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Noblesville gains six new probationary firefighters

The REPORTER

Noblesville Fire welcomed six new firefighters to the department during a graduation ceremony Friday evening at City Hall. The graduating class included Eric Freeman, Elyse Kile, John-Michael O'Brien, Matt Pinter, Jeff Robinson and Noah Storey.

"For nearly 150 years the people of Noblesville have been able to call us in their time of need," Fire Chief Greg Wyant told the graduates. "Take pride in that tradition. You are automatically given trust based on the badges you have earned, but that doesn't end today. You have to earn that trust every day. Children will look at you like you are a superhero and parents will treat you like trusted family. When NFD knocks, people open the doors to their homes. They do this with total confidence because they know, the professionals are here to help."

The ceremony included the badge pinning by the graduates' family members and loved ones; prayers by NFD Pastor Stephen Schultze; remarks from Wyant and probationary firefighter Pinter; and the oath of office given by Mayor John Ditslear.

Hamilton County Firefighters Local 4416 President Tony Murray served as



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(From left) Noblesville Fire recruits John-Michael O'Brien, Eric Freeman, Elyse Kile, Matt Pinter, Jeff Robinson and Noah Storey graduated to probationary firefighters after taking the oath of office and being pinned with their badges during a ceremony at City Hall on Friday evening.

emcee of the ceremony to his fellow Noblesville firefighters. Division Chiefs John O'Neal and James Macky oversaw the recruitment class.

"Becoming a first responder is not always a popular choice or an easy one, but I want you to be proud of it. Be proud of

what it means to be a fireman and what it represents. As a community we cannot thank you enough for your service, but know we stand behind you," Ditslear said. "Remember what you have learned. This is

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Sheridan Schools receives national recognition from the College Board

The REPORTER

Sheridan Community Schools was recently recognized as a national Advanced Placement (AP) Honor Roll District by the College Board. Sheridan was one of only 12 districts in the State of Indiana to receive this honor. In addition, only 373 districts across the U.S. and Canada were recognized on the ninth annual list published by the organization.

In order to be placed on the AP Honor Roll, a school district must simultaneously increase access to AP courses to a broader number of students while maintaining or improving student performance on AP exams given at the end of every course.

Most recently Sheridan High School expanded AP course offerings to include Advanced Placement Environmental Science. Sheridan students have the opportunity to complete 10 different AP courses (AP World History, AP United States History, AP Government, AP Psychology, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, AP Calculus, AP Studio Art: 2D, AP Studio Art: 3-D and AP Studio



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Westfield remembers slain Deputy Marshall 50 years on

The REPORTER

Last Monday evening, Westfield Mayor Andy Cook and several members of the Westfield Police Department honored former Westfield Deputy Marshall David Brown, who was killed in the line of duty on Jan. 11, 1969.

Brown was shot and killed while checking on a suspicious vehicle containing two people behind Westfield High School.

During the stop, Brown had one of the men sit in the front passenger seat of his patrol car. As Brown spoke to him the man attacked him inside the car and disarmed him. The man then fatally shot Brown before both suspects fled the scene.

When the dispatcher was unable to contact Brown with the reply, a second officer was sent to check on him. Upon the second officer's arrival, Brown was found shot to death in his patrol car. During the stop Brown had written down the vehicle's license plate number.

Both suspects were apprehended later at an apartment in Indianapolis.

It was later determined that Brown had interrupted the men stealing a pig from a field behind the high school.

The man who shot Brown was sentenced to life in prison, where he later died.



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Westfield Mayor Andy Cook spoke to those who assembled to honor Brown.

Noblesville Schools gets \$10K from Duke Energy to grow young readers

The REPORTER

Duke Energy recently presented a \$10,000 check to Noblesville Schools to fund a "Real Men Read" program aimed at empowering kindergarten boys and girls to develop a love for reading through positive male role models.

The program will bring male community leaders into White River and North elementary schools once a month to read to kindergartners. Students will also get to take home a copy of that month's book to build their home library collection.

The gift is one of several Duke has made in support of Noblesville Schools, providing classroom and athletic grants as well as event sponsorships through their strong partnership with the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation.

Community leaders interested in volunteering for the "Real Men Read" program may contact program coordinator Erin Freestone at erin_freestone@nobl.k12.in.us.



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(Back row, from left) White River Elementary Principal Cali VanderMark, Duke Energy Community Relations Director Mark LaBarr, Noblesville Schools Superintendent Beth Niedermeyer, White River Elementary Media Specialist Erin Freestone, North Elementary Assistant Principal Angie Gingerich, Duke Energy State President Stan Pinegar and North Elementary Media Specialist Jaime Harris. (Front row, from left) White River kindergartners Grant Haile, Laney Nicholls, Matthew Brown and Lucas Burtnett.

Student's threat to Hamilton Southeastern school leads to late dismissal

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Dismissal for students at four Hamilton Southeastern Schools was delayed about a half hour Friday during the investigation of a threat by a student on social media.

Students reported the threat made by a student at Fall Creek Junior High School, 12001 Olio Road, according to a message to students and staff.

The school district sent that message around 3:30 p.m., after the Fishers Police Department had issued an all clear, said an email from Emily Pace Abbotts, HSE's director of school and community relations.

The four schools where people were asked to shelter in place were along Olio Road. Other schools on that road are Hamilton Southeastern High School, Fall Creek Elementary and Fall Creek Intermediate.

Fishers police said in a news release that the student believed to be responsible for the threat did not attend school Friday. Police said they were searching for the student, who was not named.

Anyone with information on the threat was asked to call the Hamilton County Communications Center at 317-773-1282.

Here is the message sent to HSE parents and staff:

"This afternoon, we received a report of a social media threat made by a student at Fall Creek Junior High School. We made it our first priority to issue a 'shelter in place' at the surrounding schools as Fishers Police investigated. All students and staff remained safely indoors, and dismissal was delayed while police checked the perimeter of the buildings. We lifted the 'shelter in place' after 30 minutes and began normal dismissal after FPD cleared the area.

"We want to thank the students who immediately reported the threat. Likewise, we appreciate the quick actions of the officers to ensure the safety of our students and staff."



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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.

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 last 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.

Harmon hits Heights with powerful message

The REPORTER

Inspirational speaker Nathan Harmon was so well received last year, he returned to spend the day with students at Hamilton Heights Elementary, Middle and High schools last Thursday. Harmon touched on a variety of topics that were timely, relevant and hopefully life-changing, including making good choices, what a real friend is, achieving goals and overcoming obstacles. He shares directly from his own personal experiences in a profound way that truly reaches students of all ages.

"Good choices have amazing results" was one of his main messages, speaking from the perspective of having made poor choices in the past and lived to share them. He emphasized the need to make wise choices and how their top daily priorities can change their lives, emphasizing that "broken crayons color just as well as new ones."

"We all are broken, but we can pick up the pieces and make good choices," Harmon said.

"Just like last year Nathan Harmon was inspirational and energetic," said Hamilton Heights senior JP Etchison. "You could see the connections he made with the students."

Jackson Cantlon, a fifth-grader at Hamilton Heights Elementary School, thought the convocation was great. "He was funny and energetic and kept us all engaged because he moved around so much."

Sam Dawson, a seventh-grader at Hamilton Heights Middle School, agreed and added he thought the speaker is a really good person overall. "He changed my life for the better and I would recommend his message to anyone who wants to be a better person."

Harmon, the No. 1 booked school speaker in the United States, speaks from the heart and from real-life experience. He shares hurts from his past, which included his parents getting a divorce; which led to drug addiction, alcohol abuse, self-harm and driving under the influence, which resulted in the death of his passenger and



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Hamilton Heights Middle School seventh-grader Sam Dawson (left) stands with Nathan Harmon, the nation's top-booked school motivational speaker.

ultimately a prison sentence. After being released from prison, Harmon made the choice to become a speaker and work to help young people learn how to alter the course of their life for the better.

"I was a broken dude who took control of my mistakes," said Harmon.

Harmon's program was sponsored by Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance Program.

To read more about Nathan Harmon and his message, visit yourlifespks.org.

Join the Sheridan Library Winter Reading Club

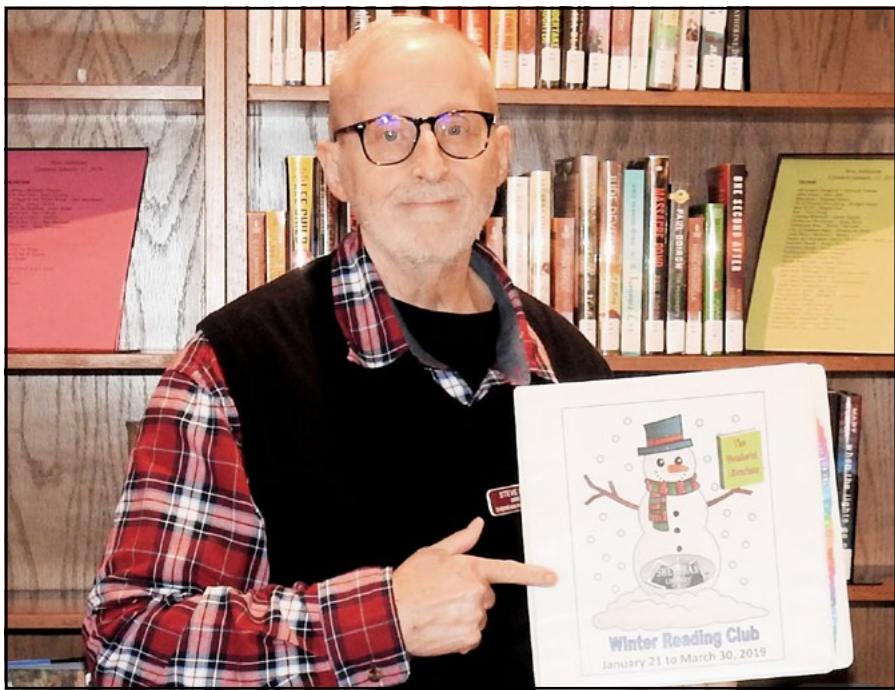


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Sheridan Library Director Steve Martin is shown holding the sign-up book for the annual Winter Reading Program at the library. Weekly drawings for a \$10 gift card will be held each Saturday for the 10-week run of the program and at the close of the program on March 30. A drawing for a grand prize \$25 gift card will be held. Sheridan Library customers are encouraged to sign up on their next visit to the library.



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Carmel's Sydney Remble paints the town in 25 hours

The REPORTER

Carmel High School senior Sydney Remble created the winning design for a new mural inside the lobby of the new MJ Insurance building in Midtown Carmel.

Remble and her team of fellow art students under the

direction of teacher Drew Murray worked for 25 hours to take her design – first sketched on paper with charcoal – and paint it on the huge wall of the lobby.

Patrick Chittenden, a principal and owner of Ambrose Property Group, the builders of this magnificent

building, presented Sydney with a \$2,000 scholarship along with \$500 scholarships for each of the students on her team.

The mural, *Carmel Through the Ages*, depicts familiar Carmel iconic images embedded in the trunk of a tree.

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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 past 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.



Allan Devaux Michael

November 25, 1933 – January 11, 2019

Allan Devaux Michael, 85, passed away on Friday afternoon, January 11, 2019 at his home in Sheridan. Born November 25, 1933 in Camden, Ind., he was the son of the late Merle E. and Della G. (Hanna) Michael.

Not too long after graduating with the Sheridan High School Class of 1953, Allan enrolled in one of Chrysler's four-year tool and die making apprenticeship programs that were being held at Arsenal Tech. About half-way through the program, Allan went to serve his country with the United States Navy. Upon returning home from the service, Allan would finish his apprenticeship. That program was the beginning of a 35-year career with the Chrysler Corporation before taking his retirement on November 25, 1988.

Allan enjoyed hunting, fishing, canoeing and shooting trap. He also enjoyed bowling with his league in Frankfort. He was a Colts fan and racing fan, following both NASCAR and Indy Car throughout the years. His most favorite activities, however, were those that he was able to participate in with his family. Qualification day at IMS was one of those activities. He also loved doing things with his late wife Patty. She and Allan loved going square dancing and playing euchre. They played regularly with many of their friends from church. Traveling was another favorite family activity. They would often go on cross country camping adventures when the kids were young. In their later years, Patty and Allan traveled to Florida for the winter months. This was a tradition that they enjoyed for 21 years.

Allan was a member of the Sheridan Wesleyan Church and also attended the Terhune United Methodist Church where he taught Sunday School and served as Sunday School Superintendent for many years.

Allan is survived by his two sons, Steven D. Michael (Annette), Sheridan; and Jeffrey L. Michael (Donna), Frankfort; four grandchildren, Steven Michael Jr. (Cheyanne), Jeffrey A. Michael, Christina Koehler (David) and Elizabeth Olovich (Richard); three great-grandchildren, Sophia Olovich, McKenna Koehler and Layla Koehler; and by his sister-in-law, Winnie Lou (Harris) Michael, Terhune.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Brian Scott Michael; two brothers, Daniel Michael and Dale Evan Michael; and by the love of his life, Patricia Joan Michael, on July 15, 2018. She and Allan were married at the Terhune E.U.B. Church on June 6, 1954.

Services were held on Friday, January 18, 2019 at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan. Burial with Military Honors followed at Hills Cemetery in rural Clinton County. Rev. Kevin Bragg and Rev. Rick Birden officiated. Visitation was held on Thursday, January 17, 2019 at Kercheval Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to Riley Children's Hospital.

Jacob Michael "Jake" Lucas

February 4, 1993 – January 13, 2019

Jacob Michael "Jake" Lucas, 25, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, January 13, 2019. He was born on February 4, 1993 in Noblesville.

Jake worked at IDI and was very funny and witty. He was a very talented guitarist who loved his music. Jake enjoyed watching football with his family, shooting ranges and horror movies, especially the Halloween movies. He was shy and quiet and was an avid reader. Most of all, Jake was a loyal friend who loved his family.

He is survived by his father, Jerry (Paula) Lucas; sisters, Madi Lucas and Stacy Green; grandmothers, Patricia Lucas, Linda Bell and Mona Gray; aunts and uncles, Meagan (Karl) Galamback, Darryl (Susie) Bell, Jeniffer (Keith) Ogden, Gail Lucas and Allyson (Brian) Bishop; and a large extended family.

Jake was preceded in death by his mother, Michelle Bell Lucas; and his grandfathers, James Bell and Belva Lucas.

Services were held on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with visitation prior to the time of service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Randall & Roberts Funeral Home to defray funeral expenses for the Lucas family.

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Robert "Skipper" Bunner II
August 28, 1955 – January 13, 2019



Robert "Skipper" Bunner II, 63, Westfield, passed away on Sunday, January 13, 2019 at his home. He was born on August 28, 1955 in Simi Valley, Calif.

Skip proudly served his country in the United States Navy and was a member of Hinkle Creek Friends Church. He was an environmental scientist who enjoyed studying the stars, sailing, fishing, scuba diving, traveling and going on adventures in his Jeep.

Skip is survived by his wife, Carol L. Bunner; mother, Reba Virginia (Heitzman) Crayton (husband, Frank); children, Christopher Dewilde, Emily Burriss (husband, Cassel), Robert Bunner III and Sarah Jane Bunner; sister, Ginger Worley; and six grandchildren, Autumn Dewilde, Rayne Dewilde, Cassel Burriss, Joanna Burriss, Lucy Burriss and Nikolas Burriss.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Bunner I; sister, Sheryl White; and brother, Larry Bunner.

Services were held on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with visitation prior to the time of service. Pastor Jack Holliday officiated. Burial was at Hinkle Creek Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hinkle Creek Friends Church, 21617 Hinkle Road, Noblesville, IN 46062.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Joe E. Dishoungh

July 27, 1932 – January 14, 2019

Joe E. Dishoungh, 86, Noblesville, passed away on Monday, January 14, 2019 at Carmel Health & Living. He was born on July 27, 1932 to the late Bill and Effie (Butler) Dishoungh in Iron City, Tenn.

Joe proudly served his country in the United States Army from 1953 to 1955 and attained the rank of Corporal. He was a member of Green Valley Church of Christ in Noblesville. During his life in Noblesville, Joe worked for Noblesville Soft Water and Noblesville Schools, as well as several gas stations around town. He was an avid fisherman and loved NASCAR racing. Joe loved going to the races with his grandchildren and sons.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Margaret (Bogus) Dishoungh; sons, Stan Dishoungh and Steven (Michele) Dishoungh; grandchildren, Deanna Condry, Nathan Dishoungh, Kennie Dishoungh, Brea Dishoungh, Michael (Alina) Dishoungh and Alicia (Rob) Snead; several great-grandchildren; sister, Dorothy (Lloyd) Cannon; and brothers, James (Cathy) Dishoungh and Donald Dishoungh.

Services are private at the request of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to Randall & Roberts Funeral Home to defray funeral expenses for the Dishoungh family.

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Robert Victor Rothrock IV

June 6, 1980 – January 10, 2019



Robert Victor Rothrock IV, 38, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at his home in Noblesville. He was born on June 6, 1980 to Robert and Rebecca (Russell) Rothrock in Indianapolis.

Robbie worked for BJ Brewhouse, Harbour Golf Club and Bridgewater Trees Golf Club as a chef. He loved children and animals, especially dogs and cats. Robbie liked to work with his hands and was very artistic and creative. He had a very big heart and was like a big teddy bear. Robbie was a fan of the Colts, the Hoosiers and the Cubs. He loved his daughter, Addi, very much.

He is survived by his father, Robert V. (Gail) Rothrock III; daughter, Addison Selvy; sister, Stacy (Mike) Ambler; brother, Adam (Ashley Sessions) Rothrock; nieces and nephews, Jacob and Evelyn Ambler, Olivia Rothrock and Emma Lewis; cousins, Kim and Andy Fitzpatrick, Ryan and Angela Miller, and Zach and Amy Day; aunts and uncles, Roberta Miller, Jim Miller and Tom (Judy) Rothrock.

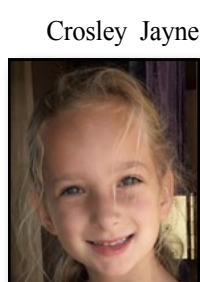
In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by his grandparents, Patty and Bob Russell and Norma and Robert Rothrock, Sr.

Services were held on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with Pastor Frank Fehsenfeld officiating. Visitation was held prior to the time of service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the college fund for Robbie's daughter: State Farm 529 Savings Plan, c/o Addison Selvy, P.O. Box 419096, Kansas City, MO 64179-9951.

Crosley Jayne Buchner

August 15, 2011 – January 13, 2019



Crosley Jayne Buchner, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, January 13, 2019 at Peyton Manning Children's Hospital at St. Vincent in Indianapolis at the age of 7. She was born on August 15, 2011 to Scott and Emilie (Feick) Buchner in Carmel.

Crosley loved to dance, swim and was proud that she just learned to ride her bike last summer. She enjoyed time on the water with her family at Tippecanoe Lake in Northern Indiana. Crosley was a first grader at Promise Road Elementary where she was nominated for a Panther Leadership Commendation last fall. She was baptized in the Catholic faith. Crosley loved to read, especially Ben Clanton books, and enjoyed the thrill of roller coasters. She was such a great big sister; her little brother will miss 'Sissy'. She aspired to be a Pediatric Oncologist when she grew up.

Crosley is survived by her parents, Scott and Emilie Buchner; little brother, Briggs W. Buchner; paternal grandparents, Donald J. and Janel A. Buchner; maternal grandparents, James A. and Teresa A. Feick; maternal great-grandparents, James and Carol Dickerson; aunt and uncles, Mitchell and Madeline Feick, and Eric Buchner; and cousins, Hannah, Owen and Vivian.

She was preceded in death by her paternal great-grandparents, Donald and Janet McCrystal, and Art and Edwina Heiser; and her maternal great-grandparents, Louis and Martha Feick.

A celebration of Crosley's life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at White River Christian Church Worship Center, 1685 N. 10th St., Noblesville. The Court-yard-Noblesville is providing discounted rates to those traveling from out of town. The Buchner Family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes of Noblesville with Crosley's care.

Memorial contributions may be made to Peyton Manning Children's Hospital at St. Vincent, 8402 Harcourt Road, Suite 210, Indianapolis, IN 46260; or The Michael J. Fox Foundation For Parkinson's Research, Donation Processing, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014.

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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 was held on Friday, January 18, 2019 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church. Following the service, a Celebration of Life took place at Woodland Country Club, 100 Woodland Lane, Carmel.

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

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The importance of 4-H And we shall have snow ...

By ALLIE DELPH

Sheridan High School Student

Editor's Note: The Sheridan Student Column is brought to readers by Sheridan High School's 10th grade English class, taught by Abigail Williams. This column originally appeared in the Sunday, Jan. 20 edition of The Reporter.

4-Her's are four times more likely to give back to their communities and two times more likely to make healthier choices. 4-H teaches such important and valuable lessons in life. If you ever get the chance to enroll and serve as a 4-H member I recommend it! There are so many opportunities 4-H can lead to. 4-H is not only about showing but knowing how to invest money and learning responsibilities.

I show dairy cattle at the Hamilton County 4-H fair. I show a bucket calf and a steer each year. Getting the privilege to show is a wonderful experience, but I'd be kidding if I said it was all about showing. One thing people don't think about is what all it takes to get your animals ready for fair.

We get about four to

six calves in January. My brother and I get up every morning and bottle feed them, along with giving grain to the other steers. We do the exact same thing at night for the next three to four months. Then, we move them to the pasture and start them on grain. When we get the calves out of the barn my brother and I rotate who feeds morning and night. We start to walk them when they are calves and get them used to being haltered. When it starts to warm up, we bathe them too.

I would be lying if I said my parents didn't help me out, by feeding when I'm not home, helping catch the cows in the pasture, or just being outside with me when I work with them. What I don't agree with is when parents do all the work for their kids. What are the kids getting out of it? Who wants it more, the kids or the parents? I think the kids are responsible for taking care of their animals if they are the ones showing them. Of course, when I was younger and I needed help controlling my steer, my dad would hold the end of the rope with me, but



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he wouldn't walk my steer for me.

Many of the important aspects of 4-H get overlooked. For instance, my brother and I began 4-H learning how to save money. My brother and I buy one or two calves each year. We pay for their grain throughout the year. Then, we sell our 4-H steers at the fair and we take our other steers to market. We get money from our premium, the market price of the steer, and the pasture steer we take to market. My brother

and I invest our money into our own accounts. My money goes toward making payments on my car and buying calves the next year.

In conclusion, 4-H is not only about showing, but knowing how to invest money and learning responsibilities. 4-H teaches important life lessons. If you get the chance, don't pass it up. There are many 4-H activities besides showing, like baking, building, posters, sewing, gift wrapping and much more. 4-H teaches great life lessons!

It's probably because of my past. It's probably because I have a history with snow. It's probably because I am a survivor of the 1978 Blizzard. I am prepared for a big one whenever the "chances" are predicted.

Once you have experienced a real blizzard you become a bit skittish when it comes to possible bad weather involving snow.

The odds of another blizzard like that of the Blizzard of '78 are small, but I'm not taking any chances.

When I hear the forecasts I become a weather forecasting junkie. I want all the opinions. Like the forecaster can "really" predict what it will do. They have their maps. They have their meteorology data and images. But the answers, my friends, are blowing in the wind.

I have my favorite go to guys and gals on whom I rely. Matt Gamble is an "amateur" weather guy but he is surprisingly accurate. Just for fun he even allowed his chickens to help predict the snowfall this weekend. We shall see.

I pay attention to the BAM weather team and Chris McNew who keep me glued to Facebook to see their predictions.

When I turn on the television I am usually counting on Channel 13's Angela Buchman to let me know how soon I need to run to the store. Angela is a graduate of Hamilton Southeastern High School so she has grown up with the adventures of Hamilton County snows. My husband actually handed her diploma to her when he was the superintendent. He's a fan.

I try to head to the store early enough before the craziness begins. I fear the thought of not having something I really don't need but want.

Here's the thing: I must have certain foods whenever it snows and I'm in for even a couple of days. Got

ta have meatloaf and mashed potatoes. Spaghetti and garlic bread. Ham and beans and cornbread. Homemade pancakes (made with buttermilk). I am set for a week with all the leftovers we will have.

And then there are the desserts. On the menu is an egg custard pie. Fruit cocktail cake, which I call a funeral cake. Peach cobbler. I predict I will gain a few pounds if the snow persists.

There is just something about being in the kitchen and cooking and watching Netflix that is just comforting, all the while watching it snow.

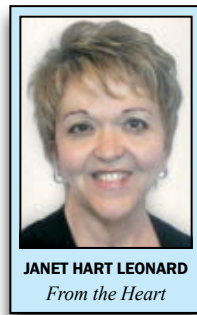
Growing up in Noblesville and Hamilton County, I have lots of snow stories. My husband was the school superintendent for Hamilton Southeastern Schools and he has his fair share of snow stories.

Chuck would go out at 4 a.m. and drive the back roads to check to see if the buses would be able to pick up the kids and transport them safely. He had a parent once call him and question why they had school that day. He explained to them that he had traveled the backroads and they were okay. The man argued that, "Well, of course, you are in a four-wheel drive!" Chuck calmly answered, "Sir, I drive a rear-wheel drive passenger van." He rested his case.

I drove a 1965 Mustang in the 70s. I drove it in the winter. Not fun, but I did it. I even drove it to college near Chicago in 1974. I drove cautiously.

Perhaps we will get ice. Perhaps we will get a lot of snow. Perhaps we will be inside most of the weekend. I do know that I will survive. If I made it through the Blizzard of '78 I will make it through whatever comes this weekend.

I am a survivor. I have the stories to tell. Perhaps after this weekend I will have a few more.



JANET HART LEONARD
From the Heart

Library tempest outgrows the teapot

By this time it seems that most folks have heard about the controversy over the Carmel Library cafe. You may have read that the library is planning an expansion and wants to



FRED SWIFT
The County Line

change and improve its food service to please customers.

Currently the cafe is essentially a concession stand. It has been operated the past few years by a disabled veteran, Kevin Russell, who says he has invested a lot of money in his equipment.

His contract with the library has run out, and the library director decided to replace the operation with something more akin to the popular Soho Cafe on the Monon.

The controversy should be considered a tempest in a teapot. But, every now and then a community controversy develops in which the situation seems on the surface to be simple enough for everyone to understand, and many feel it is necessary

to take sides.

The library no doubt had best intentions in mind and, as has been reported elsewhere, nothing was illegal. But, perception is everything, and a bad perception can cause a public relations disaster.

The library director, Bob Swanay, decided to offer the new cafe operation to Vivian Lawhead, owner of the Soho Cafe. Apparently no one else was invited to make an offer. Mrs. Lawhead was a member of the Carmel Library Foundation, a fundraising auxiliary of the library. She has

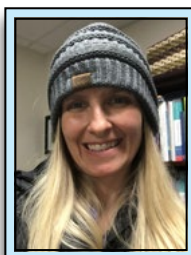
since resigned.

It was a real bad PR move and Swanay knows it. The library has offered to let Russell stay another three months and offered to buy his equipment. But, Russell simply closed down the operation two weeks ago. Now there's no concession and everyone involved is upset. The adverse publicity is not good for the library — a library that has been cited as one of the best in the nation for a city the size of Carmel.

So, this is how a tempest in a teapot can grow to a full thunderstorm, but even thunderstorms soon pass.

Keys to make a difference: Listen, affirm, ask, do

On Monday, Jan. 7, I sat in a room filled with close to 100 people from our community that came together to think about ways we can collectively make a difference.



JEN TOWNSEND
Noblesville Diversity Coalition

I remembered the last time I sat in this space with community members and hearing many stories of others — stories of unfair treatment in our community. Stories that are painful. I then remembered the last time we were with Cornelius Minor and his conversation about "isms" being systemic and how we can each do something small to make a difference in the system. Then, sitting here again, we listen to words of wisdom from Cornelius,

a Brooklyn educator, who has experienced a lot as he travels the United States and the world to think about ways to fight for equity and access for all.

Mr. Minor reminds us that as a community, we have the power to be inclusive of all. As responsible citizens we must cultivate trust, respect and honesty to make all feel welcome and included. We have all experienced times we've felt included and times that we have felt powerless. How do we replicate the feeling of inclusiveness for others and what did we need from others when we felt powerless? What would have been helpful?

Our first step in continuing to cultivate an inclusive community is to listen. Listening does not mean we have to agree, yet we do need to believe people when they tell us their stories. When we say it can't be true, it robs them of their truth. Once we listen, we then affirm. We say, we hear you. We see you. By affirming, again you are not agreeing, instead you are saying I understand this is your reality. This is your truth. Next, we ask the question, "Is there anything I can do for you?" Then we must

act. When someone feels powerless, we must step in and be their proxy. We must take action on their behalf.

It sounds easy: Listen, Affirm, Ask, Do; yet in many situations this feels so hard. It's hard because our system often constrains us in the decisions we make. Our system can silence us. Speaking our truth or someone else's truth can be daunting.

This is not something we can do alone. Recently I heard a TedTalk by Luvvie Ajay on "Get Comfortable with the Uncomfortable." In her talk she discusses the importance of being the first domino. When you notice something is not right, then be that person who speaks up and when you do, others will follow.

Dolly Chugh, author of "The Person You Mean to Be" as well as Brene Brown in her book "Dare to Lead" share similar messages as Ajay and Minor. We cannot sit in silence, instead we need to find courage to speak up and do this work with others. It is our collective responsibility to deconstruct systems that keep people marginalized and give them power. We cannot be bystanders in other people's powerlessness. We need to listen to people who have been rendered powerless and recognize it may

not be an issue that can be "solved" yet we can take it to those that have power to begin to make a difference. We can take it to organizations that will be able to help and move us forward as a community.

It is our hopes that the Noblesville Diversity Coalition (NDC) is an organization that can help problem-solve with others to make a difference and foster inclusiveness. We have grown from a committee to a coalition knowing that many want to be involved and therefore the larger we are in our efforts the more effect we can have on our community. We each love Noblesville. We live here for many reasons, the people, the businesses, the schools, the square, the churches, etc. We need to share our experiences of inclusiveness as well as experiences of marginalization in order to grow together.

NDC will be sharing more about our organization and ways you can become involved in the next few months. We want you to get to know us and we want to get to know you. Together, we will make a difference in our community.

Jen Townsend serves on the Noblesville Diversity Coalition and she is the Director of Learning for Noblesville Schools.

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your foundation. Build on it and nurture it and I know you will be successful."

The recruit academy lasts approximately 22 weeks. The first 15 weeks are devoted to gaining certification at firefighter level I, II, hazardous materials and technical rescue — swift wa-

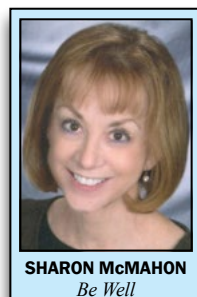
ter, extrication, emergency vehicle operations and prevention. The remaining seven weeks involved training as an emergency medical technician at the basic level.

The new firefighters will complete a probationary year before being promoted to pipemen.

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 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 you-go 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 corporate 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

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Nickel Plate Express reports high passenger numbers during inaugural season

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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.

Church Church Hittle + Antrim opens new office in Westfield

The REPORTER

The law firm of Church Church Hittle + Antrim has announced the opening of a new law office in Westfield. The new office is located at 116 N. Union St.. CCHA is a full-service law firm.

"Our expansion into Westfield demonstrates our commitment to this dynamic community and the people we serve," said Managing Partner David Day. "CCHA serves clients across the state with offices in Fishers, Fort Wayne, Merrillville, Noblesville, Tipton and Zionsville. Adding Westfield into the mix is consistent with our commitment to be right around the corner from people seeking our help for their legal issues."

CCHA partner Eric Douthit will oversee the Westfield office. Douthit is a partner in the firm's Business Practice Section. Douthit ad-

vises clients on a variety of corporate and commercial matters, with an emphasis on emerging business creation, business mergers and acquisitions, and general corporate business counseling. Douthit is also a graduate of the Hamilton County Leadership Academy and lives with his family in Westfield.

Founded in 1880, CCHA is the oldest and most established law firm in Hamilton County. "Since the establishment of Church Church Hittle + Antrim in 1880," said Day, "our neighbors, community leaders, businesses and educational institutions have placed their trust in us to solve their most challenging legal issues. Expanding into more communities to better directly serve our clients is important to the attorneys and staff at CCHA."

Learn more about CCHA at cchalaw.com.



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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.

"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 educational 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.

6 injured, 1 dead in Westfield crash

The REPORTER

One person died Friday night in a crash on State Road 32, Westfield police said. The Hamilton County Coroner's Office identified the deceased as Anthony P. Herrington, 33, Kokomo.

Emergency crews were sent at approximately 8:30 p.m. Friday to State Road 32 and Willow Creek Way, which is the entrance to Wil-

low Creek subdivision, west of Carey Road.

According to investigators, the crash involved three vehicles.

Six additional people were taken to a hospital with injuries. One of those people had serious injuries. Names of those individuals have not been released and no further information was available at press time.

Noblesville shooting prompts potential law change

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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 voted unanimously last 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.

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 taken last Monday came in three acts. First, a resolution declaring the city's intentions under the National Trails System Act (view the resolution at bit.ly/2sAAwOB) and an agreement under the National Trails System Act (available at bit.ly/2HzTZJF). The second resolution declares the rail property as surplus (see it at bit.ly/2FOkfiL).

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 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 again with the Hamilton County Humane Society to provide animal control 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 funding 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 added cleaning space, including the new Police Headquarters, Pavilion, Parks and Recreation Basement, Waste Water Treatment Plant, Sewer Offices, Switch Garage and the new Department of Public Works Operations Building. The city will now 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. The additional cost was factored into the 2019 city budget.

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 stormwa-

ter, 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 inter-

preters, can be arranged for this program. Please contact Dan Domsic by email at domsicd@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.

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High School Principal Rick Davis. "Recognitions such as these validate our efforts to provide and expand high quality opportunities for our students while keeping student success as our priority."

The complete honor roll can be found at bit.ly/2UvrvCZ.

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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.

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Art: Drawing) during their high school career potentially leading to college credit at universities across the nation. Additional expansion of Advanced Placement courses to include AP Spanish at Sheridan High School has already begun for the 2019-2020 school year as

this initiative continues.

"We are excited to be recognized for our initiative to expand AP offerings for students as well as improving overall student performance within those courses," said Sheridan Community Schools Superintendent Doug Miller.

"It takes a great amount of effort from our teachers, students, and administrators and I am very proud of that effort and the outcomes."

"Being recognized as an AP Honor Roll district is a fantastic honor for our students, teachers, school and community," said Sheridan

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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

Girls basketball

Huskies fall to Yorktown, beat Benton Central in HC playoffs

The Hamilton Heights girls basketball team is in the midst of one of its busier stretches in recent history, as the Huskies played four games in five days last week.

Heights won its first two games, but lost the third one Thursday night, falling to Yorktown 47-40 in a home contest. The Tigers led 11-5 after the first quarter, with Bayleigh Runner scoring all five of the Huskies' points.

Yorktown led 19-9 late in the second period before Hailey Champion made a floater to cut it to 19-11; that would be the halftime score. Heights played even with the Tigers in the second half, but just couldn't get all the way back.

"We have all sorts of excuses that we could make," said Huskies coach Keegan Cherry. "This being our third game in four days." But the coach pointed to Heights' struggles from long range - the Huskies made only 1 of 24 3-point attempts - and not having "the toughness to get the ball inside, try to score inside and get fouled."

"When you're not making shots, that's the result," said Cherry. "We did battle, we didn't quit, and I'm confident I'd like to play them again in sectional."

Cherry got his wish, as the Huskies will play Yorktown in the first round of the sectional at New Castle (see related story below).

Runner led Heights with 16 points and also handed out four assists. Lauryn Wiley collected seven rebounds.

Hamilton Heights used an outstanding performance from the free throw line to stun Benton Central 52-39 in the third-place game of the Hoosier Conference playoffs on Friday.

After a long road trip to the Bison's gym, the Huskies trailed BC 12-8 after the first quarter. But Heights outscored the Bison in each of the next three quarters, leading 17-16 at halftime. The Huskies then took care of business in the second half, scoring 35 points while holding Benton Central



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Hamilton Heights coach Keegan Cherry talks with his team right before the start of the fourth quarter during the Huskies' girls basketball game with Yorktown on Thursday.

to 23. As a team, Heights made 30 of 33 free throws, or 90.9 percent. Leading the way was Runner, who went 17-of-18 from the line on her way to 22 points. Payton Dissett added 12 points and Jillian Osswald scored 11. Wiley led the rebounding with eight,

with Runner and Mykayla Moran both collecting five rebounds.

"Great bounce back win against a really good and well-coached Benton Central team," said Huskies associate head coach Susan Lester. "Our girls showed tremendous poise and did a great job handling their

pressure all night - made free throws down the stretch - great team win."

Heights is 11-10 overall and will play its regular-season finale Thursday at Lafayette Jefferson.

To read results from the Huskies' first two games, turn to Page A9.

Carmel keeps up the pressure, beats Fishers

By RICH TORRES

CARMEL - When the calendar flipped two weeks ago, so did the mentality for the Carmel girls basketball team.

Stuck at 6-8 prior to the new year with eight games left on the regular-season schedule, the Greyhounds' resolution for 2019 was momentum, and so far they're right on track.

Winners of three straight, Carmel pushed its streak to four in row last Tuesday night, defeating Fishers 68-41 to claim its fourth victory in five games.

"It's amazing what we've done this year, coming from a really good team last year, and everyone doubting us and saying that Carmel wasn't going to be

as good without certain seniors that graduated," Greyhounds senior Reagan Hune said. "I think we really bought into our roles and have really stepped up. Now, we're just excited to finish the season out."

The defending sectional champion Greyhounds (10-9) are upping the ante with the state tournament one week away, and it starts with defense.

Up 8-0 to start against Fishers (11-9) before the visiting Tigers tied the game 11-11 by the end of the first quarter, Carmel applied the pressure to open the second quarter, leading to a decisive 18-0 run.

"When we faced them in previous years, just like tonight, we focused on

jumping on them early and making a statement," Hune said. "We just have to keep the ball rolling heading into the sectional season."

Hune was one of three double-digit scorers for Carmel, which shot 50 percent from the field and erupted for a 23-point second quarter and another 22 points in the fourth.

Sophomore Bridget Dunn had 13 points with three rebounds, and Hune posted 12 points with two steals and three rebounds. However, it was freshman Kate Clarke, who stands 6-0, that provided the spark.

A former starter that has cemented herself as the Greyhounds' first reserve off the bench, Clarke contributed immediately, scoring seven points in the first 1:28 of the second quarter en route to a game-

high 14 points.

"Any more the sixth man is very underappreciated and not understood, and Katie has come out from the bench and has really done a lot of good things for us. It's not easy to be pulled from the starting lineup and understanding the reasoning for it and what we're looking for," Carmel acting coach Erin Trimpe said. "She came out tonight and really put on a show. We love seeing that from her."

Clarke shot 6-of-11 from the field and hauled in six rebounds to go with three assists. She buried a 3-pointer to kickoff the Greyhounds' key run. Her second long-range dagger put Carmel ahead 27-11 as Fishers went scoreless the first five minutes of the second quarter.

Lydia Stullken ended the Tigers' drought with a bucket at the 3:00 mark and cut the Greyhounds' lead 31-17 with three straight conversions in the paint. Stullken paced Fishers with a team-high 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Tamia Perryman had 11 points and five rebounds for Fishers, while Carmel's defense disrupted Tigers' leading scorer Katie Burton, who entered averaging 12.6 points per game. Burton finished with seven points on 3-of-6 shooting.

"We knew she was a phenomenal player that not only creates for herself but for her teammates. She does such a great job at that, so we really worked at practice the past few days on how to deny her the ball," Trimpe said. "We kind of did it by committee."

The Greyhounds' defense kept the Tigers' under 35 percent from the field and forced nearly 20 turnovers.

A 10-3 run in the third quarter increased Carmel's lead to 20 points. The margin reached 27 points after a Lauren Gartenhaus 3-pointer late in the fourth.

"We let them fight back in the first quarter, which we talked about in pregame; those runs are going to happen, and we withstood it," Trimpe said. "We came out in that second quarter, and that was a very impressive effort by all of our girls. We went deep into our bench tonight and asked a lot of our girls, especially on the defensive end."

The result opened the passing lanes on offense

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Girls basketball sectional pairings announced

The IHSAA announced the sectional pairings for its 44th annual girls basketball state tournament Sunday afternoon.

Hamilton County's nine teams will play across five sectionals, with Class 4A schools competing in Sectional 8 at Hamilton Southeastern. Games at HSE begin Tuesday, Jan. 29 with Carmel taking on Noblesville, then Fishers will play

Anderson.

Westfield got the bye in the top half of the bracket, and will play the Greyhounds-Millers winner in the first Friday, Feb. 1 semi-final. The Royals received the bottom-half bye, and will take on the Tigers-Indians winner.

In Class 3A, Hamilton Heights will play in Sectional 24 at New Castle. The Huskies will have the first

game of this seven-team event, taking on Yorktown in the lone Tuesday, Jan. 29 game. Guerin Catholic will compete in Sectional 27 at Bishop Chatard, with the Golden Eagles playing Brebeuf Jesuit in the only Tuesday, Jan. 29 game at this five-team sectional.

Sheridan will host Class 2A Sectional 40, and also play the first game out of the gate. The Blackhawks will host Frankton in a Tuesday, Jan. 29 first-round game.

University will travel to Bethesda Christian to play in Class 1A Sectional 58, a seven-team event. The Trailblazers will play the second Wednesday, Jan. 30 game, taking on International.

Complete pairings now follow:

Class 4A Sectional 8 at Hamilton Southeastern
Game 1: Carmel vs. Noblesville, Jan. 29
Game 2: Fishers vs. Anderson, Jan. 29
Game 3: Westfield vs. Game 1 winner, Feb. 1
Game 4: Hamilton Southeastern vs. Game 2 winner, Feb. 1
Championship: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, Feb. 2

Class 3A Sectional 24 at New Castle
Game 1: Yorktown vs. Hamilton Heights, Jan. 29

Game 2: New Castle vs. Blackford, Jan. 30
Game 3: Delta vs. Jay County, Jan. 30
Game 4: Muncie Burriss vs. Game 1 winner, Feb. 1
Game 5: Game 2 winner vs. Game 3 winner, Feb. 1
Championship: Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, Feb. 2

Class 3A: Sectional 27 at Bishop Chatard
Game 1: Brebeuf Jesuit vs. Guerin Catholic, Jan. 29
Game 2: Crispus Attucks vs. Cardinal Ritter, Feb. 1
Game 3: Bishop Chatard vs. Game 1 winner, Feb. 1
Championship: Game 2 winner vs. Game 3 winner, Feb. 2

Class 2A Sectional 40 at Sheridan
Game 1: Sheridan vs. Frankton, Jan. 29
Game 2: Elwood vs. Wapahani, Jan. 29
Game 3: Lapel vs. Game 1 winner, Feb. 1
Game 4: Monroe Central vs. Game 2 winner, Feb. 1
Championship: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, Feb. 2

Class 1A Sectional 58 at Bethesda Christian
Game 1: Metropolitan vs. Traders Point, Jan. 29
Game 2: Indiana Math & Science vs. Bethesda Christian, Jan. 30
Game 3: University vs. International, Jan. 30
Game 4: Indiana Deaf vs. Game 1 winner, Feb. 1
Game 5: Game 2 winner vs. Game 3 winner, Feb. 1
Championship: Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, Feb. 2

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Huskies get back-to-back victories, Runner scores 32 against WeBo

In a little over 24 hours, the Hamilton Heights girls basketball team went from under .500 to over .500. The Huskies won back-to-back games to begin the week. On Monday, Heights held off a huge comeback from Tipton to win that Hoosier Conference East game 49-47 at the Blue Devils' gym. On Tuesday, the Huskies returned to their home gym, and took care of Western Boone 64-53.



Runner

Heights got off to a 10-3 first quarter start against Tipton, then

extended its lead to 22-13 at halftime. The Huskies were ahead 32-19 after three periods, and that allowed them to absorb a 28-point fourth quarter from the Blue Devils. Three Heights players landed in double figures. Bayleigh Runner scored 13 points, followed by Jillian Osswald with 11 and Lauryn Wiley with 10. Mykayla Moran scored eight points, making four of her field goal attempts. Payton Dissett added seven points. Moran pulled five rebounds, as did Dissett and Wiley. Runner and Dissett each had four steals. The Huskies were involved in a back-and-forth game with Western Boone for the first three quarters. The Stars led 17-15 after the first quarter, then Heights came back to lead 34-31 at halftime. The teams were tied at 47-47 at

halftime, but the Huskies outscored WeBo 17-6 in the fourth. Runner had another incredible game, pouring in 32 points. That included a perfect 10-of-10 performance from the free throw line, in addition to making 10 of 12 field goal attempts. Runner nailed two 3-pointers, pulled five rebounds and handed out five assists. Wiley hit three 3s while scoring 17 points. She and Moran both collected five rebounds as well. Heights is now 10-9 and will host Yorktown on Thursday. The Huskies will then play at Benton Central on Friday night in the Hoosier Conference third-place game; Heights win over Tipton clinched them second place in the conference's East division.



Photo provided

The University girls basketball team won its first ever Pioneer Conference championship last Monday by beating Greenwood Christian Academy 72-33. This makes the Trailblazers the first ever girls team to win a PAAC title.

Trailblazers win PAAC title

The University girls basketball team sprinted to the finish line. The Trailblazers played their final games of the regular season last week, going 2-1. On Monday, the 'Blazers won their first ever Pioneer Conference championship by beating Greenwood Christian Academy 72-33 on the road Monday, then returned to the U Center on Tuesday to defeat county rival Guerin Catholic 56-39. The 'Blazers fell to Tri-West on Thursday 71-70.

University had no trouble with Greenwood Christian, leading 13-4 after the first quarter and 36-13 at halftime. Trailblazers coach Justin Blanding said the team had some motivation for wanting to win the conference title.

"We really wanted to win," said Blanding. "Our kids came out and played hard. They wanted to be the first girls team here to win the PAAC, so they did that. I was happy for that."

The 'Blazers were led by junior Lindsey Syrek, who earned the first triple-double in school history while playing against GCA. Syrek

finished the game with 19 points, 13 rebounds and 11 blocked shots. "When she really asserts herself and plays hard for 32 minutes, she's capable of numbers like that," said Blanding. "That's something we've been challenging her on is just playing harder. She did that. She's a rim protector. She pulled down those rebounds. She's getting stronger."

Jenna Blakley added 14 points, while Jhordan McGuire scored 13. Blakley and Brooke Andrus both made two 3-pointers.

Against, Guerin Catholic, the Trailblazers raced out to a 21-6 first-quarter lead, then were up 33-15 at halftime. The Golden Eagles played even with University in the second half, but the Trailblazers' early lead carried them through.

Both teams were missing key players, as Andrus was injured and forced to sit out. GC's Paige Bennett was sick and had to miss the game.

Syrek had another tremendous game with 24 points, with McGuire, one of the seniors, scoring 14 points. Syrek and Blakley both drained two 3-pointers.

Nicole Cunningham led Guerin Catholic with 12 points.

A battle of two of Indiana's highest scoring teams lived up to the billing as Tri-West held on for a 71-70 win over University in front of a raucous Senior Night crowd at The U Center. University trailed 64-55 with 3:30 left in the game before mounting a furious comeback that came up just short.

McGuire bulled her way to a season-high 27 points to pace the Trailblazers. Blakley had 12 and Syrek (12) and Maddi Sears (11) also reached double figures for University. Syrek just missed her third triple-double of the week, pulling down 13 rebounds and blocking eight shots.

On Friday, Guerin Catholic avoided a Circle City Conference shutout on Friday by beating Brebeuf Jesuit 44-34 in a girls-boys doubleheader at the Eagles Nest.

The game was tied at 3-3 after the first quarter; Carly Wilson hit a 3-pointer for the Golden Eagles' only points. But Guerin Catholic got going in the second period, leading 13-9 at halftime. Free throws made up the majority of GC's points, with the Golden Eagles going 8-of-12 from the line.

Guerin poured in 31 points in the second half, outscoring the Braves in both quarters. Nine different players scored for the Golden Eagles, led by Nicole Cunningham's nine points. Kathryn Loso went 7-of-8 from the free throw line to score all her points, while Olivia Labus added eight.

The Golden Eagles finished conference play 1-4 and are 5-15 overall. Guerin Catholic will host Decatur Central on Tuesday.

HSE clinches undefeated HCC title

Hamilton Southeastern left no doubt that it was the top team in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference after a 53-33 win at Zionsville on Friday.

With the victory, the Royals clinched an undefeated championship in the HCC, an unblemished record of 7-0. Southeastern won all of its conference games by double digits in clinching its first outright HCC title since 2014. (The Royals shared the title with Brownsburg last season.)

Southeastern took control early, leading 15-5 after the first quarter and 23-12 at halftime. The Royals outscored the Eagles in each of the four periods. Sydney Parrish led the way with 17 points, including three 3-pointers.

Amaya Hamilton added 12 points and also led the



Reporter photo by Kirk Green

Hamilton Southeastern's Tayah Irvin goes up to the basket during the Royals' game at Zionsville on Friday.

rebounding with seven. Southeastern is 20-1 Hamilton and Jackie Mucci both handed out four assists. regular season Tuesday at Pike.

Westfield falls to Brownsburg

Westfield dropped its Hoosier Crossroads Conference finale to Brownsburg, 61-44 Friday at The Rock.

The Bulldogs got off to a strong start, leading 22-8 after the first quarter. The Shamrocks came roaring back, outscoring Brownsburg 19-9 in the second period to cut the lead to 31-27. But the Bulldogs took control again in the second half, outscoring Westfield 30-17.

Zoe Pentecost scored 12 points for the 'Rocks and was one of four players with four rebounds in the game. Alyssa Crockett, Ava Henson and Gigi Eldredge also cleared four rebounds.

Westfield finished conference play 3-4 and are 15-6 overall. The Shamrocks will play their regular season finale Tuesday at Greensburg.



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Sheridan drops two games

Sheridan dropped a tough game at Delphi on Tuesday, losing 46-45 in overtime.

The Blackhawks fell behind 10-6 after the first quarter, but came back in the second to lead 16-12, allowing the Oracles just two points in that period. Delphi inched back in the second half to tie the game at 40-40, then outscored the 'Hawks 6-5 in the extra period.

Heather Barker scored 20 points and pulled seven rebounds to lead Sheridan. Jillian O'Flaherty made two 3-pointers. The Blackhawks had 30 total rebounds, with Taylor Bates grabbing six and Olivia Raines, Berkley Williams and Holly Barker each collecting five.

Sheridan fell to McCutcheon Thursday 64-38 at Hobbs Memorial Hall.

The Blackhawks were up 19-15 after the first quarter, with Heather Barker scoring eight points. But McCutcheon



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Sheridan's Heather Barker takes a shot during the Blackhawks' game with McCutcheon Thursday.

dominated the second period, allowing Sheridan only four points while scoring 23. The Mavericks led 38-23 at halftime, then outscored the 'Hawks 26-15 in the second half.

Barker wound up with 12 points, while O'Flaherty scored seven; both made two 3-pointers. Olivia Raines pulled five rebounds, and Berkley Williams made four steals.

Sheridan is 9-10 and will host Rossville Tuesday in its final Hoosier Heartland Conference game of the season.

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Friday boys basketball

Tigers run past Avon, improve to 3-1 in HCC play

Tigers like to run, and the Fishers boys basketball team ran its way to a Friday night win.

The Tigers beat Avon 62-53 in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game at the Tiger Den. It was Military Appreciation Night, and the Fishers team wore special uniforms honoring the Indiana National Guard.

The Orioles kept close with the Tigers early, until Fishers broke away in the later stages of the first quarter for a 15-9 lead. Alex Szilagyi scored seven points, with Jeffrey Simmons adding six. The Tigers then jumped ahead 30-18 by halftime, with Josiah Matthews scoring five.

In the second half, Fishers led from anywhere between nine and 18 points. Avon made some mini-runs throughout the half, but the Tigers were always able to respond with a big baskets or free throws when they needed them.

"We spent a lot of time this week defensively trying to focus on what we need to do to get better, just in terms of guarding the ball, being in help-side, being in gaps,"

said Fishers coach Matt Moore. "I thought our coaches did a great job of being consistent weekly in practice about what we were going to expect tonight. I thought our guys for the most part did a good job through the first three quarters of living inside of that. They made their runs, but I think we made some good individual adjustments in terms of how we're guarding. When we get stops, we can score in transition. We didn't score at a high rate tonight, but we get stops and we can push the ball down the floor, we're going to get easy buckets."

Fishers had balanced scoring, with four players in double figures. Matthews and Simmons led the way with 14 points; Simmons went 6-of-6 from the free throw line, while Matthews made a pair of 3-pointers.

Szilagyi added 11 points, while Willie Jackson scored 10.

The Tigers are 3-1 in the conference and 11-5 overall. Fishers is now off until next Saturday, Jan. 26, when it hosts Franklin Central in another HCC contest.



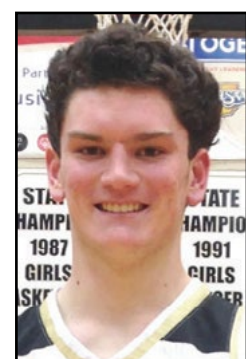
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Fishers' Terry Hicks (32) directs the offense during the Tigers' game with Avon Friday at the Tiger Den. Fishers beat the Orioles 62-53. Also pictured for the Tigers is Jeffrey Simmons (33).

Noblesville picks up first conference win

Noblesville picked up its first Hoosier Crossroads Conference win Friday night at Franklin Central, by the score of 53-38.

The Millers outscored the Flashes in each quarter, leading 13-11 after the first quarter and 19-14 at halftime. Noblesville broke away in the second half, going ahead 32-22 by the end of the third period. Zack Johnson then took over for the Millers in the fourth quarter, scoring



Johnson

11 points. Johnson finished the game with 24 points, while Xavier Hines scored 13. The Millers had an outstanding performance from the free throw line, making 11 of 12 foul shots. Johnson went 5-of-5 while Alex Hunt was 4-of-4.

"This was a great HCC win for our team," said Noblesville coach Brian McCauley. "We went 3-0 tonight with our 9th, JV and varsity teams winning. We defended extremely well tonight and played solid on offense."

The Millers are 1-3 in the conference and 7-6 overall. Noblesville's next game is next Friday at Hamilton Southeastern, followed by a Saturday, Jan. 26 home game with Logansport.

Royals drop overtime game

Hamilton Southeastern lost to Zionsville 80-73 in an overtime Hoosier Crossroads Conference road game on Friday.

The Royals led 21-17 after the first quarter, then turned up its defense in the second period, only allowing the Eagles five points while taking a 37-22 halftime lead. But Zionsville outscored Southeastern 44-29

in the second half to force overtime, then won the extra period 14-7.

Aaron Etherington scored 22 points for the Royals, with Landon Morris adding 18.

Southeastern is 2-2 in the conference and 9-5 overall. The Royals will host Mount Vernon on Tuesday and Noblesville Friday in another conference game.

Big first quarter sends Bulldogs past 'Rocks

Westfield lost a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game to Brownsburg Friday at The Rock, by the score of 65-49.

The Bulldogs stunned the Shamrocks in the first quarter, taking a 27-8 lead, then extended their advantage to 44-19 by halftime. Westfield outscored Brownsburg in both quarters of the second half, but the early deficit was too much to make up.

Zach Banks scored 21 points for the

'Rocks, with Caleb Welch adding 12. Eli Patchett led the rebounding with five, while Braden Smith handed out five assists.

Westfield is 1-3 in the HCC and 6-5 overall. The Shamrocks will host Tri-West on Tuesday, then travel to Avon on Friday for another conference game. Westfield's busy week concludes Saturday with a home game against Greenfield-Central.

'Hounds hold off Pike, fall to Brownsburg

Carmel split a pair of games last week. The Greyhounds held off Pike 51-50 in a Friday Metropolitan Conference game.

The Greyhounds led 38-30 in the third quarter after a fast break dunk by Andrew Owens. The Red Devils cut the Greyhounds' lead to 42-41 with 3:17 left in the fourth quarter, but Robert Fly made a steal and dunk with two minutes left, then



Heady

Karsten Windlan helped out with four consecutive free throws to get the 'Hounds up 49-44 with 15 seconds remaining.

Windlan led the scoring with 11 points, while Owens and Luke Heady both had nine points. John Michael Mulloy had a solid game with eight points, seven rebounds and three blocked shots. Fry scored eight points and Owens collected six rebounds. The 'Hounds are perfect in the MIC at 4-0.

Carmel was stunned by Brownsburg 52-50 on Saturday; the Bulldogs scored five points in the last minute to hand the Greyhounds their first loss of the season.

Heady led the Carmel scoring with 16 points, while Owens contributed 10 points. Mulloy had nine points, nine rebounds, four assists and two blocked shots.

Carmel is 11-1 and hosts Anderson on Tuesday and Ben Davis on Friday, then plays at New Castle on Saturday.

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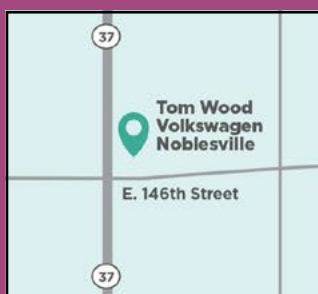


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