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up and have four-course meals on random week-nights.

Now let's get back to that cat.

In the flurry of guest-prep, the non-Stu humans at home did not pay much attention to Miss Kitty. Not being able to get them to let her out to ... go ... she decided to go where there was a little bit of outside right there in the living room: way back in the corner under the Godzilla tree.

My mother and stepfather smelled it but couldn't find it. The rich guests would surely think this was a house full of poop-monsters, so something had to be done RIGHT NOW!

With only minutes remaining, she ran upstairs to my bathroom to grab my can of Arrid Extra Dry XX aerosol deodorant to spray around the tree in place of air freshener. It was the '80s and everything came in aerosol because we had Ozone layer to spare.

The can she grabbed had the distinctive blue Arrid lid, but no label.

She sprayed madly to clear the air but somehow the house just kept smelling worse.

"It's not working! Quick - spray more!"

Weeks before, young Stu had purchased a can of fart spray at a novelty shop. It was horrid rather than Arrid.

The label fell off in about 10 minutes and the cheap lid broke just from reattaching it. But it was still funny stuff, so, being the son of a pragmatic father, he just put



Photo provided Spectre's Stu "Blofeld" Clampitt and Miss Kitty several years after the Christmas Cat-Poo Plot.

another lid on it.

There my mortified mother was, spraying canned farts around her Godzilla tree moments before her ritzy new friends stopped by.

And it was all my fault, apparently.

Clearly, I had trained Miss Kitty to go under the tree. Being the precocious James Bond villain I was, I knew she'd have people over, I knew she'd be out of air freshener, I tore off the label from that fateful can and replaced the cap so she'd grab it by mistake. Then I took my deodorant

with me to visit my father, not to be a deodorized human, but rather to be certain there was no escape from my nefarious machinations. Bwah-ha-ha!

Grounding me through the holidays for the Christmas Cat-Poo Plot was the only fitting punishment.

I really miss that cat. Stu Clampitt loves both wisdom and efficiency. After nearly 30 years of chasing wisdom, he has not caught much, which means he is neither wise nor efficient. You can reach him by email at News@ReadTheReporter.com.

SKILLS

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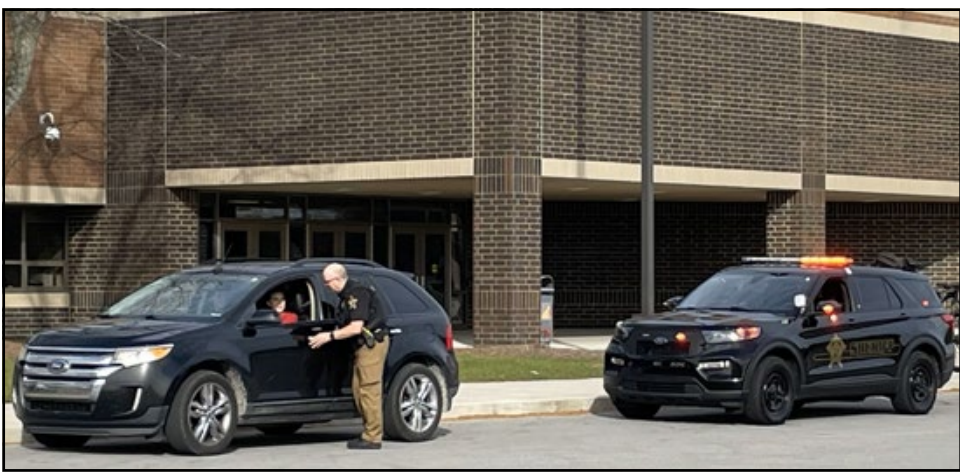


Photo provided Students who chose the session with SRO Deputy Kevin Neal gained insight into what happens during a traffic stop. Deputy Neal is pictured during a mock traffic stop helping students learn what to expect and how to properly respond during an interaction with a law enforcement officer in this scenario.

Cooking 101/Meal Prep and Planning (Linda McClure), Floriculture/Designing a Small Floral Arrangement (Sandy Fern and Pat Simmons) and All Things Games (Led by HHHS teacher's Travis Kauffman and Brad Batman). These specialty sessions were taught by Heights' staff and members of the community. Students weighed in and shared additional suggestions for the next round slated for Thursday, Dec. 14.

"I attended the Cooking 101 class today because I thought it would be fun and informative," sophomore Emma Trees said. "I liked that I not only enjoyed my time in the class but also took away some new lessons I can use later in life. If there is a chance to take another class next quarter, I will definitely sign up!"

"We were pleased with the interest and response from our students," said



Photo provided Students learned the finer points of flower arranging in the Floriculture and Floral Design session led by Sandy Fern and Pat Simmons. This was one of five mini sessions offered as part of the new Husky Life Skills program.

Street, in what he thinks could expand beyond a quarterly offering. "They enjoyed the variety of sessions offered, hands-on learning opportunity, and the takeaways. It was a great use of the time to engage students in areas that can

provide lifelong value. We already have Sewing and Taxes 101 sessions planned for the next quarter and will expand upon the classes already carried out this past time. We are also looking at a soundboard engineering intro class."

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Hamilton Southeastern science teacher shows compassion for all her students

By **HANNA MORDOH**
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WISH-TV is Indiana's education station, and that means News 8 celebrates extraordinary teachers with the **Golden Apple Award**. It comes with a trophy, a **school supply shopping spree to Teachers' Treasures**, a video message from students and staff, and a surprise visit from the News 8 team with the help of **Hensley Legal Group**.

November's winner is Mrs. Courtney Lawhead.

She is known for her compassion for all students in the Hamilton Southeastern School District. In fact, her own son dubs her the "mom" of **Hamilton Southeastern High School**. While Lawhead is a science teacher there, she does just about every other job you can think of in the district – including running a program to help students in need.

In education, there's both a science to teaching and something about teaching that science can't explain.

HSE High School Principal Reginald Simmons says Lawhead was born to be a teacher, and she doesn't just teach a subject the school.

"She teaches students – not just science. She teaches her kids, and that is what makes her really special, her ability to care for every single person," Simmons said. "She really understands that as an educator we are serving our community – we are serving our kids and serving our families and she does it in such a selfless way. She doesn't expect anything in return. I really think she fills her bucket by giving to others."

Whether Lawhead teaches students in science or not, she stands out in the district, even among educators.

Sophomore Drew Benedetto said, "She's the best teacher in the world, and I love to have her for science class."

Junior Isaac Williams said, "Extremely hardworking. I don't think I have ever



HSE High School science teacher Courtney Lawhead was presented with this month's Golden Apple Award by WISH-TV's own Hanna Mordoh. Lawhead is loved by all her students, and all were thrilled for her receiving the recognition she deserves.

really seen her take a day off. She is always helping someone, no matter what."

"She always joked around that all of her students are her kids, she protects everyone," Evan Lawhead, high school student and Lawhead's son, said. "She helps students so much with emotional support. If a student ever comes in and is having a hard time or something happens, she will take them in the lab and have a discussion with them. She will take in anybody – she just cares for everybody in this school."

That care is evident in how she treats students and the never-ending list of activities she does at the school.

She helps with prom and student council, runs the euchre club, helps Riley Dance Marathon, and is the president of the wrestling program. She also helps with the school's exceptional learners program, **Best Buddies**, is part of the Culture Committee, and sponsors several clubs and sports.

When asked how Mrs. Lawhead does it all, Principal Simmons said, "That's a great question – and you know we have to slow her down sometimes. Because you know if there is a need, she wants to be the first one to try and fill it."

Plus, she won "Teacher of the Year" last spring and was named "Mom of the Year" in Fishers in 2016.

Katie Beegle works with Lawhead, and says she cares about every student's wellbeing, even the ones she doesn't know. Beegle says taking over and running Roary's Closet, a closet full of clothing and essential needs, was a calling.

"Roary's Closet is a closet in HSE attached to one of the hallways, and in there, there are clothes of all different sizes," Beegle said. "Kids clothes, adult clothes, anything. There are also a lot of personal hygiene products, like shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and deodorant – whatever a child might need here."

Kids can submit what they need anonymously online. Then, the items are put in a locker, and the students can retrieve them without anyone knowing.

"She changes the lives of so many students and really changes the lives of her coworkers and co-teachers – myself included. She makes me want to be better every single day," Beegle said.

That's why Beegle nominated Mrs. Lawhead for the WISH-TV Golden Apple Award.

"She just deserves it so much, I just knew if people



Photos provided by WISH-TV

heard all that she does, she would get the praise and award that she deserves," Beegle said.

So, the News 8 team surprised her. Mrs. Lawhead was shocked.

"I'm overwhelmed – it is just really great. I will buy lots of chalk with this for sure," Mrs. Lawhead said.

When asked if she was surprised, she responded,

"Very much! I did not expect this and I thank you!"

In this experiment of life, Mrs. Lawhead is proof that the hypothesis of caring has the best kind of conclusion.

"I am so thankful for being able to do it and I don't feel like you need awards to help people," Lawhead said. "I actually think helping people fills your bucket and

makes you think less about yourself. Always look for the positive and not the negative, everybody deserves to be helped.

To watch other Golden Apple Award recipients, [click this link](#).

To nominate a deserving teacher for next month's Golden Apple Award, [submit a detailed nomination here](#).

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Guest Conductor Paul Langford will lead two performances of the Carmel Symphony Orchestra's (CSO) annual Holiday Pops concert at 3 and 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10 in the Palladium at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.

Langford is a Chicago-based conductor, singer, producer, arranger, and keyboardist. Over his 25-year career, he has performed on albums with Grammy-winning artists such as Michael Bubl , Heather Headly, Josh Groban, and Celine Dion.

When Langford is not at his Chicago-based studio, he is on the road as an

in-demand guest conductor, music educator, clinician, and guest singer. The folks of the CSO are excited to welcome him to their home stage at the Palladium as a guest conductor this holiday season.

Langford is joined by Tony-honored singer Ben Davis, former Disney Channel star Amelia Wray, the Indiana Ballet Conservatory, and the Second Presbyterian Choir to perform holiday favorites.

Kick off the holiday season with this wonderful show from your Carmel Symphony Orchestra.

[Click here](#) to get your tickets now.



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Paul Langford of Chicago will guest conduct CSO's upcoming Holiday Pops concert.

Experience the magic of the season at Feinstein's in Carmel

The REPORTER

It's a magical time of the year at Feinstein's with holiday shows, breakfast with Santa, and an actual magic show. It's an unforgettable time sure to make memories for the whole family.

Do you enjoy sleight

of hand, witty banter, and mysteries of the mind? Then you'll love *DECEPTION: An Evening of Magic and Lies* on Thursday, Nov. 30. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. and is for anyone over 10 years of age. It is a magic and mindreading show, hosted by magician David Ranalli.

Ranalli creates an unforgettable evening. Guests are invited into an intimate, industrial space where surprises lurk in every corner. Perfect as a date night, group event, and for the hardcore magic fan.

Meet Jolly Saint Nick for breakfast on Saturday, Dec. 2, Sunday, Dec. 3, and Saturday, Dec. 9. Beginning at 8 a.m. and continuing throughout the morning ([click here](#) to check out available times), breakfast With Santa allows you and your little ones to make holiday memories at Hotel Carmichael.

Enjoy a holiday breakfast which includes an appetizer for the table (one per four people), personal choice of one entr e, and one dessert for the table, plus pictures with Santa – included in the ticket price. There will be alcoholic beverages available for purchase during the event. Also, there will be a live singer crooning Christmas classics while children are escorted onto the stage to take a picture with jolly St. Nick.

On Wednesday, Dec. 6, and Thursday, Dec. 7, Broadway legend Franc D'Ambrosio takes the stage performing his favorite holiday songs in *Christmas in Carmel*.

D'Ambrosio joyously celebrates the music and magic of the holidays. The moment he steps up to the

microphone, you will immediately get into the spirit of the season with classics like "Here Comes Santa Claus" and "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas." You'll enjoy hearing Broadway standards such as Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" and "My Favorite Things" from *The Sound of Music*, followed by Franc's Nativity Medley, including "The Little Drummer Boy," "Do You Hear What I Hear?" and his heart-stopping rendition of "O Holy Night."

Like a parting gift tucked under the Christmas tree, D'Ambrosio leaves you with the songs that made him famous: "The Music of the Night" from *The Phantom of the Opera* and "Speak Softly Love" from *Godfather III*.

There may be no place like home for the holidays, but there's no one like Franc D'Ambrosio to guide you there. Both shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

Experience an unforgettable evening with New York City-based vocal group T.3 with The Option Up Tour. This show is on Saturday, Dec. 9.

T.3 is made up of Liam Fennecken, Jim Hogan, and Brendan Jacob Smith, who have appeared in musicals such as *School of Rock*, *Waitress*, and *Kimberly Akimbo*. The #TikTok-Tenors gained popularity on social media platforms with covers of Disney, Broadway, and pop songs. Their videos have amassed over 20 million views since they debuted with their viral version of "Into the Unknown" from Disney's *Frozen 2*.

Get ready to immerse yourself in a night filled with music, excitement, and pure fun.

On Sunday, Dec. 10, jazz up your Sunday with *Jazz Brunch – Christmas* featuring Blair Clark. Join Feinstein's for a jazzy Christmas brunch with the amazing Blair Clark, where great music and food collide. Experience Clark's captivating vocals that have thrilled audiences worldwide. Clark has also collaborated with Grammy winners and legends like Evelyn "Champagne" King.

Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael is located at 1 Carmichael Square, Carmel. Call Hotel Carmichael at (317) 688-1947.

Consider having your corporate gatherings at Feinstein's. For groups of 10 tickets or more, email sales@hotelcarmichael.com.

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Health Department provides Narcan training to Hamilton County school districts

Medication is saving lives across the county

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Health Department is taking proactive steps to combat the opioid crisis by training educators and staff in every school district on how to use Narcan, a life-saving medication that can reverse opioid overdoses.

"Unfortunately, an overdose can happen anywhere," said Jim Ginder, a Health Education Specialist at the Health Department. "Our primary concern is the safety and well-being of our community members, especially our youth. The opioid crisis has touched every corner of our county, and it's essential that we equip our

school staff with the necessary tools to respond effectively in case of an emergency."

Opioids are a class of drugs that include prescription painkillers like oxycodone and hydrocodone, as well as illegal drugs such as heroin. When someone overdoses on opioids, their breathing can slow down or stop, which can be life-threatening. Narcan, also known by its generic name naloxone, is usually administered as a nasal spray and typically works within minutes by restoring normal breathing and consciousness to the individual who has overdosed.

"The opioid epidemic is a complex and ongoing public health crisis," Ginder explained. "We're committed to making sure all educators and staff in our county's school districts can identify the signs of an overdose, administer Narcan, and provide critical support until emergency responders arrive."

Westfield Washington Schools is among those who recognize the importance of the program.

"We are grateful to the



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Hamilton County Health Department for providing this essential training," District Superintendent Dr. Paul Kaiser said. "Our top priority is the safety of our students, staff, and visitors, and having our educators trained to respond to opioid emergencies is a crucial step towards achieving that goal."

Cicero Edward Jones helping make Christmas bright for local kids

The REPORTER

Corey Sylvester, an Edward Jones financial advisor in Cicero, is supporting Cicero Kiwanis and the Good Samaritan Network by offering his office as a drop-off location for a toy drive.

Local residents and businesses may help less fortunate children in the

community by bringing in new, unwrapped toys to the Edward Jones branch office during regular business hours now through Saturday, Dec. 9. The branch is located at 120 W. Jackson St., Cicero.

Please note that monetary donations, including gift cards, cannot be accepted.

Carmel looking for volunteers for French Sister City committee

The REPORTER

The City of Carmel is looking for volunteers to serve on a new not-for-profit Sister Cities Committee for Rueil-Malmaison and invites any resident of Carmel to attend an informational meeting at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 5 in the Council Chambers, located on the second floor of Carmel City Hall.

On Oct. 18, Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard and Rueil-Malmaison Mayor Patrick Ollier signed an official Memorandum of Understanding establishing a formal sister city partnership between Carmel and Rueil-Malmaison, Hauts-de-Seine, France. The

agreement is designed to promote international goodwill, understanding, student educational exchanges, and expanded business relationships between the two cities and their respective nations.

The new committee will oversee and help to promote and facilitate those cultural exchanges between Carmel and Rueil-Malmaison. By attending this meeting, you can learn more about the details of serving on the committee.

Rueil-Malmaison, or simply Rueil, is in the western suburbs, about 20 minutes from the center of Paris. It has a population of nearly 80,000 and is one of the

wealthiest suburbs of Paris. Rueil is famous for the Château de Malmaison, home of Napoleon Bonaparte's first wife, Joséphine de Beauharnais.

Several major French companies have their world

headquarters in Rueil-Malmaison, which has an extensive fiber optics network in its business district. Many large international companies have also located their French headquarters in Rueil-Malmaison.

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The REPORTER

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In 2023, Hamilton Coun-

ty Harvest (HCH) Food Bank had to purchase more than 50 percent of the food it distributed. This resulted in over \$100,000 in food purchases.

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Conner Prairie temporarily closes indoor experiences for construction

By MICHAELA SPRINGER
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Lovers of Conner Prairie may have to wait a couple of months to enjoy some of the living-history museum's popular indoor experiences.

The museum announced on Nov. 20 that as of Monday, Nov. 27, [indoor experiences](#) at Conner Prairie will be unavailable for the construction of the new Museum Experience Center.

The Spark!Lab, Anything Can Happen Art, and Discovery Station will be temporarily relocated as their original areas undergo construction. The museum says that elements of Discovery Station will be available in Featherstone Barn starting Jan. 18.

All outdoor experiences will also reopen Jan. 18 with the museum's new Winter on the Prairie programming.



Photo provided by Conner Prairie via Facebook

Built in 1823, the William Conner House is one of Indiana's oldest brick homes and is the one-time residence of William Conner and his family. The Conner Prairie museum announced that starting Nov. 27, several popular indoor attractions would be temporarily unavailable as the new Museum Experience Center undergoes construction.

Those attractions will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. from Thursdays to Sundays.

The museum's Welcome Center is now open

for membership sales, A Merry Prairie Holiday, and Breakfast with Santa. Museum members will receive free admission to all winter

programs.

Conner Prairie was expected to release more information about special winter programming later.

Letter to the Editor

Westfield reader encourages residents to research future development projects

On Sunday, Dec. 3, Luke Combs will bring his heartfelt country melodies to Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis, with fans enthusiastically singing along to "The Back 40 Back." While this concert promises to be a night to remember, it also serves as a poignant reminder of the disparity between our entertainment choices and our civic responsibilities.

In Westfield, the Northpoint II development is a real-life reflection of Combs' lyrics about the loss of rural landscapes. As fans don their cowboy boots and immerse themselves in the music, I urge them to carry the soul of a country music fan beyond the concert venue and into the realm of

community engagement.

It's one thing to post a picture on Instagram in cowboy attire, and quite another to embody the spirit of country music, which often champions rural values and a connection to the land. The Northpoint II development, with its questionable rezoning procedures, is a critical example of why we need to be vigilant and engaged in local decision-making processes.

I encourage the people of Westfield to delve deeper into the Northpoint II development and to reach out to Mayor-Elect Scott Willis and other officials. It's crucial that we, as a community, keep a close eye on our local government's actions and ensure they

align with our values and the preservation of our agricultural heritage.

This concert is more than just entertainment; it's a call to action. Let the lyrics of "The Back 40 Back" be a reminder of our duty to support our farmers and safeguard our rural landscapes. Let's transform our admiration for country music into active participation in our community's future.

If we don't take a stand, the very essence of what makes Hamilton County unique – its rural charm and farmlands – might soon be relegated to the past.

Clifton J. Hackman
Westfield

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State Sen. J.D. Ford advises caution on LEAP pipeline

The REPORTER

State Senator J.D. Ford (D-Indianapolis) released a statement Tuesday regarding the controversial pipeline construction plan associated with the LEAP Lebanon Innovation District in Boone County.

Some reported designs for the project describe a pipeline diverting water from the Wabash River in West Lafayette to Lebanon for industrial use, and potentially to Eagle Creek Reservoir or the White River for disposal.

Senator Ford stated: "I've been concerned about and monitoring this

project for some time, especially the potential impacts at Eagle Creek. Earlier this month, Representative Pryor and I were able to meet for a productive conversation with folks from IEDC about the issue. I was also glad to see the Governor's statement referring the project to IFA for further study. I agree that is what is needed.

"There is no need to rush full steam ahead on this pipeline without a full assessment of the downstream impacts – and I mean that



Ford

literally. White River and the Eagle Creek Reservoir are vital to our local economy and ecosystem alike. I want to be certain any project potentially impacting our waterways and fresh-water supply, especially at this scale, will benefit and not harm the communities like mine all along the 35-mile stretch of the proposed pipeline.

"Hoosiers are counting on us to get this right, not just for the here and now on a single project, but for

the long-term environmental security of our state. We can afford to do our due diligence here – in fact, we can't afford not to. I look forward to doing my part to make sure this is moving in the right direction."

Sen. Ford represents Indiana Senate District 29, which encompasses Boone County's Eagle Township, Hamilton County's Clay Township, and Marion County's Pike and Wayne townships. For more information on Sen. Ford's legislative agenda or other State Senate business, call 1-800-382-9467 or visit indianasenedemocrats.org/s29.



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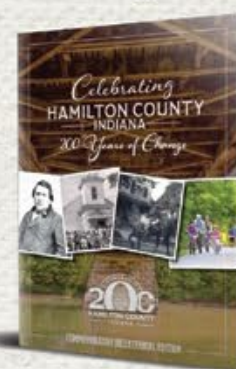
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Board Highlights

Nov. 21, 2023 Meeting

Submitted by Noblesville Schools

The NHS Marching Millers were honored for their state accomplishments.

Noble Crossing Elementary presented a board spotlight on their “one school, one book” challenge.

The board green-lighted approximately \$42 million in funding for an academic and performing arts expansion at NHS. The funding is financed through a bond with no increase to the tax rate and no use of referendum or education dollars.

Policies were adopted, including a new library material removal request procedure in compliance with new state legislation.

Summer school programming was approved.

Changes were made to the 2024-2025 school year calendar to move Homecoming and parent teacher conferences to different dates.

Luke Bremer was approved as the new assistant principal of Noble Crossing Elementary.

Visit the school board area of the


Noblesville Schools website for meeting

agendas, minutes, videos and more.

| Meeting Notices | |
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| The Noblesville Common Council Roads Committee meeting scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 1, 2023, has been moved to the Council Conference Room at City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville. | The Noblesville Redevelopment Commission meeting scheduled for 9 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023, has been changed to a joint meeting of the Redevelopment Commission and the Redevelopment Authority. The meeting will be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville. |
| Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 1, 2023, at the Hamilton County Highway Department, 1700 S. 10th St., Noblesville. The Commissioners will meet in Executive Session at 8:30 a.m. for 1. Implementation of Security Systems IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(C), 2. Purchase or Lease of Real Estate IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D), 3. Discussion of Pending Litigation IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B), and 4. Discussion of Personnel IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7). Following the Executive Session will be a public meeting for discussion of highway projects and other county business, as necessary. | The Hamilton East Public Library Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for 4 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 27, 2023, to discuss the Director Search was canceled and will be rescheduled for a later date. |
| | The Atlanta Town Council will meet at 9 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 1, 2023, at Atlanta Town Hall, 105 E. Main St., Atlanta. |
| | The Sheridan Parks Board will meet at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023. |

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During the October Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees meeting, the board approved the motion to ratify the contract agreement between the Teachers Forum and Noblesville Schools.

Superintendent Dr. Hile gave several highlights of the collective bargaining contract negotiation. Among the highlights mentioned were an increase in teacher pay to \$46,000 for 2024 and \$48,000 for 2025, an increase to the 401a match for retirement for teachers from 2.5 percent to 3 percent, a decrease in the Retirement Notification Incentive from \$10,000 to \$1,000 if notice of retirement is given by Jan. 31 of the year, and a new dependent leave benefit for new mothers within the first year of a child's birth.

While I support most of the changes mentioned, I believe that the dependent leave benefit went too far. The leave allows a new parent to take up to 30 sick days within the first year of a child's birth. This is a new addition to the teachers' contract and is over and above all other time out of school, such as fall break, winter break, spring break, summer break, and paid time off. I know that a newborn can present many challenges, including sickness, but I believe that the 30-day policy may be ripe for misuse.

The highlight of the November meeting was the bid for the Noblesville High School Academic Addition. While the project is coming in slightly above the originally anticipated budget, the bid was accepted by the board and ground-breaking should start by January of 2024. You can view the 11-page rendering of the addition at tinyurl.com/NHSac-addition.

Also in the November meeting was the policy adoption of the H250 School Library Material Removal Request procedure. As written, this policy allows a parent to request the removal of a school library material, but the entire review and decision process is led by school employees and administration. Absent is any parental or community involvement in the review of the contested library material.

I believe this goes contrary to the intention of the law passed by our legislature during the 2023 session regarding school library content. The legislature's addition of language to allow for parental involvement was a recognition of the importance of parental input. This policy, as it stands, falls short of this acknowledgment.

It is important to note that the final decision of whether to remove a school library material or not is up to the school board. Therefore, it is incumbent on any community member concerned about contested library material to make their opinion known to the board members.

Dr. Hile will give the State of the Schools update on Wednesday, Dec. 6 at the Noblesville Schools Community Center on Field Drive. The presentation will include academic achievements, workforce development, school finances, and construction.

While I expect the presentation will focus on all the positives, I would focus on what is not said. You know what they say about details.

For those interested, tickets are available through the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce at [Noblesville-Chamber.com](https://noblesvillechamber.com).

10K handmade wooden toys nearly ready for Santa's sleigh

The REPORTER

Members of Central Indiana Woodworkers (CIWW) will come together this Saturday, Dec. 2, starting at 8:30 a.m., to help make the holidays just a bit brighter for families throughout the region.

CIWW's year-long task of handcrafting nearly 10,000 wooden toys and gifts for children comes to a conclusion at an annual event they call Pick & Pack.

Boxes and crates of finished treasures come out of storage and take their place on a temporary assembly line. Ten stations hold stacks of wooden cars, trucks, rolling animals, puzzles, games, jewelry boxes, and other items made during the year.

Over 75 volunteers from the club line up with orders in hand, sent in by community-focused agencies. One by one, they pick requested items from the stations, boxing them up, and moving along to the final packing table. Bubble wrap is added, boxes taped shut, and the final orders are stacked for delivery to the agencies.

This year, the club has received requests from 40 different agencies throughout central Indiana. Many already have children in mind who will receive these treasures. Others give them out at random to families who are facing difficult situations this holiday season. The goal is always the same: help make a difference for kids who need it most.

Making a difference is part of the official mandate for CIWW. Founded in 1948 as Home Craftsmen Forum, the charity was started to help returning war veterans transition into life as homeowners. The club offered basic training in using tools and construction techniques as part of its educational mandate. The club also included the task of giving back to the community as the second major focus for their work. Toymaking quickly became a rally point for members to come together, learn new tools and techniques, and work on gifts that would bring smiles to kids of the region.

Once again this year, club members have produced nearly 10,000 toys which are ready for delivery. The average age of children being served is around 7, so toy designs have been updated to appeal to this older audience. Treasure or jewelry boxes are a popular choice for girls, while the cars and games get the attention of the boys. Many agencies prefer that the items produced are left unfinished, encouraging shared family time to decorate and personalize their new gifts.

CIWW President Jim Chrena says the toymaking program definitely appeals to the older, retired members of the club.

"Many of our members are at a point in life where they're ready to spend their time making someone else's life better," Chrena said. "It's what keeps some of them going ... knowing one of our toys may be the only gift a child might receive over the holiday."

Each month, club members are introduced to a new

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Sheridan Public Library has full December calendar

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The Sheridan Public Library, 103 W. 1st St., has all sorts of fun activities available for all ages. See the list below and visit sheridan.lib.in.us for more information. Support your local library!

Babies & Toddlers

Dec. 5, 12, 19 at 11 a.m.: Baby Time (0 to 18 months)

Dec. 14 at 11 a.m.: Discovery Time (18 to 36 months)

Preschool

Dec. 1, 8, 15 at 11 a.m.: Story Time (ages 3 to 6)

Dec. 6, 13, 20 at 11 a.m.: Mindful Movements (ages 2 to 6)

Grades K-5

Dec. 5, 12, 19 from 3 to 5 p.m.: Lego Club

Grades 6-12

Dec. 14 at 4 p.m.: Bad Art Day

Adults

Dec. 1, 8, 15 at 11 a.m.: Chair Yoga

Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27 at 11 a.m.: Needle Crafters

Dec. 5 at 3 p.m.: Adult Bingo (Sponsored by Robert Owen)

Dec. 18 at 6 p.m.: Pinners

All Ages

Dec. 1 to 16 All Day: Silent Auction Open Bidding

Dec. 2 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.: Visit with Santa Claus

Dec. 8 at 6 p.m.: Bingo Night, Free Event

Dec. 13 at 6 p.m.: Family Science Night *Registration required

Dec. 16 from 6 to 8 p.m.: Ugly Sweater Bash-Fundraising Event; tickets available at front desk for \$10. Kids 5 and under free.

SPL will be closed on Dec. 23, 25, 26, 30, and Jan. 1 for the holidays. For more information on programming and services, please visit sheridan.lib.in.us.

ISP Pendleton District releases results of Thanksgiving patrol

The REPORTER

Last weekend, the Indiana State Police Pendleton District conducted a holiday patrol across the eight counties in the district, focusing on impaired driving and aggressive driving. The targeted patrols started the night before Thanksgiving and continued throughout the weekend.

Troopers worked days off to have an increased presence during the holidays.

The holiday enforcement patrols resulted in the following:

• 200 traffic stops

• 9 criminal cases drawn

• 1 arrest for operating while intoxicated

• 1 warrant arrests

• 1 arrest for illegal possession of a firearm

The Indiana State Police is committed to making the state's roadways safer during holidays by continuing to conduct saturation patrols to locate and apprehend impaired drivers. Motorists are reminded to designate a sober driver or use ride-sharing companies.

To report a suspected impaired driver, please call 9-1-1. When you call, be prepared to describe the vehicle, location, and direction of travel.

All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

Podiatrist Dr. Kenneth P. Stumpf joins Westfield Foot & Ankle

Board-certified podiatrist brings over decade of experience to position

Submitted

Westfield Foot & Ankle, a leading provider of comprehensive foot and ankle care, has announced the addition of Dr. Ken Stumpf to the esteemed team of associates.

With his exceptional skills and over a decade of expertise, Dr. Stumpf will further enhance the practice's commitment to delivering top-quality foot and ankle care to patients in Westfield and the surrounding areas.

An Evansville native, Dr. Stumpf brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to Westfield Foot & Ankle. He earned his Doctor of Podiatric Medicine degree at Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine and completed a rigorous residency program specializing in foot and ankle surgery. With a passion for provid-

ing personalized care, Dr. Stumpf is dedicated to helping patients achieve optimal foot health and mobility.

"We are delighted to welcome Dr. Ken Stumpf to our team," said Dr. David



Stumpf

Sullivan, founder of Westfield Foot & Ankle. "His expertise and commitment to patient-centered care align perfectly with our practice's mission. We are confident that his addition will further strengthen our ability to provide exceptional foot and ankle care to our patients."

Before joining Westfield Foot & Ankle, Dr. Stumpf was a podiatrist with Community Health Network. He treats pediatric and adult patients, from primary podiatric care to more complex foot and ankle conditions. His areas of expertise include the diagnosis and



David R. Sullivan, DPM Kenneth P. Stumpf, DPM

treatment of various foot and ankle conditions, including sports injuries, reconstructive surgery, plantar fasciitis, bunions and more. He utilizes the latest advancements in podiatric medicine and surgical techniques to ensure the best possible outcomes for his patients.

Patients can now schedule appointments with Dr. Stumpf at Westfield Foot & Ankle's state-of-the-art facility located at 16411 Southpark Drive, Suite B. The practice offers a comprehensive range of services, including preventive care, conservative treatments, laser therapy, advanced surgical interventions, and onsite X-ray services, all delivered with compassion and a patient-centered approach.

For more information or to schedule an appointment with Dr. Ken Stumpf, please visit the Westfield Foot and Ankle website at WestfieldFoot.com or call (317) 896-6655.

About Westfield Foot & Ankle

Westfield Foot and Ankle is a leading podiatry practice dedicated to providing exceptional foot and ankle care to patients in Westfield and the surrounding areas. With a team of highly skilled podiatrists and a commitment to patient-centered care, the practice offers a comprehensive range of services, including preventive care, conservative treatments, laser therapy and advanced surgical interventions.

Toys

Toy of the Month which they are encouraged to build. The club provides drawings and templates for each toy. And they give members 13 of each item or supply that might be needed for the project. For instance, a race car might require 13 sets of four wheels, 13 sets of four axles, and a small wooden person – times 13 – to sit in the driver's seat. Members are allowed to keep one of the completed toys but bring the other 12 to turn in at the next meeting.

During the weeks between meetings, several club members open their home shops for toy work days. New and old woodworkers come together and learn about safe tool use and volume production methods. They also embellish the designs and add custom touches to give each item a

unique look.

Jacque Beck, head of the club's charitable activities, praises the many members who give their time and talent to help the community.

"We have an amazing group of people," Beck said. "So many generous souls in our club, everyone stepping up in their own way to help us surpass our goal."

This year's Pick & Pack event will once again be held at the Talon Test Laboratories on Indianapolis' west side at 915 Western Drive, where their donated warehouse is transformed into a temporary fulfillment center. Club members gather the day before to move the inventory out of storage and into the space. Items are organized by category, and stations are clearly marked for the big day.

On Saturday, after a

greeting and pep talk by club leaders, volunteers are given orders and empty boxes. Moving from station to station, they collect items requested by agencies and return them to a central control table where the contents are checked and verified. Next they are passed along to the packing team who secure each order and move them to the pallets for delivery.

With so many toys and treasures being moved and handled, some items end up broken. For this purpose, a table and team of top-notch toymakers are on hand at the Toy Repair station. Like Santa's elves, this team is able to quickly make last minute fixes or touch ups to hide blemishes and get the items back on the line. Unfortunately, some toys don't pass the quality control

inspector at the end of the line and are tossed aside for overhaul for next year.

The whole process takes the club's volunteer fulfillment team less than three hours to get everything packed and ready for delivery. Additional volunteers will help transport some shipments while other agencies pick them up that day.

All things considered, Santa would be impressed with this well-oiled machine and how it designs, builds, and prepares a pile of 10,000 toys for delivery on Christmas morning.

Central Indiana Woodworkers are proud of their part in making a difference in the lives of families in the region, one toy at a time.

Additional information about CIWW can be found at ciww.org or by sending an email to info@ciww.org.

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Someone has surely seen this sweater somewhere



Photo provided

The Carmel Police Department is looking to identify the person in the image above. This is a person of interest in a recent case of battery. If you have any information on this person, please contact Officer N. Schuck at the Carmel Police Department at (317) 571-2500 or Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana at (317) 262-8477 (TIPS). Please reference CPD case number 2023-00078962.

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December 31

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Irving Berlin's *White Christmas* brings holiday cheer to Beef & Boards

Musical is based on beloved Paramount Pictures film

The REPORTER

Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre wraps up its historic 50th Anniversary Season this holiday with the Irving Berlin favorite *White Christmas*, now on stage.

Full of dancing, romance, laughter, and some of the greatest songs ever written, *White Christmas* tells the story of Bob Wallace and Phil Davis, veterans with a song and dance act. They follow a pair of performing sisters to a picturesque, but failing, Vermont inn that happens to be owned by their former army commander. Together they put on a fundraising show that includes a special surprise for their beloved general.

Based on the beloved, timeless film, this heartwarming musical adaptation features 17 Irving Berlin songs including "Snow," "I Love A Piano," "Count Your Blessings," "I've Got My Love To Keep Me Warm," "Sisters," "Blue Skies," and the best-selling single (holiday or otherwise) of all time: "White Christmas."

Elliott Litherland, who made his Beef & Boards debut earlier this season as Monsieur D'Arque in Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*, stars as Capt. Bob Wallace. Kenney Green-Tilford,

who directed and choreographed *Sophisticated Ladies* earlier this season and played the store manager in *Elf* in 2018, plays his buddy, Pfc. Phil Davis. Heather Patterson King (*Mary Poppins*, *Elf*) and Deb Wims (*Grumpy Old Men: The Musical*, *An American in Paris*, *Footloose*, *Clue*) play sisters Betty and Judy Haynes, respectively. Jeff Stockberger, just seen on stage in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and *Grumpy Old Men: The Musical*, is Gen. Henry Waverly.

White Christmas is on stage for 42 performances through New Year's Eve in the intimate space of Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre. Tickets range from \$52.50 to \$79.50 and include Chef Larry Stoops' holiday buffet and select beverages.

A special New Year's Eve celebration on Dec. 31 features the dinner buffet, performance of *White Christmas*, dancing to a live band, and champagne toast at midnight, followed by a breakfast buffet. All tickets for this celebration are \$99 (added fees may apply).

To purchase tickets online, visit BeefAndBoards.com. Tickets are also available by calling the Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre Box



Photos provided

(TOP) Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre presents Irving Berlin's *White Christmas*, now on stage through Dec. 31. (ABOVE LEFT) Betty (Heather Patterson King, left) and Judy (Deb Wims) perform "Sisters." (ABOVE RIGHT) Bob Wallace (Elliott Litherland) sings "Blue Skies."

Office at (317) 872-9664 p.m. Wednesdays). For more information, including the complete show schedule, visit Beef-AndBoards.com. Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre, Indiana's only year-round professional dinner theatre, is celebrating its 50th Anniversary of serving exceptional entertainment with dinner in 2023.



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"Here I am," he answered.

Isaac said, "I am now an old man and don't know the day of my death. Now then, get your equipment—your quiver and bow—and go out to the open country to hunt some wild game for me. Prepare me the kind of tasty food I like and bring it to me to eat, so that I may give you my blessing before I die."

Genesis 27:1-4 (NIV)

Bruce Edward Tryon

December 16, 1949 – November 27, 2023

Bruce Edward Tryon, 73, Noblesville, passed away on Monday, November 27, 2023, at his home. He was born on December 16, 1949, to John and Mary (Wright) Tryon in Troy, Ohio.

Bruce proudly served his country in the United States Army. For 38 years, he worked as a civil engineering draftsman. Bruce enjoyed building things and most notably the family log cabin. He loved antiques and was an avid art collector. He played softball in a 50+ softball league and enjoyed playing cards. Bruce will be remembered fondly for his wit and sense of humor.

Bruce had a seven-year struggle with a rare neurological disorder called Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP).

He is survived by his wife, Mary Tryon; daughters, Ann Tryon and Erin (Dustin) Goodman; as well as many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Bruce was preceded in death by his brothers, Dennis Tryon and Steve Tryon; and his sister, Sally Below.

Private family services will be held.

Condolences: randallroberts.com



Yvonne Sliwa

August 23, 1932 – November 26, 2023

Yvonne Sliwa passed away peacefully at her Cicero home at the age of 91 years old of congestive heart failure. She was married to the late Ziggy Sliwa and was the loving mother of three children: Mickey, Barbara, and Thomas. She was also grandmother to nine grandchildren.

She came here from Poland in the 1950s with literally the shirt on her back and built a wonderful, productive life in Merrillville, Ind. Later she moved to Warsaw, then to Noblesville, and lastly to Cicero. Yvonne worked many years as a nurse's aid at a hospital in Gary, Ind. During leisure time she enjoyed golfing and playing the game of tennis. She was a woman of faith and an active member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Yvonne was an inspiration to her children who could always count on her for support. She enjoyed babysitting with her grandchildren, and as they grew up, she loved taking trips with them and her family. She attended many of their school functions, including school concerts, sporting events, and cheerleading.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Godovska; her husband, Ziggy Sliwa; a daughter, Barbara Bednarz; and daughter-in-law, Sue Sliwa.

Surviving her are two sons, Thomas Walter Sliwa of Cicero and Mickey Sliwa of Fishers; and nine grandchildren, Jessica, Sandi, Katie, Phillip, Jennifer, Carrie, Keith, Kevin, and Kim; plus several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 2, 2023, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 410 S. Pearl St., Cicero, with burial to follow at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens near Fishers. A time of visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, December 1, 2023, at Hartley Funeral Home Cicero Chapel, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

You may send condolences at hartleyfuneralhomes.com.



Leon Edward Oldham

June 1, 1937 – November 22, 2023

Leon Edward Oldham, 86, Noblesville, passed away Wednesday, November 22, 2023, surrounded by his daughter and his grandchildren. He was born June 1, 1937, to Shirley and Naomi (Hampton) Oldham.

He grew up in Noblesville and attended Noblesville Schools. He graduated from Noblesville High School with the Class of 1955.

Leon married Nancy Ellen (Taylor) Oldham on August 29, 1969, and they were blessed with a daughter, Kathy (Oldham) Murphy.

Leon worked many years for the Hamilton County Highway Department before he retired.

Leisure time would find him golfing and going to casinos, but mostly he enjoyed being with his family and hearing about his grandchildren.

He is survived by his daughter, Kathy Murphy; his granddaughter, Taylor (Steven) Latre; great-grandchildren, Kassidy, Jessie, and Imilia "Mia" Latre; sister, Nancy N. Allen of Milwaukee, Wis.; his special nieces, Katrina Jo (Alfred) Penn, Michelle Purdue, Nancy (Jeff) Ledford, and Shanita (Derrick) Washington; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy Ellen Oldham, and siblings, Willie Glenn Oldham and Shirlene (Oldham) Perdue.

The family has asked that memorial contributions be made to "Leon's Break Bread Fund" at Ginger's Care, 1111 S. 10th St., Noblesville, IN 46060.

Visitation and funeral services were held on Monday, November 27, 2023, at Hartley Funeral Homes Cicero Chapel, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero, with burial following at Crownland Cemetery.

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Longtime coach Pete Smith to be inducted into Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame

The REPORTER

A familiar state champion basketball coach will be inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in a few months.

Pete Smith was announced as one of the inductees in a press release sent out Tuesday morning. Smith was a longtime and distinguished coach, especially in Hamilton County, where he coached at three different schools, winning two state championships at Guerin Catholic.

“It’s so cool to share it with a lot of the players and assistant coaches that still live here that I see and talk to on a regular basis,” Smith told the Reporter.

Smith graduated from Rochester High School in 1979. He led the Zebras to a 16-5 record his senior campaign while being named Defensive Player of the Year, Mental Attitude Award Winner, and team captain. Smith attended Bethel College, where he was injured prior to his sophomore year, so he began his coaching career his junior year.

Smith was an assistant at Rochester, South Bend Adams, and Warsaw before becoming head coach at Manchester. The Squires were 66-26 during his four years, winning a sectional in 1988

and compiling a 22-1 record during the 1990-91 season.

Smith was hired at Noblesville on Aug. 8, 1991. In a Noblesville Ledger article that ran the next day, sports editor Mike Emery noted the difference in styles, saying “Smith’s high-octane attack has worked as effectively for him as the more deliberate attack” of Nicholson, also a member of the Hall of Fame.

“Starting at Noblesville, replacing a living legend in Dave Nicholson,” said Smith. “That was a unique challenge because he had built such a great basketball program, yet our styles were very different on the court. It made it some tough shoes to fill.”

“And yet he was always supportive,” said Smith. “He came to a lot of games. I really appreciate that about Nic, because it was a different style of basketball the Millers played.”

Smith coached for three seasons at Noblesville, winning a sectional title in 1994 and advancing to the regional final. Smith then coached at Penn for four seasons, 1994-98, during which time he also taught business at the high school. As a coach, his 1995-96 team finished 19-5 and also won a sectional championship.



Photos provided

(Left) Pete Smith, a longtime boys basketball coach in Hamilton County, has been inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame. Smith coached at Noblesville, Carmel and Guerin Catholic; he won two state championships with the Golden Eagles. (Right) Smith is pictured here with University of Kentucky coach John Calipari.

“I gave up a great coaching job at Noblesville to take a leap of faith and go to Penn,” said Smith. “Fortunately we did pretty well at Penn, too.”

Smith returned to Hamilton County and coached at Carmel for four seasons, 1998-2002. After that, Smith began building the boys basketball program at the new Guerin Catholic High School. Smith said the Golden Eagles’ first team in 2004-05 was a freshman squad, with 17 ninth-graders.

The team added grades each year, and played its first-ever sectional in 2007,

where it took Park Tudor in the limit during the sectional championship game before falling 50-48.

Guerin Catholic would soon become a powerhouse. The Golden Eagles won their first-ever sectional championship in 2010, then claimed a 3A state title in 2012. Guerin Catholic followed that with a regional crown in 2014 and added a second 3A state championship in 2015. Smith’s Guerin Catholic team went 9-13 his first season but compiled a winning season in the coach’s next 11 seasons until he retired in 2018.

“It was cool to get it going from scratch like we did,” said Smith.

Smith amassed 389 wins in his career, and a winning percentage of 61 percent. Smith has earned numerous honors from the IBCA including District Coach of the Year. Smith had the honor of being an assistant coach for the McDonald’s All-American game, Director of the Indiana/Kentucky All-Star Series, and a director of 5-Star Summer Basketball Camps for 24 summers.

Smith also took several coaches under his wing as

assistants, with 17 of them going on to become head coaches for high school, college, and even an NBA team – Brad Stevens, the former Butler University coached the Boston Celtics from 2013 to 2021 and is now the team’s Director of Basketball Operations.

Smith and the other members of the men’s class of 2024 will be inducted at a banquet the evening of March 20, 2024 at Primo Banquet Hall in Indianapolis. A reception will take place that afternoon at the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame Museum in New Castle.

Boys Basketball

Westfield powers through Pendleton Heights in home opener

By RICHIE HALL
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WESTFIELD – After a big win last Saturday, the Westfield boys basketball team didn’t have a letdown when it hosted Pendleton Heights on Tuesday.

Instead, the Shamrocks didn’t let up. Westfield ran away with the fourth quarter in its home opener, eventually beating the Arabians 64-39 at CSI Gymnasium.

The ‘Rocks were coming off a victory at Kokomo, last year’s Class 4A state runner-up.

“That’s in the back of our heads, it’s in the back of everyone’s head,” said Westfield senior Trey Buchanan.

“After a big win, you don’t want to come back in the next game and just have a letdown. We knew that’s not what we wanted to do, so we locked in there in the second quarter and second half to make sure that didn’t happen.”

“It’s a good start,” said ‘Rocks coach Shane Sumpter. “We got things that we got to clean up, but it’s nice to do that when you win. We’ve been a tough team here at home.”

The Shamrocks outscored Pendleton in each of the four quarters. They



Harvey

trailed early in the first, but used a 7-0 run to take the lead, and eventually finish the first period up 12-9. Five Westfield players scored, with Nic Book getting four points and Caleb Wise hitting a 3-pointer.

The Arabians tied the game twice in the second quarter; doing so both times by nailing 3s. Then Buchanan got hot, taking over the game with back-to-back triples, a traditional three-point play and a rebound basket to score 11 points in the period. Wise threw in his second 3 of the game, and that helped Westfield to a 31-21 halftime lead.

“It was just a matter of when I could break the lid off,” said Buchanan. “I know my team’s got my back. They told me to keep shooting, so that’s what I did and eventually started knocking them down.”

Pendleton Heights was within 33-26 midway through the third quarter before Buchanan drained another 3 and Book made a dunk. Those baskets began a 23-6 spurt that lasted until the midway point of the fourth period. Will Harvey helped out a couple of 3s in the early part of the fourth quarter, and Farrell hit a triple later in the period.

“We made a lot of shots in the second half too,” said



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(Top) Westfield’s Trey Buchanan scored 21 points, including four 3-pointers, in the Shamrocks’ win over Pendleton Heights on Tuesday. (Above) Players on the Westfield third-grade travel team took to the floor during halftime of the varsity game.

Sumpter. “Shots that just didn’t fall in the first half.” Sumpter credited his

team with picking it up defensively in the second half. The coach said that “some of the defensive mistakes that we made in the first half, I thought we didn’t make those in the second half.” As a result, Westfield was able to get a comfortable lead, “and once we got a 10-point lead, we were able to sustain that,” said Sumpter.

Buchanan led with 21 points, followed by Harvey with 14 points. Both play-

ers drained four 3-pointers. Book added 10 points, seven rebounds and two blocked shots; Harvey also had seven rebounds. Farrell pulled five rebounds.

Westfield is 2-0 and opens Hoosier Crossroads Conference play Friday by hosting Zionsville.

“We’re looking forward to a big challenge, a big conference game here Friday night against a good basketball team,” said Sumpter.

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Basketball

Boys: Tigers & Huskies both victorious

The REPORTER

The Fishers boys basketball team continued its solid start to the season with a 71-53 victory at Arsenal Tech on Tuesday.

The Tigers, ranked No. 1 in this week's Associated Press Class 4A poll and No. 3 in the IBCA one-class coaches' poll, were in control early, scoring 22 points in the first quarter. Cooper Zachary and Keenan Garner both had seven points, while Jason Gardner and Justin Kirby both made one

3-pointer each.

Garner added six more points in the second period, helping Fishers to a 36-25 halftime lead. The Tigers outscored the Titans in each of the four quarters, running away with the game in the fourth by pouring in another 25 points.

Garner totaled 22 points and scored in each period. Zachary added 17 points.

Fishers is 3-0 and hosts 4A No. 10 Noblesville Friday in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference opener

for both teams.

Hamilton Heights traveled to Clinton Central on Tuesday and came home with its first win of the season, powering past the Bulldogs 71-45.

The Huskies outscored CC in each quarter, leading 19-3 after one period.

Heights then had a tremendous second quarter, holding the Bulldogs to six

points on its way to a 41-19 halftime lead.

Tillman Etchison poured in 25 points, dished out five assists and made four steals. Carson Felger collected nine rebounds and made six steals, followed by Rees Knapp with seven rebounds and Dreydin Serna with six rebounds.

The Huskies are 1-1 and host New Castle on Friday.

| FISHERS 71, ARSENAL TECH 53 | | | | |
|--|----|-------|----|---------|
| Fishers | FG | FT | TP | PF |
| Taden Metzger | 1 | 0-0 | 3 | 3 |
| Millen McCartney | 1 | 0-0 | 2 | 2 |
| Cooper Zachary | 6 | 5-5 | 17 | 1 |
| JonAnthony Hall | 1 | 2-2 | 4 | 0 |
| Keenan Garner | 10 | 2-6 | 22 | 3 |
| Jason Gardner | 3 | 2-3 | 9 | 1 |
| Justin Kirby | 2 | 2-2 | 7 | 2 |
| Parker Perdue | 1 | 0-0 | 2 | 1 |
| Nathan Baker | 2 | 0-1 | 5 | 1 |
| Torey Breland | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ethan Laboy | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 27 | 13-19 | 71 | 14 |
| Score by Quarters | | | | |
| Fishers | 22 | 13 | 14 | 22 – 71 |
| Arsenal Tech | 15 | 11 | 12 | 15 – 53 |
| Fishers 3-pointers (4) Metzger, Gardner, Kirby, Baker. | | | | |

| HAMILTON HEIGHTS 71, CLINTON CENTRAL 45 | | | | |
|---|-------|-------|----|---------|
| Heights | FG | FT | TP | PF |
| Rees Knapp | 2-10 | 2-4 | 6 | 4 |
| Dreydin Serna | 2-9 | 2-2 | 6 | 3 |
| Tillman Etchison | 9-17 | 5-6 | 25 | 1 |
| John Irion | 3-11 | 1-2 | 7 | 1 |
| Simon Knott | 2-2 | 0-0 | 4 | 1 |
| Carson Felger | 4-7 | 0-0 | 9 | 3 |
| Phoenix Vondersaar | 3-5 | 0-0 | 8 | 2 |
| Aidan Unger | 0-2 | 0-0 | 0 | 3 |
| Isaiah Grimsey | 2-2 | 2-2 | 6 | 2 |
| Chris Nobbe | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 27-66 | 12-16 | 71 | 20 |
| Score by Quarters | | | | |
| Hamilton Heights | 19 | 22 | 17 | 13 – 71 |
| Clinton Central | 13 | 6 | 15 | 11 – 45 |
| Heights 3-point shooting (5-23) Etchison 2-5, Vondersaar 2-4, Felger 1-3, Knapp 0-5, Irion 0-3, Serna 0-2, Unger 0-1. | | | | |
| Heights rebounds (39) Felger 9, Knapp 7, Serna 6, Vondersaar 4, Etchison 4, Irion 4, Unger 2, Grimsey 2, Serna 1. | | | | |

Girls: Blackhawks' defense fries Hot Dogs

The REPORTER

The Sheridan girls basketball team put together another solid defensive effort on Tuesday.

The Blackhawks won at Frankfort 55-20, extending its win streak to four games. Sheridan blasted through the first quarter to lead 28-3, then was up 39-7 at halftime. The 'Hawks never allowed the Hot Dogs more than seven points in a quarter and held an opponent to 20 points or less for the second time this season.

Kenzie Garner was all

over the place, scoring 23 points, making 10 steals, pulling six rebounds and dishing out five assists. Nova Cross added 12 points. Cecilia Timme had an outstanding defensive game with eight rebounds, five steals and two blocked shots. Sheridan had 25 steals as a team. Mac Smith collected seven rebounds and Makenzy Terry had six rebounds.

The Blackhawks are 4-2 and play at Clinton Central Friday in a Hoosier Heartland Conference girls-boys doubleheader.

IBCA girls basketball poll – Week of Nov. 26

| Rank | School | Points | Record |
|------|------------------------|--------|--------|
| 1 | Columbia City | 385 | 7-0 |
| 2 | Lawrence Central (9) | 381 | 5-0 |
| 3 | Center Grove (1) | 353 | 7-0 |
| 4 | Hamilton Southeastern | 325 | 7-1 |
| 5 | Fort Wayne Snider | 306 | 7-1 |
| 6 | Lawrence North | 303 | 4-1 |
| 7 | Bedford North Lawrence | 224 | 6-1 |
| 8 | Homestead | 218 | 4-1 |
| 9 | Jennings County | 215 | 7-1 |
| T10 | Lake Central | 182 | 5-1 |
| T10 | Plainfield | 182 | 7-0 |
| 12 | South Bend Washington | 157 | 6-2 |
| 13 | Zionsville | 151 | 6-2 |
| 14 | Noblesville | 145 | 4-3 |
| 15 | Northridge | 138 | 7-1 |
| 16 | Franklin Community | 120 | 7-2 |
| 17 | Norwell | 70 | 6-2 |
| 18 | Hamilton Heights | 50 | 5-1 |
| T19 | Fishers | 45 | 5-3 |
| T19 | Indian Creek | 45 | 5-2 |

First place votes are in parentheses.

Other schools receiving votes, with records

Borden (7-0), Brownsburg (4-4), Crawford County (8-1), Fort Wayne Northrop (4-1), Franklin Central (2-3), Greensburg (5-2), Lanesville (7-0), Merrillville (3-3), North Knox (8-0), Rensselaer Central (8-0), Silver Creek (5-1), South Knox (6-0), Twin Lakes (6-1), Valparaiso (4-2), Warsaw (4-2), Westfield (5-1).

IBCA boys basketball poll – Week of Nov. 26

| Rank | School | Points | Record |
|------|---------------------|--------|--------|
| 1 | Lawrence North (15) | 429 | 1-0 |
| 2 | Brownsburg (1) | 370 | 2-0 |
| 3 | Fishers (1) | 330 | 2-0 |
| 4 | Center Grove | 323 | 2-0 |
| 5 | Crispus Attucks | 320 | 0-0 |
| 6 | Cathedral (1) | 314 | 2-0 |
| 7 | Kokomo | 303 | 1-1 |
| 8 | Noblesville | 288 | 2-0 |
| 9 | Ben Davis (1) | 286 | 0-1 |
| 10 | Westfield (1) | 285 | 1-0 |
| 11 | Brownstown Central | 215 | 1-0 |
| 12 | Fort Wayne Wayne | 210 | 0-0 |
| 13 | Chesterton | 171 | 1-0 |
| 14 | Guerin Catholic | 142 | 2-0 |
| 15 | Scottsburg | 99 | 1-0 |
| 16 | Blackhawk Christian | 83 | 0-0 |
| 17 | Jeffersonville | 77 | 0-1 |
| 18 | NorthWood | 41 | 0-0 |
| 19 | Zionsville | 39 | 1-0 |
| 20 | Lawrence Central | 34 | 1-0 |

First place votes are in parentheses.

Other schools receiving votes, with records

Anderson (2-0), Brebeuf Jesuit (2-0), Carmel (0-1), Delta (1-0), Evansville Bosse (0-0), Evansville F. J. Reitz (0-1), Evansville Harrison (1-0), Evansville Memorial (0-0), Greenfield-Central (1-0), Hammond Bishop Noll (2-0), Hammond Central (2-2), Heritage Hills (1-0), Indianapolis Lutheran (0-0), LaVille (0-0), Leo (0-0), Manchester (1-0), Marion (2-0), Morgan Township (1-0), Mount Vernon (0-1), New Albany (2-0), New Palestine (0-0), North Posey (0-0), Orleans (1-0), Penn (1-0), Peru (1-0), Pike (0-1), Plainfield (2-0), Richmond (1-0), South Bend Riley (1-0), South Bend St. Joseph (0-0), Tipton (1-0), Wapahani (2-0), Warren Central (0-1), 21st Century Charter School – Gary (1-1)

Golden Eagles take down Shortridge



Photo by Mike Navarro

The Guerin Catholic girls basketball team beat Shortridge 43-28 Tuesday at the Eagles Nest. Ava Bills (pictured) scored 13 points. Complete stats will run in a later edition. The Golden Eagles are 3-5 and play a Circle City Conference game Saturday afternoon at Covenant Christian.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

| Wednesday, Nov. 29 | |
|---|--|
| BOYS BASKETBALL | |
| Muncie Central at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m. | |
| BOYS WRESTLING | |
| Carmel at Mount Vernon, 6:30 p.m. | |
| Westfield at Brownsburg, 6:30 p.m. | |
| GIRLS BASKETBALL | |
| Hamilton Heights at North Miami, 7:30 p.m. | |
| Noblesville at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m. | |
| SWIMMING/DIVING | |
| University at Elwood, 6 p.m. | |
| Please email schedule changes or corrections to sports@readthereporter.com. | |

Wrestling

Fishers comes home with HCC win over Franklin Central

The REPORTER

The Fishers wrestling team beat Hoosier Crossroads Conference opponent Franklin Central 41-34 in a dual meet Tuesday on the road.

The Tigers won eight of the 14 matches, including pins for Will Hruskoci, Camden Funk, Xavier Smith, Chris Quarles and Kyle Gunawan. Chayce Yant and Teyon Leonard won major decisions, with Zeke Kramer winning at 145 by decision.

Fishers is next in action Saturday at Westfield's Shamrock Duals.

FISHERS 41, FRANKLIN CENTRAL 34

106: Fishers defaulted
113: Will Hruskoci def. Bass by fall
120: Goyo Mireles lost

to Rogers by major decision, 9-1

126: Chayce Yant def. Ezell by major decision, 19-6

132: Fishers defaulted
138: Teyon Leonard def. Kemp by major decision, 13-5

145: Zeke Kramer def. Ruley by decision, 6-2

150: Stephen Breck lost to Stevenson by fall

157: Camden Funk def. Tindel by fall

165: Xavier Smith def. Marlow by fall

175: Julian Burgett lost to Muan by fall

190: Chris Quarles def. Kaster by fall

215: Kyle Gunawan def. Dillard by fall

285: James Keller lost to Jones by fall

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