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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly sunny.
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(From left) Firefighter Steve Honeycutt, IU Saxony Emergency Department Coordinator Sarah Collins, Lt. Paramedic Craig Bowyer, IU Saxony Emergency Department Manager Natalie Zipper, Engineer Josh Hittle, and EMS Liaison IU Health Suburban Region Kurtiss McKissick.

When the going gets tough, NFD's team comes running

The REPORTER
Over the last week, IU Health recognized eight members of the Noblesville Fire Department (NFD) for outstanding service on particularly difficult runs over the past year.

Firefighter Steve Honeycutt, Lt. Paramedic Craig Bowyer, Engineer Josh Hittle, Firefighter/Paramedic Ryan Haboush, Engineer Tim Recker, Engineer Brad McLaughlin, Firefighter Kevin Hast, and Firefighter/Paramedic Todd Watson were presented the Distinguished Service Award by members of IU Health.

These eight firefighters embody NFD's Pillars of Integrity, Professionalism, and Compassion while advocating for the best possible outcome for their patients. Congratulations and well deserved!



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(From left) IU Saxony Emergency Department Coordinator Sarah Collins, EMS Liaison IU Health Suburban Region Kurtiss McKissick, Firefighter/Paramedic Ryan Haboush, and IU Saxony Emergency Department Manager Natalie Zipper.



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Heights celebrates National FFA Week

The REPORTER
Hamilton Heights High School's FFA is celebrating National FFA Week (Feb. 18 to 25). This week embraces more than 95 years of FFA traditions while looking forward to the organization's future. More than 850,000 members are participating in National FFA Week activities at local, state, and national levels. These members have a passion for all things agriculture.

"This is one of our favorite weeks of the year," explained Agricultural Educator Emilie Carson, who has served as Heights' FFA Chapter Advisor since 2016. "We have a full slate of activities taking place this week to help our school family and our community learn about FFA and agricultural education. We kicked off the week with Church with the




Photo provided
Nine Heights FFA members recently traveled to Purdue University to participate in the state Meats Evaluation contest. This was the group's first year to participate, and they did not disappoint. Three teams placed among the Top 10. The fourth-place team missed advancing by just 28 points. GOLD 4th Team members include Madison McLendon (7th IND), Quentin Derrer (9th IND) and Cheyenne Boggs (28th IND). BLUE 6th Team members include Tatym Green (11th IND) Kaden Derrer (19th IND) and Marshall Frye (41st IND). WHITE 10th Team members include Lauren Happel (5th IND), Ellie Miller (31st IND) and Maddie Shively (78th IND). (Above, from left) Marshall Frye, Kaden Derrer, Cheyenne Boggs, Quentin Derrer, Lauren Happel, Ellie Miller, Maddie Shively, Tatym Green, and Madison Shively.

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The pets at our country place

A beautiful pair of white cats came with our country place. I remember one of the kittens on Dad's shoulder. These cats produced several litters of kittens that were just as white and beautiful as they were. But none of them ever grew up and eventually the old ones disappeared.

COLUMNIST



RAY ADLER
Ask Adler

Beulah Rebecca was our first border collie. Her father was a show dog. He had performed at Madison Square Garden in New York. There was an actress at the time whose name was Beulah. We enjoyed watching her, so we borrowed her name for our dog. Did you ever try to call a dog by such a long name? Beulah Rebecca soon became Becky.

Becky had beautiful black hair with white markings. She had several litters of pups. The father lived west of us, although we never did know exactly where. He was handsome, too, and looked very much like Becky, only larger. So, of course, all the pups were black with white markings. We supplied all the little cousins with pups. Several neighbors were also given one.

Becky taught the traveling salesmen to travel on. One day the assessor came. He told us our dog looked very much like a neighbor's dog, which was very mean. We informed him that our dog was the mother. He never again got out of his car when he came here!

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CARMEL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

JANNA HYMES MUSIC DIRECTOR

Carmel Symphony Orchestra to perform Best of John Williams to clips on big screen

The REPORTER
The extraordinary music from the Master of the Movie Score will be performed live to film clips projected onto the Palladium's big screen, when Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) under Artistic Director Janna Hymes presents *The Best of John Williams – A Tribute Concert*.

Two blockbuster performances are scheduled: 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 11 and again at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 12. Tickets are available at the Palladium Fifth Third Bank Box Office by calling (317) 843-3800 or online at TheCenterPresents.org. The concerts are sponsored by ParaPRO.

"We are so excited about these upcoming performances and anticipate a couple of fantastic crowds on March 11 and 12," Hymes said. "We've really expanded and experimented with our programming during this 47th CSO season, and this John Williams production is shaping up to be a highlight of a season that's already been noteworthy for multiple highlights!"



Hymes

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Duke Energy integrating self-healing technology to improve electric service

The REPORTER
Duke Energy is strengthening part of its electric grid in Noblesville to improve reliability and reduce power outages. Crews will soon begin installing "self-healing" technology along overhead power lines on the southwest side of Noblesville in a four-square-mile project area that extends from Westfield Road to East Main Street, between Hazel Dell and River roads.

Self-healing technology can automatically detect power outages and quickly reroute power to restore service faster or



LaBarr

avoid the outage altogether. Much like the GPS in a car can identify an accident ahead and reroute a driver around the incident, self-healing technology is like a GPS for the grid. The technology can quickly identify power outages and alternate energy pathways to restore service faster for customers when an outage occurs.

While a self-healing system can't repair the physical damage to the power line that a human crew must repair, it can help to limit the number of customers who experience an extended outage because of the damage. [Click here](#) to see a demonstration of the technology.

Work on the project is expected to begin on or about March 1 and conclude by August, depending on weather conditions.

"This important work is part of a

multi-layered energy grid improvement strategy to help improve electric reliability and resiliency and strengthen the electric grid against severe weather and other impacts," said Duke Energy Government and Community Relations Manager Mark LaBarr. "Making the right investments today means that the energy grid customers and their families depend on will be better, more reliable, and more responsive in the future."

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COUNTRY PLACE

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Dixie, our Lassie type collie came from Fountain County. Her owner didn't want her because she wouldn't breed. Mom said, "Just wait till she gets out here to our country place." Sure enough, she had some beautiful puppies. We sold some and gave some away. Finally, dad had her spayed as he had too many irons in the fire to get into the dog business.

One day we were loading cattle to sell. The truck was backed up to the barn door. Dixie and Mom were to stand outside and be ready to help if needed.

Dixie ran her head under Mom's right arm, so she stroked her head. (Just one stroke.) Ditto for several times. Then, Mom started counting. Each time she put her head under her arm she stroked her. Mom had counted well over 100 strokes when Dixie decided she was needed to herd the cattle. That didn't take long, so she came back, and this time started the same thing only on Mom's left side.

Yes, Mom gave up before she did. We would still be standing in the barnyard if Mom hadn't gone into the house.

DUKE ENERGY

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Customers may see electric utility equipment in the area of the improvements, including utility bucket trucks and specialized material handling equipment. Property owners near impacted areas have been notified of this work by mail. Customers are not expected to experience service interruptions

related to this work. Residents who have questions about the project can email Mandy Kinnaird at Mandy.Kinnaird@duke-energy.com. For more information about Duke Energy's work to provide safer, more reliable and secure energy for its customers, visit duke-energy.com/our-company/infuture.

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CSO

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The concerts come on the same weekend that Williams, a five-time Academy Award winner, is up for another Oscar – his 53rd nomination, this time for the score to Steven Spielberg's semi-autobiographical film, *The Fabelmans*.

"John Williams' music is the soundtrack not only to some of Hollywood's most iconic films, but the soundtrack to our lives as well," Hymes said. "It's the music you know and love, from the movies you know by heart."

The concerts' playlist includes selections from some of Hollywood's biggest hits including *Star Wars*, *Hook*, *Schindler's List*, *AI*, *Harry Potter*, *JFK*, *Jurassic Park*, *Superman*, *Jaws*, *Memoirs of a Geisha*, *ET*, and *Indiana Jones*.

"It's all instantly recognizable music, with the very special, added dimension of being able to watch original clips from the films projected onto the Palladium's giant screen while the orchestra performs," Hymes said. "Needless to say, we're all super excited about this program, and can't wait to welcome our fans to the Palladium for this extra special musical treat!"

Hymes' programming this season is proving to be a big hit with CSO patrons, as the orchestra successfully rebounds from the effects of the pandemic. Attendance has continued to build since the season opened in early October, highlighted by a sell-out for January's *Serpentine Fire: The Music of Earth*,

Wind & Fire, and near sell-outs for two *Holiday Pops!* shows in early December.

"We definitely feed off the energy that emanates from our audience, and that's been something we've experienced and really enjoyed this season," Hymes said. "*Serpentine Fire* was just crazy with the fans standing, singing, and dancing at their seats and in the aisles! If you think a symphony orchestra performance is stuffy and serious and straitlaced, well, you need to experience a Carmel Symphony Orchestra performance – and *The Best of John Williams* would be a great place to start!"

CSO is a resident company of the Palladium at the Center for the Performing Arts located in Carmel's City

Center district. An abundance of free parking – in garages, lots and curbside – is available within easy walking distance of the Palladium. There also are numerous restaurants in the area for pre- or post-concert dining.

Additional information about *The Best of John Williams – A Tribute Concert* and a preview of the remainder of performances during CSO's current season – *Masterworks 5 with Cellist Sterling Elliott* on April 22, and *CSO Pops: Respect – A Tribute to Aretha Franklin* on May 6 – can be found at CarmelSymphony.org.

The 2022-23 Carmel Symphony Orchestra season is supported by the City of Carmel, the Center for the Performing Arts, the Palladium and Pedcor.

FFA

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President at Victory Chapel Community Church in Noblesville on Sunday. The rest of this week included dress-up days, game day during student resource times at the high school and middle school, bowling with members of the Tipton FFA Chapter, and hosting our annual community breakfast from 6 to 8 a.m. on Friday (Hamilton Heights High School, 25802 State Road 19, Arcadia; enter through Door N), and culminating with a Barn Dance Friday night with Hamilton South-eastern FFA members.

"FFA week is one of my favorite weeks because we have the opportunity to share more openly what FFA means to us," said Marshall Frye, HHHS FFA 2023 Chapter Treasurer. "FFA gives me the opportunity to explore AG in a way that I have never done before, e.g. small engines and meats judging."

Lauren Happel, HHHS FFA 2023 Chapter Greenhand Ambassador 2023 agrees. "FFA gives me opportunities to explore all different aspects of agriculture. It allows me to help out my community and learn more about leadership. FFA is also a place to make many

new friendships you never had before and meet people from all over the nation."

"FFA week is a week to bond with our chapter, share lots of laughs, and make lots of memories," added Tatym Green, HHHS FFA Chapter Vice President 2023. "Some of my favorite memories have been made during this week. FFA has given me so many opportunities. I have been able to grow as a leader and find my passion and place in agriculture. Without FFA I would not be the woman I am today."

Cheyenne Boggs, HHSC Chapter President 2023 said she believes FFA means a future world for her generation and generations to come. "FFA is allowing kids to get an understanding of agriculture and its importance," she explained. "For me, I know that we need agriculture to have a healthy, sustainable, and sound economy. The importance of FFA in my eyes is when people see us in our blue corduroy jackets they know exactly who we are and what we stand for, and that our message will come through about why we wear the jackets, and that we believe that agriculture is a fu-

ture for our world."

"When I became a FFA officer this year, I actually realized how much FFA week means," said Quentin Derrer, HHHS FFA 2023 Chapter Secretary. "This week is something that helps FFA members believe in themselves even more. It helps me help be a leader and teach new things to many students that don't know anything about FFA or agriculture. It has always been my passion to do this and now it's my time to do so. My dream was to always be a FFA officer for my chapter, my grandfather was a state FFA officer once as I hope to be as well."

FFA is the premier youth organization preparing members for leadership and careers in the science, business, and technology of agriculture and is an integral part of the teaching program in agriculture at HHHS and HHMS. FFA is helping to grow the next generation of leaders who will change the world. The organization is designed to help young people meet new agricultural challenges by developing their unique talents and exploring their interests in a broad range of career pathways. FFA mem-

bers are future leaders, future food suppliers, future innovators, and more.

Designated a national week in 1947, the week of George Washington's birthday, National FFA Week runs from Saturday to Saturday and gives FFA members an opportunity to educate the public about agriculture. The organization, headquartered in Indiana, is a school-based national youth leadership development organization of more than 850,000 student members as part of 8,995 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. In fact, Indiana just reached a record of 13,000 members who participate in FFA chapters across the state.

Whether it is through service projects or community gatherings, National FFA Week is a time for FFA members to raise awareness about the role the National FFA Organization plays in the development of agriculture's future leaders and the importance of agricultural education.

To learn more details about National FFA Week, go to FFA.org/national-ffa-week.



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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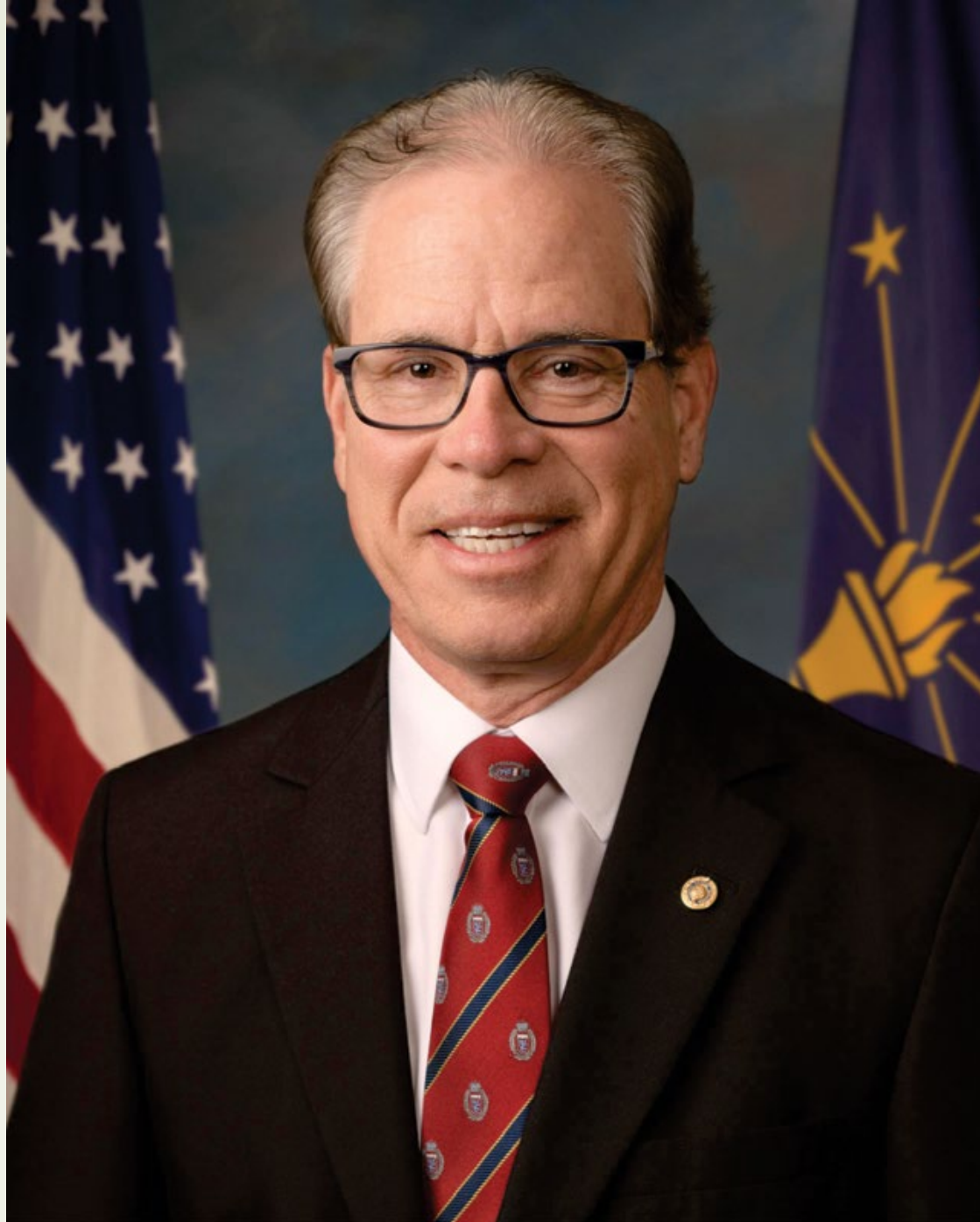
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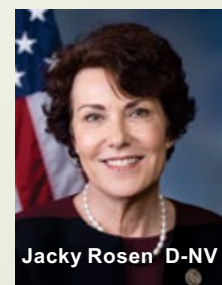
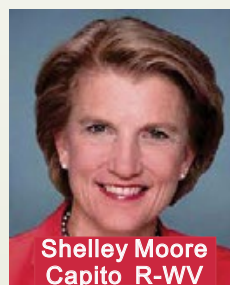
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SCAN ME

North Elementary & Mill Top partner for another successful ‘Savor Noblesville’

By JESSICA VANDERGRAFF
Submitted

On Feb. 2 Savor Noblesville played host to its fourth annual fundraising gala at the historic Mill Top Banquet & Conference Center, located in downtown Noblesville.

This much-anticipated social event, often selling out in advance, encourages vendors and community members to come together in support of North Elementary School’s PTO programs. According to the Noblesville Preservation Alliance, the elementary school located at 440 N. 10th St., just north of Downtown, is the oldest established elementary school in Noblesville, now built where the First Ward School stood until its demolition in 1967.

During Savor Noblesville, teachers, faculty, and community members alike gathered in the very spaces where the Nobles-

ville Millers received their namesake. The Model Mill building that now houses “Mill Top” has a storied history, spanning over 150 years. Founded in 1865, the building’s original purpose was to produce Kismet Flour. The Noblesville High School’s “Millers” were named as such in homage. Much of the Model Mill building’s original architecture was able to be preserved throughout the years – including the famous smokestack that still comprises part of the unique Noblesville skyline.

Funding raised during Savor Noblesville supports most North’s PTO based activities. According to its website, “The PTO helps to fill the gap between the resources available and the needs of the school. The PTO helps fund field trips, guest speakers and other special learning opportunities for the students. We show appreciation to the teachers and staff; we are

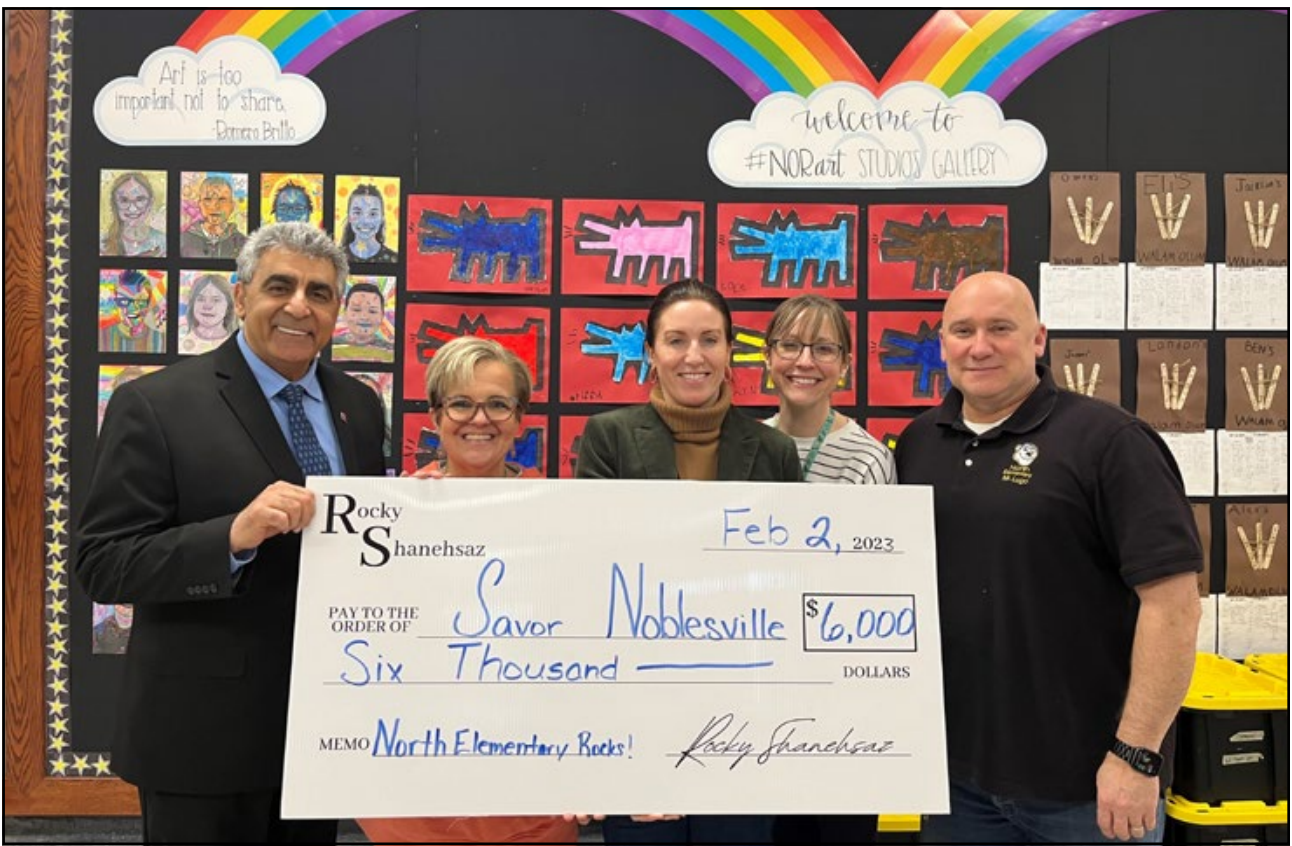


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(From left) Rocky Shanehsaz, donor; Lisa Fritz, art teacher; Angie Gingerich, assistant principal; Courtney Chamberlin, media specialist; and Rob Lugo, principal.

involved in the community, and sometimes fund the

purchase of special materials or staff training. We also sponsor a lot of fun things such as the ice cream social, movie nights, room parties and the crazy carnival!”

Savor Noblesville is organized by a steering committee of volunteers from the PTO, teachers, and Noblesville Schools Education Foundation. The event and its accompanying

silent auction proved to be a huge success. According to Mr. Robert Lugo, North Elementary’s principal, over \$20,000 was raised in funding for the PTO. All attendees enjoyed an evening of sampling various foods, craft beer and locally produced wines. An exclusive VIP hour was also provided to select sponsors and ticket holders, complete with mu-

sic and libations.

Already looking forward to next year’s Savor Noblesville, Rocky Shanehsaz, the owner of Mill Top Banquet and Conference Center, said he will continue supporting Noblesville Schools. As part of his longstanding community outreach efforts, Shanehsaz has provided the space as a donation every year.

Indiana Senate approves bill to outlaw protests outside people’s homes

By GARRETT BERGQUIST
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Bipartisan concerns over free speech violations weren’t enough to stop Tuesday afternoon’s approval of new protest restrictions.

By a 29-16 vote, the Indiana Senate green-lit a bill that makes it a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by up to 60 days in jail and a \$500 fine, to protest or picket in front of someone’s home. Police would be required to first approach protesters and order them to disperse. Arrests would be authorized only if protesters refuse to leave.

Bill author Sen. Scott Baldwin, a Noblesville Republican, said he wrote the bill in response to high-pro-

file protests in front of Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh’s Maryland home following last year’s abortion ruling, as well as protests in front of the homes of local prosecutors. He said people have a right to enjoy the peace and security of their homes, and his bill would protect that regardless of someone’s ideology or employment.

Multiple lawmakers said the bill likely violates the First Amendment and could open up cities or counties to lawsuits. Sen. Rodney Pol, a Chesterton Democrat, spent some 10 minutes debating hypothetical scenarios with Baldwin.

“Public streets are considered a traditional public forum. They always have been,” Pol said. “What part of the street, and how is this going to apply? If we can’t answer that, I don’t think we should be passing this bill.”

Baldwin replied, “I wholeheartedly agree. But

does that mean that they have the right to be disorderly or to obstruct, or to do any other nefarious thing? No, it certainly doesn’t.”

The bill drew criticism from members of Baldwin’s party as well. Sen. Michael Young, an Indianapolis Republican, said the bill’s usage of the term “intent to harass” is too vague, especially when it comes to organized protests. Recalling his experience last summer in which he was surrounded by angry protesters outside the Senate chamber, Young said he would have no problem with protesters gathering outside his home if they were protesting a decision he felt right. Young was one of seven Republicans who voted against Baldwin’s bill.

“I just don’t want to be in a position to take a right that’s in the Constitution and say you can’t protest your elected officials,” he said.

The bill now moves to the House.

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Ask us anything

We love hearing from all our neighbors, those who donate, take food, pantry hosts, volunteers, sponsors, and yes, even those who criticize what we do. This month's column is an "Ask Us Anything" article, featuring answers to a few recent questions the team has received.



FeedingTeam.org Facts
49 pantries
10,000 meals in Nov. 2022
Over 30 volunteer families

model is designed to provide a few meals for many families – in particular, gap families, meaning those who don't qualify for public assistance or those who are embarrassed about being in need and who don't want any required registration.

What may just be

a wooden box to some people is a survival lifeline that feeds children to others.

Jim from Fishers asks: how do your boxes get built and can you use help?

Thanks for the question and the offer to help!

Over the years, pantries have been built by high school students, Eagle Scouts, corporations, college students, individual neighbors, and churches. We have materials lists and building plans that are shared with anyone who wants to build a pantry for Feeding Team. Depending on the situation, we will purchase the materials for a build. Some companies have taken on this part of the mission themselves.

Regarding volunteering, please reach out directly to find out about volunteer opportunities, call (317) 832-1123 or send an email to lisa@feedingteam.org. There are many ways to get involved and we are always grateful to have another pair of hands.

With over 44,000 food-challenged neighbors in Hamilton County, **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 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.

Communities need quality broadband access now for future economic growth

"People in Indiana may want Netflix, but do they need it?" That question was offered during a 2018 discussion on the expansion of broadband across Indiana. While I wholeheartedly disagreed with the statement at the time, it wasn't surprising. But can you imagine making that comment today?

Think about all the things you do with internet access: catch up on the latest news, send emails for work, help your kids with e-learning, watch your favorite sports team, read books, search for information on your phone. The internet has become engrained in many facets of our everyday life, especially post-pandemic. Quality broadband is no longer a want; it's a need.

For some Hoosiers there is no reliable internet access. If we want to continue to make Indiana a great place to work, live, and play, we must start viewing broadband as a necessity. We must invest in broadband expansion and end the days when parents are driving to local restaurants so their child can connect to Wi-Fi to do schoolwork.

A reliable broadband infrastructure is essential for communities to compete for talent and business. Your community may have great roads and shovel-ready locations, but if a CEO's phone can't connect to the internet, why would they invest in the community? Having access to quality internet should be seen the same as roads, trash pickup, and other types of infrastructure we expect on a day-to-day basis.

Unfortunately, investing in broadband isn't putting you ahead in the game; it's

more than likely only leveling the playing field. People now expect to have good broadband access in the same way they expect to have good roads. Imagine telling a generation that has grown up using digital devices that they can't access YouTube. Or imagine a local CEO asking his kids to turn off their Wi-Fi so he can have a virtual business call while the kids are on summer break. These aren't just made-up scenarios. These are real stories that we've heard from Indiana communities.

Most people don't object to expanding broadband. The issue is who pays for it. Internet service providers don't have the financial incentive to expand the networks or access themselves, especially into more rural communities. Because broadband is so closely linked to overall economic vitality, governments have been stepping in.

Governments have a lot to gain from expanding broadband, but no one gains more than residents, businesses, and other stakeholders. That's why the best approach is a collaborative one. Counties are big and have multiple groups working with providers. The school system may pick one provider, a healthcare provider another, and then the government may have different plans. Communities have to work together to find the best choice for everyone.

Keeping residents involved in the process is also key. Laying fiber or identifying areas that are underserved or underserved may take time, but taking time and positioning yourself for the best investment will pay

huge dividends.

Next time a business or family is looking to relocate to Indiana, I want them to show up to your county, city, or town and know that the last thing they have to worry about is reliable broadband. After they spend time in the community or meet with

elected officials, they should be able to go back to their hotel room and fire up Netflix – not because it's a want or even a need but because they can.

Luke Bosso is managing director of government advisory with Katz, Sapper & Miller.

Sara from Cicero asks: where does your food come from?

Thank you for your question.

Our fundraisers, donations from corporate sponsors, donations from Elks Lodge 576, and donations from individuals allow us to purchase food from food brokers around the country. We buy pallets of food and pay for the delivery to our offices. We are savvy buyers and purchase food locating the best deals from around the country. Food has been delivered from Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Indiana.

Next, as a no-questions-asked food charity, we qualify to buy food at a discount from Gleaners Food Bank. Another partnership we are grateful for, is that we receive food from Hamilton County Harvest. Finally, we benefit from dozens of area neighbors as they drop off non-perishable food at our offices, or they, along with several pantry hosts, stock food directly in pantries located throughout Hamilton County.

Tom from Noblesville writes that canned and boxed food can go bad if it freezes and thaws or is in extreme heat. He wonders how we address this.

Great question.

Before deployment, food is securely staged at our facility. Before being stocked in a pantry, food packaging, seals and expiration dates are checked. Anything potentially compromised is discarded and never makes it into a pantry.

Volunteers regularly stock and check their pantries for any issues with food, maintenance, and trash. Volunteers rotate out food that has remained in a pantry too long. Pantries are vented and enclosed as added protection to food product.

Admittedly, our team can't be at every pantry every day, so as an additional protection, written warnings are posted inside of the pantries in English and Spanish (and Creole where needed) reminding neighbors to check expiration dates, seals, and packaging before consuming food taken from a pantry.

It's also important to realize that hundreds of families stop by one of our pantries regularly. Canned and boxed food seldom stays in a pantry more than a few days. Over several years of providing food to our neighbors we have had one canned food item go bad because it popped its seal. Attentiveness and high product turnover address the concerns in your question.

Over extended periods of time, high heat or freezing and thawing can compromise food in a pantry. The Feeding Team pantry

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(Front row, from left) Beth Kurlander, MaryPat Milewski, Beth Kinn, Peggy Apter, and Judy Weitzman. (Back row, from left) Susan Mills, Patti Peck, Monica Cannaley, Kelly Hultman, Susan Ring, Becky Bower, Rebecca Dworschack, Mary Kinietz-Boyden, Sara Draper, Fran Klein, and Kay Gaither.

Local Democrats fighting diaper insecurity in Indiana

The REPORTER

A group of Democratic women from Hamilton County spend one Wednesday morning each month volunteering at the Indiana Diaper Bank. On Feb. 15, 18 women, among them Carmel City Council At-Large candidate Sara Draper, gathered to sort and bundle diapers to fill the Diaper Bank's shelves ready for distribution.

Diaper insecurity is a little-known problem in Indiana. State law requires families to provide one diaper for every two hours of daycare. One in three Hoosier families struggle to afford diapers and 57 percent of parents have missed work due to its impacts. It costs a parent around \$100 a month to diaper one child.

"I learned that diaper insecurity is a compounding issue that most often affects women," Draper

said. "Many are forced to ration diapers the last week of the month while awaiting their next paycheck. In doing so, they're unable to provide enough diapers to their daycare centers, which means they must keep their children home and subsequently, miss work. This, of course, cuts into the vital funds needed to purchase diapers for the next month. It's a vicious cycle."

The Indiana Diaper Bank works with 38 community partners such as food pantries, hospitals, and homeless shelters to get diapers to those who need them. In January the diaper bank distributed 102,000 diapers, up 80 percent from the previous year, and expects to supply 110,000 diapers in February.

"During the most recent election cycle, we discovered an incredible amount of Democratic women in



Photo provided
Carmel City Council At-Large candidate Sara Draper (left) and Rebecca Dworschack.

Hamilton County," said Kay Gaither, who suggested volunteering at the Diaper Bank. "We enjoyed working together and we wanted to continue doing good work. We'd love for others to join us."

To find out more or to donate, go to IndianaDiaperBank.org. Your \$20 donation would diaper one child for one month.

Six local students at Franklin College complete internships

The REPORTER

Franklin College students completed internships during Immersive Term, the month of January.

The college requires each student to complete an internship, practical learning, or undergraduate research experience as part of their undergraduate experience. These experiences play a pivotal role in helping students to build the skill sets necessary for their post-graduate careers.

More than 95 percent of Franklin College students complete a formal internship prior to graduation.

Students from Hamilton County who completed internships and the businesses that hosted the students include:

- **Justin Case**, a business management major from Westfield, completed an internship at York CDJR of

Plainfield in Westfield.

- **Amber Dawson**, a psychology major from Sheridan, completed an internship at Department of Child Services in Noblesville.
- **Eagan Keever-Hill**, a sports communication major from Noblesville, completed an internship at National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) in Indianapolis.
- **Kayla Nance**, a psychology major from Noblesville, completed an internship at Native Tongue Communications in Los Angeles, Calif.
- **Owen Ogle**, a business management major from Carmel, completed an internship at Flanner Buchanan Funeral Center in Indianapolis.
- **Jilian Schlieper**, a biology major from Carmel, completed an internship at Earlham College Athletics and Wellness Center in Richmond.

Westfield Chamber Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

Young Professionals Happy Hour
Tuesday, Feb. 28, 5 to 7 p.m.
Location: TBD

MARCH

Young Professionals Coffee & Networking
Tuesday, March 14, 8 to 9 a.m.
Location: The Bridgewater Club

Mental Health First Aid Training
Wednesday, March 15, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: Hamilton County Community Foundation

March Chamber Luncheon
Thursday, March 16, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Topic: Westfield Washington Schools Innovation Club

Noblesville/Westfield Legislative Coffee
Friday, March 17, 7:30 to 9 a.m.
Topic: State Representatives

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From tiny tigers to black belts, Elite Martial Arts kids kick butt



Elite Martial Arts of Noblesville held a taekwondo tournament last Saturday at the Boys and Girls Club of Noblesville. Competitors came from all over to take part in the event, which was sanctioned by the American Taekwondo Association. Learn more at NoblesvillesBestMartialArts.com or call (317) 773-4282. (Top, from left) Ian McGrayel (3rd degree), Mackenzie Downs (3rd degree), Cecilia Person (3rd degree), Lucian Streckfuss (3rd degree), and Thomas Saguid (1st degree). (Above, from left) Evan Hinderliter (Tiny Tiger), Mia Meeks (Blue belt), Charleigh Dunlap (1st degree), and Ryker Keifer (Red Belt).

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2023 BICENTENNIAL EVENT LINEUP February & March



HAMILTON COUNTY BICENTENNIAL TRAVELING EXHIBIT OPENING

February 17, 6-7 p.m. | Collaboration Hub

Hamilton County Community Foundation headquarters
11810 Technology Dr, Fishers

Join the Hamilton County Bicentennial as we host an opening reception for our traveling exhibit funded by Hamilton County Community Foundation, a CICF affiliate. Includes light refreshments.

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HAMILTON COUNTY BICENTENNIAL TRAVELING EXHIBIT

March 4-10 | Hinkle Creek Elementary School, Noblesville

March 11-17 | Stony Creek Elementary School, Noblesville

March 18-24 | Bethel A.M.E. Church, Noblesville

March 25-31 | Fishers YMCA, Fishers

Learn about all five of our Bicentennial themes: Arts, Diversity/Inclusion, Education, Historic Preservation, and Parks/Environment. Contact the hosting organization for information on when it's open to the public.

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RISEING STARS MUSICIANS AND ACTORS

March 4, 4:30-6 p.m. | Monon Community Center

Central Park Drive West, Carmel

The International Talent Academy invites children ages 5-12 to work with a guest artist who will talk about Hamilton County musicians who had an impact on music in the area.

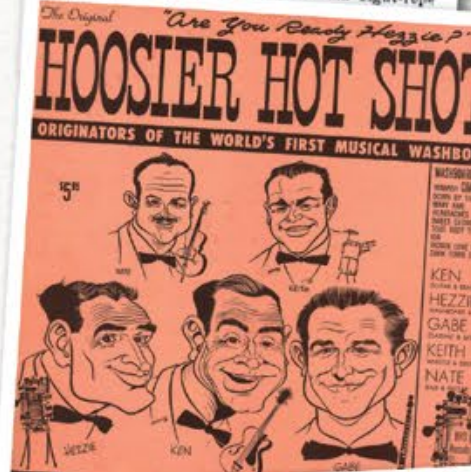
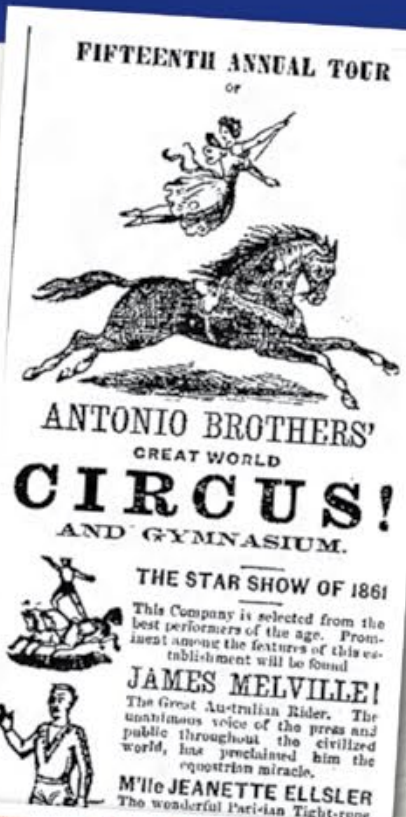
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FIRST FARMERS

March 25, 1-4 p.m. | Taylor Center of Natural History

Strawtown Avenue, Noblesville

Hamilton County Parks partners with the Miami tribe of Oklahoma for a day of learning about Indiana's First Farmers. At Strawtown Koteewi Park, see archaeological evidence of plant domestication and farming.



WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIP SIGNATURE EVENT

ANNUAL FISH FRY

April 1, Time TBD (check our online calendar)

Walnut Grove Community Center

12695 E 256th St, Cicero

The meal will cost money, but the activities are FREE!

Dan's Fish Fry is a great opportunity to have a good meal while learning about the history of White River Township and Walnut Grove schools. Kids will enjoy a touch-a-truck area with old and new farm equipment, and tours of the on-site fire station. Representatives from Strawtown Koteewi Park and other organizations will show off what makes them special!

Access the entire **2023 Bicentennial Event Lineup**
and get event/program details: ***HamCoTurns200.com***

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Hamilton County KFC workers can have all college tuition paid

Submitted

The **KFC Foundation**, in partnership with **Western Governors University** (WGU), has announced that KFC restaurant employees* will have the opportunity to receive 100 percent paid tuition when attending WGU to earn their degree.

Through this partnership, KFC restaurant employees can choose from more than 60 different bachelor's and master's degree programs and certification programs across Business, Information Technology, Education and Healthcare. The KFC Foundation program is non-competitive, meaning every eligible employee who applies and enrolls will get tuition coverage. Access to this opportunity is available beginning day one on the job for restaurant employees.

WGU also offers rolling start dates every month, so KFC restaurant employees have the flexibility to enroll at any time and begin online courses as soon as they're ready.

"Every year we look for new ways to support and enhance the lives of KFC restaurant employees," KFC Foundation Executive Director Emma Horn said. "What better opportunity to be able to offer team members than a flexible college degree program from West-

ern Governors University that can fit seamlessly into their schedule. The program at WGU is perfect for someone who may not have enough hours in the day to balance a traditional college experience on top of a full- or part time- job and other life priorities."

WGU is an accredited online university dedicated to making higher education accessible for as many people as possible. It is the leading academic institution where students learn and advance through competency-based education, rather than semester completion. As soon as a student masters the skills in a course and proves them through rigorous assessment, they progress in the program. Competency-based education works particularly well for learners in the workforce, giving them control over the pace of how and when they learn and may save them time progressing through the degree program.

"Talent exists within every individual but the keys to unlock it can vary for each person," WGU President Scott Pulsipher said. "Tens of thousands of KFC restaurant employees across the country can now further advance their lives, and that of their families and communities, by accessing and completing education programs that are relevant and



personalized. I'm thankful that the KFC Foundation has entrusted WGU as its education partner to expand pathways to opportunity for KFC employees."

About the KFC Foundation

The KFC Foundation is an independent 501(c)(3) organization that supports and empowers KFC restaurant employees and their communities by providing education opportunities, hardship assistance, grants for non-profits, and more. In addition to the WGU tuition coverage program, the KFC Foundation offers participating restaurant employees up to \$20,000 in educational grants to attend the two- or four-year college, trade school or graduate school of their choice. KFC restaurant employees can apply for and win KFC Foundation scholarships year after year.

The KFC Foundation's other charitable programs help restaurant employees earn their GED, receive support during a crisis, build an emergency savings fund and give back to non-profits in their community.

"Together with our franchisees, we seek to create

meaningful career growth and employee development opportunities for our restaurant teams every day," said Karen Ancira, Chief People Officer, KFC U.S and KFC Foundation Board Member. "Whether it's the opportunity to earn a GED for free, a scholarship to the educational institution of their choice, or 100 percent tuition to WGU, our restaurant teams now have more options than ever to grow their careers with KFC or pursue any career they wish."

KFC restaurant employees interested in the WGU program can go to KFC-Foundation.org/wgu to learn more, and those interested in working at a KFC restaurant can visit KFC.com/careers for more information about available job opportunities in their area.

**To be eligible for the KFC Foundation's programs, one must be employed at a KFC restaurant participating in the KFC Foundation's Annual Franchise Donation Program and in good standing. Must maintain employment while taking advantage of these programs. Some restrictions may apply. See KFCFoundation.org for details.*

Local teachers receive appreciation gifts from Fishers Verizon retailer

The REPORTER

TCC, one of the nation's largest Verizon authorized retailers and a subsidiary of Round Room, LLC, recently conducted its 10th annual Teachers Rock initiative, where the company gives back to and shows appreciation toward teachers who make invaluable impacts on the lives of students each year.

During the week of Feb. 13 to 17, TCC allocated funds to store locations nationwide to shower local teachers with love and support during the middle of a busy academic year. Each store selected a group of teachers to give back to, with appreciation efforts including providing catered meals, gift cards, an assortment of sweets, school supply kits and more.

"The Teachers Rock initiative has become one of the more special events we hold each year, and we're proud to support teachers nationwide for 10 consecutive years," said Scott Moorehead, CEO of Round Room and TCC. "We've all been positively impacted by teachers at some point in our lives, which was one of the main reasons we created Teachers Rock, to give back to these hardworking people who give so much to their students. It's amazing to see how much the program has grown in 10 years."

Additionally, through TCC's Big Impact, the company is giving away 10 \$1,000 Amazon gift cards for teachers to enhance their classrooms and student experiences. Teachers nationwide are eligible to enter the Big Impact sweepstakes and are encouraged to follow TCC on Twitter,

Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn for more information on where and how to enter. Teachers can register for a chance to win from now until Tuesday, Feb. 28.

[Click here](#) for more information about this year's Teachers Rock initiative.

About Round Room LLC
Round Room, LLC operates 1,269 TCC and Wireless Zone wireless retail stores across 43 states. Its portfolio of companies shares a deep commitment to improving the communities they serve nationwide. Because of this, and the extraordinary impact it makes across its industry, Round Room was honored in *Inc. Magazine's* Best in Business in 2022.

About TCC

As a Culture of Good, Inc. company, TCC makes ongoing investments in the communities it operates in. In 2022, the company donated more than 140,000 backpacks full of school supplies to children across the nation via its 10th annual School Rocks Backpack Giveaway, marking 1.2 million backpacks full of school supplies donated by TCC since 2013. Through the Big Impact program of the School Rocks Backpack Giveaway, TCC awarded \$50,000 in college scholarships this summer. Additionally in 2022, TCC provided holiday gifts to 24 veteran families, donated nearly \$50,000 to children's-centered nonprofits and 520 teacher supply kits to schools nationwide. TCC's nonprofit organization, **TCC Gives**, has provided more than \$4.2 million in donations to local nonprofits across the country.

To learn more about TCC, visit TCCRocks.com.

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AG Todd Rokita sues EPA regarding federal rules on “navigable waters”

Submitted by AG Todd Rokita’s Press Office

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita this week sued the Biden administration to protect Hoosiers’ jobs, property, and freedom from what he calls an overreaching U.S. Environmental Protection Agency rule redefining “navigable waters” under the Clean Water Act.

The new Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule would force Indiana landowners to get the permission of federal bureaucrats before using their property in ways deemed to impact certain ponds, streams, ditches or other wet areas of ground.

“We all want to conserve

and preserve our natural resources,” Rokita said. “At the same time, exercising wise stewardship over the environment does not require citizens to surrender their legitimate liberties and rights to the federal government. And, in fact, we cannot tolerate edicts designed to subjugate free people in such a manner.”

Twenty-four states have joined together to bring the lawsuit against the EPA. Rokita thanked his West Virginia counterpart for organizing the multistate coalition. The lawsuit also names the U.S. Army Corps



Rokita

of Engineers as a defendant. The Biden administration’s new final rule is the culmination of a decades-long rulemaking process to define the geographic reach of the EPA’s and Army Corps of Engineers’ authority in regulating streams, wetlands, and other water bodies under the Clean Water Act. It follows the Trump administration’s 2020 Navigable Waters Protection Rule, which Rokita said offered a more restrained vision of federal jurisdiction.

If the final rule is left in place, the lawsuit states,

“then ranchers, farmers, miners, homebuilders, and other landowners across the country will struggle to undertake even the simplest of activities on their own property without fear of drawing the ire of the federal government.”

The lawsuit further states: “Landowning Americans of all stripes will thus be left with a choice: (a) fight their way through an expensive and lengthy administrative process to obtain complex jurisdictional determinations and permits or (b) face substantial civil and criminal penalties. The Final Rule’s ambiguous environmental benefits do not justify any of this.”

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

American Senior Communities CEO Donna Kelsey inducted into McKnight’s Women of Distinction Hall of Honor

Submitted

American Senior Communities (ASC) CEO Donna Kelsey has been inducted into [McKnight’s Women of Distinction Hall of Honor](#). McKnight’s is the preeminent national media outlet for the senior care profession and the Hall of Honor category celebrates female leaders who have made significant impact on their organization and the profession.

Kelsey will be recognized in May 2023 in Chicago at McKnight’s Women of Distinction Forum.

“This award is testimony of her passion and commitment to ensuring the highest level of care for our residents and extraordinary support for employees, while positioning the company for a strong and successful future,” ASC Chief Financial Officer Steve Van Camp said.

Currently in her seventh year at the Indiana-based senior healthcare company, Kelsey oversees more than 100 communities with nearly 10,000 employees. ASC emerged stronger under her leadership, adding new benefits and technology to support employees, achieving a CMS Quality score above state and national averages and attaining high levels of customer satisfaction.

A veteran leader in senior healthcare, Kelsey’s

strengths lie in nurturing continuous operational improvement. Prior to joining ASC, she was president of the U.S. division of a Canadian long-term care company. She was also Executive Vice President of Operations for Kindred, and she is a 26-year veteran of the U.S. Naval Reserve, where she achieved the rank of Captain. Kelsey was honored as one *Indiana Business Journal’s* 2020 Women of Influence, and under her leadership, ASC was named Indy’s Top Workplace in 2020.

The 2023 McKnight’s Women of Distinction award initiative was judged by a national, independent panel of judges. Honorees will be celebrated Monday, May 22 during an awards presentation at the JW Marriott in Chicago.

About American Senior Communities

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Sen. Todd Young & National Association of Manufacturers visit Fishers to spotlight Indiana’s competitiveness during ‘Competing to Win’ tour

The REPORTER

National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) President and CEO Jay Timmons traveled to Fishers on Wednesday, joining Sen. Todd Young (R-Ind.) and local manufacturing leaders for part of the NAM’s 2023 [Competing to Win](#) Tour. This initial leg of the 2023 tour also includes stops in Waukesha, Wis., and Harahan and Avery Island, La.

“Manufacturing is the backbone of America, and that is on display here in Indiana,” Timmons said. “Leaders in communities like Fishers and manufacturers like INCOG BioPharma are coming together to create more jobs, spur more economic growth and help solve some of the world’s more pressing challenges. To continue this progress, however, we need the right policies in place to remain competitive. Manufacturers are focused on building on recent policy successes like the CHIPS and Science Act, of which Sen. Young was a lead sponsor, and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to

advance today’s urgent priorities.”

During the visit, Timmons and Sen. Young met with local manufacturing leaders and employees at [INCOG BioPharma Services](#) to discuss the challenging environment facing manufacturers and the urgent need for solutions on issues including immigration reform, permitting reform, workforce development, air regulations from the Environmental Protection Agency, tax policy and more. INCOG BioPharma Services CEO, President and Founder Cory Lewis as well as Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness joined Timmons and Sen. Young for the Indiana stop.

“Manufacturing is an integral part of Indiana’s economy and our communities,” Sen. Young said. “On the federal level, I am committed to advancing policies that support Hoosier manufacturers like INCOG BioPharma. I will continue



Young

to push for legislative action on my bipartisan American Innovation and Jobs Act to incentivize research and development initiatives that will power economic growth.”

The NAM’s “Competing to Win” initiative and subsequent tour offer a comprehensive policy blueprint featuring immediate solutions for bolstering manufacturers’ competitiveness to strengthen the industry in the months and years ahead. The tour has traveled the country, bringing policy discussions and conversations about the future of work in the manufacturing industry to shop floors, local communities and more.

“We are honored to have the NAM, Sen. Young and Mayor Fadness at our facility today to highlight the future of American manufacturing competitiveness,” Lewis said. “INCOG and the surrounding Fishers, Indiana, community are

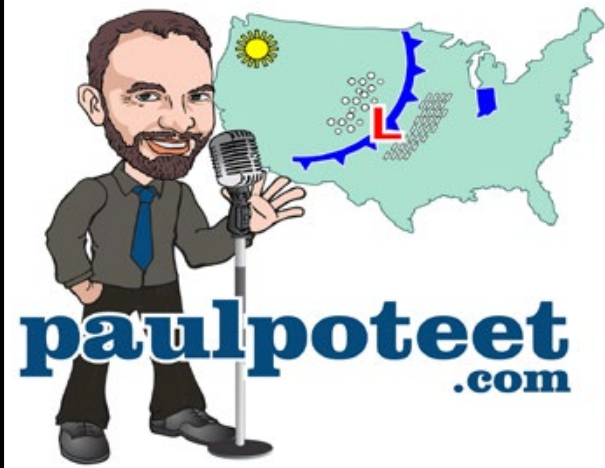
the embodiment of what it takes to foster a competitive American manufacturing workforce – policymakers, business leaders and the surrounding community working hand in hand to advance American manufacturing.”

To learn more about the NAM’s “Competing to Win” agenda, [click here](#).

About NAM

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) is the largest manufacturing association in the United States, representing small and large manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states. Manufacturing employs nearly 13 million men and women, contributes \$2.81 trillion to the U.S. economy annually, and accounts for 55 percent of private-sector research and development. NAM is the powerful voice of the manufacturing community and the leading advocate for a policy agenda that helps manufacturers compete in the global economy and create jobs across the United States. For more information, please visit [NAM.org](#).

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Gleaners Food Bank & Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield renew partnership to fix food insecurity

The REPORTER

Gleaners Food Bank and Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield have renewed their partnership with a three-year, \$1.8 million gift to support hunger relief efforts in Gleaners' 21-county service area. The gift is in support of Gleaners' \$25 million comprehensive campaign announced last September.

"Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield has been a critical mission partner for years," said Fred Glass, President/CEO of Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana. "Through funding supporting senior hunger initiatives, food is medicine, and more, our neighbors have benefitted from healthy, nutritious food, and have been empowered with information and assistance in accessing benefits and services to elevate their overall health and well-being." Research has clearly

shown a direct correlation between food insecurity and overall health. A Feeding America study found an additional \$1 billion in healthcare costs directly related to food insecurity and its effect on health in Indiana alone.

"Anthem is deeply focused on addressing food security and the inconsistent and insufficient access to nutritious food, along with other critical factors that influence the whole health of individuals, families and communities," said Neil Steffens, President of Anthem's Medicare Central Region. "We believe that food is medicine, and that consistent access to nutritious food is an essential part of maintaining one's health and improving overall health outcomes. Through this ongoing partnership and collaboration, we will create greater access to

healthy and nutritious food for local Hoosiers."

Anthem's engagement doesn't stop at financial gifts. Indianapolis associates have volunteered at various Gleaners distributions over the years. "The partnership with Anthem extends beyond the generous financial gift, to include the gift of time for their associates to volunteer," Glass added.

The funding announcement and partnership was announced at a news conference on Wednesday at Gleaners' warehouse on the

southwest side of Indianapolis. Anthem associates volunteered at the food distribution that morning where approximately 800 households were served.

Gleaners announced its \$25 million comprehensive campaign in September, noting the goal would fund strategic capital improvements, increased annual fund giving, and endowment growth. To date, over \$20 million has been raised, including the Anthem gift announced Wednesday. To learn more, visit gleaners.org/community.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

The horses and riders I saw in my vision looked like this: Their breastplates were fiery red, dark blue, and yellow as sulfur. The heads of the horses resembled the heads of lions, and out of their mouths came fire, smoke and sulfur. A third of mankind was killed by the three plagues of fire, smoke and sulfur that came out of their mouths. The power of the horses was in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails were like snakes, having heads with which they inflict injury.

The rest of mankind who were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshipping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood—idols that cannot see or hear or walk. Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts.

Revelation 9:17-21 (NIV)

Meeting Notices

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 27, 2023, at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St., Carmel.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Council Highway Committee will meet to discuss highway projects at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2023, at the Hamilton County Highway Department, 1700 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Hamilton County Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District will meet at noon on Monday, Feb. 27, 2023, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Sheridan Metropolitan Police Commissioners will be meeting at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at the Sheridan Community Center, 300 E. 6th St., Sheridan.

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners will meet at 1 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 27, 2023, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Hamilton County Emergency Management Advisory Council hereby provides notice of its regular business meetings for 2023, pursuant to Indiana's Open-Door Law, Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-5(a). Hamilton County Emergency Management Advisory Council will hold meetings at the Hamilton County Emergency Management office, located at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville. Meetings will begin at 9 a.m. on Feb. 23, May 25, Aug. 24, and Oct. 12. Meeting dates, location, and times are subject to change. For more information visit hamiltoncounty.in.gov/em.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Local Emergency Planning Committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 23, 2023, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville.

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The 1957 Noblesville Millers: “That Championship Season”

The ‘57 Noblesville Millers had a season for the ages, with a talented team which saw all the starters going on to play college basketball. They had a new coach, a new high school and gymnasium (both two years old). Fans were expecting a lot from these Millers, and by state tournament time, they would not be disappointed!

Noblesville hired Glenn “Harpy” Harper as its new head coach in the 1956-57 season. Harper was a 1947 graduate of Darlington High School. In addition, Harper played basketball at Butler University, graduating in 1951, and was coached under the guidance of Tony Hinkle, which helped solidify Harper’s career as a basketball coach. The legendary Paul D. “Tony” Hinkle would be the driving force behind developing the athletic programs for over a half of a century at Butler University. For his dedicated accomplishments, Butler Fieldhouse was renamed Hinkle Fieldhouse in 1966.

The young Coach Harper arrived at Noblesville with four years coaching experience already under his belt. Harper coached at Princeton High School and New Ross High School. During that time, Coach Harper brought in two sectional championships and one regional championship, which earned New Ross an appearance in the Lafayette semi-state.

Coach Harper’s assistant coach was Bill Nevitt. The starters were Jan Robinson, Jack Clark, Arb Campbell, Dave Porter, and John Tener. The rest of the supporting cast was Tom Abel, Bob Anderson, Bert Butler, Jim Camp, Jim Dillion, Mickey Gunn, and Dan Meredith. The team managers were Jim Burrell, Jim Burr, Larry Neal and Dave Wachtstetter.

During the regular season, Noblesville played mainly mid-tier opponents, and finished the season’s halfway point at eight wins with two losses. The second half of the season, the Millers hit a slump, losing five of their last six games closing the regular season at a lackluster 12-8.

It was now tournament time and Noblesville was hosting the sectional for the second year. Previously the sectional was held at Sheridan, which had a 2,200-seat gymnasium (One seat for every Sheridan resident). Sheridan had also won the sectional from 1949 to 1955.

Noblesville opened the tourney with wins over Jefferson Township 59-34, then Jackson Central 67-55. Noblesville would then face undefeated 23-0 Windfall Dragons for the sectional championship. Windfall was coached by Wilford Drake and led by standout Toby Burkhardt.

During this matchup, Windfall was in control, and after closing out the third quarter with a commanding 45-29 lead over Noblesville, a Windfall trip to the Kokomo regional seemed all but assured.

In the fourth quarter, Noblesville mounted one of the greatest comebacks in Indiana high school basketball tournament history, outscoring Windfall 29-9 in the fourth quarter, and pulling off the victory in the closing seconds by a score of 58-54, winning its first sectional since 1929.


In the Kokomo regional, Noblesville (15-8) faced last season’s regional champions, heavily favored, Wabash (18-6) in the

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NHS Wins First Regional Crown



Millers Win 1st Regional

AT KOKOMO
Delphi 75, Peru 58,
Noblesville 68, Wabash 58,
Noblesville 59, Delphi 47 (final).


Entire City Celebrates As Team Returns Home

NOBLESVILLE (38)
Robinson, J. 4 1
Clark, J. 7 2 0
Porter, D. 3 0 3
Tener, J. 3 0 4
Camp, J. 3 2 2
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Methodical Millers in Control at Kokomo

Robinson Sets Record

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Millers Have Winning Season

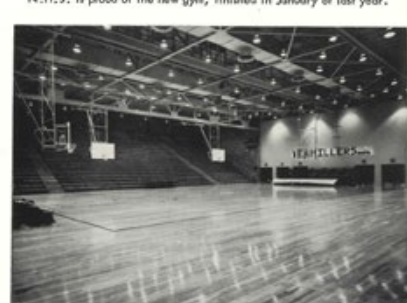


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Fortville	72	58
Lebanon	62	56
Lapel	44	47
Northwestern	61	56
Alexandria	67	55
Westfield	60	44
Carmel	56	51
Crawfordsville	32	56
Tipton	39	71
Zionsville	64	42
North Central	63	30
Ferdinand	25	29
Lawrence Central	65	40
Crawfordsville	69	74
Tipton	48	52
Broad Ripple	51	71
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Play-by-Play Tells Full Story Of Final Quarter



How did it happen?

The following is a play-by-play of the final quarter of the sectional championship game between Noblesville and Windfall. (Noblesville is the home team.)

The fourth quarter started with Noblesville leading 45-29. The game was tied 45-45 at the end of the third quarter. The Millers took the lead 46-45 on a shot by Robinson. The game was tied 46-46 on a shot by Porter. The game was tied 47-47 on a shot by Tener. The game was tied 48-48 on a shot by Campbell. The game was tied 49-49 on a shot by Robinson. The game was tied 50-50 on a shot by Clark. The game was tied 51-51 on a shot by Porter. The game was tied 52-52 on a shot by Tener. The game was tied 53-53 on a shot by Campbell. The game was tied 54-54 on a shot by Robinson. The game was tied 55-55 on a shot by Clark. The game was tied 56-56 on a shot by Porter. The game was tied 57-57 on a shot by Tener. The game was tied 58-58 on a shot by Campbell. The game was tied 59-59 on a shot by Robinson. The game was tied 60-60 on a shot by Clark. The game was tied 61-61 on a shot by Porter. The game was tied 62-62 on a shot by Tener. The game was tied 63-63 on a shot by Campbell. 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Fishers gymnastics places second at Shelbyville invite

The REPORTER

The Fishers gymnastics team placed second at the Shelbyville Invitational on Tuesday.

The Tigers finished with a score of 85.875. Senior Savannah Strange placed third in the all-around with a 31.20. Strange took second on the uneven bars (7.875),

fourth on the floor exercise (8.325) and fifth on the vault (8.125). Sophomore Stephanie Mack was fifth on the floor with an 8.125.

Fishers will travel to Lafayette Jefferson Saturday morning to compete in the sectional. Westfield, Guerin Catholic and Noblesville will also compete there.

CHAMPS

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Noblesville coach Glen Harper won the 1957 Coach of the Year Award from the Indiana Sportscasters and News Writers Association.

saw the Millers go on a 10-0 run for a 38-35 lead. The third quarter ended with the score tied at 46-46. The final quarter saw the score going back and forth, and with 1:30 on the clock, Robinson put up a jumper that missed, but Robinson drew a foul from Marion. Robinson hit both free throws for a Noblesville lead of 57-55 with 1:10 left. Marion then got off a shot that was around the rim and Noblesville grabbed the rebound and began to stall. With eight seconds left, Noblesville's Campbell was fouled and missed the front end of a one and one. Marion rebounded and raced down the court and got off a long jump shot, that once again was around the rim as time ran out. The scoreboard read Noblesville 57, Marion 55.

Against all odds, the Millers were in the elite eight. Noblesville 18-8 would now play No. 1 and 27-0 South Bend Central for the semi-state championship. The first quarter saw Noblesville hampered by turnovers and terrible shooting, just 2-of-16 from the field. The first quarter went to the Bears 12-6. Noblesville woke up in the second stanza and outscored South Bend Central 22-17. At half-time, Noblesville trailed by one 29-28. The third quarter was a repeat of the first quarter, but worse: The Millers shot just 4-of-18 from the field. While John Coalmon poured in 14 points in the third. Noblesville trailed at the end of three 53-43. The teams played even in the final quarter, however brothers John and Sylvester Coalmon caused the Millers to struggle the entire game. The final score was South Bend Central 75, Noblesville 62. The Coalmon brothers scored a combined total of 55 points and grabbed 34 rebounds. Robinson led the Millers with 17 points and Porter led with 19 rebounds. South Bend

Central went on to win the 1957 state championship, stopping Indianapolis Crispus Attucks 67-55.

At game's end, the Noblesville basketball team, and the following convoy received a police escort back to Noblesville. By the time the team bus arrived home, the convoy was twice as large, as blaring horns, sirens and thousands of fans greeted the Millers team. At Memorial Field, a bonfire was blazing and floodlights illuminated the field, as thousands chanted "We want the team" and "We want Harper." With that, Coach Harper and the Millers team walked onto Memorial Field and gave brief, heartfelt speeches, thanking the community for their unwavering support. Then the kind gestures were returned likewise to the team from school and city officials.

Later, Coach Harper received the 1957 Coach of the Year Award by the Indiana Sportscasters and News Writers Association. Harper won seven out of eight sectionals in Noblesville from 1957 through 1964, won the regional twice and had one semi-state finalist appearance during his tenure as Noblesville head basketball coach. In 2013 Coach Harper was honored by being inducted into the Indiana High School Basketball Hall of Fame.

Back in 1957 Noblesville was a relatively small community, which has since developed into part of a thriving metropolitan area. Fortunately, Noblesville has retained its small-town values, and the memories of the arrival of a young Coach Harper, whose successes helped lay the foundation for the generational excellence of the Noblesville high school athletic programs.

We should always keep these small-town virtues alive, and always remember, *The 1957 Noblesville Millers: "That Championship Season."*

Sixth-grade Huskies maintain perfect season



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The sixth-grade Lady Huskies Basketball Team is on fire! They won the Husky Invitational on Saturday and improved their record to 20-0 for the season. The undefeated Huskies host Hamilton Southeastern and Taylor this week in their final home games of the year. (Front row, from left) Bayleigh Eisele, Evie Millsaps, Skyler Worthman, Mazie Morrison, Hallie Sheller, Stella Hartwick, Gabbi Lowe, Meredith Robinson, and Reagan VanKirk. (Back row, from left) Coach Blum, Kaylee Smith, Kaitlyn Schakel, Rylee Suarez, Addison Blum, Stella Taylor, Annie Sheller, Coach Taylor, Avery Eisele, and Jayda Morris. #WeAreHuskies

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Basketball

Shamrocks roast Hot Dogs to end regular season

The REPORTER

Westfield finished its regular season Tuesday with an incredible shooting performance from Trey Buchanan and a victory at Frankfort.

The Shamrocks beat the Hot Dogs 59-32. Westfield got off to a tremendous start, leading 19-2 after the first quarter. Westfield then out-scored Frankfort in each of the next three periods.

Buchanan started the game red hot, draining five 3-pointers in the first quarter, and making a pair of free throws for 17 points. Buchanan threw in three more triples in the second quarter and another two in the third period, giving him a total of 10 3s. He finished the game with 32 points.

Alex Romack added 10 points, including six in the fourth quarter. Drew Haffner came off the bench in the fourth and made two more 3s; a third-quarter triple from Will Harvey gave the 'Rocks 13 for the game.

Westfield is 15-7 and travels to Carmel on Tuesday to play the Greyhounds in the first round of Sectional 8.

WESTFIELD 59, FRANKFORT 32				
Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Trey Buchanan	10	2-2	32	1
Sam Bishop	3	0-0	6	0
Will Harvey	1	0-0	3	0
Durante Morton	1	0-0	2	0
Alex Romack	4	2-3	10	1
Max McComb	0	0-0	0	0
Seth LaRavia	0	0-0	0	5
Matthew Naas	0	0-0	0	0
Ian Wilson	0	0-0	0	0
Brock Detamore	0	0-0	0	0
Drew Haffner	2	0-0	6	0
Totals	21	4-5	59	7
Score by Quarters				
Westfield	19	11	17	12-59
Frankfort	2	7	12	11-32
Westfield 3-pointers (13) Buchanan 10, Haffner 2, Harvey.				

Huskies fall to Bruins in regular-season finale

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights dropped its regular-season finale on Wednesday, falling 70-64 at Tri-West.

The Bruins took an early lead, going up 19-12 after one quarter. The Huskies came back in the second period, pouring in 22 points and tying the game at 34-34 by halftime. But Tri-West jumped ahead in the third quarter and led 50-44 going into the fourth, where both teams scored 20 points.

Tillman Etchison led Heights with 25 points, including four 3-pointers, and also dished out four assists. Maddox Bohland had 22 points, draining three 3s, and led the rebounds with nine. John Irion collected seven rebounds.

The Huskies are 8-14 and are off until Friday, March 3, when they play a semi-final game at the New Castle sectional. Heights will take on the winner of Tuesday's first-round game between Delta and Centerville.

TRI-WEST 70, HAMILTON HEIGHTS 64				
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Phoenix Vondersaar	0-0	0-0	0	2
Maddox Bohland	9-23	1-1	22	5
Tillman Etchison	9-15	3-5	25	0
John Irion	2-8	2-3	6	4
Sam Dawson	1-3	0-0	3	0
Isaiah Grimsey	2-4	0-0	4	4
Tyler Champion	1-1	0-0	2	1
Simon Knott	0-1	2-2	2	4
Evan Williamson	0-0	0-0	0	0
Cooper Vondersaar	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	24-55	8-11	64	21
Score by Quarters				
Heights	12	22	10	20-64
Tri-West	19	15	16	20-70
Heights 3-point shooting (8-19) Etchison 4-6, Bohland 3-6, Dawson 1-3, Irion 0-4.				
Heights rebounds (24) Bohland 9, Irion 7, Etchison 2, Knott 2, P. Vondersaar 1, Champion 1, Dawson 1, Williamson 1.				

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, Feb. 23 BOYS BASKETBALL Indy Thrival Academy at University, 7 p.m. Frontier at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 24 BOYS BASKETBALL Sheridan at Waldron, 7:30 p.m. SWIMMING Boys state prelims, 6 p.m. at IU Natatorium
Saturday, Feb. 25 BOYS SWIMMING STATE FINALS <u>At IU Natatorium</u> Boys diving prelims, 9 a.m. Boys swimming and diving finals, 1 p.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL <u>Class 4A state championship at Gainbridge Fieldhouse</u> Fishers vs. Bedford North Lawrence, 8:15 p.m. GYMNASTICS SECTIONALS Fishers, Guerin Catholic, Noblesville, Westfield at Lafayette Jefferson, 10 a.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 28 BOYS BASKETBALL SECTIONALS <u>At Carmel</u> Carmel vs. Westfield, 6 p.m. Fishers vs. Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m. <u>At New Castle</u> Delta vs. Centerville, 7 p.m. <u>At Shortridge</u> Heritage Christian vs. Brebeuf Jesuit, 6 p.m. Bishop Chatard vs. Herron, 7:30 p.m. <u>At Cascade</u> Sheridan vs. University, 7 p.m.
Please email schedule changes or corrections to sports@readthereporter.com .

Noblesville's Blake Cole to play football at DePauw University



Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics

Noblesville's Blake Cole has committed to play football at DePauw University. (Front row, from left) Monica Peck (aunt), Blake Cole, and Ben Cole (father). (Back row, from left) Dave Sharpe (Noblesville Football Head Coach), Dave Cox (grandfather), Jackie Cox (grandmother), Jill Grossman (grandmother), and Wendi Burks (stepmother).

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6 PM EST HCAC Mens Conference Championship | Indiana SRN

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