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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Partly sunny.
Breezy, with a few flurries.
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Tonight: Mostly clear.

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Exclusively in the pages of The Reporter . . .

Rep. Cook goes in depth on HB 1134: “Education matters”

Learning from mistakes made with Senate Bill 167

By **STU CLAMPITT**
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In an exclusive interview with The Reporter, Rep. Tony Cook (R-Cicero) spoke at length about the details and intentions of [House Bill 1134](#), the “Education Matters” bill. After the death of Senate Bill 167 last week, HB 1134 is now more in the spotlight.

When asked about the difference between this bill and the ill-fated SB 167, Cook was abundantly clear that teachers are encouraged to speak out against ideologies like Nazism.

“I want to really emphasize to your readers that we added even stronger language to ensure that nothing in the bill should be construed to exclude teaching against ideals and values that conflict with the Constitution of the United States,” Cook told The Reporter. “We are saying about those ‘isms,’ we are encouraging teachers to speak out about how those violate the expressed ideals and values in our constitution and how they are incompatible with what our constitution and our values in the United States seek to achieve. That was crucial for us. That’s been added in Section 12, page

20, lines 4 through 12 in the ‘good citizenship instruction’ statute, which is already there.”

Cook put amendments in multiple places in HB 1134 to reemphasize that point.

“The other place is in Section 22 of the bill on Page 35, lines 14 through 15,” Cook said. “I want to be very explicit with that. And as an old government and history teacher myself, I would have a concern if I couldn’t teach opposing those kind of isms out there, whether that’s Nazism, whether that is any kind of thing you can think of in a discriminatory manner that was done across the world in different countries. You utilize the facts when you teach history and government, and those things were wrong. They are in our constitution. They were wrong. That’s why we put in amendments and the Bill or Rights. We want to oppose those kinds of evil things that have arisen across the world over time.”

Lines HB 1134 adds to the good citizenship statute include, “The ideals and values



Cook

expressed or enumerated in the Constitution of the United States compared to forms of government that conflict with and are incompatible with the principles of western political thought upon which the United States was founded. Individual rights, freedoms, and political suffrage. The economic and political institutions which have best contributed toward human advancement, prosperity, scientific inquiry, and well-being.”

Origins of HB 1134

“I got involved with this in the summer when I was trying to bridge the gap between the education community and the parental concerns that were being raised across the state, of which there are many,” Cook told The Reporter. “It’s been a real issue and I’m trying to get some guardrails put around for both understanding as educators and for parents.”

Cook said the bill began from a common theme across the state of a lack of transparency concerning various curricu-

la and the way some programs were being implemented in the classroom.

“We decided to put together a bill trying to bridge some of those concerns,” Cook said. “I need to point out when I say that I mean we have had teacher concerns about some of the things they have been asked to implement in a classroom and that they don’t feel comfortable with either.”

Cook says much of this bill is about transparency for everyone involved.

“We are trying to require transparency and really reinvigorate a curriculum advisory committee, which I operated under as a teacher,” Cook said. “Until about 2010, we had curriculum advisory committees that were required. The statute moved to a ‘may,’ and when it moved to ‘may,’ not all school corporations are doing that at all. Even though the committee was just making recommendations, at least we had people who were interested in the various subject areas and various materials stepping forward and helping us vet those materials.”

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LIFE goals are about helping other people

In a previous column we talked about setting goals.

Ancient wisdom from the Book of Habakkuk tells us to write our goals on tablets of stone and make it plain. Zig Zigler encouraged short-term, medium-term, and long-term written goals. I have found written goals to be highly effective as written goals are tangible and can be reviewed and periodically re-evaluated. Goals should be specific, measurable, actionable, risky, time-keyed with a deadline, exciting, and relevant (see [Ask Adler](#), Jan. 6, 2022).

Today I would like to talk about LIFE goals. LIFE goals are those goals directed toward helping others, whether it be a church, a non-profit, a client, a friend, or even the community. LIFE stands for Labor, Influence, Finances, and Expertise.

It is not uncommon for one to focus on their personal goals, an inward focus. Goals, by their nature, are personal, so it is not surprising that most goals emphasis self-improvement. For example, being a better parent, eating healthier, working toward a promotion at work. But how many of your goals are

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Carmel Symphony Orchestra makes schedule changes, citing COVID safety

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Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) has announced several changes to its season schedule due to the current surge of COVID-19 Omicron variant cases.

Five upcoming concert dates are being postponed:

- Family Fun Concert, Sunday, Jan. 23
- Masterworks 3 with the Harlem String Quartet, Saturday, Feb. 12
- Beethoven Lives Upstairs: A Classical Kids Live! Event, Saturday, Feb. 19
- Pops Concert: Serpentine Fire - the Music of Earth, Wind & Fire, Saturday, Feb. 26
- Side-by-Side Concert with Fishers High School featuring CSO Young Artist Competition winner Abigail Ko, Sunday, March 6.

“Three of the affected concerts are our family concerts,” stated Robert Schlegel III, Chairman of the CSO Board of Directors. “Normally, at Family Fun and Side-by-Side, young people are actually on the stage with our musicians, literally side-by-side

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Noblesville welcomes Jonathan Mirgeaux as new utilities director

The REPORTER

Jonathan Mirgeaux has been named the new director of Noblesville Utilities. Mirgeaux replaces Ray Thompson, who retired Jan. 7 after 42 years with the city and 11 as utilities director.

“Jonathan brings a new perspective to the position from his experience working as an engineering consultant,” Mayor Chris Jensen said. “He has an understanding of state-of-the-art practices that will help the utility be more proactive.”

Mirgeaux has 18 years of experience as a wastewater and storm water engineer. Prior to joining the city, Mirgeaux worked as a consultant at R.W. Armstrong, CHA Consulting and HWC Engineering.

“The puzzle pieces fit together nicely,” Mirgeaux said. “While I’m learning more each day about the core processes at the treatment plant and throughout the wastewater and stormwater conveyance



Mirgeaux

Hamilton County Republican Women back in full force for 2022



Reporter photo by Denise Moe

The Hamilton County Republican Women (HCRW) held their first meeting of the year on Tuesday at Forest Park in Noblesville. The HCRW Board announced committee members and got connected again at their first meeting. They heard from sponsors, connected with elected officials, and got to know several candidates running on the Republican ticket in the May primary election. HCRW meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is set for Feb. 1, and the topic is election integrity. For more information or to get involved, please visit hamcogopwomen.org.

Nickel Plate Arts features “More Than Meets the Eye” exhibit by Carmel artist Jerry Mannell

Submitted by
Nickel Plate Arts

Creativity has been the unifying backbone of Jerry Mannell’s professional career. A Fine Arts and English Literature major in college, Jerry combined his love of visual and written stories into a career as a graphic designer, working for an ad agency for a few years. When the agency closed, he, like so many creative professionals, forged out on his own and became a freelancer, which gave him more time to dedicate to his personal creative pursuits by painting regularly in his studio.

From there emerged a career-long exploration of the

relationships between the concrete and the abstract, the mechanical and the organic. Jerry creates colorful compositions, full of well-defined shapes with hard edges. His vibrant color palette creates an almost tropical feel to his pieces. He admits that his style has been greatly influenced by time he spent in Santa Fe, an area of the country where vibrant, warm colors dominate every view.

Meaning and story abound in both his abstract and figural work. Themes and relationships emerge in



Mannell

the abstract pieces, while witty social commentary is evident in his more literal work. However, Jerry encourages his viewers to find their own meaning in his art: He encourages you

to not be too influenced by his title for his abstract pieces, but to instead supply your own. He mentioned times throughout his career where viewers and customers saw something completely different in his work from his original conception.

Once at an art fair, two

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Art provided

Ostrasize, by Jerry Mannell.

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system, we are fortunate to have a knowledgeable and hardworking team of dedicated employees. This lets me focus on the big picture, growth, incorporation of best practices and becoming the utility of the future.”

As an entry-level engineer, Mirgeaux was part of the team who developed the city’s Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) when Noblesville was negotiating with Indiana Department of Environmental Management in 2006. The 15-year unfunded mandate was completed last year and consisted of nine individual projects conducted in five different phases.

Raised in Cape Girardeau, Mo., Mirgeaux graduated high school in Louisville. He earned his undergraduate and graduate diplomas in Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering at the University of Kentucky. Mirgeaux and his wife, Kelli, have two children and enjoy bicycling as a family.

The Utilities Department provides 24-hour service to the more than 69,000 residents of Noblesville. [Click here](#) for more information about the responsibilities and impact of the department.

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directed outside of yourself? I would suggest that setting goals with the intention of serving others brings an added dimension of joy to one’s life. In my own experience, setting and striving to accomplish LIFE goals has brought satisfaction to my life and the life of my family.

LIFE goals are wonderful in that they naturally expand and mature throughout one’s lifetime. As a young person, one may be limited in the areas of Influence, Finances, and Expertise, but will have an abundance of Labor to offer. We all have seen a charity car wash full of excited teenagers or a Girl Scout Troop selling cookies outside Kroger. The young person matures into adulthood, beginning a career and building wealth. Here, in addition to Labor, one can begin offering Finances and Expertise. Lastly, as one enters their later years, at the precipice of their career, after the house is paid off and the kids are grown, the balance shifts to Influence, Finances, and Expertise. Learn, earn, and then return. No matter what stage of life, LIFE goals can be made and achieved. One need only examine what they have to offer, and act on their goals.

As I enter my later years, I can testify to the fruitfulness of setting and achieving LIFE goals. In seeking to serve others, I have gained valuable friendships and been given opportunities that I could never have imagined. More important, I have been able to see countless lives changed for the better, which in turn has blessed both my family and me.

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with them. With the current COVID surge, and with so few among the younger age groups vaccinated, or even able to be vaccinated, our board determined that this probably isn’t the best thing to be doing at this time. Hopefully, the peak of this particular surge will be reached over the next month or so, and by the time we resume our concerts, we’ll be on the down side of Omicron.”

Masterworks 4 on Saturday, March 12, and Masterworks 5 with guest artist Edgar Meyer on Saturday, April 23 will be CSO’s next concerts, both at the Palladium at 7:30 p.m. The Family Fun concert, originally set for Jan. 23, has been rescheduled for 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 14 at the Palladium. The other concerts affected by the temporary pause, including *Serpentine Fire: the Music of Earth, Wind and Fire*, will be booked for the 2022-23 season.

CSO Executive Director Cara Pittenger says a ticket refund policy has been put into place. Patrons holding tickets for the postponed events can elect to donate their ticket amount to the CSO, or obtain a refund by calling the box office at (317) 843-3800. Those deciding to make the contribution to the orchestra are greatly appreciated.

During the CSO’s temporary absence from the stage, keep in touch and up to date on orchestra activities at [CarmelSymphony.org](https://www.carmelsymphony.org), and through postings to the CSO’s social media platforms.

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different customers walked up and described a piece as ‘sushi,’ when that comparison had never before occurred to Jerry. Another time, a friend was eager to buy a piece, but wanted Jerry to change a black shape in the bottom of the canvas to be blue. The change shifted the original meaning Jerry had intended for the work, but the result was still aesthetically very satisfying. Jerry was happy to accommodate his friend and customer to help his work find a new home. Through interactions like these, he realized that when viewers are encouraged to put their own spin on a piece, by changing the title or customizing colors, they are far more likely to feel ownership and subsequently want to own the piece.

Jerry is well aware of the challenges facing Indiana artists. He laments the fact that friends and neighbors seem far more comfortable buying Colts tickets than paintings, even though the paintings will last far longer. He, like all of us at Nickel Plate, is searching for ways to encourage investment in original art. He thinks the key is to delight people with skillfully made colorful forms. He says that “art is about eye candy, just like music is ear candy.” He feels strongly that abstract pieces need to be beautiful, engaging and well-executed, so that even those of us without a background in art or who aren’t as comfortable deciphering visual language can be drawn in and find whimsy, inspiration and fun in the work. Then, we can find a deeper meaning that will prove that the piece is “more than meets the eye.”

Come explore Jerry’s “eye candy” during his showcase exhibit “More Than Meets the Eye” in the Stephenson House now through Jan. 29. A reception will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. this Friday, Jan. 21 – a great opportunity to escape Indiana’s dreary January weather and step into a tropical world all your own.

About Nickel Plate Arts

Nickel Plate Arts is an umbrella nonprofit organization that creates and coordinates arts and cultural experiences across communities in eastern Hamilton County and the surrounding areas to improve the quality of life for residents, strengthen local economies and enrich experiences for visitors. Nickel Plate Arts is a project of Hamilton County Tourism, Inc. Visit us at 107 S. 8th St., Noblesville, online at nickelplatearts.org, or call (317) 452-3690.


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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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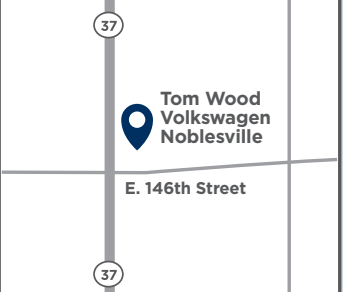
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Community First Bank promotes seven in Hamilton County

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Robb Blume, President & CEO of Community First Bank of Indiana, has announced the following promotions for the team serving in Hamilton County:

CARLONDA DAVIS has been promoted to Vice President, Human Resources Director/DE&I Officer. She has four years of experience in the financial services industry and over 15 years in the Human Resources field. She serves as a Bridges Outreach Board Member, Ivy Tech Hamilton County Business Advisory Board Member, and HR Advisory Board Member for Hamilton County Economic Development. Davis earned a

Human Resources Management degree from Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis.

JANELLE CAMPBELL has been promoted to Vice President, Residential Mortgage Sales Manager. She joined the Community First Bank Mortgage Department in 2015 and has five years of experience as a REALTOR. She is a 2017 Graduate of the Hamilton County Leadership Academy. She also has served as the Chairwoman for the Westfield Chamber of Commerce, Vice President and Founding Board Member for Women of Westfield, President of Westfield Youth Assistance Program, and Events Chair

for the Westfield Mayor's Yellow Tie Gala. Campbell earned her Business Management degree from Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis.

GAVIN FISHER has been promoted to Vice President, Commercial Lender 3. He has a dynamic career path including over 17 years in the banking industry. Fisher is a 2011 graduate of the Hamilton County Leadership Academy. He has served as the President of the Indiana Banker's Association Leadership Development Program, an Executive Board Member for the Geist Half Marathon, and a Butler University Athletic Public Access Announcer for 20 sea-

sons. Fisher earned a Sports Administration degree from Ball State University.

PETE NEEDLER has been promoted to Vice President, Commercial Lender 2. He has 15 years of experience in the banking industry, serving in roles in credit, retail, and commercial lending departments. Needler earned a Marketing degree from Anderson University, where he was a part of the Anderson University football team.

ZACK GABRIEL, Commercial Loan Portfolio Manager, has been promoted to Assistant Vice President. He has worked in the banking industry since 2015. Gabriel graduated from Butler University with a Finance and

Marketing degree.

BART IRWIN, Investment Advisor, has been promoted to Vice President. He has over 17 years of experience in the financial services industry. He is a past Board Member of Bridges Outreach and currently serves at Bridges Outreach, Westfield Youth Assistance Program and Kokomo CEO as a mentor.

MIKKI RICHTER has moved to the role of Bank Officer, Treasury Management Assistant. She has been in the banking industry since 2013, serving in roles in retail and treasury management. Richter earned an Associate Degree in Architectural Technology degree

from Ferris State University.

For a full list of all recent CFB promotions, please visit CFBindiana.com/press-release/JanuaryPromotions.

About Community First Bank

Community First Bank of Indiana (CFB) was chartered in 2003 in Kokomo, where currently there are three branches, along with two branches in Westfield, and a branch and loan production office in Noblesville. CFB is also opening its newest branch at 93rd and Meridian streets in Indianapolis in February. Additional information can be found at CFBindiana.com. Member FDIC, Equal Housing Lender.

REP. COOK

Disciplinary process

"The bill does set up a complaint process, but we have gone out of our way to make sure that teachers understand that you have to willfully and wantonly do something," Cook said. "The statute emphasizes that in another amendment I put in last Monday."

Section 10, Page 18 lines 8 through 12 read, "On the written recommendation of the secretary of education, the department may suspend or revoke a license of a teacher, principal, superintendent, or any other individual licensed by the department under this chapter *if the individual willfully or wantonly violates IC 20-28-10-20, IC 20-33-1.5, or IC 20-34-3-27*" [emphasis added].

"Before you would get into an issue where you would go through a disciplinary process, the appeal process for someone who feels there has been a violation is the same as it is on basic things now," Cook explained. "If the teacher has insubordination or immorality it goes through the process of the principal first, who makes a decision if there is no validity or if there is and what they are going to do about that. If that isn't acceptable, then it goes to the superintendent. Then from the superintendent it goes to the board. The board can have a hearing and if that is still unsatisfied, it goes to the Secretary of Education. That is currently the way some things go."

Cook used his experience with Ryan White's struggle to complete high school as an example of how the process works.

"When I had Ryan White, he had to go through that process when Western High School was denying him school, and that went all the way up the state, and they ruled that he should attend school," Cook said. "That still did not satisfy them, and they had to go to court. That process is in place. This just supplements that for these type of violations and divisive concepts. Again, that's

one that parents and constituents that we talked to across the state were really concerned about."

SEL and Counseling

There has been a great deal of community concern about counseling and about participating in Social Emotional Learning (SEL) as it is addressed in HB 1134.

"What we did there was, again, to put in clarity," Cook said. "Language was added that says and makes clear that educators do not have to obtain parental consent when there is an emergency response in a crisis situation in which an intervention or rapid response service is needed to evaluate or stabilize and immediate medical, behavioral or mental health condition or provide intervention for students who are in immediate danger of experiencing abuse or neglect. That's Section 21, Page 33 line 36 through Page 34 line 1."

According to Cook, a key point is that when there are outside counseling providers or inhouse programs provided to a student, then they MUST HAVE parental consent and knowledge that it's to occur.

"Some of the programming that the state used at this time is good programming, some of it is bad programming," Cook told The Reporter. "It gets into everything from SEL (Social Emotional Learning) to sexual orientation and things that classrooms are now discussing. Some things really move over the line, and we are trying to protect against that."

Cook specified that HB 1134 is largely about opening good communication between educators, parents and administrations for the benefit of the children in school.

"I want to emphasize that this legislation is NOT an attack on the men and women who educate our children," Cook said. "The bill allows schools across the state to better communicate with parents and make it easier to identify the areas the school may be excelling in and also areas for improvement in the curricular realm. That was an overall driving purpose for me: To bridge that between parents and educators, and educators and school corporations. It is coming a lot

from corporation adopted programs and we have educators who have been reaching out saying, 'I am concerned about this. I don't feel competent. I don't feel comfortable

teaching some of these things in the classroom.' It's across the board, this concern about some of these divisive concepts and programs that we are utilizing in school. I'm not saying they are all bad. There are good approaches and there are good topic areas that can be approached particularly in a manner that is age appropriate."

Advisory committees

"There has been some misconception about where the ultimate authority over the curriculum lies," Cook said. "It has been shared [on social media] that curricular committees' recommendations are binding. That's not true at all. Another belief is that most curriculum will become opt in or opt out. That's not true either. The advisory committee will have to review and approve all educational activities. That's not true either. This was never the case. Language has been adapted or modified to make this abun-

dantly clear. We adopted language to make explicit that the school boards may accept, reject or modify recommendations that the curricular advisory committee puts forward. That language is found in Section 6, Page 16, lines 19-20."

Perception of the bill

"Sometimes people react or they get on social media and they haven't really read it, or they don't understand the process," Cook said. "The amendments were accepted last Monday and I'm still probably going to have a couple more amendments because we have met with principals' associations, superintendents' associations, parental associations and groups like PTAs - we've met with literally hundreds of people."

Cook credits his co-author, Rep. Chuck Goodrich (R-Noblesville) with making HB 1134 a much better document than it could have been without his involvement.

"Most co-authors don't put in the kind of time and effort that he has with this in going through group after group after group and even state after state," Cook said. "Chuck's business goes across 20-some states. He has heard these things from parents and from educators. We value all that. That's why we are trying to span the gap here that's created some of the problems."

When asked if the controversy around SB 167 has given him and his team the opportunity to make HB 1134 a better piece of legislation, Cook said, "That's exactly right. That's why several things were put in to be more direct, more specific and to protect teachers. I particularly do not want teachers attacked for teaching factual information and saying, 'Stalin was terrible.' They need that freedom. In fact, we encourage it with what I put in the amendments."



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GOP welcomes state treasurer candidates for breakfast



The Hamilton County Republican Party held a breakfast Wednesday morning at Bar Louie, 1111 W. Main St., Suite 140, Carmel. It was Laura Campbell's last day as party chair, and as of today, the new precinct setup is in place. (Above left) Present at the breakfast were four candidates for Indiana State Treasurer: Daniel Elliot, Lana Keesling, Elise Nieshalla and Pete Seat. (Above right) Chuck Goodrich, Jim Cruise and Jim Ake share fellowship prior to the presentation.



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Indiana bill to end handgun carry permit heads to Senate

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Indiana **House Bill 1077** would eliminate the requirement that adults apply for a permit to carry a handgun. Although the state abolished the fee to apply for a permit, municipalities can levy taxes on permits.

“Tell me what other constitutional right we have to pay a fee to exercise,” said Greg Burge, owner of **Beech Grove Firearms**. “As I speak to you now, do I have to pay \$75 to the government to get permission to answer your questions?”

The bill passed the House on a 64-29 vote on Jan. 11. The Indiana Senate, where the same piece of legislation died during the last year’s session, can now consider the measure.

The bill would only allow lawful carry for people 18 and older. Hoosiers who want to purchase a firearm would still have to complete

a form with the federal **Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives**.

The proposed legislation would move the theft of a firearm from a Level 6 Felony up to a Level 5 Felony, which carries a sentence from one to six years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000.

“House Bill 1077 really did a grave misservice to the men and women in brown and blue who are already fighting the scourge of gun violence on our streets,” said Rep. Mitch Gore, a Indianapolis Democrat.

Gore, who is a Marion County sheriff’s deputy, is among lawmakers who opposed the bill.

Doug Carter, the Indiana State Police superintendent, also opposed the bill. He said during a committee meeting earlier this month that the current licensing system prevented 10,000 people from getting firearms licenses; they were ineligible

because of felony convictions.

Carter is also worried the law would make it harder for law enforcement to know whether a person pulled over during a traffic stop is carrying a handgun.

Some other police agencies have endorsed the bill.

Gore said, “They’ll be less informed at traffic stops and on critical incidents, and I think we could have done a lot better.”

But, gun store owner Burge contends the requirement to carry permit only burdens responsible gun owners, not irresponsible ones.

“Do we really believe they are the ones who go down to the police department and say, ‘Hey, I want to get my permit before I rob a bank, to shoot the neighbor?’”

If passed, Indiana would join 21 other states, including Kentucky, that allow permitless carry.

Still time to sign up for ‘Bop to the Top’ Stair Climb fundraiser for Riley Children’s Foundation

The REPORTER

The annual Bop to the Top Stair Climb is scheduled to take place this coming Saturday, Jan. 22, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the One America Tower in downtown Indianapolis. One America is located at 200 N. Illinois St.

Participants are invited to climb the 36 floors of the OneAmerica Tower. There are 780 steps in all. All ages and abilities are welcome.

The climb can be made as an individual or as part of a team. There is also a Triple Step option that allows you to complete the climb three different times.

This incredible event, now in its 39th year, is a third-party fundraiser for the Riley Children’s Foundation. Nearly \$1 million has been raised so far for the Foundation.

Riley Children’s Foundation is the fundraising arm of Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Health and the founding organization that opened Riley Hospital in 1924. Today Riley Hospital is recognized as one of the best children’s hospitals in the nation and is the only comprehensive children’s research hospital in the state of Indiana.

Tuxedo Brothers has been involved in Bop to the Top for the past 36 years.

Tuxedo Brothers is an event management company owned and operated by brothers, Don and Phil Carr. In the early days, the brothers wore tuxedos to the events, the idea being to add a touch of class. After a few events, however, their dress changed to a more reasonable sports attire, but the name, Tuxedo Brothers, remained.

Since 1984, Tuxedo Brothers has managed more than 1,000 runs, walks and triathlons benefiting service and charitable organizations.

Don Carr, President of Tuxedo Brothers, along with

his brother, says he is extremely pleased to be part of this legacy. “I can’t tell you what it means to be a part of such a meaningful event. To be able to help Riley Children’s Foundation work toward their mission is what it’s all about – especially in these continuously challenging times.”

Carr is referring to the increase in COVID-19 cases among children, including those at Riley. Admissions of COVID patients at Riley have been on the rise. With that in mind, there will be no ‘Riley kids’ speaking at the event this year as in years past. However, Emily Nichols, the mother of a Riley kid, will be present to speak about her child’s experience with Riley.

Also, out of respect to the dangers of COVID-19, a virtual option is being made available for participants. The in-person event will take place on Jan. 22, but virtual participation will take place from Jan. 17 to 31.

Overall and Age-Group awards will be provided for those who want to get competitive in Bop to the Top, but it is not required. Those who simply want to take their time and climb the stairs are also encouraged to come out.

Sign up now at get-mereregistered.com/bop. You can still register through Friday, Jan. 21. If you would like to volunteer for the event, you also need to register at the above address by Jan. 21.

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From the desk of Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood

Update No. 76

In recognition of **National Mentoring Month**, I want to take this opportunity to thank the many community mentors for the positive impact they have on our students' lives every day. Through supportive, one-on-one relationships, these volunteers enhance the educational experience and help students reach their potential in inspiring and life-changing ways. Thank you!

Just in! HHSC has earned the College Board's **AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award** for expanding young women's access to **AP Computer Science Principles (CSP)**. This award acknowledges



es 1,020 schools for their work toward equal gender representation during the 2020-21 school year and Heights was among only 760 schools to be recognized for achieving this important result in AP CSP!

The **Honor Society** is partnering with Versiti, looking to help save lives and make a positive impact through its second of three **community blood drives** from 3 to 7 p.m. next Wednesday, Jan. 26 at the high school. [Click here](#) to register to donate desperately needed blood products.

Registration for this year's in-person **Kindergarten Roundup** is set for 3 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday,

Feb. 23 at HHES. Pre-registration opens on Friday, Feb. 18. Our Kindergarten educators are phenomenal in providing an exceptional blend of engaging, inspiring, and fun learning experiences that are the building blocks of early literacy, numeracy, socialization, communication skills, independence, and success in school for our littlest Huskies. [Click here](#) for more information on what you need to do to begin your child's educational journey at Heights.

Congratulations to **Abigail Burk, Samantha Burk, Brayden Jewell, and Joshua Steffen** who have been named as Hamilton Heights High School's recipients of the **Rising Stars of Indiana, Class of 2023**. They are among 1,000 juniors from 256 schools nominated by their principals for

their outstanding academic achievement and leadership through a special recognition program of the Indiana Association of School Principals. Well done, Rising Stars!

Speaking of well done, the **Hamilton Heights Wrestling team** has had a tremendous year with record breaking individual and team achievements including bringing home the Hoosier Conference Runner Up Championship title. In addition, the team placed among the Top 10 teams in the state at the prestigious invite-only Indiana High School Team Duals Championship earlier in the month in Martinsville. Also, the **Boys Swimming & Diving team** finished third and the **Girls Swimming & Diving team** finished fourth at the Hoosier Conference Swimming &

Diving Invitational at Purdue University on Saturday. **Teegan Madara** set the Hoosier Conference record in the 500 Freestyle with a time of 5:06.99 and broke her own school record in the 100 Breaststroke, with a time of 1:08.03, shaving off a little more than 2 seconds from her previous record. **Nathan Cox** also broke his own school diving record with a score of 512.70 on 11 dives.

The **Hickory Classic basketball event** vs. the Tipton Blue Devils is next Wednesday, Jan. 26 at the Hoosier Gym in Knightstown. The eighth-grade boys and girls will compete in a fun evening of Hoosier Hysteria. The Husky Sports Network will stream a live video feed [here](#).

This Friday, our **Lady Huskies** face off with the

Benton Central Bison for the Hoosier Conference championship title on our home court. View it live [here](#).

Next week kicks off a spirit-filled week of **Winter Homecoming** activities culminating with exciting basketball action on Friday, Jan. 28 when the Huskies take on the Tipton Blue Devils. As part of this year's activities, we will be honoring HHHS alumni from the classes of 1971, 1972, 1981, 1982, 1991, 1992, 2001, 2002, 2011, and 2012 during the half-time festivities. For alumni who want to participate, [click here](#).

Thank you for your continued input, involvement, and passion for your students' best interests. They are at the very heart of everything we do.
#WeAreHuskies

Carmel's historical figures featured prominently in city's new street names

The REPORTER

In an effort to reduce what Carmel city officials call "confusion about Carmel's traditional numbered and directional street names," the city has announced another round of changes with a nod toward historical figures. The research into these notable historical figures was compiled by the Carmel Clay Historical Society.

Letters were sent last year to residents and businesses impacted by the street name changes, which take effect Feb. 1.

Below is some history about Carmel's notable ancestors:

Stubbs Way

Bill Stubbs was a track star at Carmel High School from 1947 to 1950. Sports-writers tried out several nicknames for him – the Carmel Meteor, Blazing Bill, Bullet Bill, and Carmel's One-Man Track Team, but the one that stuck was the Carmel Comet.

Stubbs was a star, and crowds showed up wherever he ran, hoping to see him break a record. By the time he graduated, he held school and Hamilton County records in the 100- and 220-yard dashes as well as the long jump. He also held the Sectional record for the 220-yard dash and the Regional record for both dashes. He posted the state's best time in both of the dashes his sophomore, junior and senior year and earned national recognition for running the second fastest 100-yard dash in the country in 1949.

Stubbs did all of this on sheer talent alone. He ran for three coaches in four years, none of whom had a background in the sport, and trained on grass because Carmel did not have a track.

Doane Way

Minnie Doane joined the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps in 1942. She served in General MacArthur's headquarters in Australia, New Guinea, and the Philippines. Her three years overseas was the only time in her life she lived outside of Carmel. Minnie came home and

worked for the phone company for 43 years. She was elected to Carmel's first city council in 1976. Over the years, Minnie was recognized by many organizations for her volunteer work and service to the community. Mayor Reiman presented her with a key to the city, and she was named a Sagamore of the Wabash ... to name a couple of her accolades.

Small Street

The Smalls were a pioneer family of Carmel. In 1871, Eli Small purchased a storehouse on the northeast corner of Main Street and Range Line Road from Stewart Warren. Soon after, Small's son Levi gave up his medical practice and managed the store for his father. Small's drugstore carried a full line of general merchandise and many grocery items as well. He later opened a photography studio on the second floor that produced tin types.

Levi became a well-respected town elder and was active in town politics. He served on the town board in the 1880s and built a town hall on a lot east of his store in 1887. In 1889, he published and edited Carmel's first newspaper, The Carmel Signal. He served as justice of the peace of Delaware Township in the late 1890s and as town clerk from 1901 to 1906.

The L. J. Small Drugstore was a fixture in town until Levi's death in 1926.

Supply Street

The Carmel Supply Company was a leading supplier of coal, cement, tile, harnesses and other products in Carmel from the 1920s through the 1940s. Vic Almond operated the store for many years, as did Oscar Applegate.

Phelps Way

John Phelps purchased the southwest corner of Main Street and Range Line Road in 1835. He was one of the founders of the town of Bethlehem and contributed two lots to the original plat in 1837. Phelps' cabin was the first house built in the town.

Burget Way

Barbara Burget was a young girl when her family moved from Virginia to a fortified wilderness settlement in Kentucky, called Ruddle's Station, in the early years of the Revolutionary War. In 1780, an army of 150 British and Canadian soldiers and nearly 1,000 Native American warriors surrounded the fort and took everyone inside captive.

Burget was adopted by a Lenape woman and lived with the tribe the rest of her life. Her daughter married George Ketchum, a member of a prominent Lenape family. Burget moved with the Ketchums from Ohio to what is now Carmel in about 1810.

After Burget's husband died in 1811 or 1812, she established a trading post on the west bank of White River, north of 96th Street, near a river ford between two Lenape villages. She became quite wealthy in the fur trade. In 1832, she sold her land and traveled west to join the tribe in Kansas.

Ketchum Drive

George Ketchum was a member of the Lenape tribe. His family settled along Cool Creek about 1810. During the War of 1812, the United States government relocated the tribe to Piqua, Ohio.

Ketchum and several other Lenape were selected to be scouts for William Henry Harrison's frontier army during the war. Ketchum fought in the Battle of the Thames in which Harrison's army defeated the British and gained control of the Northwest Territory.

After the war, Ketchum cleared land and built a cabin near the intersection of Smoky Row Road and Range Line Road. In 1832, he sold his land and traveled west to join the tribe in Kansas. Ketchum died in Oklahoma at the age of 100.

Richland Avenue

In 1830, Quakers living on the north side of Delaware Township and the south side of Washington Township established



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a church at the intersection of Smoky Row and Range Line Road. That year, they organized the first school of record in Clay Township.

In 1833, they named

their church Richland Meeting. The name was suggested by Benjamin Mendenhall, the first Quaker to settle in present-day Carmel. The Richland Friends

built a new brick school in 1868 and leased it to the township, which conducted a public high school in the building. This was the origin of Carmel High School.

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'Where's OneZone?' to serve as Chamber's new marketing initiative

The REPORTER

OneZone Chamber of Commerce has launched its newest initiative, "Where's OneZone?" This new initiative highlights OneZone Chamber of Commerce members with a series of vibrant, bright photographs and creative, blog-like writing on the chamber's social media platforms.

"We are excited to launch this new initiative," said OneZone President Jack Russell. "We encourage everyone to follow us each Wednesday to learn more about small businesses in your own backyard. You will get a chance to learn more about their business and how you can shop, eat, hire, or join them."

This initiative was creat-



Graphic provided

ed in an effort to share more about OneZone's members, specifically those who small businesses such as restaurants and retailers.

Posts on members will

be made each Wednesday and will feature the hashtag #wheresonezone. For more, follow OneZone on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

Noblesville Fire Lt. Scott Hunter completes international professional designation process

The REPORTER

Noblesville Fire Department (NFD) Lieutenant Scott Hunter has successfully completed the process that awards the professional designation of “Fire Officer” (FO). The Commission on Professional Credentialing (CPC) met on Dec. 7, 2021, to confer the designation.

Lt. Hunter becomes one of only 602 FOs worldwide, and the first with that designation in the NFD.

The designation program is a voluntary program designed to recognize individ-

uals who demonstrate their excellence in seven measured components including experience, education, professional development, professional contributions, association membership, community involvement and technical competence. In addition, all applicants are required to identify a future professional development plan.

The FO designation program uses a comprehensive peer review model to evaluate candidates seeking the credential. The CPC awards

the designation only after an individual successfully meets all the organization's stringent criteria.

“Achieving this designation signifies Scott's commitment to his career in fire and emergency services and his emphasis on professional growth,” said NFD Chief Matt Mitchell, who has the Fire Marshal CPC designation. “I'm proud of Lt. Hunter for earning this dis-



Hunter

tion, but also the example it sets for his fellow firefighters with life-long learning, skill development and community service.”

This professional designation is valid for three years. Maintaining the designation requires recipients to show continued growth in the areas of professional development, professional contributions, active association membership and com-

munity involvement as well as adhere to a strict code of professional conduct.

The CPC, an entity of the Center for Public Safety Excellence, Inc., administers the designation program. It consists of individuals from academia, federal and local government, and the fire and emergency medical services profession. To learn more about CPC, visit cpspe.org.

About the Noblesville Fire Department

The Noblesville Fire Department has 140 career firefighters, including

10 full time staff positions, operating out of seven fire stations. NFD covers a rapidly growing area of 58 square miles within its jurisdiction. In addition to fire suppression, NFD provides emergency medical services (EMS), consisting of Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS/Paramedics), and maintains a Hazardous Materials Team, Dive Team, and Tactical Rescue Team. For more information, visit cityofnoblesville.org/fire.

New study from IU School of Medicine shows pathological differences in inherited versus sporadic Alzheimer's disease

The REPORTER

Indiana University School of Medicine researchers are making new discoveries about the pathological changes in people who have inherited Alzheimer's disease versus developing the disease sporadically. These findings could lead to new ways of preventing and treating the disease.

In a **new paper published in Science**, researchers from the **MRC Labora-**

tory of Molecular Biology at Cambridge University and IU School of Medicine detail new findings about senile plaques, which are made up of a peptide called Amyloid-β 42 (Aβ 42). The study shows for the first time that the structure of the Aβ 42 filaments is different in sporadic and inherited Alzheimer's disease. Type I filaments were found mostly in the brains of individuals with sporadic Alzheimer's disease and Type

II filaments were found in individuals with familial Alzheimer's disease or other neurodegenerative conditions.

“Although senile plaques have been known to be one of the main pathological changes in Alzheimer's disease for over a century, their nature and composition has been gradually unraveled during the past four decades,” said Bernardino Ghetti, MD, a distinguished professor and

professor of pathology and laboratory medicine at IU School of Medicine. Ghetti is a corresponding author of the paper and a lead researcher at the **Indiana Alzheimer's Disease Research Center**.

Researchers looked at cryogenic electron microscopy maps and 3D structures of Aβ 42 from the brains of five patients with Alzheimer's disease and from five patients with different neurodegenerative

conditions. Patients had either sporadic Alzheimer's disease or dominantly inherited Alzheimer's disease with a mutation in the *APP* or *PSEN1* genes.

“This new knowledge of the filament structures provides deeper insights into the disease process in Alzheimer's and may lead to the development of compounds that can prevent the disease by inhibiting filament formation as well as new methods for brain im-

aging,” Ghetti said. “This paper opens a new chapter for imaging and therapeutics.”

The study was supported by National Institutes of Health grants. Other study authors from IU School of Medicine include Holly Garringer, PhD, Kathy Newell, MD and Ruben Vidal, PhD.

Click here to learn more about Alzheimer's disease research at IU School of Medicine.

State's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit gets \$316K in PharMerica settlement

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita announced Tuesday that his office's

Indiana Medicaid Fraud Control Unit has received \$316,241 on behalf of the Indiana Medicaid program

as part of a \$4.9 million resolution of allegations against PharMerica Inc. The company is one of the na-

tion's largest long-term care pharmacies, providing supplies and services to nursing homes and other facilities.

This recovery is the culmination of 14 years of litigation under the federal False Claims Act and similar state laws in Indiana and 10 other states. In September 2007, whistleblowers James Banigan and Richard Templin filed a lawsuit in a U.S. District Court against defendants Organon Inc.,

Omnicare Inc., and PharMerica Inc.

“This case demonstrates the vital role of persistence in the American legal system,” Rokita said. “When companies betray the trust placed in them by Medicaid patients and their doctors, justice demands that the companies be held



Rokita

accountable, no matter how long it takes.”

Banigan and Templin alleged that the pharmaceutical company Organon entered into an illegal scheme with PharMerica and Omnicare, another long-term care pharmacy. Under

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Westfield Republican Scott Willis raises over \$126,000

Willis sets record in Westfield for most raised in non-election year

Submitted

Scott Willis, who officially filed an Exploratory Committee for Westfield Mayor in October 2021, has reported \$126,677 in contributions in 2021 and \$125,814 cash on hand.

Willis' total raised is a record for amount raised in a non-election year for Westfield Mayor and sets him up as a front-runner in the 2023 Republican pri-

mary.

"As I continue to explore running for Westfield Mayor, I'm having meaningful discussions with residents, community groups, and business owners in Westfield about our city's future," Willis said. "I've been honored to receive a tre-



Willis

ing for my campaign."

During Willis' first term as a Westfield City Council-

mendous amount of encouragement and support. Not only is that reflected in the financial contributions received, but also in the growing team of grassroots supporters volunteering for my campaign."

or, he has brought a unique voice and perspective to the council as a 17-year Westfield resident, decorated U.S. Marine, and successful businessman.

Willis, and his wife Stacey, have three children – Sophia, a freshman at Xavier University, and Brenna and Graden, both Westfield Schools students.

To learn more, visit WillisForWestfield.com.

State Bank, Carmel Education Foundation partner for entrepreneurship scholarship

The REPORTER

Do you know a Carmel High School (CHS) senior who may have the next big idea for a new product or service, or an idea to improve an existing product or service? If so, they just may win seed money from the inaugural [State Bank](#) Start Me Up Cup Scholarship Competition. This competition showcases State Bank's commitment to promoting free enterprise and helping young entrepreneurs who have big ideas succeed.

Hosted by the [Carmel Education Foundation](#) (CEF), the Start Me Up Cup competition will mimic the popular "Shark Tank" program. CHS seniors are invited to submit a short video pitch by Feb. 22. A panel of State Bank representatives will select up to 10 students to advance to round two of the competition. During round two, students will follow an outline to prepare a business plan and are encouraged to vet their idea with a State Bank banker, business teacher, local businessperson, or a parent before presenting their idea to a panel of judges in April. Students may apply individually or in groups of up to three CHS seniors.

"State Bank is proud to be in Carmel, and we are committed to building relationships and investing in the youth in our community," said, Andy Pinegar, State Bank Senior Vice President and Hamilton County Market President. "We have no doubt that their ideas are our future, and we are excited to empower them in building their future success."

More information and the application are available at ccs.k12.in.us/foundation/scholarships.

Two students will receive scholarships to invest as seed money in their pro-

posed business ro service. The grand prize entrepreneur will receive \$2,000 and the runner-up will receive \$1,000. Both awards will be presented at the CHS Community Award Night on May 18. CEF will present up to 90 additional scholarships during the ceremony as well.

If you are a local entrepreneur who may be interested in assisting student applicants with their business plan or pitch or would like to serve on the panel of judges, please contact CEF Executive Director Jennifer Penix at jpenix1@ccs.k12.in.us.

State Bank, located at 126th Street and Gray Road in Carmel, is also featured as the First Taste VIP Sponsor for CEF's Taste of Carmel on Thursday, March 3. Tickets are on sale for this community event at TasteOfCarmelIndiana.com.

About the Carmel Education Foundation

One of the oldest foundations of its kind, the Carmel Education Foundation was created to help Carmel Clay students achieve their full potential. Since 1966, the Foundation has awarded over \$2.1 million in college scholarships to Carmel High School seniors and over \$850,000 in education grants to inspire lifelong learning for Carmel Clay students. CEF is governed by a volunteer board of directors who give their time and energy to accelerate the Foundation's mission by funding grants, awarding more than 80 scholarships annually and expanding resources for Carmel Clay Schools.

About State Bank
State Bank is a \$711-million community bank head-



Pinegar

Financial has named State Bank a 5-Star Bank based on its strength and perfor-

mance since 2017, and it was named the Best Bank in Hendricks County nine of the last 10 years. Its offices are in Avon, Brownsburg (2), Plainfield, Lizton and Pittsboro in Hendricks County; Lebanon (2) and Zionsville in Boone County; Carmel in Hamilton County; and opening Summer 2022 in Lafayette. Visit StateBank1910.bank to learn more.

Who's on my ballot for the May 2022 Primary Election?

Candidate filings current as of Wednesday, Jan. 19

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District 2

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District 3

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Clay 28

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Clay 68

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Westfield 14

Andrew Kauffman

Westfield 16

Neil Koglin

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Neil Koglin

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Clay District 2

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Meeting Notices

The Atlanta Town Council will meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 21, 2022, at Atlanta Town Hall, 105 E. Main St., Atlanta.

The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District Board will meet at noon on Monday, Jan. 24, 2022, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b) (7) For discussion of records classified as confidential by state and federal statute, the Carmel Audit Committee will meet in an executive session via Microsoft Teams at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2022.

The Hamilton County Commissioners will meet at 1 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 24, 2022, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 24, 2022, at Carmel Clay Middle School, 5150 E. 126th St., Carmel. Public comment is included in the meeting agenda. [Click here](#) to view the updated public comment policy.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Council Finance Committee will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 28, 2022, at Big Woods Hazel Dell, 14741 Hazel Dell Crossing, Noblesville.

— ARCADIA —

NOTICE

On Monday, January 24, 2022 the Arcadia Town Council will hold an Executive Session at 6:30 PM at the Arcadia Town Hall, 208 W Main St, Arcadia, IN. The purpose of this meeting will be to: Discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process per IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)9 and With respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction, to receive information concerning the individual's alleged misconduct, and to discuss, before a determination, the individual's status as an employee per IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b) 6 (A and B).

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— SHERIDAN —

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SHERIDAN, INDIANA CONCERNING THE REPEAL OF THE DECEMBER 2021 UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

The Town Council of the Town of Sheridan, Hamilton County, Indiana (the "Council") will conduct a public hearing on February 1, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. (Local Time) at the Sheridan Community Center, located at 300 E 6th St, Sheridan, IN 46069, to consider an ordinance to repeal the unified development ordinance adopted in December 2021 and re-enact the prior unified development ordinance in its entirety. A copy of the ordinance is available and can be inspected at the offices of the Sheridan Clerk-Treasurer, located at 506 South Main Street, Sheridan, IN 46069, during regular business hours. At the public hearing, the Town Council will receive and hear comments, remonstrance, and objections from interested persons concerning the proposed ordinance.

Dated: January 19, 2022

Elizabeth Walden
Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Sheridan

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TOWN OF SHERIDAN ORDINANCE NO. 2022-01 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 52 OF THE TOWN OF SHERIDAN, INDIANA CODE OF ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, the Town of Sheridan, Indiana ("Town") has the authority to adopt ordinances to regulate the removal of trash under its jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, in 2010, the Town adopted Ordinance 2-10-9-2 establishing trash rates, regulations and enforcement mechanisms to address the removal of trash from the Town;

WHEREAS, the Town continues to believe it is in the best interests of the community to maintain procedures for the removal of trash within the Town's jurisdictional limits and also believes it is just and proper to increase slightly the rate of these services in order to ensure the Town receives the best and most efficient service possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SHERIDAN, INDIANA, THAT:

(1) The above recitals are incorporated herein by reference.

(2) Chapter 52 of the Sheridan Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 52.01 ESTABLISHING RATES FOR TRASH SERVICE.
(A) After study and review of the needs of the public and the recommendation of the town's financial consultant as well as the costs incurred in the service to be provided to the public, the Council now finds that the following rates shall be adopted as fair and equitable:

Rates shall be adopted as air and equivalent.			
Year	Base Rate with Escalator	Administrative Fee	Total
2022	\$15.69	\$4.81	\$20.50
2023	\$16.16	\$5.34	\$21.50
2024	\$16.72	\$5.78	\$22.50
2025	\$17.31	\$6.19	\$23.50
2026	\$17.92	\$6.58	\$24.50

James Eston “Sonny” Pedigo
August 14, 1960 - 2022

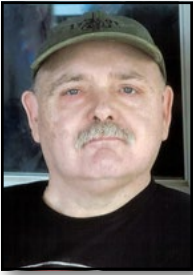
James Eston “Sonny” Pedigo, 61, Pendleton, passed away at his home. He was born on August 14, 1960, to the late James and Eva Mae (Watson) Pedigo in Noblesville.

Sonny was a graduate of Westfield High School and retired after 31 years with the Indiana State Highway Department. He was a member of Hinkle Creek Masonic Lodge and active in the Tipton Gun Show. Sonny enjoyed Arizona, the West, and was a fan of John Wayne.

He is survived by his sister, Anna (Ted) Maynard; nephews, Clinton (Jodi) Wooten, Seth (Stephanie) Wooten, and Cody (Rachel) Wooten; great-nephew, Conner Wooten; and great-nieces, Trinity Wooten, Esme Wooten, and Tessa Raven Wooten.

Visitation will be from 1 to 4 p.m., with a Masonic Service at 3 p.m., on Saturday, January 22, 2022, Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville.

Condolences: randallroberts.com



Sonya Denise Pearson
December 25, 1964 – January 15, 2022

Sonya Denise Pearson, 57, Atlanta, passed away on Saturday evening, January 15, 2022, at University Hospital in Indianapolis. She was born on December 25, 1964, in Cherry Valley, Ark., and later attended Hamilton Heights High School.

Sonya worked for the Hamilton Southeastern School District for many years as both a custodian and a cafeteria manager. After 20 years of dedicated service, she decided it was time for retirement.

Sonya loved watching reruns of *The Andy Griffith Show*. She was also a fan of the old Sylvester and Tweety cartoons – her favorite being Tweety, of course. These shows took care of her on Monday through Saturday, but her Sunday TV time was dedicated to NASCAR. Dale Earnhardt was her driver, and that was that. Sonya also loved to play cards, and would usually take a very NASCAR-ish, “rubbin’ is racin’” approach to the game. Losing was not an option.

Sonya liked country music. Whether it was classic country or one of the newer artists, she enjoyed it just the same. She also had a great appreciation for Native American culture.

Sonya is survived by her loving husband, Randy Allen Pearson. She and Randy were married on February 17, 2009. Also surviving are stepfather, Doug Stoops; sons, Nicholas Pearson (Tiffany), Randy Joseph Pearson, and Bradley Pearson, all of Elwood; daughters, Tanaya Hitt (Nicholas) of Lafayette, Amy Townsend (James) of Kokomo, and Sierra Townsend of Atlanta; grandchildren, Chazz, Nicholas, Jr., Joshua, Dakota, Cameron, Dustin, Alyssa, Silas, Lexi, Brinley, Gracie, and Maria; brothers, James DeWitt (Vicki) of Arkansas, Randall DeWitt, Sr. (Glenda) of Arkansas, Ricky DeWitt (Diane) of Arkansas, Dougie Stoops (Melissa) of Atlanta, and David Stoops (partner, Charles) of Noblesville; sisters, Debbie Anderson of Arkansas, and Sheila Abbott (Carl) of Noblesville; half-sisters, Tammy Watson, and Angel Harris; many nieces, cousins, and nephews; and by her canine BFF, Ruger.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Ellen Mae (Forkner) Dewitt-Stoops; and by her brother-in-law, Donald Anderson.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 22, 2022, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan, with visitation from 9 a.m. until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com



TODAY’S BIBLE READING

In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Colossians 2:11-15 (NIV)

John Joseph Rushinsky
September 28, 1940 – January 17, 2022

John Joseph Rushinsky, 81, Fort Wayne, passed peacefully on Monday, January 17, 2022, surrounded by loved ones at Coventry Meadows in Fort Wayne. He was born on September 28, 1940, to the late Nicholas and Mary (Swinkunas) Rushinsky in Lorain, Ohio. On October 25, 1964, in El Puerto de Santa Maria, Spain, he married the love of his life, Maria del Carmen Galán Villar, who preceded him in death on February 21, 2012.

John was a brilliant and humble man. He retired as a government contracts quality control employee from ITT Aerospace, and he prided himself on his meticulous work to ensure civilian safety. John was also a Navy veteran and achieved the rank of Chief Petty Officer (E7). He was a recipient of The Vietnam Service Medal, The National Defense Service Medal, The Navy Expeditionary Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal (twice). The position with the greatest impact on him was that of Electronics Technician in the Cryptology Department in Rota, Spain, for it was there that he would meet his beloved wife and the trajectory of his life would forever change.

John and Maria went on to live in many places and were blessed to grow their family to include five children whom they dearly loved. John worked tirelessly to ensure that their needs were met. He enjoyed playing cards, playing chess, repairing anything mechanical for himself and others, research, challenging his grandchildren with math problems to solve, enjoying a good meal in the company of people he loved, sneaking sweet treats, and spending time with family. John also was a gifted accordion player and enjoyed entertaining his own family and his children with his polka music.

In his later years, after the passing of his wife, Maria, he fiercely made sure all his children were taken care of. He enjoyed his grandchildren, and in particular loved witnessing his youngest grandson, Antonio, grow into a sweet child and was often heard bragging about what a good boy he was. Unbeknownst to his children, he kept a box next to his recliner with pictures of his children and grandchildren as well as cards he had received from them.

He is survived by his son, John Joseph (Katy) Rushinsky Jr.; son, Michael (Laura) Rushinsky; daughter, Tanya Marie (Vincent) Aviles; son, Mark Anthony (Laura) Rushinsky; daughter, Celeste Nicole Rushinsky; sister, Veronica Loper; and 11 grandchildren: Joseph Thomas Aviles, Austin Rushinsky, John Edward “Jack” Rushinsky, Anabella Rose Klepper, Meghan Rose Rushinsky, Alex Rushinsky, Bridget Marie Rushinsky, Noah Anthony Aviles, Gabriel Manolo Rushinsky, Andrew Vincent Aviles, and Antonio Michael Klepper.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his brother, Michael John Rushinsky; brother, Robert Paul Rushinsky; and twin granddaughters: Allie Marie and Marie Allie Rushinsky.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday, January 24, 2022, and from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Funeral Service will follow visitation on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, also at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center. Military burial will be at Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery in Noblesville. In addition, a Memorial Mass in celebration of life will be held at a later date at Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 4916 Trier Road, Fort Wayne, Ind.

In lieu of contributions, those wishing to do something in his memory should spend time with family and tell them how very much you love them.

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Wrestling

Carmel edges out HSE in dual meet

By RICHIE HALL

FISHERS - The final all-county wrestling dual meet of the season took place Wednesday when Carmel traveled to Hamilton Southeastern to face off against the Royals.

Those two teams will see each other again in the sectional, of course. But before that, they went head to head in a dual that came down to the last match before the Greyhounds won 39-31. Nayl Sbay won the 145-pound match with a second-period pin to clinch the match for Carmel.

More important than the competition itself, the meet gave the wrestling community a chance to help out one of its own. Southeastern asked for donations to the family of Harrison Rich, a Royals sophomore wrestler who suffered a severe C5 and C6 spinal cord injury during a meet in December. Rich is currently at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis and soon will be transferred to the Shirley Ryan Ability Lab in Chicago to continue his rehabilitation.

During the meet, several Southeastern junior varsity wrestlers went through the crowd asking for cash donations. And the crowd delivered, donating a total of \$3,138.66. The Royals wrestling program will be purchasing gift cards for the Rich family to help offset costs as they travel back and forth to Chicago.

"Always great to see the community band together," said HSE coach Nick Brobst. "The wrestling community is fantastic, like no other. We got notifications from some fantastic people from across the globe, even a U.S. World Team member, Kyle Dake, sent a message to us to send to Harrison. That's something that's special about this sport."

Brobst said that even rival schools come together "when one of our own is hurt, and I think that's something that Harrison will have to rely on over the next couple years" as he continues his battle.

Anyone that would like to donate to the Rich family can do so at this link: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-harrison-rich-family>.

SEVEN WINS EACH

Both schools won seven matches in the dual. Carmel won the first two, pins from 152-pounder Eitan Halevi and Nate Powell at 160, giving the 'Hounds an early 12-0 advantage.

Southeastern won the next five bouts to take a 25-12 lead. Ryan Cast picked up a major decision at 170, then Jacob Schnei-



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

Hamilton Southeastern junior varsity wrestlers went through the crowd during the Royals' dual meet with Carmel on Wednesday asking for donations to help the family of Harrison Rich, a Southeastern wrestler who suffered a spinal injury in December. The crowd delivered, donating a total of \$3,138.66 for the Rich family.

der received a forfeit at 182 pounds. Max Broom (at 195) and Charlie Irish (at 220) each got pins, then Dom Burgett toughed out a 3-1 decision at 285.

Carmel picked up four wins in a row to take back the lead, going up 33-25. That included three wins by pin, coming from Tamir Halevi at 106 pounds, Caleb Mattingly at 120 and Isaac Ward at 126. Gavin Thompson took the 113-pound match in a back-and-forth, 13-10 major decision.

The Royals got back into the meet with two decision wins. Riley Fredericksen got a 5-2 decision victory at 132 pounds, then Zach Lang came from behind at 138, scoring near-fall points at the end to get an 8-5 decision win.

With that, Southeastern cut Carmel's lead to 33-31, making the 145-pound bout a winner-take-all match. But Sbay took a 4-1 lead into the second period, where he got the fall.

"I thought it was a great dual," said Greyhounds assistant coach Josh Franklin. (Head coach Ed Pendorski was absent.) "We wrestled them earlier this year and it was a great dual. Definitely, they're tough competitors. I think our kids are very tough

competitors."

Franklin also told the Carmel wrestlers to have fun, saying that if "we have fun, good things happen."

"I felt like we won all the matches we expected to win," said Brobst. "There were about four swing matches that they're pretty good, we're pretty good, could have gone either way. Credit to them, they took all of them and that's what cost us the dual."

Both the Greyhounds and the Royals finished their regular seasons with this meet. They will now prepare for the post-season, with wrestlers from both teams likely to see each other again when they compete at the Frankfort sectional on Jan. 29.

"We're heading in the right direction," said Franklin. "We'll take it week by week."

The Royals have the same plans as well. "We're going to recover a little bit, take care of some injuries, stretch out, have some fun, remind kids why we're here, to enjoy the sport," said Brobst.

CARMEL 39, HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 31
Meet started at 152 pounds
 152: Eitan Halevi (C) def. Nick Jakubs

(HSE) by fall

160: Nate Powell (C) def. Deshawn Terrior (HSE) by fall

170: Ryan Cast (HSE) def. Matthew Green (C) by major decision, 13-4

182: Jacob Schneider (HSE) won by forfeit

195: Max Broom (HSE) def. CJ Meyer (C) by fall

220: Charlie Irish (HSE) def. Seth Richardson (C) by fall

285: Dom Burgett (HSE) def. Jack Milligan (C) by decision, 3-1

106: Tamir Halevi (C) def. Aiden Smalley (HSE) by fall

113: Gavin Thompson (C) def. Nick Anderson (HSE) by decision, 13-10

120: Caleb Mattingly (C) def. Ethan Berens (HSE) by fall

126: Isaac Ward (C) def. Blake Alvardo (HSE) by fall

132: Riley Fredericksen (HSE) def. Embury Hardi (C) by decision, 5-2

138: Zach Lang (HSE) def. Luke Farling (C) by decision, 8-5

145: Nayl Sbay (C) def. Ryan Hartig (HSE) by fall

HSE girls overwhelm LN

The Hamilton Southeastern girls basketball team cruised to a big win at Lawrence North on Tuesday, beating the Wildcats 79-52.

The Royals had their offense going from the start, leading 20-13 after one quarter and 46-26 at halftime. Southeastern held LN to 13 points in each period. Maya Makalusky poured in 16 points in the first half, including a pair of 3-pointers, while Riley Makalusky added 11 points.

In the third quarter, the Royals put in another 23 points. Riley Makalusky and Olivia Brown both scored six points in that period. Southeastern led 66-39 going into the fourth quarter and cruised to victory from there.

Maya Makalusky finished with 21 points, including three 3s, while Riley Makalusky scored 20 points. Brown had another outstanding all-around game with 10 assists, eight points and six rebounds.

The Royals are 12-7 and host Zionsville Friday in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference girls-boys doubleheader. It will be the HCC

season-finale for the Southeastern girls.

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 79, LAWRENCE NORTH 52

Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Maya Makalusky	7-16	4-4	21	2
Mikayla Hinshaw	3-4	2-2	9	4
Riley Makalusky	8-13	4-4	20	1
Olivia Brown	4-7	0-0	8	2
Zoe Bolding	2-4	1-2	5	3
Teegan Acres	3-3	2-2	8	2
Caleigh Scott	0-1	2-2	2	0
Lauren Stewart	1-3	0-0	3	2
Gabi Layman	1-3	0-0	3	0
Maine Hooks	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	29-54	15-16	79	17

Score by Quarters	Southeastern	LNHS
1st	20	13
2nd	23	13
3rd	23	13
4th	13	5
Totals	79	52

Southeastern 3-point shooting (8-19) M. Makalusky 3-8, Acres 2-2, Stewart 1-3, Layman 1-2, Hinshaw 1-1, R. Makalusky 0-2, Scott 0-1. Southeastern rebounds (21) Brown 6, R. Makalusky 4, Bolding 3, M. Makalusky 2, Stewart 2, Hinshaw 1, Acres 1, Scott 1, Hooks 1.



Carmel's Nayl Sbay (left) won the 145-pound match by pin to clinch the dual meet victory for the Greyhounds.

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TJ Barrett	Carmel	Senior	Will Latham	Carmel	Junior
Peter Bedford	Guerin Catholic	Senior	Liam Lloyd	Westfield	Junior
Julien Bentaieb	University	Senior	Tyler March	Fishers	Senior
Blake Braden	Hamilton Southeastern	Sophomore	Jackson McCollough	Hamilton Heights	Junior
Andrew Caito	Carmel	Senior	Baenan Mckeown	Carmel	Senior
Shane Carney	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior	Evan Myers	Fishers	Senior
Kyle Clayton	Fishers	Sophomore	Will Morgan	Carmel	Senior
Drew Cochran	Noblesville	Senior	Keiji Nakamae	Fishers	Junior
Evan Dawdy	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior	Patrick Orlando	Sheridan	Junior
Bryce Dolenc	Westfield	Senior	Keegan Perhacs	Guerin Catholic	Senior
Brayden Doll	Noblesville	Senior	Noah Reinhart	Fishers	Junior
Connor Dora	Carmel	Sophomore	Sam Ricketts	University	Junior
Trai Fitzgerald	Sheridan	Sophomore	Jacob Schurman	Westfield	Senior
Kyle Goad	Noblesville	Senior	Aiden Soucie	Guerin Catholic	Senior
Peter Hall	Guerin Catholic	Senior	Charlie Stump	Fishers	Senior
Caden Harrison	Westfield	Senior	Hunter Toll	Hamilton Heights	Senior
Tommy Hartman	Guerin Catholic	Senior	Phoenix Vondersaar	Hamilton Heights	Sophomore
Spencer Holland	Noblesville	Senior	Declan Wheeler	Westfield	Senior
Brady Horn	Noblesville	Senior	Charlie Woodring	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior
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Philadelphia	26	18	.591	2.0
Boston	23	23	.500	6.0
Toronto	21	21	.500	6.0
New York	22	23	.489	6.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chicago	28	15	.651	-
Milwaukee	28	19	.596	2.0
Cleveland	27	19	.587	2.5
Indiana	16	29	.356	13.0
Detroit	11	33	.250	17.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	29	16	.644	-
Charlotte	25	20	.556	4.0
Washington	23	22	.511	6.0
Atlanta	19	25	.432	9.5
Orlando	8	38	.174	21.5

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Utah	29	16	.644	-
Denver	23	20	.535	5.0
Minnesota	22	23	.489	7.0
Portland	18	26	.409	10.5
Oklahoma City	14	30	.318	14.5
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Phoenix	34	9	.791	-
Golden State	32	12	.727	2.5
L.A. Lakers	22	23	.489	13.0
L.A. Clippers	22	24	.478	13.5
Sacramento	18	29	.383	18.0
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Memphis	31	16	.660	-
Dallas	26	19	.578	4.0
San Antonio	17	28	.378	13.0
New Orleans	16	28	.364	13.5
Houston	14	32	.304	16.5

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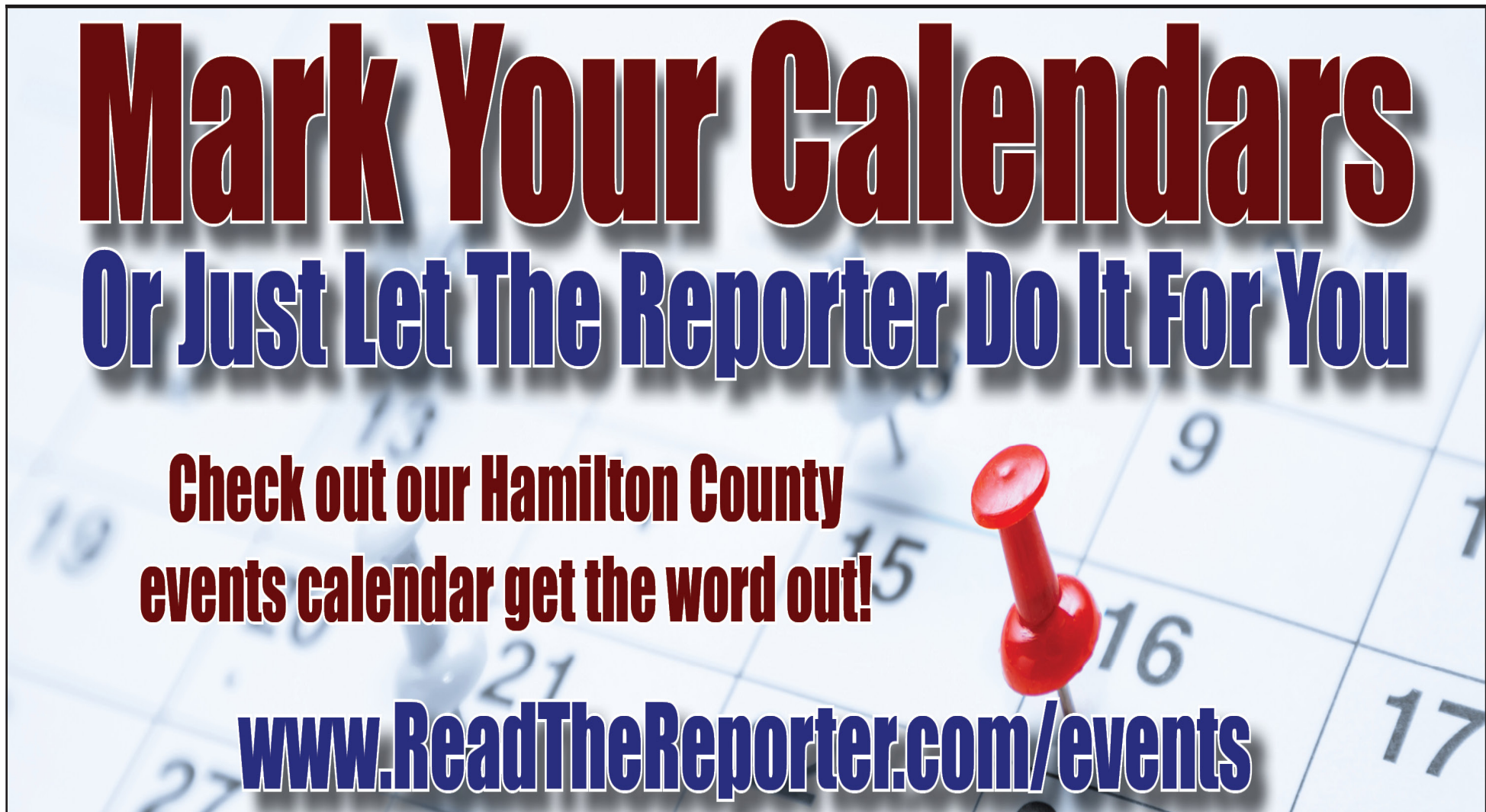
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