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MEMORIES

Of course, my old bedroom held many memories of my girlfriends spending the night, reading, and doing homework. But it was that final tour of the basement that made my heart heavy. I have so many memories of family and friends gathering for fun. Sometimes we'd put our ping-pong table leaves over the pool table and gather around it to eat for holidays. I have a few pictures of us doing that very thing.

My brother took on the task of getting the basement remodeled and he did a great job. I never saw the final result in person, but seeing pictures made me teary-eyed. I never realized how much I would miss that 70s wood paneling and every other object that was the background for so many good times. It just proves that you don't need anything fancy growing up – just love, laughter, and togetherness.

INCENTIVA

The 2021 Congressional App Challenge yielded 2,101 fully functioning apps. After 18 months of disruptions to educational cadences for students everywhere, the Congressional App Challenge came roaring back with 7,174 students from across the country registering for this year's competition. All told, 340 members of Congress hosted Congressional App Challenges in their districts across 50 states, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Washington, D.C. The Congressional App Challenge is an official initiative of the U.S. House of Representatives, where members of Congress host contests in their districts

for middle school and high school students, encouraging them to learn to code and inspiring them to pursue careers in computer science. Each participating member of Congress selects a winning app from their district, and each winning team is invited to showcase their winning app to Congress during the annual [#HouseOfCode festival](#). The program is a **public-private partnership** made possible through funding from Omidyar Network, AWS, theCoderSchool, Facebook, Replit, Accenture, and others. The 2022 Congressional App Challenge will launch in June 2022, and eligible students can **pre-register for the competition now**.

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# Success story: Westfield Indoor Percussion, JV Winter Guard, Winds earn top marks at recent competitions

Westfield Indoor Percussion recently competed in the WGI Percussion Indianapolis Regional Championships against bands from all around the Midwest. The event consisted of a Prelim round and Finals round. Westfield Indoor Percussion not only made it to Finals – a first for Westfield – they scored first place in Prelims and second place in Finals. What an incredible achievement! Congratulations! The JV Winter Guard achieved a gold rating at their IHSCGA Zionsville competition. This is their third gold in four weeks of competition. The Westfield Winds placed first in the IPA Winds competition at Carroll High Schools in Ft. Wayne.



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## Employment Opportunity



The Town of Sheridan has an immediate full-time **Accounts Payable/Utility Clerk** position available in the Clerk's Office. You may pick up a job description and application at the Sheridan Town Hall located at 506 South Main Street, Sheridan, IN 46069 Or you may mail your resume to the same address or it is available at [www.sheridan.org](http://www.sheridan.org) The deadline to apply is **Friday, March 11, 2022, by 4:00 p.m.** **No calls please.** Equal Employment Opportunity Employer Participates in E-Verify

# Looking for Peace in the Midst of Turbulent Times?



Flying with eagles? Running and not getting tired? Sound good? To do these things I will need to change my glasses so I look at things the way God does. Rather than looking through glasses that are focused on the material, physical world, I need to look at the unseen spiritual world and things eternal. By so focusing my vision, I see that which is truly important and eternal.

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# Carmel Symphony Orchestra salutes Artistic Director Janna Hymes

The REPORTER

The Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) under Artistic Director Janna Hymes will once again light up the stage at the Palladium this Saturday with its Masterworks 4 performance.

The performance begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at just \$18 and are available by calling the Palladium Fifth Third Bank Box Office at (317) 843-3800 or at [CarmelSymphony.org](http://CarmelSymphony.org). Save 20 percent off your ticket purchase by using code CSO20.

An International Women’s Week salute

Renowned for her inspiring performances, musical depth and energetic presence both on and off the podium, CSO salutes its Artistic Director Janna Hymes during this week of celebrating exceptional women.

Hymes joined CSO in

2017 and immediately set about taking the orchestra from good to great, bringing a new level of professionalism to the stage.

During this landmark five years, she has nearly doubled the number of annual performances, established pay equity for the musicians, initiated multiple education and outreach programs, inaugurated collaborations with other area arts organizations, lent her hand to marketing and development efforts, and assisted the orchestra in successfully navigating the rough and uncertain COVID waters over the past two-plus years.

She has helped take CSO from a “community orchestra” to an “orchestra for the community.”

“I’m grateful to have wonderful artistic freedom here,” Hymes said, “with a supportive board of direc-



Hymes

## Masks no longer required at CSO performances

The REPORTER

Beginning with this Saturday’s Masterworks 4 concert, masks are now only recommended instead of required.

The proof of vaccination or negative test result requirement will

remain in place at this time.

Masterworks 4 will include *Leonore Overture No. 3* (Beethoven), *Estancia Four Dances* (Ginastera) and the enchanting *Scheherazade* by Rimsky-Korsakov.

tors and an administration that works as a tight-knit team. That makes all the difference, especially during the past couple of years.”

Hymes noted that she has concentrated on working with CSO musicians on detail, elevating the level of artistry, instilling finesse, clarity and professionalism. Word is getting around to the Indiana music community: Now, when CSO auditions are announced, she said, it is not uncommon for 30 to 40 musicians to show up to compete for one position.

As for the future, her goals are clear.

“There still are a lot of people out there who do not know about us. We want and need to change that. We want more diversity in our orchestra and the programs we perform. We’re work-

ing on the establishment of a Diversity Fellowship right now, hoping to entice musicians who are not in a position to advance their career,” Hymes said. “I want to get the musicians out into the community, playing at different venues, sharing their talents with everyone. We have a plan to bring small ensembles into the schools so that we can get young people interested in and excited about the incredible power of music early on.”

“CSO is on the map a little more right now,” Hymes said, reflecting on her first five years with the orchestra. “We intend to continue to build on the progress and successes we’ve experienced, and make sure an even wider audience knows about us, is eager to come to our concerts, and wants to sponsor and support us.”

# Community First Bank hires Jeff Magginnis as SBA Program Director

The REPORTER

Robb Blume, President and CEO of Community First Bank of Indiana (CFB), has announced the hiring of Jeff Magginnis as Senior Vice President, SBA Program Director.

Magginnis joined CFB in February and brings 29 years of industry experience to the team.

For the past 22 years, he has been involved with commercial lending, increasingly focusing his time on delivering the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) programs to small businesses in Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky.

For the past five years he has focused solely on building a strong SBA team with a small regional bank where he also was instrumental in delivering the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) to over 11,000 small businesses. He says he is very passionate about the SBA program and its impact on the local business community.

CFB Chief Credit Officer Bob Hickman said, “Jeff has an outstanding track record of managing SBA lending programs here in Indiana. We are excited to have him join our team as we seek to expand our SBA lending efforts, and I am

sure his experience and expertise will be a key factor in our future success.”

Magginnis is a 1992 graduate of Wabash College with a degree in Economics and has an MBA from Anderson University. He has earned the honor of serving since 2017 on the loan committee for Bankable, which

helps start, grow, and build Indiana small businesses, and on the loan committee for Premier Capital since 2018, which empowers the growth of businesses through access to the SBA 504 loan program.

He has lived in Westfield with his wife Joanna for 27 years. They have three children ages 13 to 22. When not helping businesses with their lending needs, you will find him enjoying a round of golf, listening to music, or driving his muscle car.

About Community First Bank of Indiana

Community First Bank of Indiana was chartered in 2003 in Kokomo. Currently, CFB has banking centers in Indianapolis, Kokomo, Noblesville, and Westfield. Additional information can be found at [CFBIndiana.com](http://CFBIndiana.com). MEMBER FDIC. Equal Housing Lender NMLS #614034.



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# Carmel announces full closure on Range Line Road

*New roundabouts at Medical Drive, 116<sup>th</sup> Street mean multiple closures*

**The REPORTER**

The long-awaited reconstruction of South Range Line Road – from Carmel Drive to 116th Street – is set to begin on March 14.

The project will include the removal of traffic signals and construction of two new roundabouts, enhanced pedestrian connectivity and safety along with a landscaped median. Unlike other sections of Range Line Road to the north, the city will maintain two lanes of traffic in each direction due to the multiple businesses located on both sides of the street.

**Important dates**

- **Monday, March 14:** Expect a full closure of the intersection at Range Line Road and Medical Drive for about 45 days for the construction of a roundabout. The roads leading up to the intersection will be open for businesses, but there will be no through-traffic.
  - **Sunday, May 1:** Expect a partial closure of Range Line Road at 116th Street for about 80 days as work on that roundabout begins. One lane in each direction on 116th Street will remain open throughout construction. Right turns only will be allowed at this intersection during this project.
- Originally funded by a city bond in 2016, a period of long-range planning and utility coordination commenced last fall with the relocation of a water main in the western-most lane of traffic. Additional work has been ongoing since Feb. 28, but traffic has been maintained.

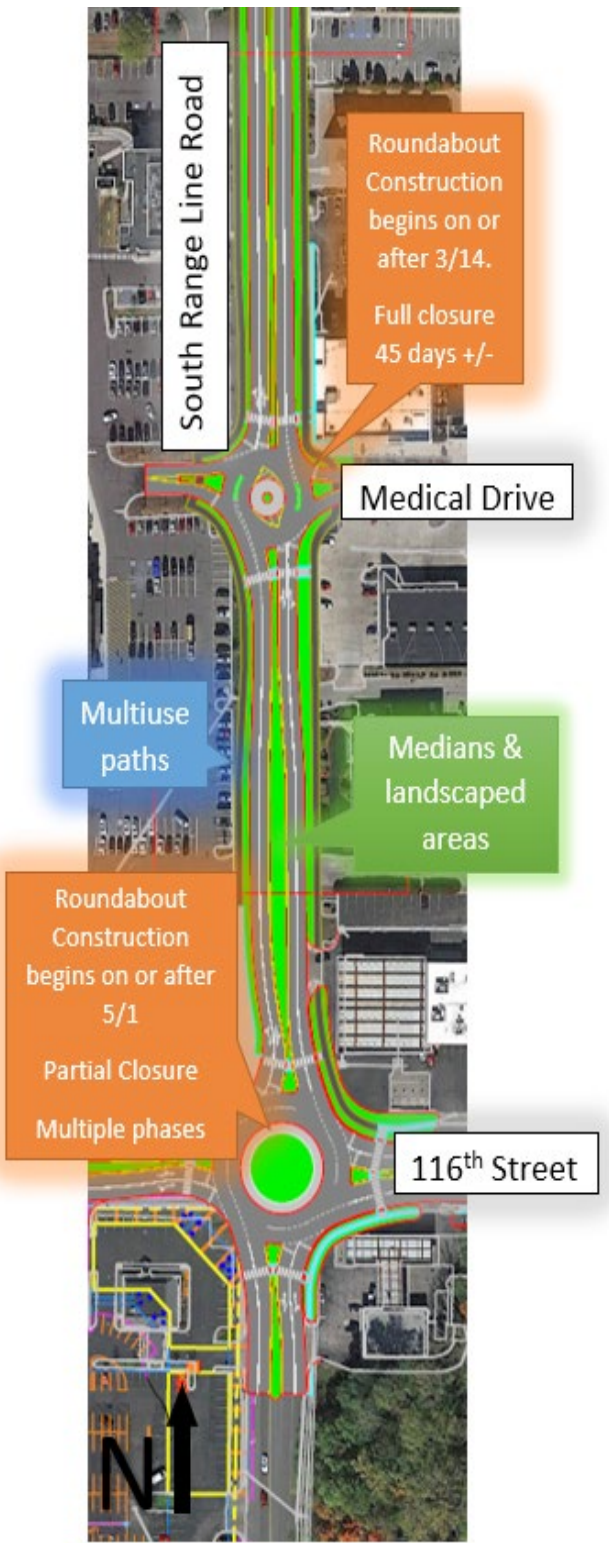


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## Update: Carmel Clay Historical Society will not have office at former elementary school

By **FRED SWIFT**  
[ReadTheReporter.com](#)

Carmel Clay Historical Society's director Debbie Gangstad said Thursday that a planned temporary office at the former Orchard Park School will not be opening at that location. Earlier information released by the organization said the histor-

ical society had permission to use space in the former elementary school for an office and archive storage.

Temporary storage while new museum construction is underway has been granted by the school system. But, no office for walk-in visits will be located there.

The society's museum in the former Monon Railroad

Depot is currently closed due to construction. But, the staff can be reached at (317) 846-7117 or by email at [dgangstad@carmelclay-history.org](mailto:dgangstad@carmelclay-history.org).

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# Carmel arts grants to benefit 27 organizations

## \$1.16M will support local arts in 2022

**The REPORTER**

The City of Carmel has awarded 27 local organizations with \$1,166,770 in grants from the city's 2022 Arts Grant Program. This is the 19th year the city has provided financial support for local arts, which amounts to roughly 1 percent of the city budget each year. Since 2004, more than \$16 million has been allocated to support local arts programs.

City officials say the mission is to invest money wisely to improve the quality of life in Carmel, which is a vital part of the city's overall economic development strategy to attract private investments. City officials also say that building a framework for a community that values the arts has helped attract new corporate employers and a talented workforce to fill their jobs.

Studies by the Americans for the Arts show typical visitors to an event spend close to \$30 per person, per event, in addition to the cost of admission. That's money spent at local restaurants, art galleries and other businesses.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, visitors staying in Carmel spent about \$353 million annually in lodging, food and beverage, transportation and attractions purchases and contribute significantly to the overall county tourism impact. This economy typically supports 5,000 jobs in Carmel and helps local taxpayers reap the support of \$42 million in additional state and local tax revenues, which help keep the city property tax rate among the lowest in Indiana among 126 cities.

Carmel's support for the arts also helps the overall impact in Hamilton County. For every dollar spent in Hamilton County, 90 cents stay local. Visitor spending supports 11,554 jobs in Hamilton County and helps generate nearly \$98.6 million in state and

**2022 Arts Grant recipients**

Actors Theatre of Indiana:	\$213,600
Bigger Picture Film Group:	\$4,450
Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre:	\$186,900
Carmel Apprentice Theater, LLC (The CAT):	\$80,100
Carmel Arts Council:	\$2,670
Carmel Clay Historical Society:	\$3,775
Carmel Community Players:	\$13,350
Carmel Fountain Square Committee:	\$10,680
Carmel Klavier:	\$23,140
Carmel Repertory Theatre:	\$4,450
Carmel Symphony Orchestra:	\$244,750
Central Indiana Dance Ensemble:	\$13,350
Christian Youth Theater of Indianapolis (CYT):	\$2,225
Great American Songbook Foundation:	\$142,000
Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre:	\$71,200
Indiana Artisan:	\$35,600
Indiana Association of Chinese Americans:	\$3,115
Indiana Ballet Conservatory:	\$22,250
Indiana Wind Symphony:	\$35,600
Indianapolis Children's Choir:	\$13,785
Indianapolis Opera:	\$7,120
Indianapolis Symphonic Choir:	\$15,130
International Talent Academy:	\$8,900
Janus Developmental Services:	\$8,900
M3 Theatre Camp:	\$1,780
Museum of Miniature Houses:	\$4,450
Youth Inspirations Theatre:	\$1,500

local taxes. About \$820 million is spent by tourists in Hamilton County, which is ranked No. 3 in the state for total visitor spending.

During the pandemic, these numbers were much lower as travel was curtailed and most entertainment venues and events were shut down.

Applications for the City of Carmel's Arts Grant Program can be submitted every year beginning the first week of November. Qualified non-profit organizations can visit the [city's website](http://cityofcarmel.org) for further information. Applicants will be notified of grant awards by the first week of January.

# Rokita reminds Hoosiers to choose carefully when giving to charities

**The REPORTER**

As part of Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita's continuing efforts to protect Hoosier consumers from scams and in celebration of National Consumer Protection Week, Hoosiers are reminded to be mindful of their charitable giving.

"Hoosiers are generous. Yet as they look for opportunities to help the less fortunate and give to worthy causes, there are those who would scheme to take advantage of this good-hearted generosity," Rokita said. "As we consider ways to help others, we should be careful not to ensure we are truly helping the needy."

The Attorney General's Office works to track down, investigate and bring to justice the criminals who perpetrate illegal scams.

To avoid falling victim to deceptive schemes, Rokita said, Hoosiers should follow these tips:

- **Research any charity to which you are considering donating.**
- The FTC suggests searching online using the charity name plus words like "complaint," "review," or "scam." Don't be fooled by names that sound like well-known charities.
- Be sure to ask how much of your donation will go directly to the program you want to help – and do your own research to confirm.
- Beware of charities that pop up after recent disasters.
- **Make sure you are dealing with the real charitable organization.**
- Be leery of appeals from unknown or unfamiliar organizations you receive by phone, mail, email, and/or social media.
- If reached by phone, do not agree to donate money without further research into the organization.
- Don't assume solicitations on social media or crowdfunding sites are legitimate – or that hyperlinks are accurate – even in posts shared or liked by your friends. Contact your friends offline and request information about links they share.
- It is generally safer to donate as part of a long-standing familiar relationship with a charitable cause than to respond to out-of-the-blue solicitations.
- When donating online, use a browser to navigate to a reputable charity's verified website and donate there rather than through a third party or "middleman" collectors, who often skim off a sizeable portion of donations even if they are legitimate.
- Legitimate, secure do-

nation websites should begin with "https" (or feature a lock icon) rather than just "http."

**Take your time and don't overshare.**

Do not share personal information or financial information in response to unsolicited emails, texts or phone calls.

- Never feel rushed to donate.
- Be skeptical of solicitors who try to play on your emotions through heart-rending stories or images. Remember that legitimate charities do not use pressure tactics.

**Always donate by credit card rather than cash or other methods.**

Ensure you can access the protections available through your credit card company.

- Make sure you haven't signed up for a recurring donation if you didn't want one.

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<p>The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet for an executive session at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, pursuant to I.C.5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(6)(A) With respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction: to receive information concerning the individual's alleged misconduct; and, I.C.5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9) To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees.</p>	<p>The Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 14, 2022, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b) To receive information about prospective employees.</p> <p>A regular board meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center at Sheridan High School, 24185 Hinesley Road, Sheridan.</p>
<p>The Noblesville Firefighter Merit Commission meeting scheduled for 4 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, has been canceled.</p>	<p>The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, in the Board Room of the Noblesville Schools Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road, Noblesville.</p>

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**Shannon Rena Craft**

March 11, 1970 – March 9, 2022

Shannon Rena Craft, 51, Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, March 9, 2022. She was born on March 11, 1970, in Noblesville. Shannon was an office manager for many years. She loved her dog, Scoobie. She is survived by her husband, Randy Craft; mother, Judy (Stidham) Hazelwood; sons, Brandon (Rory) Craft, Jordan (Abbey) Craft, and Austin (Paige) Craft; sister, Tina (Rick) Foster; brother, Frank (Aimee) Hazelwood; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Frankie Hazelwood; and son, Tyler Craft.

Services will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to the time of the service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Condolences: [randallroberts.com](http://randallroberts.com)

**Mary Jane Maxson**

March 3, 1948 – March 8, 2022

Mary Jane Maxson, 74, Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at Riverwalk Village in Noblesville. She was born on March 3, 1948, in Elwood. Jane was raised in Tipton by Bob and Eunie Stafford.

She was a loving and devoted mother, wife, and sister, grandmother and friend. Jane served people in all her roles including at banks and hospitals. She was loved by everyone she came in contact with, and we were all blessed to have her in our lives.

Jane is survived by her daughter, Karie Oliver Johnson; son, Ty Oliver; stepdaughter, Missy (Matt) Bohannon; stepson, Justin (Jessica) Maxson; brother, George (Sharon) Hartwick; brother-in-law, Ron Cox; and grandchildren, Shelby and Jayden Johnson, Rosalie and George Bohannon, and Chase and Reid Maxson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Brad Maxson; and sister, Millie Cox.

Visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m., with services at 3 p.m., on Sunday, March 13, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Pastor Shad Hill will officiate. Burial will be at Lakeview Cemetery in Kendallville, Ind.

Memorial contributions may be made to Joy's House Broad Ripple, 2028 Broad Ripple Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46220.

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**Jon F. Moore**

May 11, 1944 – January 31, 2022

Jon F. Moore, 77, Seffner, Fla., formerly of Hamilton County, passed away on January 31, 2022, at his home. He was born on May 11, 1944, to Hershal and Mary Alice (Jones) Moore in Noblesville.

Jon proudly served his country in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He graduated from Hamilton Heights High School and worked as a truck driver for most of his life. Jon was a big fisherman, especially in Florida. He also enjoyed riding horses.

Jon is survived by his son, Robert (Janet) Moore; brothers, Matt Henderson and Tom Henderson; sisters, Julie Grimes and Sandy Tolley; and grandsons, Eric Moore and Burke Moore.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Vickie Moore; brothers, Joe Henderson and Terry Moore; and sister, Edna Henderson.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 23, 2022, at Atlanta Christian Church, 200 E. Main St., Atlanta. Condolences: [randallroberts.com](http://randallroberts.com)

**Dionisio I. Yason**

April 8, 1934 – March 6, 2022

Dionisio I. Yason, a retired mechanical engineer from Tagig, Philippines, joined our creator on Sunday, March 6, 2022, at 87 years young.

Dionisio is survived by his children, Ludette, Carol, Jason, Patricia, Eric, David, Michael, Paul, and Mark. His wife, Maria and son, Christopher precede him in death.

He was born to Buenaventura and Lourdes (Ignacio) Yason on April 8, 1934.

Dionisio was a mechanical engineer for 30 years. He enjoyed playing chess, bowling, and fishing. Dionisio loved spending as much time as he could with his family and friends.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, March 18, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Services will be held at noon on Saturday, March 19, 2022, with and additional visitation from 11 a.m. to the time of service at the funeral home, with Father Tony Rowland officiating. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

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**TODAY'S BIBLE READING**

*I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.*

1 Timothy 2:1-7 (NIV)

**Margarete A. Melvin**

March 20, 1929 – March 9, 2022

Margarete A. Melvin, 92, Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at Prairie Lakes Health Campus in Noblesville. She was born on March 20, 1929, to the late Johann and Cracentia (Wolk) Sippel in Augsburg, Germany.

Margarete worked as a bank proof operator. She and Robert lived in the Clearwater, Fla., area for 48 years.

She is survived by her husband, Robert F. Melvin. Private family services will be held. Margarete's care has been entrusted to Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes in Noblesville.

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Boys basketball regional preview

# Shamrocks take on Homestead, Trailblazers to face Triton Central

After the excitement of winning a first-ever sectional championship, the Westfield boys basketball team is now feeling the anticipation of playing in a first-ever regional.

The Shamrocks travel to the Berry Bowl on Saturday to play in the Class 4A Logansport regional. Westfield takes on Homestead in the second semi-final game, which is set to tip off around noon. It will follow the first semi-final, a 10 a.m. contest between Kokomo and Fort Wayne Snider. The winners play for the championship at 8 p.m.

## LONG TIME COMING

The Shamrocks were in celebration mode last weekend, and why not? Westfield won three games to claim the difficult Sectional 8 at Noblesville, beating Fishers (ranked No. 2 in the IBCA coaches poll and Class 4A Associated Press ratings) 62-44 in the first round, Hamilton Southeastern 77-50 in the semi-finals and Carmel (AP No. 3 and IBCA No. 4) 59-54 in the championship game. The 'Rocks are No. 11 in the IBCA rankings.

Shamrocks coach Shane Sumpter woke up Sunday morning to find 54 unread text messages on his phone, and was still getting congratulations as of Tuesday afternoon.

"This was for everybody that's ever played and coached at Westfield," said Sumpter. He also said the sectional title was a "long time coming for our school and our community."

Once Westfield, now 21-6, got back to school, there was a small pep session. Then on Monday, it was back to normal: Practicing and getting ready for the regional. The 'Rocks practiced at the Berry Bowl on Wednesday and had a team dinner in Logansport as well.

Westfield will play a Homestead team that is IBCA ranked No. 3, AP ranked No. 4, and 22-5 for the season. The Spartans won Sectional 6 at Huntington North in similar fashion to the Shamrocks. Homestead beat the host Vikings 56-43 in the first round, cruised past New Haven 81-53 in the semi-finals, then toughed out the championship over Fort Wayne South Side 51-48, defending the title the Spartans won last year at Columbia City. Homestead has won 13 sectional titles.

The Spartans and Westfield played each other during the regular season, back on Dec. 11 at the Southport Classic. Homestead won that meeting, edging out the Shamrocks 58-55.

"It seems like it's been forever ago," said Sumpter.

Westfield led 40-39 going into the fourth quarter of the regular-season game, but the Spartans poured in 19 points in that final period to get the win.

"They're a very good basketball team," said Sumpter. "It was a pretty close game throughout. They made the plays down the stretch."

Senior Fletcher Loyer scored eight points for Homestead during the fourth quarter, and wound up leading his team with 22 points. Westfield senior Braden Smith led all scorers with 30 points. Smith and Loyer will be teammates next year, as both men have committed to Purdue University.

Loyer is by far the Spartans' leading scorer, averaging 26.9 points per game. He also leads in rebounds (5.4), assists (3.6) and steals (2.2) per contest as well.

Homestead's second-leading scorer is another senior, Andrew Leeper. He contrib-



Reporter photo by Kent Graham  
Westfield's Cam Haffner averages 16.1 points per game for the Shamrocks, who will play in their first-ever regional on Saturday. Westfield will take on Homestead at the Logansport regional in the second semi-final game.



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University senior Larry Pierce (15) averages 13.0 points and is the Trailblazers' top rebounder with 4.8 per game. University plays Triton Central in the second semi-final at the Greenfield-Central regional on Saturday.

utes 9.6 points per game and leads the Spartans in blocked shots with 1.3 per game. Leeper is a player the 'Rocks are all too familiar with, as he scored 20 points against Westfield. Junior Kyron Kaopuiki averages 8.0 points per game, he scored 10 points at Southport.

Smith is Westfield's leading scorer with 19.0 points per game, and also is on top of

the assist (6.1) and steals (1.9) lists. Senior Cam Haffner is next, as he averages 16.1 points per contest. Junior Alex Romack has rapidly improved over the season, and is the Shamrocks' leading rebounder with 7.0 per game; he also contributes 13.1 points.

## UNIVERSITY-TRITON CENTRAL

University made some history of its own last Saturday when the Trailblazers

won Sectional 42 at Park Tudor. It was the first time University had won a sectional in Class 2A, this after having won four 1A sectionals between 2006 and 2018.

The 'Blazers edged out Covenant Christian 53-51 in an overtime semi-final before beating Heritage Christian 67-57 in the

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Kokomo (17-7) vs. Fort Wayne Snider  
(18-7)  
Homestead (22-5) vs. Westfield (21-6)  
**SOUTHPORT**  
Ben Davis (21-6) vs. Mount Vernon (22-  
2)  
Cathedral (22-6) vs. Terre Haute North  
(23-4)  
**SEYMOUR**  
Evansville North (16-10) vs. Bloomington  
North (22-3)  
Floyd Central (20-4) vs. Franklin (11-14)

**CLASS 3A**  
**SOUTH BEND WASHINGTON**  
Mishawaka Marian (21-3) vs. Lighthouse  
CPA (8-12)  
Culver Academy (18-7) vs. Peru (20-2)  
**NEW CASTLE**  
Yorktown (10-14) vs. NorthWood (24-2)  
Leo (19-5) vs. Norwell (22-4)  
**GREENCASTLE**  
Brebeuf Jesuit (18-7) vs. Danville (20-5)  
Beech Grove (18-6) vs. Brownstown  
Central (22-3)  
**WASHINGTON**  
Evansville Bosse (17-9) vs. Lawrence-  
burg (20-7)  
North Harrison (19-3) vs. Sullivan (23-2)

**CLASS 2A**  
**NORTH JUDSON**  
North Judson (21-5) vs. Blackhawk  
Christian (22-4)  
Hammond Noll (11-12) vs. Central Noble  
(25-2)  
**LAPEL**  
Tipton (17-6) vs. Monroe Central (24-0)  
Rensselaer Central (12-12) vs. Carroll  
(Flora) (22-1)  
**GREENFIELD-CENTRAL**  
Southmont (19-6) vs. Eastern Hancock  
(20-5)  
Triton Central (13-11) vs. University (15-  
9)  
**SOUTHRIDGE**  
Forest Park (14-10) vs. Paoli (16-9)  
Providence (17-6) vs. Linton-Stockton  
(22-4)  
**CLASS 1A**  
**TRITON**  
North White (21-3) vs. Gary 21st Century  
(21-4)  
Fremont (17-8) vs. Triton (18-7)  
**FRANKFORT**  
Southwood (14-11) vs. Lafayette Central  
Catholic (17-9)  
Liberty Christian (17-9) vs. Blue River  
(15-10)  
**MARTINSVILLE**  
Indianapolis Lutheran (18-5) vs. Metro-  
politan (13-12)  
Jac-Cen-Del (20-5) vs. Bloomfield (20-6)  
**LOOGOOTEE**  
North Daviess (23-3) vs. Edinburgh (22-  
3)  
Borden (16-7) vs. Springs Valley (22-3)



Reporter photo by Kirk Green  
**University's Sabien Cain leads the Trailblazers in scoring with 16.0 points per game. Cain also leads in assists (2.6) and steals (1.9).**

## BASKETBALL

championship game. University is now 15-9 and will play Triton Central at the Greenfield-Central regional at noon this Saturday. No. 9-ranked Eastern Hancock and Southmont play the first semi-final at 10 a.m., with the championship set for 8 p.m.

"There is no doubt winning our first 2A sectional is a giant accomplishment for this team and our school, especially considering how difficult it always is to navigate through Sectional 42," said Trailblazers coach Brandon Lafferman. "When we moved up from 1A to 2A three years ago, I knew it would be extremely challenging to ever get out of

a sectional again. Due to that, we have made it a point to try to play a challenging schedule to prepare the team for these types of tough roads."

Lafferman will get another new experience when his team takes on Triton Central. The coach said that in his nine years at University, this will be the first time his team will play the Tigers.

Lafferman watched film of Triton Central, and called the Trojans a very well-coached and disciplined team on both sides of the floor.

"It is clear they had great game plans

to navigate through their sectional and beat some pretty good opponents," said Lafferman. "They are very tough on the defensive end and have a balanced attack offensively. In order for us to come away with a win over Triton Central, we will need to really control the pace of the game and move the ball on the offensive end for great shots."

The Tigers are 13-11 and defended their Sectional 44 championship at South Ripley, having won at Milan last year. Triton Central beat North Decatur 62-57 in the semi-finals and the host Raiders 40-35 in the championship.

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Aiden Lindsey is the Tigers' leading scorer, averaging 14.8 points per game. Two seniors also are contributing double figures in points: Josiah Miller at 10.8 per game and Caleb Miller has 10.2 per contest. Blair is the leading rebounder (5.6), while Miller leads in steals (2.0). Senior Alex Crouse hands out 3.8 assists per game.

As for University, sophomore Sabien Cain is the top scorer at 16.0 points per game, and also leads in assists (2.6) and steals (1.9). Senior Larry Pierce contributes 13.0 points and is the top rebounder at 4.8 per game.

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## Carmel girls lacrosse wins season opener

The Carmel girls lacrosse team opened its 2022 season by beating Zionsville 12-5 Thursday at Murray Stadium.

Seniors Sophia Hanna, Hollis Rang and Grace Miller led the way for the defending state champion Greyhounds. Carmel travels to Evansville on Saturday for games against Reitz and Evansville North.

Guerin Catholic won an all-county girls game at Hamilton Southeastern on Thursday 12-7.

Gabbie Thomas scored four goals for the Golden Eagles, while Clare Alic added three goals. Southeastern stats were not available at press time.

The Golden Eagles are unbeaten at 3-0 and travel to Louisville on Saturday to play at Assumption and Dupont Manual. Thursday's game was the season-opener for the Royals, who host Penn and Castle on Saturday.

Carmel's boys junior varsity 1 team came back to defeat Park Tudor 9-4 in a Thursday game at Murray Stadium.

The Greyhounds trailed 2-0 after one quarter, but tied the game at halftime, then cruised through the second half. Will Stirnes led the Carmel scoring with three goals, while Will Bingman, Jake Whipple, Cain Shelbourne and Briggs Griffin all scored their first-ever goals for the Greyhounds. Charlie Rafalko handed out five assists and Jackson Weaver dished out two.

Goalkeeper Cam Smith and close defenders Josh Goodspeed, Nick Huser and Henry Hammonds all led the Carmel defense.

The 'Hounds host Louisville St. Xavier on Saturday.

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# NBA standings

Thursday's games  
Brooklyn 129, Philadelphia 100  
Golden State 113, Denver 102

Eastern Conference					Western Conference				
	W	L	PCT.	GB		W	L	PCT.	GB
<b>Atlantic</b>					<b>Northwest</b>				
Philadelphia	40	25	.615	-	Utah	41	24	.631	-
Boston	40	27	.597	1.0	Denver	40	27	.597	2.0
Toronto	35	30	.538	5.0	Minnesota	38	29	.567	4.0
Brooklyn	34	33	.507	7.0	Portland	25	40	.385	16.0
New York	28	38	.424	13.0	Oklahoma City	20	46	.303	21.5
<b>Central</b>					<b>Pacific</b>				
Milwaukee	42	25	.627	-	x-Phoenix	53	13	.803	-
Chicago	40	26	.606	1.5	Golden State	45	22	.672	8.5
Cleveland	38	27	.585	3.0	L.A. Clippers	35	33	.515	19.0
Indiana	22	45	.328	20.0	L.A. Lakers	28	37	.431	24.5
Detroit	18	48	.273	23.5	Sacramento	24	44	.353	30.0
<b>Southeast</b>					<b>Southwest</b>				
Miami	44	23	.657	-	Memphis	45	22	.672	-
Charlotte	32	35	.478	12.0	Dallas	40	26	.606	4.5
Atlanta	31	34	.477	12.0	New Orleans	27	39	.409	17.5
Washington	29	35	.453	13.5	San Antonio	25	41	.379	19.5
Orlando	17	50	.254	27.0	Houston	17	49	.258	27.5

Over 150,000 sent out around the world . . .

# Famous blue envelopes of Indy 500 tickets racing to global fans

Indianapolis 500 fans across the globe will soon see another milestone in the countdown to the 106th Running of the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge as the highly anticipated blue envelopes featuring Race Day tickets are mailed Thursday, March 10 from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Ticket Office.

The initial ticket mailing of more than 150,000 tickets includes shipments to all 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia and 36 countries around the world as race fans eagerly await Indy 500 Race Day on Sunday, May 29.

Countries where tickets will be mailed include Canada, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Sweden, Mexico, Brazil, France, Colombia, New Zealand, Switzerland, Australia, Spain, Japan and Denmark – all home countries for drivers expected to compete for a starting spot in this year’s Indy 500.

It takes approximately nine weeks to package all pre-ordered tickets for mailing, from orders the day after the previous year’s race up to current orders. Hard work from employees in the Ticket Office and other IMS, INDYCAR and IMS Productions departments ensures the ticketing process runs smoothly and on schedule.

A few facts and figures about this year’s initial ticket mailing:

- Number of tickets sent: More than 150,000 Race Day tickets and more than 180,000 products (includes Race Day tickets, parking, concert tickets, etc.)
- Number of blue envelopes sent: More than 25,000
- Number of U.S. Postal Service trays to accommodate envelopes: More than 580
- Weight of all ticket envelopes and trays in first mailing: More than 5,000 pounds



Photo provided

- Hours needed to fill envelopes by hand: More than 880 person-hours
- Number of working days to package envelopes: 43
- Number of Penske Entertainment employees who fill envelopes: 34
- Federal postal inspectors came to IMS with a large truck for the first mailing. Many IMS employees pitched in to help load the trucks for delivery Thursday. This year, they were joined by 2016 Indianapolis 500 winner Alexander Rossi, who helped load the truck with tickets so race fans can see him compete for his second Indy 500 win in the No. 27 NAPA AUTO PARTS/AutoNation Honda in person.

Receiving an eagerly awaited blue envelope in the mail is a rite of spring for thousands of fans of “The Greatest Spectacle in Racing.” But why are the envelopes blue?

In the 1970s, Indianapolis 500 tickets were mailed in brown envelopes with the IMS return address in the upper left corner. In the 1980s, a heavier-stock, gray-colored envelope was introduced to mail the tickets, with just the IMS Post Office box number in the upper left corner. A computerized printer also was used for the first time in the 1980s to print ticket customers’ name and address on each envelope.

When the NASCAR Cup Series was added to the IMS schedule in 1994, the Ticket Office needed a way to distinguish between the envelopes containing tickets for the Indianapolis 500 and the annual

NASCAR race, especially if the Postal Service returned the envelope as non-deliverable.

So, the IMS Ticket Office decided to color-code the ticket envelopes for each event. Indianapolis 500 ticket envelopes became blue, Brickyard Weekend envelopes became purple, GMR Grand Prix envelopes became green, and ticket envelopes for other IMS events use a variety of colors, including red, cream, gray and yellow.

Tickets for the 106th Running of the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge on Sunday, May 29, the GMR Grand Prix on Saturday, May 14 and all other Month of May events are available at IMS.com/ Tickets or via the IMS Ticket Office at 317-492-6700.

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