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One good bus driver is worth his weight in gold

Photo provided by Noblesville Schools

Shout out to Noblesville Schools bus driver Walt Edwards, whose quick thinking recently stopped a student from crossing the street just as a car blew past the school bus stop arm. The driver was caught on camera and will be prosecuted. The more than 100 bus drivers of Noblesville Schools travel over a million miles a year and have extensive training to ensure students are transported to and from school safely. To learn more about when to stop for a school bus, see a simple graphic from INDOT at tinyurl.com/StopForBus.

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Present over perfect

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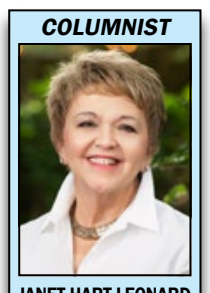

JANET HART LEONARD
From the Hart

Morning has peeked into my kitchen window. I'm sitting at my desk … a.k.a. my kitchen table. My paper calendar and to-do list tell me Christmas will be here before I am ready. I've got so much to do. I'm behind … as usual.

For years, I wanted everything to be oh-so-perfect. Then, my messy reality would arrive. I would be so disappointed with my exhausted self. Finally, I got smart. I discovered the flour-sprinkled white dishcloth of surrender. The task of baking 12 dozen cookies, decorating a tree in every room, and being the perfect hostess with the perfect mostess was put to rest … literally and figuratively.

I became present in the messy but glorious moments of the season. I chose to be present over being perfect.

As I sit here and write, I smile. The season has arrived in its merry messiness. I love it!

I look up and over at my kitchen counter. It looks like the aftermath of a baking tsunami. Forget calling the names of Santa's reindeer. I am calling the names of ingredients. On sugars, white and brown, three types of flour, baking soda, baking powder, molasses, crushed pineapple, applesauce, and a giant bag of pecans. Oh my! The ingredients might

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Jim Wafford enters the Hall of Fame

He may be behind the scenes, but everyone knows his importance to high school sports

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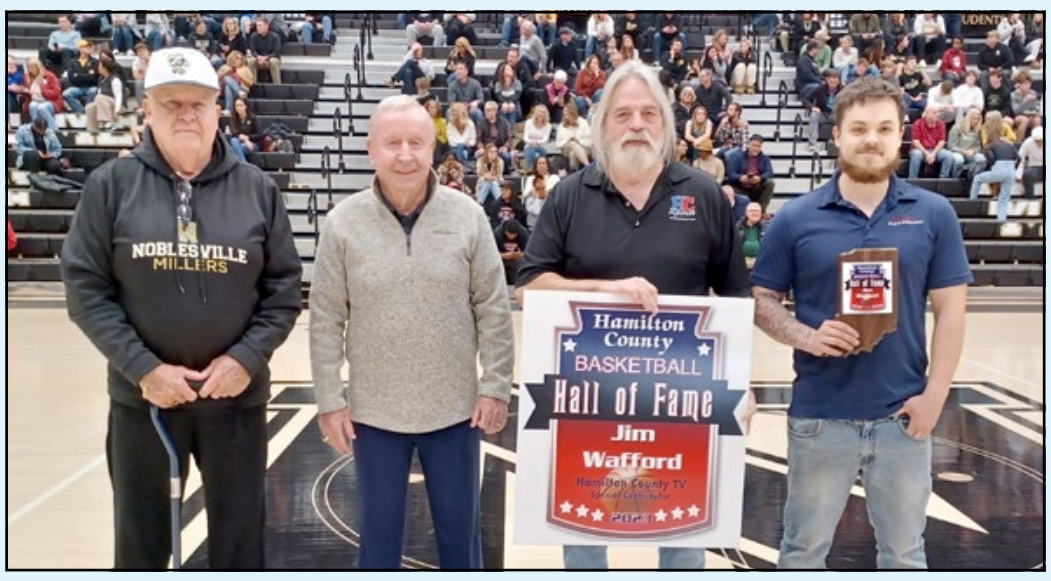

Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Jim Wafford, owner of Hamilton County Television, was inducted into the Hamilton County Basketball Hall of Fame last Friday night during halftime of the Noblesville-Fishers girls game. Pictured are Hall of Fame committee members Ron Fleming and Dave Nicholson, Jim Wafford and his son Will Wafford.

Jim Wafford had one word after being inducted into the Hamilton County Basketball Hall of Fame last Friday night.

"Humbling," he said. Wafford, the owner of Logan Street Signs and Banners and HCTV, was formally inducted into the Hall of Fame during halftime of the Noblesville-Fishers girls basketball game, which took place at The Mill, a gym where almost basketball game, you can see Wafford and his broadcasting crew calling the action.

"We created Hamilton County TV to help these student-athletes," said Wafford.

What is now HCTV began in the summer of 2011. The primary content back them was local talk shows, public domain TV shows and movie.

HCTV began broadcasting basketball in the fall of 2012, with a Noblesville junior varsity/varsity girls basketball game. Wafford said at the time, HCTV was the only commercial broadcaster showing regular-season girls sports. HCTV has broadcast close to 800 basketball games, boys and girls, JV and varsity.

As broadcast technology evolved, so did HCTV. The channel added a YouTube channel in 2014. HCTV joined the IHSAA's television network in 2016 as the organization's first affiliate. Then in 2018, HCTV welcomed Indiana SRN's broadcasts to its channel.

HCTV added a Roku and Amazon Fire channel in 2019, then joined forces with the Bragg Sports Network, adding that to its channel to highlight Sheridan athletics. Also, HCTV mentored three local high schools in starting their own channels: Fishers Sports Network, Southeastern Sports Network and Husky Sports (Hamilton Heights). The content of all three networks is available on HCTV.

While sports are a very important part of HCTV, the channel also is known for broadcasting other important events. HCTV shows the annual Hamilton County 4-H Fair, community events such as parades, the annual Boys & Girls Club Bed Race, city and county council meetings.

Wafford is also the owner of Logan Street Signs & Banners, which owns HCTV. In the early days, "my sign shop covered 100 percent of the cost to create the channel, buy equipment and broadcast the games."

"The past six years, we have gained great community-minded company sponsors," said Wafford. "The public has supported us by watching our broadcast."

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Four Fishers schools will compete in "We the People" state finals

The REPORTER

More than 600 middle and high school students will compete in the 2023 Indiana Bar Foundation We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution State Finals. The two-day championship will be held at Historic Union Station and Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Downtown Dec. 12 and 13.

Classes from 14 middle schools and 14 high schools from across the state qualified by finishing in the top three in one of four regionals or were granted a wild card entry based on regional points.

Within Hamilton County, four schools in Fishers will compete. They are:

- Fall Creek Junior High School
- Fishers Junior High School
- Fishers High School
- Hamilton Southeastern High School

"The Foundation is proud to sponsor this wonderful program," Foundation President & CEO Charles Dunlap said. "Congratulations to every class that has been part of regional and state competition. We are thankful to our school communities, volunteer judges, and all those whose financial support allows the Foundation to provide We the People to more than 10,000 Indiana students annually."

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Hamilton Heights middle schoolers invited to perform live with high school Color Guard

The REPORTER

If you are a Hamilton Heights Middle School student (grades 5 to 8) interested in learning more about becoming a future member of the Hamilton Heights High School Color Guard squad, then you will be interested in this special opportunity.

Students can sign up to participate in a rehearsal and performance at halftime at the Boys' Varsity Basketball Game vs. the West Lafayette Red Devils on Saturday, Dec. 16 as part of Heights' Band Night.

Flag Camp takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the HHMS Band Room (use Entrance C). Students will then meet back in the Band Room at 7 p.m. in preparation for their halftime performance alongside the HHHS Color Guard. Participating students will receive a pizza lunch, flag, T-shirt, and be a part of the live entertainment on the court for Husky fans and visitors.

Cost is $30. Payment accepted by Venmo, cash or check (made payable to HHBB) drop off at the HHMS main office during school hours by Friday, Dec. 15.

Go to **tinyurl.com/HHMSflag-camp** for more information or contact Band Director Mark Snelson at **msnelson@hhschuskies.org**.

Photo provided

Hamilton Heights High School Band Department's Flag Camp is designed to give middle school students the opportunity to experience the excitement of performing live alongside the high school Color Guard.

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(From left) Kiwanis Club of Cicero Military Veterans: Mark Bailey – Army Reserve, Mary Ringer – Army, Brent Harrison – Marines, Andrea Carlile – Outreach Director for HVAF, Jim Dashiel – Army Reserve, Paul Gibson – Army, Doug Barney – Marines, and Bill Symon – Coast Guard.

Kiwanis Club of Cicero learns about services for homeless veterans & their families

The REPORTER

The Kiwanis Club of Cicero recently had the honor of hosting and hearing from Andrea Carlile, who is the outreach director for Helping Veterans And Families (HVAF), an organization dedicated to providing hope, housing, and self-sufficiency for all veterans and their families.

"Since 1993, HVAF has been helping homeless veterans return to self-sufficiency and engaging at-risk veterans and their families to prevent them from becoming homeless by providing supportive housing assistance, case management, employment support, therapy, and basic needs including food, hygiene products and clothing," Carlile said. "We provide services for all veterans, Active Duty, Reserve, and National Guard members, regardless of discharge status."

Annually, HVAF serves over 1,200 veterans, provides more than 33,000 services, permanently houses over 200 veterans, and hosts over 2,200 pantry visits. To learn more about HVAF, visit **HVAF.org** or call (317) 951-0688.

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(From left) Travis Jerde, Indiana German Heritage Society Representative; Megan Munson, second place winner; Amy Cooke, first place winner; and Camille Short, third place winner.

Carmel Christkindlmarkt selects winners of first Kulturecke Docent Scholarship Competition

The REPORTER

The Carmel Christkindlmarkt staff have announced the winners of the first Kulturecke Docent Scholarship Program, sponsored by the Indiana German Heritage Society.

The participants were asked to submit an essay answering the prompt, "German immigrants have made significant contributions to culture and traditions in the State of Indiana. In 500 words, describe a German cultural tradition that you see alive in the state today, and why you think it has remained an impactful part of Hoosier living history."

Amy Cooke won first place and received a $1,000 scholarship. She attends Fishers High School, Class of 2025. Megan Munson won second place and received a $500 scholarship. Munson attends Carmel High School, Class of 2026, and is also a former Christkind. Camille Short won third place and received a $250 scholarship. She attends Center Grove High School, Class of 2024.

As part of their roles as docents, these winners are present in the Kulturecke to share facts about German holiday traditions and help guests navigate and enjoy the space.

"We are thrilled to offer this new scholarship program this year, and we are very pleased with our three winners," Carmel Christkindlmarkt CEO Maria Murphy said. "We hope our guests enjoy meeting them in the Kulturecke this year, and we can't wait to continue this program in the future."

The docents are on site at the Market during select times. For a full look at the Market's 2023 schedule, go to **carmelchristkindlmarkt.com/schedule**.

Noblesville Lions & Kiwanis Noon Clubs ring bells for Salvation Army

Photos provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll

On Saturday, Dec. 2, the Kiwanis Noon Club rang bells at Walmart in the morning, and the Noblesville Lions Club rang in the afternoon. As a member of each club, Joe Arrowood was the chairman of this event. Lion members who participated included Gene Beck, Ron Williamson, Steve Shaw, Joe Arrowood, George Long, Susie Long, Kim Luckey, Dave Marsh, Jen Carr, Mark Bachar, and Cheryl Helton. The clubs thank the many Walmart customers who donated to the Salvation Army cause. (Above left) Three generations of Arrowoods included Nate Arrowood, Derek Arrowood, and Lion Joe Arrowood. (Above right) Three happy Lions: Jen Carr, Mark Bachar, and Cheryl Helton.

HCTV

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Wafford said that in 2012, "we were excited to break the ceiling of 1,000 viewers for the year. The past four years, we have exceeded 450,000 each year" over all platforms.

"I've been in this community for 32 years," said Wafford. "People supported our sign shop and they supported our trophy shop, and then the overwhelming response to the Internet TV is just amazing."

HCTV covers all things Hamilton County, and occasionally heads on the road to cover games. The first-ever out of county trip was in 2015, when Wafford and crew traveled to Kokomo to cover the Noblesville girls in the basketball regional.

"There was a snowstorm that morning," said Wafford. "My crew of Perry Williams, Brad Silbert, William Wafford and I jumped in our 4x4 pickup (with our plow attached) and traveled to Kokomo to broadcast the game."

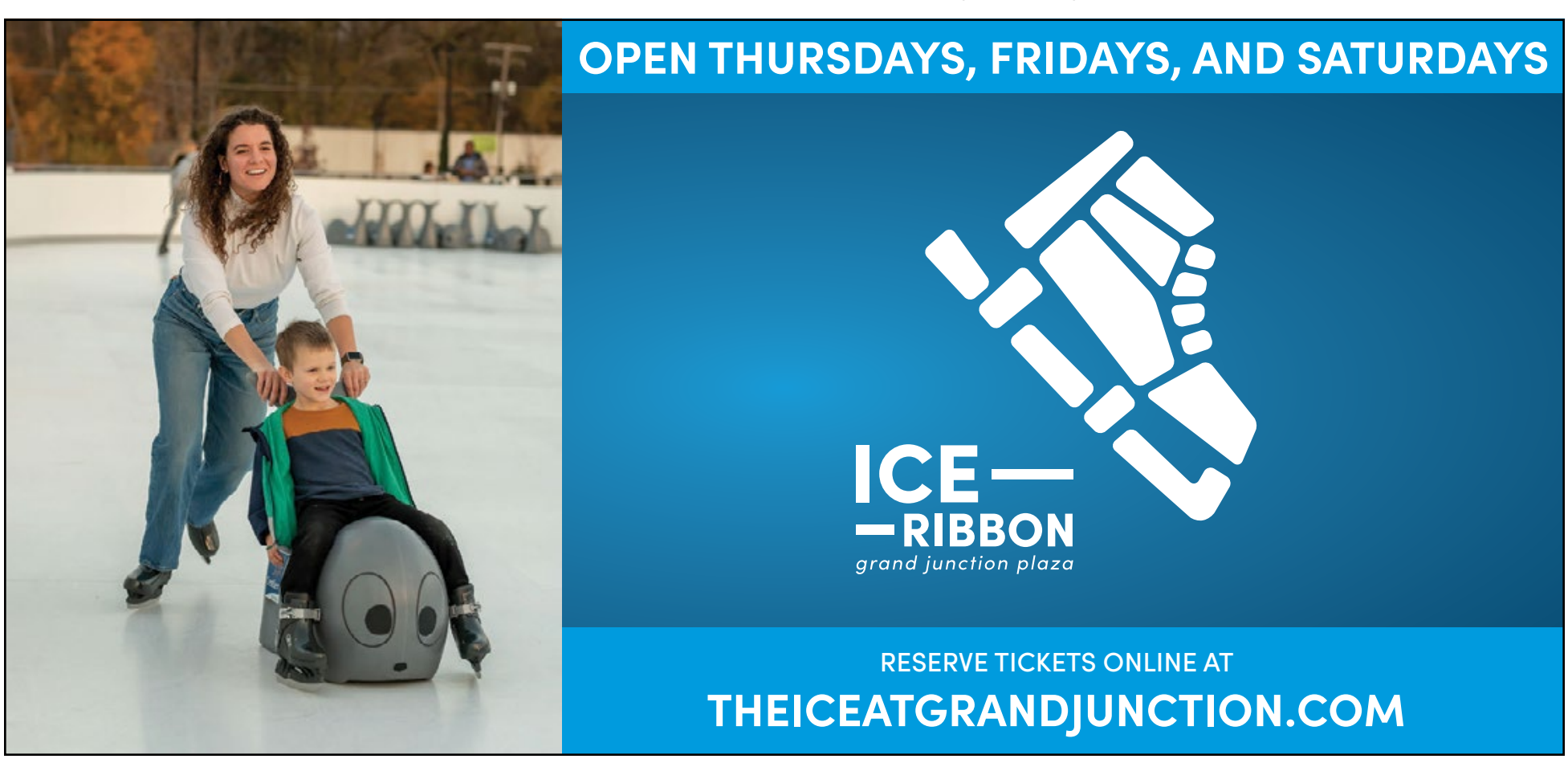
"He's one of those guys that's behind the scenes," said Williams. "But man, he does a lot for Noblesville athletics in every sport, boys, girls, wrestling. He did a wrestling match last night. So, he's just a great guy and serves our community well."

HCTV's work has also gotten notice around the state. Wafford said the channel has received recognition from the IHSAA, noting that it is "one of the few commercial broadcasters that is hired to produce semi-state and state championships throughout the year" for tennis, golf, basketball and soccer.

Wafford said the most fun thing about broadcasting the games is getting smiles from the student-athletes, their families and friends.

"We have created a platform that enables recognition for the student-athletes from their friends and families that may not have the opportunity to see them play live," said Wafford. "The fans can watch "Live or Later."

Watch online anytime at HCTV1.com.



Brainard awarded with Sagamore of the Wabash

Photo provided by City of Carmel

Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard gave his final State of the City address on Dec. 4 at The Palladium. Many guest speakers joined to reminisce on his 28 years in the city's top job, including Carmel resident and former Governor Mitch Daniels, who made a surprise appearance to present Mayor Brainard with the Sagamore of the Wabash award from current Governor Eric Holcomb, who was unable to attend. To see more photos from the packed event, go to Facebook.com/CityOfCarmel.

Fishers kicks off Chanukah

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The Indiana Jewish Discovery Center (IJDC) and Rabbi Schusterman welcomed the Fishers community to a Chanukah Celebration last Thursday evening at Holland Memorial Park, with Mayor Scott Fadness giving a special greeting. The event began with an outdoor menorah lighting followed by an indoor program, complete with a juggling magic show from Krembo K, crafts, and a light dinner, as well as jelly doughnuts and latkes. Learn more about IJDC at INJewishDiscovery.org.

Austin Nicole named Husky Hero

The REPORTER

Austin Nicole, a business teacher at Hamilton Heights High School, has been named the Husky Hero for the month of October.

Nicole, who is in his second year of teaching at the high school, has been a great addition to the staff. If you ask students to describe him in one word, it's "kind," which goes a long way for student engagement and inspiration.

"In a short period of time, he has been able to really make a difference in our students," Hamilton Heights High School Principal Jarrod Mason said. "He brings a fresh approach to the classes he teaches, and he seems to be really good at fostering student buy-in and interest in his courses. I feel like the industry experience he brings to our students has blended perfectly with his instructional approach, and students can clearly see themselves in careers in the workforce because of it."

"What an honor!" Nicole said when presented with this recognition. "Being a Husky Hero means that I am serving our students well while they chase their life passions. I believe it is important to come into school each day with an innovative and positive mindset. The goal is that our school can create well-rounded individuals through real-world experiences and purposeful projects. This award is a reminder for me, and others, that there are a lot of good things going on within our community. I am honored to contribute to this great community! As always … there is power in positivity. LEAD WITH LOVE!"

"[Mr. Nicole] is always looking out for his students and makes class engaging and fun!" said junior Campbell Lively.

Junior Casey Beatty agrees. "He is always very kind and willing to help everyone until they understand something completely. He makes learning so much fun and is engaging."

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HHHS Business Teacher Austin Nicole was selected as the Husky Hero for the month of October. (From left) Melissa Martin (HHEF President/HHSC Integration Coach), Craig Bowen (FC Tucker), baby Laken Bowen, Amber Bowen, Austin Nicole, and Jarrod Mason (HHHS Principal).

For Levi Chandler, a junior, Mr. Nicole is "really cool, relatable, and overall a great teacher to have."

Junior Greta Gellinger said he is willing to help and always wants the best for his students.

"He has just been very kind to our SRT and helped us stay on top of our grades," noted junior Carson Felger.

"He's very kind, nice, and helps us with homework," noted junior Ewan Shaffer.

Do you know a Husky Hero? Nomination forms and information about this special recognition program for Hamilton Heights employees are available at **bit.ly/hhschuskyhero**. The Husky Hero Recognition program is made possible through the Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation in partnership with Craig and Amber Bowen (FC Tucker). #hhedfoundation

Live Music Dec. 15 - Tyler Robling
Patsy's Pub
Open Mic Tuesdays 7-10 p.m.
Trivia Wednesdays 7:30-9:30 p.m.
Keyboardist Dave Lowe every Thursday 6-9 p.m.
17419 Suite C, Carey Rd., Westfield
317.867.0397

Live Music At Pasto Italiano
Benito DiBartoli Every Wednesday
(1/2 Price Bottles of Wine On Wednesdays)
Friday December 15
Austin Johnson
Reservations Recommended
317-804-2051
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3150 East State Rd. 32, Westfield

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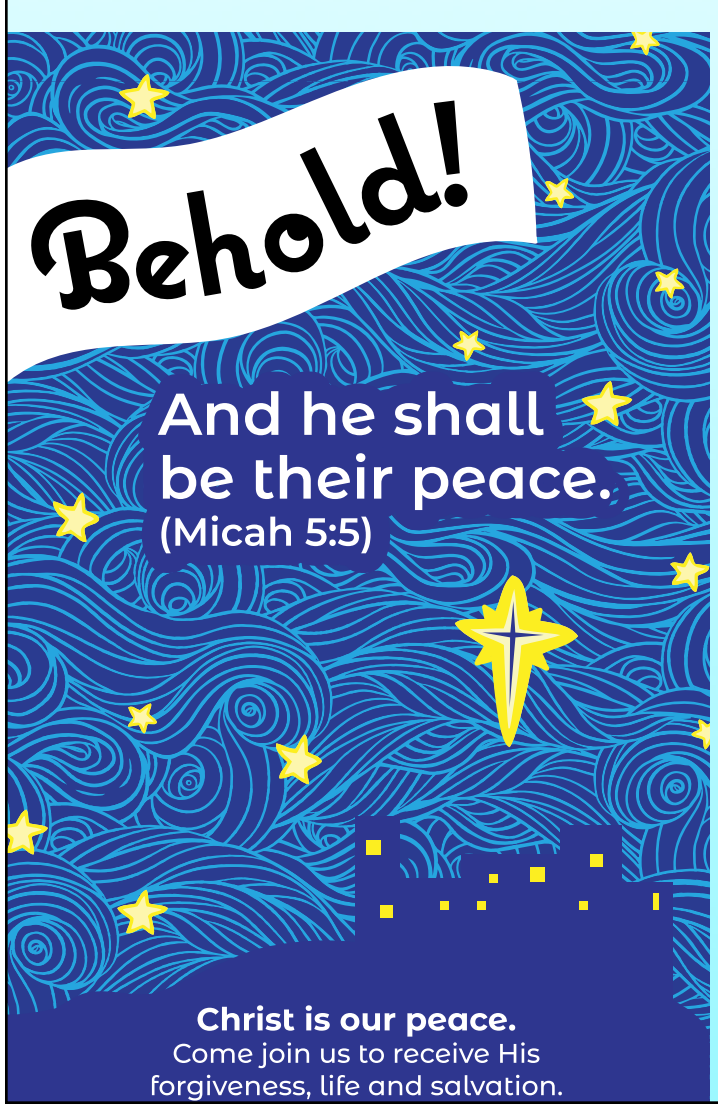
All are welcomed to join us as we celebrate Advent and Christmas the entire month of December!



Sunday Services 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Thursdays Advent Dinners 5:30 p.m
Thursday Services 7:00 p.m.
Dec 17th Children's Program with Hymn Sing 10:30ish a.m.
Sunday Service on Dec. 24th 9:00 p.m.
Dec. 24th The Service of Lessons and Carols 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 24th Candlelight 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Day Celebration 10:00 am

Glory to the Newborn King!

'Tis the season to give

Many hungry families in Hamilton County urgently need your help

Submitted

"Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but look what they can do when they stick together."

– Unknown

According to the Hamilton County Harvest (HCH) Food Bank, approximately 24,270 people in Hamilton County are food insecure, and a sizeable percentage of working adults are not earning enough to afford essential resources for their families.

Food pantries and children's meal programs primarily rely on food banks and donations to supply the food they distribute to people in need. It is because of you, HCH's wonderful supporters, that the food bank can provide food and hope for neighbors.

Because of your generosity, Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank has distributed over 1.5 MILLION MEALS to the local community since beginning in 2009.

But hunger still exists in Hamilton County.

HCH Food Bank needs your help. If you'd like to help fill the barrel and host a food drive, HCH can help. Go to **tinyurl.com/5n7c5r6z** and fill out a form and someone from HCH will contact you.

If you'd like to donate online, go to **HCHFoodBank.org/donate**.

Please consider doing what you can to take care of neighbors who you use a little extra help this holiday season. Your efforts could change a life.

If you'd like to learn more about Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank, go to **HCHFoodBank.org**.

Carmel Street Department earns Clean Air Champion award for new soy-based biodiesel truck program

The REPORTER

The Carmel Street Department's dedication to lowering emissions by adding B20 soy-fueled trucks to its fleet of vehicles has earned it the honor of being a "Clean Air Champion for Biodiesel" by Greater Indiana Clean Cities, Inc. The award was presented on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at the 2023 Indiana Environmental Conference and Winter Technical Meeting.

Photo provided by City of Carmel

(From left) Street Department Supervisor James Rundle, Fleet Manager Jason Armes, Indiana Soybean Alliance Market Development Project Manager Chris Weldon, and Street Department Foreman Shaun Privett.

The award recognizes the Street Department's work with the B20 Club of Indiana and Al Warren Oil Company to initiate a successful B20 pilot program to lower emissions and boost the performance of the Department's vehicles.

"During the last two years, we have attended several trainings and conferences on the benefits of B20," said Jason Armes, fleet manager for the Street Department. "After much consideration, we decided to start a pilot program here at the street department. We then became members of the B20 Club of Indiana and got the ball rolling."

This past summer, the Street Department acquired six 2023 Ford F250 trucks with diesel engines to begin the pilot program. At that time, a partnership was established with Al Warren Oil Company to provide the City with the B20 blend at the Street Department.

The Street Department also partnered with GPS provider, Geotab, to produce the formula to track the emissions output of these trucks and compare them with regular diesel and 87 octane gasoline. Over time, the city will be able to provide the data to show the benefits of using a biodiesel product.

All aboard! Hop on the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Christmas Express

The REPORTER

On Tuesday, Dec. 12 and Wednesday, Dec. 13, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) Community Foundation will help save Christmas for 48 local children.

Santa's little helpers shopped for gifts at Target and collected warm winter coats. HCSO staff filled personalized stockings and wrapped the presents. The next step will involve the Hamilton County Sheriff's Christmas Express. Santa Claus, Deputy Justice (mascot), patrol deputies, correctional officers, and family members will load large red bags full of toys into police vehicles. The jolly group will then hand deliver the gifts on the front doorsteps of the participating families.

A special thank you goes to the HCSO Citizens Academy Alumni Association, Target, Hamilton County Youth Assistance Program, and many contributions from the community for helping to make this event possible each year.

The HSCO Community Foundation's is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and its goals include:

• Providing financial aid and help for those in need in our community, particularly children.

• Supporting the hard-working employees at the Sheriff's Office.

• Building stronger relationships between deputies, corrections officers, and staff with all members of the community.

All aboard! The Hamilton County Sheriff's Christmas Express is coming to a neighborhood near you.

Riverview Health renews commitment to serve Cicero & northern Hamilton County

The REPORTER

Cicero Family Care, a primary care practice of Riverview Health, opened the doors to its new office space on Nov. 20. Now located at 1160 S. Peru St., the practice has expanded its patient capacity with nine exam rooms and a larger waiting room.

Riverview Health will hold an open house and ribbon cutting from 3 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 7. The OneZone Chamber of Commerce will join for a ribbon cutting ceremony at 4 p.m.

Cicero Family Care has been a part of the northern Hamilton County community for decades. The practice was opened by Dr. Charles Harris on the north side of downtown Cicero. The office space was converted from Dr. Harris' home at the time and over the years has grown to respond to the community's healthcare needs.

When Dr. Harris retired in 2019, Dr. Jeremy Fisk, longtime physician with Riverview Health, stepped in to ensure care was continued for the Cicero community. Along with David Henry, physician assistant, the team at Cicero provides care for all ages. Dr. Megan Eaton will join the practice in January 2024.

Photo provided

David Henry, PA, and Dr. Jeremy Fisk are ready to serve Riverview patients in northern Hamilton County.

"This new location for Cicero Family Care allows us to expand our services and be better able to provide timely, high-quality care in the community of Cicero," Dr. Fisk said. "As the needs of the community change over time, we will have the flexibility to respond. I am looking forward to the opportunities that having this location will provide to continue to serve the people of Cicero and surrounding areas with exceptional care."

For more information, visit **riverview.org**. To schedule an appointment with Cicero Family Care, call (317) 984-9311.

We The People

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The We the People competition consists of simulated congressional hearings. Students demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of constitutional principles through presenting their views on a specific topic and then defending their positions by answering questions from a panel of judges. Each class will compete in six rounds. Awards are presented to the top three classes.

In addition to the competition, middle school students will have the opportunity to witness a Naturalization Ceremony Tuesday afternoon in the Grand Hall of Union Station, organized by the United States District Court Southern District of Indiana. Approximately 70 individuals will take the oath of citizenship. The Honorable James R. Sweeney II, United States District Court, Southern District of Indiana, and member of the Foundation Board of Directors will preside.

Find more information at **inbarfoundation.org/we-the-people**.

Present

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give you a hint of the recipes I am making.

Earlier in the week, I began my traditional on-going cookie-baking days. As I pulled spices from the cabinet, I checked the expiration dates. Ugh. I found myself dashing away to the dreaded grocery store baking aisle. Why do the spice makers have to produce such large and quite expensive containers of ingredients when the recipe only calls for a smidgeon? I won't live long enough to need that much ginger.

Twice in the last week, I grabbed the wrong flour and became, let's say, "creative" in my baking. No cookie or cake is ever thrown out at the Leonard house. We make it work. Sometimes, a cookie becomes a scone when unbleached flour is used instead of bleached.

I don't bake as quickly as I used to; thus, the counter will remain the epitome of messy for a few days. I live with the best taste tester who declares every batch is a delight to his tastebuds.

Come with me into my kitchen. Please pull up a chair at my high-top kitchen table. You might have to move a thing or two. This is mission control for the holidays. I'll fix you a cup of Highlander Grogg coffee, and you can watch a not-so-neat baker at work. My apron wears the evidence of the ingredients I am using. Watch me as I create imperfect delicacies.

I not only write from my heart, but I bake from my heart. Both can be messy at times.

Excuse the mess in my kitchen as well as in my life. I have evidence of both.

A messy kitchen is not a bad thing. A messy life is not a bad thing. There is a lot of beauty in both. I'd rather live in the present moment of messiness than in the struggles of perfection.

Taking a break to sit in my candlelit living room and watch a Hallmark movie is not a bad thing.

Pondering in front of the fireplace at Debbie's Daughters Bakery while listening to Christmas carols is a gift to myself.

I do not need permission to be kind to myself … so says my husband. He's been known to remind me, "Let it go, Janet."

Perfect and productive are no longer a goal. WOW! Did I write that?

It is only when I slow down that I am able to truly enjoy the season … even the messiness that it can bring.

While making the mess in my kitchen, I remembered my dear friend whose recipes I was using. Mary Alice Collins was a top baker at the Indiana State Fair. Her recipes are now put into a cookbook that I treasure. She added love to every recipe. I hope to do the same. Sadly, she passed away a few years ago, but her memory lives on in every cookie recipe I make. I think she would be proud of the mess in my kitchen.

When I slow down and embrace the glorious messiness of my life, I can relax and enjoy the moments I might miss when I am in a hurry. My heart truly hears the message of the Christmas carols. My eyes see with greater clarity the scriptures that tell the story of the Christ child – a child born in a messy stable who came in an unexpected way.

I pray that I never miss the comfort and joy that Christmas brings when I choose present over perfect.

Now, back to my messy writing of this column while enjoying a ginger cookie.

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Mary Alice's Ginger Cookies

¼ cup Butter
½ cup Shortening
1 cup Brown Sugar, packed
1 Egg
¼ cup Molasses
2 ¼ cups sifted All-Purpose Flour
2 teaspoons Baking Soda
¼ teaspoon Salt
½ teaspoon Cloves
1 teaspoon Cinnamon
1 teaspoon Ginger
Granulated Sugar

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1. Preheat oven to 375.
2. Mix shortening, sugar, egg, and molasses thoroughly. Sift and measure flour. Sift flour, soda, salt, cloves, cinnamon and ginger together. Stir dry ingredients into the shortening-sugar mixture.
3. Chill.
4. Roll dough into 1 ¼-inch balls. Dip the tops of the balls in sugar. Place sugar side up, three inches apart, on a greased cookie sheet (I use parchment paper.) Sprinkle each cookie with 2 or 3 drops of water.
5. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes or just until set but not hard. (Best if taken out while still puffed up a little.)

Makes approximately four dozen cookies.

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The Ozzman cometh unto the Spartz family

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This may seem like the diary of a madman who's been barking at the moon or riding the crazy train, but on a recent trip to California, the Spartz family had the opportunity to meet the Osbourne family. (Top left) Sharon Osbourne and Victoria Spartz reportedly became fast friends and had great conversations. (Top left) Jason Spartz, who may be the biggest Ozzy fan this newspaper has ever met, came back over the mountain with interesting stories, two autographed rubber bats, and this shot. He was a little paranoid to meet one of his music idols, worried he'd blather on like a crazy baby the whole time. It's just a shot in the dark, but we think Jason and Ozzy have great senses of humor. No more tears, Jason – you did fine.

Reynolds Farm Equipment lights at Conner Prairie get LED upgrade thanks to Duke Energy

The REPORTER

A Merry Prairie Holiday festival at Conner Prairie is shining brighter thanks to Duke Energy's efforts to help convert all the iconic Reynolds Farm Equipment lights to more energy-efficient LED fixtures.

The Reynolds Farm Equipment lights were donated to Conner Prairie in 2019. Beginning in 2021, a team of 10 volunteers began the tedious process of converting the hundreds of iconic incandescent light fixtures to energy-saving LED lights. In total, volunteers have spent more than 2,015 hours replacing thousands of lights. This year's A Merry Prairie Holiday will be the first year 100 percent of the lights are LED.

"We are thrilled to partner with Duke Energy to make our festival more sustainable," Conner Prairie President and CEO Norman Burns said. "Not only are the lights shining brighter thanks to the work of our incredible volunteers, but we anticipate energy costs will decrease by more than 90 percent now that all of the lights have been converted."

Photo provided

Burns

LaBarr

Volunteers from Duke Energy joined the Conner Prairie team to help continue setup of the newly converted Reynolds lights in preparation of A Merry Prairie Holiday, which began Nov. 24.

"As the longest-standing corporate partner of Conner Prairie, Duke Energy is proud to support this year's A Merry Prairie Holiday and the Reynolds Farm Equipment light display," Duke Energy Government and Community Relations Manager Mark LaBarr said. "Transitioning the lights to new, energy-efficient LEDs will provide positive environmental benefits and significant cost savings, while bringing new life to a time-honored holiday tradition for central Indiana families."

Learn more and purchase tickets at **tinyurl.com/MerryPrairieHoliday**.

Student Impact's leader to step down after 14 years of service

The REPORTER

Student Impact of Westfield, a faith-based, non-profit organization whose mission is to build relationships through love and acceptance in a safe and consistent environment, announced last Thursday that longtime Executive Director Danyele Easterhaus will step down from her role.

Easterhaus

Easterhaus, a fixture of the Westfield community, has served as Student Impact's Executive Director since 2010. Student Impact's Executive Program Director, Brittany Delph, will assume the role of Acting Director beginning Jan. 1, 2024.

In September 2023, Student Impact (SI) unveiled its expansion, which more than doubled its capacity, after five months of construction and a two-year fundraising campaign led by Easterhaus. During the 2022-23 school year, Student Impact served more than 700 students, and numbers are expected to grow exponentially with the larger space and capacity. In addition, Student Impact's extremely popular basketball program serves approximately 400 students per year.

"I'm proud of all SI has accomplished in the last 14 years," Easterhaus said. "We have given students a safe space to thrive and grow, and now it's time for me to begin serving my community in different ways. As a staff, we have been planning this transition for more than 18 months, and I am more than confident this team will take our organization to new heights. I want to thank my family, my team, and our great community members for their constant support. I look forward to continuing to serve Westfield in new roles for many years to come."

"Danyele has dedicated her life to the kids of this community and providing a safe place for them to build healthy relationships," SI Board President Eric Douthit said. "I have had the privilege to work alongside Danyele, serving on the SI board of directors for several years, and I have seen first-hand the enormous impact she has on the students she serves. I look forward to seeing how she continues to serve this community."

Easterhaus will now move into the role of President of the Student Impact Emeritus Board, which is made up of previous board members and serves as counsel to the current board of directors and staff. She will assume this role on Jan. 1, 2024.

If you would like more information about Student Impact, visit **TheRockWestfield.org**.

All Things New: Fishers Arts Council features emerging artists & invites you to get involved

The REPORTER

Fishers Arts Council (FAC) is showcasing artists brand new to the FAC Hub Gallery all this month.

The exhibit is open through Friday, Dec. 29 and is located at 11810 Technology Drive inside the Collaboration Hub at the Hamilton County Community Foundation.

Ten local artists will be featured, two of which are youth artists. The artists on display are Susan Cook, Ciera (CiCi) Eadler, Sam Irish, Beth Miller, Travis Park, Karissa Rumsey, Lisa Bliss Rush, Preeya Sikand, and Cristal Williams. These talented individuals represent Camden, Carmel, Fishers, Indianapolis, McCordsville, and Noblesville.

"We love helping artists showcase their work for the first time and introducing artists to the Fishers community who have not shown with us before," FAC Executive Director Les Reinhardt said. "This exhibit is always a great mix of skill levels with every individual sharing their best work."

Many of the artworks are for sale at a variety of price points. The gallery is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Friday gallery visits are by appointment only by contacting Fishers Arts Council directly. The gallery will close at noon on Friday, Dec. 22 and will be closed on Dec. 25.

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The FAC Board is accepting applications for new members. These applications are available on the FAC website (**fishersartscouncil.org/how-to-help**) and via email at **info@fishersartscouncil.org**. Applications are due by Jan. 4, 2024.

Sandra Moreira will serve as next executive director of The Chris Center

Submitted

The Chris Center (TCC) announced Dec. 1 that founder and Executive Director Nancy Elbert will retire at the end of year.

Moreira

Elbert

Elbert devoted herself to bringing to life her vision for a stronger, more resilient community of youth through nature and animals.

"I'm so excited about the direction The Chris Center is going," Elbert said. "I once was told that surrounding yourself with good people is the ingredient for success. I couldn't be prouder of what we've accomplished together. Our board members are passionate, dedicated professionals who see the need within our community. The partnerships we've developed have been integral in allowing our programs to grow. And we are grateful for our grantors and many donors along the way who believed in our mission."

The Chris Center Board is grateful and humbled by Elbert's work and the amazing organization she founded.

TCC also announced that Dr. Sandy Moreira will serve as its next Executive Director beginning January 2024. Moreira has served as TCC's Chief Strategy Officer and partner to Elbert since its inception.

"Sandy has an unwavering commitment to youth wellness and a proven track record of leadership as a pediatrician and as the leader of TCC's programs," TCC Board Chair Leslie Oleck said. "Her mind for strategy and passion for youth wellness will herald a new era of growth and impact for TCC."

Moreira is a Board-certified pediatrician, innovative nonprofit strategist, and passionate child advocate. She is a Duke-trained pediatrician with 18 years of clinical experience in pediatric urgent and emergent care. She earned her MBA at the IU Kelley School of Business. She also serves on the Board of Directors for Indiana Family to Family and is also a member of the Board of Trustees at University High School of Indiana.

Throughout her career as a pediatrician and her personal journey as a parent, Moreira has committed herself to advocating for the mental, emotional, and physical well-being of children. The combination of her business skills and clinical expertise will serve TCC and its community well as it enters its next chapter.

"I am honored and excited to step into the role of Executive Director at The Chris Center," Moreira said. "In a time of unprecedented levels of stress, uncertainty, and isolation among our youth, TCC's innovative programs are more important than ever to support wellness and build resilience. I am grateful to be a part of TCC's next chapter, and with the help of passionate staff, volunteers, and board members, we will continue to drive positive change in youth mental wellness in our community."

The Chris Center envisions a community where teens and pre-teens are empowered to manage their mental wellness. Its mission is to improve mental wellness for teens and pre-teens in Greater Indianapolis through education and experiences with nature and the healing power of human-animal interaction. With Moreira taking the helm on Jan. 1, The Chris Center looks forward to an impactful year serving teens and pre-teens across the greater Indianapolis community.

Learn more at **ChrisCenterPaws.com**.

Carmel unveils "Flower District" west of central core

Submitted by City of Carmel

Something exciting is blooming on the west edge of Carmel's central core as the city unveils the new Flower District in an area that has been growing with businesses, restaurants, shops, and a variety of housing options.

The new Flower District boundaries include a triangular shape bordered by Pennsylvania, Old Meridian, and Main streets and will extend east to Guilford Road.

There will be three primary gateways into the Flower District, each of them roundabouts. On the southern tip, the roundabout at Old Meridian and Pennsylvania (where the sculpture of the giant pink flower sits); on the northwestern tip, the roundabout at Main and Pennsylvania; and on the northeastern tip, the roundabout at Main and Old Meridian.

"We are very excited to identify this section of Carmel as the new Flower District," Mayor Jim Brainard said. "Great cities are made up of great neighborhoods and we have already seen the successful growth and development within our Arts & Design District, City Center, Midtown, Brookshire and the Village of WestClay."

During the Mayor's first term, he established a committee co-chaired by local business leaders Paul Reis and John Schuler to study what could be done in this area. Over the years, their work resulted in improvements to Old Meridian Street, the construction of a new Grand Boulevard and a land-use plan that called for future hotels, townhomes, condominiums, apartments, shops, and restaurants. Concerns about preserving green space led to the commission of a tree expert to identify old growth forest, some of which was incorporated into the median along Grand Boulevard.

As improvements were made and the area experienced rapid growth, new discussions were held to determine how to identify the area and give it a name.

"When we first put this plan into place in the late 1990s, we referred to this as the Old Meridian district, but I felt that that name was overused and we could come up with a better name," Mayor Brainard said. "Then, with the addition of sculptor Arlon Bayliss' *Grace, Love and Joy* in 2019, a 35-foot, pink flower sculpture, the term Flower District became the appropriate choice."

Here's to 200 more years!

Photos provided by Hamilton County Bicentennial Commission / Jessica Layman

The ultimate celebration of Hamilton County's 200th birthday took place on Dec. 3 at Ivy Tech Hamilton County in Noblesville. The family-friendly Bicentennial Bash celebrated all the county has to offer at the year-end event, which included live music from Andy Schomburg and Emily Ann Thompson, a short film by Adam Grubb Media, an art show in partnership with Nickel Plate Arts, and free giveaways and door prizes. Duke Energy Indiana President Stan Pinegar expressed gratitude for the honor of being a lead sponsor of Hamilton County's Bicentennial celebration and recognized the accomplishments of the Bicentennial Commission and its role in making the celebration memorable for years to come. Established by the County Commissioners, the Bicentennial Commission partnered with the Hamilton County Historical Society, Hamilton County Tourism, and Duke Energy throughout the year. Learn more at HamCoTurns200.com.

Community News

See Santa in Cicero

Santa is coming to the Hamilton North Public Library in Cicero!

From 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 16 in the Storytime Room, the young and young at heart can meet with Santa and be sure he hears their Christmas wishes just in time for the big day.

Don't miss your chance to see the jolly old elf himself.

Photos provided by HCPR

Hamilton County Parks Board Member, Dr. Judith Campbell (at left in photos) was sworn in by Hamilton County Clerk Kathy Kreag Williams on Dec. 4.

Veteran Parks board member Dr. Judith Campbell reappointed

The REPORTER

Longtime parks and community advocate Dr. Judith Campbell was recently sworn in following her reappointment as a Hamilton County Parks and Recreation parks board member, a position she has held for nearly 20 years.

Dr. Campbell's appointment to another four-year term was made by Judge Thomas Clem. Hamilton County Clerk Kathy Kreag Williams conducted the swearing-in proceedings. Dr. Campbell will continue to serve as a key member of the county parks board of directors through her position as board treasurer.

As a physician, Dr. Campbell has used her talents and resources to bring awareness of the physical and mental benefits provided by nature and green spaces. She championed the development of the SOMAstation adult playground, located in Cool Creek Park, understanding the need to address the challenging issues of loneliness and isolation in our society today – especially within the elderly community. What makes the adult playground unique is its equipment that requires more than one person to operate, encouraging interaction and socialization among its users, in an outdoor environment.

Her dedication to parks and nature led to her serving as one of the founding members of Friends of Hamilton County Parks, Inc., a 501(c)(3) foundation devoted to the advancement of parks within Hamilton County. She also maintains a passionate support of naturalists and their efforts to educate youth about nature and land stewardship.

When asked about her future goals as a parks board member, Dr. Campbell said, "I'm fully committed to the development of a world-class conservatory at Coxhall Gardens that would serve as a one-of-a-kind resource for the Hamilton County community, designed to attract the most respected individuals and organizations seeking to pioneer the latest advancements in botany, horticulture and related fields that lead to the advancement of sustainable practices, such as vertical gardening and other responsible gardening and growing practices."

The impact Dr. Campbell has had on efforts to ensure future generations will enjoy quality parks, programming and education is impossible to measure. While her fellow board members, park professionals, family members and friends are keenly aware of her contributions, they readily admit that they believe she's just getting started!

To learn more about Hamilton County Parks and Recreation and the department's mission, visit **MyHamiltonCountyParks.com**, follow the park department at **Facebook.com/myhcpr**, or call (317) 770-4400.

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HCRW recently met at Bru Burger Bar in Carmel.

GOP ladies name new officers and give to Shepherd's Center

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Republican Women (HCRW) held their annual Holiday Luncheon on Dec. 2 at Bru Burger Bar, 12901 Old Meridian St., Carmel.

Carmel Mayor-elect Sue Finkam served as the guest speaker, and the ladies collected $25 gift cards to donate to Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County.

The mission of Shepherd's Center is to promote and support independent lifestyles for adults aged 55 and over in Hamilton County. The Shepherd's Center achieves this mission through its five signature programs: Together Today, Reaching Resources, Community Caring, Counseling, and Guardianship. Learn more at **ShepherdsCenterOfHamiltonCounty.org**.

Also during the luncheon, HCRW elected its officers for 2023. They are President Adrienne Rogers, Vice President Emily Pearson, Second Vice President Teresa Ayers, Secretary Angie Frazier, and Treasurer Lisa Elmore.

Great job on working to spread Christmas cheer, HCRW! Learn more at HCRW at **HamCoGOPWomen.org**.

Countdown to Christmas overload underway!

There are already radio stations that have switched over to 100 percent holiday music. There have been multiple sightings of the Grinch and Santa, and pop culture holiday references have been sprinkled across the county and across the pages of this very newspaper. You know what that means, kiddos: welcome to December! Cicero had its Christmas parade on Nov. 25, Arcadia lit its tree and danced in the streets on Dec. 2, Noblesville's Holiday in Lights parade took place on Dec. 2, and Atlanta came together to light the town tree and sing Christmas carols on Dec. 3. Below are some snapshots from each town.

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Carmel High School student Jasper Zhu and Congresswoman Victoria Spartz.

Rep. Spartz honors Carmel High School student's work on "I Pooped There" app

By GREGG MONTGOMERY
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In these days of diseases seemingly appearing suddenly from virtually nowhere, it's good to know where to find a clean public restroom when you need it.

U.S. Rep. Victoria Spartz appears to agree.

The Republican from Noblesville on Monday honored a Carmel High School student as the 5th congressional district award winner of the 2023 Congressional App Challenge.

Jasper Zhu and his teammate, Jackie Wei of California, are creating the app I Pooped There. The app, when released, will allow people to rate restrooms and share reviews with others.

In a YouTube presentation (watch at **tinyurl.com/IPoopedThereDemo**), Zhu and Wei noted, "Poorly maintained bathrooms can increase the likelihood of users contracting diseases, and some bathrooms may not have diaper-changing stations, which is problematic for mothers traveling with babies."

Users also can upload an image from the restroom they're putting into the public app. For those technical folks, the team used HTML, CSS, and JavaScript to create the web-based app.

I Pooped There won't be the first app to find or rate public restrooms. When completed, it'll join the apps SitOrSquat, Where to Wee, Flush, and Bathroom Scout.

Zhu said in the YouTube presentation, "While this is a somewhat comedic idea, this is a very relevant issue."

In a news release, Spartz did not comment on the purpose of the Carmel High School student's app but noted she's glad schools are producing bright minds.

"It's always a pleasure seeing fun and innovative ideas and solutions from our Hoosier youth," Rep. Spartz said. "Computer science skills play a critical role in the 21st-century economy, and I am proud that IN-05 schools are producing some of our nation's brightest minds."

Zhu and other entrants will be invited to the Congressional App Challenge's House of Code winners' reception in the spring on Capitol Hill, the release said.

Tony Cook named Executive Director of Indiana Coalition for Growing & Suburban Schools

Submitted

On Dec. 1, the Indiana Coalition for Growing and Suburban Schools announced that Anthony Jay Cook accepted the position of Executive Director.

Cook

The focus of this newly created position is to identify, clarify, and address and advocate for the interests of the growing and suburban schools (currently 24 school corporations) as chief spokesperson to the legislature. The position will also foster relationships and promote cooperation with other agencies, universities, chambers of commerce, and the Indiana Department of Education.

Mr. Cook will create an annual strategic plan, develop organizational goals of the Coalition, provide positional statements on behalf of the coalition with topical information, and research supporting data.

Tony Cook was a 42-year educator, serving as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, and superintendent, with 37 of those years as an administrator. Following retirement as superintendent of Hamilton Heights School Corporation, he served in the Indiana General Assembly from 2014 to 2022 representing portions of six counties, including northern Hamilton County and Westfield, Sheridan, Arcadia, Cicero, and White River Township. He retired at that time and now works as an advisor to the Commissioner of the IHSAA.

Cook lives in Cicero and grew up in Arcadia and Cicero.

Hamilton County Councilman Mark Hall's November Timesheet

COLUMNIST
MARK HALL
The Timesheet

Welcome to the Timesheet. This column is a report of work done on behalf of the people of Hamilton County. It's to be informative, too – a place to learn about projects and how our county government works.

As your employee, it's important to me that you know what is being worked on as transparently as possible in government. You hired me as your County Councilman, and my hope is that you'll choose to be informed by regularly reading this column, getting involved, and by asking questions. Council meetings are at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the Judicial Center in downtown Noblesville. They are also available to watch online for those unable to attend in person.

Here is where my time this past month has been spent.

November was filled with meetings and events. Being invited to so many county, holiday, and fundraising events is both humbling and a bit daunting. Trying to honor as many requests as possible is tough. Balancing personal and business commitments during the holiday season with council commitments makes me feel like the guy in the circus juggling chainsaws. That said, nearing the end of my first year of serving on the council, the work has settled into a normalized flow.

This month, our in-person personnel committee meeting was canceled. Without a meeting, personnel requests are voted on as they occur, at the next regular council meeting. The highway committee meeting was light with only a few requests, all of which were addressed at the full council meeting. Many of our highway projects require council members' sponsorship. Project details are reviewed in advance, sponsored, and then moved to votes at a subsequent full council meeting. This process, along with statutory regulations that govern procurement, are in place to ensure value and multiple checks and balances on behalf of the taxpayers.

In addition to the County Council public meetings, November's work included attending Board of Commissioners public meetings, meeting with the Human Resources and Communication department heads, a joint executive Council and Commissioners meeting, a joint public meeting, Council Caucus meetings, a Council work session, two Noblesville City Council meetings, Cicero Town council and Cicero Utilities planning meetings.

The month included two constituents service meetings. Usually, requests require research with a county department, securing the correct answer and then following up with the taxpayer. November's taxpayer questions were both Public Safety related. One regarding the outfitting of first responder vehicles with radios and one regarding Hamilton County's move to the latest Motorola radios. Again, this month, the review of several candidates for council board appointments continued. I also received a briefing from our Human Resources leadership regarding the Workday software package implementation and how county retirees received the news of their updated benefits and lower costs.

As a council, in addition to the normal county operations financial oversight, we are investing time and continue to work on the expansion of the judicial center, attainable housing initiatives, the creation of a community development corporation, ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) spend management, a domestic violence center, a new 911 Communications center, county participation in CIRDA (Central Indiana Regional Development Authority), a pedestrian bridge to connect a Fishers and Carmel park, highway projects, board appointments, utility services to the North and planning for the services that will be needed to accommodate our growing county population.

Of note this month was working to assist Cicero with funding for local utility projects. I had the honor, along with Kathy Williams, to represent the County speaking about servant leadership with several dozen high school freshmen as part of the Purdue Extension ACTS Program. It was an honor to represent you at the Central Indiana Police Foundation Breakfast, at the Noblesville Youth Assistance Haybale Ball, at the Indianapolis Executive Airport runway expansion grand opening, at Carmel's Christkindlmarkt opening day, at the Good Samaritan Network's Festival of Trees, and speaking at the Sheridan Kiwanis meeting.

This is my timesheet. This is where my time went during month 11. There are quite a few projects in the queue for 2024, and while my job is primarily the financial oversight of the county budget it is important to understand the Board of Commissioners' priorities and balance them with the stewardship of taxpayer dollars. That is the job, and I am excited to do the people's business.

As a taxpayer myself, and listening to so many of you, our employers, it's important for the taxpayers to have access to all the information you want. I work for you and although you may not choose to do a deep dive into what your County Council does, it's important that you can always do so.

*Feel free to contact me at (317) 832-1104 or **mark.hall@hamiltoncounty.in.gov** with questions, feedback or if you would like to talk about county business.*

Congress must stop FDA from harming Hoosiers' health

GUEST COLUMNIST
DONNA SCHAIBLEY
State Representative

It's been said that knowledge is power, and that's especially true when it comes to taking prescription medications. When patients fully understand their medications and how to take them, they can take charge of their health and focus on the finer things in life like their families, careers, and interests.

However, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is poised to limit access to critical information about prescriptions, which will undoubtedly put the health of many Hoosiers at risk.

Our Senator Mike Braun has built a reputation as someone who courageously goes to bat for Indiana, especially when big government puts us at risk. As he finishes his final term in Congress, I am hopeful he will continue to lead his colleagues in D.C. by protecting our access to medication information.

Here's the problem: the FDA is proposing a new rule that would shift patient medication – the printed pamphlets attached to prescriptions sharing critical drug details and directions – to a digital format. Under this rule, Hoosiers will be given a link at the pharmacy to a website that they must open at home to learn about their prescriptions. So instead of providing patients with important details of their prescriptions at the outset, the moment when they can easily look at the paper and ask their pharmacist questions, the FDA is essentially telling them to "just Google it."

This demonstrates once again how out of touch the federal bureaucracy is with the average American in places like Indiana. Hoosiers already have to juggle online links ad nauseam, from restaurant menus to job applications. To create new hoops to jump through just to learn what foods they should avoid with their prescriptions, for instance, makes little practical sense and all but ensures people won't access it.

Did the FDA even consider Hoosiers in farm country where broadband is scarce or elderly people who don't have technology when they drafted this rule? It seems unlikely. They are attempting to impose a one-size-fits-all policy on all of us, even though many people likely prefer a printed sheet they can easily grab if they want to learn more about their prescriptions.

As a workaround, the FDA included a provision in the rule that requires patients to ask their pharmacist to print the information at the counter upon request. But again, this shows how out of touch the FDA has become. Many people at the pharmacy are in a rush, and I can speak for myself in saying that I would likely forget to ask my pharmacist for the printed information. Not to mention, shifting the burden of printing this information from pharmaceutical companies to local pharmacies will put a significant strain on pharmacists who are already overworked and add new financial obligations that many pharmacies will struggle to meet. Is Indiana ready for even more pharmacy closures?

Right now, there are a number of obstacles between Hoosiers and their health. Our state was ranked 40th in the nation (**tinyurl.com/mufpjpxn**) for overall health, drug overdose deaths are on the rise (**tinyurl.com/msh9mb5s**) and fentanyl is pouring across our borders (**tinyurl.com/6at7zaxs**) and into the hands of innocent children. Why would the FDA add a new health risk, rather than taking steps to keep people safe?

Senator Braun and Congressional leaders can help put a stop to this, and he's the best champion we have for patient health. He understands that Hoosiers deserve access to health information. In fact, he's sponsored several pieces of legislation (**tinyurl.com/47dfcznz**) to promote transparency in our healthcare system.

We urgently need him to stand with us again and push back against the FDA's flawed rule. There's no time to waste.

State Rep. Donna Schaibley (R-Carmel) represents House District 24, which includes portions of Boone and Hamilton counties.

Fishers employer offers solution to help lower healthcare costs

GUEST COLUMNIST
BRANDON REEVE

Indiana healthcare costs must come down. According to the RAND 4.0 study conducted last year, Indiana has the seventh highest hospital costs in the nation (**tinyurl.com/bdrd2wxd**). There is no reason our healthcare prices should be higher than all our neighboring states of Illinois, Kentucky, Ohio, and Michigan. Hoosier patients and the employers paying for their medical care are bearing the brunt of these costs due to practices that are unfair and irresponsible.

Thankfully, Indiana legislators have shown some courage in recent years to try and inject competition and transparency back into the healthcare marketplace to lower costs across the state.

Last year, the state legislature recognized the issues facing our healthcare system and began to rein in costs through free market solutions. Legislation was passed outlawing the most predatory practice going on within hospitals today called "dishonest billing." Patients who received care at a doctor's office were able to be billed using the same forms as if they received the care on a hospital campus, routinely the most expensive place to receive medical care.

In my business, I know my customers would immediately begin looking elsewhere if I began shipping product via flatbed truck but charged them air freight rates. Not an exact comparison, but dishonest billing is dishonest billing, and thanks to our legislative leadership, such revenue-generating tactics can no longer be used to increase margins.

This is good for consumers and it is good for employers.

Our employees are the greatest asset of our business, and their healthcare is important to me. As I learn more about why healthcare costs so much, I am discovering additional areas where progress is needed. This coming year, it is my hope that the General Assembly will look at eliminating Indiana's Any Willing Provider (AWP) laws. These are laws mandating that health plans accept all legally licensed providers into their networks, regardless of performance or patient safety records. While the idea behind AWP laws is to provide more choices for consumers seeking medical care, these laws actually prevent competition between healthcare systems to provide the best service possible and have become counterproductive.

By requiring health plans to accept any provider willing to join their network, providers are disincentivized from negotiating reasonable terms for inclusion. Guaranteed entry for providing the bare minimum is causing Hoosiers to pay higher prices for lower quality medical services. The cost of sacrificing quality under the false pretense of higher accessibility is then passed on to employers.

The economics of healthcare are difficult enough to understand, but these laws appear to undermine the ability of health plans to perform quality and patient safety checks on providers, potentially exposing patients to substandard care.

Our local media has reported that half of Indiana hospitals ranked "C" or lower in national rankings (**tinyurl.com/epw695nw**) on patient safety, and 20 hospitals (**tinyurl.com/yc86r3jy**) incurred Medicare penalties in 2022 due

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Pollution in Australia is causing endangerment of native jewel beetles

This column is brought to readers by Sheridan High School dual-credit program students and Human Services teacher Abby Williams.

The jewel beetle family Buprestidae is home to many species of shiny, hard-shelled beetles. Buprestidae is one of the largest families of beetles, with around 15,500 species present today and almost 100 fossil species that have been discovered. This family of beetles is found worldwide, and their hard outer shell, known as an elytra, is commonly used in countries in Asia for decorations and jewelry.

While Buprestidae is found worldwide, there is one species in Australia that has concerned environmentalists and entomologists alike.

Entomologists, who are interested in the behaviors and lives of insects, were confused by what they saw in these creatures. The common Australian jewel beetle, *Julodimorpha bakewelli*, acted strangely while on beer bottles in Australia, exhibiting behaviors that mirrored their mating rituals with others of the same species. They even go as far as staying on the bottles while being eaten by other insects, starving to death, or dying of thirst.

Many people are perplexed by the activities of the small beetle, notably two entomologists on a field trip in August and September of 1981. The pair, David Rentz and Darryl Gwynne, were about to discover something quite interesting. While passing through a polluted part of Western Australia, they noticed multiple members of the species *Julodimorpha bakewelli* attempting to mate with different beer bottles along the side of the road. At the time, these particular bottles, 375 mL and covered in small dimples near the bottom, were referred to as a 'stubbie.'

The pair was soon entranced by this sighting. They attempted to shake the beetles off, but the insects held firm. Surveying their surroundings, Rentz and Gwynne spotted more beetles on more stubbies. Being scientists, the team quickly decided to experiment with this. They found four empty bottles and set them near each other. In under 30 minutes, the bottles had attracted six male jewel beetles.

Rentz and Gwynne soon understood what the problem was. The jewel beetles had fallen for what is called an 'evolutionary trap.' This is when human influence causes animals to make mistakes leading to endangerment and even extinction. Female *Julodimorpha bakewelli* are much larger than males, and like the females, the bottles they were attempting to mate with are a caramel color with many small dimples along their back. The naive jewel beetles were confusing the beer bottles with the larger female jewel beetles and attempting to mate with them.

The endangerment of these Australian jewel beetles has a traceable cause: humans throwing beer bottles into the wilderness. For every easily identifiable problem that our environment faces, there are countless more that we cannot even begin to understand. How could anyone foresee beetles trying to mate with trash?

The legacy of the Australian jewel beetle is a well-needed reminder – it shows the delicate balance between nature and humans and calls for a collective effort to address pollution and preserve the only environment we have.

Reporter photo by Hayden Parsons

Hayden Parsons said he was glad to experience Noblesville's new tradition of a nighttime parade.

Newer traditions

The holiday season approaches and with it comes the traditions. A wonderful expression to our past, traditions bring the young and old together over the simplest of things. Hopefully the Christmastime traditions you are used to are more akin to the likes of a Norman Rockwell painting rather than *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*.

As I watched the first dusting of snow on my way to work, I grew a bit more excited for the season of cheer. Usually, the sight of snow immediately reminds me of the slush, ice, and the bitter wind of the winter steadily creeping from the calendar. This time was different.

Every community has its own traditions. Many towns will put up a few ribbons and bows, toss up a few decorations on the street lights, and call it a day. These traditions have become more of a standard than something to bring a community together. Let me be clear – I always enjoy seeing the holiday lights that brighten the small-town main streets I find myself passing through. However, I'm also appreciative of the communities that aren't afraid of branching out into new ideas to grow the holiday spirit. I'm glad I found myself in a community that fits the bill.

For all you married readers out there, try to remember the first time you spent a holiday with your in-laws. A bit of an awkward experience, I bet. You didn't know the traditions they had. Maybe your spouse or fiancé tried to warn you about what the expectations were. *Maybe that warning wasn't as helpful you needed it to be.* That exercise of the mind is a good reminder on how it feels being the newcomer to the traditions. It's always easier to stay with the traditions you grew up with. But eventually you have your own kids. You create your own holiday traditions. Your traditions become special to you.

So what am I really excited for this upcoming holiday season? To experience new holiday traditions with you.

I got to experience for the first time, along with the entirety of Hamilton County, the Noblesville Holiday in Lights Downtown Parade. (Finally! Something newer to Hamilton County than I am!) It was a nice parade with a great turnout! The bubbles from the fire engine seemed to be a hit. What made it most special to me was having a bit of time to slow down and have a fun conversation with my wife while we watched and sipped on the hot cocoa we brought from home.

I hope to enjoy this new tradition for years to come. So enjoy your traditions this holiday season, but don't be afraid to make some new ones! Have a very Merry Christmas, Hamilton County!

Hayden C. T. Parsons is the newest associate at Adler Attorneys in Noblesville.

The One Where We Broke 11 Snow Globes

One thing my husband and I started when we first got together was a tradition of exchanging a snow globe and a Christmas village.

I remember one day as a young girl visiting a family friend's house and admiring the collection they had accumulated over the years. All throughout their home there were various displays of Christmas villages – little towns and people that seemed to tell a story. I would always remember the vast collection and how enchanting they looked when they became a magical Christmas town. When their tiny lights turned on, the whole village came to life and were truly something to behold.

As much as I've always loved Christmas villages, my husband has always loved snow globes. They, too, are a little story waiting to be told to any onlooker who gets to experience their magical glitter dome and tiny song.

I remember the first snow globe I received was from my Nana. It was a Jim Shore snow globe of carolers in a little dome huddled together dressed like something from a Dickens novel. The tune "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" softly played when the crank was gently turned. My Nana enclosed with it a note that said, "For you to have in your own home when I am an old … older woman someday." Every time I hear "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" play, I think of that snow globe and my Nana.

My husband and I both decided that we would exchange a snow globe for him and a Christmas village for me each year. And each year since then, that is how we have kicked off our holiday season. I remember the first snow globe I gave him was a beautiful Santa sitting on a green base to the tune of "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas." He gave me a church and each year we've added to our collections.

Fast forward 12 years, this past April and I'm standing at our kitchen sink and hear the garage door; my husband is home from work. I noticed what sounded like a large crash sound. I fling open the back door to see if he ran over something in the garage. After all, this was a really loud sound. He tells me I'm merely dramatic, and after coming inside and going upstairs to change, he quickly realizes the origins of the sound I heard. It wasn't the garage; it was 11 snow globes that had collapsed a shelf in our master closet.

When we bought our home, we assumed (Yes, I know. Please spare me. I know what happens when you assume.) that the shelves had been hung by the studs and could easily support the weight of the winter wonderland we had been collecting. Nope, the former brainiacs threw up shelves into drywall and we were too stupid to double-check before placing our cherished items on it. What came next was a grave realization of the magnitude of what had been lost. Glitter, glass, and water was everywhere–it looked like a stripper took a shower in our closet with the amount of water and glitter on our floor. My normal self would have had a full-blown blackout laced with obscenities, to the point of dizziness at this mess. That wasn't the case though.

We silently cleaned, vacuumed, and carefully picked up the mess and memories. My husband was sad at the loss and so was I. Fortunately, not all of them perished in the fall, but 11 of them did. I held my breath to see if my one from Nana made it. Unfortunately, it was one of the casualties. I made it my mission to try and remedy this as much as possible. I started replacing some of our most cherished ones. My husband's collection isn't what it once was, but he's got a decent start, and we will continue to rebuild. It's life. I was able to find my exact snow globe from Nana and replaced it, too. I still have her note and the original box.

Since having children, we've brought them in on the experience, and in addition to our exchange of the snow globe and village, they each get a special ornament. Mary always gets a special Santa ornament and Pat gets a snowman ornament. I imagine one day when they move out and start on their own, they'll have their first tree and it will be filled with their special ornaments, each dated with a year. That's really what this time of year is anyway – it's about traditions and making memories to take with you.

I've also learned how to use a stud finder and make sure to never put anything precious on a shelf without first checking to make sure the shelf is in studs.

Megan Rathz is a wife, mother, and teacher. She says everything she has ever learned in life came from her Master Gardener mother.

Reducing the mental load at home: shopping for clothing

I may be starting to sound like a broken record, but online shopping can yet again be a huge help to reduce the mental load of shopping for children's clothes. I started shopping online more often for my sons' socks and underwear. It's quicker and often cheaper than going to a nearby department store.

According to an industry survey, parents spend two-thirds more money shopping online and three-quarters more time shopping online than their non-parent counterparts. "Parents, especially working parents, are arguably the busiest adults in history," explains trends expert Daniel Levine of Avant-Guide Institute. "Anything that makes their lives easier is going to be preferred over a similar activity that is more time-consuming."

One mother shared that she prefers online shopping because she can take her time and get exactly what she wants, versus being in a rush when she is shopping in person with kids in tow. When our boys became teenagers with jobs, we still provided them with the basics, but they started to buy most of their clothing.

No matter how you shop for children's clothing, the key is to do all you can to reduce your number of physical trips to make your purchases each year, whether it's a thrift shop, department store, children's boutique, or local garage sales. Try to stock up on items that are a size or two ahead for kiddos who are still growing quickly. See if online shopping can become a part of your mix, at least for basics like socks, underwear, undershirts, etc.

What about us grownups? For those of you who just don't like shopping or feel inept at putting together outfits, you can always sign up for a clothing subscription service. These have popped up in the last couple of years for both men and women and are quickly becoming a popular option to simplify our lives.

You can get started with any of them by completing a survey with questions about your sizes and preferences. According to an October 2018 Business Insider article, clothing subscriptions can be incredibly useful for anyone who wants the freedom to explore trends or even go-to styles without much commitment, financial burden, or closet space.

"If you like using them, chances are you're going to really like using them. If you don't, you can cancel and continue the search," wrote Mara Leighton.

Both men and women have a variety of services to choose from. Some offer clothing for rent, purchase, or a mix of both. The services offer all types of clothing, from dressy, to business, to business casual, to casual. Some carry athletic attire and undergarments. Others feature accessories and jewelry. You can discover services for plus sizes all the way down to extra small sizes.

One of the first companies to offer this kind of service was Stitch Fix, a personal styling service that makes getting dressed easier by delivering clothes you'll (hopefully) like straight to your door. You simply keep what you want and send back what you don't. You pay a styling fee each month that gets applied towards clothing that you purchase.

These services make a lot of sense for people who just don't enjoy shopping for their clothes or feel like they need help with their styling decisions. A word of caution – remember to watch your budget and make certain you're only buying things you truly need. Most of us wear 20 percent of our clothing 80 percent of the time and would be much happier with fewer wardrobe choices than we have now, according to Becoming Minimalist. But you'll never realize that until you test it out.

The site goes on to say that the fashion industry invents false need by boldly declaring new fashion trends and colors for every changing season. But you don't to have fall for their tricks. Find your favorite timeless fashion and start playing by your own rules.

I've finally learned to buy high-quality classic pieces, many of which I can find at a thrift store. By avoiding trends, investing in timeless clothing, and taking care of what we already own, we can greatly reduce the number of shopping trips and online purchases every year. And that alone can lighten this mental load up to 75 percent!

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Costs

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to confirmed, preventable patient harm. A glance at the state's reporting on hospital medical errors shows that we cannot continue putting people at risk by promoting quantity over quality.

Hoosiers, along with the 80 percent of large private and public employers who self-fund their health plans, can no longer afford financial burden (**tinyurl.com/5n8a8639**). Employers must lead the way on this issue and let our legislators know how important a full repeal of existing AWP laws would allow the private market to function as intended by promoting competition and negotiation. This would lead to more reasonable medical service prices and enable health plans to focus on quality and safety.

Indiana legislators should embrace a more market-driven approach to healthcare and repeal AWP laws to reduce costs by unleashing the power of competition and choice.

Brandon Reeve of Fishers is the CEO/Owner of Applied Fabricators, Inc.

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Melvin Allen McCorkle
June 12, 1960 – December 1, 2023

Melvin Allen McCorkle, 63, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Westfield on Friday afternoon, December 1, 2023. Born on June 12, 1960, in Noblesville, he was the son of the late Loren E. "Mac" McCorkle and Alverta Jane "Janie" (Favors) McCorkle-Cooper.

After graduating from Sheridan High School with the Class of 1980, Melvin proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps.

Many of the residents of Boone and Hamilton counties probably remember when the more rural areas were served by independent waste and trash haulers. Melvin had one of those routes, providing top-notch service for many years. He later explored a brief career change in southern Indiana; he farmed around the Mt. Vernon area for several years and had the time of his life doing it. In addition to farming, he also worked as a stocker for Meijer until his health started to decline.

Melvin loved pitching horseshoes and managed to bring home a trophy or two over the years. He made many great memories and friendships during his years pitching with the Sheridan Horseshoe League.

Melvin was a collector of both Native American memorabilia, including dream catchers and anything having to do with eagles, and Coca-Cola collectables of all kinds. He liked his oldies music and never tired of watching action movies, but when NASCAR season kicked into gear, that's where his attention would focus. He was a Dale Earnhardt, Sr. fan through and through, and watching races was just never the same after he was gone.

Melvin is survived by his brother, Darel McCorkle (Debbie) of Kokomo; many nieces and nephews; and by his feline furbaby, Thunder. He really loved that cat.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Loren E. "Mac" McCorkle and Alverta Jane "Janie" (Favors) McCorkle-Cooper; his maternal and paternal grandparents; as well as several aunts and uncles.

Visitation took place on Sunday, December 10, 2023, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan. Graveside services are being planned for a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the American Lung Association, or to Kercheval Funeral Home, P.O. Box 42, Sheridan, IN 46069, to help defray funeral costs. Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com

Larry Eugene Kinkead
June 1, 1940 – December 1, 2023

Larry Eugene Kinkead, 83, passed away at his home in rural Kirklin, Ind., surrounded by his loving family, on Friday morning, December 1, 2023. Born on June 1, 1940, in Lebanon, Ind., he was the son of the late Ray and Annabelle Marie (Snyder) Kinkead.

He graduated with the Sheridan High School Class of 1958.

Larry was a self-employed carpenter, who, with the right set of tools, could tackle just about anything. He was a hard-working jack-of-all-trades who never met a project he couldn't figure out. Many people who work with their hands always have a passion project, and for Larry, it was building houses. Building homes for both himself and his daughter was among his favorite accomplishments.

Larry enjoyed crossword and jigsaw puzzles and loved to play Bingo. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, and camping whenever he had some free time. When he needed downtime, Larry had favorite TV programs. Watching Jeff Gordon race was always high on the list, as were Western movies, but afternoons were reserved for *The Young and the Restless*. He watched enough of his favorite soap that even his grandkids became avid fans.

There was nowhere Larry would rather be than at home with his family. He and Jannette considered themselves homebodies; that gave them plenty of time to spend with their growing family. Larry loved his grandkids and cherished every minute he was able to spend in their lives. He got a real kick out of teaching them to walk and talk … putting their feet on his and walking them around the house over, and over, and over again, until they got the hang of it (or *The Young and the Restless* came on), then after some quality soap time with them, it was back to the lessons at hand.

His infectious smile was always guaranteed to brighten your day, and he will be deeply missed by everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

Larry is survived by his daughter, Teresa Evans (Tracy) of Kirklin; stepdaughter, Judy Shields (Gary) of Thorntown; stepson, Niles Cummins (Tammy) of Sheridan; eight grandchildren, Leana Marcum (Orry), Ashley Boyles (Cory), Jake Evans (Taylor Reed), Shawn Gunn, Ryan Gunn (Brandy), Rachelle Cummins, Josh Lintz (Erin), and Heather Lintz; 16 great-grandchildren, Parker, Paisley, Quinn, Quenton (on the way), Evan, Jamison, Lexie, Carter, Emma, Natalie, Austin, Keegan, Kobe, Kailie, Jordan, Whitney, and Dakota; two brothers, Rex Kinkead (Roberta) of Lebanon, and Randy Kinkead (Marilyn) of Sheridan; sister, Marlene Burroughs (Ronald) of Sheridan; brother-in-law, Grover Cooper (Geneva); and many, many, many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Annabelle Marie (Snyder) Kinkead; brothers, Charles Kinkead, Kevin Kinkead, and Jerry "Smiley" Kinkead; sister, Marcia Ann Kinkead-Melvin-Duncan; father- and mother-in-law, Bee and Vicy (Haynes) Cooper; sisters-in-law, Beverly Irene "Bev" Kinkead and Shirley (Jennings) Kinkead; seven brothers-in-law, Kenny Duncan, Garland Cooper, Leander Cooper, George Cooper, Jimmy Cooper, Calvin Cooper, and Harold Cooper; and by his loving wife, Jannette (Cooper) Kinkead, on February 24, 2007. He and Jannette were married on August 26, 1966.

Visitation and services were held on Thursday, December 7, 2023, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan. Burial followed at Spencer Cemetery in Sheridan. Larry's nephew, Mark Kinkead, will be officiating.

Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com

Phillip "Phill" Strauss
September 30, 1930 – December 4, 2023

Phillip "Phill" Strauss, 93, Indianapolis, passed away on Monday, December 4, 2023, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born on September 30, 1930, in Indianapolis.

Phill proudly devoted his life to work and family. He retired at 85 from C&T Design and Equipment Company. He served his country in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. For the entirety of his life, he lived independently and provided for others. This year marks his 69th wedding anniversary. He would tell you the newest restaurants, the best deals, and where you could go. When you needed him, he was always around "but never a square."

He is survived by his wife, Joan Strauss; twin sons, Mike (Phyllis) Strauss and Mark Strauss; daughter, Leslie (Charlie) Acton; daughter-in-law, Anita Strauss; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Morris and Frances (Posnosky) Strauss, Phill was preceded in death by his son, Steve Strauss; and daughter-in-law, Sharon Strauss.

Visitation and services were held on Friday, December 8, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Wounded Warrior Project at woundedwarriorproject.org.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Nancy Mae Fjeldsted
November 10, 1940 – November 30, 2023

Nancy Mae Fjeldsted, 83, Cicero, passed away on November 30, 2023, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

She was born on November 10, 1940, in Sheboygan, Wis., to Harold and Virginia (Rutherford) Pergande.

She attended school in California and graduated from John Muir High School in Pasadena, Calif., with the Class of 1957. She furthered her education and earned a dental hygienist degree. She then worked as a dental hygienist for a while, later becoming a manager for a dental office.

Nancy married Theo Warren Fjeldsted and they were blessed with a daughter Elin Lara (Fjeldsted) Bravo, who survives her. Also surviving Nancy is a grandson, Ethan Manuel Bravo.

Her family related that she was an amazing mother and grandmother. She dearly loved her family and it was obvious in her relationship with them.

Nancy enjoyed cooking, baking, and occasionally traveling.

Those preceding Nancy in death include her parents, her husband, and a sister, Sandra Greene.

Arrangements are entrusted to Hartley Funeral Home Cicero Chapel. No services are planned at this time. You may send condolences at hartleyfuneralhomes.com.

Rita Frances Schlimgen
May 14, 1931 – December 1, 2023

Rita Frances Schlimgen, 92, went peacefully home into the arms of her Lord on December 1, 2023, surrounded by loved ones. She was born on May 14, 1931, to Anton and Florentina "Florence" (Breunig) Ballweg in Roxbury, Wis.

Rita was married to Bernard (Bernie) Schlimgen on February 19, 1955, and together raised their five children in Waukesha, Wis. Rita and Bernie spent their retirement years in Mission, Texas, where they both enjoyed golfing. During these years Rita celebrated three holes-in-one!

Whether at church, school or the neighborhood community center, Rita could always be found blessing others by volunteering her time and talents. After Bernie's passing in 2012, Rita relocated to Noblesville to be close to her daughter Sandy and her family. Sandy and her husband, Mike, graciously took Rita in to live with them until 2015 when Rita became a resident at Riverwalk Commons in Noblesville. In 2021, Rita became a resident at Allisonville Meadows Memory Care Unit, where, like everywhere she went, she was loved by all.

Rita enjoyed being with family most, from cross country trips with Bernie to visit their children and families scattered across the country to celebrating life with grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved being a mom and grandmother and will be missed by all. The family would like to thank Katrina and the staff at Allisonville Meadows Memory Care for the love and compassion they showed to her.

Rita is survived by her daughter, Sandy (Mike) WeWora of Noblesville; sons, Dave (Mickie) of Camarillo, Calif., Mark (Lisa) of Austin, Texas, Keith (Tami) of Groton, Conn., and Greg (Jean) of Waukesha, Wis.; her grandchildren, Michelle, Nicholle (Marc), Danielle (Mike), Tony (Kristi), Justin (Sarah), Ashley (Andy), Joel, Robin (Kestrel), Jeremy, Josh (Kristina), Christopher, Katie (Adam), and Amanda (TJ); great-grandchildren, Sage, Cade, Morgan, Owen, Eli, Julia, Alayna, Colton, Makensey, Kenadee, Connor, Keller, Anabel, Ariana, Kaitlyn, Aidan, Alexis, Matthew, Hailey, Myleigh, Kara, Amanda, Nora, Madison, and Olivia; her sister, Bernadine "Bernie" (Richard) Mueller; sisters-in-law, Catherine and Lydia Ballweg and RaeJean Schlimgen; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Rita was preceded in death by her husband, Bernie; grandchildren, Matthew, Jenny, Jared, and Steven; great-grandson, Luke; her parents; brothers, Henry, Leonard, and Sylvester Ballweg; sisters, Barbara Cooper and Marie Drolshagen; sister-in-law, Frances "Fran" Michels-Beuthin; and brothers-in-law, Lawrence, Edwin, Norbert, and Bob Schlimgen.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., January 6, 2024, at St. Mary Parish, 225 S. Hartwell Ave., Waukesha, WI 53186, phone: (262) 922-9285, with visitation from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Catholic Relief Services (crs.org) in memory of Rita F. Schlimgen.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Otis LaMar Sailor
May 6, 1929 – December 5, 2023

Otis LaMar Sailor, 94, Fishers, formerly of Elkhart, Ind., passed away on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at Greenwood Village South in Greenwood, Ind. He was born on May 6, 1929, to Oscar and Chloe (Dillman) Sailor in Wakarusa, Ind.

Otis graduated from Wakarusa High School in 1947. He proudly served in the United States Army in the Korean War. He retired from Motor Supply Company in Elkhart as a machinist after 35 years. Otis was a faithful member of Noblesville First United Methodist Church. He and his wife Elizabeth attended their Bible study classes. He was an avid gardener and enjoyed watching sports, especially the Chicago Cubs. Otis loved traveling all over the United States. In his retirement years, he looked forward to trips to Branson, Mo., with his wife Elizabeth.

He is survived by his daughter, Linda (Michael) Eagan; son, Steven Sailor; grandchildren, Vincent (Annie) Eagan, Adrienne (fiancé, Isaiah) Eagan, Evan Sailor, and Lauren Sailor. Otis is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Elizabeth Sailor; and sisters, Bernice Miller, Gladys Swihart, and Ruth Keyser.

Visitation and services were held on Monday, December 11, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Burial will be at Rice Cemetery in Elkhart at a later date.

The Sailor Family would like to thank the Greenwood Village South Staff for their excellent and compassionate care of our father.

Memorial contributions may be made to Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St., Noblesville, IN 46060.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Steven R. Alexander
December 22, 1943 – December 8, 2023

Steve Alexander, 79, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, December 8, 2023, at IU Health Saxony Fishers in Fishers. He was born on December 22, 1943, to William and Marthann (Johnson) Alexander in Boxley, Ind.

For 36 years, Steve worked for Delco-Remy and owned and operated Alexander's Auto and Radiator Repair since 1978.

He is survived by his sons, Kyle (Yvonne) Alexander and Matthew Alexander; brother, Michael (Kim) Alexander; many nieces and nephews; three grandchildren, Morgan (Dustin) Scott, Dalton Alexander, and Logan (Sara-Beth) McCormick; and two great-grandchildren, Gunner McCormick and Oaklee Scott.

In addition to his parents, Steve was preceded in death by his daughter, Michelle Lorinne McCormick; and his brothers, John Alexander and Richard Alexander.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. An additional visitation will be held from noon to 2 p.m. on Friday, December 15, 2023, with services at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Marian Virginia Arthur (aka Boom)
July 18, 1927 – December 4, 2023

Marian Virginia Arthur, 96, Westfield, passed away peacefully on Monday morning, December 4, 2023, at Maple Park Village in Westfield. She was born on July 18, 1927, the third of four daughters to the late Orville Wilber Millikan and Edna Gail (Barker) Millikan. Marian graduated from Sheridan High School in 1945.

Following high school graduation, she worked as a secretary until she married Paul Eugene Arthur in 1947. She remained at home while raising two sons. She returned to work at Curtis Manufacturing when the boys were in high school. Marian was a gifted seamstress, and it was not unusual for her to decide late on Saturday night she wanted a new dress for Sunday morning. She made many prom dresses, wedding dresses, curtains, drapes, tablecloths, placemats, and also reupholstered furniture. When grandchildren started arriving her focus turned to children's clothing. She always wanted a little girl, so when her first granddaughter was born, her sewing machine was cranking out dresses almost daily. She babysat for her 3-year-old granddaughter one weekend and when her parents came to pick her up, Marian had made her 17 pairs of pajamas.

Marian was active at Westfield Methodist Church, sang in the choir, taught Sunday School, and participated on many committees. She loved live music, loved to dance including tap dancing, square dancing, the Charleston, and participated in many talent shows. She sang with the Sweet Adelines for many years and always made the costumes for the national competitions. She acted in community theater plays at The Belfry in Noblesville.

Marian was an amazing cook. She hosted the family Thanksgiving dinner, preparing all the food for over 40 people and managed to keep the pans and the kitchen spotless as she cooked. And naturally, she made new placemats for the holiday meal.

After her sons graduated from high school, she moved to Champaign, Ill., when her husband was transferred. She hosted foreign exchange students and professors from the University of Illinois. She worked as a custom drapery seamstress. She also began competing in Marathons around age 45 and enjoyed jogging until the age of 72, acquiring the nickname "Jogging Grandma" by her grandchildren. She retired to Venice, Fla., for several years loving the Florida sun until returning to Westfield in 2006, shortly after great-grandchildren began to be born. It was her first great-grandchild that called her Boom, which became her new nickname that the entire family and friends began to call her. Marian was always active, but what she loved most were her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. According to her, her grandchildren were perfect.

Always full of life, she was witty and loved to pull pranks and play jokes on unsuspecting friends and family. She knew how to deliver a line and probably could have been a great comedian. She was still making us laugh until she was no longer able to communicate. She will be missed dearly.

Boom is survived by two sons, Alan Gene (Jennifer) Arthur and P. Douglas Arthur; six grandchildren, Allison (Rocky) Lehman, Zachary Arthur, Alexis (Josh) Lowry, Zane Arthur, Wade (Jazmin) Arthur, and Brandon Arthur; 13 great-grandchildren; Sela, Miles, Leo, Liam, Elliott, Ania, Lucy, Melody, Dominic, Eryn, Harrison, Remington, and Brazzus; sister, Annabelle Tschiemer; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Orville and Edna Millikan; sisters, Harriett Garrett and Orpha Sparks; and her ex-husband, Paul Arthur.

Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m., followed by a Celebration of Boom's life at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at the HeartPointe Church in Hortonville, 445 E. 206th St., Sheridan.

Many thanks to Sanders Glen, Maple Park Village, and Heart to Heart Hospice for the TLC and keeping Marian comfortable during her last days.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to HeartPointe Church or a charity of your choice.

Condolences: bussellfamilyfunerals.com

Sheridan kids fill the pantry to support Mama's Cupboard

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Sheridan Elementary School recently wrapped up its annual "Fill the Pantry" project, a heartwarming initiative aimed at supporting Mama's Cupboard, a local food pantry.

Principal Valerie Roberts expressed her enthusiasm for the project.

"Each year our school tries to complete one caring hearts project during the holiday season, and this year we kept those efforts right at home," Roberts said. "The needs in our community are great, so we wanted to give back locally and help our own families."

The initiative saw the entire school community coming together to collect much-needed supplies for Mama's Cupboard, a local organization dedicated to assisting those facing food insecurity. Roberts emphasized the importance of instilling a sense of community and empathy in the students, teaching them the value of giving back to those in need.

One of the highlights of the project was the involvement of the fifth-grade Kindness Squad, a group organized by Mrs. Amy Lents, the school counselor. The Kindness Squad played a crucial role in loading and delivering the collected supplies to Mama's Cupboard.

The "Fill the Pantry" project serves as a shining example of how a school community can come together to make a real and tangible difference in the lives of local families. By focusing their efforts on supporting Mama's Cupboard, Sheridan Elementary School not only addressed the immediate needs of their community but also set an inspiring precedent for future acts of kindness.

As the holiday season approaches, Sheridan Elementary School's "Fill the Pantry" project serves as a reminder that, even in challenging times, the spirit of giving can bring joy and relief to those who need it most. The initiative not only filled Mama's Cupboard with essential supplies but also filled the hearts of the entire school community with the warmth that comes from helping others.

For more information about Mama's Cupboard and to donate, visit **MamasCupboard.org**.

Photo provided by Sheridan Community Schools

Kindness Club sponsor Amy Lents poses with club members and Mama's Cupboard Executive Director Maleana Wittbrod. (From left) Amy Lents, Lyndi Brogan, Maleana Wittbrod, Cylas Fausset, Noel Roberts, Jackson Bernard, Casey Southerland, Bristol Carrico, and Kylah Rose.

Major construction ahead for Westfield Washington Schools

By CAMILA FERNANDEZ
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Several major school construction projects at the forefront of the growing Westfield Washington Schools district are set to begin soon.

Brian Tomamichel, assistant superintendent for business and operations at Westfield Washington Schools, told News 8, "Classrooms are starting to get tight. The space is starting to get a little tight. It's time to expand the district, so we're excited to be able to do that."

News 8 first reported in January about the Hamilton County district's plans for expansion. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Westfield is the sixth fastest-growing city in the country. The city's population grew 7.7 percent from July 2021 to July 2022.

Tomamichel

"I just recently moved to Westfield about a year ago, and, the block that I'm on, I am the only Indy native on our block. Everybody else: California, Kansas, Idaho, New York and Kentucky. It's all over the country where they're coming from," Tomamichel said.

With a growing population, Westfield Washington Schools is getting ready to create two new elementary schools and a middle school to meet the new demand of students.

School officials say they'll also renovate Shamrock Springs Elementary School and Carey Ridge Elementary School.

A new transportation center will be built to accommodate the need for more school buses.

Much of the construction is expected to begin in 2024. It's all part of the more than $400 million Destination Westfield Project.

Lorenda Carr, a former Westfield Washington parent and co-owner of Dance Innovations Performing Arts Center, says she's excited about the new changes.

"We are the fastest-growing city in the state of Indiana, so it just makes sense if the people are coming because our schools are amazing, our schools are absolutely incredible," Carr said. "My kids had a great education, and if they're going to keep coming we need to accommodate them."

Superintendent Paul Kaiser says the changes won't be hurdles for taxpayers.

"Because of the tremendous growth and the leadership that we've had in Westfield, we have people that want to move here and, as they move and build these neighborhoods, those tax revenues build the schools, so we're really in a very good situation that we don't have to raise the tax rate," Kaiser said.

Tomamichel said, "We're roughly about 10,000-kid capacity across the entire district right now. By the time we're done, our full build-off capacity will be about 12,500, so that will give us some room to grow for the next few years and then the other area we know we have to address as we move forward is the high school capacity."

Top academic, financial achievements & new district plans highlight Noblesville's annual State of the Schools address

The REPORTER

Noblesville Schools Superintendent Dr. Daniel G. Hile presented his annual State of the Schools address last Wednesday at the Noblesville Schools Community Center. The event was hosted by the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce as their holiday luncheon.

Hile's presentation to the sold-out crowd noted several achievements for Noblesville Schools, including:

- National recognition for STEM for the sixth year in a row.
- National recognition for music education for the eighth year in a row.
- New national grant for innovative civics education coming in 2024.
- National recognition for Noblesville High School (NHS) educators Bethany Robinson and Andrew Wilkins.
- Enhanced workforce development initiatives.
- State record-setting athletic championships.
- Expanded resources for elementary STEM learning.
- New dedicated space for multilingual family support.
- New adult education initiative coming in 2024.
- The NHS Class of 2023 earned over $5M in scholarships and 50 percent of the class graduated with an academic honors or technical diploma.

Hile also shared current designs and progress updates regarding two major construction projects at the high school. The first project to expand athletic facilities is currently underway, and a second will begin next month to add STEM classrooms and expand performing arts spaces. The high school is over capacity with more than 3,200 students and has experienced significant ongoing student demand for these programs. The expansions are being funded through bonds (loans) and will not raise the tax rate or use referendum or education dollars.

Regarding finances, Hile reported that the total property tax rate decreased for the fifth year in a row and that the district recently settled a new contract with teachers that will bring the largest teacher salary funding increase in the history of Noblesville Schools. This commitment to competitive compensation is just one measure Noblesville Schools is taking to attract and retain strong staff amid a challenging labor shortage.

Photo provided by Noblesville Schools

Dr. Hile visits with White River Elementary students who demonstrated STEM learning activities.

Hile also touched on the district's commitments to community outreach, new communication and relationship-building tools, and their strong partnership with the Police Department.

Hile reported that in addition to staffing, key challenges currently impacting public schools are state funding and a growing lack of respect for educators and education as a profession. He stated that he is committed to working closely with state and local elected officials, and members of the public, to ensure continued strong support for students, teachers, and public schools.

Guests at the luncheon were treated to a holiday choir concert by the NHS Singers, including a surprise performance by Hile, a former choir director, joining in with the choir. The luncheon also featured holiday bell music performed by North Elementary students, a STEM exhibition hosted by students from White River Elementary, and a visit from NHS cheerleaders and the Miller Man mascot.

Watch Hile's address at vimeo.com/891952848.

Jacqueline (Linville) Carter
September 7, 1932 – December 7, 2023

Jacqueline (Linville) Carter, 91, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, December 7, 2023, at Compassus Hospice in Indianapolis. She was born on September 7, 1932, to Garland and Myrtle (Wilson) Linville in Scottsville, Ky.

Jacqueline was a devoted member of the Nazarene Church and Seventh Day Adventist Church, where she was part of the choir and a Sunday school teacher. She was an excellent homemaker and wonderful grandma who loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her children, James (Teresa) Carter, Susan (Stephen) Webster, and John Carter; sister, Lisa Soon; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Howard F Carter; and children, Katherine Carter, Steven Carter, and Mary Carter.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, December 15, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with Beth Bartlet officiating. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Gray Friends Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice.

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Donald G. King
May 3, 1937 – December 9, 2023

Donald G. King, 86, Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, December 9, 2023, at Prairie Lakes Health Campus in Noblesville. He was born on May 3, 1937, to Milton and Alice (Musselman) King in Noblesville.

Don was a 1955 graduate of Carmel High School. He was a farmer and truck driver who owned King Trucking. Don was a member of Cyntheanne Christian Church and enjoyed fishing, boating, and golf.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn (Miller) King; children, Douglas King, Nannette (Conan) McDonald, and Greg (Angela) King; four grandchildren, Kelsey (Daniel) Racke, Catherine (Ben) Schroeder, Alicia (Gage) Lewis, and Kyle (Rachel) McDonald; and four great-grandchildren, Ransom McDonald, Bonnie Lewis, Maxwell Schroeder, and Gus Lewis.

In addition to his parents, Don was preceded in death by his daughter-in-law, Rebecca King.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., with services at 2 p.m., on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Rev. Larry J. Renihan will officiate. Burial will follow at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023 (diabetes.org); or Cyntheanne Christian Church, 13151 Cyntheanne Road, Fishers, IN 46037 (cyntheannechurch.com).

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Etchison Memorial Foundation supports Noblesville & Heights area youth programs

Photo provided by Tony Etchison Memorial Foundation

During the Nov. 22 Hamilton Heights vs. Noblesville season opening boys basketball game, the Tony Etchison Memorial Foundation made generous $5,000 donations to both the Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance and Noblesville Youth Assistance programs. Learn more about Hamilton County's Youth Assistance Programs at youthassistance.org, and find out more about the Tony Etchison Memorial Foundation at etch21.com. (Above, from left) Gus Etchison, Toby Etchison, NYAP Board President Todd Thurston, HHYAP Early Intervention Advocate Mary Ann Haymaker, and JP Etchison.

Whether you're a kid or a pup, everyone loves Santa!

Reporter photos by Megan Rathz

Every Thursday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. through Dec. 21, The Yard at Fishers District welcomes families for its Holiday Open House and photos with Santa. Bring your own camera and take a free picture with Santa. The evening includes free hot cocoa, Santa meet & greets, carolers, and carriage rides. (Top left) Last Thursday focused on people bringing their pets to meet Santa, and none other than K9 Luna of the Noblesville Police Department was there to put in a good word with the big man! (We're sure Luna is on the nice list.) (Top right & above) Reporter columnists Tim & Megan Rathz's kids Mary & Pat got to meet Santa, too! Learn more about the Holiday Open House at tinyurl.com/MeetSantaAtTheYard.

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Boys Basketball

Hamilton County teams go 3-for-3 at Forum Tipoff Classic

The REPORTER

The three boys basketball teams that competed at last Saturday's Forum Tipoff Classic at the Southport Fieldhouse put on a remarkable show.

First up was Guerin Catholic. The Golden Eagles wanted to shake off a disappointing result against Westfield two days prior, and did just that against a good Heritage Hills team, winning 52-42.

"We found something in our team tonight," said GC coach Bobby Allen. "We saw their toughness. Our guys are staring to believe if we can defend, we can play with some pretty good teams."

The Patriots presented a challenge to Guerin Catholic with their star junior Trent Sisley, who is receiving interest from Division I schools across the Midwest. Sisley showed what he can do right away, scoring nine straight points to erase an early 4-0 Golden Eagles lead.

Guerin Catholic surged ahead with a 7-0 run, starting with a 3-pointer from Malcolm Houze. The two teams exchanged the lead a couple more times before a layin by Hayden Rogers ended the first period and put the Golden Eagles up 15-14. Rogers then scored the first basket of the second quarter off a steal by Andy Caron.

"He played a ton of minutes for us tonight and was very, very good," said Allen. As for Rogers, Allen said "He's a freshman who's not afraid of anybody and that's why I love him."

Rogers' baskets were part of a 9-0 spurt that put Guerin ahead 22-14. Heritage Hills cut that lead to 22-18 by halftime, then jumped ahead at certain points during the third quarter.

Two free throws from Cardinal with 1:20 left in the quarter put Guerin Catholic ahead for good, and Caron finished the half with a layin to give GC a 36-33 lead. Robert Sorensen then took over the game in the fourth quarter, scoring 13 points to give him a total of 29 overall.

"Rob is a guy who just wants to win at all costs," said Allen. "I don't think he cares how many points he gets. He stepped up tonight, he hit some big-time shots for us in the second half."

Caron had seven rebounds and four assists, while Sorensen collected six rebounds.

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Noblesville was up next, and the Millers toughed out a win over Crispus Attucks 51-46.

Noblesville never trailed in the game, leading for all but a few seconds in both the first and third quarters. Aaron Fine started the scoring with a 3, then after the Tigers tied the game, Fine and Justin Curry made jumpers to give the Millers a 7-3 lead.

By the end of the first quarter, five different Noblesville players had scored and the Millers had a 16-8 lead. Baron Walker hit a 3 at the end of the period.

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Next week . . .

- **Guerin Catholic** is 5-1 and plays at Pendleton Heights on Tuesday before returning to the Eagles Nest on Friday to host Heritage Christian; it will be the Golden Eagles' first Circle City Conference game of the season.
- **Noblesville** is 4-1 and hosts **Westfield** Friday in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game.
- **Fishers** is unbeaten at 6-0 and travels to **Hamilton Southeastern** on Friday for the Mudsock game.

Reporter photo by Julie Brown

Fishers' JonAnthony Hall makes a dunk during the Tigers' convincing win over Kokomo last Saturday at the Forum Tipoff Classic at Southport.

Reporter photos by Julie Brown

(Above left) Noblesville's Hunter Walston reached double-double status with 20 points and 10 rebounds in the Millers' win over Crispus Attucks. (Above right) Guerin Catholic's Robert Sorensen scored 29 points to help the Golden Eagles beat Heritage Hills.

Girls Basketball

Tigers get the ball moving to beat the Millers

By RICHIE HALL
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NOBLESVILLE – Anyone who thinks efficiency is boring needs to watch the Fishers girls basketball team.

The Tigers put on a clinic in making the most of opportunities during their Hoosier Crossroads Conference game last Friday at The Mill in Noblesville. Fishers used hot shooting to score a 79-65 victory over the Millers.

The Tigers made 27 baskets in 40 attempts, which comes out to 68 percent. Fishers coach Lauren Votaw credited that performance to moving the ball well.

"We've talked about, that ball has to get moving," said Votaw. "We struggled a little bit with it this year, with it just sticking and overdribbling a little bit. And so we weren't getting really quality looks off of free passes."

In their Friday game, Votaw said the Tigers "were able to move the basketball and move ourselves, and so we were creating good looks for people, and I think that's what made the difference."

Noblesville led 2-0 after Kate Rollins scored the first basket of the game, but Joirdyn Smith sent in a 3-pointer, and Fishers never trailed again. The Tigers steadily made their way to a 25-17 lead after the first quarter; Smith threw in three triples, while Kate Thomas and Talia Harris both scored six points.

"I think we all played very well as a team," said Harris. The senior said Fishers knew it would be a tough game, so the Tigers "played as hard as we can" to get win.

Freshman Alanna Anthony came off the bench to make a traditional three-point play during the second quarter, and that gave Fishers its first 10-point lead of the game at 35-25. The Millers cut it down to 41-36 by halftime, with Reagan Wilson scoring nine points in the second period.

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Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Fishers' Talia Harris (center) scored 24 points, one of four Tigers players in double figures during their win over Noblesville last Friday. Also pictured are Allison Scheu (left) and Kate Thomas (right).

Rebound! Noblesville takes down Plainfield

The REPORTER

Noblesville got a rebound victory last Saturday by beating Plainfield 64-48 at The Mill.

The two teams were tied at 13-13 after one quarter, but the Millers took over in the second period, outscoring the Quakers 15-3 for a 28-16 halftime lead. Noblesville poured in 22 points in the third quarter to pull away further and clinch the game.

Reagan Wilson totaled 24 points, including five 3-pointers. Meredith Tippner scored 20 points, with Ava Shoemaker adding 10 points. Tippner led the rebounds with nine, followed by Shoemaker with five. Tippner also had six steals and five assists.

The Millers are 6-5 and play a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game Saturday afternoon at Westfield.

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Girls Basketball

Huskies head out on the road to put the hammer down

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights justified its No. 1 ranking in the Class 3A Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association poll last week by winning two games in dominant fashion.

First, the Huskies blasted through their Hoosier Conference East Division opener last Tuesday, winning at Northwestern 72-29. Heights led 10-8 after one quarter, but only allowed the Tigers seven points in each of the next three periods. The Huskies led 29-15 at halftime, then poured in 26 points in the third quarter. Camryn Runner scored 15 points in the third period; she paced all players with 39 points.

Meanwhile, Katie Brown had an outstanding performance from beyond the 3-point line. She nailed five triples, connecting on four in the first half and one more in the third quarter. Brown finished the game with 17 points. Hadleigh Cherry added eight points.

Heights made another road trip last Saturday to Fort Wayne, where the Huskies took care of Concordia Lutheran 72-41. Heights went up 25-10 after one quarter and held a 37-21 halftime advantage. Runner scored 17 points in the half and Brown drained three 3s. The Huskies had another strong quarter in the third, outscoring the Cadets 22-9.

Runner totaled 28 points, followed by 20 for Brown; she threw in six 3s for the game. Cherry also was blistering from downtown, making four 3s for 12 points. Runner made three triples and Ella Hickok had one, giving Heights 14 3s for the game.

The Huskies are 9-1 and host West Lafayette on Thursday, then play Saturday at Clinton Prairie.

Rocks hold the line over Hounds

The REPORTER

Westfield held off Carmel in an all-county girls basketball game Tuesday at Eric Clark Activity Center, with the Shamrocks winning 42-41.

The teams played to a 10-10 tie after one quarter. Lauren Perry hit two 3-pointers for the Greyhounds, while Ellie Kelleher scored five, including a triple, for Westfield. The 'Rocks began to pull away in the second quarter, leading 22-17 at halftime, then increased their lead to 34-22 after three periods. Lindsey Van Dyke took over by scoring 11 points in those two quarters, including a pair of 3s.

Carmel came back in the fourth quarter to tie the game at 41-41, with Perry scoring seven points. Kelleher put Westfield back in front with a free throw, and the Shamrocks made a defensive stop in order to hold on for the win.

Van Dyke finished the game with 15 points for Westfield. Perry scored 15 for the 'Hounds, followed by Mackenzie Woods with 10.

The Shamrocks dropped a tough overtime Hoosier Crossroads Conference game last Friday at Zionsville 50-48. Westfield is 7-2 overall and 1-1 in HCC play, and hosts Noblesville Saturday afternoon for another conference contest.

Carmel falls to Ft. Wayne Snider

The REPORTER

Carmel dropped a home game to Fort Wayne Snider 70-45 last Saturday at the Eric Clark Activity Center.

The Panthers led 19-8 after one quarter and 39-17 at halftime. Snider scored another 18 in the third period to clinch its 10th win of the season; the Panthers are 10-1 overall.

Taryn Fisher led the Greyhounds with 11 points. Three more Carmel players scored eight points: Izzy Shepherd, Mackenzie Woods and Megan Hamm.

The 'Hounds are 5-6 and play Friday at North Central.

With two victories, Southeastern reaches 10-win mark for season

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern girls basketball team reached the 10-win mark last week after two victories.

First, the Royals won a road game last Tuesday at Pendleton Heights 66-57.

The Arabians led 15-12 after one quarter, but HSE used a strong defensive second period to move ahead 28-22 by halftime. Southeastern added another 22 points in the third quarter to take a 50-40 lead.

Maya Makalusky hit four 3-pointers on her way to 24 points. Kayla Stidham scored 15 points and Kennedy Holman reached double-double status with 12 points and 10 assists. Addison Van Hoesen led the rebounds with seven, followed by Stidham with six, Makalusky and Holman with five each and Antonette Green with four. Holman and Makalusky each made four steals.

The Royals took care of Avon 72-59 last Friday in a home Hoosier Crossroads Conference contest. It was a close game for the first three quarters, although HSE outscored the Orioles in all four periods.

Southeastern led 19-18 after one quarter and 31-19 at halftime. The Royals began to pull away in the third quarter, which finished with HSE ahead 49-44. The Royals scored 23 points in the fourth to clinch the game.

Makalusky scored 31 points, with Kayla Stidham adding 18 points, including three 3-pointers. Makalusky drained two 3s. Holman had eight points, eight assists and seven rebounds, with Stidham also collecting seven rebounds. Kenley Johnson had five rebounds.

Southeastern is 4-0 in conference play and 10-1 overall. The Royals' next game is Saturday, Dec. 16, when they travel to Fishers for the Mudsock game.

Guerin drops one at Cathedral, but finds redemption at home over Peru

The REPORTER

The Guerin Catholic girls basketball team split two games last week.

First, the Golden Eagles dropped an away game last Thursday at Cathedral, 51-32. Guerin Catholic was tied with the Irish at 12-12 after one quarter, but Cathedral held the Golden Eagles to one point in the second period and led 21-20 at halftime. The Irish outscored Guerin Catholic 30-19 in the second half.

Ava Bills led GC with 10 points.

The Golden Eagles rebounded last Saturday with a 53-36 win over Peru at the Eagles Nest. Guerin got off to a fantastic start, leading 17-2 after one quarter. Bills scored eight points in the opening period. The Golden Eagles led 29-10 at halftime and 48-21 after three quarters; Annie Murphy threw in three 3-pointers during the third period.

Bills totaled 19 points, with Murphy scoring 11.

Guerin Catholic is 5-6 and plays Wednesday at Perry Meridian.

Sheridan wins sixth game in a row

The REPORTER

Sheridan's girls ran their win streak to six games last Thursday, beating Rossville 56-19 in a Hoosier Heartland Conference game at Larry Hobbs Gymnasium.

The Blackhawks were in control the entire way, leading 17-6 after one quarter and 32-12 at halftime. Sheridan never allowed the Hornets more than seven points in any quarter.

Kenzie Garner drained five 3-pointers on her way to 22 points. Shelby Eaton scored 11, with three 3s, and Cecilia Timme added 10 points. Nova Cross and Garner both pulled seven rebounds, with Eaton collecting five. Eaton made six steals and Timme had four steals. Garner dished out four assists.

The Blackhawks are 2-1 in conference play and 6-2 overall. Sheridan has a busy week ahead, playing on three consecutive nights: the 'Hawks travel to Tipton Wednesday, host Bethesda Christian on Thursday, and play an HHC game Friday at Eastern.

'Blazers up for conference championship following Friday's win over Muncie Burris

The REPORTER

The University girls will play for the Pioneer Academic Athletic Conference championship in January following their 55-38 win last Friday night over Muncie Burris at historic Ball Gymnasium.

Hannah Grubbs and Keira Bright led the way for the Trailblazers, who won the PAAC North Division championship for the seventh consecutive season. Grubbs scored 23 points on 11 of 15 shooting, pulled down a game-high 15 rebounds and added six blocked shots. Bright had 19 points, including a trio of three pointers and had six rebounds and five steals.

University was in control throughout the game, leading by as many as 33 points before Burris closed the game on an 18-2 run.

Grubbs opened the scoring with a layin from the right block just 15 seconds into the game. After University forced a five-second violation on the ensuing inbound play Leah Norvell fed Grubbs for another bucket. The Blazers scored the last 11 points of the period and led 20-3 after the opening stanza. Grubbs had eight points in the quarter and Bright had seven.

The Trailblazers controlled the second period as well, leading by as many as 23 points before taking a commanding 34-13 lead to the locker room. Grubbs and Bright each had six points in the quarter.

University extended its lead to 51-20 after three quarters as Grubbs scored another seven points in the period.

Mack Feeney had six points, six rebounds and three blocked shots. Norvell handed out a game-high six assists to go with her five points.

University will host the PAAC South division champion on Saturday, Jan. 13 at 2 p.m. at The U Center. Indianapolis Shortridge can clinch the South division championship with a win Saturday against Bethesda Christian. The Patriots can clinch the South with wins over Shortridge and Park Tudor (Jan. 9).

University is now 4-3 on the season, Burris falls to 0-9.

The Trailblazers are next in action Wednesday evening when they host Mooresville Christian at The U Center. Tip is at 6 p.m.

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The second quarter first belonged to Aiden Brewer, who scored six points, then Hunter Walston took over with six more points. Noblesville led 28-20 at halftime.

Attucks was already making a comeback and used a 9-0 spurt to tie the game at 33-33 with 2:40 left in the third quarter. Walston stopped the run with two straight baskets, and Walker nailed another closing-seconds 3 to give the Millers a 40-36 lead going into the fourth.

Walston again stepped up in the fourth quarter, with eight points. His two free throws gave Noblesville a 48-41 lead. The Millers hung on from there, with Walker making two more foul shots to secure the win.

Walston led the scoring with 20 points and reached double-double status with 10 rebounds. Walker and Fine both scored eight points. Will Smits collected seven rebounds and Fine pulled five.

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The nightcap game saw Fishers, which went into the contest ranked No. 1 in Class 4A, take on last year's 4A runner-up Kokomo. The Tigers used a strong second half to get a convincing 77-55 victory.

Fishers used its balance to get the victory. Tigers coach Garrett Winegar said his team had "nine guys who played more than 10 minutes," and was happy so many players came in to contribute and have no drop off.

"It just speaks to them as people, really," said Winegar. "Any given night could be a different guy's opportunity."

The first half was close, with a Nathan Baker 3 giving Fishers a 14-13 lead at the end of the period. Seven different players scored for the Tigers, who began to pull away when Jason Gardner made a traditional three-point play, then Justin Kirby hit two free throws to give Fishers a 34-26 lead. Kokomo's Karson Rogers scored to cut the lead to 34-28, and that was the halftime score.

The Tigers steadily built their lead in the third quarter, totaling 26 points in the period. Balance was again the key, with seven different players scoring. Garner and Jason Gardner Jr. each had five points in the quarter. Fishers continued to roll in the fourth, using a 10-0 run to lead 72-45. Cooper Zachary started it with a 3, then Garner sandwiched an and-1 between two dunks.

"If you're a mid-major coach in the country and you watch that game and you're not interested in Keenan, I question your talent evaluation," said Winegar. He then listed several attributes for Garner, including his ability to rebound, hit 3s and defend.

"There's really nothing on the basketball floor that he can't do," said Winegar.

Garner scored 19 points, followed by Jon-Anthony Hall with 18 and Zachary with 13. Garner led the rebounds with five, while Zachary handed out seven assists; Winegar pointed out Garner had no turnovers in the game.

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"Reagan Wilson's a darn good basketball player," said Votaw. "She was very good, especially in the first half. I was proud of the way our kids adjusted in the second half to try to take some of that away."

A 3 by Wilson got Noblesville within 43-41 early in the third quarter. Fishers responded with an 11-2 spurt; Harris began the run with a jumper, then Smith made her fourth 3-pointer of the game. Allison Scheu's and-1, followed by a Thomas layin pushed the Tigers lead into double digits once more.

Fishers' largest lead of the game was 62-47 in the third quarter, this after a Harris basket and a 3 from Morgan Roberts. The Millers went on an 8-0 run after that, with Ava Shoemaker nailing a triple and Meredith Tippner making a layin. Tippner's basket was the last of the third quarter, which finished with the Tigers up 62-52.

Shoemaker opened the fourth quarter with a 3, and the Millers were within seven. But they would get no closer. Consecutive baskets from Scheu and Harris put the Tigers ahead 70-57. A Wilson 3 got Noblesville within 70-62, but the Tigers used free throws to finish the game.

Harris was the first of four Fishers players in double figures, scoring 24 points on 9-of11 shooting. Smith had 16 points, Scheu scored 12 and Thomas added 11 points and pulled six rebounds. Harris had six assists and five rebounds, while Smith dished out four assists.

"This is one of the best shooting games I've had," said Harris, who also said she's put in "a lot of hard work, and I can tell it's paying off. The rest of my teammates work just as hard as me, and it's all going to pay off eventually."

Wilson scored 23 points and Shoemaker had 15, both made three 3s. C.C. Quigley contributed 11 points. Tippner collected nine rebounds.

The Tigers are 2-1 in HCC play and 8-3 overall. Fishers plays two home games this week, welcoming Pendleton Heights on Monday, then taking on Hamilton Southeastern Saturday in the Mudsock game.

Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Noblesville's Ava Shoemaker scored 15 points, including three 3-pointers.

Boys Basketball

Blackhawks have great week

Get highest score in 10 years, then go on to claim first conference victory of season

By RICHIE HALL
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Photo by Alison Waitt

Photo by Dwight Casler

(Above left) Sheridan's Trent DeCraene scored 30 points for the team during their win last Tuesday over Faith Christian. (Above right) Sheridan's Damon Winston made four 3-pointers for the Blackhawks during their Hoosier Heartland Conference win last Friday at Clinton Central.

SHERIDAN – Family and fun are the themes of this year's Sheridan boys basketball team.

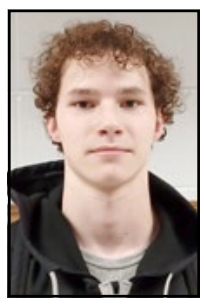
The Blackhawks were definitely having fun last Tuesday night at Larry Hobbs Hall. Sheridan put on an offensive show and played solid defense while beating Faith Christian 86-53. It had been almost a decade since the 'Hawks scored that many points; the last time Sheridan had scored 86 points in a game was on Dec. 21, 2013.

The Eagles led 4-0 to start the game, but the Blackhawks skipped off on a 20-1 run to lead 20-5. Caleb Wright scored eight points, while Trent DeCraene threw in two 3s, which was a preview of things to come.

"I think the difference between this year and last year is, we're more connected," said DeCraene. "Our motto this year, throughout the summer ball and just throughout the season so far has been 'Family.' I feel like this team has been more of a family and sharing the ball and having fun."

Faith scored the last six points of the first quarter to cut the lead to 20-11. Sheridan began the second period with another big run, this one a 17-2 spurt. DeCraene poured in the first seven points of the quarter, then Damon Winston made back-to-back layins to put the Blackhawks up by 20 points for the first time, at 31-11. A Tyler Garner putback made it 33-11.

Sheridan coach Bill Bowen called his defense "pretty good."


Caleb Wright

"We started man and it was okay," said Bowen. "Then we got into some foul trouble, so we were rather small, so we felt we had to go to zone and it was very effective." Bowen said once the Eagles began to handle the Blackhawks' zone better in the third quarter, they went back to man and finished the game with that.

The 'Hawks led 43-19 at halftime. Faith Christian put up a little resistance in the third quarter, but a 9-0 run got Sheridan ahead 57-32. Garner made another putback while being fouled, then made the free throw for an and-1. Garner hit two more free throws, then DeCraene made four consecutive foul shots in a 16-second span.

The Blackhawks led 65-37 going into the fourth, which began with a Garner 3, then Trey Page drained his second 3 of the game. Garner scored seven points in the fourth quarter, his last two being a two-handed dunk.

DeCraene finished with 30 points, scoring in every quarter, and dishing out six assists. Garner added 19 points, with Wright scoring 16. Damon Winston had a tremendous game, with 15 rebounds and three blocked shots to go with eight points. Wright and Page both handed out four assists.

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Sheridan picked up its first Hoosier Heartland Conference victory of the season last Friday, and they did so with authority over Clinton Central 63-48 in an away game.

The Blackhawks soared through the first quarter for a 21-9 lead. DeCraene scored 10 points, including two 3-pointers. Winston also hit two 3s.

Sheridan led 30-18 at halftime, then held a 45-35 advantage after three periods. Garner helped out in that quarter with six points. Caleb Wright took over in the fourth period, scoring seven points, while Winston added another six.

DeCraene finished the game with 19 points, while Winston scored 18. Winston totaled four 3s and DeCraene made three triples. Garner added 11 points. Winston led the rebounds with nine, followed by Carson Wright with seven and Garner with six. DeCraene handed out five assists and Winston made three blocked shots.

Sheridan is 1-1 in conference play and 3-1 overall. The Blackhawks travel to Eastern next Friday to continue HHC competition.

Noblesville pulls away from Carmel

The REPORTER

Noblesville's boys finished strong at Carmel last Friday night, pulling away in the second half to win 59-34 at the Eric Clark Activity Center.

The Millers cruised through the first quarter, which finished with Noblesville leading 16-5. Aaron Fine led the way, pouring in 11 points. The Greyhounds stormed back in the second period, scoring the first 11 points of the quarter to tie it at 16-16 before the Millers took a 24-22 halftime lead. Mitchell Mulloy stepped up for Carmel in the second with eight points, while Alex Couto scored five.

Noblesville opened the second half with its own 9-0 run. The spurt included two 3-pointers from Justin Curry. Fine added five points, including a traditional three-point play to finish the run. The Millers led 42-28 after three, then poured in another 17 in the fourth quarter.

"I thought we played really well in the second half," said Noblesville coach Scott McClelland. "Aaron had a really nice game tonight."

McClelland also praised Curry for his second-half play, including his defense.

"I challenged him at halftime, he really responded," said McClelland.

Fine finished with 18 points, while Curry scored 12 on four 3-pointers. Fine also delivered seven assists and pulled five rebounds. Hunter Walston hit a pair of fourth-quarter 3s and collected five rebounds. He and Will Smits both scored eight points. Aiden Brewer had two blocked shots.

"We just got contributions from everybody tonight," said McClelland. "I thought we got huge contributions from Will Smits and Luke Etchison. Baron Walker came in and provided a nice spark. Hunter Walston played a lot better, did what he could do in the second half."

Mulloy and Evan Harrell both scored eight points, with Harrell getting six rebounds.

Carmel dropped another tough game last Saturday, falling to Crown Point 36-33 on the road.

The Bulldogs led 9-7 after one quarter and 21-13 at halftime. The Greyhounds chipped away at Crown Point's lead in the second half, outscoring the Bulldogs 12-8 in the fourth quarter, but Crown Point held on for the win.

Alex Couto scored 12 points. Julian Vogt led the rebounds with six, followed by Harell with five. Ryan Clevenger had six assists and Vogt made two blocks.

Carmel is 2-3 and plays two home games this weekend. The 'Hounds take on North Central Friday and Kokomo on Saturday.

'Blazers beat both opponents last week

The REPORTER

The University boys picked up two victories last week.

First, the Trailblazers got a convincing 68-51 win over Cardinal Ritter last Tuesday night at The U Center.

Blake Gray led four Trailblazers in double figures with 14 points. Max McComb had 13 points, including ten in the first quarter. Robert Russell had 11 and Bryce Gray added 11 points and a team high seven assists.

University never trailed in the contest and took control in the first quarter. Zien Bland opened the scoring for the Blazers before McComb added a three-point play for a 5-0 lead just 56 seconds into the game. The Trailblazers opened up a 10-point lead at 14-4 on a pair of Bryce Gray free throws. University led 20-11 after one.

Ritter closed within six points early in the second quarter before a 9-0 Blazer run restored the lead to double digits at 31-19 and Ritter got no closer than 11 the rest of the game. Russell started the run with a three pointer before Blake Gray finished it with a three pointer and a three-point play.

The Blazers scored twice in the last 30 seconds of the half when Russell had a lay-in off a Blake Gray steal and Cooper Cammack fed McComb for a bucket. University led 38-23 at halftime and cruised home to victory, leading by as many as 22 points.

University had a season-high 41 rebounds, led by 11 from Cammack and seven from Montgomery Holland.

The Blazers took care of the basketball handing out 19 assists while committing only nine turnovers.

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A 26-point effort from senior Robert Russell powered the University boys to convincing 68-52 win at Liberty Christian last Saturday night to allow the Trailblazers to improve to 2-0 in the Pioneer Academic Athletic Conference North division standings.

University outscored the Lions 13-2 over the last four minutes of the third quarter to break the game open, punctuated by a Blake Gray three pointer at the buzzer that stretched the Trailblazer lead to 55-39 after three quarters. The Blazers led by as many as 23 before Liberty Christian scored the last seven points of the game.

Russell got University going with a three pointer from the right corner to open the scoring. The Blazers never trailed in the contest and held a 20-12 lead after the first. Russell had eight points including a pair of three-pointers in the quarter with Bryce Gray adding five points.

The second quarter devolved into a free-throw shooting contest as the teams combined to shoot 20 foul shots in the quarter. University led 37-28 at halftime. Russell had six more in the second quarter with Blake Gray adding five.

The Lions cut the lead to 42-37 midway through the third period before the Blazers decisive run. Russell got the streak started with a basket and then added three free throws for a 47-37 lead. After a pair of Lions foul shots, Cooper Cammack made two free throws before Russell added four more foul shots. Blake Gray's three pointer ended the period.

University had 37 rebounds with Montgomery Holland leading with ten and Cammack pulling down eight. Max McComb had four assists and Bryce Gray four steals.

The win was the 32nd consecutive North division win for University dating back to 2015, when the 'Blazers lost their first ever PAAC North game at Liberty Christian.

University improved to 3-2 on the season and will be back in action Friday night at Brebeuf Jesuit.

Rocks crush Golden Eagles, stay perfect for season at 5-0

By RICHIE HALL
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NOBLESVILLE – It's always good to get off to a fast start in basketball.

Westfield's boys traveled to Guerin Catholic to play the Golden Eagles last Thursday. The Shamrocks, blitzed through the first quarter and carried the momentum to a 59-41 win to stay unbeaten for the season and hand Guerin Catholic its first loss of the year.

"It's important to us always to get off to a good start, and I thought we really got off to a good start tonight and made some shots," said Westfield coach Shane Sumpter. The Shamrocks' defense was also strong; Sumpter said his team was able "to generate a lot of stops early on, which actually led to some easy looks for us."

The 'Rocks never trailed, starting the game with a layin from Caleb Wise. Bryson Cardinal made a basket to tie the game at 2-2, but Westfield skipped off on a 16-3 run that lasted until the end of the first quarter, which ended with the Shamrocks up 18-5. Wise added five more points in the quarter and Trey Buchanan also scored five; both made a 3-pointer during the period.

The Golden Eagles tried to stay close thanks to 3-point shooting early in the second period. Dylan Murans made a pair of triples and Robert Sorensen hit one. Carsen Melvin helped Westfield to stay comfortably ahead with five points, including a putback while being fouled. He then made the free throw to complete the traditional three-point play.

Guerin Catholic was within 23-14 midway through the quarter before Westfield went on a 7-0 spurt. Buchanan made a putback, Will Harvey drained a 3 and Nic Book scored on a layin. The Shamrocks led 32-20 at halftime and kept their lead between 10 and 20 points for the entire second half. The Golden Eagles came out with some energy in the third quarter, but Westfield was able to make the baskets it needed to stay comfortably ahead.

"We told our guys, that's a good team, they're going to make runs," said Sumpter. "But we were able to, again, generate some stops and just hold that lead and grind it out."

Book scored seven points in the third period, including a 3. Buchanan hit a 3 during that period as well. He led Westfield with 18 points, while Book scored 15.

Cardinal scored 17 points for the Golden Eagles, with Murans adding 13 points.

"It's pretty difficult when all five of their guys were outplaying all five of our guys on the court," said GC coach Bobby Allen. "They're a very good team. We knew that coming in. We simply didn't match their intensity from the tip."

Photo by Mike Navarro

Westfield's Nic Book (24) was one of two double-figure scorers for the Shamrocks in their 59-41 win at Guerin Catholic last Thursday. Book scored 15 points. At left is Guerin Catholic's Bryson Cardinal, who led GC with 17 points.

Shamrocks slay Bethesda Christian

The REPORTER

Westfield rolled past Bethesda Christian 50-25 last Saturday in an away game.

The Shamrocks got off to another fast start, leading 16-2 after the first quarter. Westfield held a 34-12 advantage at halftime.

Nic Book led the Shamrocks' scoring with 13 points, with Will Harvey adding eight points. Caleb Wise scored seven; both Harvey and Trey Buchanan made two 3-pointers.

Westfield is 5-0 and plays Friday at Noblesville in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game.

Hamilton Heights falls to Muncie Central

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights boys basketball team fell to Muncie Central 53-34 last Saturday in an away game.

The Bearcats led from the start, going up 14-4 in the first quarter and leading 31-8 at halftime.

Dreydin Serna led the Huskies with 11 points and five rebounds. John Irion also pulled five rebounds, while Tillman Etchison had four steals.

Heights is 1-4 and plays a Hoosier Conference East Division game Friday at Western, then hosts West Lafayette on Saturday.

Wrestling

Greyhounds prevail in tough meet against Tigers

By RICHIE HALL
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CARMEL – Carmel boys wrestling coach Ed Pendoski made a prediction after his team won a tough dual meet over Fishers last Wednesday: "This isn't the last good Fishers-Carmel dual."

Leonard

The Greyhounds and the Tigers have the makings of a splendid rivalry, and Carmel's 34-28 victory over Fishers at the Eric Clark Activity Center is a great early chapter. Both sides were intense the entire meet. The 'Hounds would go on a run of match victories, then the Tigers would make their own run of wins.

It came down to the last match, the 215-pound bout, with the score tied at 28-28. Will Massey stepped up for Carmel, making a pin with three seconds left in the first period to clinch the victory for his team.

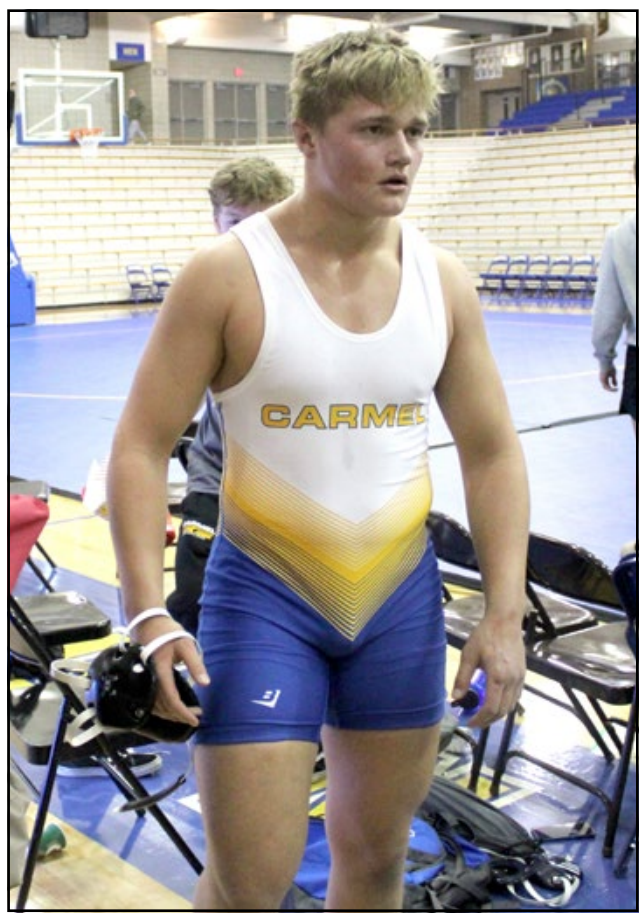
Fishers led 22-19 with three matches to go, but the Greyhounds won those last three bouts. Alex Ryan started things with a 5-2 decision at 175 pounds, then Adel Navarette took the 190-pound match by fall to bring the team score back to even and set up Massey's winning pin.

"We're in a spot with three matches to go," said Pendoski. "We got to win all three and score bonus in one, and we got two guys that never started before." But everyone stepped up to get the win.

Carmel led 16-0 early, with falls from Arty Bryant and Carlo Federici, followed by a major decision from Tamir Halevi. The Tigers then won four matches in a row, starting with Owen Ingalls at 120 in a decision. Chayce Yant won by fall, Aiden Lamb got a major decision win, then Teyon Leonard won 2-1 at 138 pounds, securing the victory with a second-period takedown and tying the team score at 16-16.

Eli Penquite won at 144 for Carmel, clinching the victory with a third-period reversal. Fishers took the next three matches, starting with a decision for Stephen Breck at 150. Camden Funk won in overtime at 157 with a sudden-victory takedown in the extra period, followed by a pin for Xavier Smith at 165.

"Coming in, we knew it was between us, Carmel and a couple other teams up north fighting for a team state spot," said Fishers coach Cameron Diep, who is in his first year as the Tigers' head coach. "We knew it was going to be close. Obviously we expected to come out on top. Things didn't go our way in the end, but we kept it really close."



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Carmel's Will Massey got a pin at 215 pounds to clinch the Greyhounds' dual meet victory over Fishers last Wednesday.

CARMEL 34, FISHERS 28
Meet started at 285 pounds

285: Arty Bryant (C) def. James Keller (F) by fall, 5:59
106: Carlo Federici (C) def. Seth Lamb (F) by fall, 4:55
113: Tamir Halevi (C) def. Will Hruskoci (F) by major decision, 10-1
120: Owen Ingalls (F) def. Jake Gardner (C) by decision, 3-1
126: Chayce Yant (F) def. Ethan Hurwitz (C) by fall, 1:50
132: Aiden Lamb (F) def. Tyler Elliott (C) by major decision, 10-0
138: Teyon Leonard (F) def. Caleb Mattingly (C) by decision, 2-1
144: Eli Penquite (C) def. Zeke Kramer (F) by decision, 5-2
150: Stephen Breck (F) def. Jackson Schmidt (C) by decision, 5-1
157: Camden Funk (F) def. Jairo Ojeda-Cortez (C) by decision, 5-3 OT
165: Xavier Smith (F) def. Drew VanBibber (C) by fall, 2:59
175: Alex Ryan (C) def. Diego Carabano (F) by decision, 5-2
190: Adel Navarette (C) def. Chris Quarles (F) by fall, 2:30
215: Will Massey (C) def. Kyle Gunawan (F) by fall, 1:57

Four Hamilton Co. football players make Top 50 All State team

The REPORTER

Four Hamilton County football players were named to the Indiana Football Coaches Association's Top 50 All State team, it was announced last week.

Two Hamilton Southeastern stars earned Top 50 honors on offense. Senior Donovan Hamilton was named to the list as a wide receiver, while senior Styles Prescod received honors as an offensive lineman. On the defensive side, Westfield senior William Goodvine was named to the list as a defensive lineman and Carmel senior Christian Peterson earned a place as defensive back.

Many other local football players earned places on the IFCA's Class Senior and Junior teams. Below is a list of those honorees.

Class 6A Senior

OFFENSE

Max Nosler, Westfield tight end
Ransom McDermott, Noblesville offensive lineman
Trent Fisher, Carmel offensive lineman
Jackson Gilbert, Westfield quarterback
Khobie Martin, Fishers running back
Logan Shoffner, Noblesville running back
Jalen Alexander, Hamilton Southeastern running back

DEFENSE

Brady Wolf, Fishers defensive lineman
Artemas Bryant, Carmel linebacker
Jack Osiecki, Hamilton Southeastern linebacker
Austin Hastings, Noblesville linebacker

Class 6A Junior

OFFENSE

JonAnthony Hall, Fishers wide receiver
Evan Parker, Carmel offensive lineman
Avery Huggins, Westfield offensive lineman
Cameron Gorin, Hamilton Southeastern offensive lineman

DEFENSE

Mikeah Webster, Westfield linebacker
Mason Alexander, Hamilton Southeastern defensive back
Jimmie Winbush Jr., Carmel defensive back
Gabe Aramboles, Westfield athlete
Aiden Brewer, Noblesville athlete

Class 3A Senior

OFFENSE

Josh Holba, Guerin Catholic offensive lineman
Dean Mason, Hamilton Heights offensive lineman
Ryan Zimmerman, Guerin Catholic quarterback

DEFENSE

Elijah Taylor, Guerin Catholic defensive lineman
Carson Fettig, Hamilton Heights linebacker
Aaron Keller, Guerin Catholic defensive back
Jaylyn Pugh, Hamilton Heights defensive back

Class 3A Junior

DEFENSE

Malcolm Houze, Guerin Catholic defensive back

Class 1A Senior

OFFENSE

Eli Kolb, Sheridan running back
Joe Franco, Sheridan athlete

DEFENSE

Zach Bales, Sheridan linebacker

Class 1A Junior

OFFENSE

Owen Bell, Sheridan kicker

Four local motorsport events to look forward to in 2024

COLUMNIST

ZECH YODER
Checkers to Wreckers

With the conclusion of the 2023 racing season, let's look ahead to a few local racing events in 2024.

High Limit Sprint Car Series – Kokomo Speedway

The High Limits Sprint Car Series, the brainchild of Kyle Larson and Brad Sweet, will enter its third year in 2024. The High Limit Series competes during the week (rather than on weekends) and pays big money in order to attract big-name talent from around the racing world.

The High Limits Series will race at Kokomo Speedway on Tuesday, May 14, 2024. Originally scheduled for the beginning of May 2023, the event was postponed and run in early August. Justin Peck held off Kyle Larson and Corey Day for the win.

In terms of characteristics, Kokomo Speedway is considered a "bull ring" as it is only 0.25 miles in length. The racing is close, and drivers must show precise throttle control. Given the growth on the High Limits Series, this event should attract even more talent for 2024.

NASCAR Brickyard 400 – Indianapolis Motor Speedway

For the first time in four years, the NASCAR Cup Series will run the oval at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. The last three years the event was run on the IMS Road Course, and in 2020, the Brickyard 400 was run without spectators due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

There has been much anticipation about this race as the NextGen Cars seems well suited for the oval. Prior to 2020, attendance and TV rating at the Brickyard 400 had declined as the Gen 5 car failed to put a compelling racing product on the track.

The Brickyard 400 weekend will be from July 19 to 22 and will feature a 250-mile Xfinity race on Saturday, July 21, followed by the 400-mile Cup Series race on Sunday, July 22.

NASCAR Truck Series – Indianapolis Raceway Park

To coincide with the Brickyard Weekend at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the Craftsman Truck Series will run at Indianapolis Raceway Park on Friday, July 19, 2024.

For those of you who might not be aware, Indianapolis Raceway Park is a tremendous facility and a premier short track. Over the years, it was put on great NASCAR races, particularly in the Trucks and Xfinity Series. Though not likely, hopefully someday, the Xfinity Series returns to IRP for a race.

I highly recommend attending the Truck Series event during the Brickyard Weekend

Indiana Midget Week – Various Location

I couldn't pick just one track, so I will pick the entire week. Indiana Midget Week returns to Indiana June 4 to 9, 2024. If you like Midget racing, you can catch a different race on every night of the week from Tuesday through Sunday.

The USAC Midget Nationals will be at Circle City Raceway in Indianapolis on Tuesday, June 4 and Kokomo Speedway on Sunday, June 9. For all the details of Indiana Midget Week, visit usacracing.com.

Attending races at local short tracks is a great way to support local drivers and local short tracks.

Zech Yoder is a local resident, an attorney at Adler Attorneys in Noblesville, and a lifelong race fan.

— COURT NOTICE —

29D03-2311-EU-000536
Hamilton Superior Court 3
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT PROBATE DIVISION
In the Matter of the Unsupervised Estate of JOHN WILLIAM CANADA, Deceased
Notice is hereby given that JOSEPH C. CANADA was on December 6, 2023 (date), appointed personal representative of the estate of JOHN WILLIAM CANADA, deceased, who died on November 11, 2023.
All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the Office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on December 6. 2023.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court
Probate Division
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— COURT NOTICES —

29D01-2311-EU-000534
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT 1 OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES P. DUGAN, Deceased
Notice is hereby given that David M. Dugan was on the 1st day December, 2023, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of James P. Dugan, deceased, who died on the 15th day of November, 2023.
All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the Office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this 1st day of December, 2023.
Kathy Kreag Williams
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for Hamilton County, Indiana
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STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COURT
CAUSE NO.: 29D01-2310-AD-001418
IN RE THE ADOPTION OF:)
CAMDEN ELIJAH BANNON)
Minor)
AFFIDAVIT OF DILIGENT INQUIRY
Sabrina Ruffin, being duly sworn upon her oath, says that she is and has been a resident of Hamilton County, State of Indiana.
Affiant says that the present address and residence of the biological mother of Camden Elijah Bannon is unknown, and to the best knowledge and information of affiant, Samantha Bannon has not made any meaningful contact with Camden Elijah Bannon since giving birth. Diligent search and inquire has been made to learn her whereabouts, but they have not been discovered and are unknown.
The affiant is the Petitioner in the above-entitled cause of action and makes this affidavit for purpose of permitting petition for the adoption of Camden Elijah Bannon to secure service on the biological mother, Samantha Bannon, by publication in the above -entitled cause of action. Further affiant sayeth not.
Sabrina Ruffin
R3540 *12/11/23, 12/18/23, 12/25/23*

— SHERIDAN —

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
MONON TRAIL EXTENSION TOWN OF SHERIDAN
SHERIDAN, IN
Sealed Bids for the construction of the Monon Trail Extension will be received, by Silas DeVaney III, Town Council President, at the Sheridan Clerk's Office, 506 S. Main St., Sheridan, Indiana, until 5:00 pm local time on January 18th, 2024. Any bids received later than the above time will be returned unopened. The Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud at 7:30 pm at the Sheridan Community Center.
DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The scope of work includes extending the Monon Trail from SR 47 to Hamilton- Boone County Line Road. Work includes but is not limited to an asphalt trail, concrete sidewalk, curb, and a parking lot.
BID DOCUMENTS: Electronic copies of the Specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained at Banning Engineering 317-707-3700. Copies of the documents are available for examining beginning at 10:00 am, local time, December 13th, 2023 at Banning Engineering, 853 Columbia Road, Suite 101 Plainfield, IN 46168. Copies of all documents may be obtained at the office of the Banning Engineering by remitting two hundred and fifty dollars ($250.00) for each set. There is no fee for electronic copies.
INDIANA REQUIREMENTS: Standard Questionnaire Form 96, shall be completely filled out and signed, including attachment of Contractor's Financial Statement as stipulated in Section III. An E-Verify Certification Form is also required.
Bids shall be properly and completely executed on Bid Forms and in the order as identified and contained in the Contract Documents obtainable from the offices as stated above. Each bid shall be accompanied by a completely filled out Form No. 96, E-Verify Certification Form and acceptable Bid Security. Any bid not accompanied by the above-required items shall be deemed a non-responsive bid.
No Bidder may withdraw his bid within a period of 60 days following the date set for the receiving of bids. The Owner reserves the right to retain any and all bids for a period of not more than 60 days and said bid shall remain in full force and effect during said time. The Owner further reserves the right to waive informalities and to award the Contract to any Bidder, all to the advantage of the Owner or to reject all bids.
BID SECURITY: Each bid shall be accompanied by an acceptable certified check made payable to Owner or an acceptable bid bond in the amount equal to five (5%) percent of the total bid price executed by an incorporated surety company in good standing and qualified to do business in the State of Indiana and whose name appears on the most current Treasury Department Circular No. 570.
PRE-BID CONFERENCE: Bidders are encouraged to attend a Pre-bid Conference with representatives of the Owner, and Engineer to discuss the project and related requirements. The Pre-bid Conference will convene at 10:00 am, local time on January 4th, 2024. Provisions will be made to meet virtually at the discretion of the Owner. Invitations will be sent out to all official plan holders before the conference.
BONDS: A Performance Bond and Payment Bond each in the amount of 100 percent of the Contract price will be required from the Contractor to whom the work is awarded.
Town of Sheridan Sheridan, Indiana
R3539 *12/11/23, 12/18/23*

PUBLIC NOTICE AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Public notice is given that the Sheridan Town Council, on the 2nd day of January, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., in the Sheridan Community Center, located at 300 E. 6th Street, Sheridan, IN 46069, will hold a public hearing on Ordinance 2024-02 entitled An Amended Ordinance of the Town Council Allowing Pre-Approved Payment of Claims. Public notice is hereby given that at said public hearing, the Sheridan Town Council, as designating body, will receive and hear all remonstrances and objections from interested persons. After hearing all evidence presented, the Sheridan Town Council shall, at its regular meeting on said date and at said place, take final action on Ordinance 2024-02.
Such action of the Sheridan Town Council shall be final in accordance with any publication requirements under the law.
Council of the Town of Sheridan, Indiana
Silas DeVaney, III
Presiding Officer
R3542 *12/11/23*

PUBLIC NOTICE AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Public notice is given that the Sheridan Town Council will, on the 2nd day of January, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., in the Sheridan Community Center, located at 300 E. 6th Street, Sheridan, IN 46069, hold a public hearing on Ordinance 2024-01 entitled An Ordinance Amending And Setting the Town of Sheridan, Indiana's Fee Schedule For Building and Zoning. Public notice is hereby given that at said public hearing, the Sheridan Town Council, as designating body, will receive and hear all remonstrances and objections from interested persons. After hearing all evidence presented, the Sheridan Town Council shall, at its regular meeting on said date and at said place, take final action on Ordinance 2024-01.
Such action of the Sheridan Town Council shall be final, subject to statutory rights of appeal.
Council of the Town of Sheridan, Indiana
Council of the Town of Sheridan, Indiana
Presiding Officer
ATTEST:
Clerk Treasurer
R3543 *12/11/23*

— WESTFIELD —

PUBLIC NOTICE
The City of Westfield, Indiana is requesting Statements of Proposals/Qualifications from interested parties for the purchase and development of a parcel of real property owned by the City and located at 201 Mill Street, Westfield, Hamilton County, Indiana ("Real Estate"). In accordance with IC 36-1-11-4.2, the City invites any and all qualified parties to submit Statements of Proposals/Qualifications to purchase the Real Estate at the minimum bid of $460,500.00. An electronic PDF of the Statement of Proposal/Qualifications should be emailed to Jeremy Lollar (jlollar@westfield.in.gov), by 11:59 p.m. on January 8, 2024 in order to be considered. The public offering and a document outlining submittal requirements will be posted online on the City's website.
R3531 *12/11/23, 12/18/23*

Send your legal notices to
PublicNotices@
ReadTheReporter.com

— COURT NOTICES —

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 1
) SS:
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) CAUSE NO.: 29D01-2105-AD-682
IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF)
DEBORAH LYNN BODEM, MINOR)

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The grandparents of Deborah Lynn Bodem, born on July 28, 2006, are notified that a petition for adoption of the child was filed in the office of the clerk of Hamilton Superior Court 1, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. This notice complies with Indiana Code 31-19-2.5(a)(3) and Indiana Code 31-19-4.5-1.5 but does not exhaustively set forth a person's legal obligations under the Indiana adoption statutes. The grandparents of the child are being served with this notice because their rights to visitation may be impacted by the adoption. This notice is limited to the issue of grandparent visitation and may not be used to contest the adoption. If a grandparent desires to file for visitation, such action must be filed in the above-named court within fifteen (15) days. If a grandparent fails to timely file for visitation, the above-named court will hear and determine the Petition for Adoption and the grandparent will be precluded from subsequently pursuing a grandparent visitation case for the child. A person being served with this notice should consult the Indiana adoption and grandparent visitation statutes.

Kathy Kreag Williams,
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court 1

Prepared by:
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R3529 *12/11/23, 12/18/23, 12/25/23*

29D02-2311-EU-000521
STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS:
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF)
RHONDA L. HARPER, deceased.)

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on 11/21/2023, Timothy W. Harper was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Rhonda L. Harper, deceased, who died on October 21, 2023.

All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months from the date of Decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on 11/21/2023.

Kathy Kreag Williams
CLERK, Hamilton Superior Court
Jeanette C. Kassebaum
Attorney
P.O. Box 221
11614 Maple Street
Fishers, IN 46038
(317) 578-4550

R3494 *12/4/23, 12/11/23*

29D02-2311-EU-000523
Hamilton Superior Court 2
STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF)
THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE)
OF: TODD M. STAMM,)
Deceased)

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION IN THE CIRCUIT COURT NO. 1 OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Janet Jaros was, on 11/21/2023, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Todd M. Stamm, deceased, who died on the 5th day of October, 2023.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, 11/21/2023

Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Courts

R3495 *12/4/23, 12/11/23*

STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
CAUSE NO. 29D03-2311-EU-000522
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED)
ADMINISTRATION OF)
THE ESTATE OF)
JAMES E. CLARK,)
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of November 2023, Laura P. Clark was appointed personal representative of the estate of James E. Clark, deceased, who died on the 19th day of August 2023.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this 27th day of November , 2023.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Superior Court
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Elizabeth A. Schlueter,
Attorney No.: 16502-49
SCHLUETER BREMAN LLC
9292 North Meridian Street, Suite 350
Indianapolis, IN 46260
317-953-6000; Fax 317-953-6001
Elizabeth@SchlueterBreman.com

R3496 *12/4/23, 12/11/23*

29D01-2311-EU-531
Sarah J. Randall, #26898-29
Church Church Hittle + Antrim
Two North Ninth Street
Noblesville, IN 46060
(317)773-2190; FAX (317) 773-5320

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Superior Court 1 of Hamilton County, Indiana.

Notice is hereby given that Pamela S. Shoemaker and Timothy J. Smoots were on November 29, 2023, appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of JIM R. SMOOTS, deceased, who died October 26, 2023.

All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier

Dated at Noblesville, Indiana on November 29, 2023.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Superior Court of
Hamilton County, Indiana

R3509 *12/4/23, 12/11/23*

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON
CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2309-MI-9293
IN RE NAME CHANGE OF:)
HYATT RICHARDSON)

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, HYATT RICHARDSON, pro se, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name to change his name from HYATT RICHARDSON to HYATT DAKOTIS NORRIS.

The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on March 8, 2024 at 10:00 am, which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date.

The parties shall report to One Hamilton County Square, Suite 337, Noblesville, IN 46060.

Date: November 30, 2023

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court

R3511 *12/4/23, 12/11/23, 12/18/23*

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2311-MI-10895
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:)
Christine Lynn Sprinkle)
Petitioner)

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Petitioner, Christine Lynn Sprinkle, whose mailing address is: 573 Harstad Blvd. Westfield, IN 46074 in Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Christine Lynn Sprinkle has filed a petition in the Hamilton Circuit Court, requesting that name be changed to Christine Lynn Duncan.

Notice is further given that a hearing will be held on said Petition on the March 8, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Christine Lynn Sprinkle
Petitioner
Date: November 21, 2023

Kathy Kreag Williams
Judicial Officer

R3512 *12/4/23, 12/11/23, 12/18/23*

29D02-2311-EU-000533
Arlene Kline (#24979-49)
Law Office of Arlene Kline
5238 Lafayette Road
Indianapolis, IN 46254
(317) 644-8282
attorneyarlene@gmail.com

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Matter of the Estate of Barry Frederick Ramage, Sr., deceased.
In the Hamilton County Superior Court

Notice is hereby given that Cherie Ramage on 11/30/2023 was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Barry Frederick Ramage, Sr., who died intestate on September 26, 2018.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or within nine months (9) after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated in Noblesville, Indiana, this 11/30/2023.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County
Superior Court

R3526 *12/4/23, 12/11/23*

29C01-2311-MI-011165
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT
IN RE CHANGE OF NAME OF:)
JONATHAN MICHAEL PRITZL)

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Jonathan Michael Pritzl, whose mailing address is: 13825 Boiler Place, Carmel, IN 46032, Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that he has filed a petition in Hamilton Circuit Court requesting that his name be changed to Jonathan Michael King-Pritzl.

Notice is further given that a hearing will be held on said Petition on March 8,2024 at 10:00 a.m..

Paul R. Sadler, 32744-49
Attorney for Petitioner
Date: November 27, 2023

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Court
Date: November 30, 2023

R3532 *12/11/23, 12/18/23, 12/25/23*

29C01-2311-MI-011164
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT
IN RE CHANGE OF NAME OF:)
KRISTY LEE PRITZL)

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Kristy Lee Pritzl, whose mailing address is: 13825 Boiler Place, Carmel, IN 46032, Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that he has filed a petition in Hamilton Circuit Court requesting that his name be changed to Kristy Lee King-Pritzl.

Notice is further given that a hearing will be held on said Petition on March 8,2024 at 10:00 a.m..

Paul R. Sadler, 32744-49
Attorney for Petitioner
Date: November 27, 2023

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Court
Date: November 30, 2023

R3533 *12/11/23, 12/18/23, 12/25/23*

29D02-2311-EU-000539
OLIVIA A. HESS
CLARK, QUINN, MOSES, SCOTT & GRAHN, LLP
ATTORNEYS AT LAW 320 NORTH MERIDIAN STREET, SUITE 1100
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204-2011

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION (UNSUPERVISED)
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KATHERINE E. SIMONS, DECEASED
In the Hamilton Superior Court
Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Kaitlyn Akin was on 12/3/2023, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Katherine E. Simons, deceased, who died testate on November 24, 2023.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this 12/3/2023.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court
Olivia A. Hess, Atty. #36166-49
Clark, Quinn, Moses,
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317-637-1321 (Telephone)
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ohess@clarkquinnlaw.com

R3530 *12/11/23, 12/18/23*

29C01-2311-MI-011164
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT
IN RE CHANGE OF NAME OF:)
KRISTY LEE PRITZL)

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Kristy Lee Pritzl, whose mailing address is: 13825 Boiler Place, Carmel, IN 46032, Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that he has filed a petition in Hamilton Circuit Court requesting that his name be changed to Kristy Lee King-Pritzl.

Notice is further given that a hearing will be held on said Petition on March 8,2024 at 10:00 a.m..

Paul R. Sadler, 32744-49
Attorney for Petitioner
Date: November 27, 2023

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Court
Date: November 30, 2023

R3533 *12/11/23, 12/18/23, 12/25/23*

— NOBLESVILLE —

CITY OF NOBLESVILLE
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received:
By / At: City of Noblesville, Indiana
Office of the Clerk
16 S. 10th Street
Noblesville, Indiana 46060
Project: 2024 Supplemental Snow Plowing

Receipt of Bids: bids received after the stated time will be returned unopened. Bids are to be submitted on the Bid form as provided in the Project Manual and on Indiana State Board of Accounts Form No. 96 (revised 2013 as required by statutes of the State of Indiana. Bidders shall submit financial data, statement of experience, proposed plan for performing the work and the equipment the Bidder has available for the performance of the Work, along with a properly signed Affidavit of Non-Collusion as required by form No. 96. Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelope, marked with the name and address of the Bidder, and clearly identified:

SEALED BID: 2024 Supplemental Snow Plowing

Bid Opening: Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud by the city of Noblesville at the Council Chambers, Noblesville, Indiana 46060, at 9:00 AM, local time, Tuesday, January 23, 2024

Pre-Bid Meeting: Not applicable

The Work: The Work shall be completed by qualified Contractor(s) and Subcontractor(s) for the Project all as required by the Bidding Documents which have been assembled into a bound Project Manual and consists of:

Base bid for which proposals are to be received is for snow plowing in specific subdivisions with in the City of Noblesville.

Contract Award: Any Bid may be withdrawn prior to the deadline for receipt of Bids, but no Bidder shall withdraw its bid within sixty (60) days after the opening of the Bids. If the contract is awarded, it will be to the "lowest responsible and responsive bidder" in accordance with Indiana Code 36-1-12-1 et seq. the Owner, however, reserves the right to reject and/or cancel any and all Bids, solicitations and/or offers in whole or in part as specified in the solicitation when it is not in the best interests of The Owner, and waive any informalities, discrepancies, omissions, variances, or irregularities in bids received in its sole discretion. The Bid Bonds and certified checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon selection of the successful Bidder, execution of the Agreement, and provision of the required Performance and Payment Bonds and Certificate of Insurance.

Bid Documents: copies of the Specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained on or after December 1, 2023. Interested Bidders may obtain electronic Bidding Documents by sending an email to pjohnson@noblesville.in.us requesting instructions to download project documents.

Submit all bid questions in writing to City of Noblesville – Street Department prior to 12:00 PM, local time on January 4, 2024. Questions will only be accepted from firms on the official Bid Holders list. A written response will be emailed to the address on the official Plan Holder's list that is required to be completed at the time the plans are purchased. No questions will be answered by telephone. The contact person for questions is:

Patty Johnson, Street Commissioner
City of Noblesville – Street Department
Email: pjohnson@noblesville.in.us

Bid Documents – Review:

Work will be in accordance with the Bidding Documents, which may be viewed at the following location:

City of Noblesville Street Department
1575 Pleasant Street
Noblesville, IN 46060

Bidders shall assure that they have obtained complete sets of Bidding Documents and the project Manual and shall assume the risk of any errors or omissions in Bids prepared in reliance on incomplete sets of Bidding Documents or Project Manual. Bids must be submitted on forms contained in the Project Manual and must contain the names of every person or company interested therein.

Bid Security:

Each Bid shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a Bid Bond as provided in the Project Manual in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total Bid amount, including alternates with a satisfactory corporate surety qualified to do business in the State of Indiana or by a certified check made payable to the City of Noblesville, on a solvent bank in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the total Bid including alternates. The Bid Bond or certified check shall be security that the successful Bidder will, within ten (10) calendar days or such other time specified by the Owner from the acceptance of the Bid, execute the Agreement and provide the required Payment and Performance Bonds, included in the Project Manual and Certificate of Insurance.

Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond:

A Performance Bond with good and sufficient surety as required by the Owner on the Form provided in the Project Manual, shall be required of the successful Bidder in an amount equal to at least one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the Agreement. The surety of the Performance bond may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner's final settlement with the Contractor.

The Contractor shall provide a Payment Bond with a good and sufficient surety as required by the Owner on Form provided in the Project Manual, in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum. The Payment Bond is binding on the Contractor, its subcontractors, and their successors and assigns for the payment of all indebtedness to a person for labor and services performed, material furnished, or services rendered. The Payment Bond must state that it is for the benefit of the subcontractors, laborers, material suppliers, and those performing services. The surety of the Payment Bond may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner's final settlement with the Contractor.

All out-of-state bidder corporations must have a Certificate of Authority to do business in the State. Applications forms may be obtained by contacting the Secretary of State, State of Indiana, Statehouse, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

CITY OF NOBLESVILLE
Street Department
BY: Patty Johnson, Street Commissioner

R3535 *12/11/23, 12/18/23*

HAMILTON COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT
FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2022

This notice provides the public an opportunity to examine and comment on the Program Year 2022 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). This document provides an overview of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for the year ending September 30, 2023. This document will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on or before December 28, 2023.

The CAPER includes a summary of resources and programmatic accomplishments, the status of actions taken during the year to implement the overall strategy, and a selfevaluation of progress made during the past year in addressing identified priority needs and objectives. The report will be available for public review December 11, 2023 through December 26, 2023, online at https://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/1364/Community-Development-Block-Grants, and http://www.gonha.org/cdbg/. A copy of the report can also be emailed upon request.

We invite citizens to submit comments regarding the performance of the CDBG program. Persons wishing to comment on the CAPER must do so in writing to the Noblesville Housing Authority, Attn: Michelle Westermeier, Community Development Program Manager, 320 Kings Lane, Noblesville, IN 46060, michelle@gonha.org. Written comments must include the name and address of the person submitting the comment and must be received by 4:30 pm on December 26, 2023. A summary of comments received will be included in the documents submitted to HUD.

If you need further information or have a disability requiring translation, special materials, services or assistance, please contact the Noblesville Housing Authority office, 317-773-5110 ext. 5 or email michelle@gonha.org.

R3536 *12/11/23*

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING
Board of Zoning Appeals
City of Noblesville, Indiana

This notice is to inform you of a Public Hearing that will be held by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals on the **2nd day of January, 2024**. This hearing, to discuss applications **BZNA-000168-2023 and BZNA-000170-2023**, will begin at **6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, Noblesville City Hall at 16 South 10th Street**. The applications submitted by Steven and Julia Dietterle request approval of Variance of Development Standards applications to allow construction of a detached accessory structure to exceed the maximum size allowed for a property less than five acres (BZNA-000168-2023) and to allow a detached accessory structure to exceed the maximum height allowed (BZNA-000170-2023) at property **located at 114 Waterman Drive West, Noblesville, 46060**

Written suggestions or objections relative to the application above may be filed with the Department of Planning and Development, at or before such meeting, and will be heard by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. Interested persons desiring to present their views, either in writing or verbally, will have an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place.

This hearing may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. A copy of the proposal is on file in the Department of Planning and Development at 16 South 10th Street, Suite B140 and may be reviewed during regular office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A copy of staff report will be posted on the agenda on the city website, http://www.cityofnoblesville.org at least 5 days prior to the hearing.

Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals
Caleb Gutshall, Secretary

R3538 *12/11/23*

— JACKSON TOWNSHIP —

Legal Notice
Board of zoning appeals

The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on December 21st, at 7:00 PM at the Cicero Town Hall building located at 70 North Byron Street, Cicero Indiana 46034, in order to hear the following petitions:

Docket No. BZA-1223-68-AG

A Land Use Variance Application has been submitted regarding the property located at 22800 Cammack Road, Cicero IN, 46034 to allow a Wildlife Rescue Facility in the "AG" district; Whereas a Wildlife Rescue Facility is not listed as a Permitted Use or Special Exception Use in the "AG" district.

Project Address:22800 Cammack Road, Cicero IN, 46034
Legal Descriptions: Acreage 10.88 Section 4, Township 19, Range 4
Parcel numbers: 03-06-04-52-00-004.002

The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission, 331 E. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034.

Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Comments may be mailed to Cicero/Jackson Planning Commission at P.O. Box 650 Cicero, IN 46034. Comments may also be dropped off in the Cicero Utilities payment drop box located at 331 E. Jackson St. Cicero, IN. Comments may also be emailed to fzawadzki@townofcicero.in.gov Comments must be received by 3:00 pm on the date of the hearing. Written comments will be read aloud during the public hearing and entered into the record of the Hearing.

The Hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.

Petitioner: Hoosier Wildlife Rescue 11/28/2023

R3537 *12/9/23, 12/11/23*

— COUNTY —

NOTICE

FEV, PC has dissolved effective December 1, 2023. Any claims against FEV, PC may be sent to 209 Lac Iberville Drive, Luling, LA 70070. Please include the name of the claimant, the amount, and the date the claim accrued. Any claims against FEV, PC will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within two (2) years after publication of this notice.

R3528 *12/11/23*

— SHERIFF SALES —

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. *29D05-2305-MF-004743 wherein AmeriSave Mortgage Corporation was Plaintiff, and Mallikaijuna Potluri and Brookfield Homeowners Association, Inc. were Defendants,* required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the **18th day of January, 2024**, at the hour of **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.

Lot Number 55 in Brookfield Secondary plat, a Subdivision in the Town of Fishers, located in Fall Creek Township, Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof, recorded May 14, 2002, as Instrument Number 2002-35647, in Plat Cabinet 2, Slide 789, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.

More commonly known as 12741 Brookhaven Dr, Fishers, IN 46037-5956
Parcel No. 29-11-27-008-055.000-020

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisement laws.

Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff

MATTHEW S. LOVE
Plaintiff Attorney
Attorney # 18762-29
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.
8415 Allison Pointe Boulevard, Suite 400
Indianapolis, IN 46250
(317) 237-2727

Fall Creek
Township

The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street addressed published herein.

NOTICE
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR.

R3490 *12/4/23, 12/11/23, 12/18/23*

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTEREST PARTIES
NOTICE
OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No.: *29C01-2308-MF-007521, wherein KeyBank National Association, was Plaintiff, and Barbara A. Thurman, aka Barbara H. Thurman, Michael D. Thurman, was/were Defendant(s)*, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the **18th day of January, 2024**, at the hour(s) of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. said day, at the Hamilton County Sheriff Office, 18100 Cumberland Rd; Noblesville, Indiana, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate, in Hamilton County, Indiana:

Lot Numbered 1 in Orchard Estates, an Addition in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded as Instrument Number 9020080 and ratified as Instrument Number 9119171, and rerecorded as Instrument 9130205, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.

More Commonly Known As: 1972 Hill Valley Court, Indianapolis, IN 46280
29-13-01-409-025.000-018

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisement laws.

Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County
City of Indianapolis / Township: Clay
1972 Hill Valiev Court, Indianapolis. IN 46280
Street Address

/s/ Jennifer L. Snook
Marinosci Law Group
455 West Lincolnway, Ste, B
Valparaiso, IN 46385
Telephone: (219) 386-4700

The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein.

NOTICE: MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

R3491 *12/4/23, 12/11/23, 12/18/23*

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
SHERIFF'S SALE NOTICE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. *29C01-2305-MF-003982 wherein KeyBank, NA was Plaintiff, and Brian T. Walser, KeyBank National Association, Hidden Bay Property Owners' Association, Inc. and Mariner Finance LLC. were Defendants*, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the **January 18, 2024**, at the hour of **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**, or as soon as thereafter as is possible, at Sheriff s Office at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.

Lot Number Ninety-one (91) in Hidden Bay, Section Two, an Addition to the Town of Cicero, in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 7, pages 184-185, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.

Subject to fall real estate taxes for the year 1993 payable in November 1994 and all taxes thereafter.

Subject to Conditions, Restrictions, Easements, Covenants, and Agreements contained or arising, pursuant to Special Warranty Deed dated December 30,1960 and recorded January 3, 1961 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Deed Record 167, at page 182, whereby Indianapolis Water Company conveyed, interalia, the captioned real estate to The Shorewood Corporation, as modified by Agreement, dated October 11,1965, and recorded October 13, 1965 in Book 86 at page 156 and in Book 85 at page 166, and as further modified by Special Warranty Deed dated October 22,1970, and recorded October 22, 1970, in Book 234 at page 247 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.

Subject to a Release and Modification of Restrictions as shown in Instrument dated December 30, 1969, recorded October 22, 1970 in Miscellaneous Record 121, page 195 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.

Subject to License Agreement as shown by Instrument dated October 19,1970 and recorded October 22, 1970 in Miscellaneous Record 121, page 206, Consent to Assignment of License Rights recorded December 30, 1986 in Miscellaneous Record 190 pages 212-216; and further assigned by Assignment of Rights in License recorded May 7, 1987 as Instrument Number 87-10534 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.

The Land described in this commitment shall not be deemed to include any house trailer or mobile home standing on the premises.

Subject to an Agreement by and between The Shorewood Corporation, a corporation and the Town of Cicero, regarding sewer lines, dated June 12,1979 and recorded June 30, 1979 in Miscellaneous Record 158, pages 36-40; assigned by Assignment of Rights in Agreement for Repayment of Oversizing Sewer Line, to The Creek Land Company, Inc., an Indiana corporation, now known as The Marina Corporation, dated June 30,1982 and recorded May 24,1983 in Miscellaneous Record 174, pages 537-542; and further assigned by Assignment of Rights in Agreement for Repayment of Oversizing Sewer Line, to The Marina Limited Partnership, an Indiana limited partnership, dated December 30, 1986 and recorded December 30,1986 in Miscellaneous Record 190, pages 225-234 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.

Subject to a Declaration of Restrictions of Hidden Bay Development Project, dated October 15, 1979, recorded October 16, 1979 in Miscellaneous Record 158, page 797, et seq in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.

Subject to Agreement by and between The Shorewood Corporation, an Indiana corporation, and the Town of Cicero, regarding rights in water, dated December 21,1979 and recorded January 16,1980 in Miscellaneous Record 160, pages 32-35; assigned to The Creek Land Company, Inc., an Indiana Corporation, now known as The Marina Corporation, recorded May 24, 1983 in Miscellaneous Record 1174, pages 553-558; further assigned to The Marina Limited Partnership, an Indiana limited partnership, recorded December 30, 1986 in Miscellaneous Record 190, pages 217-224 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.

Subject to a Bill of Sale from The Shorewood Corporation to Hidden Bay Property Owner's Association, Inc. an Indiana not-for-profit corporation, for all liens, mains, interceptors, appurtenances, pressure pumps and authority of Shorewood in the water and/or sanitary system of Hidden Bay Development, dated April 5, 1982 and recorded April 13, 1982 in Miscellaneous Record 162, pages 108 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.

Included is a mobile/manufactured home.

Commonly known address: 91 Rosewood Drive, Cicero, IN 46034

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisement laws.

Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County
Township: Jackson
Parcel No./ Tax Id #: 29-02-36-302-007.000-011

J. Dustin Smith
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Attorney for Plaintiff

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R3492 *12/4/23, 12/11/23, 12/18/23*

— FISHERS —

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION
OF
IPG REAL ESTATE, LLC

Notice is hereby given that IPG Real Estate, LLC, an Indiana limited liability company (the "Company"), has been voluntarily dissolved in accordance with the Indiana Business Flexibility Act, as amended. Any person or entity having a claim against the Company must file a written claim at the Company's principal office located at 11081 Yosemite Court, Fishers, Indiana 46037, Attention: Scott L. Schulman, D.P.M. Such notice must include the name and address of the person or entity making the claim, the amount of the claim, the basis for the claim, and any other pertinent information concerning the claim. All claims against the Company will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within two (2) years after the publication of this notice.

R3510 *12/4/23, 12/11/23*

— CARMEL —

NOTICE

According to the lease by and between #856: James Fennessy and TKG-StorageMart and its related parties, assigns, and affiliates in order to perfect the Lien on the goods contained in their storage unit. The Manager has cut the lock on their unit and upon cursory inspection, the unit was found to contain: chests, tote organizers, boxes, a computer monitor, a bike w side cart, a toaster oven, screws, misc. Items will be sold online at www.storagetreasures.com or otherwise disposed of on January 3rd at 10:00am, at the location listed below to satisfy owner's lien in accordance with state statutes. StorageMart @0373

147 W Carmel Dr
Carmel, IN 46032
phone 317.558.9571 option 2

R3527 *12/11/23*

Wrestling

Rocks are solid at Columbus North Invitational, several boys & girls teams compete around state

The REPORTER

The Westfield boys wrestling team put together a solid performance at the Columbus North Invitational last Saturday.

The Shamrocks dominated pool competition, beating Brown County 78-6, Western Boone 68-12 and Bloomington North 63-12. In the championship bracket, Westfield defeated Cascade 47-27 in the semifinals before dropping a close final match to the host Bull Dogs 42-39.

Three Shamrocks wrestlers finished 5-0 for the event: Porter Temples at 120 pounds, Chase Camire at 132 and Hunter Jones at 175. Westfield's 4-1 wrestlers were Keegan Carson at 106, Abe O'Neill at 113, Jake Saez at 138, Hank Temples at 144 and Aiden Padgett at 285.

Eli Turner (157), Hunter Lancaster (165), Riley Davison (190) and Alex Aramboles (215) all were 3-2 for the tournament. Graydon Staley was 2-3 at 150 pounds. Westfield had two wrestlers compete at 126: Alic Washburn was 2-0 and Carter Niccum was 2-1.

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Hamilton Southeastern's boys placed second at the Clinton Prairie Invitational last Saturday.

The Royals scored 242.5 points, behind only Terre Haute South, the champion with 287 points. Southeastern had three place winners: Tyler Jackson at 113 pounds, Chris Casler at 144 and Zach Lang at 157. Three more Southeastern wrestlers were runners-up: Will Lakes at 106, De Shawn Ternoir at 190 and Evan Lawhead at 215.

Also placing were Max Inman (third at 132), Adam Gerstner (third at 150), Cohen Davis (fourth at 165), Aidan Smalley (fifth at 120) and Xander Huynh (sixth at 126). Landon Hicks (175) and Isaac Williams (285) both won two matches and Matthew Billet (at 138) had one win.

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The Sheridan boys wrestling team competed at the Frankfort Duals last Saturday.

The Blackhawks went 1-4 for the tournament. Sheridan beat Shelbyville 54-18, while dropping duals to Kokomo 54-30, Parke Heritage 39-36, Lebanon 69-6 and Frankfort 48-36.

Ryker Ream had the best record on the day, going 4-1 at 165 pounds. Each Blackhawks wrestler won at least one match: Caleb Alexander (126), Trai Fitzgerald (132), Alex Cravens (150), Zach Bales (175), Jaden Dunbar (190) and Carsen Aleman (285) all went 3-2. Aiden Todd (120) and Eli Bales (157) got two victories and Pablo Mendez (138) and Timmy Vyner (215) both had one win.

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Several county girls teams competed at the fifth annual Lebanon Invitational last Saturday.

Noblesville placed 18th as a team, the highest local finish. Kyra Tomlinson placed first at 130 pounds "B," while Brooke Butler was the runner-up at 135. Also placing were Sophia Teitsma (fourth at 125A), Jordan Stevens (sixth at 120A) and Eden Short (seventh at 130). Tahira Gibson won a match at 125.

Carmel took 25th, with all five of the Greyhounds' wrestlers placing. Grace Sharp was second at 120A, Daniela Ramirez took third at 155A, Grace Marshall finished third at 190A, Josie Belloti took seventh at 170 "A" and Alisha Calcuttawala was eighth at 145A.

Hamilton Heights finished 30th as a team. Aubrey Baber led the Huskies by taking third at 115A, followed by Kelsee Powers placing fourth at 135 and Amaelia Cordero-Ballinger also taking fourth at 170. Nicole Edwards was sixth at 155 and Ella Smith Reynolds was eighth at 130.

Sheridan took 44th and had two place winners. Adrianna Hammersly took sixth with a 3-2 record at 125 pounds, while Eva Todd was 2-3 at 140 pounds for eighth place. Devyn Pewarski (at 140) and Claudia Headlee (at 190) both won one match.

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Guerin Catholic's boys team traveled to Columbus last Saturday for the Columbus North Invitational.

While the Golden Eagles were short-handed, there were several bright spots, including an unbeaten performance by 126-pounder Peter Nguyen. He won all five of his matches, getting three pins, a technical fall and a decision. Sam Wagner (at 132) and Drew Stevenson (at 138) both won a match against Brown County.

Photo provided by Tony Retz

Sheridan's Zach Bales went 3-2, including this pin, during the Blackhawks' day at the Frankfort Duals last Saturday.

Photo provided by Tony Retz

Four county girls wrestling teams competed at the Lebanon Invitational last Saturday. All the wrestlers there held up this sign asking the IHSAA to sanction the sport. (It is classified as an emerging sport by the IHSAA.)