crops by providing a reduced premium on their crop insurance. The discount program was de-

signed to promote planting additional acres of cover crops that are not covered by other state or federal incentives. This program is eligible for 50 out of the 92 counties in Indiana.

“Our agency is thrilled that we were able to roll out this program again thanks to the support from USDA and The Nature Conservancy,” ISDA Director Don Lamb said. “Last year this program was available to 26 counties and we have nearly doubled that for 2025. Cover Crops provide numerous benefits for soil health, but they come at a cost, so this program is key to ensuring farmers have the support necessary to build up their soil health.”

Over the last year, this program has had great success with 101 farmers participating, resulting in more than 30,000 acres of cover crops on Indiana farmland in the watershed.

This program will provide farmers with a unique opportunity to receive financial incentives for implementing cover crops on their operation. Farmers who plant cover crops on owned or rented acres will receive a \$5 per acre crop insurance premium dis-

count. Farmers who planted cover crops in the fall of 2024 are eligible to apply.

Qualifying counties in the project area include Bartholomew, Boone, Brown, Clark, Crawford, Daviess, Dearborn, Decatur, Delaware, Dubois, Fayette, Floyd, Franklin, Gibson, Greene, Hamilton, Hancock, Harrison, Hendricks, Henry, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Johnson, Knox, Lawrence, Madison, Marion, Martin, Monroe, Morgan, Ohio, Orange, Owen, Perry, Pike, Posey, Randolph, Ripley, Rush, Scott, Shelby, Spencer, Switzerland, Tipton, Union, Vanderburgh, Warrick, Washington, Wayne.

Cover cropping has many benefits including increased organic matter, improved soil biology as well as better water infiltration and water-holding capacity. This practice also prevents nutrients and sediment from running off the farm, keeping them out of nearby waterbodies and streams. Hoosier farmers planted a record 1.7 million acres of living covers in 2023 and, apart from corn and soybeans, are planted on more acres than any other commodity crop in Indiana.

Seeding of cover crops must follow best agronomic practices in terms of appropriate seeding rates, seed mixes, and seeding dates to ensure objectives of the cover crop are being met. To ensure the practice provides the best results, termination must be completed in the spring. Enrollment is first-come, first-served and there is a 750-acre cap. This program is also only available to fields not enrolled in other conservation programs.

Larry Clemens, the Indiana State Director of The Nature Conservancy, said, “We are excited to again support the Cover Crop Premium program and offer an additional option to Indiana farmers that are nationally leading the way in the adoption of soil health practices. The Cover Crop Premium program jumped from 26 Indiana counties last year to 50 this year, giving more farmers flexible solutions to continue and expand the use of cover crops outside of other programs. Cover crops improve soil health, water quality, water holding capacity of soils, and they can sequester carbon, decrease weed pressure and reduce the cost of inputs.”

The program is funded by a Clean Water Indiana grant and support provided to The Nature Conservancy by the Cummins Foundation and CenterPoint Foundation.

Applications are due March 15, 2025, or when available funds are exhausted. Learn more and [apply here](#) or visit [isda.in.gov](#).



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Richard Allen Law

February 18, 1938 – January 2, 2025

Richard Allen Law, 86, Ekin, Ind., passed away on Thursday morning, January 2, 2025, at Sunrise of Old Meridian in Carmel. Born February 18, 1938, in the family home in Ekin, he was the son of the late Donel Richard and Marjorie Pauline (Partlow) Law.

He was a 1956 graduate of Sheridan High School, where he was a dedicated athlete, as well as an active member of the Future Farmers of America (to which he later became a lifetime alumni member). Following graduation, Richard proudly and honorably served in the National Guard. He was a member of the East Union Christian Church (where he served as an Honorary Deacon), Pickard Lodge F&AM 690, and the Ekin Odd Fellows Lodge.

A lifetime resident of Ekin, Richard was the unofficial historian of the community. He knew and shared the tales (quite a few of them very, very, tall) of the colorful characters who called Ekin home.

Richard was a dedicated farmer throughout his life, truly embodying the spirit of a steward of the land. Growing up on the family farm, Richard, being the oldest of five children, usually got the short end of the chore stick. Those early years growing up on the farm, following in his father's footsteps, caring for the animals and attending to the crops, instilled in him a love for the land and a passion for farming. One of his first jobs off the farm was working for Chrysler in Kokomo. Even though that was steady work at the time, that wasn't where his heart was at. Richard eventually left Chrysler and returned to the farm to work alongside his father, learning the best way a young farmer can – by doing, and learning from those who share the same passion for agriculture. As the farm operation started to grow, Richard was joined by his younger siblings. Together, John, Donnie, and Richard worked tirelessly to build Law Brothers Farms into what it has become, and what it stands for – dedication and family.

Looking out his window over the farm, or on one of his many walks to work, the whole operation was more than Richard could have ever imagined all those years ago, yet at the same time was exactly what he dreamed it would become. To Richard, the farm was more than a livelihood, it was a legacy that was built around generosity, pride, and a labor of love that connected multiple generations. One of his most humbling moments was when he was awarded the Indiana Prairie Farmer's Master Farmer Award.

When the days (and nights) warmed up, the daytime was reserved for farm work, but the evenings were reserved for pitching horseshoes. Richard was a member of the American Horseshoe Pitching Association, pitching at Biddle Park in Sheridan for over 40 years. Be it skill, luck, or holding his mouth just right, he earned a well-deserved spot in the Horseshoe Pitching Hall of Fame. He also enjoyed several family hunting and fishing trips, and loved to be on the water, whether boating, water skiing or fishing.

Family was always at the center of Richard's life. On May 29, 1959, Richard married Marianna McKinney, and together they raised two children, Kimberly Sue (born in 1959) and Mark Allen (born in 1964). They shared a loving and strong family bond until Marianna's passing in 1984. Richard continued to cherish the family they built together. Richard was lucky enough to find love twice in his life. In February of 1985, he married Nancy Bankert, and they enjoyed many happy years together until her passing in 2011. Richard was again blessed to share his life with his devoted partner, Louella Stanley. Their bond was one of deep affection, and their love and companionship brought Richard great strength and happiness. While they weren't married, the bond they shared was clear to all who knew them.


Richard is survived by his children, Kimberly (Roger) Rudolph and Mark (Melissa) Law; his beloved siblings, Bernetta (Larry) Scott, John (Chris) Law and Donnie (Susie) Law; and his brothers-in-law, Larry McKinney and Mike McKinney. His legacy lives on through his grandchildren, Matt Rudolph, Kristin Ray, Claire Law, Wyatt Law, John H. Law, Boone Law, and Ellery Law, as well as three great-grandchildren, Logan Ray, Granger Ray, and Kolt Ray. They brought him great joy and pride. He was deeply loved by his family and friends, and his memory will be held in their hearts forever.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Donel Richard and Marjorie Pauline (Partlow) Law; sister, Betty Moore; brother-in-law, Kenny Moore; his first wife, Marianna (McKinney) Law on July 28, 1984; and by his second wife, Nancy Berniece (Bankert) Law on November 28, 2011.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 11, 2025, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan. Burial will follow at Union Cemetery in East Union, Ind. Pastor Rex Dunning and Pastor Mark Knapp will be officiating. Visitation will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, January 10, 2025, at Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan, with Masonic services taking place at 7 p.m.

Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com

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Ivan “Sonny” Lothair Sherman

March 12, 1931 – December 25, 2024

Ivan “Sonny” Lothair Sherman, 93, lifelong resident of Hamilton County and recently of Fort Wayne and Lafayette, Ind., passed away at his home surrounded by family early in the morning of December 25, 2024.

Ivan was born March 12, 1931 in Marion, Ind., to Paul and Alice (Lowe) Sherman. Farming became his passion early as he first learned to drive a tractor at age 10 and began helping on his grandfather's farm in Fall Creek Township. In answer to a recent inquiry, Ivan proudly recalled that he officially began farming when his grandfather gave him his first hog. Involved in FFA in high school, he nurtured his entrepreneurial interests by trying his hand at growing tomatoes and hiring a harvesting crew. Although he raised hogs and Angus and Brahman cattle in his youth and early adult life, he mainly grew corn and soybeans for the entirety of his career until retiring in his 60s. For the remainder of his life, he continued to stay up to date with agricultural news and technology and treasured creating a legacy of farming through acreage in Illinois.

Ivan graduated from Noblesville High School in 1949 and married his high school sweetheart, Delores Jean Wiggins, on June 26, 1953. They were blessed with two daughters and shared 29 wonderful years of marriage until her passing in 1982.

Ivan enlisted in 1954 and served five years in the 738th Ordinance of the United States National Guard as a helicopter mechanic at various bases including Fort Riley, Kan.; Fort Sill, Okla.; Fort Knox, Ky.; and Stout Field, Indianapolis. He still farmed while on active duty and even throughout the 12 years he worked as a mail carrier for the United States Postal Service driving a delivery route out of the Broad Ripple Post Office.

Marrying in 1989, Cleatus Catherine “Cathy” DeLong brought light back into his life and they were married for 34 years. Together, they traveled all over the United States while he worked for Econoway-Overland Motor Coach driving tours, buying and selling motor coaches, and attending conventions. He was able to visit nearly all 50 states, only missing Oregon and Hawaii. He and Cathy shared a love of history and exploration and their house was a meeting point for their blended families to share conversations while viewing home videos, auto races, and football or basketball games.

Ivan was a dedicated husband, father, and grandfather. He was often seen videotaping family gatherings, grandchildren's sporting events or recitals, and his many travels, ensuring each family member received a copy of the DVDs he made for them. Ivan had an appreciation for Indian motorcycles, trains, Chinese food, and couldn't pass up good deals on used cars, especially Cadillacs. Known for taking family members on impromptu and often unsolicited “Ivan Tours,” he would drive down country roads looking at crops, farming equipment, elevators, and anything else off the beaten path. One memorable year, he surprised his extended family with a particularly fun ride in his motor coach to see the Reynolds Farm Equipment's light display and all joined in to sing Christmas carols over the loudspeaker.

A member of First Christian Church, Noblesville, Ivan was a 33rd Degree Mason with Hamilton Lodge #533 and a Past Worthy Patron of both Fishers Chapter #446 and Radiant Chapter #200 (Noblesville) Order of the Eastern Star. He was also a member of Scottish Rite, Murat Shrine, and the Fishers Lions Club. Generous with his time to these organizations, he was also quick to lend a hand to his friends, fellow farmers, and family. Ivan was slow to anger, an ardent listener, and chose his words carefully. Many have described him as one of the nicest guys around.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, parents, first wife, Delores Jean Wiggins Sherman, second wife, Cleatus Catherine DeLong Meyer Sherman, and sister, Sandra Leticia Sherman Lees, as well as numerous other family and friends.

Surviving are daughters, Cyndi (Mike) Renn of Plain City, Ohio; Nancy (Mike) Ireland of Lafayette, Ind.; stepsons, Lonny (Shirly) Meyer of Danville, Ind.; Brian (Peggy) Meyer of New Haven, Ind.; eight grandchildren, Katie (Kyle) Feucht of Marysville, Ohio; Jackie (Cole) Heissel of Remsen, Iowa; Colby (Mallory) Ireland of Hillsboro, Ind.; Hannah (AJ) Bursott of Lafayette, Ind.; Kellen Meyer of Fort Wayne, Ind.; Elizabeth (Tyler) Webb of Fort Wayne, Ind.; Payton Kubelsky of Danville, Ind.; and Kaiden Ortega of Danville, Ind.; six great-grandchildren, Emery, Harper, Grace, Elliot, Julia, and Elena; and one great-grandson on the way.

Surviving extended family includes brother-in-law Julius K. Lees of Midwest City, Okla.; nephews, Rod (Cathy) Lees of Midwest City, Okla.; Norman (Evelyn) Lees of Noblesville; Eric (Stephanie) Lees of Plainfield, Ind.; sister-in-law, Myra Wiggins of Noblesville; nieces, Kathy (Perry) Williams, Christy Wiggins and Vickie (Tom) Wright, all of Noblesville; and nieces Cheryl (John) Parks of Laytonsville, Md., and Mary Sue (Chuck) Whitlock of Lafayette, Ind.; sister-in-law, Martha (Melvin) Steury of St. Joe, Ind.; brother-in-law Dennis Keller of Butler, Ind., and many additional nephews and nieces.

We extend a special thank you to the wonderful staff at Guardian Angel Hospice, Elara Care, and Betz Nursing Home. Your expertise, kindness, and unwavering commitment to Ivan's comfort and dignity in his final days were truly remarkable. We are forever grateful for the support and care you provided.

Friends are invited to join family for A Celebration of Life from 2 to 5 p.m. March 23, 2025, at the Hamilton Masonic Lodge in Fishers. Masonic Services will begin at 4:30 p.m. and Eastern Star services will follow. Hamilton Masonic Lodge #533 is located at 11500 Oak Drive, Fishers.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that you consider a donation to Fishers Chapter #446 OES, 14491 Harrison Pkwy., Fishers, IN 46038, Hamilton Masonic Lodge at the address above, the Indiana Masonic Home, online at imhf.org, or Hamilton County 4-H, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville, IN 46060.

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Rhonda Louise Young

June 15, 1963 – December 18, 2024

It is with a heavy heart, we share the passing of Rhonda Louise Young, 61, of Noblesville, on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at St. Vincent Hospital. She was born on June 15, 1963, in Noblesville.

Rhonda graduated from Noblesville High School, Class of 1981. She worked as a Regional Manager for Mark III Management for over 20 years. Outside of work, Rhonda loved spending time in her garden, working in the yard, and trying out new recipes. She served as secretary at the Noblesville Eagles from 2007 to 2024. She truly enjoyed spending time with family. One thing she loved most was spending time with her great nieces, Harper and Riley. She always put others before herself and was the kind of person you would want to have in your corner.

Rhonda is survived by her husband, Tim Young; stepchildren, Clayton and Kennedy Young, Tabitha (Tanner) Cox, and a niece who was like a daughter to her, Casey (Jordan) Huber; fathers, Rodney (Martha) Hollis and Pete Scott; brothers, Joe Griffin, Ronnie (Luann) Hollis, and Greg Scott, and sister, Tonya Scott; and many other family and friends who will miss her dearly.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Judith Hollis and her grandparents, Joseph Russel and Mary Louise Griffin.

A celebration of life will be held on Rhonda's birthday this summer, June 15, 2025. Time and location to be determined.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Marcella Ann Edwards

July 26, 1933 – January 3, 2025

Marcella Ann (Reddick) Edwards was received into the arms of her Savior on Friday, January 3, 2025, in Franklin, Ind. She passed peacefully, surrounded by her family.

Marcella was born on July 26, 1933, in Crawfordsville, Ind., to Clarence and Edna Reddick. She grew up in Sheridan, where she graduated from high school in 1951. She married John K. Edwards on February 3, 1956. He lovingly survives.

Marcella proudly worked for Western Electric/AT&T in Indianapolis for 29 years, retiring in 1985. She was an active volunteer of the AT&T Pioneers Club through the mid-1990s. She was also a member of Post Road Christian Church in Indianapolis where she served the church in many ways for over 20 years.

Marcella loved gathering with her family for holiday and special occasions where she would serve her famous homemade noodles and other family favorites. Marcella was an avid sports fan, especially basketball and Colts football. She rarely missed a Colts game. She loved to reminisce about her travels with her husband and children over the years. She was never one to sit still and always kept herself busy taking care of her family.

Marcella is survived by siblings, Mary Rose Martin, Linda Lue Lewis, Beverly Teuscher, and Richard Reddick; sons, Jerry (Julie) Edwards and Scott Edwards (Cari Van Senus); and grandchildren Nicole Edwards, Amanda Edwards, and Jacob Edwards.

Marcella was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Virginia Miller, Phyllis Manier, and Nancy Sue Morris; brothers, Carroll Reddick, Alonzo Reddick, William Reddick, and Donald Gene Reddick; and a granddaughter, Kristen Edwards.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, January 10, 2025, at Flanner Buchanan – Washington Park East Funeral Center, 10722 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46229.

Marcella's funeral service will follow at 1 p.m. Burial will follow at Washington Park East Cemetery.

Condolences: flannerbuchanan.com

Paul D. Hicks

August 8, 1928 – January 4, 2025

Paul Desha Hicks, 96, passed away peacefully in his sleep on January 4, 2025. Born on August 8, 1928, in Cynthiana, Ky., Paul lived a life filled with love, faith, and dedication to others.

Paul was the devoted husband of Elizabeth (Betty) Ann Blake, his beloved wife of 75 years. Together, they built a life centered around family, love, and shared passions.

Paul played basketball in high school and was given a full-ride basketball scholarship to Eastern Kentucky University. He graduated from ECU with a degree in history and physical education. Upon graduating, he played professional basketball for The Reynolds Aluminites and eventually accepted a job with the Reynolds Metal Company.

Paul's career with Reynolds spanned 39 years, where his dedication and hard work earned him numerous accolades, including Salesman of the Year multiple times. After retiring, Paul continued to share his time and talents by helping his son Jim at White House Donuts, working until the remarkable age of 95.

Outside of work, Paul found joy in life's simple pleasures. He was an avid woodworker, gardener, fisherman, and golfer. Paul was also a passionate Butler basketball fan, rarely missing a game. He cherished family gatherings, particularly when playing euchre with his children and grandchildren.

Faith was a cornerstone of Paul's life. He served as a deacon at First Baptist Church for many years, providing guidance and support to his community. He also dedicated time to mentoring young men as an assistant scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 103, leaving a lasting impact on many lives.

Paul will be remembered for his warm heart, his generous spirit, and his ability to make friends wherever he went. He truly never knew a stranger.

He leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness, and devotion that will continue to inspire those who knew him.

Paul is survived by his loving wife, Betty; children, Susan (Mike), Margy, Patty, and Jim (Donna); eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Many loved ones preceded Paul's death, including his parents, his brother Shearle, and his grandson, Samuel Paul.

A celebration of Paul's life will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at First Baptist Church of Indianapolis. Funeral will follow visitation. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to First Baptist Church of Indianapolis.

Paul's life was a testament to hard work, faith, and the joy found in serving others. He will be deeply missed but forever cherished in our hearts.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

THE ALTAR OF INCENSE

"Make an altar of acacia wood for burning incense. It is to be square, a cubit long and a cubit wide, and two cubits high—its horns of one piece with it. Overlay the top and all the sides and the horns with pure gold, and make a gold molding around it. Make two gold rings for the altar below the molding—two on each of the opposite sides—to hold the poles used to carry it. Make the poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold. Put the altar in front of the curtain that shields the ark of the covenant law—before the atonement cover that is over the tablets of the covenant law—where I will meet with you.

Exodus 30:1-6 (NIV)

Stephen F. Renner

March 1, 1943 – January 7, 2025

Stephen F. Renner, 81, Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at his home surrounded by his family. He was born on March 1, 1943 in Elwood, Ind.

Steve was a graduate of Noblesville High School and a lifelong resident of Noblesville. He proudly served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam Era. Steve owned and operated Renner's Body Works in Noblesville, he was recipient of the State of Indiana Sagamore of the Wabash Award, and was a local philanthropist. He was a member of the Noblesville Elks and sponsored the Steve Renner Golf Outing for Cancer Research. Steve supported the local Boys and Girls Club and was a youth sports coach for basketball and baseball. He was a dedicated sports fan and an avid golfer, and looked forward to annual golf outings with his friends. For many years, Steve enjoyed gathering with friends at the local Jim Dandy restaurant for breakfast.

He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He is survived by his wife, Linda Renner, who he affectionately called "Pearl"; sons, Tony (Bethany) Renner and Brad Renner; daughter, Bridget (Brandon) McKinney; grandchildren, Bryce Gibson, Jackson Renner, Brayden McKinney, Jake Renner, Aden Purkey, Lillie Grace Purkey, and Eli Purkey; great-grandchildren, Bentley Gibson, Samantha Renner, Beaumont McKinney, and Josephine McKinney; siblings, Sandra Stephenson, Stuart (Maurine) Renner, Susan Kalver, and Diahna (Lou) Ehasz; mother-in-law, Patricia Paskins; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cleo and Zelma Marshall; son, Chris Sheller; siblings, Sharon Wright, Mike Marshall, and Max Marshall; and father-in-law, Richard Paskins.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, January 12, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with Pastor Rick Schoeff officiating. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 681405, Indianapolis, IN 46268-1405 (cancer.org/about-us/local/indiana.html), or to the Noblesville Elks, 35 S. 9th St., Noblesville, IN 46060.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Karl Davis Swain

November 5, 1939 – December 16, 2024

Karl Davis Swain, 85, a longtime resident of Carmel, died on December 16, 2024, in Powder Spring, Ga. He was born in Indianapolis on November 5, 1939, to the late Huber and Mary Eunice (Davis) Swain of Lizton, Ind.

Karl graduated Valedictorian from Lizton High School in 1957. He then joined the U.S. Army and was stationed at Fort Wainwright in Fairbanks, Alaska. After the Army, he attended Indiana University-Bloomington, where he met his future wife, Charlotte. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business from IU

in 1964. He and Charlotte were married on June 19, 1965. The couple settled in Carmel as newlyweds and lived there for the next 58 years. Karl spent his last few years living in Tennessee and Georgia to be closer to his daughters and grandchildren.

Professionally, Karl worked as an accountant and auditor. He spent the majority of his career at ITT Educational Services as an internal auditor where he traveled across the United States. His career fed his passion for traveling, where he was able to explore U.S. cities, visit relatives and friends from across the country, and try local cuisines in every location. He proudly visited all 50 states as well as most of the Presidential Libraries.

Throughout his life, Karl had a gift for stewardship. He volunteered hundreds of hours visiting with people who needed companionship. After retiring, he took this passion and became a licensed minister through the Commission on Ministry of the Christian Church in Indiana (Disciples of Christ) and served as a pastor of Congregational Care at Carmel Christian Church, the church where he was a member for over 50 years.

Karl loved local politics. He served on the Clay Township Advisory Board from 1981 to 1998 and was a precinct committeeman for the Woodland Precinct for over 30 years. He was also a delegate for the state Republican Convention multiple times. He was active in the Carmel Clay Republican Club throughout his time in Carmel.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 48 years, Charlotte (Robbins) Swain; and his dear friend, Judy (Funk) Gest. He is survived by his brother, Ken (Brenda) Swain, Lizton, Ind.; daughter, Laurie (Chris) Vesper of Powder Springs, Ga.; son, George Swain of Indianapolis; daughter, Bethany (Warwick) Stone of Nashville, Tenn.; and grandchildren, James Vesper, Hannah Vesper, Sparrow (née Beatrix) Stone, August Stone, and Charlotte Stone.

A visitation will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, January 18, and a Celebration of Life Service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, January 19, both events at Carmel Christian Church, 463 E. Main St., Carmel. Burial will be at the Fairview Cemetery in North Salem, Ind.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Carmel Christian Church Memorial Fund in Karl's name at the above address.

Condolences: davisstruempf.com

Richard Eldon Gordon

March 12, 1935 – December 31, 2024

Richard Eldon Gordon, 89, passed away peacefully on December 31, 2024. Born on March 12, 1935, Richard was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, whose legacy of kindness and generosity touched everyone who knew him.

Richard was married to the love of his life, Margaret, for 60 wonderful years. Together, they raised six children: Richard Jr., Theresa, Linda, Sylvia, Franklin, and Rebecca. He was also blessed with numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren who brought him immense pride and joy.

A veteran of the United States Air National Guard, Richard lived a life dedicated to service, both to his country and his community. He was an entrepreneur at heart, with ventures spanning the restaurant business, insurance, marketing, self-storage, land development, and residential and commercial property management. Richard's passion for his work was evident, and he was admired as a leader by the many employees who worked alongside him.

Beyond his professional life, Richard was a philanthropist, generously supporting organizations such as River-view Hospital, the Noblesville Boys and Girls Club, and the Noblesville Bridge of Flowers. He was also an avid golfer, fisherman, and basketball enthusiast, finding joy in both the games he played and those he watched, especially when his children and grandchildren were involved.

Richard will be remembered for his infectious positivity, unwavering work ethic, and the deep love he had for his family and friends. He leaves behind a legacy of warmth, wisdom, and an enduring example of what it means to live a full and meaningful life.

In addition to his wife, Margaret, children, and grandchildren, Richard is survived by his brother Larry Gordon (Mary Harder), and sisters Phyllis Lampe (Ronald Lampe) and Connie Bechman (Terry Bechman). Preceded in death by his mother and father, Pete and Edna May Gordon.

A celebration of Richard's life will be held from noon to 5 p.m. on June 28, 2025, at Harbour Trees Golf Club, 333 Regents Park Lane, Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, Richard asked that any donation big or small be made to The Noblesville Bridge of Flowers (noblesvillebridgeofflowers.com).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

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Boys Wrestling

Royals take down Millers in close all-county match

By RICHIE HALL
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NOBLESVILLE — The Hamilton Southeastern boys wrestling team won an all-county match over Noblesville 41-31 at The Mill.

The Royals took eight of the 14 matches, jumping out to an 11-0 win after Landon Hicks got a pin at 157 pounds and Cohen Davis picked up a technical fall at 165. Nick Anderson would later get another pin for Southeastern, at 120 pounds.

The Royals totaled four tech falls for the meet. In addition to Davis, Evan Lawhead (at 215), Matt Billet (at 138) and Chris Casler (at 144) all won their matches by tech fall, which means they outscored their opponent by 15 points during their match. Parker Culp won a decision at 132 pounds, while Will Lakes won the 113-pound match



Noblesville's Kai Kaohi came back to get a win in the 106-pound match.

by injury default.

"We wrestled pretty well," said HSE coach Nick Brobst. "I thought our seniors did a great job of doing their job and winning the matches and dominating the way they needed to. Our younger guys are still struggling to come back with what we need, so we're going to have to improve there. But I thought our older guys were exactly where we wanted them to be."

The Millers got four pins, starting with back-to-back falls for Ian Wilson at 175 and Yan Tioua at 190. Zack Nikolite won at 126 pounds by pin, and Mason Presits finished the match with a fall at 150. Kai Kaohi came back to win the 106-pound bout by a 12-3

major decision, this after Jackson Apple won a 3-2 decision at 285.

"It's a tough year," said Noblesville coach Michael Weimer. "But I'm proud of the kids' fight. It's all I ask is they keep fighting, and that's what they keep doing."



Hamilton Southeastern's Chris Casler was one of four Royals to win matches by technical fall during Southeastern's 41-31 dual meet win Tuesday at Noblesville.

Boys Basketball

Short-handed Trailblazers don't let high-riding Patriots stop them

The REPORTER

A short-handed University boys squad walked into a tough environment last Saturday at Bethesda Christian and ground out a 48-36 win over the Patriots.

Bethesda Christian was celebrating their 2024 Class 1A state runners-up and unveiled their State Finalist banner in a halftime ceremony. The Patriots fed off the energy in the gym to jump out to an 11-7 lead late in the first quarter. The Trailblazers settled down and outscored Bethesda Christian 41-25 the rest of the way to pull away for the win.

Max McComb, limited to just four first half minutes due to foul trouble, led a balanced University attack with 13 points. Zien Bland and Blake Gray

chipped in with nine each and Peter Morales added seven.

University began to assert itself late in the first quarter. A basket by Gray was followed by a three pointer by Noah Cortez from the right wing to put University ahead 12-11 with 27 seconds remaining in the opening quarter. The Blazers never trailed again.

Gray began the second quarter with a right wing three off a Cortez assist. DJ Willis added a basket before Morales drilled a three pointer from the left wing. Bland scored and Morales made another three off a Gray assist and University led 25-17 at halftime.

McComb had a stellar third quarter making a trio of three pointers as University led by as many as

14 before taking a 36-25 lead to the fourth quarter. The Patriots briefly cut the lead to nine early in the final period before McComb made two foul shots to restore a double-digit lead. Bethesda Christian never got closer and University led by as many as 17 late in the game.

University coach Justin Blanding was pleased with the grit his team showed.

"Our guys showed a lot of heart tonight," said Blanding. We have multiple guys out and a few are banged up pretty bad. To be able to play without Faisal Mohamud and Josh Henderson shows a lot about the guys we have being ready to step up each and every night. Noah Cortez and Blake Gray were both game time decisions and

stepped up and played with injuries as well. Max McComb and Cooper Cammack got in early foul trouble so our young guys really had to step up."

Blanding continued about his team's improvement. "I questioned our toughness multiple times this year and our guys are responding," he said. "The adversity I was talking about is helping our team. Now we just need to get healthier because we are playing some good basketball."

The win improved University's record to 4-6. The Trailblazers were scheduled to host Covenant Christian Monday, but the game was postponed to next Monday, Jan. 13. University will travel to Scenic on Thursday.

Boys Basketball

Noblesville comes back for solid win

The REPORTER

The Noblesville boys basketball team picked up a solid win at Pike on Tuesday, 51-44.

The Red Devils led 13-8 after one quarter, but the Millers came back to cut that advantage to 21-20 by halftime. Noblesville went up 35-31 by the end of the first period; Baron Walker was 7-of-7 from the

free-throw line in the quarter while Justin Curry was 4-for-4. The Millers then outscored Pike 16-13 in the fourth to clinch the win.

Walker finished the game with 20 points, while Curry totaled 18 points and led the rebounds with eight.

Noblesville is 7-4 and hosts Muncie Central on Saturday.

NOBLESVILLE 51, PIKE 44				
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
T.J. Davidson	0-4	1-2	1	3
Adam Fine	0-7	2-2	2	1
Justin Curry	5-15	7-9	18	0
Aiden Brewer	2-3	2-5	6	2
Baron Walker	5-9	8-9	20	1
Ryan Vetur	0-1	0-2	0	2
Max Flanagan	2-8	0-2	4	1
Totals	14-47	20-31	51	10
Score by Quarters				
Noblesville	8	12	15	16-51
Pike	13	8	10	13-44
Noblesville 3-point shooting (3-15) Walker 2-2, Curry 1-7, Fine 0-3, Flanagan 0-2, Vetur 0-1.				
Noblesville rebounds (22) Curry 8, Brewer 4, Fine 3, Flanagan 3, Davidson 2, Vetur 1, Walker 1.				

Royals bring back win from North Central

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern's boys traveled to North Central on Tuesday and came home with a 70-64 victory.

The Royals led 16-7 after one quarter and led 27-11 in the second period. The Panthers cut that lead to 32-23 by halftime and stayed with Southeastern in the second half, but the Royals held on for the win.

Lucas Weemer had an outstanding game, reaching double-double status with 28 points and 10 rebounds, making five 3-pointers. Braeden Totten scored 13 points and dished out six assists, while Maverick Young added 12 points. Jack Jacobs handed out seven assists.

Southeastern is 7-5 and hosts Lawrence Central on Friday.

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 70, NORTH CENTRAL 64				
Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jack Jacobs	2-3	0-0	5	2
Maverick Young	4-10	3-4	12	0
Braeden Totten	3-6	5-6	13	2
Landon Osswald	2-3	2-2	7	3
Lucas Weemer	10-12	3-4	28	4
Kian Kelly	0-1	2-2	2	2
Varschon Clark	0-0	0-0	0	1
Jaxon Wanza	0-0	0-0	0	1
Kallen Hoeft	1-2	0-0	3	0
Totals	22-37	15-18	70	15
Score by Quarters				
North Central	7	16	19	22-64
Southeastern	16	16	17	21-70
Southeastern 3-point shooting (11-20) Weemer 5-6, Totten 2-3, Young 1-6, Hoeft 1-2, Jacobs 1-1, Osswald 1-1, Kelly 0-1.				
Southeastern rebounds (22) Weemer 10, Jacobs 3, Young 2, Kelly 1, Osswald 1, Hoeft 1, team 4.				

IBCA boys basketball poll – Week of Jan. 6

Rank	School	Points	Record
1	Fishers (22)	440	12-0
2	Lawrence North	412	8-1
3	Crown Point	362	7-0
4	Cathedral	360	9-2
5	Greenfield-Central	358	8-2
6	Northridge	309	10-0
7	South Bend St. Joseph	228	9-1
8	Carmel	220	6-3
9	Ben Davis	211	8-2
10	Anderson	194	8-1
11	Crispus Attucks	189	8-4
12	Warsaw	174	9-3
13	Westfield	162	7-1
14	New Palestine	158	9-2
15	Bishop Luers	113	7-1
16	New Albany	111	7-1
17	Jeffersonville	88	6-5
18	NorthWood	87	10-1
19	Avon	79	9-1
20	Silver Creek	73	12-1

First place votes are in parentheses.

Other schools receiving votes, with records

Blackhawk Christian (10-2), Brownstown Central (9-0), East Chicago Central (9-5), Evansville Reitz (8-0), Fort Wayne Wayne (7-3), **Guerin Catholic (10-2)**, Homestead (8-4), Kokomo (8-2), Manchester (10-1), Mount Vernon (8-1), **Noblesville (6-4)**, Northview (11-0), Pike (4-4), Princeton Community (10-1), Parke Heritage (10-1), South Bend Riley (8-1), Wapahani (10-0), Zionsville (8-5), Gary 21st Century (8-2).

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Emme Yee commits to
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Noblesville's Emme Yee has committed to the Bellarmine University softball team. (Front row, from left) Bill Yee (father), Emme Yee, and Elle Yee (sister). (Back row, from left) Noblesville Softball Assistant Jen Thompson, Noblesville Softball Assistant Brooke Lawrence, and Noblesville Softball Head Coach Deke Bullard.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Jan. 8

BOYS WRESTLING

Kokomo at Carmel, 6:30 p.m.
Westfield at Zionsville, 6:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Sheridan at University, 6 p.m.
Bishop Chatard at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.
Cathedral at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at Park Tudor, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Hamilton Heights at Oak Hill, 6 p.m.

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Girls Basketball

University drops game at Western

The REPORTER

University's girls went on the road Tuesday night and dropped a 64-56 contest at Western.

The Trailblazers threatened to pull away in both the second and third quarters, but the Panthers rallied back on each occasion.

Western led 10-7 after the first quarter, but University went on a 12-2 run in the first five minutes of the second quarter to take a 19-12 lead. Western scored seven points in 55 seconds to knot the score at 19 but University held a 25-21 half-time lead after Leah Norvell canned a buzzer-beater.

Taylor Seay scored five points in the first 16 seconds of the third quarter to give University a 30-21 lead. After a Panther bucket Gabby Culp scored at the Blazers led 32-23 one minute into third quarter. But Western scored the next nine points

to tie the game just two minutes later. University pushed back to take a 45-38 lead with one minute left in the third quarter on a Meg Rohloff basket but Western closed to 46-42 at the end of the third.

The teams went back and forth in the final quarter with University taking a 55-54 lead on Anyah Turley's three pointer from the left corner with 3:34 left. Western outscored the Trailblazers 10-1 the rest of the way to avenge a 53-38 loss to University on Dec. 27.

Seay led University with 17 points. Turley had 15 and Sydney Culp chipped in 12.

The loss dropped University's record to 7-8. The Trailblazers host 2A No. 12 Sheridan tonight in an All-County matchup at The U Center. Tipoff is at 6 p.m. Western won their third game in a row and is now 5-11.

Girls Basketball

Huskies fall short to North Miami at home

The REPORTER

A comeback by the Hamilton Heights girls basketball team fell short on Tuesday, as the Huskies fell to North Miami 43-37 in a home game.

The Warriors outscored Heights in the first three quarters, leading 12-6 after one period and 25-14 at halftime. North Miami led 41-24 going into the fourth; the Huskies blasted through

the quarter by outscoring the Warriors 13-2, but North Miami held on for the win.

Kamryn Rhoton led Heights with 10 points, with Sarah Sherrill adding nine points. Reece Blanton dominated the boards with 11 rebounds. Abi Hilfiker had eight rebounds and Presley Cherry collected six.

The Huskies are 4-12 and host Westfield on Saturday afternoon.

NORTH MIAMI 43,
HAMILTON HEIGHTS 37

Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Katie Brown	2-9	0-0	6	1
Abi Hilfiker	2-8	2-2	6	3
Presley Cherry	1-9	3-6	6	4
Reece Blanton	0-3	0-2	0	2
Sarah Sherrill	4-9	1-4	9	2
Kamryn Rhoton	3-11	3-3	10	1
Totals	12-49	9-17	37	13

Score by Quarters

North Miami	12	13	16	2-43
Heights	6	8	10	13-37

Heights 3-point shooting (4-18) Brown 2-6, Cherry 1-8, Rhoton 1-3, Blanton 0-1.

Heights rebounds (37) Blanton 11, Hilfiker 8, Cherry 6, Brown 5, Rhoton 5, Cherry 2.

IBCA girls basketball poll – Week of Jan. 6

Rank	School	Points	Record
1	Hamilton Southeastern (20)	438	17-0
2	Lawrence Central (1)	416	16-1
3	Warsaw (1)	396	15-0
4	Greensburg	344	16-0
5	South Bend Washington	341	15-1
6	Homestead	338	14-2
7	Northridge	295	15-2
8	South Knox	257	14-2
9	Bloomington South	242	15-1
10	Brownsburg	230	12-3
11	Noblesville	217	12-3
12	Columbia City	173	13-3
13	Center Grove	163	13-2
14	Silver Creek	145	12-2
15	Lawrence North	113	10-4
16	Washington	107	14-2
17	Floyd Central	106	14-2
18	McCutcheon	80	15-3
19	Plainfield	57	10-5
20	Penn	51	12-5

First place votes are in parentheses.

Other schools receiving votes, with records

Alexandria (16-0), Austin (15-1), Corydon Central (12-3), Danville (13-3), Evansville Central (13-3), Evansville Reitz (13-3), Franklin Central (12-6), Indianapolis Cathedral (9-6), Northeastern (15-1), Pike (10-3), Rensselaer Central (14-1), Valparaiso (9-7), Westfield (12-6).

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WESTERN 64, UNIVERSITY 56

University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Anyah Turley	6	1-3	15	5
Taylor Seay	6	3-5	17	2
Leah Norvell	2	0-0	4	3
Mack Feeney	0	0-0	0	5
Gabby Culp	2	3-4	8	3
Meg Rohloff	0	0-0	0	0
Sydney Culp	4	2-3	12	3
Totals	20	9-15	56	21

Score by Quarters

University	7	18	21	10-56
Western	10	11	21	22-64

University 3-pointers (7) Turley 2, Seay 2, S. Culp 2, G. Culp.

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