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Multiple Town of Cicero departments will move from this location to a new location at 331 E. Jackson St.

# Cicero Clerk, Utilities, Planning Commission moving to new offices

The REPORTER

The Town of Cicero has announced that the Clerk Treasurer's office, the Cicero Utilities and Billing Department and Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission Offices will be moving to a new location at 331 E. Jackson St., which is a town owned property. These departments, which are currently housed at 150 W. Jackson St.,

will be closed to move on Friday, April 6 and Monday, April 9. Offices will re-open for business on Tuesday, April 10 at the

Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission Director C.J. Taylor will still be available to answer emails at ctaylor@ townofcicero.in.gov with any planning

If you have any questions regarding the office closure or new office location, please contact the Clerk Treasurer's office

at 317-984-4900. All Town Council meetings, Plan Commission meetings, BZA meetings and Cicero Economic Development Committee meetings will still be held at the Cicero Town Hall at 70 N. Byron St.

# Clothesline Project shows visible support for sexual assault survivors

**WISH-TV** wishtv.com

In recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month during April, Noblesville-based Prevail Inc. is participating in The Clothesline Project to bring healing and awareness to the Hamilton County community.

The project is part of a national effort and includes survivors of sexual assault,

domestic violence or child abuse designing T-shirts with their message to the world. The shirts are then hung on clotheslines to be displayed across the city and county.



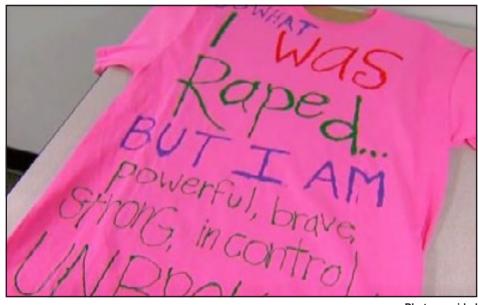
Corrao

"We really want people to recognize that this is happening to our community," said Susan Ferguson, executive director for Prevail Inc. "We hear all the time that they can't believe that we served almost 3,500 people last year, that we have 40-50 appointments a day walking through our door. People are amazed that this kind of service is even needed. So, we want people to know this is a real thing. This really happens to real people."

It even happened to a top executive at Prevail: Assistant Director Michelle

"When you think that there is no hope or help out there and you come upon a place is a miracle. Truly is a miracle," Corrao said.

She found healing 17 years ago as an attendee at Prevail's support groups. She helps direct the organization to reach



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thousands more who have unfairly experienced trauma at the hands of others.

"I was actually abducted from my home at gunpoint by three men and taken to a remote area and was beaten and sexually assaulted," she said, describing a 1996 incident in Fort Wayne. "And I made it out. It was a miracle that I lived through that. I was found in the trunk of my car by an off-duty detective."

Corrao, married with two children, has taken her powerful message of healing combined with Prevail's resources to the people of Hamilton County.

'People shut down and they don't talk about what happened to them and I think that The Clothesline Project gives

them an opportunity," she said.

Susan Ferguson gave 24-Hour News 8 a tour of some of the 300 T-shirts displayed this year. She explained that survivors create them at the end of a 12-week recovery program as a kind of graduation statement to summarize and release their emotions. It's also an opportunity for them to educate others and feel heard, she said.

"Love doesn't hurt,' 'Consent is Sexy," Ferguson reads off the shirts. "We do a lot of training about consent and what that means."

The shirts are categorized by color.

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# Noblesville plans to be revealed soon

By FRED SWIFT ReadTheReporter.com

Big things are about to be announced that could transform downtown Noblesville into a more attractive and accessible city center with long-awaited parking, housing and other amenities. Results of various studies and proposals will be revealed in coming days which, if implemented, would place the downtown area on equal footing with various other communities that ring Indianapolis.

City community relations director Robert Herrington said that on April 10 a plan devised by consultants to change the appearance of streets around the Courthouse Square will be presented in a 5 p.m. public meeting at City Hall.

Context, Inc. has drawn up a proposal that would change angle parking to parallel parking, create bike lanes and wider sidewalks. This plan by Context consultants also recognizes the need for additional parking before their streetscape plans can be implemented. Comments at the meeting from the public will be sought.

The Downtown Planning Committee, on which merchants and city officials are represented, has reviewed the plan. The committee has access to \$500,000 which comes from trash pick-up fees now charged to city property owners.

Proposing to meet the parking need, several private real estate developers have shown interest in building one or more multi-use complexes that would include commercial space, apartments and public parking in a multi-level structure. Such development would be located either south of the Square between 8th and 9th streets, west of the Square on the socalled Armory lot, or at a site near 6th and Conner streets.

City officials have not identified these developers. But, it is known that some of their plans are similar to the type of mixed use developments built in downtown Carmel and other cities around the country.

In the meantime, the Noblesville Parking Task Force is proposing improvements to existing municipal parking lots where aging meters, landscaping and pavement are said to need updating. For this improvement, some of the \$500,000 may be available.

At nearly the same time as all this, there are plans to reveal the use of the former Nickel Plate railroad right-of-way between Pleasant Street and the downtown area for

See *Plans* . . . Page 2

## Carmel park shut down due to flooding

The REPORTER

The City of Carmel announced Wednesday that floodwater has shut down Carmel's Flowing Well Park.

The park and its natural spring is a longtime favorite of area residents

and visitors from throughout Indiana. City officials indicated because the floodwater has reached the public water access site the city will be con-

ducting decontamination procedures. Carmel is also warning area residents to use caution at Hazel Landing Park due to the fluctuating water levels of White River. City officials stated the park's road and parking lot have become impassable.

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## Officials come together to discuss school safety Plans-

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Keeping your children safe in school was the name of the game Tuesday when some of Indiana's top educators gathered together in one room.

They were there to talk school safety and security.

Ideas and topics tossed around came on the heels of tragic school shootings in the United States. Indiana education leaders tried to hash out tangible solutions.

Jennifer McCormick, the state superintendent of public instruction, said, "My fear is I've been in some schools where we'll talk to kids, we'll talk to educators, and they're like 'We don't run drills.' That's very concerning if something happens and

you've not practiced it."

Which why she wants all schools to be part of Indiana's School Safety Training Acade-

Susan Brooks, a Republican, said, "I would strongly encourage them because this is free training for them."

Started in 1999, Indiana's School Safety Training Academy gives educators training in emergency

preparedness, school security and similar matters. Brooks said, "I'd really

like to try to take the lessons they've learned, the you have to hire folks to do

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**McCormick** 

**Brooks** 

with state lawmakers Tuesday to talk about the program. She said, "Making sure we're running drills. Making

sure we're par-

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country.'

ticipating in the safety academy, school having a school safety specialist on campus. All those items are free per se. I know time is not free and it. We're not talking a lot of additional dollars.'

So, for schools in the program, where is the money going to come from?

McCormick said, "They need people. So, school resource officers who are trained, school law enforcement. That's a big conversation right now. Also, the conversation about equipment ... whether it's panic buttons or cameras, apps for different safety measures."

She said money is somewhere.

McCormick said, "A lot of those things are quite pricey, so some of our districts that are struggling financially; it can be a real struggle. But, that's where some of the grants and being aggressive and saying 'We're going to go after every bit of money that we can from the federal level and certainly from the state."

Brooks said Indiana schools are focusing on mental health training and resources in schools, but Indiana's youth suicide rate surprised her. McCormick said they're working hard to address those

Lawmakers tried to get some school safety bills passed in the session that recently ended, but, Mc-Cormick said, the conversation about school safety is going to have to go into

a walking and bike trail that will eventually link the city center with the Midland Trail, an east-west pedestrian and bike greenway now under construction.

The Nickel Plate will continue to be an active rail line north of downtown where an excursion train is expected to be running by this summer, according to County Tourism Director Brenda Myers. The train

will take passengers to Atlanta and back which officials hope will add to the popularity of Noblesville's downtown as a tourist destination. Add to this a soon to be announced a "marketing plan" for downtown, and the public can expect a much different downtown assuming the Noblesville city administration approves and can coordinate the various proposals.

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#### SUPPORT -

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Pink, orange and red shirts indicate the creator is a survivor of sexual assault. Yellow and tan shirts are for domestic violence survivors, blue and green are for victims of incest of child abuse, white represents someone who died as a result of their abuse, and purple shirts are for those targeted for assault because of their sexual orientation.

"It can be as powerful as 'You killed me in 2008' to 'Look at my life now," Corrao said. "Seeing the good that has come out of the bad."

Corrao said personally more good than bad has come from her assault, and she and Prevail Inc. encouraged anyone seeking help to contact their 24/7 hotline at 317-773-3472. More resources, including information about Prevail Inc.'s free support groups, can be found on their website, prevailinc.com.

You can see Clothesline Project for yourself at the Prevail Inc. office, 1100 S. 9th St., Noblesville, and throughout the month of April at Noblesville City Hall, Sheridan Public Library, Westfield Washington Public Library, St Vincent Hospital on 86th Street, First Baptist Church of Westfield, Riverview Womens Center, Ivy Tech Noblesville, Sheridan Police Department, The Mustard Seed in Fishers, GiGi's Cupcakes in Carmel and more.

Other businesses are welcome to contact Prevail Inc. if they would like to participate in the project.

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# Reader calls sign ordinance "debacle"

Dear Editor

I'm sending this letter to respond to the sign ordinance debacle and share what I have communicated to and from Jim Ake, Westfield City Council President. I'm calling it a debacle because the County Commissioners have now passed three different ordinances, repealed the first two, and the City of Westfield has passed an ordinance but held off on publishing. Cindy Spoljaric, Westfield City Councilor, suggested holding off on the vote on the ordinance until a determination at the County was made, but then she voted for the ordinance.

#### Email sent to Jim Ake on April 3: Jim,

Saw your comments in Current today. This morning before 9:30 the Hamilton County Commissioners repealed the ordinance the City ordinance mirrored.

Last Thursday Judge Hughes pointed out many flaws. The Commission passed a new sign ordinance with many changes including taking out the \$500 fine.

What are you going to do now? Maybe you should have accepted Council-

or Spoljaric's suggestion. Clearly Attorney Zaiger couldn't predict the out-

Oh, the Ordinance to amend the UDO regarding signs didn't have a public hearing at Monday's APC.

Respectfully, Linda Naas

#### Jim Ake's response, April 4:

This proposal was agreed to by the four mayors and county commissioners to address the public demand to eliminate ground sign clutter in a clear, enforceable and consistent county wide manner. The ordinance was properly promulgated. After council introduction on March 12, I received only I comment on this legislation. On March 26th, Council voted 7 - 0 and it passed.

Council is in support of the county in adopting the same ordinance. We held back our publication to see if a ruling on the county ordinance came just in case. We will follow suit with the county and will continue to do so as to avoid a tangled web of rules and obligations for Washington Township.

Jim Ake, April 4, copying the entire City Council:

What about consistency throughout the county as it relates to state jurisdiction? I think the argument for consistency falls apart when you don't include state. Throughout the city and county there are state highways. So why not support an ordinance that is consistent with state code at least? Are you expecting candidates, volunteers and private residents to decipher the differences?

So does that mean the City will repeal and adopt an ordinance similar to the Commissioner's yesterday and whatever happens beyond that, the City will continue to mirror? Why should the residents of Westfield care what 3 other Mayors think when no one asked what they think? So it's not about public safety but about "ground sign clutter"? Your City government hasn't enforced other ground sign clutter since the 2014 ordinance. But sign clutter is preference for appearance and doesn't outweigh rights to free speech.

Where is proof that political signs cause accidents as you claim the cause of public safety? Do we have police reports?

Clearly from the meeting yesterday, the county commissioners don't care what the Sheriff thinks about the difficulty of enforcing such an ordinance. Who will enforce at the City level of government?

Where is the public demand you mention? Show us the evidence of your claim.

Why no public hearings? I don't think you know what the public thinks without those. You mention one comment you received; was that from Rick McKinney, County Council? It seems you and the City can't accept state code as sufficient and continue to encroach on people's right to free speech and their private property rights.

With your comments in the Current, the \$500 fines were brought out which is telling of your view and motivation if this is the important point to make. The commissioners knew enough from Court to remove the fines from their newly voted sign ordinance.

Did you forget that the Westfield ordinance in existence before 3/26/18 protected public safety in regards to political signs? So it's not about that

Is it unbridled power? I can legislate, so I do.

The timing of this issue on sign ordinance clearly shows it is about "political signs". Otherwise, you and the county commissioners would have taken the time to study the issue and not make such a debacle of it. The commissioners have now passed 3 different ordinances and the latest doesn't match the City's.

Your champion in this matter, Mark Heirbrandt (Westfield resident and County Commissioner) violated all government level ordinances in his last election when he left his signs up beyond 6 days after the primary election through the general election and beyond. Mayor Cook's large signs remained up during the entire time primary to general. Will you continue to choose on whom to enforce the sign ordinance, which is a political action?

Respectfully, Linda Naas Westfield

Letters

# Letter guidelines this election season

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Reporter, your hometown newspaper, is always willing to publish Letters to the Editor in our pages. But with the approach of the May

8 Primary Election, we are establishing some guidelines to keep things fair and balanced.

Letters to the Editor addressing new topics about the upcoming election or the policies of individual candidates will be accepted until the end of business

on Friday, April 27 and will be published on Saturday, April 28.

Letters in response to new topics published in our

April 28 edition will be accepted until Tuesday, May 1 and will be published in our May 2 edition.

These deadlines will give candidates and their

supporters the opportunity to reply to letters sent the last week of April.

Please send your letters to News@ReadTheReporter.com.

Letters to the Editor do not represent the opinions of The Reporter or our staff.

# have accepted CouncilMy email response to My email response to My email response to My email response to public safety? Do we have it's not about that.

Dear Editor:

To the Commissioners of Hamilton County and the City Council of Westfield:

As a candidate for Washington Township Trustee in Westfield, Hamilton County, Indiana, I am writing in response to the latest version of the County Commissioner's Sign Ordinance as well as Westfield's Sign Ordinance Number 18-07 which is said to "mirror" the County Ordinance.

In my opinion, there are a myriad of problems with both the City and County Ordinance, particularly when compared to law written in other counties in other states. For the sake of argument, I will use an example from St. John's County, Florida, which employs extremely rigid directives regarding clutter on private property.

Available via the St. John's County website, under the Code Enforcement Tab, the public can educate themselves about the intent of their codes and the enforcement process. Violations are handled by a local citizens board and the website states, "Obviously, education of the public can be the most effective tool that Code Enforcement officials have at their disposal."

I agree that code infractions exist because people often do not realize what they are doing is against the law. To remain compliant, specifically regarding (original ordinance) Section 6, I wrote to both the assistant to the Hamilton County Com-

missioners and the Westfield City Council for clarity. I was provided with the following responses:

From Dan Stevens, Assistant to the Hamilton County Commissioners: "As long as you are within the criteria set out in 36-1-3-11, a sign that size on private property would not violate the County's Ordinance."

From Chuck Lehman, Westfield City Council: "Thanks for your question. The original intent of our ordinance was not to override the state (or county) statute(s). It is my understanding that our intention is to mirror the current ordinances of the state and county. This detail will be a point of interest in our discussions."

From Cindy Spoljaric, Westfield City Council: "Marla, the political sign provisions are different from other non-commercial signs. Think a sign advertising a school fundraiser for instance ... from what I read, 4 sq ft limit on private property. Political signs have special provisions in state code. You could still see someone with a sign greater than 4 sq feet advertising for a political campaign on private property within those 60 days, as long as it doesn't violate anything else ... like adequate sight distance at an intersection. This is my understanding. I am not an attorney or code enforcement on the matter though. If you have a specific sign/ location, may want to specifically ask Matt."

If the Hamilton County and City of Westfield Ordinances are not designed to interfere with Indiana State Code, is it necessary to "reinvent" any code? Must we be reminded of these codes with stiff penalties? Mrs. Spoljaric's email directs me to "ask Matt." Matt Skelton is the Economic Director in Westfield and an attorney. Do I really need to jump through these hoops if the law and available information is clear?

In St. John's County, there is a process which includes written warnings, a period of time to achieve compliance, first and second-offense fines are followed by and non-compliance violations "which can go as high \$500."

There is an entire webpage linked to other pages that will take you to the correct information including phone numbers, the local codes under which these rules exist and which unit of government oversees each department.

I'm not suggesting St. John's County, Florida, has everything right. I am disputing the idea that the Hamilton County Commissioner's Ordinance has been given great thought. I am arguing the notion that this ordinance has been written to better protect the public. I do not believe that the City Council of Westfield gave proper rationalization to their ordinance, but rather followed in-kind by drafting a hurriedly written, ill-timed ordinance to satisfy their urgent need (the May 8 Primary Election) to thwart aspirant candidates for election.

Should the Commissioners and local councilors decide that these signs pose an extreme threat to their constituency, perhaps they who seem most offended by the clutter, will not order and erect their signs in next year's election cycle.

Respectfully submitted, Marla Ailor

Candidate for Washington Township Trustee Washington Township

Washington Township resident



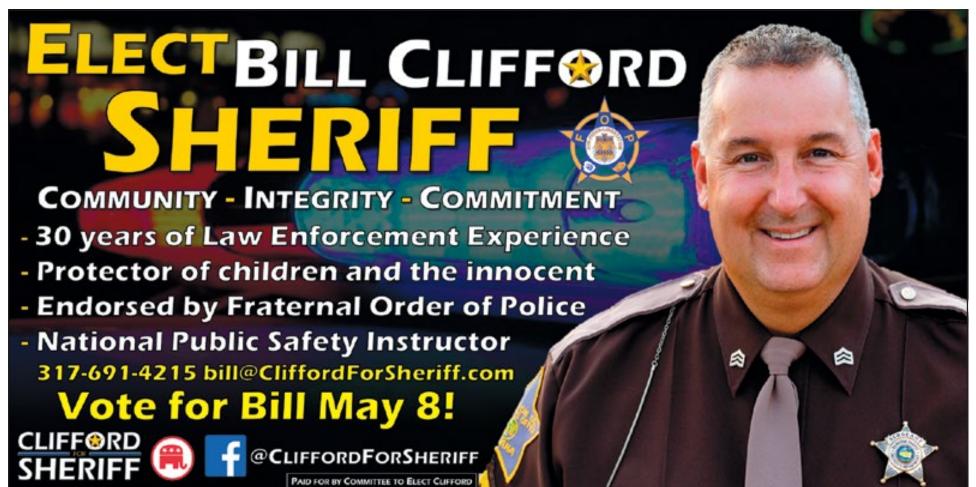
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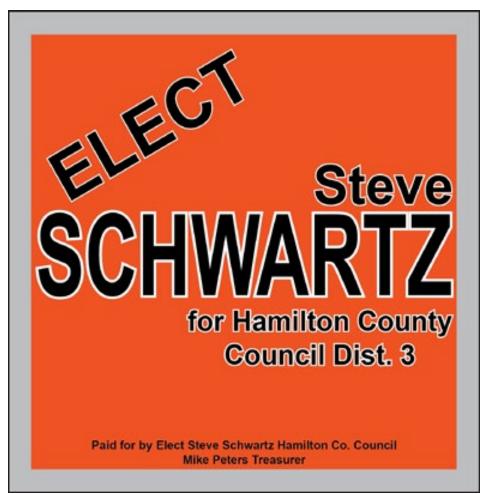
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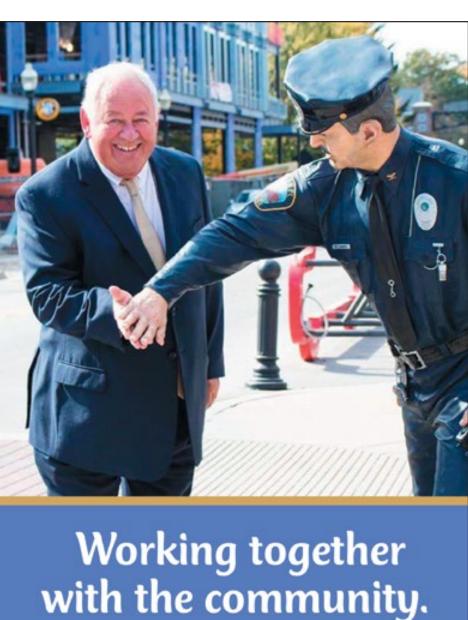
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# Small-business funder CIFI elects Carol Gassen to board

#### The REPORTER

Carol Gassen, VP, Chief Compliance, and CRA Officer of Carmel-based Merchants Bank of Indiana, is joining the board of the Community Investment Fund of Indiana (CIFI). Gassen is one of two new members of the board.

The other is Sharron Liggins, Executive Director of the Continuum of Care Network in Gary. Each was elected to a two-year term covering 2018-2019.

CIFI loans funds to Indiana's smallest businesses - many minority-owned, newer businesses or in rural areas – that may not qualify for conventional financing or need additional funding to support growth. Created with support from Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA), it is funded by Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, Indiana banks, other business organizations and grants.

Remaining CIFI Board members include:

- Matt Murphy, CFO, Strada Education Network, Indianapolis (CIFI Board President);
- Todd Flick, Senior VP, Fifth Third Bank Indianap-

olis (CIFI Board Treasurer);

- Kristin Pruitt, Executive VP, Lake City Bank, Warsaw (CIFI Board Secretary);
- Larry Gautsche, Executive Director, LaCasa, Inc., Goshen;
- Charles Kennedy, Executive VP, Cambridge Capital Management Corp., Indianapolis
- Carrie Kosac, VP, 1st Source Bank, South Bend;
- David Reingold, Dean, College of Liberal Arts, Purdue University, West Lafayette; and
- J. Jacob Sipe, Executive Director, Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority, Indianapolis.

Phil Black, CIFI executive director, said, "CIFI works with community organizations and our financial partners throughout the State of Indiana to assist small businesses, which are not able to get traditional loans or are in need of additional financing in conjunction with our financing partners. Many of our borrowers have loan requests of \$10,000 to \$50,000 used to support general working capital needs."

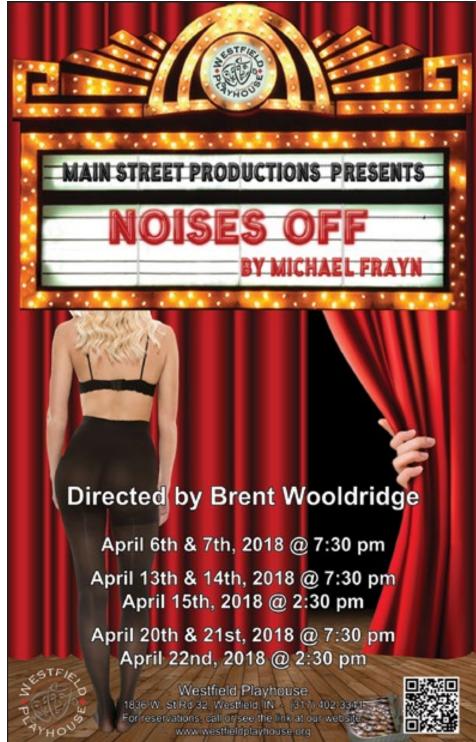
As of early 2018, CIFI

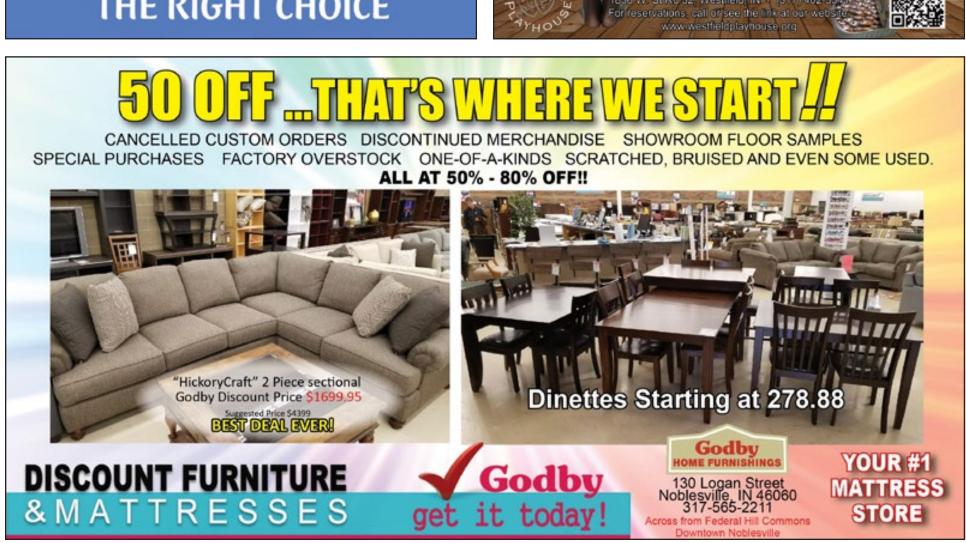
has loaned \$2.2 million and created or sustained over 100 jobs while providing assistance to over 25 small companies.

# About Community Investment Fund of Indiana

Community Investment Fund of Indiana (CIFI) provides loans and access to community development services to small businesses, low-income individuals, economic development groups and housing developers in low-and-moderate income areas of Indiana. CIFI is a state-wide, private, non-profit lender funded by banks and other members of the Indiana business community. Banks can get a CRA Credit for investing in CIFI. CIFI has loaned \$2.2 million leveraging 45 million and, creating or saving over 100 jobs. For more information, visit capitalizingindiana.org.

CIFI is co-managed by Cambridge Capital Management Corp. of Indianapolis. For over 34 years, Cambridge Capital has provided non-traditional financing to small businesses located throughout Indiana. Learn more at cambridge-capitalmgmt.com.





## Learn about trends in new office space

#### The REPORTER

Traditional workplaces with private offices and cubicles are giving way to those with flexible open spaces and amenities that bridge the gap between work and life. A panel of experts on industry trends will explore the new landscape and options for meeting the needs of today's workforce at OneZone's luncheon on Tuesday, April 17 at Ritz Charles, 12156 N. Meridian St., Carmel. Check-in begins at 11 a.m. and the luncheon runs from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Brian Askins, Executive VP Office Services at Colliers International, will moderate the panel. Panelists include:

- Sam Mishelow, Chief Officer, Meyer Strategy Najem
- · Jeryl Mitsch, President, Mitsch Design
- Sim Nabors, Principal & Director of Interior De-

• Michelle Nuckols. Partner, Architects Forum

Corporate tables of eight and individual seats are available. Reservations are required by 3 p.m. on Friday, April 13. Cost is \$25 for OneZone members and \$35 for non-members. Visit onezonecommerce. **com** or call 317-436-4653 to make reservations.

#### About OneZone

OneZone, a Hamilton County chamber of commerce, serves the Central Indiana business community as a commerce connector, strong voice, significant presence and business advocate in an ever-changing marketplace. With OneZone, businesses get an organization that reaches across municipal boundaries – just the way business does - to deliver more impact and more opportunities more efficiently.

Hospitals join forces to address health needs

Statewide collaboration seeks input from residents, leaders . . .

#### The REPORTER

Hospital systems throughout Indiana are working together to assess the health needs of their communities by asking Hoosiers to take a survey.

Community Health Network, Community Healthcare System, Deaconess Health System, Franciscan Health, Gibson General Hospital, Hendricks Regional Health, Indiana University Health, Methodist Hospitals, North Central Health Services, Riverview Health and St. Vincent in collaboration

with The University of Evansville are included in a statewide collaborative, which will begin targeting communities in 39 counties to find out what residents feel are the most important issues that impact their health and well-being.

Throughout the month of April, My Community Health Needs Assessment surveys will be mailed to more than 80,000 randomly selected Indiana addresses. The survey, which takes only 10-15 minutes to complete, includes a range of questions about health

care access, perception of social services and what health issues are in need of improvement. Click here to see a sample survey.

In addition, public service announcements will begin running in television and radio markets where the surveys are mailed encouraging participation in the My Community Health Needs Assessment survey.

Click here to view the PSA or click here to listen to the audio version.

The opinions and other information compiled from the survey will be used by local hospitals and other healthcare organizations to determine where resources and services are most in need throughout the state. Healthcare officials will also gain a better understanding from the survey on how to fashion state and local health programs to best address pressing issues such as opioid abuse, infant mortality, and tobacco addiction.

The community health needs assessment is conducted every three years as directed by the federal government.

#### Seasonal allergies and your eyes

#### **StatePoint**

Suffering from itchy, watery eyes? You may have ocular allergies or you could have another issue entirely, such as chronic dry eyes. Experts say that getting the correct diagnosis is the only way to treat symptoms properly.

"Chronic dry eye often mimics the symptoms of seasonal allergies and must be approached entirely differently," says Arian Fartash, VSP network optometrist. "Many over-thecounter allergy treatments can actually make dry eyes worse, so make an appointment with your eye doctor to determine the exact cause of your discomfort."

If your itchy and watery eyes are diagnosed as ocular allergies, Dr. Fartash recommends taking the following

- Limit your exposure to pollen on high pollen count
- · Wash your face after being outside to reduce the amount of pollen on the best by getting your eye
  - Use cold compresses nosed and treated.

for some added relief.

- Don't rub your eyes, as this will increase your body's overreaction to the irritants.
- Remove contact lenses, which can attract allergens that accumulate throughout the day. Consider wearing your glasses or switching to daily disposable contacts during allergy season.
- Try over-the counter eye drops. There are a number of allergy drops that are formulated to relieve itchiness, redness and watery eyes. But consult your optometrist to find out which are the best recommended.
- Consider prescription medications. If the symptoms won't go away, you might need something stronger. Go see your eye doctor to discuss if a prescription medication is right for you. You can find a doctor local to you by consulting the VSP-network at vsp.com/find-eye-doctors.

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# Attorney General critical of anti-shoplifting program

#### The REPORTER

An anti-shoplifting program developed by Corrective Education Company ("CEC") and implemented by Walmart at 36 Indiana locations created legal issues and questions that warranted a review by the Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill. Upon receiving notification of the Attorney General's concerns, Walmart voluntarily agreed to discontinue the program.

Under the now discontinued program, a person suspected of shoplifting was detained by a Walmart agent or employee and escorted in temporary custody to the loss-prevention area of the store. A person trained in the program then obtained personal identification information from the suspect and ran the data to determine if he or she was a "first-time offender" at a Walmart location. In order to qualify for the program, the suspect had to be a first-time offender and between the ages of 18 and 65 years old.

If eligible, the suspect watched a four-minute CEC video and is offered a choice: (1) enter into a contract with CEC to pay \$400 and complete an "educa-

tion course" via a six-hour online program; or (2) decline the program and subject himself to immediate referral to law enforcement, meaning arrest. The contract also generally re-

quired the suspect to sign a written confession.

The Attorney General's Office began its review of the CEC program following a request for a legal opinion by Tippecanoe County Prosecuting Attorney Pat Harrington. Harrington reported his concerns that the CEC agreements employed by Walmart in Tippecanoe County were "private" agreements to relinquish law enforcement action, which Harrington believed to be inappropriate and contrary to law.

The Attorney General's review, which included the cooperation of CEC and Walmart officials, determined that the retailer was offering to forgo contacting the police in exchange for suspects agreeing to enter into their program. Indiana law is clear on the manner and authority in which re-

Hill

tailers may lawfully detain shoplifting suspects and law enforcement's role in that process.

According to Hill, Walmart stated that it adopted this program offered by

CEC because it believed that the program was a more effective way to cope with what Walmart sees as a "growing problem" of shoplifting. Walmart also cites what it perceives as the hostility of the justice system to the high volume of cases brought by its stores. The lack of support has become so apparent that ordinances have been passed in cities such as Kokomo and Beech Grove, where entities like Walmart can be declared "public nuisances," and assessed monetary fines for calling the police too often.

Hill noted as of Nov. 20, 2017, that the would-be public "nuisance" known as Walmart is the single largest private-sector employer in the State of Indiana.

See the full opinion here

#### **Meeting Notices**

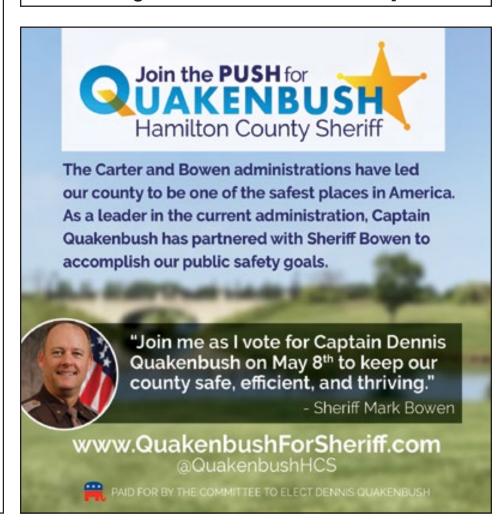
A Special Meeting for the Cicero Town Council is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 2018 at Cicero Town Hall, 70 N. Byron St., Cicero, IN.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5(a) The Hamilton County Health Board will hold its quarterly meeting at 8 a.m. on Thursday, April 12, 2018, at the Hamilton County Health Department, 18030 Foundation Drive, Suite A, Noblesville, IN 46060. The purpose of this meeting is for discussion of health department issues.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County E911 Executive Board will meet at 8 a.m. on Monday, April 9, 2018, in the Mayor's Conference Room in Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville, IN. The discussion will be regarding E911 operations.

The Westfield Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, in the Assembly Room of Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St., Westfield, IN 46074.

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





### TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous, And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets. Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers.

*Matthew 23:29-32 (KJV)* 

#### John A. Rodenbarger Sr. May 15, 1933 - April 2, 2018

John A. Rodenbarger Sr., 84, Noblesville, passed away on Monday, April 2, 2018 at Riverview Health. He was born on May 15, 1933 to John and Bertha Rodenbarger in Indianapolis.

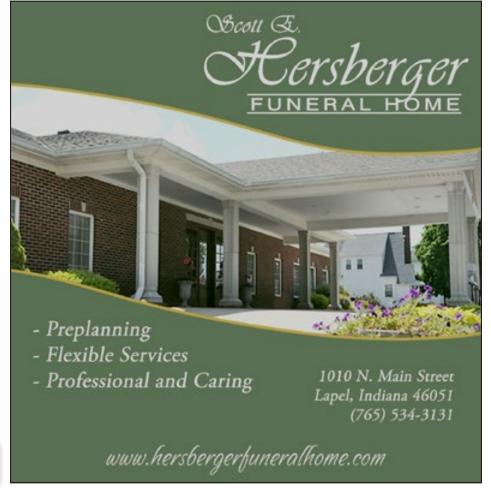
> John proudly served his country in the United States Army and worked as a pipe fitter for Western Electric for 27 years. He also owned his own plumbing and heating business. John was the president of the Humane Society for Hamilton County, and raised and showed Siberian Huskies for several years. He was also an avid woodworker who enjoyed making things.

John is survived by his son, Scott Rodenbarger; and grandchildren, Jennifer Key Wells and Constance Rodenbarger.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Julia Kay Rodenbarger in 2000.

Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes has been entrusted with John's care. Condolences: randallroberts.com

**Arrangements** Condolences: randallroberts.com





LaVerne Muriel Houser, 94, Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at her home. She was born on May 18, 1923 to Lee Roy Brissey and Goldie Muriel (Sherratt) Brissey in Oskaloosa, Iowa.

LaVerne was a homemaker and a member of Noblesville First Church of the Nazarene where she taught Sunday School and was active in various church missionary activities and programs.

She is survived by her children, Diana Hamlin, Patricia Sue Tillman, Michael Lee (Cindy) Houser and Beth Jo (Steve) Ricks; 28 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, LaVerne was preceded in death by her husband Kenneth Houser in 1996.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, April 6, 2018 at First Church of the Nazarene, 1399 Greenfield Ave., Noblesville, with visitation from 9:30 a.m. to the time of service. Rev. Robert L. Donham will officiate. Burial

will be at Riverside Cemetery in Noblesville. Memorial contributions may be made to First Church of the Nazarene, 1399 Greenfield Ave., Noblesville, IN 46060.

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<u>Arrangements</u> Calling: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., April 6 Service: 10:30 a.m., April 6 Location: First Church of the Nazarene Condolences: randallroberts.com



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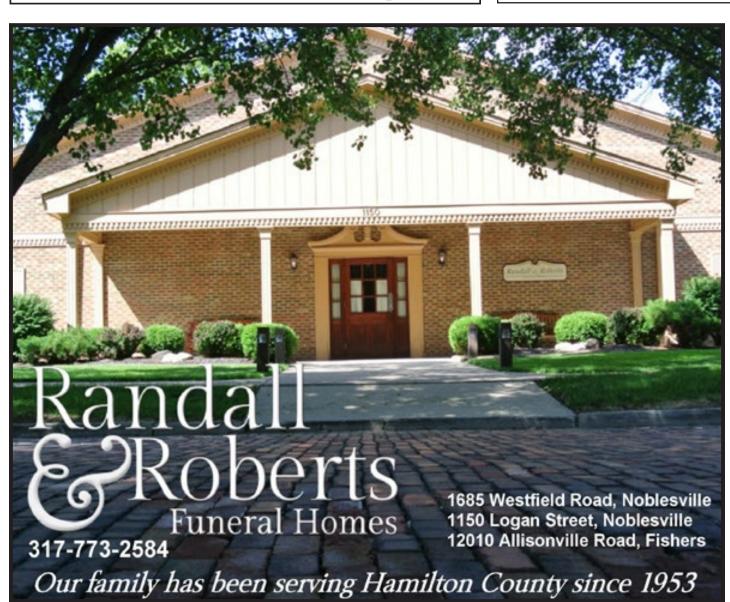
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Baseball

# Golden Eagles return to action with win

After a week off, the Guerin Catholic baseball team was back in action Wednes-

The Golden Eagles hosted Pendleton Heights in a game that was moved to Grand Park. It was back and forth until the bottom of the second inning, when Guerin Catholic poured in seven runs. That would carry the Golden Eagles to a 9-3 victory.

Guerin Catholic was happy to get a game in, as coach Rich Andriole was aware that other teams haven't been able to thanks to the contrary weather in Indiana over the past few weeks.

"You try to get into a rhythm early, but this weather's been tough on every single team, definitely in the area and probably statewide," said Andriole. "I had a friend call me and said he lost five games here at the beginning of the year, so we're all in the same boat. We're just trying to get into a rhythm.'

The Arabians scored the first run of the game in the top of the first, after which Guerin Catholic answered with a run in the bottom of the inning. Keenan Taylor got GC on the board on a fielder's choice from Owen Hargrave; Taylor hit a triple to get on base.

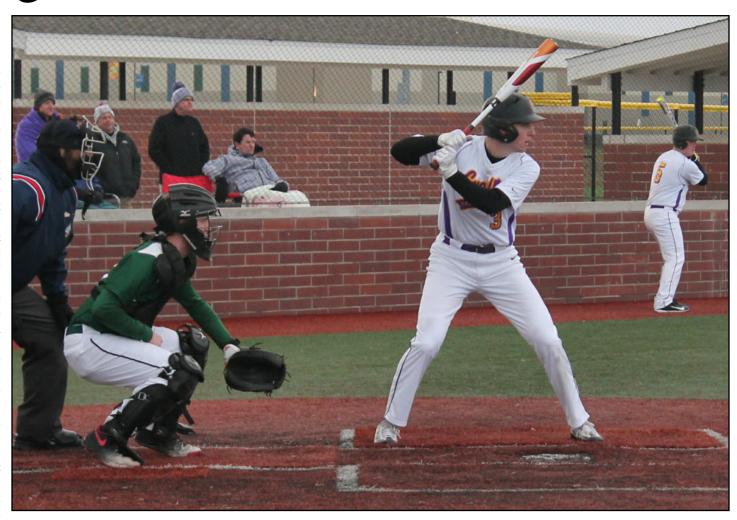
"I thought early we were a little shaky, a little rusty," said Andriole. "We hadn't played in a week."

A sacrifice fly moved Pendleton ahead 2-1 in the top of the second, but the Golden Eagles quickly took control of the game with seven runs in the bottom of that inning. It started with Bennett Ely scoring on an error to tie the game.

That was during Taylor's second at-bat of the game, and he walked to load the bases. On the next play, Guerin scored two, with really good as the game went on." Sam Joyal and Brendan Downey getting home after Hargrave reached on error.

Taylor and Hargrave scored soon after, this after Luke Godfrey reached on error. Another error would send Jake Andriole home, with Ely reaching first. Godfrey scored the final run of the inning; he was batted in by a Nick Bingman single.

"I thought we got better as the game also tossed four strikeouts. went on," said Andriole. "Our pitching was



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Guerin Catholic's Owen Hargrave went 2-for-4 at the plate for the Golden Eagles in their Wednesday win over Pendleton Heights in a game at Grand Park. Guerin Catholic is 2-0 for the season.

The Golden Eagles scored an additional run in the fifth inning, with Bingman getting home on an error.

Hargrave finished the game 2-for-4, and also had a stolen base to his credit. On the mound, Max Engelking got the win, pitching three innings with four strikeouts. Matt Parenteau pitched the middle innings and

Guerin Catholic is now 2-0 for the

season. The Golden Eagles were to play in the Catholic Classic this weekend at Lafayette Central Catholic, but the event was canceled due to field conditions after the rainy weather. Guerin Catholic's next game will be Tuesday when it hosts Bishop Chatard in a Circle City Conference game.

#### Guerin Catholic 9, **Pendleton Heights 3**

Guerin	AB	R	Н	RBI	
Keenan Taylor	3	2	1	0	
Owen Hargrave	4	1	2	1	
Jake Andriole	4	1	0	0	
Luke Godfrey	3	1	0	0	

Nate Bingman Sam Joyal Max Engelking Tristan George Brendan Downey Matt Parenteau Totals Score by innings Pendleton 110 001 0-338 170 010 x - 960 3B: Taylor. SB: Hargrave. HBP: Godfrey. Guerin pitching Engelking (W) Parenteau Strikeouts: Engelking 4, Parenteau 4, Downey 1. Walks: Engelking 2, Downey 1.

Bennett Elv





Tuesday April 17 Softball

**Hamilton Southeastern at Westfield** 



Wed. April 18 Men's Lacrosse

**Noblesville at Hamilton Southeastern** 



Friday April 20 Baseball

Hamilton Southeastern at Westfield



Wed. April 25 Men's Lacrosse



\*\*\* Outdoor Games are Scheduled Weather Permitting \*\*\*

At Super Preps opener...

# Royals easily beat Ballard

Hamilton Southeastern got off to a solid past Louisville Ballard 11-0 in five innings on Wednesday.

The Royals, ranked No. 7 in Class 4A, scored four runs in the top of the first inning and never looked back. Jacob Daftari got Southeastern on the board with a two-RBI single. That was followed by an RBI double for Jake Stout, then Zach Boyle hit a single to score another run.

The Royals scored two runs in the third. Stout sent Daftari home on a single, then later scored himself after Boyle reached on error. This was followed by four more HSE runs in the fourth: Cole DeWael had an RBI single, then Daftari smacked a triple into center field to score two runs. Stout sent Daftari home on a single.

Cam Bolling scored the Royals' final run start at the Super Preps tournament, cruising of the game in the fifth inning, after getting on base with a double.

Daftari and Stout both finished the game 3-for-3, with Daftari totaling four RBIs and Stout batting in three runs. DeWael was 2-for-3 at the plate.

Tyler Schweitzer got the win, tossing four strikeouts in three innings.

Southeastern is 2-2 and will play Louisville Trinity at 5 p.m. today.

#### Southeastern 11, Ballard 0 (5 innings)

Southeastern AB R Anthony Eggers Drew Switzer Cole DeWael Bravton Harrison Matt Buckingham Jake Houston Greyson Droste Jacob Daftari Jake Stout Zach Boyle Jack Dewolf Jacob Garcia Cam Bolling Totals 11 Score by Quarters

Southeastern 402 41 - 11 11 0 000 00 - 0 34 Ballard 3B: Daftari. 2B: Bolling, Stout. SB: Buckingham, Stout. HBP: Droste.

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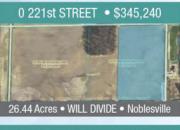
#### Miller-Tiger baseball doubleheader today

The Noblesville-Fishers baseball series will begin with a doubleheader today at 4 p.m. The teams will play at Noblesville's Don Dunker Field.



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#### **Swimmers of the Year**

Kelly Pash and Trude Rothrock, Carmel

#### First Team

Sarah Ballard **Emily Barnes** Meredith Berglund Kendra Bowen Alyssa Conley **Taylor Conley** Katie Dougherty Colleen Duffy Grace Estabrook Abby Harter Samantha Hietpas Sammy Huff Abigail Jahns Amilia Nusbaum Grace Pangburn Kelly Pash Trude Rothrock

Southeastern Southeastern Senior Carmel Carmel Junior Carmel Senior Carmel Senior

Carmel Carmel Carmel Southeastern Fishers Noblesville Fishers Fishers Carmel Carmel Carmel

Sophomore Sophomore Sophomore

Freshman Senior Sophomore Junior Freshman Sophomore Senior Junior Junior Senior

Halli Siwik Ashley Underhill Erin Verbrugge Avery Williams

Morgan Booth

Morgan Casey

Olivia Harter

Alaina Heyde

Madison Kertin

**Grace Mossing** 

Sarah Myung

Ellie Pedersen

Hannah Pratt

Hannah Pugh

Kara Robeson

Nicole Rueff

Kyla Srncik

Hannah White

Miya Wai

Molly Pedersen

Southeastern Carmel Westfield Carmel

**Second Team** 

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Junior Junior Junior

Sophomore

Junior Freshman Freshman Freshman Senior Freshman Sophomore Sophomore Freshman Sophomore

Southeastern Junior Fishers Junior Fishers Junior Fishers Sophomore Fishers Junior Carmel Junior

Rachel Young

Corinne Yorkman

Sophie Carmosino Jordan Cooley Gillian Cripe Kerry Effinger Ellen Fero Katherine Hand Abby Harvey Mia Herzog Lily Hunter Sarah Jarding Laura MacLafferty Caitlin Marshall Molly Ruggles Rachel Sanqunetti Bri Saple

Victoria Vicory

Kayleigh Witt

Fishers Carmel Sophomore Junior

#### **Third Team**

Noblesville Noblesville Noblesville Westfield Fishers Westfield Noblesville Westfield Westfield Carmel Southeastern Noblesville Westfield Heights Southeastern Southeastern

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Senior Freshman Senior Junior Sophomore Junior Freshman Junior Junior Sophomore Junior Freshman Senior Junior Sophomore

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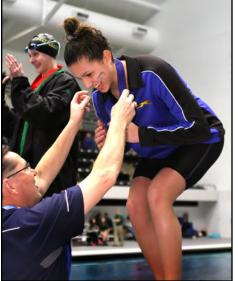
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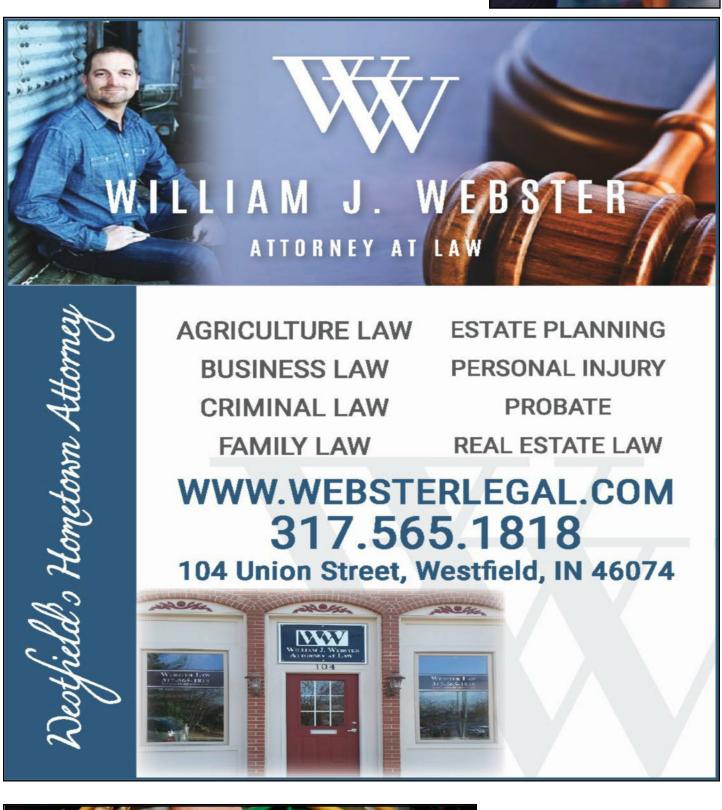
Sophomore

Carmel's Kelly Pash won four state championships for the Greyhounds this season. Pash finished first in the 200 and 100 freestyle races, and was also part of the winning medley and 400 freestyle relays.

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Sports Sports

# **NBA** standings

Wednesday's scores
Philadelphia 115, Detroit 108
Orlando 105, Dallas 100
Miami 115, Atlanta 86
Toronto 96, Boston 78
New Orleans 123, Memphis 95
L.A. Lakers 122, San Antonio 112, OT

#### **Eastern Conference**

W	L	PCT.	GB		
56	22	.718	-		
53	25	.679	3.0		
48	30	.615	8.0		
27	51	.346	29.0		
25	53	.321	31.0		
W	L	PCT.	GB		
48	30	.615	-		
46	32	.590	2.0		
42	36	.538	6.0		
37	41	.474	11.0		
27	51	.346	21.0		
W	L	PCT.	GB		
43	36	.544	-		
42	36	.538	0.5		
34	45	.430	9.0		
23	54	.299	18.5		
22	57	.278	21.0		
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#### **Western Conference**

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
x - Portland	48	30	.615	_
Utah	45	33	.577	3.0
Oklahoma City	45	34	.570	3.5
Minnesota	44	34	.564	4.0
Denver	43	35	.551	5.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
y - Golden State	57	21	.731	-
L.A. Clippers	42	36	.538	15.0
L.A. Lakers	34	44	.436	23.0
Sacramento	25	54	.316	32.5
Phoenix	20	59	.253	37.5
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
z - Houston	63	15	.808	-
San Antonio	45	34	.570	18.5
New Orleans	44	34	.564	19.0
Dallas	24	55	.304	39.5
Memphis	21	57	.269	42.0
y - clinched divisi	on		z - clinched	d conference

# **MLB** standings

Wednesday's scores
Atlanta 7, Washington 1
N.Y. Yankees 7, Tampa Bay 2
N.Y. Mets 4, Philadelphia 2
Houston 3, Baltimore 2
Arizona 3, L.A. Dodgers 0
L.A. Angels 3, Cleveland 2, 13 innings

Minnesota 7, Pittsburgh 3
Chicago White Sox 4, Toronto 3
San Francisco 10, Seattle 1
St. Louis 6, Milwaukee 0
Oakland 6, Texas 2
Colorado 5, San Diego 2
Kansas City at Detroit, postponed

American League					
East	W	L	PCT.	GB	
Boston	5	1	.833	-	
N.Y. Yankees	4	2	.667	1.0	
Toronto	4	3	.571	1.5	
Baltimore	1	5	.167	4.0	
Tampa Bay	1	5	.167	4.0	
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB	
Chi. White Sox	3	2	.600	-	
Minnesota	3	2	.600	-	
Cleveland	2	4	.333	1.5	
Kansas City	1	3	.250	1.5	
Detroit	1	4	.200	2.0	
West	W	L	PCT.	GB	
Houston	6	1	.857	-	
L.A. Angels	5	2	.714	1.0	
Seattle	3	2	.600	2.0	
Oakland	3	4	.429	3.0	
Texas	2	5	.286	4.0	

	Nati	onal L	.eague	
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Mets	4	1	.800	-
Atlanta	4	2	.667	0.5
Washington	4	2	.667	0.5
Miami	2	4	.333	2.5
Philadelphia	1	4	.200	3.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Pittsburgh	4	1	.800	-
Milwaukee	4	2	.667	0.5
St. Louis	3	3	.500	1.5
Chi. Cubs	2	3	.400	2.0
Cincinnati	1	3	.250	2.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Arizona	5	1	.833	-
Colorado	3	3	.500	2.0
San Francisco	3	3	.500	2.0
L.A. Dodgers	2	5	.286	3.5
San Diego	1	5	.167	4.0

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