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Sheridan kids raise over \$10K

500 elementary students & teachers participate in Blackhawk Walk

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Sheridan Elementary School (SES) held its annual Blackhawk Walk earlier this month. This fundraising event was a great success according to SES Principal Valerie Roberts.

The event is organized by the SES PTO and this year raised over \$10,000. Roberts gave special thanks to PTO officers Maleana Wittbrod, Katy Gould, Lauren Lewis, and Jason and Bev Rumph.

Roberts explained that the derivation of the Blackhawk Walk goes back a few years when it was decided that SES wanted to do hold a fundraiser that was safer and more fun than traditional door to door sales.

Each year a different theme is chosen. For instance, “Superheroes” was the theme during the pandemic, as a tribute to health-care workers. This year’s theme was “Better Together.”

All 500 students from SES participated in the event, as well as teachers. Each day of the week students walked two laps around the playground before each recess to enjoy better health, walking with a buddy, and raising money that is used for student activities throughout the year.

All proceeds raised go directly towards PTO sponsored activities, such as Doughnuts

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Photo provided by Sheridan Community Schools

Each day before recess, student walked two laps around the playground to enjoy better health and raise money.

Noblesville ‘Home for the Holidays Tour’ will return with traditional parade route

The REPORTER

Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen has announced the return of the annual “Home for the Holidays Tour” featuring Santa Claus during the first weekend of December.

“The Home for the Holidays Tour will be back and bigger than ever this year,” Jensen said. “This tour encompasses a large part of Noblesville, as last year it covered over 110 lane miles.”

The city has identified six routes that cover the areas of Noblesville. Jensen said one route – the downtown portion – will be the traditional parade route.

“While we have had a route that covered the Downtown Noblesville area in past years, we will be including the traditional downtown parade route this year,” Jensen said. “The downtown tour also will include not-for-profits and community groups. As our community grows, we want to honor our past traditions as well as create new ones for the nearly 70,000 residents who call Noblesville home. We hope this will allow those who wish to see Santa in their neighborhood as well as those who wish to gather with friends and family downtown a great opportunity to do so. We are excited for Santa Claus to spread holiday cheer across Noblesville once again on Dec. 3 and 4.”



Jensen

Meals on Wheels of Hamilton Co. launches new breakfast program

Duke Energy supports nonprofit’s efforts with \$2,800 grant

The REPORTER

After a successful pilot program, Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County has officially launched a new frozen breakfast option for its clients, furthering the organization’s mission of enhancing the quality of life of homebound individuals and seniors in Hamilton County by providing nutritious meals, personal interactions, and independence.

Beth Gehlhausen, Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County Executive Director, notes the response to the breakfast option has been overwhelmingly positive. During the pilot program, a \$2,800 grant from Duke Energy made breakfast meals possible five days a week for eight weeks for 12 clients.

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Photo provided

The \$2,800 grant from Duke Energy has made frozen breakfast meals possible five days a week for eight weeks for 12 clients.

Westfield High School football team learns about dangers of vaping

Coach Gilbert brings back recent graduates to educate

The REPORTER

Football players at Westfield High School (WHS) are doing more than just preparing for their sectional match-up against Carmel on Oct. 28. Coach Jake Gilbert wants to make sure his athletes are educated about their health, too.

Coach Gilbert collaborated with Breathe Easy Hamilton County and VOICE Hamilton County, the brand’s youth engagement group, to provide education on the dangers of tobacco use and vaping. The team heard from prior Westfield football team captains and WHS graduates Will Strahm ‘22 and Magwire Graybill ‘22, who both currently attend Purdue University.

Strahm and Graybill shared information about the risks of



Photo provided

Westfield football alumni and Class of 2022 graduates Will Strahm and Magwire Graybill addressing their former teammates about the dangers of vaping and tobacco use.

using tobacco and nicotine, gave testimony behind their choice to live vape and tobacco-free, and invited their former teammates to join them by not bowing to peer pressure that often accompanies teen tobacco and nicotine use.

Like traditional combustible cigarettes, e-cigarettes,

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Planes, trains & automobiles

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Reporter Publisher Stu Clampitt seems to be stuck in the 1920s, but he’s hoping his recent flight on a 1928 Ford Tri-Motor 5-AT has brought him back to the present.

Early this month Clampitt found a 1922 Ford Model T parked behind him in a small town in west-central Indiana. On Oct. 15 and 16, he took part in the Nickel Plate Express Murder Mystery Ride, a 1920s-themed experience. Then on Thursday, Oct. 20, he and photographer Nik Roberts took to the skies over Fishers in one of the first mass-produced airliners the world has ever known.

Thanks to the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), a plane flown by both Amelia Earhart and Charles Lindbergh is flew out of the Indianapolis Metro Airport, 9913 Willow View Road, Fishers, from Oct. 20 to 23.

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Reporter photo by Stu Clampitt

The skies over Carmel as seen from our publisher’s seat aboard the 1928 Ford Tri-Motor last Thursday.

Decorate your Christmas tree while giving back

The REPORTER

Local non-profit Nickel Plate Express (NPX) and Noblesville photographer Daniel Grose have partnered to release a first-edition holiday ornament in honor of the annual Reindeer Ride Express.

The ceramic holiday ornament features a photograph of the iconic F7 4214 Nickel Plate Engine taken by Daniel Grose on the front and the Nickel Plate Express logo and date on the back.

“I have a passion for bringing the unique to the ordinary and photographing the Nickel Plate Express does just that,” Grose said. “I am

humbled to have the chance to partner with them to bring joy and something special to those that purchase the ornament.”

A portion of the profits from the sale will go back to Grose, while the remaining amount will go to supporting the programming offered by Nickel Plate Express.

“Partnerships and supporting other local businesses are a vital piece of what Nickel Plate Express does,” NPX Director Emily Reynolds said. “I was honored to work with Daniel Grose to create a piece that families will be able to take home and remember their experi-



Photos provided by Daniel Grose Photography

ence on our train. We look forward to working with other local artist each year to create a unique ornament to represent the magic of our Reindeer Rides.”

Ornaments will be for sale at the

NPX gift shop starting Nov. 19. This collector’s item ornament will sell for \$25.

For information about the holiday-themed rides in 2022, visit nickelplateexpress.com.

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Ailithir McGill at amcgill@nickelplatearts.org with
“For the Lacy Arts Building Project” in the subject.

Academy student gives
K-9 portraits to handlers

Photo provided by Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

After the Week 7 class at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Fall 2022 Citizen Academy, Becky Wanick, Carmel, presented a special gift to two of the K-9 handlers. Deputy Neal Hoard, with partner Maudie, and Deputy Tyler Abbott, with partner Echo, were illustrated with watercolor paintings by Becky.

Nickel Plate Arts pursuing Lacy Building for artist studios

**Submitted by
Nickel Plate Arts**

The iconic Lacy Building in downtown Noblesville is getting a new twist on its decades of rich history.

In late 2021, Chris Nurnberger and his wife Katie reached out to Nickel Plate Arts after purchasing the property. They asked what the Noblesville arts community might need and revealed that they would love to find a way for the building to be a home for artists and artistic ventures.

The building has some especially unique spaces, including two mezzanines that may make quality artist studios as well as a basement that could be some form of workshops.

“I was immediately excited to hear that one of the square’s oldest and largest buildings could have a new future and be fully activated after so many decades,” Nickel Plate Arts Director Ailithir McGill said.

Cleaning of the Lacy building was completed in Spring 2022, and some renovations are already beginning, including installation of an elevator that would make all floors of the building accessible.

The ballroom on the top floor had been carved into



Rendering provided
The Lacy Building was home to Kirk Hardware before its closure earlier this year. The Linden Tree gift shop is still operating in the eastern half of the building.

smaller rooms. The mezzanines, which occupy the back of the building between the first and second, and second and third floors definitely have potential for artists. The building’s windows are bisect, allowing natural light to be at a premium, and there is opportunity for wide open spaces to accommodate flexible studio space for artists. The basement seemed like it could become a very useful space for woodworking, ceramics, or welding.

“It seemed like a match made in heaven,” McGill said. “The more I looked, the more potential I saw, and the more I worked with the Nurnbergers, the more convinced I was that they wanted to be meaningful, long-term partners for the arts community.”

Nickel Plate Arts’ plans are still tentative because the owners have a lot of decisions to make about the renovation. This endeavor is only made more difficult due to supply chain problems in the construction and material industry, which impacts prices daily.

Nickel Plate Arts will have to figure out how to pay for certain aspects of adapting spaces to the needs of artists, which may end up being a pricey venture.

This project was the focus at the Nickel Plate Arts Anniversary Gala, where



McGill



Photo provided
The Select Show Horses 2022 National Academy Team. (Back row) Kaedence Gertiser, Adelyn Wagner, Joan Kazeck, Elaina Smith, and Brenda Lekse. (Front row) Ella Wilson. (Mia Brunner is not pictured but is still on the team.)

Four students from Noblesville to show nation Indiana’s spirit of competition

The REPORTER

Four Noblesville students will soon represent Hamilton County and the State of Indiana at the National Academy Championship Horse Show, to be held Nov. 3 to 6 in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Kaedence Gertiser, Elaina Smith, and Adelyn Wagner – all seventh graders at Noblesville East Middle School – and Ella Wilson – a second grader at Stony Creek Elementary – are riding with **Select Show Horses**, 25109 Six Points Road, Sheridan, and were chosen for the National Academy Team.

The National Academy Championship Horse Show is the only three-day, three-judge academy show in the nation. Riders from all over the country attend each year in the spirit of competition and to raise money to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Last year, the show saw 1,214 entries from 18 states.

This year’s show will be livestreamed by **Event Mix Promotions**. To learn more, visit **NationalAcademy-Championships.org**.

These are the classes in which
each local rider will participate:

Kaedence Gertiser: 11- to 12-year-old Walk-Trot
Elaina Smith: 11 & Under Walk-Trot-Canter
Adelyn Wagner: 11- to 12-year-old Walk-Trot
Ella Wilson: 5- to 6-year-old Walk-Trot
(Ages are based on cut offs determined by the show, not their actual current age.)

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Noblesville Lions support Prevail with medical & health kits



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Last Friday, the Noblesville Lions gave medical and health kits they had collected to Prevail. Jaleah Bond, Prevail Crisis and Intake Coordinator accepted the donation. (From left) Jaleah Bond of Prevail and Noblesville Lion Club President Gordon Resler.

Don't Leave It to Beaver named Frontline Organizer of the Year

Submitted by Don't Leave It to Beaver

At the annual “Greening the Statehouse” meeting held on Oct. 15, the Hoosier Environmental Council (HEC) awarded local community group Don't Leave It to Beaver (DLITB) with the Frontline Organizer of the Year award, honoring the grassroots effort to ensure clean water and protect the environment by opposing the gravel pit operation near Potter's Bridge Park and the White River in Noblesville.

The gravel pit proposal was first submitted in the fall of 2020 and posed potential risks to the water supply in nearby underground aquifers. It was ultimately rejected by the city's Common Council this past June after a considerable number of Hoosiers, led by DLITB, organized against it.

Tuesday, Oct. 18 marked 50 years since the passage of the Clean Water Act – one of the United States' first and most influential environmental laws. As such, “Greening the Statehouse” focused on clean water, hosting individual citizens, policymakers, and representatives who have worked to clean up and protect Indiana-area waterways, lakes, and groundwater sources.

DLITB is thankful to HEC for being trusted partners during the two-year-long process to oppose the gravel pit and steadfast advocates during City of Noblesville government meetings. Their expertise and guidance on how local processes work was invaluable as members of the community navigated what was many people's first acts of community remonstrance.

DLITB also extends its appreciation to community members – the thousands of folks who signed the petitions, spread the word online and off, wrote to government officials, volunteered, spoke publicly, and peacefully protested. This award belongs to all of you.

DLITB is also grateful to Noblesville city officials who recognized the importance of proactively defending the city's clean water supply. Specifically, DLITB thanks the following Noblesville Common Council members for voting in defense of the community:

- Brian Ayer, At large
- Mark Boice, At large
- Darren Peterson, At large
- Pete Schwartz, District 2
- Aaron Smith, District 3
- Dan Spartz, District 4
- Megan Wiles, District 6



Photo provided



Nickel Plate Express partners with Toys for Tots, will offer free caboose rides

The REPORTER

As the holiday season quickly approaches, Nickel Plate Express (NPX) and Toys for Tots have partnered together to collect toys for families in need this season.

To launch the toy drive, NPX will offer a free caboose ride on Saturday, Nov. 5 to each passenger who brings a donation. The caboose rides will board from noon to 2 p.m. from the newly renovated Hobbs Station located inside Forest Park on a first come, first serve basis. No tickets will be sold for this event. Passengers will enjoy a scenic ride on the historic Monon Caboose over the White River in downtown Noblesville.

“Toys for Tots is excited to partner with Nickel Plate Express for the 2022 Holiday season,” Toys for Tots Civilian Coordinator Sabrina Young said. “This year is Toys for Tots 75th year. We are so thrilled

to be able to partner with an organization that has a beautiful train and draws a huge crowd each holiday season. It was the perfect fit to our iconic Toys for Tots train logo.”

NPX will be accepting new, unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots through Dec. 23. In addition to the caboose rides being offered, NPX will be offering a visit with Santa on Thursday, Dec. 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. The public is encouraged to bring a toy to donate and then visit with Santa.

NPX Director Emily Reynolds said, “I have always been passionate about giving back to the community. This opportunity to work with Toys for Tots is a perfect chance for Nickel Plate Express to help others during the holiday season.”

For information about the variety of NPX excursions – from the Reindeer Rides to special dining experiences, visit nickelplateexpress.com.

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Murder on the Nickel Plate

Sad swan song when flapper floozy falls flat

The REPORTER

On Oct. 15 and 16, 2022, nearly 200 passengers boarded the Nickel Plate Express at Hobbs Station in Noblesville. When they disembarked in Atlanta, Ind., the year was 1922. They were in store for an evening of food and entertainment at Earthly Endearments where music was in the air and murder was on the menu.

According to Det. Howard Forthright, famous musician, singer and professional “entertainer” Gloria Call was apparently poisoned during dessert by her past paramour, nerdy newsman Franklin Fontano.

Call was performing with The Stompers band at a 1920s club owned by Eugene Williams.

Call had been seen by numerous guests having conversations that ranged from intimate to strained to heated with Fontano both on the train and at Earthly Endearments. Fontano, who provided Call with numerous drinks during her set, claims he was only giving her club soda in an attempt to slow her conspicuous consumption of gigglewater that started on the rolling juice joint that train became during its time-ripping rail ride into the past.

A cast of characters – many of whom bore remarkable resemblances to actors seen at various venues across the county – had a great deal to say to the diners-turned-detectives.

Clues were collected. Facts were filtered from fictions. Successful sleuthing was richly rewarded.

Fortunately, by the time the Nickel Plate Express returned passengers to Noblesville at the end of the night, everyone was



(From left) Movie flimflam man Eddie Fitzwarren, madame Holly Fitzwarren, jewel thief Ruby Keyhole, call girl Betty Jean Call, occasionally deceased entertainer Gloria Call, killer reporter Franklin Fontano, club owner Eugene Williams and the hostess with the mostest Emily Reynolds. Everyone is pointing at the killer, who seems surprised to see Gloria alive again at the end of the night.

back in good ole 2022 and Call was alive and well once more. She and the other characters on the Murder Express were even kind enough to pose for a photo (see above) for The Hamilton County Reporter.

If you did not ride the rails of murder over the weekend, have no fear! This event was so popular that Nickel Plate Express Executive Director Emily Reynolds and Reporter Publisher Stu Clampitt have already gone on record saying their next killer collaboration will come in February. Keep reading The Reporter and checking [NickelPlateExpress.com](#) to find out when tickets go on sale for Valentine’s Murder Express. It promises to be a bloody good time!

To learn more about Earthly Endearments, 155 W. Main St., Atlanta, go to [EarthlyEndearments.com](#).



Photo provided by Caden White
This shot of Caden White and Gloria Call is the last photo of Call prior to her poisoning. Since she was resurrected upon the party’s return to 2022, perhaps White should get this one autographed.

Gloria Call

December 7, 1876 – October 15 & 16, 1922

Gloria Call, 45, died of apparent poisoning during her final musical performance in Atlanta, Ind., on both Saturday, Oct. 15 and Sunday Oct. 16.

Call was a singer, a musician, and a professional escort.

Call, having recently turned down a starring role in the supposedly forthcoming movie *Trains*, produced by Eddie Fitzwarren, was said to have had very strong performances (and even stronger drinks) both at Hobbs Station in Noblesville and at Earthly Endearments in Atlanta.

She is survived by her sister, Betty Jean Call, her heretofore unknown father Eddie Fitzwarren, as well as her stepmother and former employer Holly Fitzwarren.

She died as she lived, with a song on her lips and drink in her hand.



STUCK IN THE ‘20s

According to EAA Chapter 67 President Nick Boland, the Ford came to Fishers because “EAA national called me and asked if we would be interested in sponsoring it. We did that 13 years ago and we thought it would be a good opportunity to have a historic aircraft here. A lot of what we try to do is get the community interested in aviation. Something like this fits that perfectly.”

Pilot Taylor Oliver told The Reporter, “If you’ve seen one Ford Tri-Motor, you’ve seen one Ford Tri-Motor. They are all different. There are small nuances and they were all hand-built.”

Oliver said this particular plane had its first flight on Dec. 1, 1928. The 5-AT line

was world’s first purpose-built all-metal airliner. It inaugurated westbound transcontinental commercial air service on July 7, 1929.

With only 10 seats available on the plane, this is very a limited opportunity for those who would like to experience part of American aviation history. According to the EAA website, at the time of publication, walk-up space is still available, though pre-scheduling a seat on the 5-AT is not possible online. Call onsite crew at (920) 379-8339 for more information.

Both Clampitt and Roberts found the flight to be fascinating and exhilarating. There was a fair bit of turbulence on Thursday’s flight. Perhaps they should



Reporter photo by Nik Roberts
This 1928 Ford Tri-Motor 5-AT is on the tarmac in Fishers and ready to take you a thrilling ride through yesteryear.

have bribed Hoosier Weather Daddy Paul Poteet for a bit less windy that day.

Clampitt said he hopes he is done with the 1920s for a while, now that the planes, trains and automobiles cycle seems to have closed. “Can I come back to the 21st century now?” Clampitt

asked when he was back on solid ground.

I don’t know, Mr. Publisher. We do hear some interesting things about the 1940s.

Learn more about the EAA in general and about the Ford Tri-Motor in particular at [eaa.org](#).

Citizens Gas of Westfield proposes rate hike, asks for customer comments

By KAYLA RUSSELL
WISH-TV | [wistv.com](#)

Citizens Gas of Westfield is proposing an annual revenue hike of \$1.29 million.

The utility group, which services over 6,100 customers in Hamilton County, says the increase is necessary to cover higher operating and maintenance costs and pay for infrastructure improvements related to rapid community growth, the group said.

Basic distribution costs are responsible for about 58 percent of a residential bill, while the remaining 42 percent of a typical monthly bill pays for the natural gas itself.

The group says the proposal would affect natural gas rates and charges in its Westfield service territory. It would not affect Westfield’s water or sewer rates.

Indiana’s Office of Utility Consumer Counselor invites any customer to submit written comments until Nov. 25.

To submit a comment, go to [in.gov/oucc/contact-us](#).

PARADE ROUTE

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The “Home for the Holidays Tour” will be split by the White River. Three routes, including the traditional parade route, will be held east of the river on Saturday, Dec. 3. The first tour will begin at 9 a.m. and the traditional downtown parade will be held at 2 p.m. Another three routes will be held Sunday, Dec. 4 west of the White River.

Routes are still being designed and will be announced in the coming weeks.

Due to COVID-19 cases and public health concerns, several changes were made to the city’s holiday events in 2020. The “Home for the Holidays Tour” with Santa Claus and several city departments including the police, fire, street, engineering, utilities and parks vehicles was created as a way to take Santa to the people and thank first responders and essential workers. Instead of hosting a large gathering, Santa made his way throughout Noblesville neighborhoods.

“The pandemic made us be creative to keep the holiday spirit alive,” Jensen said. “In the four years prior to the change, organizers saw a decline in parade participants and attendance. By changing the format, we immediately saw larger crowds of enthusiastic residents that really enjoyed the new plan, and we heard positive feedback from many residents who otherwise would not have been able to participate at an offsite location. Each year since, we’ve tried to take Santa and the ‘Home for the Holidays Tour’ to more people and neighborhoods.”

The “Home for the Holidays Tour” is part of the city’s seasonal celebration. Holidays at the Hill returns to Federal Hill Commons starting Saturday, Nov. 19. The holiday tradition in the City of Noblesville includes an ice-skating rink, walking light tour, carriage rides and holiday market. The Lights Over Seminary holiday display will begin Dec. 2 as part of the First Friday events taking place in Downtown Noblesville.

Not-for-profits and community groups interested in participating in the traditional downtown parade route or any of the neighborhood routes, free of charge, may visit [cityofnoblesville.org/parade](#).

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with Grown-Ups, Pastries with Pals, family game nights, educational convocations, Teacher Appreciation Week activities, and the end of the year carnival. The fundraising goal each year has been set at \$10,000, and most years, Roberts explained the goal has been met. She commented that as of last Thursday evening, they were only at \$5,000, making her doubt making it this year.

“Somehow our families and community always come through,” Roberts said, “and by Friday afternoon before we left for fall break we went over \$10,000!”

Roberts concluded, “This is the best fundraiser ever! It gets our students outside and walking, talking, and having fun! We are so grateful to our families, community, and PTO for the endless support they have provided to us through the years. We are so fortunate to live in such a giving community that truly puts the needs of our students first!”

Thanks for reading!

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State Senate District 31 candidate Jocelyn Vare, who currently serves on the Fishers City Council, spoke about her personal experience with domestic violence and signed the Contract with Women on Oct. 17 at the Statehouse.

Jocelyn Vare shines light on domestic violence

Submitted by Jocelyn Vare for State Senate

Jocelyn Vare, candidate for Indiana State Senate District 31, stood with nine fellow Democrats at the Indiana Statehouse on Monday to extend an open invitation to all Hoosiers. Vare worked closely with her peers to invite people in Indiana to build a brighter future for women and girls across the state by signing the Contract with Women. Whether Democrat, Republican, Libertarian, Independent, or undeclared, Hoosiers are asked to sign the contract in solidarity for Indiana's future. As part of her pledge, Vare shined a light on domestic violence and shared her personal experience. “Indiana can no longer be the state that ignores and controls women,” Vare said. “As a Democrat, I am proud to sign the Contract with Women. It is a promise to prioritize and serve Hoosier women. Domestic violence is a public safety issue that affects one in three women in their lifetime. As a domestic violence survivor, I shine a light on this issue and advocate for Indiana to be-

come a safer place for all women.” On a recent Fox59 segment that recognized October as Domestic Violence Month, Vare shared her personal survivor story and her experience with Prevail. Prevail is Hamilton County's advocate and service provider for people experiencing life with an abuser. Vare relied on Prevail in 2010 and is grateful to the Fishers Police Department for the referral to the organization's free and confidential services. She also experienced firsthand how vital safe and secure housing is for survivors. “To be safe, my kids and I needed to find an immediate and secure place to stay,” Vare said. “We had to travel to another county because there were no emergency housing options for us locally.” Through Hamilton County's purchase of land and dedication of design funding, plans have begun for safe housing to be constructed. It will be Hamilton County's first housing option for domestic violence survivors. “I celebrate the plan to offer safe housing in Ham-

ilton County to survivors,” Vare emphasized. “I also recognize 12 years have passed since my kids and I were in need of safe housing in Hamilton County. This is overdue. When Indiana does not prioritize women, it harms the entire community. A commitment to women is a commitment to community.” Vare's signature on the Contract with Women also includes commitments to repeal what she calls Indiana's extreme abortion ban, codifying the right to birth control and other contraceptives, fixing Indiana's maternal mortality rate, passing legitimate workplace protections for women – especially pregnant women, repealing the state's high taxes on hygiene products, addressing the state's childcare crisis, and creating a statewide Pre-K system for children. “Building a better future for women and girls is not a partisan topic because it benefits all of us,” Vare said. Vare is a business owner and domestic violence survivor who is dedicated to public service. She proves it through her ac-

tive roles with community non-profits, public education advocacy organizations, and as an at-large member of Fishers City Council. She was the first Democrat elected to municipal office in Fishers and won her election with strong bipartisan support, including an endorsement from the Fiscal Conservatives of Hamilton County. Vare maintains clear focus on ideals of transparency, balance, and representation. She achieves the ideals by listening to neighbors, residents, and constituents she serves. Vare embraces her reputation for shining a light on decisions others would prefer to leave behind closed doors. An unapologetic independent thinker, she always returns to and keeps the promises she made to those who elected her. *Jocelyn Vare is an at-large member of the Fishers City Council and a candidate for Indiana State Senate District 31 in 2022. State Senate District 31 was redrawn for the 2022 election and includes all of Fishers, Geist, parts of Noblesville, and the Northeast Side of Indianapolis.*

Westfield Lions celebrate 92 years of service

Submitted

The Westfield Lions Club will celebrate its 92nd anniversary on Thursday, Oct. 27 at the Friends Church, 324 S. Union St., Westfield. The anniversary meeting will include a meal provided by the Westfield High School Foodies.

The Westfield Lions were founded in 1930 with 20 charter members and is the oldest Lions Club in Hamilton County. “This is a special night for all our Lions,” Lion President Rodney Benson said. “We get a chance to celebrate the numerous accomplishments of the Club and recognize members who have made significant contributions to the Club and the community.” The Club will present Perfect Attendance awards, a Richard T. Miyamoto Fellowship award, a Melvin Jones Fellowship award, and the Roy O. Hadley Lion of the Year award. During the past year, the Westfield Lions have been able to resume their service work in the community and conduct fundraising events to help raise money for the numerous grants and donations they typically make. In particular, the Club has continued to fund several scholarships for Westfield High School seniors and has made significant donations to the Westfield

Education Foundation's Teacher Grant program, the Westfield Middle School's Washington, D.C. trip, the Westfield H.S. Foodies program, the Westfield Youth Assistance Program, and the Dictionary Project (free Webster Dictionaries for all Westfield third graders). The Westfield Lions have also been able to make significant donations to Hamilton County's Third Phase Homeless Shelter, Open Doors Food Pantry, Heart and Soul Free Clinic, Helping Veterans and Families (HVAF), the Lions Clubs International Foundation's Disaster Assistance Fund, the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the Indiana Lions Eye Bank, the Leader Dog Program, and numerous other organizations that work to make peoples' lives better. The Westfield Lions are a service organization made up of men and women who want to make a difference in their community. If you are interested in learning more about the Westfield Lions or joining the Club, go to westfieldlions.org. The Club will hold an open house on Saturday, Nov. 12 for anyone interested in becoming a member. The open house will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Club's new clubhouse located at 1031 E. 169th St.



Fishers receives \$75K grant to improve trails & greenways

The REPORTER

The Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization (IMPO) last Wednesday announced that it had awarded a \$75,000 grant for a planning project in Fishers. The City of Fishers will use its grant to produce a citywide greenways study to identify primary pedestrian routes and priority gaps

in the pedestrian network. With the new Nickel Plate Trail and Geist Greenway, city leaders want to expand the Fishers 2040 Bike and Pedestrian Map. The funding comes from federal planning dollars, which the IMPO offered to communities to identify and plan for future needs. Once needs are pinpointed and plans are

developed, the grantee can find additional public and private financial resources. “Funding opportunities like this one are extremely helpful in laying the groundwork for seeking funding for future investments,” said Anna Grembling, executive director of the IMPO. IMPO is responsible for planning and program-

ming federal transportation funds for highways, transit, non-motorized transportation and other means of moving people and goods in an eight-county central Indiana region. In addition, the IMPO also supports Central Indiana governments in other areas including land use, housing, economic development, and water policies.

Fishers police arrest bank robber

The REPORTER

Editor's note: This is an update to a WISH-TV story published on Oct. 11. The Fishers Police Department has arrested a man for Armed Robbery. On Oct. 17, following an extensive investigation, Detectives with the Fishers Police Department were able to identify, locate and apprehend the person believed to be responsible for

the armed robbery on Oct. 11 at the Star Financial Bank located at 8762 E. 96th St., Fishers. Quinn Kellam, 20, Lawrence, was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Hamilton County Jail. Kellam was charged



Kellam

with one count of Armed Robbery, a Level 2 felony; five counts of Criminal Confinement, a Level 3 felony; five counts of Intimidation, a Level 5 felony; and one count of Theft, a Level 6 felony. The Fishers Police Department thanks the FBI

Violent Crimes Task Force, IMPD Covert Robbery Unit and IMPD SWAT for their assistance. As a result of this investigation, Detectives were able to discover evidence linking Kellam to additional unsolved business burglaries in Marion County. *A charge is merely an accusation, and the arrested person(s) is presumed innocent until proven guilty.*

Deputy Coroner improves her death investigation skills with entomology

The REPORTER

Last week, Hamilton County Deputy Coroner Ashley Taylor attended a two-day Forensic Entomology class. Forensic Entomology is the study of arthropods, specifically insects, and how their development relates to determining a time of death in a death investigation. The class was put on by world-renowned Forensic Entomologist Dr. Neal Has-

kell and several of his colleagues. Dr. Haskell has used Forensic Entomology in more than 450 murder cases, most notably the Casey Anthony case. A deceased body will attract insects in a reliable and predictable sequence that allows investigators who are trained in this field to close-



Taylor

ly estimate a date and time of death. “Entomology is important to our field in determining an accurate date of death in a deceased person who may have been a victim of a violent crime or one who has died and not been found for some time,” Deputy Coroner Taylor said.

The Coroner and the Deputy Coroners of Hamilton County attend as much additional training as possible throughout the year to further their understanding of the complexities that go along with death investigations. According to Taylor, Forensic Entomology is an invaluable tool that “can be used in court trials to accurately determine a date or time of death in criminal cases.”

BREAKFAST

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The frozen breakfasts are delivered Friday mornings and can come in quantities from two up to seven.



Zupin

“Because the breakfasts are frozen, it gives our clients greater flexibility to enjoy their meals on days and times that work for them,” said Gehlhausen.

By introducing the frozen breakfast option to its meal offerings, Meals on Wheels has seen monthly orders increase from an average of 634 meals monthly to 1,700 meals last month. “Duke Energy was proud to support Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County through their pilot process,” Duke Energy Community Relations Liaison Dagny Zupin said. “This option is another great way for Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County to continue feeding their clients who may be struggling with health and mobility

barriers.” *About Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County* Established in 1975, Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County enhances the quality of life of homebound individuals and seniors in Hamilton County by providing nutritious meals, personal interactions and independence. Meals are prepared in state-approved health-care facilities and designed by a certified registered dietitian under a physician's prescribed supervision according to the client's specific dietary needs. Over 200 meals are delivered daily by volunteers to enable our clients to remain independently living within the community in their own homes for as long as possible. For more information on receiving services or to volunteer, contact Meals on Wheels at (317) 776-7159.

VAPING

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the mechanism that kids use to vape, contain nicotine. Nicotine is a highly addictive substance that can harm brain development, which continues until the age of 25. In addition to nicotine, these products also include harmful chemicals linked to serious diseases that can lead to life-long health issues or even be fatal. People who use e-cigarettes are also more likely to smoke cigarettes in the future. The team learned that using these products can cause anxiety, too. “Many high schoolers don't realize that tobacco

and nicotine products actually cause anxiety and depression,” Strahm said. “It just is not worth risking your mental health. Not to mention all the negative physical consequences.” “Our goal is to help these athletes reach their full potential,” Coach Gilbert said. “There is a misconception that vaping is a safe alternative to smoking, and this just isn't the case. Vaping has serious life-long consequences. Not to mention vaping can be a precursor to cigarette smoking and other harmful drugs. We want to make sure our kids know this.”

Westfield Washington Public Library outreach vehicle adding more stops

Vehicle to make four new monthly visits to residents

The REPORTER

The Westfield Washington Public Library’s (WWPL) new outreach vehicle is ready to hit the road. The outreach vehicle already delivers books to residents at assisted and senior living facilities and makes stops at area daycares; but will now add four public stops to its monthly calendar.

The following stops are scheduled to start in November:

- North Glen Village (11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.) – First Friday of the month
 - Open Doors Food Pantry (2:45 to 3:15 p.m.) - Second Friday of the month
 - Casey Acres Apartments (10:30 to 11 a.m.) – Third Wednesday of the month
 - Heart and Soul Clinic (5 to 6 p.m.) – Third Wednesday of the month
- “We’re looking forward to reaching even more patrons and promoting an environment of curiosity and a love of reading regardless of location,” WWPL Executive Director Sheryl Sollars said. “We encourage everyone in these neighborhoods to stop by, check out a book, and get a library card.”
- More dates and locations may be added to the outreach vehicle’s schedule if there is enough interest.



Photo provided

Tony Craig named Sheridan police chief

Submitted

Earlier this month, the Sheridan Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners appointed Tony Craig as Chief of Police.


Chief Craig is a veteran law enforcement leader and brings his years of experience to this critical position. The Town of Sheridan is experiencing many exciting changes, and town officials say Chief Craig’s leadership will position the department to meet the community’s needs.

“I am humbled and

honored by this opportunity to serve the women and men of the Sheridan Police Department and the citizens of the town,” Craig said. “The future of the town is bright, and I am excited to be part of it.”

Sheridan Town Council President Silas DeVaney, III said, “We are excited to welcome Chief Craig to the Sheridan Police Department. His past work experiences will lead Sheridan to a successful future. And his passion for family and community fit perfectly with our town.”

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Jim Buck feels parents should remain in control of their children's education. He supports parents having the opportunity to choose **the best schools for their children** and voted to guarantee parents can speak at school board meetings.



KEEPING STUDENTS SAFE

Jim Buck believes students must have a safe and secure learning environment. He has supported legislation that has provided Indiana's schools with **over \$133M in safety grants** that can be used to hire safety officers, purchase warning alert systems, and implement safety training programs.

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Noblesville’s own Kevin Yaney publishes three Civil War novels

The REPORTER

Noblesville resident Kevin Yaney has just published *The Fourth of July*, a trilogy of historical fiction books set during the Civil War.

From 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 27, Yaney will sign books at the Adler Building, 136 S. 9th St., Noblesville. During the event, he will have casual conversations about the story, the Civil War, spies, abolitionists, and Indiana soldiers involved in the fight. The event is open to the public.

The three books of *The Fourth of July* trilogy tell the story of Louisa McLain and her two sons, George and Will. Sixty years after the war, on the Fourth of July, Louisa is in a nursing home, reading letters her sons sent her during the conflict. As the story unfolds, it is discovered that both George and Will were recruited as Union spies. They were sent perilously behind enemy lines, dressed as Confederate soldiers. They also became part of the abolitionists’ movement through the Underground Railroad, running slaves out of the South to freedom.

“These books came from my research on spies during the Civil War, the Underground Railroad, the involvement of Indiana soldiers in the war, and my family lineage,” Yaney said. “I have always had a fascination with people who risked their lives to promote what they believed. That certainly came about



Graphic provided

A Call to Arms, the first book of *The Fourth of July* trilogy. Kevin Yaney will sign copies of his new book on Oct. 27 at the Adler Building in Noblesville.



during the Civil War. I enjoyed researching the history behind the events, particularly from the letters left behind by those who were part of the conflict.”

The books explore the complicated issues of the day, particularly slavery and the radical abolitionists movement to eradicate it by any means. It also reveals the strong ties of family and faith that those scattered by the atrocities of war will be reunited. If you enjoy history, the books are faithful to actual events.

“It was important to me that these be historically accurate,” Yaney said. “That being said, there were some crazy things that went on during the war, especially when you get into all the spying and movement of fugitive slaves.”

For more information on the books, go to FourthOfJulyBook.com.



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— COURT NOTICES —

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT
) SS:
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) CAUSE NO. 29D03-2209-MI-007473
YES COMPANIES EXP KEY LLC,)
Plaintiff,)
)
DARRELL BRASHER,)
JANICE BRASHER,)
SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING D/B/A)
NEWREZ LLC,)
UNKNOWN OWNER(S) OF ABANDONED)
MOBILE HOME, and)
INDIANA BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES,)
Defendants.)
SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE OF SUIT
To the Defendants named and any other person who may be concerned,
Darrell Brasher, Janice Brasher and the Unknown Owner(s) of Abandoned
Mobile Home who may be interested in the mobile home described in this notice
you are notified that you have been sued in the Court above-named cause.
YES Companies EXP Key LLC has filed a Verified Complaint for Court Order
to Issue Mobile Home title regarding a certain mobile home situated at 221
West Drive, Westfield, Hamilton County, Indiana 46074 at a manufactured home
community known as North Glen Village. The mobile home is described as a
1997 MAKE: REDMAN, MODEL: UNKNOWN, VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION
NUMBER PF5427438. Title and ownership of the mobile home is unknown.
Plaintiff is requesting that title and ownership of the mobile home be transferred to
YES Companies EXP Key LLC.
This summons by publication is directed to any person who may claim an
ownership interest in the mobile home and whose identity and whereabouts are
unknown.
This summons by publication is directed to Darrell Brasher whose whereabouts
are unknown.
This summons by publication is directed to Janice Brasher whose whereabouts
are unknown.
This summons by publication is directed to Unknown Owner(s) of Abandoned
Mobile Home whose whereabouts are unknown.
An answer or other appropriate response in writing to the Complaint must be
filed either by you or your attorney on or before thirty (30) days after the last
publication of notice of the suit, and if you fail to do so, a judgment will be
entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
Responses must be filed at the Hamilton County Clerk's Office, 1 North 8th
Street, Ste. 106, Noblesville, Indiana 46060.
The names and address of the attorneys representing the plaintiff are:
Kathryn M. Merritt-Thrasher, #30769-29
J. F. Beatty, #4170-49
LANDMAN BEATTY, LAWYERS
9100 Keystone Crossing, Suite 870
Post Office Box 40960
Indianapolis, IN 46240-0960
Telephone: (317) 236-1040
Fax: (317) 236-1049
Lawyers for Plaintiff
YES Companies EXP Key LLC
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of Hamilton County
Date: 9/23/2022
R1504 10/17, 10/24, 10/31/22

STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
) IN THE HAMILTON COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2210-MI-7839
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF)
Anna Elena Ackerly)
Petitioner.)
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Anna Elena Ackerly, whose mailing
address is: 301 American Way N
#426, in HAMILTON County,
Indiana, hereby gives notice that Anna
Elena Ackerly has filed a petition in
the Hamilton Court requesting that
name be changed to Anelena Ackerly.
Notice is further given that the
hearing will be held on said Petition
on: January 6, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
One Hamilton County Square
Suite 337
Noblesville, IN. 46060
Anelena Ackerly
Petitioner
Date: October 5, 2022
Kathy Kreag Williams
Judicial Officer
R1471 10/10, 10/17, 10/24/22

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 3
CAUSE NO.: 29D03-2210-ES-000487
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF NANCY LEA DEW,)
Deceased.)
NOTICE OF SUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Roseanna
Handley was, on10/5/22, appointed
personal representative of the estate of
Nancy Lea Dew, deceased, who died
on September 8, 2022.
All persons who have claims against
this estate, whether or not now due,
must file the claim in the office of
the clerk of this court within three
(3) months from the date of the first
publication of this notice, or within
nine (9) months after the decedent's
death, whichever is earlier, or the
claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on 5th
day of October, 2022
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of Hamilton County
Matthew D. Allen
Attorney No. 26766-49
LAW OFFICE OF MATTHEW
ALLEN LLC
688 East 63rd Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46220
Telephone: (317) 202-1293
Email: matthew@mdallenlaw.com
Attorney for Personal Representative
R1500 10/17/22, 10/24/22

STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
) IN THE HAMILTON COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2204-MI-002522
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF)
Erin Michelle Portman)
Petitioner.)
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Petitioner, Erin Michelle Portman
, whose mailing address and
residence address is: 367 Erie Way
Apt F, Noblesville, IN 46060, in
HAMILTON County, Indiana, hereby
gives notice that Erin Michelle
Portman has filed a petition in the
Hamilton Court requesting that name
be changed to Erin Michelle Hinshaw.
Notice is further given that the
hearing will be held on said Petition
on: November 4, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
Erin Michelle Portman
Petitioner
Date: August 6, 2022
Kathy Kreag Williams
Judicial Officer
R1503 10/17, 10/24, 10/31/22

29D03-2209-EU-000484
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
) HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
CAUSE NO.: 29D01-2209-EU-000463
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF PAUL BRIAN RILEY, Deceased.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that
Phillip Michael Riley, was on
eptember26,2022 appointed Personal
Representative of the estate of Paul
Brian Riley, deceased, who died
September 5, 2022.
All persons who have claims against
this estate, whether or not now due,
must file the claim in the office of
the Clerk of this Court within three
(3) months from the date of the first
publication of this notice, or within
nine (9) months after the decedent's
death, whichever is earlier, or the
claims will be forever barred. Dated
at Noblesville, Indiana, on
September26, 2022.
Kathy Kreag Williams
CLERK, HAMILTON COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
Jennifer Norton
Attorney No. 28709-49
3750 N Meridian St #300
Indianapolis, Indiana 46208
United States of America
(317) 572-8696
R1515 10/17/22, 10/24/22

Thanks for reading!

— COUNTY —

PUBLIC NOTICE
The forever benefit on a land patent located in Hamilton county Indiana is being
perfected upon T19N-R5E-E1/2SW1/4S31. Anyone interested in examining or
challenging this claim by 11-18-2022, can go to
<https://americanmeetinggroup.com/jackson/>.
R1346 9/19/22 through 11/18/22
PUBLIC NOTICE
The forever benefit on a land patent located in Hamilton county Indiana is being
perfected upon T18N - R4E - SE 1/4 SW 1/4 S17. Anyone interested in examining
or challenging this claim by 12-5-2022, can go to
<https://americanMeetingGroup.com/kjackson/>.
R1447 10/5/22 through 12/5/22
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION TO ISSUE
BONDS OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
Taxpayers of Hamilton County, Indiana ("County") are notified that the County
Council did, on October 5, 2022, adopt an ordinance authorizing the issuance
of bonds of the County in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$5,815,000 for
the purpose of providing funds for the costs of the financing of the acquisition
and/or construction of a domestic violence center, together with all necessary
appurtenances, related improvements and equipment and costs of issuance in
connection therewith, and to pay the costs of issuance of such bonds, including
a premium for municipal bond insurance, if necessary. The bonds are to bear
interest at a rate or rates not to exceed 7.0% per annum (the exact rate or rates
to be determined by bidding or negotiation with the purchaser of the bonds), are
to mature semiannually on June 30 and December 31 of each year with a final
maturity no later than twenty years after their date of issuance and are payable
from property taxes levied and collected on all taxable property in the County.
Dated October 17 and October 24, 2022.
HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
/s/ Robin Mills, County Auditor
Hamilton County, Indiana
10/17/22, 1/24/22
R1498

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
INDIANAPOLIS AIRPORT AUTHORITY
GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 4-2022
Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that, at a regular meeting of the
Board of the Indianapolis Airport Authority, at 8:00 a.m. on October 21, 2022,
General Ordinance No. 4-2022 was introduced. At the Board's November 18,
2022, regular meeting, at 8:00 a.m., there will be a Public Hearing on General
Ordinance No. 4-2022. Board members will either attend in person in the Airport's
Board Room (Room 11T.413) located inside the main terminal building of the
Indianapolis International Airport, 7800 Col. H. Weir Cook Memorial Drive,
Indianapolis, IN 46241, or instead attend remotely. The Public is invited to attend
by remote access using Zoom. The Public Notice containing the link to the Zoom
meeting will be posted no later than 48 hours prior to the start of the meeting on
the Indianapolis Airport website at the following URL:
<https://www.ind.com/about/leadership/board-papers-documentation>
General Ordinance No. 4-2022 amends and modifies certain provisions of
General Ordinance No. 3-2021 pertaining to the reasonable rates and charges for
the use of the Airport's facilities and services. All interested parties are invited
to attend either in person or remotely, and, at the Public Hearing, may give
testimony, evidence, or argument for or against the proposed General Ordinance
No. 4-2022. Comments may be emailed to publiccomment@ind.com prior to the
meeting no later than 8:00 a.m. or may be submitted online during the hearing by
clicking on the Q&A panel in Zoom Webinar. To open the Q&A panel, click the
Q&A icon located on the toolbar and then click the "Ask a Question" button, type
the comment and click "Send." Copies of the proposed General Ordinance No.
4-2022 are available for inspection at the Office of the Executive Director on the
fourth (4th) floor of the main terminal building at the Indianapolis International
Airport at 7800 Col. H. Weir Cook Memorial Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana 46241.
Should special assistance/accommodations be needed for an individual's
participation in this meeting, please call (317) 487-9594 or TDD (317) 487-5151
prior to the scheduled date.
R1511 10/24/22

— CICERO —

REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR
SOLID WASTE, RECYCLING COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL
Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of Cicero, Indiana, will receive
sealed bids in the Office of the Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Cicero, 331
East Jackson Street, P.O. Box 650, Cicero, Indiana until 4:15 p.m., on Tuesday,
November 15, 2022 to provide solid waste, recycling, and yard waste collection
services to the Town of Cicero beginning January 1, 2023 through December 31,
2025. Additionally, bids will be accepted on November 15, 2022 at Red Bridge
Community Building, 697 W. Jackson Street, Cicero, IN, between 6:45 p.m. and
7:00 p.m. Bids will be opened at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, November 15, 2022.
Copies of specification and applicable bid forms are available in the Office of the
Clerk-Treasurer at 331 East Jackson Street, Cicero, Indiana.
The Cicero Town Council may award the contract to the bidder who the Council
believes will provide the best service to the citizens of Cicero. While the primary
criteria for selection shall be price, the Town reserves the right to also consider the
reputation of the bidder for service, and any other relevant criteria. The Council
may award the contract at its regularly scheduled meeting on December 6, 2022,
at 7:00 p.m.
Bids will be submitted on form (Form 96) and on forms which are included in
the specifications. Each bid is to be accompanied by either a bid bond or certified
check in the sum equal to ten percent (10%) of the total bid conditioned that such
bidder, if successful, will be required to furnish a performance bond for the full
amount of such bid and enter into a contract within ten (10) days of acceptance in
the form included in the specifications.
The Board reserves the right to reject, with or without cause and regardless of
reason, any and all bids.
Dated The 18th day of October, 2022.
Rhonda Gary
Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Cicero, Indiana
R1516 10/24/22

— CARMEL —

ORDINANCE NO. D-2645-22
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CARMEL, INDIANA, AMENDING SECTION 8-48 OF THE CARMEL
CITY CODE.
Synopsis: Establishes a 3-hour parking zone on a portion of Community
Drive.
WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana Code 9-21-1-3(a)(1), the City of Carmel,
Indiana (the "City") within the reasonable exercise of its police power, may by
ordinance regulate vehicular parking;
WHEREAS, the City has previously regulated vehicular parking within its
corporate limits, such regulations being codified, in part, in the City Code Section
8-48; and
WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, now finds
that it is in the interests of the public safety and welfare to further regulate parking
within the City.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Common Council of the
City of Carmel, Indiana, as follows:
Section 1. The foregoing Recitals are fully incorporated herein by this reference.
Section 2. The following subsection of Carmel City Code Section 8-48(d) is
hereby added and shall read as follows:
“(50) On both sides of Community Drive to a point 555 feet south of the
intersection of Community Drive and 146th Street.”
Section 11. All prior ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with any provision
of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, to the extent of such inconsistency only,
as of the effective date of this Ordinance, such repeal to have prospective effect
only. However, the repeal or amendment by this Ordinance of any other ordinance
does not affect any rights or liabilities accrued, penalties incurred or proceedings
begun prior to the effective date of this Ordinance. Those rights, liabilities and
proceedings are continued and penalties shall be imposed and enforced under such
repealed or amended ordinance as if this Ordinance had not been adopted.
Section 12. If any portion of this Ordinance is for any reason declared to be
invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the
validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance so long as enforcement of
same can be given the same effect.
Section 13. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the
date of its passage and signing by the Mayor and such publication as required by
law.
Section 14. The Carmel Street Department is directed to promptly add the
appropriate signage to fulfill the mandates contained in this Ordinance upon its
passage.
PASSED, by the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, this 17th day
of October, 2022, by a vote of 8 ayes and 0 nays.
COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF CARMEL
Kevin D. Rider, President *Jeff Worrell*, Vice-President
Sue Finkam *Laura Campbell*
Not Present H. Bruce Kimball *Anthony Green*
Adam Aasen *Tim Hannon*
Miles Nelson
ATTEST:
Sue Wolfgang, Clerk
Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Carmel, Indiana this 18th day of
October 2022, at 1:30 P.M.
Sue Wolfgang, Clerk
Approved by me, Mayor of the City of Carmel, Indiana, this 18th day of October
2022, at 2:00 P.M.
James Brainard, Mayor
ATTEST:
Sue Wolfgang, Clerk
R1528 10/24/22

— NOBLESVILLE —

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION TO ISSUE
BONDS OF THE CITY OF NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA
Taxpayers of the City of Noblesville, Indiana ("City") are notified that the
Common Council did, on October 11, 2022, adopt: (i) Ordinance No. 59-09-22
authorizing the issuance of Capital Projects Short-Term General Obligation
Bonds of 2022, Series A ("Series A Bonds") of the City in an aggregate amount
not to exceed \$5,500,000 for the purpose of providing funds for the costs of
funding capital improvements to City owned property and the acquisition of
capital equipment to serve City needs, together with all necessary appurtenances,
related improvements and equipment and to pay the costs of issuance of the
Series A Bonds. The Series A Bonds are to bear interest at a rate or rates not to
exceed 4.5% per annum (the exact rate or rates to be determined by negotiation
with the purchaser of the Series A Bonds), are to mature semiannually on June
30 and December 31 of each year with a final maturity no later than December
31, 2023, and are to be payable from property taxes levied and collected on all
taxable property in the City; and (ii) Ordinance No. 61-09-22 authorizing the
issuance of Capital Projects Short-Term General Obligation Bonds of 2022,
Series B ("Series B Bonds") of the City in an aggregate amount not to exceed
\$5,500,000 for the purpose of providing funds for the costs of funding capital
improvements to Pleasant Street, a significant east-west thoroughfare in the City
and to pay the costs of issuance of the Series B Bonds. The Series B Bonds are
to bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed 4.5% per annum (the exact rate or
rates to be determined by negotiation with the purchaser of the Series B Bonds),
are to mature semiannually on June 30 and December 31 of each year with a final
maturity no later than December 31, 2023 and are to be payable from property
taxes levied and collected on all taxable property in the City.
Dated October 17 and October 24, 2022.
CITY OF NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA
/s/ Jeff Spalding, Controller
City of Noblesville, Indiana
10/17/22, 10/24/22
R1506

— WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIP —

NOTICE OF EXECUTION OF FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEASE
BETWEEN THE WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC BUILDING
CORPORATION AND THE WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
COUNTY, INDIANA,
FOR LEASE OF FIRE STATION
Pursuant to action taken on October 17, 2022, a First Amendment to Lease with
the White River Township Public Building Corporation in the form submitted at
said meeting was authorized and approved by the Township Board of the White
River Township of Hamilton County, Indiana (the "Township").
The First Amendment to Lease in said form was executed on behalf of the
Township on October 17, 2022.
Dated October 24, 2022.
WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
R1513 10/24/22

— ATLANTA —

LEGAL NOTICE
Town of Atlanta
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
The Atlanta Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Nov. 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in
the Atlanta Town Hall, 105 East Main Street Atlanta, IN 46031 in order to hear the
following petition:
DOCKET NO. 110322-1
A public hearing concerning Section 3.10 of the Town of Atlanta Zoning
Ordinance in order to reduce the minimum side yard and rear yard setback for an
accessory structure.
Project address: 7805 E. 296th St., Atlanta, IN 46031
Legal Description Attached? (No)
The petition may be examined at the office of the Atlanta Building
Commissioner, 105 East Main Street, Atlanta, Indiana 46031
Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing or may file written
comments concerning the matter to be heard prior to or at the Hearing
The Hearing may be continued Tom time to time as may be found necessary
Petitioner's Name: Adam and Erika Wiles Date: 10-17-2022
R1508 10/21/22, 10/24/22

Hamilton North Public Library—Board of Trustees Executive Session
Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
Atlanta Library, 100 S. Walnut St., Basement
Agenda: To discuss a real property transaction including: (i) a purchase; (ii)
a lease as lessor; (iii) a lease as lessee; (iv) a transfer; (v) an exchange; or (vi)
a sale; by the governing body up to the time a contract or option is executed
by the parties, IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D). This clause does not affect a political
subdivision's duty to comply with any other statute that governs the conduct of the
real property transaction, including IC 36-1-10 or IC 36-1-11.
R1512 10/21/22, 1/24/22

— FISHERS —

CITY OF FISHERS RFPO TO DEVELOP AND CONSTRUCT THE
FISHERS EVENT CENTER AND MASTER IMPROVEMENTS
THROUGH A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP
The City of Fishers, Indiana ("City"), pursuant to Ind. Code §§ 5-23-5-3
and 5-3-1 et. seq., hereby provides NOTICE of its Request for Proposals and
Qualifications ("RFPO") to prospective entities interested in developing and
constructing the (a) Fishers Event Center and (b) horizontal improvements to
serve the Event Center and the entire Project Site.
RESPONSES DUE: NOVEMBER 11, 2022.
PROJECT OVERVIEW: With a maximum budget of \$170 Million (the
"Maximum Budget"), the City seeks offers for a developer to work with SCI
Architects, 469 7th Avenue, New York, NY 10018 to (a) complete the design
of the Event Center, (b) construct the Event Center and (c) construct Master
Improvements to serve the entire Project Site, all in a manner that allows the
entire Project to be delivered to the City within the Maximum Budget. The full
description of the project is available in the comprehensive RFPO available from
the City.
EVALUATION: The City will complete an evaluation and ranking of RFPO
responses based upon the following criteria:
Business Experience & Expertise: 70%
Proposed Costs 30%
The City's anticipated procurement schedule is as follows:
RFPO Issued October 19, 2022
Deadline for Questions regarding the RFPO October 31, 2022
Addenda (responses to questions) issued by City November 3, 2022
RFPO Responses Due November 11, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
Interviews (at City's discretion) Week of November 14th
Public Hearing and BOT Awarded November 22, 2022
This schedule is for illustration purposes only and should not be construed
as binding; **except that all RFPO Offers shall be submitted by or before**
November 11, 2022. Offers submitted after November 11, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
EST will not be considered.
The full text and additional information concerning the RFPO is available by
contacting the City at 317-595-3111. Capitalized terms used but not defined in this
Notice are used with the meaning set forth in the RFPO.
R1495 10/17/22, 10/24/22

CITY OF FISHERS
REQUEST FOR BIDS
Owner: City of Fishers, Indiana
Director of Engineering
Three Municipal Drive
Fishers, Indiana 46038
Project: 146th Street and Allisonville Road Force Main
Notice is hereby given that the City of Fishers, Indiana will receive sealed bids
for the Project addressed to the Director of Engineering, City of Fishers, 11565
Brooks School Road, Fishers, Indiana 46037 **until 2:00 P.M. on or before**
November 14, 2022. Any Bid received after the designated time will be returned
to the Bidder unopened. The Bids will be publicly opened and read by the City
of Fishers at **2:00 P.M. on November 14, 2022 in the Fishers Engineering**
Conference Room, located at 11565 Brooks School Road, Fishers, Indiana
46037. The Bid should be clearly marked "BID ENCLOSED 146TH STREET
AND ALLISONVILLE ROAD FORCE MAIN" on the outside of the envelope,
and as otherwise set forth in the Bid Documents.
For special accommodations required for handicapped individuals planning to
attend the public bid opening meeting, please call or notify the City of Fishers at
(317) 595-3160 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior thereto.
In general, the Work shall be completed by INDOT and State of Indiana
certified/qualified Contractors and Subcontractors for the Project and consists
of: Construction of 2-inch force main and sanitary manhole, sewer and lateral
construction in Hamilton County, Fishers, Indiana, in the vicinity of the
intersection of 146th Street and Allisonville Road all as required by the Bidding
Documents for the Project which have been assembled into a bound Project
Manual, and which together with the Drawings, may be examined at City of
Fishers, 11565 Brooks School Road, Fishers, IN 46037 or at the office of Butler,
Fairman and Seufert, Inc., 8450 Westfield Boulevard, Suite 300, Indianapolis,
Indiana 46240. Bid Documents and Plans can be obtained digitally from the
City of Fishers via link: <https://fishersin.viewpointcloud.com/categories/1079/>
record-types/1006533 for a fee of \$50. Partial sets will not be sold. Copies of bid
documents and plans are also available for examination in the Engineering office.
All payments for Bidding Documents are non-refundable. Bidders shall assure
that they have obtained complete sets of Drawings and Bidding Documents and
shall assume the risk of any errors or omissions in Bids prepared in reliance on
incomplete sets of Drawings and Contract Documents. Bids must be submitted
on the forms contained in the Project Manual, must contain the names of every
person or company interested therein, and shall be accompanied by:
(1) State Board of Accounts Form No. 96 (Contractor's Bid for Public
Work) (Revised 2013) as prescribed by the Indiana Board of Account and as
required in the Instruction to Bidders, including a financial statement, a statement
of experience, a proposed plan for performing the Work and the equipment the
Bidder has available for the performance of the Work;
(2) Bid Bond made payable to City of Fishers, in the amount of ten
percent (10%) of the total Bid amount, including alternates with a satisfactory
corporate surety or by a certified check on a solvent bank in the amount of ten
percent (10%) of the amount of the total Bid. The Bid Bond or certified check
shall be evidence of good faith that the successful Bidder will execute within ten
(10) calendar days or such other time specified by Owner from the acceptance of
the Bid, the Agreement and provision of the required Payment and Performance
Bonds as included in the Project Manual.
Any Bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of
Bids, but no Bidder shall withdraw its Bid within sixty (60) days after the actual
opening of the Bids. The Bid Bonds and certified checks of unsuccessful bidders
will be returned by the Owner upon selection of the successful Bidder, execution
of the Agreement, and provision of the required Performance and Payment Bonds.
Wage rates on the Project shall not be less than the prevailing wage scale as
determined in accordance with Ind. Code §5-16-7, et seq. and included in the
Project Manual, and the Contractor must conform to the antidiscrimination
provisions of Ind. Code §§5-16-6 et seq.
A Performance Bond with good and sufficient surety on the form provided in
the Project Manual, shall be required of the successful Bidder in an amount equal
to at least one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price, conditioned upon
the faithful performance of the Agreement. The surety of the Performance Bond
may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner's final settlement with the
Contractor.
The Contractor shall provide a Payment Bond to the Owner, approved by Owner
and for the benefit of the Owner, in an amount equal to one hundred percent
(100%) of the Contract Price. The Payment Bond is binding on the Contractor,
its subcontractors, and their successors and assigns for the payment of all
indebtedness to a person for labor and services performed, material furnished,
or services rendered. The Payment Bond must state that it is for the benefit of
the subcontractors, laborers, material suppliers, and those performing services.
The surety of the Payment Bond may not be released until one (1) year after the
Owner's final settlement with the Contractor.
All out-of-state bidder corporations must have a certificate of authority to do
business in the State. Application forms may be obtained by contacting the
Secretary of State, State of Indiana, Statehouse, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.
The Owner reserves the right to reject and/or cancel any and all Bids,
solicitations and/or offers in whole or in part as specified in the solicitation when
it is not in the best interests of the Owner as determined by the purchasing agency.
The Owner also reserves the right to waive irregularities in any Bid, and to accept
any Bid which is deemed most favorable to the Owner.
City of Fishers
R1514 10/24/22, 10/31/22

— ARCADIA —

NOI PUBLIC NOTICE
Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. (7256 Company Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46237),
on behalf of the Town of Arcadia, is submitting a Notice of Intent (NOI) to the
Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) for their intent to
comply with the requirements of Construction Stormwater General Permit to
discharge stormwater from construction activities associated with the Town of
Arcadia Water Utility Improvements Project. The location of the project is in
the Town of Arcadia, Hamilton County in Sections 13 and 24 of Township 20N
Range 4E and Section 19 of Township 20N Range 5E (approximate latitude and
longitude of 40.179051, -86.028708). Runoff from the project site will discharge
into Cicero Creek. Questions or comments regarding this project should be
directed to Andrew Cochrane, P.E., Project Engineer, Commonwealth Engineers,
Inc.
R1527 10/24/22

Submit Public Notices To:
PublicNotices@ReadTheReporter.com

First Millers girls semi-state trophy

The REPORTER

The Noblesville girls cross country team made history last Saturday.

The Millers won their first-ever semi-state championship, winning the trophy at Shelbyville’s Blue River Park. Noblesville’s depth and consistency led to a team score of 68 points, and a place at Saturday’s IHSAA state finals in Terre Haute.

Kennedy Applegate led the Millers by finishing 12th in a time of 18 minutes, 41.4 seconds, while Summer Rempe was not far behind in 14th. Noblesville closed its scoring soon after that when its next four runners took places 20 through 23. Riley Flynn finished in 40th place in a time of 19:30.0, making the Millers the only team to finish at or faster than that time.

Noblesville qualified for state for the 13th time in program history, and will compete at state for the seventh time in eight years. The top six teams at each semi-state advance to the state finals.

North Central placed second with 82 points, followed by Carmel in third place with 107 points. The Greyhounds continued their remarkable achievement of qualifying for every state finals since the tournament began in 1981; this will be Carmel’s 42nd appearance at state.

Jasmine Klopstad led the ‘Hounds by taking 13th place, clocking in at 18:43.5. All seven of Carmel’s runners finished in the top 44.

Guerin Catholic placed fourth as a team with 192 points. The Golden Eagles thus advanced to state for the second time in school history; their first time at state was back in 2016.

Bridget Gallagher had another outstanding race

for Guerin Catholic. She placed fourth in a time of 17:58.0, by far the best finish of all the Hamilton County runners.

Westfield had three individuals running at semi-state: Liz Smith placed 26th, Sydney Klinglesmith was 37th and Robyn Schemel took 45th.

In the boys race, Carmel took home the team championship, edging out Zionsville by seven points, 67-74. The Greyhounds won their 24th semi-state title, by far the most in IHSAA history, and advanced to state for the 49th time. Carmel has not missed the state meet since 1975.

Kole Mathison led the way for the Greyhounds, winning the individual race in a time of 14:56.1. Tony Provenzano was right there as well, taking third place. The Eagles had all five of their runners finish in positions 11 through 22, but the 1-3 punch from Carmel was too much to overcome. Charlie Leedke finished in 15th place, just ahead of Zionsville’s third runner, and that helped keep the Greyhounds in front.

Center Grove was third with 83 points, and Noblesville took fourth by scoring 129 points. The Millers made it to state for the 12th time in school history, and will be making their fourth consecutive trip to Terre Haute.

Asher Propst led Noblesville by finishing in sixth place. Caden Click was next by placing ninth.

Westfield finished in 10th place by scoring 304 points. Sam Hinds led the Shamrocks with a 33rd-place finish.

Two Guerin Catholic boys qualified as individuals; the top 10 runners not on an advancing team also head to state. Ethan Hines finished in 13th place, while Luke Moster was



Reporter photo by Kent Graham



Photo provided

(Above left) Noblesville’s Kennedy Applegate (right) finished 12th and led the Millers girls as they won their first-ever cross country semi-state championship last Saturday. At left is Carmel’s Jasmine Klopstad, who placed 13th individually and helped the Greyhounds to a third-place team finish. Both teams advance to Saturday’s IHSAA state finals. (Above right) The Fishers boys cross country team won the New Haven semi-state last Saturday at Indiana Wesleyan University.

31st.

Hamilton Heights’ Steven Case also raced at semi-state, clocking in at 17:53.3.

AT SHELBYVILLE Girls race

Team scores (top six advance to state): Noblesville 68, North Central 82, Carmel 107, Guerin Catholic 192, Zionsville 205, East Central 220, Franklin Central 245, Avon 249, Bishop Chatard 277, Brownsburg 279, Indian Creek 286, Franklin Community 288, Batesville 305, Southport 310, Plainfield 383, Center Grove 395, Roncalli 443, Mount Vernon 477, Centerville 495, New Castle 589.

Race winner: Lily Cridge (Bishop Chatard) 16:58.6.

Noblesville runners: 12. Kennedy Applegate 18:41.4, 14. Summer Rempe 18:47.9, 20. Nadia Perez 18:59.9, 21. Paige Hazelrigg 19:04.2, 22. Ansley Applegate 19:05.1, 23. Brooke Lahee 19:06.0, 40. Riley Flynn 19:30.0.

Carmel runners: 13. Jasmine Klopstad 18:43.5, 28. Sadie Foley 19:12.2, 30. Audrey Ricketts 19:13.3, 32. Emersyn Weaver 19:21.0, 41. Charlotte Konow 19:30.8, 42. Olivia Mundt 19:31.6, 44. Kara Wenzler 19:34.0.

Guerin Catholic runners: 4. Bridget Gallagher 17:58.0, 43. Bailey Freese 19:32.9, 51. Katie Kolb 19:50.3, 66. Rosie Barrett 20:03.8, 79. Keira Hines 20:21.9, 90. Claire Milam 20:39.5, 100. Grace Boivin 20:50.4.

Westfield runners: 26. Liz Smith 19:09.9, 37. Sydney Klinglesmith 19:26.7, 45. Robyn Schemel 19:37.1.

Boys race

Team scores: Carmel 67, Zionsville 74, Center Grove 83, Noblesville 129, Brebeuf Jesuit 163, Franklin Central 201,

Bishop Chatard 227, Brownsburg 242, Greenfield-Central 278, Westfield 304, Mount Vernon 307, Plainfield 309, Avon 334, Indian Creek 377, Mooresville 402, Perry Meridian 403, Franklin Community 439, Northeastern 452, Milan 452, Richmond 519.

Race winner: Kole Mathison (Carmel) 14:56.1.

Other Carmel runners: 3. Tony Provenzano 15:07.6, 15. Charlie Leedke 15:49.8, 24. Jack Capes 16:01.1, 30. Thomas Biltmier 16:07.4, 43. Connor Mallon 16:27.4, 82. KJ Sweeney 17:04.9.

Noblesville runners: 6. Asher Propst 15:31.2, 9. Caden Click 15:39.9, 29. Ronald Neal 16:06.4, 36. Jack Strong 16:15.4, 65. Alec Moor 16:52.4, 68. Samuel Rinker 16:53.9, 85. Ashton Burns 17:08.4.

Westfield runners: 33. Sam Hinds 16:11.8, 49. Jack Loiselle 16:34.5, 86. Owen Flynn 17:09.5, 98. William Cummings 17:22.6, 109. Drew Lovelace 17:35.4, 111. Owen Mohler 17:36.0, 122. Colin Lakomek 17:44.8.

Guerin Catholic runners: 13. Ethan Hines 15:46.9, 31. Luke Moster 16:09.2.

Hamilton Heights runner: 128. Steven Case 17:53.3.

The Fishers boys team triumphed at the New Haven semi-state last Saturday, which was run at Indiana Wesleyan University.

The Tigers also had a close finish, but beat out Northridge 79-84 for the semi-state trophy. It’s the third semi-state championship for the Tigers and their first since 2018, and they qualified for state for the 12th time in school history.

The difference in the meet was the No. 4 runner. Fishers senior Austin Wilson was that runner, and he took 20th place, well ahead of the Northridge No. 4, who placed 31st. The Tigers had all four of their runners place in the top 20, with sophomore Sam Quagliaroli placing seventh.

Hamilton Southeastern finished in third place with 120 points, and joins the other top six teams in advancing to state. Senior Ash Caylor finished ninth to lead the Royals to their 17th appearance at state.

In the girls meet, Southeastern placed third with 109 points, sending the Royals girls to state for the 11th time. Maggie Powers finished in fifth place to lead Southeastern.

Fishers placed ninth with 320 points. Freshman Abby Lotter led the Tigers by placing 43rd.

AT INDIANA WESLEYAN Girls race

Team scores: Homestead 79, Penn 90, Hamilton Southeastern 109, East Noble 119, Fort Wayne Carroll 125,

Concordia Lutheran 142, Northridge 149, Fort Wayne Northrop 176, Fishers 320, Pendleton Heights 327, NorthWood 350, Mishawaka 356, Adams Central 371, Norwell 407, Eastbrook 410, South Bend Adams 426, Huntington North 427, Monroe Central 427, Yorktown 437, Fort Wayne South Side 484.

Race winner: Nicki Southerland (Delta) 17:05.6.

Southeastern runners: 5. Margaret Powers 18:23.9, 21. Elizabeth Butler 19:19.9, 31. Catherine Campbell 19:33.7, 44. Anaya Lammie 19:50.6, 47. Addisly Smith 19:55.1, 72. Grace Newton 20:24.5, 77. Ava Powers 20:34.9.

Fishers runners: 43. Abby Lotter 19:49.4, 85. Emma Scherwefeger 20:44.8, 99. Addison Kane 20:54.1, 112. Nithya Murthy 21:10.2, 117. Mia Schiesser 21:16.2, 127. Isabella Murch 21:29.8, 130. Katelyn Thomas 21:36.0.

Boys race

Team scores: Fishers 79, Northridge 84, Hamilton Southeastern 120, Penn 161, Concordia Lutheran 176, Goshen 196, South Bend Adams 240, Wapahani 262, Wabash 273, Fort Wayne Carroll 286, Elkhart 295, Angola 306, Leo 314, West Noble 327, Oak Hill 330, Pendleton Heights 358, Belmont 457, Norwell 462, Bluffton 467, Yorktown 483.

Race winner: Noah Bontrager (Westview) 15:20.8.

Fishers runners: Sam Quagliaroli 15:58.6, 16. Tate Meaux 16:13.1, 18. Matthew Kim 16:13.8, 20. Austin Wilson 16:18.6, 49. Ethan Nix 16:49.1, 62. Bryson Slagle 16:56.3, 106. Parker Melling 17:36.6.

Southeastern runners: 9. Ashenafi Caylor 16:00.0, 22. Liam Powers 16:21.7, 37. Andrew Smith 16:38.8, 41. Nicholas Vega 16:45.3, 54. Tate Watson 16:51.5, 61. Ian Ross 16:56.2, 141. Matthew Hemmerling 18:17.6.

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High School Football Sectionals, Round 1

Sheridan Shutout Special keeps rolling

Legendary Coach Bud Wright clinches 100th playoff victory

By **RICHIE HALL**
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SHERIDAN — The Sheridan victory train kept rolling last Friday night at Bud Wright Stadium.

The Class 1A No. 5 Blackhawks, fresh off a Hoosier Heartland Conference championship, started their quest for another title by taking on Union City in the first round of Sectional 45. Sheridan took care of business early, defeating the Indians 62-0 to advance to the semi-finals.

“We just went with the attitude that if we came out and played our game, we’d be okay, so we had to get fired up to do it,” said Wright. And the coach said his team came out “on fire,” and never let up.

The win was also a significant milestone for Wright, as he collected his 100th IHSAA playoff win. Wright now has 445 wins in his nearly six-decade career.

Sheridan led 27-0 with 3:42 left in the first quarter. Peyton Cross scored the first touchdown, a 42-yard run, at the 8:47 mark. Jacob Jones followed that with two scores, the first a 78-yard sprint with just over seven minutes left in the period.

Two more long runs

would follow in the first quarter: Jones scored again from 22 yards, then Cross took a 66-yard trip into the end zone for the game’s fourth touchdown. The defense was playing well too, as Trent DeCraene made a first-quarter interception.

The Blackhawks didn’t let up in the second quarter. Cross made a 70-yard touchdown run with 10:53 left in the period, then Jones took off on a 34-yard cruise into the end zone. DeCraene got his touchdown midway through the quarter on a 19-yard run, then Zach Bales (24 yards) and Jones (33 yards) added the final two touchdowns with under three minutes left in the half. Owen Bell had eight extra-point kicks.

The second half belonged to the junior varsity players, and Wright complimented their play, saying he thought the JV kids “had pretty good intensity” when they were in the game.

“The reserves, I thought they did some good things,” said Wright.

Sheridan’s running game was remarkably efficient, with 458 yards in just 26 carries. Cross had five rushes for 192 yards, while Jones totaled 167



Reporter photo by Kirk Green
Sheridan coach Bud Wright won his 100th IHSAA playoff game after his Blackhawks beat Union City.

SHERIDAN 62,
UNION CITY 0

Score by Quarters

Union City	0	0	0	0-0
Sheridan	27	35	0	0-62

Team Stats	UC	SHER
First Downs	7	15
By Rush	4	14
By Pass	3	1
By Penalty	0	0
Rushes-Yards	29-2	26-458
Yards Passing	27	30
Comp-Att-Int-TD	6-27-1-0	3-5-0-0
Fumbles-Lost	5-2	3-1
Penalties-Yards	3-27	6-40
Punts-Average	6-34.3	2-33.5

Sheridan Scoring

First Quarter

8:47 – Peyton Cross 42-yard run (Owen Bell kick)
7:06 – Jacob Jones 78-yard run (kick failed)
5:02 – Jones 22-yard run (Bell kick)
3:42 – Cross 66-yard run (Bell kick)

Second Quarter

10:53 – Cross 70-yard run (Bell kick)
7:44 – Jones 34-yard run (Bell kick)
5:54 – Trent DeCraene 19-yard run (Bell kick)
2:43 – Zach Bales 24-yard run (Bell kick)
2:17 – Jones 33-yard run (Bell kick)

Sheridan individual stats

Rushing: Cross 5-192, Jones 4-167, Bales 5-48, Bell 4-19, DeCraene 1-19 Eli Kolb 2-18, Chance Spencer 1-6, Jonathan Barnes 2-1, Jacob Hall 1-minus 5, Caleb Alexander 1-minus 7.

Passing: Alexander 2-3-27, Bell 1-2-3.

Receiving: Erich Retz 1-18, Keagan Hampton 1-9, Hall 1-3.

Guenthner saves game with fourth-quarter field goal, Golden Eagles advance to semi-finals

The REPORTER

Guerin Catholic traveled north to take on undefeated Oak Hill last Friday night in the first round of Class 3A Sectional 28.

The game went down to the wire, but No. 9-ranked Guerin prevailed 24-21, thanks to a fourth-quarter field goal from Evan Guenthner. The Golden Eagles thus advanced to Friday’s sectional semi-finals.

“It was definitely a test,” said GC coach Tom Dilley. “It was a very competitive night.” The coach said his team “had to dig deep, a few of them had to do some things they hadn’t done before,” such as play both ways and fill in for other players who were banged up.

“I feel like we had some growth tonight,” said Dilley.

The coach said that Oak Hill is “a good team,” with talent in every level of its defense, and talented players who carry the ball and on the offensive line.

“They know who they are and they play hard,” said Dilley.

Guerin Catholic never trailed, scoring the game’s first touchdown when Justin Zdobylyak ran into the end zone from six yards. The Golden Eagles added another touchdown in the second quarter; Anthony Ferrucci made a three-yard sprint for the score. Oak Hill scored its first touchdown before halftime, but GC still led 14-7 at the break.

Cooper Navarro gave Guerin Catho-



Photo courtesy GCHS The Max
Guerin Catholic’s Justin Zdobylyak makes a dive for more yards during the Golden Eagles’ Sectional 28 win at Oak Hill last Friday. Zdobylyak finished the game with 194 yards rushing and one touchdown.

lic another touchdown in the third quarter with an eight-yard run. Guenthner made all three of his extra-point kicks. Oak Hill came back to tie the game by the end of the period at 21-21, but a 36-yard field goal from Guenthner turned out to be the game-winner.

“We played hard,” said Dilley. “We didn’t play perfect by any means. But I thought we played hard and made a cou-

ple big mistakes that allowed them to hang around. In the end, I thought they persevered through some things and made plays when they had to.”

Zdobylyak finished the game with 194 yards rushing. Quarterback Malcolm Houze had a solid night, going 15-for-27 through the air for 155 yards. Alex Gibbs had six catches.

The Golden Eagles are 6-4 and travel to

GUERIN CATHOLIC 24, OAK HILL 21				
Score by Quarters				
Guerin Catholic	7	7	7	3 - 24
Oak Hill	0	7	14	0 - 21
Team Stats	GC	OH		
First Downs	26	16		
By Rush	16	13		
By Pass	10	2		
By Penalty	0	1		
Rushes-Yards	53-199	34-234		
Yards Passing	155	77		
Comp-Att-Int-TD	15-27-0-0	7-11-0-0		
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0		
Penalties-Yards	5-44	1-5		
Punts-Average	1-51.0	3-30.7		
Guerin Catholic Scoring				
First Quarter				
Justin Zdobylyak 6-yard run (Evan Guenthner kick)				
Second Quarter				
Anthony Ferrucci 3-yard run (Guenthner kick)				
Third Quarter				
Cooper Navarro 8-yard run (Guenthner kick)				
Fourth Quarter				
Guenthner 36-yard field goal				
Guerin Catholic individual stats				
Rushing: Zdobylyak 37-194, Navarro 8-37, Ferrucci 6-30, Houze 2-minus 62.				
Passing: Houze 15-27-155.				
Receiving: Alex Gibbs 6-53, Ferrucci 4-59, Will Fremion 2-17, Hayden Cler 2-17, Harrison Miller 1-9.				

Tippecanoe Valley Friday for their semi-final game.

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HSE avenges early season loss in Noblesville regional championship

By **RICHIE HALL**
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NOBLESVILLE – The last time the Hamilton Southeastern volleyball team played McCutcheon was the first game of the 2022 regular season.

The Mavericks beat the Royals in four sets. Since then, Southeastern has done nothing but win. Last Saturday, the Royals got their biggest win in several years, avenging that loss to McCutcheon by beating the Mavericks in four sets to win the Noblesville regional championship.

After a shaky first set, Southeastern got stronger as the match went on, eventually winning 16-25, 25-21, 25-18, 25-19. The Royals won their third regional championship in program history (the other two were in 2015 and 2019), and also dethroned last year’s Class 4A state champions.

Southeastern is now 31-1 and will play Lake Central in the 4A north semi-state Saturday at Frankfort. The match will start around 2:30 p.m., after the 2A north semi-state between Andrean and Wapahani.

“We didn’t expect a three-set match,” said HSE coach Jason Young. “We expected four or five. We talked about, the score doesn’t matter. It’s just one-nothing, and just go back to work.”

The Mavericks jumped out to an 11-4 lead in the first set, eventually expanding their lead to 18-9 and holding on to that margin from there. The Royals got it together in the second set, taking an early 4-2 lead thanks to kills from Lauren Harden and Avery Hobson.

McCutcheon came back to lead 8-6 early in the set. The Mavericks’ Pur-

due-bound Chloe Chicoine was her usual dominant self, pounding the ball on the corners. But Southeastern hung in there, and used two Harden kills to take the lead back at 11-9.

“The middle of set two, it was back and forth,” said Young. The coach said that “it was at that moment that we finally flipped the switch and just started playing a bit differently and getting after it and doing what we do, which is serve the ball tough, pass the ball tough and be big at the net.”

It seemed like everybody was getting in the act. Hobson, Tiffany Snook and Breonna Goss all hit kills during the second set. That timely offense helped the Royals to weather any storms by the Mavericks, who led 17-15 midway through the set.

“We’ve been growing more and more as a team,” said Goss, who credited “team bonding and being together” with HSE’s success.

“I think we just changed our mentality,” said Snook. “We realized that we weren’t going to just win this and we actually had to earn it.”

McCutcheon led 18-17, but the Royals took off on a 6-0 run that included an ace by Macy Hinshaw and a block by Lindsey Mangelson. Southeastern led 23-18 at that point, and eventually ran out the set.

The Mavericks took an early lead in the third set, going up 8-7 early. Madison Evett stepped up with back-to-back kills to push the Royals up 9-8. After that, Southeastern never trailed in the match again.

The Royals steadily added to their lead in that set, with a three-point run moving them ahead 14-10. Mangelson punched down a



Reporter photo by Kirk Green

The Hamilton Southeastern volleyball team happily held up its first regional trophy since 2019 last Saturday after beating McCutcheon in the Noblesville regional. The Royals beat the defending Class 4A state champion Mavericks in four sets.

kill, Hinshaw served another ace, then Goss and Harden teamed for a block. Another three-point run put HSE up 23-16, with Snook spiking a kill, Evett and Goss making a block. Goss finished the set strong, putting down back-to-back kills to give Southeastern the set.

Harden and Snook both made seven block assists, while Goss had six for the game. Goss said her main focus was “to slow down Chloe and just get touches on all of her hits.”

Now that they had control of the match, the Royals began sprinting to the finish line. Southeastern roared out to a 12-4 lead in the fourth set, with Hobson, Snook, Evett and Mangelson all hitting kills. McCutcheon made a last stand to cut HSE’s advantage to 12-9, but Evett stopped that with a kill. Goss then made a block, and the Royals were up 14-9. South-

eastern’s stayed between four and eight points until the end of the match, which Goss finished with a kill.

Hobson led the offense with 14 kills, while Harden put down 11 kills. The Royals’ offense was incredibly balanced: Mangelson and Goss both had nine kills, while Snook hit five. Hinshaw dished out 25 assists, in addition to hitting a kill and serving two aces. Ava Hunter handed out 23 assists. Libero Sophie Ledbetter collected 22 digs, while Hobson had 13 digs.

Southeastern advanced to the championship match by sweeping Fort Wayne Carroll in the semi-finals, 25-16, 25-18, 25-20. After easily winning the first set, the Royals steadily pulled away from the Chargers in the second set. A Sophie Ledbetter ace gave Southeastern a 4-1 lead early in the set.

Back-to-back kills by Lauren Harden and Madison Evett pushed HSE ahead 13-7, then Avery Hobson put down a pair of kills to give the Royals a 17-8 lead. Breonna Goss spiked a kill to give Southeastern a handful of set points at 24-13. Carroll put up some resistance by saving five set points, but a Harden kill finished the set.

The Chargers used that momentum to take leads of 4-1, then 9-6 in the third set. The Royals won four consecutive points to lead 10-9. Evett hit a kill, teamed with Goss for a block, then Tiffany Snook served an ace.

Southeastern led 14-11 before Carroll won four straight points for a 15-14 lead. But the Royals made a 4-0 run of their own, including a Ledbetter ace and a Harden kill.

That put HSE ahead 18-15, and the Royals held on to the lead from there. Southeastern finished by winning the last four points of the

match. Evett started the run with a block, then Goss took over with a block, followed by a kill to set up match point. The Royals only needed one to clinch the match.

Harden led the hitting with 13 kills, followed by Hobson with nine. Macy Hinshaw handed out 19 assists, followed by Ava Hunter with 14. Tiffany Snook totaled six block assists. Ledbetter collected 20 digs.

Golden Eagles reach final

The Guerin Catholic volleyball team made it to the championship match of the Class 3A Monrovia regional last Saturday.

The Golden Eagles beat Speedway 25-16, 25-10, 25-14 in the semi-finals, then fell to Western Boone 25-9, 25-10, 25-18 in the championship. Guerin Catholic finished its season with a 16-18 record.



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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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Alexandra Paterson Robins

March 16, 1952 – August 6, 2022

Alexandra Paterson Robins went home to be with her Heavenly Father on Saturday, Aug. 6, in Indianapolis, after a brief bout with Bulbar ALS. She was 70 years old.

Dr. Robins led a life of travel and adventure. She was born in Schenectady, N.Y., attended high school in Dallas, Texas, and attended Indiana University. She also attended Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Ill., which greatly shaped her life. She enjoyed studying theology and spent time at L’Abri in Switzerland to study with theologian Francis Schaeffer. She spent many years in Chicago, eventually studying chiropractic medicine at National University of Health Sciences in Lombard, Ill., before moving to Carmel to be a caretaker for her parents and to build a chiropractic practice. After many years in practice, Dr. Robins taught health science courses at Ivy Tech Community College and other colleges in the Indianapolis area. Some of the places she enjoyed traveling to include Alaska, Bahamas, Canada, Europe, Israel, and South Korea. Of her travels, her most meaningful trip was to the Holy Land.

Dr. Robins is survived by her siblings, Neill R. Robins III, William M. Robins, Rebecca L. Dissinger, Melinda J. Robins, and Anna E. Robins; her five nieces and nephews; and 10 great-nieces and nephews. Her parents, Neill R. Robins Jr., and Judith W. Robins preceded her in death.

Family and close friends will gather for a private memorial service. Online condolences may be shared by visiting flannerbuchanan.com. Arrangements were entrusted to Flanner Buchanan – Carmel.



Joseph Paul Druckemiller

June 23, 1964 – October 19, 2022

Joseph Paul Druckemiller, 58, Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at his home. He was born on June 23, 1964, to the late Oris and Esther (Winters) Druckemiller in Van Wert, Ohio.

Joe served with Campus Crusade for Christ (Cru) for 28 years, in both the U.S. ministry as well as Power to Change in Australia. Working in full-time ministry with Cru as well as Grace Church, Joe focused on global communications, conference programming and production. He was an a cappella jazz vocalist and enjoyed traveling and living overseas for 20 years. Joe had a green thumb and enjoyed growing his orchids and bonsais. He cherished watching movies with his daughter and loved spending time with family and friends.

Joe is survived by his wife, Alison Druckemiller; daughter, Anna LeMei Druckemiller; and his siblings, Jim (Rose) Druckemiller, Michelle (Mark) Finnestad, and John (Angie) Druckemiller.

Visitation took place on Monday, October 24, 2022, at Grace Fishers Church, 12450 Olivo Road, Fishers. An additional visitation will be on Tuesday, October 25 at Grace Fishers Church from 10 to 11:15 a.m., with funeral services following at 11:30 a.m. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Project Main Street, 244 5th Ave., Suite #2417, New York, NY 10001 (projectmainst.org/how-to-help/); or ALS Association of Indiana, 7202 E. 87th St., Suite 102, Indianapolis, IN 46256 (webin.alsa.org).

Condolences: randallroberts.com



Sarah Jane (Taylor) Waitt

May 23, 1930 – October 16, 2022

Sarah Jane (Taylor) Waitt, 92, formerly of Sheridan, passed away on Sunday morning, October 16, 2022, at the home of her daughter and son in law, Marylee and David Pound, where she had been living since May.

She was born on May 23, 1930, to Mrs. Kathryn Taylor in Cincinnati, Ohio. Her father, Odus Taylor, passed away in March, just before she was born. Her family moved to Sheridan after her birth, and she resided there until 2016 when she moved to Wellbrooke of Westfield with her husband.

She was a 1948 graduate of Sheridan High School and attended Earlham College.

On September 25, 1954, she married Dr. Paul Waitt, and together they would celebrate 66 wonderful years of marriage prior to his death on October 3, 2020.

Sarah Jane was a full-time mother and homemaker. Her six children kept her busy as she shuttled them to activities, ball practices, and games. Her car was always in motion.

She began a second life after the graduation of her youngest in 1983. She was a birthright Quaker and a member of the Sheridan Friends Meeting. She served in the Western Yearly Meeting and would ultimately become president of their United Society of Friends Women – a position that afforded her the opportunity to travel throughout the Midwest to serve in that capacity. She faithfully served on the Board of Directors for both Earlham College and Conner Prairie during that time as well.

She traveled with her husband to China, Russia, and Germany, as well as mission trips to Kenya and Palestine. She also enjoyed the years she was able to winter in Naples, Fla.

Sarah Jane loved holidays – especially Christmas. Deck the halls wasn’t just a song to her. She liked nothing better than to have all the “troops” home with her for a party, or just a Sunday dinner.

She is survived by her children, Marylee (David) Pound of Indianapolis, Tom (Sally) Waitt of Sheridan, Reid (Kim) Waitt of Raleigh, N.C., Susan (Alan) Gossard of Sheridan, and John (Karla) Waitt of Sheridan; daughter-in-law, Carolyn Waitt of Aurora, Ill.; 14 grandchildren, of which she was a very proud to be their Mema, John Paul and Chloe Pound, Ross Waitt, Katie (Lawson) Kilpatrick, Luke (Allison) Waitt, Samuel (Shannon) Waitt, Taylor (Katie) Waitt, Kathryn (Mac) Schultz, Lauren Waitt, Grant (Michelle) Gossard, Garrett (Brittany) Gossard, Emily Waitt, Sarah Waitt, and Jack (Brittany) Waitt; five great-grandchildren, with November bringing baby Gossard – number six, Ava Waitt, Merritt and Oaks Kilpatrick, and Max and Joe Gosard; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her son, Dan M. Waitt; daughter-in-law, Tracy Waitt; her brothers, Richard and Raymond Taylor; as well as a great-granddaughter, Adeline Kilpatrick.

A celebration of her life was held on Sunday, October 23, 2022, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan.

In lieu of flowers, you may remember Sarah Jane by planting a daffodil, tulip, or snapdragon.

Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com



Don’t run red lights with your health

“Is it not unlawful to run red lights?!” – Rhetorical question from me to my husband Bruce

Readers: Warning! Metaphors ahead!

Recently I have been frighteningly impressed by the number of vehicles running traffic red lights, primarily in the Noblesville area. I am horrified by the number which continues to grow. This says much about our civil society these days, but I digress. I am tempted to go THERE but will not! However, I have been reflecting on these important traffic lights and how we can use those as metaphors which relate to our own health and well-being. For instance:

Obituary

Frederick “Fred” Lewis Evans

August 12, 1935 – October 16, 2022

On October 16, 2022, peacefully and surrounded by his loving wife and family, Frederick “Fred” Lewis Evans of Sheridan left for his final fishing trip. Fred was born August 12, 1935, to Frank and Pearl Evans of Greenville, Pa.

Fred married his beloved wife, Ardell (Thrasher) Evans, on November 26, 1954, and they have celebrated 68 years of love and marriage together. Fred and Ardell shared an amazing life together and anyone that knew them, knew they came as a package. Their love was everlasting and stood strong as the years went by. One of his final comments to his family was acknowledging his love for Ardell saying, “I love that woman! I wouldn’t have made it without her. I’ve been with her my whole life.” Although he was always proud of catching the biggest fish, his true pride in life was that he caught the biggest prize of all, his dear wife Ardell.

In 1954, Fred moved from Pennsylvania to the Midwest and settled in Sheridan to begin what became a long and happy life with an ever-growing family. Fred was the proud father of four wonderful children that were the joy of his life. He was the proudest dad and could often be heard telling stories about all his children’s successes in life. He stood with his children in good times and bad making sure that regardless of the outcome that they knew they were loved. He was a strong man that valued hard work and honesty. He passed down to all his children the same strength and devotion to their own families.

Fred was the best Grandpa and was so proud of his grandchildren. He could be seen on the sidelines of ball games, attending grandparent’s days at their schools, talent shows, watching many weddings, and holding lots of newborn great-grandchildren. He loved to tease all the kids and see them smile.

Fred worked for Ford Motor Company in Indianapolis for 40 years as a Tool and Precision Die-Cutting Specialist. He retired from Ford in 1997 and celebrated 25 years of retirement this year. Prior to his extensive career at Ford Motor Company, Fred worked for Greenville Steel Car in Greenville, Pa., Gentry Excavating, Biddle Manufacturing, and Herschel Graham’s Gas Station, all in Sheridan.

Fred was a long-standing member of the Free and Accepted Masons Lodge in Pickard, Ind., and was raised to Master Mason by his son, Bruce Evans. He was proud of being a Brother Mason and was honored to live by their principles and share in the fellowship.

Fred will be remembered as a skilled fisherman, avid hunter, and an expert storyteller. His stories ranged from finding many coolers full of morel and snake head mushrooms in the woods of Michigan and Indiana; the battles with Tennessee’s water snakes; fishing and boating the chilly waters of Minnesota and Ontario, Canada; and even bear hunting in the hills of Pennsylvania. He was one of the greatest fishermen that people knew. He was so proud to tell everyone that his biggest fish was caught in Orr, Minn., on the Vermillion River and was a 29-pound, 54-inch Northern Pike. He loved to go fishing with his wife and kids as well as the many friends he made over the years. He was always happiest in the seat of his boat, his family and friends by his side, a fishing pole in his hand, and the sun coming up over the horizon. There was always a plentiful feast to follow with the day’s catch. Fred also found his passion in wild-game hunting. He would often travel to Iowa with his bird dogs to score his prized pheasants and quail; enjoyed hunting deer, rabbit, and raccoon in Indiana; and hunting geese, turkey, rabbit, and deer in Pennsylvania. It provided him a great honor to teach his sons how to trap game. He was also proud of his many accomplishments as a self-taught bowler and golfer – earning trophies in both throughout the years.



Eating Plan: (Do not call it a “diet” – which should only be used as a noun, not a verb!)

Green light

- Complex carbohydrates (whole grain breads, peas, beans, potatoes, oats, fruits, vegetables)
- Fats – monounsaturated and polyunsaturated (avocados, olive oil, unsalted nuts and nut butters)
- Proteins (lean meats, seafood, eggs, dairy, seeds and nuts, legumes, soy)

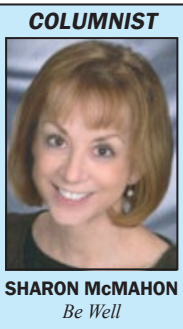
Yellow light

- Sodium
- Saturated fats (cheese, palm and coconut oils, red meats)
- Alcohol

Red light

- Fast foods (Sorry!)
- Sugar
- Trans fats
- Refined grains

While the above usage of “traffic lights” is meant to merely illustrate foods which are the most safe and healthy, just remember that for your best life that 45 to 60 percent of your eating plan should be carbohydrates, 20 to 35



percent healthy fats, and 10 to 35 percent proteins. Persons with specific medical conditions will need to consult their physicians.

The Green Lights will keep you healthy, the Yellow Lights can be tricky so be careful, and if you find yourself in a Red Light situation – be careful! These guidelines are intended to help people decrease their risk of some forms of cancer, heart disease, obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, stroke, osteoporosis, and liver disease – the so-called lifestyle diseases. So please ... eat healthy, pay attention to yellow lights, and don’t run those red lights!

¹ U.S. Department of Agriculture; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Sharon McMahon, CNWC

The opinions expressed in this article are not intended to replace advice of your personal physician or licensed health professional. Please consult your physician for any issues you may have related to nutrition or fitness activity.

Hamilton County Parks seeks public input for two new parks properties

The REPORTER

Addressing the critical deficiency of parkland in Hamilton County, as defined by Indiana DNR, Hamilton County Parks has acquired land for one new park and will further develop one of its existing parks.

The county parks leadership is seeking direction regarding how these park properties can best be utilized. The department has scheduled an open meeting to gather public input intended to help guide the master planning of the recently acquired HC Farms property, located at 216th Street and Hinkle Road, and nearby Bray Family Homestead Park, 4528 Sheridan Road (State Road 38), Noblesville.

Discussion will take place concerning potential recreational activities, amenities and programs for the parks that attendees feel should be considered in planning, to best serve the community. Traditional park offerings such as trails and shelters will be discussed.

The public meeting will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 9 at Bray Family Homestead Park.

For complete details, please call (317) 770-4400 or visit MyHamiltonCountyParks.com.

Obituary

William D. Goodnight

August 22, 1962 – August 31, 2022

William D. Goodnight, 60, Pinellas Park, Fla., formerly of Sheridan, was called to his Heavenly home on Wednesday, August 31, 2022, at Largo Medical Center in Largo, Fla., surrounded by his loving family.

Born on August 22, 1962, at Fort Hood, Texas, he was the son of Caroline Jane (Mossburg) Goodnight and the late Lowell Meredith Goodnight.

William was a Sheridan High School graduate with the class of 1981, where he was a proud member of the 1980 Sheridan Blackhawks State Football Championship team. He earned his Bachelor of Business at Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion. This led him into owning his own business “1” Will Do Carpet Cleaning, Residential and Commercial. He enjoyed meeting and becoming close friends with his customers. Later, he was in sales with Republic Waste Management until moving to Florida in 2021, where he was in sales for Waste Pro.

William’s real passion was working with the youth in football and basketball. That led him into the Zionsville Youth Program, where he coached several different football and basketball youth teams. He met so many wonderful boys and their parents, which was very life fulfilling for him.

He always dreamed of moving to Florida to enjoy the sunshine, beaches and watching the sunsets over the ocean. So glad he was able to do just that.

William is survived by his mother, Caroline Jane (Mossburg) Goodnight of Sheridan; his daughters, who were the loves of his life, Gabrielle Marie Goodnight of Indianapolis, and Ellie Grace Goodnight of Fishers; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins. He is also survived by his companion, Christy Jones of Clearwater, Fla.; and his faithful canine buddy, Dottie.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lowell M. Goodnight; his paternal grandparents, Burford Goodnight and Anna Mae Goodnight; and by his maternal grandparents, Ernest and Maxine Mossburg.

A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, October 22, 2022, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan, with visitation prior to the time of Service. Cade Stockwell officiated. William will be laid to rest at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan at a later date.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan.

Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com



Good news from Stony Creek Church of Christ

Baptism – whose work is it?

First of all, lest I be misunderstood and falsely accused of believing in "water salvation," let me say as plainly and strongly as I can that I am fully persuaded that the Bible teaches that man is saved

from the consequences and guilt of his sins through the blood of Jesus Christ (Eph. 1:7; Romans 5:9). Man is not saved on the basis of his own works or through works of human merit (Eph. 2:8).

A passage that is most helpful in this discussion is Colossians 2:13. ***“And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses...”***

When man is buried with Christ in baptism (Romans 6:4-7), he is made



alive together with Him having had his sins forgiven. This Paul attributes to the "working of God" (v.12). When a man is baptized God removes the man's sins that caused him to be spiritually dead. The watery grave of baptism is where God promises to do His work of cutting away the filth of his transgressions. What is significant is not that the man allowed himself to be plunged under the water, but that he agreed to meet God "at the place" where God promised to do His surgery. Thus, man is not saved on the basis of his own work, but rather the work of God.

Jesus taught that repentance was a prerequisite to salvation (Luke 13:3,5 "... unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."). Thus,

when we meet God on His "operating table" where He cuts away our spiritual filth, we must do so because we are truly sorrowful for our sins and desire to turn our life around. Peter in agreement with Jesus, preached in Acts 3:19 that those who had rejected Jesus needed to, "Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away ..." The New Testament clearly teaches that man must repent of his sins before God will forgive his sins. But, is repentance the only prerequisite to salvation?

Why would we find different statements regarding salvation in the New Testament? For instance, Eph. 2:5 states we are saved by grace. Romans 5:9 states we are saved by the blood of Jesus? On Pentecost people who had shouted for the crucifixion were told to repent and be baptized (Acts 2:38). Again, in Acts 3:19, Peter tells a different crowd,

they needed to repent and return to God in order to have their sins wiped away. Paul told the suicidal jailer in Acts 16:31 that if he believed in Jesus he could be saved. Why this difference?

If you were giving directions to someone in Noblesville how to get to Columbus, Ohio where would start? What instructions would you give him? If you were telling someone in Evansville how to get to Columbus, where would you start? What instructions would you give him? Would these two different sets of directions contradict themselves or be confusing? Not at all! You would start where each person was and then direct them to the same goal.

The same thing is true in the New Testament where men received different directions because they were beginning in different places. It was obvious that the people in Acts 2

were not told to believe or confess Jesus, because they had reacted to Peter's sermon about Jesus as the murdered, resurrected Messiah. Was belief or confession not important or necessary? Of course not. They had evidenced belief and acknowledgment that they wanted to turn from the consequences of their sins. Did the suicidal jailer have faith in Jesus as God's son? How was Paul going to know, thus he told him to begin his journey to salvation at the point of faith. As with faith so it is with the blood of Jesus (Romans 5:9), it forms a portion of the foundation of salvation.

By what right do we eliminate any command of God? By what right do we pick and chose which of His commands we like and chose to obey? I can no more eliminate baptism than I can eliminate faith or repentance.

Would you like more

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information or a personal study of this issue? I would love to accommodate your request. May we help you come to know your God and Creator more fully? Do you have questions or disagreements? If you do have concerns about your knowledge of the eternal God and salvation, please contact us at the Stony Creek Church of Christ. We will be happy to study God's Word with you and help you find the "peace that passes understanding" (Philippians 4:7).

Invest Hamilton County welcomes Kyle Marhsall & Jill Doyle to team

The REPORTER

Invest Hamilton County (Hamilton County Economic Development Corporation) has added two new staff members in recent weeks.

Kyle Marshall joins the team as the Deputy Director of The Pursuit Institute. Marshall comes to the organization from Conexus Indiana where he served as the senior director of K-16 education programs. In his role, Marshall was responsible for managing talent initiatives, creating CTE programming and cultivating connectivity between industry, education and state leadership partners.

He started his career as a project manager for Wyn-

right Corporation where he implemented logistics solutions and supported site training for customers throughout North America. When Marshall decided to take his industry knowledge to the classroom, he chose Teach For America as a transitional program to earn his teaching license. He taught at-risk youth as a middle school math and science teacher and then found his passion in career and technical education. He has served as an engineering and advanced manufacturing instructor, post-secondary adjunct professor, and teacher coach.

"It is an absolute privilege to serve the students

of Hamilton County, a place I am proud to call home," Marshall said. "I am thrilled to join a passionate leader at the Pursuit Institute and the entire Invest Hamilton County team to drive innovation, improve accessibility, and forge partnerships within career and technical education."

Jill Doyle joined in early September as the Communications & Special Projects Senior Manager. She will work on The Pursuit Institute, disability employment, mental health and work-

force development priorities throughout the County. Doyle brings over 20 years of experience working in and around a variety of non-profit organizations including working with Westfield Washington Schools and the Hamilton County Leadership Academy (HCLA) which she led from 2010 to 2017.



Marshall



Doyle



"Hamilton County is a community that makes great things happen and that's because of our people," said Mike Thibideau, Vice President of Workforce Strategy for Invest Hamilton County. "As an Economic Development Corporation, we are unique in our exclusive

focus on workforce development and quality of life priorities. With Kyle and Jill added to the team we're better positioned than ever to continue to make an impact locally and continue Hamilton County's status as an economic and talent engine for the state of Indiana."

Have I Done My Part?



Ephesians 2:5 -we are saved by grace.
Romans 5:9 -we are saved by the blood of Jesus. Both of those are universally available to all men in all places.

What about faith (Ephesians 2:8) -do you have faith? Have you repented and been baptized (Acts 2:38)? My friend, would you obey all the commands of God? Consider the serious consequences!



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What is marriage?

We can all agree that marriage has changed over the years, but do you know the legal definition? In *Maynard v. Hill*, an 1888 United States Supreme Court case originating out of Oregon, the Supreme Court stated in its opinion:

“Marriage, as creating the most important relation in life, as having more to do with the morals and civilization of a people than any other institution, has always been subject to the control of the legislature. That body prescribes the age at which parties may contract to marry, the procedure or form essential to constitute marriage, the duties and obligations it creates, its effects upon the property rights of both, present and prospective, and the acts which may constitute grounds for its dissolution.”

Moreover, the High Court reasoned that marriage:

“... is a social relation like that of parent and child, the obligations of which arise not from the consent of concurring minds, but are the creation of the law itself, a relation most important, as affecting the happiness of individuals, the first step from barbarism to social civilization, the purest high of social life and the true basis of human progress.”

The case, when reduced to elementary principles, was about property rights in a divorce, but the facts were most interesting.

• David Maynard set off on the Oregon Trail without his wife, Lydia, and two children, stating that he would send for them. He never did.

• He falls in love with Catherine Brashears and in the interest of marrying his new love, seeks a divorce from the Oregon legislature, which is granted.

• Lydia, eventually shows up in Oregon to assert her rights to a portion of the land, which are ultimately denied.

• This case went on for many years. Eventually, Lydia did die, and her children took up the claim.

Black’s Law Dictionary defines marriage as the formal union of a man and woman typically recognized by law by which they become husband and wife.

As you may know, the courts and legislators have had great difficulty defining marriage. Is marriage something so sacred and holy it should not be defined in law at all? After all, the State does not define holy communion. Neither does it define baptism. Why is marriage different?

Marriage was a custom long before the State issued licenses. For a time, the records of marriage were kept by the church. Some states, even now, recognize common law marriage, which has neither the endorsement of the State nor the clergy. Some view marriage as a union of one man and one woman, primarily for bearing and raising children. Such a perspective places a high value on monogamy and fidelity. The welfare of children is why marriage is important to the common good, it is argued, and why the State should recognize and regulate it.

Others, however, believe that marriage is the union of two people, no matter the gender, who love and care for each other and share the burdens and benefits of domestic life, enhanced by whatever form of sexual intimacy both partners find agreeable. The state should recognize and regulate marriage because it has an interest in stable romantic partnerships and any children that they may choose to raise. *Judge Z Irretrievably Broken*, Tim Philpott (2015).

In *Deboer v. Snyder* (one of the cases which was consolidated and eventually come before the United States Supreme Court in *Obergefell v. Hodges*), the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals opinioned:

“Imagine a society without marriage. It does not take long to envision problems that might result from an absence of rules about how to handle the natural effects of male-female intercourse: children. May men and women follow their procreative urges wherever they take them? Who is responsible for the children that result? How many mates may an individual have? How does one decide which set of mates is responsible for which set of children? That we rarely think about these questions nowadays shows only how far we have come and how relatively stable our society is, not that States have no explanation for creating such rules in the first place.”

For the first time in history, children can have many different parents. They can have a sperm donor parent, an egg donor parent, a birth parent, and social parents who raise the child, adoptive parents, and stepparents. Traditional marriage is one of the oldest institutions in civilized society and has been a bedrock of western society. What societal impacts will emerge from our country’s changing attitude and understanding of marriage? Have we already seen the impact?

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Sheridan High School students explore careers in construction

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Earlier this month, Sheridan Youth Assistance Program (SYAP) sponsored a Construction Career Exploration Day to give students at Sheridan middle and high schools exposure to different careers in the construction and trades industries.

Students were surveyed by teachers, and students specifically interested in construction careers were invited to visit the event during their Student Resource Time. In addition, all students in grades 7 through 12 were welcome to visit during their lunch period. Organizers estimate that over 100 students participated in the event that included nine booths of employers and trainers.

“As a district we have set some very high goals for enhancing our internships and hands on practical learning,” Superintendent Dave Mundy said. “The job fairs are an integral part of our students getting to see first-hand all the various areas of future employment that are available to them. I really appreciate the focus many of our teachers have put into developing these opportunities for our students.”

According to SYAP Program Coordinator Beth Sabelhaus, “SYAP is passionate about supporting youth in Sheridan to become successful adults. As an alternative to a large traditional job fair, SYAP wants to host smaller, more focused events so that students

can meet and get to know local employers and training programs, and what kind of high demand jobs are available to them after high school.”

Employers in the construction field were invited to set up booths and encouraged to make their booths interactive. According to Sabelhaus, students were excited to try the hands-on displays and check out information including training requirements and salary expectations for different jobs and trades.

Bill Keevern, Lead Instructor of ABC Commercial Construction Prep Academy, said, “It’s hard to gauge the success of the event since there was such a wide range of ages attending. For most I thought it was planting the seed as a viable alternative to other career options.”

Sheridan High School (SHS) Principal Rick Davis said he was pleased with the impact the career fair had on students who show an interest in the construction trades.

“The Mini Career Fair was a great opportunity for our students to contact potential employers and learn more about the construction trades,” Davis said. “Having a smaller, more intimate career fair allowed students to dive deeper and have longer interactions with the companies present compared to a huge fair which can be overwhelming for many students. The Mini Career Fair created a very focused approach so that



Photo provided by Sheridan Community Schools
Sheridan Youth Assistance Program sponsored the Construction Career Exploration Day. The next career day will take place on Nov. 15 and will focus on job opportunities in manufacturing.

those students with particular interests are more precisely targeted for exposure and interaction. We look forward to having more mini career fairs focused on other career pathways.”

Lisa Samuels of SYAP has been organizing career fairs for several years at SHS.

“It has been a priority to the SYAP board to bring opportunities to students in the Sheridan community to help them become successful students and future adults,” Samuels said. “We see gaps not available to our students and work to fill those needs. With the career fairs and our summer employment pro-

gram, we focus on introducing students to careers that do not require a four-year degree but provide successful options to provide for themselves and a family in the future.”

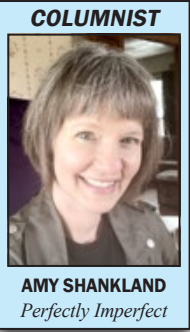
SYAP will hold a total of four career exploration days during the 2022-2023 school year. The next event will be Tuesday, Nov. 15 and focus on careers in manufacturing. Registration is still open for more employers and organizations to attend the event. Anyone wanting more information can contact Beth Sabelhaus at esabelhaus@sheridan.k12.in.us or call (317) 758-4431 ext. 4460.

My first chat with my birth father

As my adoption and reunion story continues, I’ve changed some names, places, and dates.

I thought I could wait a couple of weeks after speaking with my birth mother before I wrote to Jack, my birth father. But one thought nagged at me. If he and his family were from Indianapolis, maybe he still had relatives nearby that he would be visiting in the summer. What if I waited too long, and he would be just 30 minutes away from me and I wouldn’t be able to meet him? I knew all this was a long shot, but I didn’t want to miss out on that possibility.

I crafted a letter like the one that I sent Linda and put it in the mail. My gut said I wouldn’t



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AMY SHANKLAND
Perfectly Imperfect

have to wait as long for a response – if I did get one – since Memphis is somewhat closer to Indianapolis. And it was correct. In five days, I received a brief email from Jack.

Dear Amy,
I am so pleased to get your letter. It is wonderful to hear from you. I am doing a lot of teaching in the evenings but will look over my schedule and let you know of some possible times for a phone call soon.

Looking forward to it, Jack
Chills traveled up and down my spine. I felt like I had truly hit the jackpot. Both of my birthparents were happy to hear from me. Both were willing to speak to me.

“I just want to pinch myself.”

I said to my husband, John.

And on yet another Wednesday evening just a couple of weeks later, I had the chance to talk to my birth father. This time it was on my cell phone while waiting to pick up the boys from youth group. Jack called me at 7:30. His voice was deep, strong, and steady. My hand flew to my face in amazement upon hearing it.

“How are you, Amy?” He asked.

“Oh ... I’m good, excited, and nervous!” I replied. He laughed easily.

“Well, I think I am too.” Jack said. I gazed at the sunset over the football field near our church as we spoke, knowing that I would never forget this moment in my life.

“So, tell me how you found me,” he said. I explained the various steps I had taken. Jack also

had not heard about the State of Ohio opening its records.

“I did the state registry years ago, but nothing ever came of it.” Jack replied. *Wow*, I thought, *he had been looking for me!*

“I did the same thing, but in the state of Indiana,” I said. “I’m afraid I got a little mixed up. I’ve heard since then that registries don’t often bring people together.”

“I called a couple of other places and also got a brochure for a nonprofit that helps to reunite people from Ohio,” he said. “But I didn’t get very far. I figured after I retired, I would take a trip to Columbus and try to get some answers in person.”

John and I had wondered if one or both of my birthparents had ever looked for me. Now I had an answer. Sooner or later, I would’ve at least met my birth father.

Why does it take so long to get Medicare when you already qualify for disability?

For most people, it will take about two years to file, be declined a few times, appeal, appeal and finally get approved for Social Security Disability Benefits (SSDI).

After that long slog to approval, many people are shocked to find out they don’t qualify for much. There is no set SSDI benefit. If you’ve worked and paid into the Social Security system long enough to qualify, you will get a monthly payment based on how much you paid in. Don’t guess. You can set up a free account at ssa.gov today and see how much the government estimates you will be paid if you are disabled or retire.

The average disability payment is \$800 to \$1,000 per month. If you are married, there is no limit to your partner’s income. But if you live alone, it’s very hard to survive off SSDI alone. Many people inquire about some part-time work, but the SSA limits the amount you can earn to \$1,350 per month in gross income. (The blind are allowed more.) Don’t go over your monthly earnings limit or you will lose your hard-won SSDI.



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SYLVIA GORDON

You may be again shocked to learn that your access to Medicare won’t start for two years. This makes no sense. The government determined you are unable to work, so why does it take so long to qualify for healthcare? The answer is pure politics.

Eighty-seven years ago when FDR signed Social Security into law, it had no provision for the disabled. It took decades to enact legislation to allow disabled workers to tap into their Social Security retirement early. In the 1970s, when this provision was advanced, the Republicans pushed back on the cost. To compromise and get the law passed, it was agreed that Medicare benefits would not start for two years.

Now there are some conditions that are so severe that they qualify for Medicare immediately. Others qualify in a few months, but the vast majority of the disabled have this two-year waiting period to contend with. They may qualify for Medicaid if their income and assets are low enough. Indiana is one of the hardest states to qualify for Medicaid. If they earn too much, they can get coverage through the Affordable Care Act (ACA). There are some sub-

dies for ACA coverage, again based on income, but many people still can’t afford it.

At the two-year mark from when your SSDI payments began, you will likely again be shocked that you have to pay for Medicare Part B. My clients tend to assume it will be free ... because they can’t work. Some people are on their spouse’s work insurance and don’t realize that Medicare began automatically. The Medicare Part B cost will be taken out of your disability payment. For those who don’t need Medicare, they must file to stop it. For those who need Medicare, they are again – I think you know I’m going to say SHOCKED – that they can’t get the Medicare Supplement plan they want.

Most states don’t require insurance companies to sell all plans to those under age 65 on Medicare due to disability. Florida does! Most states do not. Indiana doesn’t allow the disabled to purchase a Medicare Supplement Plan G until your 65th birthday. Those on SSDI in Indiana will typically purchase a private Medicare Advantage plan.

Here is the golden nugget of information if you or someone you know is on SSDI: at age 65 you are eligible for a Medicare Supplement plan from any com-

pany, regardless of your health. Even if you have been on Medicare for years, you get a new entry into Medicare just like everyone else who is just turning age 65. Even if you are very ill.

Unfortunately, many people call the insurance companies to apply for a Medicare Plan G when they are under age 65. They are told they don’t qualify. They don’t realize that in the future they will be eligible for a seven-month window and if they don’t take advantage of that time to enroll, they will likely never be able to purchase a Medicare Supplement plan.

Given that those on SSDI have health conditions, they are often better off on a traditional Medicare Supplement Plan. Especially if you are on kidney dialysis, you will save a lot being on a Plan G versus a PPO or HMO plan. The time to explore your Medicare options is typically in the 21st month after starting SSDI benefits. That gives you time to make a decision before your Medicare Part B kicks in at your two-year mark.

Sylvia Gordon is co-founder of *The Medicare Family*, headquartered in Noblesville, where she educates thousands on Medicare and Social Security in all 50 states. You can learn more at themedicarefamily.com.

Thank you for another great Feeding Team Festival

Answering your questions about stocking the food pantries & preparing for winter

Thank you, neighbors! A total of 1,800 people attended the 2022 Feeding Team Festival at Federal Hill Commons. Almost 6,000 meals were donated and over \$15,000 were raised. It was a beautiful fall day with great bands and vendors. Thank you to bands, sponsors, vendors, and volunteers! The feedback we received was extremely positive. It is rewarding to see neighbors step up and serve alongside [FeedingTeam.org](#) volunteers. Hungry neighbors appreciate your contributions.

Ask us Anything
When I stopped by a pantry, it was almost empty. Have you stopped stocking? What’s going on?

We regularly receive notes from neighbors reporting a pantry that is low on resources. Occasionally, and it breaks my heart, a neigh-



MARK HALL
The Feeding Team Festival

bor will complain that we aren’t doing enough or worse yet, that we have stopped placing food in the pantries. I assure you we continue to load food in the pantries as we have for the last several years. During 2022, pantry use has exceeded what we can supply. We have no way to control what neighbors take out of a pantry. Our “Take What You Need Give What You Can” approach, is open to abuse through overuse. We do not have unlimited resources to buy food for the pantries. As a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit with no paid employees, we do all we can within our budget to provide as many meals as possible. We moderate food volume and rotate stocking days in response to abuse and overuse. Unfortunately, we have seen hundreds of meals gone within a day of a pantry being stocked.

Our mission is to provide a few meals to many people. Our locations target GAP families. In today’s world we have many neighbors taking dozens of meals, much more than is intended. Personally, when I speak with them, they are hurting and afraid. Embarrassment has been overridden by fear. Often, they can’t afford the combination of daily life expenses and lean on the pantries as a primary food source. Volunteers observe these painful circumstances and offer referrals to organizations built to handle these situations. Pantries regularly receive hundreds of meals each month. They are not designed to be a neighbor’s personal grocery store, but unfortunately that is a regular occurrence presently.

How do the pantries get food in them?
Through the work of volunteers, food is distributed every other Wednesday afternoon at our offices. Volunteers stock, clean and organize their pantries

at least once a week and usually twice weekly. Last month, 9,000 meals were stocked in pantries. Countless other meals were donated by the public.

How best can I or my group help FeedingTeam.org?
Get involved. Donate at [FeedingTeam.org](#) or volunteer by reaching out to charity.rosandich@feedingteam.org. You can drop off some canned goods directly in any pantry or at our offices. We all have items in our home that could help a neighbor. Every time a call goes out for public assistance in stocking a pantry that is low on food, neighbors step up. I’ve seen it numerous times.

As we head into winter, what items will be in highest demand?
Canned proteins, ramen, soup, vegetables, canned fruit, pouches of baby food, protein bars, powdered drinks and boxed pasta are all higher demand items in the winter. We don’t stock

glass items through the winter.

With over 27,000 food-challenged neighbors in Hamilton County, [FeedingTeam.org](#) is a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that provides outdoor 24/7/365 no-questions-asked free food pantries throughout the county.

The pantries exist to meet the food insecurity needs of gap families, neighbors who may not qualify for public assistance and could use a few meals before payday. The pantries serve as many food-challenged neighbors as possible, and our hearts are with those who, like my family, could not always make ends meet.

Thank you for embracing the pantries. We love serving with so many neighbors across Hamilton County. In future columns, we will share more stories

FeedingTeam.org Facts
49 pantries
8,500 meals in July 2022
Over 30 volunteer families

about how your generosity served neighbors in times of need. 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? Volunteer opportunities are available. We are evaluating new 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.

Early voting is brisk

Tired of toeing the line, he gets his toes painted

As Election 2022 nears and interest cranks up, early voting is brisk at the Hamilton County Judicial Center and county fairgrounds. Especially steady is the number of mailed requests for absentee ballots, according to the county elections office. Satellite early voting locations in Carmel, Fishers and Westfield open on Oct. 26. Competitive school board races in some local school districts have added to voter interest this year. The non-partisan contests are held at the time of the Nov. 8 general election this year.

This year’s election offers voters an opportunity



FRED SWIFT
The County Line

to elect or re-elect a U.S. Senator, representative in Congress, state legislators, and numerous county and township officials.

And, interestingly, candidates for the 2023 municipal elections are already displaying interest in that election cycle. The primary election for mayor, city council and other offices is scheduled for May 2 in Noblesville, Carmel, Fishers and Westfield along with primaries in some towns.

For the first time in more than a quarter century, Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard will not be running for election. City councilman Kevin Ridder has announced his inten-

tion to run for mayor. And, councilwoman Sue Finkam is known to be considering running. Sources close to her say it is “very likely” she will make her plans known in the near future.

Westfield mayor Andy Cook has not officially ruled out a run for re-election, but two candidates have already made known plans to run. Councilman Scott Willis and Councilman and Westfield High School football coach Jake Gilbert have revealed intentions to run for the city’s top job.

Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen says he will run for a second term. Thus far no other candidate has come forward.

And, at Fishers, Mayor Scott Fadness is expected to run for re-election, but has not officially announced.

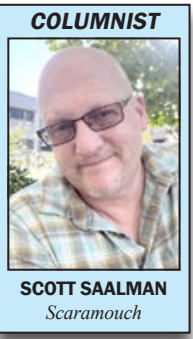
I painted my toenails last month.

A first for me. Technically, I didn’t paint them. A licensed pedicurist did. It’s best to leave the painting to the professionals ... walls ... cars ... and now, toes.

I’m still processing the paint job. No regrets, mind you. Just mentally sorting out why I did what I did.

For starters, it seemed like a fun thing to do, something different, with my wife, Brynne, on her 50th birthday.

We sat beside each other in matching massage chairs while our personal pedicurists trimmed our toenails, cut our cuticles, descaled our scales, and buffed the bottoms of our feet, the latter tickling me to the point that I had to cover my mouth to stifle an embarrassing, snorty cackle.



SCOTT SAALMAN
Scaramouch

that the pandemic drove more men to try it, a fun way to pass time when isolated with a partner. Imagine if Jack Torrance on *The Shining* had simply let Wendy paint his toenails, he might not have ended up a human

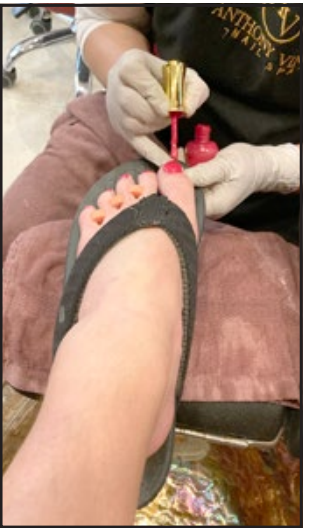


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popsicle.

During my first pedicure last winter, I was asked the same question, “What color toenail polish would you like?” It came as a surprise. I didn’t know toe paint was part of the pampering. I passed on the polish proposal faster than you can say toe jam. The dorsal fin of the SOCIAL NORM SHARK breached the surface and kept me from taking a deeper dive on the wild side. Treating my tootsies up to the point of actually breaking the seal on a bottle of toenail paint suddenly seemed to be daring enough for one day. That someone wanted to paint my toes had well exceeded my already stretched comfort zone. I basically bolted for the door.

I felt ashamed for worrying about what other people thought about what I did with my toes.

So, yes, near the end of my second pedicure, I was prepared for the return of the BIG QUESTION: “What color toenail polish would you like?” Forget that it was Brynne’s 50th birthday; facing that question again was the main reason I had returned. It was redemption time.

Instead of maneuvering from my massage chair and eyeing the exit, I pointed my thumb “hitchhiker style” at Brynne and answered, “I’ll have what she’s having.”

I was determined to get my toes painted, to defy the norm, to stop conforming, to be my own man. Judge me and be damned. I was tired of toeing the line.

With foam separators between my toes, I knew there was no turning back. I was actually going through with it!

Both pedicurists seemed surprised. Apparently, a man in their massage chairs was a rarity. Brynne’s pedicurist recalled a male customer who requested a polish but quickly assured all customers and employees in the spa that he was still “ALL MAN” ... whatever that means.

The pedicurist proceeded to paint my toes. It was too late to get cold feet.

Register for Good Samaritan Network’s Festival of Trees

9th annual event will provide direct funding for Christmas season assistance to local families

The REPORTER
Good Samaritan Network (GSN) of Hamilton County, Inc., a local nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, has announced the ninth annual Hamilton County Festival of Trees.

The return of this holiday tradition marks a significant impact for Hamilton County families because it helps provide direct funding for Holiday Assistance to the unserved, at-risk, and underserved.

The Festival of Trees will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19 with an on-site live event and auction, as well as a silent auction both onsite and offsite. The live event will take place at the beautiful Renaissance Indianapolis North Hotel, 11925 N. Meridian St., Carmel. The evening includes a dinner, a keynote speaker, and an auction including custom designed themed Christmas trees, wreaths, and table centerpieces – all hand decorated by local designers specifically as fund-raising pieces.

Reservations are available and are required due to limited seating. To RSVP, please visit gsnlive.org/festival-of-trees or call Good Samaritan Network at (317) 842-2603 ext. 200 for more details.

“In 2021 we thoroughly enjoyed our first year at the Renaissance North with a near-capacity crowd. It also marked our first year back

‘live’ (onsite) since COVID, with over 309 generous bids placed,” GSN Executive Director Nancy Chance said. “2021 was our best year ever with our strongest sponsors and participants, grossing \$79,462.57. The ‘live’ auction was incredibly fun and very successful in raising nearly \$24,000 alone!”

Purchased trees will be professionally delivered free to the purchaser’s residence or address of choice by the following Monday after the live auction and event.

The Festival of Trees will include *mobile and on-line bidding!* You will simply register, which allows you to bid by phone and/or online at any time during the bidding. No app download is required.

Each of us is painfully aware of the economic downturn we are experiencing in our country. Sadly, it significantly impacts nonprofits, like GSN, and we have been forced to increase RSVP prices. To help offset event cost increases for Festival of Trees 2022, we are making available an early registration promo code you can use to save 10 percent.

This county-wide Holiday Assistance Program is made possible, in part, because of in-kind donations received and processed all year long to GSN, which is dependent upon the neighbors and residents of Hamilton County for their donations of gently used or new

toys (especially for 8- to 13-year-olds) and that are repurposed without cost to the residents of Hamilton County. Gently used bicycles are also welcomed and repurposed for families through the Recycled Cycles program.

Additional funds are required to handle expenses for the Holiday Assistance program, including perishable and nonperishable food.

Last year’s Holiday Assistance Program served over 46,000 people with (1) Thanksgiving distribution of food boxes, (2) Thanksgiving Day Meals (drive-thru and delivery), (3) Christmas distribution of food boxes and holiday toys, and (4) with the delivery of 791 meals for shut-ins on Christmas Eve! The annual Holiday Assistance budget is over \$71,000.

Sponsorships are available in multiple categories, including: Event Sponsor \$8,000; Pinnacle Sponsor \$4,000; Pillar Sponsor \$2,000; Platform Sponsor \$1,000; and Partner \$500. Sponsors can easily register online at gsnlive.org/festival-of-trees.

Some space may still be available for interested designers. Please visit gsnlive.org/festival-of-trees for more details or contact Festival of Trees Event Coordinator Kim Harden at (317) 379-0470 or iloveit-designs@att.net. You can also contact the GSN office at (317) 842-2603.

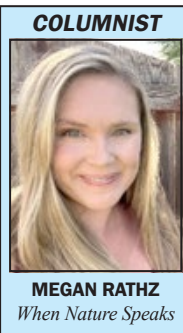
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Bloom where you are planted

We have arrived at the point in the year where our once beautiful blooms of spring and summer have faded and look like dried up eyesores. The remains of these flowers may even look like Halloween decorations in our gardens. We have most likely replaced them with pumpkins, gourds, mums, corn stalks and are likely gauging the amount of Halloween candy we need to purchase for eager trick-or-treaters.

Before our focus shifts completely to the daily fall happenings, our garden needs our help to promote optimal growth by dividing and transplanting our perennials. Those dried up remnants in our garden may be a sad sight for some, but I see it as an opportunity to help my treasured flowers thrive and come back to me better than ever.

Plants that grow back each year are called perennials. Many well-established perennials need to



be divided every three to five years to enhance their performance and rejuvenate them. A good rule of thumb is if the flower blooms in spring and early summer, the best time to divide and transplant is the fall. If the flower blooms late summer and fall, the best time to transplant is the spring.

When you transplant flowers, you are simply moving flowers to a new location. Perhaps you need a different location that receives more or less sun, or you are moving to a new home. You would essentially treat a transplanted flower just as you would any plant purchased at a garden nursery. When you divide flowers, you physically dig up the plant, splitting it into new plants, allowing their roots to grow and absorb nutrients and water.

It is important to be selective about when you transplant and divide plants. You never want to divide or transplant during the hottest part of summer; this causes unnecessary stress on plants and can result in the plant experiencing shock. Overcast days are ideal and it is even better if it has been raining recently where the soil is wet and easy to dig. Once you have dug up the flower, you will want to keep it in a shaded area and moist until it is replanted. When dividing in the fall, you will want to allow the roots of the plants plenty of time to establish themselves before the ground freezes.

The purpose of dividing plants is to promote growth and give the plant a chance to perform at its best. When there is overcrowding in a garden, plants are essentially in competition for all the same nutrients and water. When plants are divided, it stimulates new growth and reduces this competition; dividing also allows you to control the size of the plants in your garden.

The process to divide a plant is very simple, but it is essential that it be done correctly. If you are dividing a daylily, you will want



Photo by Megan Rathz
Flowers from my old house (top) that were divided and transplanted to my new house (above).

to dig all around the base of the plant until you are able to loosen the soil and uproot it from the ground. Look at the clump to determine an appropriate place to divide the plant with a serrated pruning saw or knife, cutting directly through the clump. Once you have made the division, you can replant in the same space, move to a different location altogether, or better yet, share it with a friend!

Dividing plants is a wonderful (and free) way to increase the number of plants you have in your garden and the best way to rejuvenate plants. One tell-tale sign that your flower is in need of division is when you notice the center of the plant has a bald spot. I noticed this with my Siberian iris and knew that it was time to divide. Look at the plants in your garden to see which ones may need division. They will thank you by offering many happy returns next season!

We must invest in the flowers of our gardens and make plans for their longevity. In the words of Francis Hodgson Burnett’s cherished novel *The Secret Garden*, “As long as you have a garden, you have a future. And as long as you have a future, you are alive!”

Nature is speaking to us. It is asking that we invest in the future of the plants in our gardens. Are you listening?

Megan Rathz is a wife, mother and teacher. She says everything she has ever learned in life came from her Master Gardener mother.

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