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COLUMNIST

**AMY SHANKLAND** Perfectly Imperfect

## **Noblesville Schools students** celebrate the power of reading











Photos provided by Noblesville Schools

Wednesday was World Read Aloud Day and Noblesville Schools is celebrating all week with special quest readers, author visits, literacy nights, book character costumes, snacks, games, and more. Special guest readers at Promise Road Elementary included IndyCar driver Christian Rasmussen, Mayor Chris Jensen, Superintendent Dan Hile, and local authors Pam Brettenacher and Jillinda Stella. See more photos at ReadTheReporter.com.

### City, Library & Township offer new resources for Westfield nonprofits

The REPORTER

The City of Westfield, Westfield Washington Township, and the Westfield Washington Public Library (WWPL) have announced a new partnership aimed at providing grant research and support services to nonprofit organizations in Westfield.

This collaboration will offer local nonprofits complimentary access to Candid, a subscription-based service that helps nonprofit leaders find grants from foundations and public charities.

WWPL will serve as a central access point as part of this initiative. Nonprofits will have access to free services, including consultations, project planning assistance, guidance on building capacity and outreach, and Candid, which

prospect lists from their database of nearly 300,000 grant makers and funders.

In addition to these services, nonprofit organizations are encouraged to register for the Township's upcoming two-part Grant Writing Series, presented in partnership with Purdue Extension, on April 16 and May 14. This series will provide essential training on the grant writing process, offering valuable insights on how to craft compelling proposals and secure funding to support local initiatives. For more information, please visit tinyurl.com/yuyj575x.

with the library and township navigating the services proto offer these valuable resources to our local nonprofits," Mayor Scott Willis said. the library, located at 17400

will enable nonprofits to build "Supporting our nonprofits is Westfield Blvd., at noon on a priority for the city, and we believe this partnership will provide them with the tools and knowledge they need to

succeed." Township Trustee Jamie Goetz-Mills echoed these sentiments, adding, "This partnership represents a collaborative effort to help our nonprofits grow, build sustainability, and make an even greater impact on our community. We encourage all local nonprofits to take advantage of this incredible opportunity.'

WWPL will hold information sessions about the available resources, with staff on "We are proud to partner hand to assist nonprofits in vided. Nonprofit partners are

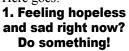
Tuesday, Feb. 11. To register for the event (encouraged but not required), visit tinyurl. com/4wymf47y.

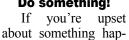
The first learning session hosted and sponsored by the Township will focus on Human Resources Training for nonprofits. Sessions will be held from 8:30 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 11, and Tuesday, March 11 at the Township Office, 17400 Westfield Blvd. The February session will focus on compliance and infrastructure, while the March session will focus on

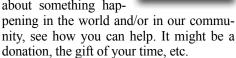
For more information, invited to a launch event at contact the Trustee's Office at (317) 574-9490.

### Tidbits of hope

With all the bad things happening in the world, both near and far, I thought it was time to write a column to share tidbits of hope. Here goes!







For example, when our school shooting happened at Noblesville Middle School in 2018, I joined a group called BeSMART to spread information about gun safety. While I only participate in five to six events a year, it helps knowing I'm making a small difference. And if we all do this, we'll start to make a BIG difference.

Is winter getting you down? After our beautiful, spring-like day last Monday, it was hard to face the return of freezing temperatures Tuesday. February is the time of year where many of us are ready to part with winter, even those of us who are trying to embrace it.

Lift your spirits by learning something new! For the past few weeks, I've been studying a book about sailing in preparation for getting "hands on" to really learn at Lake of the Woods in Bremen this summer.

It's been fun to imagine the sun, water, blue skies, and warm wind on my face as I study terms like port, starboard, luff, leech, etc. It also gets my mind off the bad things going on.

#### 2. Want to lift your spirits each week? Subscribe to this!

I've told family members and friends about this for a few years now, and I thought it would help my readers, too. Check out Reasons to be Cheerful: reasonstobecheerful.world. I've subscribed to their newsletter for a while now.

Reasons to be Cheerful shares stories about people from various places around the planet who are making a difference. I've enjoyed this so much that I became a mem-

ber for a reasonable cost last year. When the "regular" news gets me down, I always know that every Tuesday I'll see the good things others are doing and feel uplifted.

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### Tipton secures grant writer to advance community priorities in 2025

### The REPORTER

The City of Tipton has announced that, starting this year, a dedicated grant writer will be on retainer to help the city secure funding for high-impact projects. This strategic move reflects the city's commitment to enhancing quality of life and continuing its momentum on community development initiatives.

The grant writer will focus on targeting opportunities specific to baseball, parks, public safety, infrastructure, arts, community development, and other transformational projects. With a list of over two dozen grants already identified for 2025, the city is poised to unlock critical funding to support its ambitious vision for growth.

'Having a grant writer on board is a game-changer for Tipton," Mayor Kegan Schmicker said. "This is something that has been discussed in the community for several years, and we're proud to take this proactive step. By strategically pursuing grant funding, we can amplify our ability to deliver projects that matter most to our residents.

This initiative directly supports five of the six strategic priorities outlined in Tipton's newly established strategic vision:

- Building a Leadership Team Strengthening the city's capacity to secure external funding and manage key projects effectively.
- Invest and Create a Vibrant Arts Ecosystem – Identifying grant opportunities to enhance arts programming and cultural infrastructure.
- Pursue Creative Economic Development - Leveraging grant funding to drive investment and growth in the community.

 Support Sustainable Public Safety Strategies – Seeking funding to improve resources and services for emergency response

recruiting and employment. Deep End Talent Strategies will conduct the training for this series.

### Should Indiana townships be dissolved? A proposed Indiana House bill says yes

By PARKER CARLSON

WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Should Indiana townships be dissolved and give control of municipal services, such as the fire department and EMS, to the county? A proposed bill would dissolve all fire protection districts and fire protection territories.

House Bill 1233, authored by Rep. Karen Engleman, R-Corydon, would require local government reorganization by Jan. 1, 2027. All counties, except for Marion County, will have their townships dissolved and their responsibilities absorbed by the county. The bill leaves room for the potential to dissolve towns, with a populaating costs are too high.

Each county's board of commissioners would "assume the powers and duties of township trustees with regard to fire protection and emergency services" after all fire protection districts and territories are dissolved. The county would be responsible for providing fire protection and emergency services to unincorporated areas of the county, whether through contracting, volunteer firefighting departments, or agreements

with other municipalities. county board of commissioners would have to develop a plan to consider what areas are over reside in the geographic area of and under served in the county, the former town.

tion less than 1,000, if its oper- with "at least two" public meetings to discuss the plan. After the start of 2027, the county trustee can adopt amendments to that plan.

Every four years, all towns with a population less than 1,000 must submit a report costs to the county comparing services provided to citizens and the town's operating. The bill says a county could then dissolve the town if "the town's operating costs exceed the expenditures for delivery of services to residents."

Any debt a township and a dissolved town has will be According to the bill, each taken on by the county; however, the bill creates a plan to ly published by WISH-TV at levy taxes only on people who

Public libraries would not immediately be affected a township being dissolved, the bill says. But, the county's legislative body could choose to withdraw from any responsibilities to libraries that the township had.

If the bill were to become law, a temporary township advisory group would be created to assist the county trustee; by Jan. 1, 2027, that township's advisory group would be disbanded.

House Bill 1233 has currently been referred to the Committee on Local Government for a first reading.

This story was originalwishtv.com/news/politics/ bill-to-dissolve-indiana-townships-fire-territories.

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### **TIDBITS**

#### 3. Look at the amazing people in our community.

Our own Hamilton County Reporter shares stories about people in our county who work hard to help others. I know some of us are familiar with Nancy Chance with Good Samaritan Network, Anita Hagen with Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank, and many

I'm friends with two people who are making a difference for the planet by taking Styrofoam down to Recycle Force in Indianapolis to be recycled. My husband and I were grateful for their efforts after we cleaned our attic last weekend. We had huge chunks of it that will be re-used, not sitting in a landfill thanks to

#### 4. Finally ... pray often.

Whether you pray to God or just send out words into the Universe, prayer helps not only you, but those around you. It's my "go to" when things turn ugly in the world.

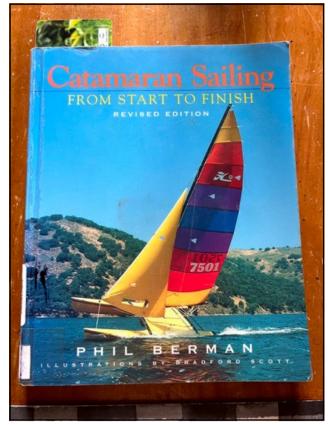


Photo provided by Amy Shankland Studying things like sailing can offer a welcome distraction from the woes of winter.

writer and fundraising pro- cat. You can reach her via fessional living in Nobles- email at amys@greenaveville with her husband John, nue.info.

**Hello, Hamilton C** 

Amy Shankland is a two sons, two dogs, and a

# **ÎNDY CHAMBER** SPOTLIGHT

### **Indy Chamber puts** spotlight on Westfield

The Westfield Chamber of Commerce is partnering with the Indy Chamber and City of Westfield for Spotlight on Westfield. Westfield and Indy Chamber connects priority projects members are invited to join across community lines. from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 28 at The Bridgewater Club, 3535 E. 161st St.

The "Spotlight On ..." series was created to fa- joined by Indy Chamber at this link.

various communities within the Indianapolis region. Each installment highlights a different community, shares key happenings, and

During this event, guests will hear directly from Westfield Mayor Scott Willis. He will be

miliarize attendees with the President and CEO Matt Mindrum to discuss exciting upcoming initiatives for the city. These include plans for Grand Universe's new science, technology, and space campus, Community Health Network campus developments, and August's LIV Golf tourna-

Registration is available

### Saturn, Jupiter & Mars possible highlights of Observatory open house

#### The REPORTER

Learn more about NA-SA's Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS) mission to discover worlds beyond our solar system at Indiana University Kokomo's free Observatory open house this Sunday, Feb. 9.

at 7 p.m. with discussion

restrial planet being disintegrated by its host star. "The planet is quite

close to its parent star, a red dwarf, and appears to be falling apart, leaving a comet-like trail of dust," Motl said.

After the presentation, Patrick Motl, dean of stargazers may be able to the School of Sciences see Saturn, Venus, Mars, and professor of physics, Jupiter, and the moon will begin the open house through the Observatory's telescopes. They include of a recent paper based on a six-inch Takahashi re-TESS observations of a ter- fracting telescope and a

16-inch Meade reflecting telescope mounted together. The Takahashi provides exceptionally sharp images of planets, while the Meade allows viewers to see fainter objects in the sky, due to its larger light-collecting

Observation will continue through 9 p.m., weather permitting.

The Observatory is at 2660 S. Washington St., Kokomo. Free parking is available on campus.

### TIPTON

and public safety.

• Provide High-Quality Infrastructure – Enhancing roads, utilities, and other essential infrastructure through targeted grant applications.

The decision to secure a grant writer aligns with Tipton's broader goals of funding sources to comple- professional expertise, we community development.

ment local resources. The city has a proven track record of success with grant applications, and this move is expected to increase both the volume and competitiveness of Tipton's grant submissions.

"We believe this investment will have a lasting ensuring fiscal responsibilimpact," Mayor Schmickinfrastructure, and new opity and leveraging outside er said. "By bringing in portunities in the arts and

from Page 1 can better position Tipton to achieve its objectives

across diverse areas that

benefit our community."

Residents can look forward to seeing these efforts take shape in the form of enhanced parks and recreation facilities, improved public safety resources, revitalized

# This geezer right here is named **Paul Poteet** Click to play video

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# COMMUNITY ART EXHIBITION

presented by **Westfield Mayor's Council on Disabilities** 

The Westfield Mayor's Council on Disabilities (WMCD) in partnership with the City of Westfield is launching a Community Art Exhibition program where individuals with varying disabilities can submit artwork in any form to the council. Please submit artwork to one of the following locations:

**Westfield City Services** 2728 E. 171st Street

**Westfield Washington Township** 17400 Westfield Blvd.

You can submit artwork at any time to be displayed in the community throughout the year. However, if you'd like your artwork to be featured at the Westfield Sensory Day event at the Westfield Washington Public Library, be sure to submit it by February 24!

Visit westfieldin.gov/wmcd to learn how to get involved!







### world to use spine surgery approach in clinical trial

The REPORTER

OrthoIndy continues to lead the way in orthopedic and spine care advancements by enrolling and treating the first patient worldwide with a new spinal fusion implant using an innovative spine surgery approach. Several months after becoming the first orthopedic practice globally to treat patients in the OASIS clinical trial using the transforaminal interbody fusion (TLIF) technique, Ortho-Indy has now successfully performed the first spine surgery with this innovative product using the anterior lumbar interbody fusion (ALIF) approach.

OsteoAdapt SP is a cutting-edge spinal fusion implant developed by Theradaptive, Inc, to address the challenges of traditional bone grafts and artificial implants used in spinal fusion surgeries. In December. Theradaptive announced that OsteoAdapt SP received FDA approval to study the product in conjunction with the ALIF technique. The first patient was treated at OrthoIndy shortly thereafter by Dr. M. Craig McMains, marking another significant milestone in the field of spine care.

"This patient experienced noticeably less pain upon leaving the hospital than when he arrived," Dr. McMains said. "Offering innovative solutions like OsteoAdapt SP with the ALIF approach reinforces OrthoIndy's commitment to advancing spine care and improving patient outcomes.'

### Significant differences in TLIF & ALIF approaches

The TLIF and ALIF approaches differ significantly in their surgical techniques. In the TLIF approach, the patient lies on their stomach while the surgeon inserts the implant into a small cage placed within the spine's disc space. Additionally, bone recovered from the patient during surgery aids in the healing process.

In contrast, the ALIF technique involves accessing the spine through the abdomen while the patient lies on their back. This approach minimizes trauma

to the muscles, reduces blood loss, and enables the use of a larger implant cage for enhanced stability and improved fusion outcomes. Typically, bone is not recovered from the patient using this method, so there is a greater demand for a high-performing synthetic bone graft like OsteoAdapt

OsteoAdapt SP contains a specially engineered protein designed to encourage bone growth while eliminating the risks of disease transmission that can be associated with donor bone grafts. It may also reduce or prevent chronic pain some patients experience with bone grafts recovered from their own bodies.

'Conducting a clinical trial with ALIF allows us to address the unique demands of this approach and help a broader range of patients," Theradaptive CEO Dr. Luis Alvarez said. "We're proud to partner with OrthoIndy to deliver advanced therapeutic solutions that redefine spinal fusion care."

Dr. David Schwartz, another spine surgeon at OrthoIndy, performed the trial's first TLIF procedure in 2024.

"Theradaptive's technology represents a significant advancement in applying bone-forming proteins," Dr. Schwartz said. "We're honored to be part of this critical study, which has the potential to reshape spinal fusion outcomes world-

### Seeking additional trial participants

As leaders in the Phase I/II OASIS trial, Drs. Mc-Mains and Schwartz are actively recruiting additional patients with degenerative disc disease to participate in this ongoing study. The trial includes comprehensive monitoring and advanced imaging to ensure safety and track progress.

OrthoIndy invites Indiana residents with degenerative spinal conditions to learn more about this promising alternative to traditional spinal fusion. For more information or to schedule an assessment with Drs. McMains or Schwartz, please call OrthoIndy at (317) 802-2000.

### Mayor Willis to speak at Westfield GOP event

The REPORTER

The Westfield GOP will welcome Mayor Scott Willis Tuesday, Feb. 25 at the Grand Park Events Center.

Mayor Willis will share

information about Grand Park, what's happening downtown, and other projects around Westfield.

RSVPs are requested From 6:30 to 8 p.m., by emailing westfieldingop@gmail.com.



### Celebrate 'Anti-Valentine's Day' at Ball State's David Owsley Museum of Art

### The REPORTER

The David Owsley Museum of Art (DOMA) at Ball State University in Muncie will celebrate "Anti-Valentine's Day" the evening before the romantic holiday.

The DOMA After Hours event will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13,

and will feature art-making activities, games, refreshments, and a live storytelling competition.

The event is free of charge and open to everyone. Embrace your inner cynic and bring your friends. For more info, visit bsu.edu/doma.

### OrthoIndy first in **Students invited to March 11** college fair at Grand Park

The REPORTER

On Tuesday, March 11, local high school students have an opportunity to take advantage of the Greater Indianapolis Northside College Fair to be held at the Grand Park Events Center, 1900 Grand Park Blvd., Westfield.

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DR. DEREK ARROWOOD

Heights Superintendent

The event, which will take place from 6 to 8 p.m., is sponsored by a consortium of high schools on Indianapolis' Northside, in

a way to provide access to to register for the fair in college information for local students. Over 100 colleges and universities will be represented at the fair.

The event is free, and partnership with the Indi- students in all grade levana Association for College els are welcome to attend. Admission Counseling, as Students are encouraged advance at StriveFair. com. Registered students will receive a barcode that they can bring with them to the college fair in order to share their information with admission reps elec-

### From the desk of Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood

Update No. 144 As we enter Black History Month, it is essential for us to reflect on and acknowledge the

significant contributions and achievements of African Americans throughout

our nation's history. This month serves as a dedicated period for us to explore and celebrate the rich heritage, culture, and resilience of the Black community, which has played a fundamental role in shaping our country's

Black History Month goes beyond mere recognition. It offers a valuable opportunity for learning, understanding, and growth. It encourages us to engage in meaningful conversations about the struggles for civil rights, the remarkable achievements against the odds, and the ongoing fight for equality and justice. By immersing ourselves in the stories and accomplishments of African American leaders, thinkers, artists, and everyday heroes, we

appreciation of the diversity and strength that conidentity.
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We are in the middle of National School Counseling Week and

want to take this opportunity to honor the incredible and meaningful work our school counselors do each day. They play a central role on the school support team and are vital resources who work to ensure a healthy, positive, and safe school environment for students to learn, achieve school success, and plan for a career. We are grateful for the impactful role, service, and support provided by our school counselors: Nikki Wert and Tricia Rudy (HHES), Chelsea Pacheco and Sabrina Duncan (HHMS), Lori Watson, April Baugher, and Jessica Cantlon (HHHS), and Patrick Magee (counseling intern). Thank you for all your work in helping to build a positive school cli-

gain a deeper mate and changing lives, one day at a time.

On Tuesday, we kick off tribute to our col- a spirit-filled week of Winlective American ter Homecoming activities. Each day at HHHS has a different theme: Tuesday is pajama day, Wednesday is anything but a backpack day, and Red or Pink out; Thursday is dress like the first letter of your name, and students will end the day with a Talent Show featuring high school student performances. Friday is the annual Orange and White Spirit Day. Students will enjoy the traditional senior/staff basketball game activities and a pep session. Husky Homecoming Basketball begins at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 14, as the Huskies take on the Westfield Shamrocks on the home court.

The community is cordially invited to enjoy Hamilton Heights High School Drama Department's production of Emma! A Pop Musical, a modern twist on Jane Austen's timeless tale. Whether you're a devoted Austen fan or a newcomer to the world of musical the-

ater, this musical promises an evening of entertainment, enchantment, and pure joy. Don't miss your chance to support this delightful celebration of love, pop culture, and the talented youth at Hamilton Heights. Three shows: Feb. 28 and March 1 at 7 p.m. and March 2 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased online in advance or at the door.

As a reminder, Monday, Feb. 10 is our last scheduled Asynchronous E-learning Day and students should be prepared for a day of virtual instruction and learning from home.

As we celebrate all things love and appreciation this month, let's make a conscious effort to ensure that Heights is a place where relationships are paramount. Where concern, compassion, empathy, respect, dignity, and wellbeing of all our students and staff carries the day. Think of the impact this can have on making our school and community a better place to live, learn, work, and play.

**#WeAreHuskies** 



Thanks for reading The Hamilton County Reporter

### Indiana reinvests in State of Israel bonds

**Elliott** 

#### **Submitted by Office of** the Indiana Treasurer

On Thursday afternoon, Indiana State Treasurer Dan-

iel Elliott reauthorized \$15 million worth of reinvestments in State of Israel bonds.

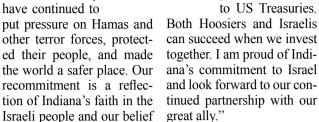
"Sixteen months ago, Israel was struck by an unthinkable tragedy," Elliott said. "Since then, they

have continued to other terror forces, protected their people, and made the world a safer place. Our recommitment is a reflection of Indiana's faith in the Israeli people and our belief in the continued strength of their economy."

As Indiana's Chief Investment Officer, Elliott oversees the investment of \$16 billion of state assets and sits on 18 state boards that oversee billions in state funds.

"Our prior bonds had higher return rates than U.S. Treasury notes and were good investments for Hoo-

taxpayers. They're also proof that those who wish to divest and boycott Israel are morally and historically wrong," Elliott said. "This new re-investment also compares favorably



Indiana currently holds \$110 million in Israel Bonds. They form one part of a large, diversified portfolio. The Indiana Treasurer of State is authorized to invest in State of Israel Bonds by the Indiana General Assem-



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PUBLIC NOTICE

PURSUANT TO IC 5-14-1.5-3.5(a) THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD AT THEIR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON FEBRUARY 10, 2025 AT 12:00 PM WILL MEET VIRTUALLY THROUGH TEAMS. THE MEETING MAY BE ACCESSED VIRTUALLY BY MEETING ID: 265 847 312 492, PASSCODE: mt7j487K.

HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD.

ATTEST: LYNETTE MOSBAUGH

PUBLIC NOTICE
PURSUANT TO IC 5-14-1.5-3.5(a) THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD AT THEIR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON FEBRUARY 24, 2025 AT 9:00 AM WILL MEET VIRTUALLY THROUGH TEAMS. THE MEETING MAY BE ACCESSED VIRTUALLY BY MEETING ID: 227 339 108 984, PASSCODE: 7Mg64xK6.

HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD. ATTEST: LYNETTE MOSBAUGH

### JACKSON TOWNSHIP

#### Legal Notice Board of zoning appeals

The Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission will meet on February 20th, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Cicero Town Hall located at 70 N Byron Street, Cicero, Indiana 46034, in order to hear the following petitions:

Docket No. BZA-0225-08-AG A Land Use Variance application has been submitted regarding the property

located at 2860 and 3124 East 266th Street, Arcadia IN, 46034 to allow an Agritourism Ranch and Winery with retail sales and outdoor seating in the "AG" district. Whereas: Article 3.1 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance does not list Agritourism Ranch and Winery with retail sales and outdoor seating s a Permitted Use or a Special Exception Use in the "AG" district.

Project Address: 2860 E 266th Street / 3124 E 266th Street, Arcadia, IN 46030

Legal Description: Acreage 23.49 Section 18, Township 20, Range 4 Parcel number: 03-02-18-00-00-009.000 The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Plat Commission, 331 E. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034.

Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Comments may be mailed to Cicero/Jackson Planning Commission at P.O. Box 650 Cicero, IN 46034. Comments may also be dropped off in the Cicero Utilities payment drop pox 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 earing 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: Christopher & Catherine Lammer

Date: January 22nd, 2025

Letter to the Editor

### Let's preserve Downtown Noblesville's human touch

Late last month, Mayor Jensen announced the next step in Noblesville's decades-long effort to invest in and preserve the Hamilton County seat. As someone who both lives in and runs a business downtown, I see this as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to strengthen the authentic character that makes the square unique.

Our last comprehensive downtown investment came in the 90s under Mayor Mary Sue Rowland. Since then, we've continued to make strategic improvements together. We transformed our square's alleys into vibrant pedestrian spaces and worked with the Preservation Alliance to reconstruct the City's last brick alley. More recently, we partnered with a non-profit to create the Bridge of Flowers and enacted an ordinance unique to Noblesville to protect buildings on and around the square. These projects, I believe, have enhanced downtown while respecting its authenticity.

our downtown on any given

pace of life shifts. As you her first steps on the bricks approach the square, your footsteps naturally slow. You weave between sidewalk chalkboards announcing daily specials, peek into window displays, and dodge the occasional outdoor café table. More often than not, I find myself waving to a friend or stopping for a brief conversation with a shop owner.

This isn't by accident. Our historic courthouse square was thoughtfully designed as more than just a seat of government – it's the center of our community. The courthouse stands as our anchor, but it's the human-scale details around it that truly bring our downtown to life: the preserved spaces in the alleys that provide moments of natural respite, the festivals and fairs that activate the square, and most importantly, the daily interactions that weave together the fabric of our community.

For my family, these aren't just abstract concepts - they're the backdrop of Take a walk through some of my best memories as a dad. My son learned to

of Logan Street during the Front Porch Music Festival. These milestones serve as a reminder to me of why preserving and enhancing our downtown isn't just a policy decision - it's about ensuring future generations can create their own memories in these same spaces.

The infrastructure created long ago is foundational to these moments, and as we look to the future, our community should advocate for a plan that builds upon this legacy. This means thoughtfully adding more brick, more trees, more flowers, and more green spaces. It means maintaining our character above the street, while modernizing our infrastructure below. And most importantly, it means making decisions that prioritize the human connections that define our downtown.

Consider the contrast with other environments, like downtown Indianapolis, where identical storefronts and minimal street-level engagement encourage people to hurry past without pause. Here in Noblesville, even a morning, and you'll notice ride his bike in the North simple coffee run becomes

something remarkable: the Alley and my daughter took an opportunity for community engagement - where we know our baristas by name and chance encounters with neighbors are part of daily life.

> Living, working, and raising my family within a five-block radius of downtown has shown me firsthand that the success of our downtown isn't measured just in sales figures or property values, but also in the intangibles – like the number of spontaneous conversations and chance encounters that happen every day. This is what has set Noblesville apart from other communities and should continue to do so.

> As we plan for downtown Noblesville's future, preserving and enhancing these opportunities for human connection must remain at the center of every decision we make. This is our chance to expand upon the qualities that make our downtown special – not just for my family, but for all the families who call Noblesville home.

#### **Aaron Smith**

Noblesville Common Council District 3

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### Little Women hits stage at Belfry

#### Submitted by **Betsy Reason**

The Belfry Theatre play director Barcia Alejos announces the cast of Hamilton County Theatre Guild's next production in the 2024-25 60th anniversary season, Little Women, a play in three acts, a drama by John D. Ravold from the novel by Louisa M. Alcott.

### Cast

- Jo March Emily Haus, Noblesville
- Meg March Emma Gedig, Indianapolis
- Amy March Natalie Piggush, Fishers
- Beth March Lizzie Schultz, Westfield
- Marmee Mary Garner, Indianapolis
- Laurie Gideon Roark,
- Yorktown John Brooke – Samuel
- Smith, Indianapolis
- Aunt March Christina Burch. Noblesville
- Father March Rob Lawson, Noblesville
- Professor Bhaer James Semmelroth Darnell,
- Indianapolis Crew
- Producers Daniel Alejos, Indianapolis, and Betsy Reason, Noblesville
- Director Barcia Alejos, Indianapolis
- · Assistant Director and Stage Manager – Daniel Alejos, Indianapolis
- Set Designers Jay Ganz, Fishers, and José Alejos, Indianapolis
- Set Decorator Claudia MacRae, Noblesville
- Set Construction José Alejos, Indianapolis



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The cast of Little Women, a drama by John D. Ravold based on the novel by Louisa M. Alcott. The Hamilton County Theatre Guild invite you to purchase tickets at thebelfrytheatre.com.

- Moranski, Fishers
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- er Jillian Fleck, Anderson • Lighting Designer – Karissa Henschen, India-
- napolis • Lighting Operator –
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**Showtimes** 

The play will be onstage Feb. 21 to March 2 at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monu-

8 p.m. Fridays, Feb. 21 and 28; 2 p.m. Saturdays, Feb. 22 and March 1; Sundays, Feb. 23 and March 2; covering that family bonds

ASL interpreter on Feb. 23.

### **Synopsis**

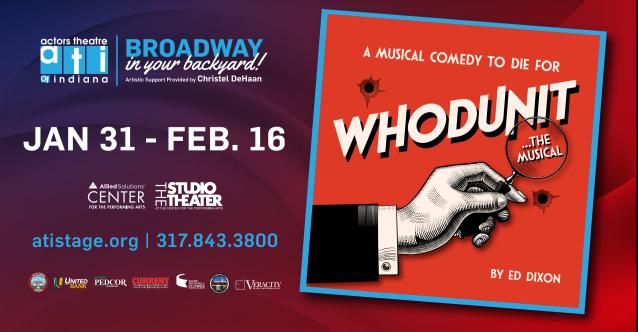
Journey through the lives of the four March sisters - Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy - as they grow fromchildhood into womanhood in Civil War-era Massachusetts. With their father away at war, the sisters, guided by their devoted mother Marmee, face life's challenges wit courage and love. Jo, the ambitious second eldest, aspires to be a writer, while managing the family's hardships with spirited resolve. Each sister, with distinct dreams and aspirations, navigates personal trials and societal expectations, dis-

• Props Manager – Heidi and 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27. are enduring and vital.

This stage adaptation of Louisa May Alcott's beloved novel celebrates the resilience and enduring spirit of these remarkable women, offering a heartwarming exploration of life, love, and the importance of family.

Little Women (Ravold) is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. Visit concordtheatricals.com.

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### HCAA to host Cabin Fever at Noblesville City Hall

#### The REPORTER

In February, Noblesville Creates will showcase artists Bobbi K. Samples and Nova Dream Space, along with the From the HeART exhibit at the Judge Stone House and the Graphic & Illustration exhibit at Four Day Ray. Additionally, the Hamilton County Artists' Association will present Cabin Fever at Noblesville City Hall. Details on exhibit locations, dates, receptions, and featured artists can be found below.

#### Judge Stone **House** From the HeART

The arts can awaken passions during these cold, dark winter months. Do you yearn for warmer weather, have a beloved pet in your life, or find yourself falling in love with a particular subject?

The exhibit, From the HeART, will feature mediums of all kinds that explore matters of the heart.

You can view the full exhibit, From the HeART, now through March 1 in the Judge Stone House gallery. The Noblesville Creates on 8th campus is open Wednesday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### **Stephenson** House **Nova Dream Space**

The February Stephenson House exhibit, Una llamada tropical, showcases the vibrant works of Nova Dream Space, the artistic duo of Fernando and Sofia. Visitors can view Una llamada tropical now through March 1 in the Stephenson House Gallery during the campus open hours. The Noblesville Creates cam-

pus is located at 107 S. 8th St., and is open for exploration Wednesday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. You can meet the artists of Nova Dream Space, Fernando and Sofia, at their free public reception from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8 at Noblesville Creates.

### **Four Day Ray Graphic &** Illustration

Illustrations historically have been a visual method for humankind to expand on stories and history. Drawn and painted images can act as records, such as the cave paintings of Lascaux created around 15,000 B.C. In contemporary times, graphics and illustrations take the form of graphic novels, advertisements, and more.

Pieces from the exhibit, Graphic & Illustration, previously featured in the Judge Stone House on the Noblesville Creates on 8th campus, will be available to view at Four Day Ray in Fishers. These pieces feature work that is illustrative, artistically graphic, or a mix of both.

You can view the pieces from Graphic & Illustration through March 1 at Four Day Ray Brewing, 11671 Lantern Road, Fishers, Sunday and Monday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Friday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

#### **Meyer Najem Bobbi K. Samples**

See the full exhibit, Color in Silence, through March 28. This exhibit is viewable at the Meyer Naiem 2nd floor gallery,







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Graphic & Illustration: Sable Blaze by Gillian Wu

ers, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. You can meet Samples at her free public reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, 11787 Lantern Road, Fish- Feb. 14 at Meyer Najem.

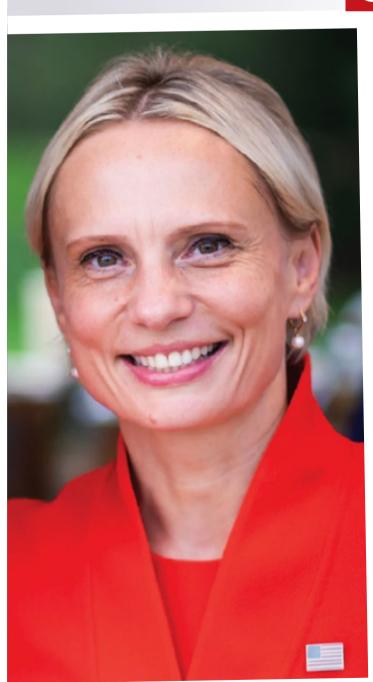
### **Noblesville City** Hall **HCAA**

local fine art this February. Hall now through Feb. 27. 6 to 7 p.m. Feb. 14.

The Hamilton County Artists' Association will showcase work from its juried members in the exhibit Cab-Enjoy the warmth of in Fever at Noblesville City

Visitors can visit the gallery Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and meet the artists during the free open house reception from







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### Pardoned Jan. 6 defendant back in Indiana

By TIM SPEARS

WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Newly-pardoned Jan. 6 defendant Antony Vo has returned home to Indiana, hoping his next steps could include working in the Trump Administration.

Vo was prosecuted as a non-violent participant in the Capitol Riot, but refused to serve his prison sentence. Vo escaped to Canada to seek asylum, only to be arrested there and banned from the country for a year.

Now, he's back home at his family's house in Fishers and cleared of all charges.

"I guess it's nice that I don't have to worry about what's going to happen," Vo said in an interview with I-Team 8's Tim Spears. "I feel like now I can be a better steward of my future."

Now, four years re-

moved from his 2021 visit to Washington, D.C. as part of the "Stop the Steal" rally, Vo hopes the next time he's in Washington, D.C., it will be as an employee.

Vo told News 8 he's applied for positions with the new Department of Government Efficiency, as League (ADL) condemned well as the Department of Health and Human Services

"I would like to work in public service and reduce the need of government to do everything for people," Vo said.

Fellow Jan. 6 participant Jeff Zink unsuccessfully ran for a congressional seat in Arizona, and is **reportedly** being considered for a position with DHHS. Vo said he keeps in touch with others prosecuted in the Capitol riot, who Vo believes could

While Vo reiterated that most of the roughly 1,500 Jan. 6 defendants pardoned were not considered violent, he still supports the blanket pardons and commuted sentences for people convicted on violent charges.

The **Anti-Defamation** the Jan. 6 pardons, saying the issuances included leaders and members of extremist groups.

"This decision undermines accountability & risks reinvigorating violent extremists and other insurrectionists," the ADL said in a statement.

Vo maintains the Jan. 6 prosecutions were politically motivated, and believes the violence from the riot was the result of a government

"People [were] already also end up in public service. in a frenzy and [federal

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agents could] whip them up very easily to do things," Vo said.

Vo now considers Jan. 6 to be a point of pride.

"I lost people who I thought were my friends, job applications got ignored," Vo said. "But now I don't think it will be a stigma as much as I think it will be a badge of honor.'

Years after protesting in Washington, he hopes to one day have a hand in how it's

Vo joined the "Stop the Steal" rally with his mother, Annie Vo. She was also pardoned by President Donald Trump.

Antony says he plans to appeal his ban in Canada.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/i-team-8/ pardoned-jan-6-defendantback-in-indiana.

### TODAY'S BIBLE READING

THE NEW STONE TABLETS

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Write down these words, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel." Moses was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights without eating bread or drinking water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant—the Ten Commandments.

Exodus 34:27-28 (NIV)



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### **Meeting Notices**

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Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, 2025, in the Library/Media Center at Sheridan Middle School, 3030 W. 246th St.

The Board of Directors of the Hamilton County Public Building Corporation will hold a special meeting at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2025, at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, to adopt Ordinance approving form and execution of Lease Agreement, approve the issuance of the bonds and transaction documents.

Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2025, in the Community Room at the Westfield Washington Schools Administration Center, 19500 Tomlinson Road Suite B

The Westfield Washington

An executive session will follow immediately after the public meeting, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5) To receive information about and interview prospective employees; and IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(11) To train school board members with an outside consultant about the performance of the role of the members as public officials.

### **Send Meeting Notices to:** News@ReadTheReporter.com

### Settlement with Indianapolis home builder protects Hoosiers' rights to freely share customer reviews imposing

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita has obtained a settlement with an Indianapolis home builder resolving allegations that the company illegally included a gag clause in contracts that imposed \$2,000 fines on homebuyers who made statements portraying the company "in a bad light."

As part of the settlement, Davis Homes has agreed not to interfere with customers' liberty to speak freely about their experiences. The company denies the allegation that it violated the Consumer Review Fairness Act and admits to no other wrongdoing.

"Under Hoosiers have the right to share their opinions about products and services," AG Rokita said. "With this action, we are protecting that right."

The Consumer Review Fairness Act of 2016 makes it illegal for companies to include in form restricts a consumer's ability to communicate reviews or assessments of a seller's goods, services, or conduct. The Act also out-



**Rokita** 

Davis Homes violated the Indiana Deceptive Consumer Sales Act with its contract language.

The Assurance of Volcontracts a provision that untary Compliance requires the home builder to immediately end the use of the offending clause in its consumer contracts and to not attempt to enforce the clause on anyone who has already signed a contract with the builder. The home builder is also required to notify consumers who recently signed a contract with the builder that the clause is null and

Any Indiana consumers who signed a contract that contains a similar clause restricting or penalizing their ability to give honest reviews of a business can file a complaint with the Consumer Protection Division of the Indiana Attorney General's Office at IndianaConsumer.com or by calling 1-800-382-

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# Carmel chases 39th championship

By RICHIE HALL

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CARMEL - The first step of the IHSAA girls swimming state tournament began Thursday with the sectional preliminaries.

Carmel hosted a sectional at its brand-new aquatic center, taking the first step in its quest for a 39th consecutive state championship. The Greyhounds got off to a good start, qualifying all 27 of their swims to the "A" Final, or the championship heat, of Saturday's sectional finals.

Carmel earned the top seed in 10 of the 11 events. Junior Lucy Enoch qualified first in two events: individual medley (2:05.95) and the breaststroke (1:03.97).

Five more Greyhounds picked up top seeds in the individual events. They are senior Lynsey Bowen in the 200 freestyle (1:50.09), senior Priscilla Smith in the 50 free (24.10), senior Alex Shackell in the butterfly (51.05), sophomore Faith Gorey in the 100 free (50.85), freshman Ellie Clarke in the 500 free (5:02.51). Carmel qualified first in all three relays, swimming the medley relay in 1:42.05, the 200 free relay in 1:37.96 and the 400 free relay in 3:28.45.

Greyhounds coach Chris Plumb said the singular job at Thursday's prelims was to get to the Saturday finals.

"Obviously, everyone did that and that's exactly

Plumb. "The preparation naturally, because right for Saturday starts now."

Westfield and Noblesville both sent all 27 of their swims to the Saturday finals as well. The Shamrocks will have 22 swims in the "A" Final, with the other five going to the "B" Final, or consolation heat. The Millers sent 19 swims to the "A" heat, while the other eight will swim in the consols.

Westfield picked up the second seed in both the medley and 200 free relays, with freshman Delaney McCulloch qualifying fourth in the 500 free. Noblesville's medley and 200 free relays both earned the third seed, while junior Haddie Vohs qualified third in the 200 free and butterfly swims.

Shamrocks coach Darrick Thomas said his team swam "really, really well" at the prelims.

'We've been fighting a lot of illnesses on the team, but the kids are super tough," said Thomas. "Lots of great swims. The kids did their job. Lots of moveups into the top eight, which was excellent. We'll be really excited and ready to go Saturday."

Millers coach Jess Preston said his team had "a boatload of lifetime best swims tonight." They coach said Noblesville is hoping for more on Saturday, and to get as many people down to the state meet as the Millers can.

"We got to bring more energy," said Preston. "Sat-

what we needed to do," said urday normally does that now the score is 0-0, no points have been scored.' The coach thinks that extra energy "will translate to hopefully more lifetime best times."

Guerin Catholic advanced 10 swims to the finals. The Golden Eagles' medley relay and 200 free relay both qualified for the "A" final, while eight more swims reached the "B" fi-

Over at Fishers, both the Tigers and Hamilton Southeastern qualified all 27 swims to the Saturday

The Royals had all of their swims reach the "A" heat. Freshman Kendall Dieckman qualified first in the individual medley (2:06.54), as did junior Naomi Haines in the backstroke (57.00). Southeastern started the meet by earning the top seed in the medley relay with a time of 1:47.56.

Fishers sent 26 swims to the championship heat and one to the "B" heat. Emma Schwertfeger picked up two top seeds in the 50 free (24.00) and the 100 free (52.37), while sophomore Emily Wolf qualified first in the butterfly (55.50) and the 500 free (4:58.88). Senior Claire Francis earned the top seed in the breaststroke (1:05.31), and the Tigers' 200 free relay (1:38.57) and 400 free relay (3:40.00) are first-seeded also.

Hamilton Heights qualified 18 swims to the finals,





Reporter photos by Richie Hall (TOP) Westfield's Bridget Mick checks her time after finishing the 50 freestyle. (ABOVE) Carmel's Molly Sweeney finished second in the individual medley and breaststroke races during the sectional preliminaries Thursday.

with nine going to the "A" heat and nine advancing to the "B" Final. Sophomore Ayla Madara earned the top

seed in the 200 free with a

time of 1:53.86.

University competed in the Lafayette Jefferson sectional. Freshman Noa Calili

earned a place in the "A" Final of two events, qualifying third in the breaststroke and sixth in the 200

**SECTIONAL PRELIMINARY RESULTS** 

Positions 1-8 qualify for "A" Final (championship *heat), positions 9-16 qualify* for "B" Final (consolation heat), positions 17 and 18 are alternates.

### AT CARMEL

200 medley relay: 1. Carmel (Ellie Clarke, Lucy Enoch, Alexandra Shackell, Faith Gorey) 1:42.05, 2. Westfield (Eliana Hill, Carly Davis, Nora Sperry, Evelyn Wheat) 1:54.75, 3. Noblesville (Alli Knott, Ellie Hayward, Mallory Mehringer, Exley Tricker) 1:57.98, 7. Guerin Catholic (Christiana Dunasky, Ella Capofari, Kara Van Woerkom, Ellie

Gove) 2:08.86. 200 freestyle: 1. Lynsey Bowen (C) 1:50.09, 2. Kayla Barr (C) 1:51.50, 3. Haddie Vohs (N) 1:52.22, 4. Alexandra Ward (C) 1:56.66, 5. Olivia Motz (N) 1:58.41, 6. Katherine Cassidy (W) 1:58.96, 8. Gracie Alley (W) 2:00.08, 9. Delaney McCulloch (W) 2:00.12, 11. Van Woerkom (GC) 2:09.03, 12. Anna Miller (N) 2:09.16, 21. Taylor Traggesser (GC) 2:30.08.

200 individual medley: 1. Enoch (C) 2:05.95, 2. Molly Sweeney (C) 2:08.81, 3. Leah Debosch (C) 2;08.90, 4. Kiarra Thomas (W) 2:13.26, 5. Wheat (W) 2:13.93, 6. Kyra Blackwell (N) 2:16.38, 7. Katie Sutton (N) 2:17.15, 8. Hill (W) 2:20.02, 9. Knott (N) 2:22.80, 16. Molly Dep-

pen (GC) 2:45.46.

50 freestyle: 1. Priscilla Smith (C) 24.10, 3. Maryn Sims (C) 24.38, 4. Alexandria Clark (C) 24.86, 5. Julia Santerre (N) 24.96, 6. Maggie Alley (W) 25.25, 7. Bridget Mick (W) 25.40, Traggesser, Van Woerkom, 8. Hayward (N) 25.41, Dunasky) 1:56.91. 10. Meredith Nickloy (N) (W) 27.60, 18. Gove 29.81.

100 butterfly: 1. Shackell (C) 51.05, 2. Bowen (C) 56.40, 3. Vohs (N) 56.78, 4. Savannah Irizarry (C) 57.54, 5. Wheat (W) 58.46, 6. Sperry (W) 59.50, 7. G. Alley (W) 59.65, 8. Sutton (N) 1:02.56, 9. Mehringer (N) 1:03.00, 15. Deppen (GC) 1:13.93.

rey (C) 50.85, 2. Sophia (N) 1:08.23, 5. Blackwell Floyd (C) 52.50, 3. Addyson Czarnecki (C) 52.74, 4. M. Alley (W) 55.45, 5. Macy Brown (W) 55.49, 7. Ava Middleton (N) 56.86, 8. Mick (W) 57.26, 10. Dunasky (GC) 58.58, 11. Nickloy (N) 58.63, 12. Stella Cramer (N) 59.27, 19. Gove (GC) 1:07.06, 20. Capofari (GC) 1:10.06.

500 freestyle: 1. Clarke (C) 5:02.51, 2. Sabrina Ledwith (C) 5:06.48, 3. Ward (C) 5:07.49, 4. McCulloch (W) 5:15.10, 5. Cassidy (W) 5:19.85, 6. Greta Smith (W) 5:22.29, 7. Motz (N) 5:26.36, 9. Van Woerkom (GC) 5:39.96, 11. Miller (N) 5:55.00, 13. Norah Mathes (N) 6:08.78, 23. Traggesser (GC) 6:57.32.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Carmel (Smith, Sims, Lil-

lian Clark, Floyd) 1:37.96, 2. Westfield (Mick, Sperry, G. Alley, Cassidy) 1:43.92, 3. Noblesville (Tricker, Blackwell, Nickloy, Hayward) 1:48.03, 7. Guerin Catholic (Anna Ososki,

100 backstroke: Barr (C) 57.53, 4. Debosch (C) 58.62, 5. Santerre (N) 59.45, 6. Knott (N) 1:01.79, 7. Hill (W) 1:02.72, 8. Mehringer (N) 1:03.21, 9. Brown (W) 1:04.05, 10. Smith (W) 1:05.30, 11. Dunasky (GC) 1:06.51.

100 breaststroke: 1. Enoch (C) 1:03.97, 2. Sweeney (C) 1:04.02, 3. Czarnec-100 freestyle: 1. Go- ki (C) 1:06.32, 4. Tricker (N) 1:08.80, 6. Sperry (W) 1:10.75, 7. Davis (W) 1:12.54, 8. Middleton (N) 1:14.38, 9. Christie Stuart (W) 1:15.22, 14. Capofari (GC) 1:23.02.

> 400 freestyle relay: 1. Carmel (Shackell, Gorey,

5. Noblesville (Motz, Sutton, Middleton, Vohs) 3:58.31, 10. Guerin Catholic (Gove, Capofari, Deppen, Traggesser) 4:41.16.

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200 medley relay: 1. Hamilton ers (Sophie Blue, Frank-Emily Wolf) 1:48.29, 6. Hamilton Heights (Adalynn Gould, Anna Monnin, Quinn Thompson, Rachel England) 2:13.80.

200 freestyle: 1. Ayla Madara (HH) 1:53.86, 2. Emma Schumacher (F) 1:55.68, 3. Isabella Schmitt (HSE) 57.83, 6. Nguyen (F) (HSE) 1:56.29, 4. Lily Ziino (F) 1:56.48, 5. Mia Henderson (HSE) 1:56.75, 6. Brooklyn Penn (HSE) 1:57.16, 7. Alex Nguyen (F) 1:57.38, 17. Allie Bushey (HH) 2:17.43, 20. Monnin (HH) 2:20.38.

Francis (F) 2:09.39, 4. Amira Leer (HH) 2:11.69, 5. Mia Wilson (F) 2:11.70, 6. Avery Hannon (F) 2:12.48, 7. Lacey Huston (HSE) 2:13.74, 12. Gould (HH) 2:41.51, 15.

Thompson (HH) 2:52.82. (Kelsey Graham, Lauren 3. Zoeller (HSE) 24.12, 5. 26.78, 12. Anna McKeown Clarke (C) 57.10, 3. Kayla Ing, Ellason Miller, Kiley Sophia Hulen (HH) 24.60, Zoeller) 1:47.56, 2. Fish- 6. Payton Walker (HSE) 24.61, 7. Sopova (F) 24.92, ie Ramey, Polina Sopova, 8. Anna Irish (HSE) 25.01, 11. Claudia Piotrowski (F) 25.85, 14. England (HH) 28.87, 21. Hattie Graham (HH) 30.07.

100 butterfly: 1. Wolf (F) 55.50, 2. Miller (HSE) 56.25, 3. Naomi Haines (HSE) 57.08, 4. Huston 58.63, 7. Elise Eubank (F) 59.46, 14. Thompson (HH) 1:12.44, 17. Zoe Pickett (HH) 1:21.29

100 freestyle: Schwertfeger (F) 52.37, 2. Zoeller (HSE) 53.05, 3. Henderson (HSE) 53.41, 4. Clark, Barr) 3:28.45, 3. 1. Kendall Dieckman (HSE) (HH) 53.82, 6. Ramey (F) Westfield (Thomas, G. Al- 2:06.54, 2. Kinsey Bogaards 53.84, 8. Ella Chesterfield ley, Brown, Smith) 3:45.52, (HSE) 2:08.20, 3. Claure (HSE) 55.25, 10. Audrey

Cain (HH) 1:00.14, 16. England (HH) 1:05.01.

500 freestyle: 1. Wolf (F) 4:58.88, 2. Madara (HH) 5:04.71, 3. Dieckman (HSE) 5:08.17, 4. Schumacher (F) 5:09.21, 5. Leer 50 freestyle: 1. Emma (HH) 5:11.76, 6. Schmitt Southeastern Schwertfeger (F) 24.00, (HSE) 5:16.93, 7. Penn (F) 5:21.87, 13. Bushey (HH) 6:11.14.

> 200 freestyle relay: 1. Fishers (Ziino, Sopova, Hannon, Schwertfeger) 1:38.57, 2. Southeastern (Sophia Croy, Chesterfield, Walker, Irish) 1:40.49, 4. Heights (Hulen, Cain, Leer, Madara) 1:41.51.

100 backstroke: Haines (HSE) 57.00, 2. Bogaards (HSE) 58.52, 3. Blue (F) 59.67, 4. Graham (HSE) 1:00.43, 5. Eubank (F) 1:01.51, 6. Piotrowski (F) 1:02.81, 13. Cain (HH) 1:11.32, 14. Gould (HH) 1:14.29, 20. Selah Heuer (HH) 1:26.38.

100 breaststroke: 1. 200 individual medley: Ziino (F) 53.68, 5. Hulen Francis (F) 1:05.31, 2. Ing (HSE) 1:05.61, 3. Sopova

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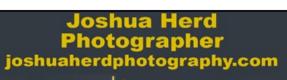
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### **SPORTS SCHEDULE**

### Friday, Feb. 7

GIRLS BASKETBALL Sectional 8 at Noblesville

Zionsville vs. Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m. Westfield vs. Noblesville, 7:45 p.m. Sectional 25 at Lebanon Guerin Catholic vs. Tri-West, 6 p.m. Danville vs. Brebeuf Jesuit, 7:30 p.m. Sectional 39 at Sheridan Elwood vs. Lapel, 6 p.m. Tipton vs. Sheridan, 7:30 p.m. Sectional 42 at Monrovia Riverside vs. Monrovia, 6 p.m. University vs. Covenant Christian, 7:30 p.m.

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**SWIM** 

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(F) 1:05.99, 4. Ramey (F) 1:06.14, 5. Sarah Cooper (HSE) 1:08.42, 6. Graham (HSE) 1:09.25, 15. Monnin (HH) 1:28.15.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Fishers (Wilson, Hannon, Schumacher, Ramey) 3:40.00, 2. Heights (Hulen, Cain, Leer, Madara) 3:44.22, 3. Southeastern (Schmitt, Henderson, Bo- Calili 1:07.95.

gaards, Haines) 3:46.05.

#### AT **LAFAYETTE JEFFERSON**

University results 200 freestyle: 6. Noa Submitted Calili 2:04.42.

50 freestyle: 12. Nia Williams 28.10, 24. Madison Encinia 33.62.

100 breaststroke: 3.



### Hamilton County's Hometown Newspaper



### 24/7 DINK Pickleball in Fishers celebrating grand opening next week

24/7 DINK Pickleball will soon hold the grand opening of its tech-enabled facility, located at 12520 E. 116th St., Fishers, housing 20 indoor pickleball courts and offering access 24 hours a day with no membership fees.

The group will celebrate with a ribbon cutting with Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness, OneZone Chamber of Commerce President Jack Russell, and other key stakeholders and partners at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 12 before opening to the public on Saturday, Feb. 15. A former Marsh Supermarket-turned-60,000square-foot state-of-the-art pickleball facility, 24/7 DINK provides players of all skill levels opportunities for leagues, lessons, and open play - easily accessible via its user-friend-

'Our goal with 24/7 DINK is to democratize the sport people of all ages have quickly grown to love and create a commuenjoy," said John Hurley, co-founder and CEO of 24/7 DINK. "By providing options for everyone at an affordable, flexible pricing model, we are excited to open the doors to our tech-enabled facility unlike any other that will be the go-to place for pickleball."

A key differentiator between 24/7 DINK and other facilities in the Indianapolis area is the technology that enhances players' experiences, from the 24/7 players to seamlessly book matches with friends or other people with a similar skill level and sign up for leagues and lessons, to the screens at each court listing players' names, scores, and more. The app is now available to download in the Google Play and Apple stores and is required for players to schedule play,

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nity hub for everyone to Supermarket at 116th Street and Brooks School Road demonstrates a commitment to the Fishers community, which has garnered widespread support both from elected officials and community members, who have long expressed their desire for the Marsh building, which has largely sat vacant for eight years, to transform into a place that can boost local businesses and benefit the community.

"The City of Fishers is DINK app, which allows thrilled to see 24/7 DINK open next month," Mayor Fadness said. "We wanted to make sure the right business could make use of this prime location in the former Marsh Supermarket building, and this new facility captures so much of what makes Fishers special: a project spearheaded by innovative, tech-minded entrepreneurs who are crepay for courts, and access ating unique amenities for the people who live, work The \$6 million invest- and play in our communi-

24/7 DINK co-founders John Hurley, Chief Executive Officer; Scott Brenton, Chief Operating Officer; and Ben Timby, Chief Data Scientist are successful tech entrepreneurs, first lending their expertise to build companies like ExactTarget and Angi's List during the budding days of Indianapolis's tech scene.

The 24/7 DINK facility was developed by New City Development. Isaac Bamgbose, the founder and CEO of New City Development, has been involved in iconic real estate redevelopment projects including the Ironworks Hotel & Apartments and the Bottle Works District in Indianapolis, as well as their most recent marquee project, Hobbs Station.

For more information about 24/7 DINK and to download the app to book your court, visit 247dink. com. You can also learn more about Fishers' economic development efforts at econdev.fishersin.gov.





**Wed Feb 5 - Council Meeting** 

**Upcoming Broadcasts** 

7:00 pm Hamilton County Council Regular Meeting Feb 5, 2025 | Hamilton County TV

#### Thurs Feb 6 - Boys Basketball 6:00 pm Mt Vernon vs Noblesville | Junior Varsity Basketball | HCTV Sports

7:20 pm Franklin Central vs HSE | Varsity Basketball | Southeastern Sports Network

7:30 pm Mt Vernon vs Noblesville | Varsity Basketball | HCTV Sports

#### Fri Feb 7 - IHSAA Girls Basketball 4A Sectional 8 6:00 pm Zionsville vs **Hamilton Southeastern** | Girls Basketball Sectional 8 | HCTV Sports

7:30 pm Westfield vs Noblesville | Girls Basketball Sectional 8 | HCTV Sports

### Sat Feb 8 - Boys Basketball

10:50 am Outlook Christian vs Horizon Christian | 2024-25 Youth Basketball | Indiana SRN 1:20 pm Culver Academy vs Guerin Catholic | 2024-25 IHSAA Boys Basketball | Indiana SRN

Sat Feb 8 - IHSAA Girls Basketball 4A Sectional 8 7:00 pm Sectional 8 Championship | Girls Basketball | HCTV Sports

### Tues Feb 11 - Boys Basketball

5:50 pm CYO Basketball Boys Basketball @ Scecina: Doubleheader | Indiana SRN

6:00 pm Anderson vs Noblesville | Junior Varsity | IHSAA Boys Basketball | HCTV Sports 7:20 pm Legacy Christian vs Horizon Christian | IHSAA Boys Basketball | Indiana SRN

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