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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: WINTER STORM WARNING. Snow, heavy at times. Rain may mix in with snow at times. Wind gusting to 30 mph.

Tonight: Snow diminishes. Final totals of 4-8 inches.

HIGH: 34 LOW: 28



Exchange student program: it's for them & it's for you

Lawmakers should listen to public's opinion on marijuana

By DIANE YOWS
For The Reporter

Editor's note: In October 2022, The Reporter published a story about a group of exchange students who were spending their semester at Sheridan High School. The local coordinator for one of the programs, CETUSA, reached out to The Reporter to share information about her program.



Exchange students are warmly welcomed into the homes of their host families.

There are so many things that I would love to share with you about Council for Educational Travel USA (CETUSA). It is an amazing opportunity for families who wish to expand their worldview, broaden their horizons and take a step into a life-changing experience. We are a J1 visa, not-for-profit organization coordinating the high school exchange students and their connection with local families all over the country.

High school students between the ages of 14 and 18 come over to the USA and live with a family, either for one semester or the entire school year, and attend a local high school. Students come with their own

spending money and insurance. This is a volunteer program and opportunity that we hope all families of different shapes and sizes, have.

My responsibility is to ensure the smooth connection with the families, exchange students and the local high schools. As a local coordinator, I work very

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Although marijuana has medical benefits, it is certainly not a harmless drug, especially for adolescents who can suffer long-term adverse consequences.

Despite negative health effects, acceptance of medical and recreational marijuana use is progressively gaining acceptance by policymakers, the medical community, and the public.

In a recent BK Strategies survey of Indiana voters, 64 percent favored regulated full legalization for both medicinal purposes and adult use (45 percent strongly). Even among Republicans, 52 percent favored full legalization. The majority of those opposed to recreational legalization supported legalization of medical marijuana.

Nationally, more than half of adults admit to at least trying marijuana. A Pew poll found that 68 percent of Americans believe that cannabis should be legalized for recreational use and 91 percent feel that it should be legal for either medical or recreational uses. National support for legalization of marijuana is also bipartisan – nearly 80 percent of Democrats and 55 percent of Republicans approve of legalization. And the younger the generation surveyed, approval of legalization progressively increases, foretelling what the future holds.

In studies conducted by WebMD, nearly 70 percent of physicians believed that medical marijuana should be legalized and 56 percent believed it should be fully legalized.

Although still federally illegal, medical cannabis is legal in 37 states and recreational use in 21 states and Washington, D.C. Marijuana is legal in the surrounding states of Illinois and Michigan. Medical marijuana is legal in Ohio. Additionally, various states where marijuana remains illegal have decriminalized possession (infraction status) for personal use.

The conservative Republican-dominated Indiana legislature is not politically ready for any legalization of marijuana. But the issue is



Bastian Solutions unveils plans for new corporate campus in Noblesville

The REPORTER

The City of Noblesville has announced that Bastian Solutions, a Toyota Advanced Logistics company, is planning a new state-of-the-art corporate campus in Noblesville.

The 162-acre site will serve as the future home to the company's corporate headquarters and advanced manufacturing facilities which will produce industry leading supply chain automation technologies. The new campus will be designed to support the company's anticipated growth over the next several decades with groundbreaking estimated to start in the next 24 to 36 months.

"For 70 years, Bastian Solutions has experienced demonstrated success in central Indiana, and we're proud to continue to call the region home as we embark on the next chapter in our history," said Bastian Solutions President & CEO Aaron Jones. "Our investment in the Noblesville campus will be the largest our company has made to date. This project is indicative of our commitment to Bastian employees, the material handling industry, and the State of Indiana. We're excited to build upon the roots we've established here to ensure we're successful for the next 70 years."



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To determine the optimal location for the company's new home, Bastian conducted a thorough zip code study of its current Indiana-based employees along with housing market research and labor supply market research to support future growth objectives. The results of the study led the company to select a location near 146th Street and Promise Road in

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First part of fairgrounds upgrade given go-ahead

Hamilton County Commissioners and county 4-H officials agreed Monday to proceed with what is called Phase 1A of a fairground redevelopment plan. The \$15 million Phase 1A will include construction of a "Bicentennial Building" to replace the O.V. Winks Building and annex. Groundbreaking on that project should take place this year.

According to Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt, the full first phase is estimated at \$26 million, which is why this is being called Phase 1A. Heirbrandt also told The Reporter there has been no investment into the fairgrounds for 15 to 20 years.

The fairgrounds and its various buildings are used frequently by community organizations, public and private organizations and more. Future plans for the property include making it



even more of a community center used potentially for a variety of both public and private events.

Heirbrandt said they are working with the City of Noblesville to maximize the economic impact of the upgraded fairgrounds.

Approval is subject to changes that may be discussed in a joint meeting with the Council in March.

These structures will be removed for construction of a widened Pleasant Street.

The current maintenance building will also be replaced, the Llama Barn will be upgraded, and drainage systems will be improved on the grounds as part of the initial project.

Commissioners are also planning renovation of the former Humane Society animal shelter adjacent to the fairgrounds for county office use.

Work is set to begin this spring at the fairgrounds located at 2000 E. Pleasant St. in Noblesville. Future phases of the overall redevelopment will follow in coming years.

In their regular Monday meeting commissioners also made appointments to various boards and commissions where terms expired with the new year. Dan Stevens was appointed to the Riverview Health board replacing the retiring Steven Holt, and also appointed Stevens to the county Redevelopment Commission replacing Terry Prather.

Dr. Tim Fleck was appointed to the County Board of Health to fill a vacancy on the seven-member board. And, Brad Beaver was appointed to the Community Corrections advisory board as County Council representative replacing the retiring Steve Schwartz.

All county department heads were reappointed for the year.

Sheridan students crown King Sebastian & Queen Lilly



Photo provided by Chuck Godby
Senior classmates Lilly Chesney and Sebastian Salazar were crowned queen and king during Sheridan High School's annual Hardwood Homecoming on Saturday, Jan. 14, when the Blackhawks also celebrated a victory over Elwood. [Click here to read coverage of that game.](#)

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closely with the families in their decision to host an exchange student. I meet monthly with the families and students as well.

Currently I have four exchange students attending Sheridan High School,

one attending Lapel High School, one at Fishers High School, one at Center Grove High School, one at Columbus North High School, one at Owen Valley High School, one at Arsenal Tech High School,

and one at Edgewood High School.

Words cannot express how much I love seeing this process unfold and come together. While this is my job, this has been an amazing and indescribable opportunity

not only for me but for my children as well. Learn more at CETUSA.org.

Everyone and anyone wanting more information on becoming a host family is welcome to contact me directly at (317) 523-8399.

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Noblesville, approximately 13 miles from its current corporate headquarters. The site will provide ample space for manufacturing, engineering, research and development, and thoughtfully designed outdoor spaces, which will be used to engage with the larger Noblesville community.

“Bastian Solutions has proven itself to be a committed partner who values Indiana’s long history in advanced manufacturing,” Governor Eric J. Holcomb said. “This investment will reach beyond company walls and create an engaging environment through connectivity that will improve quality of life for employees, partners, the Noblesville

community and beyond.”

This transformative project includes \$130 million in total capital investment and Bastian has committed to 250 new jobs over the next five years. Their move includes 400 retained and relocated jobs.

“Bastian Solutions is not only investing in their future, but also in Noblesville’s,” Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen said. “This project speaks to Bastian’s commitment to job growth and economic development in Noblesville, and we are excited for our upcoming successes and bright future together.”

Pending approval from the Indiana Economic Development (IEDC) board

of directors and based on the company’s job creation plans, the IEDC committed an investment in Bastian Solutions of up to \$4 million in the form of incentive-based tax credits. These tax credits are performance-based, meaning the company is eligible to claim incentives once Hoosiers are hired. The IEDC also committed an investment of up to \$2 million in assignable redevelopment tax credits, which provide an incentive to companies to invest in the redevelopment of vacant property to improve the quality of place within Indiana.

In 2017, Bastian Solutions was acquired by Toyota Advanced Logistics, a subsidiary of Japan-based Toyota Industries Corporation (TICO). The building of this corporate campus is the latest example of TICO’s commitment to the growth and success of Bastian Solutions.

The company recently made investments in improvements to Bastian facilities in Boise, Idaho; Greenfield, Ind.; Georgetown, Ky.; St. Louis, Mo.; and Dallas, Texas. These dedicated facilities will provide nearly unlimited design and manufacturing capabilities.

About Bastian Solutions

Bastian Solutions, a Toyota Advanced Logistics company, is a trusted supply chain integration partner committed to providing clients a competitive advantage by designing and delivering world-class distribution and production solutions. By combining data-driven designs, scalable material handling systems, and innovative software, the company helps clients across a broad spectrum of markets become leaders in their industries. For more information, visit Bastian-Solutions.com.

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progressively gaining bipartisan momentum in Indiana as it is federally. The Indiana Democratic Party now officially endorses full legalization. Expect a horde of bills filed by legislators from both parties seeking a regulatory structure, a more rational and equitable criminal justice response, economic benefits through business development and cannabis taxation, and providing constituents with marijuana’s therapeutic benefits.

Bills aimed at decriminalization are also likely.

From a broad public health perspective, marijuana-related convictions with their resulting marginalization and negative consequences are not justified from either a moral or cost-to-society standpoint. Decriminalization hasn’t resulted in increased use and is supported by multiple medical professional societies. If legalization is unfeasible, at least decriminalize marijuana.

Marijuana is certainly safer than alcohol and tobacco. It isn’t a narcotic like heroin or a hard drug like cocaine or methamphetamine. It should be legally treated accordingly. Marijuana isn’t a gateway drug any more than alcohol can be considered so. Its federal

designation as a Schedule I controlled substance (like heroin) is indefensible and is a serious barrier to conducting research.

Products containing the weaker psychoactive THC, Delta 8 (rather than marijuana’s Delta 9), are legal in Indiana and most states. Keep it that way. Delta 8 is a safer, gentler alternative. Better to regulate it, and keep it secure from adolescents, mislabeling, and heavy metal and other contaminants.

Despite illegality, marijuana in Indiana is widely available. Legalized cannabis surrounds us. Legalize it; regulate it; tax it; protect it from illegal psychoactive additives and, like Delta 8, from contaminants; prohibit minor access and provide education. Limiting potency and legalizing only edibles (avoiding the toxicity of combustion) should be considerations.

Like alcohol with its untoward aspects, the public desires marijuana. Similar to ending Prohibition, legalization is inevitable. Public opinion drives public policy.

Richard D. Feldman, M.D. is an Indianapolis family physician and former Indiana State Health Commissioner who served in the administration of Governor Frank O’Bannon.

Thanks for reading the Hamilton County Reporter!

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:

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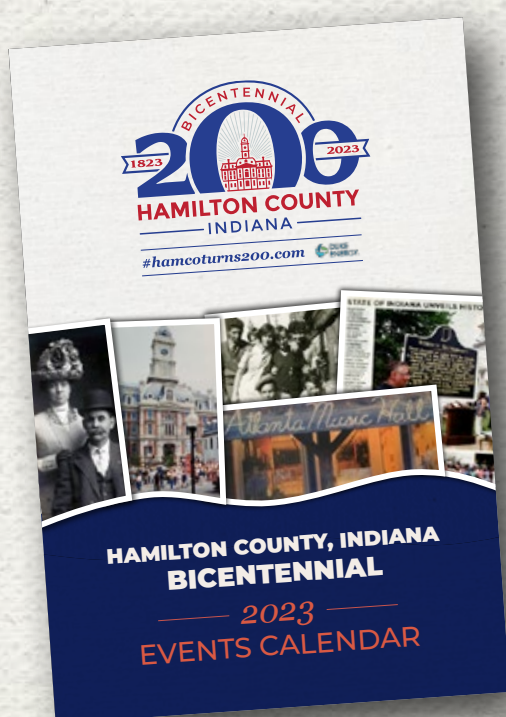
August Wayne Township

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events and programs, visit:

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Leaders gather for Bicentennial

The Hamilton County Bicentennial opened the county's 200th year with a free, family-friendly event last Sunday at the Palladium at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. The Opening Ceremony was the first of many free, family-friendly events celebrating the Hamilton County Bicentennial throughout the year. A full calendar of events is available at hamcoturns200.com/events. Stay up to date with activities by signing up for the [Hamilton County Bicentennial newsletter](#) or following HamCoTurns200 on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). Sponsors include Duke Energy, Hamilton County Tourism, and the Hamilton County Historical Society.



Reporter photos
We know you know all these faces because the VIP reception at the Bicentennial kickoff was filled to the brim with community leaders, elected officials, and people who make Hamilton County the great place we all know and love.

Celebrating 200 years, Hamilton County style



Photos provided by [Daniel Grose Photography](#)
Speakers at the Bicentennial Opening Ceremony included (top row, from left) Bicentennial Coordinator Jessica Layman, Duke Energy Indiana State President Stan Pinegar, Hamilton County Historian David Heighway, (above row, from left) Hamilton County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt, Washington Township Trustee Danielle Carey Tolan, Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen, and Center for the Performing Arts President & CEO Jeffrey C. McDermott. *Not pictured: Fishers City Council member Cecilia Coble.* (Above right) Local soul singer, singer-songwriter, and winner of Season 6 of *The Voice* Josh Kaufman served as event host. Kaufman also performed with the Mudsock Jazz Combo before a packed house at the Palladium.



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(Above left) The Moontown Picklestompers performed “Wee Midnight House” (written as “Midnight Hour Blues”) and “The Dummy Song.” (Above right) The Mudsock Jazz Combo performed 20th century jazz selections and accompanied event host Josh Kaufman. (Below left) Conner Prairie Storyteller Dwight Gallian told “Stories on the Prairie.” (Below right) The Freetown Village Singers performed “Follow the Drinking Gourd” and “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot.” (Bottom right) Hamilton County Commissioners Mark Heirbrandt, Christine Altman, and Steve Dillinger closed the program.



Noblesville teens looking to trek to National Toboggan Championships



Photo provided by Jill Coyne / GoFundMe

Noblesville sophomore students Shepard, Max, Gabe, Carter, and Keegan are raising money to attend the U.S. National Toboggan Championships. They usually focus on football, but they also are serious toboggan competitors. The young men plan to travel more than 20 hours to compete in the national championships in Camden, Maine, next month. With the help from their teacher, Geoff Davis, they are building their own 10-foot-long toboggan for the competition. Jill Coyne has started a GoFundMe to help the boys with materials and acquire the appropriate gear for the event. According to the students, "We are thrilled to be representing Noblesville along with three adult teams in the Noblesville community. Not only are we building our own toboggan, we are also building community." [Click here](#) for more information and to donate to the GoFundMe campaign.

Ambulance crashes on Campus Parkway, driver & passenger injured

The REPORTER

At 3:52 p.m. Tuesday, Noblesville police officers responded to the area of 13675 Campus Pkwy., Noblesville, in reference to a report of a motor vehicle crash involving one vehicle.

Officers arrived on the scene a short time later and located the vehicle involved. Evidence at the scene and witness statements appear to indicate that a 1999 Ford ambulance, registered to Preferred Auto

Body (Indianapolis), was traveling southbound on the Interstate 69 southbound ramp just prior to the crash occurring. Evidence at the scene suggests that the driver attempted to travel eastbound onto Campus Parkway when he lost control of the vehicle and struck a curb. The vehicle rolled onto the driver's side and came to rest in the median on Campus Parkway.

The driver of the ambulance was identified as

Theodore F. McCallister, 68, Anderson. McCallister was transported by ground ambulance to Ascension St. Vincent Hospital (Indianapolis) with non-life-threatening injuries. A front right-seat passenger of the ambulance was identified as Savanna P. Belcher, 24, Pendleton. Belcher was also transported by ground ambulance to Ascension St. Vincent Hospital (Indianapolis) with non-life-threatening injuries. There were no

additional occupants in the vehicle.

The Noblesville Police Department Crash Reconstruction Unit was summoned to the scene to investigate the crash.

Eastbound travel on Campus Parkway at the I-69 overpass was restricted as a result of the investigation. The scene was cleared at 6:45 p.m. and traffic was restored to normal operations.

The cause of the crash is still under investigation.

Westfield's own David Mannella makes Dean's List at Benedictine College

The REPORTER

Benedictine College has recognized those students who have distinguished themselves academically during the last semester.

David Mannella of Westfield was recently named to the Dean's List for the fall semester, which ended Dec. 12, 2022.

Any full-time student carrying a minimum of 12 hours and a perfect 4.0 grade point average through the spring term is named

to the President's list. Full time students with 12 hours and a grade point average of 3.5 are named to the Dean's List. Of the 2,135 students on campus for 2022-2023 academic year, 171 made the President's List and 794 made the Dean's List.

Founded in 1858, Benedictine College is a Catholic, Benedictine, residential, liberal arts college located on the bluffs above the Missouri River in Atchison, Kan.

Four local students make Dean's List at Bucknell University

The REPORTER

Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa., has released the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2022-23 academic year. A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition.

Locally, four Hamilton

County students made the Dean's List. They include:

- **Ava Aguilar, Fishers**, Class of 2025, undeclared major
- **Hannah Kim, Carmel**, Class of 2025, mechanical engineering
- **Ava Kite, Carmel**, Class of 2024, psychology
- **Colin Lasik, Carmel**, Class of 2026, undeclared major

Fishers' own Emma Friesth makes Dean's List at UW-Eau Claire

The REPORTER

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire extends congratulations to the 2,783 students named to the fall 2022 Dean's List.

Locally, **Emma Friesth**,

Fishers, was named to the Dean's List. She is a student of the College of Arts and Sciences.

[Click here](#) to read the Dean's List eligibility criteria.

Three magical, music-filled 'FUNdraising' events will benefit Actors Theatre of Indiana

The REPORTER

If you are a fan of music and magic, you're invited to head to The Studio Theatre in Carmel for three amazing 'FUNdraiser' events to support **Actors Theatre of Indiana** (ATI).

ATI is the resident professional theatre company of The Studio Theater at The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. ATI's mission is to celebrate the power of theatre and contribute to the quality of life in central Indiana by offering high quality professional theatre performances and programs that engage, inspire, educate and entertain.

First up is ATI's Greatest Hits, Vol. 1. This is a very special and unique evening as ATI invites you to enjoy some cocktails on them while you take in an evening of musical theatre.

Join ATI's co-founders and well-known local actors as they recreate their past performances from ATI hit shows such as *Chicago*, *A*

Year with Frog and Toad, *Ruthless, Forbidden Broadway*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Million Dollar Quartet*, *Beyond the Rainbow* and so many more. Tickets are \$50 each for the Saturday, Feb. 4 show. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Studio Theatre.

Up next is Sleight of Mind: Magician Jon Mobley. For only \$25, prepare to laugh and be amazed. Mobley attracts audiences around the world with his magnetic personality, quick wit, and jaw-dropping surprises. He was recently featured on *Penn & Teller: Fool Us in Las Vegas* and can also be seen headlining at the historical Chicago Magic Lounge. Sleight of Mind is an interactive experience guests rave about long after the event. This magical event takes place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11.

On Saturday, Feb. 18, plan your post-Valentine evening with One Voice: The Music of Manilow. The show begins at 7:30 p.m.

and tickets are only \$45 each.

Are you a "Fanilow"? The soaring choruses, the romantic despair, the key changes... His music touches people around the world. Come to The Studio Theater and celebrate the one who 'wrote the songs' with such romantic, lush, and melodic melodies that shaped the songbook of generations of music lovers. Who can deny the impact of songs like "This One's for You," "Looks Like We Made It," "Mandy," "Weekend in New England," "Could It Be Magic," and so many others? Don Farrell and the Terry Woods Orchestra will guide you on an evening of Manilow stories and music.

An award-winning Equity Professional Theatre company, ATI is now in its 18th season of high-powered theatrical productions, world premieres, and innovative community works. These fundraising shows are an excellent opportunity to

help ATI continue its mission while having a fantastic time.

To check out upcoming shows and other programs, visit ATIstage.org. Tickets are on sale now – just call (317) 843-3800.

About Actors Theatre of Indiana

Actors Theatre of Indiana was co-founded in 2005 by Cynthia Collins, Don Farrell and Judy Fitzgerald with a mission to celebrate the power of theatre and contribute to the quality of life in central Indiana by offering high quality professional theatre performances and programs that engage, inspire, educate and entertain. An award-winning Equity Professional Theatre company, ATI is the resident professional theatre company of The Studio Theater at The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel, now in the 18th season of high-powered theatrical productions, world premieres and innovative community works.

Sheridan's own Emily Rumph now Trine University graduate



Photo provided

Emily Rumph of Sheridan completed requirements for a degree from Trine University at the end of the Fall 2022 semester. Rumph earned a degree in Design Engineering Technology at Trine. Congratulations, Emily!

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Carmel’s own Katherine LaReau is ‘taking charge’ at West Point

The REPORTER

Cadet Katherine LaReau of Carmel is a member of the Class of 2025, Company F-3 at West Point Military Academy.

LaReau serves as the tutor cadet-in-charge (CIC) of SS202 American Politics, is a chemical engineering major, and was recently named as one of West Point’s 12 Stamps Scholars.

Stamps Scholars are chosen for their academic excellence, leadership experience, and exceptional character; fewer than 300 are selected from over 300,000 applicants nationwide. Stamps Scholars benefit from a national network of peers and the opportunity to attend biennial conventions and other events where scholars investigate pressing issues and learn from accomplished community leaders.

LaReau is member of the West Point Glee Club, Corbin Forum, Black & Gold Leadership Forum, Elevation, Catholic Choir, and Center for Enhanced Performance (CEP) tutoring. She is the Corbin Forum

Lean In Luncheon Cadet in Charge, Black and Gold Leadership Forum Assistant Cadet in Charge, West Point Glee Club Public Affairs Officer, a Mounger Writing Fellow, and serves as the Class of 2025 Vice President. She has been given the Superintendent’s Award for Achievement.

“As a CEP CIC for the SS202 American Politics course, I aim to help my classmates build confidence for major graded events by curating study materials and organizing course-wide study sessions with my fellow CICs and the course director,” LaReau said. “One thing I love about being a CEP tutor is that it gives me the opportunity to give back to my peers who, on a different day, are happily extending a helpful hand to me in the places I struggle (like on rucks or in boxing or survival swim)! I feel lucky to be a part of CEP Tutoring, whose number one commitment is to the cadets we serve.”

At West Point, Stamps Scholars receive \$10,000 to use for research and enrichment opportunities. La-



Photo by Christopher Hennen U.S. Military Academy PAO-VI

Reau’s research project is focused on graphene and noble metal nanoparticle composites for energy storage and conversion applica-

tions. She plans to become an intelligence officer.

Learn more about the program at StampsScholars.org.

Rep. Spartz on House committee removals: McCarthy needs to start governing

The REPORTER

Rep. Victoria Spartz issued a statement on Tuesday on Speaker Kevin McCarthy’s pledge to remove Reps. Schiff, Swalwell, and Omar from House committees:

“Two wrongs do not make a right

“Speaker Pelosi took unprecedented actions last Congress to remove Reps. Greene and Gosar from their committees without proper due

process. Speaker McCarthy is taking unprecedented actions this Congress to deny some committee assignments to the Minority without proper due process again.

“As I spoke against it on the House floor two years ago, I will not support this charade again.

Speaker McCarthy needs to stop bread and circuses in Congress and start governing for a change.”



Spartz

United Way of Central Indiana seeks volunteers for day of community service

The REPORTER

United Way of Central Indiana is recruiting volunteers and projects for its third Go All IN Day, an organized day of community service across the region.

This year’s event will be held June 23 throughout United Way’s service area of Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Marion, Morgan and Putnam counties.

Interested volunteers can learn more and sign up to reserve their spot at goallinday.com. A variety of indoor and outdoor projects – ranging in length from hour-long to all-day activities – will be available for individual volunteers,

groups and families.

Nonprofits, grassroots organizations and community groups interested in hosting a project can sign up for more information at goallinday.com. Organizations with an annual operating budget of \$1 million or less will be eligible to apply for grants to fund their projects.

United Way hosted its first Go All IN Day in September 2021 and its second in June 2022.

About 1,000 volunteers participated in [last year’s event](#), completing projects at more than 40 nonprofits, grassroots groups and community organizations across the region.

Don’t wait for a crisis to donate blood

The REPORTER

As National Blood Donor Month continues, the American Red Cross celebrates those who give blood and platelets to help save lives – especially now, as the Red Cross works to ensure a stable blood supply amid the threat of icy winter weather and severe seasonal illness.

Donors of all blood types – particularly type O blood donors, the most needed blood group by hospitals – and platelet donors are needed daily to meet demand.

The start of the new year is one of the most challenging times to collect enough blood products, despite the constant demand. One in

seven patients entering a hospital will need a blood transfusion – yet only 3 percent of the public gives blood.

Don’t wait until there’s a crisis to donate. To book a time to give blood, visit RedCrossBlood.org, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

In partnership with the National Football League (NFL), those who come to give blood, platelets or plasma through Jan. 31 will be automatically entered to win a trip for two to Super Bowl LVII in Arizona, including access to day-of, in-stadium pre-game activities, tickets to the official Super Bowl Experience, round-trip air-

fare to Phoenix, three-night hotel accommodations (Feb. 10-13), plus a \$500 gift card for expenses. *Terms apply.* Visit RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl for details.

How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients.

A blood donor card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of

age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also must meet certain height and weight requirements.

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Congratulations to these high performing county leaders

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Recent graduates of the National Association of Counties (NACo) Professional Development Academy included three Hamilton County staff.

Gary Duncan, Project Engineer for the Surveyors Office; Marilyn Schenkel, Office Manager in the Assessor's Office; and Erika Wiles, Orderbook Supervisor in the Clerk's Office, all graduated in December from the High Performance Leadership program.

The program, created in partnership with General Colin Powell, is a 12-week, four-course mentorship-based program with content provided by industry leading executives. This program provides best practices in leadership, organizational development and



(From left) Marilyn Schenkel, Gary Duncan, and Erika Wiles.

change management, negotiation and collaboration, effective business communication, and delivering value within high performance management.

NACo serves nearly 40,000 elected county officials and 3.6 million county employees. Founded in 1935 for the betterment of county government, NACo

serves its members through lobbying at the federal level, providing educational opportunities, publications, research assistance and offering cost saving programs.

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Courtney Culver announces candidacy for Carmel City Council

Submitted

Courtney Culver announced on Monday her candidacy for the Carmel City Council's North Central District. She is the only Democrat who has announced a campaign for this district, which includes the [Arts & Design District](#), [Midtown Plaza](#), and [Clay Terrace](#) areas.

The Carmel City Council consists of nine councilors elected to four-year terms. The Council is responsible for managing the city's budget, approving major projects and infrastructure improvements, and protecting the safety of its citizens.

Culver says she believes she's uniquely qualified for a city council seat in this district.

"It's imperative that Carmel's councilors have the skills and experience needed to responsibly manage and lead our city," she said. "Leading a functional city government should not be about who you know, but

what you know. Carmel is not a small town – it is a city with a population of over 100,000 and growing. We need a legislative branch that will protect our independent business owners and private citizens alike – armed with relevant professional knowledge, expertise and acumen.

"If elected, I will draw on my experience in managing massive budgets, leading large-scale projects and optimizing resources. I will make decisions that support the needs of our city and will not be driven by my ego or politics."

Culver is a leader in a global technology company and her experience spans more than two decades in the non-profit, telecommunications, financial, and technology sectors. She currently oversees teams that focus on operational excellence, data analytics, marketing, internal communications and change management. She has also volunteered her time leading global employ-

ee resource groups focused on supporting and protecting LGBTQ+ employees and communities.

Culver holds a bachelor's in journalism from Franklin College and a master's in organizational leadership from Siena Heights University in Michigan. She has lived in the North Central District for 12 years with her husband of 20 years, their 17-year-old daughter and their nine-year-old basset hound.

"My family and I moved to Carmel in 2011 and built a home in the Arts & Design District in 2021," Culver said. "We live, shop, eat, exercise and socialize in the North Central District and are fully invested in its future. This is a pivotal local election year and I encourage all residents to vote for council and mayoral candidates you feel will



Photo by Taylor Mitchem Photography

represent and welcome all citizens, and who will lead Carmel responsibly as it continues to grow."

The municipal primary elections are May 2, and the general election will take place on Nov. 7. Culver will hold her campaign kickoff event on March 2 at [The Cat](#) in downtown Carmel. More information on this event, her campaign and Carmel's voting districts can be found at [CulverForCarmel.com](#).

Brad DeReamer announces his re-election bid for Fishers City Council

Submitted

Fishers City Councilman Brad DeReamer is seeking a third term to serve the Northeast District.

He has served on the City Council for the past eight years and he says he has received overwhelming support from his constituents to continue to serve.

"Fishers is an amazing city to live, work, play and raise your family," DeReamer said. "I look forward to working with Mayor Fadness and the City Council to keep the city thriving and going in

the right direction."

During the past eight years on the City Council, Brad has stayed in communication with the residents through a newsletter and neighborhood meetings.

DeReamer always makes himself available to his constituents, and he says he plans to continue this through his third term.

He is a graduate of Purdue University with a



DeReamer

degree in Mathematics and a Master's Degree in Land Surveying. He served in the U.S. Army reserves and the Indiana National Guard.

His political experience started with three terms as Hancock County Surveyor, one term as the Mayor of the City of Greenfield, and two terms as Fishers City Councilman. He has also served as the Precinct Committeeman for Fall

Creek 37 for eight years, and has bragging rights for having the highest voting percentage precinct in Hamilton County.

He and his wife Sharon have been married for 42 years and live in Britton Falls. They have five children, 14 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. He was honored with the first "City of Fishers GOP Man of the Year Award in 2022."

DeReamer says he looks forward to representing all residents of the Northeast District for the next four years.

CCHA welcomes James Nussbaum

The REPORTER

Church Church Hittle + Antrim (CCHA) welcomes James Nussbaum to the firm.

Nussbaum will join the Sports Law practice group and also serve as the chair of the newly launched [Higher Education practice group](#). CCHA has had the privilege of advising institutions of higher education throughout Indiana and across the country on a variety of matters for the past 10 years, and with the addition and leadership of Nussbaum, commits to continue to grow this practice area.

Nussbaum has spent his entire career in higher education, serving as Associate General Counsel at Indiana University, a public research institution with 90,000 students and 40,000 employees across nine campuses. At IU, he conducted investigations and provided legal advice on a wide variety of matters including athletics, Title IX, student and faculty affairs, human resources, employment discrimination, and

negotiated real estate and other business transactions. Nussbaum's vast experience in higher education ideally situates him to formalize and lead CCHA's higher education practice and position it for future growth and expansion.

"James is a wonderful addition to the firm," CCHA Managing Partner Alex Pinegar said. "The fact that he served such a vital role at Indiana University really speaks to his capabilities and the ways in which he will be able to assist the clients we serve and lead our higher education group."

Nussbaum said he's ready to get to work with CCHA.

"I look forward to working alongside such esteemed and respected attorneys," Nussbaum said. "CCHA is in a pattern of growth, and the creation of a higher education practice group was a natural fit given their established sports law and school law practices. I am excited to be a part of the team."



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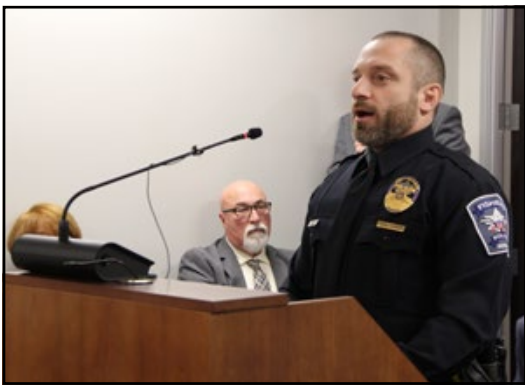
State Rep. Jeter’s bill seeking stronger penalties for killing police K-9s advances to floor

The REPORTER

The Indiana House Courts and Criminal Code Committee on Wednesday approved State Rep. Chris Jeter's (R-Fishers) bill to strengthen criminal penalties and sentencing for killing a police K-9.

Jeter, an attorney who serves as a member on the House Courts and Criminal Code Committee, authored [House Bill 1306](#). The legislation would increase the penalty for killing a police K-9 from a Level 6 to a Level 5 felony, carrying a sentence of between 1 and 6 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000. He said killing a K-9 in the commission of a crime would also be an aggravating circumstance for sentencing in criminal cases.

"These K-9s are vital for police officers who work tirelessly to protect our community," Jeter said. "Not only do they serve alongside their handlers, but they also fearlessly pursue suspects



(Above left) State Rep. Chris Jeter (R-Fishers) presents to the House Courts and Criminal Code Committee his bill to strengthen criminal penalties and sentencing for killing a police K-9. The committee approved Jeter's legislation, sending it to the House floor for further consideration. (Above right) Fishers Police Officer Jarred Koopman, testifies in favor of House Bill 1306. Koopman's K-9 partner, Harlej, was killed in the line of duty by a fleeing suspect in November 2019.

and take on dangerous tasks to save Hoosiers."

Jeter's legislation is inspired by the 2019 killing of Harlej, a K-9 with the Fishers Police Department shot by a fleeing suspect. With the current maximum sentence for the crime standing at 6 months, Jeter said the penalty is too low and criminals who take the lives of

police K-9s like Harlej need to face stiffer penalties. Fishers Police Officer Jarred Koopman, who was Harlej's handler, testified in support of the legislation.

He said in addition to the emotional toll of losing a K-9, their death is costly and impacts budgets as training can cost up to \$45,000 per dog.

House Bill 1306 now heads to the House floor for further consideration. For more information, or to watch session and committees live, visit [iga.in.gov](#).

State Rep. Chris Jeter (R-Fishers) represents House District 88, which includes portions of Hamilton, Hancock, Madison and Marion counties.

Attorney from Hamilton County Prosecutor's office accused of paying for sex

By **KODY FISHER**
WISH-TV | [wishstv.com](#)

An attorney who was working for the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office was arrested on charges of paying for sex.

According to probable cause affidavit, law enforcement on July 20 was watching Room 115 at the Red Roof Inn located off Shadeland Avenue in northeast Indianapolis because of suspected prostitution activity possibly linked to sex trafficking.

They saw Adil Shah, 25, walk into the room through a slightly propped open door at 2:55 p.m. Police later knocked on the door and opened it to find Shah with a shirt on backward and inside out. A woman, who'd been read her rights, told police Shah had paid her \$200 to have sex with her twice in 30 minutes.

Police handcuffed Shah when he made body movements that made it seem as if he was going to run away. Shah, who'd also been read his rights, told police he only paid the woman to "cuddle him."

A review of court records showed Shah prosecuted cases in Carmel City Court ranging from speeding to possession of marijuana. Since his arrest, he hasn't prosecuted any cases.

Requests for comment from the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office had not been returned to I-Team 8.

In Marion County, Shah has so far avoided prosecution by doing a felony diversion program where he took an online class and did 16 hours of community service.

"Felony diversion programs are always really up to the discretion of the pros-

ecutor," said Jody Madeira, a law professor at Indiana University.

She told I-Team 8 that prosecutors take several factors into account when deciding to offer a diversion program.

"They look at the nature and severity of the offense," Madeira said. "They look at any of the offender's characteristics or difficulties, (and) whether the offender is a first-time offender."

I-Team 8 asked the Marion County Prosecutor's Office why it decided to give Shah the option for a diversion program, but the office had not yet responded by Monday afternoon.

I-Team 8 asked Madeira if the decision could be seen as preferential treatment toward Shah given that he was prosecuting cases at the time of his arrest.

"It appears likely that anyone – you know, you or I – anyone convicted or who was pleading guilty of this offense would be diverted to this sort of program," Madeira said.

Shah got his law license in May 2022. Madeira said this situation could lead to it being suspended, or another form of punishment.

The fact that you've committed that offense should be taken into consideration under what's called character and fitness," said Madeira, who added, "It's up to the licensing authorities in Indiana to weigh the gravity of that conduct."

Shah's attorney declined to comment to I-Team 8.

I-Team 8 left a voice-mail for Shah, but he had not called back by Monday.

If Shah fulfills all the requirements of diversion program, the charge would not be on his permanent record.

Indiana American Water accepting applications for 2023 Environmental Grant Program

The REPORTER

Indiana American Water is now accepting applications for its 2023 Environmental Grant Program.

"Indiana American Water is committed to providing our customers with clean, safe, reliable water service and protecting our environment and our water sources," said Indiana American Water President Matt Prine. "Everyone plays a role in protecting our nation's water supplies, and this program encourages municipalities, schools, environmental organizations and civic groups to apply for a grant that will benefit their watersheds and the communities we serve across the state."

Established in 2005, Indiana American Water's [Environmental Grant Program](#) offers funds for innovative, community-based environmental projects that improve, restore or protect the watersheds, surface water and/or groundwater supplies through partnerships. Last year, Indiana American Water provided [funding for six watershed projects](#) across the state. In 2023, the company will be awarding several grants for a combined total of approximately \$10,000.

To qualify, proposed projects must:

- Address a source water or watershed protection need in the community

- Be completed between May 1, 2023, and Nov. 30, 2023

- Be a new or innovative program for the community, or serve as a significant expansion to an existing program

- Be carried out by a formal or informal partnership between two or more organizations

- Provide evidence of sustainability (continued existence after the grant monies are utilized), and


- Be located within one of Indiana American Water's service areas across the state.

Projects will be judged based on criteria that include clarity of project goals and projected impact,

strength of collaboration with other community and/or municipal organizations, and evidence that the project will provide sustainable environmental results after Indiana American Water's funding ends.

Applications must be postmarked by March 31, 2023, and mailed to Indiana American Water, 153 N. Emerson Ave., Greenwood, IN 46143, ATTN: Joe Loughmiller. Award recipients will be notified by April 30.

Additional Information and application requirements can be obtained online at the [Environmental Grant section of the company website](#).




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What you need to know to pursue a career in environmental engineering

The REPORTER

The latest episode of American Structurepoint's *Making Our Point* podcast explores environmental engineering as a career choice. This is the third in a series of podcasts that focus on the different types of engineering to help young adults determine whether engineering is right for them.

Catherine Pallotta, American Structurepoint utility infrastructure practice leader, shares examples of projects environmental engineers often tackle. Utility infrastructure is another term for environmental engineering focusing on drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater systems. Pallotta provides excellent insights for people considering an environmental engineering career, such as qualifications needed, what to expect when entering the field, career paths and salary ranges for civil engineers, and more.

Environmental engineers design projects that improve the quality of life where people live, work, and play. They help protect public health by designing systems to deliver safe drinking water. They protect the environment by designing wastewater and stormwater

systems. They also design improvements to existing water and wastewater treatment plants or design new infrastructure to meet the demands of growing areas.

"With the boost in federal infrastructure funding specific to water and wastewater, environmental engineers are in demand, including here at American Structurepoint," Pallotta said. "Because of the size of the American Structurepoint utility infrastructure group, entry-level engineers have the opportunity to work on lots of different types of interesting projects."

To learn more about environmental engineering and to find out if this career is for you, listen to the podcast episode titled ["What You Should Know About Environmental Engineering."](#) You can find the podcast at [structurepoint.buzzsprout.com](#), under the "Company" tab on [structurepoint.com](#), or on any of your favorite podcast streaming platforms such as Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts, Amazon Music, Stitcher, and more.

If you are a job seeker reading this, be sure to check out [structurepoint.com/careers](#) to see all openings.

Meeting Notices	
TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold its monthly Joint Budget and Finance Committee/Board of Trustees meeting at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 27, 2023, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.	The Westfield Finance Committee meeting scheduled for 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2023, has been canceled. There will be an Oversight Committee meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 1 in the Assembly Room at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St., Westfield.
The Hamilton Southeastern Schools Board of Trustees will meet for two work sessions on the following dates and times: • 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 6 • 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 8 Both meetings will take place at the HSE Administration Center, 13485 Cumberland Road, Fishers.	The Fall Creek Township Board will meet to discuss adoption of the 2022 Annual Report at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023, in the Community Room of the Fall Creek Township Office, 11595 Brooks School Road, Fishers.
The Adams Township Board will meet at 9 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 30, 2023, to adopt the 2022 Annual Report. The meeting will be held at the Trustee's Office located at 201 S. Main St., Sheridan.	The Atlanta Redevelopment Commission will meet on Monday, Feb. 13, 2023, immediately following the 6 p.m. Town Council meeting. The meetings will take place at the Atlanta Town Hall, 105 E. Main St., Atlanta.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne. Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God. Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal.

Revelation 4:1-6 (NIV)

Jeffrey V. Magers

May 25, 1975 – January 21, 2023

Jeffrey V. Magers, 47, Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, January 21, 2023, at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis. He was born on May 25, 1975, to Gerald and Linda (Lapkiewicz) Magers in Mishawaka, Ind.

Jeffrey worked in inside sales for Hydronic & Steam Equipment Co. He enjoyed vacations and weekend getaways. Jeffrey was an avid podcast listener. He was a Colts fan and enjoyed Notre Dame football games, fantasy football, and video games.

Jeffrey is survived by his wife of 22 years, Teri Magers; father, Gerald "Jerry" Magers; stepmother, Diana Magers; son, James Magers; stepdaughter, Jennifer Leneave; brother, Randy Magers; grandchildren, Kylie Taulman and Miles Taulman; father-in-law, Bob Edwards; and his sister-in-law, Elaine Wright.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Linda Magers. Private family services will be held.

Memorial contributions may be made to AA, Post Office Box 2407, James A Farley Station, New York, NY 10116-2407. Please make checks payable to "General Service Board."

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Robert "Bob" Sixto Sanchez

August 22, 1941 – January 22, 2023

Robert "Bob" Sixto Sanchez, 81, Fishers, formerly of Portage, passed away on Sunday, January 22, 2023, at his home. He was born on August 22, 1941, to Sixto and Frances (Swiontek) Sanchez in Gary, Ind.



Robert "Bob" Sixto Sanchez

Bob worked for 34 years for Bethlehem Steel in Gary, retiring as a foreman. He was a member of Nativity of Our Savior Catholic Church in Portage and became a member of St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church after relocating to Fishers.

He was a life-long member of the Knights of Columbus. Bob spent 30 years coaching multiple youth sports (soccer, basketball, track, cross country, kickball) and was the athletic director at Nativity of our Savior Grade School in Portage, Ind. In 1980, he started the soccer program and served as head coach until 1989 at Andrean High School in Merrillville, Ind. He was also inducted into the Andrean Hall of Fame. Bob enjoyed running, playing baseball, softball, basketball, and bowled in his earlier years.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Sanchez; sons, James (Mary Ann) Sanchez, John Sanchez, Matthew Sanchez, Michael (Kelli) Sanchez, and Peter (Julie) Sanchez; brother, John (Tanisha) Sanchez; 13 grandchildren, Joseph, Kyle (Stephanie), Emily, Benjamin, Mark, Elizabeth, Christopher, Carolyn, Mia, Parker, Allison (Evan), Amy, and Robert; and three great-grandchildren, Miya, Apollo, and Rory.

In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by his daughters-in-law, Christine Sanchez and Jennifer Sanchez; and his brother, Thomas Sanchez.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, January 27, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. An additional visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m., with Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 28, 2023, at St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church, 11441 Hague Road, Fishers. Rev. Sean M. Aaron will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to ALS Association of Indiana, 7202 E. 87th St., Suite 102, Indianapolis, IN 46256 (webin.alsa.org).

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Richard "Dick" Haffner

January 15, 1938 – January 23, 2023

Richard "Dick" Haffner, 85, Noblesville, passed away on Monday, January 23, 2023, at St. Vincent Carmel Hospital surrounded by his family. He was born on January 15, 1938, to the late Donald and Crystal (Moffitt) Haffner in Crawfordsville, Ind.



Dick was the oldest of seven kids, graduating from New Ross High School where he played basketball for Glenn Harper. He then graduated from Butler University where he played basketball and baseball for Tony Hinkle. Dick was inducted into both the Montgomery County Hall of Fame and the Southmont Hall of Fame. He proudly served his country in the Indiana National Guard.

For 40 years, Dick owned Haffner X-Ray Company in Noblesville. His joy in life was spending time with his grandchildren and watching their sports and activities. Dick was a believer in Jesus Christ and is now home with his Savior.

He is survived by his daughter, Kelly (Rob) Louks; sons, Scott (Laura) Haffner and Cory (Mandi) Haffner; wife, Marilou Haffner; sister, Christine Myers; sister, Carol Stull; brother, Phil Haffner; twin sisters, Karon Cox and Sharon Cruser; brother, Ron Haffner; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, January 29, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, January 30, 2023, at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville, 1700 Conner St., Noblesville, IN 46060 (bgcni.org).

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Basketball

Tough Blackhawks know it’s team effort

By **RICHIE HALL**
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SHERIDAN – The Sheridan girls basketball team proved one thing about itself Tuesday night at Larry Hobbs Hall: The Blackhawks are tough.

Sheridan led for all but a few minutes of its game with Hoosier Heartland Conference rival Clinton Central, but the Bulldogs were about to steal a win during the game’s final minutes. Instead, Kenzie Garner made 4 of 4 free throws, and the ‘Hawks made a big defensive play, all with under 20 seconds left.

The result was a 45-42 Sheridan victory. This was a significant win, as it clinches a winning record for the Blackhawks (who are now 12-8 for the season) and gives them a chance for a finish in the upper half of the conference, as Sheridan is now 4-3 in HHC play. It also came against a Bulldogs team that had 16 wins and was receiving votes in the Class 1A poll.

“They play until the very last second,” said Blackhawks coach Jaidlin Bradshaw of Clinton Central.

Sheridan led the Bulldogs 8-1 in the first quarter, with the only point a free throw that came with 4.6 seconds left in the period. Garner scored four points in the first quarter, which was a brief preview of things to come.

The ‘Hawks got ahead by as much as 17-7 in the second quarter, with Garner pouring in seven points in

that period alone. Clinton Central cut the lead to 18-11 by halftime, then went on its own run in the third quarter, eventually going ahead for the first time at 22-21 after consecutive baskets by Sara Parkison.

Ashley Weibel hit a 3-pointer to get Sheridan back in front, and a Garner layin finished the quarter. The Blackhawks thus led 26-22 going into the fourth period, and that lead became 30-22 after baskets by Garner and Nova Cross.

Two free throws from Garner put the ‘Hawks ahead 36-29 with 3:08 left. But CC blasted back, going on a 13-3 run to lead 42-39 with 41.9 seconds left in the fourth.

Sheridan got the ball back, and Garner was fouled, taking a hard fall to the floor. But she shook it off, and made two foul shots to get the Blackhawks back in front 43-42. Sheridan’s defense then stepped up, as the ‘Hawks got a jump ball, with the possession arrow favoring them. Garner was soon fouled again, and she made the final two free throws of the game.

“I was really proud of the girls for persevering and sticking it out, because it is super easy to just get defeated in those situations and just put your head in the sand and give up,” said Bradshaw. “But they did not. They just kept playing hard. I’m really proud of their effort for that.”

Garner dominated the game, with 29 points and 17 rebounds for a double-double. Garner actually came close to a triple-dou-



(Above left) Nova Cross had four points for Sheridan in a total team effort. (Above right) Sheridan’s Kenzie Garner scored 29 points and collected 17 rebounds for the Blackhawks in their big win over Clinton Central on Tuesday.

Photos by Si DeVaney III

ble, as she made nine steals.

“She does a great job of not only scoring it, but dishing it out when she’s open and talking to her teammates,” said Bradshaw.

Lilly Chesney collected six rebounds and Jacquelynne Bates had five. Shelby Eaton had some good minutes as well; she, Weibel and Cross all scored four points. Chesney and Bates completed the scoring with two points each.

“I always tell all the

kids ‘It’s a team effort,’” said Bradshaw. “We can’t do it without them. Every day in practice, they come and they push each other and they make each other better from our seniors to our freshmen.”

Sheridan was to play at Southmont tonight, but that game has been canceled due to the incoming snowstorm. The Blackhawks will now finish their regular season with their final conference game of the year, Friday at Taylor.

SHERIDAN 45, CLINTON CENTRAL 42				
Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Lilly Chesney	1-1	0-2	2	3
Ashley Weibel	1-4	1-2	4	1
Kenzie Garner	9-19	10-12	29	4
Chaney Smith	0-3	0-2	0	1
Jacquelynne Bates	1-2	0-0	2	4
Nova Cross	2-3	0-2	4	3
Shelby Eaton	2-6	0-0	4	1
Totals	16-38	11-20	45	17
Score by Quarters				
Clinton Central	1	10	11	20 – 42
Sheridan	8	10	8	19 – 45
Sheridan 3-point shooting (2-8) Weibel 1-4, Garner 1-2, Eaton 0-1, Bates 0-1.				
Sheridan rebounds (37) Garner 17, Chesney 6, Bates 5, Cross 3, Eaton 3, Smith 2, Weibel 1.				

IHSAA announces girls basketball sectional pairings

The REPORTER

The IHSAA announced the pairings for the 2023 girls basketball sectional tournament on Sunday. Here are list of pairings involving Hamilton County teams.

Class 4A Sectional 8 at Noblesville

Game 1: Carmel vs. Fishers

Game 2: Westfield vs. Zionsville

Game 3: Noblesville vs. Game 1 winner

Game 4: Hamilton Southeastern vs. Game 2 winner

Game 5: Championship – Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner

Class 3A Sectional 24 at Hamilton Heights

Game 1: Centerville vs. Jay County

Game 2: Delta vs. Frankton

Game 3: New Castle vs. Yorktown

Game 4: Hamilton Heights vs. Game 1 winner

Game 5: Game 2 winner vs. Game 3 winner

Game 6: Championship – Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner

Class 3A Sectional 27 at Brebeuf Jesuit

Game 1: Herron vs. Heritage Christian

Game 2: Guerin Catholic vs. Bishop Chatard

Game 3: Shortridge vs. Game 1 winner

Game 4: Brebeuf Jesuit vs. Game 2 winner

Game 5: Championship – Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner

Class 2A Sectional 43 at University

Game 1: University vs. Sheridan

Game 2: Park Tudor vs. Covenant Christian

Game 3: Championship – Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner

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Basketball

Noblesville's barrage of three's overwhelms Pendleton Heights

The REPORTER

Tuesday night's regular-season finale for the Noblesville girls basketball team started slow, but it didn't take long for the Millers to force their way on the visiting Arabians.

The offense got going early and often and they kept their foot on the gas to keep their momentum going in a 78-40 win over Pendleton Heights.

The Millers got off to a 25-18 lead through one quarter, thanks to 11 from Ava Shoemaker and six from Meredith Tippner to almost equal the Arabians' output.

Noblesville shifted into another gear in the second period. It put together a 33-9 domination for a commanding 58-27 halftime lead.

It would be a 20-13 score in the final two quarters, with a running clock late in the third, as the Millers put the exclamation

point on their regular season with a 78-40 victory.

Noblesville shot well all night. It was 11 for 24 from outside-the-arc for 46 percent and shot 56 percent overall from the floor.

Tippner led all scorers with 19 points and she also snagged nine boards and had five steals.

Ava Shoemaker had 18 points and was lights-out from outside, knocking down 5-for-6 three-point attempts. Reagan Wilson was solid with 17 points and just shy of a double-double with nine assists.

Kaitlyn Shoemaker added seven points and five assists, while Dani Mendez chipped in six and Carly Motz four off the bench.

Noblesville (21-3) drew the bye and will play in the first semifinal in Class 4A sectional 8 at The Mill in Noblesville. It plays the winner of the first-round matchup of Carmel and Fishers.



Reporter photo by Kent Graham
Noblesville's C.C. Quigley had four points and four rebounds for the Millers during their big win over Pendleton Heights on Tuesday.

NOBLESVILLE 78, PENDLETON HEIGHTS 40					
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF	
Kaitlyn Shoemaker	3-7	0-0	7	1	
Brooklyn Ely	1-2	0-0	3	0	
Ava Shoemaker	6-7	1-1	18	3	
Reagan Wilson	7-14	0-0	17	2	
Meredith Tippner	9-14	0-0	19	2	
Kate Rollins	1-2	0-0	2	0	
Dani Mendez	1-1	2-2	4	0	
C. C. Quigley	1-1	0-0	2	0	
Carly Motz	1-3	2-2	4	0	
Khamani Ramsey	0-0	0-0	0	1	
Brookelyn Grayson	0-0	0-0	0	0	
Addy Horvath	0-1	0-0	0	0	
Ally Hutchinson	1-2	0-0	2	0	
Bri Gray	0-1	0-0	0	0	
Totals	31-55	5-5	78	9	

Score by Quarters				
Pendleton Heights	18	9	6	7 - 40
Noblesville	25	33	14	6 - 78

Noblesville 3-point shooting (11-24) A. Shoemaker 5-6, Wilson 3-7, K. Shoemaker 1-4, Ely 1-2, Tippner 1-2, Rollins 0-1, Motz 0-1, Hutchinson 0-1.

Noblesville rebounds (26) Tippner 9, Quigley 4, A. Shoemaker 2, Wilson 2, Motz 2, K. Shoemaker 1, Ramsey 1, Wilson 1, Hutchinson 1, team 3.

Guerin Catholic boys break tie to take down Liberty Christian

The REPORTER

Guerin Catholic's boys broke out of a tie game at halftime to pull away from Liberty Christian, eventually winning the road contest 62-46.

The teams were tied at 29-29 at halftime. The Golden Eagles outscored the Lions 15-10 in the third quarter for a 44-39 lead, then powered away in the fourth period, pouring in 18 points.

Robert Sorensen drained three 3-pointers on his way to 17 points, and also led

the rebounds with seven. Kamea Chandler, who announced his commitment to Hanover College Tuesday afternoon, added 14 points and was a perfect 10-of-10 from the free-throw line. Jack Cherry had five assists to go with his nine points, while Sorensen and Chandler both dished out four assists.

Guerin Catholic is 10-6 and travels to Lafayette Central Catholic on Friday for a girls-boys double-header.

GUERIN CATHOLIC 62, LIBERTY CHRISTIAN 46				
Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jack Cherry	3-9	2-3	9	1
Robert Sorensen	6-12	2-2	17	1
Kamea Chandler	2-6	10-10	14	2
Lucas Parker	3-8	0-0	8	1
Dylan Murans	1-6	0-0	2	2
Ty Sanders	3-4	2-2	8	3
Josh Holba	2-2	0-0	4	3
Andy Caron	0-0	0-0	0	0
Kyle Shadoan	0-1	0-0	0	0
Totals	20-48	16-17	62	13

Score by Quarters			
Guerin Catholic	13	16	15 18 - 62
Liberty Christian	13	16	10 7 - 46

Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting (6-16) Sorensen 3-7, Parker 2-4, Cherry 1-3, Chandler 0-1, Shadoan 0-1.

Guerin Catholic rebounds (23) Sorensen 7, Parker 4, Sanders 4, Cherry 3, Chandler 3, Holba 1, Murans 1.

Rocks fight hard, but fall to Ben Davis

The REPORTER

Westfield dropped a hard-fought regular-season finale to Ben Davis on Tuesday, 61-56 at CSI Gymnasium.

The Shamrocks got off to a tremendous start, leading the Giants 22-10 after the first quarter. Ben Davis cut that lead to 25-20 by halftime; Westfield poured in 20 points in the third quarter to push its lead back to 50-42.

But the Giants took over in the fourth period, outscoring the 'Rocks 19-6.

Ellie Kelleher scored 24 points for Westfield, and also had five steals and four assists. Emmrey Collinsworth and Kiki Loveless both collected five rebounds.

The Shamrocks are 12-9 and take on Zionsville next Tuesday in the first round of the Noblesville sectional.

BEN DAVIS 61, WESTFIELD 56				
Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ellie Kelleher	9-13	4-4	24	1
Aubrey Crockett	3-8	2-2	9	3
Emmrey Collinsworth	2-7	0-0	5	2
Kiki Loveless	2-4	0-0	4	2
Lindsey Van Dyke	4-8	0-0	8	2
Reagan Lorenzen	1-2	1-1	3	1
Maren Dee	1-3	0-0	3	2
Totals	22-45	7-7	56	13

Score by Quarters			
Ben Davis	10	15	17 19 - 61
Westfield	22	8	20 6 - 56

Westfield 3-point shooting (5-14) Kelleher 2-4, Collinsworth 1-4, Crockett 1-3, Dee 1-2, Van Dyke 0-1.

Westfield rebounds (22) Collinsworth 5, Loveless 5, Crockett 4, Van Dyke 3, Kelleher 2, Dee 1, team 2.

That's 10 in a row for the Trailblazers

The REPORTER

The University girls won their tenth straight game with an entertaining 74-64 win over Indianapolis City Champion Heritage Christian Tuesday night at The U Center.

The Trailblazers were led by their dynamic senior duo of Kelsey DuBois and Payton Seay. DuBois scored 22 points, pulled down 19 rebounds, blocked six shots and handed out four assists. Seay scored 15 points, had 11 rebounds and four assists. Kamryn Washington had a career-high 13 points to give University three players in double figures.

The Trailblazers dominated the boards, out-rebounding the Eagles 51-22. In addition to the double-digit rebound totals of DuBois and Payton Seay, Jordan Patterson gathered seven rebounds and Payton Seay had five.

University led for the last 30 minutes of the game, but the contest featured a series of spurts by both teams. The Blazers took the lead

for good at 7-6 on a reverse layin by DuBois. University ended the quarter on a 18-3 run to lead 23-9 after the opening eight minutes. DuBois had 10 points in the opening period and Taylor Seay had five.

Heritage Christian came out fast in the second quarter, pulling with 25-17 in the first two minutes of the stanza. From there the Trailblazers went on an 11-2 run over the next three minutes to lead 36-19. The Eagles outscored University 15-2 for the rest of the first half, cutting the Blazers lead to 38-34 on a bucket at the buzzer by Mya Davis. Davis had 12 points in the second quarter.

University scored the first six points of the second half on a rebound basket by DuBois and two buckets by Taylor Seay to go on top 44-34. After Heritage Christian cut University's lead to 49-43 DuBois scored off a nifty pass from Payton Seay for a 51-43 lead with 3:10 left in the period. Those turned out to be the last points scored in the quarter as the

UNIVERSITY 74, HERITAGE CHRISTIAN 64				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Kelsey DuBois	8-15	5-5	22	3
Kamryn Washington	4-8	5-7	13	3
Payton Seay	8-11	5-7	21	4
Taylor Seay	3-9	3-3	9	1
Jordan Patterson	2-5	0-0	5	2
Keira Bright	1-7	2-2	4	2
Alex Feeney	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	26-55	20-24	74	16

Score by Quarters			
Heritage Christian	9	25	11 19 - 64
University	23	15	13 23 - 74

University 3-pointers (2-8) Patterson 1-3, DuBois 1-2, Bright 0-2, T. Seay 0-1.

University rebounds (47) DuBois 19, P. Seay 11, Patterson 7, T. Seay 5, Washington 3, Bright 2.

teams traded turnovers and missed shots for the rest of the third quarter.

University started fast in the fourth quarter by scoring the first seven points. DuBois put in a rebound. Washington scored off a Payton Seay assist and was fouled, completing the three point play. DuBois found Washington for a layin and a 58-45 University lead with 6:00 left in the game. Heritage Christian got no closer than nine points the rest of

the game. Payton Seay had ten points in the final period and Washington had nine.

Koryn Marshall led Heritage Christian with 21 points. Davis ended with 18 and Joslyn Marshall had 16. The Eagles record falls to 14-6.

University is now 16-4 on the season. The Trailblazers are scheduled to host Tri-West Thursday night on Senior Night. University closes the season Saturday afternoon at Tipton.

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Basketball

Fishers girls beat Lawrence North on Senior Night

The REPORTER

Fishers got a big win for its Senior Night game on Tuesday, cruising past Lawrence North 63-51.

The two teams were tied at 12-12 after one quarter, but the Tigers took control in the second period, outscoring the Wildcats 19-8 for a 31-20 halftime lead. Talia Harris threw in two 3-pointers during the second quarter, with Karina Scott and Joirdyn Smith both making one triple.

Hailey Smith led the way in the first half with 12 points, and she added six more in the third quarter, helping Fishers to a 46-32 lead after three. Harris added seven more points in the fourth period, with Olivia Smith contributing six points.

Four Tigers reached double figures, led by Hailey Smith's 18 points. Harris scored 13, Alycia Triplett added 11, and Olivia Smith totaled 10 points.

"I think that on Senior Night, everybody has to re-focus themselves after the festivities at the beginning of the game," said Fishers coach Lauren Votaw. "And I thought our kids did a really good job of that. I thought they honored their seniors really well, but then when it came time to



Fishers' Hailey Smith scored 18 points for the Tigers during their Senior Night win over Lawrence North Tuesday at the Tiger Den.

Reporter photo by Kirk Green

play, they came to play." The Tigers are 19-2, winning their 13th straight game. Fishers hosts Franklin Central on Friday in a girls-boys doubleheader that will finish the Hoosier Crossroads Conference and regular seasons.

FISHERS 63, LAWRENCE NORTH 51				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Joirdyn Smith	2	1-2	6	2
Talia Harris	5	1-2	13	4
Alycia Triplett	4	3-6	11	2
Hailey Smith	8	2-3	18	0
Olivia Smith	5	0-0	10	1
Karina Scott	1	0-0	3	0
Kate Thomas	1	0-1	2	0
Allison Scheu	0	0-0	0	3
Morgan Roberts	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	26	7-14	63	12
Score by Quarters				
Lawrence North	12	8	12	19-51
Fishers	12	19	15	17-63
Fishers 3-pointers (4) Harris 2, Scott, J. Smith.				

Heights boys get good start at Hagerstown

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights' boys got off to a good start against Hagerstown Tuesday, and that carried the Huskies to a 74-58 victory over Hagerstown in a home game.

Heights led 21-8 after the first quarter, and held steady in the second period, leading 36-22 at halftime. The Huskies took further control in the third quarter, pouring in 23 points for a 59-40 advantage.

Sam Dawson had another sensational shooting night, draining five 3-pointers for 25 points. Maddox Bohland added 21 points, and also had seven rebounds and seven steals. Tillman Etchison scored 18 points and handed out six assists, while John Irion dished out five assists.

Heights is 5-10 and travels to Tipton Friday for a Hoosier Conference East Division game.

HAMILTON HEIGHTS 74, HAGERSTOWN 58				
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Maddox Bohland	10-13	1-4	21	1
Tillman Etchison	8-13	1-1	18	1
John Irion	1-1	0-0	3	0
Sam Dawson	6-14	8-11	25	3
Evan Williamson	0-1	0-0	0	1
Simon Knott	0-1	0-0	0	4
Phoenix Vondersaar	1-1	0-0	2	1
Cooper Vondersaar	2-6	0-0	4	1
Colin Kuhn	0-2	0-0	0	0
Braylon Collins	0-0	1-2	1	2
Tyler Champion	0-1	0-0	0	0
Nathan Yoder	0-1	0-0	0	0
Isaiah Grimsey	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	28-54	11-18	74	14
Score by Quarters				
Hagerstown	8	14	18	18-58
Heights	21	15	23	15-74
Heights 3-point shooting (7-21) Dawson 5-12, Etchison 1-3, Irion 1-1, C. Vondersaar 0-2, Champion 0-1, Yoder 0-1, Williamson 0-1.				
Heights rebounds (23) Bohland 7, Irion 4, Knott 3, P. Vondersaar 2, Etchison 2, Collins 1, C. Vondersaar 1, Yoder 1, Dawson 1, Williamson 1.				

Carmel's Sam Orme named IBCA/Franciscan Player of the Week

The REPORTER

Carmel senior Sam Orme was named the IBCA/Franciscan Health Player of the Week for District 2 boys on Monday.

Orme recorded a pair of double-doubles as Carmel moved to 11-5 with a 52-49 victory over Pike and a 53-42 decision over Brownsburg. The 6-9 forward opened with 15 points,

12 rebounds, two assists and one block while shooting 6-of-15 from the floor and 3-of-3 from the line as the Greyhounds edged the Red Devils. The Belmont University signee then tallied 11 points, 12 rebounds, three assists and one block while hitting 4-of-7 field goals, 1-of-4 3-pointers and 2-of-4 free throws against the Bulldogs.

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, Jan. 26

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Hamilton Heights at Heritage Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Tri-West at University, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 27

BOYS BASKETBALL

Anderson Prep Academy at University, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Sheridan at Taylor, 7:30 p.m.

Westfield at Avon, 7:30 p.m.

Guerin Catholic at Lafayette Central Catholic, 8 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Franklin Central at Fishers, 6 p.m.

Guerin Catholic at Lafayette Central Catholic, 6 p.m.

Sheridan at Taylor, 6 p.m.

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

Saturday, Jan. 28

BOYS BASKETBALL

Noblesville at Guerin Catholic, 2:30 p.m.

Hamilton Southeastern at Pendleton Heights, 7:30 p.m.

Liberty Christian at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

University at Tipton, 1:30 p.m.

GYMNASTICS

Noblesville at Western Invitational, 10 a.m.

Westfield at Shelbyville, 10 a.m.

WRESTLING SECTIONALS

Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Sheridan, Westfield at Frankfort, 9 a.m.

Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Heights, Noblesville at Elwood, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 31

BOYS BASKETBALL

University at Bishop Chatard, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Sectional 8 at Noblesville

Carmel vs. Fishers, 6 p.m.

Westfield vs. Zionsville, 7:45 p.m.

Sectional 24 at Hamilton Heights

Centerville vs. Jay County, 7 p.m.

Sectional 27 at Brebeuf Jesuit

Herron vs. Heritage Christian, 6 p.m.

Guerin Catholic vs. Bishop Chatard, 7:30 p.m.

GYMNASTICS

Noblesville at New Palestine, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 1

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Sectional 24 at Hamilton Heights

Delta vs. Frankton, 6 p.m.

New Castle vs. Yorktown, 7:30 p.m.

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