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ABC Prep Academy students made these stained concrete signs with materials donated by Patterson Horth. Photo provided by ABC Prep Academy

The ABCs of career success

Fishers Prep Academy & Patterson Horth partner to create real career results for next generation of commercial construction trade workers

Submitted
Editor's note: Associated Builders and Contractors of Indiana/Kentucky (ABC) Commercial Construction Prep Academy's Fishers location, 11837 Technology Lane, is making great strides in helping to fill the country's need for qualified, capable workers in the trades industries. One of ABC's partners in that mission is Patterson Horth.

One of **ABC Prep Academy's** valued partners, **Patterson Horth**, provided guest instruction and donated all ma-

terials and supplies to help students in the development of four stained concrete ABC signs.

The instruction covered the history of concrete, concrete properties, mixing and pouring processes, form development, the utilization of rebar, and staining techniques. The



Horth



Kneberg

Patterson Horth is a general contracting firm founded in 1997 and is headquartered in Indianapolis. Their primary trades are carpentry and

concrete. Their scope of work reaches 27 states in the energy, educational, industrial, and health science markets.

"We appreciate the work ABC Prep Academy does in engaging students and providing a pathway to a career in the construction industry," Founder and President Tim Horth said. "Personally, I have a heart for young people and the commercial construction industry provides a wide-variety of quality

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ATI & Carmel library work together to bring LabSeries to central Indiana

The REPORTER
Actors Theatre of Indiana (ATI) has formed a new partnership with the Carmel Clay Public Library (CCPL) Foundation. With similar mission statements – to engage, inspire lifelong discovery and learning, to provide enriching social and cultural experiences and to entertain – bringing the ATI LabSeries to the Carmel Clay Public Library is the perfect union.

Although Elizabeth Hamilton, Director of the Carmel Clay Public Library Foundation, and Don Farrell, co-founder and Artistic Director of ATI, have been friends for years, it was ATI Board Member Jill Zaniker who spurred the idea of a partnership between the two. In discussing



how to grow the ATI Theatre lab program, Zaniker thought of how well expansion of the LabSeries might fit into the programs at the newly expanded library.

ATI and the Library Foundation are both excited about this partnership.

"Carmel Clay Public Library Foundation is thrilled to partner



with the ATI Lab Series," Hamilton said. "The Library Foundation values community partnerships and offering our patrons a chance to experience unique programming opportunities.

Our hope is community members will join us in our partnership with ATI to experience their Lab Series with us."

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Indiana Peony Festival announces Duke Energy as title sponsor for Peony Trail

The REPORTER
President and founder of the Indiana Peony Festival, Inc., Kelly McVey has announced that Duke Energy will serve as the title sponsor for the Indiana Peony Trail.

The company's longstanding commitment to building and supporting the communities it serves aligns with the Indiana Peony Trail's community-forward mission and vision. Duke Energy's support will create an immediate and measurable impact, allowing for the expansion of the peony trail's nature footprint and create thriving natural and pollinator habitats throughout Noblesville.

"We are excited to support the Indiana Peony Festival, a beloved annual tradition which brings the community together to celebrate our state flower," said



LaBarr

Mark LaBarr, Government and Community Relations Manager for Duke Energy. "With the partnership of local business owners, nonprofits and organizations, we hope the Indiana Peony Trail will bring this year's festivities to new areas of the city and offer fun and enjoyment throughout the month of May for those who call Noblesville home."

The mission of the Indiana Peony Trail Powered by Duke Energy is to create peony gardens alongside businesses, nonprofit organizations, and other philanthropic groups with the goal of making Noblesville the desired peony destination for local, regional and national tourism.

As part of the Indiana Peony Festival, the Indiana Peony Trail Powered by Duke Energy aims to energize volunteers, beautify underserved, diverse areas of



the city, and create educational and informational nature programming featuring Indiana's state flower.

The 26 original Indiana Peony Trail supporters were instrumental in the launch of the project, and Duke Energy's sponsorship will allow for expedited momentum for the trail's growth. Duke Energy's sponsorship will support the planting of 1,000 peony plants – 500 this winter and 500 in spring 2023. Trail plantings have already taken place at several Noblesville locations including Noblesville City Hall, the Noblesville High School roundabout, Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville, the Hamilton

County Courthouse, and Janus Developmental Services.

For more information and a list of all Indiana Peony Trail supporters, [click here](#).

About the Indiana Peony Festival
The Indiana Peony Festival is a non-profit organization whose mission is to inspire Hoosiers and Indiana businesses to celebrate the peony, the state flower, and to enhance Noblesville's peony footprint through diverse and intentional peony beautification initiatives like the Indiana Peony Trail, residential and neighborhood peony gardens, and through horticulture education.

Grandpa Carl G. Adler

He was a big man – tall and broad. He said he never asked for shoes when he went to the shoe store; he just called for leather. Every morning he shaved with his old straight-edged razor. His dark hair was cut short in what he called the pompadour. His eyes were a piercing blue, his nose a little on the sharp order. Grandpa was a handsome man. No wonder Grandma "fell" for him!

He was neat too, though he wore the usual farmer's garb: bib overalls, blue chambray shirt, high-top shoes (always black), sweater, denim blouse and two buckle overshoes. In summer he wore a straw hat, in winter a corduroy cap. Grandpa did not go bareheaded, summer or winter. He did not roll up his sleeves up either. Grandma always said he had skin like a baby.

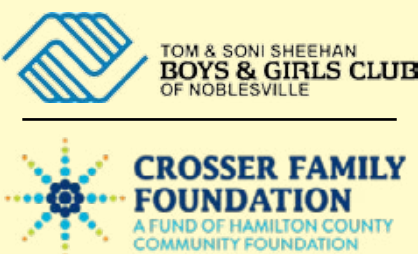
On dress-up occasions, the suit was usually brown, all wool with a hard finish. No land catchers for him. A white or light-colored striped shirt and felt fedora. There were five boys and three girls with grandpa third in line. The two older boys had to quit school early and then worked to put the other boys through college. With his small amount of schooling, Grandpa did as well or better than any of the boys. He had plenty of talent and became an excellent carpenter. He built or helped build some of Fort Wayne's finest homes.

Farming was his real love and he was good at it. True, he worked hard, most farmers do. He liked being his own boss and had a keen sense of knowing when to work the land and when to stay off. My dad either inherited that or absorbed it from him.



COLUMNIST

RAY ADLER
Ask Adler



Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville receives \$18K grant from Crosser Family Foundation to build tomorrow's leaders

The REPORTER
The Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville (BGCN) recently received and \$18,000 grant from the Crosser Family Foundation, a fund of Hamilton County Community Foundation, in support of its Character and Leadership Development Programs.

The support of the Crosser Family Foundation will assist in providing a suite of youth-led programs for kindergartners through teenagers that focus on building character, teaching leadership skills and developing community stewards. The programming will help young people develop foundational skills that emphasize servant leadership and selflessness that are necessary for inclusive innovation and change in our community. Youth development programs in the suite will provide members with the opportunity to explore career paths that will lead to their success in the workforce.

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Fishers' own Samuel Syrus GRANDPA

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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, Samuel Christopher Syrus of Fishers was named to the Dean's List. He's a year 2 student studying Computer Science.

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.

Grandpa was very economical about some things. This was not a "stingy" trait. Simply, you don't waste water because the supply is limited. One day you will have children, grandchildren, etc. For their sakes you do not consume more than your share of natural resources. You improve the soil and build up so future generations can enjoy their share too.

Oh, I don't remember him putting his idea into those words, but it was pretty evident. Sometimes I would wonder, "what is one share of such common things as heat or electricity or gas or some of the other

dependable resources?" It isn't as simple as being able to pay for it.

In other ways, Grandpa was very generous. He didn't believe in loaning money (he was burned once by a relative). But if he had it in his pocket, he would give a five or 10 to a would-be borrower. If you got it back, fine. If not, well, that was okay because it was just a gift.

By the time I knew him, Grandpa's hands were too crippled to milk a cow. He took care of the hogs; Grandma milked the cows and separated the milk. She loved working outside and worked alongside Grandpa

anytime she could, although household tasks were her main department.

When he was in his 70s and couldn't go out to do chores, Grandpa started washing dishes and doing small chores in the house. By then there weren't many outside chores, but Grandma insisted on having a few hens until she was past 80.

It seems to me that the world would be a much better place if everyone practiced Grandpa's rules.

Educational material and not legal advice, written by the team at Adler attorneys. Email andrea@noblesvilleattorney.com with questions or comments.

Come 'Savor Noblesville' & support North Elementary kids

The REPORTER

Noblesville's North Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization will hold its annual food and wine festival, Savor Noblesville, from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 2 at The Mill Top, 802 Mulberry St., No-

blesville.

The third annual Savor Noblesville will feature food and libations ready for sampling from many local vendors. All funds raised will go to the North Elementary PTO to support students and families at the school.

Financial assistance is provided to nearly 40 percent of North students for meals, school supplies, and book rental.

Click here for more information and to buy tickets to this important benefit for Noblesville children.

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"One of the key pillars of our programs here at the Club emphasizes Good Character and Citizenship," BGCN Executive Director Becky Terry said. "Local youth need a place where they can learn how to make a difference in their community while making their voices heard. We strive to provide our members with the engaging opportunities they need to become productive, innovative leaders of our community for years to come."

About the Crosser Family Foundation

The Crosser Family Foundation is dedicated to improving the lives of youth and their families in local

communities by providing them with everyday needs and opportunities to help them achieve a bright future while setting them up for success so they will grow to be healthy, responsible, active citizens in their communities.

The Crosser Family Foundation was established by Janet R. Crosser and the late Richard H. Crosser in 2001. The foundation wishes to continue, celebrate, and inspire philanthropy in local communities today and in the future. Over the years, the foundation has given grants totaling over \$3 million to community groups, organizations, and businesses focused on providing services to enrich the

lives of youth and their families in local communities.

About BGCN

The Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville provides high-quality, low-cost programs for youth members with the help of donors and sponsors. Between the Club, the Community Center and Camp Crosser, BGCN provides opportunities for members to enjoy activities and experiences that help shape character and offer new perspectives. BGCN is dedicated to inspiring and enabling all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens by promoting leadership, character, health and physical development.

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The Mill Top

PREVAIL

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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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Noblesville native Rex Dillinger CARMEL announces his debut novel

The REPORTER

Rex Dillinger has had a life full of diverse experiences. From reserve police officer to minister to entrepreneur, his philosophy has always been to enjoy relationships, the outdoors, and laughter over work and money.

His debut fiction novel, *A Conscious Choice to Love*, takes place in Noblesville and Hamilton County. It tells the story of fictional character Scott Andrews, who comes to realize if you thoughtfully choose those who stand beside you, you never walk alone.

Here's the synopsis of the book:

Leaving the sheltered cocoon of his conservative upbringing, Scott eagerly explores the freedoms of college in the 1970s as he delves into a lifestyle of partying and sex. But the party ends abruptly when Scott's girlfriend becomes pregnant and leaves him.

Devastated by her choices, and questioning the lifestyle that he has been leading, Scott sees only one way forward – to return to his hometown and begin his

life anew.

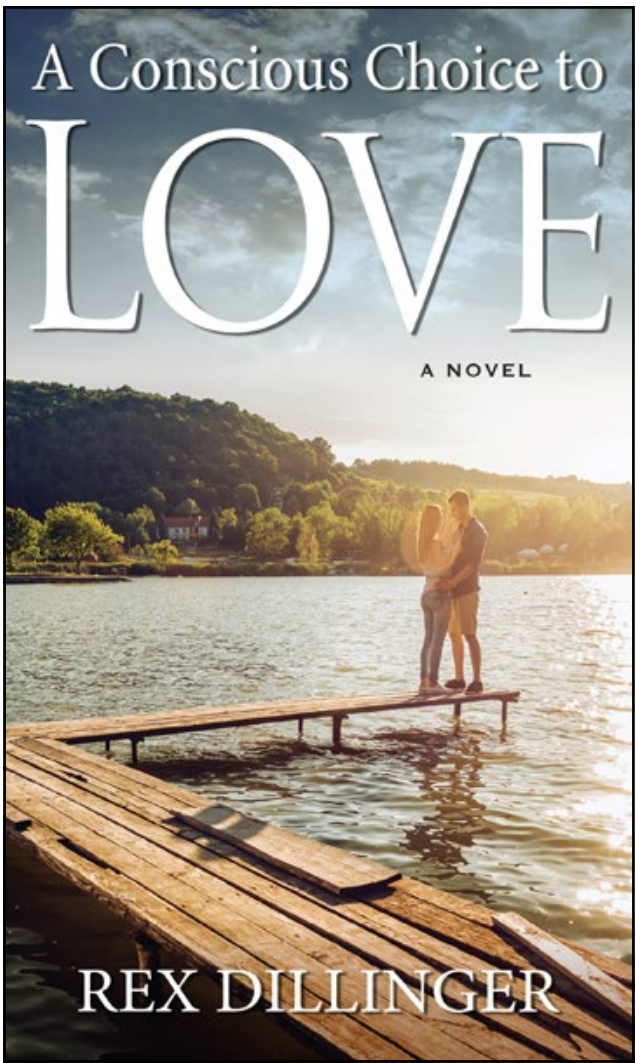
For real estate agent Sally Johnson, her father's abandonment left a scar on her soul, making the young woman a target for the advances of a much older employer. Now, with a child born of the affair, Sally is determined to protect her heart and her daughter.

Having rebuilt their lives, the one thing Scott and Sally are missing is someone to love. When fate intervenes, bringing the pair together by chance, it sets in motion a lifelong love. But even soulmates must face heartache, disappointments, and hard choices.

And, as they continue their journey through the decades ahead, both must decide what it means to be a family and if choosing to love is really enough.

More about Rex Dillinger

Dillinger grew up in Noblesville, where he served on the Common Council and lost a primary election for mayor by 10 votes. The fact that he is related to the gangster, John Dillinger, has always been



Graphic provided

a topic of conversation and ice breaker.

He has three children and seven grandchildren (three sets of twins and a single). None are biologi-

cally his but are completely his by choice. He is recently retired and now lives in Crystal Lake, Ill., to be near his younger three grandchildren.

SUCCESS

career opportunities and is especially a good path for students who may not wish to go the traditional college route. We look forward to continuing our partnership with the ABC Prep Academy as they continue to build the workforce of the future."

ABC Prep Academy Director Robert Kneberg said, "Partnerships like this help us serve as a true pipeline to success in the commercial construction trades with real career results."

The Fishers ABC Prep Academy offers a two-year credited program for high school juniors and seniors designed to teach students commercial construction trades with an emphasis in the carpentry, electrical, and plumbing trades.

Students in the first year of the program can earn the following certificates: OSHA 10 Construction, First Aid/CPR/AED, Lock-out/Tag Out, Fall Protection Safety Awareness, Forklift, Boom Lift, Scissors Lift, National Center for Construction, Education and Research (NCCER) Core and NCCER Carpentry Level I.

Students proceeding into the second year of the program can select a focus on carpentry, electrical, or plumbing and work with a company or a variety of companies to gain addition-



Photos provided by ABC Prep Academy

Students learned how to properly mix, form, pour, and stain the concrete, as well as how to properly use rebar to stabilize the concrete signs.

al real-world experience. Second-year students can achieve up to an NCCER Level II certificate in either carpentry, electrical, or plumbing. They are also dual enrolled in an adult apprenticeship in the trade of their focus. This means students can complete the first year of an ABC, Department

of Labor (DOL) registered apprenticeship while still in high school.

Last year, ABC had a 100-percent placement, with a start date in writing, for any student who wanted and was available for a paid summer internship, paid adult internship leading to part-time employment, or

full-time employment. The academy expects the same this year.

"Through a very large association of local ABC Member Business, the support of ABC, and our sending schools, we can and do produce real career results for our students' futures," Kneberg said.

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The Carmel Clay Public Library reopened on Oct. 1, 2022, after a massive overhaul. The new library goes beyond books and includes a café, an expanded teen section, and a high-tech digital media lab. Best of all for ATI's LabSeries, there are meeting rooms upstairs which can accommodate rehearsals with the actual reading and presentation of the play/musical culminating in a large community meeting room on the first floor, which, according to the CCPL's website, can seat up to 296 people.

Three times each season, ATI brings its LabSeries to fans and to the public. As ATI is committed to nurturing new plays and playwrights, the ATI Theatre lab program was launched. Plays chosen for the lab series are workshopped, discussed, and developed through rehearsal with a professional cast, director (and music director in the case of new musicals). Each play or musical receives a public reading with a moderated talk back with the cast and creatives immediately following.

"This gives the audience and community an opportunity to help shape the work and development of a new play or musical with their feedback," Farrell said. "ATI/CCPL audiences attending can say, 'I was there when it all began!'"

There are two remaining plays to be presented as part of ATI's LabSeries this season. First is *Belinda: An April Folly*, on Saturday, March 25. The musical is by A. A. Milne with adaptation and lyrics by Alisa Hauser and music by David Mallamud.

Here's the synopsis:

Before A. A. Milne gave us Winnie-the-Pooh, he wrote this deliciously comedic and romantic play which premiered on the West End in 1918. *Belinda* was ahead of its time, exploring the battle of the sexes set against the carefree English

countryside, where lovers pine and romance renews each spring. Fast forward to 2022 where Emmy-nominated Alisa Hauser (Book Adaptation and Lyrics) and David Mallamud (Composer) once again bring *Belinda* to life in this new musical comedy adaptation. In today's fraught climate, couldn't we all use a little frolic and folly?

Tickets to this 2 p.m. matinee are free. You can reserve your ticket and get more information on both Hauser and Mallamud at this link.

Rosemary & Time will be the final in the 2023 ATI LabSeries for this season. This show, set for Saturday, May 20, is also a 2 p.m. matinee. Free tickets can be procured at this link.

Rosemary & Time, by Emma S. Rund, is the story of a woman struggling with early-onset Alzheimer's. When her daughters come home for Thanksgiving, she is forced to face the fact that she is losing her grip on reality. Experiencing Act 1 from Rosemary's perspective, the audience goes along for the ride as she forgets recipes, names, and faces. Rosemary will eventually have to ask herself, is she made up of her memories or is she still herself when all her memories are gone? When the time comes, will Rosemary be able to let go?

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ATI is the resident professional theatre company of The Studio Theater at The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. 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.

To check out upcoming shows and other programs, visit ATItstage.org. To learn more about the Carmel Clay Library Foundation and all its programs, visit CarmelClayLibrary.org/foundation.

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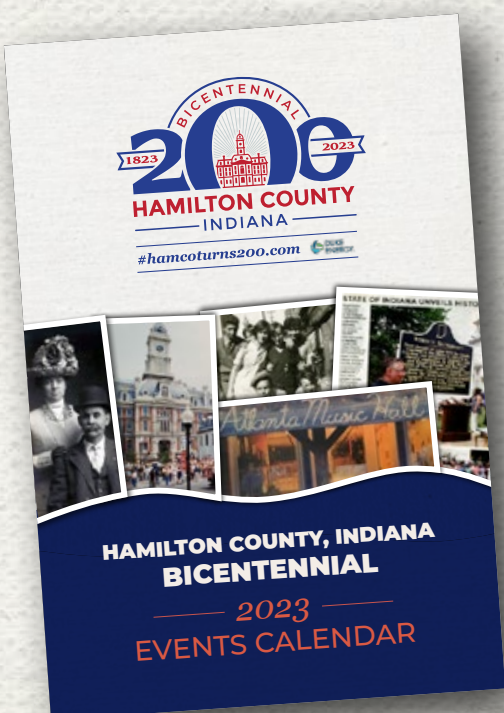
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Riley Hospital rededicates statue of Ryan White

The REPORTER

Riley Hospital for Children rededicated the statue of Ryan White this week. It was taken down for safe-keeping while the Riley Maternity Tower was under construction.

It was unveiled again in honor of Ryan’s memory and the legacy he lives behind not only at Riley Hospital for Children, but around the world.

Ryan died 33 years ago this April after battling HIV/AIDS. Ryan had hemophilia, and one of the treatments of the condition was factor VIII blood. One of those treatments he received was contaminated with the disease.

Ryan served as an eloquent spokesman about AIDS and fought valiantly against those who saw AIDS as a disease affecting only homosexuals and intravenous drug users.

Riley Children’s Health President Gil Peri and Chief Physician Executive Elaine Cox, MD., honored Ryan for his work on educating the world about HIV/AIDS and the impact his memory continues to have at Riley.

Dr. Elaine Cox was a resident during the time Ryan was being cared for at Riley and was part of his care team. Her mentor, Dr. Marty Kleiman, was Ryan’s primary doctor and biggest advocate. Dr. Klei-



Photo provided
The statue commemorating Ryan White was rededicated this week at Riley Hospital for Children. (From left) Gil Peri, President of Riley Hospital for Children; Maria Kleiman, Dr. Marty Kleiman’s wife; Dr. Elaine Cox, who was part of White’s care team; and Dr. Richard Schreiner, who was Physician in Chief during Ryan White’s stay.

man was not in attendance due to health reasons, but his wife Maria was there for the ceremony.

IU Dance Marathon

Ryan White sadly passed in the spring before he had planned to attend Indiana University.

His fight to help those afflicted with infectious diseases was continued, in part, when Ryan’s friend and then IU student, Jill Stewart Waibel, decided that she needed to do more to honor Ryan’s legacy. She set a goal to create the first dance marathon, Indiana University Dance Marathon (IUDM).

In memory of Ryan’s life and work, the annual Dance Marathon benefits Riley Children’s Health. Now, more than 32 years later, the letters “RW” emulate courage, perseverance, and never giving up on something you believe in.

IUDM is the second-largest student run philanthropy in the world and has raised in total \$50 million for Riley Children’s

Health since 1991.

IUDM has established and fully funded endowments through Riley Children’s Foundation that will perpetuate the important work of Riley clinicians and researchers. IUDM has fully funded the Ryan White Infectious Disease Center, the Ryan White Chair in Pediatric Infectious Disease and the Indiana University Dance Marathon Infectious Disease Research Endowment. This support ensures continual funding for one of the leading centers of its kind in the nation.

To learn more, visit IUDM.org and RileyKids.org.

Letter to the Editor Samaritan’s Purse thanks local donors for Operation Christmas Child program success

Dear Editor:

I am writing to thank Noblesville-area residents for sharing the true meaning of Christmas with children in need this past holiday season.

Generosity throughout contributed to a successful shoebox gift collection season at drop-off locations for the Samaritan’s Purse project **Operation Christmas Child**. Across the United States, the project collected over 9.3 million shoebox gifts in 2022. Combined with those collected from partnering countries in 2022, the ministry is now sending nearly 10.6 million shoebox gifts to children worldwide.

Through shoeboxes – packed with fun toys, school supplies, and hygiene items – local volunteers brought joy to children in need around the world. Each gift-filled shoebox is a tangible expression of God’s love, and it is often the first gift these children have ever received. Through the continued generosity of donors since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 209 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories. This year, **Samaritan’s Purse delivered its milestone 200 millionth shoebox**, which was packed on a country-wide tour and then hand-delivered to a young girl in Ukraine.

Across Indiana, shoebox packers often shop for deals on shoebox items throughout the year, and many serve at a deeper level by becoming a year-round volunteer. Information about ways area participants can get involved year-round can also be found at samaritanaspurse.org/occ or by calling (937) 374-0761.

Although local drop off locations for gifts are closed until Nov. 13 to 20, 2023, anyone can still be a part of this life-changing project by conveniently packing a shoebox gift online in just a few simple clicks at samaritanaspurse.org/buildonline.

These simple gifts, packed with love, send a message to children worldwide that they are loved and not forgotten.

Casey Goodwin
Samaritan’s Purse

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A hymn says, “In this world we have our trouble.” With that I cannot disagree. However, the Bible offers directions to overcoming whatever troubles us. A high-ranking Ethiopian

official was religious, but his knowledge was incomplete and he did not have this peace. After learning of Jesus and being baptized he went on his way rejoicing. You too can live life, even with its troubles, with hoy and peace. We’d love to help you find that peace.

At the **Stony Creek Church of Christ**, we assemble on Sundays and Wednesdays to seek a better understanding of Jesus and His ways. You are encouraged and invited to join us for those studies or call for a private study.



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From idea to corner icon: Westfield Wine Vault

By **CHRISTY HEITGER-EWING**
Westfield Chamber of Commerce

Everyone had a different response to the pandemic. While some people baked bread and others binge-watched television shows, Andy Durnell took an idea that had been percolating in his mind for some time and made it come to fruition.

A financial advisor for over two decades, he is a wine connoisseur. Moreover, he has a passion for educating others about wine. So in December 2020, he opened the Westfield Wine Vault in the old bank building on the northeast corner of Main and Union streets in downtown Westfield.

“I enjoy wine and wine tasting, and I believe that it’s always better when there is a nice experience around drinking it, whether that’s with company, friends, education, or whatever it is,” Durnell said.

He knew that here in the Hoosier state, most of our wine exposure tends to be Indiana wine. While there are some great wineries in the area, he longed to introduce some amazing wines from some of the best regions in the world so that someone could try them without having to commit to purchasing an expensive bottle. They do this with their flights.

“It’s a way for us to do a scalable version of wine education,” said Durnell, who is not pretentious about his knowledge. He truly loves helping people learn all about the vino while tasting it.

“It’s basically two hours of chatting about wines while drinking them, but it’s not just tasting and pondering them. It’s a very structured way to learn about wines,” he said. “Wine education is kind of our pin-nacle.”

Durnell can typically suggest the perfect



wine to a customer by asking them just a handful of questions.

“I pride myself on that,” he said. “It’s fun to make a good recommendation to a customer.”

Opening during a global pandemic presented its challenges, but not the ones you might expect.

“Honestly, the biggest challenge were the crowds! We were way busier than I thought we would be in the beginning,” Durnell said. “I think that’s partly because when we first opened, we were the only game in town as other places were still closed.”

Plus, when you’re the new kid on the block, everyone wants to check you out. Initially, they were so slammed with business that Durnell and his staff would be working every weekend until midnight. Now things have simmered down, and he says they are more of a “pop in” type of place where couples stop before or after dinner during date night.

“I don’t really care how people want to use the Wine Vault,” Durnell said. “As long as people have a great time, that’s all I care

about.”

Westfield Wine Vault has three main spaces: the downstairs tasting room, the upstairs dining area, and the speakeasy room with couches and chairs.

When they first opened, they didn’t have a traditional wine club, but they started one in early 2021, and it’s an elevated experience. Members get an exclusive bottle, and there are four different price points from which to choose.

“We hand-pick it and try it,” Durnell said, noting that you don’t just get California wines but wines from all over the world. Plus, multiple times a month, members get to come in to enjoy a discounted flight.

“We spend a couple hours going through a flight, usually pairing it with some type of food,” Durnell said. “That’s another learning curve for Americans because we don’t do a whole lot of wine and food here in America.”

They do a blind tasting, so you get to try wines without even knowing what they are; they are then revealed in the end.

In July 2022, Durnell opened The Vault, an intimate members-only club in

the back that seats around 20. It focuses more on high-end wines. A small percentage of people want to spend a lot of money on wine, but for the few who want to keep learning and stretching and don’t mind spending more, The Vault is the place for them. They also have the Wine Vault Academy, which is another way to experience wine and really go in-depth into certain types of things.

Durnell, who regularly seeks various wine certifications, is always trying to think of ways to grow and evolve the business.

“I’m always thinking, ‘Wouldn’t it be cool if...?’” he said. At one point, he considered adding a café.

“I’m glad I didn’t do that,” Durnell said, though he added, “We like to surprise people with what we do.”

He spent the first year learning the business and the second year opening The Vault. So during this third year, his plans are simply to get really good at what they do now.

“I want everyone to come in and have a 5-star experience,” he said. “I feel like we can really hone in on that in 2023 – just getting exceptional at what we do.”

His dream is to become known as a local resource so that anyone who hears the word “wine” in and around the Hamilton County area will automatically think of the Westfield Wine Vault. He feels lucky to have had such wonderful support from the community right from the start.

“We created relationships with our customers, and now,” he said, “two years in, we feel like we’ve known these customers forever.”

Westfield Wine Vault is located at 100 N. Union St., Westfield. For more information, call (317) 567-2144 or visit [WestfieldWineVault.com](https://www.westfieldwinevault.com).

The end of ‘Big Soda’ in central Indiana?

Submitted

An Indianapolis soft drink maker has expanded production and increased efficiency in the bottling of its naturally sweetened beverages.

Soda Guy LLC (est. 2014), a soft drink manufacturer located in the historic district of Irvington on Indianapolis' east side, is making waves across the city. There have been several local restaurants and cafes that have decided to ditch and switch from the run-of-the-mill to the exceptional by giving their patrons something that not only tastes better but is better.

The Soda Guy offers a multitude of nostalgic and specialty flavors in the form of bottles, bag-in-box for restaurant use, and even quarts of syrup for home soda makers – all of which can be found on their website, sodaguyllc.com.

Owner Jerry Rezny aspires to bring you soft drinks with integrity. Whether

you're enjoying a cold fountain drink at a local eatery or making frosty floats on movie night, Rezny guarantees you a delicious alternative to the humdrum drinks you've become accustomed to.

The Soda Guy makes sodas that have a far more satisfying initial taste and finish than its competition, what Rezny calls “Big Soda.” The Soda Guy’s secret is the use of real cane sugar and superior flavors.

By providing a soda that’s sweetened with cane sugar, The Soda Guy gives its clientele an all naturally sweetened beverage option.

Other soda companies use high fructose corn syrup to sweeten their drinks, which lowers insulin and leptin levels, decreasing satiety. It has been linked to health concerns including obesity, diabetes and fatty liver disease by the National Institutes of Health and Princeton University. ([Click here](#) for source from NIH.gov.)

Letter to the Editor

Valor Classic Academy laments Carmel Clay Schools’ decision not to sell Orchard Park Elementary building

Dear Editor:
Valor Classical Academy will become Hamilton County’s first tuition-free, classical charter school. Valor aims to partner with families in strengthening the character and educating the mind of each student, ultimately guiding them to love learning and to understand, respect, and support the founding principles of our great nation.

The school’s model is supported by a program of Hillsdale College in Michigan, which has been successful throughout the nation. Valor’s charter has been approved and includes several layers of accountability and transparency at the federal, state, and local levels.

The school’s interest exceeds its opening capacity of 378 students, and its plan for growth to serve more than 700 students has already been well-established. Valor’s founding group is fully prepared to open the new school. All that remains is finding a building. The group has even been awarded a \$300,000 grant from the Indiana Department of Education to cover startup expenses but will have to relinquish the award if they can’t find a building to open in 2023.

After the Orchard Park Elementary building in Carmel was closed for students, Valor’s counsel invited Carmel Clay School Corporation to

Editor’s note: In the interest of balance, the Hamilton County Reporter reached out to Carmel Clay Schools to get school administrators’ side of this issue on record. Superintendent Michael Beresford sent this response.

“I am saddened that Valor has chosen this path as a response to the judge’s ruling. We are excited about our plans to renovate the building to expand our employee childcare program and provide needed resources for the district and community. The costs associated with the project are to convert the usable portions of the building for needed district resources and the uninhabitable areas to much desired green space for the community.”

**– Dr. Michael Beresford,
Carmel Clay Schools Superintendent**



negotiate a lease or sale of the building, which could include a plan to accommodate Carmel’s early childcare and storage needs, but the Corporation declined. Rather than leasing or selling the building to Valor, the Corporation will vote on a plan – which includes demolishing the building – at a cost of \$3 million for taxpayers.

Because Carmel leads the way in Hamilton County, we were disheartened to learn that they weren’t interested in hosting the county’s first tuition-free, public charter school that follows a leading national model. With or without a beginning in Carmel, Valor is being built. Carmel is missing a grand opportunity to add this diversity among the jewels in their crown.

Carmel residents who wish to voice their opposition to this plan and those who wish to speak in support of Valor must register at Carmel’s school board meeting before 5:45 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 30 at the Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St., Carmel. The meeting will be held from 6 to 8 p.m.

Valor’s founders continue to work diligently to establish the school. After an alternate plan fell through earlier this week, Valor is once again searching for a building. If you have information on a suitable facility in Hamilton County, please send it as soon as possible to michael.gallo@valorclassicalacademy.org.

Holly Wilson
*Board President,
Valor Classical Academy*

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Regalique announces grand opening of food & wine boutique in Carmel Arts & Design District

Gourmet food & wine from around the world gets a new home in February

Submitted

Jexy and Tim Rowe have announced the grand opening of their new gourmet food and wine boutique, Regalique. The boutique is nestled along West Main Street in the heart of the Carmel Arts & Design District and will bring gourmet food and wine from around the world under one roof.

The Rowes were travelling and became inspired by the unique specialty shops they discovered. They fell in love with the food and wine tasting they experienced,

which gave them the idea to bring that experience back home to Carmel.

When Regalique opens, visitors will be able to stop by and immerse themselves in exciting global culture as they browse premium imported European wines, beers, gourmet delights, and specialty gifts from around the world. The wine-based concept



REGALIQUE
Gourmet Food & Wine Boutique

are also offered.

The Rowes are thrilled to bring such an immersive, rich gourmet food and wine experience to Carmel. The couple has worked diligently to become a go-to resource for the best wines,

store offers a wide range of products related to the world of wine, to give as gifts or to treat yourself. Custom gift baskets

and in addition to her knowledge and experience, Jexy is currently completing an advanced wine certificate.

On Monday, Feb. 13, Regalique will officially open its doors to the public, and the grand opening is slated for Friday, Feb. 17. The address is 110 W. Main St., Suite 120, Carmel. Hours of operation are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

More information can be found at regalique.com. You can also follow along on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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Sen. Walker’s bill to improve access to naloxone products passes State Senate

The REPORTER

A bill authored by State Sen. Kyle Walker (R-Lawrence) and State Sen. Tyler Johnson (R-Leo) that would combat the rise of fentanyl and other opiate overdoses passed the Senate unanimously.

Senate Bill 214 would codify the standing order allowing for flexibility in the use of life-saving naloxone products. Naloxone, also known by its brand name Narcan, is used to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose.

"The recent rise in lethal overdoses makes this bill a necessity," Walker said. "In order to keep Hoosiers safe, our first responders and medical professionals

need to have proper access to the tools and medicine they need. This bill would ensure that."

"As a physician, I have witnessed the life-saving effects that naloxone products can have in an overdose scenario," Johnson said. "I am pleased with my colleagues' response to this bill and look forward to seeing the positive outcomes this would provide."

SB 214 will now move to the House of Representatives for consideration.

State Sen. Kyle Walker (R-Lawrence) represents Senate District 31, which includes portions of Hamilton and Marion counties.



Walker

Rep. Spartz: Congress risks losing all credibility by not following due process

The REPORTER

Rep. Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) issued the following statement on Wednesday on President Joe Biden, Rep. Paul Gosar (R-Ariz.), Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.), Rep. Ihan Omar (D-Minn.), former Vice President Mike Pence, Rep. George Santos (R-N.Y.), Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Calif.), Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Calif.), and former President Donald Trump.

"When Benjamin Franklin was leaving the Constitutional Convention in 1787 and was asked what kind of government the delegates had created, he replied: 'A republic, if you can keep it.'"

"It's been over 200 years since that time, but do we really appreciate what it means to have a Constitutional Republic, the rule of law, presumption of innocence, and

proper due process?

"As someone who grew up under dictatorship in the Soviet Union, I cherish these freedoms tremendously and understand how hard it is to get them back when you lose them and how many people have died for them. Therefore, regardless of politics, I will vigorously defend our Constitution and our rights – for all Americans."

"Congress is not a kangaroo court and has proper committees, like Ethics or Judiciary, to provide proper due processes to all individuals ... I adamantly argued for proper due processes last Congress as a member of the Judiciary Committee, so I am not planning to become a hypocrite now and lose this credibility."

[Click here](#) to watch Rep. Spartz's full remarks on the House floor.



Spartz

Emagine theater in Noblesville offers sensory-friendly screening of Tom & Jerry on Saturday, Feb. 4

The REPORTER

Join Emagine Entertainment for a unique, sensory friendly screening of *Tom & Jerry* on Saturday, Feb. 4 with specific modifications made to ensure an enjoyable experience for individuals with sensory needs and their supporters.

Emagine Entertainment understands that movies should be as accessible as possible for everyone, as this sensory friendly special program makes going to the movies a more enjoyable experience for families, children, and teens with sensory needs.

Open to friends, fami-

lies, children, and teens with sensory needs along with their supporters, this screening is set for 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4 at Emagine Noblesville, 13825 Norell Road, within the Hamilton Town Center.

[Click here](#) to get your tickets. On the website, click the yellow "Showtimes" button, search for the Noblesville location, then browse upcoming films by choosing a date from the drop-down menu at the top of the webpage.

What does sensory friendly mean?

• First, it means sensory friendly experience (lights

up a bit, sound down a bit)

• Second, if your child needs to get up, move, dance, sing...No problem.

• Third, guests are welcome to bring a safe snack for any food allergies or food avoidance/restrictions. Films will be shown in 2D.

Note there are no modifications made to the film.

Movie synopsis

One of the most beloved rivalries in history is reignited when Jerry moves into New York City's finest hotel on the eve of "the wedding of the century," forcing the event's desperate planner

to hire Tom to get rid of him, in director Tim Story's *Tom & Jerry*.

The ensuing cat and mouse battle threatens to destroy her career, the wedding, and possibly the hotel itself. But soon, an even bigger problem arises: a diabolically ambitious staffer conspiring against all three of them. An eye-popping blend of classic animation and live-action, Tom and Jerry's new big-screen adventure stakes new ground for the iconic characters and forces them to do the unthinkable ... work together to save the day.

This movie is rated PG.

New study shows Carmel's roundabouts have dramatically improved safety & quality of life for residents & businesses

Submitted by

City of Carmel

The City of Carmel and its citizens have a new tool to explore how the city's nationally-recognized network of 145 roundabouts has vastly improved traffic flow, allowed motorists to spend less time in their vehicles and – most importantly – has resulted in historically low rates of accident fatalities and injuries.

City officials worked with a team from Community Data Platforms who analyzed data to determine the impact of implementing the roundabouts and making them the dominant method of handling traffic

in Carmel, as opposed to the traditional use of traffic signals and stop signs.

After several months of compiling data on traffic flow, accident rates and the impact on businesses, the research has produced a unique new website to help residents get a better understanding of how roundabouts have improved their daily lives. You can see this new website at [roundabouts.carmeldataplatform.com](#). Click on the [User Guide](#) (a link is located on the lower right side of the home page) to learn how the website works.

Some of the key findings of this study include:

• There are fewer personal injury accidents of pedestrians and cyclists at roundabouts than at traffic signals and other locations.

• Traffic flow for residents and commuters has dramatically improved. The annual average amount of time saved in 2020 was five days, or 120 hours, per motorist as roundabouts provide for increased flow without stopping. A [new tool allows website users to simulate commutes](#) as they are with roundabouts versus without them. Watch as the red and green dots show the difference between then and now.

• Roundabouts do not

have a negative effect on businesses. On average, businesses at roundabouts earned more revenue on a per-vehicle basis than businesses at traffic signals.

The study shows that Carmel's network of roundabouts immensely contributed to the quality of life in Carmel for commuters, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

Community Data Platforms is a DaaS (Data-as-a-Service) company, helping leaders in large organizations better understand and better serve their markets across the U.S. through the power of data science.

— 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 Olio 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, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

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Sandra Marie Clifford
May 20, 1937 – January 15, 2023

Sandra Marie Clifford, 85, Arcadia, passed away on Sunday, January 15, 2023, at her home.

She was born May 20, 1937, in Cicero to Justus and Katherine (Applegate) Durnell and grew up in the Cicero area. She attended Jackson Township Schools and graduated from Jackson Central High School with the Class of 1955.

Sandy, as she was fondly known, married William “Bill” Clifford and they purchased a house on the outskirts of Arcadia. They also owned and operated Shell Service Station in Arcadia for several years. Sandy enjoyed her role as a homemaker, and she was known for keeping an immaculate home and yard. She also liked to ride her bicycle, and not just on short trips. Weather permitting, she would usually ride three or four times per week and travel over 20 miles. Occasionally she would ride from Arcadia to Tipton and back.

Sandy loved to fish and beginning in 1968 until 2022 she and her family took yearly vacation trips to Blue Lake Resort in Michigan. She really looked forward to those trips and the time spent with her family.

She is survived by her sons, Kelly Lee (Jackie) Clifford of Avon and Scott David (Linda) Clifford of Royal Center, Ind.; grandchildren, Jeremy, McKinsey, Ross, and Chad; great-grandchildren, Effie and Scout; and sisters, Marilyn Tidler of Kokomo and Sue Anderson of Arizona.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Funeral services were held on Monday, January 23, 2023, at Hartley Funeral Homes Cicero Chapel, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero, with Pastor Mark Knapp officiating. There will be a time of visitation from 3 p.m. until time of the services. You may send condolences at our website, hartleyfuneralhomes.com.

TODAY’S BIBLE READING
In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back. The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying: “‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, ’who was, and is, and is to come.”
Revelation 4:6-8 (NIV)

Allen Wayne Ely
May 2, 1944 – January 24, 2023

Allen Wayne Ely, 78, Noblesville passed away at his home from cancer on Tuesday, January 24, 2023. He was born on May 2, 1944, to Everett and Ruby (Lundy) Ely in Pennington Gap, Va.

Wayne moved to Indiana when he was 20 years old and began working at Ford Motor Company where he worked for 42 years. Among his many hobbies throughout his life, he enjoyed drag racing, raising horses, horseback riding, harness racing and tractor pulling. Wayne enjoyed watching sports, especially college football. Having a big family, he enjoyed hosting large family events for holidays and birthdays.

Wayne is survived by his wife Patricia; grandson, Beau (Danielle) Ely; great-granddaughter, Olivia Ely; brother, Larry (Vickie) Ely; sisters, Joy (Jim) Mills, Brenda (Bill) Iles, and Mary Brooks; along with a large extended family.

In addition to his parents, Wayne was preceded in death by his son, Allen Wayne Ely II; brothers, EJ, Harold, and Ken Ely; and sisters, Ruth McElroy and Linda Parker.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, January 27, 2023, with services to follow at Randall and Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Wayne will be laid to rest at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Riverview Hospital Infusion Center, c/o Riverview Health Foundation, 395 Westfield Road, Noblesville, IN 46060; or Arcadia Brethren Church, 8989 E. 266th St., Arcadia, IN 46030. Condolences: randallroberts.com



Farmers Bank teams up with Innovation Refunds to help companies claim money they’re owed

The REPORTER

The Farmers Bank has partnered with Innovation Refunds (IR), a financial solutions provider connecting businesses to payroll tax refunds through the Employee Retention Credit (ERC), to help companies collect money they’re owed from the government.

Through this partnership, The Farmers Bank and IR can help businesses get up to \$26,000 per employee kept on payroll during the COVID-19 pandemic. Even if a company has obtained Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funds, it could still qualify for a payroll tax refund through the ERC. With more than \$1 billion in refunds secured for businesses and an average refund of \$375,000, IR is The Farmers Bank’s preferred ERC partner.

“The Farmers Bank has partnered with Innovation Refunds, an expert fintech provider, to help businesses access money through the Employee Retention Credit,” The Farmers Bank CEO/President Karen Gregerson said. “Navigating the IRS can be difficult, especially for businesses that are still trying to get



back on their feet after the pandemic. Through this partnership, we’re making that process as seamless as possible, allowing for business owners to focus on their day-to-day operations.”



Gregerson

With a mission to empower businesses for growth, IR makes it easy for companies to collect their refund through a simple application and refund evaluation with no upfront costs. IR’s more than 300 combined years of business and accounting experience help ensure no money is left on the table.

About the Farmers Bank

The Farmers Bank is an \$800 million asset organization chartered in 1876 with headquarters in Frankfort, Ind. The Farmers Bank is locally owned and operated with 10 banking offices located in central Indiana providing retail, business, investment and trust services, mortgage, and electronic banking services. Additional information can be found at thefarmersbank.com. Member FDIC, Equal Housing Lender.

Meeting Notices

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Council Highway Committee will meet to discuss highway projects at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023, at the Hamilton County Highway Department, 1700 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 30, 2023, at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St., Carmel.

The Hamilton County Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2023, in the Commissioners’ Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

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Camryn Runner, “a high-character kid”

Hamilton Heights’ basketball star has over 1,100 career points as a junior, but she doesn’t let that diminish her sense of humility

By **RICHIE HALL**
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Ever since the first time she put on a Hamilton Heights uniform, Camryn Runner has been scoring for the Huskies.

Flashback to her first game on Nov. 20, 2020, when Heights played at Lebanon. Runner made two 3-pointers in the first quarter, and eventually scored 15 points in the game. It was a big debut for Runner, and she hasn’t let up — she has over 1,100 career points, with her senior year still to come.

Now a junior, Runner is averaging almost 19 points per game. She also is the Huskies’ top rebounder, pulling seven per contest. Heights coach Keegan Cherry did the math, and found that Runner accounts for 44 percent of the scoring and 43 percent of the rebounds.

Runner is a great basketball player, and the great ones also have a sense of humility and camaraderie about them as well. In fact, while talking after a recent game, Runner constantly mentioned her teammates and coaches, and how much their support helps her.

“I don’t think I could do it without them,” she said.

The Huskies are 16-5 this year, and will finish up their regular season tonight against Heritage Christian. Heights plays a difficult schedule every year, and this campaign has been no exception. The Huskies strength of schedule, according to the Sagarin ratings, is 40th in the state.

Yet despite the tough schedule, Heights has put together 18-win seasons over the past two years. That includes a pair of sectional championships. Runner made major contributions to both seasons, averaging 17 points per game during both her freshman and sophomore years.

Runner comes from a basketball family, as her older sisters Ashton and Bayleigh both played for the Huskies. Ashton graduated from Hamilton Heights in

2017, while Bayleigh graduated in 2020. Both were successful players in their own right, and Camryn learned quite a bit by watching her older siblings.

“Bayleigh facilitated the offense,” said Camryn Runner. “She was Coach Cherry’s right-hand man on the court. She was the general. I just learned from her how to play smart. Ashton was the athletic one. I learned from her to not bust my face open on the ground. She made great plays, don’t get me wrong. She was an athlete. But watching her, I learned, again, play for the girls next to you. She always kept her teammates’ heads held high. Bayleigh did the same, motivated, lining up for offense.”

“I always say, great kids have great parents,” said Cherry. “She has a great family and that shows in her and the way she carries herself at school. Shows in the way she carries herself at practice. That’s why her teammates are her friends. They’re a close group because she doesn’t have an ego. It’s not about her. There’s nobody bigger than she is. She’s all about the program and has been. That’s how her sisters were. That’s how her family is. That’s how she was raised. And that translates over in to now. You want a gym full of Camryn Runners.”

The Huskies play intense during games, and that starts with practice. Runner says she and her teammates “bring the energy” when it comes to preparing for games.

“We try and make it as competitive as possible,” said Runner. “Coach is on the sidelines driving us and making it a point: You got to bring fight, like, they’re going to be bigger. Every opponent this year has pretty much been bigger than us, and he’s like, ‘You have to stay motivated. You have to match their intensity.’”

That intensity has paid off, as the Huskies have had a winning season ever since Cherry became their coach in 2016. And Cherry respects Runner not just for what she can do on the



Kent Graham / File photo

Hamilton Heights’ Camryn Runner has been a leader for the Huskies ever since her first game. Runner is averaging nearly 19 points per contest for Heights during her junior season.

basketball court, but off the court as well.

“She’s awesome in the classroom,” said Cherry. “She’s awesome in the community. I’ve said that a million times. She’s a high-character kid. She represents our program and the best everything at Hamilton Heights. That is Camryn Runner.”

“At the end of the day, I’m playing the game for the girls next to me and the coaches,” said Runner.

Cherry said that Runner is getting offers to play basketball at Division I schools. He firmly believes that Runner is a D-I player, noting that “her basketball IQ and the way

she approaches the game is what’s going to allow her to translate and play at a high level in her basketball career after high school. Somebody’s going to get a fantastic basketball player that is extremely smart on the court, works hard, humble. She has everything you want as a coach.”

And if there are any doubts, Cherry invites these coaches to watch Runner play.

“And when coaches get to see her play, it doesn’t take very long for them to go, ‘Hey, we want you at our school,’” said Cherry. “We just say, get her in front of more recruits.”

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Basketball

Royals finish regular season with big win at Pike

Riley Makalusky reaches 1,000 points

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern girls basketball cruised to victory in its regular-season finale Tuesday, winning at Pike 81-36.

The Royals outscored the Red Devils in each quarter, leading 20-13 after one period and 46-25 at halftime. Southeastern then held Pike to only 11 points in the second half.

Riley Makalusky scored 32 points for the Royals,

and passed the 1,000-point mark towards the end of the game. Her career total is now 1,001 points. Maya Makaluksy added 26 points. Teegan Acres led the rebounds with eight, followed by Riley Makaluksy and Olivia Brown with seven each, then Maya Makalusky had six rebounds. Brown dished out six assists, Acres made four steals, and Kayla Stidham had four assists and four steals.

The Royals are 20-2 for the season. They are off until Feb. 3, when they play either Westfield or Zionsville in the semi-finals of the Noblesville sectional.

Thanks for reading!

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 81, PIKE 36				
Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Riley Makalusky	12-24	8-8	32	0
Maya Makalusky	11-20	5-5	29	0
Olivia Brown	1-4	6-7	8	0
Kennedy Holman	3-6	1-3	7	1
Maine Hooks	1-2	0-0	3	1
Teegan Acres	1-2	0-1	2	2
Kayla Stidham	0-1	0-0	0	0
Lauren Stewart	0-2	0-0	0	2
Charity Beal	0-0	0-0	0	0
Olivia White	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	29-61	20-24	81	6
Score by Quarters				
Southeastern	20	26	22	13 - 81
Pike	13	12	9	2 - 36
Southeastern 3-point shooting (3-14) M. Makalusky 2-6, Hooks 1-2, R. Makalusky 0-3, Stewart 0-2, Stidham 0-1.				
Southeastern rebounds (38) Acres 8, R. Makalusky 7, Brown 7, M. Makalusky 6, Holman 3, Hooks 3, Stidham 2, Stewart 2.				

Carmel girls fall in away game

The REPORTER

Carmel's girls basketball team dropped an away game at Cathedral Tuesday, 45-37.

The Irish went up 8-2 after one quarter and led 22-10 at halftime. The Greyhounds made a comeback in the third quarter, outscoring Cathedral 9-4 and cutting the Irish's lead to 26-19. Mack-

enzie Woods scored six points for Carmel. But the Irish held on, outscoring the 'Hounds 19-18 in the fourth.

Woods and Mallory Bourquein both scored 10 points, with Bourquein also collecting five rebounds.

Carmel is 4-17 and finishes the regular season Friday at Ben Davis.

CATHEDRAL 45, CARMEL 37				
Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Keaton Gatlin	2-7	2-4	6	2
Mackenzie Woods	4-6	2-3	10	3
Jamie Elliott	0-1	0-0	0	0
Mallory Bourquein	4-8	2-2	10	4
Hannah Lach	0-7	2-2	2	5
Lauren Perry	1-3	0-0	3	2
Brooke Thoren	0-0	0-0	0	0
Rilee McBride	1-3	4-4	6	3
Totals	12-35	12-15	37	19
Score by Quarters				
Carmel	2	8	9	18 - 37
Cathedral	8	14	4	19 - 45
Carmel 3-point shooting (1-12) Perry 1-3, Lach 0-5, Gatlin 0-3, Elliott 0-1.				
Carmel rebounds (15) Bourquein 5, Woods 3, Gatlin 2, McBride 2, Lach 2, Perry 1.				

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WHIMSY AND WISDOM FROM THE Little House on the Alley

Golden Eagles fight hard, but fall to Decatur Central

The REPORTER

Guerin Catholic fought back in its Senior Night game with Decatur Central on Tuesday before falling to the Hawks 54-48 at the Eagles Nest.

Decatur Central jumped out to a 21-9 lead after the first quarter. The Golden Eagles cut into that lead over the next two periods, getting within 33-25 by halftime and 43-39 after three quarters. Kori Dues helped out with two 3-pointers in

the second quarter, while Natalie Fernandez scored nine points over the second and third periods. But the Hawks held off GC in the fourth.

Fernandez and Megan Cobb both scored 11 points for the Golden Eagles, while Dues had three 3s for nine points.

Guerin Catholic is 8-13 and finishes the regular season Friday at Lafayette Central Catholic, part of a girls-boys doubleheader.

DECATUR CENTRAL 54, GUERIN CATHOLIC 48				
Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ava Bills	4	0	9	4
Reagan Haines	1	2	4	3
Natalie Fernandez	5	0	11	3
Annie Murphy	2	0	4	0
Megan Cobb	4	3	11	1
Caitlyn Sharpe	0	0	0	0
Kori Dues	3	0	9	1
Sutton Worman	0	0	0	1
Totals	19	5	45	13
Score by Quarters				
Decatur Central	21	12	10	11 - 54
Guerin Catholic	9	16	14	9 - 48
Guerin Catholic 3-pointers (5) Dues 3, Bills, Fernandez.				

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IBCA girls basketball poll – Week of Jan. 23

Rank	School	Points	Record
1	South Bend Washington (20)	400	21-0
2	Noblesville	376	20-3
3	Fishers	339	18-2
4	Hamilton Southeastern	333	19-2
5	Fort Wayne Northrop	306	18-2
6	Bedford North Lawrence	304	19-3
7	Zionsville	274	18-2
8	Twin Lakes	241	21-0
9	Columbia City	240	18-2
10	Homestead	193	16-4
11	Indian Creek	166	21-1
12	Center Grove	138	17-4
13	Evansville Memorial	137	21-1
14	Lake Central	129	17-5
15	Warren Central	113	14-5
16	Fort Wayne Snider	102	16-4
17	Valparaiso	77	19-2
18	Warsaw	71	16-5
19	Northridge	52	18-5
20	Norwell	44	17-3

First place votes are in parentheses.

Other schools receiving votes, with records

Andrean (19-3), Brownsburg (14-8), Cascade (18-2), Central Noble (20-2), Corydon Central (20-2), East Central (14-10), Fairfield (20-2), Forest Park (18-3), Fort Wayne Carroll (13-6), Franklin Community (14-5), Huntington North (15-4), Jay County (20-1), Jennings County (15-5), Lanesville (21-2), Lawrence Central (16-6), Mishawaka Marian (18-5), Mooresville (15-6), North Knox (21-1), Tri (21-0).

IBCA boys basketball poll – Week of Jan. 23

Rank	School	Points	Record
1	Ben Davis (20)	400	18-0
2	Brownsburg	356	14-1
3	Cathedral	355	9-2
4	Penn	349	10-1
5	Center Grove	321	14-1
6	Mishawaka Marian	268	13-1
7	Kokomo	254	10-4
8	Hammond Central	219	15-1
9	NorthWood	218	11-2
10	New Palestine	216	12-0
11	Carmel	203	9-5
12	Blackhawk Christian	197	14-1
13	Westfield	120	9-2
14	Linton-Stockton	119	13-1
15	Jennings County	111	13-1
16	Homestead	106	12-3
17	Lawrence North	88	10-3
18	Noblesville	79	9-4
19	Harrison	58	12-1
20	Greenfield-Central	34	10-1

First place votes are in parentheses.

Other schools receiving votes, with records

21st Century Gary (12-3), Anderson (9-3), Bloomington North (9-3), Brownstown Central (9-3), Castle (7-5), Chesterton (8-4), Connersville (10-3), Crispus Attucks (7-5), Lawrence Central (10-5), Munster (12-2), North Daviess (13-2), Norwell (12-2), Pike (9-4), Providence (8-3), Scottsburg (12-2), South Bend Washington (12-2), Tippecanoe Valley (10-3), University (11-1), Wapahani (12-1), Warren Central (9-6), Zionsville (7-5).

Heights boys swimmers beat Anderson in dual meet

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights boys swim team beat Anderson Tuesday, 101-79 in a dual meet.

The Huskies won six of the 12 events, including three 1-2 finishes: Nathan Cox and Ethan Swart swept the top two places in diving, Aiden Clarke and Blake Blackhurst went 1-2 in the butterfly, and Alex Knepper and Hudson Holt swept the breaststroke. Gabe Roosa won the backstroke, and Heights also was first in the medley and 400 freestyle relays.

Team score: Hamilton Heights 101, Anderson 79.

200 medley relay: 1. Heights “A” (Aiden Clarke, Alex Knepper, Owen VanHaaren, Noah Shlater) 1:55.51, 4. Heights “C” (Charles Wedmore, Landon Poland, Max Bowman, Owen Eshelman) 2:27.65.

200 freestyle: 2. Clarke 1:58.50, 4. Holt 2:25.30, 6. Nick Stumpf 2:42.17.

200 individual medley: 2. Blake Blackhurst 2:24.30, 3. Rudy Bowman 2:24.67, 6. Poland 3:39.00.

50 freestyle: 2. Shlater 25.47, 3. Rowan Donald 25.54, 4. Knepper 25.75.

One-meter diving: 1. Nathan Cox 342.50, 2. Ethan Swart 329.55.

100 butterfly: 1. Clarke 1:00.58, 2. Blackhurst 1:04.95, 4. Donald 1:11.26. 100 freestyle: 3. Shlater 55.73, 5. Gabe Roosa 59.25, 6. Wedmore 1:05.99.

500 freestyle: 2. R. Bowman 5:51.94, 3. Martin 5:54.12, 5. Isaiah Heuer 6:54.71.

200 freestyle relay: 2. Heights “A” (Clark, Knepper, VanHaaren, Shlater) 1:41.07, 3. Heights “B” (Donald, Roosa, Swart, Martin) 1:45.71, 5. Heights “C” (Eshelman, Stumpf, Po-

land, Heuer) 2:11.98.

100 backstroke: 1. Roosa 1:03.89, 4. Wedmore 1:23.67, 5. Eshelman 1:26.53.

100 breaststroke: 1. Knepper 1:13.45, 2. Holt 1:14.23, 4. Martin 1:21.58.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Heights “A” (VanHaaren, R. Bowman, Blackhurst, Donald) 3:45.79, 3. Heights “B” (Roosa, Heuer, Wedmore, Holt) 4:31.83, 5. Heights “C” (M. Bowman, Stumpf, Poland, Eshelman) 5:08.97.

Last Saturday, Heights was swept by Center Grove in a dual meet, the final girls and boys meet of the season.

The Huskies girls lost 133-52, while the boys lost 130-50. Heights won four events in the girls meet: Teegan Madara paced the 200 free and butterfly, Campbell Mason-Lively was first in diving and Sophia Hulen won the 100 free. In the boys meet, Nathan Cox and Ethan Swart went 1-2 in diving.

GIRLS MEET

Team score: Center Grove 133, Hamilton Heights 52.

200 medley relay: 4. Heights “A” (Jane Pache, Teegan Madara, Sophia Hulen, Anna Josza) 2:03.63, 5. Heights “B” (Anna Monnin, Karley Duncan, Mary Ella Bichey, Rachel England) 2:21.24.

200 freestyle: 1. Madara 1:59.02, 5. Adalyn Gould 2:30.55, 6. Sarah Toll 2:37.79.

200 individual medley: 4. J. Pache 2:47.06, 5. England 2:57.08.

50 freestyle: 2. Hulen 26.09, 5. Jozsa 27.90, 6. Bea Pache 29.92, 7. Lucy Hogg 29.95, 8. Mary Bowman 34.83.

One-meter diving: 1. Campbell Mason-Lively 210.75.

100 butterfly: 1. Mada-

ra 1:00.90, 5. Jozsa 1:15.53, 6. Bichey 1:21.12.

100 freestyle: 1. Hulen 56.54, 5. Gould 1:07.32, 6. Toll 1:10.74, 7. Shanna Hackett 1:15.39, 8. Bowman 1:16.07.

500 freestyle: 3. Monnin 6:27.80, 4. Duncan 6:42.01, 6. B. Pache 6:57.23.

200 freestyle relay: 3. Heights “A” (Toll, B. Pache, Duncan, England) 2:03.09, 5. Heights “B” (Bichey, Hogg, Bowman, Gould) 2:06.84.

100 backstroke: 4. J. Pache 1:13.83, 5. Monnin 1:17.4, 6. England 1:25.08.

100 breaststroke: 4. Duncan 1:24.19, 5. Bichey 1:28.54, 6. Hogg 1:37.68.

400 freestyle relay: 3. Heights “A” (Hulen, Jozsa, J. Pache, Madara) 3:59.42, 5. Heights “B” (Monnin, B. Pache, Gould, Toll) 4:38.77.

BOYS MEET

Team score: Center Grove 130, Hamilton Heights 50.

200 medley relay: 4. Heights “A” (Gabe Roosa, Owen VanHaaren, Aiden Clarke, Noah Shlater) 1:51.85, 5. Heights “B” (Blake Blackhurst, Hudson Holt, Rowan Donald, Alex Knepper) 2:03.23, 6. Heights “C” (Owen Eshelman, Charles Wedmore, Landon Poland, Nick Stumpf) 2:44.82. 200 freestyle: 3. Rudy Bowman 2:04.93, 4. Blackhurst 2:11.50, 6. Isaiah Heuer 2:39.75.

200 individual medley: 2. Clarke 2:12.94, 5. Cole Martin 2:30.13, 6. Donald 2:37.78.

50 freestyle: 4. Shlater 25.49, 5. Knepper 26.60, 6. Max Bowman 29.32, 7. Eshelman 30.75, 6. Stumpf 34.40.

One-meter diving: 1. Nathan Cox 340.20, 2. Ethan Swart 308.45.

100 butterfly: 3. Clarke 59.95, 4. VanHaaren 1:03.38, 6. Roosa 1:07.40.

100 freestyle: 4. Shlater 55.92, 5. Donald 56.02, 6. R. Bowman 58.42, 7. M. Bowman 1:07.63, 8. Stumpf 1:18.87.

500 freestyle: 3. Blackhurst 5:55.22, 5. Holt 6:27.19, 6. Heuer 6:55.00.

200 freestyle relay: 2. Heights “A” (Clarke, Knepper, VanHaaren, Shlater) 1:40.76, 4. Heights “B” (R. Bowman, Martin, Swart, Roosa) 1:45.59, 6. Heights “C” (Eshelman, Wedmore, Poland, Heuer) 2:07.44.

100 backstroke: 3. Roosa 1:04.78, 5. Martin 1:13.33, 6. Wedmore 1:21.95.

100 breaststroke: 4. Knepper 1:12.55, 5. Holt 1:15.64, 6. Poland 1:45.09.

400 freestyle relay: 4. Heights “A” (Martin, R. Bowman, Blackhurst, VanHaaren) 3:52.34, 5. Heights “B” (Donald, Wedmore, M. Bowman, Holt) 4:19.32, 6. Heights “C” (Stumpf, Eshelman, Poland, Heuer) 5:11.01.

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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Upcoming Broadcasts

Friday, Jan 27, Basketball
5:40 pm Brebeuf vs Chatard (Doubleheader) | Boys Basketball | Indiana SRN
7:10 pm Shenandoah vs Heritage Christian | Boys Varsity | Indiana SRN
7:10 pm Eminence vs Greenwood Christian | Boys Varsity | Indiana SRN
7:15 pm **Noblesville vs Hamilton Southeastern** | Boys Varsity | Southeastern Sports

Saturday, Jan 28, Basketball
2:10 pm **Noblesville vs Guerin Catholic** | Boys Varsity | Indiana SRN

Tuesday, Jan 31, Girls Basketball
6:00 pm Class 4A Sectional 8 | **Carmel vs Fishers** | Girls Varsity | HCTV Sports
7:45 pm Class 4A Sectional 8 | **Westfield vs Zionsville** | Girls Varsity | HCTV Sports

Thursday, Feb 2, Boys Basketball
6:00 pm Mt Vernon (Fortville) vs **Noblesville** | Boys Junior Varsity | HCTV Sports
6:00 pm **Fishers at Westfield** | Boys Junior Varsity | HCTV Sports
7:30 pm Mt Vernon (Fortville) vs **Noblesville** | Boys Varsity | HCTV Sports
7:30 pm **Fishers at Westfield** | Boys Varsity | HCTV Sports

Friday, Feb 3, Girls Basketball
6:00 pm Class 4A Sectional 8 | Winner GM 1 vs **Noblesville** | HCTV Sports
7:45 pm Class 4A Sectional 8 | Winner GM 2 vs **Hamilton Southeastern** | HCTV Sports

Saturday, Feb 4, Girls Basketball
7:30 pm Class 4A Sectional 8 | Championship | HCTV Sports





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