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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly cloudy morning.
 Partly cloudy afternoon.

Tonight: Clearing and colder again.

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Heights geared up for tonight's Winter Homecoming vs. Tipton

The REPORTER

Students and staff at Hamilton Heights High School have been enjoying a week of spirit-filled activities leading up to tonight's Homecoming game. Class Homecoming themes are Seniors, Jungle; Juniors, Space; Sophomores, Desert; and Freshman, Sea.

Monday was Pajama Day (Staff: Workout); Tuesday, Senior Citizen/Baby-Infant; USA Day; Wednesday, Anything but a Backpack. Also on Wednesday, the Honor Society partnered with Versiti to host a community blood drive. Thursday was Throwback Thursday (Seniors, '80s; Juniors, '70s; Sophomores, early 2000s; and Freshmen, cavemen) with a Talent Show hosted by the Drama Department.

Today, everyone is showing their Husky pride with Orange

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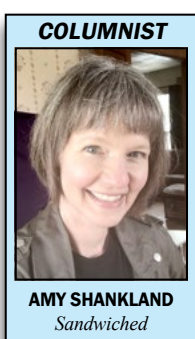


Seniors pictured showing their best 80's style include (from left) Belle Neiling, Allyson Dinwiddie, Clay Forrer, Kal Colter, Kaelin Zirkle, Daniel Collier, Jenn Houser, Grant Forrer, Elianna Watson, and Eli VanHaaren.

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The kindness of others, Mom, and a squeaky nose

Every once in a while, a columnist like myself writes a piece that is filled with odds and ends. We just have one of those weeks where we have multiple things to share that don't require a ton of words. So here are three:



The Kindness of Others

After last week's column, people reached out to me on Facebook to see how my husband was doing and to say they hoped I'd stay healthy. Too late . . . like a bazillion other people, I came down with COVID-19.

Thanks to wonderful things like grocery store curbside pickup and food delivery (thank goodness) we weren't going to starve, and neither were our pets.

I was overwhelmed with how many friends and family members checked in on us. The outpouring of concern, prayers, and love warmed my heart and helped make being sick a little easier. The common message was, "If you need anything you just let me know."

Despite reassurances from me that we were okay, a certain fellow columnist and friend was *especially* eager to help us – let's just say she has a big "hart." I grinned when I texted how comforting chicken noodle soup was to me whenever I feel ill. The next day, our angel with a big "hart" dropped off bread along with homemade soup and banana pudding. Pure heaven.

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Synergize commits to reimagine business relationships in 2022

By DENISE MOE
ReadTheReporter.com

Synergize, the new professional group with a promise to change the world, kicked off 2022 with class and laughter Tuesday night. The group's first event of the year, Relationships Reimagined 3.0, saw guests celebrate genuine relationships and Synergize's plans for the months ahead.

Speakers included Arron Stanton, Founder of Synergize; Heather Hunter, Synergize's Director of Marketing; and four members who shared the stories of how Synergize has impacted their businesses and lives.

Julia Curry, Synergize Movement Member, shared the support she'd found in Synergize during an extremely difficult point in her life. Andrew Kurz and Spencer Evans, Legacy Members and Founders/Owners of Bespoke Initiative, spoke of the mentorships they'd found during the formation of their business.

Jeff Worrell, Carmel City Council member and founder of



(From left) Synergize Legacy Member Brittany Green; Synergize Founder Arron Stanton; Synergize Legacy Members Spencer Evans, Andrew Kurz, Jason Ulm, and Bill Farrar; and (front) Synergize Director of Marketing Heather Hunter.

Reporter photo by Denise Moe

Good Day Carmel, talked about the impact Synergize has on the community and the ways Synergize builds a thriving community within the group. Pierre Twer, President of Bolt for the Heart,

finished by sharing the lifesaving impact Synergize members' support has had on his nonprofit and mission.

Synergize also unveiled a set of exciting updates for the

year. The group benefits a new nonprofit impact each month at its 4:30 Meetup events. The impacts begin in February 2022

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Jason Thompson appointed Noblesville PD's Deputy Chief of Support Division

The REPORTER

Noblesville Police Chief John Mann announced Thursday that Lt. Jason Thompson has been appointed to the rank of Deputy Chief of the Support Division. Thompson replaces Shane Ginnan, who is now the Town Marshal of Yorktown.

"In the system we have setup here with staff, we're really six working as one (police chief, assistant chief and four deputy chiefs). It is a true team effort," Mann said. "Jason has the right chemistry, which he's built up over his 17 years in the depart-

ment, to be a perfect fit within our team approach. We needed someone who could step into this role that still has that servant leadership mentality. Jason is a great fit for that. We are excited, not only for Jason in his new position, but for the future of the Noblesville Police Department."

The support division includes the school resource officer program with Noblesville Schools, traffic division, community service officers, intelligence division and the civilian staff.



Photo provided by Noblesville Police Department

Deputy Chief Jason Thompson (right) was sworn in by Noblesville Police Chief John Mann (left).

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Gleaners helps Hamilton County's neighbors in need

By STU CLAMPITT
ReadTheReporter.com

Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana does more work in Hamilton County than many people realize, in large part because there is a greater need here than is often perceived. In addition, the work they do to help directly with food for those in need, they also offer a great deal or information, resources and assistance for people who struggle with food insecurity.

The Reporter spoke with Gleaners CEO John Elliott about the work they do and a new series of videos that offers even more information online.

"I think people would be surprised at the level of food insecurity in Hamilton County," Elliott said. "That applies to SNAP eligibility, WIC eligibility and other programs as well. Just the size of the population in Hamilton County even with small percentages still adds up to a lot of people."

According to Gleaners.org, Hamilton County has 27,190 food insecure people, 7,440 of whom are children. Hamilton County has a 5 percent poverty rate and 21 percent of the population is working but not earning enough.

Gleaners Food Bank recently launched a new video series called "Feeding the Future: A Bite-Sized Series," featuring short videos educating Hoosiers on the services Gleaners offers throughout their 21-county service



Elliott

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Advocating for Victims of Crime & Abuse

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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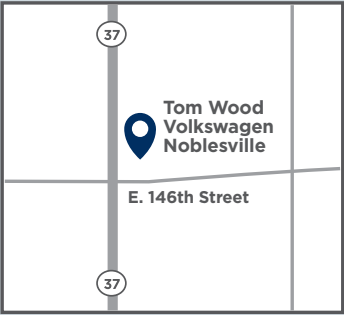


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Proposed bill aims to help nursing shortage

By **CODY ADAMS**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Jason Gilbert is the chief nurse officer for IU Health. He says the nursing shortage has been an ongoing issue for more than a year now.

"I think what we've seen our teams go through over the last couple of years has exacerbated the shortage," Gilbert said. "We've all stepped up in meeting the demands of increased patient acuity and increased patient volume at all of our hospitals in the state."

Gilbert says the state is staring down the barrel of a bad situation.

"I can tell you we have we have a workforce of 9,500 nurses at IU Health," Gilbert said. "Since the pandemic started we have seen our openings triple, so right now we have postings for about 1,700 nurses throughout the state."

House Bill 1003 could help the issue by allowing more students to be accepted into nursing programs and changing some of the requirements on faculty. The bill was authored by State Rep. Ethan Manning (R-Logansport) and has three House co-authors and three Senate co-sponsors.

"Every school is turning away hundreds of qualified nursing students because of faculty shortages," Gilbert said. "That's one thing that I think is great about this bill that was proposed by Representative Manning is it addresses some of the barriers to school expansion or

for recruiting and retaining qualified faculty."

There has been some concern with one of the other points in the bill that would allow students to get clinical credit in the classroom instead of a hospital setting.

"Of course, there is no substitute for that one-on-one patient care but it does give another venue where you can walk someone through in a safe environment perhaps a situation they wouldn't ordinarily see in a clinical setting," Gilbert said.

Gilbert says he doesn't believe the bill implies unqualified students would get into the nursing field.

"Believe me, the last thing that any of us want is to jeopardize the patient

safety of any of the Hoosiers that we serve by having the inadequate preparation for practice, but I think there are long standing artificial barriers in place that in today's environment we have to change in order to deliver on increasing the pipeline of nurses into the profession," Gilbert said.

HB 1003 is certainly not an overnight fix for the nursing shortage, but Gilbert says it's a step in the right direction.

"There's still the faculty recruitment that has to happen in building the pro-

grams, increasing the equipment and student support, because you can't just put the students in and magical-

ly next month, they come out nurses. There still has to be that education preparation," Gilbert said.

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The Free Compliments event was a well-received part of this year's Winter Homecoming activities. The event is sponsored by BC2M (Bring Change to Mind) to promote positive mental health. (From left) Seniors Aiden Helm, Grant Forrer, Grant Cavanaugh, Spencer Force, Clay Forrer, and Kal Colter.

and White Day. The annual Seniors vs. Faculty basketball game begins at 2 p.m. today, followed by a pep rally. The homecoming dance is set for 8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 29 at the Student Activity Center.

Hamilton Heights Huskies take on the Tipton Blue Devils beginning with the junior varsity game at 6 p.m. Varsity halftime festivities begin with the Hamilton Heights High School Student Government honoring alumni from the classes of 1971, 1972, 1981, 1982, 1991, 1992, 2001, 2002, 2011 and 2012. The official crowning of the 2022 Winter Homecoming King and Queen will conclude the break.

The Husky Sports Network will stream a live video feed of this year's Winter Homecoming Game at [this link](#).

GOOD LUCK, HUSKIES!



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Mayson Leonard and Owen Martin dressed up for Senior Citizen Day on Tuesday for Hamilton Heights High School Winter Homecoming.

Hamilton Heights High School 2022 Winter Homecoming Court

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Queen Candidates

Amy DeLeon
Emma Hall
Faith Hittle
Sydney Runyan
Taylor Standridge

King Candidates

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Lance Jones
Tyler McQuinn
Isaac Tuma
Eli VanHaaren

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Sophomore Princesses

Piper Kinder
Morgan Ottinger

Sophomore Princes

Eli Millsaps
Dax Woodfork

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Grace Hunt

Junior Princes

Simone Dormi
Owen Martin
Andrew Watson

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Freshman Princesses

Carlie Sauerteig
Savannah Warwick
Sophia Hulen

Freshman Princes

Nick Hulen
Christopher Nobbe
James Zachary

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Thompson has served the City of Noblesville for 17 years. For the past four months, he was the lieutenant with the criminal investigations division. Prior to that, he worked in the patrol division and also served as a field training officer and on the Emergency Services Unit.

Thompson graduated from Mount Vernon High School before attending the University of Southern Indiana, where he earned an undergraduate degree in political science and advertising in public relations. Thompson and his wife, Jennifer, have four children.

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Deaf family’s kindness opens my eyes

This month’s column is about a mom and her two children that rightsized my attitude and refreshed my thinking.

Feeding Team volunteers regularly experience first-hand the generosity of our neighbors in Hamilton County. On occasion we see the flip side too. We have the opportunity to see neighbors desperate who take more than a reasonable amount of food. We often say that you can’t steal from a pantry, we’re giving it away, but admittedly it’s discouraging to come across someone with a blanket spread out, dozens of meals on the blanket and you watch as the blanket becomes an extra-large knapsack walking away full of food. The pantries are intended to feed as many neighbors as we can, a few meals at a time as



needed. They are not intended to be used as a grocery store.

Less than a week ago, my attitude got rebooted as a mother and her children approached a pantry with a large blue cooler on wheels. My mistaken assumption was that they were at the pantry to take too much food. Boy was I wrong! Instead, they were here this day to teach me a lesson – a lesson that will not soon be forgotten.

Initially, the mom and a young boy hopped out of the van and headed toward the pantry, blue cooler in tow. As the two arrived at the pantry the mother began to speak with the youngster in sign language. She opened the pantry door and methodically signed to him for several minutes with what turned out to be instructions

on the pantry, where things went, and I presume why they were donating food. The boy, compliant with the direction, proceeded to open the cooler and remove items, placing them meticulously on the proper shelf. With each addition, the mom continued to sign, presumably offering encouragement and direction. After about 10 minutes, the boy returned to the van, and he was replaced by a young girl. The entire previous 10 minutes repeated with the mom and the daughter.

We all can fall victim to assumption from time to time. In this case, two young children and their mother set an example for me to learn from. Teaching future generations the value of giving back and taking care of others is a vital life lesson. Teaching an older dog to not assume another person’s motive is also a life lesson. Thank you to a mother and her two chil-

dren who I will likely never meet. Together we help hungry neighbors, welcome to the Feeding Team.

Neighbors ask, “Why do this? What’s in it for you?” The answer is always the same: Serving people feeds my soul. It is a calling, not work.

There were many supporters when we as a young couple with young kids could only afford Dinty Moore beef stew and a potato for dinner. Surreal moment. This is why the pantries exist. As a typical young family, we could not always make ends meet.

This is why feedingteam.org exists – all starting from a can of beef stew. Thank you for embrac-

FeedingTeam.org Facts

37 pantries
6,500 meals in November 2021
26 volunteer families
Festival pantry donations exceeded 7,500 items

ing the pantries. We love serving with you.

In future columns we will share more stories from neighbors about how your generosity served them in times of need. Be assured that the face of hunger in Hamilton County is not what you may think.

In practical terms, this straightforward way to help neighbors is having real impact on lives, families, and our communities. Thank you. A few meals can change the course of a

person’s life. A can of green beans means so much more when you have nothing to feed your kids. Would you like to get involved? We are in the process of evaluating our next 10 pantry locations. If you think you have a potential location, please contact us.

Mark and Lisa Hall are the Founders of Feeding Team. They may be reached at lisa@feedingteam.org and mark@feedingteam.org or by calling (317) 832-1104.

GLEANERS

area and beyond.

One of the recent videos focuses on SNAP, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. You can see all the Gleaners videos online at [this link](https://www.gleaners.org).

“Gleaners and most of the 200 Feeding America food banks are involved in helping neighbors determine eligibility for SNAP and, depending on the state statutes, help them sign up. It is a supplemental program; that’s the ‘S’ in SNAP,” Elliott told The Reporter. “How neighbors who are food insecure solve that issue is typically not with one source. Well over two-thirds of those we serve are working, they just don’t earn enough to feed the whole family for the whole month. That sets off the search for supplements to get food to fill whatever their household’s gap is.”

For families who are in poverty or facing some mix of barriers, it is often hard work to find access to and then to fully utilize the opportunities.

“You’ll typically have some earned income, with SNAP and/or WIC, but for many households that’s still not enough, depending on the number in the family and their circumstances,” Elliott said. “The non-profit sector then fills that remaining gap.”

Food insecurity has always been a difficult problem to help solve, and the pandemic has made it exponentially more challenging.

“I don’t know on the SNAP side what the per-

centage it, but I do know with the benefit of some Feeding America research that about 40 percent of those who were in the food line in the earliest stages of the pandemic were people who had never needed food help before,” Elliott said. “That is a pretty significant percentage. Indiana still has a fairly large number of hourly-wage jobs. It is not automatic that hourly versus salary means you are more economically vulnerable, but it does often translate to less savings and being more likely that you are living paycheck to paycheck.”

In the last two years, people from all walks of life have been experiencing – often for the first time in their lives – the need for non-profit organizations like Gleaners and others.

“When we opened our food pantry in the Ivy Tech campus in Noblesville, I was there for the first day of food distribution and two engineers – who described themselves as having successful careers but who had not been able to find a new job after their employer closed – came through the food line together,” Elliott told The Reporter. “They just didn’t have the savings – the economic cushion. I do believe there is a direct connection to the U.S. savings rate for households and vulnerability to food insecurity.”

According to Elliott, data is not as solid now, during the pandemic, as it was pre-pandemic, but he told The Reporter before the

pandemic Hamilton County had consistently been at about 5 percent food insecurity and at a little over 5 percent poverty rate for years.

Since its inception, Gleaners has distributed over 460 million pounds of food and critical grocery products through more than 500 hunger relief agencies and partners serving needy Hoosiers. One of the many locations they choose to do so in is school-based pantries.

“It’s not just about physical location or need to a particular neighborhood, while that does factor into it,” Elliott explained. “We also look for partners who are known and trusted by the population that we want to serve. Convenient access matters because transportation can be unreliable or access can be difficult for families who are struggling. If you can’t afford food, that often means you can’t afford stable housing or healthcare or transportation. If you have a vehicle, maintenance on the vehicle and filling the gas tank is tough.”

That is why Gleaners looks for locations in neighborhoods where people can access their pantries and other services easily.

“The second reason is even more direct,” Elliott said. “There is such a strong connection between the performance of students academically and their diet. Not just how much food they eat, but the mix of foods. That’s one of the reasons we hired two dietitians at Gleaners and we invest so much effort into meal planning and recipes and the nutritional freshness and variety of food we distribute. It’s about the quality and variety of food, not just the pounds.”

In addition to food distribution to agencies, Gleaners serves Indiana’s most vulnerable populations, seniors and children, through specialty programs.

[Click here](#) for Hamilton County-specific information from Gleaners.

If you would like to help, you can find out how at gleaners.org/get-involved.

Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022, at the Noblesville Schools Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road, Noblesville. The meeting will be held pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B) For discussion of strategy with respect to initiation of litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing; and IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(11) To train school board members with an outside consultant and the performance of the role of the members as public officials.

The Noblesville Redevelopment Authority will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Noblesville Council Public Safety Committee will meet on the following dates in 2022. Meetings will be held at 1:30 p.m. in the Council conference room at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

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Noblesville Rotary launches scholarship fund with Ivy Tech Hamilton County

The REPORTER

Thanks to the success of the 2021 Noblesville Rotary BrewBQ fundraiser held at Federal Hill Commons, the Noblesville Rotary Club has established a Scholarship Fund in partnership with Ivy Tech Hamilton County.

With the funds raised from the 2021 event and the generous support of event sponsors, the Noblesville Rotary Club will be able to award a full semester of tuition for five Ivy Tech students for the fall semester of 2022. The scholarship is open to current undergraduates and high school seniors.

Noblesville Rotary believes that volunteerism and such acts of charity bear enormous potential to initiate change, and students – and all young people – will play an important role in shaping the world’s future. Being able to establish the fund in partnership with Ivy Tech Hamilton County positions the community for growth and economic development by helping students reach their goals locally.

“The ongoing partnership between the Noblesville Rotary Club and Ivy Tech Hamilton County is only solidified by the formal establishment of the fund,” said Noblesville Rotary Club President Carrie

Dixon. “We hope that our event Sponsors, Partners and Vendors will take pride in knowing they are contributing to the betterment and advancement of our community through support of this scholarship fund. Students who pursue degrees at Ivy Tech do not have as much access to scholarships as those who attend traditional four-year colleges. Our goal is to put the same importance and support into these valuable programs which contribute greatly to the growing need in our communities of graduates with these skill sets.”

To apply, students can contact their high school guidance counselor or the Admissions Department at Ivy Tech Hamilton County Campus.

Applications will be accepted now through July 1. There will be a scholarship breakfast to recognize winners and their families. The date of the scholarship breakfast will be announced later.

About the Noblesville Rotary Club

The Noblesville Rotary Club formed in 1955 to contribute to the Noblesville and Cicero communities. The club has directly impacted the local community over the years – most re-



Due to the huge success of last year’s BrewBQ event, the Noblesville Rotary Club was able to establish a scholarship in partnership with Ivy Tech Hamilton County. (Left) Frank Smardo, Katie Smardo and Jeremy Dixon. (Center) Bill Carr, Josh Carr and Christina Carr. (Right) Noblesville Rotary President Carrie Dixon and Rotary District Governor Ray Kramp of Carmel Rotary Club. (Below) That’s What She Said was the headlining band at the 2021 Noblesville Rotary Club BrewBQ.



cently starting a scholarship program for Ivy Tech Community College, sponsoring exchange student cultural programs and children’s literacy initiatives. The Noblesville Rotary Club also regularly welcomes distinguished speakers on a variety of topics.

The club meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 a.m. at Ginger’s Café in Noblesville. Visitors are welcome anytime; no RSVP necessary. For more information, go to noblesvillerotaryclub.org.



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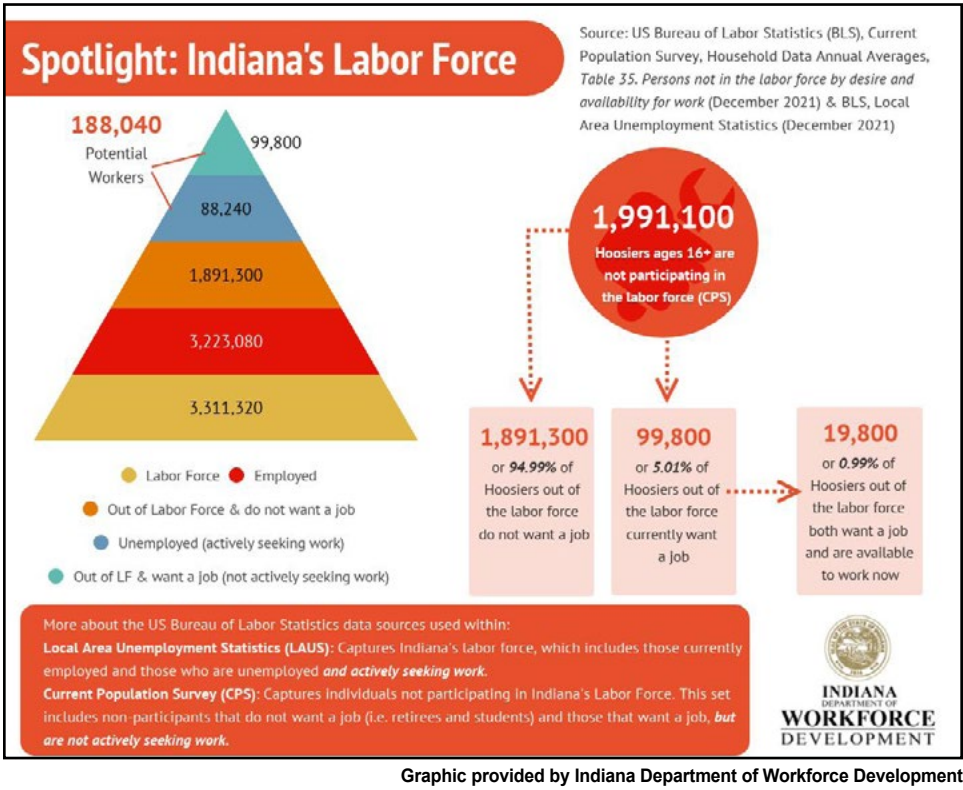
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Employers have felt the impact of what is being called “The Great Resignation.”

The Bureau of Labor Statistics announced that a record 4.5 million Americans voluntarily left their jobs in November.

Fred Payne, the commissioner for the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, said 1,991,100 Hoosiers are unemployed. However, 94.99

percent of them don't want a job.

Payne said there are 150,000 job postings in Indiana. He called this “The Great Reassessment.”

“Many folks took the past two years to explore what jobs are best for them,” Payne explained. “That includes quitting ones that were not working out for their lives.”

He said employers must shift to this need too.

“Employers are having to rethink job flexibility. They're having to rethink

pay. They're having to rethink the ways they recruit people and how they retain people,” Payne said. “A lot of that is going on and employers are getting extremely creative because they're trying to meet employees where they are in this particular job market.”

He said many Hoosiers quit their jobs to go back to school and apply for other jobs that give them a better-quality life.

Payne reiterated that if you quit your job, you will not receive unemployment.

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Letter to the Editor

Unify Fishers group pleased with House passage of HB 1134

Dear Editor:

Unify Fishers is pleased with the passage of [House Bill 1134](#), but there is much more additional work to be continued in order to get HB 1134 through the Senate.

Unify Fishers members have been working on the issues this bill address for over two years. Collectively, thousands of hours have been poured into this and other bills as we have been working with parents, teachers, and lawmakers to identify issues and sought to rectify them. Unfortunately, many school boards have ignored parents' request for transparency in the curricula as well as districts noncompliance issues regarding Indiana state laws.

Tiffany Pasoe is a UF member who has been spent a great deal of time down at the Statehouse communicating with parents, teachers and state leaders.

She believes the transparency HB1134 provides parents to see material being taught to their children, creating more transparency, narrows communication gaps, builds back trust, while holding all accountable to academic excellence.

Shayre Rivotto is a parent that spearheaded many initiatives after observing some situations in the HSE school that were irregular. She is appreciative of Representatives Goodrich and Cook for listening to the parents and taking action.

Other volunteers like Rachel Quade, a Fishers realtor, are thankful for Republicans' leadership stepping in when many districts and school boards have glossed over numerous concerns that have been discovered.

Unify Fishers is a group of volunteers consisting of parents, community leaders and advocates to build a better community and school system in Fishers. For more information or to get involved, go to unifyfishers.com or join our Facebook group at facebook.com/groups/unifyfishers.

Kirk Green
Unify Fishers

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Few contests appear likely for May primary

Where are the candidates?

With only a week until the filing deadline for the May primary election, there are precious few contests in store for Hamilton County voters in the all-important Republican primary, and no Democratic candidates for county office.

Incumbents for most major local offices have filed intentions to seek re-election, but to date almost none have opponents.

Running for office has become an expensive proposition. The county is so large now that costly campaigns involving mailers, newspaper ads, numerous yard signs or even TV advertising are often needed to be successful.

There may be a flurry of candidacies filed in the last day or two as is normal, but current reports do not indicate a great number this year.

For some reason there are folks who like to wait until the last minute to file. Whether there is any advantage to waiting is doubtful.

Thus far, the only races for county and township offices are for judge of the new Hamilton Superior Court 7, County Council in District 3, Township trustee in White River and Fall Creek and the Adams and Noblesville Township Boards. This could make for a very low-interest elec-

tion where nomination in the GOP primary is usually tantamount to election in heavily Republican Hamilton County.

In the race for judge of the new court where there is no incumbent, Darren Murphy and Stephenie Gookins will square off. In the county council race, incumbent Steve Schwartz will face Mark Hall.

In township trustee races, White River incumbent Jamie Rulon is challenged by Robbie Ping.

For Noblesville Township Board, six have filed for the three-member board. They include Joe Arrowood, Mary Sue Rowland, Charlie McMillan, Perry Williams, Peggy Pfister and Terry Busby. And, for Adams Township Board, four have filed for the board including Floyd Barker, Gail Godby, Ron Stone, John Christian and Bryan Will.

Nearly all the candidates are Republicans. The only Democrats filed for a township office are Joe Weingarten, running for Fall Creek Township Board, and Nicole Tredup, running for Fall Creek Township Trustee.

Dozens of Democrats and Republicans have filed for party positions: precinct committeeman and state convention delegate, but these are not public offices.

The filing deadline is noon on Friday, Feb. 4.

COLUMNIST



FRED SWIFT
The County Line

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:15-17 (NIV)

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

Candidate filings current as of Thursday, Jan. 27

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Kathy Kream Williams (R)

County Recorder

Trini K. Beaver (R)

County Sheriff

Dennis Quakenbush (R)

County Coroner

Jeff Jellison (R)

County Assessor

Kevin W. Poore (R)

County Commissioner

District 1
Christine Altman (R)

County Council

District 1
Fred Glynn (R)

District 2

District 3
Amy Elizabeth Massillamany (R)

District 4

District 5
Steve Schwartz (R)

District 6

District 7
Mark F. Hall (R)

District 8

District 9
Ken Alexander (R)

Adams Twp. Trustee

Michelle Junkins (R)

Adams Twp. Board

Floyd H. Barker (R)

Ron Stone (R)

John (Danny) Christian (R)

Gail E. Godby (R)

Bryan Will (R)

Clay Twp. Trustee

Paul D. Hensel (R)

Clay Twp. Board

Matthew J. Snyder (R)

Mary Eckard (R)

Paul K. Bolin (R)

Delaware Twp. Trustee

Debbie R. Driskell (R)

Delaware Twp. Board

Rick Fain (R)

Marilyn A. Schenkel (R)

Kim Logan (R)

Fall Creek Twp. Trustee

Doug Allman (R)

Nicole Tredup (D)

Fall Creek Twp. Board

Brian Baehl (R)

Jason W. Meyer (R)

Joe Weingarten (D)

Jackson Twp. Trustee

Robyn Cook (R)

Jackson Twp. Board

Jeff Roberts (R)

Glen Schwartz (R)

Randy Hill (R)

Noblesville Twp. Trustee

Theresa Caldwell (R)

Noblesville Twp. Board

Peggy R. Pfister (R)

Joe Arrowood (R)

Perry Williams (R)

Mary Sue Rowland (R)

Terry L. Busby (R)

Charlie McMillan Jr. (R)

Washington Twp. Board

Shelly Brown (D)

Wayne Twp. Trustee

Laura McNamara (R)

White River Twp. Trustee

Robbie Ping (R)

Jamie Rulon (R)

White River Twp. Board

Lisa Suzanne Flanders (R)

Arcadia Town Council

District 2
Amanda L. Engle (R)

District 3

Doug Grishaw (R)

At Large

Murry A. Dixon II (R)

Cicero Town Council

At Large
Heidi Wilcox (R)

Eric Hayden (R)

Joe Cox (R)

Sheridan Town Council

Steve C. Fisher (R)

Eric D. Gifford (R)

Daniel A. Bragg (R)

Democratic Precinct Committeemen

Clay 3
Susan K. Ring

Clay 6
Debra L. Grace-Johnson

Cheryl Hubbell

Clay 9
Heather Stith

Clay 17
Jim Blessing

Clay 20
Matthew Stone

Clay 28
Edwin Russell

Clay 42
Jeremy Eltz

Clay 62
Missy Eltz

Clay 65
Rosemary Noel

Clay 68
Marta H. Spence

Clay 68
Annette Gross

Delaware 6
Janice Kavensky

Delaware 9
Sara Schmidt

Delaware 18
Kim Davison

Fall Creek 5
Julie Chambers

Fall Creek 35
Natasha Retz

Noblesville 29
Lori C. Hand

Noblesville 41
Christopher M. Davis

Westfield 3
Brandee L. Easterday

Westfield 4
Shelly Brown

Westfield 8
Cheryl Berry

Westfield 10
Ann Raymont

Westfield 14
Andrew Kauffman

Westfield 16
Neil Koglin

Westfield 25
Jeffrey D. Atteberry

Westfield 30
Monica Cannaley

Democratic State Convention Delegates

Clay Twp. (vote for 36)

Dallas Shelby

Matthew Stone

Annette Gross

Jim Blessing

Heather Stith

Jeremy Eltz

Missy Eltz

Stephen Ring

Susan K. Ring

Heidi Wold

Rosemary Noel

Cheryl Hubbell

Delaware/Fall Creek Twp. (vote for 39)

Cindy Weingarten

Joe Weingarten

Sara Schmidt

Noblesville Twp. (vote for 21)

Lori C. Hand

Christopher M. Davis

Washington Twp. (vote for 16)

Shelly Brown

Margaret Furniss

Neil Koglin

Jeffrey D. Atteberry

Republican State Convention Delegates

Clay District 1 (vote for 9)

Danny Niederberger

Fred Glynn

Denise Moe

James W. Merritt, Jr.

Paul Ayers

Timothy Hensel

Corrie Meyer

Clay District 2 (vote for 9)

Mary (Dubbie) Buckler

Clay District 3 (vote for 8)

Barry S. Simich

Joshua Kocher

Clay District 4 (vote for 8)

Sue Lile

Dwight Lile

Donna Schaibley

Sue Finkam

Alexander L. Spanenberg

Carl S. Mills

Delaware District 1 (vote for 5)

Rick Fain

Debbie R. Driskell

Andrew J. (Drew) Kirages

Delaware District 2 (vote for 5)

Barbara Layton

Toni Giffel

Wayne Nicodemus

Angela Frazier

Chase A. Wilcoxon

Jim Suess

Fall Creek District 1 (vote for 7)

Amy Elizabeth Massillamany

Angela Morris

Tiffanie Ditlevson

Rachel Quade

Susie Abshire

Fall Creek District 2 (vote for 7)

Dawn Lang

Paul Hevesy

Adam Kallick

Patricia Bratton

Fall Creek District 3 (vote for 7)

Jeff Dossett

Doug Allman

Michelle L. Allman

Jamie Nieves

Nancy K. Smith

Jackson/White River (vote for 6)

Dennis Quakenbush

Sarah L. Reed

Ray Adler

Christen J. Quakenbush

Noblesville District 1 (vote for 8)

Jason Spartz

Dianna Bradley-Lynch

Randy Gerber

Charlie McMillan Jr.

Bruce Boyd

Julie Ann Boyd

Ian Hauer

Noblesville District 2 (vote for 8)

Tim Berry

Elijah Condellone

Nick Gomillion

Lisa Hall

Mark F. Hall

Timothy (Tim) Cortrecht

Noblesville District 3 (vote for 8)

Beth Sheller

Catherine Carter

Laura Alerding

Chris Jensen

Adam M. Eichelberger

Micha Beckwith

Megan G. Wiles

Washington District 1 (vote for 8)

Michael L. Kubacki

Rebecca Kubacki

Marla Ailor

Kate Healey Snedeker

William (Bill) Dale

Washington District 2 (vote for 8)

William Gutrich

Lisa M. Everling

Victor McCarty

John Glass

Jake Gilbert

Cindy J. Gossard

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Swimming

Golden Eagles have solid day at CCC meet

The Guerin Catholic swimming teams had fine performances at the Circle City Conference meet, which took place this past Saturday at Brownsburg.

Both the Golden Eagles' boys and girls teams finished as runners-up, with Brebeuf Jesuit winning both divisions. The Guerin Catholic boys won five races, while Bridget Keller was first in the 200 freestyle for the GC girls.

Drew Wilhite and Quinn Sweeney each finished first in two events for the Golden Eagles boys. Wilhite won the 200 and 500 freestyles, with Sweeney taking the individual medley (2 minutes, 1.15 seconds) and butterfly (52.97 seconds) races, both in new conference record times. Wilhite also set a new conference record in the 500 free of 5:05.24. Both swimmers then teamed with Sam Miller and Grant Bricking to win the 400 free relay in a new conference and school record time of 3:33.68. Keller won the girls 200 free in a time of 2:06.98.

GIRLS MEET

Team scores: Brebeuf Jesuit 391, Guerin Catholic 220, Bishop Chatard 201, Roncalli 183, Heritage Christian 173.

200 medley relay: 4. Guerin Catholic (Ally Keller, Meg Schemanske, Oliva Kunkel, Cassie Echelmeier) 2:13.10.

200 freestyle: 1. Bridget Keller 2:06.98, 12. Kalen Moe 2:38.04, 15. McKayla Taylor 2:54.06.

200 individual medley: 3. Chris Dunasky 2:27.72, 7. Kunkel 2:38.61.

50 freestyle: 2. Erica Hunckler 25.62, 5. Erin Reynon 27.09, 9. Echelmeier 28.23.

100 butterfly: 3. Kunkel 1:08.39, 5. A. Keller 1:13.63, 10. Karalina Clarey 1:21.68.

100 freestyle: 5. Reynon 1:00.75, 9. Schemanske 1:05.53, 13. Moe 1:10.22.

500 freestyle: 3. B. Keller 5:41.69, 11. Clarey 7:23.90.

200 freestyle relay: 2. Guerin Catholic (Dunasky, B. Keller, Reynon, Hunckler) 1:48.76.

100 backstroke: 3. Dunasky 1:05.45, 6. A. Keller 1:19.03, 13. Taylor 1:29.11.

100 breaststroke: 8. Schemanske 1:25.70, 9. Katie Scott 1:26.13, 16. Bailey Culver 1:52.41.

400 freestyle relay: 2. Guerin Catholic



Photos provided

Guerin Catholic's Bridget Keller (left), Drew Wilhite (center) and Quinn Sweeney (right) all won individual events at Saturday's Circle City Conference meet. Keller won the girls 200 freestyle, Wilhite was first in the boys 200 and 500 freestyles, and Sweeney won the boys individual medley and butterfly.

(Dunasky, Reynon, B. Keller, Hunckler) 3:54.61.

BOYS MEET

Team scores: Brebeuf Jesuit 320, Guerin Catholic 255, Bishop Chatard 239, Roncalli 144, Heritage Christian 125, Covenant Christian 66.

200 medley relay: 6. Guerin Catholic (Charlie Jurewicz, Andrew Swack, Joey Kunkel, Ethan Nimri) 2:10.35.

200 freestyle: 1. Drew Wilhite 1:51.35, 2. Grant Bricking 2:01.46, 4. C. Jurewicz 2:13.30.

200 individual medley: 1. Quinn Sweeney 2:01.15, new conference record, 7. Swack 2:36.87, 8. Jack Jurewicz

2:41.42.

50 freestyle: 6. Sam Miller 24.83, 10. Nimri 27.44, 15. Noah Stubbs 30.20.

100 butterfly: 1. Sweeney 52.97, new conference record, 9. Kunkel 1:15.44, 11. Jude Hubner 1:22.28.

100 freestyle: 5. Miller 56.80, 8. Nimri 1:01.01, 9. Trent Turner 1:02.46.

500 freestyle: 1. Wilhite 5:05.24, new conference record, 3. Bricking 5:33.04, 8. Luke Moster 6:42.62.

200 freestyle relay: 2. Guerin Catholic (Miller, Bricking, Wilhite, Sweeney) 1:35.03, new school record.

100 backstroke: 6. C. Jurewicz 1:09.20, 8. J. Jurewicz 1:11.22, 11. Moster 1:28.66.

100 breaststroke: 7. Swack 1:15.54, 9. Turner 1:18.45, 13. Hubner 1:38.79.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Guerin Catholic (Miller, Bricking, Wilhite, Sweeney) 3:33.68, new school and conference record.

On Tuesday, both Guerin Catholic and University swam in the annual Schools Without Pools invitational at the IU Natatorium.

The Golden Eagles girls placed second at the event by scoring 248 points; Brebeuf won with 343 points. The Trailblazers tied for 14th with 43 points. Guerin Catholic won two relays at the meet: The team of

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7:20 | Boys Basketball Varsity
Lafayette Central Catholic vs Guerin Catholic | Indiana SRN

7:30 | Boys Basketball Varsity
Hamilton Southeastern vs Noblesville | HCTV Sports

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Girls basketball 'Blazers fall to Tri-West

The University girls had their 16-game winning streak snapped Thursday night by Tri-West 57-48.

The Bruins made 7 of 8 foul shots in the final 59 seconds to pull away from a 50-48 lead to take the contest that saw the teams make a combined 38 of 47 free throws.

University held a 35-25 halftime lead and took a 37-25 advantage on the first possession of the third quarter on a Payton Seay basket, but University scored just three points the rest of the third quarter as Tri-West battled back to take a 42-40 lead entering the final period.

The Trailblazers took their last lead of the game with 3:02 remaining when Kelsey DuBois scored for a 48-47 lead. University would not score again. Tri-West took a 50-48 lead with 1:50 remaining on an old-fashioned three-point play by Adrie Thompson. The basket by Thompson was Tri-West's only field goal of the final quarter as the Bruins made 13 of 15 foul shots in the fourth period.

Seay led University in scoring with 17 points and pulled down five rebounds. Du-

Bois had 14 points and a team-high nine rebounds.

Isabelle Saylor led Tri-West with 24 points. Saylor had 15 of the Bruins' 25 first-half points. Kenna Kirby scored all 17 of her points in the second half, including an 11-for-12 performance at the foul line in the fourth quarter. Thompson had 11 points including 7 of 8 free throws.

The Class 2A No. 4 Trailblazers are now 18-3 and close out the regular season Saturday afternoon against Class 2A No. 5 Tipton at The U Center. The junior varsity contest begins at noon with the varsity game to follow.

TRI-WEST 57, UNIVERSITY 48

University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Kelsey DuBois	4-8	6-7	14	5
Patty Chikamba	4-8	1-2	9	4
Kamryn Washington	1-4	2-2	5	5
Payton Seay	6-14	5-6	17	0
Jordan Patterson	1-4	1-2	3	2
Emily Adamowicz	0-4	0-0	0	1
Taylor Seay	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	16-42	15-19	48	17

Score by Quarters
University 16 19 5 8 - 48
Tri-West 15 10 17 15 - 57
University 3-point shooting (1-9) Washington 1-3, Adamowicz 0-4, P. Seay 0-1, Patterson 0-1.
University rebounds (28) DuBois 9, Washington 5, P. Seay 5, Chikamba 4, Patterson 3, Adamowicz 1, T. Seay 1.

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Hamilton County Reporter Girls Golf Player of the Year

Sam Brown, Westfield

The Hamilton County Reporter has named Westfield sophomore Sam Brown as its Girls Golf Player of the Year for 2021.

Brown had a spectacular season for the Shamrocks, winning numerous individual titles, including three big ones: The Hoosier Crossroads Conference championship, the Guerin Catholic sectional and the Roncalli regional. Brown was named to the All-State team and helped Westfield to a fifth-place finish at the state meet.

Brown (left) is pictured here with Shamrocks coach Trevor Neu.



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Hamilton County Reporter All-County Girls Golf Team 2021

FIRST TEAM					
Name	School	Year	Caroline Whallon	Noblesville	Junior
Sam Brown	Westfield	Sophomore	Becky Williams	University	Senior
Brette Hanavan	Westfield	Senior	Sydni Zebrauskas	University	Junior
Michaela Headlee	Carmel	Sophomore	SECOND TEAM		
Ava Hedrick	Carmel	Senior	Jordan Adam	Noblesville	Sophomore
Allie Hildebrand	Westfield	Senior	Ella Bui	Hamilton Southeastern	Sophomore
Addi Kooi	Westfield	Freshman	Allie McKeown	Westfield	Junior
Sophie McGinnis	Westfield	Senior	Sophie Mock	Carmel	Freshman
Lilly McVay	Fishers	Senior	Mallory Mortl	Westfield	Senior
Ava Nguyen	Carmel	Junior	Lauren Stewart	Hamilton Southeastern	Junior
Christina Pfefferkorn	Guerin Catholic	Senior	Sophia Stutz	Noblesville	Senior
Yanah Rolston	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior	Ashlyn Tharp	Hamilton Heights	Freshman
Marissa Spreitzer	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior	Jenny Zerla	Guerin Catholic	Senior
Claire Swathwood	Carmel	Sophomore	Cora Zink	Hamilton Southeastern	Junior

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Brooklyn	29	19	.604	-	Utah	30	19	.612	-
Philadelphia	29	19	.604	-	Denver	26	21	.553	3.0
Boston	25	24	.510	4.5	Minnesota	24	24	.500	5.5
Toronto	23	23	.500	5.0	Portland	20	28	.417	9.5
New York	23	26	.469	6.5	Oklahoma City	14	33	.298	15.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB	Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chicago	30	17	.638	-	Phoenix	38	9	.809	-
Cleveland	30	19	.612	1.0	Golden State	36	13	.735	3.0
Milwaukee	30	20	.600	1.5	L.A. Clippers	25	25	.500	14.5
Indiana	17	32	.347	14.0	L.A. Lakers	24	25	.490	15.0
Detroit	11	36	.234	19.0	Sacramento	18	32	.360	21.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB	Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	31	17	.646	-	Memphis	33	17	.660	-
Charlotte	27	22	.551	4.5	Dallas	28	21	.571	4.5
Washington	23	25	.479	8.0	New Orleans	18	29	.383	13.5
Atlanta	22	25	.468	8.5	San Antonio	18	31	.367	14.5
Orlando	9	40	.184	22.5	Houston	14	34	.292	18.0

African American-led Force Indy elevates to Indy Lights with driver Francis

Force Indy has announced its entry for the 2022 Indy Lights Presented by Cooper Tires championship with Ernie Francis Jr. driving the team’s No. 99 car.

Haitian American Francis heads to Force Indy after three wins in his lone season in the Formula Regional Americas Championship and a second-place finish in the inaugural season of the Superstar Racing Experience (SRX), with a win at Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park.

Florida native Francis, 24, is also a seven-time class champion in the Trans Am Series (2014-2020). His 47 career victories are the most of any driver in Trans Am history. His 24 wins in the premier TA category trail only Paul Gentilozzi (31), Mark Donohue (29) and Tommy Kendall (28).

“This is an incredible opportunity,” Francis said. “After getting a taste last year and beginning to learn what open-wheel racing is all about, I found myself wanting more. Open-wheel cars are incredible to drive. To know that I’ll continue my education with Force Indy and only one step away from the NTT INDYCAR SERIES makes this unbelievably special. I cannot wait to get started.”

In December 2020, African American business leader and former racing team manager Rod Reid announced the formation of Force Indy with the focus on hiring men and women of color, including mechanics, engineers, staffers and drivers.



During its inaugural season in the Cooper Tires USF2000 Championship, the team won in thrilling fashion at New Jersey Motorsports Park with driver Myles Rowe.

“Being able to finish our first season with a win showed what this team is capable of doing,” Reid said. “We want to thank Myles, who will always be a member of the Force Indy race team, and will continue to offer assistance and mentorship as he pur-

sues another season in USF2000.

“I could not be more thrilled to promote our group to the Indy Lights Presented by Cooper Tires championship with Ernie Francis Jr. His work ethic and history of success speak for itself.”

Team Principal Reid’s years of karting and auto racing experience have proven invaluable. His NXG Youth Motorsports Inc., has introduced more than 2,300 students from under-represented communities, ages 11 to 15, to the educational benefits of the sport.

Team Penske will continue to offer mentorship for Force Indy, as the initiative also falls under Penske Entertainment Corp.’s “Race for Equality & Change” announced in July 2020. The goals include recruiting and developing a diverse workforce throughout all levels of INDYCAR and Indianapolis Motor Speedway, ultimately creating a community that fundamentally transforms the sport.

“I was pleased to learn that Ernie would be driving for Force Indy in 2022,” Roger Penske said. “As someone who has a history in Trans Am, I know the type of skillset that comes from that series. Ernie will be a

wonderful addition to Indy Lights.

“It was inspiring to see the growth of Force Indy during their first season, and we will continue to support their progress and mission as the team continues on a path to compete in the NTT INDYCAR SERIES.”

Force Indy will make its Indy Lights series debut Feb. 25-27 on the Streets of St. Petersburg, Florida. The team will continue to use No. 99 on the car in honor of the late Dewey “Rajo Jack” Gatson, who drove a roadster with that number toward the end of his career in 1951. Gatson, one of the winningest African American drivers and mechanics in racing history, never received an opportunity to race in the Indianapolis 500.

“We remain very fortunate to have Team Penske offer its guidance and mentorship,” Reid said. “I have been in and around the sport for 40 years. Force Indy remains a labor of love, and our goals are unchanged: focusing on diversity with an eye toward competing in the NTT INDYCAR SERIES and, in honor of Rajo Jack, the Indianapolis 500.”

For additional information, please visit the team’s website: www.ForceIndy.com.

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