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Baby New Year turns 50

A story that could only happen in Noblesville

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"Sherman, set the Wayback Machine to Jan. 2, 1975," thus quoth Mr. Peabody. Or at least he would, if Mr. Peabody were real and if he knew what we were writing about today.

Hamilton County's Baby New Year in 1975 was named Candice Castor. On the cusp of her 50th birthday, she is now Candice Johns.

Photo provided

Back in 1975, she and her parents were given a bundle of gifts from local businesses. There was a baby book, flowers for her mother, a free portrait, multiple gift certificates, a savings account, and many other things including a sterling silver cup engraved just for her.

Over the intervening decades, that cup was lost. With a little help, Candice Johns tracked down an old article from *The Noblesville Daily Ledger* and learned it came from Smith's Jewelers, 98 N. 9th St., Noblesville.

You see where this is going, don't you, dear readers?

Yes, thanks to an anonymous donor, The Reporter helped 1975's Baby New Year get an identical silver cup from the very same store as the original.

When The Reporter first spoke to Smith's Jewelers CFO Johanna Hieser, Johns had left the store only moments before.

"She showed me the news article on her phone," Hieser said. "She was basically wanting to know if we have the baby cup here and if we were able to engrave it. I told her yes and yes. Candice was going to try to go look through some pictures because she thought it looked a little bigger. We were really just trying to figure out if there was a size difference. I know these are the ones that they carried, but there is only one little caveat: she was going to look at some pictures to see, size-wise, if it's about the same."

Reporter photo

Candice Johns (left) holds her replacement Baby New Year cup thanks to Smith's Jewelers CFO Johanna Hieser.

Johns was clearly satisfied it was at least very close to the same size cup, as you can see in the photo in today's edition where Hieser is giving the replacement cup to Johns just a few weeks after that first visit to Smith's Jewelers.

Johns told The Reporter she knew the original article had been published in *The Ledger*. When she reached out to this newspaper for help, she had no idea *The Ledger* had been sold to *The Indianapolis Star*, then rebranded, then finally dissolved.

"I was looking everywhere for it," Johns said. "It was through Ancestry.com and Newspapers.com that I finally found it."

According to Johns, the original cup was lost in a common, but still tragic way. Having been stored at her mother's home, through inheritance and happenstance, the cup was lost.

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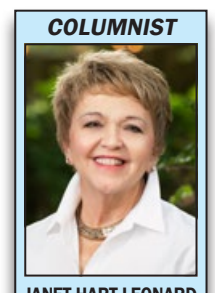
2024 mayhem



COLUMNIST

JANET HART LEONARD
From the Hart

*What you believe **before** you need to believe makes a difference in getting through hard times.*

I wrote that thought in my journal this week after pondering over all that happened in 2024.

If my 2024 were filmed as a commercial, it would feature the mayhem man. Even being diagnosed with Bell's Palsy gave me the appearance of handling mayhem.

2024 has been brutal. While journaling, I noted all the crises I faced this year: eleven. I wasn't sure if I somehow had signed up for the 2024 Crisis of the Month Club or the Oprah Crisis Giveaways.

The hardest part of the year was watching those I love have to deal with so much hurt. I could not fix them. I have a "fixer's" heart.

In my research of Bell's Palsy, Dr. Google said we often respond to trauma with a **fight** or **flight** response. We can also get stuck. Stuck? I could not even process one trauma before I found myself dealing with another. Could layers of trauma really be a thing? Sort of an emotional lasagna?

I'm a fighter. I put on my "virtual" breastplate, my boots and my helmet and go to war. I wore them every day and even slept in them. I bundled up my worries like a baby and carried them wherever I ventured.

Had you seen me, would you not have recognized that I was carrying some heavy stuff? Of course not. You see, my smile is my secret weapon to hide my hurt. It's always been there. It hides a lot.

Now, before you start thinking – oh, poor Janet. Stop, I'll be fine. There isn't a person reading this who hasn't gone through some really hard times; I mean gut-punching, heart-breaking, and mental overloading crises.

Sometimes, I deal with a crisis better than others. I've had enough therapy to know how to process hurt, but that doesn't mean I do what I know to do. Anyone else?

The crises I dealt with last year were coming so fast I felt as if I was running in a minefield while dodging bullets, carrying that bundle of worries. The mental weight of processing numerous worries at once was exhausting. Which of them did I need to worry about the most? Do you know that the voices of worries get louder at night?

While writing in my journal and reading my devotions this week, I read what I wrote in my Bible in December 2022, when my heart was hurting: Psalm 27:13-14 NLT. Oh, my goodness.

Yet I am confident I will see the Lord's goodness while I am here in the land of the living. Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord.

See *Mayhem* . . . Page A4

Sheriff gives Santa an award

Photos provided by Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush and the deputies of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) are grateful to Santa Claus for always being there for them and helping the HCSO Community Foundation spread joy during the holiday season. Santa's dedication to handing out gifts to children in the community has brought countless smiles and made a lasting impact over the years. To show their appreciation, Santa was presented with an award for his unwavering commitment to doing so much good in Hamilton County. Thank you, Santa, for being an integral part of the HCSO family and for making the holidays brighter for everyone.

Change of Heart! brings justice & dark humor to stage

Cardiologist-turned-playwright Dr. L. Jan Eira debuts gripping tale of vigilante justice

Submitted

This January, audiences will be drawn into a thought-provoking journey of love, morality, and justice as *Change of Heart!* takes the stage at the Switch Theatre, 10029 E. 126th St., Suite D, Fishers.

Running Jan. 10 to 19, this darkly humorous and thrilling production comes from an unexpected source: accomplished cardiologist and author Dr. L. Jan Eira, a man whose life has been as compelling as his fiction.

A unique tale of love & justice

In *Change of Heart!*, Dr. Eira introduces audiences to Vijay and Anita, an elderly couple of retired medical professionals turned vigilantes. Together, they form Souled, Inc., an organization with a morally questionable mission: to rid the world of wrongdoers while saving innocent lives. Their pursuit of justice leads them to recruit specialists Martha and Bernard – both in their seventies – who are lured in by the promise of a handsome fee.

But when secrecy and suspicions collide, Martha and Bernard uncover far more than they bargained for. With gripping twists, ethical dilemmas, and questions of sacrifice and salvation, *Change of Heart!* challenges audiences to consider the boundaries of justice and the price of redemption.

From saving lives to storytelling: the journey of Dr. Louis Janeira

Dr. Janeira's path to the arts is as captivating as the play itself. A renowned Indianapolis cardiologist, Dr. Janeira found time to write murder mysteries, thrillers, and plays – transforming a hectic schedule into a platform for creativity. Born in Fundão, Portugal, Dr. Janeira's fierce independence and work ethic have been lifelong driving forces, from starting college at age 16 to balancing a thriving medical career and an ever-growing body of creative work.

Dr. Janeira's passion for storytelling comes alive on stage with *Change of Heart!*, blending his love for intricate narratives and his desire to support the arts. His latest work reflects his ability to examine human nature, morality, and the complexities of life, all while keeping audiences on the edge of their seats.

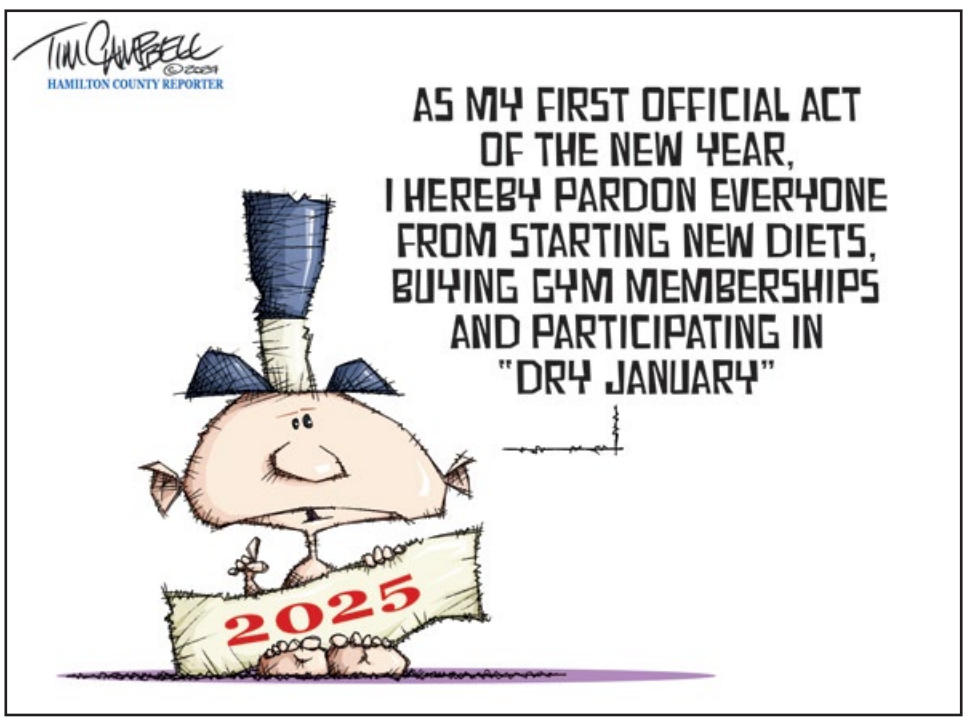
Don't miss it

Prepare for an unforgettable experience as *Change of Heart!* delivers suspense, dark humor, and moral reckoning in a story that will stay with audiences long after the curtain falls.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit **themdwriter.com**.

About Dr. Louis Janeira

Dr. Janeira is an Indianapolis-based cardiologist, private pilot, soccer enthusiast, and acclaimed author of medical thrillers and plays. He pursued a distinguished medical career while maintaining his passion for storytelling. *Change of Heart!* is one of his many works, showcasing his love for intricate, thought-provoking narratives and his commitment to supporting the arts.



College planning workshop set for Jan. 13 at Westfield Public Library

The REPORTER

Dreaming of college? The path to graduating with less debt starts here.

The Westfield Chamber of Commerce's newest member Thrivent Financial will offer a free College Planning 101 workshop:

- Learn how to save on the cost of college and avoid excessive debt.
- How choices made in high school can affect admissions and financial prospects.
- The basics of college financial aid.
- Why it's not too late to have a plan.

This workshop will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13 at Westfield Washington Public Library. To reserve your spot or for more information, please call (317) 460-6140 or email **steve.wallen@thrivent.com**.

Great end-of-year Deputy Mayor for City of Carmel

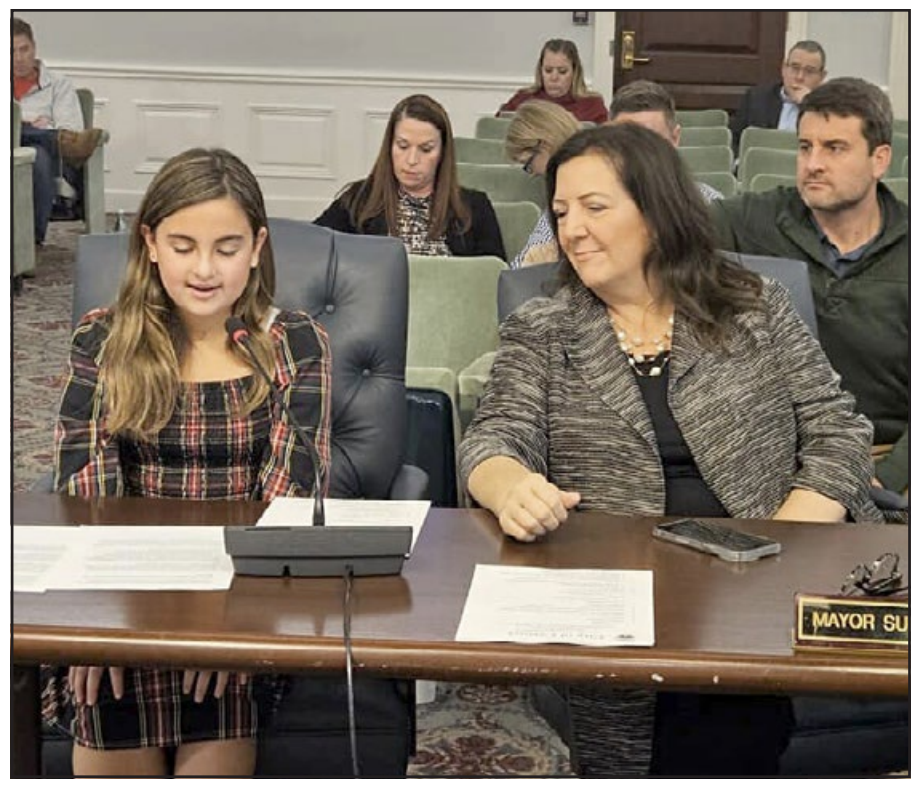


Photo provided by Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam

A well-deserved congratulations to Mary-Margaret, a dedicated Carmel Elementary student with a passion for English Language Arts, on her role as the last Deputy Mayor of 2024. Her exceptional skills in reading and comprehension were evident when she recently reviewed Mayor Sue Finkam's report to the City Council. A big thank you to Mary-Margaret for her outstanding contribution and hard work.

Photos provided by Westfield Lions Club

The Westfield H.S. Signature Sound Choir (left) provided the entertainment, and the Westfield H.S. Foodies (right) provided the meal for the meeting.

Westfield Lions Club puts a bow on 2024

Submitted

At their annual Christmas Dinner and Program Night held Dec. 19 at the Wyndham Hotel, the Westfield Lions presented several awards to well-deserving Lions. Prior to the awards portion of the meeting, the Lions were served dinner by the Westfield High School Foodies and entertained by the WHS Signature Sound Choir.

After the Signature Sound Choir, Lion President Bill Nesbitt presented Perfect Attendance pins to 24 Lions. This included a 50-year perfect attendance pin for Ted Engelbrecht and a 55-year pin for Bob Benson.

The Club's signature fundraising event is its semi-annual Texas Hold 'em "Poker for Sight" tournament. This year, Tournament Chair Mike Birk recognized three Lions for their outstanding efforts to make the tournament the biggest and best in the Midwest. Lion Don Collins received the "Tournament Star" award for his work collecting donations for each tournament's "high hand" 50/50 pots. On average, Collins raises about $2,000 per tournament with his hard work.

Lions Ted Engelbrecht and Bob Benson also received Poker for Sight "Special Recognition" awards for their dedicated work over the years at the tournament. Engelbrecht has manned the player registration table and Benson has served as the concession stand co-manager at each session. These Lions have served in these roles since the tournament started in 2008 and are now stepping back for a well-deserved break.

The top award a Lion can receive is the Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF), named after the founder of Lions Clubs International. Lions earning additional MJFs after their initial award receive Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship (PMJF) awards. This year the Westfield Lions presented the first two 2-time PMJFs in the Club's 94-year history. Lions Tracy Rogers and Mike Birk were the recipients of the award. Rogers is recognized as the lead "pit boss" at the poker tournaments and Birk continues to elevate the quality of each tournament and drive repeat business.

The last two awards presented at the meeting were also new awards for the Westfield Lions Club. Lion Dave Sobczak received the Westfield Lions Club "Life Membership Award" for the countless hours he has put into developing the plans for their clubhouse renovation project and shepherding the project through the regulatory and permitting phases. Sobczak is also serving as the construction manager for the project, which is nearing completion. When finished the Westfield Lions will arguably have the nicest Lions clubhouse in the state.

A second Westfield Lions Club Life Membership was presented to Jeff Larrison for his years of service as the Club's secretary. Since serving as Club president in 2010, he has been the Club's secretary. In addition, he has served as the Indiana Lions District 25D Cabinet secretary four times. He currently chairs the WHS SOS Club committee, Avenue of Flags committee, Dictionary Project committee, and the Club's Union Street Ecology Tour committee.

The Westfield Lions are proud to serve their community and are actively looking for people interested in joining them in making a difference in Westfield. For information on the Club and how to become a Lion, go to **WestfieldLions.org**.

Photos provided by Westfield Lions Club

(TOP LEFT) Jeff Larrison (left) presents Tracy Rogers with his 2nd Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. (TOP RIGHT) Ted Engelbrecht (left) presents Mike Birk with his 2nd Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. (ABOVE LEFT) Mike Birk (right) presents Ted Engelbrecht with a Lions Poker for Sight Special Recognition Award. (ABOVE RIGHT) Birk presents Bob Benson with a Lions Poker for Sight Special Recognition Award.

Photos provided by Westfield Lions Club

(ABOVE LEFT) Mike Birk announces the Tournament Star Award for Don Collins (not pictured). (ABOVE RIGHT) Dave Sobczak (left) received a Lifetime Membership Award from Bob Benson.

GET AHEAD OF THE WEATHER

WINTER IS COMING... ARE YOUR PIPES PREPARED?

When temperatures start to drop, freezing pipes become a serious problem for Hoosiers at home. A frozen pipe can burst, prevent water from flowing, and even disrupt your heating system.

To combat this icy threat to your comfort and safety, always prepare your pipes for the upcoming cold weather. **The experts at Indiana American Water recommend taking the following precautions before the thermostat drops too low:**

1.

Check your pipes for cracks and leaks.

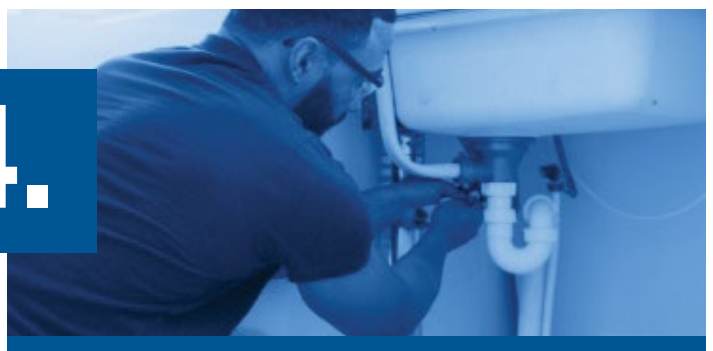
2.

Turn outdoor faucets off for the season.

3.

Insulate pipes in unheated areas of your home.

4.



Schedule seasonal maintenance on your plumbing and heating systems.

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

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

Photo provided

Pastor Stan Sutton and his wife Jan faithfully served Refuge Christian Church and the wider Noblesville community for 47 years.

Suttons honored for 47 years of Christian service

Submitted by Beth Bay

Pastor Stan Sutton and his wife Jan of Refuge Christian Church are retiring after 47 years of service.

Pastor Sutton gave his final sermon as Refuge's senior minister last Sunday, Dec. 29, at the church, located at 11772 E. 196th St., Noblesville.

A reception to honor Stan and Jan was held in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the service.

The Suttons served Refuge Christian Church beginning in 1977.

Jackson Township celebrates first Christmas light display thanks to Hamilton County Tourism grant

By ROBYN COOK
Jackson Township Trustee

Jackson Township is excited to announce the successful launch of Fire and Lights, its first annual Christmas light display, made possible by a generous grant from Hamilton County Tourism. This festive event brought the community together for nights of holiday cheer, memorable experiences, and family-friendly fun.

The display featured a variety of interactive evenings, including:

• **A Visit from Santa Claus:** Families enjoyed meeting Santa, sharing their Christmas wishes, and capturing the magic of the season.

• **A Night with the Grinch and Cindy Lou Who:** Characters from the beloved holiday classic delighted children and adults alike with their antics and holiday spirit.

• **Christmas Inflatable Night:** A dazzling lineup of inflatables, including Olaf from *Frozen*, dancing Christmas trees, and even a festive unicorn, lit up the night and brought joy to all attendees.

"We are thrilled with the community's response to this new tradition," said Nicole Duncan, Executive Director of Township Services. "This event truly embodies the spirit of the season and showcases the incredible support of Hamilton County Tourism in making it all possible."

Jackson Township plans to expand the Christmas light display each year, bringing even more holiday magic to the community. Businesses interested in sponsoring a display are encouraged to reach out to the township at **clerk@jacksontownshiptrustee.com**.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the first annual Christmas light display a glowing success. We look forward to continuing this tradition and spreading holiday cheer for years to come.

Photo provided

Little Cindy Lou Who and The Grinch made an appearance at Jackson Township's Fire & Lights.

Carmel Fire welcomes Dave Choutka as chaplain

The REPORTER

Carmel Fire Department (CFD) Chief Joel Thacker announced the addition of new CFD Chaplain Dave Choutka earlier this month.

Choutka

Choutka, lead pastor at Shepherd Church, brings a passion for the public safety community and will be working with CFD to build a chaplain program that integrates with the peer support team to effectively address the needs of not only CFD but also the broader Carmel community.

Choutka will replace Chaplain Doug Kizer who joined CFD in 2008.

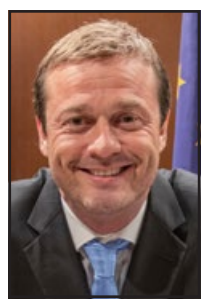
"I want to thank Chaplain Doug Kizer for his many years of service to the CFD and Carmel community," Chief Thacker said. "Although he is stepping back, he will continue to provide mentoring and guidance to Dave in his new role."

Glynn set to serve as next director of Office of Community & Rural Affairs

Submitted

Lieutenant Governor-elect Micah Beckwith and Governor-elect Mike Braun have announced Fred Glynn as the newly appointed Director of the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA).

As director, Glynn will lead the agency as it works with local, state, and national partners to provide assistance and resources to help all communities meet their goals in economic growth and community development. The incoming administration continues to emphasize the importance of balance between service to the public and success in the private sector.



Glynn

"Fred is the perfect combination," Beckwith said. "It takes a resilient and determined person to succeed in the corporate world, but it takes a selfless, genuine person to willingly give that up to serve their community. Fred checks both boxes, which makes him an excellent choice, and I look forward to collaborating with him in the future."

Prior to his appointment to OCRA, Glynn worked as a true Hoosier entrepreneur with over 20 years of experience in both business and finance. His emphasis on practical and innovative solutions gave him a leg up and helped numerous Indiana-based companies thrive.

Despite his private sector success, Glynn primarily focuses on giving back to his community and assisting in the betterment of Indiana. He has also served Hamilton County as a councilman.

"I appreciate the confidence Lt. Governor Micah Beckwith has placed in me for this pivotal role," Glynn said. "I look forward to working on bringing a more interactive experience with local government agencies, and a more streamlined process to OCRA for the betterment of our communities across the state of Indiana."

Mayhem

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It was in the moment of reading that scripture that I realized my strength to face any crisis comes from what I believe before I must deal with a crisis. Therein lies the foundation of my faith.

I believe God is a good God. He walks beside me through every crisis. He brings people into my life who speak words of encouragement. He gives me His promises in the scriptures.

So, yes, it is what you believe **before** you need to believe that lays a foundation for you to get through the hard times. That is the essence of Faith.

I am learning a lot during this "Winter of Discontent," as I refer to my time with Bell's Palsy. I will never again take blinking for granted. The fatigue I am feeling is brutal. (Imagine pulling a log wagon up a steep hill while fighting the wind.)

My wish for 2025 is that all will be calm, we can sleep in heavenly peace, and I can figure out how to unsubscribe from the Crisis of the Month Club.

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Baby

from Page A1

THIS PICTURE TAKEN only 10 hours after her birth shows Candace Renee Castor snuggled in the arms of her mother at Riverview Hospital. (Ledger Photo)

New Year's First Baby Born To Larry Castors

The baby department at Riverview Hospital was quiet the first day of January but at 12:27 a.m. Jan. 2 it was an entirely different story.

Weighing 7 lbs., 11½ ozs. and measuring 19 inches in length, Candace Renee Castor was born to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Castor and she takes the throne as the county's first 1975 baby.

The Castors are of R. 1, Cicero, and the father is employed in the warehouse of PAG Seed Company of Carmel.

Candace Renee has a sister, Connie Lynn, age 3, and grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Castor of R. 3, Sheridan and Mrs. Maxine Small of R. 1, Cicero.

The family physician is Dr. David Poore; the attending physician was Dr. Clayton Thomas.

A list of the baby's prizes is on page 2. They are donated through the cooperation of 19 Noblesville business firms.

Ledger clips courtesy Newspapers.com

"It went to my sister when my mom passed away because my sister acquired the residence," Johns said. "Then she moved to Ohio with all this stuff that my parents kept of mine. Junior trophies, pictures, all of those things went with them to Ohio, and unfortunately, they couldn't pay their storage bill. Instead of saying, 'hey can I borrow some money?' the locker was sold."

When she held the new version of her baby cup earlier this month, Johns was that particular brand of happy that brings tears.

"The jewelry store is still here, the hospital I was born in is still there, and my daughter works at that hospital," Johns said.

That hospital, of course, is Riverview.

Hieser told The Reporter she had not heard of anything like this happening before, but she didn't find it very surprising that it could happen in Noblesville.

"I do love the historical aspects about the city and definitely the building that we're in," Hieser told The Reporter. "I'm not necessarily surprised by it, but doesn't it make you feel like you're a part of something bigger than yourself?"

Johns, on the other hand, was surprised.

"It's pretty cool, and I don't know what other cities in the United States do this for their first baby of the year," Johns said. "Do they even do that anymore?"

Candice, even if they do, they almost certainly do not do so with gifts from a business that will be in the same location 50 years later to help with something like this.

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Carmel firefighters serenade 106-year-old woman on her birthday after false alarm

By HANNA MORDOH
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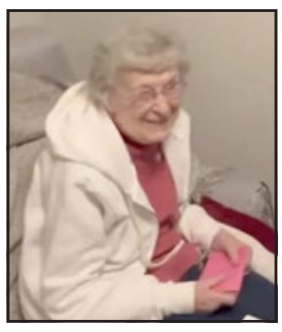

Photos provided by Carmel Fire Department via Facebook

Carmel Fire Department's Station 346 was dispatched to a medical alarm on Christmas Eve morning. The alarm was accidental, but the crews finding out it is Noella's birthday was fate! Born 106 years ago Dec. 24, Engine & Medic 346 sang their hearts out to make it special.

A false alarm in Carmel ended with firefighters serenading a woman for her 106th birthday on Christmas Eve morning.

According to the Carmel Fire Department's Facebook page, Station 346 was dispatched to a medical alarm on Tuesday morning. The alarm was accidental, but crews discovered it was a woman named Noella's 106th birthday.

The firefighters jumped into action and gave Noella a special birthday celebration, singing "Happy Birthday" as she smiled with gratitude. Her family caught the moment on camera and the crews posted the video on social media.

The fire department said, "Noella's family was able to capture the special moment and sent it to us for use. They are also on Facebook and will see the comments, so be sure to wish Noella a very happy 106th birthday below!"

By 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday morning, many people had already wished Noella 'happy birthday' on the post.

Charlie Madewell Adams wrote, "Great job! Happiest Birthday #106, Ms. Noella."

Heather Barni said, "Happy Birthday!! How lucky you are to have CFD sing to you!"

Katie Ballew Haugk posted, "So glad it wasn't a real emergency, and you were able to help her celebrate! Cheers to 106, Ms. Noella!"

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/local-news/carmel-firefighters-birthday-celebration.

Donate to Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank as part of your year-end giving

The REPORTER

Here's some food for thought:

There are 32,160 food-insecure people in Hamilton County. At three meals a day, 365 days a year, that's 35,215,200 meals – a lot to comprehend.

The good news? Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank (HCHFB) isn't doing this on its own. Many friends and neighbors just need a little help; SNAP and other food assistance helps with a large amount. There is a tremendous food support network in Hamilton County.

This year, HCHFB provided 197,000 meals. This may seem like a very small portion of the total need, but consider how even just one healthy meal can make a difference.

That's HCHFB's goal: keep providing healthy meals, every day of the year, year in and year out. Over 1.5 million healthy meals have helped local friends and neighbors since HCHFB began.

… and maybe that one healthy meal that was provided today made all the difference.

How can you help?

As 2024 comes to a close and you finalize your year-end giving decisions, have you considered how your charitable donations can impact HCHFB's mission?

Photos provided by HCHFB

These hardworking volunteers did their part to help HCH Food Bank "fill the barrel" and feed neighbors in need across Hamilton County this year.

The Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank is recognized as a tax-exempt charitable organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Donations can be mailed to:

Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank
P.O. Box 881
Noblesville, IN 46061

You can also donate online at **hchfoodbank.org/donate**. Please keep your email donation receipt, mailed donation thank you letter, or your canceled check as your official record for tax purposes.

Most importantly, your charitable donations will impact the local community year-round by providing food and network support throughout Hamilton County in 2025.

You can also help by organizing a food drive. Find more information at **tinyurl.com/3kbarvcz**.

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Learn more about Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank at **hchfoodbank.org**. *Save the date for the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 2025!*

Festival of Ice & Carmel Winter Games: two weekends of wintry fun on Main Street, Ice at Carter Green

The REPORTER

The city's annual winter events are back-to-back in January 2025 starting with the Festival of Ice presented by Allied Solutions and the Carmel Winter Games.

Festival of Ice
Jan. 17 to 19

Top ice carvers from around the country will be in Carmel Jan. 17 to 19 for demonstrations, the People's Choice sculpture competition and, of course, the fan favorite: speed carving.

The 2025 Festival of Ice weekend will begin Friday, Jan. 17 in the Carmel Arts & Design District, with carvers creating incredible ice masterpieces from 4 to 8 p.m.

On Saturday, Jan. 18 the ice carving begins at Carter Green from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Watch sculpting professionals create unique ice masterpieces then participate in the People's Choice sculpture voting from noon to 5 p.m.

Are you a fan of chili? Taste-test and vote for your favorite chili from one of the participating Carmel Fire Department crews during the cook-off from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

On Sunday, Jan. 19 the competition kicks into high gear with the ice carvers returning for the grand finale speed carving competition from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The People's Choice sculpture competition winners will be announced at the end of the event.

The city is ready to welcome both veterans and newcomers to the list of carvers:

- Titus Arensburg – Newark, Ohio
- Joe Autry – Clarksville, Ind.
- Aaron Costin – Nebo, N.C.
- Zachary Crossman – Tampa, Fla.
- Shannon Gerasismchik – New Bremen, Ohio
- Ben Goebel – Whitmore Lake, Mich.
- Jim Houser – Huntington, Ind.
- Stephan Koch – Daleville, Ind.
- Jon Price – Atlanta, Ga.
- Dan Rebholz – Addison, Ill.
- Duane Shemlhaus – Antioch, Ohio
- Matthew Stoddart – Nicholasville, Ky.
- Aaron Whitten – Commerce Township, Mich.

Want to volunteer at the Festival of Ice? Go to **tinyurl.com/msbfe8mm** for more information.

Carmel Winter Games
Jan. 24 & 25

It is time once again to bundle up and head to Carter Green for ice-cold competition and fun at the Carmel Winter Games on the city's ice rink, brought to you by Allied Solutions. Whether you are signed up to compete or are a spectator, you won't want to miss two days of non-skating competition Friday, Jan. 24 and Saturday, Jan. 25 at The Ice at Carter Green.

What kind of competition? "Human curling" on inner tubes, an ice trike relay and "human hungry hippo" using laundry baskets to fetch hundreds of bouncing balls.

The annual event kicks off Friday at 6 p.m. with the Hometown Hero-Olympics featuring good-spirited competition among a number of city departments including team members with the Fire Department, Police Department, Information and Communication Services, and more.

On Saturday, the skateless competition on ice begins at noon and will feature corporate teams and teams consisting of family and friends. In addition to Saturday's action on the ice, The Ice at Carter Green will feature a 'Meet the Mascots' session on the ice from 1 to 3 p.m.

The rules and requirements are as follows:

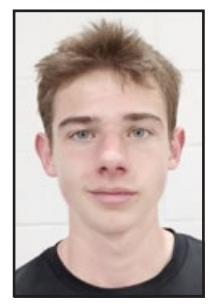
- Teams must have from four to eight members
- Each individual event during the Games must include at least four representatives from each team
- Teams must commit to participate in all three events for the full duration
- The fee to register is a one-time $300 fee per team
- The winners of the 2025 Carmel Winter Games will choose from one of the following Carmel-based organizations to receive the winning proceeds: Carmel Clay Historical Society, Carmel Food Pantries, Carmel Youth Assistance Program, Heroes Club, Prime Life Enrichment Center, or The Children's TherAplay Foundation.

Register your team at **tinyurl.com/32v39wc4**. Want to volunteer at the Winter Games? Learn how at **tinyurl.com/4w59r8hc**.

Sam Quagliaroli makes 'Impact' at HSE Schools

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) Schools announced the creation of its highest recognition, the Superintendent's Impact Award, during the much-anticipated Mudsock Basketball game Dec. 20 at the new Fishers Event Center.



Quagliaroli

This prestigious award honors students and staff who embody the district's core values of Honor, Scholarship, and Excellence through exceptional leadership, dedication, and contributions to their schools and community.

Superintendent Pat Mapes had the privilege of presenting the inaugural award to Fishers High School senior Sam Quagliaroli, a student whose extraordinary accomplishments both on and off the field exemplify the essence of this new honor.

"Sam Quagliaroli is a shining example of what it means to lead with honor, achieve with scholarship, and inspire through excellence," Superintendent Mapes said. "He represents the best of Hamilton Southeastern Schools, and we are thrilled to celebrate his achievements with this award."

Quagliaroli's athletic achievements include:

- IHSAA boys cross country state champion, setting a course record of 14:46.81, breaking the previous record set in 2011.
- Hoosier Crossroads Conference Athlete of the Year for boys cross country.
- Charles F. Maas Mental Attitude Award recipient for scholarship, leadership, and sportsmanship.
- First Team All-American in boys cross country, placing fourth at the Footlocker National Cross Country Meet.

In addition to his athletic prowess, he has excelled academically:

- Maintains an outstanding 4.613 grade-point average and will graduate summa cum laude.
- Recognized as an AP Scholar of Distinction.
- Achieved PSAT/SAT scores in the 90th percentile nationally.
- Plans to attend Indiana University Bloomington, where he will study finance and continue his cross country and track career.

About the Superintendent's Impact Award

The Superintendent's Impact Award is a new initiative by HSE Schools designed to recognize students and staff who exemplify the district's core values. Personally presented by the superintendent, this award highlights individuals who demonstrate leadership, perseverance, and an unwavering commitment to excellence in academics, athletics, and community service.

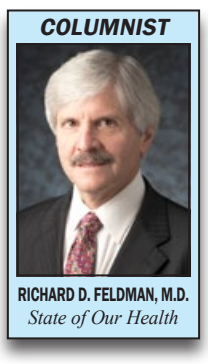
Congratulations to Mr. Quagliaroli on this well-deserved recognition. HSE Schools officials look forward to celebrating future recipients who will continue to inspire the district and community.

Hamilton County VSO has new flag retirement receptacle

Photo provided

Hamilton County Veterans Service Officer Tom Logan has announced the availability of a new receptacle for retired United States flags. The receptacle was provided by the National Association of Counties and distributed to Indiana counties by the Indiana Association of Counties. The receptacle was presented to Logan by Hamilton County Surveyor Kenton Ward, who is a member of both the national and state association's boards of directors. The receptacle is located in the Veteran Service Office on first floor of the Government and Judicial Center in Noblesville. (ABOVE) Veteran Service Officer Tom Logan (left) and County Surveyor Kenton Ward stand beside new flag retirement receptacle.

What are doctors to do when abortion laws are not clear?



This column neither supports or opposes abortion rights. It focuses solely on the adverse unintended consequences of restrictive state abortion laws and their exceptions affecting obstetrical practice.

Most laws have exceptions including preserving the mother's life, preventing significant harm to the mother's health, the presence of lethal fetal abnormalities, and pregnancies resulting from rape and incest. These latter two have problematic aspects, but let's focus on maternal life and health exceptions.

Abortion-law exceptions often leave clinicians in impossible, confusing, and uncertain situations attempting to practice appropriate evidence-based medicine while risking adverse consequences. Sanctions include loss of medical licenses, monetary fines, lawsuits, and even imprisonment if their decisions are second-guessed and legally challenged as violating medical-exemption provisions.

Physicians are trained to "First, do no harm." They must follow accepted ethical standards, practice within "standard of care," deliver care in "good faith," and exercise "reasonable medical judgement." These responsibilities are actually used in exemption language. How does one determine with certainty and objectivity that a medical decision was made consistent with these obligations?

Most exemptions are written broadly and are open to opinion and subjectivity. How ill must a mother be to qualify as being at risk of death or substantial and/or permanent morbidity? Must the risk be immediate or likely over time? What maternal conditions qualify if there is no list in the law? If there is a list, are other conditions excluded? These laws do not account for combinations of medical conditions that together become life-threatening. Some states have multiple bans with conflicting exception provisions producing uncertainty and confusion. And there are unresolved conflicts between federal and state laws that place hospitals and doctors in "catch-22" situations.

There is peril in exceptions being underdefined, and conversely, too specific. It's impossible to create inclusive lists of qualifying conditions. In Texas, attempts to clarify vague exemptions with more detail resulted only in minimal improvements.

Recent articles including a report by the Kaiser Family Foundation give clinical examples. They include descriptions of patients who were refused emergency abortions because they were not sick enough or not bleeding enough, only to return in critical condition. A woman with a life-threatening ectopic pregnancy was refused treatment until it ruptured. Termination care was delayed in cases of inevitable miscarriage until serious predictable complications arose. In states with restrictive abortion laws, pregnancy-termination delays have even occurred in fetal demise cases placing mothers at risk for severe complications.

A March of Dimes report found that one-third of U.S. counties do not have an obstetrical provider, and the situation is worsening. The fewest number of obstetrical providers are in states with restrictive-abortion laws.

During a General Assembly hearing, an obstetrician from Indiana University School of Medicine was testifying. She interacts with practicing obstetricians, medial students, and residents. I publicly asked her, "Is it true that threats of legal sanctions arising from navigating abortion laws discourage medical school graduates from entering OB/GYN and prompt OB/GYN's to avoid practicing in abortion-restrictive states, leave practice early, or drop obstetrics and limit their practices to gynecology"? She answered without hesitation or qualification, "Yes."

No one really has answers to these untenable situations. It's impossible for a law to completely capture whether an exception applies. Second opinions and expert review panels would help, but these wouldn't be realistic in situations demanding immediate actions.

Imagine doctors watching while patients grow sicker and sicker until the condition deteriorates to the point of the exception indisputably applying.

What are doctors to do?

Richard D. Feldman, M.D. is an Indianapolis family physician and former Indiana State Health Commissioner who served in the administration of Governor Frank O'Bannon.

English & all that stuff

During the Dec. 17 Noblesville school board meeting, staff made presentations on both the updated English Language Arts and the Multi-Lingual/English Language programs at Noblesville Schools.

For the ELA program, the ELA committee members identified trends such as science or reading, intervention for struggling readers, and direct instruction in word recognition across all grade levels. Some of the practices included practicing fluency reading, writing, and reading together, as well as pairing multi-lingual students with monolingual students. They spoke to a recommendation to have teachers receive ongoing professional learning to work with all learners.

The rollout of the revised program will start with a snapshot of the strengths of the current program and identify areas for improvement. The next two years will involve revisions to the existing curriculum followed by monitoring and implementation of recommendations.

Included in the curriculum will be classical novels so that there is a balance and blend of texts that are important to the student's understanding of the humanities and the community. In the middle school and high school level, they have included Shakespeare, traditional British literature and American literature, and a balance of contemporary literature.

Dr. Shelley Bethel gave a presentation of Multilingual Education. There are currently 23 educators serving students speaking more than 55 languages. ML student enrollment continues to grow having almost doubled since the 2018-2019 school year. Currently, there are 692 students enrolled. This growth poses a challenge for the program with almost double the number of students who score below proficiency (level 1) in the English language since the 2020-2021 school year.

The stated goal is to "provide ML support so that students meet + exceed their full potential." There are new initiatives to support the multi-lingual students two of which are technology-based such as pocket talk translators and translation support through a platform called Magic School.

While I believe and support all of the recommendations and practices that are being implemented in the ELA and ML programs, I believe that more out-of-the-box thinking is needed. As a multi-lingual speaker who arrived in this country knowing only a handful of words in English, I know firsthand how difficult it is to become proficient in the English language. For students, that process can take several years encompassing a large part of their school years.

Recognizing that fact is especially important given the two new bills that impact education, SB1 and SB6, that were passed into law during the 2024 legislative session. Those bills added summer school offerings and the ability to hold back a student if they do not demonstrate proficiency in English. Given the large number of students in our schools who are enrolled in multi-lingual education programs, it is difficult to believe that educators and school staff alone will be able to supply all the additional support those students need to become proficient.

In both the ELA and ML/EL presentations there was talk of a collaborative community approach. The community extends beyond the school environment. Those students and their families have to be able to communicate in and out of the school environment, in other words, in the community. Why not include the community in supporting the multi-lingual students and their families by opening up the programs to include volunteers, such as retired teachers or multi-lingual speakers, who can assist in a small group environment for the enrichment of the programs as a whole?

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How I Broke This, ep. 10: Pizza Drone

COLD OPEN (actual recording of a Nov. 24, 2024 local radio WHCR live news dispatch): Ladies and gentlemen, this is Stu Clampitt again in downtown Fishers, Indiana. Well, I … I hardly know where to begin … the chaos … the gunshots … sirens … screams … panic … murder! … murder!! … murder!!! … before me, a fallen unidentified object on Lantern Road right in front of The Well Coffee House which claims it can turn coffee into water … the object itself doesn't look very much like a drone … at least not like drones I've seen … flat really … not flying saucer shape … pizza pan shape is more accurate … 14-inch circumference … bullet riddled … smoke wafting from cracks … a reptilian hiss … an ooze oozing from the cracks … a bubbling substance, a boiling goo spreading across Lantern Road … a white, cheesy gunk … a dairy-like lava … mozzarella, I believe … yes, molten mozzarella … screaming pedestrians fleeing the cheesy flow specked with pepperoni and mushroom … blood-like tomato sauce spatter everywhere … I haven't witnessed downtown pandemonium so intense since IKEA's grand opening …

GUY RAZZ: I'm Guy Razz, host of *How I Broke This*. Welcome to my narrative journey about business ineptitude and the failed leaders who failed to learn from their failures. Listen as my guests reveal what led to their crushed entrepreneurial spirits. Today's guest is Buzz Bezos, floundering founder of Pizza Drone, a pizza delivery service prematurely hailed as The World's Original Pizzeria of the Skies, home of the Mile High Pizza Pie.

BUZZ: Thanks, Guy. Huge fan.

GUY: I must admit I'm surprised to find Buzz Bezos on my podcast. The Pizza Drone concept seemed unsinkable. I mean, no one fails at pizza. Hamilton County loves its pizza. Opening a pizza shop is like shooting fish in a barrel.

BUZZ: Like I've always said, Guy, there are two markets one can depend on for the long run … pizza parlors and funeral parlors. Everyone loves pizza; everyone dies. There's no two truer truths.

GUY: Why did you choose pizza over burial plots?

BUZZ: Drones fascinate me. Drones are our future, if not the onset of our apocalypse. I want to be part of that. Somehow, I don't think replacing hearses with drones would go over well with the general public. Pizza Drone was to be the world's first pizza delivery involving drone technology, allowing us to provide a guaranteed five-minute delivery – or your pie from the sky is free.

GUY: Now that's fast food.

BUZZ: The whole 30-minute-or-less delivery is so yester-century, Guy. Papa Johns, Pizza Hut, Domino's might as well deliver by stagecoach. With our Pizza Drone app, you could release one of our pizza-shaped drones at either a 12-, 14-, or 16-inch circumference, pending your appetite. Each drone had brick oven technology to cook your pizza inflight.

GUY: Junk food meets the Jetsons! A pizza delivery revolution! What could go wrong?

BUZZ: Unfortunately, a lot, Guy. The radio news broadcast you shared up front summed up the whole mess. Global media headlined our marketing debacle PIZZAGEDDON!!! Had we taken note of the mass hysteria that was being reported regarding the recent alleged drone invasion in New Jersey, we probably would've stalled Pizza Drone's surprise launch until after the holidays. You know, allow time for the whole War of the Worlds and government conspiracy theories to fizzle out. But, instead, we stuck to our unannounced roll-out plan designed to catch our competition off guard. We launched our business by launching 50 pizza delivery drones over Fishers simultaneously. Talk about free brand awareness! We loaded each drone with our trademark Pepper-Droni and Mush-Zoom pizza. We also reserved a few drones for our Around-The-World specialty pizza, which would literally circumnavigate the globe before being delivered – for that one though, we had to offer a 15-minute-or-less delivery guarantee. Still beats Dominos though.

Photo provided

All that remains of the Fishers Pizza Drone marketing fiasco.

GUY: So, Pizza Drone's immediate demise was due to nothing but bad timing?

BUZZ: Well, that and skipping an initial test launch. But how can you test launch 50 drones simultaneously over the town without ruining the surprise? Apparently, R&D miscalculated the weight of the oven bricks. Some drones crashed before the pizza parachutes could be released. But even those pizzas that had successfully dropped via parachutes apparently freaked out the public. People, caught up in the New Jersey scare, thought they were witnessing paratrooping Martians. The sky over Fishers took on the frenzy of a kicked hornet's nest. Parachuting pizzas. Crashing drones. A fever of fear filled Fishers! We first knew we were in trouble when someone posted on our Facebook page, "What the WKRP is happening!????"

GUY: So, what's next for Buzz Bezos?

BUZZ: Earlier, your reference to "shooting fish in a barrel" made a light bulb go off in my head: a seafood-firearms fusion restaurant theme. It just might work in Hamilton County.

GUY: Glad to help, Buzz. Sounds like we will be talking again.

Pizza Drone contact: ***scottsaalman@gmail.com***

It's time to stop those Christmas songs … or is it?

I'm someone who embrace EVERYTHING about the holidays. Advent is one of my favorite times of year. Bring on the anticipation about the birth of Christ, advent calendars, movies, lights, decorations … and of course, music!

You'll always find me decorating my house the day after Thanksgiving (I'm a traditionalist, can't help it) with Christmas music playing. I play it with Alexa in the evenings. I play it on my computer while I work during the week. And of course, it's always on when I'm in my car.

So, when Christmas comes and goes, I get a little blue thinking about no more anticipation, calendars, movies, and music. The lights and decorations, for me at least, get to stay around until Epiphany weekend. That helps.

But do we really have to give up ALL the "Christmas music?" I say, definitely not. Because a lot of the songs we listen to aren't truly Christmas songs. They're actually winter songs.

Hear me out. Do any of the following songs mention Christmas? Get out your phone, computer, or other device and look. Take your time, I'm not going anywhere.

1. Jingle Bells
2. Sleigh Ride
3. Let it Snow
4. Winter Wonderland
5. Baby It's Cold Outside (I know this one creeps some people out nowadays, but it's still played often.)
6. A Marshmallow World
7. Susie Snowflake
8. Frosty the Snowman

You'll see that none of these – and many other supposedly "Christmas" songs – mention the holiday. They just talk about winter.

So why do we have to stop listening to those? I say we make a separate category of seasonal songs that are for winter only. I see many advantages to this. First, we can extend some of the joy of the holiday season.

Second, many of these songs can lift your spirits when the January blues hit. I've written about the January blues … they're real for so many of us. Even though it's only Dec. 27 today, don't let your guard down. They're around the corner and they can be brutal.

Third, they make winter sound kind of fun. For someone who struggles with winter every January – March (let's face it, in Indiana, March is really a winter month) I need to embrace the fun of the season.

As I wrote this, I wondered if perhaps someone else had the same idea. Lo and behold, Spotify has a playlist called "Vintage Winter Music"! YouTube has "Mix-Winter Music." I may have squealed a bit at the discovery. It features many of the songs I listed above.

I hope you'll join me in keeping some of the magic of the holiday season going. You can find me walking through downtown Noblesville humming "Winter Wonderland" with a gleam in my eye this January … or February … or March.

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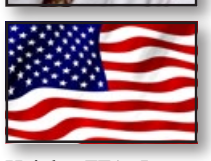
Jonathan Andrew Allee

December 9, 1971 – December 26, 2024



Jonathan Andrew Allee, 53, Indianapolis, passed away on Thursday, December 26, 2024, at St. Vincent Carmel Hospital. He was born on December 9, 1971, in Indianapolis.

Jon was a 1991 graduate of Greenfield Central High School and received a bachelor's degree in Pastoral Theology from World Harvest Bible College. In his younger years, he worked as an EMT in Hancock County. Jon served his country in the United States Army. He worked as a real estate broker and was an associate pastor, youth pastor, and chaplain at several churches within the community. Jon was very active in his children's lives and activities. He volunteered with the Hamilton County 4-H and was an honorary member of the Hamilton Heights FFA. Jon was gifted with a servant's heart, always willing to help others day or night.

He is survived by his father, Lawrence Eugene Allee Jr.; mother, Nancy Marie (Fosso) Allee; children, Josiah and Grace; brothers, Marc Allee and Matthew Allee; sister, Heather Allee; as well as several aunts, uncles, and other extended family members.

Jon was preceded in death by his grandparents, Anthony Joseph & Mae N. Fosso, and Lawrence & Helen Alley; and his uncle, James Fosso.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, January 3, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, January 4, 2025, at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Cynthia Haydock Roeder

October 7, 1956 – December 21, 2024

Cynthia Haydock Roeder, 68, Westfield, passed away on December 21, 2024. She was born in Lakewood, Ohio, to John and Mary Lou Haydock on October 7, 1956.

Cindy was a 1975 graduate of Carmel High School. She went on to earn a B.S. in Restaurant, Hotel, and Institutional Management from Purdue University, where she met her husband, John Roeder. They married in 1979.

Cindy's greatest passion was for children and dogs. She enjoyed working in preschools and daycares throughout the years, even running her own summer camp for the neighborhood when her daughters were young. She transformed many new houses into homes as the family moved several times, including overseas to Malaysia. Perhaps her most cherished role was that of "Nana." She delighted in spoiling her grandchildren with her thoughtful creativity, love of a good theme, elaborate birthday cakes, and gift of listening.

In addition to her parents, Cindy was preceded in death by her brother, Greg Haydock (Jennifer Haydock).

Survivors include her husband, John Roeder; three children, Lindsey Roeder (Craig Finnegan), Sarah Collins, and Katie Heath (Craig Heath); seven grandchildren, Audrey, Jack, Joey, Killian, Rory, Trent, and Samantha; brothers, Tom Haydock (Wendy Haydock) and John Haydock (Cindy Haydock).

Services will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider directing donations to Child Advocates of Indianapolis, 8200 Haverstick Road #240, Indianapolis, IN 46240.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family in arrangements. Condolences: bussellfamilyfunerals.com.

Margarita Johanna Olson van der Stok

April 11, 1949 – December 22, 2024

Margarita Johanna Olson van der Stok, Carmel, was born on April 11, 1949 in Jakarta, Indonesia (while it was a Dutch colony, prior to Indonesia's independence). Her family moved back to Holland when she was eight years old. Her father (Frank van der Stok) and mother (Margot Smit) had four boys (Johan, Wouter, Erik Jan, and Frank) and Margarita – who was the fourth of five children, and the only daughter. She adored her family and often told stories of their youth growing up in Holland.

Margarita studied nursing after high school but ultimately redirected her service into a life of religion, faith, and devotion instead. She became a missionary in her early twenties, where she met and married her husband, Christopher Olson, in 1975. Their 50th wedding anniversary will be on February 8, 2025, during which we will celebrate the love and support they cultivated for one another throughout the beautiful life they built together.

Margarita's adventurous and religious spirit led her to travel, serve, and live in several countries. Along the way, she gave birth to her five children: Maniyer (1981) and Heidi (1982) in Auckland, New Zealand, Christopher (1984) in Santiago, Chile, and Channa (1986) and Jenneke (1990) in Bogota, Colombia. Margarita and her husband completed their missionary life in Cuernavaca, Mexico, in 1993, after which they settled with their family in the San Francisco Bay Area, Calif. As part of settling into this new stage of her life, she founded and managed a successful business, Jacaranda Handcrafts, where she imported jewelry from Mexico to sell to stores throughout California and Oregon. Independent and disciplined, Margarita was proud to be her own boss.

Margarita had two passions in life, her missionary work and, most importantly, her family. She was a dedicated wife, mother of five, and grandmother of eight (Maaike, Isla, Hendrik, Luuk, Nikolaas, Cara, Wesley, and Andy). Margarita was a "no-nonsense" mother who infused tenderness and love into her parenting. She ensured that all her children graduated college and stood on their own two feet in this world – strong, educated, and self-sufficient. Above all else, she imparted her kindness to each member of her family.

Margarita will be remembered by friends and family through her favorite activities: reading, piano playing, singing, cooking, knitting/crocheting, puzzling, hiking, plants, and gardening. And every time her family sits down together for a cup of coffee, the memories will abound of her joy, sense of humor, and appreciation for togetherness.

Family and friends gathered Friday, December 27, 2024, at Bussell Family Funerals, 1621 E. Greyhound Pass, Carmel. On Saturday, December 28, 2024, the funeral service for Margarita was held at the Indianapolis Family Church, 6202 Michigan Road, Indianapolis, with visitation one hour prior. Burial followed in Carmel Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to Bussell Family Funerals. Condolences: bussellfamilyfunerals.com.

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Families and funeral homes are asked to send obituaries to **obits@ReadTheReporter.com**.

Evelyn Lhe Simpson

June 24, 1931 – December 22, 2024

Evelyn Lhe Simpson passed away on December 22, 2024, at the age of 93. She was born on June 24, 1931, in Louisville, Ky., as Evelyn Lhe Erdmann, daughter of Linton and Isla May Erdmann, and was one of two children with her brother Linton Erdmann.

Ev was a 1953 graduate of Hanover College with a degree in Music Education. Later she married Robert Simpson, and they were blessed with three sons.

Ev worked as the Reference Librarian at the Carmel Clay Public Library, before retiring in 1996. As a member of Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, Ev sang in the choir as well as belonging to the Sentimental Sounds choir. She also was a member of Phi Mu Sorority as well as various bridge clubs and organizations. After retirement, Ev volunteered at the Carmel Clay Public Library and the Carmel Historical Society.

An honor was presented to Ev as being one of the first to receive the Range Line Pioneer award in 1992. Ev was a big fan of many different types of sports and an avid collector of various items.

In addition to her parents, Ev was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Simpson, and son, Bart Simpson.

Survivors include her sons, Bob (Gale) Simpson, and Wally (Julie) Simpson, and Bart's wife Moira Simpson.

Family and friends will gather at 4:30 p.m. Friday, January 3, 2025, at Castleview Church, 8601 Hague Road, Indianapolis, where the funeral service will begin at 6 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, and in memory of Ev, donations can be given to the Disabled American Veterans (dav.org).

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family in arrangements. Condolences: bussellfamilyfunerals.com.

Robert Owen Higgs

January 12, 1959 – December 27, 2024

Robert Owen Higgs, 65, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, December 27, 2024, at his home. He was born on January 12, 1959, to Dalton and Robbie (Gray) Higgs in Dearborn, Mich.

Robert grew up in Greenville, Ky., and eventually made his way to Indiana. He was an avid golfer, loved the Kentucky Wildcats and Colts, and was a member of North Suburban Club. Robert liked traveling with Pam, especially to their favorite spot in the Smoky Mountains. He enjoyed getting together with family and friends, especially during the holidays. Robert liked to spend time outdoors and having breakfast at Ginger's with his buddies. He was a dog lover and loved being with his dog, Mort.

He is survived by his wife, whom he married on June 17, 2017, Pamela McGee-Higgs; daughters, Leslie (Daniel) Kelley and Kendra (John) Stewart; sisters, Lynndonna (Larry) White and Melissa McGehee; grandchildren, Leo Robert Dennison, Titan Stewart, Franklin Stewart, Trace Owen Kelley, and Kennadie Rea Kelley; several aunts, uncles, and cousins; and his canine buddy, Mort.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Deborah Earle Higgs Noffsinger.

The Higgs family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Home with Robert's care. His wishes were to be cremated.

Memorial contributions may be made to Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038 (hamiltonhumane.com).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Eva A. Grinstead

February 26, 1940 – December 26, 2024

Eva A. Grinstead, rural Sheridan, passed away peacefully at home on December 26, 2024, after an extended illness. She was born on February 26, 1940, in Kokomo to Richard and Bernadine (Thompson) Cowell and graduated from Michigantown High School in 1958.

Eva dedicated 45 years to her career as a beautician, running her own Country Charm Beauty Shop, where she touched the lives of countless clients with her skill and kindness. Beyond her professional life, she found joy in the outdoors, spending hours tending to her yard, trimming bushes, and caring for her beloved roses and lilies. Eva enjoyed walking the Monon Trail in Carmel with friends and had a deep appreciation for travel, visiting 18 countries over the years.

She was a devoted member of the Sheridan United Methodist Church during her younger years, and her faith remained a central part of her life.

Eva is survived by her loving husband of 65 years, Barton Grinstead; her children, Andrew (Vickie) Grinstead and Bethanie (Gus) Trometer; her grandchildren, Lindsey (Brendan) Pearsall, Brock (Jen) Grinstead, Bond Trometer, and Lyric Trometer; and her sister, Mona Ruby.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Bernadine (Thompson) Cowell; her brother, Jeffery Cowell; and her sister, Connie Langston.

The family would like to express their gratitude to her private caregivers – Aleta, Bethanie, Tami, Terra, Wanetta – and the compassionate team from Home Sweet Home, including Amber, Heather, and May. Special thanks are extended to the Brighton Hospice nurses, Brei, Jeanie, and Leah, for their exceptional care and support.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, December 31, 2024, at the Sheridan First United Methodist Church, 207 E. Second St., Sheridan, with visitation from 10 a.m. until the time of service. Pastor John Meunier will be officiating. Eva will be laid to rest at Spencer Cemetery in Sheridan.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Eva's memory may be made to the Sheridan United Methodist Church, 207 E. Second St., Sheridan, IN 46069.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan. Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com.

John "Jack" H. Snyder, Jr.

April 26, 1943 – December 25, 2024

John "Jack" H. Snyder, Jr., 81, Carmel, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, December 25, 2024, with his beloved family by his side. He was born on April 26, 1943, to John H., Sr. and Mildred Jeanette (Dailey) Snyder in Indianapolis.

Jack was a 1961 graduate of Westfield High School. He proudly served in the United States Army, serving in Germany for three years during the Vietnam War, and was a member of the American Legion and VFW. Jack was a retiree of 34 years from the Ford Motor Company on English Avenue. He was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Parish in Carmel. Jack was inducted into the Forest of Friendship in Atchison, Kan., in 2003. He loved flying and was a pilot for many years, owning his own plane, and was a member of the Single Action Shooting Society and Indiana Wing Civil Air Patrol. Jack was an avid reader, history buff, and enjoyed watching westerns.

The Snyder Family would like to thank the staff of the Veterans ALS Clinic, Luminary Hospice, and Clover Health Care services for their loving care.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Cynthia Kay Snyder; daughter, Kim (Marc) Carey; grandchildren, Michael, Jon, and Palmer Jack; and many beloved nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, John H. Snyder, III; brother, Gene Snyder; and many beloved brothers- and sisters-in-law.

Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 1, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 2, 2025, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 10655 Haverstick Road, Carmel, with Rev. Brian Doerr officiating. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis, following the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to ALS Association of Indiana, P.O. Box 56023, Indianapolis, IN 46256 (webin.alsa.org).

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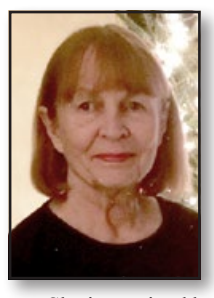
Nancy Anne Loftus

March 6, 1939 – December 21, 2024



Nancy Anne Loftus, 85, Cicero, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, December 21, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Elmira, N.Y., in 1939 to Howard and Sarah (Roland) Budd. After meeting on a blind date, Nancy married her husband, William Loftus in Elmira, and they recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

Nancy was a faithful Christian, who enjoyed music and art, and was an avid piano player. She appreciated nature, especially bird watching, and was an animal lover.

She is survived by her husband, William A. Loftus; son, William S. (Barbara Schreiber) Loftus; daughters, Wendy L. (William) Vorreiter and Julie A. (Daniel) Hays; four grandchildren; one great-grandson; and five nieces and one nephew.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Howard Mahlon Budd, Jr.

Visitation and services were held Saturday, December 28, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with Pastor Stephen Schultze officiating. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Elmira, N.Y., at a later date.

Nancy was a lifelong animal lover, and in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Nancy's memory to Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038 (hamiltonhumane.com), or to an animal charity of your choice.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Ronnie DeWayne Stevens

April 21, 1952 – December 22, 2024

Ronnie DeWayne Stevens, 72, Westfield, passed away on Sunday, December 22, 2024. He was born on April 21, 1952, in Hamilton County to Elmore "Woody" and Margie Louise (Bailey) Stevens.

During his earlier years, Ronnie attended school in the Sheridan School System.

Ronnie was an avid fan and supporter of Purdue basketball. On game days, Ronnie was always dressed in his Purdue sportswear, glued to the TV, ready to watch the game. In previous years, Ronnie enjoyed helping with the Special Olympics. He also loved deer hunting. He looked forward to camping out or spending the day sitting in his tree stand with bow in hand, hoping to take home a buck.

In addition to his parents, Ronnie was preceded in death by his sister, Vickey Stevens Lyon; paternal grandparents, Charles and Geraldine Stevens; and maternal grandparents, Van Clayton and Louise Alline Bailey.

Survivors include his brother, Larry (Barbara) Stevens of Yorktown; sisters, Brenda Stevens West of Sheridan, and Tammy Stevens Rodgers of Noblesville; and many nieces and nephews.

There will be private services only.

In memory of Ronnie, donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 8604 Allisonville Road, Suite 140, Indianapolis, IN 46250; the American Heart Association, 6500 Technology Center Drive, Zionsville, IN 46077; or the National Kidney Foundation, 911 E. 86th St., Indianapolis, IN 46240.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family with arrangements.

Condolences: bussellfamilyfunerals.com

Thanks for reading!

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(ABOVE LEFT) Staff and students from Hamilton Heights gather for fellowship and service assembling and packaging 12,144 meals as part of the fourth annual IDES Meal Pack in partnership with the Noblesville-based nonprofit, International Disaster Emergency Service. The meals will be sent to Ukraine for families in need. (ABOVE RIGHT) Yvetta Naylor, a teacher at Hamilton Heights Middle School, helps pack meals at the fourth annual International Disaster Emergency Services Meal Pack.

Heights' IDES Meal Pack yields 12,144 meals bound for Ukraine

The REPORTER

The fourth annual International Disaster Emergency Services Team (IDES) Meal Pack, sponsored by the Hamilton Heights School Corporation Wellness Team, recently packed and boxed 12,144 meals for families in need in Ukraine. The annual event brought students, staff, and some of their families to pack and box meals for this special service project after school earlier this month.

Emily Beechler, Secondary Instructional Coach at Hamilton Heights Middle and High Schools and Wellness Coordinator for the district, has helped spearhead the event since its inception.

"It's a privilege and honor to support a local ministry that serves with heart, soul, and resources that make a life-changing impact around the world," she said.

IDES, based in Noblesville and founded in 1973, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that seeks to meet the physical and spiritual needs of suffering people throughout the world by partnering with Christian Churches / Churches of Christ and their missionaries. IDES serves in three focus areas around the world: Disaster Response, Development, and Disciple-Making.

Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations

American Legion Posts

Carmel Post 155 Kim Kilburn
852 West Main St Breakfast Sat & Sun 8-12
Carmel, In 46032 Treasure Hunt Fri 7p
317-846-0001 Tx Holdem Thurs & Sat

Cicero Post 341 Tye Anderson
50 Washington Ave Treasure Hunt Tues 7p
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Fishers Post 470 Pat Menc
9091 E 126th St Treasure Hunt Fri 8pm $25K
Fishers, in 46038
317-842-5944 Breakfast 1st & 3rd Sun 8-11

Noblesville Post 45 Gil Soria
273 S 8th St Fri 645pm Treasure Hunt
Noblesville, in 46060 Sunday Football Menu
317-773-9985 Trivia Wednesdays 7pm

Sheridan Post 67 Tom DeShon
406 E 10th St
Sheridan, In 46069
317-758-5007

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If you are a member of our American Legions & VFWs and you would like to see your Post activities in the paper, please speak at your next meeting to see if your Post would create or nominate an Outreach Coordinator to automatically send me your Post information weekly with a 14 day lead time before the event happens.

Non-Profit Veteran Orgs

Hamilton County Veterans Corp
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Noblesville, in 46061
secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com
Meets 7pm the 1st Monday Monthly at the Fishers American Legion. Our website https://www.hamiltoncountyveterans.com/ has 40 pages of resources for our Military Veteran community

If you would like to step up in Hamilton County to assist your Military Veteran community to live a more connected and fulfilled life, please come to the Hamilton County Veteran Corp meetings the first Monday of the month 7pm at the Fishers American Legion Post 470 located at 9091 E 126th St. No annual fees, just a commitment to helping our Military Veteran community. Military, Veteran family members may also join. We are ready to make Hamilton County the leader in the country as we step into the future, caring for our Military Veteran community! Join us

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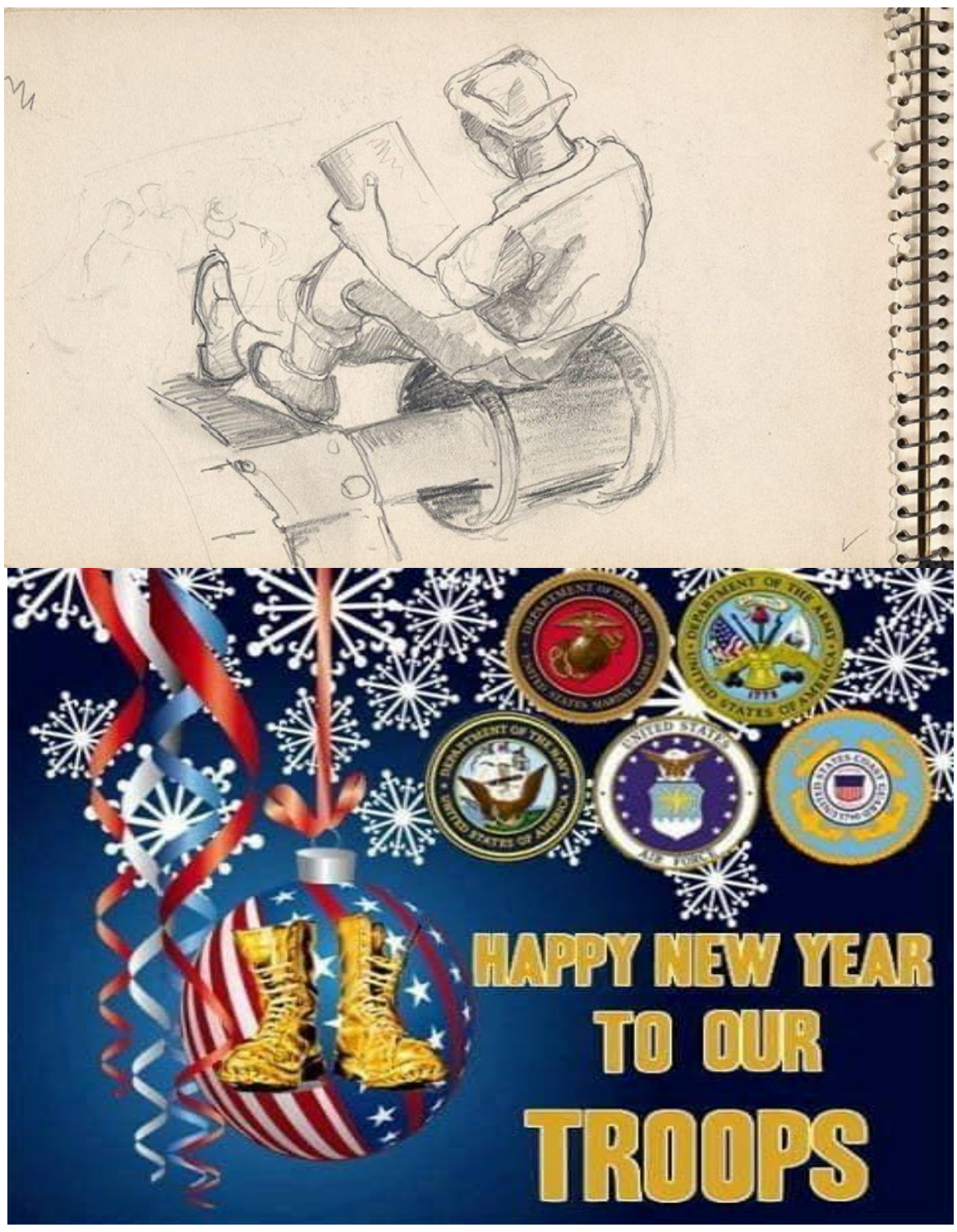
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

New Years has always been a time for resolutions, big, small, health, wealth and wishful thinking,,,, but most don't last. So, for 2025 let's start with one that can make a difference in not only your life, but the lives of those you love, are friends with and live next door or are far away. Call it 'Buddy Checks'. Letters, emails, phone calls, text messages – communications / correspondence / connection - with loved ones and friends who may be near, or far, so you can let them know they are not alone, you are here thinking of them and if they need anything, you are ready to help.

Also, if you have a loved one, relative, friend, neighbor who is deployed this holiday season, write them a letter, correspond and make that connection. Here is why. Throughout World War II, correspondence / connection - particularly letters from loved ones - maintained the morale of troops fighting across the globe. In 1945 alone, nearly three billion pieces of mail were exchanged between servicemembers and the friends and family who supported them on the home front. Wartime letters and diaries reveal that the mail call was one of the most cherished rituals of soldiers and sailors serving abroad. Craving news from home and words of encouragement, troops prized the letters that could, however briefly, allow them to escape the often harrowing and dangerous conditions in which they served.

So, for this New Year's resolution, let's all be thankful for what we have. Reach out to those neighbors, friends and family members who are deployed, away from home or still at home, so they may feel that connection and know they are not alone. Let's roll back the clock and write letters….



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Boys Basketball

Tigers win Henry Community Health Hall of Fame Classic title

By RICHARD TORRES
For The Reporter

NEW CASTLE – Tournament time means winning time for the top-ranked Fishers Tigers, and last Saturday's Henry Community Health Hall of Fame Classic in New Castle was no different.

The Tigers (9-0) rallied back from an early deficit to defeat 4A No. 6 Warsaw, 54-51, in the morning's semifinal round before flipping the switch with a 20-6 run in the second quarter against 4A No. 4 Greenfield-Central (7-2) in the evening's title game to win 85-80.

The Tigers hoisted the Hall of Fame Classic trophy inside New Castle Fieldhouse with 22 consecutive wins dating back to their state championship 2023-24 season, and unlike their seven previous games, they were tested.

"We're just a very connected team. We know what everyone's strengths are, and everyone knows what their role is on the team," Fishers Jason Gardner Jr. said. "I think that's why we're the No. 1 team in the state. We don't have any selfish guys."

The Tigers' team-first philosophy led to a trio of double-digit scorers, including Gardner and Justin Kirby posting a team-high 20 points apiece followed by Cooper Zachary's 18.

Gardner and Zachary both were named to the Hall of Fame Classic All-Tournament team and added to their families' legacies in the historic event.

Gardner's father, Jason, clinched the Classic title with North Central High School previously, while Zachary's father, Danny, and uncle, Randy, were champions with Anderson Highland.

"It's a great feeling. A lot of great players have come through here to play in the Hall of Fame. This court is very historic," Zachary added. "My dad played in this, and he won it, and my uncle, so just keeping the family tradition going, I kind of felt a little bit of pressure, but at the end of the day, I had to get it done."

The Tigers had to contend with UConn commit Braylon Mullins in the title game to keep their winning streak alive.

The tournament's Most Valuable Player led all scorers with 33 points while hauling in eight rebounds, recording three steals, one block and three assists. Mullins converted two of Greenfield-Central's nine 3-pointers.

Mullins attempted to will the Cougars to victory after Fishers built a 14-point lead in the first half and led by 12 late in the third quarter. The 6-foot-6 guard had seven points in the fourth with four points in less than 20 seconds to cut Fishers' advantage 82-77 in the final minute.

However, the Tigers kept their composure and relied on their unselfishness to fend off the Cougars. Fishers collectively posted 25 assists in the game (Gardner with nine and seven from Zachary), compared to Greenfield-Central's 13.

"We knew these were going to be two dogfights.

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Photo provided

The Fishers boys basketball team won the Henry Community Health Hall of Fame Classic last Saturday at the New Castle Fieldhouse. The Tigers held off challenges from Warsaw in the semifinals and Greenfield-Central in the championship to win the trophy.

Tigers focusing on defense for their own holiday tourney

By RICHARD TORRES
For The Reporter

NEW CASTLE – After winning the Hall of Fame Classic inside historic New Castle Fieldhouse on Saturday night, Fishers head coach Garrett Winegar rightfully celebrated his top-ranked Class 4A Tigers' tournament title.

He also zeroed in on areas of immediate improvement for his unbeaten Tigers (9-0).

"For us, I thought our overall defensive execution, focusing on the scouting report, focusing on our principles, when we're switching, when we're not, what we're trying to do defensively; it was two of the worst games we've had in a while," Winegar remarked. "Obviously, Greenfield is good. Braylon (Mullins) is a stud, but for us to give up 80 points is disappointing in any game, so it's something we have to figure out."

The Tigers defeated 4A No. 4 Greenfield-Central, 85-80, to win the Hall of Fame Classic and survived a battle of

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Blackhawks run away at inaugural invite

The REPORTER

The Sheridan boys basketball team ran away with its own inaugural invitational last Saturday at Larry Hobbs Gymnasium.

The Blackhawks opened the event with a 72-24 victory over North White. Sheridan led 19-5 after one quarter and 43-7 by halftime; the entire second half was played under a running clock.

Caleb Wright scored 18 points for the 'Hawks, with Trey Page scoring 16 and Damon Winston adding nine points. Winston pulled seven rebounds and dished out five assists, while Wright made seven steals.

Sheridan then cruised past Hagerstown 85-55 in the championship game. The Blackhawks outscored the Tigers in each quarter, leading 19-9 after one and 44-27 at halftime. Page scored 24 points in the first half, hitting four 3-pointers.

Sheridan rolled through the second half, outscoring Hagerstown 41-28. Five different Blackhawks reached double digits, led by Page with 28 points. Winston scored 13 points, then Caleb Wright, Devon Hamilton and Carson Wright all added 10 points.

Winston collected seven rebounds, with Caleb Wright pulling five and also dishing out seven assists. Hamilton blocked three shots and Page made five steals.

Sheridan is 8-1 for the season and riding a seven-game winning streak. This is also the best start for the 'Hawks since they went 7-2 to begin the 2012-13 campaign. Sheridan is back in action Saturday with a 7 p.m. game at Parke Heritage.

Photo by Dwight Casler

The Sheridan boys basketball team won its inaugural holiday invitational last Saturday with easy wins over North White and Hagerstown.

Girls Basketball

Millers grab wins over Norwell, Valpo to win Noblesville Holiday Tournament

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE – Saturday's Noblesville Holiday Tournament was quite the competitive four-team field. It took a pair of intense wins, but the Millers were able to grind out two solid wins to claim the championship.

The first game of the day saw the Millers head to overtime to overcome 3A No. 7 Norwell, 73-71 and then fought off a feisty Valparaiso squad in the championship, 43-37.

Noblesville 73, Norwell 71 (OT)

The Millers jumped out to an 11-0 lead before the Norwell Knights could blink. At 9-0, the Knights burned a

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Boys Basketball

Huskies take fifth place at Ryder Holiday Classic

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights' boys basketball team finished fifth at the Ryder Realty Holiday Classic last weekend at Switzerland County.

The Huskies dropped their first game 67-51 to Paoli last Friday. The Rams led 17-12 after one quarter and 33-28 at halftime, then outscored Heights 34-23 in the second half.

Rees Knapp and Dreydin Serna both scored 10 points, with Serna pulling five rebounds. Tyler Champion and Carson Felger both dished out four assists and Felger blocked two shots.

The Huskies played rebounded in their second game, beating East Central 47-38. Heights slowly built its lead throughout the game, going up 15-11 after one and 25-18 at halftime.

Gavin Saunders scored 12 points, followed by Knapp with 10. Champion collected seven rebounds and made five steals for the Huskies.

Heights played Trinity Lutheran in the fifth-place game last Saturday and won 79-56. The Cougars led 15-14 after one quarter, but it was all Huskies after that: Heights led 36-23 at halftime and poured in 29 points in the third period for a 65-39 advantage.

Knapp scored 18 points, followed by Saunders with 16 and Felger with 12. Drew Duncan pulled seven rebounds, with Felger collecting six. Champion handed out seven assists and made six steals, while Saunders dished out five assists.

The Huskies are 6-5 and are off until Jan. 10 when they play at Northwestern.

Royals win three of four games at Homestead tourney

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern boys basketball team won three of four games last weekend at the Homestead BSN Holiday Tournament, placing third overall.

The Royals started by splitting two pool-play games last Friday. Southeastern fell to South Bend St. Joseph in its opening contest, 88-85. Five players scored in double figures for the Royals, with Maverick Young, Braeden Totten and Lucas Weemer all pouring in 19 points. Landon Osswald had 12 points and Jack Jacobs scored 11.

Totten made three 3-pointers. Weemer's 12 rebounds gave him a double-double. Jacobs, Young and Totten all had five assists.

Southeastern rebounded with a 69-42 victory over Valparaiso. HSE was in front early, leading 16-7 after one quarter and 41-19 by halftime. The Royals led by as many as 31 points, 56-25 towards the end of the third period.

Ten different players scored for Southeastern, led by Totten with 12 and Osswald with 10. Osswald collected six rebounds, with Kendrick Pennybaker and Kallen Hoeft each pulling five. Jacobs and Totten again dished out five assists.

The Royals rolled through both of their games last Saturday. First, HSE took care of Fort Wayne Carroll 61-45 to finish pool play. The contest was knotted at 13-13 after one quarter, but Southeastern pulled away in the second, outscoring the Chargers 23-8 for a 36-21 lead. The score stayed around that margin in the second half.

Jacobs and Weemer both scored 11 points, with Totten adding 10. Kian Kelly and Jacobs each handed out five assists.

The Royals finished 2-1 in pool play and qualified for the third-place game, which they won 55-49 over Penn. The Kingsmen bolted out to a 15-7 lead after the first quarter, but Southeastern came back in the second to take a 24-23 halftime advantage. The Royals outscored Penn 17-9 in the third period to lead 41-32, then held on in the fourth.

Osswald put up 15 points, while Totten scored 10 again. Osswald and Weemer both pulled seven rebounds and Jacobs handed out six assists.

Southeastern is 6-4 for the season and returns home on Friday to play Crown Point.

Millers beat Gary 21st Century for third place at thier own invitational

The REPORTER

The Noblesville boys basketball team finished third in its own invitational last Friday.

The Millers were stunned by Brebeuf Jesuit 47-46 in their opening-round game. Noblesville led 14-11 after the first quarter and 26-22 at halftime. The Braves came back to tie the game at 32-32 by the end of the third period. The Millers led 46-39 with 20.8 seconds to go, but Brebeuf finished the game with eight consecutive points, finishing with a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

Justin Curry led Noblesville with 17 points, while Baron Walker scored 10 points. Both pulled six rebounds.

The Millers beat Gary 21st Century 50-41 in the third-place game. Both teams scored 10 points in the first quarter, then the Cougars jumped ahead to lead 27-21 at halftime. Noblesville came back to tie the contest at 35-35 after three, then outscored 21st Century 15-6 in the fourth.

Curry and Walker both scored 17 points, with Curry making four 3s and Walker hitting three 3s. Walker also collected nine rebounds, with Ryan Vetor getting seven and Curry pulling six.

The Millers are 5-3 and play at Warren Central on Friday before hosting Arsenal Tech on Saturday.

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Girls Basketball

Photo by Dwight Casler

The Sheridan girls basketball team won its own holiday tournament last Friday, getting two easy victories over Seeger and Eastern Hancock.

Sheridan gets two easy wins at own holiday tournament

The REPORTER

The Sheridan girls basketball team took care of business at its own holiday tournament last Friday, getting two easy wins for the trophy.

The Blackhawks beat Seeger 68-46 in their semifinal game. Sheridan blasted out to a 23-7 lead after the first quarter, then rolled to a 43-15 halftime advantage. Kenzie Garner poured in 12 points in the first period and had 16 for the half. Shelby Eaton added seven in the second quarter.

The Patriots played even with the 'Hawks in the second half, but Sheridan's large lead was too much to overcome. Garner scored seven more in the third quarter and finished with a game-high 25 points. Eaton totaled 11 points and Cecilia Timme scored 10.

The Blackhawks beat Class 2A No. 9 Eastern Hancock 57-36 in the championship, a re-match of last season's 2A South semi-state semifinal game. Sheridan outscored the Royals 18-9 in the first period, with Mackenzie Smith getting six points.

The 'Hawks would outscore Eastern Hancock in each quarter, leading 28-18 at halftime and 44-25 after three periods. Garner went off in the second half for 19 points and four 3-pointers; she finished with 24 points. Timme and Smith each scored eight.

Sheridan is 12-1 for the season. The Blackhawks are off until Jan. 8 when they play at University.

Photo provided

The Hamilton Southeastern girls basketball team won the Henry Community Health Hall of Fame Classic last Friday, beating Lawrence Central 52-50 on a buzzer-beating layin. The victory kept the Royals unbeaten for the season at 15-0.

Royals get last-second victory at Henry Community Health Hall of Fame Classic

By RICHIE HALL
sports@readthereporter.com

NEW CASTLE – The first option was the winning option for the Royals.

With the Henry Community Health Hall of Fame Classic championship on the line last Friday, the game was tied at 50-50 with 1.6 seconds remaining. That was all the Hamilton Southeastern girls basketball team needed, as Kayla Brinley threw an inbounds pass to a waiting Addison Van Hoesen under the basket.

Van Hoesen made the layin as the buzzer sounded, and the Royals were celebrating a 52-50 victory over defending Class 4A state champion Lawrence Central. Southeastern's win kept it undefeated at 15-0 for the season and ended the Bears' 39-game winning streak.

It was an incredible finish for the Royals, who led for most of the game. Southeastern got up by double digits twice in the first half and was able to hang on in the face of LC's inevitable comeback and relentless pressure.

"It was a true team effort," said HSE coach Brian Satterfield. "What we did defensively was really good, holding them to 20 points in the first half." Even when the Bears were making their runs, Satterfield credited his team with sticking together and playing together as a unit, having "different people step up at different times."

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Van Hoesen certainly stepped up at the end, getting in the right place at the right time to make the game-winner. Satterfield said Brinley "made a beautiful pass right to her."

"As we drew it, we had three options," said Satterfield. "That was the first option, knowing that they're probably going to be hugging Maya (Makalusky). I got to give Maya credit for setting the screen."

Makalusky scored the first basket the game off a steal, the first of five that the senior Indiana University commit made during the contest. Lawrence Central took a 4-2 lead, but it was all Royals after that, as they made a 13-1 run to go up 15-5 late in the quarter. Five different HSE players scored, with Makalusky and Antonette Green both hitting 3-pointers.

The Bears roared back with an 8-0 spurt to cut the Royals' lead to 15-13 by the end of the quarter. Southeastern began the second period with its own 8-0 run; Brinley drained a triple and Kennedy Holman scored on a layin and 3.

The Royals led 26-20 at halftime, but LC came back again, tying the game at 28-28 when Jaylah Lampley made a layin. Another Lampley basket gave the Bears a 33-32 lead, which Kayla Stidham erased with a 3, then Abby Brown hit two free throws.

Lampley ended the quarter with a triple to get Lawrence Central within 37-36, and a Lola Lampley basket pushed the Bears ahead 38-37. Southeastern managed to stay in front of LC for most of the fourth, with a Makalusky triple and Holman and-1 putting the Royals up four on separate occasions. Aniyah McKenzie tied the game with under 20 seconds left by making a layin, but Southeastern would have the final say.

Makalusky was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player and joined Stidham on the All-Tournament team. Holman scored 15 points and dished out four assists, with Stidham scoring 12 and Makalusky 11. Stidham led the rebounds with six and Holman pulled five.

The Royals halted two undefeated seasons at New Castle, as they beat South Knox 67-59 in their afternoon semifinal. The Spartans held an early 4-0 lead on Southeastern, but Makalusky broke the game open with a personal 11-0 run that spanned the first and second quarters.

The Royals were up 12-10 at the start of the run and finished it up 23-10. South Knox continued to play Southeastern tough for the remainder of the game, but the Royals were able to stay ahead by double digits for the most part. HSE led 35-23 at halftime, with Makalusky scoring 23 points in the half.

Makalusky finished with 35 points, nine rebounds and five steals.

"That's the one thing about her game that I think has blossomed and grown for her is, she's doing some other things and got some steals to get a bucket in transition, do things like that," said Satterfield. "It's also in the context of what we're trying to do in the offense."

Holman scored 12 points and dished out seven assists, while Stidham scored 11 and handed out six assists.

Southeastern is off until Friday when it plays at Carmel. The Royals then host Plainfield on Saturday.

Fishers drops game to Evansville Central

The REPORTER

The Fishers girls basketball team dropped a 65-54 game to Evansville Central last Friday at Washington.

The Bears jumped out to a 23-7 lead after the first quarter and led 35-22 at halftime. Riley Schellhammer kept the Tigers in it with 12 points, including a pair of second-quarter 3-pointers. Evansville Central went up 51-30 after three periods and maintained a comfortable lead, even as Fishers outscored the Bears 24-14 in the fourth.

Schellhammer scored 23 points for the Tigers.

Fishers is 9-6 for the season. The Tigers will compete this weekend in the Grow the Game Shootout, which takes place in the Chicago area. Fishers plays Stevenson (Ill.) at 12:30 p.m. Friday at New Trier (Ill.), then takes on Arlington Heights (Ill.) at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Ignatius College Prep in Chicago.

Swimming

Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The Carmel swim teams showed off their brand-new natatorium last Friday at the Carmel Winter Invitational.

Greyhounds show off new natatorium, sweep invite

By RICHIE HALL
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CARMEL – The Carmel swim teams opened their new natatorium in style last Friday.

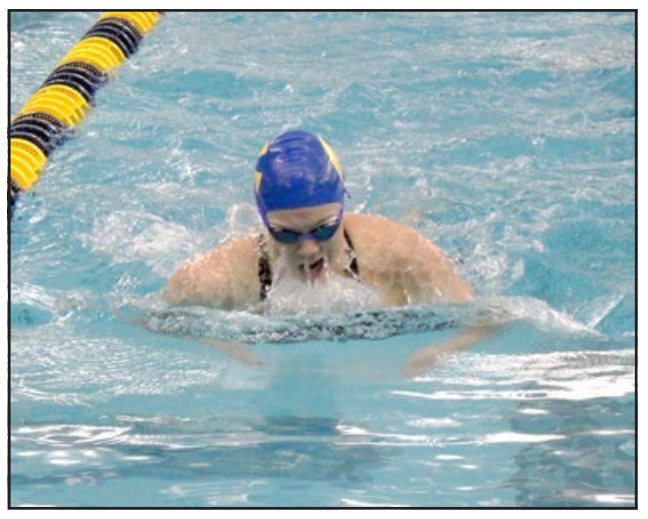
The Greyhounds hosted the Carmel Winter Invitational at their beautiful brand-new pool, a facility worthy of the 38-time defending girls state champions and the 10-time defending boys state champions. The 'Hounds won both meets easily, with the girls team scoring 742 points and the boys team totaling 662.5 points.

"It's a great way to break in this new pool and have great energy, have a giant scoreboard, fast swimming," said Carmel coach Chris Plumb. Since this was the first-ever meet, every first-place swim at the meet is officially a pool record.

The Greyhounds welcomed several good team from around the Midwest, with Zionsville, Homestead and Fort Wayne Carroll competing, along with Upper Arlington from Ohio and St. Charles Preparatory, a boys school from Illinois. Plumb said it was a "great opportunity to see what the state competition is going to be like and run through the lineup."

"I think by having so many teams here, we had a lot of great races," said Plumb.

Carmel's girls won nine of the 11 events at the meet. Olympic gold medalist Alex Shackell picked up two individual victories in the 200 freestyle and the backstroke, while Molly Sweeney won the butterfly and breaststroke. Ellie Clarke was first in the individual medley, Lexie Ward won the 500 free and the Greyhounds swept all three relays.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Carmel's Molly Sweeney won the girls breaststroke event.

Carmel won five events in the boys meet. Trent Allen was a double winner in the 200 and 500 freestyles with Aaron Shackell finishing first in the butterfly. The Greyhounds also won the medley and 200 free relays.

Perfect

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We started off slow against Warsaw, but we knew we didn't want to lose," Zachary said. "A little bit of hunger and personal success came in, so everyone just made plays, bought into what coach was telling us, and we just found a way to win."

The Tigers battled through four ties and one lead change before a 20-6 run in the second quarter initiated by an and-1 play by Gardner with 6:47 left in the half separated the two teams.

A 3-pointer by Kirby capped the rally, as Greenfield-Central charged back to make it 48-39 before Gardner beat the buzzer with a layup to increase the margin 50-39 at halftime.

Greenfield-Central's Boston Willard drilled a buzzer-beating 3-pointer, covering nearly three-quarters of the court to slice the deficit 25-22 at the end of the first quarter.

Willard had 18 points and three assists, while Mikey Johnson finished with 17 points and four assists for the Cougars.

"Both of those teams were so good. They're just really good at what they do. With Warsaw running a really good 2-3 zone that's a little unique to go against, and then you switch over and you have to go against a 3-2 zone with Greenfield with really no prep. You try to do what you can in between games and both styles were different from what we were used to," Fishers coach Garrett Winegar said. "We're mostly seeing man, so it's something we need to do a better job of attacking. We did a much better job in this (title) game."

Fishers shot 13 of 23 from 3-point range, but Mullins and Johnson continued to counter to bring the Cougars' deficit under 10 in the fourth.

"We needed some close games. Obviously, we won every game up to this point by 15 or more, so to have some competitive games and still find a way to win is a credit to the kind of group we have," Winegar said. "They're very experienced. They've been in a lot of these games last year in the state tournament, and they know how to win. They're fearless and step up and make big plays when it matters."

Against Warsaw, Gardner scored a team-high 17 points and Zachary had 11. The Tigers shot 9 of 19 from beyond the arc. Warsaw's Brandt Martin had 18 points and was named to the All-Tournament team along with Greenfield-Central's Johnson and Jeffersonville's Michael Cooper.

"To put our names in the Hall of Fame Classic, not many teams are able to do that," Gardner said. "I think that's an honor, and I think it's going to help us keep going and put the pedal to the metal."

The Tigers won two neutral site tests last season and their own holiday tournament. With a first-ever sectional, regional, semistate and state title to its credit last year, Fishers added two more neutral site triumphs to its recent success.

"No matter where we are, we want to win. Last year, we were in an Illinois tournament, even though it was one game, it was like a tournament. With the group of guys we have, we can go anywhere and any place, environment or stadium we play in, we know the dudes on this team will lead to a championship," Gardner said.

Defense

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unbeatens against 4A No. 6 Warsaw, 54-51, in the semifinals. However, prior to both close wins, the Tigers were averaging a 26.86 margin of victory.

With Fishers' Holiday Tournament up next for the defending state champions, beginning on Thursday against 3A South Dearborn (5-2) at 10:30 a.m., Winegar is focused on getting his Tigers back on track.

"It starts with defense. Our coach says, if someone is open, you gotta hit it. Give a good shot for a great shot. That's what our team does," said Fishers' Cooper Zachary, who set the program's single-game record with 17 assists on Dec. 21. "It's definitely the goal to get three kills. A kill is three stops and three scores. That's one kill, and we want to have at least three to four a game."

Against Greenfield-Central, the Tigers orchestrated a decisive 20-6 run in the second quarter with kills in mind, but the Cougars and Mullins, a UConn commit, gave Fishers fits.

The Tigers led by as many as 14 points, but the Cougars became the first opponent to tally more than 65 points against them.

"Sometimes, talent and winning can be your biggest enemy. You get complacent. You stop doing the things you need to do at practice, and it's my job to make sure we don't let that happen," said Winegar, who won the Classic as an assistant coach with Warren Central years prior.

"We get four days off then we get three games in two days on Thursday and Friday, so we'll try to get refocused, and hopefully be a little bit more locked in defensively when we come back and try to keep it rolling."

Six games are scheduled for Thursday at Fishers with Chesterton and Evansville Bosse playing at 12:15 p.m., followed by Portage and Lawrence Central at 2 p.m. and Bloomington North and 4A No. 16 Fort Wayne Wayne at 3:45 p.m.

Two consolation games will be conducted at 5:30 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.

Games resume on Friday with the first semifinal at 10:30 a.m. and the second at 12:15 p.m.

The seventh-place and fifth-place games are set for 2 p.m. and 3:45 p.m., respectively. The third-place game will tip-off at 5:30 p.m. The championship is scheduled for 7:15 p.m.

"Just knowing no matter who we play against, it's always knowing having the guys we have on this team, we're going to help each other win," Fishers Jason Gardner Jr. said. "Carrying this momentum from the Hall of Fame Classic into our holiday tournament and not settling will help us keep going."

Grab

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30-second timeout just over two minutes into the first.

The Knights woke up and scored 13 to Noblesville's 10 during the rest of the first for a 21-13 Miller lead.

Norwell started off 10-4 in the second to take a 26-25 advantage. Fending off the Knights, the Millers took the remainder of the second, 9-7, for a slim 34-33 halftime score.

"Norwell shot very well and battled hard the entire game," said Noblesville head coach Donna Buckley.

Meredith Tippner gave Noblesville a 60-58 edge on a fast break.

The game would be tied at 41, 56 and 58 before a Vanessa Rosswurm offensive rebound putback tied it at 60-60 with 12.2 seconds. Norwell took a timeout, but neither found the bottom of the net, sending it to the extra four minutes.

Norwell got off to a 68-62 margin to begin the OT. Then came the turning point with 2:24 left for the Millers. Rosswurm would foul out. Tippner scored four in a row to cut it to 68-66.

Ashley Waldman knocked down a three from the right for a 71-66 Knight lead.

Consecutive baskets from C.C. Quigley, Tippner and Kate Rollins, along with a Tippner free throw with 6.5 seconds remaining were exactly what the Millers ordered, sending them to the championship with a 73-71 win.

"We had several kids make big plays late to help us find a way to win. Our defense forced several turnovers in the OT to help us find out way back in," Buckley continued.

Norwell (10-5) got three into double figures. Rosswurm had 28 points on 10 total field goals and 4-for-5 free throws. Macie Saalfrank had 19, knocking down five from outside. Ashley Waldman netted 10 for the Knights.

Noblesville was led by Tippner's 33 points, 10 rebounds, five assists and four steals. Rollins scored a career-high 16 points on six field goals, while also dishing out six assists and three steals. Quigley was solid with 14 points, nine boards and three assists.

Championship: Noblesville 43, Valparaiso 37

Noblesville got off to another great start, leading the Vikings 6-0 and eventually 14-6 through one quarter.

The Millers used an 8-2 run to grab its largest lead at 22-8. Valpo called a full timeout with 5:55 left in the half after Ally Hutchinson scored on a fast break for 19-8. Quigley drained a three for the 14-point score.

Valparaiso went on a 9-0 spree themselves to trim the lead to 22-17, forcing a Noblesville timeout. They would each score four more to close out the half for a 26-19 Miller halftime advantage.

"They were very physical. They made it hard to get anything on a post up," Buckley stated. "We had to work hard to get anything going on offense."

Another 9-2 run for Noblesville stretched it back to 14 at 35-21, but that was short-lived. Valpo scored 11 straight to trail 35-32 through three.

Cadynce Clark drilled a three from the right wing to tie it 35-35. That had Noblesville spend a 30 second timeout with 6:29 left.

Eight points in a row for Noblesville came from Quigley and Rollins scoring on offensive rebound putbacks, along with the final four from Tippner to hold on for the 43-37 win.

"We had a lot of offensive rebounds that helped us get the win," Buckley said.

The Millers finished with 29 rebounds overall, 13 offensive, which helped keep them over the top for their second win of the day.

"We played well versus Valpo. We got tired, but roughed it out with some huge stops. We had a lot of kids step up all day. I am so proud of the kids. They battled and never quit. They are a special group of kids," Buckley continued.

Valparaiso (9-6) got two in double-figures for the majority of their scoring. Lillian Barnes tied for game-high honors with 18 and 10 rebounds, with Cadynce Clark scoring 10.

Noblesville (10-3) was led by Tippner's game-high 18 to go with 17 rebounds, five assists and four steals. Hutchinson helped the balanced scoring with eight, while both Rollins and Quigley scored seven.

"We had several kids hit big shots. We are finding balance in scoring with this group. It has been so fun to watch them develop confidence in themselves and each other," said Buckley.

To get to the championship, Valparaiso knocked off Fort Wayne Snider, 59-41, in the second game of the day. Norwell won the consolation game over Snider, 68-58.

The Millers are off until Jan. 4 when they head northeast to play in the Huntington North Classic. The Whitko Wildcats (8-2) play the host Huntington North Vikings (9-5) at 10:30 a.m. in the first game. Fort Wayne Northrop (9-3) and Noblesville (10-3) tangle in the second game just after 12 p.m. The consolation is slated for 5:30 p.m. with the championship to follow.

— COURT NOTICES —

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2410-MI-11108
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
RUEBEN STONE
Petitioner

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

RUEBEN STONE, whose mailing address is: 11496 HARLEQUIN LA, APT 309, FISHERS, IN 46038 in the HAMILTON County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that RUEBEN STONE has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that his name be changed to RHUBIN STONE.

Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on February 14, 2025 at 10:00a.m.

RUEBEN STONE
Petitioner
October 25, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R5468 *12/23/24, 12/30/24, 1/6/25*

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2411-MI-012425
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Holly Lyn DeRight
Petitioner

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Holly Lyn DeRight, whose mailing address is: 10836 Cody Ln Fishers, Indiana 46037, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Holly Lyn DeRight has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that their name be changed to Holly Lyn Miller.

Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: April 7, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Holly Lyn DeRight
Petitioner
December 12, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R5451 *12/23/24, 12/30/24, 1/6/25*

29C01-2412-MI-013948
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO.: 29C01-2412-MI-013948
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:)
DAVID ALLEN MOODY,)
Petitioner.)

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

David Allen Moody, whose mailing address 16611 Yoeman Way, Westfield, IN 46074 in Hamilton County, Indiana hereby gives notice that he has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Superior Court requesting that his name be changed to David Allen Draper.

Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said petition on May 5, 2025 at 10:00 a.m..

Date: December 20, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County
R5475 *12/30/24, 1/6/25, 1/13/25*

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— COUNTY —

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Hamilton County Departmental Efficiency, Resource Maximization, and Public Service Enhancement

INTRODUCTION

Hamilton County is seeking responses to this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) from licensed certified public accounting firms and qualified consulting firms. The goal of this RFQ is to identify a vendor to conduct a comprehensive assessment of various County departments. This assessment will focus on maximizing resources, improving operational efficiency, identifying and addressing inefficiencies, and enhancing public service delivery in alignment with the County's mission.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Hamilton County is seeking vendor submissions for a comprehensive evaluation of multiple County departments. The purpose of the assessment is to evaluate the efficiency of resource utilization, the effectiveness of management structures, and to identify areas of improvement to ensure optimal public benefit.

- **Submission Deadline**: Firms must submit both a digital and hard copy of their responses no later than February 7th at 4:00 PM EDT. Firms may submit questions up until January 20th at 4:00 PM EDT. Hamilton County will respond to questions by January 27th at 4:00 PM EDT. Questions must be submitted, via email, to Steven Rushforth (steven.rushforth@hamiltoncounty.in.gov), Connor Sullivan (connor.sullivan@hamiltoncounty.in.gov) and Lee Buckingham (lee.buckingham@hamiltoncounty.in.gov). Emails containing questions must be sent with the email subject line "'Hamilton County Department Efficiency Audit Questions."
- **Estimated Fee Proposals**: These should be included in a sealed envelope and will only be reviewed after qualifications have been assessed.
- **Vendor Selection**: Hamilton County reserves the right to select a firm based on qualifications alone and may conduct interviews if necessary. The County also reserves the right to modify deadlines or reject any and all RFQs.

SCOPE & OBJECTIVES

Hamilton County is seeking a firm to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of its departments, focusing on organizational efficiency, resource management, and public service delivery. This assessment will include an in-depth review of management structures, staffing practices, financial resource management, and departmental service delivery models. The goal is to identify inefficiencies, improve operational efficiency, and optimize resources to enhance public services.

1. **Organizational Structure & Management**
   - ■ Assess the current management hierarchy, decision-making processes, and leadership structure to ensure effective and efficient resource allocation.
   - ■ Identify opportunities to enhance leadership accountability and strengthen management effectiveness
2. **Staffing Levels, Practices, and Compensation**
   - ■ Analyze staffing levels, compensation structures (including overtime), workload distribution, and job roles to ensure efficient resource use and alignment with departmental objectives.
   - ■ Evaluate the impact of staffing on employee retention and turnover rates and recommend strategies to address gaps while maintaining service quality.
3. **Resource Utilization**
   - ■ Assess the utilization of County resources, including vehicles, equipment, technology, and office space, to identify inefficiencies and recommend improvements.
   - ■ Review the use of physical assets and office space to determine if resources are being underutilized or overextended.
4. **Budget and Financial Efficiency**
   - ■ Review departmental budgets, focusing on allocations from 2019 to 2025, and analyze spending patterns to identify cost-saving opportunities.
   - ■ Evaluate procurement processes and vendor management for efficiency and costeffectiveness, recommending strategies to optimize procurement practices.
5. **Technology and Information Systems**
   - ■ Review the technology and information systems used across departments, assessing integration and efficiency.
   - ■ Provide recommendations for modernization and improved system performance to better support operational needs.
6. **Public Service Delivery**
   - ■ Evaluate the effectiveness of public-facing services, focusing on response times, service quality, and areas for improvement.
   - ■ Identify opportunities for process simplification in services involving public interaction, such as permitting and inquiries, to enhance accessibility and service speed.
7. **Process and Workflow Optimization**
   - ■ Identify inefficiencies in workflows and operational processes, making recommendations for process improvements that enhance efficiency across departments.
   - ■ Assess interdepartmental collaboration, identifying redundancies and suggesting strategies to streamline workflows and improve coordination across departments.
8. **Management Efficiency**
   - ■ Evaluate the decision-making and operational efficiency of department leadership to ensure that departmental goals are being met effectively.
   - ■ Develop recommendations to enhance leadership effectiveness and suggest ways to monitor progress, ensuring optimal resource allocation.
9. **Interdepartmental Collaboration**
   - ■ Assess collaboration between departments, identifying opportunities to reduce redundancies and improve communication.
   - ■ Recommend strategies for more efficient cross-departmental coordination and workflows.

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS (Selection Criteria)

Vendors will be selected through a qualification-based process. Interested firms must submit a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) addressing the following criteria:

- **Cover Letter**: A 1-page letter expressing interest and any unique qualifications relevant to the project.
- **General Information**: A description of the firm/team, including an organizational chart with key personnel and relevant licenses/certifications.
- **Relevant Experience**: A summary of the firm's experience and expertise with similar public sector projects. Include references from at least three comparable projects.
- **Project Understanding** & Approach: A detailed understanding of the project's scope, including identification of potential challenges and proposed mitigation strategies.
- **Proposed Tim**eline: A realistic timeline for completing the assessment.

RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS

Submissions must be made both digitally and in hard copy:

1. **Hard Copy Submission**: Send to the Hamilton County Auditor's Office at 33 N. 9th St., Suite L-21, Noblesville, IN 46060 by February 7th 4:00 PM EDT. Firms shall provide nine (9) hard copies of their proposal.
2. **Digital Submission**: Submit a PDF copy to Steven Rushforth (steven.rushforth@hamiltoncounty.in.gov) and Lee Buckingham (lee.buckingham@hamiltoncounty.in.gov) File size should not exceed 20 MB. Use the subject line: 'Hamilton County Department Efficiency Audit Response.'

Submissions must include:

- ■ Cover Letter
- ■ Statement of Qualifications
- ■ Resumes of Key Personnel
- ■ References
- ■ Company Background
- ■ Proposed Business Approach
- ■ Timeline for Project Completion

R5424 *12/23/24, 12/30/24*

— COUNTY —

HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
2025 Meeting Schedule

Meetings are held in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. Meeting dates and times are subject to change.

January 13, 2025	1:00 p.m.	
January 27, 2025	12:15 p.m.	
February 10, 2025	1:00 p.m.	
February 24, 2025	12:15 p.m.	
March 10, 2025	1:00 p.m.	
March 24, 2025	12:15 p.m.	
April 14, 2025	1:00 p.m.	
April 28, 2025	12:15 p.m.	
May 12, 2025	1:00 p.m.	
May 27, 2025	12:15 p.m.	TUESDAY
June 9, 2025	1:00 p.m.	
June 23, 2025	12:15 p.m.	
July 14, 2025	1:00 p.m.	
July 28, 2025	12:15 p.m.	
August 11, 2025	1:00 p.m.	
August 25, 2025	12:15 p.m.	
September 8, 2025	1:00 p.m.	
September 22, 2025	12:15 p.m.	
October 13, 2025	1:00 p.m.	
October 27, 2025	12:15 p.m.	
November 10, 2025	1:00 p.m.	
November 24, 2025	12:15 p.m.	
December 8, 2025	1:00 p.m.	
December 18, 2025	12:15 p.m.	THURSDAY

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners will (tentatively) meet with the Hamilton County Highway Department staff at 8:30 a.m. on the following dates. Meetings will be held at the Hamilton County Highway Department, 1700 S. 10th Street. Noblesville, Indiana. Meeting dates and/or times are subject to change.

January 3, 2025
February 7, 2025
March 7, 2025
April 4, 2025
May 2, 2025
June 6, 2025
July 3, 2025
August 1, 2025
September 5, 2025
October 3, 2025
November 7, 2025
December 5, 2025

R5458 *12/30/24*

2025 Hamilton County Council
Meeting Dates

Pursuant to IC5-14-1.5-5(c) the Hamilton County Council have scheduled the following meetings in 2025. Meetings are held in the Commissioners/Council Courtroom in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. Meeting dates and times are subject to change.

January 8, 2025	7:00 p.m.
February 5, 2025	7:00 p.m.
March 5, 2025	7:00 p.m.
April 2, 2025	7:00 p.m.
May 7, 2025	7:00 p.m.
June 4, 2025	7:00 p.m.
July 2, 2025	7:00 p.m.
August 6, 2025	7:00 p.m.
September 2 & 3, 2025	8:30 a.m. – Budget Workshops
September 3, 2025	5:00 p.m.
October 1, 2025	7:00 p.m.
October 13, 2025	8:30 a.m.
November 5, 2025	7:00 p.m.
December 3, 2025	7:00 p.m.

/s/ *Robin M. Mills*
Auditor

R5459 *12/30/24*

— SHERIDAN —

NOTICE

Petro's Garage 23840 Six Points Rd, Sheridan, IN, 46069 (765)434-8625
Date of Sale: 01/14/2025
3VWD17AJ8EM364196 2014 Volkswagen Jetta $7,000
52LBE1425RE098447 2023 Stealth Trailer $7,000
R5390 *12/30/24*

— FISHERS —

CITY OF FISHERS, INDIANA
NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
AMBASSADOR HOUSE EVENT PLANNING SERVICES

The City of Fishers, Indiana ("City"), pursuant to Ind. Code §§ 5-22-9 et seq. hereby provides NOTICE of the City's Request for Proposals for the City of Fishers Ambassador House Event Services.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Fishers, Hamilton County, Indiana, an Indiana municipality duly organized pursuant to the laws of the State of Indiana ("City"), issues this Request for Proposals ("RFP") to prospective entities interested in submitting a proposal to provide comprehensive services and duties customarily and usually performed in event planning services for the City's Ambassador House, as more particularly defined by the RFP, pursuant to Ind. Code §5-22-9 et seq.

The City is seeking an event services company to manage Ambassador House events and building rentals. Services include responding to online bookings inquiries, meeting with prospective clients, managing and updating internal and external event calendars and providing services as outlined in client contracts, including but not limited to; catering, staffing, event management, building access, trash removal and general maintenance of the Ambassador House grounds.

RFP Responses will be accepted by the City until **January 13, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. EST**.

The full text and additional information concerning the RFP is immediately available online at https://fishersin.gov/ and available at City Hall. For questions, please contact Marissa Deckert at deckertm@fishers.in.us

R5463 *12/30/24, 1/6/25*

— SHERIFF SALES —

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 Hamilton Superior Court #2 of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No.: 29D02-2304-PL-003910 wherein Marcy Fox was Plaintiff, and Derick Perry was the Defendant, 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 February 06, 2025 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as is possible, at the Sheriff's Office at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.

Commonly known address: 655 Nottingham Court, Carmel, IN 46032

Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County
Township: Clay
Parcel No./ Tax Id#:29-09-27-003-005.000-018

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

STATE OF INDIANA) HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT 2
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) CAUSE NUMBER: 29D02-2304-PL-003910
MARCY FOX,)
Plaintiff,)
v.)
DERICK PERRY,)
Respondent.)

NOTICE OF PARTITION
TO INTERESTED PARTIES

Comes now the Court, and in compliance with Ind. Code § 32-17-4-2.5(g)(2), and as the parties were unable to agree upon a method of sale or an auctioneer, the Court has ordered the real estate located at 655 Nottingham Court, Carmel, IN 46032 to be sold in a partition sale by the Hamilton County Sheriff, and that the property be sold in the same manner in which real property is sold at execution sale pursuant to Ind. Code § 34-55-6 et. seq. The property must be sold free and clear of all liens and special assessments except prescriptive easements, easements of record, and irrevocable licenses, with any sum secured by a lien or special assessment to be satisfied from the proceeds of the sale. See Ind. Code § 32-17-4-2.5(h).

The parties have provided the names and addresses of all interested parties, which was confirmed by Respondent's filing on November 26, 2024. As such, pursuant to Ind. Code § 32-17-4-2.5(h), the following parties are given notice the subject real estate has been ordered to be sold at partition sale and has been submitted to the Hamilton County Sheriff for scheduling of the same:

Marcy L. Fox
655 Nottingham Court
Carmel, IN 46032
Derick O. Perry
801 E 75 N
Winamac, IN 46996
Arvest Bank
801 John Barrow Road, Suite 1
Little Rock, AR 72205
Hamilton County Treasurer
Historic Courthouse
33 N. 9th Street, Suite 112 Noblesville, IN 46060
Springmill Streams Homeowners Assn,
c/o Deborah Sawyer
595 Hampshire Court
Carmel, IN 46032

ALL PARTIES ARE PROVIDED NOTICE THAT A SHERIFF SALE WILL BE SCHEDULED. ALL INTERESTED PARTIES SHALL SUBMIT EVIDENCE OF THEIR FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT REAL ESTATE TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY CLERK NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31,2025.

SO ORDERED DECEMBER 16, 2024

Jonathan M Brown
Hon. Jonathan M Brown
Judge, Hamilton Superior 2

R5457 *12/23/24, 12/30/24, 1/6/25*

— WESTFIELD —

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (the "Authority") will hold a public hearing at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Time, on January 14, 2025, with respect to the proposed issuance by the Authority of its Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, Series 2025 (Vita of Westfield Project) (the "Bonds"), in one or more series, with the maximum of Bonds which are federally tax-exempt not to exceed $22,680,066, the proceeds of the sale thereof to be loaned to Vita of Westfield, LLC (the "Borrower") for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, installing, improving and equipping of a approximately 168-unit assisted living and memory care facility and certain functionally-related improvements located at 17748 Spring Mill Road, in the City of Westfield, Indiana, Hamilton County (the "Project") and to the extent permitted, paying certain costs of issuance, paying a portion of the interest accruing on the Bonds and funding a debt service reserve fund, if necessary. The Borrower will be the principal user (within the meaning of Section 144(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code")) of Project.

The Bonds will be issued pursuant to the provisions of IC 5-20-1 (the "Act"), and pursuant to the Act will not constitute a debt, liability or obligation of the State of Indiana or a pledge of the faith and credit of the State of Indiana but shall be payable solely from the funds pledged to the payment thereof. A substantial portion of the Bonds are expected to be issued as "exempt facility bonds" pursuant to Section 142(a)(7) of the Code.

The public hearing is being held pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Code. Pursuant to Internal Revenue Service Revenue Procedure 2022-20 ("Rev. Proc. 22-20"), the public hearing will be held via toll free conference call by the Authority using the following toll-free number: (833) 266-5144 and participant code 288034765#. The public is invited to submit written comments to the Executive Director of the Authority at 30 S. Meridian Street, Suite 900, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 on or before 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, January 13, 2025. For additional information regarding participation in the hearing or for emailing comments please contact Mr. Alan Rakowski at 317-233-1220 or arakowski@ihcda.in.gov.

Dated: December 31, 2024.

INDIANA HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
/S/ J. Jacob Sipe
Executive Director

R5471 *12/30/24*

— 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. *29D04-2402-MF-001793 wherein Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC was Plaintiff, and Jason A. Breitwieser, United States of America Department of Housing and Urban Development, Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority, American Express National Bank, Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC and State of Indiana 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 **6th day of February, 2025**, 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.

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SQUARE 4 IN J.L. EVANS ADDITION, RUN WEST 37 FEET, SOUTH 132 FEET, EAST 37 FEET, NORTH 132 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, IN THE CITY OF NOBLESVILLE, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.

More commonly known as 1195 Conner St, Noblesville, IN 46060-2831
Parcel No. 29-07-31-174-009.000-013

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

BRYAN K. REDMOND
BRYAN K. REDMOND, Plaintiff Attorney
Attorney # 22108-29
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.
8415 Allison Pointe Boulevard, Suite 400
Indianapolis, IN 46250
(317) 237-2727

Noblesville
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.

R5453 *12/23/24, 12/30/24, 1/6/25*

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. *29D05-2112-MF-008879, wherein STAR Financial Bank was Plaintiff, and Chad S. McKnight, et al. were Defendant(s),* required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, 1 will expose a public sale to the highest bidder, on the **6th day of February, 2025** between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. of said day, at the Hamilton County Sheriffs Office, 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana:

Lot Numbered One Hundred Thirty-Six (136) in Oakbay, Section Four (4), an Addition to the City of Noblesville, Indiana, Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 15, pages 107-111, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.

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

Please note: the foreclosure and sale of the real estate will be subject to the first and senior mortgage of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Pacific Union Financial, LLC, its successors and assigns.

/s/ Whitney L. Mosby
Attorney

Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County

Noblesville
Township
21365 Oakview Dr., Noblesville, IN 46062
Street Address
29-06-14-012-013.000-013
State Parcel #

The Sheriffs Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address herein.

R5454 *12/23/24, 12/30/24, 1/6/25*

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 the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No.: *29D04-2406-MF-006655 wherein NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, was Plaintiff, and RYAN S MALES was the Defendant*, 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 **6th day of February, 2025** at the hour of 10:00 a.m. - 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 NUMBERED 15 IN HOMESTEADS ADDITION, ADAMS TOWNSHIP, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 230 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA. More Commonly Known As: 38 Homestead, Sheridan, IN 46069

Parcel No. 29-01-29-201-010.000-001

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
Adams
Township
38 Homestead, Sheridan, IN 46069
Street Address

Phillip A. Norman #13734-64
Benjamin Pliskie #30407-45
PHILLIP A. NORMAN P.C.
December 16, 2024
Date

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

R5455 *12/23/24, 12/30/24, 1/6/25*

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 the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No.: *29D06-2404-MF-004027 wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, was Plaintiff, and KIMBERLY A BANDY, et al were the 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 **6th day of February, 2025** at the hour of 10:00 a.m. - 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 86 IN BROOKSHIRE LAKES, 2ND SECTION, A SUBDIVISION IN CLAY TOWNSHIP, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12 PAGES 31 - 32, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.

More Commonly Known As: 4835 Essex Court, Carmel, IN 46033
Parcel No. 28-10-28-103-006.000-018

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
Clay
Township
4835 Essex Court. Carmel, IN 46033
Street Address

Phillip A. Norman #13734-64
Benjamin Pliskie #30407-45
PHILLIP A. NORMAN P.C.
December 16, 2024
Date

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

R5456 *12/23/24, 12/30/24, 1/6/25*

— WESTFIELD —

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that SEALED BIDS will be received:

BY AND AT: **Westfield Washington Schools**
For: **Operation Buildings (Balance of Trades)**
Deliver to: **19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B, Westfield, Indiana 46074**
Date & Time: **February 4, 2025, at 3:30 PM (local time)**

Bids received after that time will be returned unopened. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

All work for the complete construction of the project shall be performed under the form of contract set forth in the Bidding Documents. Two copies of bid forms shall be submitted on forms provided in the project manual and shall be executed in accordance with the current edition of the Indiana Board of Accounts Form 96 – "Contractor's Bid for Public Works", with a financial statement complying with Section III of Form 96, and a satisfactory Bid Bond or certified check pursuant to I.C. 36-1-12-4.5, payable to Meyer Najem. Bid Security shall be in the amount of not less than 5% of the total base bid price. Should a successful Bidder withdraw their Bid, fail to provide the required payment and performance bonds, or execute the contract, the Owner may then declare the Bid Security forfeited as liquidated damages.

The Bidder acknowledges the Bidder and all its subcontractors, whatever tier, whose respective contract is equal to or in the excess of $300,000 shall be qualified by the Indiana Department of Administration at the time of bid award or it will be grounds for bid to be rejected as non-responsive. Reference Section 00 21 00 Instructions to Bidders, Article 2, Paragraph 2.4. The Prime Bidder is REQUIRED to submit a copy of their current IDOA Certification with the Bid.

The Westfield Washington Schools Operations Buildings, Balance of Trades, includes site and utility improvements, renovation of and expansion to the existing Westfield Transportation Facility, new construction of a salt barn, and new construction of a PEMB storage building. The project includes (15) Bid Packages, with Bid Package #1 – Pre-Engineered Metal Building being previously awarded.

Bids shall be placed in a sealed envelope plainly labeled to indicate the following:

Addressed to:
Westfield Washington School Corporation
19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B
Westfield, Indiana 46074

Attn. Bid for Westfield Washington Schools – Operations Buildings (Balance of Trades)

Bid Package Number & Name
Name and return address of the Bidder

All bid proposals shall be in full compliance with the bid documents which are on file with the Owner.

Bid Documents are available via the Meyer Najem Construction, LLC SmartBid Plan Room. Please contact Austin Gregor (contact listed below) for assistance, or to obtain access to the plan room.

Questions, or requests for equal status, shall be directed in writing (via email) to (please copy each):

Attention: Austin Gregor
Meyer Najem Construction, LLC
317-577-0007
agregor@meyer-najem.com

Attention: Colin Schermann
Meyer Najem Construction, LLC
317-577-0007
cschermann@meyer-najem.com

R5467 *12/23/24, 12/30/24*

Submit Public Notices To:
PublicNotices@ReadTheReporter.com

— COURT NOTICES —

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2412-MI-013579
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Amy Marie Kelley
Petitioner

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Amy Marie Kelley, whose mailing address is: 335 Westminster Drive Noblesville, Indiana 46060, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Amy Marie Kelley has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Amy Marie Seagrave.

Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: April 7, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Amy Marie Kelley
Petitioner
Date: December 11, 2024

Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R5426 *12/16, 12/23, 12/30/24*

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2409-MI-010245
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Katelyn Patricia Nowak
Petitioner

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Katelyn Patricia Nowak, whose mailing address is: 12696 Blue Holly Dr Apt #23 Noblesville IN 46060, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Katelyn Patricia Nowak has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Kati Kawoni Nowak.

Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: April 7, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Katelyn Patricia Nowak
Petitioner
Date: September 16, 2024

Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R5428 *12/23/24, 12/30/24, 1/6/25*

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2409-MI-9875
N RE THE MATTER OF:
Nathanyal Micheal Hunter Bell
Name of Minor
Tommi Jean Bell
By Next Friend

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Notice is hereby given that, Tommi Jean Bell, Next Friend of minor child, self-represented, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on June 26, 2024 to change the name of Nathanyal Micheal Hunter Bell to Nova Hunter Groover.

The Petition is schedule for hearing in the Hamilton County Circuit Court on March 17, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. 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.

Date: November 7, 2024

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
R5429 *12/16, 12/23, 12/30/24*

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2410-MI-11653
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
WILLIAM GRANT CIESIALKA

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, WILLIAM GRANT CIESIALKA, pro se, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name to change his name from WILLIAM GRANT CIESIALKA to WILLOW GRACE CIESIALKA.

The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on April 7, 2025 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: December 16, 2024

Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R5431 *12/23/24, 12/30/24, 1/6/25*

29D03-2412-EU-000540
STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT NO. 3
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN RE THE UNSUPERVISED)
ESTATE OF JUDY KAY STULL,)
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on 12/12/24, Robert Scott Stull was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Judy Kay Stull, deceased, who died on December 3, 2024.

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 December 16, 2024

Kathy Kreag Williams
CLERK, Hamilton Superior Court
Jeanette C. Kassebaum
Attorney
P.O. Box 221
11614 Maple Street
Fishers, IN 46038
(317) 578-4550
R5438 *12/23/24, 12/30/24*

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF)
CAROL A. MALLOY-WIBER,)
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT, PROBATE DIVISION
In The Matter Of The Estate of Carol A. Malloy-Wiber, Deceased
Cause Number: 29D03-2412-EU-000538

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of December, 2024, Michelle L. Kelley was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Carol A. Malloy-Wiber, deceased, who died on the 28th day of October, 2024

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 18th day of December, 2024.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court
Thomas N. Austin (Atty. No.: 4222-49)
AUSTIN & JONES, P.C.
22 East Washington Street
Suite 620
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
Telephone: (317)632-5633
Facsimile: (317)630-1040
E-Mail: tom.austin.jones@gmail.com
R5449 *12/23/24, 12/30/24*

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2412-MI-013476
N RE THE MATTER OF:
Lucy Anne Lobraco
Name of Minor
Joseph Lobraco
By Next Friend

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Notice is hereby given that, Joseph Lobraco, Next Friend of minor child, self-represented, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on July 22, 2024 to change the name of Lucy Anne Lobraco to Anne Rose Lobraco.

The Petition is schedule for hearing in the Hamilton County Circuit Court on April 7, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. 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.

Date: December 10, 2024

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
R5427 *12/16, 12/23, 12/30/24*

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2403-MI-2541
INRE:NAME CHANGE OF NAME OF MINOR:
MALELL MINTON

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, TANIA SLATER, pro se, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name of Minor to change his name from MALELL MINTON to DONNELL JESSIE MINTON JR.

The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on March 17, 2025 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 15, 2024

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
R5430 *12/16, 12/23, 12/30/24*

29C01-2412-MI-013743
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2412-MI-013743
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF)
STEPHANIE KARLEN JENKINS,)
an adult.)

NOTICE OF HEARING OF NAME CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of December 2024, Stephanie Karlen Jenkins filed her Verified Petition for Change of Name petitioning the Court to change the name of Stephanie Karlen Jenkins to Stephanie Karlen Culver.

All interested persons having any objection to this petition must file an objection in the office of the Clerk of this Court within thirty (30) days from the date of the first publication of this notice.

A hearing on the Verified Petition for Change of Name will be held on April 7, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. in the Hamilton Circuit Court located at 1 N. 8th Street, Noblesville, IN 46060.

Dated at Noblesville, Indiana this date: December 16, 2024

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit & Superior Courts
R5446 *12/23/24, 12/30/24, 1/6/25*

29D02-2411-EU-000523
Hamilton Superior Court 2
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
STATE OF INDIANA
IN RE: THE ESTATE)
OF HARLES L. BERRY,)
DECEASED.)

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION TO BE PUBLISHED

In the Court of Hamilton County, Indiana.

Notice is hereby given that on December 10, 2024, Nathan Berry and Luke Berry were appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Charles L. Berry, who died intestate on April 10, 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 in Noblesville, Indiana, on December 10, 2024.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Superior Court
ATTORNEYS FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Bradley M. Owen
APPLEGATE & DILLMAN
ELDER LAW
2344 South Tibbs Avenue,
Indianapolis, Indiana 46241
Telephone No.: (317) 492-9569
brad@applegate-dillman.com
R5441 *12/23/24, 12/30/24*

29D02-2412-EU-000541
Jeffrey D. Hawkins
KIGHTLINGER & GRAY, LLP
One Indiana Square, Suite 300
211 N. Pennsylvania Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

ESTATE NO.: 29D02-2412-EU-000541

Notice is hereby given that J. Scott Mitchell was on the 7th day of December , 2024, appointed personal representative of the Estate of Mary M. Loser, deceased.

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 claim will be forever barred.

Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this 17th day of December, 2024.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton County Court
R5448 *12/23/24, 12/30/24*

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2411-MI-012426
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Ashley Michelle Kistler
Petitioner

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Ashley Michelle Kistler, whose mailing address is: 10836 Cody Ln Fishers, Indiana 46037, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Ashley Michelle Kistler has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that their name be changed to Ashley Michelle Miller.

Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: April 7, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Ashley Michelle Kistler
Petitioner
December 12, 2024

Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R5450 *12/23/24, 12/30/24, 1/6/25*

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA IN MARICOPA COUNTY
Issued and Filed: 11/26/2024
PROBATE COURT ADMINISTRATION
In the Matter of Case No. PB2019-051915
VIRGIL WISE NOTICE OF INITIAL HEARING REGARDING: PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

WARNING

This is a legal notice; your rights may be affected. **Este es un aviso legal. Sus derechos podrian ser afectados**.

You are not required to attend this hearing except as provided in A.R.S. § 14-5401(D). However, **if you oppose any of the relief requested in the petition that that accompanies this notice, you must file with the court a written response at least 7 calendar days before the hearing date OR you or your attorney must attend the hearing by following the instructions provided in this notice**.

Any written response must comply with Rule 15(e) of the Arizona Rules of Probate Procedure. If you do not file a timely response or attend the hearing:

(1) the court may grant the relief requested in the petition unless otherwise prohibited by law and without further proceedings, and

(2) you will not receive additional notices of court proceedings relating to the petition unless you file a Demand for Notice pursuant to Title 14, Arizona Revised Statutes.

1. Notice is given that CERTIFIED FIDUCIARY SERVICE INC has filed the following:

• PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

2. COURT HEARING. An initial hearing has been scheduled to consider the Petition as follows:

DATE and TIME: **Monday, February 3, 2025 at 10:30 AM**
JUDICIAL OFFICER: **Commissioner Vanessa Smith**
PLACE: **18380 N. 40TH STREET, PHOENIX, AZ 85032 - COURTROOM E-109**
TELEPHONE NO: **(602) 506-6086**

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 14-1306(A), if duly demanded, a party is entitled to trial by jury in any proceeding in which any controverted question of fact arises as to which any party has a constitutional right to trial by jury.

Any interested person, including the Petitioner and the Petitioner's attorney, may attend the Initial Hearing virtually unless the Court has specifically ordered that person to attend the hearing in person. To attend the hearing virtually, use Court Connect as described in Section 4 below. If the Court has specifically ordered you to attend the Initial Hearing in person, you must do so by appearing at the location stated above at the time of the Initial Hearing.

3. REQUEST TO CONFIRM / APPROVE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY. The Petition requests that the Court confirm (approve) the sale of real property. Pursuant to Rule 16(d)(1), Arizona Rules of Probate Procedure, the following information is provided:

A. The name and telephone number of the petitioner or the petitioner's attorney are as as follows:
Name: MARK HOUSE
Phone: (480) 240-4020

B. As set forth in the Petition, the proposed sales price of the real property is:
Proposed Sales Price: $292,007.00

C. At the initial hearing, the Court may consider other bids.

4. COURT CONNECT / MICROSOFT TEAMS

If you have a camera-enabled computer, smartphone, or tablet device, you should go to tinyurl.com/jbazmc-pcc11 a few minutes before the Initial Hearing is scheduled to begin.

For the best experience, download and install the Microsoft Teams application on a camera-enabled computer, smartphone, or tablet device using either of the following methods prior to the time set for the Initial Hearing:

Go to the following link:
https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/download-app

If you have a camera-enabled device, but do not want to install the Microsoft Teams application, you may use a web browser simply by typing tinyurl.com/jbazmc-pcc11 into your browser a few minutes before the Initial Hearing is scheduled to begin. Please note, however, that you will not have access to all the features if you use a web browser rather than the Microsoft Teams application.

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• Courtroom Phone Number: 1-917-781-4590
• Courtroom Conference ID#: 738 643 491#

For more information about Court Connect, please see
https://superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/court-connect
R5439 *12/30/24, 1/6/25, 1/13/25*

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 7
SS)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) CASE NO. 29D07-2403-MI-2847
STATE OF INDIANA,)
Plaintiff,)
-vs-)
ALL FUNDS HELD AT OKX.COM EXCHANGE BY USER ID)
#469432622079204653 and NGUYEN HOANG TUAN LONG)
as his interest may appear,)
Defendants.)

The State of Indiana to the Defendant, NGUYEN HOANG TUAN LONG, above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is:

COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES, FORFEITURE OR PROPERTY, SEIZURE OF ASSETS AND FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

This Summons by Publication is specifically directed to the following named Defendants whose addresses are unknown:

NGUYEN HOANG TUAN LONG

If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer.

You must answer the Complaint For Damages, Forfeiture or Property, Seizure of Assets and for Injunctive Relief in writing by you or your attorney, on or before February 5, 2025, the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded.

ATTEST:
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton County Superior Court 7

12/16/2024
Joshua N. Taylor, #26618-29
RileyCate, LLC
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Fishers, IN 46038
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R5440 *12/23/24, 12/30/24, 1/6/25*

ATTORNEY
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KITLEY LAW OFFICE, P.C.
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Beech Grove, Indiana 46107
(317) 787-5389

CORRECTED NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Hamilton Superior Court
In the Matter of the Estate of
KENNETH J. BIRKLE, SR.
DECEASED.
Cause Number
29D02-2412-EU-000527

Notice is hereby given that WILLIAM A. BIRKLE, on the 17th day of December 2024, was appointed personal representative of the Estate of KENNETH J. BIRKLE, SR., Deceased.

All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must File the same in said 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, this17th day of December, 2024..

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court
Probate Division
R5472 *12/30/24, 1/6/25*

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2408-MI-9757
INRE:NAME CHANGE OF NAME OF MINOR:
TALYAH D'ANN SQUIRES

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, CARA JEFFERSON, Next Friend of minor child, pro se, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name of Minor to change the name of TALYAH D'ANN SQUIRES to TALYAH D'ANN JEFFERSON.

The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on May 5, 2025 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 20, 2024

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
R5464 *12/23/24, 12/23/24, 1/6/26*

29D01-2401-EU-000035
William J. Webster
Webster & Garino, LLC
209 E. 175th Street, Suite A
Westfield, IN 46074
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY COURT
IN RE THE ESTATE OF:)
NANCY KEESLING)

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that Karla Waitt is, on the 20 day of February, 2024, appointed Personal Representatives of the Estate of Nancy Keesling, deceased, who died October 9, 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 Hamilton County, this 20 day of February, 2024.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R5452 *12/23/24, 12/30/24*

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT NO. 1
NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA
In the Matter of the Unsupervised Estate of PEARL D. NIEHAUS, deceased.
Estate Docket: 29D01-2412-EU-000546

Notice is hereby given that Robin B. Niehaus was, on December 17, 2024, appointed Personal Representative of the unsupervised estate of Pearl D. Niehaus, deceased, who died on November 17, 2024.

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, on December17 2024.

Kathy Kreag Williams
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R5469 *12/23/24, 12/30/24*

— COUNTY —

HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Regional Utility District will meet on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom located in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. Meeting will begin with Executive Session from 10:00 a.m.-10:10 a.m. for discussion of the Implementation of Security Systems IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(C), Purchase or Lease of Real Estate IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D), Discussion of Pending Litigation IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B), and Discussion of Personnel IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7). Public session to discuss the utility district business will immediately follow the Executive Session.
R5477 *12/30/24*

— CICERO —

CICERO/JACKSON TOWNSHIP PLAN COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held at the Cicero / Jackson Township Plan Commission meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 7:00pm at the Red Bridge Park Cmmnunity Building located 25 Red Bridge Park/697 W Jackson Street, Cicero, IN 46034. The public hearing concerns amending the Cicero / Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance to establish the US 31 Jackson Township Overlay District.

The proposal, Ordinance 01-21-2025-01, establishes the US 31 Overlay District, defines its boundaries, and sets forth the development standards for non-farming and non-single family residential uses within the US 31 Overlay District. Ordinance 01-21-2025-01 does not alter the pennitted uses of property, or set forth additional uses or use restrictions.

A Draft of Ordinance 01-21-2025-01 can be found at www.ciceroin.org. A hard copy of this application is on file and available for your review at the Cicero / Jackson Township Plam1ing Department located at 331 East Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034.

If you have any comments concerning this matter, you may appear at the public hearing. Public comments and input will also be accepted in writing via mail or email. Comments must be received by 3 :00 PM on the date of the hearing. Copies of all written comments received in advance of the hearing will be distributed to the members of the Cicero / Jackson Township Plan Cormnission for their review and consideration.

Letters concerning Ordinance 01-21-2025-01 may be submitted by mail to Frank Zawadzki, Cicero / Jackson Township Planning Department, 331 East Jackson Street, Cicero, Indiana 46034 or via email to fzawadzki@townofcicero.in.gov. Comments must be received by 3:00 PM on the date of the hearing. If you have questions regarding the proposed ordinance, public hearing procedures, or anything else relating to this matter, please contact the Cicero I Jackson Township Planning Department by phone at 317-984-5845 or by email at fzawadzki@townofcicero.in.gov.

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

After the Hearing, the Plan Commission may take action on the proposed ordinance. The hearing identified above is the opportunity to express concerns and ask questions on the proposed ordinance.
R5473 *12/30/24*

Legal Notice
Plan Commission

The Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission will meet on January 8th, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the Red Bridge Community Building, 25 Red Bridge or 697 West Jackson Street, Cicero, Indiana 46034, in order to hear the following petitions:

Docket No. Ordinance Amendment PC-0125-02-R5

A Zoning Ordinance Amendment concerning Article 3 "R5" of the Cicero/ Jackson Township Zoning Ordinances in order to add the following language to read:

For lots that were legally subdivided and in existence on or before November 21, 2023, the minimum lot area for use as a single family residential use shall be 5,000 square feet in the "R5" district.

Project Address: Jurisdictional area of the Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission – all of the Town of Cicero and part of Jackson Township.

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 also mailed to Cicero/Jackson Plan 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's Name: Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission
Date: 12/20/2024
R5474 *12/27/24, 12/30/24*

— WESTFIELD —

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised that the Westfield-Washington Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana, or in a virtual format viewable at https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofWestfieldIN, for the purposes of holding a public hearing and reviewing and acting on the following petitions for the purpose of reviewing and acting on the following petitions:

• The Petitioner requests Variances of Development Standard to modify Building Setback, Minimum Lot Size, and Minimum Road Frontage Standards to make a 1.0 acre +/- legal, nonconforming lot compliant and to encroach thirteen (13) feet into the thirty (30) foot Minimum Side Yard Building Setback for a new detached garage in the AG-SF1: Agriculture/Single-Family Rural District (Article 4.2(C), (D) & (E)(2)).

Specific details regarding the cases may be obtained from the Westfield Community Development Department, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074 or by calling (317) 804-3170.

Westfield-Washington Township Board of Zoning Appeals
Westfield Community Development Department
2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074
www.westfield.in.gov
R5476 *12/30/24*

— 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
FOR: City Camera and Door Access Project

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Consolidation of security systems across (17) individual sites consisting of multiple buildings into a unified platform and replacement of end-of-life system equipment as described in the Bid Documents, including but not limited to: replacement of existing video security cameras, network video recorders, access control systems and hardware, networking equipment, and provisioning existing equipment to new software systems.

RECEIPT OF BIDS: Bids should be delivered in a sealed envelope to the following location prior to the time listed below on the date of the bid:
Noblesville City Hall
Office of the Clerk
16 S. 10th Street
Noblesville, IN 46060

Bids shall be received on or **before 9:00 AM EST, January 28, 2025 to be valid**. Bids received after this day and time will not be considered.

Bids shall be submitted in accordance with Document 00 21 13 – "Instructions to Bidders".

BID OPENING: Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud at:
Noblesville City Hall
Council Chambers, Board of Public Works
16 S 10th Street
Noblesville, IN 46060

At the following day and time: 9:00 AM EST, January 28, 2025

PRE-BID MEETING: Bidders are required to attend a mandatory pre-bid meeting with representatives of the Owner and Engineer to discuss the project and related requirements. Failure to appear at the starting time of the pre-bid meeting may result in the disqualification of any bids submitted. Pre-bid meeting will convene on January 8th, 2025, at 10:00 AM EST at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S 10th St., Noblesville, IN 46060. Prospective bidders shall meet in the main lobby and a conference will follow. Additional tours of individual buildings will be scheduled after the pre-bid meeting for sites that are sufficiently complex or need additional clarification.

CONTRACT TYPE: The City of Noblesville will contract with one prime contractor for the Bid Package listed below, with bids received on a lump sum basis for each bid package. Each bid proposal shall include all labor, material, and services necessary to complete the project in strict accordance with the Construction Drawings, Project Schedule and Project Manual.

City of Noblesville will receive sealed Bids for the following Bid Packages:
Bid Package #1 – City Camera and Door Access Project

DOCUMENTS PREPARED BY:
RQAW | DCCM
8770 North Street, S110
Fishers, IN 46037

BID DOCUMENTS: Interested Prime Bidders may order hard copy and/or electronic Bidding Documents at Eastern Engineering Plan Room, 9901 Allisonville Rd., Fishers, IN 46038, Phone (866) 884-4115 Fax (765) 288-8311 (https://distribution.easternengineering.com). To obtain access to the Plan Room and order a set of plans, please submit Contractor Prequalification Certification and request to Brian Brovont, RQAW | DCCM, (bbrovont@dccm.com). Documents will be available on or after 12/19/2024.

PRE-BID REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION: Any questions concerning the scope of this project, project completion, scheduling, project administration, etc. shall be directed to Brian Brovont, RQAW | DCCM, (bbrovont@dccm.com). Clarifications and responses to bidder questions will be issued via Addenda and/or Bid Information Letter.

ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS: City of Noblesville reserves the right to reject any bids or all bids, to make any combination thereof, to waive any informality therein, and to return any unopened bids received after the time fixed herein. (IC-36-1-12-4)

VALIDITY OF BIDS: Bids may be withdrawn prior to the designated time, but no bids shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days thereafter. (IC-36-1-12-6)

CONTRACTOR'S PREQUALIFICATION: In accordance with Indiana Code 5-16-13-10(c) as amended, each Contractor (all Tiers) with a contract value of $300,000 or more shall be pre-qualified by the Indiana Department of Administration (IDOA) or Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) according to the type and value of the work to be performed. A copy of the Bidder's certification shall be submitted prior obtaining Bid Documents.
R5278 *12/30/24, 1/6/25*

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Noblesville Plan Commission
City of Noblesville, Indiana

The Noblesville Plan Commission will hold a Public Hearing on application **PLAT 000236-2024 on the 21st day of January, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, City Hall Building, 16 South 10th Street, Noblesville, IN 46060**. The application submitted by Stoeppelwerth and Associates requests approval of a primary plat for a 2-lot residential subdivision to be known as "Maya Estates" on property located at 12484 East 156th Street all within Wayne Township, Hamilton County, Indiana.

Written suggestions or objections relative to the applications above may be filed with the Department of Planning and Development, at or before such meeting and will be heard by the Noblesville Plan Commission. Interested persons desiring to present their views, either in writing or verbally, will be given the opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place. These hearings may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Noblesville Plan Commission.

A copy of the proposal is on file in the Department of Planning and Development located at 16 South 10th Street, Suite 150 in City Hall for examination before the meeting during business hours between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday – Friday. A copy of the proposal will appear on the web page at www.noblesville.in.gov, agendas, Plan Commission – January 21, 2025, prior to the meeting date.

NOBLESVILLE PLAN COMMISSION
Caleb P. Gutshall, Secretary
R5479 *12/30/24*

Submit Public Notices To:
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Carmel's own Sky Simpson takes three gold medals at IPF Powerlifting Championships

By RICHIE HALL
sports@readthereporter.com

It wasn't that long ago that Carmel's Stephen "Sky" Simpson was too anxious to get off the bench to play on the Unified Football team.

Look at him now. Simpson spent part of last November in Reykjavik, Iceland, where he put on a show while winning gold medals in the 2024 International Powerlifting Federation (IPF) World Open Equipped Powerlifting Championships.

Simpson won three gold medals in the Special Olympics 93-kilogram division (93 kilograms is around 205 pounds). He won two of the three individual events, taking the squat and bench press while finishing second in the deadlift, then placed first in the total standings to win the gold medal there.

"It was good for me," said Sky, who turns 24 in February. He competed with another athlete from his gym, Ben Boehn, and enjoyed having him there as well.

The World Open took place from Nov. 11 to 16 in the Iceland capital. Simpson started with the squat, which he won with a lift of 127.5 kilograms. Next was the bench press, and Simpson was first in that event as well with a lift of 97.5 kilograms. He finished with the deadlift, placing second and winning the silver medal with a lift of 107.5 kilograms.

Simpson's total was 332.5 kilograms, easily earning him the gold medal. Throughout it all, Sky was putting on a show, flexing for the appreciative crowd and wearing a big smile on his face. The announcer referred to Sky as Stephen "The Rock" Simpson, a nickname that goes back to his days throwing shot put on the Carmel Unified Track & Field team. (You can watch the entire competition on YouTube at **tinyurl.com/t3n4xp6a**.)

"He went crazy," said Sky's father, Stephen Simpson. "He was jumping up and down and flexing his muscles for the crowd. The response with the audience was terrific, too. They connected with them. The crowd really loves to see them at these meets."

"He was super hype," said Sky's coach Kyle Moran. "He enjoys putting on a show anyway. Getting a few extra medals never hurts that willingness to put on a show."

And there were many people there to watch Sky's show. Moran said there were "a couple hundred spectators" at the meet, adding that the presentation the IPF put on was "world class."

"Iceland, the host federation, did a really good job of promoting it," said Moran. "They had a pretty big contingent there to help with loading and run the meet."

Iceland was certainly a long way from Sky's athletic beginnings. He played Unified football at Carmel in addition to participating in Unified Track.

"He had anxiety along with Down's Syndrome when he started," said Stephen Simpson. "When he first started with Unified football, he wouldn't even get off the bench. When Sky wouldn't get off the bench, the kids would just surround him and make him feel good and make him laugh a little bit. By the third game, he was trotting on the field. It was really cool as a dad to see that. Unified track was the same thing."

Other people started telling Stephen that he needed to get his son into weightlifting, which Sky began to do about four years ago. Stephen jokingly said he blames Carmel High School for this, adding that he doesn't believe Sky would be this far along without his initial participation in Unified sports.

"I think all of that has worked to make Sky much more confident in himself, more outgoing and take risks in social settings," said Stephen. "That's so important for the kids to be able to have the courage to go out there and be themselves. Unified sports is huge for these guys. Sky's chance was Unified sports."

Moran, the owner and head coach of Moran Academy for Strength and Speed in Carmel, said he met the Simpsons in early 2021, with Sky coming to his academy specifically for power lifting.

"He picked up on it pretty quick," said Moran. "From Day 1, you could tell he liked the idea of getting big and strong." Moran said Sky was "already pretty strong," but the focus was now on getting him strong for the sport of powerlifting.

Sky Simpson's first competition was the Special Olympics Indiana Summer Games of 2021. He was a winner right off the bat, finishing first in the bench press, deadlift and total. Sky then competed in a couple more Summer Games before branching out and competing in more meets. Sky qualified for the World championships through a Power Lifting America competition.

When he's not in the gym, Sky works at the Penn Station restaurant on Range Line Road in Carmel. "He's the guy that washes all those pounds of potatoes," said Stephen.

Penn Station conducts roundups for certain causes, and Sky hands out free cookies and greets people for he gets to work.

"Penn Station is a really good supporter for Down Syndrome," said Stephen.

Moran said that Sky Simpson's next meet will be in February in Indianapolis. The coach said he likes his athletes to compete "three or four times a year," while training in the gym in the interim.

"Having him and Ben in the gym as well have created a pretty big culture change in the gym in general," said Moran. The coach has enjoyed watching Sky learn the etiquette in the weight room as well as his continued expanding confidence.

"Now he'll do box jumps and broad jumps," said Moran. "He's created the confidence and the body awareness to do pretty much anything we ask of him."

Photos provided

(TOP) Carmel's Stephen "Sky" Simpson won three gold medals at the 2024 International Powerlifting Federation (IPF) World Open Equipped Powerlifting Championships in Reykjavik, Iceland. Simpson competed in the Special Olympics 93-kilogram division. He is pictured with his coach Kyle Moran. (ABOVE) A couple hundred spectators watched Sky Simpson compete, and the event was also broadcast live on YouTube.

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