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Hamilton County Fire Fighters Local 4416 recently became one of three new FeedingTeam.org food pantry sites. Pictured is FeedingTeam.org Co-Founder Mark Hall (center) with members of Hamilton County Fire Fighters Local 4416.

Feeding Team opens three new outdoor food pantries

The REPORTER

FeedingTeam.org is pleased to announce the deployment of three additional outdoor free food pantries, bringing the total to 12 in service in Hamilton County.

"We are thrilled with these new locations," said Lisa Hall, Co-Founder of the Feedingteam.org. "With so many neighbors in need, the pantries served over 3,000 meals in November to our rty and the members of 4416 food-challenged neighbors in Hamilton

County. The community has stepped up in support of this Neighbor Serving Neighbor concept. 'Take What You Need, Give What You Can' works in our community."

New hosts locations include:

• Hamilton County Fire Fighters Local man and the school administration 4416, 399 S. 14th St., Noblesville

Thank you to Tony Murry, Colin Foga-

· Laura Hayden's School of Dance, ingteam.org.

7830 E. 236th St., Cicero

Thank you to owners Laura and Eric Hayden

• Indiana Academy, 24815 SR 19, Ci-

Thank you to Principal Steve Baugh-

If you need a meal, or if you want to get involved, visit Facebook.com/FeedingFamiliesHamiltonCounty or feed-

New HSE school will be called Deer **Creek Elementary**

By LARRY LANNAN

LarryInFishers.com

When HSE Schools begins construction on the new Wayne Township elementary school, it will have a name. The school board voted to name the new building Deer Creek Elementary.

The name is a tip-of-the-hat to the original name for the nearby music center originally named Deer Creek, but in recent years has been named after a commercial sponsor.

There was a discussion of having a virtual groundbreaking ceremony. There was a board discussion and many, with the pandemic in mind, would be willing to forgo the traditional groundbreaking event. There was no board vote on that issue.

It's the little things

After last week's column filled with grumbles and grouchiness, an announcement from my mom's assisted living facility was a welcome sight. They asked residents' families and friends to drop off outdoor Christmas decorations by this weekend to surprise



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their loved ones and bring holiday cheer.

I was IN!

I eagerly pulled into Hobby Lobby's parking lot last Saturday morning, which of course was full. After donning my mask, I entered the bustling store and began to leisurely stroll its aisles.

My husband John will tell you, I RARELY "leisurely stroll" through a store. I normally despise crowds, which has actually been pretty handy during this pandemic. My typical trip to a store involves me quickly honing in on what I want and escaping as soon as possible. I run a business

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reach agreement Carmel,

Business can reopen, but must comply with new conditions

The REPORTER

The Department of Community Services (DOCS) for the City of Carmel has per toilet in compliance with reached an agreement with the owners of the GOAT that will allow the venue to temporarily operate under certain conditions until the use variance is decided on

The owners of the GOAT have agreed that their strict compliance with the requirements included in the agreement is required to remain open. If there is a failure to comply with the requirements, the venue will have 24 hours to make changes necessary. If those changes are not accomplished in that time period, then DOCS can require that the GOAT cease operations immedi-

The following is the list of conditions in the agreement:

1. New hours of operation

- a. Sunday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- b. Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to
- 12 a.m. (midnight) c. All food and beverage service will end one hour prior to closing, which would

be 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and

2. Noise Levels and Capacity

11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

a. Noise levels will be at or below 50 decibels.

b. If an ordinance is passed by the City requiring new lower levels, operator will comply with those new levels.

c. No live music.

d. Only 40 persons or less standards in the State of Indiana Building Code. If more restrooms are added, then the capacity can increase accordingly. The occupancy includes the indoor area and the three-season patio area.

e. The Sandlot outdoor area, including the fire pit, will be closed unless use of that area is approved as part of the use variance.

3. Security

a. Operator will control the entrance, and exits of the premises to ensure all employees and patrons are using only public streets, sidewalks, paths and the Monon Greenway and not accessing through private residences.

b. If necessary, operator will employ **private security** to ensure compliance with this and other requirements and to prevent endangerment of neighboring properties.

c. There will be **only one entrance** into the building and it will be on the east side of the restaurant. Operator will make any improvements necessary to prevent entrance from Sandlot outdoor area or Monon

Greenway directly. d. Operator will employ full-time employee "Bouncer" to be at the main entrance to confirm legal age of all who enter, prevent patrons from taking beverages outside the restaurant building, to ensure that

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all persons, except employees and staff, have left the building at closing and to prevent loitering in the immediate area after closing.

e. Operator will direct all ride sharing activities to the drop off/pick up point near Midtown Garage.

4. Cleanliness

a. Operator will install a water hose to be used on a regular basis to clean outside of premises and surrounding area.

b. Operator will be responsible for **col**lection of trash in a three-block area following daily closing of the premises.

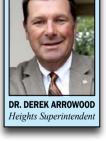
We are pleased that the owners of the GOAT have agreed to these critical steps to take control of the activities at their venue,' Mayor Jim Brainard said. "This will also give them the opportunity to show their commitment to be better neighbors and that they can coexist in this vibrant area of our city prior to the final vote on the variance in early 2021. We appreciate the input and patience of those who have expressed concerns and hope that they see an immediate difference."

It was also agreed that the City of Carmel or the DOCS may seek injunctive relief from the courts in Hamilton County, if necessary, in order to enforce these commitments. DOCS has sole discretion to determine if the GOAT is at all times in compliance with the conditions of the agreement.

From the desk of Superintendent Derek Arrowood

Update No. 39 from Dr. Derek Arrowood, Superintendent, Hamilton Heights School Corporation

The generosity of our community never ceases to amaze. Every year members of our community find untold ways to contribute to our schools



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through the year and even more during the holiday season. Throughout this pandemic, with higher unemployment, uncertainty, and greater need, the compassion has been even greater.

One program that stands out during the holidays is our annual Angel Tree program. Every tag on every tree in every building is claimed. We are able to support 93 families and 227 children this Christmas thanks in part to members of our community who stepped in to help make Christmas a little brighter for those families and children struggling to adjust to the changes and impact brought about by the health pandemic. Special thanks to our Angel Tree building coordinators Trina Fennell (HHES), Alicia Robinson (HHMS), and Whitney Gray (HHHS) for your tireless efforts on such a special program in this season of giving.

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Ag tech firm chooses Westfield for global HQ

On Thursday, Westfield Mayor Andy Cook, Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb and executives from agricultural intelligence and precision scouting leader Taranis announced the company's plans to locate its global headquarters in Westfield. location for business-

scouting pioneer, will create up to 60 new, Cook said. "Its emerhigh-wage jobs by the end of 2023.

The new headquarters will help grow

technology solutions.

"The addition of Taranis to our community grows our influence in the region as an attractive Taranis, an ag innovator and industry es and job seekers," gence as a leader in precision scouting

Cook



DiPaola

Taranis' presence in the Midwest and coupled with Westfield's commitment to commodity crop production region enenhance customers' accessibility to the advancing agricultural innovation in our ables us to interact more directly with company's state-of-the-art agriculture region makes this an ideal and exciting our customers to better address the agro-

With nomic challenges of their growers," said Taranis joining our own AgReliant, I am proud that Westfield will be headquarters to these two agriculture leaders."

"Locating in the heart of the America's

Mike DiPaola, general manager of North America and vice president of global sales at Taranis. "This exciting chapter for Taranis positions us well for growing our customer base and recruiting employee talent, while also allowing us to entrench our ourselves in the area as the undisputed global headquarters leader in precision scouting."

Taranis, which empowers growers to largest make informed and timely replant, crop nutrition and protection decisions that

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Arrowood

We are also grateful for ers if the virus does get in. greater risk for COVID-19 the community's ongoing contributions to our student-run food pantry. Under the leadership of Susan McCoskey (HHHS) and the Service With A Goal (SWAG) club, the pantry provides a source of food staples and other necessities to help students and their families during times of need. As a reminder, our food pantry will be open Monday, Dec. 14 from 4 to

er's license or picture ID. Among other heroes hard at work behind the scenes are our custodians. They are tasked with keeping COVID-19 from spreading in our buildings - and being first respond-

6 p.m. Arrive at Entrance

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kindly remain in your vehi-

cle. Food will be brought to

you. Please bring your driv-

On the most recent episode of the Hamilton County Health Department's On the Frontlines series, Tammy Rednour, HHMS head custodian, shares how our custodial staff are managing the challenges created by the pandemic and keeping our buildings and classrooms safe and sanitary. Click **here** to watch the interview.

On the topic of COVID-19, as you may have heard or read, the Centers for Disease Control recently announced that in addition to their 14guidance, they have now added an option to allow for a shorter (seven- to 10day) quarantine period. It is important to note, however, that this shorter option comes with additional requirements and an accepted

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spread. Read the new guidelines here.

The Indiana State Department of Health and the Hamilton County Health Department continue to recommend the 14-day quarantine period. We, therefore, plan to continue to follow the 14-day guidance as outlined in our Re-Entry Plan. We believe this is the safest option for our students and staff at this time. With our county at level Orange and positive cases on the rise, we do not believe now is the time to reduce protecday COVID-19 quarantine tions we have in place. We will continue to work closely with our local and state health partners to monitor ongoing conditions and consider possible changes to our COVID-19 procedures in the future.

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LITTLE THINGS

and take care of my mom, happen. house, and family – there's not much time in my life for this stuff.

But I carved out an hour that morning in order to scout out the perfect things to make my mother smile. See, Mom loves to decorate. Growing up, our house looked like something you'd see in a magazine. I have numerous memories of going to art and craft shows with her as a child/ teenager.

Mom would leisurely stroll through the aisles and booths while I bristled with impatience (do you see a trend there?) Looking back, I wish I hadn't felt that way time with her more. I'd love to go to a craft show with her now, but with her health and COVID-19, that can't yard, so she doesn't have

She always found the perfect thing for a book, shelf, table, etc. Mom had wanted to study interior design in college when she was younger, but her parents wouldn't allow her to go to Purdue, so she didn't continue her studies.

I didn't appreciate her special gifts and talent until I went away to college myself. When I came home for Christmas breaks, my heart and soul would nearly burst when I stepped through the front door and saw the tree and other decorations. I loved each and every detail.

those days last Saturday. and instead enjoyed that But I could take my time, enjoy myself, and find the perfect décor. Mom's small patio is on an interior courtfrom Page 1

room for anything huge. Soon I found a cheerful elf, a light-up snowman, and a little Christmas tree to go between them. I texted a photo of all three to my sister. Vicky is creative like Mom in these things,

and I was happy to get her

approval. I was practically giddy when I dropped off some groceries and the decorations for Mom last Tuesday. I'd love to be a fly on the wall to see her reactions and those of others when they look out their doors and

windows this weekend. That's what we have I couldn't go back to to do now more than ever, folks – do those little things to bring joy to others during this pandemic. I guarantee you'll feel just as good, if not better, than the person receiving them.

TARANIS

optimize yields through weeds, crop diseases, inprecision scouting, is investing nearly \$10.5 million immediately. to lease and equip its new 6,000 square-foot facility quarters is a welcome adat 725 E. Main St. in Westfield. The facility will allow the company to significantly expand its team of agronomists and associates while increasing its total acreage serviced. The company's location in Tel Aviv, Israel, help attract a large, diverse will continue to operate as talent pool for the future. I its Innovation Center.

fleets capable of capturing to call home." high-resolution imagery, to deliver real-time insights during each growth stage at a leaf-level resolution 20 times faster than the mandelivers the insights to users through the company's comprehensive CONNECT mobile platform.

solutions, growers and their advisors can detect early symptoms of uneven emergence, nutrient deficiencies,

sects or water stress almost

"Taranis' new headdition to the Hoosier state as we continue to grow our thriving tech presence," Holcomb said. "This investment will further strengthen our position as a top agricultural producing state and couldn't be more grateful By utilizing drone Taranis has chosen Indiana

Taranis, which currently Taranis' proprietary soft- employs more than 80 peoimages and aggregates data America, Eastern Europe, Australia and the Middle East, plans to consolidate its sales, marketing and administrative functions at the ual alternative. The images new Westfield facility and are tagged and evaluated continue to significantly exby Taranis' artificial intel- pand its workforce during ligence platform, which the first year of operation. The company is hiring for positions in drone and aviation operations, customer success, marketing and With Taranis' agronomic sales and has already hired seven toward its goal. Interested applicants may apply online.

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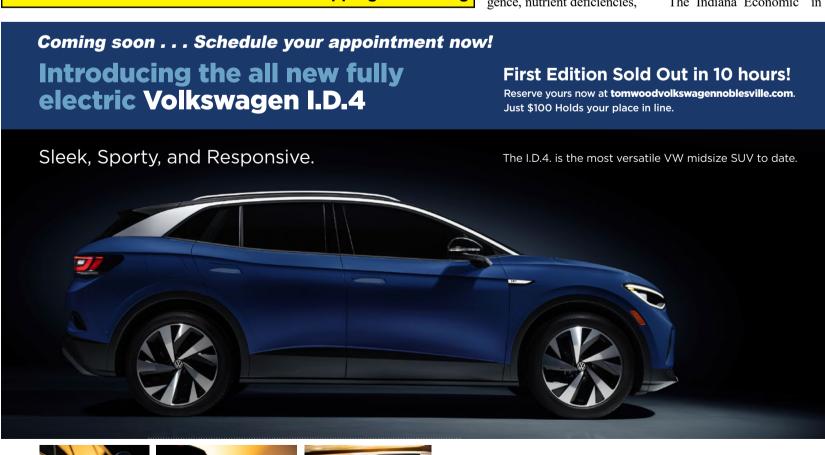
Development Corporation offered Taranis Inc. up to \$1.25 million in conditional tax credits based on the company's highwage job creation plans. These tax credits are performance-based, meaning the company is eligible to claim incentives once Hoosiers are hired.

About Taranis

Taranis represents a new category in agricultural innovation by bringing together the best of precision ag and crop scouting. It combines high-resolution imagery, field intelligence, ware platform analyzes ple across the U.S., Latin comprehensive diagnostics, API integration and deep agronomic know-how to allow crop advisers to make better, more informed crop management decisions. The company works with 16 of the world's top 20 agricultural retailers and crop protection companies and monitors more than 20 million acres of land globally for over 19,000 customers in the United States, Canada, Brazil, Russia, Ukraine and Australia. Taranis employs over 80 people worldwide and is headquartered in Westfield.











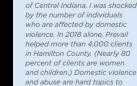
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and abuse are hard topics to discuss, so you don't often hear about them. But at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, we're breaking the taboo and raising awareness for Prevail, an organization that helps families in Hamilton County - Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood

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 Prevai

To help Hamilton **County families** affected by domestic violence and sexual abuse, you can donate

the following items:

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Drop off items at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville. 14701 Tom Wood Way.





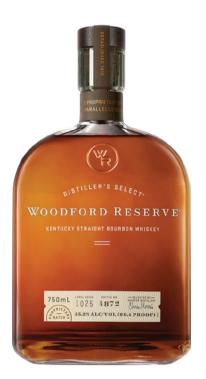


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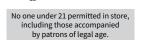
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Join Dave Koz & Friends on Dec. 12 for The Greatest Hits of Christmas 2020

The REPORTER

A holiday performance by Dave Koz & Friends has become an annual tradition at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.

Although the pandemic blocked plans for the 23rd annual Christmas Tour, the saxophonist is rounding up those friends for a virtual concert event titled "The Greatest Hits of Christmas 2020." The concert kicks off at 8 p.m. on Saturday,

Joining him for the onenight-only livestream will be Jonathan Butler, Rick Braun, Richard Elliot, Peter White, David Benoit and vocalist Rebecca Jade. Enjoy the show on any mobile device from virtually any location, including the com-



fort of your own home.

The ticket price includes online access to the performance for one device, as

A New Day and Gifts of the Season. A virtual VIP meetand-greet option is available, and a portion of the proceeds well as digital downloads will be donated to the Starof Koz's latest two albums, light Children's Foundation.

Support the Center by using this unique link to

Click here to watch a short video to get you in the holiday spirit.

Governor adds COVID restrictions, tells Hoosiers to keep wearing masks

Holcomb

WISH-TV | wishtv.com Wednesday created new re-

strictions on hospitals and 14 percent positivity rate, on social gatherincluding ings,

those at schools and colleges.

Indiana State Board of Health Wednesday reported 5,853 more Hoosiers have tested positive for the coronavirus, bringing

the total to 398,417. In addition, the department said an additional 98 Hoosiers died from COVID-19, raising Indiana's death toll to

The governor said Hoosiers should continue to els than we did last week."

follow the mask mandate, Gov. Eric Holcomb on which began July 27. He said the state also has a

> more than 3,200 hospitalized, and more than 400 daily hospital admissions.

Indiana has created a weekly score system for its counties, mapping with those having the worst COVID-19 out-

breaks in red, followed by orange, yellow and blue. The governor referred to the map during his weekly coronavirus briefing, saying, "We have more counties in red for positivity lev-



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Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Firefighter Merit Commission meeting scheduled for 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2020, has been canceled.

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020, at the Noblesville Schools Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road, Noblesville.

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 14, 2020, at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St., Car-

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will meet for a work session at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 14, 2020, in the Community Room at Washington Woods Elementary School, 17950 Grassv Branch Road, Westfield.

The Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 14, 2020, in the Media Center at Sheridan High School, 24185 Hinesley Road, Sheridan. An executive session will precede at 6 p.m.

Anyone wishing to virtually attend the Noblesville Council Finance Committee meeting at 8:15 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020, may call (317) 776-6333, then enter conference ID 469 85 793# when prompted. The meeting will be held in room A213 at Noblesville City Hall 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

Anyone wishing to virtually attend the Noblesville Redevelopment Commission meeting at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020, may call (469) 998-6201, then enter conference ID 553 305 092# when prompted. The meeting will be held in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.

CONFIRMATORY RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA The City of Fishers, Hamilton County, Indiana ("City"), hereby

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -

provides NOTICE that the City's Common Council ("Council"), at its November 16, 2020, meeting, approved Resolution No. R111620E - Declaratory Resolution Establishing Real Property
As An Economic Revitalization Area and Granting Abatement (INCOG)("ERA"). Pursuant to Ind. Code §§ 6-1.1-12.1-2.5 and 5-3-1 et. seq., the City hereby provides notice that on December 21, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., during its duly noticed and regularly scheduled meeting, the Council will hold a hearing on the ERA designation and will receive and hear all remonstrances and objections from interested persons. Following the hearing the Council will consider whether to adop a confirmatory resolution to establish the ERA and grant a tax abatement to INCOG BioPharma Services, Inc. A depiction of the affected area is available and can be inspected in the Office of the Hamilton County Assessor. Please note the following:

THE CITY COUNCIL WILL

CONDUCT THE MEETING ELECTRONICALLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE AND LOCAL GUIDANCE REGARDING COVID-19. THE PUBLIC MAY STREAM THE WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING BY GOING TO: http://tinyurl.com/FishersCityHall MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY SUBMIT COMMENTS BY GOING TO: https://townoffishers.formstack.com/ forms/public_meeting_comment_form

Letter to the Editor –

Shaffer: No firings yet over city's lack of enforcement of GOAT-related ordinance

Dear Editor:

Carmel's city council - privy counthe privy council, coming down hard on anyone crass enough to use public streets and sidewalks as open-air rest rooms.

While such acts have been illegal since the invention of the flush-type toilet, the Carmel police had to catch the beast in the ungracious act. Now, a simple cell phone video will do the trick and the Keystone (and other streets) Kops can descend in force.

The public fouling ordinance passed its first reading but is a mere sideshow to the crudities that gave rise to a need for it.

The GOAT has become the epicenter of bad municipal practice, replacing a breakfast-and-lunch spot as a late-night watering hole for those practicing little if any face mask or social distance obliga-

tions. The mayor himself was seen there - mask-less and mingling closely just cil to the mayor - on Monday became a few weeks before coming down with COVID-19.

> He had formed a task force of like-minded bureaucrats in September to study how the zoning and other regulations allowed the GOAT to graze on the Monon.

> Someone discovered the place should be closed at 2 p.m. each day. It was written that way into the original deal. Somebody in City Hall approved the deal and somebody was supposed to enforce deals like this.

> No word on how many persons have been fired.

> But, it's nice to know it's naughty to do one's business alongside the Monon. **Bill Shaffer**

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Carmel

Duke Energy has money available to help cover winter energy bills

The REPORTER

its Indiana customers who are struggling to pay their electric bills this winter. The funds come from corporate contributions and customer

donations. never been more important than now," said Duke Energy Indiana President Stan arrived, and many of our with the economic hardships of this pandemic. In 2020, we have dedicated more than \$600,000 in energy bill assistance, which includes pandemic bill relief funds distributed earlier this year."

Duke Energy works with the Indiana Community Action Association and the Indiana Housing and Community Development Au-Program, which determines eligibility and distributes the company's assistance

funds. Qualifying Duke En-Duke Energy has more ergy customers who may than \$460,000 dedicated to be struggling to pay their electricity bills can receive up to \$300. Because of high demand, customers should first check with their local agency to make sure there are still funds available lo-"Programs like this have cally. Click here to find a listing of service providers by county.

"The Community Ac-Pinegar. "Cold weather has tion Agency network is thankful to partner with customers are still struggling Duke Energy to support the many Hoosier households facing economic challenges in this difficult year," said Ed Gerardot, executive director of the Indiana Community Action Association. "The contributions from Duke Energy and its customers will ease the hard-

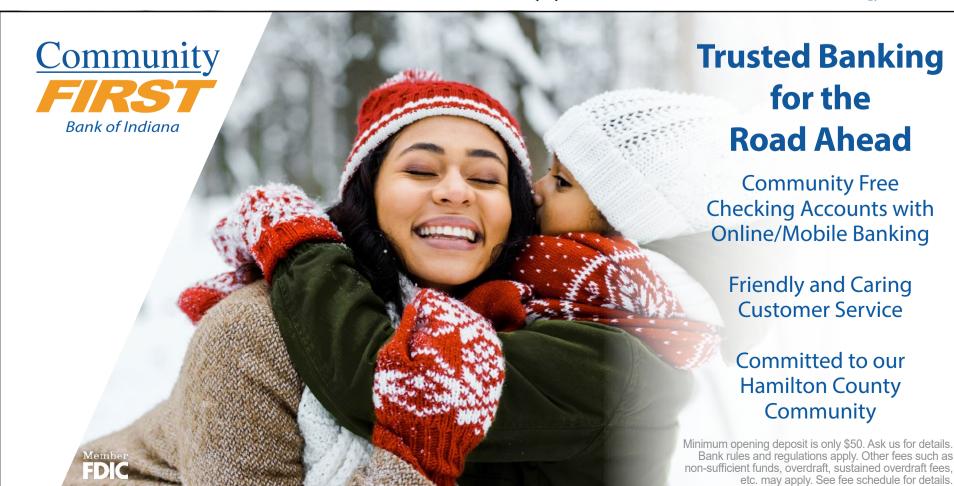
ship for many families." For more information on the Helping Hand program, thority's Energy Assistance including eligibility for funds, participating agencies and how to make a donation, click here.

Winter energy saving tips

- · Reduce your thermostat to the lowest comfortable setting when home, and bump the thermostat down a degree or two when leaving home.
- One of the easiest things customers can do to support heating efficiency is to change air filters regularly. A dirty air filter makes a heating system work harder, which uses more energy.
- Leave drapes or blinds open during sunny winter days to allow the sun's rays to warm the house, but close them at night to help insulate your home.

Click here for more information on how to cut costs and stay warm this winter. Duke Energy also offers energy efficiency products, services and information to help customers save energy and money. For more information, visit duke-energy.com.





Donald Raymond McPherson March 19, 1938 - December 9, 2020

Donald Raymond McPherson, 82, Westfield, passed away on December 9, 2020 at

Copper Trace in Westfield. He was born on March 19, 1938 in the village of Sewickley, a suburb of Pittsburgh, Pa., to Fosie (McMahan) and Richard C. McPherson, Sr. Don always described his hometown as an ideal place to grow up, a picturesque community, providing easy access by bike or on foot to explore the hills and valleys of the Allegheny Mountains, but still just a short trolley or bus ride to the sports and cultural activities of a major city. Don attended the University of Pittsburgh where he was a mem-

ber of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Throughout his life, Don was a devoted follower of Pitt's football and basketball teams, as well as

the Pittsburgh Steelers and Pirates. Following his education at Pitt, Don accepted a management training position with the American Casualty Company and was transferred to Indianapolis in 1961. Although he had expressed an interest in an assignment to one of their "western branches" he had in mind something further west than Indianapolis. But it all worked out for the best.

He was an avid golfer, achieving two holes in one (and a third one, unfortunately not witnessed by anyone else) and he developed a keen interest in the Civil War during his retirement and had traveled to Gettysburg, Antietam, Shiloh/Corinth and Harper's Ferry in recent years. He had many friends and acquaintances, was known for his sometimes corny one-liners, and was very proud of his Scottish heritage and had visited Scotland.

After buying a house in Indianapolis, he became active in his neighborhood association, working to improve city services, which led to his committed involvement in local Republican politics, disappointing his mother who was a lifelong Democrat back in Pittsburgh. In 1967 Don was elected to the Indianapolis City Council and then was re-elected to the City-County Council in 1972 and 1976. In 1980, Don resigned from the Council seat to accept the position of Director of Administration in the cabinet of Mayor William H. Hudnut III. In 1998, Don became the Director of the Aging and Disability Resource center at CICOA Aging & In-Home Solutions, a position he held until his retirement in July of 2011.

Don's professional career also included Business Manager of Curtis Publishing Company, Publishing Director of Holiday magazine (a national travel magazine) and General Manager of Commercial Laundry Company. He also provided consulting services to the Professional Fire Fighters Union and the Fraternal Order of Police under a professional service contract.

Don was predeceased in death by his parents; a brother, Richard C. McPherson Jr.; and his Siberian Husky, Wilbur.

Survivors include his ex-wives, Marga and Colleen; his daughters, Debra (Kurt) Shaver, Paula (Kyle) Kantz and Stacia (Robert) Burger; three grandchildren, Brittany, Bryce and Chase Burger; sister-in-law, Suzanne Wylie McPherson, Pittsburgh; as well as his longtime companion, Suzanne Graham.

Services will be held in the spring of 2021. Randall & Roberts Funeral Home has been entrusted with Don's care.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.

Romans 1:26-27 (NIV)







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6 Sports



Boys basketball

Royals return to action with HCC win

By RICHIE HALL

FISHERS - Finally back on the court after two weeks, Hamilton Southeastern got to play its first home game on Thursday.

It was also Senior Night for the Royals, as well as their first Hoosier Crossroads Conference game of the season, as Southeastern hosted Avon. The Royals got off to a great start, then held off the expected Orioles comeback to win 68-60.

Southeastern never trailed in the game, even during a close first quarter. The Royals were engaged from the start, as Alex Totton drew a foul while scoring the contest's first basket – just five seconds in. Totton made the subsequent free throw and HSE was up 3-0.

Avon's Nick Walker made a 3-pointer to tie the game, but the Royals took the lead for good on back-to-back layins from Vinny Buccilla and John McCall. The first quarter was played at a torrid pace, and ended with Southeastern ahead 24-19. Totton scored nine points in that period, nailing two 3-pointers after his game-starting and-1. McCall helped out with seven points and Sam Jacobs added four.

The Orioles' Dominique Williams scored the first basket of the second quarter, a putback to get Avon within 24-21. The Royals took over after that, going on a 14-0 run. Dalton Retzner made back-to-back layins, and Totton hit back-to-back triples. That run carried Southeastern into halftime, where it led 42-31.

The Royals' balance was in full effect by halftime. Totton had 15 points, with McCall at nine and Sam Jacobs adding seven points.

"One thing that we always keep trying to talk about is having that balance, because if you have that balance, then they can't really key on certain guys, and that's what we've got to keep doing every night," said Southeastern coach Brian Satterfield.

The game slowed down in the third quarter, but the Royals remained in front. A 9-2 run put them ahead 51-34 with less than a minute to go in the period; four different HSE players scored during that

But Avon went on a run of its own, scoring 15 straight points to get within 51-49 with just over five minutes to play. Southeastern scored six quick points to get back ahead 57-49; Retzner made three of four foul shots and Totton threw in his fifth 3-pointer of the game.

"I thought we started out pretty well, but then they made their run," said Satterfield

From there, the Royals kept their lead between five and nine points. The nine-point lead came with 2:09 left, when Totton made a pair of free throws. Two more foul shots from Jason Stutz with 1:13 left got Southeastern up 66-59, and the Royals were able to hang on from there.

"We keep talking about toughness with this group and I thought they withstood it, they were able to make plays down the stretch, and that's the most important thing," said Satterfield.

Four HSE players reached double figures in scoring. Totton's five 3-pointers were part of his 20 points, Jacobs and McCall both scored 11 and Retzner added 10. Buccilla collected eight rebounds while Loudon Sundling pulled six. Buccilla dished out four assists and Retzner



Photos by Joshua Herd

Hamilton Southeastern's John McCall (left) was one of four Royals players in double figures during Southeastern's 68-60 win over Avon Thursday. It was the Royals' first game in two weeks.

made two blocked shots.

Southeastern is 2-1 for the season and is back home again tonight to host North Central. Satterfield said the stretch is going to be tough, but back-to-back games are certainly better than not playing at all.

"We knew that this was going to be tough, but with all the things with COVID going on, we just wanted to get the game in, especially since we haven't played in a while," said Satterfield. "Didn't get to play last weekend, we just wanted to get in there and get some game action in. We know it's going to be a challenge, but at least we're getting the opportunity to play."

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 68,

AVON 60					
Southeastern		FG	FT	TP	PF
Jason Stutz		3-6	2-7	8	3
Alex Totton		6-11	3-3	20	2
Dalton Retzner		3-6	4-8	10	4
Vinny Buccilla		2-8	1-2	5	2
John McCall		3-9	4-6	11	1
Loudon Sundling		0-0	0-0	0	5
Isaac Bowman		1-1	0-2	3	0
Sam Jacobs		4-9	3-4	11	4
Mohammed Awad	t	0-3	0-0	0	0
Deion Miles		0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals		22-53	17-32	68	22
Score by Quarters					
Avon	19	12	6	23 -	60
Couthoostorn	24	1Ω	Ω	17	68

Southeastern 24 18 9 17 - 68 Southeastern 3-point shooting (7-14) Totton 5-9, Bowman 1-1, McCall 1-1, Stutz 0-1, Retzner 0-1, Buccilla 0-1. Southeastern rebounds (41) Buccilla 8,

Southeastern rebounds (41) Buccilla 8, Sundling 6, McCall 4, Retzner 3, Awad 3, Stutz 2, Totton 2, Jacobs 2, Bowman 1, team 10.



Southeastern's Vinny Buccilla had eight rebounds and four assists to go with five points during the Royals' Thursday victory.



'Rocks wrestlers dominate on Senior Night

The Westfield wrestling team celebrated Senior Night Thursday with a 70-3 dual meet win over Lebanon.

The Shamrocks won 13 of the 14 matches, including eight by fall. Getting pins were Owen Matthews (106 pounds), Dylan Driver (113), Braxton Vest (120), Thadeus O'Neill (126), Alec McLaren (138), Jason Rooney (152), Austin McClure (170) and Seth Martin (182).

Gabe Arvin got an 11-1 major decision victory at 195, with 132-pounder Ike O'Neill getting a 5-3 decision win and 285-pounder Mike Platonov winning a 5-1 decision. Ian Watson (145) and Jonathan Tanner (220) won by for-

Westfield is back in action Tuesday at Harrison.

HCC announces Fall 2020 awards

The Hoosier Crossroads Conference has announced its awards and all-HCC teams for the Fall 2020 season, as posted on its website.

In football, seven Westfield players received First Team All-HCC honors, this after the Shamrocks won the conference championship with a 7-0 record. Cole Grady, Micah Hauser, Bronson Kooy, Kyle Pape, Mason Piening, Carson Voorhis and Popeye Williams were named to the First Team, with Seth Martin and Reid Scheppers on the Second

Hamilton Southeastern had six players on the First Team: Brandon Gonzalez, John McCall, JT Mutchner, Mikah Phillips, Jake Robeson and Loudon Sundling. Jack Greer and Nate Haas earned Second Team honors.

Fishers received four First Team selections: Seth Dunnuck, Landon Morris, Jeffrey Simmons and Jonah Van Der Kamp. Lucas Prewitt and Billy Reiter were named to the Second Team.

Noblesville had three players receive First Team honors: Grayden Addison, Jake Long and Drew Page. Sam Steinhofer and Skyler Tolliver earned places on the Second Team. Addison received another honor earlier this week, as he won the Mr. Football Position Award for punters.

Westfield's Jake Gilbert was named Coach of the Year. After their perfect HCC season, the Shamrocks made it to the Class 6A state championship game, the third time since 2013 that Westfield played in the state finals.

VOLLEYBALL

The following county volleyball players were named to the First Team All-

Fishers - Jada Allen, Camryn Haworth.



Kent Graham/File photo

Noblesville's Grayden Addison won the Mr. Football Position Award for punters earlier this week. Addison also received First Team All-Conference honors in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference.

Hamilton Southeastern - Delaney Garner, Lauren Harden, Carly Mills.

Noblesville - Rose Crist. Westfield - Kenzie Daffinee, Ellary

Detamore. Second Team All-HCC players are Sa-

mantha Perdue and Emily Waldrop from Fishers, Taylor Lauri from Southeastern, Ella Peter from Noblesville, and Peighton Isley and Katie Sweet from Westfield.

Royals coach Jason Young was named Coach of the Year, leading Southeastern to an unbeaten conference championship and a sectional title.

GIRLS SOCCER

Noblesville, the conference and Class 3A state champion, had four players receive First Team All-HCC honors for girls soccer. They are Ava Bramblett, Miss Soccer Jenna Chatterton, Sara Kile and Makenna Maloy. Jacey Hoopingarner and Grace Taskey both received Second Team honors.

Fishers had three First Team players: Kaysey Castro, Jordan Imes and Aubrey Robertson, with Sami Bird and Ali Macbeth earning places on the Second Team. Southeastern's Molly Harris and Lydia Self also received First Team honors, while Maddy Bellaver and Olivia Smith were named to the Second Team. Westfield's Lauren Hamlet and Amiah Sprunge earned places on the First Team, with Paige O'Connell receiving Second Team

Noblesville's Mike Brady and Westfield's Hannah Eggert received Coach of the Year honors.

BOYS SOCCER

The Noblesville boys soccer team finished as conference champion, and had four players earn First Team honors: Palmer Ault, Drew Barnes, Spencer Holland and Gabe Ingle. Drew Cochran and Brayden Doll both received Second Team honors.

Hamilton Southeastern had three players named to the First Team: Parker Gopsill, Luke Lonneman and Isa Sayeed. Nate Weaver and Neel Wetzel earned places on the Second Team.

Westfield's two players on the First Team are David Green and Ben Wallace, with Declan Wheeler and Ellis Douthit receiving places on the Second Team. Fishers' Noah Reinhart earned a place on the First Team, with Rodrigo Dominguez getting Second Team honors.

Noblesville's Ken Dollaske was named Coach of the Year.

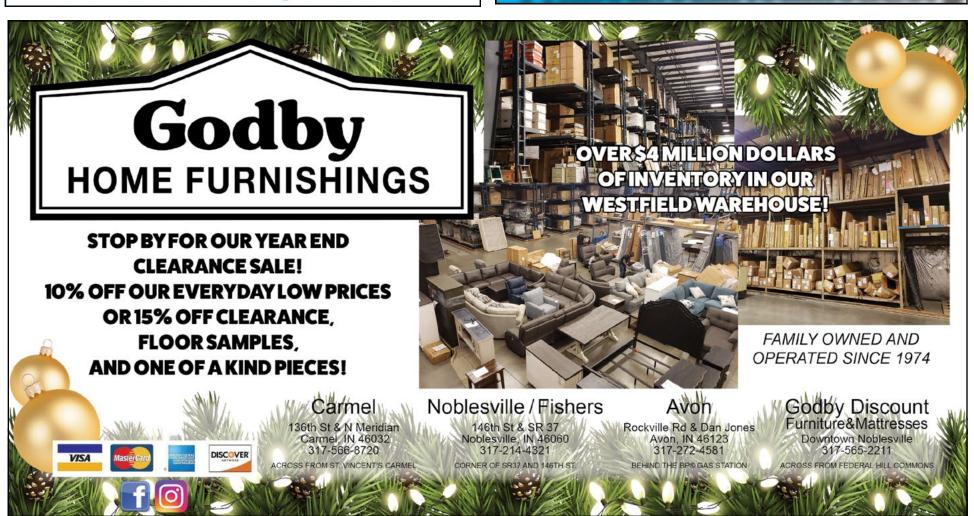
OTHER COACHES OF THE YEAR

Three county coaches were named as Coaches of the Year in the HCC. Southeastern's Joe Golden won for both boys and girls cross country, Westfield's Trevor Neu won for girls golf and Southeastern's Kirk Webber won for boys tennis.









Behind the scenes with Reich, Rivers, Colts public relations team

By CHARLIE CLIFFORD **WISH-TV**

The Colts 2020 public relations team is working overtime this season.

recent Pete Rozelle award given each year to the NFL's top PR staff, is desperately trying to keep the entire team connected with the outside world during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Matt Conti, Colts director of football communications, keeps Head Coach and the media on the same page.

Since the onset of the coronavirus pandemic, face-to-face interaction with anyone inside the organization has essentially been off-limits.

However, from home, thanks to the

creativity of Conti and his team, fans team can't meet together in person. are still hearing and seeing their favorite Colts just as much as any other season.

This is in part due to a tool essentially The unit, which took home the most all of us turned to over the last eight nine

"Hundreds, we have sent out hundreds of Zoom links," Conti said. "Actually, it's a really good question. I would be interested to go back and count it up, but hundreds upon hundreds."

"I would be lying if I said I knew Frank Reich, his coaching staff, players what Zoom was at the beginning of the year, but now that's our bread and butter," Colts Assistant Director of Communications Christian Edwards said.

> And there is another major twist to this story behind the scenes.

Due to NFL protocols, the Colts PR game interviews "on the go" as the team

Instead, Conti and Edwards remain close to the players and media, undergoing daily testing, while their teammates make the same sacrifices in other parts of the communications operation.

"I'd be remised if I didn't give credit to Steve Campbell, Pam Humphrey, Hayden Clark, and Liz Laux," Conti said. "I am so thankful for Christian, we out him."

'From the top, the entire Irsay family, Pete Ward, Chris Ballard, Frank Reich, told everyone in the building it was to be adaptable, and to be flexible."

The best example of being flexible?

Conti and Edwards navigating post-

rushed to its late night flight in Nashville following a Week 10 victory over the Ti-

Mind you, all of this work has gone down while trying to make sure Quarterback Philip Rivers was comfortable with his new home after 16 seasons with the Chargers

"It's been awesome," Rivers said. "Usually, finding that in-season routine, wouldn't be able to do what we do, with- I think Matt (Conti) has found out how little, or how much I like to do from a national standpoint, and all the different requests that come in."

> "I didn't have an expectation when it came to this (PR) department, but it has certainly exceeded any of those I could have possible had."

This team effort is one for the books.

Thusrday night high school basketball scores

Courtesy John Harrell's website www.johnharrell.net

BOYS SCORES

Bethany Christian 54, Lakeland Christian 43

Covenant Christian 87, Greenwood Christian 61

Hamilton Southeastern 68, Avon 60 Morgan Twp. 60, Kankakee Valley

North Newton 65, Covenant Christian (DeMotte) 44

Northridge 58, East Noble 43 South Bend Washington 71, South Bend Clay 65, OT

Westview 67, NorthWood 56 **Greater Indianapolis Conference** Tournament

Eminence 49, Indiana Math & Science 39

GIRLS SCORES

Andrean 75, Rensselaer Central 31 Barr-Reeve 37, North Daviess 30 Bedford North Lawrence 62, Seymour 37

Benton Central 45, West Lafavette

Bethesda Christian 47, Indianapolis Tindley 42

Bloomfield 46, Eastern Greene 43 Bloomington South 52, Center

Grove 48 Blue River 71. Knightstown 19 Boonville 48, Princeton 46 Cascade 69, Beech Grove 32

Castle 69, Evansville Mater Dei 27 Caston 52, Northfield 41 Charlestown 41, Henryville 30 Clarksville 51, Rock Creek Acade-

Clinton Prairie 64, Lafayette Jeff 20 Eastern (Pekin) 39, West Washing-

Edgewood 60, South Vermillion 29 Evansville Memorial 73, Evansville Bosse 22

Franklin County 38, Rising Sun 37 Franklin 77, Bloomington North 25 Greensburg 66, South Dearborn 29 Hauser 66, South Decatur 61 Heritage Hills 57, Forest Park 47 Highland 49, East Chicago Central

Bethany Christian 56. Oregon-Davis Indianapolis Riverside 101. Phalen Academy 21

Jac-Cen-Del 64, Batesville 30 Kankakee Valley 42, Kouts 37 Lafayette Central Catholic 51, Northwestern 47

Lakewood Park 63, Fort Wayne Canterbury 23 Lanesville 55, Borden 19

Lawrenceburg 51, North Decatur 35 Liberty Christian 53, Indiana Deaf

Lighthouse CPA 67, Bowman Academy 46

Linton-Stockton 95, Clay City 18 Loogootee 86, Washington Catholic

Marquette Catholic 63, Illiana Christian 29 Martinsville 66, Greenwood 36

Mitchell 57, Crawford County 47 New Palestine 47, Greenfield-Cen- Lawrence North 56, Pike 43 tral 27

North Vermillion 50, Fountain Central 41

North White 42, Pioneer 36 Pendleton Heights 79, Delta 53

Penn 64. Mishawaka Marian 43 Peru 38, Lewis Cass 32 Rochester 39, Argos 36 Rushville 34, Richmond 32 Scottsburg 55, New Albany 34 South Central (Union Mills) 49,

Washington Twp. 34 Southridge 49, Pike Central 37 Tri-Central 45, Maconaguah 42 Trinity Lutheran 77. Christian Acad-

Triton 49, Elkhart Christian 14 Twin Lakes 75, Covington 39 Union County 50, Oldenburg Acad-

Victory Christian 50, Wheeler 31 Vincennes Lincoln 47, Jasper 38 Vincennes Rivet 48, South Knox 41 Wood Memorial 58, South Spencer

Yorktown 64, Monroe Central 25 **Marion County Tournament**

Indianapolis Roncalli 71, Indianapolis Lutheran 26

Lawrence Central 64, Southport 34 North Central (Indianapolis) 50, Warren Central 37



