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Prosecutor recognizes Officers of the Year

The REPORTER

Each year, Prosecuting Attorney D. Lee Buckingham II recognizes two officers in honor of each Hamilton County officer's distinguished service to the community and the pursuit of justice. One investigator (usually holding an assignment as a detective) and one road officer are selected from the nominations garnered from within the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

At a ceremony held on Tuesday in the Commissioner's Courtroom at the Hamilton County Judicial Center in Noblesville, Buckingham said, "It is never easy to select the recipients of these awards, not because of a dearth of candidates, but rather because of the difficulty in

selecting just one recipient in each category from the many viable candidates within the county."

Buckingham recognized Detective Cesar Rodriguez of the Fishers Police Department as Investigator of the Year for 2018. As an investigator, Rodriguez works a variety of cases. A police officer for Fishers since 2011, he began his law enforcement experience with two years with the Crawfordsville Police Department. Rodriguez has served with the Investigations Division since 2013 and distinguishes himself with thoroughness, helpfulness and a tenacious determination to see that the best case is put forward.

Buckingham recognized Officer Michael

Steffen of the Noblesville Police Department as the Road Officer of the Year for 2018. Steffen began his law enforcement experience with the Indiana State Police's Capitol Police in 2006 and joined the Noblesville Police Department in 2010. Since 2013, he has served as the School Resource Officer at Noblesville West Middle School. Steffen not only acted heroically on May 25 and likely helped save one life in the early moments of that terrible day, but he also distinguished himself throughout the year with his commitment to fulfilling all three primary roles of a school resource officer to Noblesville Schools: An informal counselor, educator and law enforcement officer.



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Prosecuting Attorney Buckingham (center) recognized Fishers Police Detective Cesar Rodriguez (left) as Investigator of the Year for 2018 and Noblesville Police Officer and Noblesville Schools Resource Officer Michael Steffen (right) as Road Officer of the Year for 2018.

Heights Winter Homecoming set for Saturday Fishers approves legal steps in converting Nickel Plate into trail

The REPORTER

Students and staff at Hamilton Heights are participating in a week of spirit-filled activities leading up to Saturday's Homecoming game. Pixar is this year's overall Homecoming theme. Seniors are Monsters, Inc.; Juniors, Incredibles; Sophomores, Finding Nemo; and Freshman have selected UP.

Today is College Day. Also today, inspirational speaker, Jason Harmon, Your Life Speaks, returns to Heights with a special message on life choices. The last period of the day will feature six rounds of a Minute to Win It competition.

Friday is Orange and White Day where everyone can show their Husky pride. A pep session to rally excitement for Saturday's game begins at 2 p.m. where the



Photo provided

(From left) Freshmen Olivia Pickett, Parker Lewis, Preston Miller, Samera Henson and Hannah Cox took advantage of Monday's Pajama Day to show their school spirit as part of this week's Winter Homecoming activities.

Winter Homecoming Court will be introduced. The annual Winter Homecoming Dance will take place in the

Media Center from 8 to 11 p.m. Advance tickets are \$10 per person and \$15 at the door.

The Hamilton Heights High School football team

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Fishers approves legal steps in converting Nickel Plate into trail

By **LARRY LANNAN**
LarryInFishers.com



The Fishers Board of Public Works and Safety has enacted legal steps toward converting the Nickel Plate Rail Line into a trail.

The actions Monday came in three acts. First, a resolution declaring the city's intentions under the National Trails System Act (view the resolution at [this link](#)) and an agreement under the National Trails System Act (available at

[this link](#)). The second resolution declares the rail property as surplus (see it at [this link](#)).

In other action:
• The board approved three contracts for legal services. Jennifer Messer will continue to handle economic development matters as well as provide general legal counsel to the city. The law firm of Barnes & Thornburg will provide services on bond matters, and the Krieg Devault firm will serve the city on the legal side of Planning & Zoning matters. Messer will be paid a retainer of \$20,000 a month, and will file monthly reports as in the past, with

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Noblesville Council thanks Jensen for his leadership



Photo provided by City of Noblesville

Noblesville Council President Brian Ayer (left) presents fellow council member Chris Jensen with a plaque for his service, dedication and leadership serving as 2018 council president during the first meeting of 2019. Jensen is the council representative from District 2.

Options Charter Schools moves to purchase land near Westfield

The REPORTER

The Board of Directors for Options Charter Schools took a historic step by a fulfilling a promise that was seven years in the making. By voting unanimously to purchase land in the Westfield area for a future campus location that will serve

grades 6-12, Options says it is moving towards a more stable and secure future.

The opportunity to purchase land provides the organization with the ability to shift from leasing its facilities to owning, therefore cementing Options even further in the landscape of

Hamilton County and the Indiana education system.

Due to the sale not being final, Options Charter School would only identify the location as a three acre plot of land located in a subdivision just off of State Road 32.

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Noblesville shooting prompts potential law change

WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Indiana law might be changed so that children as young as 12 could face attempted murder charges in adult court in a move prompted by the Noblesville West Middle School shooting.

A state Senate committee unanimously Tuesday to endorse the proposal, which would give judges discretion over whether to move attempted murder cases from juvenile court.

Prosecutors could not seek adult charges against the 13-year-old boy who

wounded a classmate and teacher at Noblesville West Middle School because no one died in the May 25 shooting and he was younger than 14.

Bill sponsor Sen. Erin Houchin (R-Salem) says

justice wasn't served because of what she called a legal loophole.

The Indiana Public Defender Council argues children so young are best handled in the juvenile court system.

CANDIDATE FILINGS

Turn to Page 5 to read about candidate filings for the 2019 municipal primary elections.

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has organized its first annual HCC Cornhole Tournament set for 3 to 6 p.m. on Saturday in the upper west gym of the high school. In addition to the tournament action, there will be pizza, drinks and baked items available for purchase.

The Huskies take on the Sheridan Blackhawks beginning with the junior varsity game at 6 p.m. Varsity halftime festivities begin with High School Student Government honoring alumni from the classes of 1969, 1979, 1989, 1999 and 2009. The introduction of the 2019 Winter Homecoming Court and official crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen will conclude the break.

Heights Winter Homecoming Court

Class of 2019 – Seniors

Queen Candidates

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Molly Hilaridies
Amy Honn
Elise McFerran
Grace Roberts
Brooke Sears

King Candidates

 Isiah Campbell
Carter Campassi
Tad DeFoe
Kyle Horton
Sam Wahl
James Wyatt

Class of 2020 – Juniors

Princesses

 Jordyn Beck
Caitlin Hartwick
Lindsey Hillard

Princes

 Max Stallsmith
Cordell Cowan
Mitchell Walbolt

Class of 2021 – Sophomores

Princesses

 Whitney Randolph
Shawn Beaver

Princes

 Nate Jozsa
Donovan Trew

Class of 2022 – Freshmen

Princesses

 Kyndall Ferguson
Belle Neiling
Taylor Standridge

Princes

 Harrison Hochstedler
Gavin Bramel
Collin Gilmore

**Thanks for reading
The Reporter!**

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the following provision as part of the contract:

“Although the City will pay only the Retainer, consistent with past practice, Messer Law will continue to submit monthly invoices for services so that the City may track the services performed on its behalf. Further, if Messer Law’s semi-annual (January 1st to June 31st; or July 1st – December 31st) billings reflect an average, billable rate for the time period above One Hundred Eighty-Five and no/100 Dollars, the City

may seek repayment of any amounts paid in excess of an average billable rate of One Hundred Eighty-Five and no/100 Dollars (\$185.00), per hour.”

• The city is contracting once again with the Hamilton County Humane Society to provide animal control services in 2019.

• Approval was given for dredging services in the area of the planned Geist City Park, to be provided by Citizens Energy. The first phase cost of \$100,000 will come from the bond fund-

ing the new park.

• Two change orders were approved for the Allisonville Road widening project from 126th Street to 131st Street.

• The city entered into a three-year contract with the Kleenit Group to provide office cleaning services. The cost was increased due to the increase in cleaning space added, including the new Police Headquarter, Pavilion, Parks and Recreation Basement, Waste Water Treatment Plant, Sewer Offices, Switch Garage and the

new Department of Public Works Operations Building. Starting in 2019, the city will see a yearly increase in cost for office cleaning services of \$212,016, taking the city’s original not to exceed contract with Kleenit Group, Inc. Starting in 2019, there will be a yearly increase in cost for these services of \$212,016, taking the original not-to-exceed contract with Kleenit Group, Inc. from \$334,115 to \$514,131. The additional cost was factored into the 2019 city budget.

OPTIONS

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“I am so thankful to all of our board members for everything they do for Options on a daily basis and everyone in the Options family is excited about last night’s news,” said Options President Mike Gustin. “Since we were founded in 2002, there are many people that helped put us on the path to success that we are on now. This is

another step in the right direction as we continue to work towards our goal of providing high-quality, alternative education to more students across Indiana.”

For more information on Options Charter Schools, visit OptionsSchools.com.

About Options

Charter Schools

Options Charter Schools

are free, public charter schools that serve students grades 6-12. Options features two brick and mortar campuses, one in Carmel and one in Noblesville, along with a distance education program. Students are free to explore and embrace their individuality in a supportive environment which makes for a positive educa-

tional experience. Through its small size and individualized academic approach, every student is given the opportunity to excel in an environment that allows for different types and speeds of learning. With a combination of virtual and instructor-led learning, Options offers flexible approaches for each and every student.

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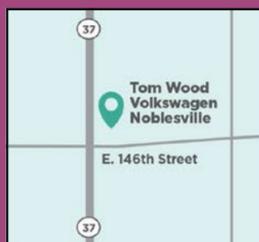
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I was born and raised right here in Noblesville. I grew up in a home without domestic violence or assault - it wasn't something I saw, or even heard about.

But when I was introduced to Prevail of Central Indiana, I was shocked by the number of individuals who are affected by domestic violence. In 2018 alone, Prevail helped more than 4,000 clients in Hamilton County. (Nearly 80 percent of clients are women and children.)

Prevail is strictly confidential, and since their core values include integrity and respect, they provide their services at no charge. Domestic violence and abuse are hard topics to discuss, so you don't often hear about them. But at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, we're breaking the taboo and raising awareness for Prevail, an organization that helps families in Hamilton County.

- Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

To help Hamilton County families affected by domestic violence and sexual abuse, you can donate the following items:

- Art supplies (for children to journal and express their emotions)
- Bottled water (8 oz. bottles, preferably)
- Individually packaged snacks
- Gas cards (many women have no access to funds after fleeing their abuser)

You can drop off items at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, located at 14701 Tom Wood Way. You can also donate directly to Prevail of Central Indiana by visiting Prevailinc.org.



The weather can be unpredictable . . .
Hoosier Weather Daddy?



Dillinger to deliver State of the County address January 23

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Commissioner Steve Dillinger will give his annual State of the County address on Wednesday, Jan. 23 at the Embassy Suites in Noblesville. The event is hosted by the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce. More than 200 city and county dignitaries, business leaders and residents are expected to attend. You can register to attend at noblesvillechamber.com.



Dillinger

Don't give in to New Year's rhetoric

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose."
 — Dr. Seuss, "Oh, The Places You'll Go!"



SHARON McMAHON
Be Well

In which direction do you plan to go in 2019? Are you "so done" with all the infomercials and ads about losing weight? Dropping four dress/pants sizes in just a few weeks? Ringing up the shopping network to order the "total gym" so that you will be transformed? The majority of Americans spend more than any other industrialized nation in their quest to be more fit and healthy.

In working with my fitness class participants, personal training and nutrition clients, I find that initially they are either buoyed up by the rhetoric or defeated by it. Neither is particularly helpful in a quest to be the healthiest one can be. The January hype will die down a bit, and then the "get ready for swimsuit season" ads will begin. I sincerely believe that this type of encouragement can lead to yo-yo dieting and undermine our fitness goals. We are expected to indulge in holiday fare and then get to work to take it off, sometimes to the tune of spending quite a lot of money to do so.

Referring to the quote this week, let's use our *brains* to acknowledge that no advertisement, spokesperson or magazine article can address our specific life situation. Overeating and a sedentary lifestyle are both behavior issues and very individual. A good personal trainer, nutrition consultant, or health care professional can work with you to get started in the direction that you want to go.

Yes, you do have *feet in your shoes* and you can begin any day, at any time, moving those feet to incorporate more action in your daily life. Walking ... who knew? And, finally, steering yourself in the direction you choose – vitally important. A personal trainer or certified fitness consultant can work with you to determine your goals, not goals set for you by another person or a cor-

porate entity! A realistic *direction* in which you can go to achieve that goal will take you there. Ultimately it is up to you to be the healthiest you possible in 2019 and beyond.

Remember that a total fitness package incorporates the "three-legged stool" utilizing aerobic activity (increasing the heartbeat) along with strength training and of course, flexibility. The seat of this three-legged stool is nutrition. Your body needs fuel on which to run. If your car's manufacturer recommends premium gas to run most efficiently, are you going to pump regular unleaded? Probably not. Think of your healthy lifestyle as an investment, a much greater investment than any automobile!

Finally, do your homework. If a group fitness class works best for you then sign up and actually attend! Sometimes making a connection with a class partner can be encouraging. If your schedule or personal preference works best to hire a personal trainer, that might work best for you. In either case, be sure to ask about the class instructor's or personal trainer's qualifications; both experience and credentials. Otherwise, pick up those light weights at least three times weekly, get outside in a safe area to begin a walking routine (check with your neighbors, form a "walking club") and incorporate stretching on a regular basis. Your activities should never leave you in pain or acute discomfort but should be challenging and invigorating. The endorphins will also encourage mental clarity and a feeling of well-being.

Next time I'll discuss one of my favorite topics: Healthy (and yummy!) eating – so many options! Sharon McMahon, CNWC FlexAbility4u@aol.com
The opinions expressed in this article are not intended to replace advice of your personal physician or licensed health professional. Please consult your physician for any issues you may have related to nutrition or fitness activity.

Hamilton County GOP share breakfast with state speaker



Photo provided

Republicans gathered in Carmel Wednesday morning to hear Joe Heeres, General Counsel to Governor Eric Holcomb, speak at the Hamilton County Republican Party Breakfast. (From left) Carmel City Court Judge Brian Poindexter, Hamilton County Superior Court 4 Judge Rick Campbell, Hamilton County Superior Court 5 Judge David Najjar, Hamilton County Republican Party Chairwoman Laura Campbell and candidate for Carmel City Clerk Sue Wolfgang.

Nickel Plate Express reports impressive passenger numbers during inaugural season

The REPORTER

Nickel Plate Express (NPE), a non-profit organization providing themed train excursions in northern Hamilton County, reported strong occupancy and passenger numbers for the organization's inaugural season.

NPE served 9,700 passengers from September through December of 2018 and enjoyed a 90 percent occupancy rate during Reindeer Ride, their holiday excursion. NPE traveled a total of 1,056 miles this season, taking passengers between Atlanta and Cicero on regular weekend excursions.

Executive Director Deanna Holt said she is pleased with the occupancy and passenger numbers for the first season. "Our team worked hard this first year to provide exceptional customer service and fresh programming to keep passengers and community members engaged. I think our passenger numbers show that we achieved this goal. Our wide array of programming themes and strong customer service will help us build on this initial success and grow both revenue and passenger numbers for 2019. I look forward to bringing more visitors and revenue into Hamilton County during the upcoming season."

NPE created 23 full- or part-time positions for Hamilton County residents during their initial year of operations. The non-profit spent approximately \$44,000 at Hamilton County businesses this past year. Before beginning operations in September of 2018, the group spent \$485,000 on restoring the tracks in Hamilton County so they could begin excursions.

According to Communications Coordinator Dagny Zupin, 20 of those jobs are part-time positions filled by high schoolers and young adults who work either Thursday and Friday or Saturday and Sunday.

"During the holiday season we were running excursions every weekend during the holiday season and our employees were on staff from noon until 10 p.m., so they were getting a lot of hours," Zupin told The Reporter.

NPE also made five television appearances in late 2018, three of which were with The Reporter's news gathering partners at WISH-TV Channel 8. Zupin called WISH-TV "amazing to work with."

"This is very much a community effort," said Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad Board President Toni Dickover. "The railroad

has traditionally been a part of this community for decades and the county is proud of that history. That's why it's important to us that we share the economic growth with other Hamilton County businesses whenever possible."

Nickel Plate Express will offer Valentine and St. Patrick's Day excursions this winter with regular weekend excursions to return in mid-April.

"We will have an Ales and Rails Express for Valentine's Day with Metazoa Brewing Company from Indianapolis," Zupin said. "We will also have an Uncorked Express with Harmony Winery from Fishers. We are talking with restaurants in Cicero to bring back the dinner train later in February. Included with the ticket would be a glass of wine on the train and being able to choose

among three restaurants in Cicero for dinner."

Other events on the horizon in 2019 include a St. Patrick's Day event, a catered excursion with dinner served on the train, a fairy train in conjunction with Nickel Plate Arts, as well as excursions themes with superheroes and princesses for the little ones.

For more information on the Nickel Plate Express please visit NickelPlateExpress.com.

About the Nickel Plate Express

The Nickel Plate Express is a non-profit based out of Arcadia. The organization offers themed train excursion through northern Hamilton County. Nickel Plate Express aims to increase tourism and economic growth in northern Hamilton County through moving education and entertainment programs.

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Fall Creek JH students' artwork, local filmmaker celebrate Black History Month at Fishers City Hall

The REPORTER

"A Youthful Perspective of Black History in America" celebrates Black History Month through the artwork of Fall Creek Junior High School students. It is the February exhibit hosted by the Fishers Arts Council at The Art Gallery at City Hall.

Visitors will also be in for a treat: A special film by Indiana filmmaker Demetrius Witherspoon. The 20-minute film, called "Submerge: Echo 51," is a sci-fi movie and is rated PG-13.

Witherspoon was born in Louisville, Ky., on Feb. 4, 1974, and owns DV Entertainment Pictures, a film production company. He has been working on his fifth film, which will be re-

leased in 2020.

Demetrius has won awards for editing and directing, and has many talents, including R&B singing, screenwriting, cinematography, and production. He was inspired by George Lucas, Steven Spielberg and JJ Abrams. For more information, visit dventertainmentpictures.com.

A public reception will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 8 at The Art Gallery at City Hall where visitors can meet the students, Witherspoon and some of the stars of the film. The exhibits are



Witherspoon

open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Most artwork is available for sale by contacting FishersArtsCouncil@gmail.com or by calling (317) 537-1670.

The Fishers Arts Council's goal is to promote spaces for public art and local artists in the city and in the private sector. To learn more about the FAC, visit fishersartscouncil.com and like its [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/fishersartscouncil). For more information, contact Shari Knox at sknox0031@comcast.net or Thomas Rich thomasrich1952@gmail.com.

Fishers City Government Academy returns this spring

The REPORTER

The award-winning Fishers City Government Academy (CGA) returns this spring offering residents an inside look at their local government and community.

The 10-week program, taking place Feb. 13 through April 16, allows residents to connect with city leaders,

earn a greater understanding of day-to-day operations and get an exclusive, behind-the-scenes look at Fishers' unique facilities and departments, including stormwater, the fire and police departments, parks and more.

Registration is free for Fishers residents ages 18 and older and is due Thursday, Feb. 7. A complete [spring](#)

[schedule](#) is also available.

Special accommodations, such as ASL interpreters, can be arranged for this program. Please contact Dan Domsic by email at domsic@fishers.in.us or by phone at (317) 595-3151 at least two business days prior to the first meeting regarding requests for special accommodations.

By the numbers: 37th year, 36 stories, \$1M goal for Riley

The REPORTER

The 37th Annual "Bop to the Top" – a one-way race from the ground floor to the top of One America Tower in downtown Indianapolis – will take place Saturday, Jan. 19. Participants will begin bopping 36 floors (that's 780 steps) to the Kroger Top at 8:30 a.m.

Don Carr of Tuxedo Brothers Event Management started this event 37 years ago. He has watched it grow significantly over the years and is proud to announce that this may be the

year donations will top the \$1 million mark.

Runners pay from \$22 to \$33 each to compete, based on their age. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Riley Children's Hospital/Indiana University Health. More than 1,000 participants ages 4 to 84 are expected to take the challenge, including a special firefighter division featuring firefighters in full gear tackling the stairs.

Bop to the Top is proud to support Riley Hospital for Children. You can join in this important cause by be-

coming an event sponsor or a floor sponsor. Sponsorship includes a booth in the lobby during the event and the chance to distribute flyers or coupons to participants, 45 percent of whom are women and 75 percent of whom live in the metro Indy area.

Many vendors will be available and the event is great family fun. Participants will receive a long-sleeve T-shirt when they finish. You can pre-register or register at the site after 7:30 a.m. the morning of the event.

New retirement service sets focus on matching needs with resources

The REPORTER

The launch meeting of *Retirement Journey: Now What?* occurred on Jan. 8 in the East Room of the Fishers Library. Discussions were led by Joe Grecu, Dick Judson and newly retired Judge Steven Nation.

Information was shared about the origin of this new retirement support service and how it is being formed to meet the needs of retirees in Hamilton County. Data was shared about the magnitude of the retirement boom taking place in the country and resulting social and economic impacts.

Nation spoke about needs in Hamilton County with youth, mature adults and the elderly, which can be outlets for retirees looking for ways to be productive and allocate their newly found free time. Matching needs of individuals with

resources available through *Retirement Journey: Now What?* is a focal point for this new service.

Retirement Journey: Now What? is designed to incorporate the three prominent groups in the retirement category: Those preparing for retirement, those looking for ways to grow in retirement and those struggling with retirement.

This new service and support group assists retirees with adjusting to their new lifestyle. It presents an outlet to establish new connections, form relationships, develop new interests, provide support and most importantly, reignite new purpose for retired people.

Resources are needed to help with this very important transition so retirees can learn to enjoy their retirement years. Collabor-

ating and convening with others in a similar situation through a support group designed for retirees to share concerns and challenges can be invaluable to navigating this transition.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 12 in the East Room at Fishers Public Library, 5 Municipal Drive, Fishers. Subsequent meetings will take place the second Tuesday of every month, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Fishers Public Library. Family members and guests are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

For more information about *Retirement Journey: Now What?* please contact Dick Judson by email at judson.dd@gmail.com or by phone at 317-385-2745, or Joe Grecu by email at jogrecu@sbcglobal.net or by phone at 317-902-5774.

Rep. Brooks introduces poison control bill with bipartisan support

The REPORTER

Congressmembers Susan Brooks (R-Ind.-05), Eliot Engel (D-N.Y.), Diana DeGette (D-Colo.), and Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-Wa.) introduced H.R. 501, the Poison Center Network Enhancement Act of 2019, to assist with potential poison exposures and help combat the national opioid epidemic.

Poison control centers are vital to preventing toxic exposure and poisoning injury and deaths, including opioid and other drug overdoses. This bill reauthorizes funding for the Poison Center Network, including

their national toll-free number (800) 222-1222. It also clarifies that poison control centers can be called upon to assist with public health emergencies, responses and preparedness; and requests that enhanced communications capabilities like texting be established.

"On behalf of the 1,852 Hoosiers who died of an opioid overdose in 2017, I am proud to join my colleagues to introduce this bill because poison control cen-

ters are essential to combatting the deadly opioid crisis," said Brooks. "These centers across the country are fielding almost 192 cases a day of opioid abuse and misuse and complete data that can

be used to discover hotspots for opioid abuse and misuse. It is important we reauthorize the national network of poison control centers because they save lives by offering free, confidential and expert medical advice 24 hours a day, seven days a week."



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Jake Gilbert files as candidate for Westfield City Council

The REPORTER

Jake Gilbert has officially announced that he is running for public office in Westfield. He will run for Westfield City Council District 2 in the 2019 election.

Gilbert says it's always been a dream of his to run for public office. He added, "This has been on my heart for a long time. I have become so passionate about our community that I am compelled to run and the timing is perfect."

"My pledge to this community is to serve with transparency, honesty, integrity and fairness," Gilbert said. "I love Westfield and serving on the City Council would be a great opportunity to give back to the people who have done so much for me."

Gilbert has immersed himself in the Westfield community. He currently serves on the Westfield Washington Schools Wellness Committee, the Westfield Wellbeing Coalition, the Sports Capital of America Board and the Westfield Teachers Association. Gilbert has sponsored or supported numerous charities and community organizations, including Young Life, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Student Impact, Open Doors, Westfield Youth Assistance Program, Westfield Youth Sports Incorporated, Indiana Blood Center, Special Olympics, Opioid Awareness, Teen Suicide Awareness, Habitat for Humanity, Hamilton County Cancer Services, Indiana Women In Need, Relay for Life, Wounded Warriors, the Red Cross, Three Angels, Project Impact Mentoring and Kids Against Hunger.

Gilbert says his priorities are his faith, families and schools: "I am running for City



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Council because I am called to do so. Servant leadership, trust and transparency will be critical for me. I will use principle-driven decisions to navigate the growth of our residential and business community. Westfield is an amazing place for families. We must never sacrifice that. Jobs, public safety, low taxes, services, great neighborhoods and amenities all serve families. Our schools are a vital part of our community. As someone who actually works in a classroom, I know I can help the cooperation and efficiency between our schools and government."

At Westfield High School, Gilbert serves as the Dean of Wellness and has taught U.S. Government and Leadership classes. He is in charge of the Freshmen Mentor Program and Social Emotional Learning for the High School. In his cur-

rent role, Gilbert helps kids discover their passions and purpose, grow their character-based skills and connect to caring adults and peers. As a football coach, Gilbert was a finalist for National Coach of the Year in 2017 and was named Indiana Coach of the Year in 2013 and 2016 after leading his team to the State Championship game in both of those years.

Gilbert and his family moved to Westfield on July 28, 2011. He and his wife, Christina, have been married for 18 years. They have three sons: Logan (15), Jackson (13) and Tyson (11). Christina works for two locally-owned businesses. The Gilberts are active members of the Westfield Campus of Northview Christian Church.

For more information about Gilbert and the campaign, visit electjakegilbert.com.

Mark Hall files as candidate for Noblesville Common Council

The REPORTER

Mark F. Hall has filed election paperwork and is now a candidate for Noblesville Common Council in District 1.

"I am excited for the campaign and eager to begin the work of the people," Hall said. "The three pillars of my candidacy are: Protecting the Taxpayers, Respecting Our History and Growing Responsibly. I look forward to serving with the new mayor and council."

Protecting the Taxpayers

First responders, city services, economic development, workforce development and taxes

"First responders are the front line of protection," said Hall. "They must be well-trained and equipped to serve the 62,000-plus citizens of our community. World class city services are non-negotiable. We must deliver great value and respect the taxpayer customer as our reason for being there."

"We need to attract and retain the right kinds of jobs – jobs that will be here long after we are not. We can facilitate training opportunities that help our neighbors prepare for the careers of tomorrow."

"We should invest tax dollars like they are coming out of our personal checkbook. We must safeguard tax dollars knowing that saying yes to something means saying no to something else. These are among a number of ways local government can protect its taxpayers. I hope to earn the right to fight for these ideals."

Respecting Our History

Downtown, architecture and community spirit

"Downtown Noblesville, the court-

house square and the surrounding blocks contain some of the most nostalgic, historically significant and beautiful architectural structures in Indiana," said Hall. "The blend of old and new is a constant visual reminder of where we came from. The exclusive flavor of design is impossible to replicate. It's critical that we respect where we came from and that we remember we are responsible for preserving our history for future generations. Local government must find the correct balance between preserving where we came from and guiding where we are going."

"Since the days of William Conner, Josiah Polk and the Delaware Indians, Noblesville has embodied a unique community spirit. It's Hoosier Hospitality delivered in a friendly, exclusively Noblesville way. Ask visitors to Noblesville and they describe it differently but it's a tangible feel as real as any one of our exclusive buildings. Respecting our history preserves the community spirit and the special attributes of Noblesville."

Growing Responsibly

Economic and recreational

"The wrong kind of growth is problematic. Responsible growth is saving first, spending second. Reduce debt where and as much as possible. If too much future tax money is pledged (via debt) ultimately, we can harm services, starve growth and increase costs. If not enough investment is made, we can also harm services and starve growth. It is important to find the right balance between investment, debt and savings. "Greenways, parks and recreational

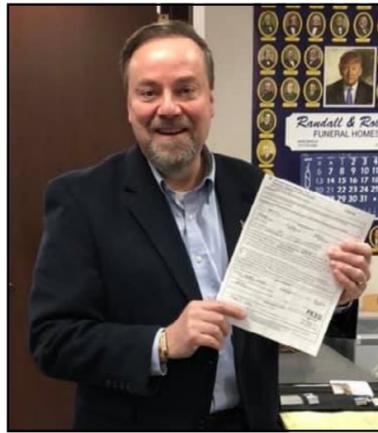


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opportunities are important to families in a growing vibrant Noblesville. Paying as we go is the responsible way to create and maintain these amenities, not with excessive debt.

"The challenge for city government is to use the tools available and achieve the right balance between economic growth that adds value to the city, excellent stewardship of the people's money and honoring all the obligations and responsibilities to our citizenry. Responsible growth doesn't often get headlines, it is the kitchen table common sense approach used by taxpayers in their own families."

For comments or questions, Hall can be reached at mark.hall@tlxcorp.com or by phone at 317-832-1104. For more information regarding his candidacy, please visit markhall.com or visit the campaign's [Facebook page](#).

Fishers resident Logan Day files exploratory committee to evaluate candidacy for mayor

The REPORTER

Logan Day, Fishers resident, citizen activist and small business owner, formally filed paperwork Wednesday establishing an exploratory committee to evaluate support for a bid to become the next mayor of the City of Fishers.

"Fishers is a diverse and vibrant city, made up of more than 90,000 residents who reflect a collective desire to live in a strong and sustainable community," said Day. "It energizes me to interact with so many residents who possess deep enthusiasm to be involved in guiding the direction of their city. As a prospective candidate for mayor, I bring over 10 years of leadership, business and community service experience to help further the residents' vision of what Fishers can be, now and in the future."

"In taking this step today, I will share my campaign platform with residents while gauging the level of support that I can expect as a candidate for mayor. If elected, I will facilitate transparency and inclusiveness of citizens' input in city government operations, implement a sustainable growth strategy and champion responsible investment and spending of taxpayers' dollars."

"If given the honor to serve as Mayor of Fishers, there are two critical action items

that I would address upon taking office. First, I would work with relevant officials and stakeholders to make essential services and amenities more accessible to residents in a fiscally responsible manner, such as opening a BMV branch within Fishers city limits. Second, I would assemble a team to evaluate the true taxpayer impact of the Nickel Plate Trail and cost-effective alternatives for planned future development of the corridor."

Throughout high school, college and his career, Day has given himself to service within his community by becoming involved as a member of various boards and organizations, including Youth Encouraging Philanthropy, Ball State Student Rights and Community Standards Review Board and Cardinal Leadership and Service Seminar, among others.

Most recently, Day spent more than two years advocating on behalf of 12,000 citizens who petitioned to save the Nickel Plate railroad. In addition, he has responded to a call for help from the Fishers Youth Mentoring Initiative (YMI) to serve as an adult mentor to a student in the Hamilton Southeastern school system.

Day says his strong record of community service has prepared him to faithfully

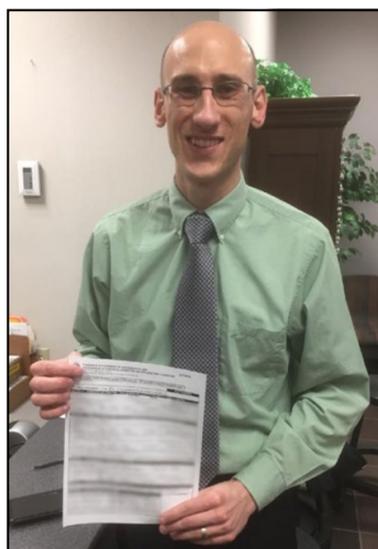


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discharge the duties of Mayor of Fishers.

Day lives in Fishers with his wife, Kathleen, and two daughters, Adeline and Isabelle.

Comments and questions may be directed to Day via email at daylj2010@gmail.com and by phone at (317) 459-0955.

Candidate filings for 2019 municipal primary elections

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Luke 4:9-13 (KJV)

John Walter "Dash" Dashiell May 18, 1943 – December 8, 2018



John Walter "Dash" Dashiell, 75, Punta Gorda, Fla., formerly of Noblesville, passed away on Dec. 8, 2018 in Omaha, Neb.



Due to weather concerns this weekend, Dash's celebration of life has been moved to 2 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26 at the IAFF Local 4416 Union Hall, 399 S. 14th St., Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, please donate in John's name to Mesothelioma Research at curemeso.org or to your favorite charity.

Robert A. Beasley October 24, 1958 – January 14, 2019

Robert A. Beasley, 60, Carmel, passed away on January 14, 2019. He was born in Indianapolis on October 24, 1958, son of Robert O. and Mary Lou Evans Beasley, who survive. Bob was a graduate of Arlington High School and the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University, Bloomington.



Following graduation, Bob started his career in sales and was a dynamic salesman through his careers with Monarch Beverage, WTTV Channel 4, Indianapolis Motor Speedway and finishing with Real AC Power.

In addition to his parents, Bob is survived by his wife, Betsy; oldest son, Conner, daughter, Ellie, and youngest son, Spencer.

A Memorial Mass will be conducted at 11:45 a.m. on Friday, January 18, 2019 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church. Following the service, a Celebration of Life will take place from 3 to 6 p.m. in Woodland Country Club, 100 Woodland Lane, Carmel.

Please visit bussellfamilyfuneral.com to read Bob's complete obituary.

Bussell Family Funerals, Carmel-Westfield is privileged to assist the family in arrangements.

Arrangements

Service: 11:45 a.m., Jan. 18
Location: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church
Celebration of Life: 3 to 6 p.m., Jan. 18
Location: Woodland Country Club
Condolences: bussellfamilyfuneral.com

Meeting Notices

The Westfield Washington Advisory Plan Commission will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019, in the Assembly Room of Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St., Westfield.

The meeting of the Westfield Redevelopment Commission originally scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019, has been canceled.

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Wrestling

'Hounds beat Royals for Senior Night victory

By RICHIE HALL
CARMEL - The Carmel wrestling team had an almost perfect Senior Night on Wednesday.

The Greyhounds, the 10th-ranked wrestling program in Indiana, defeated Hamilton Southeastern 67-6 in their final dual meet of the year at the Eric Clark Activity Center. It was a nice way to send Carmel into tournament competition, as the 'Hounds will head to Lawrence Central for the Metropolitan Conference meet on Friday, then to Frankfort for the sectional next weekend.

"This was a really good breather for us to come in and let our seniors wrestle," said Carmel coach Ed Pendski. "It's just a celebration of those guys, to put their singlets on in front of our gym for the last time. It was a nice environment for those guys to get a match, have some fun, take a breather knowing that the MIC is Friday and sectionals next weekend. And we're really excited."

The meet started at 106 pounds, and fifth-ranked Suhas Chundi got a 10-5 decision victory. With that, the Greyhounds marched through the next 13 matches with victories, mostly by fall. Winners by pin were Brac Hooper at 113, Joey Langeman at 126, Kyle Holman at 138, Joe Theriot at 145, Garrett Sharp at 160, No. 8 Cameron Bacon at 182, No. 15 Jack Heldt at 195 and No. 14 Haakon Van Beynen at 220. (Holman is ranked eighth at 132 pounds, but wrestled up a weight class on Wednesday.)

Tenth-ranked Logan Hart won by technical fall at 170 pounds, while AJ Gunn (120) and Gabe Davin (152) were decision winners. Carmel led 67-0 going into the final match of the night, but Southeastern's Crae Kunkleman won the 285-pound match to get the Royals on the board. Kunkleman is ranked 15th in the state.

TJ Barrett won the 132-pound bout by forfeit.

"We're tapering down," said Pendski. "We really like where we're at. Our bodies are fresh, we're in shape, we're very healthy. With this group of seniors and what they've done and identity, we look forward to seeing the product that our program puts together at the end of the year."



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The Carmel wrestling team honored its seniors during its dual meet with Hamilton Southeastern Wednesday night at the Eric Clark Activity Center. Turn to Page 9 to see more photos.

Southeastern had several varsity wrestlers out at the meet, as coach Nick Brobst said his team was dealing with both the flu bug and a rash of injuries.

"We had four varsity starters still in the lineup, so we had 10 JV kids and I thought that overall, they fought really well," said Brobst. The Royals had a young team on the mat, but the coach felt like those wrestlers held their own against the Greyhounds.

"Yeah, the scoreboard looked ugly, but in wrestling, that doesn't always tell the whole story, and I feel it doesn't tonight, either," said Brobst. "We had a couple freshmen that really held their own against state-ranked individuals."

Southeastern will also compete at a conference meet on Friday, as the Royals will travel to Avon for the Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet.

"We won't have the whole lineup for sure," said Brobst. "We got a couple injuries that are going to hold people out until sectionals, but we'll have a couple more back for sure. Some of it we don't know, because the flu, it is what it is. We'll see what we have and what we don't. Hopefully we have more than what we had tonight."

- (HSE) by dec., 10-5
- 113:** Brac Hooper (C) def. Matios Benson (HSE) by fall, 3:48
- 120:** AJ Gunn (C) def. Jacob Lemieux (HSE) by dec., 10-4
- 126:** Joey Langeman (C) def. Teddy Houseman (HSE) by fall, 4:42
- 132:** TJ Barrett (C) won by forfeit
- 138:** Kyle Holman (C) def. Ben Hanks (HSE) by fall, 4:52
- 145:** Joe Theriot (C) def. Cam Roberts (HSE) by fall, 2:52
- 152:** Gabe Davin (C) def. Jackson Williams (HSE) by dec., 9-4
- 160:** Garrett Sharp (C) def. Jacob Schneider (HSE) by fall, 0:27
- 170:** Logan Hart (C) def. Ryan Cast (HSE) by tech fall, 21-6
- 182:** Cameron Bacon (C) def. Isaac Haneline (HSE) by fall, 1:26
- 195:** Jack Heldt (C) def. Luke Ferren (HSE) by fall, 0:42
- 220:** Haakon Van Beynen (C) def. Devin Dudley (HSE) by fall, 3:08
- 285:** Crae Kunkleman (HSE) def. Collin O'Connor (C) by fall, 1:29

**Carmel 67,
Hamilton Southeastern 6**
 Meet started at 106 pounds
106: Suhas Chundi (C) def. Sam Crousore

Heights wrestling, girls swimming to compete in conference meets Friday

Due to the anticipated winter storm that is forecast to take place on Saturday, the Hamilton Heights girls swimming and wrestling teams both saw their respective Hoosier Conference meets move back one day to Friday.

The conference swim meet is now set to start at 5:45 p.m. at Twin Lakes High School. The wrestling meet will take place at Western High School and begin at 4:30 p.m.

The Hoosier Conference boys swim meet was also to take place Saturday. A date for that meet has not been determined.



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Tigers comeback falls just short at North Central

The Fishers wrestling team mounted a big comeback at North Central Wednesday night before falling just short, 38-36 in a dual meet.

The Panthers got out to a 16-0 start before Tyler Lindamood and Josh Reardon got back-to-back pins to bring the Tigers to within 16-12. Mason McCartney got a second-period fall at 170 pounds, then No. 14-ranked JD Farrell's decision win at 182 put Fishers in the lead for the first time at 21-20.

North Central made three straight pins to go up 38-21. PJ Pritchett started the Tigers' rally with a fall at 106 pounds, then Zach Strueder received a forfeit at 113, making the score 38-33. Dylan Parodi won the final match of the night (120 pounds) 9-2.

Fishers coach Frank Ingalls said his team all went out and competed well, and will just try to do better next time.

The Tigers will next wrestle at the Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet, which is scheduled for Friday at Avon.

North Central 38, Fishers 36

Meet started at 126 pounds

126: Joshua Thompson lost to Blackwell by major dec., 18-5

132: Truman Abel lost to Bryant by fall, 2:55

138: Zaac Morey lost to Shaw by fall, 2:39

145: Tyler Lindamood def. Phillips by fall, 3:33

152: Josh Reardon def. Johnson by fall, 3:15

160: Zach Pairitz lost to Harrington by major dec., 15-5

170: Mason McCartney def. Deampo by fall, 3:52

182: JD Farrell def. Moore by dec., 4-2

195: Preston Putzback lost to Williams by fall,



Reporter photo by Kirk Green

Fishers' Mason McCartney won the 170-pound match by fall during the Tigers' Wednesday dual meet at North Central.

0:52

220: Bo Pickett lost to Brown by fall, 4:37

285: Nathan Pairitz lost to Watts by fall, 2:49

106: PJ Pritchett def. Schenk by fall, 2:18

113: Zach Strueder won by forfeit

120: Dylan Parodi def. Colfield by dec. 9-2

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Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Toronto	33	13	.717	-
Philadelphia	29	16	.644	3.5
Boston	26	18	.591	6.0
Brooklyn	23	23	.500	10.0
New York	10	33	.233	21.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	32	12	.727	-
Indiana	29	14	.674	2.5
Detroit	19	24	.442	12.5
Chicago	10	34	.227	22.0
Cleveland	9	36	.200	23.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	21	21	.500	-
Charlotte	20	23	.465	1.5
Orlando	19	25	.432	3.0
Washington	18	26	.409	4.0
Atlanta	14	30	.318	8.0

Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Denver	29	14	.674	-
Oklahoma City	26	17	.605	3.0
Portland	27	19	.587	3.5
Utah	25	21	.543	5.5
Minnesota	21	23	.477	8.5
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	31	14	.689	-
L.A. Clippers	24	20	.545	6.5
L.A. Lakers	24	21	.533	7.0
Sacramento	23	21	.523	7.5
Phoenix	11	34	.244	20.0
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	25	19	.568	-
San Antonio	26	20	.565	-
New Orleans	21	24	.467	4.5
Dallas	20	24	.455	5.0
Memphis	19	25	.432	6.0



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

ABOVE: Carmel's Cameron Bacon (top) was one of seven seniors that took to the mat for the Greyhounds during their Senior Night meet with Hamilton Southeastern on Wednesday. Bacon won the 182-pound match by fall.

BELOW: Hamilton Southeastern's Crae Kunkleman won the Royals' lone match at 285 pounds.



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