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Remember EMS on this Giving Tuesday

The REPORTER

Giving Tuesday is an opportunity for people worldwide to come together through generosity in all its forms by sharing acts of kindness and giving their voice, time, money, goods, and advocacy to support communities and causes.

You can help locally on Nov. 30 by donating to the Friends of Hamilton County Emergency Services, also known as HC CERT Services. Deb Miller, HC CERT Services Board Member, said, "Our non-profit organization supports the Hamilton County Emergency Management Community Emergency Response Team program by providing resources for training and promoting the Team."

"CERT is a local program to train volunteers in preparedness and emergen-

GIVING TUESDAY



cy response to support our communities throughout Hamilton County," said Shane Booker, Executive Director of Hamilton County Emergency Management. "We are excited to partner with HC CERT Services to ensure the teams throughout the county can help in their neighborhoods until help arrives. They also provide support to their communities by staffing warming centers, setting up shelters, conducting damage assessments, and supporting special events."

To learn more about HC CERT Services or make a donation, visit hccertservices.com.

County has 72 percent vaccinated, but 88,000 still not protected

Compared to other Indiana counties, Hamilton County is doing well with COVID-19 vaccination rates, says Christian Walker, Public Health Preparedness Coordinator with the county health department. He says about 72 percent of local residents age five and over have been vaccinated.



That's 228,000, which should make the county among the best protected in the state.

However, Walker told county commissioners this week that 88,000 residents remain unvaccinated. This includes youngsters ages five to 11 who are now eligible for the vaccine and

are hopefully in the process of getting their shots.

Health officials continue to urge all residents to become vaccinated including a booster shot, as the rise in infections is "approaching a level seen at the peak for the Delta variant."

The health department has found a rise in COVID cases in elementary and middle schools, and predicts a likely increase during the

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Reporter photographer gets in the holiday spirit



Photo provided by Denise Moe

Was Reporter photographer Denise Moe naughty or nice this year? She may have found out on Santa's lap on the Nickel Plate Express Holiday Cheers ride! The exterior and interior of the train were decorated and, according to Moe, everything was cute, warm and cozy. Calling it the perfect date night, Moe was comfortable in an age 21 and over car. She said the drinks were tasty and the attendant was delightful and a good conversationalist. The Holiday Cheers ride runs on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays until Christmas. The ride is an hour and 15 minutes long. For more information or to buy tickets for the Holiday Cheers ride or other great train rides, visit nickelplateexpress.com.

Carmel Clay Parks & Rec receives Clark Ketchum Conservation Award

The REPORTER

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) received the Clark Ketchum Conservation Award at the annual [Indiana Park and Recreation Association \(IPRA\)](http://IndianaParkandRecreationAssociation.org) conference. The award recognizes a park and recreation agency that has achieved excellence in conservation stewardship. CCPR received the award for its work to preserve habitat for imperiled pollinators through a partnership with Pollinator Partnership's [Project Wingspan](http://ProjectWingspan.org).

"We are humbled to receive this honor on behalf of our dedicated community members, our conservation counterpart [Pollinator Partnership](http://PollinatorPartnership.org) and, most importantly, the monarch butterflies and rusty patched bumblebees of the Midwest," said Lana Ramer, CCPR's Volunteer Coordinator. "Bringing passionate people together allows us to create a greater impact on the world around us."

CCPR was selected as a satellite partner for the Project Wingspan initiative due to the park system's robust native habitat. Pollinator Partnership's mission is to promote the health of pollinators through conservation, education, and research, which aligns with CCPR's core values of making an impact and planning for the future.

CCPR used this project as an opportunity to make nature education more accessible and



(From left) Joanna Scott, CCPR Natural Resources Coordinator; Michael Allen, CCPR Parks & Natural Resources Director; and Svitlana Ramer, CCPR Volunteer Coordinator.

highlight the importance of pollinators in everyday life. CCPR engaged the community by partnering with local organizations to host seed collection and sorting events. CCPR partnered with internal programs, Citizen Science volunteers, schools, retirement homes, and organiza-

tions that serve individuals with disabilities.

With the help of 38 volunteers, CCPR collected and sorted 1.5 pounds of uncleaned seed in 2019 and 2020 through 14 collection events. The sorted seeds were then redistributed by Pollinator Partnership to areas

in the Midwest needing habitat restoration.

"This was a special project for CCPR," Ramer said. "It not only benefits our parks, but it also affects many areas around the Midwest, making it a regional effort. This is only the beginning."

Of spice & men

"Pumpkin pie, if rightly made, is a thing of beauty and a joy - while it lasts . . ." - Joseph Wood Krutch, naturalist

Do you want to make a pumpkin pie, she asks.

She steals my heart in the simplest of ways.

Yes. Yes, of course, I say.

We shall get culinary together, she and I.

Or so I think.

She hands me her trusty recipe book (*Horn of the Moon Cookbook: Recipes from Vermont's Renowned Vegetarian Restaurant* by Ginny Callan) and points me to her kitchen. She remains seated.

This is no "we" moment, I quickly learn.

It's a "me" moment, a test perhaps to demonstrate my worth.

It's just me and an empty nine-inch pie pan, my fear reflecting off its glass bottom. A weighty responsibility has been bestowed upon me, the making of, at moment's notice, a pumpkin pie.

I'm confident in the kitchen, but I don't bake desserts.

I glance back to see if she's joking, but she's already lost to the laptop, as if Pie Making Man is as kitchen common as a whistling tea kettle.

I've helped make pumpkin pies before, though she did the heavy lifting, dealing with the most difficult of the recipe steps, each involving eggs: separating, beating and folding.

During those times, I admired her grace when cracking an egg so that the pointed end opens like a hatch to catch the unbroken yolk that drops from the remaining rounded end, the yolk miraculously staying intact and captured while the whites ooze



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upcoming holiday travel period, Walker said.

Also troubling, but not totally unexpected, is the fact that there have been 2,800 so-called "breakthrough" cases since February. This is when a vaccinated person still contracts COVID. The breakthrough percentage is still small out of the 228,000 who have been inoculated.

Walker appeared at the commissioners' regular meeting Monday to update members on the pandemic situation in the county.

SPICE & MEN

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into the awaiting bowl. I, however, am brutish around eggs, a shell-cracking oaf. I am to eggs what *Of Mice and Men's* Lennie Small is to small, furry animals, the crack of my eggshell as haphazard as the crack of a puppy's neck. So, while she addressed the eggs, I did simpler things, like measure spices: 1 t. cinnamon; ½ t. ground ginger; 1/8 t. ground cloves (add to this ¼ t. salt).

But that was then.

Now, it's all my responsibility.

While her fingers crack at the laptop keys, I consider her nonchalance to be a display of faith. I don't want to let her down. I want her to know I've listened to her and learned from her. I also do not want to let the pumpkin pie down; one of the greatest letdowns in life is a bad pumpkin pie.

I hold off on the eggs. I need momentum. I pour the spices in a mixing bowl, along with a 15-ounce can of pumpkin, half cup of half-and-half, and ½ cup of light sour cream. I add ¾ cup of honey, which catapults this pumpkin pie above all others, a hint of honey in each bite – hallelujah. The only thing missing before I do the mixing are the two dreaded yolks. Surprisingly,

I go two for three, wasting only one egg, though neither separation occurs as prettily as when done by her gentle hands. I desperately use a forefinger to keep the yolk from plopping out like some detached, sunny eyeball into the puddle of leaked albumen.

I pour the yolks into the pumpkin mixture, stirring it all together until smooth. Then, based on her past directions, I use the electric hand mixer to turn the egg whites into a dreamy, creamy state. It amazes me how such a noisy, violent kitchen appliance creates such beauty in the end.

Gently, I pour the airy egg mixture atop the heavy pumpkin mixture, and with a rubber spatula, patiently, gently apply a down-across-up-and-over motion over and over until all evidence of white vanishes.

As the oven preheats to 425, I unroll a pie crust and form it into the glass pan, cut off the excess edges and then do what her mother once taught her: press my forefinger and middle finger onto the crust's edge, keeping the fingers slightly apart; then I use my left hand's forefinger to pull up the edge between the fingers' gap, repeating this

throughout the pie's circumference, the dimples and raised edges providing an aesthetic appeal.

I pour the pie mixture into the shell and slide the pan into the oven. Fifteen minutes later, I reduce the heat to 350 degrees and bake 45 more minutes – a bit longer actually – until the pie browns, loses its jiggle and fills her house with pumpkin pie scent.

I have done it. I have made a pumpkin pie. Nothing has filled me with a greater sense of inner warmth than thoughts of pumpkin pie during the holiday season, nothing that is, until making this particular pumpkin pie that she has taught me to make, for us, for her, but without her for the first time.

It will taste best after overnight refrigeration, along with, as she recommends, "tons of whipped cream," stealing my heart again in the simplest of ways, all for which I am most thankful.

Scott Saalman also writes columns for the *DuBois County Herald* and the *Evansville Courier & Press*. He is now a proud Fishers resident. You can reach him at scottsaalman@gmail.com.



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I was born and raised right here in Noblesville. I grew up in a home without domestic violence or assault – it wasn't something I saw, or even heard about. But when I was introduced to Prevail of Central Indiana, I was shocked by the number of individuals who are affected by domestic violence. In 2018 alone, Prevail helped more than 4,000 clients in Hamilton County. (Nearly 80 percent of clients are women and children.) Domestic violence and abuse are hard topics to discuss, so you don't often hear about them. But at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, we're breaking the taboo and raising awareness for Prevail, an organization that helps families in Hamilton County.

– Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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Charity Bottle Auction will support non-profits in northern Hamilton County

The REPORTER

The Northern Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce (NHCCC) will hold its annual Charity Bottle Auction once again this year. Plan to join in on this specialty event beginning 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 9 for fun and a good cause.

One of NHCCC's most popular and timely events, the Charity Bottle Auction will be set up at United Animal Health, 4310 W. State Road 38, Sheridan, surrounded by a wide assortment of wrapped bot-

tles for the highest bidder. In addition, guests will enjoy a special holiday performance from Sheridan's award-winning choir.

As in previous years, members giftwrap a bottle or two of something to donate. This could be your favorite alcoholic beverage or something disguised to surprise the highest bidder such as a bottle of salad dressing. The only limits are your imagination. Collections for bottles for this year's auction are currently underway. All proceeds from this year's auction

will be allocated to the chamber's not-for-profit members.

To contribute to this year's event, please have your wrapped bottle to Liz Foley Nelson (liz@lizfoleyhomes.com) or at United Animal Health by Wednesday, Dec. 8. Contact either to arrange drop off or pick up.

Follow the [Facebook event page](#) for updates and plan to join in the fun. Thank you for helping to make this year's event what will surely be the best one yet.

Strike a responsive chord: Support Carmel Symphony Orchestra this Giving Tuesday

The REPORTER

There's no denying that it's been an extraordinarily tough period of time for the performing arts community. Recovery has been slow.

On Giving Tuesday, Nov. 30, please consider supporting the Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO)

with a one-time gift, a recurring donation, or through a Patron or Partner pledge. Donating online at CarmelSymphony.org/donate means your gift goes directly and entirely to CSO. If you'd prefer to donate by telephone, please call (317) 844-9717.

Strike a responsive chord and help ensure that CSO continue to meet its mission: to show that music has the power to change lives.

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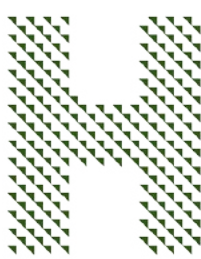
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DNR holiday gift packs available for limited time

The REPORTER
Cross those hard-to-buy-for people off your shopping list in a snap by giving them a holiday gift pack from the DNR.

A gift pack can be used the whole year, whether the recipient enjoys camping or sleeping in the comfort of one of seven Indiana State Park Inns after enjoying the outdoors. The gift pack also saves you up to \$31 over buying the items individually. A limited quantity of gift packs is available.

The \$99 gift pack includes a 2022 resident annual entrance permit, a one-year subscription to **Outdoor Indiana** magazine (six issues), and one of two \$65 gift card options. One gift card option can be used at the campgrounds – another gift card option is a \$65 State Park Inns gift card. You also have the option of upgrading either to \$100 by paying \$35 more.

Indiana has 36 state park properties throughout the state. The entrance permit grants gate entrance for 2022 to all state park properties beginning Jan. 1.

The inns gift card can be used at any of seven state park lodging facilities, as well as at the award-winning Pete Dye-designed golf course at Fort Harrison State Park in Indianapolis. The card can also be used for lodging, meals in the dining rooms, or gift purchases.

The camping gift card can be used toward the rental of campsites, cottages, group camps, recreation buildings, rent-a-camp cabins, shelters, youth and rally camps, and cabins (excluding inns-operated cabins).

The camping gift card may also be used to purchase daily entrance, lake permits, horse tags, and any other items sold at gatehouses and park-operated stores and gift shops. The camping gift card cannot be used at any privately operated concessions, camp stores, marinas, or saddle barns.

The offer is available through Dec. 31, 2021, or when sold out. Gift packs can be purchased only at **shopINstateparks.com**.

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Hamilton County farmers: Meet Agoro Carbon Agronomist Alex Fiock

The REPORTER

Local agronomist Alex Fiock has joined Agoro Carbon Alliance, a global business created for farmers and ranchers to earn additional revenue through changes to farming and ranching practices. Fiock will serve the Hamilton County community offering insight on climate-smart agriculture practices.



Fiock

Fiock, operating in Northern and Central Indiana, specializes in helping farmers and ranchers understand and adopt soil health promoting practices while adding additional revenue to their bottom line. He’s also passionate about being a farmer and broadening his understanding of agriculture, calling himself an “agvocate.”

“Hamilton County farmers have a unique opportunity to preserve soil health for future generations while earning additional revenue on the side,” said Fiock. “I look forward to working within our community and helping farmers and ranchers understand the benefits Agoro Carbon offers, our competitive advantages, and ways operators can further benefit from our programs.”

Prior to joining Agoro

Carbon, Fiock served as a field manager for the National Corn Growers Association and district sales manager for Great Lakes Hybrid. Fiock earned his bachelor’s in natural resources and agronomy from Purdue University.

About Agoro Carbon

Agoro Carbon Alliance is creating a new solution to the planet’s carbon challenge that’s grounded in the soil. Agoro’s partners are committed to AgoroCarbon’s ambition of decarbonizing farming on a global scale by helping to transform practices on every farm, generating reliable Farm Carbon Credits and certified climate-smart crops.

Guided by transparency, security and collaboration, Agoro creates incentive for farmers, buyers, and consumers to choose change from the ground up. Agoro leverages Yara’s deep agronomic knowledge and credibility to make it possible for every farm to transition to climate-smart farming practices, restoring carbon to the world’s soils, and reversing the effects of climate change. Meet the members and join the journey at agorocarbonalliance.com.

Use your Giving Tuesday generosity to support to Sheridan Youth Assistance

The REPORTER

You have probably heard of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, but have you heard about Giving Tuesday? This has quickly become a new tradition of generosity – giving to a cause that you love on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving.

The Sheridan Youth Assistance Program (SYAP) would love your Giving

Tuesday support for its Holiday Assistance Program. SYAP and its community partners will supply over 100 families with Thanksgiving meals, Christmas meals, and gifts for family members.

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Sealed bids must be received by the Town of Atlanta located at 105 East Main Street, Atlanta, Indiana, no later than 5:00 P.M. (Local Time) on Monday, December 13, 2021. Bids received after such hour will be returned unopened. Bids received prior to this time shall be opened and publicly read at the public meeting scheduled to take place on Monday, December 13, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at the Atlanta Town Hall. All interested citizens are invited to attend and should any citizens require special provisions, such as handicapped modifications or non-English translation personnel, the Town will provide such provisions as long as the request is made by December 6, 2021.
This project is funded in full or in part by the Indiana State Revolving Fund (SRF) and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA).
A pre-bid meeting will be held at 11:00 A.M. (Local Time) on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at the Town Hall, Atlanta, Indiana. All prime contractors, subcontractors, small, minority or women owned enterprises and other interested parties are invited to attend.
The Project will be constructed in four (4) contract divisions which are defined and outlined as follows:
Division I – Wastewater Treatment Plant and Collection System Improvements (QuestCDN Project #8066705):
The project generally consists of installing an underdrain in and regrading the drainage ditch along the west side and placing revetment on the lagoon banks to prevent erosion and maintenance issues, along with replacing approximately 3,800 LF of pipe, 11 new manholes, and other manhole and pipe repairs.
Division II – Collection System Lining (QuestCDN Project #8066703):
The Project generally consists of work on the collection system and includes lining approximately 2,960 linear feet of pipe.
Division III – Vacuum Truck (QuestCDN Project #8066707):
The Project includes the purchase of a vacuum truck for maintenance of the Town's sewers.
Division IV – Manhole Lining and Inserts (QuestCDN Project #8075247): The Project consists of lining 71 manholes, and installing 30 manhole inserts.
Plans and Specifications for the Project are on file and may be examined at the following locations:
• Triad Associates, Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana
• Town of Atlanta, Atlanta, Indiana
• **QuestCDN** at www.questcdn.com
Plans and Specifications will be available on **Thursday, November 18, 2021** and may be examined prior to purchase and download at the Atlanta Town Hall, and at Triad Associates, Inc., 5835 Lawton Loop East Drive, Bldg. 664, Indianapolis, IN 46216. Complete digital project bidding documents are available through a link at www.triadassoc.net or www.questcdn.com. QUESTCDN is a web-based platform for construction project advertisements, bid documents distribution and plan holder lists. Prospective bidders will need the seven-digit QUESTCDN project numbers **8066705 (Division I), or 8066703 (Division II), or 8066707 (Division III), or 8075427 (Division IV)** to locate the job on the QUESTCDN website search page.
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The work to be performed and the bid to be submitted shall include sufficient and proper sums for all general construction, mechanical installation, labor, materials, permits, licenses, insurance, and so forth incidental to and required for the construction of the facilities.
Each bid must be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the title of the Project and the name and address of Bidder. All bids must be submitted on the bid forms as identified in the Contract Documents and Specifications.
Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check or acceptable bidder's bond made payable to the Owner, in a sum of not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the highest aggregate bid, which check or bond will be held by the Owner as evidence that the bidder will, if awarded the contract, enter into the same with the Owner upon notification from him to do so within ten (10) days of said notification. Should any BID be rejected, such certified check or bond shall be forthwith returned to the BIDDER, and should any BID be accepted, such certified check or bond will be returned upon the proper execution and securing of the contract. When the contract is executed, the certified check or bid bond of all unsuccessful BIDDERS will be returned.
Bids shall be properly and completely executed on proposal forms included in the Specifications. Bids shall include all information requested by Indiana Form 96 (Revised 2013) included with the Specifications. Under Section III of Form 96, the Bidder shall submit a financial statement. A copy of the proposed Financial Statement to be submitted with the bid is included in the bid documents section to these specifications. The Owner may make such investigations as deemed necessary to determine the ability of the Bidder to perform the work and the Bidder shall furnish to the Owner all such information and data for this purpose as the Owner may request. The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such Bidder fails to satisfy the Owner that such Bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Agreement and to complete the work contemplated therein.
Approved performance and payment bonds guaranteeing faithful and proper performance of the work and materials, to be executed by an acceptable surety company, will be required of the Contractor at the time of contract execution. The bonds will be in the amount of 100% of the Contract Price and must be in full force and effect throughout the term of the Construction Contract plus a period of twelve (12) months from the date of substantial completion.
The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid, or all bids, or to accept any bid or bids, or to make such combination of bids as may seem desirable, and to waive any and all informalities in bidding. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of bids or authorized postponement thereof. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for at least ninety (90) days.
A conditional or qualified Bid will not be accepted.
Award will be made to the low, responsive, responsible bidder. The low, responsive, responsible bidder must not be debarred, suspended, or otherwise be excluded from or ineligible for participation in federally assisted programs under Executive Order 12549.
All applicable laws, ordinances, and the rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over construction of the project shall apply to the project throughout. Bids shall be properly and completely executed on bid forms included in the Specifications. Bids shall include all information requested by Indiana Form 96 (Revised 2013) included with the Specifications. Under Section III of Form 96, the Bidder shall submit a financial statement. A copy of the proposed Financial Statement to be submitted with the bid is included in the bid documents section to these specifications. The Owner may make such investigations as deemed necessary to determine the ability of the Bidder to perform the work and the Bidder shall furnish to the Owner all such information and data for this purpose as the Owner may request. The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such Bidder fails to satisfy the Owner that such Bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Agreement and to complete the work contemplated therein.
The award of the contract is subject to all approvals required by local and federal agencies. Upon securing of all approvals, the successful bidder shall receive a "Notice to Proceed" with construction and said contractor shall begin construction within ten (10) days of receipt of such notice, and shall complete the project pursuant to the contract documents.
Each bidder is responsible for inspecting the Project Site(s) and for reading and being thoroughly familiar with the Contract Documents and Specifications. The failure or omission of any Bidder to do any of the foregoing shall in no way relieve any Bidder from any obligation with respect to the Bid.
A conditional or qualified Bid will not be accepted. All applicable laws, ordinances, and the rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over construction of the project shall apply to the project throughout. Award will be made to the low, responsive, responsible bidder.
By the submission of its bid, each bidder acknowledges that he understands and agrees to be bound by the Equal Opportunity Requirements of EPA regulations (40 CRF Part 8, particularly Section 8.4 (b)), which shall be applicable throughout the performance of work under any contract awarded pursuant to his solicitation. Each bidder agrees that if awarded a contract, it will similarly bind contractually each subcontractor. In implementation of the foregoing policies, each bidder further understands and agrees that if awarded a contract, it must engage in affirmative action directed at promoting and ensuring Equal Employment Opportunity in the work force used under the contract (and that it must require contractually the same effort of all subcontractors whose subcontracts exceed \$100,000).
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Bidders are directed to read and follow all Disadvantaged Business Enterprise information contained in the State Revolving Loan Program Requirements. The Bidder's attention is also called to the Minority/Women Business Participation requirements contained in the Project Specifications. The State of Indiana, Office of Community and Rural Affairs, has adopted a State goal of 10% participation for minority and female owned businesses for construction-related or purchase-related contracts for the work.
In addition, the Contractor must meet guidelines and practices established by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and appropriate Federal regulations including: 1) Executive Order 11246, 2) Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968, as amended, 3) Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities, 4) OMB Circular A-102, 5) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 6) Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 7) Age Discrimination Act of 1975, 8) Executive Order 12138, 9) Conflict of Interest Clause, 10) Retention and Custodial Requirements for Records Clause, 11) Contractors and Subcontractors Certifications, and others that may be appropriate or necessary.
Award will be made to the low, responsive, responsible bidder. The low, responsive, responsible bidder must not be debarred, suspended, or otherwise be excluded from or ineligible for participation in federally assisted programs under Executive Order 12549.
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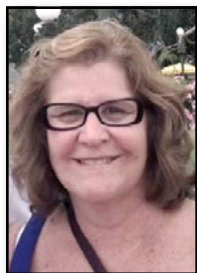
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Maureen Theresa (Vennemann) Vedder July 17, 1960 – November 24, 2021



Maureen Theresa (Vennemann) Vedder, 61, Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at her home. She was born on July 17, 1960 to P. Joseph and Ruth (Koning) Vennemann in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Maureen (Renee to her friends) graduated from Chatard High School. After graduation, she worked as a teller/secretary at Indiana National Bank.

After she had Meredith, she ran an in-home day care. This gave her more time to spend with her kids. She later went to work for Bob Kinder & Son, Inc. in Indianapolis with her best friend, Sue. She worked there for 11 years. Maureen and Steve started their own adjusting company in Noblesville in December of 2018.

She married Steven Vedder on October 6, 1984. They had three children.

She is survived by her husband, Steven Vedder, and their three children, Jason (Amanda) Vedder, Kathleen (Patrick) Miller and Meredith Vedder; her mother, Ruth A. (Koenig) Vennemann; brothers, Joseph Vennemann and Michael (Mary) Vennemann; and sisters, Patricia Vennemann and Mary Beth Vennemann.

Maureen was preceded in death by her father, P. Joseph Vennemann, and her brother, Paul Vennemann.

She had five nephews who made her very proud – Jack Vennemann (godson), Andrew Vennemann, Mathew Vennemann, Brian Vennemann and Samuel Fields (godson).

She had five grandchildren who were her whole world – Nathaniel Vedder, Zach Vedder, Olivia Vedder, Charlotte Miller and Walter Miller.

She was always one to organize or plan a get-together and would go out of her way to help anyone who needed help, no matter what. She had a great sense of humor and always had a way of making people laugh. She made no apologies for whom she was and everybody loved her for it. Her family was her life. She was always giving and never expected anything in return. Her family and everyone who was lucky enough to have her in their lives will sorely miss her.

There will be a small family service with immediate family. We will have a celebration of life later for all those who loved her and who she loved.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

Ephesians 5:21-24 (NIV)

Michael A. McElroy, Sr.

August 16, 1947 – November 25, 2021



Michael A. McElroy, Sr., 74, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, November 25, 2021 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. He was born on August 16, 1947 to Clarence G. and Leora M. (Eades) McElroy in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Michael was a graduate of Noblesville High School. He worked for Gear Works and Aero Fab in Indianapolis for many years and was a Tig Welder and Electron Beam Welder. Michael enjoyed spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Marjorie A. (Scalf) McElroy; son, Michael A. McElroy, Jr. (Jeana); daughter, Melissa A. McElroy; grandchildren, Katlyn M. McElroy, Garrison T. McElroy, Elizabeth M. (McElroy) Charlton (Tim), and Gabriel M. McElroy; and great-grandchild, Patricia M. Charlton.

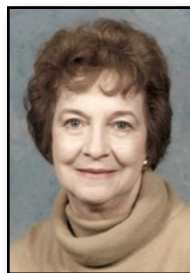
He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with Rev. Flint Underwood officiating. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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Marjorie L. Cross

July 5, 1932 – November 24, 2021



Marjorie L. Cross, 89, Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at IU Health North Hospital in Carmel. She was born on July 5, 1932 to Walter and Bertha (Sneed) Clevenger in New Castle, Ind.

Marjorie was a kind woman, loyal friend, loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She was very optimistic with a positive attitude. Marjorie was full of energy, always active, and never gave up. She graduated from New Castle High School and took some college classes. Marjorie worked for the State of Indiana Welfare Department before retiring. She enjoyed gardening, shopping for unusual things, cleaning, reading, painting pictures, and refinishing furniture. But most of all Marjorie loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by her daughter, Dawn (Wayne) Moore, Pam (Barry) Young, Lisa (Tim) Cranston; grandchildren, Amber (Aaron) Williams, Aaron (Adriann) Young, Adam Moore, Jonathon (Amanda) Moore, Scott Cranston, Brandon Cranston; and several great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James Cross; and siblings, Helen Canfield, Bud Clevenger, and Edward Clevenger.

A memorial visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 5, 2021 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville.

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Girls basketball

Carmel edges out HSE in overtime

By **RICHIE HALL**

FISHERS - It's one of the biggest clichés in sports: "Anything can happen in a rivalry game."

The thing is, "anything" usually does happen in those games. The latest example of that took place Friday afternoon at Hamilton Southeastern, as the Royals girls basketball team hosted Carmel.

The Greyhounds got off to a huge first-quarter lead, then Southeastern slowly worked its way back into the game. The Class 4A No. 10 Royals blasted back to take a fourth-quarter lead before a shot at the buzzer sent the game to overtime. Southeastern then took the big lead in the extra period before Carmel made the comeback, and the Greyhounds won 68-67.

It was a big win for Carmel, which had dropped its last two games, and gives the 'Hounds some momentum as they begin a busy week on Tuesday with their Metropolitan Conference opener at Lawrence North.

"This was a must-win, and we talked about it before the game," said Carmel coach Erin Trimpe. "We've been right there, we've been close. We've been in all these places. This was one we needed. Hopefully we got into LN on Tuesday, it's going to get us into a good rhythm, but we got a lot to improve on and a lot to work on. This effort was unbelievably good tonight."

The Greyhounds had led for the entire game and were still up 49-39 with around four minutes left in the fourth quarter. But that's when HSE began an 16-2 run. It started with two 3-pointers by Maya Makalusky, with Makayla Hinshaw hitting a free throw in between.

Emily Roper's layin interrupted the run, but the Royals then scored nine straight points to lead 55-51. Lauren Stewart nailed a 3, then Riley Makalusky

went on a personal 6-0 run. Her first layin tied the game, then she scored off a steal by Olivia Brown to give Southeastern its first lead. Two free throws then put the Royals up 55-51 with 23.4 seconds left.

But Carmel came back. After taking a timeout with 13 seconds left, Mackenzie Thomas made a layin. The Greyhounds got the ball back, and Laura Valiente tied the game with a floater at the buzzer. On to overtime.

The Royals jumped ahead 64-57 with 2:09 remaining, but Carmel took over after that, finishing the game on an 11-3 run. Thomas played brilliantly during those minutes, scoring eight points, and it was her layin with seven seconds left that got Carmel in front for good. Ava Carter helped out with a 3-pointer right before Thomas' game-winner. Thomas led all scorers with 24 points.

"It was crazy," said Thomas. "We were under a lot of pressure. We have a hard time handling pressure, but we had to calm down, get out of our heads, under control, just think about our actions, what we were supposed to do. Just take care of the ball, really."

"I think Emily Roper and Mackenzie Thomas are just so solid and took over when they needed to," said Trimpe. Roper had a great game in the first quarter, scoring nine points. She continued to contribute throughout the game, winding up with a double-double of 18 points and 12 rebounds, along with six assists and four steals.

"She's one of the most competitive kids you'll ever meet and she was not losing that game," said Trimpe.

Roper said that her competitiveness gets fueled by things not going the team's way.

"And when things don't go our way, I want to get back and I want to go and score," said Roper. "I want our team to



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

Carmel's Emily Roper scored 18 points and collected 12 rebounds for the Greyhounds, helping them to a 68-67 overtime win at Hamilton Southeastern on Friday.

go and succeed, so I think that helps me be more competitive and then picks the whole team up in competitiveness as well."

Carmel's big first quarter was fueled by Roper, eight points from Thomas and four more from Valiente. Southeastern started to chip away at the lead in the last couple minutes of the quarter, which finished with the Greyhounds up 24-15.

"One of the things we talked about before the game is trying to be the bully and getting off to a good start, and that was not the case," said Royals coach Brian Satterfield. "We always have that little saying that you don't win games at the beginning, but you can lose games, and I thought we put ourselves in a deep hole that we almost couldn't dig ourselves out of."

The Royals had actually begun an 18-4 run that got them within 25-24 with 4:46 left in the second period. Stewart hit two triples during that run, and Maya Makalusky scored eight points. But Carmel pulled away and led 36-28 at half-time. Valiente drained two 3s, and Taryn Fisher scored three points, including a putback.

Both teams scored nine points in the third quarter, so the Greyhounds led 45-37 going into the fourth. Southeastern got within 40-37 before Carmel's Jamie Elliott hit a 3 and Fisher made a layin. Neither team scored again until the 4:25 mark of the fourth quarter when Roper hit a layin. Riley Makalusky answered that with a basket, then Thomas scored to put the 'Hounds up 49-39.

"For me, it's just more looking to score and knowing that I have the capability and knowing that I can make it happen," said Thomas. "I just have to go out and do it. And it's not just for myself, but also for my teammates, just knowing that I have a duty for them to go out and give it everything I have every game."

Valiente also reached double figures with 12 points and also collected six rebounds, while Thomas had five.

Riley Makalusky led the Royals with 23 points, followed by Maya Makalusky with 17 points and two blocked shots. Stewart's four 3-pointers gave her 12 points. Brown had eight steals and five assists.

Despite the loss, Satterfield thought the fight and effort of his team "was tremendous" and something great for the Royals to build on.

"The biggest thing we hvae to do is figure out a way to do that for 32 minutes," said Satterfield. "I think that's the key and that's something that we've been talking to the girls about and if we can do that for 32 minutes, then we'll see what we can accomplish."

Carmel is 2-3 and plays at Lawrence North on Tuesday. Southeastern is 5-3 and hosts Noblesville Wednesday in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game.



Hamilton Southeastern's Olivia Brown (right) made eight steals and dished out five assists during the game. Pictured at left for Carmel is Laura Valiente, who hit a basket at the end of regulation to send the game into overtime.

CARMEL 68,
HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 67
(overtime)

Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Mackenzie Woods	0-5	0-1	0	5
Laura Valiente	5-7	0-1	12	4
Hannah Lach	0-5	3-4	3	5
Mackenzie Thomas	12-14	0-0	24	4
Emily Roper	6-12	6-8	18	2
Taryn Fisher	2-2	1-2	5	0
Maya Berglund	0-0	0-0	0	1
Bethany Ducat	0-0	0-0	0	0
Jamie Elliott	1-3	0-0	3	0
Ava Carter	1-1	0-0	3	1
Totals	27-49	10-16	68	22

Carmel 3-point shooting (4-12) Valiente 2-3, Elliott 1-3, Carter 1-1, Lach 0-4, Thomas 0-1.
Carmel rebounds (32) Roper 12, Valiente 6, Thomas 5, Woods 4, Lach 3, Fisher 1, Elliott 1.

Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Maya Makalusky	5-11	4-5	17	5
Makayla Hinshaw	3-6	3-7	9	3
Riley Makalusky	7-20	8-10	23	1
Olivia Brown	1-2	1-3	3	2
Zoe Bolding	0-2	1-2	1	3
Caleigh Scott	0-0	0-0	0	0
Maine Hooks	0-0	2-2	2	2
Lauren Stewart	4-6	0-0	12	2
Gabi Layman	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	20-47	19-29	67	18

Southeastern 3-point shooting (8-18) Stewart 4-5, M. Makalusky 3-8, R. Makalusky 1-4, Hinshaw 0-1.
Southeastern rebounds (13) R. Makalusky 4, M. Makalusky 4, Brown 2, Hooks 2, Scott 1.

Score by Quarters
Carmel 24 12 9 10 13 - 68
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Indiana 114, Toronto 97	Golden State 118, Portland 103
Atlanta 132, Memphis 100	Sacramento 141, L.A. Lakers 137, 3 OT

Eastern Conference

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Atlantic				
Brooklyn	14	5	.737	-
New York	10	9	.526	4.0
Philadelphia	10	9	.526	4.0
Boston	10	10	.500	4.5
Toronto	9	11	.450	5.5
Central				
Chicago	13	7	.650	-
Milwaukee	12	8	.600	1.0
Cleveland	9	10	.474	3.5
Indiana	9	12	.429	4.5
Detroit	4	15	.211	8.5
Southeast				
Miami	12	7	.632	-
Washington	12	7	.632	-
Charlotte	13	8	.619	-
Atlanta	11	9	.550	1.5
Orlando	4	16	.200	8.5

Western Conference

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Northwest				
Utah	12	7	.632	-
Portland	10	10	.500	2.5
Denver	9	10	.474	3.0
Minnesota	9	10	.474	3.0
Oklahoma City	6	13	.316	6.0
Pacific				
Golden State	17	2	.895	-
Phoenix	16	3	.842	1.0
L.A. Clippers	11	8	.579	6.0
L.A. Lakers	10	11	.476	8.0
Sacramento	8	12	.400	9.5
Southwest				
Dallas	10	7	.588	-
Memphis	9	10	.474	2.0
San Antonio	5	13	.278	5.5
New Orleans	5	16	.238	7.0
Houston	2	16	.111	8.5

Well-balanced Pacers cruise past Toronto

By BRENDAN ROURKE
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

After going toe-to-toe with LeBron James and the Lakers on Wednesday, the Pacers took on the Toronto Raptors on Friday, looking for revenge after the visitors captured victories in the first two meetups.

After a well-balanced effort on both ends of the floor, Indiana (9-12) took home a solid, 114-97 victory over Toronto (9-11). The Blue & Gold used a 15-2 run — 11 from Kelan Martin — late in the second quarter to take the lead for good. Seven Pacers players finished in double figures, and the defense held the Raptors to just 40 points in the second half — 16 in the fourth quarter.

"It's the best way to play," Myles Turner (17 points, 10 rebounds) said of the balanced effort. "It's fun for everybody this way...I think we've done a better job of that this year."

Domantas Sabonis led the way with a monstrous 23-point, 18-rebound double-double, falling one board shy of his season high. Caris LeVert added 19 on 8-of-15 shooting, while Martin had a season-high 15 off the bench, providing clutch minutes before the end of the first half.

"I think, defensively, he put his im-

print on the game," LeVert said of Martin. "Kelan has a big body and uses his body well."

"Offensively, he did what Kelan does. He scored the ball, and he was efficient." The Pacers found themselves in a close battle, but were trailing over the early moments of the first. The Raptors found success in the paint, feeding Precious Achiuwa for two easy slams. Indiana came to within one point of the lead several times but could not get over the hump. LeVert's triple at the 7:05 mark trimmed the Raptors' lead to 14-13. However, Pascal Siakam and Scottie Barnes responded with back-to-back buckets to push Toronto's lead to five.

Indiana finally took its first lead of the game when the squad turned to its bench for some spark. With 2:26 left, T.J. McConnell picked off an errant pass and found a streaking Chris Duarte for a layup in transition. Just 25 seconds later, Malcolm Brogdon hurled a pass ahead to an open Torrey Craig, who promptly finished a layup through a foul. The heads-up play extended Indiana's lead to 27-24.

However, the Raptors surged ahead just before the quarter expired. After McConnell's jumper gave Indiana a 31-24 lead, the visitors notched consecutive triples, including a 28-footer from VanVleet,

to take a 35-31 edge into the second.

Six straight from Sabonis in the opening 1:10 helped Indiana out of the hole and tied the score at 37 apiece. But Toronto continued its red-hot shooting to regain the lead once more.

Trailing 43-39, Indiana got a spark from the rookie. Duarte scored eight of a 10-2 Pacers run, including a tough and-one finish, to give Indiana a 49-45 lead with 7:16 remaining. Duarte found success in transition, using speed to prevent the Raptors from setting up their zone defense.

Later, it was Martin who caught fire. Trailing 51-49, Martin tallied 11 of a 15-2 Indiana run that pushed the Pacers' lead to 64-53 with 1:20 to play. Toronto threatened to cut into the lead with consecutive buckets, but Brogdon nailed a step-back jumper with 4.0 seconds remaining to take a 66-57 lead into halftime.

Using defense and timely shots, the Pacers kept their lead over the early moments of the third. After consecutive Raptors buckets trimmed the lead to 68-61, Myles Turner hit an open baseline three to stretch the lead to 71-61 at the 9:39 mark. On the next possession, he forced a shot-clock violation after swatting away Achiuwa's attempted floater. LeVert then pushed the lead to 12 with a cutting layup moments later.

Toronto managed to cut Indiana's lead to single digits midway through the frame. However, once again, Indiana

had the responses. After Barnes' jumper trimmed the lead to 75-69, the Blue & Gold used a Turner layup and a trey from Craig to widen the gap back to 11 with 4:49 left.

When the Raptors threatened late, Craig did the dirty work to keep them from gaining momentum. Leading 84-77, the Pacers' offseason acquisition scrapped for offensive rebounds and putbacks on consecutive possessions to extend the lead to 88-77 with 2:04 remaining. The Blue & Gold led by the same margin, 92-81, entering the final frame.

The Raptors started the fourth with five straight before the Pacers found their footing. Leading 92-86 with 9:37 left, LeVert drilled a wide-open three after Martin earned a second-chance opportunity with an offensive board. The bucket started a string of 10 unanswered points over a 2:04 span that extended the Pacers' lead to 102-86.

With Indiana ahead 105-88, Toronto threatened once more with a 6-0 spree before a baseline trey from Brogdon stopped it in its tracks with 4:18 to play.

From there, the Blue & Gold finished out the game without much of a hassle. After LeVert's jumper fell with 1:38 to play and extended the lead to 113-97, head coach Nick Nurse opted to sub in Toronto's deep reserves.

Indiana finishes out its homestand with a matinee battle against the Milwaukee Bucks on Sunday.

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