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Tonight: Mostly cloudy.
A few flurries.

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Doug Ozolins honored at Heights school board meeting

The REPORTER

On Wednesday, Doug Ozolins was honored at Hamilton Heights School Corporation's last school board meeting of the year. Ozolins was recognized for his commitment, dedication, and service to the school corporation.

Ozolins served as the elected school board representative for White River Township for the past eight years. He served as a member of several committees throughout his tenure – most recently the Hamilton Heights School Board Facilities and Policy committees. He was also a four-year member on the Indiana State School Board Association (ISBA) Legislative Committee and is the high school Robotics Coach. After his family lost their son Nick, a freshman at Purdue University, in 2010, the family established the Engineering Scholarship for HHSC in Nick's honor.

"There is no greater honor for me than to serve on our



Doug Ozolins was recognized for his service and contributions during his eight-year tenure as a member of the school board representing White River Township. (From left) Heights School Board members Arnett Cooper (At-Large), Gretchen Pennington (White River Township), Julie Davis (Jackson Township), Doug Ozolins (White River Township), Dr. Kevin Cavanaugh (Jackson Township), and HHSC Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood.

local school board and to try to give back to the community that has given my family so much," Ozolins said. "It has been an honor and humbling

experience to serve the community, the students, the taxpayers, families, teachers, and administration. I am truly proud and grateful for the opportunity to

have positively contributed to Hamilton Heights in this role during my tenure."

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Finally, someone who looks like me

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

"Have you talked to Jack?" my birth mother Linda asked in early October of 2015. I told her I hadn't emailed my birth father since the week he had given me the bad news that we needed to stop communicating for a while. Linda digested the information for a moment.


In the months I had gotten to know her, Linda had become a good friend. We were very comfortable talking to one another. An hour or 90 minutes of conversation would always fly by. She had even given me good advice about my mother, since her own mom had been an alcoholic.

"Why don't you just send him an email to say hello?" she asked.

"Oh Linda, I just don't know," I said. "I really want to keep laying low."

"I think a brief email isn't going to hurt anything. Why don't you think it over?" And I did for 24 hours. It had been two months since Jack and I had communicated, so I certainly would not be reaching out to him too soon.

COLUMNIST



AMY SHANKLAND
Perfectly Imperfect

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Bringing magic back to the movies

Imagine offers 16 giant screens, brick oven pizza, heated reclining seats & more

By **STU CLAMPITT**
news@readthereporter.com

Imagine Noblesville Theatre, 13825 Norell Road, Noblesville, held a grand re-opening celebration this week after sparing no expense to bring the magic back to a trip to the movies.

The Grand Re-Opening was a private event that supported two local charities, the Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank and The Cooper House. Each charity received a charitable donation from Imagine Entertainment to help support their efforts in the community. Nearly 300 guests attended the opening night.

"We are privileged to be a part of the Noblesville community and look forward to working more closely with local businesses and organizations in an effort to help support each other," Imagine Entertainment CEO Anthony LaVerde said.



Paul Glantz, Chairman of Imagine Entertainment, cuts the ribbon during the Dec. 13 Grand Re-Opening of the Imagine Noblesville Theatre. Glantz is joined by fellow Imagine employees, Noblesville city officials and Chamber members as well as members from The Cooper House and the Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank.

"It's all about giving you an experience that you can't enjoy at home," Imagine Entertainment Chairman Paul Glantz told The Reporter. "We have a product called EMX. It's Imagine Maximum Experience. It's a premium large format film and we do have one of those auditoriums here. EMX has Dolby

Atmos® sound to go with the 70-foot wide screen. It's a pretty spectacular picture."

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Taste of Carmel tickets on sale

Early-bird ticket pricing now through Jan. 15!

The REPORTER

Get ready to celebrate the Roaring 20s at **Taste of Carmel** on Friday, March 3, 2023.

This popular event, featuring over 40 local eateries, distilleries, caterers, wineries, and breweries, along with a premier silent auction, entertainment and a multi-item raffle, is most definitely a "can't miss" event. Benefiting the **Carmel Education Foundation** (CEF), this year's event will feature the State Bank First Taste VIP Party, the main tasting event, and an all-new Last Taste experience featuring DJ Fred Lockstar, late night snacks and libations.

"Moving Taste of Carmel to a Friday night opens up great opportunity to

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Photo provided by Noblesville Lions

Long-serving membership awards went to Steve Shaw, Bob Minton, Dale Unger, John Grimes, and Mark Roberts.

Noblesville Lions celebrate holidays with cheer & awards

The REPORTER

Last Wednesday evening at The Remnant in Arcadia, the Noblesville Lions Club celebrated the holidays with dinner and awards.

During dinner, the club was entertained by Morgan Dennhardt, a Hamilton Heights Elementary music teacher. For "Jingle Bells," she asked for help ringing the bells. Lion Mark Bachar came to the rescue!

Lion Julia Kozicki was honored with the Melvin Jones Fellowship award by Council Chair Scott Smith. Kozicki is the club's past President, current Secretary,

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Photo provided by Noblesville Lions

Lion Julia Kozicki receiving Melvin Jones Fellowship award from Scott Smith.

See The Nativity tell Christmas story at Basile Westfield Playhouse

Submitted

The Nativity is an original contemporary ballet depicting the traditional Christmas story of the birth of Christ. It is performed by Radiance Dance Company, for the second year, at the Basile Westfield Playhouse, 220 N. Union St., today and Saturday. It is a reverent and beautiful presentation of the biblical account.

Radiance Dance Company is a professional, contemporary ballet company committed to glorifying God through artistry.

The production is choreographed by Hannah Noel Winkler, owner and artistic director of Radiance Dance Company. An elegant portrayal, this ballet is captivating in a combination of beautiful color, variety of movement, and musical appeal. The six-person cast plays the roles of Mary and Joseph, Angels, Shepherds, Magi, and Innkeeper.

Radiance Dance Company has been performing



Photo by Sarah Elizabeth Winkler

The Nativity is on stage tonight at 7 p.m. and again at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Saturday at Basile Westfield Playhouse, 220 N. Union St., Westfield.

original productions at the Basile Westfield Playhouse since their first performances in February 2021. Radiance has since opened a practice studio for the company in Carmel, also offering student classes. The remaining season includes *Valentine's Day at the Studio* blackbox event in February, all-new and energetic *Think on These Things* in April, annual

student production *The Fiery Furnace* in June, and the beloved *Ruth and Boaz* in August.

All photography, set designs, graphics, and bespoke creations are the work of partner and sister, Design Director Sarah Elizabeth Winkler.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit radiance-dance.org.

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and also First Vice President of Lion 25D District. She was approved by the club to be next year's 25D President. She has provided outstanding leadership for the Noblesville Lions Club, and the 25D District since her four years of Lions membership.

The club also honored certain long-time Lion members with awards. Those honored were Steve Shaw (45 years), Bob Minton (55 years), Dale Unger (40 years), John Grimes (60 years), and Mark Roberts (30 years).



Lion Mark Bachar ringing the "Jingle Bells" for Morgan Dennhardt.

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OZOLINS

"I didn't really know Doug Ozolins before I was elected to the School Board four years ago," said Julie Davis, HHSC School Board President. "I taught his wife Christi in Honors English, and I was blessed to teach his son Nick. Nick sat near the front of the class and always kept me on my toes. After getting to know Doug, I realized that at the heart of this really good family was a really good man."

"Doug has served the Hamilton Heights School Board well, both on the local level as well as on the state level as an ISBA policy board member," Davis continued. "His every decision has been based on what's good for kids. I will always remember the time that we were holding a closed School Board Executive Session at the Central Office, and a patron showed up and was upset that he wasn't allowed to enter. Doug followed him out to the parking lot, spoke with him and listened to his concerns for upwards of half an hour, making sure he knew that his voice would be heard. Actions like this are what makes the HH School Board great. Doug Ozolins, it is an honor to have served with you."

"In my opinion, there are two reasons folks run for the School Board," HHSC Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood added. "They either run to make the school an even better place to serve

students or because they have a personal ax to grind. Doug is the epitome of a board member who always put the needs of Hamilton Heights students at the forefront of every decision. His passion for all things Heights an inspiration to me on a personal level and I will miss having him as a member of the HHSC Board of School Trustees. During his tenure as a school board member, he has helped make HHSC an even better place for students to learn and to me that is the ultimate compliment a school board member can receive."

Beginning January 2023, three members will begin their new, four-year terms: Arnett Cooper (At-Large) and Julie Davis (Jackson Township), whose seats were unopposed, and Ben Lehman (White River Township) will begin his four-year term of service in January. Cooper, Davis, and Lehman join Gretchen Pennington (White River Township) and Dr. Kevin Cavanaugh (Jackson Township).

The Hamilton Heights School Board consists of five members, each elected to staggered four-year terms. The first school board meeting of the new year is 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2023, at the Student Activity Center in the Board Room. Learn more about Hamilton Heights School Board and its members at hhschuskiies.org.

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LIKE ME

Finally, in the words of Linda from earlier that year, I said "screw it" and sent him a two-sentence email. Imagine my shock at getting a reply just three hours later asking if we could

have a phone call the following Thursday! I could hardly contain my joy. Jack was his cheerful self that Thursday evening. It was such a relief to hear his voice. I told him about

my earlier fear that he and I may never speak again. "Amy, that is never going to happen," he said. "In fact, I wondered if that's what you were thinking a couple months ago. I'm sorry that you went through that." I burst into tears of joy upon hearing the news, then apologized for being emotional. As the father of two other daughters, he said he understood.

Jack then told me that he had offered to share my letter with his wife Dawn, but she still wasn't ready to see it. He once again felt confident, however, that in time she would realize I didn't mean any harm and would finally accept things. I wasn't as confident, but then again, he knew her better than I did.

We caught up with one another and as we finished our conversation that night, he mentioned something interesting.

"By the way, I've been meaning to tell you this," he said, "I think you look a lot like my youngest sister. Although I am a man, and sometimes we're way off about these things."

"Oh really?" I replied. "Is she on Facebook? I'd love to see her picture."

"I'm certain she is. She's very tech savvy that way." He gave me her name and her husband's name and mentioned that she was a friend of his on the site. I wrote everything down, and we said our goodbyes.

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Hello, Hamilton County!

One White Christmas, just for you! Click to play video

Thanks for reading!

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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(Above left) Emagine Entertainment’s Paul Glantz and Anthony LaVerde present The Cooper House and The Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank with a donation. (From left) Brook and Kyle Howe, Co-Founders of The Cooper House; Anthony LaVerde, CEO of Emagine Entertainment; Paul Glantz, Chairman of Emagine Entertainment; Anita Hagen, Executive Director of Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank; and Kathy Young, President of the Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank Board of Directors.

Glantz told The Reporter Emagine likes to give back to the communities they serve, and they started that on the first night with check presentations to local non-profits.

“I was honored to present check to Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank and The Cooper House tonight,” Glantz said.

With shows beginning as early as 11 a.m. and running until late evening, there is a little something for everyone.

“We largely show first run feature films, but we mix it up with a product know as flashback cinema, which is

a curated series of beloved classic films,” Glantz said.

Elf, White Christmas and others are part of the Christmas flashback cinema package.

“We need folks to come in and try it once,” Glantz said. “I think if they try it once they won’t go anywhere else.”

No expense was spared during the renovation. Emagine’s luxury theater has heated, reclining chairs, gourmet snacks, reserved seating, in-seat service and more. Emagine offers adult patrons the option of enjoying their favorite cocktail, beer or wine while concurrently maintaining a genteel

and welcoming environment for families.

“Emagine Theatres have been loved by their movie goers, so we are thrilled for the residents of Noblesville and the surrounding area, that we are able to re-open the newly renovated Emagine Noblesville,” Glantz said. “We are excited to bring the Emagine experience to this wonderful community.”

About Emagine Noblesville

Emagine Noblesville, formally the Hamilton 16 IMAX® GDX, opened in July 2021 and has undergone extensive renovations since January 2022. This

70,000-square foot theatre showcases the Emagine brand with upscale décor and a host of amenities throughout. The theatre showcases 16 newly renovated auditoriums including a premium large format EMX auditorium, two private 18-seat screening rooms on the mezzanine level perfect for birthday parties and private events, and an updated and upscale lounge, enhanced concession stand that will offer brick oven fresh-made pizza, and a relocated and improved full-service bar area.

Learn more at Emagine-Entertainment.com.

Amenities at Emagine Noblesville

- All auditoriums feature large Luxury Plush Power-Heated Recliners and Cuddle Chairs, to ensure optimal comfort.
- Enhanced Concession Stand offering brick oven fresh-made pizza.
- Elevated lounge area with a fireplace.
- New Ticketing Kiosk in the main lobby.
- Guests can purchase tickets online at Emagine-Entertainment.com or through the Emagine Entertainment app and choose their perfect seat for the show.
- All 16 auditoriums feature Stadium Seating, which means you have the best and most comfortable movie watching experience. Every seat offers an unobstructed view of the screen.
- Privacy Loungers which include privacy walls surrounding two heated leather chairs, storage area for purses/coats.
- Digital Cinema Projectors and the ultimate in Dolby Digital 7.1 surround sound with select auditoriums equipped with high frame rate Dolby Atmos® immersive sound.
- A full-service bar.
- Cheddar Popcorn, Carmel Popcorn, Traditional Popcorn, and OlivEpop, Emagine’s proprietary popcorn prepared with olive oil and sea salt. Emagine also offers a Real Butter topping option.
- Two Private Screening Rooms allowing for Birthday Party and Private Theatre Rentals.
- All theatres are handicap accessible and equipped with assisted listening and hearing-impaired listening devices.

TASTE

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extend time for guests to socialize and enjoy the kickoff to spring,” CEF Executive Director Jennifer Penix said. “Not only will attendees be able to support the foundation through our traditional auction and raffle, they can also now join us on the dance floor at the first ever Last Taste after-party.”

Jeff Worrell, a long-time supporter of CEF, will return as the iconic Taste of Carmel emcee. Guests will experience an elevated experience where attire may include suspenders and feathery accessories. All things representing the 1920s is highly encouraged.

Along with the featured food and libations, a raffle will be available to guests featuring: a pair of Pedego electric bikes, a “road trip/tailgate” package from O’Malia’s Living including a Green Egg, firepit and accessories, and jewelry from Distinctive Diamonds. Raffle tickets are \$30 each or three for \$75. Complimenting the raffle is a silent auction that is considered “the best of the best”, featuring travel packages, local experiences, Carmel High School graduation and parking perks, and so much more.

Tickets to Taste of Carmel are on sale now, and through Jan. 15, 2023, individual tickets are \$60, State Bank First Taste VIP Party individual tickets are \$100

(includes general admission to main event), Last Taste tickets are \$30 each, and reserved tables for 10 guests are \$1,000. Reserved table guests may purchase a First Taste VIP add-on for \$40. Prices will increase Jan. 16, 2023. Tickets may be purchased at tasteofcarmel-indiana.com and quantities are limited.

Based on past event attendance, Penix said she expects a sell-out crowd and anticipates that the reserved tables will be especially popular.

Proceeds from Taste of Carmel benefit Carmel Clay Schools students and teachers. As a result of a successful 2022 event, the foundation created the ACHIEVE Initiative, a partnership with Junior Achievement of Central Indiana which, in part, is funding all 1,200 fifth-grade students to attend JA Biz-Town. Additionally, CEF implemented a student led grant program, funded challenge coins in collaboration with Carmel Police Department’s School Resource Officer team and supported the Carmel Youth Assistance Program with funding for summer meals.

Members of the planning team include CEF board members and community volunteers. Penix extends a thank you to all the local businesses who support this event as a **sponsor, vendor,**

or **auction donor** – lists that grow every day. A special thank you to State Bank, O’Malia’s Living, Coaster-Stone, Fanning Howey, The City of Carmel, and Springhetti Dentistry who have invested as a Premier Sponsor.

Sponsor packages are still available, as are limited spaces for food and beverage vendors as well as companies who would like to have an experience or product featured in the auction.

Interested businesses are invited to contact Carmel Education Foundation at foundation@ccs.k12.in.us.

About the Carmel Education Foundation

One of the oldest foundations of its kind, the Carmel Education Foundation was created to help Carmel Clay students achieve their full potential. Since 1966, the Foundation has awarded over \$2,100,000 in college scholarships to Carmel High School seniors and over \$850,000 in education grants to inspire lifelong learning for Carmel Clay students. The Carmel Education Foundation is governed by a volunteer board of directors who give their time and energy to accelerate the Foundation’s mission by funding grants, awarding more than 85 scholarships annually and expanding resources for Carmel Clay Schools. Learn more at ccs.k12.in.us/foundation.

UH-OH, HERE COMES CHRISTMAS!

by Robert Fulghum

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Steve Schwartz honored at Commissioners' meeting

Long-serving county councilor presented with Continental Award

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Commissioners honored outgoing County Councilman Steve Schwartz with the Continental Award Monday at their bi-monthly meeting. The award is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon Hamilton County residents.

"I admire Steve for all the things he's done behind the scenes that people never knew about," Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt

said. "He's never been a credit taker, but instead, an affable consensus builder and devoted community steward."

Schwartz was elected to the Hamilton County Councilors in 2002. He represented District 3 which includes Noblesville, Jackson, and White River townships. He and his wife Lori own



Schwartz

Schwartz's Bait & Tackle.

"My proudest accomplishment as a councilor has been the creation of more than \$50 million in surplus and rainy-day funds for the county," Schwartz said. "All while maintaining one of the state's lowest county tax rates."

The Continental Award

is given only after a unanimous vote of the three County Commissioners. Recipients must demonstrate a commitment to service over at least a decade, as well as "an attitude of teamwork, a generosity of spirit, and a desire to selflessly support and celebrate the people and communities of Hamilton County."

Schwartz's last County Council meeting was Wednesday, Dec. 7.

From the desk of Hamilton Heights Superintendent Derek Arrowood

Update No. 97

It's hard to believe that we are less than a week away from wrapping up the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year! Our first semester ends on Tuesday, Dec. 20 with

our Christmas break taking place Wednesday, Dec. 21 through Monday, Jan. 2, 2023. I commend our students, staff, and families for their work and focus this semester to finish this first half of the year strong.

Our Synchronous E-Learning Day pilot run went extremely well a couple of weeks ago. Thank you for your part in making this day successful for your student. Going forward, if school is canceled for inclement weather, we will inform you via our School Messenger program as well as via our social media outlets. We will also inform our families of what kind of learning day it will be. For example, "Hamilton Heights Schools will be on a synchronous e-learning schedule today, December 9." Please follow your child's building schedule. As a reminder, if any updates are needed to your child's information on school messenger, those can be made by contacting the registrar at your student's building. Registrar contact information can be found [here](#).

Congratulations to all eight HHMS Robotics Teams on an outstanding start to the season. This past weekend, in a field of 52 teams, four of the HHMS teams placed in the top five in the Teamwork Challenge. Team 214D brought home first place and secured their place to compete at the state level this spring. Team 214A won the skills competition. In a tournament earlier this season, 214A and 214B also secured their state championship spots. In January, five teams will travel to the Kalahari Classic Signature Event to try and secure a spot at the VEX World Championship.

I want to give a shout out to several of our student groups for their work in making the holidays and our community a little better and brighter.

Under the leadership of Emily Beechler,

HHMS Media Center Specialist and Husky Readers Club advisor, members collected almost 30 new pajamas for babies through teens as part of their second annual "Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive." Each set of pajamas is paired with a book from Scholastic and donated to a local shelter. Children who come to the shelter are given the book and pjs upon arrival.

Tracy Zachary, HHMS Special Education Teacher and K-Kids Club advisor, along with 17 other adults and some 40 members of the K-Kids Club, went shopping for Christmas gifts as part of the Angel Tree program at Heights. Not only did the students raise money for the presents, they kicked it up a notch by shopping and wrapping the presents.

HHMS Student Government members, under the direction of HHMS Media Center Specialist and club advisor, Lori Hippensteel, have been working to raise money for Riley Children's Hospital. This Saturday they have partnered with the BoatHouse where 20 percent of all purchases between 6 and 9 p.m. will be donated to Riley. Their next fundraiser is the Riley Dance Marathon on Friday, Jan. 13, 2023, as part of this year's Winter Homecoming activities. Check out students Anna Jozsa and Kaylee Rhoton's video tutorial on how to donate to the marathon [here](#).

Thank you for supporting our children, teachers, and staff and helping to make Hamilton Heights an amazing place to teach, learn, and belong. Have a wonderful holiday break. We look forward to the start of the second semester on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023!

From our family to yours, Merry Christmas!
#WeAreHuskies

Noblesville's own Katie Brown receives Franklin College art award

The REPORTER

The Franklin College Art Department presented awards at the annual reception of the fall semester student art exhibit on Dec. 5. Students from all levels of

studio art classes displayed a selection of their work completed during the spring semester.

Katie Brown of Noblesville received an Award of Merit in advanced ceramics.

Westfield Chamber encourages you to shop local this season



Photo provided

Earlier this month, Heartland Growers CEO Jim Gapinski dressed up as Santa and visited Root 31. As a local business owner and previous president of the Westfield Chamber, Santa (a.k.a. Jim) urges you to shop local this holiday season. Check out the Chamber's [Business Directory](#) to see more local businesses to support.

Haven't we seen this guy recently? Oh yes, in Wednesday's edition!



Photos provided by Carmel Police Department

The Carmel Police Department is investigating a theft that occurred at 11:13 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10 at the Walgreens off Range Line Road. As part of the investigation, CPD is attempting to identify the individual pictured above. If you have any information regarding the identity of this person or this incident, please call Officer Darby Morris at the Carmel Police Department at (317) 571-2500 or Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana at (317) 262-8477 (TIPS). Please reference CPD case number 22-78864.

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Fishers' own Tiffanie Ditlevson joins Indiana Leadership Forum

U.S. Air Force Veteran & realtor selected for 2022-2023 ILF

The REPORTER

Tiffanie Ditlevson, Fishers resident and Air Force Veteran, has been selected for the 2022-2023 Class of the Indiana Leadership Forum (ILF).

In 1993, the ILF was founded by businessman Al Hubbard, political activist Roger Schmeltzer, and community leader Joe Hale to prepare qualified individuals from across Indiana for civil service and to generate a greater understanding of the political process.

"Civil service is an ex-

tension of the public service my family has done for generations," Ditlevson said. "I will always raise my hand to serve my brothers and sisters in any capacity God sees fit by protecting, defending, and preserving our American values and institutions. My family's military service dates back to the American Revolutionary War."

Ditlevson is a 1996 grad-



Ditlevson

uate of the University of North Carolina and Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps. Major Ditlevson is a veteran of the Global War on Terror and deployed to Oman in May 2002 after the September 11 attacks in 2001. As a Squadron Commander, she was responsible for 125 airmen performing wartime feeding and bed-down operations of multinational combat soldiers while overseeing the allocation of a \$5 million budget to sustain "tent city."

Now in its third decade of operation, the ILF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational organization dedicated to preparing Indiana's most talented free enterprise, limited government-minded community and business leaders for greater civic involvement, public service, and leadership roles throughout the state.

Ditlevson has a long history of public service to Fishers and the Indianapolis area. She is Tiffanie and Company Realty Group powered by FC Tucker and recently named 2021 Rising Star and the company's No. 1 New Agent. She currently co-chairs the Fishers Republican Party Club and serves on the board of Fishers One, a grassroots organization focused on empowering, informing, and educating Fishers residents on city and school board policies impacting the community.

Ditlevson is a graduate of the Senator Richard G. Lugar Excellence in Public Service Series and the Inaugural Class of the Indiana Republican Party Diversity Leadership Series focused on increasing the presence and trajectory of potential minority political candidates in Indiana. In 2020, Tiffanie ran for Indiana State Senate for District 31 in a Republican caucus.

"It was an honor to be selected to join both the American Enterprise Institute Leadership Network and to be a Project 21 Ambassador," she said. "This is an initiative of the National Center for Public Policy Research."

Ditlevson is the founding member of the City of Fishers Armed Forces Commission focused on growing patriotism in Fishers. In

April 2022, she was appointed to Hamilton East Public Library Board by the Hamilton County Council. In addition, she is a long-standing member of Catholic Charities of Indianapolis Agency Council and serves as Vice President of the Council; she is newly appointed to the Indiana United Services Organization (USO) Board. She is an active member of Ernie Pyle Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) Post 1120 and serves as the District 11 Chaplain. Previously, she was elected to and served three terms as President of the Parent Teach Organization at Fishers' Geist Montessori School.

The ILF is a seminar series focused on government and political leadership. Classes meet once a month from November to June in the Indianapolis area. The course includes a class trip to Washington, D.C., in May. Participants could meet and interact with elected officials, as well as business and community leaders.

"I am passionate about ensuring Fishers remains a safe, prosperous, and vibrant community; I'm proud to help and serve in any capacity," Ditlevson said. "Being a servant leader is near and dear to my heart; my family's lineage includes military service dating back to and through the American Revolutionary War, Civil War, Buffalo Soldier Regiments, World War I and II, desegregating the Marine Corps, Korean War, Vietnam War, and my time in the Gulf War. I am a proud disabled veteran, living with reduced lung functioning due to particulate matter and toxin exposure while serving in the Gulf War."

In 2007, she moved to Fishers to raise her daughter Micayla Love in a safe, thriving, and vibrant community. Micayla is currently in her fourth year of pre-med studies at Indiana University Bloomington.

For more information, follow Tiffanie Ditlevson on [Facebook](#). If you have any questions, please contact the campaign by visiting tiffanie4indiana.com or emailing team@tiffanie4indiana.com.

Health Department to cease COVID testing in Noblesville

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Health Department will end COVID testing at its Noblesville office on Thursday,

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OneZone Chamber announces 2023 legislative priorities

The REPORTER

OneZone Chamber of Commerce has announced its 2023 legislative priorities for local lawmakers to address during the legislative session at the Indiana Statehouse.

OneZone's top priorities advocate for local businesses by supporting policies in the areas of healthcare, workforce development, and improving the supplier diversity certification process at the state level.

"As we head into the upcoming session our focus will be on three key areas: healthcare, workforce development, and supplier diversity certifications," OneZone Chamber CEO Jack Russell said. "Each year we survey our membership to see what issues they believe should be our focused priorities. Our goal at OneZone is to help businesses and communities thrive. We believe addressing these priorities will further our mission and we look forward to working with our delegation during the legislative session and beyond."

OneZone will again be represented by Torchbearer Public Affairs during the 2023 legislative session.

OneZone Chamber of Commerce is also holding a new event called "Eggs & Issues" presented by Church Church Hittle + Antrim. Local lawmakers will speak during the breakfast, and there is time for a question-and-answer session at the end of each event. Upcoming Eggs & Issues with State Legislators are Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 10, and April 14 from 7:30 to 9 a.m.



at The Bridgewater Club. Registration is required and can be completed at onezonechamber.com.

Healthcare Priority

OneZone Chamber of Commerce supports policies that improve overall public health outcomes for Hoosiers and encourage transparency and competitiveness within the healthcare system in an effort to lower employer costs.

Rationale

The cost of providing health care, including but not limited to hospital fees, prescription medication, insurance costs, and specialty drugs and services, are some of the most significant expenses for Indiana employers. Additionally, Indiana is continuously ranked poorly in public health metrics such as smoking, obesity, maternal mortality, and mental/behavioral health challenges.

Full cost transparency of healthcare industry partners should be required in order to drive market forces, increase competitiveness, and support employer and consumer choice. Promoting transparency and competitiveness in healthcare costs will shine the spotlight on inequities in the system, eliminate unnecessary duplication, and offer more employer and consumer choice.

Recognizing that the total cost of care is directly correlated with an individual's underlying state of health, policies to encourage preventative care, address social determinants of health, and support the adoption of healthy lifestyles should be pursued by all stakeholders.

Additionally, OneZone supports healthcare policies that empower employers' autonomy to make decisions for their businesses. Every stakeholder in the healthcare space, including hospitals, insurance companies, and providers, must be at the table to find solutions.

Workforce Development/Talent Attraction Priority

OneZone Chamber of Commerce supports policies and incentives that encourage attracting, training, and retaining talent to meet the needs of current and future workforce.

Rationale

While the labor market remains robust, the number of qualified workforce participants continue to dwindle, with job vacancies causing problems for industries across the board. It is critical that Indiana creates an environment that allows Indiana businesses to remain com-

petitive and, thus, spurring growth in existing and future economic development.

This could include policies that: incentivize attainable housing for all income levels; investments in tourism that create more quality opportunities for residents and celebrate all vibrant Indiana communities; removing overly burdensome regulations; and keeping Indiana's tax climate business friendly.

Supplier Diversity Certification Process Priority

OneZone Chamber of Commerce supports policies that optimize the supplier diversity certification process, including simplicity and accessibility.

Rationale

The Supplier Diversity Certifications (Women-Owned Businesses, Minority-Owned Businesses and Veteran-Owned Businesses) help to recognize and support the types of business owners who have historically faced obstacles in securing contracts with Indiana state and local government. OneZone supports ensuring that the process to get certified as such a business is optimized, streamlined and simple.



Russell

Sen. Qaddoura comments on state's revenue forecast

The REPORTER

The State Budget Committee on Thursday received the updated revenue forecast that adds nearly \$370 million to Fiscal Year 2023, and \$1.24 billion to FY24-25, bringing Indiana's structural surplus to \$2.5 billion and total combined balances to nearly \$4.8 billion by the end of State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2023.

State Senator Fady Qaddoura (D-Indianapolis) issued the following statement about the state's fiscal position:

"Today's budget forecast indicated that inflation is slowing, the recession risk is significantly reduced, and Indiana's combined balances for SFY 2023 are estimated at nearly \$5 billion. Given Indiana's poor rankings on many quality-of-life metrics including education, public health, maternal and infant health, and early childhood education, we can't afford to not invest in the future of Hoosier families by funding critical priorities to

address Indiana's chronic and declining performance on these critical measures. The cost of either delayed or continued underfunding will further expedite the deterioration of Indiana's performance and the quality of life for Hoosiers.

"I have a different vision. We have the resources to fund univer-

sal Pre-K across the state, significantly boost K-12 funding, increase investments in higher education and career training, and address Indiana's poor public, mental and maternal health outcomes. It is time for bold leadership that will address the issues facing Hoosiers."

Sen. Qaddoura represents Indiana Senate District 30 encompasses parts of Hamilton County and Marion County. Marion County communities include Washington and Lawrence townships. For more information on Sen. Qaddoura, his legislative agenda, or other State Senate business, call 1-800-382-9467 or visit IN.gov/s30.



Qaddoura

Sen. Braun leads Republican colleagues in urging Department of Labor to protect independent contractor classification

Submitted

U.S. Senators Mike Braun (R-Ind.), Richard Burr (R-N.C.) and John Thune (R-S.D.) are leading a bicameral letter with Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-N.C.) urging the Department of Labor (DOL) not to move forward with its proposed rule for determining independent contractor classification due to the negative impact on workers and business, the test's lack of clarity and the devastating consequences for the U.S. economy.

They are joined by Sens. Hagerty, Romney, T. Scott, Cramer, Johnson, Barrasso, Cassidy, Lankford, Marshall, Hoeven, Blackburn, Boozman, Tuberville, Young, Lummis, Lee, R. Scott, Inhofe, Graham, Fischer, Ernst, Shelby and Rounds as well as Reps. Wilson, Thompson, Walberg, Grothman, Stefanik, Allen, Banks, Comer, Fulcher, Keller, Miller-Meeks, Owens, Good, McClain, Harshbarger,

Miller, Spartz, Fitzgerald, Steel, and Pete Sessions.

"The independent contractor proposed rule would have immediate and long-term disruptive effects on millions of workers and thousands of businesses at a time when the economy is facing high inflation rates," the lawmakers wrote. "A study by Upwork estimates that 59 million Americans performed freelance work in 2021 and contributed \$1.3 trillion to the U.S. economy. Small and large businesses in hospitality, healthcare, education, agriculture, transportation, construction, finance, law, housing, entertainment, and more utilize independent contractors to meet their needs. This allows businesses to have a dynamic workforce while giving workers the autonomy and flexibility



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they prefer. It is clear the proposed rule's attempt to restrict this flexibility for businesses and workers will be disruptive."

[Click here](#) to read the full letter.

Background

On Oct. 13, 2022, the DOL's Wage and Hour Division published its Notice of Proposed Rulemaking entitled "Employee or Independent Contractor Classification Under the Fair Labor Standards Act" which would rescind and replace the independent contractor rule adopted in 2021 by the Trump Ad-

ministration.

In its place, DOL proposes a six-factor economic reality test to determine whether a worker is "economically dependent" on a company under a totality of the circumstances. Similar to the ABC test found in the PRO Act, the rule is extremely restrictive. The rule argues that theoretical control is enough to give DOL the ability to make employment determinations.

According to the Institute for the American Worker, "such a broad interpretation would have a chilling effect on self-employment, putting conceivably all independent contracting work in jeopardy."

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The Cicero Street and Utilities Department has a full-time position opening for a Labor-Class I, II, III. The position will be responsible for a variety of duties involved with operating, repairing/maintaining the street, potable water, and wastewater operations and facilities according to applicable rules, regulations, and laws for the Town of Cicero.

For a full job description, please visit the Town of Cicero's website at www.cicero.in.gov and click on the Government tab, followed by the Job Opportunities tab. From here you will also be able to access the Town's application, which will be required.

Applications will be accepted through Friday, January 6, 2023. Please send application, along with any other pertinent documents to Terry Cooper, 1159 Stringtown Pike, P.O. Box 391, Cicero, IN 46034 or tcooper@townofcicero.in.gov

Feeding Team Food Pantries

Here is a list of all the yellow Feeding Team food pantries across Hamilton County. For more information, go to FeedingTeam.org.

ARCADIA

Arcadia Brethren Church, 8989 E. 266th St.
Hamilton Heights School Administration Building, 410 W. Main St.

CARMEL

Carmel Lions Club, 141 E. Main St.
St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 10655 Haverstick Road

CICERO

Cicero Christian Church, 1715 Stringtown Pike
Harbour Shores Church, 8011 E. 216th St.
Indiana Academy, 24815 State Road 19
Laura Hayden's School of Dance, 7830 E. 236th St.
The Pizza House, 11 N. Main St.

FISHERS

Christ the Savior Lutheran Church, 10500 E. 126th St.
Christ's Community Church, 13097 Allisonville Road
G5 Auto Sales, 11544 Allisonville Road
Life Church Fishers, 9820 E. 141st St.

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American Eagle/Miller Auto Body, 16100 Allisonville Road
Chapel Church, 675 Walnut St.
Christ Lutheran Church, 10055 E. 186th St.
Deer Path HOA Community Building, 12109 Wolf Run Road
Feeding Team Headquarters, 485 Sheridan Road (State Road 38)
First Christian Church, 16377 Herriman Blvd.
First Presbyterian Church, 1194 Maple Ave.
Freedom Church, 1361 Christian Ave.
Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St.
Hamilton County Fire Fighters Local 4416, 399 S. 14th St.
IDES (International Disaster Emergency Service), 20545 Riverwood Ave.
Koteewi Park – Taylor Center of Natural History, 12308 Strawtown Ave.
Legacy Christian School, 470 Lakeview Drive
Life Church, 2200 Sheridan Road (State Road 38)
Moose Lodge, 950 Field Drive
Morse Beach FOP Lodge, 7201 E. 196th St.
Noblesville School Admin Building, 18025 River Road
Open Door Church, 20545 Riverwood Ave.
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St.
Promise Road Elementary School, 14975 Promise Road
Restoration Church, 772 N. 10th St.
Roundabout at SR 37 & Strawtown Avenue (23297 Lafayette St.)
Union United Methodist Church, 19090 Deshane Ave.
Victory Baptist Church, 2021 Cicero Road (State Road 19)
Wayne Township Volunteer Fire, 18441 E. Durbin Road

SHERIDAN

Issachar Church, 501 E. Main St.

WESTFIELD

Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 4283 E. 191st St.



Cicero's own Brenna Taitano credits student groups for her success at IU Kokomo

The REPORTER

Finding her people played a significant part in Indiana University Kokomo senior Brenna Taitano's success.

"College is hard to do by yourself," the Cicero native said. "Having a group of people makes all the difference. I've found a lot of my friends through the English club."

This semester, she's served as president of the English club, one of many finding new life after the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We've been getting back on our feet again and have had a lot of students coming to events," Taitano said. "We're doing pretty well for a revival."

Student leaders say they are proud of the growth and revitalization of clubs during the fall 2022 semester, which are beginning to return to pre-COVID levels.

"It gives you a sense of belonging, and a sense of engagement," said Mary Hogsett, student body president. "Having events and clubs builds community on campus, telling all students that you belong here. When you have that, it motivates

you to stay engaged, which helps academically, too."

Before the pandemic, she said, IU Kokomo had about 40 student organizations, but dropped to less than a dozen active while classes were remote or hybrid and health guidelines limited numbers of people who could gather.

During the fall 2022 semester, there were more than 25 active clubs, with more requests coming in to start additional offerings.

"It's been exciting to see how we've grown from just a few organizations that had leadership and were hosting events, to a few dozen clubs with active membership," said Hogsett, from Kokomo, adding that there were several new clubs approved – including an indoor soccer club.

"We've really seen a lot more activity and growth," she said. "All of the club leaders have been very motivated to build their membership and run their clubs well."

Tess Barker, vice chancellor for student affairs and enrollment management, said student groups play a vital role in education.

"Clubs and organizations allow students to connect with peers who have similar interests and create the type of campus life and programming they want to see on campus," Barker said. "For

leaders of the clubs, they also gain experience such as leading a group, managing a budget, and implementing a program. These are skills employers are looking for, and clubs and organizations allow students to gain these in a social and supportive environment."

Taitano, who graduates this month, said attendance at English club meetings and events has grown through the semester, as they've watched movies based on books, and hosted writing hangouts. Mostly, though, the group provides a group of people who understand one another.

"My life is more vibrant because of my friends who share my struggles and give me a reason to keep going when it's hard," Taitano said. "Being among a group of people with similar interests gives you a support system. It's a relief to find people I know taking writing seriously like I do, and it provides a sense of camaraderie."

Barker noted that a student activities fair on Jan. 18, 2023, will allow students to connect with existing student organizations. In addition, Hogsett encouraged all students to visit the Office of Student Life and Campus Diversity, or iuklife.iuk.edu to find out more about existing clubs, or to learn how to start one.

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Marine involved in crash that killed Fishers kindergarten teacher

By KYLA RUSSELL
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A Marine was arrested Monday after his involvement in a July crash that killed a Fishers kindergarten teacher and her husband, according to court papers.

Jaime Heredia, 30, is charged with two counts of reckless homicide.

On July 11 just before 1 p.m., Lawrence Police Department officers were sent to the 8300 block of East 56th Street on reports of a personal injury crash. That's on the northeast side of Indianapolis.

Upon arrival, officers found Grant Lansdell, 56, and Ashley Lansdell, 51, unconscious and trapped in a car.

Officers also saw Heredia standing next to his wrecked government-issued black Ford Focus, according to court docs.

Ashley and Grant Lansdell were sent to a local hospital. Grant died when he arrived at the hospital. Ashley died two weeks later due to injuries she got while in the crash, according to court papers. Ashley taught at Fall Creek Elementary School in Fishers.

Investigators say Heredia was driving 78 mph right before the crash. The speed limit was 40 mph.

Just after the crash, Heredia told investigators he was returning from a physical therapy session for a hip injury.

Heredia told investigators he had consumed a 20-ounce Corona beer earlier that morning and was

taking opiates after being prescribed them for his injury. That prescription ended a few weeks prior to the accident, though.

Investigators believe the use of pain medication may have been a factor in the crash, court papers say.

According to court documents, Heredia was concerned that "he may test positive for the opiates although he was supposed to discontinue taking the narcotics on June 24th, 2022."

Heredia refused to take a chemical test at the scene. He called a corporal with the Marine Corps Indianapolis recruiting office. The corporal came to the scene of the crash and Heredia asked him to take a bag of trash back to the office.

Later that day, the corporal looked inside of the bag and found "three drink boxes that contained alcohol at some point but were empty, and also a hydra Flask which had an unknown fluid in it," according to court papers.

Heredia had previously signed a statement of understanding saying he would not speed, smoke, or drink while driving a Marine Corps car.

Heredia was taken to a local hospital where his blood was drawn. Blood test results revealed he had a blood-alcohol level of 0.074 percent. In Indiana, it is illegal to drive with a level over 0.08 percent

Heredia is at the Marion County Jail with a cash bond of \$30,000. A pretrial conference is set for March 26.

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Rep. Spartz nominates 22 students to U.S. military service academies

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This week, Rep. Spartz (R-Ind.-05) announced the names of 22 high school seniors across Indiana's Fifth District who have been nominated to attend the United States Service Academies. These academies allow young people to serve while receiving full scholarships from some of our finest institutions of higher learning.

"We had a very impressive group of applicants this year," Rep. Spartz said. "I am grateful for the commitment of so many young leaders to serve our country and protect our freedoms."

Air Force Academy

- Grant Ferren – Sheridan High School

- Kaleb Johnson – Hamilton Southeastern High School
 - Katherine Johnson – Heritage Christian High School
 - William Kaiser – North Central High School
 - Mohammad Khaliq – Pike High School
 - Isabelle Regnault – Indiana Academy of Science, Mathematics & Humanities
 - Peter Snyder – Cathedral High School
 - Kevin Sweeney – Carmel High School
 - Zane Williams – Indiana Connections Academy
- Naval Academy**
- Ava Marie Bruick – Hamilton Southeastern High School
 - Katherine Johnson –

- Heritage Christian High School
 - William Kaiser – North Central High School
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- West Point Military Academy**
- Elias Backus – Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School
 - Adam Chaney – Lawrence Central High School

- Megan Cobb – St. Theodore Guerin High School
- Liam Courtney – Carmel High School
- Brennan Howell – Heritage Christian High School
- Kaleb Johnson – Hamilton Southeastern High School
- Katherine Johnson – Heritage Christian High School
- William Kaiser – North Central High School
- Owen Mejia – Noblesville High School
- Elise Nawa – Hamilton Southeastern High School
- Owen O'Rourke – Hamilton Southeastern High School
- Nadia Zaborowski – Noblesville High School

Mattie Mae Pitman

February 4, 1942 – December 14, 2022

Mattie Mae Pitman, 80, Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at her home. She was born on February 4, 1942, to Johnny and Ruby (Blevins) Sawyer in Washington County, Va.

Mattie worked as a waitress for Steckley's Old House in Carmel and a bartender for the American Legion. She attended Victory Baptist Church and Genesis Church in Noblesville. Mattie was a member of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary and enjoyed attending flea markets and festivals. She also loved feeding ducks on Morse Reservoir, eating Mexican food, watching wrestling, and attending Pacer games. Most of all, Mattie loved spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her companion, Jeff Bannon; son, Larry (Kim) Forrer; daughter, Sharon (Scott) Carey; grandchildren, Samantha Carey, Seth Carey, and Larry Neal Forrer III; brother, John Sawyer; sister, Barbara Chisholm; and her brother, George Chapman.

In addition to her parents, Mattie was preceded in death by her sisters, Charlotte House and Bo Chisholm; and her brother, Joby Chapman.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, December 28, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Breast Cancer Research Foundation, 28 W. 44th St., Suite 609, New York, NY 10036 (bcrf.org).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2022, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9). To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process.

A regular board meeting will follow at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at the Noblesville Schools Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road, Noblesville.

The Noblesville Firefighter Merit Commission Meeting scheduled for 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2022, has been canceled.

The Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2022, in the Council Chambers at Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

—ARCADIA—

NOTICE

The Arcadia Town Council will meet in a Executive Session on Monday, December 19, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. located at the Arcadia Town Hall 208 W. Main Street Arcadia, IN 46030 to discuss (IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9)) a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process.

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Sandra L. Riggs

June 19, 1962 – December 7, 2022

It is with the deepest heartfelt sadness I announce the passing of Sandy Riggs (Sandra L. Riggs) on December 7, 2022. She was born on June 19, 1962. Friends, family, and business acquaintances describe her as kind, supportive, generous with her time and talents, a mentor – she was also artistic and had an intuition for business.

Deeply devoted to her family, she cared for her mother, Catherine M. Riggs (Gould), deceased 2005, and her father, Robert C. Riggs, until his passing in 2021. She is survived by her brother Stephen Riggs (Karen) and nephew James Riggs, along with aunts and cousins.

Sandy was born in Tulsa and remained a big fan of the Sooners, though during her middle school years, the family transferred to Noblesville. She remained in Noblesville, as she felt it to be a beautiful, “All American” city.

It is in Noblesville that she co-founded Ellinger Riggs Insurance with her business partner Rob Ellinger (Erin). While growing a successful agency and caring for her parents, she was a member of the board for NetVU Indy Chapter (an insurance networking organization) for 27 years. Her enthusiasm and commitment lead her to be Chapter President for the last 10 years.

Because of Sandy’s loving heart, her family grew beyond blood. Through her long-time relationship with Steve Oaks, she gained a daughter, Cristen Miller (Matt) and three grandchildren, Cadence, Levi and Carissa. I am blessed to have been by her side and loved her as my sister for 42 years. My children, Schon, Cameron and Taylor called her “Aunt Sandy.” They will truly miss her, but can share fond memories, especially of traveling all over the country on family vacations, along with Sandy’s second mother, Char Sullivan.

Sandy left her mark on so many people, close bonds with friends, neighbors and relationships across the country that her legacy will live on. Everyone will agree there will never be another “Sandy”.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 17, 2022, at Hartley Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero. Visitation is at 10 a.m. with the service to immediately follow at 1 p.m. You may leave condolences at hartleyfuneralhomes.com.

Donations can be made to the American Cancer Society, Tunnels 2 Towers and Wounded Warrior.



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Vera Jean (Jeannie) Hall Bures
November 1, 1936 – December 8, 2022

Vera Jean (Jeannie) Hall Bures passed away at her home December 8, 2022. She was born in Indianapolis on November 1, 1936, to Ruth A. (McKinsey) and Howard K. Hall. She was a 1954 graduate of Walnut Grove High School.

Jeannie married Jerry K Bures on September 3, 1955. They were the parents of Christy Sue (Bures) Boyd and Douglas K Bures. Jeannie was employed by Western Electric in Indianapolis for several years. She and Jerry owned and operated the Corner Tavern in Cicero.

Jeannie was a member of the Cicero Order of Eastern Star, Women of the Moose (Noblesville), and the American Legion Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jerry; her son, Doug; and son-in-law, Guy Boyd. Jeannie is survived by her daughter, Christy; daughter-in-law, Rita (Kathy) Bures; and grandchildren, Guy F. Boyd IV (Ana), Gabrielle C. Boyd, Benjamin K Bures, and Joseph O. Bures.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, December 23 at Hartley Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero, with Rev. Jody Brown officiating. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. prior to the service. Burial will follow at Cicero Cemetery.

Donations may be made to Shriner’s Children’s Hospital. You may also leave condolences at hartleyfuneralhomes.com.

Douglas Wayne Pearson
December 7, 1963 – December 4, 2022

Douglas Wayne Pearson, 58, Windfall, Ind., and formerly of Arcadia, passed away on December 4, 2022, at his home.

He was born December 7, 1963, in Sandborn, Ind., to Jack David and Alice Mae (Yagle) Pearson. Growing up he was strong and athletic and started boxing for fun and building strength. But it turned into a definite competitive sport, and he almost made it to Golden Gloves. He also followed the path of his father and worked as an electrician and a plumber. Leisure time would find him sketching, building with Legos, and watching western movies with his favorite actor being John Wayne and True Grit his favorite movie.

He is survived by his mother, Alice Mae Pearson of Arcadia; his fiancée, Sherry Lynn Crail of Windfall, Ind.; brother, Ed Pearson of Arcadia; and a sister, Janet Phillips of Cicero.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jack David Pearson.

No services are planned at this time. Hartley Funeral Homes Cicero Chapel is entrusted with Mr. Pearson’s arrangements and where you may send condolences at hartleyfuneralhomes.com.

TODAY’S BIBLE READING

In the very same way, on the strength of their dreams these ungodly people pollute their own bodies, reject authority and heap abuse on celestial beings. But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not himself dare to condemn him for slander but said, “The Lord rebuke you!” Yet these people slander whatever they do not understand, and the very things they do understand by instinct—as irrational animals do—will destroy them.

Woe to them! They have taken the way of Cain; they have rushed for profit into Balaam’s error; they have been destroyed in Korah’s rebellion.

Jude 1:8-11 (NIV)

Robert “Bob” Walter Moore
September 29, 1953 – December 14, 2022

Robert “Bob” Walter Moore, 69, Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at his home. He was born on September 29, 1953, to Elmer LeRoy and Norma (Simpson) Moore in Flint, Mich.

Bob proudly served in the United States Marines. He retired from the maintenance department at Suez. Bob enjoyed fishing, reading, traveling, and watching sports, especially football. His most cherished times were those spent playing with his granddaughter.

He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Carol (Simpson) Moore; children, Olivia (Daniel) Kilburn, Nicole (Jason Starless) Moore, and Ryan Moore; siblings, Don (Wendy) Moore, Richard Moore, Terry (Rob) Hedges, Gary (Ruth) Moore, and Michael Moore; and granddaughter, Eleanor Kilburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 18, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with Rev. Stanley R. Sutton officiating. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to the time of service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Noblesville Fire Department, 135 S. 9th St., Noblesville, IN 46060 (checks made payable to the NFD Hamilton County Community Foundation), or making a secure online donation through the Central Indiana Community Foundation at cicf.org/giving/give-now/existing-fund. If making an online donation, please type in “Noblesville Firefighters Fund” under the Fund Name section.

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Wrestling



Reporter photos by Kent Graham
(Left) Westfield’s Carter Niccum (green) won the 120-pound match by pin to clinch the dual meet victory for the Shamrocks at Noblesville on Thursday. Westfield won the dual 36-30.
(Above) Noblesville’s Carter Richardson cheers on the Millers’ Brian Young during the 106-pound match. Richardson won his bout in 23 seconds, the quickest pin of the night.

Shamrock/Miller throwdown!

After much back-and-forth, Westfield comes out on top

By **RICHIE HALL**
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NOBLESVILLE — There was a good old-fashioned throwdown at The Mill on Thursday. It was all in the spirit of competition, of course. The Noblesville wrestling team hosted Westfield in a dual meet between the two county rivals, with the Shamrocks winning the last match of the meet to get a 36-30 victory. It was truly a back-and-forth contest, with the lead changing several times. The Millers were up 30-21 with three matches to go, but Westfield won those three remaining bouts, including the last two by fall, in order to clinch the win. “It was great,” said

Shamrocks coach Phil Smith. “It was an awesome atmosphere. We enjoyed wrestling in it. I would have liked to see us perform a little better, but it’s certainly good for the sport and good for this rivalry.” The competitive tone was set early, as Noblesville freshman Luke Chastain opened the meet at 126 pounds with a 9-4 decision win. Millers coach Michael Weimer said that was something worth talking about, as well as his younger wrestlers in general. “Luke Chastain is a kid I’ve been coaching since he was in second grade when I took over,” said Weimer. “He’s been in my youth program, so he knows that expectation.” Westfield got on the board

WESTFIELD 36, NOBLESVILLE 30	
Meet started at 126 pounds	
126: Luke Chastain (N) def. Chase Camine (W) by decision 9-4	182: Eli Frei (W) def. Oscar Solis (N) by decision, 11-5
132: Jake Saez (W) def. Aiden Howell (N) by major decision, 12-2	195: Jonathan Tanner (W) def. Corbin Hornickle (N) by fall, 2:47
138: Caleb Leeman (N) def. Owen Matthews (W) by fall, 2:52	220: Austin Hastings (N) won by forfeit
145: Ike O'Neill (W) def. C.J. Livingston (N) by technical fall, 17-1	285: Jackson Apple (N) def. Emerson Sanders (W) by fall, 1:37
152: Carter Richardson (N) def. Hank Temples (W) by fall, 0:35	106: Keegan Carson (W) def. Brian Young (N) by decision, 6-0
160: Jason Rooney (W) def. Gage Gulley (N) by decision, 7-4	113: Porter Temples (W) def. Lawson McRae (N) by fall, 2:33
170: Aden Widget (N) def. Hunter Jones (W) by decision, 7-4	120: Carter Niccum (W) def. Josh Kauzlick (N) by fall, 1:03

at 132 pounds when Jake Saez won a 12-2 major decision. The two teams would go on to trade wins for the first half of the meet, splitting the first eight matches. Noblesville’s Caleb Leeman got the night’s first pin at 138 pounds, then the Shamrocks’ Ike O’Neill took the 145-pound bout by a technical fall. The Millers’ Carter Richardson then picked up the quickest pin of the night, winning at 152 in 35 seconds. That victory put Noblesville ahead 15-9. Westfield’s Jason Rooney was the 160-pound winner, getting a hard-fought 7-4 decision victory. Aden Widget answered for the Millers at 170 with another 7-4 decision. The Shamrocks then put together consecutive wins, with Eli Frei taking the 182-pound bout in an 11-5 decision, then Jonathan Tanner won at 195 by fall. With that, Westfield was in the lead at 21-18. But No-

blesville surged ahead, as Austin Hastings received a forfeit at 220, then Jackson Apple’s first-period pin at 285 got the Millers ahead 30-21. But it was all Shamrocks after that. Keegan Carson started the run with a 6-0 decision at 106, then Westfield won the last two matches by pin. Porter Temples got a fall at 113 in the second period, then Carter Niccum’s first-period pin at 120 sealed the win. “The upper half of our lineup is really young, so we’re still trying to work those guys in a little bit,” said Smith. “But altogether, a couple of our guys, specifically Carter Niccum that ended that match there at 120 and Jake Saez at 132, I thought wrestled really well tonight.” Westfield finished with eight wins out of the 14 matches. Smith had praise for the Millers after the match, See Throwdown . . . Page 13



Reporter photos by Kent Graham
(Above left) Westfield’s Keegan Carson (green) won the 106-pound match, the start of three straight victories that clinched the meet for the Shamrocks.
(Above right) Noblesville’s Aden Widget (black) and Westfield’s Hunter Jones battled in the 170-pound bout, with Widget winning 7-4.



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Westfield's Alec Cesare will golf at Ball State University



Westfield's Alec Cesare has committed to play golf at Ball State University. He will major in finance or sports management.

Noblesville's Bella Schatko commits to Earlham College



Noblesville's Bella Schatko has committed to play softball at Earlham College. (Front row, from left) Haley Schatko, John Schatko, Bella Schatko, and Rachael Schatko. (Back row, from left) Noblesville softball assistant coach Jen Thompson and Noblesville softball head coach Deke Bullard.

THROWDOWN

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Westfield's Jason Rooney (green) and Noblesville's Gage Gulley wrestled a hard-fought match at 160 pounds. Rooney won by a 7-4 decision.

saying that "Noblesville wrestled extremely well." Weimer was happy with his team's effort, too. "Any time you can have a home dual meet or any dual meet come down to the last match, it's great for the sport and it's exciting," said Weimer. "And with a young team that we have, our kids haven't experienced that excitement, that 'Oh man, we're coming down to the last match.'" Weimer said that shows the Millers' young team is "starting to grow," and believe in what the coaches are teaching them, as well as in each other. The Shamrocks travel to Penn Saturday for a tournament. Noblesville's varsity is off until Dec. 29 and 30, when it competes at the North Montgomery Duals.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Dec. 16 BOYS BASKETBALL Brebeuf Jesuit at University, 7:30 p.m. Carmel at North Central, 7:30 p.m. Eastern at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m. Guerin Catholic at Heritage Christian, 7:30 p.m. Hamilton Southeastern at Fishers, 7:30 p.m. Noblesville at Westfield, 7:30 p.m. Western at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL Eastern at Sheridan, 6 p.m. North Central at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 17 BOYS BASKETBALL Bethesda Christian at Westfield, 1:30 p.m. Brebeuf Jesuit at Hamilton Southeastern, 3 p.m. Hamilton Heights at West Lafayette, 6:30 p.m. Carmel at Kokomo, 7:30 p.m. Frankfort at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m. Traders Point Christian at University, 7:30 p.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL Westfield at Noblesville, 1:30 p.m. Guerin Catholic at Greenwood, 2:30 p.m. Fishers at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m. SWIMMING Hamilton Southeastern Forum CU Holiday Splash, 9 a.m. Westfield at Noblesville, 10 a.m. University at Zionsville Eagle Swimming Invitational, 11 a.m. WRESTLING Hamilton Heights at Rochester Tournament, 8:45 a.m. Carmel girls at Lafayette Jefferson Tournament, 9 a.m. Guerin Catholic at East Central Super 8, 9 a.m. Carmel boys, Hamilton Southeastern at Kyle Osborn Memorial Invitational, 9:30 a.m. at McCutcheon Fishers, Westfield at Penn Invitational, 9 a.m.
Monday, Dec. 19 BOYS BASKETBALL University at Seton Catholic, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 20 BOYS BASKETBALL Marion at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL Cathedral at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m. Franklin Central at Westfield, 7:30 p.m. Lapel at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m. Lebanon at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m. SWIMMING Guerin Catholic and Liberty Christian at Hamilton Heights, 5:30 p.m. WRESTLING Hamilton Heights at Guerin Catholic, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 21 BOYS BASKETBALL Carmel at Valparaiso, 3:30 p.m. Muncie Burris at Westfield, 6 p.m. WRESTLING Hamilton Heights at Rensselaer Invitational, 9:30 a.m. Avon at Hamilton Southeastern, 6:30 p.m.
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6:55 pm **Fishers vs HSE** | Girls Basketball | Southeastern Sports Network
7:10 pm **Guerin Catholic** vs Heritage Christian | Boys Varsity | Indiana SRN
7:30 pm **Noblesville vs Westfield** | Boys Varsity | HCTV Sports
7:45 pm Chatard vs Covenant Christian | Boys Varsity | Indiana SRN

SATURDAY, DEC. 17, Basketball
11:40 am Evansville Bosse BB Classic | Boys Basketball | Indiana SRN
12 pm **Westfield vs Noblesville** | Girls Junior Varsity | HCTV Sports
1:30 pm **Westfield vs Noblesville** | Girls Varsity | HCTV Sports
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TUESDAY, DEC. 20, Basketball
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Wrestling

Carmel boys lead early, but fall to Center Grove

The REPORTER

The Carmel boys wrestling team dropped a tough dual meet at Center Grove Wednesday, 35-29.

The Greyhounds won the first three matches to take a 13-0 lead. Emrby Horal started the meet at

132 pounds with a major decision win, Michael Major picked a decision victory at 138, then Nayl Sbay won the 145-pound bout in a 23-second pin.

The Trojans came back to 13-7 with two wins, then Carmel jumped ahead 23-

7. Matthew Green won at 170 with another 23-second fall, then Joseph Del Busto picked up a major decision at 182. But Center Grove took over after that, winning the next six matches. Carmel's Caleb Mattingly finished the match with a pin

at 126.

The 'Hounds travel to McCutcheon Saturday to compete in the Kyle Osborn Memorial Invitational. Carmel's girls team will also be in that area Saturday, participating in a tournament at Lafayette Jefferson.

CENTER GROVE 35, CARMEL 29
Meet started at 132 pounds

132: Emrby Horal def. Greenwood by major decision, 15-5
138: Michael Major def. Courtney by decision, 7-0
145: Nayl Sbay def. Jasim by fall, 0:23
152: Trevor Gallagher lost to Stits by decision, 8-5
160: Jackson Schmidt lost to Merritt by major decision, 12-4
170: Matthew Green def. Bawa by fall, 0:23
182: Joseph Del Busto def. Jones by major decision, 10-0

195: Seth Richardson lost to McConnell, by fall, 3:59
220: CJ Meyer lost to Johnson by fall, 0:14
285: Jack Milligan lost to Schott by decision, 2-1
106: Elliott Leonard lost to Thrasher by fall, 1:48
113: Jackson Elliott lost to Larocca by decision, 13-7
120: Jake Gardner lost to Goss by major decision, 10-2
126: Caleb Mattingly def. Yealer by fall, 3:52

Golf

Noblesville's own Vince Drahman ties for second at PGA tourney in Florida

The REPORTER

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. – Noblesville graduate Vince Drahman finished tied for second at the PGA Tournament Series Event No. 4, which took place earlier this week at PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

Drahman was one of three players to finish with a nine-under par 133. He lit up the Ryder course Monday with a seven-under 64 for his first round, then carded a two-under 69 in Tuesday's second round.

The winner was John Somers of Clearwater, Fla. Four-over after nine holes Monday, Somers was so fed up with his game, he thought about withdrawing from the event. But he played on, which turned out to be a good thing for him – and a bad thing for the rest of the field.

Somers played his back nine Monday at 6-under to salvage a 69. He kept the momentum Tuesday by firing a 7-under par 64 to get into a four-way playoff with Drahman and two other golfers, then birdied both extra holes to win the event.

"I was playing so bad on my front nine, I thought I might as well head home. But I knew I couldn't do that," said Somers, the PGA Head Professional at Southern Hills in Brooksville. "I wanted to try and turn it around. I'm glad I did (stay)."

The long-hitting Somers played his last 29 holes on the Ryder Course in 15-under – after the four-over start – to win his second PGA Tournament Series event and earn the \$5,000 first prize.

Somers beat Drahman, Zac Oakley of Palm City, Fla., and Tim Pearce of Birmingham, Mich., in the playoff after each finished at 133. It was Drahman's third consecutive loss in a playoff.

Somers delivered a deft chip on the first playoff hole, after he hit it over the par-5 17th in two shots, playing a low shot into the side of a hill, to match birdies with his three competitors. After hitting his tee shot at No. 18 more than 40 yards past the others, Somers hit a lob wedge from 100 yards to 5 feet and made the putt after the other three missed theirs.

"I knew I was going to make my putt, but I figured

ured someone else would, too," said Somers, who then smiled when he was asked about the chip at No. 17. "It was tricky because it was on hardpan. It came out exactly the way I wanted it to."

The finish certainly didn't happen the way Drahman wanted it to. He left what would have been the winning putt an inch short of the cup on the final hole of regulation.

When he arrived at the tee in the playoff, Drahman smiled and said, "I'm back." But he settled for his third consecutive tied-for-second finish.

"It's tough, obviously," said Drahman, the PGA Director of Instruction at Old Oakland Golf Club in Indianapolis, Ind. "You gotta keep believing you're playing good enough golf, and clearly I am. Today was a grind today, but I'm glad I hung in there to make the playoff."

Oakley (66) had a chance to avoid the playoff, but he three-putted the par-5 17th in regulation for bogey to drop into a tie with the others. He left his birdie putt six feet short and missed the par attempt.

"I didn't even think of it being uphill," said Oakley, a PGA Professional at Bidermann Golf Club near Philadelphia. "I played it like it was flat ... six feet short and pulled a straight-in putt. But it's nice to make a good check with Christmas coming up."

Pearce (69), a PGA Assistant Professional at Birmingham Country Club, birdied the last hole in regulation to join the playoff. He thought he made his birdie attempt at 18 in the playoff, but it slid over the hole.

"I missed a couple of short putts coming in, so it felt good to trust the putt at 18 and make it into the playoff," Pearce said. "I'm happy. I've been playing well all winter."

Casey Pyne (68) of Greenwich, Ct. and Nate Eaton (68) of Raleigh, N.C., tied for fifth at seven-under par 135. It was Pyne's third top-five finish in the four PGA Tournament Series events.

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