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TODAY'S WEATHER
 Today: Partly sunny morning. Mostly cloudy afternoon, with scattered showers. Wind gusting to 35 mph.
 Tonight: Cloudy. Wind gusting to 35 mph.
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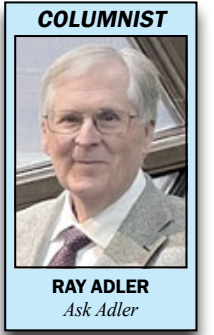
Westfield Kiwanis give \$20K for new library construction



Photo provided by Kiwanis Club of Westfield
 The Kiwanis Club of Westfield presented a \$20,000 check to the Westfield Library Foundation on Tuesday during the Club's monthly meeting. The donation supports the new library building's lactation room, which is a natural fit with the mission of Kiwanis to uplift all children and families within its reach. Are you interested in joining Kiwanis? Please email kiwaniswestfield@gmail.com for more information.

What is truth?

I heard a recent lecturer ask, "What is truth?" He remarked that Pilate had asked Jesus this very question. Society has been struggling with that question in the 2,000 years since.



Is it true that spending lowers inflation? President Biden articulates the answer is yes. In politics should a leader do what is necessary to maintain power, or should they focus on truth? Are there only male and female or is gender a human invention? Is abortion a constitutional right or the murder of an innocent human being?

The Stoics in Athens believed life was bad and you just had to tough it out. The Epicureans thought life was short and one should live it up. What is truth? In the 1890s, there was a time known as the Gay 90s, and later, of course, the Roaring 20s and the Free Sex 60s. The Gay 90s brought German rationalism.

"I think, therefore I am," said Descartes. The Old Testament was attacked as wrong, and truth was limited to the natural world. (Truth was only that which could be seen, heard, or observed.) The 1920s saw attacks on the New Testament and Nietzsche's famous "God is dead" grew in popularity. What doesn't kill me makes me stronger, etc. Of course, Nietzsche is thought to have died insane.

Remember the 60s? It's been said if you remember the 60s, you weren't there. Colleges seemed to take over thought patterns and created what is known as post-modern thought. Modernity began, roughly, with the French Revolution in 1789 and is generally thought to have ended in approximately 1989 with the fall of the Berlin Wall. During this time, Pol Pot, a Cambodian leader, studied truth in Paris and returned home to kill one-third of Cambodia's 3 million people.

Postmodernism teaches us to distrust and deconstruct traditional institutions and conceptions. Also, the idea of pluralism came into vogue: what is true for me may not be true for you. Without a foundation, there can be no foundation for truth, which leads to radical inclusiveness of all ideas, whether good, bad, or evil.

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Carmel retains AA bond rating

Submitted by City of Carmel

The City of Carmel has retained its strong, investment-grade AA credit rating after a review of the City's financial strength and long-term stability. The rating was issued by Standard & Poor's (S&P) for the sale of \$62.45 million in lease rental bonds that will be used to finance the construction of several road system projects, including the completion of various multi-use paths along existing roads.

S&P issued its report stating that Carmel's local economy "remains a pillar of credit strength," adding that "the city's growing tax base, coupled with its strong management, continues to support Carmel's stable financial profile, which is characterized by very strong reserves and consistent operating performance."

Mayor Jim Brainard was pleased with the report.

"This is the same rating the City of Carmel had when I became mayor in 1996. Growing cities require tremendous investments in roads, bridges, sidewalks, trails and parks. This takes a substantial amount of long-term borrowing," Brainard said. "However, we have managed our finances carefully so that the rating stays very high and our tax rates remain very low."

Editor's note: One of the city's bond ratings was downgraded from AA+ to AA in late 2017. S&P issued its decision citing "the city's rapidly increasing debt burden" while noting Carmel's strong local economy.

"We work very hard to manage city finances and take prudent steps to invest wisely in projects that benefit our residents and make Carmel one of the best places to live and work in America," Brainard continued. "That hard work has resulted in this positive credit rating which helps us achieve a more competitive interest rate when selling these bonds, thus saving taxpayer money."

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\$25K donation will help protect local children from exploitation



Photo provided by Fishers Police Department / Facebook
 kNot Today Foundation and the Fishers Police Department-based Hamilton County Metropolitan Child Exploitation Task Force continue their partnership in protecting children and pursuing criminals engaged in child exploitation. Recently, members of kNot Today presented Fishers Chief of Police Ed Gebhart with a donation of \$25,000. This money will assist in the purchase of a Cyber Crime Forensic Vehicle, which will provide investigators a safe and secure location to conduct digital forensics and interviews. The Task Force will share more detailed information about the vehicle once it has been purchased and placed into service. To learn more about kNot Today and the fight against sexual abuse, exploitation, and trafficking of children, visit kNotToday.org.

Congratulations Jeff Wright on 30 years of serving Hamilton County



Photo provided by Hamilton County Sheriff's Office / Facebook
 Congratulations to Hamilton County Merit Patrol Deputy Jeff Wright on his retirement on Tuesday. He served the Hamilton County community for nearly 30 years. Wright has more than earned this retirement. Best of luck in your new adventures and thank you for your service.

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TRUTH

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All ideas are thought to have a place at the table. But ideas can be dangerous. Take Russian leader Vladimir Putin. Does he have a place at the table of ideas or is he a criminal that should be rejected? Few people know all 31,102 verses in the Bible, but everyone can cite the verse that says not to judge. Of course, the Greek word used means do not condemn. The Bible obviously asks each of us to discern good and evil. What is truth?

Postmodern idea proponents and Evangelical Christians agree about truth in some areas. They both see errors in the liberal church. The Evangelicals see Jesus and the Bible as not negotiable. Both see that the Marxist view of economics does not work, and both reject Rene Descartes' idea that there is no supernatural. Both reject Sigmund Freud's psychoanalysis requiring someone to be blamed.

What should you do? Find truth. I was blind but now I see. I can change.

This life is not all there is. There is a supernatural. Some say truth is found in Jesus. Like Pilate, I find no fault in Jesus.

P.S. My summa cum laude philosophy editor took issue with one of my statements. To his reading of Descartes, he did not reject the idea of the supernatural. His fifth Meditation was about bringing God back into the equation as the foundation of the truth that began in the First Meditation with the assertion "I think, therefore I am." He thought Descartes snuck consciousness in the back door with "I think, therefore I am." If one is doubting everything, that should include the existence of the self and his assertion would have been on firmer ground if it was something like "There is thought, therefore there is the existence of a thinker."

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Carmel Symphony Orchestra will heat up the night with Serpentine Fire: The Music of Earth, Wind & Fire

The REPORTER

Las Vegas' hottest vocal and instrumental talents team up with the Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) under Artistic Director Janna Hymes on Saturday, Jan. 28 for CSO's January Pops presentation – Serpentine Fire: The Music of Earth, Wind & Fire.

The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Palladium at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. Tickets start at just \$25 and are available at the Palladium Fifth Third Bank Box Office, by calling (317) 843-3800 or online at thecenterpresents.org.

"Earth, Wind & Fire is my all-time favorite group. In fact it seems to be just about everyone's favorite group from the reaction we're getting to this concert!" said CSO Artistic Director Janna Hymes. "Serpentine Fire is a dynamic tribute to these great Rock

& Roll Hall of Famers! It's going to be a sensational evening of music that everyone knows and loves, so join us at the Palladium on Jan. 28, and let's groove!"

Serpentine Fire's lead vocalist is Tyriq Johnson, whose soaring falsetto and stage persona drew the attention of multiple national acts working in Las Vegas where he and his twin brother John performed in clubs and casino showrooms during the early 2000s. The Serpentine Fire project grew out of Tyriq's friendship with Earth, Wind & Fire's Verdine White and Ralph Johnson, who found his voice a perfect fit for their musical catalog. In 2019, arranger/conductor Mariano Longo joined forces with Tyriq to create a unique, exciting, and irresistible symphony/pops presentation of the gigantic hits from the '70s and '80s – Serpentine



Photo provided

Fire: The Music of Earth, Wind & Fire.

CSO, currently in the midst of its 47th season, is a resident company of the Palladium at the Center for the Performing Arts located in Carmel's City Center district. An abundance of free parking – in garages, lots and curbside – is available within easy walking distance of the Palladium. There also are numerous restaurants in the area for pre- or post-concert dining. CSO recently was awarded two "Best Of" accolades for 2022 by respect-

ed arts maven Tom Alvarez in his long-running *On the Aisle* column: a Top Ten Performing Arts Event for its season-opening Hispanic Heritage Concert, and a Top Ten Performing Arts Luminaries nod to Artistic Director Janna Hymes for being among the area's "most creative, innovative and impactful artists and arts administrators" of the year.

Additional information about Serpentine Fire: The Music of Earth, Wind & Fire and a preview of the remainder of performances during CSO's current season can be found at carmelsymphony.org.

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JANNA HYMES ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

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Janna Hymes
Artistic Director

BOND RATING


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Other key findings S&P reported in its review include:

- While the city is largely built out, significant redevelopment and continued expansion in recent years have contributed to Carmel's good mix of residential and commercial properties, with several large apartment and office complexes among the city's leading taxpayers.
- Carmel's Assessed Valuation of just over \$10.1 billion as of the 2023 assessment year, is expected to continue growing at a

steady pace, considering approximately \$2.1 billion of new development is actively in the pipeline.

- Approximately 125 companies have international, national, and regional headquarters in Carmel, including CNO Financial Group Inc., GEICO, Liberty Mutual Insurance, and Resort Condominium International. Most recently, Republic Airways announced a \$200 million phase one plan to relocate its headquarters to Carmel, bringing with it an anticipated 1,900 new jobs.




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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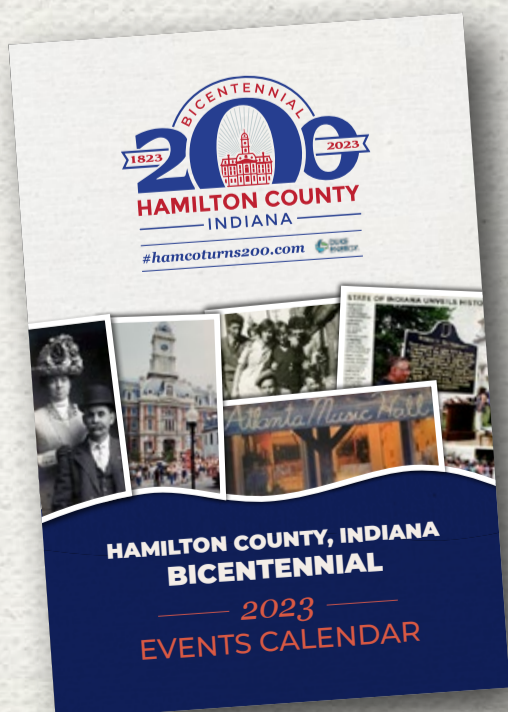
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Victoria Garcia Wilburn files her first bills in Indiana House

The REPORTER

Freshman legislator State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D-Fishers) has filed four pieces of legislation she says are designed to impact Hoosiers across the state.

House Bill 1319 allows occupational therapists, physical therapists and speech therapists who practice in a federally designated shortage area to now be eligible for the Indiana State Loan Repayment Program. This legislation is estimated to increase the pool of potential recipients by about 16,400 and encourage health professionals to practice in shortage areas.

House Bill 1320 is designed to expand the number of occupational therapists able to participate in community care for those with mental illness.

"These two bills enable critical steps to be taken to address the challenges mental health poses across the state," Garcia Wilburn said. "We need to be exploring creative options in our state to recruit and retain all healthcare professionals. Our Allied Health Professionals have not been a priority area and these bills not only provide aid to current professionals but future generations

of healthcare professionals."

House Bill 1321 will require the basic training of police officers to include programs addressing their personal mental health and wellness and suicide prevention.

"Having come from a police family, with my husband serving over a decade in law enforcement, educating our officers and administrators in the importance of police mental health and suicide prevention is much needed," Garcia Wilburn said. "Police officer suicide rates are nearing historic highs, and this is one way Indiana can demonstrate its leadership by ensuring our law enforcement officials have the knowledge and resources necessary to receive the critical help they need in their time on the force."

House Bill 1322 places a cap on the student-to-therapist ratio if the school employs an occupational therapist or physical therapist for students with disabilities. This legislation would limit the ratio to 50 students for every therapist.

"Special education has long been ignored in Indiana, and related services are



Photo provided

State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D-Fishers) was excited to file her first four bills as a new member of the Indiana House of Representatives.

vital in providing care to students," Garcia Wilburn said. "Ensuring our youth receive the client centered care they deserve means establishing safeguards for professionals that provide related services, so they are not overburdened in their caseload. Right now, caseloads can be in the hundreds, directly limiting the quality-of-care students receive."

Garcia says these four

bills are meant to tackle big issues that affect each Hoosier, not just those in her district.

"In order to improve the lives of Hoosiers, actions must be taken, and these bills are a step in the right direction," she said. "I look forward to seeing how my legislation proceeds and hope that they will receive consideration by both my colleagues in the Democratic party and across the aisle."

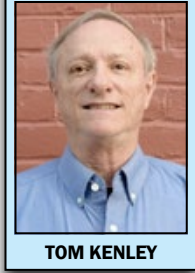
Tom Kenley encourages more folks to get involved in local politics

I truly enjoyed my two terms as Noblesville Township Trustee and one term as a township board member. It was a rewarding experience for me personally and professionally to

have had the opportunity to serve all the citizens of Noblesville Township.

The reward was in helping common everyday low-income folks who qualified for a financial assistance need or just offering them good practical advice or a referral to another government agency or non-for-profit that may be able to help where we could not. I generally took time to discuss issues and offer possible solutions for clients who weren't too overly upset with my decision on the use

GUEST COLUMNIST



TOM KENLEY

of taxpayer-funded assistance.

Denying assistance to a family or an individual is without question the most difficult part of being the trustee. Unfortunately, you cannot always help

everyone all the time or you wouldn't be doing job that you were elected to do.

I always looked for reasons to approve before looking for a reason to deny. My devoted staff always did their best to help and guide people to solutions to their problems. I think they are a good model for how a trustee office should be run: people in need first and confidentiality of clients foremost.

To my way of thinking, my best accomplishments were new programs to as-

sist people at low cost, the establishment of two safe places to stay for township residents in dire need, and a two-year tax moratorium on the civil tax shown on the reverse of your property tax statement, while at the same time providing increased financial assistance to needy residents. We will always need a levy for fire protection and EMS services.

A big thanks to all the churches, not-for-profits, civic organizations, the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation for assisting with the first-ever Noblesville Township Trustee Scholarship, and to all the good people who donated pantry items or to the township donation fund.

I encourage anyone interested in serving the community to file for a public office before the Feb. 3, 2023, primary filing deadline. I've noticed many uncontested or unfiled-for seats remain as of this writing.

These local offices are all very important. A choice of good candidates is important to our democracy and is necessary to keep voter interest high. I have consistently heard from younger people, who I will call 50 years or less, that

too many office holders are also too old. That will never change without your active participation. Show your willingness to serve, come up with a few good ideas, remain friendly to those who may not immediately accept you, and you might just win! And if you didn't win and learned something from the mistakes you may have made, you should file for the next election. I know of several people who have been successful on their second or third attempt.

If you are not a young person and still honestly have the drive and energy to represent your constituents at a high level, you should consider running for office or running for re-election. My point is that we need more honest and well-meaning citizens willing to place their names on the local ballot. It's really the best thing for all of us.

Tom Kenley was first elected as the Noblesville Township Trustee in November 2014. He announced his attention not run again in December 2021. Noblesville Township's Trustee is now Theresa Caldwell, who won election this past November. For more information, go to Noblesville-TownshipTrustee.com.

Carvers to compete in Carmel's Festival of Ice this weekend

The REPORTER

Top ice carvers from around the Midwest will be in Carmel this weekend, Jan. 20 to 22, for three days of competitions and demonstrations as the City of Carmel presents the sixth annual Festival of Ice sponsored by Allied Solutions.

The Festival of Ice weekend will begin Friday in the Carmel Arts & Design District, where carvers will create incredible ice masterpieces from 4 to 7 p.m. Visitors can view the sculptures in front of these locations on Main Street: Woodys Library Restaurant, Agave Bar & Grill, Petos, Muldoon's, The Pint Room, and Anthony's Chop House.

On Saturday, the ice carving moves to Carter Green where professionals begin the creation of giant-sized ice sculptures from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. While you are there, vote for your favorite sculpture and chili during the Carmel Fire Department's Chili Cook-Off from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

On Sunday, the competition kicks into high gear as the ice carvers return for the grand finale, a fast-paced "carve off" featuring head-to-head competition on stage in a tournament style

format. The winner will be determined with the help of the crowd.

Along with the Festival of Ice, The Ice at Carter Green rink will be open for skating all weekend so lace up your skates and enjoy the sculptures as you glide on the ice. Visit TheIceAtCarterGreen.com to purchase skating tickets in advance.

"This weekend is a rare opportunity to witness the art of creating beauty from a simple block of ice. Many of these ice carvers got their start in the culinary field carving blocks of cheese or fruit and then expanded their talents to include ice," said Nancy Heck, Director of Community Relations and Economic Development. "Carmel loves to celebrate the arts, whether it's a summer day on Main Street or a winter day around the ice rink."

The professional sculptors, who compete in similar competitions around the Midwest each year, include Shannon Gerasimchik, Benjamin Goebel, Jim Houser, Stephan Koch, Dan Rebbholz, and Matthew Stoddart.

For more information on the Festival, The Ice at Carter Green and other upcoming events, go to TheIceAtCarterGreen.com.

Three Hamilton County students make Dean's List at Iowa State University

The REPORTER

More than 10,200 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the fall semester 2022 Dean's List.

Locally, three students from Hamilton County made the Dean's List. They include:

- Morgan E. Reigeluth, Fishers, is studying interior

design.

- Zachary T. Steinmetz, Fishers, is studying genetics.

- Adam Zeitlin, Carmel, is studying civil engineering.

Students named to the Dean's List must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Anderson man dies in two-vehicle crash in Fishers

The REPORTER

The Fishers Police Department is investigating a fatal crash that occurred Tuesday evening.

At approximately 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 17, Fishers police officers responded to a vehicle crash near the intersection of 116th Street and Olivo Road. Upon arrival, emergency crews located two vehicles, a 2011 Toyota car and a 2009 Toyota car. Both drivers were transported to the hospital with serious injuries. The passenger in the 2009 Toyota, Adam Ellison, 38, An-

derson, died at the scene.

The driver of the 2011 Toyota was Roger Pullman, 30, Indianapolis. The driver of the 2009 Toyota was Jarah Kendrick, 34, Anderson.

The Fishers Crash Reconstruction Team responded to the crash. Based on evidence collected at the scene and witness statements it appears the 2011 Toyota was traveling northbound on Olivo Road and the 2009 Toyota was southbound on Olivo at the time of the crash. This crash remains under investigation.

Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Economic Development Council Committee has released its meeting schedule for 2023. Meetings will be held at 8:30 a.m. in room A213 at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville, unless otherwise noted.

March 22 (Room A214)
June 14
Sept. 13
Dec. 13

The Hamilton County Commissioners will meet in an executive session at 12:15 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 23, 2023.

The Board of Finance meeting will follow at 1 p.m., and the regular Commissioners meeting will begin at 1:05 p.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

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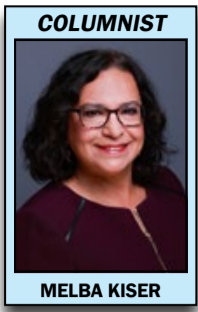
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Words will never hurt me

Most of us are familiar with the old rhyme “Sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me.”

While many of us may have been told that growing up, we now know that words in fact can hurt. Words can be used to bully those that we do not like and want to hurt. Words can also be used to create divisions among different groups.

During the public comment section of the January Noblesville school board meeting, a parent once again told the board of an incident in which words were used against a student to hurt and divide. This was not the first time that a parent has addressed the board to tell them of a bullying situation at a



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Noblesville school. I can attest that in the last year, I have personally been informed by other students about incidents in which they have been the victim of bullying and harassment in our schools. It has to be said that this use of words came from other students and not from teachers. While bullying is nothing new, and it is certain to continue at some level in the future even with laws and policies that try to minimize it, cell phones and the internet have made bullying and harassment much easier to do and more dangerous to the mental and emotional well-being of our children.

The Noblesville school board has a policy in place to address bullying preven-

tion in the schools, policy # po5517.01. Covered in the policy are the expectations of positive behavior, encouraging students to report any incidents, requiring staff to report an incident, providing parental notification, and more.

Now, enter the Indiana General Assembly to the rescue.

In this new legislative session, there is a Senate bill, **SB142**, which requires the Indiana Department of Education to develop curricula on internet safety no later than July 1, 2024. It is noteworthy that the proposed bill requires that the curricula should be different for elementary school students and high school students. The curricula are to include sections on thinking critically, acting ethically, cyberbullying, promotion of dangerous

behavior directed at the student, and practicing cybersecurity. This bill has already had the first reading and has been assigned to the Senate Committee on Education and Career Development.

The last two years have put additional stress on our kids and occurrences of anxiety and depression have increased significantly. It has become increasingly important to address instances of bullying and harassment. As I stated earlier, while no law or policy can prevent bullying or harassment, we can hope that continued stress on the expectations of ethical behavior in the treatment of others and reacting appropriately when you see unethical behavior can lead to a continued decline in the incidence of bullying and harassment.

[Click here](#) for a reading of the proposed legislation.

Flyin’ West tells of challenges Black women faced on harsh Kansas frontier

By **VICKIE CORNELIUS PHIPPS**
A Seat on the Aisle

Playwright Pearl Cleage’s 1992 historical drama, *Flyin’ West* is set in the all-Black town of Nicodemus on the Kansas frontier in 1898. In the decades following the Civil War, many former slaves and their descendants took advantage of the federal Homestead Act, which opened vast amounts of Western lands for people willing to settle in the underdeveloped and often difficult regions of the country.

In *Flyin’ West*, 35 years after the Emancipation Proclamation, four brave women show great strength as they confront their harsh new environment, threats of domestic violence, and enduring challenge of racism as free citizens and landowners. Their courage is tested when an unexpected deadly threat invades their home in this surprising story set in the Old West.

Director Raelle Myrick-Hodges assembles a fine cast for the fourth opening in the 50th season at Indiana Repertory Theatre (IRT). The focus is on sisters Sophie and Fannie, who own their home in Nicodemus, Kan., which has been growing thanks to the influx of other Black settlers. They

have taken in Miss Leah – surrogate matriarch, opinionated, and former slave whose many children were taken from her and sold to other plantation owners. They enjoy their freedom and a relatively peaceful existence until sister Minnie returns for a visit with her abusive husband, Frank, played by Allen Tedder.

Tedder underplays Frank, who is of a mixed race and longs to be accepted by whites. I would like to have seen more inner struggles within his character that justified his abusive behavior. Lovestruck Minnie, sweetly played by Kayla Mary Jane, desires to stand by her man but is grounded in sisterhood. Fannie, played by L’Oreal Lampley, centers optimistic beliefs for marital bliss while nurturing a budding romance with helpful and dependable neighbor Wil. Wil Parrish, solidly portrayed by Enoch King, is determined to keep the women safe.

Nuggets of drama and humor capture our heart and imagination with the help of Dwandra Nickole Lampkin, the soul of this melodrama as Miss Leah. Sophie Dove, played by Lakesha Lorene, the strong and independent sister, totes a gun in most scenes. Lorene works this



Art by Tasha Beckwith

character as a no-nonsense woman with a deep commitment to keep her independence and freedom.

Set Designer Junghyun Georgia Lee, Costume Designer Levonne Lindsay, Lighting Designer Thom Weaver, and Sound Designer Michael Keley create a set of historical accents and objects that complement the plot perfectly.

Cleage’s work has appeared on IRT stages three previous times: in 1994, the Midwest premiere of *Flyin’ West*; in 2003, IRT produced her *Blues for an Alabama Sky*; and in 2015, *What I Learned in Paris*. *Flyin’ West* is part of IRT’s Inclusion Series: Celebrat-

ing Diverse Storytelling. The runtime approximately two hours and 20 minutes, including a 15-minute intermission.

Flyin’ West contains profanity, racial and ethnic slurs, and frank discussions about slavery and murder. There are depictions of domestic violence, gun usage, smoking, and alcohol consumption. Recommended for patrons in ninth grade and above. *Flyin’ West* runs now through Feb. 4 on OneAmerica Mainstage. For tickets and more information, call the IRT Box Office at (317) 635-5252.

Read more great play reviews from *A Seat on the Aisle* at asota.wordpress.com.

Self-care: Experts explain how to improve your mental wellness in 2023

By **AMICIA RAMSEY**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

It’s “Mental Wellness Month,” a month highlighting the importance of people becoming more aware of their current mental status and healthy ways to cope.

The **Global Wellness Institute** says mental wellness is what we do to help ourselves think, feel, connect, and function better. Experts are encouraging people to focus on finding

healthy ways to feel good about themselves, which can increase our mental health overall.

According to **NAMI Indiana**, **38 percent** of Hoosier adults experienced symptoms of anxiety and depression. Courtney Cope, LMFT, Clinical Operations at **BetterHelp.com**, says that can be overwhelming for many people. She says now is an excellent time to prioritize your mind to improve your

Mental health resources

- [Be Well Indiana](#)
- [Indiana Suicide Prevention](#)
- [Indiana Department of Child Services’ Children’s Mental Health Initiative](#)
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 800-273-8255
- namiindiana.org/resources

overall mental health.

“We’re all human and have things we are trying to work through,” Cope said. “When we think about wellness, it is increasing that

self-awareness and figuring out the solutions you need to correct that and get support. Whether it is therapy,

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The Wallflowers, Chelsea Handler coming to Carmel this spring, tickets on sale Friday

The **REPORTER**

Comedian and talk host Chelsea Handler and rock band The Wallflowers are the latest additions to the schedule at the Center for the Performing Arts.

Each is appearing for the first time at the Center’s Palladium concert hall. Handler performs at 8 p.m. on April 14, with tickets starting at \$49.50. The Wallflowers, led by singer-songwriter and folk-rock scion Jakob Dylan, perform at 7:30 p.m. on April 26, with tickets starting at \$35.

Each show goes on public sale at 10 a.m. Friday at the Palladium’s Fifth Third Bank Box Office, online at TheCenterPresents.org, and by phone at (317) 843-3800.

Handler is best known for her seven-year stint hosting E!’s top-rated *Chelsea Lately*, during which she was the only female late-night talk show host on the air. She has penned six *New York Times* best-selling books, including 2019’s *Life Will Be the Death of Me*, which she is adapting for television. Her recent comedy specials have included 2020’s *Evolution* on HBO Max and the new *Revolution*, which premiered in December on Netflix.

The Wallflowers first scored national success with their 1996 album *Bringing Down the Horse* and its hit singles “6th Avenue Heartache” and “One Headlight,” which tops

Billboard’s list of “Greatest of All Time Adult Alternative Songs.” After several acclaimed group and solo albums and a nine-year hiatus, Dylan revamped the band for the latest album, *Exit Wounds*, which critics have called “his best original work” (*Mojo*) and “a stunning body of work by anyone’s standards” (*Spin*).

Both events are part of the 2022-2023 Center Presents Season, presented



Photo by Yasmin Than

The Wallflowers, led by Jakob Dylan, will perform on April 26.

in partnership with Allied Solutions. The Wallflowers are presented through the Katz, Sapper & Miller Pop/Rock Series.

NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS Board Highlights

Jan. 10, 2023 Meeting

Submitted by Noblesville Schools

The school board has responsibility for major district functions including school district governance and oversight, setting school policies, approving funding, strategic planning, and hiring and evaluating the superintendent.

- New member Misti Ray and returning member Joe Forgey took their oaths of office and **committee assignments** were made.
- The board was organized as follows: President Forgey, Vice President Christi Crosser and Secretary Stephanie Lambert. Alerding was named president of the finance board and Ray was named secretary of the finance board.
- A memorandum of understanding between Noblesville Schools and J. Everett Light Career Center was approved for the 2023-2024 school year to ensure continued access to several student workforce development certifications.
- The Noblesville High School athletic expansion project (\$14.8 million) was approved by a vote of 3 to 2, with Alerding and Ray voting against the project. Ray stated that while she supports athletics, she did not think the time was right for this project. CFO David Hortemiller stated that the project has come in below budget and construction will now begin soon. The project is funded through a bond with no use of referendum or classroom dollars and no increase to the tax rate. The expansion provides additional athletic and wellness space at NHS to accommodate student needs and creates the opportunity for future planned performing arts and STEM expansions.

Visit the [school board area of the Noblesville Schools website](#) for meeting agendas, minutes, videos and more.

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Sogility partners with The Recovery Room

The REPORTER

Sogility and The Recovery Room have announced a partnership to bring affordable, industry-leading recovery technology to all.

With every membership at Sogility, you can access The Recovery Room using credits for each session. Sessions are a duration of 30 minutes with access to the Normatec, Hyperice Hypervolt Bluetooth Percussion Massager and Venom Back in an ultra-relaxed environment.

“My family and I have personally used the Recovery Rooms services,” Sogility CEO Jimmy Carson said. “I am glad we can provide our members with some of these same recovery options.”

“Today’s top athletes know that what you do off the field, affects how you perform on it,” said Jon Turman, General Manager of The Recovery Room.

“That’s why we’re combining our industry-leading technology with Sogility’s elite athletes and expert staff.”

The Recovery Room opened its doors in 2016 with one goal in mind: to bring affordable, industry-leading recovery technology to all. Their six services help to reduce inflammation and injury caused by stress and fatigue.

For more information about The Recovery Room at Sogility, email info@sogility.net or call (317) 399-7914. Visit sogility-recovery-room.com to book a session today.

About Sogility

Sogility’s mission is to increase soccer players’ skills, confidence, and physical development with personalized training through the use of technology and individualized data monitoring. Learn more at sogility.net.

Cut loose with *Footloose* at Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre

The REPORTER

Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre cuts loose this February with *Footloose*, the explosive movie musical. Nominated for four Tony Awards, *Footloose* is the story of a big-city kid who shakes things up when he comes to a small town.

Ren McCormack is a rebellious teenager from Chicago. When he and his mother move to rural Bomont, Ren learns dancing is banned by law, and the town minister Rev. Shaw Moore thinks rock and roll music is evil. The minister’s daughter, Ariel, feels trapped in the repressive town and Ren decides the best outlet for all the kids is a dance. He and his friends find that seeking the unlikely approval from Rev. Moore brings unexpected results for all.

The 1984 movie danced its way into the hearts of millions, and was nominated for two Oscars, a Golden Globe and a Grammy for its powerhouse hits including “Footloose,” “Almost Paradise,” and “Let’s Hear It for the Boy.” The stage musical combines the best-selling score with dynamic new songs in a celebration of the exhilaration of youth,

the wisdom of listening to one another, and the power of forgiveness.

Daniel Alan Dipinto makes his Beef & Boards debut as Ren in the Beef & Boards production, while Sharaé Moultrie stars as the minister’s daughter, Ariel. Shelbi Berry (*The Addams Family*, *Honky Tonk Angels*, *Hello, Dolly!*) is Rusty, while Noah Nehemiah Robinson makes his Beef & Boards debut as Willard. Eddie Curry reprises his role as the uptight town minister, Rev. Shaw Moore. The show is directed by Heather Patterson King, with choreography by Doug King and musical direction by Kristy Templet.

Footloose is on stage for 50 performances through March 26 in the intimate space of Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre. Tickets range from \$52.50 to \$79.50 and include Chef Larry Stoops’ dinner buffet and select beverages.

To purchase tickets online, visit beefandboards.com. Tickets are also available by calling the Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre Box Office at (317) 872-9664 anytime between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday through



Photo provided by Beef & Boards
Hear hits like “Almost Paradise” in Beef & Boards’ production of *Footloose*, on stage through March 26.

Sunday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays. Discounts are available to groups of 20 or more; contact the Group Sales Department at (317) 876-0503 for more details.

Footloose is rated PG-13 for some adult themes and language. For more information, including complete show schedule, visit beefandboards.com.

Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre, Indiana’s only year-round professional dinner theatre, is celebrating its 50th Anniversary of serving exceptional entertainment with dinner in 2023.

FISHERS

**CITY OF FISHERS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Owner: City of Fishers, Indiana
Director of Public Works
10212 Eller Road
Fishers, Indiana 46038

Project: Continuous Diamond Grinding of Concrete Pavement
Notice is hereby given that the City of Fishers, Hamilton County, Indiana (“Fishers”) will receive sealed bids for the above-referenced Project addressed to the Director of Public Works, City of Fishers, 10212 Eller Road, Fishers, Indiana until 12:00PM on or before February 3, 2023. Any Bid received after the designated time will be returned to the Bidder unopened. The Bids will be publicly opened and read by the City of Fishers at 12:00 pm on February 3, 2023, in the Public Works Conference Room at 10212 Eller Road, Fishers, Indiana. The Bid should be clearly marked “BID ENCLOSED 2023 Continuous Diamond Grinding of Concrete Pavement” on the outside of the envelope, and as otherwise set forth in the Bid Documents.

An optional Pre-Bid Meeting for discussion of the Project, the bidding requirements and other important matters will be held on January 25, 2023, at 1:00pm in the Training Room at the Department of Public Works, 10212 Eller Road, Fishers, Indiana. For special accommodations for individuals planning to attend the Pre-Bid Conference or public bid opening meeting, please call or notify Fishers at (317) 595-3160 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior thereto.

In general, the Work shall be completed by State of Indiana certified/qualified Contractors and Subcontractors for the Project all as required by the Bid Documents which have been assembled into a bound Project Manual and generally consists of continuous diamond grinding of concrete roads at one (1) location - 116th Street Westbound from Olivo Road to Brooks School Road, Fishers, Indiana, all as further specified by the Bid Documents.

Any Bid may be withdrawn prior to the deadline for receipt of Bids, but no Bidder shall withdraw its Bid within sixty (60) days after the opening of the Bids. If a contract is awarded, it will be to the “lowest responsible and responsive bidder” in accordance with Ind. Code §36-1-12-1 et seq. The Owner, however, reserves the right to reject and/or cancel any and all Bids, solicitations and/or offers in whole or in part as specified in the solicitation when it is not in the best interests of the Owner, and waive any informalities, discrepancies, omissions, variances, or irregularities in bids received in its sole discretion. The Bid Bonds and certified checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon selection of the successful Bidder, execution of the Agreement, and provision of the required Performance and Payment Bonds and Certificate of Insurance.

Each Bid shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a Bid Bond as provided in the Project Manual in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total Bid amount, including alternates with a satisfactory corporate surety qualified to do business in the State of Indiana or by a certified check made payable to Fishers, on a solvent bank in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the total Bid including alternates. The Bid Bond or certified check shall be security that the successful Bidder will, within ten (10) calendar days or such other time specified by Owner from the acceptance of the Bid, execute the Agreement and provide the required Payment and Performance Bonds, included in the Project Manual and Certificate of Insurance.

A Performance Bond with good and sufficient surety as required by the Owner on the Form provided in the Project Manual, shall be required of the successful Bidder in an amount equal to at least one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the Agreement. The surety of the Performance Bond may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner’s final settlement with the Contractor.

The Contractor shall provide a Payment Bond with a good and sufficient surety as required by the Owner on Form provided in the Project Manual, in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum. The Payment Bond is binding on the Contractor, its subcontractors, and their successors and assigns for the payment of all indebtedness to a person for labor and services performed, material furnished, or services rendered. The Payment Bond must state that it is for the benefit of the subcontractors, laborers, material suppliers, and those performing services. The surety of the Payment Bond may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner’s final settlement with the Contractor.

All out-of-state bidder corporations must have a Certificate of Authority to do business in the State. Application forms may be obtained by contacting the Secretary of State, State of Indiana, Statehouse, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.
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COUNTY

Notice of Proposed Precinct Boundary Changes

To the voters of Hamilton County:
You are notified that the Election Division of the Office of the Secretary of State of Indiana has determined that a proposed order by the Hamilton County Commissioners to change certain precinct boundaries within this county would comply with state law, and that the Election Division has notified the Commissioners that precinct boundaries may be established in accordance with the county’s proposed order.

The boundaries of the following existing precincts would be changed by the adoption of the county’s proposed order:

- Precinct Changes Proposed for 2023**
- Adams Township**
Annex #2022-05 – Sheridan 2 Township to Town
Annex #2022-07 – Sheridan 4 Township to Town (2 voters)
 - Delaware Township**
Annex #011822C – Delaware 22-Twship moved to Delaware 18 – City (2 voters)
Annex #041822D – Delaware 22-Twship moved to Delaware 09 – City
 - Fall Creek Township**
Annex #011822B – Fall Creek 34-Twship moved to Fall Creek 01 – City (3 voters)
Annex #041822A – Fall Creek 34-Twship moved to Fall Creek 27 – City
Annex #041822B – Fall Creek 39-Twship moved to Fall Creek 12 – City (2 voters)
Annex #041822C – Fall Creek 29-Twship moved to Fall Creek 03 – City (4 voters)
Annex #071822 – Fall Creek 34-Twship moved to Fall Creek 27 – City
Annex #071822A – Fall Creek 34-Twship moved to Fall Creek 33 – City
Fall Creek 37 voters moved to Fall Creek 27 (137 voters) due to Fall Creek 37 being over 2000 active voters
 - Jackson Township**
Annex #9-21-2021-2 – Jackson 04-Twship moved to Jackson 08 – Town
 - Noblesville Township**
Annex # 88-12-21 – Noblesville 03-Twship moved to Noblesville 18 – City (71 voters)
Annex #29-05-22 – Noblesville 04-Twship moved to Noblesville 40 – City
Annex #51-07-22 – Noblesville 03-Twship moved to Noblesville 11 – City (1 voter)
Annex #28-05-22 – Noblesville 19-Twship moved to Noblesville 29 – City
Noblesville 44 – NEW PRECINCT created due to Noblesville City Council redistricting
Noblesville 40 – 552 voters moving to new precinct Noblesville 44
Noblesville 09 – 257 voters moving to new precinct Noblesville 44
 - Washington Township**
Annex #21-54 – Westfield 05-Twship moved to Westfield 02 –City (2 voters)
Annex #22-03 – Westfield 05-Twship moved to Westfield 02 – City (2 voters)
Annex #22-04 – Westfield 05-Twship moved to Westfield 02 – City
Annex #22-13 – Westfield 05-Twship moved to Westfield 02 – City
Annex #22-12 – Westfield 05-Twship moved to Westfield 02 – City
Westfield 27 voters moved to Westfield 20 (633 voters) – due to Westfield 27 being over 2000 active voters
 - Wayne Township**
Annex #30-05-22 – Wayne 02-Twship moved to Wayne 03 – City
Any registered voter of this County may object to the county’s proposed order by filing a sworn statement with the Election Division. This statement must set forth the voter’s specific objections to the proposed order, and request that a hearing be conducted by the Indiana Election Commission under the Administrative Orders and Procedures Act (Indiana Code 4-21.5).
The mailing address of the Election Division is:
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302 West Washington Street, Room E-204
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2743
Any objection to the proposed order must be filed with the Election Division no later than noon, Indianapolis time, 10 days after the publication of this notice. A complete copy of the county’s proposed order is available for public inspection and copying at the Hamilton County Clerk’s Office and the Election Division.
Hamilton County Board of Commissioners
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CARE

learning new coping skills, or working on your self-talk and how you talk to yourself inside your mind. These all contribute to wellness.”

She also suggests becoming more self-aware of our habits, removing things from our lives that negatively affect our thinking, and replacing them with something that

better serves our daily lives.

“If you are going, ‘I am just so overwhelmed. I am feeling so isolated,’ I think one of the best things we can do in that place is reaching out to personalized support and get some specific interventions for the circumstances you are going through,” Cope said.

Other options to improve one’s mental health involve:

- Becoming active, such as going for a walk
 - Meditating
 - Drinking water
 - Eating healthy foods
 - Enjoying time with friends and family
- People can also try pick-

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ing up hobbies they like to do, such as journaling, drawing, singing, and dancing.

This month is also a friendly reminder to check on others, ask how they’re doing, and offer support if needed. If you or someone you know is struggling, mental health resources are available.

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To stop human trafficking, we must raise public awareness & secure the southern border

Addressing the wickedness of slavery in 1850, the great American abolitionist Frederick Douglass said the practice “violates the great law of liberty, written on every human heart.” Further, he said, it “contravenes the laws of eternal justice, and tramples in the dust all the humane and heavenly precepts of the New Testament.”

In 1865, America banished chattel slavery, but nowadays – yes, even in 2023 – a modern form of slavery persists in the form of illegal human trafficking. And there are thousands of victims living right here in America.

The crime of human trafficking occurs anytime someone uses force, fraud or coercion to make another individual provide labor, services or commercial sex acts. If a 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).

Because this evil \$150 billion global enterprise operates in the dark shadows, compiling statistics on its reach is difficult. To stamp it out, we need the same kind of determination that the 19th-century abolitionists showed in their own fight for justice and liberty. Human trafficking is

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TODD ROKITA
Ind. Attorney General

enabled by those who choose to look the other way rather than paying attention to signs that someone might be a victim. It is also enabled and exacerbated by elected leftist leaders

(such as the current president) who willfully embrace the porous nature of the U.S.-Mexico border, across which so many victims are trafficked into the United States.

As Indiana’s attorney general, I am committed to promoting greater awareness among the public of human trafficking – and I am committed to forcing our federal government to get serious about border security.

With January being National Human Trafficking Awareness Month, now is a fitting time to remind Hoosiers and all Americans to stay watchful for signs that someone might be a trafficking victim. According to the U.S. State Department, those signs include observations that someone:

- lives with their employer.
- lives with multiple people in a cramped space.
- otherwise experiences poor living conditions.
- is prohibited from speaking alone to strangers.
- gives answers that appear to be scripted and rehearsed.

- has an employer holding their identity documents.
- shows signs of physical abuse.
- is submissive or fearful.
- is unpaid or paid very little.
- is under 18 and working in the commercial sex industry.

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.

Anyone with suspicions that another person is being trafficked should immediately call local law enforcement. They may also call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888.

My office works with law enforcement to assist crime victims – including administering our **Address Confidentiality Program**.

This initiative enables victims of certain crimes, including trafficking, to conceal their residential address from the public – and therefore from their victimizers.

Combating this scourge, however, also requires sealing our nation’s southern border from easy trespass by people with criminal intent.

The criminal cartels operating out of Mexico are responsible for a significant measure of the human trafficking that occurs within the United States.

“In the U.S., immigrants, especially immigrant women, make up the largest portion of trafficking vic-

tims,” notes Selena Rodriguez at TexasPolicy.com. “In fiscal year 2021, there were nearly 2 million migrant apprehensions along the U.S.-Mexico border, and that number only accounts for the people encountered by border agents.”

Studies done by the Latin American branch of the **Coalition Against Trafficking International** estimate that 60 percent of Latin American children who set out to cross the border alone or with smugglers “have been caught by the cartels and are being abused in child pornography or drug trafficking.”

As Indiana’s Attorney General, I have filed a **first-of-its-kind lawsuit** aimed at forcing the Biden administration to get serious about securing the border – solely on behalf of Indiana, based on damages unique to our state.

Securing the border would bring relief to millions of Hoosiers and all U.S. citizens who are currently bearing the burdens of runaway illegal immigration. But it also would help prevent the victimization of women and children from Latin American countries who are being trafficked.

We need to talk about these issues not only during National Human Trafficking Awareness Month but indeed all year long.

Beyond the talk, we need action.

Todd Rokita serves as the Attorney General of Indiana.

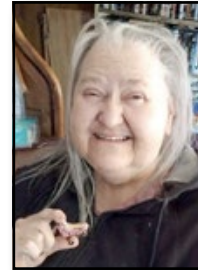
TODAY’S BIBLE READING

I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.
Revelation 3:11-13 (NIV)

Sylvia Anne Gregory

February 9, 1952 – January 16, 2023

Sylvia Anne Gregory, 70, Atlanta, passed away on January 16, 2023, at Harbour Manor Health & Living in Noblesville.



Sylvia was born on February 9, 1952, in Connersville, Ind., to Jesse and Margaret (Nobbe) Welsch. She attended Connersville Schools and graduated from Connersville High School with the Class of 1970. She then enrolled at Ivy Tech, taking classes in the medical field. She graduated with the title of LPN. She had worked at Riley Children’s Hospital and nursing homes in central Indiana.

She found her niche in nursing was in helping the elderly and her last years of nursing was devoted to helping patients residing in nursing homes.

Sylvia was also an artist working in various mediums, sketching, painting with watercolors, oils, and acrylics. Additionally, she was a good cook and baker with her specialty being the baking of cakes for special occasions. She also enjoyed gardening and grew various vegetables that she preserved by freezing and canning. When resting, you would often find her crocheting or sewing. Her family said she was always busy and productive.

She is survived by a daughter, Stacey Lynn (Dave) Moore of Atlanta; a son, Anthony Scott McFarland of French Lick, Ind.; sisters, Theresa Jones of Connersville, Irma Welsch of Ocean Side, Calif., and twin sister Susan Harding of Atlanta; grandchildren, Kaley, Haley, Jordan, Steven, Jayson, and Joe; and great-grandchildren, Claire, Emma, Penny, and Clover.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Johnny Gregory; her parents; and her brothers, George Welsch and Joseph Welsch.

Arrangements are entrusted to Hartley Funeral Home Cicero Chapel, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero. You may send condolences at hartleyfuneralhomes.com. No services are planned at this time.

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Basketball

Shamrocks prevail over Huskies

By RICHARD TORRES
For The Reporter

ARCADIA – The Westfield Shamrocks needed an answer, some momentum in the second half against host Hamilton Heights during their Wednesday night county showdown.

Shamrocks' junior Ellie Kelleher provided two – back-to-back from beyond the arc.

With the Class 3A No. 14 Huskies slicing the 4A Shamrocks' lead to 17-15 with 4 minutes, 28 seconds left in the third quarter, Kelleher buried a key 3-pointer and another at the 2:15 mark.

Both buckets padded the Shamrocks' advantage, which held the rest of the way, as sophomore Lindsey Van Dyke locked down the perimeter on defense and Westfield went 6 of 6 from the foul line to win 35-28.

"Lindsey Van Dyke, she really locked up (Camryn Runner). She scores most of their points, and Lindsey has played great defense all year," Kelleher remarked after the Shamrocks' second straight win. "It was no different tonight, and I think we just fed off her energy and her ability to stop her."

Runner, who averages 19.0 points per game, was shooting 38 percent from behind the 3-point line this season. Against the Shamrocks, she finished with 11 points without a single 3-pointer.

Ella Hickok had 10 points for the Huskies (16-4), but a 9 of 28 shooting night for the team prevented Hamilton Heights from extending their four-game winning streak.

"I was just proud of the way we stayed together and the way we weathered some storms. That's a really good basketball team, and at their place. It's a hard place to win," Westfield head coach Kelsey Key said. "We definitely showed composure, and that was one of the things we talked about in pregame that we would need. I was

really proud of that tonight." The Shamrocks' fortitude was evident after a quick 5-0 run to open the second half after trailing 12-11 at half-time.

A 3-pointer by Emmrey Collinsworth kicked off the rally before Van Dyke took a Kelleher assist to the basket for a 17-12 lead.

Runner cut the deficit to 17-15 in the third behind a pair of free throws, but the Shamrocks built a seven-point margin by the late fourth quarter to improve to 12-8 on the season.

"It's so much fun. Going on the road, it's a tough place to play here. And seeing shots go in for all of us, we've struggled to shoot the ball this year, so it's great to win in an environment like this and against a team like this," Kelleher said. "We all hit our free throws. We were all clutch tonight."

Kelleher went 4 of 5 from long range and posted a game-high 18 points with seven rebounds. Aubrey Crockett had four points and five rebounds, while Kiki Loveless added another four points and four rebounds.

Westfield dominated the defensive glass for 18 rebounds and 25 overall, which limited Hamilton Heights' second-chance opportunities. The Huskies shot 1 of 13 from deep.

"It's no secret now. We kind of live and die by the three a little bit. Probably more than we should, but you look at our last two games, and we've really shot it at a high level," Huskies head coach Keegan Cherry said.

"On back-to-back nights, senior night last night, and it's a late night. How much did that contribute to our shooting woes? We can use that as an excuse, but to win a sectional, you're going to have to play back-to-back nights, so from that standpoint, this is good for us. It's an opportunity to prep for sectional and ultimately that's our goal."

For the Shamrocks,

the win capped a three-game road stretch that they concluded 2-1. They return home to face Hoosier Crossroads Conference foe Brownsburg on Friday.

"We knew that they could get hot from the perimeter, and we wanted to win at that," Key said. "We talked a lot about that, and once they put it on the floor, we knew we just needed to play defense without fouling. We didn't do that great tonight, but ultimately, we helped each other and were moving and talking defensively. You can build off of that for sure."

The Huskies head to Lafayette Central Catholic this Friday to face the state's seventh-ranked 2A program.

"We're never supposed to beat Westfield, frankly. For our girls to compete like that when you look at it position to position, the bigger, faster, stronger team was the away team tonight," Cherry said. "That means our margin for error was very slim, and we had to great in our technique, rebounding and getting off our feet and go get the basketball and make every tough play. Then, hopefully give ourselves a chance to win."



Westfield's Ellie Kelleher scored 18 points for the Shamrocks, including two 3-pointers in the third quarter, to help Westfield past Hamilton Heights 35-28 on Wednesday.

Reporter photo by Kent Graham



Ella Hickok had 10 points for the Huskies.

Reporter photo by Kent Graham

WESTFIELD 35, HAMILTON HEIGHTS 28

Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ellie Kelleher	6-8	2-2	18	3
Aubrey Crockett	2-10	0-1	4	3
Emmrey Collinsworth	1-4	2-2	5	3
Kiki Loveless	1-1	2-2	4	1
Lindsey Van Dyke	2-6	0-0	4	0
Reagan Lorenzen	0-1	0-0	0	2
Maren Dee	0-1	0-0	0	0
Totals	12-31	6-7	35	12

Westfield 3-point shooting (5-16) Kelleher 4-5, Collinsworth 1-2, Crockett 0-5, Van Dyke 0-2, Lorenzen 0-1, Dee 0-1.

Westfield rebounds (25) Kelleher 8, Crockett 5, Van Dyke 5, Collinsworth 2, Lorenzen 2, Loveless 1, team 2.

Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ella Hickok	3-5	4-4	10	4
Camryn Runner	4-14	3-4	11	4
Kaylee Rhoton	2-6	0-0	5	1
Kassidy Schakel	0-1	0-0	0	1
Hadleigh Cherry	0-0	0-0	0	0
Katie Brown	0-2	2-2	2	1
Totals	9-28	9-10	28	11

Heights 3-point shooting (1-13) Rhoton 1-4, Runner 0-5, Hickok 0-2, Brown 0-2.

Heights rebounds (13) Runner 6, Hickok 2, Cherry 2, team 3.

Score by Quarters

Westfield	5	7	11	12-35
Heights	4	7	7	10-28

Noblesville takes care of Harrison

The REPORTER

Noblesville's girls basketball team traveled to Harrison Wednesday and came home with a 68-57 victory.

The Millers trailed 18-14 after one quarter, but would outscore the Raiders over the next three periods. Noblesville led 36-35 at halftime, then pulled out to a 54-48 lead after three quarters.

Meredith Tippner reached double-double status with 24 points and 10 rebounds, and also blocked two shots. Wil-

son had 20 points, including three 3-pointers, and made nine steals; she also dished out five assists. Ava Shoemaker added 11 points and had six steals and four assists.

Kaitlyn Shoemaker collected six rebounds and handed out six assists, while C.C. Quigley also pulled six rebounds.

Noblesville is 19-3 and hosts Franklin Central on Friday to finish Hoosier Crossroads Conference play for the season.

NOBLESVILLE 68, HARRISON 57

Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Kaitlyn Shoemaker	2-8	0-0	4	3
Ava Shoemaker	4-11	1-2	11	1
Reagan Wilson	5-16	7-8	20	0
Meredith Tippner	11-18	1-1	24	3
Dani Mendez	0-3	0-0	0	2
Brooklyn Ely	1-5	0-0	3	0
Kate Rollins	0-3	0-0	0	0
C.C. Quigley	2-4	2-3	6	3
Totals	25-68	11-14	68	12

Score by Quarters

Noblesville	14	22	18	14-68
Harrison	18	17	13	9-57

Noblesville 3-point shooting (7-21) Wilson 3-6, A. Shoemaker 2-6, Ely 1-4, Tippner 1-1, K. Shoemaker 0-2, Rollins 0-2.

Noblesville rebounds (36) Tippner 10, K. Shoemaker 6, Quigley 6, A. Shoemaker 4, Wilson 3, Ely 2, Mendez 2, Rollins 1, team 2.

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Wrestling



(Above left) Hamilton Southeastern's Said Soufiyane won the 182-pound match by pin for the Royals. (Above right) Carmel's Nayl Sbay won a major decision match over Hamilton Southeastern's Adam Gerstner during the Greyhounds-Royals dual meet on Wednesday.

Reporter photos by Richie Hall

Greyhounds waste no time, end regular season with resounding win

By **RICHIE HALL**
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CARMEL — Two wrestling teams that have become very familiar with each other over the season met at Carmel's Eric Clark Activity Center on Wednesday.

The Greyhounds hosted Hamilton Southeastern for their Senior Night meet, and it was the regular-season finale for both teams. Carmel came out on fire, winning the first five matches by pin, and that led the 'Hounds to a 50-18 victory.

Carmel's first three falls all came in the first round, with Jackson Elliott (113 pounds), Lito Ledezma (120) and Caleb Mattingly (126) all getting the quick pins.

CARMEL 50, HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 18 Meet started at 113 pounds

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| 113: Jackson Elliott (C) def. Tyler Jackson (HSE) by fall, 1:09 | 160: Nate Powell (C) def. Landon Hicks (HSE) by major decision, 18-5 |
| 120: Lito Ledezma (C) def. Emerson Dewell (HSE) by fall, 0:57 | 170: Zack Wagner (HSE) def. Jackson Schmidt (C) by fall, 5:27 |
| 126: Caleb Mattingly (C) def. Ethan Berens (HSE) by fall, 1:01 | 182: Said Soufiyane (HSE) def. CJ Meyer (C) by fall, 5:30 |
| 132: Isaac Ward (C) def. Tyler Sapp (HSE) by fall, 2:45 | 195: Seth Richardson (C) def. Evan Lawhead (HSE) by fall, 4:20 |
| 138: Michael Major (C) def. Chris Casler (HSE) by fall, 3:10 | 220: Jackson Goodyear (HSE) def. Vlad Balaban (C) by decision, 3-2 |
| 145: Nayl Sbay (C) def. Adam Gerstner (HSE) by major decision, 11-3 | 285: Jack Milligan (C) def. Dom Burgett (HSE) by decision, 8-3 |
| 152: Trevor Gallagher (C) def. Zach Lang (HSE) by decision, 8-3 | 106: Aidan Smalley (HSE) def. Elliott Leonard (C) by decision, 4-0 |

The Greyhounds' next two wrestlers had to wait until the second period, but Isaac Ward (at 132) and Michael Major (at 138) both got their falls. Just like that, Carmel was up 30-0.

"The number of seniors that we have, they've been together, so we have power, we have experience, and the boys are doing a nice job finishing the season up," said 'Hounds coach Ed Pendosi.

The Greyhounds won three more matches after

that initial spurt. Nayl Sbay took the 145-pound bout by major decision. Trevor Gallagher won a tough decision at 152 and Nate Powell cruised to an 18-5 major-decision victory at 160.

The Royals got on the board in the next two matches. Each match was a battle until the third period, when 170-pounder Zack Wagner got a pin with 33 seconds left. Said Soufiyane was next at 182 pounds, and he got the fall with 30

seconds left in his match.

Seth Richardson won the 195-pound match by fall. Next up were the 220-pounders, Southeastern's Jackson Goodyear got a third-period takedown to win 3-2. In the 285-pound match, the Greyhounds' Jack Milligan picked up an 8-3 decision win.

"I think the one thing we like with this group is, we got experience, but they're buying in on, we've just got to keep getting better," said Pendosi.

Southeastern got the final win of the meet when 106-pounder Aidan Smalley won by decision.

"They're just really good," said Royals coach Nick Brobst of Carmel. "Our kids wrestled within our capacity. I thought some matches we wrestled really well, other ones, we've got some work to do."

Both teams will now prepare for the Frankfort sectional, which takes place Saturday, Jan. 28.

Westfield gymnastics drops close away meet

The REPORTER
The Westfield gymnastics team competed in its second meet of the season Tuesday, dropping a close meet at New Palestine 101.10-99.00.

shaw taking third. Moskovitz also won the balance beam and second in the floor exercise; she was also the all-around champion.

Elianna Reynolds took third in the beam and fourth in the floor exercise; placing third in the all-around.

Westfield's next meet is Monday at Logansport.

Basketball

Guerin Catholic falls in home game

The REPORTER
Guerin Catholic dropped a 39-25 game to McCutcheon Wednesday at the Eagles Nest.

take 35-15 lead into the fourth quarter. Ava Bills led Guerin Catholic with nine points.

The Mavericks led 15-7 after one quarter, then outscored the Golden Eagles 17-8 in the third period to

The Golden Eagles are 7-12 and host Brebeuf Jesuit Friday in a Circle City Conference girls-boys doubleheader.

McCUTCHEON 39, GUERIN CATHOLIC 25

Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ava Bills	3	3	9	2
Reagan Haines	0	0	0	0
Natalie Fernandez	1	1	3	1
Annie Murphy	1	1	4	0
Megan Cobb	2	0	4	3
Sutton Worman	1	0	2	1
Kori Dues	1	0	3	0
Avery Wall	0	0	0	0
Mia Bair	0	0	0	0
Dana Dues	0	0	0	0
Lucy Collins	0	0	0	0
Totals	9	5	25	7
Score by Quarters				
McCutcheon	15	3	17	4-39
Guerin Catholic	7	0	8	10-25

Guerin Catholic 3-pointers (2) Murphy, K. Dues.

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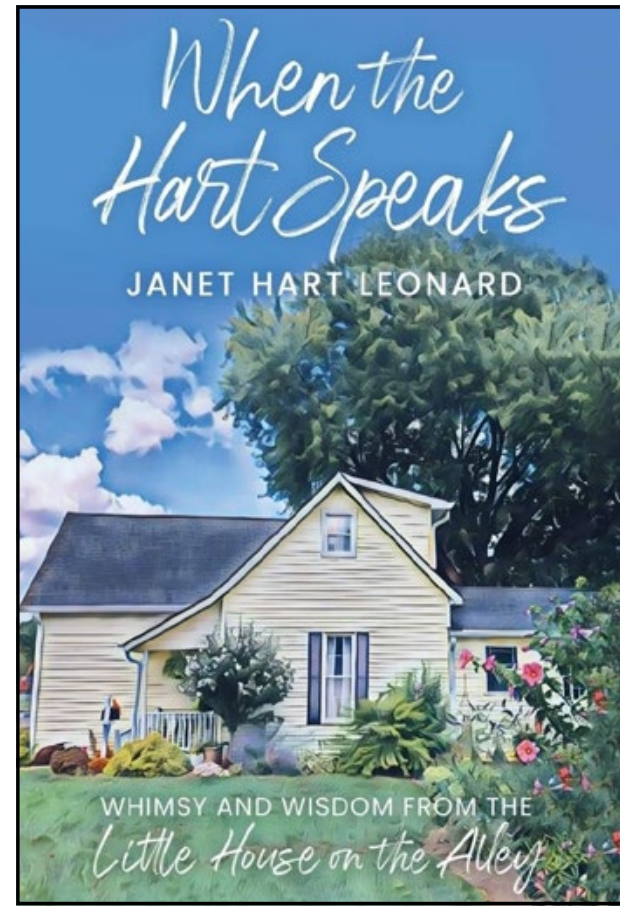
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All-Star lineup announced for 2023 Indy 500 Snake Pit Presented by Coors Light

Headliner Kaskade joined by Subtronics, John Summit, DJ Diesel, Jauz May 28 at IMS

The REPORTER

Grammy Award-nominated musician Kaskade will headline a star-studded lineup of global electronic music artists at the Indy 500 Snake Pit presented by Coors Light on Sunday, May 28 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Subtronics, John Summit, DJ Diesel (aka Shaquille O'Neal) and Jauz also will perform at the Race Day concert during the 107th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge. Performances begin early in the morning on the stage located in the infield adjacent to Turn 3 of the IMS oval, with specific set times to be announced.

"One of the biggest parties of Race Weekend is the Indy 500 Snake Pit presented by Coors Light," IMS President J. Douglas Boles said. "The always unforgettable and epic party in the Snake Pit is a May highlight for many of our fans and an experience like no other. Music fans won't want to miss this incredible lineup."

General admission and VIP tickets for the Snake Pit are on sale for \$50 and \$155 at [IMS.com](https://www.ims.com). VIP amenities will include access to a raised viewing platform located beside the stage, a private cash bar and private air-conditioned restrooms.

All Snake Pit ticketholders must be at least 18 years old and hold a valid Indy 500 general admission or reserved seat ticket. Ticket holders should be prepared to show proper identification to enter the concert.

Packages that include Race Day general admission tickets are available. A package featuring general admission to the Indianapolis 500 and Snake Pit is \$90, while a race general admission and Snake Pit VIP package is \$195.

Snake Pit concertgoers are encouraged to buy tickets now, as prices will increase as May approaches and limited quantities of admission wristbands are available.

Ryan Raddon, known as Kaskade, is a household

name in electronic music with many impressive firsts credited to his name. He was the first solo electronic dance artist to sell out both Navy Pier in Chicago (his hometown) and the Staples Center in Los Angeles (his home now). Kaskade was also the first DJ to secure a Las Vegas residency, creating the landscape for the city's future entertainment structure. He was the first electronic artist to headline Coachella. In July 2021, Kaskade came out of quarantine swinging as the first ever solo headlining musician to sell out and perform for a public event at LA's SoFi Stadium.

This will be Kaskade's second performance in the Snake Pit, as he also provided the Snake Pit's soundtrack during the 99th Indianapolis 500 in 2015.

Kaskade has recorded 12 studio albums and received seven Grammy nominations. With collaborations under his belt with heavy hitters Alicia Keys, Jennifer Lopez, Gwen Stefani and Meghan Trainor, he has the unique talent of creating his signature sound in any genre. Most recently Kaskade has teamed up with fellow producer and Snake Pit artist deadmau5 to form Kx5. Their debut single "Escape" has cracked the Top 40 and soared to the No. 1 Dance single on Mediabase charts.

Jesse Kardon, known as Subtronics, fuses his unique blend of cutting-edge sound design with hard-hitting bass to push the envelope with sound engineering.

In January 2022, Subtronics dropped his debut album *FRACTALS*, which charted at No. 4 on the *Billboard* Dance album chart and had a dedicated billboard in Times Square in New York. The album coincided with his massive 50-plus date, sellout national headline bus tour,



the *FRACTAL* Tour, which featured state-of-the-art production and visuals. The tour traveled with a custom-built stage, including a floating DJ table within a reflective black hole dubbed The Wormhole.

Subtronics dropped his *ANTIFRACTAL* album in December 2022, featuring exclusive VIPs and remixes from himself and heavyweights including Virtual Riot, Wooli, Peekaboo, A Hundred Drums and more. He is gearing up for his 2023 *ANTIFRACTAL* headline tour, which is a first of its kind touring deal across Live Nation, Insomniac Events and C3, along with their international properties.

Hailing from a city steeped in house culture, Chicago's John Summit has quickly become one of the hottest names in dance music worldwide. His feel-good floor-fillers take the pumping grooves of his hometown's classic house music, add a healthy dose of melody and top it off with 2020s studio polish.

Summit's prolific output has resulted in the accumulation of 5 million monthly Spotify listeners, the top-selling artist across all genres on Beatport in 2021 and a No. 1 track on U.S. dance radio with his record "Human." In 2022, he toured across the globe with key festival plays at Coachella, Lollapalooza,

Tomorrowland, Bonnaroo, Parklife and more. With the announcement of his new label/event brand Off The Grid, Summit is displaying no signs of slowing down anytime soon.

O'Neal is one of the most dominant basketball players in NBA history and is also one of the greatest entertainers on Earth as DJ Diesel. At 7-foot-1 and 325 pounds, Shaq's larger-than-life personality and powerful athleticism have resulted in worldwide admiration and one of the most passionate fan bases in sports and entertainment. The Hall of Famer first discovered electronic dance music after crashing the festival TomorrowWorld in 2014, a milestone event that changed his life forever after being exposed to DJs such as Steve Aoki and Skrillex. He made his performance debut at the same festival a year later.

DJ Diesel has been passionate about music from a very young age. At just 14 after O'Neal saw Public Enemy live for the first time, while sandwiched in a crowd of 5,000 people, he became fixated on DJing. He cut his neighbors' grass, walked dogs and scraped together any cash he could until he saved up \$200 to buy his first set of turntables at a local pawn shop. Fast forward to 1993, O'Neal's rap album, *Shaq Diesel*, did the unthinkable of selling over a million copies and peaked

at No. 25 on the *Billboard* 100, cementing him as the only athlete ever with a platinum-selling album.

Jauz, the project of Sam Vogel, a 26-year-old Los Angeles-based icon collective graduate, combines brilliant production, energetic sets and underground vibes that have captivated the hearts of the dance community. Jauz's release of the addictive mid-tempo original "Feel the Volume" earned him international recognition after its release. Gaining support early on from industry heavyweights like Zedd, Skrillex, Diplo and others, Jauz quickly became included on every major festival lineup. His euphoric originals and viral remixes seamlessly weave in and out of several musical categories.

Jauz has boasted two sell-out tours — "The Friendly Tour" in 2016 and "The Bite America! Tour" in 2018 to launch his artist label "Bite This!" in 55 different cities across the U.S. and Canada. All while also releasing his debut album *The Wise & The Wicked* that reached No. 1 on the dance charts in under two hours and earned over 20 million streams in less than three weeks from its release.

Tickets for the 107th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge on Sunday, May 28 and the GMR Grand Prix on Saturday, May 13 are available at [IMS.com](https://www.ims.com).

SPORTS SCHEDULE

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.

Friday, Jan. 20

BOYS BASKETBALL

Avon at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.

Brebeuf Jesuit at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.
Brownsburg at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.
Carmel at Pike, 7:30 p.m.

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

Noblesville at Franklin Central, 7:30 p.m.

Sheridan at Delphi, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Brebeuf Jesuit at Guerin Catholic, 6 p.m.

Brownsburg at Westfield, 6 p.m.

Sheridan at Delphi, 6 p.m.

Hamilton Southeastern at Zionsville, 6 p.m.

Pike at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.

Hamilton Heights at Hoosier Conference playoff third-place game, 8 p.m. at Lafayette Central Catholic

SWIMMING

Westfield at Crawfordsville Invitational diving, 5 p.m.
Carmel, Hamilton Southeastern at Warren Central Diving Invitational, 6 p.m.

Fishers College Events Classic, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 21

BOYS BASKETBALL

Tri-West at Westfield, 6:30 p.m.

Brownsburg at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.

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

Mount Vernon at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Franklin Central at Noblesville, 12:30 p.m.

University at Lapel, 1:30 p.m.

Fishers at Avon, 2:30 p.m.

GYMNASTICS

Noblesville at Northwestern Invitational, 11 a.m.

SWIMMING

Center Grove at Hamilton Heights, 10 a.m.

Fishers Triple Dual (with Fort Wayne Carroll and Noblesville), 1 p.m.

Circle City Conference meet, 3 p.m. at Perry Meridian

WRESTLING

Hoosier Heartland Conference meet,

9 a.m. at Clinton Central

Sunday, Jan. 22

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Sectional Pairings Draw, 5 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 23

GYMNASTICS

Westfield at Logansport, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 24

BOYS BASKETBALL

Guerin Catholic at Liberty Christian, 7:30 p.m.

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

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Clinton Central at Sheridan, 7 p.m.

Ben Davis at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.

Carmel at Cathedral, 7:30 p.m.

Decatur Central at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.

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

Heritage Christian at University, 7:30 p.m.

Lawrence North at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Guerin Catholic, University at Schools with No Pools meet, 5:45 p.m.

Hamilton Heights boys at Anderson, 6 p.m.

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5:40 pm Horizon Christian vs Traders Pt | Girls Basketball | Indiana SRN

7:10 pm Center Grove vs Heritage Christian | Girls Varsity | Indiana SRN

7:10 pm Heritage Christian vs Chatard: City Tourny Rd 2 | Boys Varsity | Indiana SRN

Friday, Jan 20, Basketball

5:40 pm Brebeuf vs Guerin Catholic | Girls/Boys Varsity | Indiana SRN

6:00 pm Brownsburg at Westfield | Girls Varsity | HCTV Sports

6:00 pm Avon vs Fishers | Boys JV & Varsity | Fishers Sports Network

6:00 pm Delphi vs Sheridan | Girls/Boys Varsity | Bragg Sports Media

7:10 pm Lafayette CC vs Traders Pt | Boys Varsity | Indiana SRN

7:10 pm Park Tudor vs Bethesda Christian | Boys Varsity | Indiana SRN

7:10 pm North Decatur vs Morristown | Boys Varsity | Indiana SRN

7:30 pm Brownsburg at Westfield | Boys Varsity | HCTV Sports

Saturday, Jan 21, Basketball

11 am Franklin Central vs Noblesville | Girls Junior Varsity | HCTV Sports

12:30 pm Franklin Central vs Noblesville | Girls Varsity | HCTV Sports

5:00 pm City Alliance Semi Finals (2 games) | Boys Basketball | Indiana SRN

6:00 pm Hamilton Heights vs Noblesville | Boys Junior Varsity | HCTV Sports

7:10 pm Oldenburg Academy vs Greenwood Christian | Boys Varsity | Indiana SRN

7:30 pm Hamilton Heights vs Noblesville | Boys Varsity | HCTV Sports

Wednesday, Jan 25, Basketball

6:00 pm Pendleton Heights vs Noblesville | Girls Junior Varsity | HCTV Sports

7:30 pm Pendleton Heights vs Noblesville | Girls Varsity | HCTV Sports



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