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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly cloudy, with a few flurries.

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HIGH: 34 LOW: 21

Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank gets \$10K donation from Teachers Credit Union

The REPORTER

Teachers Credit Union (TCU) donated a total of \$30,000 to food banks in Hamilton and Marion counties on Wednesday. TCU Representatives presented \$10,000 checks to Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank in Noblesville as well as St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry and Wheeler Mission in Indianapolis.

“TCU is pleased to be able to provide donations to three Indianapolis-area food banks ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday,” TCU Area Manager Adam Young said. “The TCU vision and mission centers around ‘people helping people’ and today’s donations are the perfect example of just that. As members of the communities we serve, our team loves to step up to lend a helping hand, and it’s wonderful to be able to give back to people during the holidays.”



Photo provided by Teachers Credit Union

(From left) Angie Wolfe, HCH Food Bank Board Secretary; Adam Young, TCU Area Manager; Tahanna Jenkins, TCU Learning & Performance Facilitation Manager; Anita Hagen, HCH Food Bank Director, Janet Gaffken, HCH Food Bank Project Coordinator, and Bob Killmer, HCH Food Bank Board Member.

Cicero native Nicholas Gilmore wins award for investigative journalism

The REPORTER

Nicholas Gilmore, a Cicero native who graduated from Hamilton Heights High School and Ball State University, won awards in two categories at Saturday's New Mexico Press Association Awards for his work as a reporter for the *Rio Grande Sun* weekly newspaper in Española, N.M.

Gilmore won second place in both the News Writing and Investigative Journalism categories for his recent news stories, "A Sustained Crisis for Local Sikhs" and "City Police Purchase Facial Recognition Technology," respectively. The

2022 coverage concerned a decades-long pattern of sex abuse in an American Sikh community based in northern New Mexico and the local police department's quiet acquisition of powerful surveillance technology from a controversial artificial intelligence company.

Gilmore began reporting at the *Sun* in October 2021 after working as a staff writer at *The Saturday Evening Post* magazine in Indianapolis for four years. In September, he moved to the daily *Santa Fe New Mexican* to cover state utility regulation and local government in Santa Fe, N.M.



Hamilton Heights Key Club celebrates 15 years of service

The REPORTER

Last week was Kiwanis International Key Club Week.

Key Club is 97 service years strong and growing. The difference Key Club has made in the Hamilton Heights community and around the world is reason to celebrate all year long. As an important member of the Kiwanis family, Key Club has always represented the values in “serving the children of the world.”

Key Club is an international, student-led, high school organization. Its members make the world a better place through service. In doing so, they grow as individuals and as leaders by answering the call to lead, summoning the courage to engage, and develop the heart to serve. It is the largest high school service organization in the world and is a member of the Kiwanis International family.

Today, there are over 250,000 high school stu-



Photo provided

The club recently held a Personal Care Drive to benefit Dayspring Homeless Shelter in Indianapolis and the HHSC Food Pantry located in the high school. Key Club members Jack Morris and Sarah Stapleton are pictured among some of the items collected during the week-long drive.

dents involved in Key Clubs in 40 countries. Hamilton Heights High School Key Club is one of those. Created

in 2007, it is under the leadership of Lillian Morris and



Nickel Plate Express kicking off holiday season with Reindeer Rides

The REPORTER

Hamilton County residents will hear holiday train whistles over the next six weeks as Nickel Plate Express (NPX) kicks off the annual and incredibly popular Reindeer Rides beginning Saturday, Nov. 19.

NPX will run Reindeer Rides for a fourth, sold-out season. The unique 75-minute ride offers families a unique opportunity to share holiday cheer, with cookies, hot cocoa, holiday lights and even a visit from Santa himself.

Trains run every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through the season. NPX estimates over 10,000 passengers will ride the Reindeer Express in 2022.

New this year: an enhanced experience as riders board from the new Hobbs Station at Forest Park Depot, constructed by City of Noblesville.

“We are so excited to welcome passengers from across the state to experience our beautiful depot and the magic of the holidays on the Nickel Plate

Express,” NPX Director Emily Reynolds said. “Hobbs Station – decorated for the season – is a shining beacon for our operations, and we couldn’t be more thankful for our partnership with the City of Noblesville. The station is game changing asset for our operations this year.”

Reindeer rides are sold out, there are a few remaining tickets for Holiday Cheers, the adult version of Reindeer Express

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DILLINGER

to this high rate of growth, Niche ranked Fishers as the seventh-best place to live in the United States in 2018. That same year, they ranked Hamilton County as the second-best county to live in for the entire country. Dillinger has proven

that he has Hamilton County's best interests at heart. This is evident in the significant changes and advancements he has implemented. He and his team had a direct impact in building new 4-H fairground facilities, the Government and Judicial

Center, Highway Department Garage and Administrative Offices, Humane Society building, complete with a spay neuter clinic, new health department and coroner's offices, and public safety campus comprised of a new jail, juvenile centers, 911 communications center, and community corrections facility.

In addition, his administration also expanded the park, resurfaced county roads, restored the Hamilton County Courthouse and jail and transformed the jail into a museum, built large additions to Riverview Hospital, paved all gravel roads in the county, created the Solid Waste Board, built a recycle center, aided in bringing an Ivy Tech campus to Noblesville, zoned unincorporated areas of Hamilton County, aided in the construction of Lowe's Way Fly Ramp Connection, and helped finance and compose the State Road 37 thoroughfare plan.

In addition to his accomplishments as county commissioner, Dillinger also holds other prominent positions in the community and state. He is currently the vice president of the Indianapolis Airport Authority Board and has served on different boards of several banks. In 2019, he was recognized as the Outstanding County Commissioner by the Indiana Association of County Commissioners. In addition, Congresswoman Susan Brooks listed his accomplishments in the Congressional Record.

Our cities, counties, states, and nation in its entirety are able to be maintained and operated efficiently because of the tireless work of men and women like Steve Dillinger. Thank you for your service.

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KEY

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has over 20 members. This year's club officers include President Jack Monnin, Vice President Jack Morris, Secretary Sarah Stapleton, Treasurer Anna Rickey, and Web Master Carson Lenze. It is sponsored by the Cicero Kiwanis Club.

"Key Club is all about service," said Lillian Morris, HHHS Special Education teacher who is in her third year as the club faculty advisor, who enjoys helping members to be a part of their school and community. "I love that they learn to be leaders and see themselves as an important part of their community. I also think it's important to get kids out of their own situations and into their community. When they see what other people's experiences are, it helps widen their perspectives."

Key Club members help with activities like the Haunted Trails, HHES Backpack Buddies, Cicero Kiwanis Veteran's Day Breakfast, Care Drive, Shoe Drive, Riley Roadblock, Angel's Attic Roadblock, King's Treasure Christmas

event, and other activities as they come up at school or as a community need. The club also works on service projects throughout the year.

"As members, students have the opportunity to give back to the school and community in many ways," Morris explained. "There are so many benefits to being a part of a service-oriented club. The opportunity to develop servant leadership skills while benefiting others is a powerful motivator. Our members are also learning amazing life skills while helping others along the way."

Morris recommends students get involved early on to help build connections, philanthropy, and servant leadership throughout their high school years.

"Colleges and employers really take note of four-year members in this internationally-known organization," she said. "I encourage members to be involved in everything they find interest in and can fit in their schedule – even if it's only a 30-minute event, it's still benefiting others."

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About Nickel Plate Express

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Thanks for reading!

PREVAIL

Advocating for Victims of Crime & Abuse

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

- Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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The Hamilton County Community Band will perform its Christmas concert on Dec. 4 in Noblesville. Photo provided

See Hamilton Co. Community Band at Noblesville High School Auditorium

Submitted by Brian Wuerch

Hamilton County now has its very own community band! The Hamilton County Community Band, under the direction of Brian Swart, will perform a Christmas concert at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4 at the Noblesville High School Auditorium.

The concert is free and will feature many familiar Christmas tunes including the Hawaiian classic “Mele Kalikimaka,” along with several fun Christmas medleys. The band will also accompany the Fishers Community Chorus under the direction of Marc Feeney.

The Hamilton County Community Band (HCCB), with more than 80 volunteer members, was formed on Feb. 25, 2018, with a meeting between current director, Brian Swart, Eric Thornbury, and Marc Feeney. These three men saw a need for a true community concert band in Hamilton County.

“Our mission is to have a ‘FUN’ atmosphere that is inviting to all musicians,” Swart said. HCCB performs multiple concerts in and around Hamilton County.

Rehearsals are held weekly on Sunday evenings at Noblesville High School.

Swart is a native of Atlanta, Ind. He received his bachelor’s degree in music from Ball State University in 2006, where he studied trombone under John Seidel. While at Ball State, Brian played bass trombone in the Wind Ensemble and Studio Jazz Ensemble. He was also Drum Major of the “Pride of Mid-America” Marching Band.

Swart’s past adventures include Director of the Lapel Community Band, band staff for Daleville, Columbia City, Noblesville, Hamilton Heights, and Lapel. His professional memberships include the Indiana Music Educators Association and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. Swart lives in Cicero with his wife Melissa (flute) and his youngest son Ethan. His oldest son Noah is a percussionist and sophomore at Indiana State University. His stepson James is a percussionist and a recent graduate of Hanover College.

Also featured at this year’s Christmas Concert is the Fishers Community Chorus (FCC). The FCC



Atlanta, Ind. native Brian Swart serves as the director of the Hamilton County Community Band. Photo provided

was founded in 2015 by HCCB member/co-founder Marc Feeney as an ensemble under the umbrella of another non-profit music organization, Fishers Music Works. For seven years, FCC has collaborated with organizations throughout central Indiana to provide a fun and engaging opportunity for singers from all musical backgrounds.

Please consider support-

ing this community endeavor at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4 in the Noblesville High School Auditorium. Bring the family and grandkids and kick off your holiday season. A free will offering will be collected to help with purchase of new music and equipment. HCCB also welcomes corporate sponsors.

Information can be found at hamiltoncounty-communityband.com.

Letter to the Editor

Carmel Art Commission says no to spending more money on unpopular sculpture

Dear Editor:

Two news items breaking within hours this week disclose much about the inability of Carmel’s progressive establishment to govern.

The city’s former equity manager has filed a federal discrimination case in federal court citing alleged violations of the 1964 Civil Rights Act prohibiting discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex and national origin. The U.S Equal Employment Opportunity Commission issued a “right to sue” letter in the matter.

In the suit, the plaintiff, Timothy Knight, named mayor James Brainard, administration director James Crider and human resources manager Lisa Hartz and quotes the former human resources director as telling him “a culture of anti-African American racial discrimination exists within the rank and file of the city of Carmel.”

A few hours prior to that story breaking, the city announced it was moving the sculptural “Morning Sun” metallic monstrosity from Range Line Road and Executive Drive to Lowe’s Way adjacent to Lowe’s Home Improvement Center.

The \$209,200 sculpture – whose artist had advertised it on his website for \$100,000 – will cost an additional \$50,000 to move. When asked to pony up the \$50,000, the Carmel Public Art Advisory Committee told the mayor, “No.”

They told His Honor its unanimous decision was based in part on the strong, negative public reaction to the eyesore and saw no need to spend additional taxpayer dollars on that turkey.

“The committee suggests the city sell the piece or relocate using private funds.”

Just two more examples of incompetent leadership in a city that, since 2011, increased its population 27 percent as local government spending grew 100 percent and local government tax receipts grew 97 percent, growing debt to \$1.5 billion.

Bill Shaffer
Carmel



Photo by Pubey the Potato / Google
Carmel's Morning Sun roundabout sculpture is widely regarded as not representative of the appearance of the morning sun to the average citizen.

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State Senator Jim Buck

Dear Voters and Volunteers of Senate District 21,

Voters, I want to thank you for giving me the privilege of serving you in the Indiana State Senate for another term. I am so grateful and honored to have your support, and I pledge to you that I will do my utmost to continue making Indiana the best place to live, work, and play.

Volunteers, this election was won by your hard work going door-to-door, making phone calls, sharing your treasury, and communicating our message to your friends, neighbors, and families. You did an outstanding job, and I am very thankful for the time and resources you committed to this race.

Thank you, voters and volunteers, for doing so much to bring about this decisive victory. Together we will keep Indiana moving forward.

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Senator Jim Buck

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Invest Hamilton County launches new mission & vision, names new president

The REPORTER

On Nov. 8 the board of directors for the Hamilton County Economic Development Corporation (dba Invest Hamilton County) promoted Mike Thibideau to president & chief executive officer for the organization.

Thibideau has served as vice president of workforce strategy since 2021. Invest Hamilton County is unique as a Local Economic Development Organization (LEDO) in that it exclusively focuses on workforce development and quality of life priorities within the community.

The board of directors also launched an updated Mission and Vision for the organization:

- **Mission:** Empower the economic vitality of the residents, businesses, and communities of Hamilton County by attracting, retaining, and supporting talent.
- **Vision:** Hamilton County is a community that competes for top-tier talent on a national scale, supports and retains its employers and workforce and ranks as one of the best places to live and work in America.

"This updated Mission

and Vision, and the talent we have supporting them, are aligned in their people-first focus," said Megan Baumgartner, Director of Economic and Community Development for the City of Fishers and Invest Hamilton County Board Chair.

Since Thibideau joined staff in 2021 some notable new Invest Hamilton County programs include mental health education and resources for local businesses, facilitation of broadband expansion within the community, a new AI-driven Career Explorer, innovative research and training programs for the local hospitality industry, and the launch of Hamilton County's new CTE District, The Pursuit Institute.

"Hamilton County is

Thibideau

a community that is driven by collaboration, innovation and talent," said Christine Altman, County Commissioner and Invest Hamilton County Treasurer. "This is an organization that has those values at its heart and as such is positioned well to assist the County as we continue to grow and thrive."

Prior to 2021, Thibideau served as Director of Indiana Workforce Recovery at the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. Invest Hamilton County is staffed through an operating partnership with Hamilton County Tourism, where Thibideau will continue to also serve as vice president of workforce strategy. He begins his new role immediately.

**Thanks for reading
The REPORTER**

AG Todd Rokita warns Hoosiers of utility scams

The REPORTER

On a monthly basis, many Hoosiers worry about the costs of paying utility bills. Their concerns intensify when the arrival of cold, wintry weather forces them to crank up their furnaces to heat their homes.

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is warning Hoosiers to stay alert for scammers who try to take advantage of their fears.

He advises watching out for certain telltale tactics. Often, Attorney General Rokita said, scammers will:

- Call to tell you that you have utility payments overdue and that you must pay right away – often through unorthodox methods such as wiring money or using gift cards.

- Call "as a courtesy" to let you know you overpaid your utility bill – and asking for personal information they supposedly need to refund your money.

- Send you an email or text with a link indicating that you have an overdue bill or invoice.

- Show up at your house unexpectedly to supposedly make needed repairs to equipment such as gas meters – and saying you must pay on the spot to keep the heat on.

Don't fall for such schemes.

If you believe you have been the victim of any scam or attempted scam, call Rokita's office at 1-800-382-5516 or go to indiana-consumer.com.

Rokita

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Duke Energy invests \$6,500 in three local nonprofit groups

The REPORTER

As communities continue to feel financial strain due to the rising cost of basic necessities, the Duke Energy Foundation is investing nearly \$100,000 to support nonprofits dedicated to helping those in need in Indiana.

"Our customers are feeling the weight of inflation and rising costs in nearly every aspect of their lives," Duke Energy Indiana President Stan Pinegar said. "We know the prices for goods and services are straining our customers' pocketbooks. This funding will go directly to our local community partners to provide resources for those who need it most."

Locally, three organizations received funding. They include:

• HOPE Family Care Center:

\$1,000 to support health care clinic expenses, including lab fees, dental services, vaccinations and prescription medication assistance for uninsured and underinsured residents

• Mama's Cupboard:

\$1,500 to provide supplies for their food pantry

• Westfield Washington Township Trustee's Office:

\$4,000 to provide financial relief for up to 40 families who are struggling to pay



Pinegar

their utility bills

Duke Energy continues to support its customers in need, connecting them with available assistance and offering tools and resources to help them manage their bills. Year to date, Duke Energy has contributed nearly \$450,000 in energy bill assistance through its [Share the Light Fund](#). The company has also extended interest-free payment plans for eligible customers to six months. Visit duke-energy.com/HereToHelp to learn more.

Rotary Club of Westfield to welcome Joe Reitz

The REPORTER

The Rotary Club of Westfield will welcome former Colts lineman and radio announcer Joe Reitz to its upcoming meeting.

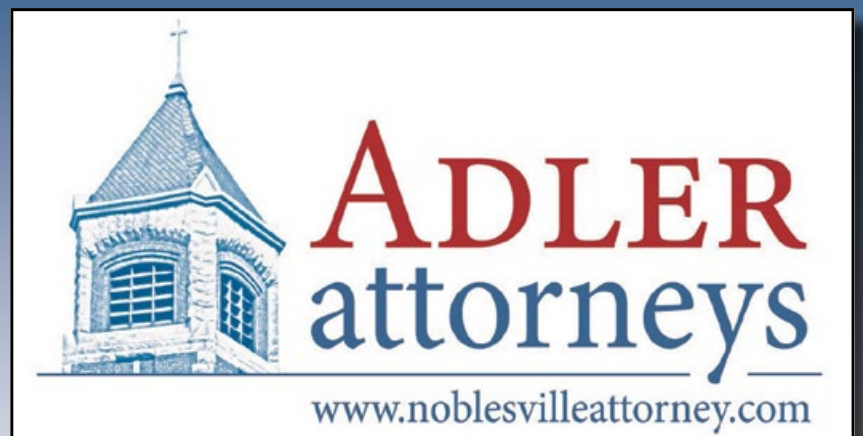
Reitz will talk about his nine years in the NFL at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov.

29 at the Bridgewater Club, 3535 E. 161st St., Westfield. There is no charge.

Reitz graduated from Hamilton Southeastern High School with athletic honors and went on to play college basketball for Western Michigan with athletic

honors. Today, he lives with his wife Jill and six children in Westfield. Presently, he is a radio personality for the Colts and a certified financial planner.

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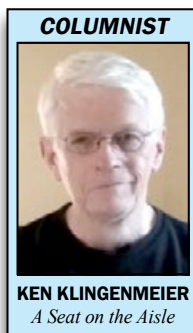
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(From left) Mason Odle as Alfred, Tim Long as Joseph, and Larry Adams as Jules star in *My Three Angels* playing through Nov. 20 at Epilogue Players.

My Three Angels brings talented cast to the stage

My Three Angels, written by Sam and Bella Spewack and set in French Guiana, was first presented on Broadway in 1953. It was based on a French play by Albert Husson — *La Cuisine Des Anges* (The Kitchen of Angels) from 1952. The more famous movie starring Humphrey Bogart, *We're No Angels*, appeared in 1955 and is often considered the lesser of the three offerings.



Epilogue Players' revival of the play, skillfully directed by Catherine Mobley, is filled with wonderful

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performances and presents the story of three prisoners who help a struggling family of merchants with very pleasing results. Larry Adams, Tim Long and Mason Odle play the incarcerated threesome — Jules, Joseph, and Alfred respectively. Their interplayed timing and humor as they go about solving any number of problems seem well practiced and are a highlight of the show. All three portrayals have moments of perfect choices and Long's handling of Joseph's penchant for selling

and his creative bookkeeping methods are especially enjoyable.


Scott Prill, Andrea Odle, and Rachel Bush take the roles of the distressed Ducotel family, Felix, Emilie, and daughter Marie Louise. Prill and Ms. Odle's measured and natural performances are just right for the story, while Ms. Bush offers an exuberance that is charming and captivating as she hopes expectantly for her sweetheart Paul's return to her side. Taking roles as the villains in the story, Duane Leatherman is despicable as Henri Trochard, who holds the reins on the Ducotel's failing business, and Grant Bowen is solid and changeable as the opportunistic Paul. Marie McNelis completes the cast in a comedic style as Madam Parole, while Colin Chandler's denouement moment is indeed a brief one.

Ms. Mobley's astute handling of timing, pace and blocking issues all contribute to the plays very natural flow and help make the story-telling aspect of the show quite delightful. The Christmas theme was pleasant and not overly done. The set designed by Richard Laudeman, coupled with his lighting design, works very well. Cathie Morgan's costumes are amazing and are a vivid feature of the show.

Bottom line: Epilogue's production of *My Three Angels* is a fine addition to their season – well-developed, with a very talented cast and good attention to both the story's humor and distresses.


My Three Angels continues at Epilogue Players through Nov. 20. For more information about dates, times and reservations go to epilogueplayers.com or call (317) 926-3139.

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Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the City of Westfield, Hamilton County, Indiana (the "City") under Ind. Code § 6-1-1-18-5, and Ind. Code § 5-3-1-2(b) that the Common Council of the City (the "Common Council") will meet at City Hall located at 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana, at 7:00 p.m. on November 28, 2022, to conduct a public hearing and consider an additional appropriation which the Common Council has determined to be necessary and which is in excess of the budget for the current year. The Common Council seeks to make the following additional appropriation from the general fund to the fund noted below:

Department	Appropriation Number	Amount	Description
Public Works	101-013-349	\$375,000.00	Professional fees associated with State Road 32 streetscape improvements.
Total:		\$375,000.00	

The additional appropriation will be in the total amount of Three Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$375,000.00), to be utilized to pay for the costs of services provided and to be provided by MCKS to improve the streetscape and ground-level spaces along State Road 32 including but not limited to: improvement of sidewalks, street trees, planters, tree grates, benches, trash receptacles, lighting, and bicycle racks, and planters. You are invited to attend and participate in the public hearing. The additional appropriation as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance, which shall make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriation as required by law.

At said public hearing, all persons shall have the right to appear and be heard on the necessity of said additional appropriation.

Dated this 21st day of November, 2022

WESTFIELD COMMON COUNCIL
11/17/22, 11/21/22

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Department	Fund Name	Amount	Description
Redevelopment	301-018-330	\$400,000.00	Commission legal services.
Total:		400,000.00	

The appropriation will be in a total amount of four hundred thousand dollars and zero cents (\$400,000.00), to be utilized to pay for the legal fees in connection with the allocation areas. You are invited to attend and participate in the public hearing. At said public hearing, all persons shall have the right to appear and be heard on the necessity of said appropriation of existing funds.

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It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

The Carmel Christkindlmarkt may not officially open until this Saturday, but The Reporter got a close look at the new offerings at this year’s market. From chimney cakes to Hungarian fried bread, the tasty treats are endless . . . including the all-important Glühwein. For more information on the Market, go to CarmelChristkindlmarkt.com. See more photos at ReadTheReporter.com. (Reporter photos by Stu Clampitt)



Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard was found practicing his alphorn skills before Opening Day. Can you spot him?



Nickel Plate Express Executive Director Emily Reynolds just couldn’t help but check out the model trains.



Megan Munson, Carmel High School Class of 2026, will serve as the Christkind at this year’s market. You can meet her throughout the season starting on Saturday.



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Carmel man overcomes heart condition, trains for Boston Marathon

By ADAM PINSKER
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

At age 22, Chris Jones knew something wasn't quite right with his body.

"The symptoms I started feeling were like if I crossed the street too fast, or walked up a flight of stairs, I would feel very winded and I thought I was out of shape," Jones said.

Jones was diagnosed with Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy, it's when the muscle separating the two chambers in the heart thickens. At age 25, the symptoms were so bad he ended up getting open heart surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota.

"After you have open heart surgery you're pretty weak, so I was working on just getting out of bed, trying to be on my feet. I did a lot of mall walking," he said.

Jones changed his diet and eating habits then got hooked on running.

Jones is trying to qualify for the marathon as a charity runner, meaning he

needs to raise \$10,000 by race day this April. He's already raised \$2,000 for the **Joseph Middlemiss Big Heart Foundation.**

"I've run three half marathons, I don't know how many 5Ks and 10Ks, all in the last six months. It's really taken off," Jones said. "Joe was a boy, they lived in the Boston area, and he had Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy, just like me, just like Harper, and he died a handful of years ago."

Chris' four-year-old daughter Harper has the genes that could potentially develop into Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy. She's tested regularly for it.

Chris is hoping that as more people become aware of this disease.

"It's wild there is so much publicity in the sports world about it, and yet it's not standard and normal for schools and pediatricians to check for this," he said.

If you want to help raise money for Chris' cause, you can [click here](#).

Don't be fooled by fake package delivery scam

The REPORTER

Online shopping has become more of a necessity lately rather than an occasional luxury. Naturally, this opens more opportunities for scammers to take advantage of the situation to fool consumers into giving out their personal information. This type of scheme also happens frequently during the holiday season.

How the scam works

A call, email or **text** from someone claiming to be a mail carrier or a parcel delivery service saying that they were unable to deliver a package to your home. If you don't remember ordering anything that needs to be delivered, the caller may try to convince you the package is a gift from a friend or relative. The caller may sound friendly and professional, making the scam harder to spot. The email messages also look legitimate - containing official logos and using professional language.

However, things get suspicious quickly. The caller will ask you to verify personal information or give them your credit card information to reschedule the delivery. Email messages may ask you to click on a tracking link for your mystery package. When you click, you may download malware onto your computer that gives can artists access to any personal information and passwords. No matter the method of contact, the package doesn't exist. Sharing your personal information puts you at risk of identity theft.

How to avoid package delivery scams

- **Be wary of unsolicited communications.** Package delivery companies will never contact customers unsolicited via telephone call or text. Instead, depending on the carrier and whether the customer signed up for notifications, an email may

be sent to a secure online account.

- **Track all packages.** Keep track of online purchases and expected deliveries. Request tracking numbers in anticipation of when they'll arrive. Having the information on hand makes it difficult for scammers to fool you with the claim of a fake package delivery.
- **Never give personal information to strangers.** Even when the caller is friendly, always use caution when asked for personal information. Hang up, look up the official customer service number, and directly contact the company to confirm their request. Whenever possible, use the customer service contact information or chat function within the account at the company.
- **Never click on links in unsolicited emails.** Links in emails can download malware onto your device. Don't click links in emails from people you don't know or from companies you haven't done business with or have asked to be contacted by. Be wary of official-looking emails; popular brands can easily be spoofed.

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To learn more about shipping fraud, see [FedEx's website](#), the [U.S. Postal Inspection Service](#), and [UPS's online resource center](#). For more tips on how to protect yourself from scams, go to [BBB.org/ScamTips](#).

Stay one step ahead of scammers by subscribing to **BBB's weekly Scam Alert emails.**

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Keen announces candidacy for Westfield City Council

Submitted by Dr. Keen for Council

Dr. Mark Keen announced Monday that he will seek election to the Westfield City Council in District 1.

Having previously served as the City Councilor for District 1 from 2016 to 2019, Dr. Keen says he knows Westfield needs responsible leadership to guide a community seeing rapid population growth and development.

"I take my commitment to serving our community seriously," Dr. Keen said. "If my fellow residents of Westfield decide to elect me to represent them on the City Council, I want them to be assured my door is always open and I will be their advocate, not just another politician. I was honored to represent the parents and children of Westfield as the Superintendent of Westfield Washington Schools from

1997 to 2016 as we became a nationally recognized school system and I want to again serve the citizens and keep our city on the right track."

Dr. Keen served in the United States Army for 28 years, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel before his nearly 20-year stint as the Superintendent of Westfield Washington Schools. While building up Westfield Washington Schools to be recognized nationally for its fiscal and academic excellence, Dr. Keen served on the Board of Directors of the Westfield Chamber of Commerce from 1998 to 2007.

After leaving his post as Superintendent, he represented Westfield as the District 1 City Councilor from 2016 to 2019 while also working as a Senior Advisor



Keen

to the Indiana Department of Education. "It has truly been an honor and a privilege to serve the people of Westfield," Dr. Keen said. "My career as an administrator with 23 years of experience in Indiana municipal finance gives me a unique perspective to fight to keep Westfield one of the best places to live, work, and raise a family in the entire state."

Recognized as the Indiana Superintendent of the Year in 2006, Central Indiana Superintendent of the Year in 2016, and Westfield Chamber of Commerce Community Leader of the Year, his roots in Westfield run deep. Dr. Keen says he is committed to serving and further strengthening the beautiful community that he and his wife Linda call home.

Auditor Klutz: Indiana again receives highest award for financial reporting

The REPORTER

Indiana received the highest award for financial reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for the 29th consecutive year thanks to the hard work provided by Indiana's financial team lead by Auditor of State Tera Klutz, CPA.

GFOA awarded Indiana the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the state's 2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial report (ACFR), which is prepared by the Auditor of State and audited by the State Board of Accounts.

"The Certificate of

Achievement from the GFOA is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and a huge accomplishment by our team," Klutz said. "Compiling this annual report requires an extremely high level of detail, accuracy and persistence in gathering information. Year after year, Indiana continues to showcase our talent for responsible reporting."

The in-depth report accounts for all the state's financial data for all of Indiana's funds. The report also includes other financial,



Klutz

demographic, economic and statistical information. "Indiana's ACFR is one of the main components used by the nationally recognized statistical rating organizations to review and analyze Indiana's financial condition, and assign a credit rating," Klutz said. "The state's credit currently has a AAA rating, which means lower costs for borrowing and reassures Hoosiers that Indiana's financial health is strong."

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1 John 4:4-6 (NIV)

Meeting Notices

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 18, 2022, in Conference Room 1A at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville. The meeting is to discuss the American Rescue Plan Act and other county business as needed. The meeting may be accessed virtually by calling (219) 225-8177 and entering Conference ID 505 98 913#.

The Commissioners will meet in an executive session at 2:15 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is for discussion of personnel pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7).

The Noblesville Economic Development Commission will meet at 8:15 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2022, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.

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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/>.

9/19/22 through 11/18/22

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The importance of nonprofits in a community

Nonprofit organizations are vital for all communities as they work to improve the lives of others and have major economic impacts, especially in Central Indiana. According to [research from the Indiana Nonprofits Project](#), in Indianapolis, total nonprofit jobs in the region exceeded employment in all major for-profit industries in the region, including manufacturing, and surpassing retail trade jobs in 2018. Additionally, nonprofit employment in the region has grown every year since 2000.

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pandemic and the current rise in the cost of goods and services, many organizations are struggling and need your help. Giving Tuesday is just one of many opportunities for you to make a difference in your community. If you believe in something, stand behind it. Give if you're able. Consider getting involved by serving on a committee, participating on a board or becoming a volunteer. Every dollar donated and minute spent volunteering goes to a cause that is much larger than you and me.

***The founding of Ronald
McDonald House
Charities of Central Indiana***

Many nonprofits are founded when someone notices a need that isn't currently being filled. That's how Ronald McDonald House Charities was founded in Philadelphia after co-founder Dr. Audrey Evans, a pediatric oncologist, saw parents sleeping in chairs at their child's bedside or in hospital lobbies while waiting to hear updates. She recognized how deeply their child's health could affect the entire family's well-being as parents were not able to properly sleep, eat or take care of their own needs on top of caring for their sick

child. It's from that same compassion and desire to help others that a nonprofit is created.

Similarly, **Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Indiana** (RMHCCIN) was founded thanks to the work of nine founding board members, including James and Cheri Forslund, Jim Props and Karen Campbell and other civic, family and medical leaders in the community. Campbell's child was being treated for cancer at a Chicago hospital which showed her the need for families to be close and have accommodations near their hospitalized children. That experience inspired her to raise money, build awareness and find leaders in Indianapolis to develop RMHCCIN.

RMHCCIN operates the Ronald McDonald House on Limestone Street and two Ronald McDonald Family Rooms inside Riley Children's Health. Throughout the pandemic, the House never shut down because there were so many families who needed our services. With 51 rooms at the House and three at Riley, we're currently at full capacity for the first time since March 2020. The House hosted 435 families for overnight stays and welcomed over 1,000 visitors to the Family Rooms in 2021. It's estimated that we have served as

many as 100,000 families in our 40-year history. Without generous donations, the House would not be able to operate on this scale or keep families close during their child's treatment.

The impact of donations

Since opening our doors 40 years ago, the House has undergone multiple expansions and added new Family Rooms inside the Maternity Tower at Riley Children's. Donations from Giving Tuesday make it possible to expand services and provide the valuable resources the House needs to keep it running, pay staff and ensure there are warm rooms, comfortable beds and healthy, nutritious food for our families.

While donations cover the cost of our services, another integral part of what we provide is human comfort. The House can support up to 51 families a night, giving them access to the comforts of our home away from home. We take pride in our family-centered care approach and our volunteers and staff help provide that extra comfort to lift families up.

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Karin Ogden serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Indiana.



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Wrestling

Tough Fishers freshmen dominate in season opener against Noblesville

By **RICHIE HALL**
sports@readthereporter.com

FISHERS – There is a bit of a youth movement in the Fishers wrestling team this season.

The Tigers put four freshmen in the starting line-up for their season-opening dual meet with Noblesville Wednesday at the Tiger Den. Things went pretty well for those youngsters, as three of them won their matches during Fishers’ 57-18 victory over the Millers.

The weight range for the Tigers’ varsity freshmen is literally all over the place. For example, 285-pound freshman James Keller won his match by fall in just 55 seconds. Next up was the 106-pound match, where freshman Will Hruskoci took his bout with a second-period pin. A third freshman, 160-pounder Xavier Smith, won his match in a 6-2 decision.

“I was really looking forward to seeing what they can really do in a dual-meet situation,” said Fishers coach Frank Ingalls. “They look good in the practice room, but you just never know until you get out and really wrestle in a meet, what they’re really capable of. I think they did a really good job tonight.”

The Tigers do have experienced wrestlers, of course. In fact, five of the returners on the Fishers squad advanced out of the sectional last season. Leading the way is senior Griffin Ingalls, a state qualifier at 126 pounds last year who is ranked 13th in the IndianaMat.com pre-season rankings at 132 pounds (*see list on Page 12*). Ingalls wrestled at 126 on Wednesday, and won his match by fall in 45 seconds.

Also back is sophomore Chayce Yant, who reached the semi-state round as a 106-pound freshman the previous season. Yant is up to 120 this year, and won his first match in a 45-second fall. (A third semi-state qualifier, senior Quenton Riley, was not in the lineup on Wednesday.)

Junior Teyon Leonard, a 2022 freshman/sophomore state runner-up last year who also made it to the regional, is another top returner for Fishers. Leonard got a decision victory, a 5-2 win at 145 pounds. Another returning regional qualifier is junior Aiden Lamb; he also had a tough match, falling in the third period at 132 pounds to Noblesville’s



(Above) Fishers’ Xavier Smith was one of three freshmen to score a varsity win Wednesday in the Tigers’ season-opening dual meet with Noblesville. Smith won the 160-pound match by a 6-2 decision. (Below) Noblesville’s Luke Chastain won the 132-pound match, one of three pins for the Millers.

FISHERS 57, NOBLESVILLE 18
Meet started at 182 pounds

182: Chris Quarles (F) def. Oscar Solis (N) by fall, 1:20
195: Carlos Argueta (N) def. Tucker Arnold (F) by fall, 1:15
220: Jacob Carroll (F) def. Jacob Ellis (N) by fall, 0:18
285: James Keller (F) def. Jackson Apple (N) by fall, 0:55
106: Will Hruskoci (F) def. Corbin Miller (N) by fall, 2:44
113: Lawson McRae (N) def. Garrett Thompson (N) by fall, 4:23
120: Chayce Yant (F) def. Josh Kauzlick (N) by fall, 0:44
126: Griffin Ingalls (F) def. AJ Kramer (N) by fall, 0:45
132: Luke Chastain (N) def. Aiden Lamb (F) by fall, 4:34
138: Anthony Riley (F) def. Paxton Cook (N) by fall, 1:53
145: Teyon Leonard (F) def. Caleb Leeman (N) by decision, 5-2
152: Stephen Breck (F) def. CJ Livingston (N) by fall, 5:43
160: Xavier Smith (F) def. Carter Richardson (N) by decision, 6-2
170: Zach Pence (F) def. Aiden Widget (N) by decision, 1-0

Luke Chastain.

The first 10 matches were all decided by pins. The Tigers’ Chris Quarles got the fall in the first-period of the 182-pound match. The Millers’ Carlos Argueta tied the meet up with a first-period pin at 195 pounds, but Fishers reeled off three pins in a row after that: Jacob Carroll had the quickest fall, taking the 220-pound match in 18 seconds, followed by Keller’s and Hruskoci’s pins.

“I was a little worried when we got a pin, but then they came right back and got a pin,” said Frank Ingalls. “But then it seemed like we got a few in a row after that.”

Other Tigers wins came from Anthony Riley at 138 in a first-period fall, then Stephen Breck took the 152-pound match with a third-period pin. The evening’s final two matches

were decisions: Smith at 160, then Zach Pence got a 1-0 win at 170.

“They showed that they still got a lot to learn, our younger guys, that’s for sure,” said Frank Ingalls. “But they showed they had a lot of fight. And they worked really hard and they’ve been working hard in the practice room. I think they’re buying into it.”

In addition to Argueta and Chastain, Lawson McRae got a victory for Noblesville, as he made a third-period pin at 113 pounds. The Millers have several returning wrestlers who had post-season success last season: Carter Richardson was a semi-state qualifier, while AJ Kramer, Josh



Kauzlick and CJ Livingston all made it to the regional.

“We got a lot of work to do,” said Noblesville coach Michael Weimer. He also noted there were some

freshmen on his team who were stepping up.

“You need to keep working to earn it, because there’s young guys behind you,” said Weimer.

The Millers are back in action Saturday at the Hamilton Heights Super 6 meet. Fishers’ next competition is Tuesday, with a dual meet at Franklin Central.

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Hamilton Southeastern at Franklin Central, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Anderson at Hamilton Heights girls, 6 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 18

FOOTBALL

Hamilton Southeastern at Fort Wayne Carroll, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Hamilton Heights at Lebanon, 7:30 p.m.

Noblesville at Brownsburg, 7:30 p.m.

University at Lawrence Central, 7:30 p.m.

Westfield at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 19

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Fort Wayne Carroll at Carmel, 1:30 p.m.

Guerin Catholic at Heritage Christian, 2:30 p.m.

Homestead at Noblesville, 6:30 p.m.

Sheridan at Elwood, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Westfield Girls Invite, 10 a.m.

WRESTLING

Noblesville at Hamilton Heights Super 6, 9 a.m.

Sheridan at Cloverdale, 9 a.m.

Westfield at Capital City Classic, 9 a.m. at Beech Grove

Carmel at Penn, 1:30 p.m.

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Noblesville's Aidan Biddle commits to swim at Ball State

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Noblesville's Aidan Biddle has committed to swim at Ball State University. (Front row, from left) Elyse Biddle, Ann Biddle, Aidan Biddle, and Adam Biddle. (Back row, from left) Noblesville swimming and diving assistant coach Breanna Andersen, Zach Biddle, Noblesville swimming and diving head coach Aleks Fansler.

Volleyball

Several county players will participate in All-Star Classic

The REPORTER

Several Hamilton County volleyball players will get to play one more match on Sunday.

The Indiana High School Volleyball Coaches Association announced its lineups for the 2022 Indiana All-Star Classic, which is set for Sunday at Lawrence North. First up is the Junior All-Star game, which begins at 1 p.m., followed by the 1A/2A All-Star game at 2:30 p.m. The day concludes with the 3A/4A All-Star game at 4 p.m.

Four county players will compete for the North All-Stars in the Junior All-Star game. Three are from Hamilton Southeastern: Breonna Goss, Lauren Harden and Tiffany Snook. The fourth is Noblesville's Riley Resmer.

In the 3A/4A All-Star game, six county players are in the North All-Stars lineup. They are: Carmel's Emily Waddell, Fishers' Margo Hernandez and Ava Vickers, Noblesville's Ava Harris, Hamilton Southeastern's Avery Hobson and Westfield's Mallory Neale.

Southeastern coach Jason Young will be one of the two coaches of the North team.

A total of 28 players were named to both the Junior and the 3A/4A All-Star teams, out of nearly 170 juniors that tried out for the Junior team and nearly 160 that tried out for the 3A/4A team.

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