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An impressive number of people come to the Pleasant Street project groundbreaking Monday afternoon.

Noblesville kicks off Phase I of Reimagine Pleasant Street project

The REPORTER

Noblesville and Hamilton County officials broke ground on the Reimagine Pleasant Street project on Monday.

When complete, city officials say Pleasant Street will enhance mobility through Noblesville and increase trail connectivity to create a safe, vibrant corridor for residents to drive, walk, or bike to downtown Noblesville. Officials say these upgrades will provide a critical east-west connection for travelers, making it easier to travel across town.

"This project has been more than 37 years in the making, and it's exciting to see it finally begin," Mayor Chris Jensen said.

"Reimagine Pleasant Street is my administration's top priority, and we are excited for the opportunities it will provide to Noblesville and Hamilton County residents."

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Carmel honors Veterans, recognizes student winners of poster & essay contests

The REPORTER

The City of Carmel honored veterans on Thursday, Nov. 10 at the annual Veterans Day Ceremony in the Tarkington Theater at the Center for the Performing Arts.

Mayor Jim Brainard was joined by keynote speaker Retired Lt. Colonel Justin Crocker, U.S. Army, Carmel resident and business owner and Carmel VFW Post 10003. Performers at the event included Actors Theatre of Indiana, the Cherry Tree Elementary School Choir and performers, Claire Baney and Cindy Ensign Baney.

The winners of the Veterans Day Poster and Essay Contests were also recognized at the ceremony. Students from local elementary schools took part in



the poster contest, while middle school students participated in the essay contest. This year's theme was "Saluting Our Heroes."

Finalists for the poster contest were chosen by grade level from each participating school. Board members of the Carmel Arts Council selected one city-wide winner in each grade from among the many entries. The winning posters were chosen based on best representation of the theme, focus on veterans and creativity. They were displayed at the ceremony and each

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Cultivating gratitude

This is a time of year we hear the word gratitude quite a bit. It is a reflective time as we see this year end and we usher in the holidays – a time filled with traditions and nostalgia.

I have so many memories tied to the season of Thanksgiving that started when I was a child. My sister, Dad and I would watch the Macy's parade in the morning eating donuts while my mom was getting everything ready for our family to come over and celebrate. I remember the way the house smelled when we were watching the parade all those Thanksgiving mornings. I remember the entire family gathering around the television when Santa arrived at the close of the parade. My mom always sets the most beautiful Thanksgiving table with the perfect place settings, turkey dishes, flowers, and accents – something I have always tried to model in my home when having guests.

We hear of gratitude for spouses, children, family, friends, home, career, pets, and health. All these are things on my list of gratitude, but how often do we hear people articulate their gratitude for nature?

There are so many things nature offers us for which I am grateful. I have always enjoyed the quote by educator Martin Seligman, "It is not happy people who are grateful. It is grateful people who are happy." I'm grateful every time I see a butterfly or a hummingbird. I am grateful for dragonflies and cardinals; somehow when I see them, I know that whatever it is I am worried about is going to be fine. I am grateful to see the house wren at her birdhouse and the beautiful song she adds to my backyard. I am grateful for my daylilies and the rainbow of color they offer, and I love seeing the bunnies run into them for a place of refuge. I am grateful for the peace that comes around a fire on a brisk starry night spent talking with a glass of wine. I am grateful for the stolen moments of peace and serenity that water provides. I am grateful for rain and what it means for our wildlife and flowers.

See Gratitude . . . Page 2

COLUMNIST

MEGAN RATHZ
When Nature Speaks

Altrusa donates pile of books to Hamilton Co. Head Start



Photo provided

Altrusa International of Hamilton County Indiana, Inc. recently donated six sets of books to Hamilton County Head Start for Make a Difference Day. These books will be used by students, parents, and school staff. The presentation was made by club members Donna Prather, Pam L'eal, Carol Rader, and Joanne Kemp. Altrusa is a community service organization which supports local programs and organizations such as Head Start, Tools for School, libraries, Prevail, Inc., and Veterans. Anyone interested in joining Altrusa for local community service projects can contact Past President Joanne Kemp at joeykemp@msn.com or President Sharon Porter at sharonporter@justnoteworthyevents.com.

Local businesses support Veterans with free Nickel Plate Express train rides

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County community came together this Veteran's Day to work with Nickel Plate Express (NPX) to offer a unique experience for local Veterans.

With the support of Gaylor Electric, Dorsey Excavating, Meijer-Najem and Adam Windler, more than 100 Veterans and their families were treated to a 30-minute caboose ride down the historic Nickel Plate Road on Friday.

The Veterans and families were greeted by music by the Juan Douglas Trio as they boarded for their trip.

"Being able to work with local businesses and support our Veterans is such an honor," NPX Director Emily Reynolds said. "I am beyond grateful to for the support of the businesses that supported this unique way to honor our veterans."

NPX hopes to continue this tradition next year and offer even more rides to Veterans. Businesses interested in sponsoring a ride in 2023

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Sue Finkam running for Carmel mayor

Submitted by Sue Finkam Victory Committee

Business executive and three-term city council member Sue Finkam announced Tuesday her candidacy for Carmel mayor.

"After more than two months of encouragement from business, community and religious leaders, it became clear that the people of Carmel want another voice in this race," Finkam said. "I am running to give Carmel residents a voice. My executive experience will allow me to ensure Carmel's city government is accessible, effective and efficient while maintaining our high quality of life."

An accomplished leader in the business world, Finkam said she is also a strong voice for her council district. Finkam has served in the leadership of the council four times, as finance chair numerous years and co-founded LetsTalkCarmel.com, a transparency portal.

"Make no doubt about it – this race is for the future of Carmel," Finkam said. "We have an incredible community, and we need to elect the right leader to keep Carmel a special place to live, work, raise a family and retire. I am well equipped to be that leader and welcome this challenge to take Carmel to the next level."

For more information, visit SueFinkam.com.



Finkam

VETERANS

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student received a certificate of achievement from Mayor Brainard and Superintendent of Carmel Clay Schools Dr. Michael Beresford. The honorable mention posters were displayed for the public at the Monon Community Center on the second floor's main hallway through Friday, Nov. 11. A list of winners and images of their posters can be found at [CarmelVeteransDay.com](#).

The winners of the poster contest are as follows:

- Kindergarten: Tasha Wren, Towne Meadow Elementary
- 1st grade: Riley Wormley, Towne Meadow Elementary
- 2nd grade: Drishti Sharma, Carmel Elementary
- 3rd grade: Kelsey Salazar, Carmel Elementary
- 4th grade: Alan Shen, Towne Meadow Elementary
- 5th grade: Addison Baugher, Carmel Elementary

The panel of judges from veterans organizations chose the winning essays based on best representation of the theme, focus on veterans, strength of message and proper use of grammar. Students were invited to read their winning essays during the ceremony. A list of the winning essays can be found at [CarmelVeteransDay.com](#).

The winners of the essay contest are as follows:

- 6th grade: Gabriela Tovar, Creekside Middle School (Honorable Mention: Karis Lin, Clay Middle School)
- 7th grade: Reid McKay, Clay Middle School (Honorable Mention: Leigha Baehl, Creekside Middle School)
- 8th grade: Ash Jachnik, Clay Middle School (Honorable Mention: Hailey Oh, Clay Middle School)

Poster contest winners in grades K-5 received \$50 each and essay contest winners in grades 6-8 received \$100 each, courtesy of Indiana Members Credit Union.

"I am impressed with the students and their teachers in our community," Brainard. "By the quality and depth of the posters and essays honoring our veterans, it's obvious our young people understand the importance of thanking those who have served our country."

Each veteran in attendance received a gift, courtesy of American Structurepoint and Drs. Lauck & McLean Optometry and Eyewear. Other sponsors included UN Communications Group, Inc. who contributed to the programs for the ceremony.

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Photo provided

The Juan Douglas Trio performed on the platform as riders boarded the Nickel Plate Express.

can contact Emily at ereynolds@nickelplateexpress.org.

For information about the wide variety of NPX excursions throughout the year, visit nickelplateexpress.com.

About Nickel Plate Express

Nickel Plate Express is a program of the Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad, a chari-

table nonprofit that operates the historic Arcadia Depot and offers entertainment and educational excursions on historic train equipment out of Forest Park, Noblesville. The 12.5 miles of Nickel Plate track is owned by the Hoosier Heritage Port Authority and runs from Noblesville through Cicero and Arcadia to Atlanta in northern Hamilton County.



Photo provided by Helen Stephon

Three generations of the Stephon family enjoyed a caboose ride on the Nickel Plate Express last Friday: Jack, Louie, and Grace. Veteran's Day was also Louie's 39th birthday.

GRATITUDE

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I am grateful for the opportunity nature provides us to teach our children. I am grateful to instill in them respect for farmers when they see the work that goes into growing the food we eat. I am grateful for pollinators and the food they provide. I am grateful when my children clip fresh herbs from our garden and taste them in our food.

I am grateful for the first bits of green that pop up in the spring. I am grateful for the excitement I feel when I see animal tracks in the snow. I am grateful when a lost animal has been reunited with its family. I am grateful for trees and the oxygen they provide. I am most grateful whenever my children notice any of these things and express excitement for nature.

There are different seasons and rhythms in life where everything seems to come full circle. I now enjoy donuts with my husband and our children

while watching the Macy's parade Thanksgiving morning. Our whole house is consumed by the smells of my husband's homemade noodles. After we see Santa join to kick off the holiday season, we head to my mom's house to enjoy a beautiful meal with our family.

I am left to wonder what my children will count as their greatest blessings. I hope they never stop noticing the sounds of the birds singing or the vibrant colors of fall foliage, a cool breeze on a sweltering day. I hope they notice the sound of a babbling brook and the feeling of grass on their bare feet. I hope they notice how beautiful the snow looks on the trees and the stillness of a winter's morning before the world is awake. I hope they realize how vast and wide nature is and feel wonder and respect for it.

Nature is speaking to us and is giving us so many



Photo by Megan Rathz

reasons to be thankful. Are you listening?

Megan Rathz is a wife, mother and teacher. She

says everything she has ever learned in life came from her Master Gardener mother.

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

- **Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville**

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REIMAGINE

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Click [here](#) to see the groundbreaking and hear comments from Mayor Jensen and Hamilton County Commissioner Steve Dillinger.

In addition to road and trail upgrades, the project includes a new bridge over the White River meant to alleviate traffic along State Road 32. In conjunction with local artists, the bridge will feature elements that will reflect the history and aesthetics of Noblesville and Hamilton County. The project also includes historical wayfinding signage to highlight notable people and events from Noblesville's unique past.

"All of us are committed to seeing this transformational project come to life," Commissioner Dillinger said. "These improvements will allow us to be forward-thinking and proactive when it comes to our infrastructure, growth, and development."

Representatives from American Structurepoint, Beaty Construction, CHA Consulting, and USI Consultants were in attendance. American Structurepoint is managing the design of Pleasant Street. Beaty Construction is managing the construction of Pleasant Street. CHA and USI will lead the construction inspection of the project.

According to city officials and project leaders, Reimagine Pleasant Street isn't just a road project – it's a strategic community development of Noblesville to support the future. A new bridge, an aesthetically pleasing boulevard, and improved trail connections are all part of the project.

The critical first phase, which includes the construction of a new White River Bridge, will be open to traffic by the end of 2024. Phases II and III are anticipated to begin in Winter 2023, and the entire project will be complete by the end of 2025.

Learn more at [reimaginepleasantst.com](#).



After Jensen and others spoke about the Pleasant Street project, the ceremonial turning of the dirt was performed. The rail bridge in the background of these images will be removed as part of the project.

State Senator Jim Buck

Dear Voters and Volunteers of Senate District 21,

Voters, I want to thank you for giving me the privilege of serving you in the Indiana State Senate for another term. I am so grateful and honored to have your support, and I pledge to you that I will do my utmost to continue making Indiana the best place to live, work, and play.

Volunteers, this election was won by your hard work going door-to-door, making phone calls, sharing your treasury, and communicating our message to your friends, neighbors, and families. You did an outstanding job, and I am very thankful for the time and resources you committed to this race.

Thank you, voters and volunteers, for doing so much to bring about this decisive victory. Together we will keep Indiana moving forward.

Gratefully,
Senator Jim Buck

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Cicero Edward Jones & Kiwanis partner to help make Christmas bright for local kids

The REPORTER

Corey Sylvester, an Edward Jones financial advisor in Cicero, is supporting Cicero Kiwanis Annual King's Treasure Toy Drive by offering his office as a drop-off location for a toy drive.

Local residents and busi-

nesses may help those less fortunate in the community by bringing in toys to the Edward Jones branch office during regular business hours now through Dec. 9.

Please note that monetary donations cannot be accepted.

Sheridan First Christian invites you to noodle dinner

The REPORTER

The Sheridan First Christian Church invites everyone to the annual noodle dinner this coming Saturday, Nov. 19.

This drive-thru-only dinner will begin at 4:30 p.m. and continue while supplies last. The menu will include chicken and noodles, beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans with ham, home-

made butter horn rolls, and cookies.

This is a freewill offering dinner and credit cards will be accepted. The church will collect gently-used shoes, bras, cell phones, and eyeglasses.

Sheridan First Christian Church is located at 107 W. Third St. From Main Street, please go west on Third Street to get to the drive-thru dinner.

Visit Santa on the Square!

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Historical Society, with support from Hamilton County, is again hosting the Santa House on the square for the 2022 holiday season.

This free, donation-based event is a chance for kids to meet with Santa in his house, located on the south side of the square along Conner Street/State Road 32. The Santa House has been on the square since 1963, making this the 59th year!

This year's Santa House Schedule			
Sunday, Nov. 27: 2 to 6 p.m.	Thursday, Dec. 1: 5 to 8 p.m. (Virtual)	Friday, Dec. 2: 5 to 9 p.m.	Sunday, Dec. 4: Noon to 3 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 2: 5 to 9 p.m.	Saturday, Dec. 3: 1:30 to 5 p.m.	Sunday, Dec. 4: Noon to 3 p.m.	Thursday, Dec. 8: 5 to 8 p.m. (Virtual)
Saturday, Dec. 3: 1:30 to 5 p.m.	Sunday, Dec. 4: Noon to 3 p.m.	Thursday, Dec. 8: 5 to 8 p.m. (Virtual)	Friday, Dec. 9: 5 to 8 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 4: Noon to 3 p.m.	Thursday, Dec. 8: 5 to 8 p.m. (Virtual)	Friday, Dec. 9: 5 to 8 p.m.	Saturday, Dec. 10: Noon to 5 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 1: 5 to 8 p.m. (Virtual)	Friday, Dec. 16: 5 to 8 p.m.	Saturday, Dec. 17: Noon to 5 p.m.	Sunday, Dec. 18: Noon to 5 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 2: 5 to 9 p.m.	Saturday, Dec. 17: Noon to 5 p.m.	Sunday, Dec. 18: Noon to 5 p.m.	Friday, Dec. 23: 5 to 8 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 4: Noon to 3 p.m.	Sunday, Dec. 18: Noon to 5 p.m.	Friday, Dec. 23: 5 to 8 p.m.	Saturday, Dec. 24: Noon to 4 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 8: 5 to 8 p.m. (Virtual)	Saturday, Dec. 24: Noon to 4 p.m.		

The Historical Society is also offering a virtual option on three Thursdays this

year. For more information, check the [society's Facebook page](#) where you can

find Events created for each day of the Santa House, including the virtual times.

Operation Christmas Child drop-off sites now open in Fishers, Westfield & Tipton

The REPORTER

As the Thanksgiving season approaches, many families and children are giving thanks and giving back to children in need around the world through Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts for the Samaritan's Purse project.

Volunteers will collect shoebox gifts during National Collection Week, Nov. 14 to 21.

Operation Christmas Child has been collecting and delivering shoebox gifts – filled with school supplies, hygiene items and fun toys – to children worldwide since 1993. Anyone can pack a shoebox! In 2022, Operation Christmas Child hopes to collect enough shoeboxes



Photo provided by Samaritan's Purse

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, has made the season a bit brighter for children across the world.

to reach another 11 million children.

Individuals, families, and groups still have time to transform empty shoeboxes into fun gifts.

The project partners with local churches across the globe to deliver these tangible expressions of God's love to children in need. Find a step-by-step guide on the [How to Pack a Shoebox webpage](#).

"This season, children around the world need a tangible reminder that there is hope and that God loves them," Samaritan's Purse President Franklin Graham said. "Through these shoe-

box gifts packed with special items, children also receive the opportunity to hear about the eternal hope found in Jesus Christ."

Participants can [find the nearest drop-off location](#) and hours of operation as they make plans to drop off their shoebox gifts. The online lookup tool is searchable by city or ZIP code. Signs at each location will identify the drop-off.

Locally, drop off locations include:

- Fishers: Grace Church, 12450 Olio Road
- Westfield: CrossRoads

Church at Westfield, 19201 Grassy Branch Road

- Tipton: Rock Prairie Church, 421 Ash St.

About Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, seeks to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world and, together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 198 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories. This year, Operation Christmas Child will collect its 200 millionth shoebox!

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Indiana AG Todd Rokita announces \$3.1B tentative settlement with Walmart over opioid allegations

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita announced on Tuesday a \$3.1 billion tentative settlement with Walmart to resolve allegations that the company contributed to the opioid addiction crisis by failing to appropriately oversee the distribution and dispensing of opioids at its stores.

"The opioid crisis has devastated far too many Hoosier families," Rokita said. "We continue working aggressively to hold accountable those companies whose actions have contributed to the opioid epidemic. Further, we are committed to bringing much needed funding to fight the drug crisis in In-

diana." Indiana's tentative share of the prospective settlement is approximately \$53 million.

Besides the monetary settlement, the proposed agreement requires significant improvements in how Walmart's pharmacies handle opioids.

Rokita was one of 16 attorneys general who assisted in negotiating this proposed deal with Walmart, along with attorneys representing local governments.

This proposal comes on the heels of similar announcements by CVS Health and Walgreen Co., each of which would pay approximately \$5 billion in proposed settlements to resolve claims.



Rokita

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Noblesville FD responds to residential kitchen fire



Photo provided by Noblesville Fire Department

Shortly after 11 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 11, homeowners on Pine Drive in Noblesville returned home to find smoke in their garage. They called 911 and fire and EMS units were dispatched. Upon entering, crews found heavy smoke and fire emanating from the kitchen. Crews were able to make an aggressive interior attack and limit the fire damage to the first floor. There were not any injuries to civilians or firefighters. NFD was assisted by Cicero Fire Department, Westfield Fire Department, Noblesville Police Department, and the Red Cross. The cause of the fire is still under investigation. NFD reminds residents to sleep with their bedroom doors closed. Sleeping with your door closed can reduce exposure to toxic smoke and help limit the spread of flames.

The joy of giving back during the holidays

For me, the holidays are a time to spread cheer, spend quality time with family, and give back to the community that I care so deeply about. Hamilton County is a wonderful place, and I encourage each of you to consider giving back to the organizations that make Hamilton County the county it is today.

Humane Society for Hamilton County

From donations to adoptions to fulfilling their wish list, the **Humane Society** has several ways to give back. Their holiday Tinsel & Tails event takes place on Friday, Nov. 17.

The Festival of Trees

This event supports the Good Samaritan Network (GSN) with proceeds going to the Holiday Assistance program, which annually assists thousands of Hamilton County residents with holiday food, clothing and toys and provides hot meals on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Eve. The event takes place on Saturday, Nov. 19, or **you can bid on the trees online** through a silent auction.



MARK HEIRBRANDT
County Commissioner

Janus Developmental Services

This organization provides individuals with disabilities the opportunity to participate and contribute within the community. To support, you can **donate online** or purchase items off their Amazon Wish List.

Prevail, Inc.

This Hamilton County-focused nonprofit provides crisis intervention and restorative support services for adult, adolescent and child survivors of crime and abuse. In addition to monetary donations, their **most needed items** are gift cards for local grocery stores, Walmart and Target, bottled water, and individually packaged snacks for children and teens.

There are many great organizations in our county. These are just a few to consider! I wish everyone a joyful holiday season, and I encourage you all to give back when you can.

Mark Heirbrandt serves on the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners representing District 3, which includes Adams, Fall Creek, Jackson, Washington, Wayne, and White River townships.

Carmel Police offer update on Saturday's shooting

The REPORTER

The Carmel Police Department continues to investigate the circumstances surrounding a shooting that took place Saturday morning in the 700 block of Johnson Drive.

The preliminary investigation has revealed this incident was likely a murder/attempted suicide.

Mr. John Shaw is believed to have shot his wife, Mrs. Susan Shaw, before turning the gun on himself.

Mr. Shaw remains in the hospital and continues to receive treatment for his injuries.

If you have any information that may be helpful in this investigation, please call Detective Smiley at

(317) 571-2500 or email ismiley@carmel.in.gov. You may also contact Crime Stoppers at (317) 262-TIPS or crimetips.org. Please reference Carmel Police case number 22-72609.

2022 GIVING TUESDAY

Our 2022 Giving Tuesday Campaign is underway and will extend through December 2nd.

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Westfield Chamber seeks two new board members

Application deadline is this Friday!

The REPORTER
Note: The deadline to apply for a seat on the board is Friday, Nov. 18.

The Westfield Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors is seeking candidates to fill two vacancies on its 15-member Board. The Westfield Chamber welcomes individual applicants with relevant skills and experience to help continue to meet the needs of the growing organization to serve a growing community. Serving on the Westfield Chamber Board is an important way to give back to the community, develop friendships and working relationships, meet personal leadership goals, and advance your career. Two three-year terms

available to ensure a staggered board transition moving forward. Each candidate would be eligible for a second three-year term once their initial term has ended. Since 1981, the Westfield Chamber of Commerce has served its members, the greater Westfield community, and Hamilton County. The Chamber has been a thoughtful partner with the community and a champion of progress and a positive business environment. The Chamber is interested in finding applicants from all career

experience levels to help continue to represent the city's diverse and growing community. Interested applicants are encouraged to review the application at [this link](#). The packet includes information about the application process, the application, job description, commitment statement, and conflict of interest form. Questions about the position or completed applications can be sent to info@westfieldchamber-indy.com. Applications will be accepted through Nov. 18.

Kurt Wanninger announces run for Westfield City Council

Submitted

Kurt Wanninger, long-time Westfield leader and resident, has announced his run for Westfield City Council, At Large. The primary election will take place in May 2023.

Wanninger says he is uniquely positioned to run for council because of his experience and leadership in the public and private sectors, his commitment to hard work, and decades of serving the Westfield community.

It is Wanninger's mission to build trust in local government and be an advocate for the citizens of Westfield. If elected, Wanninger pledges to focus on putting Westfield residents first by restoring confidence, respect, and support among the city council, being transparent and accountable with taxpayers' dollars, and approaching the city's imminent growth with intention and strategy. "Westfield's success is important to me; I have al-

ways put "Westfield First" and will continue to do so as a city council member," Wanninger said. "I know in my heart that we have the potential to be an even greater, unified city."

Wanninger has extensive experience in both the private and public sectors. Most notably, he was the Public Works Director with the City of Westfield from 2002 to 2012 and has vast knowledge of the city's infrastructure. In addition, he has worked with one of the largest water providers in the United States on the executive team, providing leadership in the operations and engineering department. During this time, he has successfully managed multi-million-dollar projects and implemented innovative programs and solutions across multiple states that resulted in in-

Wanninger

creased efficiencies, reduced costs, and cost savings.

Currently, Wanninger is a Senior Project Manager for an engineering firm. He serves on the board of directors for the Open Doors Food Pantry of Washington Township as Vice President. He has volunteered with Open Doors for the last 20 years. He is also a past president and currently serves as the treasurer of the Rotary Club of Westfield. He has actively served on his subdivision residential HOA board since 2000.

Wanninger and his wife, Tami, have two adult children, Samantha and Josh, who are both Westfield Washington Schools graduates. Together, the family has always valued the importance of hard work, volunteering, family time, and traveling.



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On Saturday, Dec. 3, the Noblesville Students for Life Club will play host to a movie screening of *It's a Wonderful Life* at Life Church Noblesville, 2200 Sheridan Road, Noblesville.

The whole community is welcome to attend. The movie is completely free of charge because the church wants to bring families together at the beginning of this Christmas season. Concessions will be available for purchase, and an option-

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Duke & GSN help feed families in need

The REPORTER

On Wednesday, community leaders and 15 volunteers gathered at the Llama Barn at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds to help fight food insecurity, thanks to the Duke Energy Foundation and Good Samaritan Network (GSN). GSN donated \$25,000 and Duke donated \$50,000 to provide food for Hamilton County families in need. That \$75,000 was turned into 800 boxes of non-perishable food staples, which volunteers packed from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. In addition to commu-

nity volunteers, officials on hand to help included Duke Energy Indiana President Stan Pinegar, Duke Energy Indiana Government and Community Relations Vice President Marvin Blade, GSN Executive Director Nancy Chance, Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen, and Hamilton County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt. According to Chance, during this 40-year high period of inflation there are 42,000 families who have been impacted to the point that they are in need of food, especially during the holiday season.



Photo provided by Duke Energy

(Above) In addition to community volunteers, officials on hand to help included Duke Energy Indiana President Stan Pinegar, Duke Energy Indiana Government and Community Relations Vice President Marvin Blade, Good Samaritan Network Executive Director Nancy Chance, Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen, and Hamilton County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt. (Below left) LaBarr (left) and Pinegar (right) of Duke Energy presented a \$50,000 check to Nancy Chance of GSN.



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Natural Shocks hits hard with reality of domestic violence

By **DANIEL SHOCK**
A Seat on the Aisle

I, like many others, experience a few different recurring nightmares.

In one, a bear circles my house trying to get in. In another, I am unprepared for the school bus coming down the road to pick me up. The third in my trio of anxieties is that I often find myself dreaming that I am hiding in a basement from a tornado ... or a whole army of tornados.

As the play *Natural Shocks* begins, we find ourselves in a basement with a woman seemingly on the verge of panic, seeking shelter from a tornado. Welcome to my nightmare!

The play by Lauren Gunderson, as performed by Carrie Ann Schlatter and directed by Eric Bryant, pulls you in slowly by being riot-



Photo by Rob Slaven / Indy Ghost Light
Carrie Ann Schlatter as Angela in *Natural Shocks*, playing Nov. 17 to 20 at the Fonseca Theatre in Indianapolis.

ously funny and charming. It lulls you into the belief that all will be fine – just

a little bad weather and it will pass. Slowly more is revealed about our host, Angela, as she distracts herself from the tornado by telling us about her life.

Angela has a difficult relationship with her mother. She complains mildly about her husband. We discover she is in the insurance business and loves the math of actuarial science. The math of the future! Probability! She breaks down Hamlet's 'To Be or Not to Be' monologue. She mentions the gun in their basement and as she feels our judgement, she apologizes and acknowledges that we have every right to feel uncomfortable and she reassures us that the weapon is secured in a safe. Little by little we see the cracks in the life she at first depicts as imperfect, yet ... fine.

I hesitate to go into too much detail of Angela's story. Suffice it to say that it explores themes of domestic violence and what that looks like for many of the women who endure it.

If there is an actor in the central Indiana area more talented and convincing in their craft than Carrie Ann Schlatter, I have never seen them. That is no insult to the vast array of talent we have here. I'm just saying Ms. Schlatter is in the top tier. She is utterly convincing as Angela. She has perfect comic timing. She makes you feel as nervous as she is regarding the tornado. Her character feels as real as your best friend or your neighbor.

Following the performance I saw today (Sunday, Nov. 13) there was a talkback where the Ms. Schlatter, Director Eric Bryant, along with the production team and some local resources answer questions about the play and discuss domestic violence. If that kind of discussion interests you, I would recommend

attending this Sunday's matinee when they will do it again.

Never having done a one-person show like this, it's hard for me to imagine what it was like between actor and director in the rehearsal process. From the talkback, I gathered that the show was a team effort, as it always is, of problem solving and working through the material. Eric is to be congratulated on this very powerful show.

Lighting design by Kai-ron Bullock was very effective at setting the mood and helping us feel the weather. Likewise, Producer and Sound Designer Marcia Eppich-Harris provided an aural atmosphere that put us right in the middle of the tornado. The set designed by Aric C. Harris fulfilled its job nicely. It felt like a messy man-cave and it worked well. I don't usually mention stage managers in my reviews – I'm not sure why, maybe their work isn't always evident – but Missy Rump deserves a shoutout for helping to make the audience feel and see the wind of the tornado!

I am struck by a note in the *Natural Shocks* script: "The wind will grow as the play goes on. It's a comedy ... until it's not." This is a play that will knock you over. It will make you laugh and it will force you to see and feel the terrifying reality that so many women deal with in silence.

Natural Shocks is presented by the Southbank Theatre Company at the Fonseca Theatre, 2508 W. Michigan St., Indianapolis. The remaining dates are Nov. 17 to 20: Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. You can purchase tickets by going to southbanktheatre.org.

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Meeting Notices	
Pursuant IC 5-14-1-5.5, the Hamilton County Election Board will hold a public meeting at 10 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 18, 2022, in the Conference Room at the Hamilton County Clerk's Office in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Suite 106, Noblesville. The purpose of the meeting is to review Provisional Ballots and/or Military Ballots received, and to address other election business. The Election Board will also certify Final Election Results for the Nov. 8, 2022 General Election.	The Noblesville Firefighter Merit Commission meeting scheduled for 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022, has been changed to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2022. The meeting will be held in the City Courtroom at the Public Safety Building, 135 S. 9th St., Noblesville.
The Cicero Town Council will meet in an executive session at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022, at Red Bridge Community Building, 697 W. Jackson St., Cicero, according to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b) (2) (B) Initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing. As used in this clause, "litigation" includes any judicial action or administrative law proceeding under federal or state law	The Noblesville Police Merit Commission meeting scheduled for 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022, has been canceled.
	The Hamilton East Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 4:15 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022, in the Large Youth Program Room on the lower level of the Noblesville library, 1 Library Plaza, Noblesville.
	Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5(a) The Hamilton County Safety Committee will meet to discuss safety issues at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022, at the Hamilton County Highway Department, 1700 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

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American Cancer Society calls for increased tobacco taxes

Opinion submitted by American Cancer Society

Cancer patients and survivors are marking the American Cancer Society's 47th annual Great American Smokeout® on Thursday by calling on elected officials to protect the health of all Hoosiers by increasing tobacco taxes and investing in tobacco control programs.

"The Great American Smokeout® is about helping people quit, and we know that significantly increasing tobacco taxes and dedicating a portion of the revenue to tobacco control programs is one of the best ways to encourage quit-

ting," said Bryan Hannon, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network government relations director. "A tax increase of \$2 per pack of cigarettes with a parallel tax on all other tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, would generate revenue, protect kids, and save lives. Increasing the cigarette tax by \$2 per pack would help 50,200 adults who smoke quit and save 19,900 lives. Significant tobacco tax increases are one of the most effective ways to prevent kids from starting to use tobacco and help those already addicted to quit."

Tobacco use is still the

leading preventable cause of disease and death in Indiana, and smoking is now linked to at least 12 cancers, including lung, liver and colorectal cancers. A [new ACS study](#) found that in 2019, 34 percent of cancer deaths in Indiana were due to smoking. In 2020, the prevalence of tobacco product use was higher among adults living in rural areas (27.3 percent) compared to adults living in urban areas (17.7 percent).

"We urge state lawmakers to mark the Great American Smokeout® by prioritizing tobacco control measures, including increasing the cigarette tax by \$2

per pack, increasing the tax on all other tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, to parallel the new cigarette tax, and investing \$15 million in tobacco control programs," Hannon said. "In doing so, Indiana will take a decisive step towards reducing tobacco use and its devastating toll on our communities while advancing our mission to end cancer as we know it for everyone."

Free resources on quitting tobacco can be found at [Quit Now Indiana](#) or through the American Cancer Society's new cessation program, [Empowered to Quit](#).

Cynthia's Hallmark to match up to \$5,000 in donations to Alzheimer's Association on Giving Tuesday, Nov. 29

The REPORTER

On Giving Tuesday, Nov. 29, all four Cynthia's Hallmark locations in central Indiana will accept donations to the Alzheimer's Association, and store owners will match up to \$5,000.

That means that if customers donate that amount, \$10,000 will be donated toward dementia research and free support programs for those affected by the disease. Customers who make any purchase and a donation will receive a free tote bag, while supplies last.

The donation drive is part of The Longest Day®, a do-it-yourself fundraising campaign for the Alzheimer's Association that takes place year-round and culminates on the summer solstice. The event is being held in honor of the store's namesake, Cynthia Erwin, who passed away from Alzheimer's disease in 2007 at the age of 72.

"More than 110,000 Hoosiers are living with Alzheimer's disease – about the combined population of Greenfield and Fishers, where Cynthia's Hallmark stores are located," said Jennifer Buddenbaum, manager, The Longest Day, Alzheimer's Association Greater Indiana Chapter. "We're grateful for this generous matching gift. It is a great



way for shoppers to give back this holiday season and make their donations go even further."

Cynthia Erwin bought Kay's Hallmark in Greenfield in 1985 and grew the location into the largest store in the country. She went on to add three additional locations in Fishers. She won numerous awards, including from the Hancock County Boys and Girls Club for donating \$1 for every Beanie Baby sold. Her son and daughter now run the business, carrying on her legacy of charitable giving.

Cynthia's Hallmark locations can be found at [cynthiashallmarkstores.com](#).

More information on The Longest Day is available at [alz.org/thelongestday](#).

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Tuesday, Nov. 22
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Location: SpringHill Suites

Wednesday, Nov. 30
Coffee with the Chamber
8 to 9 a.m.
Location: The Bridgewater Club

DECEMBER
Thursday, December 1
Special Presentation: Dodging the Auschwitz Gas Chamber and 3 other Concentration Camps
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: IMMI Conference Center

Tuesday, December 13
Young Professionals - Coffee & Networking
9 to 10 a.m.
Location: The Club at Chatham Hills

Thursday, December 15
Annual Meeting & Holiday Celebration
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: The Bridgewater Club



Hilda Sue Catt
March 4, 1940 – November 14, 2022

Hilda Sue Catt, 82, Fishers, passed away on Monday, November 14, 2022, at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville. She was born on March 4, 1940, to Willet and Norva (Hudson) Wyrick in Kokomo, Ind.


Sue worked in banking for 20 years. She was very artistic and loved oil painting, ceramics, sewing and decorating. She also enjoyed trips to Europe, Canada, New England, and the Western U.S.

She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Floyd Catt, son, Christopher (Dawn) Myers, daughter, LaRie Myers, son, Brian (Patty) Catt, daughter Lori Query, sister, Ann (Steve) Heinrich, sister, Kathy Wyrick, sister, Linda (Corbin) Dillon, brother, Greg (Susan) Wyrick, sister, Debbie (Tim) Reyburn, grandchildren, Nicholas (Rebecca) Myers, Megan (Leland) Mumaw, Brandee McKoon, Brian (Brittany) Catt II, Sean Catt, Collin Myers, Joshua Query, and Jerett (Ashton) Query, and 13 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by five infant children, Charles, Judy, Scott, Paula, and Beth.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, November 19, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Albright Cemetery in Kokomo.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741 (michaeljfox.org). Condolences: randallroberts.com



Larry Max Wagner
December 18, 1935 – November 14, 2022

Larry Max Wagner, 86, died on Monday, November 14, 2022, at Riverview Hospital in Noblesville after a lengthy illness. He was born on December 18, 1935, in Farmland, Ind., the son of Harry and Flossie Fern (Odle) Wagner. He married Elaine (Laird) Wagner, April 6, 1968, in Speedway, Ind.

Larry was a 1953 graduate of Farmland High School and a graduate of Purdue University, earning a bachelor’s degree in Mechanical Engineering and a master’s degree in Industrial Engineering, working his way through school as a waiter. Upon graduation from Purdue, he worked at Western Electric as an engineer. He volunteered for the U.S. Army National Guard from 1958 to 1961, serving as a Recon Utility Cargo Helicopter Repairman, rising to the rank of Specialist E-4 and earning a Course A Marksman riflery badge.

In the mid-1960s, he owned and operated a Mobil service station in Lawrence, Ind., for three years. In 1967, he began work as a civilian at the U.S. Army Finance and Accounting Center, where he met Elaine. During the years at the Finance Center, he rose to the position of Supervisory Computer Specialist. Upon retiring from the Finance Center in 1988, he was awarded the Commander’s Award for Civilian Service (now known as the Department of the Army Civilian Service Commendation Medal), the Army’s third highest civilian service award.

From 1989 to 1997, he worked as a Y2K coder at the Mayflower Moving Company and as a call center operator at Charles Schwab from 2000 to 2001. In the following years, he worked for the California Testing Bureau, scoring various state school exams including the Indiana ISTEP test. From 2004 to 2013, Larry worked at Feeding Concepts in Noblesville, where he handled shipping, receiving, and purchasing.

In addition to being an avid reader, bridge player, and investing hobbyist, he was an enthusiastic inventor, always trying to build the perfect mousetrap. He enjoyed numerous road trips and vacations with Elaine and his sons, both stateside and abroad. He was well-known for his dry wit and deadpan delivery of puns and groaners. Larry also had a true passion for magic tricks, though his shyness prevented him from performing publicly very often.

Alongside his wife Elaine, he spent decades participating in the Hamilton County Theatre Guild in Noblesville (The Belfry). Beginning in 1991, he helped with set building as well as running lights and sound. He made a brief but memorable appearance on stage in the 2010 production of *Guys and Dolls*. He was a member of the Belfry’s administrative board for many years, serving both as secretary and president. He also created and maintained the Belfry’s original website in the early 2000s.

Larry attended Noblesville First United Methodist Church and was active in several functions with the church.


Larry is survived by his wife, Elaine; sons, Bryan Laird Wagner and Corwin Michael Woodward; and many nieces, nephews, and grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Larry was the youngest of six children, all others having preceded him in death in addition to his parents. Sisters were Cleo Katherine Peck (George) and Neysa Eileen Wagner; brothers were Donovan Lee (Mary Jo), Bobby Duane (Vera Beth), and Gene Eldridge (Yvonne) Wagner. He was also preceded in death by daughter Paula Christine Wagner, who died at birth.

The family also thanks his beloved caregiver, Emad “Emmy” Geris, for her loving and devoted attention.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 17, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. An additional visitation will be held from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., with funeral services at 2:30 p.m., on Friday, November 18, 2022, at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St., Noblesville. Burial will follow at Floral Park Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to Belfry Theatre, P.O. Box 956, Noblesville, IN 46061 (thebelfrytheatre.com). Condolences: randallroberts.com



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Janine Helen Schumm

June 22, 1947 – November 10, 2022



Janine Helen Schumm, 75, Indianapolis, passed away on Thursday, November 10, 2022, at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis. She was born on June 22, 1947, to the late Jozsef and Anna Sliwa in Trier, Germany.

Janine worked as an administrative assistant for multiple companies through the years. She enjoyed working part-time at the Fishers YMCA. Janine was a member of St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church where she was an active volunteer. Janine had a strong love for animals.

She is survived by her daughters, Lori (Nathan) Hacker, and Lisa (Tom) McCracken; four grandchildren, Austin & Kasey Hacker, and Courtney & Evan McCracken; and her beloved cat, Buddy.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m., with services at 2 p.m., on Friday, November 18, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Rev. Sean M. Aaron will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cats Haven Ltd., 2603 N. College Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46205 (catshaven.org).

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Joan A. Leamer

May 21, 1932 – November 10, 2022



Joan A. Leamer, 90, Fishers, passed away on Thursday, November 10, 2022, at St. Vincent Fishers in Fishers. She was born on May 21, 1932, to Anna and Albert Underwood in Wilkinsburg, Pa.

Joan attended Onward Church in Fishers, where she was fondly known as "Grandma Leamer" to all. She was an avid reader and loved to do handcrafts such as crocheting, cross-stitch, plastic canvas projects, and coloring.

She loved to build jigsaw puzzles and always had one in progress at her home. She bowled and played golf in her earlier years. She loved to watch *Wheel of Fortune* and *Jeopardy!* and enjoyed it when she could answer the questions before the candidates on the program. Most of all, Joan loved spending time with her family. She was delighted to go out to dinner with them recently to celebrate her 90th birthday.

She is survived by her children, Kathleen Maurer, Clayton (Mary) Leamer, and Ken (Lori Arnold) Leamer; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Arthur "Jim" E. Leamer Jr.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with services at 1 p.m., on Monday, November 21, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Pastor Gary Stump will officiate. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association at heart.org.

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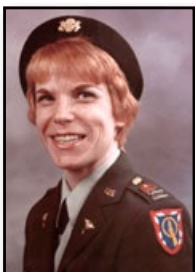
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1 John 4:1-3 (NIV)

Carolyn Martha Casselberry

October 1, 1945 – November 13, 2022



Carolyn Martha Casselberry, 77, Carmel, passed away on Sunday, November 13, 2022, at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville. She was born on October 1, 1945, to the late Odd and Martha (Johansen) Carlsen in Monmouth, N.J.

Carolyn proudly served her country in the Tennessee Guard Reserve and then as a nurse in the United States Army during Desert Storm. She received a bachelor's degree from Wheaton College, graduated from West Suburban Nursing School and worked as a nurse for most of her life. Carolyn was a member of St. Patrick's Anglican Church in Murfreesboro, Tenn. She was very musical, playing the piano and playing the flute in her high school band. Carolyn also published poetry and enjoyed collecting and organizing family photos.

She is survived by her daughter, Bridgette McClaran, and twin daughters, Brenda Casselberry and Linda Casselberry; brother, Ken (Linda) Carlsen; sister, Judith Ann Carlsen; several nieces, nephews and cousins; and one great-nephew.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m., with services at 2 p.m., on Monday, November 21, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Rev. Dr. Jim Farrer will officiate. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Patrick's Anglican Church, 7103 Baker Road, Murfreesboro, TN 37129 (stpatricksboro.org).

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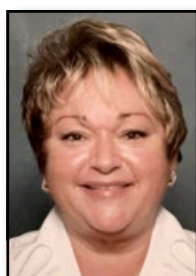
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Deborah Ann (McGraw) Orff

February 18, 1952 – October 20, 2022



Deborah Ann (McGraw) Orff, 70, Sheridan, passed away on October 20, 2022, in Lebanon.

She was born on February 18, 1952, to the late Edwin F. and Louise A. (Layton) McGraw in Indianapolis.

Deborah graduated from North Central High School, Class of 1970. Upon graduating high school, she attended Central Beauty School and earned her master's license in cosmetology.

Debby found joy doing hair, but she had a deep love for animals prompting her to open Debby's Pets. Debby's Pets was open for several years where Debby enjoyed making many families, and pets, happy. After Debby's Pets closed, she went to work at Marsh Supermarkets preparing lunches for all her regular customers. Debby ended her working years retiring from Alpha Kappa Psi Fraternity where she assisted college students around the world.

Debby enjoyed arts and crafts. She would spend hours tole painting and crocheting. Many of Debby's tole paintings were sold at local boutiques and art shows. She found much delight in crocheting blankets for family and friends, many of whom still cherish these today. When Debby's children were young, she coached Sheridan Recreational Soccer for several years. She was also a Girl Scout Leader with the JoSheWe Service Unit. In Debby's downtime she loved playing games and cards, especially with her grandchildren!

The most important thing to Debby was her family. She leaves behind her devoted daughter Jenny (Andy) Stites, she was a loving grandmother to Norah and Frances Stites and Keaton Orff. She was a proud sister to Gene Moss and Vicki Nail.

Preceding Debby in death is her beloved son, Charles "Charlie" Orff; her brother, Michael McGraw; and her sister, Patty McGraw.

Debby's celebration of life will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2022, at The Sheridan American Legion Post 67 on the second floor, located at 406 E. Tenth St., Sheridan. Family and friends are invited to gather from 4 until 8 p.m. with a short service at 6 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Roxie's Pet Food Pantry in Sheridan, or you may bring pet food, pet supplies, or make a monetary donation at Debby's celebration of life. She wanted everyone to laugh, share memories and enjoy a couple of her favorites, so tacos and margaritas will be served.

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Basketball

Huskies handle Golden Eagles at home

By **RICHIE HALL**
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ARCADIA – Defense ruled the night for Hamilton Heights on Tuesday.

The Class 3A No. 5 Huskies hosted county opponent Guerin Catholic, and put together their best defensive performance of the season in winning 43-22. Heights held a halftime lead after a close first half, then pulled away in the third quarter by outscoring the Golden Eagles 16-2.

“Tonight was a little bit concerning, because Guerin Catholic always plays hard,” said Huskies coach Keegan Cherry. “And having watched them in prep, Coach (Danielle) Cardinal does a good job with those girls. They were obviously much bigger and stronger than we were, so we had to be great in our technique, recognize personnel, and I think for the most part, early we lost a couple of their players, but overall, I thought we did a pretty good job.”

The first period finished with the Huskies ahead 8-5. Kaylee Rhoton hit two 3-pointers for Heights, while Lori Dues made a triple for Guerin Catholic.

Annie Murphy got the Golden Eagles within 9-8 early in the second period with a 3, but the Huskies used a 7-0 run to take control. Brown nailed a 3, then Camryn Runner made back-to-back layins for her first points of the game. Two more Runner free throws gave Heights an 18-12 lead at the break.

Brown opened the third quarter with a triple, which GC’s Megan Cobb answered with a layin. It was all Huskies after that, as they scored 13 consecutive points for a 34-14 lead by the end of the period. Brown hit another 3, while Runner got a buzzer-beating triple to put Heights up 20.

“I thought we did a nice job defensively, especially in the third quarter,” said Cherry.

The Golden Eagles opened the fourth with a 6-0 run, as Ava Bills and Natalie Fernandez both made traditional three-point plays. The Huskies finished the game on an 8-0 run, with Rhoton hit-



(Above) Hamilton Heights’ Katie Brown (3) scored 10 points for the Huskies, including three 3-pointers, in their win over Guerin Catholic on Tuesday. At left is Natalie Fernandez (14), who led the Golden Eagles with seven points. (Below) Hamilton Heights’ Camryn Runner (left) guards Guerin Catholic’s Sutton Worman after she gets a rebound.

ting a 3.

Both Brown and Rhoton finished with three 3s each. Runner scored 17 points, while Brown had 10 points.

“As she gains confidence, she’s just going to continue to shoot it that much better,” said Cherry.

Fernandez led Guerin Catholic with seven points, and seven different Golden Eagles players scored at least two points.

“We didn’t play with enough energy,” said Cardinal. She said the team is normally a “really focused, smart, energetic team and I just don’t think we showed that tonight.”

The Huskies are 5-1 and go back on the road to play at Lebanon. The Golden Eagles are 1-2 and travel to Heritage Christian on Saturday to begin Circle City Conference play.

HAMILTON HEIGHTS 43, GUERIN CATHOLIC 22				
Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Reagan Haines	1	0-0	2	4
Natalie Fernandez	2	3-3	7	3
Anna Murphy	1	0-0	3	1
Kori Dues	1	0-0	3	0
Megan Cobb	1	0-0	2	0
Sutton Worman	1	0-0	2	4
Ava Bills	1	1-1	3	1
Caitlyn Sharpe	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	8	4-4	22	13
Guerin Catholic 3-pointers (2) Murphy, Dues.				
Hamilton Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ella Hickok	0	6-6	6	1
Camryn Runner	5	6-7	17	3
Kaylee Rhoton	3	0-0	9	0
Kassidy Schakel	0	0-0	0	2
Hadleigh Cherry	0	0-0	0	2
Katie Brown	3	1-2	10	0
Macie Smith	0	0-0	0	1
Taylor Harley	0	0-0	0	0
Morgan Ottinger	0	1-2	1	0
Totals	11	14-17	43	9
Heights 3-pointers (7) Brown 3, Rhoton 3, Runner 1.				
Score by Quarters				
Guerin Catholic	5	7	2	8-22
Hamilton Heights	8	10	16	9-43



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Basketball



Photo by Dwight Casler
Sheridan's Kenzie Garner scored 19 points for the Blackhawks during their Tuesday game with Brebeuf Jesuit.

Royals remain unbeaten on the road, take down Center Grove

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern kept its unbeaten season intact on Tuesday by edging out Center Grove on the road, 55-52 in overtime.

The Class 4A No. 2 Royals trailed 25-23 at halftime and 37-34 after three quarters. Southeastern outscored the Trojans 12-9 in the fourth period to force overtime, then won the extra period 9-6.

Freshman Kennedy Holman was the first of three Royals in double figures by scoring 15 points.

Maya Makalusky added 14 points, while her older sister Riley Makalusky contributed 13 points. Teegan Acres led the rebounds with six. Olivia Brown had five steals and five assists, while Holman made four steals.

The Royals are 5-0 for the season. Southeastern will travel to Franklin Central for its Hoosier Crossroads Conference game of the season on Thursday. The game was moved up a day due to the Royals' football team playing in the semi-state on Friday.

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 55, CENTER GROVE 52 (overtime)				
Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Kennedy Holman	5-8	5-8	15	3
Maya Makalusky	5-14	2-3	14	5
Riley Makalusky	5-14	2-2	13	1
Olivia Brown	2-4	3-6	7	4
Teegan Acres	2-6	0-0	4	2
Kayla Stidham	1-2	0-0	2	0
Lauren Stewart	0-3	0-0	0	3
Maine Hooks	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	20-51	12-19	55	19
Score by Quarters				
Southeastern	11	12	11	12
Center Grove	13	12	12	9
Southeastern 3-point shooting (3-18) M. Makalusky 2-7, R. Makalusky 1-5, Stewart 0-3, Acres 0-2, Stidham 0-1.				
Southeastern rebounds (23) Acres 6, Holman 4, M. Makalusky 4, Brown 3, R. Makalusky 2, Stewart 2, Hooks 2.				

Braves overtake Blackhawks at home

The REPORTER

Sheridan fell to Brebeuf Jesuit 56-40 Tuesday in a home game.

The Braves led 12-10 after the first quarter, then pulled away in the second period, pouring in 21 points for a 33-20 halftime lead. The Blackhawks played even with Brebeuf in the third quarter, as both

teams scored 12 points. Kenzie Garner helped out with six points during the quarter. But the Braves held on in the fourth to get the win.

Garner led all scorers with 19 points. Chaney Smith added nine points.

Sheridan is 0-3 and travels to Covenant Christian on Thursday.

BREBEUF JESUIT 56, SHERIDAN 40				
Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Lilly Chesney	1	0-0	2	1
Kenzie Garner	7	5-7	19	2
Chaney Smith	3	2-3	9	3
Shelby Eaton	0	0-0	0	4
Jacquellynne Bates	3	0-0	6	3
Ashley Weibel	0	0-0	0	2
Nova Cross	2	0-1	4	1
Totals	16	7-11	40	16
Score by Quarters				
Brebeuf Jesuit	12	21	12	11
Sheridan	10	10	12	8
Sheridan 3-pointers (1) Smith.				

The REPORTER

University got off to a quick start Tuesday night at Cathedral but could not maintain the momentum as it dropped a 55-43 decision to the Irish.

The Blazers built a 15-8 lead with one minute left in the opening period behind six points from Payton Seay and four from Kamryn Washington. Cathedral scored the last four points of the period to cut the lead to 15-12.

University maintained a lead for most of the second quarter, leading 22-18 with 3:22 left in the half on a Kiera Bright foul shot. The

Irish outscored the Blazers 10-2 for the rest of the half and took a 28-24 lead after two.

Cathedral held University to just two points over a nine-minute stretch spanning the third and fourth quarter to take control of the game.

Seay finished with 16 points, nine rebounds and four steals to lead University. Kelsey DuBois added nine points and nine rebounds.

University (3-2) returns to 56th Street on Friday when they travel to Class 4A No. 12 Lawrence Central. The 2-1 Bears, ranked

CATHEDRAL 55, UNIVERSITY 43				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Kelsey DuBois	3-9	3-4	9	3
Keira Bright	0-1	1-2	1	0
Kamryn Washington	2-10	4-4	8	4
Payton Seay	6-17	4-4	16	1
Taylor Seay	0-2	0-0	0	3
Jordan Patterson	4-9	0-0	9	2
Alex Feeney	0-1	0-0	0	0
Totals	15-49	12-14	43	13
Score by Quarters not available				
University 3-point shooting (1-18) Patterson 1-5, P. Seay 0-6, Washington 0-4, DuBois 0-1, Bright 0-1, T. Seay 0-1.				
University rebounds (25) DuBois 9, P. Seay 9, Patterson 3, Feeney 2, Washington 1, T. Seay 1.				

13th in the single class poll, will be out to avenge a 65-55 loss to the Trailblazers last season. University holds a 2-0 lead in the series that began with a 74-44 win at Lawrence Central in December 2018.

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Thursday, Nov. 17	
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Sheridan at Covenant Christian, 7:30 p.m.	
Hamilton Southeastern at Franklin Central, 7:30 p.m.	
SWIMMING	
Anderson at Hamilton Heights girls, 6 p.m.	
Friday, Nov. 18	
FOOTBALL	
Hamilton Southeastern at Fort Wayne Carroll, 7 p.m.	
GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Hamilton Heights at Lebanon, 7:30 p.m.	
Noblesville at Brownsburg, 7:30 p.m.	
University at Lawrence Central, 7:30 p.m.	
Westfield at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.	
Saturday, Nov. 19	
GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Fort Wayne Carroll at Carmel, 1:30 p.m.	
Guerin Catholic at Heritage Christian, 2:30 p.m.	
Homestead at Noblesville, 6:30 p.m.	
Sheridan at Elwood, 7:30 p.m.	
SWIMMING	
Westfield Girls Invite, 10 a.m.	
WRESTLING	
Noblesville at Hamilton Heights Super 6, 9 a.m.	
Sheridan at Cloverdale, 9 a.m.	
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Carmel's Hope McDonald commits to Coastal Carolina



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Hope McDonald, a senior at Carmel High School, recently signed her national letter of intent to play Division I softball at Coastal Carolina University. She plays first base and outfield for the Carmel Greyhounds and travel ball with Indiana Bombers Poeck Gold 18U. She is the daughter of Mindy and Brian McDonald.

IBCA girls basketball

2022-23 poll – Week of Nov. 14

Rank	School	Points	2021-22 Record
1	South Bend Washington (17)	395	3-0
T2	Bedford North Lawrence (1)	349	3-0
T2	Fishers (1)	349	5-0
4	Hamilton Southeastern	331	4-0
5	Noblesville (1)	322	3-0
6	Zionsville	315	4-0
7	Homestead	271	3-0
8	Lake Central	223	2-1
9	Fort Wayne Northrop	207	3-0
10	Franklin Community	171	3-1
11	Ben Davis	151	2-1
12	Westfield	142	3-1
13	Lawrence Central	130	2-1
14	Crown Point	121	3-0
15	Mishawaka Marian	88	3-1
16	Northridge	79	2-1
17	Center Grove	75	2-1
18	Carroll (Fort Wayne)	51	2-0
19	Indian Creek	37	2-0
20	Corydon Central	33	6-0

First place votes are in parentheses.

Other schools receiving votes, listed alphabetically (with 2021-22 season record)

Beech Grove (2-2), Benton Central (1-0), Blackford (4-0), Brownsburg (2-2), Columbia City (2-1), Columbus East (1-2), East Central (4-2), Evansville Memorial (0-0), Fairfield (4-0), Forest Park (4-0), Fort Wayne Snider (2-2), Franklin County (4-1), Gibson Southern (2-0), **Hamilton Heights (4-1)**, Harrison-West Lafayette (1-0), Huntington North (2-0), Jennings County (4-0), Lawrence North (2-2), Norwell (3-0), Penn (2-1), Twin Lakes (4-0), Valparaiso (3-0), Warren Central (2-2), Warsaw (2-1), West Lafayette (4-0), Winchester (2-0).

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