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TODAY'S WEATHER Today: Mostly cloudy. Colder wind gusting to 30 mph. Flurries and/or snow showers. A dusting possible. Tonight: Partly cloudy.



Cooper elected president of Hamilton Heights School Board

Heights School Corporation Board of Trustees at its Jan. 4 mous choice, receiving the gavel from Julie Davis who served in the role last year. Gretchen Pennington was elected vice president and Dr. Kevin Cavanaugh as secretary.

Cooper has held the At-Large seat representing Jackson and White River townships since 2010. This will be his second time at the helm of the school board during in his tenher first term representing White River Township in 2021. Ben Lehman holds the other White newest member of the board. He first term at the meeting.

"I am honored and appre-

ciate the other members of the Arnett Cooper was elect- board putting their faith in me," ed president of the Hamilton Cooper said after the meeting. "As a board, we all do our best for the students of Hamilton meeting. Cooper was the unani- Heights schools. We have done this in the past and I have no doubt we will continue to do this in the years to come."

> Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood values the strong working relationship between the board, corporation leadership team, students, and staff.

"School boards function from a governance oversight perspective who deal with school issues primarily through ure. Dr. Cavanaugh (2017) and policy," Dr. Arrowood said. "As Davis (2019) represent Jackson a collective, our school board Township. Pennington began members play an invaluable role with a difficult job and enormous responsibilities. Our students and district continue River Township seat and is the to benefit from the countless hours, tireless efforts, and conwas officially sworn in for his tributions of our board, past and present."

Hamilton Heights



Photo provided by Hamilton Heights School Corporation Members of the 2023 Hamilton Heights Board of Trustees. (From left) Gretchen Pennington, Julie Davis, Arnett Cooper, Ben Lehman, and Dr. Kevin Cavanaugh, along with Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood.

River and Jackson Townships The members are elected to staggered four-year terms.

Wednesday of each month at found at hhschuskies.org.

School Board is made up of five various locations on and off members, two each from White school grounds. The public is invited to attend. The next schedand one at-large representative. uled meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at the Student Activity Center Board Except for special meet- Room. A copy of the 2022-23 ings, the board meets the third Board Meeting schedule can be

Don't let fear keep you from learning about your adoption

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

My last adoption and reunion column talked about not rushing your reunion with your biological family. It ended with the hope that I could meet my biological father's wife



someday. That hasn't happened yet due to COVID-19 and other factors, but she's open to the possibility now, which is exciting.

With the recent death of my mother, I continue to cherish the wonderful family that I was placed into 52 years ago. On the last Christmas where we were all together, in December of 2015, John, Jonathon, Jacob, and I spent a wonderful day up at my mom's house in Mishawaka.

I couldn't help but think as I looked at and spoke with my brother, sister, nieces, and nephews just how fortunate I was to be a part of this terrific, loving family. I looked forward to the day that I could tell them all about my discoveries, but I was not in any hurry. I wanted my mom to be around as long as possible. As you all know, she lived seven more years after that and passed away at age 89.

Thanks to this journey, I loved her more than ever. I will probably never understand why she didn't want me to start it, but that's OK. I appreciate her sacrifices, her incredible strength, and her kind heart. And so do Linda and Jack.

If you're thinking of searching for your birth parents or relatives, remember to respect your adopted family. Hopefully you'll have their support, but if not, search anyway if it means a lot to you. No one should take that opportunity away from you.

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Sheridan welcomes new school board members & thanks those who served

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On Monday night, the Sheridan Community Schools (SCS) Board of Trustees reorganized with two new members joining the five-member

After serving 12 ½ years on the board, former Board President Todd Roberts did not seek reelection.

Roberts, who will always be an enthusiastic supporter of SCS, said, "I am very proud of the educational experience we provide to students at SCS. I still believe we are the best kept secret in Hamilton County. Our students are cared for, encouraged, challenged, and prepared for life after high school, and that's a testament to all the great educators and support staff we employ at SCS."

Also not seeking reelection was John Perrine, who served on the board from July 2021 until December 2022.

"It was truly an honor and privilege to serve my community as a member of the Sheridan Community School Board," Perrine said. "We were able to accomplish some amazing things and, I'm proud to have been part of it. I will continue to support and advocate for our amazing teachers, support staff and most importantly our stu-





Photos provided by Sheridan Community Schools

New board members Tyler Henning (above left) and Kim Zachery (above right) were both sworn in at the Monday meeting.





Photos provided by Sheridan Community Schools

(Above left) Nancy Boone was sworn into her second term representing Marion Township in Boone County. (Above right) Outgoing board members John Perrine and Todd Roberts were honored at the December meeting.

dents in every way possible."

Marion Township in Boone bers Kim Zachery and Tyler vestigation and redevelopment County was reelected to a Henning at the meeting. second term in the November

election. She was sworn in, ogist for a global engineering Nancy Boone, representing along with newly seated mem- company, with a focus on in-

Henning is a Senior Geol-

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Fishers man recognized for 29 years in trucking industry

The REPORTER

A Fishers man has been recognized for his many years of service in the trucking industry. Gregory Ber-

nard has been driving for US Foods for years and is being honored for his exceptional safety record and contribution to the foodservice industry.

The Interna-



tional Foodservice Distributors Association (IFDA) listed 69 inductees among the 2022 class of the IFDA Truck Driver Hall of Fame. The program casts a spotlight on the industry's top drivers for their outstanding service and safety records. Since its inception, IFDA has worked tirelessly with its member companies to promote a culture of safety.

"Given the current driver shortages and supply chain disruptions, it's an honor to acknowledge these professional truck drivers who are quite literally driving the economy," IFDA President and CEO Mark S. Allen said. "The IFDA Hall of Fame provides a permanent recognition of the skills and dedication these drivers bring to their profession enabling our member companies to safely and efficiently deliver food and supplies to professional kitchens across the country."

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Westfield High School gymnastics team wins first-ever meet at Columbus East





Westfield High School competed in its first-ever gymnastics meet Saturday at Columbus East. The Shamrocks won the meet, establishing a very-high school record with 100.05 points. Senior Molly Moskovitz won three events and

Photos provided by Westfield Washington Schools

was the all-around champion, with scores of 9.30 on balance beam, 9.25 on floor exercise and 8.80 on vault. She also tied for second in the uneven bars with her teammate, junior Elianna Reynolds. Reynolds placed second in the floor exercise, third on the vault and fourth on the all-around. Sophomore Isa Galan took second on vault and fourth on the floor, and senior Jersei Bradshaw placed third on the floor. (Written by Reporter Sports Editor Richie Hall)

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Over 130,000 foodser-

vice distribution drivers are

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safety records and longevi-

ty of service qualify for the

IFDA Truck Driver Hall of

Fame. To be eligible, the

driver must have at least 25

years of employment with

an IFDA member company

with no chargeable acci-

dents during that timeframe

and may not have any mov-

five years.

About the IFDA The International Foodservice Distributors Asso-

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ciation is the premier trade organization representing the \$303 billion foodservice distribution industry. This industry ensures a safe and efficient supply of food and products to more than one million restaurants and foodservice outlets in the U.S. daily. For more information, ing violations within the last visit **ifdaonline.org**.

Peterson Architecture welcomes Graduate Architect James Harris

The REPORTER

Peterson Architecture continues to grow, welcoming James Harris, a Graduate Architect, to the team.

Harris received both his bachelor's and master's degree in Architecture from Ball State University, the Harvard of Muncie. He brings nearly 10 years of architectural experience to the team

Harris has been an active member of various community engagement efforts in the city of Marion and other Indiana com-

munities, which includes serving Main Street Marion, the Mari-Downtown on Roundtable discussion group, Muncie Habitat Humanity, and the Save Our Stories historic preservation board.

"Harris' previous architectural experience and past activism in downtown preservation make him a fantastic fit for our team," says and founder. "As the firm continues to grow, I look toward the next 25 years of Peterson Architecture with excitement." Harris said he

Harris

is ready to help Peterson Architecture continue to improve the areas

"I was drawn to the firm's wide array of projects and focus on community Darren Peterson, Peterson engagement," Harris said.

Architecture prin- "I am proud and grateful to architect be part of a highly talented team that aims to lift and elevate the communities they serve."

About Peterson Architecture

Founded in 1996 by Darren Peterson, Peterson Architecture has served the greater central Indiana community for over 25 years. A full-service firm, Peterson Architecture provides architectural, interior design and landscape architecture services. Visit PetersonArchi**tecture.com** to learn more.

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commercial and industrial properties. Of his new position, he said, "I look forward to contributing positive growth to SCS, while remaining true to the school's rich history and traditions."

With a background working with the superintendent and school board at Westfield Washington Schools for 22 years, and now working for an educational non-profit, Zachery shared that she believes these experiences will help her serve the Sheridan community as a school board member. She added, "The

of current and former Sheridan community is growing and changing. My desire to serve the students, teachers, and community through this growth compelled me to run for the

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Dan Fleming and John Hunt are in the middle of their terms and round out the SCS board.

"This is an exciting time Dave Mundy said, "and I am grateful to work with this school board that is solidly focused on doing what is right for our students and our outstanding community. Great things are happening in Sheridan!"

LEARNING-

But don't ever forget that knowing yourself is the who was there for you and who loved you from the start. Your adopted family is simply your family – period. Unless your family neglected or abused you, let the experience of finding your birth family bring you closer to versus pushing you away

from them. Be sure to cherish each at SCS," Superintendent step of the process, no matter how big or small. It will involve a roller coaster of emotions, but it is a ride I have never regretted taking.

Enjoy gathering the pieces of your life puzzle and slowly putting them all together. Aristotle said

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beginning of all wisdom. I feel like I grew stronger and gained more knowledge back in 2015 than any other year of my life. I truly feel like I gained the gift of wisdom, and it is one I treasure.

If you were adopted or if you're a birth parent looking for your child, my final few columns in this series will give you information about how to start that search and how to support others. I hope my story has both inspired you and helped you connect with someone in your situation. May God bless you and help you with your own journey.



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

To help Hamilton **County families** affected by domestic violence and sexual abuse, you can donate the following items:

- Individually packaged snacks
- Lysol
- Hand sanitizer
- Disinfecting wipes

Drop off items at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, 14701 Tom Wood Way.









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Fishers announces celebration for MLK Day & National Day of Service

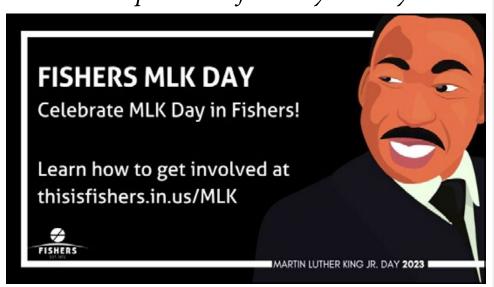
Food drive will restock local pantries after busy holiday season

The City of Fishers will expand its annual MLK Day celebration in 2023 with a community-wide food drive on Monday, Jan. 16. In addition, the city will host volunteer opportunities throughout the holiday weekend to encourage residents to give back during the National Day of Service.

With local food pantries experiencing an increase in demand and decrease in supply after the busy holiday season, the City of Fishers has partnered with Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County to replenish these resources. On Monday, Jan. 16, food donations will be collected with a Pack the Bus event at eight Fishers park properties in conjunction with Hamilton Southeastern Schools, and at the city's 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Residents can also order donations and have them Amphitheater: 6 Municipal delivered directly to the city through an Amazon Wish List. A list of donation needs is available for ThisIsFishers.com/MLK.

This event is supported by partners Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County, Memory Ventures, Kroger, and HSE Schools.



Graphic provided by City of Fishers

Food drop locations include:

- Brooks School Park: 11780 Brooks School Road
- Cyntheanne Park: 12383 Cyntheanne Road
- Flat Fork Creek Park: 16141 E. 101st St.
- three Kroger stores between Park: 13573 Conner Knoll
 - Drive
 - Holland Park: 1 Park
 - Saxony Hall: 13362 Pennington Road
 - Heritage Park: 10595 Eller Road

• Kroger: 7272 Fishers Crossing Drive

For residents looking to give back through volunteerism, opportunities are available throughout the weekend around Fishers, including onsite support to • Harrison Thompson assist with the food drive. Other opportunities includ-• Nickel Plate District the Fishers AgriPark and a 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 15 at Billericay Park.

Along with opportunities to give back, Conner Prairie and the Hamilton East Public Library will host special programming in honor of Dr. King. Conner Prairie • Kroger: 9799 E. 116th St. will host a free admission • Kroger: 11700 Olio day on Jan. 16 with special programming focused on com/MLK.

identity, belonging, community, and love. Conner Prairie held a Be Love essay contest for students to win a Conner Prairie membership.

Hamilton East Public Library has partnered with **HSE Schools to host Living** the Dream: A Community Celebration of Dr. Martin ing onion seed planting at Luther, King Jr., from 1 to Christmas tree mulch spread at the Fishers Library. This free event will bring together students and staff from HSE Schools, community members, and city leaders to honor Dr. King's legacy.

Learn more about the MLK Day celebration and register for volunteer opportunities at ThisIsFishers.

Westfield Winter Market returns this Saturday

The REPORTER

It's a snow-brainer – you should come to the Winter Market!

Stop by for baked treats, meat, fresh eggs, cheese, dog treats, honey, jams, fresh flowers, handcrafted items and so much more. The market is free and open

The Winter Market of takes place from 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday through April 1 at West Fork Whiskey, 10 E. 191st St., Westfield.

This Saturday's vendors

- A Couple Kids Family Farm
- Babydoll Boutique
- Bluebell House Flowers LLC
- Brenneman Farms
- Cool Creations Company
- Creative Lemon Shop
- Creative Wandering
- · Creolicious Bakery
- Dragonwood LLC
- · Eagle Creek Apiary
- E-Love's Garden • Etta's Gooey Goodies
- Fungi Meadows
- Grace over Grace Boutique
- H&S Knife Sharpening
- Happy Mutt Pet Bakery
- Heritage Homestead Farms, LLC
- Kiger's Artisan Soapery LLC
- Kim's Key Lime Cookies, Inc.
- · Lazy Labs Bakery
- Middlefork Meadows LLC
- Pet Wants Noblesville • Pig's Tale Charcuterie
- PipKing Creations with Soule
- Polish Cottage Polska Chata • Poppin' Sweet Confections
- Revolt CBD LLC
- Savagecakeartistry
- The Goodie Basket
- Travelin Tom's Coffee • unsoaped, LLC
- Your Grandpa's Old Fashioned

Indiana Destination Development Corporation launches public art & placemaking activation grants

Visit Indiana seeks applicants to help create 'IN Indiana' public artwork & signage throughout state

The REPORTER

The Indiana Destination Development Corporation (IDDC) has launched two new grants – the IN Indiana Public Art Activation Grant and IN Indiana Placemaking Activation Grant – that will give local artists and communities the unique opporartwork and signage in highly-visible locations throughout the state.

The IN Indiana Placemaking Activation Grant is a matching grant of up to \$25,000 to fund signage and placemaking efforts. The IN Indiana Public Art Activation Grant is a non-matching grant of up to \$10,000 to IDDC plans to allocate up to \$500,000 total between both grants based on the quality of applications received.

Grantees will receive 75 percent of funding upon award and 25 percent upon project completion. These programs follow the success of the initial round of the program in 2022, which saw IDDC fund over 40 murals and sculptures across

the state. You can see those one," IDDC Secretary and com/Murals.

state that's full of character, and we plan to showcase that through these works of art," Lt. Gov. Suzanne together in a way that adds tunity to create IN Indiana have the opportunity to landscapes." work together with our local communities to show in based on the quality of the our state. From the smallest towns to the largest cities, there is something for everyone IN Indiana."

The IDDC is now accepting applications and the deadline to submit is 4 p.m. Eastern time on March 17. All applicants will be fund public art projects. The considered, including but not limited to communities, destination marketing of the state. organizations, chambers of nesses. Potential public art locations can include anything from exterior walls and alleyways to bridges, barns and more.

"This activation aligns Public Art Activation Grant perfectly with the IDDC's new IN Indiana campaign, which is all about giving tools and a voice to every-

projects at VisitIndiana. CEO Elaine Bedel said. This not only enables us "Indiana is a diverse to highlight local artists and organizations, but also use the IN Indiana campaign to tie Indiana communities Crouch said. "Through the to the beauty of Indiana's public artwork, we will rural, urban and suburban

Projects will be selected submitted design, with preference given to locations in high-view areas that create potential for photo opportunities. IDDC intends to include a diverse group of locations and projects, including urban, suburban, and rural settings, large and small communities, and locations in different regions

Click here for more incommerce and private busi- formation on guidelines and timelines.

> Follow Visit Indiana on social media at @VisitIndiana on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

Thanks for reading!







Prom Night Murder Express '84 is a murderous adventure where you will get to ride the rails, hear 80s music from the Stompers, enjoy dinner, and solve a crime.

4 p.m. on Feb. 11 & 12, 2023 (or is that 1984?)

Immerse yourself in the intrigue as you participate in our second murder mystery. Enjoy a different kind of evening on our mystery train ride with friends or family!

It's a dinner you won't forget.

Purchase your tickets before you're out of time!

*We recommend this show for ages 13 and up.

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Platinum (13+) \$154
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Dress like its 1984.

It will be totally

awesome!

(You know you still have clothes from the 180s in your closet)







This gnarly ride will take you Back In Time (Huey Lewis knows what we're talking about)



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Serpentine Fire: The Music of Earth, Wind & Fire will perform with the Carmel Symphony Orchestra on Jan. 28 at the Palladium at the Center for the Performing Arts.

Heat up the night with CSO & Serpentine Fire

Hear the music of Earth, Wind & Fire in Carmel

The REPORTER

day, Jan. 28 as Las Vegas' hottest instrumental and vocal talents team up with Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) under Artistic Director Janna Hymes for a dynamic journey through the '70s and '80s with Serpentine Fire: The Music of Earth, Wind & Fire.

Tickets are available at the Palladium Fifth Third Bank Box Office, by calling (317) 843-3800 or online at this link. The show starts at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets start at just \$25. Be a shining star with family and friends when you give them tickets to the CSO and Serpentine Fire. (Be sure to get seats for yourself, too!)

Other upcoming events

CSO has an incredible and lovers. Let's groove on Satur- lineup of pops and classical performances scheduled for January through May 2023. Take a look at what's planned in addition to Serpentine Fire:

Family Fun

Sunday, Jan. 29 at 3 p.m. CSO's annual interactive introduction for children to some of the world's greatest orchestral classics in a program sure to please formed by the CSO to film all ages.

Masterworks 3 with the Harlem Quartet Saturday, Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m.

It's all about love in this lush, pre-Valentine's concert. From the classics of Wagner and Tchaikovsky to more contemporary music No. 4 and In Rowan Oak, including Bernstein's West a tribute to legendary Side Story, this concert has American author William

Masterworks 4: The Best of John Williams - a Tribute Concert Saturday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m. & Sunday,

March 12 at 3 p.m. Selections you know and love from movies you know by heart, all from Hollywood's most prolific and treasured composer. Even better, the music will be per-

Masterworks 5 with cellist Sterling Elliott

clips shown on the Palladi-

um's big screen.

Saturday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m. Among the evening's selections are the beloved Symphony Tchaikovsky

John Berners, Professor of Music at the University of Indianapolis.

CSO Pops: Respect - A Tribute to Aretha Franklin

Saturday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m.

CSO's dynamic 47th season concludes with this rousing tribute to the immortal Queen of Soul. Respect presents a look at the life and music of the multi-GRAMMY winner and first woman inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Click here for more information about these exciting events coming up in '23. The 2022-23 Carmel Symphony Orchestra season is supported by the City of Carmel, the Center for the Performing Arts, the PallaLetter to the Editor -

Shaffer speculates on "exodus of True Believers" from Carmel government

In recent days, the exodus of True Believers from the Carmel central planning/borrowing/debt-building clan continues to grow.

First the mayor decided not to extend his 24-year reign of spending other people's money.

His clerk said she wasn't seeking reelection, either. So did five members of the nine-person city council. Three are running for the mayor's job and two just have had enough.

Carmel has been without a city attorney since that chap resigned in the wake of a sexual misconduct charge that had been swept under the rug for more than

And, of course, the police chief is an acting chief as well as being the former chief when his replacement ran afoul of sexual harassment allegations within his department.

Speculation over the out-migration centers on:

- 1. An average 15 percent increase in property taxes citywide this year after years of no-tax-increase rhetoric;
- 2. The \$1.5 billion debt with no plan to pay it down indeed, \$100-million-plus in new borrowing is on the table;
- 3. Inflation and impending bond market interest rate
- 4. Four sexual misconduct cases since 2017;
- 5. Zany apartment houses mushrooming all over town;
- 6. Invasion by the redevelopers into quiet neighbor-

7. Cost over-runs and hidden charges and unaccounted for millions of dollars in redevelopment borrowing. Like it or not, Carmel's municipal government is in

for a big shake-up as the quiet, hard-working citizens who came to Carmel not for its adolescent entertainments but for peace and quiet have reared up and said: Reminds one of the old question: Why do you call

the animals that leave a sinking ship?

Survivors. Bill Shaffer Carmel

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The Great Dine Out in Hamilton County January 2-31, 2023

It's great to dine out-enjoy the company of others, participate in local culture, and support local restaurants all while earning special deals on food. Simply check in at participating Hamilton County restaurants with the Great Dine Out digital passport. If you check in five times, you'll get a \$25 local restaurant gift card—while supplies last.





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Come see artistic works at Janus

Services will hold an open house to show off the ongoing two-week collaboration with Creative Abundance.

Abundance is helping Janus artwork. transform and improve its art program for clients.

take place from 10 a.m. to ville.

2 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 20, Developmental and you'll be able to see the amazing results of this collaboration. Light snacks will be provided and the Janus Art Store will be open The team from Creative so patrons can purchase the

Developmental Janus Services is located at 1555 The open house will Westfield Road, Nobles-

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New legislative proposal requires truck drivers to be educated on human trafficking

By JASMINE MINOR

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On Human Trafficking Awareness Day, Jan. 11, a new legislative proposal was announced that would require education training on trafficking for anyone seeking to get their commercial driver's license.

While the exact training is unclear, advocates hope that it's one step closer to rescuing victims.

"This was actually brought to me by the Indiana Truckers Association as

well as the National Truckers Association," Representative Wendy McNamara said. "They've been exceptionally active in trying to bring aware-

That awareness has included things like displaying a trafficking hotline on

"I do know that truckers have to have continuing education and we could make that a component of it. But to be honest a lot of them have taken it upon themselves," McNamara said.

The training is meant White says places like traf-State to help truck drivers know what to look for and what to do if they come across a human trafficking situation.

"The first step is awareness and CDL drivers being aware, understanding what they're seeing, when they see something, they can say something. That's where it starts," said Beth White, CEO of the Indiana Coalition to End Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking.

While data is hard to determine where most human trafficking takes place, energy to these cases."

fic stops or restaurants on the side of interstates can be a prime target for rescuing trafficking victims and therefore help put more traffickers behind bars.

"The court cases take time and victims are not always in a place for one period of time where they can participate," White said. "I will be looking for additional prosecutions in additional places and more law enforcement officers dedicating their time and

AG Rokita asks Hoosiers to watch for signs of human trafficking & report suspicions

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is asking ficking is a \$150 Hoosiers to stay alert for signs of human trafficking in communities across Indiana and to report any suspicious activities to authorities.

People in certain job roles – such as medical professionals, restaurant workers, teachers, and truck drivers – are particularly likely to come into contact with trafficking victims.

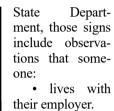
"The evil enterprise of human trafficking is a modern form of slavery," Rokita said. "In America, this scourge is propagated in significant part by criminal cartels operating out of Mexico, and it's yet one more reason we need to secure the southern border. Here in Indiana, we're committed to rescuing victims from their enslavers and bringing perpetrators to

Human trafbillion criminal enterprise. occurs anytime someone force, fraud, or coercion to make another individual provide labor,

Rokita services, or commercial sex acts. If the person performing commercial sex acts is under 18, the crime of human trafficking still occurs even without the elements of force, fraud, or coercion (humantraffickinghotline.org)

With Jan. 11 being National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, now is a fitting time to remind Hoosiers to stay watchful for little. signs that someone might be a trafficking victim.

According to the U.S. industry.



 lives with multiple people in

a cramped space. otherwise

ditions. is prohibited from

experiences poor living con-

speaking alone to strangers. • gives answers that appear to be scripted and re-

• has an employer holding their identity documents.

• shows signs of physical • is submissive or fearful.

• is unpaid or paid very • is under 18 and work-

ing in the commercial sex

If you have suspicions that someone is being trafficked, you should immediately call local law enforcement. You may also call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888.

In addition to waging lawsuits to force federal officials to crack down on border security and illegal immigration, Rokita and his team are engaged in other efforts to combat human trafficking.

The Office of the Attorney General operates the Address Confidentiality Program, which helps protect victims of certain crimes - including those who have been trafficked - by concealing their residential address from the public and thereby their victimizers. Learn more about the program at the Attorney General's website.

Thanks for

Changes in high school curriculum top Indiana House GOP agenda

By GARRETT BERGQUIST port payments.

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hints and speculation.

Republicans filed a slate of priority bills as they unveiled their agenda a few hours before the deadline to file legislation in the House. There is a bill to allow law enforcement officers to take someone to a local hospital for a mental health evaluation instead of taking them directly to jail. Another measure would set up an infrastructure assistance revolving fund to spur development of affordable housing.

eligible to receive child sup-

House Republicans on work-based learning pro-Thursday revealed details of gram for high school stutheir high school curriculum dents. House Speaker Todd proposal after months of Huston, R-Fishers, first aired the idea in November but did not release details until the bill was filed. The measure would require every high school junior and senior to meet at least once during the school year with an employer or a labor organization.

High schools must hold school year. Students can participate in an apprenticeship, an internship or a work-based learning program for course credit. Huston said the goal is to cre-There's also legislation ate a workforce that meets to make pregnant women the needs of 21st-century employers while helping students identify potential paths after high school.

"Often times, (students) don't know what's available to them. In their own communities, they don't know what's available to them," Huston said.

House Democrats said Thursday also brought if Republicans wanted to Republicans' bill to create a expand high school students exposure to career opportunities, they should invest more in school guidance counselors. Rep. Ed DeLaney, D-Indianapolis, who serves on the House Education Committee, said the curriculum bill would simply add more redundant bureaucracy and programs. He told News 8 he sees it as an attack on not just the K-12 system but Ivy Tech.

"The majority wants to at least one career fair per undercut public education, not use it to its greatest advantage but undercut it, and they want the state to fund job training across the board," he said.

Absent from the House GOP agenda is any mention of discontinuing textbook fees as Gov. Eric Holcomb has requested. Like his Senate counterpart, Huston said members of his caucus would discuss the matter but wouldn't definitively say whether or not Republicans would go along with Holcomb's proposal.



Member FDIC



Sogility partners with Off The Wall Sports to hold Lil' Kickers events

The REPORTER

Sogility and Off The Wall Sports have announced a partnership to play host to Lil' Kickers events starting Monday, Jan. 23.

offers soccer classes for kids aged 2 to 4 years. The classes are fueled by fun and rooted in child development theory, so kids will learn foundational soccer skills and master developmental milestones.

"We are happy to expand our offerings to future soccer stars and grow the love about the programs, email of the game," Sogility CEO Jimmy Carson said. "We will now train 2-year-olds al players and offer adults ers' of all ages a chance to play soccer at our facility."

Lil' Kickers is a child development program based around the game of soccer. In Lil' Kickers, we do a va-

riety of age-appropriate activities to improve a child's balance, coordination, listening skills, social skills, and soccer skills.

"We are excited to bring Lil' Kickers Sogility Lil' Kickers to Sogility in Westfield," said Mike Keinath, Director of Lil' Kickers at Off the Wall Sports. "Sogility is a staple in the soccer community, and it just makes sense for Off The Wall Sports to partner with Sogility to offer Lil' Kickers classes."

> For more information info@offthewallsports.net.

About Sogility

Sogility's mission is all the way to profession- to increase soccer playskills, confidence, and physical development with personalized training through the use of technology and individualized data monitoring. Learn more at sogility.net.

Indiana Arts Commission accepting applications for annual grant programs

The REPORTER

mission (IAC) and its Regional Arts Partners has announced the opening of applications for two grant programs: Fiscal Year 2024 Arts Project Support and Fiscal Years 2024-2025 Arts Organization Support.

"Arts and creativity are an essential piece of the vibrancy, connectedness, and economic development of Indiana communities," IAC Executive Director Miah Michaelsen said. "The Arts Organization Support and Arts Project Support grant programs strengthen the fabric of Hoosier communities by facilitating quality arts and educational activities."

About the Arts Project

Support Program grants provide nonprofit organizations and public entities with funding to support a specific arts activity, such as a one-time event, a single FY24 and FY25 include improduction, an exhibition, an educational workshop, or a series of related arts activities such as art classes or training sessions.

The objectives of the Arts Project Support Grant Program are to provide the general public access to quality arts activities, with particular attention to underserved communities, and to evaluation process. support Indiana artists who are a vital part of Indiana's economy and community life. Projects must occur between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024, to be eligible for FY24 Arts Project Support.

Applications for Arts The Indiana Arts Com- Project Support are due by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on March 9, 2023, through the IAC's online grant system. Learn more and access the guidelines at this link.

About the Arts Organization Support Program

Arts Organization Support grants provide annual operating support for the ongoing artistic and administrative functions of eligible arts organizations that align with program priorities. Applicants that are funded in this program will be funded for two years (FY24 and FY25).

The Arts Organization Support program was recently evaluated and restructured to allow the program to better serve arts Arts Project Support organizations and to create the outcomes identified by the public in externally-led input and feedback sessions. Changes to the program for proving the application process, reducing the minimum budget threshold for applicants to \$20,000, aggregating the percentage of funded applications by organizational budget size, and offering the program every other year instead of annually.

> **Click here** to learn more about these changes and the

> Applications for Arts Organization Support are due by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on March 9, 2023, through the IAC's online grant system. Learn more and access the guidelines at this link.

Meeting Notices

Noblesville Firefighter Merit Commission meeting scheduled for 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023, has been canceled.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County ISS Board will meet to discuss ISSD projects via Microsoft Teams at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023. To listen in, call (219) 225-8177 and enter Conference ID 171 125 744#.

The Hamilton County Election Board will convene a public meeting at 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 27, 2023, in the Conference Room of the Hamilton County Clerk's Office at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, pursuant to Indiana Code 5-14-1-5.5. The purpose of the meeting is to look at Resolutions for the year and address possible delinquent Campaign Finance Reports.

The Westfield Redevelopment Authority will meet at 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023, in the Main Level Conference Room at the Westfield City Services Building, 2728 E. 171st St., Westfield.

The Jackson Township Merit Commission will meet at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023, at the Jackson Township Trustee's Office, 506 W. Main St., Arcadia.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County GIS Policy Committee will hold a virtual Microsoft Teams meeting to discuss GIS projects at 9:45 a.m. in Conference Room 1A on Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023, at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville. Listen in by calling (219) 225-8177 and entering Conference ID 856 629 826#.

COUNTY —

IN THE MATTER OF Thorpe Creek Drainage Area, Collins Extension

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage Board concerning the reconstruction of the **Thorpe Creek Drainage Area, Collins Extension on January 23, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.** in Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. Construction and maintenance reports of the Surveyor and the Schedule of

Assessments proposed by the Drainage Board have been filed and are available for public inspection in the office of the Hamilton County Surveyor. Hamilton County Drainage Board

Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh

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NOBLESVILLE

Hamilton East Public Library, 1 Library Plaza, Noblesville IN Request for Proposal for Legal Services

Inquires and proposal submittals should be directed to both: Laura Alerding, President of the Board of Trustees, lauraalerding@gmail.com

•Edra Waterman, Director HEPL/Chief Executive Officer, ewaterman@hepl.lib.in.us

General Information:
Purpose: This Request for Proposal ("RFP") is to contract for legal services to be provided to the Hamilton East Public Library Board of Trustees (the "Trustees"). An attorney or law firm shall be selected based upon demonstrated competence and qualifications.

The Trustees acknowledge that legal services are professional services under I.C. 5-22-6 et. seq. The Trustees may purchase services using any procedure the Trustees

consider appropriate. The Trustees reserve the right to reject any or all proposals received in response to this RFP. Further, the Trustees reserve the right to select a proposal based on the factors stated herein or any other factors that they determine to be reasonably appropriate. A contract will be negotiated with the successful proposal based on the factors stated herein or any other factors that they determine to be reasonably appropriate. A contract will be negotiated with the successful proposal based on the factors stated herein or any other factors that they determine to be reasonably appropriate. or the services described in this RFP Who May Respond: Attorneys currently licensed to practice law in Indiana, or law firms including such attorneys, may respond to this RFP.

Instructions on Proposal Submission:
Closing Submission Date: Proposals must be submitted by email no later than 4:00 PM on 1/25/23 to Laura Alerding and Edra Waterman. The Trustees will announce

the names of attorneys or law firms who submitted proposals at their monthly meeting.

The proposal shall not exceed twenty (20) pages (8.5" x 11") in length. The font must not be smaller than 12-point font type. The estimated fees for the services provided and qualifications shall both be included in the proposal.

Inquires: Written inquiries concerning this RFP should be made by 1/18/23 COB to:

Laura Alerding, President of the Board of Trustees, lauraalerding@gmail.com Edra Waterman, Director HEPL/Chief Executive Officer, ewaterman@hepl.lib.in.us

Reponses to inquiries received on or before 1/18/23 will be made via email to requestors and posted on the HEPL website as an addendum to the RFP.

Conditions of Proposal: All costs incurred in the preparation of a proposal responding to this RFP will be the responsibility of the proposer and will not be reimbursed v the Board of Trustees.

Right to Reject: The Trustees reserve the right to reject all proposals received in response to this RFP. Notification of Award: it is anticipated that a decision selecting the successful proposal will be made on or about 2/23/2023. Prior to the final decision, the finalists will be asked to meet with the Board of Trustees on one of these dates: 2/20, 2/21 or 2/22 for 45 minutes to 1 hour. Interviews will be at 4:00 and 5:00 each day. Upon

onclusion of final negotiations regarding the successful proposal, all other proposers will be informed of the final decision. Scope of Services: A primary attorney is expected to be assigned to this contract and should plan to attend the monthly meetings. On occasion and with notification a backup/secondary

A.Attend regularly scheduled monthly meetings (as described below) and advise the Trustees on all applicable governance, constitutional matters, and in decision B. Advise the Trustees on any day-to-day administration of the HEPL.

Conduct litigation as necessary

Annual Retainer Scope:

The services provided by proposer in consideration for the annual retainer shall include routine conferences with Board Members, Librarian, and Administrative Staff,

preparation of notices for legal publication upon request, legal research, general correspondence, and attendance at all regular monthly Board meetings.

Included in the retainer is attending business meetings, special meetings, executive sessions, committee meetings as needed, review of policies, basic contract review, consultation on matters related to open door law, meetings, postings, crafting or reviewing responses to FOIA/APRA requests, general consultation to identify if further legal review was warranted. There are 12 business meetings which should be budgeted at 2 hours each. In addition, include attending on average of three special meetings/executive sessions, and possibly two committee meetings where the attorney would be asked to be present. These additional meetings should also be budgeted at 2 hours each. The proposer should also expect to spend 4 hours/month answering phone or email questions from the Trustees or the Library Director as part of the

The proposer shall not be entitled to reimbursement for its own mileage, copying, fax transmissions, long-distance telephone bills, travel time to meetings or technology equipment or services. Instead, such routine expenses of the proposer shall be covered by the annual retainer. Activities beyond the Scope of the Retainer

At times, services may be required beyond the monthly hours for miscellaneous support in the retainer. In these instances, the Attorney may bill additional time at the greed-upon hourly rate with prior notice to and awareness of the executive director and board president once the monthly 4 hour allotment for miscellaneous support has een exhausted. **Billing Process** Attorney shall provide detailed, itemized bills each month which, at a minimum, recap the total current hourly rate for each lawyer; the total time billed by each lawyer

n that bill; the nature of the services provided by the lawyer; the corresponding dates of services provided; the product of the total time multiplied by the hourly rate for

ach lawyer; and total fees invoiced Proposal Contents:
The proposer, shall at a minimum, include the following in their proposal:

Organization/Attorney Legal Experience: The Proposer should describe its experience related to the areas outlined in the scope of services above. There is a particular nterest in the following topic areas:

• Governance of a government board/non-profit board. Constitutional matters – specifically First Amendment matters

• Public meeting governance (include Roberts Rules), Public Record Act and public record requests, and Indiana Open Door Law matters.

 Construction and Bond Issues Organization, Size, Structure, and Areas of Practice: The proposer should describe its organization in terms of the following:

· Areas of practice • Office locations (Central Indiana)

• Examples of experience supporting Library Boards · Litigation experience related to libraries and their outcomes

Public meetings – addressing the public as well as the government body

Attorney Qualifications: The proposer shall include a description/resume of the qualifications of the primary attorney and the backup/secondary attorney to be assigned o this contract related to the experience listed above. Proposer should also state where the lead attorney and back-up attorneys are located and how they will be available or consultation to the Board and the Library Director.

Cost estimates requested:
The proposer will provide a cost estimate for both the activities covered under a yearly retainer and an hourly rate for those activities outside of the activities covered by he retainer.

The proposer should include an estimate for: 1. The yearly retainer fees

2. The hourly rate for the primary attorney assigned to the contract, backup/secondary attorney, and the billing rate for any paralegal services provided

Both activities will be billed monthly in an itemized invoice. Additionally, we want to know what is the minimum time billed, ¼ hour? And what is the minimum time hat is billed at a full hour? Proposal Evaluation

valuation Procedures and Criteria: a committee made up of members of the Trustees will review the proposals, interview the proposers, and make recommendations to the Trustees for approval. The committee may conduct interviews with all or some of the qualified proposers prior to a final selection

Proposal Criteria

Governance of a government board/non-profit board. Constitutional matters – specifically First Amendment matters

Public meeting governance (include Roberts Rules), Public Record Act and public record requests, and Indiana Open Door Law matters. **Primary Attorney** Governance of a government board/non-profit board.

Constitutional matters – specifically First Amendment matters

Public meeting governance (include Roberts Rules), Public Record Act and public record requests, and Indiana Open Door Law matters.

Local to Central Indiana

Yearly retainer

Hourly rate: backup attorney Proposals shall be reviewed and selected based upon the proposers' qualifications and estimated costs.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

"To the angel of the church in Sardis write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God. Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.

Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me. dressed in white, for they are worthy. The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Revelation 3:1-6 (NIV)

Kerri Lynn Loveall August 8, 1969 - January 12, 2023

Kerri Lynn Loveall, 53, passed away on January 12, 2023, peacefully with her brother, David Loveall and sister-in-law, April Loveall and "Cat" by her side. She was born in Lebanon, Ind., on August

8, 1969. Kerri graduated from Carmel High School in 1988 and worked for the City of Carmel at the Utilities Department for over 20 years. Kerri is survived by her brother, David (April) Loveall; nephew, Drew Loveall (son Charlie); niece, Shelby Loveall; step-niece,

ew, Zach Crews. She was preceded in death by her parents, William "Bill" Loveall and Debra Loveall.

Keeley (Brody) Kalbaugh (daughter Stella); and step-neph-

By her request there will be a private family service. Randall & Roberts Funeral Home has been entrusted with

Kerri's care. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038 (hamiltonhumane.com).

Condolences: randallroberts.com



Marquisha Bridgeman joins Merchants Bank team in Carmel

The REPORTER

Merchants Bank of Indiana announced on Thursday the hiring of Marquisha Bridgeman as Vice President, Community and Business Banking Partnerships.

Bridgeman will work from the Merchants Bank headquarters in Carmel.

Bridgeman joins the Merchants Bank team with more than 13 years of experience leading community engagement and marketing initiatives to build an extensive business and non-profnetwork throughout

recently, Most she helped develop strategies for corporate contributions, internal communications and employee engagement in her role as community relations man-

ager for STAR Bank.



Bridgeman

ing Partnerships role is newly created by Bridgeman earned her Merchants Bank. In this Master of Science degree commercial banking role, in Strategic Leadership and Bridgeman will support Design from the Univer- local businesses, commusity of Indianapolis and a nity development groups bachelor's degree in busi- and non-profit organiza-

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"We are looking forward to having Marquisha as the trailblazer for this new role at Merchants Bank," said Susan Kucer, President of the Indianapolis Market. "She brings in a fresh approach to the bank and I'm confident she can propel our company, clients and community forward."

To learn more, visit merchantsbankofindiana.

State grants will help Spectrum expand broadband service in Hamilton County

The REPORTER

Spectrum announced Wednesday it has been awarded \$24.1 million in Indiana Next Level Connections Grants to bring gigabit high-speed internet access to approximately 5,422 unserved homes and small businesses in Indiana.

The company received the largest number of round three grants, and is working through other similar programs to expand fiber-optic broadband infrastructure to areas of the state that currently lack access to highspeed connections.

Reportedly,

pand its broadband services sential broadband service to as one of Indiana's largest within western portions rural and unserved parts of of Hamilton County, with plans to build to a significant number of homes throughout the rest of the county in the coming years.

Spectrum has committed to invest more than \$20 million to extend its broadband network. Overall, Spectrum was awarded \$24.1 million in the third round of the Indiana Next Level Connections grants, which will help connect more than 5,420 homes and small businesses in 18 Indiana counties.

Indiana Lt. Governor Spectrum Suzanne Crouch said this is plans to invest money to ex- an important step to get es-

the state.

"The Next Level Connections program is helping bring high-speed connectivity to unserved Hoosiers across the state," Crouch said. "Charter is already expanding its network here in Indiana and bringing high-speed internet to more families and small businesses that need reliable access to connect, learn, work and access essential services. We're thankful for their continued partnership."

The Indiana Next Level Connections grants build upon Spectrum's capability

provider of broadband service to rural Indiana, and Spectrum employs more than 450 state residents.

"Public-private partnerships are a vital strategy for connecting unserved communities," said Tom Yates, Vice President, Construction FO Rural Build. "Through Indiana Next Level Connections, Spectrum will join with Indiana to bring gigabit broadband and more to thousands of families and small businesses - leveraging our capability as the state's largest broadband provider to further close the digital divide.'

Applications open for next Community Crossings grants

The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is accepting applications for the spring 2022 Call for Projects for the Community Crossings Matching Grant program. The application window is open now through Friday, Jan. 27.

local government units in 75/25 match. Indiana.

- a population of fewer than 50,000 will receive funds 10,000 will receive funds using a 50/50 match. using a 75/25 match.
- a population of greater than 10,000 will receive funds using a 50/50 match.
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Since 2016, the state • Cities and towns with has awarded more than \$1 billion in matching funds to support local road and bridge projects across Indiana. Long-term funding for Community Crossings lation of fewer than 50,000 Community Crossings is grants are available to all will receive funds using a part of House Enrolled Act formation.

1002, passed by the Indiana legislature and signed into law by Gov. Eric Holcomb in April 2017.

All application materials must be submitted by 5 p.m. Eastern time on Friday, Jan. 27 to be considered. Communities receiving funding for projects will be notified in early spring.

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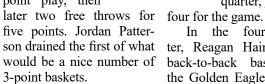
Trailblazers keep winning, beat Guerin Catholic in home game

By RICHIE HALL

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CARMEL – The University girls basketball team ran its win streak to seven Thursday night by beating Guerin Catholic 61-27 in an all-county game at the U Center.

The Trailcruised blazers through the first quarter, scoring the game's first 16 points. Five different players had a hand in that run, with Payton Seay making a threepoint play, then



A 3 from Sutton Worman got the Golden Eagles on the board, but Kelsey DuBois finished the quarter included five points each with a pair of free throws from DuBois and Patterson. and gave University an 18-3 lead. DuBois then began the second period with a layin, and the 'Blazers jumped ahead 26-3 before too long.

"I think we played really well," said University coach Justin Blanding. "We're healthy. Everybody's on the same page now. We're playing pretty well right now."

Guerin Catholic began to get it together in the second quarter, but University stayed in control, steadily increasing its lead throughout the next three periods. The Trailblazers led 34-11 at halftime.

> University expanded its lead to 49-21 by the end of the third quarter. Payton Seay had eight points in that period, while Patterson

nailed her third 3 of the game. Patterson, in fact, hit one triple in each **DuBois** quarter, giving her

In the fourth quarson drained the first of what ter, Reagan Haines made would be a nice number of back-to-back baskets for the Golden Eagles, but the Trailblazers went off on a 12-0 run that took up the majority of the period. That

Seay finished as the leading scorer with 19 points, and also had seven rebounds and four assists. DuBois earned another double-double with 16 points and 10 rebounds, with Patterson adding 14 points. DuBois also dished out six assists, with Kamryn Washington handing out five as-



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

University's Kamryn Washington calls out to her teammates during the Trailblazers' game with Guerin Catholic Thursday at the U Center. University won 61-27.

sists. Taylor Seay collected collected six, while DuBois That's not anything you can four rebounds.

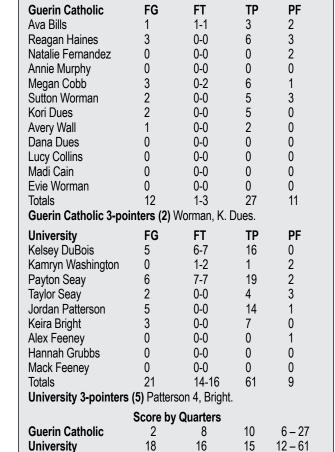
Offensive rebounds pulled four.

proved to be a difference in a strength of ours, but to be the game, as 13 of Universi-rebounders like that, we've ty's 27 rebounds were on the just got to have it," said both scored six points for

"This has always been but they're doing a good job with that."

Haines and Megan Cobb

University improved to really coach up too much, 13-4 and plays at Bethesda Christian on Saturday afternoon for the Pioneer Conference championship. Guerin Catholic is 6-11 and also plays on Saturday at Lebanon.

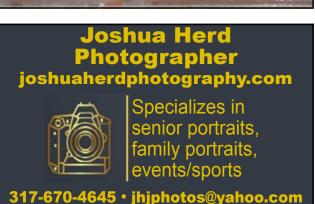


UNIVERSITY 61, GUERIN CATHOLIC 27



Reporter photo by Richie Hall University's Taylor Seay (right) guards Guerin Catholic's Megan Cobb on the inbound pass.







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Basketball-

Blackhawks pull off fourth win in a row

The REPORTER

Sheridan pulled away from Speedway in the third quarter, and that led the Blackhawks to their fourth straight win, a 51-40 victory Thursday night at Larry Hobbs Hall.

The game was tied at 11-11 after the first quarter, then the Sparkplugs jumped ahead 25-20 by halftime. But Sheridan dominated the third period, pouring in 26 points to take a 46-36 lead into the fourth quarter. The 'Hawks then maintained that margin during the fourth period.

Kenzie Garner led Sheridan with 22 points and five rebounds. Chaney Smith added nine points and made three steals, while Ashley Webel scored eight points. Lilly Chesney, Nova Cross and Jacquellynne Bates all contributed four points to round out the scoring.

The Blackhawks are 9-8 and play Tuesday at Bethesda Christian.





Photo by Si DeVaney III

Sheridan's Kenzie Garner scored 22 points for the Blackhawks during their win over Speedway on Thursday.

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Huskies have no trouble taking care of Greenwood

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights took care of Greenwood 53-32 in a Thursday home game.

The Huskies led 14-10 after one quarter, with Kaylee Rhoton throwing in two 3-pointers and scoring eight points in total for the period. Heights' defense then took over in the mid-Woodsmen to just seven points during those two pe-

As a result, the Huskies led 28-14 at halftime and 43-17 after three quarters. Greenwood did outscore Heights 15-10 in the fourth period, but Huskies coach Keegan Cherry said the team was "working on some different things. So from that perspective it was suc-

cessful – we got to see some things we need to work on."

Camryn Runner played an outstanding third quarter, pouring 12 points. She finished as the leading scorer with 24 points, going 10-of-11 from the free-throw line. Rhoton totaled three 3s and scored 15 points.

"I'm so proud of the dle quarters, holding the fight our girls showed," said Cherry. "Every game lose warmups – always outsized. Yet our girls fight and win." The coach said the heart and toughness of his team is "something we can always count on with this group."

Heights is 14-3 and plays a Saturday game at Tipton; that contest will finish up Hoosier Conference East Division play for the

HAMILTON	HEIGHTS	53,	GREENW	OOD 32
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ella Hickok	2	0-0	4	2
Camryn Runner	6	10-11	24	2
Kaylee Rhoton	5	2-5	15	1
Kassidy Schakel	1	0-2	2	0
Hadleigh Cherry	0	0-0	0	1
Katie Brown	3	0-0	8	0
Taylor Harley	0	0-0	0	0
Morgan Ottinger	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	17	12-18	53	6
Score by Quarters				
Greenwood	10	4	3	15 – 32
Heights	14	14	15	10 – 53
Heights 3-pointers (7) Rhoton 3, Brown 2, Runner 2.				

Cross country state tournaments reduced by one week

The REPORTER

In its first meeting of the new calendar year, the IHSAA Executive Committee voted to change the Boys and Girls Cross Country State Tournaments a three-week format.

was one of three rules proposals acted upon after being formally presented last month by the Indiana Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches (IATCCC).

fall's state tournaments will be contested on three consecutive Saturdays and begin one week later than previously scheduled. Next season's sectionals will now be on Saturday, Oct. 14, regionals on Saturday, Oct. 21, and the state finals on the same previously scheduled date of Saturday, Oct. 28.

Since 2014, the cross country tournaments had been run on four consecutive Saturdays with sectionals, regionals, semi-states and state finals.

The new format calls for 25 sectionals and five the season.

regionals feeding into the state finals while eliminating the semi-state round. The top five teams and top 15 individuals not on a qualifying team will advance from each round to from a four-week format to the next. Host sites and sectional assignments will be Thursday's decision announced this summer.

"Today was a culmination of several years of discussion around issues within the cross country tournaments," said Commissioner Paul Neidig. "The three-week tourna-By an 11-6 vote, next ment will provide more balance at the sectional level, resulting in a more competitive state tournament. The new format will advance 42 additional runners in each race at the state finals. We greatly appreciate the partnership with the state coaches association in developing this new format."

> Two other proposals from the coaches association were unanimously approved including awarding medals to the top 25 finishers in both state meets and creating a common track entry platform that all meets must use throughout



Sundays at 11:00 in Celebration Hall

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Noblesville First United Methodist Church

You are invited to join the contemporary worship service in Celebration Hall (Door 2, 7) The service is offered at 11 a.m. every Sundav and features high-energy contemporary praise music from the LIVE Praise Band, scripture readings, a sermon message, engaging prayer time, and weekly Holy Communion, prayer rails, and candle lighting.

Everyone is welcome to join each Sunday.

Noblesville & University take part in three-team meet

The REPORTER

The Noblesville and University swim teams participated in a three-team meet Tuesday at North Cen-

Team scores were unavailable. In the girls meet, the Millers got a double win from Sabrina Ledwith in the individual medley and 100 freestyle, as well as victories from Eryn McMahon in diving and Caroline Santerre in the backstroke. Noblesville also swept all three relays.

In the boys meet, the Millers got three wins. Lane Monger was first in the IM, Colton Suhan triumphed in diving and Mason Snyder won the breaststroke.

University's top finish was a runner-up placing for Neiman Kumler in the boys breaststroke.

GIRLS MEET

200 medley relay: 1. Noblesville "A" (Caroline Santerre, Exley Tricker, Emily Knott, Ellie Hayward) 1:52.77, 4. Noblesville "B" (Haddie Vohs, Kyra Blackwell, Katie Sutton, Olivia Motz) 2:02.20, 6. Noblesville "C" (Kirsten McCormick, Cassidy Dailey, Eden Short, Rowen Foster) 2:09.67, 7. Noblesville "D" (Aubriella Miller, Addy Skirvin, Elyse Biddle, Addison Cooley) 2:17.35, 9. University "A" (Evie King, Lyla Gregory, Audrey Priest, Kate Lautenbach)

200 freestyle: 3. Vohs (N) 2:04.19, 4. Maya McDonald (N) 2:04.39, 6. Amelia Field (N) 2:12.42, 7. Mallory Mehringer (N) 2:18.24, 9. King (U) 2:38.81, 10. Lautenbach (U)

200 individual medley: 1. Sabrina Ledwith (N) 2:14.48, 2. Tricker (N) 2:17.00, 6. Julia Santerre (N) 2:27.75, 7. Alli Knott (N) 2:32.69, 9. Priest (U) 2:50.23.

50 freestyle: 3. E. Knott (N) 26.75, 5. Sutton 28.05, 7. Blackwell (N) 28.37, 8. Foster (N) 29.16, 9. Curran Brown (U) 41.01.

One-meter diving: 1. Eryn McMahon (N) 173.25, 2. Ava Pavich (N) 156.25, 4. Natalia Andrews (N)

100 butterfly: 2. Tricker (N) 1:04.14, 4. C. Santerre (N) 1:06.04, 5. Motz (N) 1:07.52, 8. Priest (U) 1:18.69, 9. Foster (N) 1:22.42. 100 freestyle: 1. Ledwith (N)

55.62, 2. Hayward (N) 57.52, 4. Vohs (N) 57.84, 8. Cooley (N) 1:08.21, 9. Lautenbach (U) 1:16.82, 10. Samradhhi Patankar (U) 1:22.14. 500 freestyle: 4. McDonald (N)

5:46.33, 5. E. Knott (N) 5:47.83, 6.

J. Santerre (N) 6:00.29, 7. Field (N)

200 freestyle relay: 1. Noblesville "A" (McDonald, C. Santerre, Field, Ledwith) 1:43.23, 4. Noblesville "C" (Ava Middleton, Gabby Chambers, Short, Blackwell) 1:57.89, 6. Noblesville "D" (Katie Wong, Rihanna Hartman, Olivia Chingis, Skirvin) 2:07.62, 7. University "A" (Gregory, King, Lautenbach,

Priest) 2:10.23.

Sutton (N) 1:10.54, 8. Dailey (N) 1:20.57, 9. King (U) 1:31.00.

100 breaststroke: 4. Hayward (N) 1:17.70, 5. Blackwell (N) 1:18.26, 6. A. Knott (N) 1:19.00, 7. Mehringer (N) 1:28.34, 8. Gregory (U) 1:35.22.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Noblesville "A" (Vohs, Tricker, McDonald, Hayward) 3:47.49, 3. Noblesville "B" (E. Knott, Field, Motz, Ledwith) 3:52.32, 5. Noblesville "C" (Sutton, J. Santerre, Mehringer, A. Knott) 4:11.13, 8. Noblesville "D" (Lillian Wright, Lucy Steinhofer, Callie Otto, Hartman) 5:02.76.

BOYS MEET

200 medley relay: 2. Noblesville "A" (Shepard Huff, Mason Snyder, Zak Armstrong, Graham Kulp) 1:43.72, 4. Noblesville "B" (Wyatt Wade, Lane Monger, Connor Pearson, Liam Westlund) 1:48.63, 5. Noblesville "C" (Mark Berger, Sean Halvorsen, Caleb Mathis, Jeremiah Ledwith) 1:48.95, 6. Noblesville "D" (Keegan Herbst, Darian Teitsma, Anthony Mathis, Drew Setmeyer) 2:01.43, 7. University "A" (Zach Sullivan, Neiman Kumler, Gabe Pryor, Owen Ascioti) 2:02.54.

200 freestyle: 3. Kulp (N) 1:52.69, 4. C. Mathis (N) 1:58.19, 7. Wade (N) 2:06.95, 8. D. Setmeyer (N) 2:08.99, 9. Sullivan (U) 2:20.40, 10. Cael Head (U) 2:36.20.

200 individual medley: 1. Monger (N) 2:02.94, 4. Westlund (N) 2:12.68, 5. Jonah Setmeyer (N) 2:12.70, 7. Pryor (U) 2:32.52, 8. Ben Dehmer (N) 2:40.21.

50 freestyle: 2. Aidan Biddle (N) 23.21, 4. Halvorsen (N) 23.77, **100 backstroke:** 1. C. Santerre 5. Berger (N) 24.40, 7. A. Mathis (N)

(N) 1:01.93, 3. Motz (N) 1:07.11, 6. 25.42, 8. Ascioti (U) 26.57, 9. David Beatty (U) 35.80.

> One-meter diving: 1. Colton Suhan (N) 157.05.

> 100 butterfly: 3. Monger (N) 57.28, 4. Snyder (N) 58.61, 6. Wade (N) 1:02.36, 7. Berger (N) 1:04.42, 8. Pryor (U) 1:18.33, 9. Head (U) 1:22.60.

> 100 freestyle: 2. Kumler (U) 49.50, 4. Oliver Mark (N) 53.02, 5. Halvorsen (N) 53.09, 6. Ledwith (N) 53.82, 7. Pearson (N) 54.82.

> 500 freestyle: 4. A. Mathis (N) 5:19.36, 5. C. Mathis (N) 5:29.07, 6. Huff 5:38.78, 7. Dehmer (N) 6:20.32, 8. Ascioti (U) 6:39.89.

> 200 freestyle relay: 2. Noblesville "A" (J. Setmeyer, Westlund, Wade, Biddle) 1:36.32, 3. Noblesville "B" (Ledwith, Pearson, A. Mathis, Mark) 1:37.46, 5. University "A" (Sullivan, Kumler, Pryor, Ascioti) 1:42.21, 6. Noblesville "C" (Mason Mundy, Herbst, Teitsma, D. Setmeyer) 1:49.55, 7. Noblesville "D" (K.J. Gordon, Dehmer, David Walters, Simon Adams) 2:03.43.

> 100 backstroke: 3. Biddle (N) 57.97, 4. Kulp (N) 58.81, 5. Armstrong (N) 59.77, 7. Pearson (N) 1:05.62, 8. Sullivan (U) 1:19.49.

> 100 breaststroke: 1. Snyder (N) 1:04.10, 2. Kumler (U) 1:05.43, 5. J. Setmeyer (N) 1:09.74, 6. Ledwith (N) 1:10.42, 7. Mark (NO 1:13.83.

400 freestyle relay: 2. Noblesville "A" (Biddle, Westlund, C. Mathis, Snyder) 3:26.95, 3. Noblesville "B" (Monger, Armstrong, Halvorsen, Kulp) 3:28.03, 5. Noblesville "D" (Dehmer, Mundy, Gordon, Walters) 4:22.55.

Wrestling ———

Royals put up good fight, fall to Trojans

The Hamilton Southeastern wrestling team battled with Bishop Chatard until the end on Wednesday, before the Royals fell to the Trojans 34-32 in their Senior Night dual meet.

The meet began at 170 pounds, with senior Zack Wagner getting a major-decision victory. Chatard won the next two matches, by decision at 182 and fall at 195, putting the Trojans ahead 9-4.

Goodyear getting a 3-2 decision win at 220, then Dom Burgett winning at the season and will travel 285 by fall, keeping him to Brownsburg Saturday unbeaten for the season. for the Hoosier Crossroads

point, but Chatard took the 106-pound match in a back-and-forth bout, and the decision victory kept the Trojans within 13-12.

Aidan Smalley moved up to 113 and got a major-decision victory, then Emily Anderson won 120 by forfeit. Southeastern led 23-12, but Chatard came storming back with falls at 126, 132 and 138. Adam Gerstner got a 7-1 decision win at 145, then Zach Lang pinned his opponent Southeastern took the at 152. But the Trojans lead back, with Jackson clinched the meet with a fall at 160.

The Royals are 16-4 for The Royals led 13-9 at that Conference championship.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Jan. 13 BOYS BASKETBALL

University at Muncie Burris, 7 p.m. Fishers at Brownsburg, 7:30 p.m. Guerin Catholic at Covenant Christian, 7:30 p.m. Hamilton Heights at Lapel, 7:30 p.m.

Westfield at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m. Zionsville at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m. **GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Fishers at Brownsburg, 6 p.m. Westfield at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m. Zionsville at Noblesville, 6 p.m. **WRESTLING**

Saturday, Jan. 14

IHSGW state finals, 11 a.m. at Mooresville

BOYS BASKETBALL Carmel at Fort Wayne Snider, 7:30 p.m. Elwood at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.

Hamilton Southeastern at Anderson, 7:30 p.m.

Herron at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m. Noblesville at Connersville, 7:30 p.m. University at Cardinal Ritter, 7:30 p.m. Western Boone at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL Hamilton Heights at Tipton, 12:45 p.m. Westfield at Indian Creek, 1:30 p.m. Carmel at Mishawaka Marian, 2:30 p.m. Guerin Catholic at Lebanon, 2:30 p.m. University at Pioneer Conference championship game,

3 p.m. at Bethesda Christian **GYMNASTICS**

Fishers, Noblesville at Franklin Central Invitational, 11 a.m. at The Gymnastics Company **SWIMMING**

Noblesville at Brownsburg, 9 a.m. Hoosier Conference meet, noon at Purdue

WRESTLING Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet, 8:30 a.m. at Brownsburg

Circle City Conference meet, 9 a.m. at Guerin Catholic Hoosier Conference meet, 9 a.m. at Western Sheridan at Tri-Central Duals, 9 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 16 GIRLS BASKETBALL

Noblesville at Benet Acdemy (Ill.), 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 17 **BOYS BASKETBALL**

Fort Wayne Carroll at Fishers, 7:30 p.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL Sheridan at Bethesda Christian, 6 p.m.

Fishers at Carmel, 7:30 p.m. Lawrence North at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m. New Castle at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.

> **GYMNASTICS** Westfield at New Palestine, 6 p.m. **WRESTLING** Guerin Catholic at Speedway, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 18 GIRLS BASKETBALL

Westfield at Hamilton Heights, 7:15 p.m. McCutcheon at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m. Noblesville at Harrison, 7:30 p.m. WRESTLING

Fishers at North Central, 6:30 p.m. Hamilton Southeastern at Carmel, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 19 **SWIMMING**

Hamilton Southeastern at Zionsville, 6 p.m. Westfield at Avon, 6 p.m. **WRESTLING**

Noblesville at Alexandria, 6 p.m. Westfield at Harrison, 6:30 p.m.

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TELEVISION



Upcoming Broadcasts

Wednesday, Jan 11, Wrestling

6:00 pm Chatard vs Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) | Southeastern Sports Network

Thursday, Jan 12, Basketball

5:40 pm Girls City Alliance Semi-Finals (2 games) | Indiana SRN

5:55 pm Brownsburg vs Fishers | Girls JV & Varsity | Fishers Sports Network

7:00 pm Speedway vs **Sheridan** | Girls Varsity | Bragg Sports Media

Friday, Jan 13, Basketball

5:45 pm Westfield vs Hamilton Southeastern | Girls Varsity | Southeastern Sports

6:00 pm Zionsville vs Noblesville | Girls Varsity Basketball | HCTV Sports

7:10 pm Girls City Alliance Finals | Girls Basketball | Indiana SRN 7:10 pm Guerin Catholic vs Covenant Christian | Boys Varsity | Indiana SRN

7:10 pm Avon vs Mt. Vernon | Boys Varsity | Indiana SRN 7:20 pm Westfield vs Hamilton Southeastern | Boys Varsity | Southeastern Sports

7:30 pm Zionsville vs **Noblesville** | Boys Varsity | HCTV Sports

Saturday, Jan 14, Basketball

6:10 pm Chatard vs Providence Cristo Rey | Boys Basketball | Indiana SRN

7:10 pm Herron vs **Guerin Catholic** | Boys Varsity | Indiana SRN

7:30 pm Elwood vs **Sheridan** | Boys Varsity | Bragg Sports Media

Friday, Jan 20, Basketball

6:00 pm Brownsburg at **Westfield** | Girls Varsity | HCTV Sports 7:30 pm Brownsburg at **Westfield** | Boys Varsity | HCTV Sports















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