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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Partly sunny.
Not as cold.
Tonight: Partly cloudy.

HIGH: 30 LOW: 21



Noblesville teacher creates ‘class family’ & ‘at home’ classroom

By HANNA MORDOH
WISH-TV | wistv.com

At **Hinkle Creek Elementary School**, students in the third grade understand the meaning of family. It's all thanks to their teacher, Nathaniel Truitt, and his “class family.”

Mr. Truitt is the January winner of the WISH-TV Golden Apple Award. WISH-TV is Indiana's education station, and every month, News 8 honors outstanding teachers with the **Golden Apple Award**.

Mr. Truitt's students say he is worthy of the honor.

“He makes it a class family and he just loves us,” eight-year-old Olivia Guest said. “It means so much to me that he calls us ‘family.’”

“He just loves us with all his heart,” nine-year-old Graham Dyksen said.

Principal Jack Lawrence has been doing this job for a long time and tells News 8 that Mr. Truitt's “class family” philosophy is a first.



WISH-TV's Hanna Mordoh interviewed Hinkle Creek Elementary School teacher Nathaniel Truitt and presented him WISH's Golden Apple Award.

“He calls it his ‘class family.’ He doesn't have a class. He corrected me right away. ‘I have a class family,’” Lawrence said. “The way he has adopted all of his kids and creates that class

family environment, I have not seen that and it has been fun to watch. It's fun for the families of these students, too.”

Elissa Dee, who has a daughter in Truitt's classroom,

tells News 8: “He sees the parents as part of the class family. We are an extended family. So he wants to make sure we are

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The Waiting Place

We have reached the point of winter where the excitement and anticipation of the holidays have faded, many of us are waning on our New Year's resolutions, and it feels as though spring is nowhere in sight.

We are, as Dr. Seuss says, “in the waiting place” for warmer and brighter days. Dr. Seuss describes this as the most useless place where people do nothing with their time except wish it was something different.

“Waiting for a train to go or a bus to come, or a plane to go or the mail to come, or the rain to go or the phone to ring, or the snow to snow or the waiting around for a Yes or No or waiting for their hair to grow. Everyone is just waiting.”

It can start to feel like everyone is just waiting for the days of winter to pass and usher in the sprouts of the first hints of spring and the warmth of the sunshine. A great way to pass the cold and sometimes grey days of winter and reignite our spirits is to be purposeful in our efforts to protect and care for nature. Providing a habitat for nature is not just something to do when the weather is nice; in fact, now is as important as ever. It may just seem like nature knows what it is supposed to do because in many ways that is exactly the case, but what can we do to foster a healthy winter habitat in our own backyard this time of year?

In order for your yard to be considered a certified wildlife habitat by the National Wildlife Federation, you must provide food, water, cover, places to raise young, and exhibit sustainable practices. Birds are very attracted to feeders during the winter months for obvious reasons; it is harder for them to come by food this time of year. It can be an easy time of year to think it is too cold and you do not want to deal with keeping up on feeding the birds, but now is such an important time to continue to feed them. Planting bushes that provide berries and other food sources in warmer months will help sustain wildlife during the cold winter months.

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Sheridan Historical Society to offer free educational experience

By STEVE MARTIN
Sheridan Historical Society

Take Flight! Wildlife Education is a program designed to familiarize audiences of all ages about wildlife and ecology using live animals, natural artifacts, and theatrical techniques. The program brings home the importance of understanding the natural world to the lives of those who live there, including all of us human beings.

The program is free and will feature birds of prey. Raptors such as hawks, owls, falcons, and their kin have long held our imagination. The terms “hawk-eyed” and “falcon-fast” are common

words in our culture, and by meeting these magnificent predators up close and in-person and hearing the history of their interactions with humankind, only then will you begin to appreciate how much we share with them in nature's vast and complex world.

This fascinating and entertaining free program will feature live raptors and will be about an hour in length. It will be held in the Community Room of the Sheridan Public Library at starting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Adults and children of all ages are welcome and will find this program very

entertaining, as well as very informative. The library is located at 103 W. First St. in beautiful uptown Sheridan, just on the country side of Hamilton County.

The program is sponsored by the Sheridan Historical Society and supported by the Drayer Family and the Waitt Grain Elevator Company of Sheridan. Waitt Grain is a locally owned and operated business that has served Hamilton, Boone and the surrounding counties since 1968.

Steve Martin serves as the Vice President of the Sheridan Historical Society. He can be reached at shmartin1@comcast.net.



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Fishers Arts & Culture Commission awards \$50,750 in community grants

Nine local organizations awarded in grant program's third year

The REPORTER

The **Fishers Arts & Culture Commission** (FACC) announced Tuesday the grantees for its 2023 Fishers Arts & Culture Grant program, with nine local organizations awarded \$50,750 in funding. The grant is focused on local nonprofits and organizations that uplift the arts community within Fishers.

The FACC grant program was launched in 2021. For the 2023 grant cycle, the Commission raised the grant cap from \$5,000 to \$7,500. Funding for the grant program is allocated from the City of Fishers' annual budget.



“This is our third year of providing grant funds to the Fishers community, and it is rewarding to see our community come together to support these projects” FACC Chair Katie Haigh said. “From mental health awareness with the traveling Forgiving Sea Project to dance battles hosted by 31Svn Dance Academy, 2023

will be a year packed full of meaningful cultural experiences around Fishers.”

Since its launch in 2021, more than \$142,000 in grants have been awarded to 37 local organizations, funding public art installations, community events, and cultural celebrations throughout Fishers.

“The FACC grants have allowed Fishers Arts Council to support the musical arts alongside the visual arts,” Fishers Arts Council Executive Director Les Reinhardt said. “These grants have connected us with more musicians and have helped us promote artists beyond our own means.”

Recipients of the 2023 Fishers Arts & Culture Commission Grant Program include:

- **Emerging Pearls Foundation (\$7,500)** to host an inaugural event at Hub & Spoke

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Carmel to hold celebrations for two retiring fire fighters

The REPORTER

The Carmel Fire Department will recognize two retiring fire fighters this month for their decades of service.

Captain Tony Collins will retire after 34 years with the department, and Engineer Charles Plumer will retire after 26 years.

Captain Collins will be recognized at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 7 at Fire Station 346 in the Fire Bays.

Engineer Plumer will be recognized at 3 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 6 at Station 345 in the Fire Bays.

Both ceremonies will have light refreshments. The public is invited to attend.



Collins



Plumer

Riverview Health announces Keith Jewell as interim president/CEO

The REPORTER

Riverview Health Board of Trustees announced that Keith Jewell has joined the interim president and CEO. Jewell assumed the role on Jan. 18 and comes to Riverview Health with more than 30 years of healthcare experience.

Most recently Jewell was the chief operating officer at OnPoint Real Estate Solutions

in Fishers. He also previously served as the president of St. Vincent Health in Evansville where he oversaw a multi-hospital region of St. Vincent Health. He also spent 20 years at Franciscan Health, serving as the executive vice-president and chief operating officer for Franciscan's central Indiana region. Jewell earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting

and a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Southern Indiana.

“I am honored to serve as the interim president and CEO of Riverview Health,” Jewell said. “I look forward to working together with the dedicated



Jewell

Riverview Health team to continue the remarkable work they are doing to redefine the healthcare experience by becoming the best place to work, practice medicine and receive care.”

As the president and CEO, Jewell will continue

to advance the organization's growth strategy. He will work closely with the Board of Trustees and leadership team to further shape the future of healthcare in Hamilton County.

“We're excited to welcome Keith to lead Riverview Health,” said Greg Murray, chairman of the Riverview Health Board of Trustees. “He brings a wealth

of experience in healthcare and is committed to continuing the mission of providing high-quality care to our patients and our community.”

Jewell succeeds Seth Warren, who resigned from his role as president and CEO in December 2022. The Riverview Health Board of Trustees has begun the search for a permanent replacement.

TRUITT

involved and feel included as well.”

Parents said Mr. Truitt often calls them, simply to tell them the good news about their kids. He also goes with the families to students’ extracurricular activities. He is so committed to his class family that he has a calendar where he can schedule going to afterschool activities on a regular basis, with the help

of the parents.

Mr. Truitt is even an amateur photographer and takes pictures for the families so they can hold onto these memories.

“He is the type of teacher that in 30 years, every one of his kids is going to remember him,” John Dee, who has a daughter in Mr. Truitt’s classroom, said. “When he says he cares

about your child, he really does care.”

It all starts with his classroom atmosphere.

“I walked in and was like, ‘It is Starbucks in here. I mean, it does look like it,’” Sember Darland, another parent, said.

Mr. Truitt’s classroom does not have typical desks. Instead, it is furnished like a family room with dining room tables, couches, and family pictures on the walls. New photos are added throughout the year, similar to a home.

“I thought it was like, really cool because it was really different and it felt like I was almost at my house,” nine-year-old Prestin Hahn said.

Students sit around the table as “Class family #8” and every week, they wear family T-shirts on “Truitt Tuesdays.”

Mr. Truitt also empowers students to run for class representative positions. They are leaders in the classroom. All students have jobs in the room, too, and even decorate the classroom for different seasons and holidays.

The class family also does community events together. The students recently spoke at a school board meeting and every summer there are Truitt Family Reunions.

Mr. Truitt’s fellow third-grade teachers say he is dedicated to his students for life.

“Something that really sets his class apart is his dedication to building the whole child,” Erin Brown, a fellow teacher, said. “Mr. Truitt is amazing as a teacher. He is all in 100 percent. He embodies what it means to go above and beyond for his class family.”

He also shows love to his co-workers. He often brings thoughtful surprises to staff members and inspires fellow teachers along the way.

“He is kind, he is helpful, he is empathetic, he is open-hearted. He is just an amazing person on top of being an amazing teacher,” Michelle Justice-Hobbs, a fellow third-grade teacher, said.

His students’ parents wanted to say thank you.

“No Christmas gift really seemed quite worthy, so I had seen this award and, you know, I thought, ‘This is him. He deserves this.’ So this is what we decided to do as a holiday present,” Elissa Dee said.

Parents of students in Mr. Truitt’s classroom sent in nine nominations for the

WISH-TV Golden Apple Award and he won. Some of those parents, along with Truitt’s parents and News 8’s Hanna Mordoh, went to surprise him with the award.

The Golden Apple Award comes with a trophy, a \$500 school supply shopping spree at **Teachers’ Treasures**, and a surprise from Mordoh.

“Thank you! I was not expecting this. I feel very grateful,” Mr. Truitt said. “I have wanted to be a teacher since the second grade. I am literally living my dream. I am very grateful for this recognition, but I already have everything I want. I am a teacher, I have a class family, and I feel so beyond blessed already just to be here.”

He appeared to be in shock but quickly turned the scenario into his gratefulness for his students.

“These are the best people in the room, and I mean that because I feel so grateful that my job is to love these kids, and to provide opportunities to be there, and to be a partner with their families,” Mr. Truitt said. “I am grateful for this, but I am already living my dream, so thank you. Thank you so much.”

WISH-TV surprised Mr.

Truitt with a video message from his students, the children’s parents, and his coworkers. His parents also came to the school and were a part of the Golden Apple surprise.

“I am here because people have poured into me and that is what has allowed me to pour into this class family. The families, they are the ones who give me the energy to do all of these things and it is my joy to do it,” Mr. Truitt said. “I think it has to be acknowledged – I am here because of the people who have put me here. My parents are everything. I am adopted; I am here because they chose me. I am living my dream. I am fulfilling my purpose because of their love. I could have gone my whole life and never had a family.”

“Family is founded in love, so I have the opportunity every year to start a new family. Why? Because I love these kids. Family is forever because love is forever,” Mr. Truitt said.

That’s a lesson these kids will forever remember because Mr. Truitt is true to his word. No matter who you are or where you are from, love is at the core of this classroom and the key to this family.

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Correction

In the article “Westfield Washington Schools unveils plan for expansion” written by Amy Adams and published on Monday, Jan. 30, Westfield Washington Schools Director of Communications Joshua Andrews was incorrectly listed with the name Joshua Adams. The Reporter regrets the error.



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Water is also essential for wildlife right now. Winter can be a challenging time for nature and wildlife when temperatures drop and cause water sources to freeze. There are things that can be done to mitigate this such as a heated bird bath or a good old fashioned rubber mallet.

Providing cover is important right now because with so many trees having no foliage right now, it leaves many animals vulnerable to predators. Birdhouses, ornamental grasses, leaf and brush piles, thick branches, and trees such as pine trees and evergreens are all wonderful sources of cover and offer places for animals to raise their young.

As always, it is important to incorporate sustainable practices such as repurposing your dead Christmas tree for firewood or even placing in your backyard as an additional place to provide protection for wildlife are all effective ways to promote the well-being of wildlife this winter.

Eventually the days that we all long for will return, but in the meantime, stop and enjoy the winter. Listen to the morning stillness, notice the way the moonbeams look on the fresh snow. Pay attention to how beautiful the snow looks before the world wakes up and disturbs it. Appreciate the way nature is cyclical, and remember that no matter what, spring will come.

While we are all waiting for spring, do not rush along the beauty that still is this season. “Somehow you’ll



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A moment of beauty as we wait to usher in spring.

escape all that waiting and staying. You'll find the bright places where Boom Bands are playing.”

We will get to spring eventually; we just need to be patient. Nature is speaking to us. It is teaching us

the value of patience while we are in the waiting place. Are you listening?

Megan Rathz is a wife, mother and teacher. She says everything she has ever learned in life came from her Master Gardener mother.

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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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Center for the Performing Arts announces three New Works commission winners

Three top proposals will premiere onstage June 10 at the Palladium

The REPORTER

Three local artist teams have been selected to receive cash awards and professionally produced performance opportunities through the Center for the Performing Arts' New Works commission project, now in its second season.

The 2023 New Works Premiere Performances will take place Saturday, June 10 at the Palladium and will be livestreamed on the Center's website and social media accounts. Tickets at pay-what-you-can pricing are available now at TheCenterPresents.org and by calling (317) 843-3800.

The New Works project is designed to promote and sustain the area's working artists and artistic communities in an inclusive way by supporting the creation of new works across all performing arts disciplines. The proposed works are limited to 20 minutes each and must reflect the Center's organizational core values of integrity, excellence, innovation,

collaboration, and inclusion. Each winning proposal receives a \$2,500 cash award, technical support in adapting the piece for the stage, on-stage rehearsal time prior to the performances and access to the archived event video for promotional use.

The winning proposals selected by the judging panel are:

Suits – Emily Franks & En Pointe Indiana Ballet

Suits is an original dance piece incorporating various styles and techniques, including ballet, contemporary, Graham and jazz, to be performed by 19 pre-professional student dancers from Noblesville-based En Pointe Indiana Ballet. Franks, an En Pointe instructor and former dancer with Dance Kaleidoscope, is choreographing a story based on her own career transition from professional dance to office-based work. The narrative is a mystery about a stolen document, set amid the human dynamics of cor-

porate culture.

Open Heart Surgery – Jamey Guzman

Open Heart Surgery is a contemporary opera modeled after a TV medical drama and featuring three singers and several live musicians from Bloomington-based New Voices Opera. Composer Guzman, who explores themes involving historically underrepresented communities, is collaborating with librettist Caroline Cao to tell the story of a young doctor caught between her dreams of working in film and her immigrant family's expectations of a career in medicine.

Boon Bestowed – Cecily Terhune

Boon Bestowed is a four-movement work for solo classical saxophone and electronic looper pedal, to be composed by Katie Madonna Lee and performed by Carmel-based musician and music educator Cecily Terhune. Each movement will each feature one instrument



Photo provided by the Center for the Performing Arts
Winners of the 2023 New Works commissions at the Center for the Performing Arts are, from left, composer Jamey Guzman, saxophonist Cecily Terhune, and Emily Franks and Robert Moore of En Pointe Indiana Ballet.

from the standard saxophone quartet – soprano, alto, tenor, and baritone – and each will represent a powerful female archetype: nurturer, leader, activist and teacher. A projected slideshow of images will accompany the music.

The three pieces will be

performed at the 8 p.m. June 10 event, and the artists will join in a talkback discussion to close the evening. Tickets are free to reserve at the Center's Fifth Third Bank Box Office at the Palladium, online at TheCenterPresents.org and by

phone at (317) 843-3800. The livestream and recorded video of the performance will be available free on the Center's website and social media channels.

New Works is supported by the Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation.

Community First Bank welcomes Austin Schultz & Darcy Stair to Hamilton County team

The REPORTER

Community First Bank of Indiana (CFB) welcomes Austin Schultz and

Branch Manager of the Oak Ridge banking center in Westfield. She brings 10 years of banking and sales



Schultz



Stair

Schultz joined the team as Vice President, Commercial Lender based in Hamilton County. He brings 18 years of banking experience and has been specializing in commercial lending since 2009. He is a graduate of the University of Indianapolis and the Graduate School of Banking at University of Wisconsin – Madison.

Schultz currently serves on the board of directors for several local organizations including the Forest Hills Country Club (past president), University of Indianapolis Greyhound Club, Kokomo Country Club, and Forest Hills Historical Foundation (president). He also previously served on the Kokomo Revolving Loan Fund.

When not serving his clients and community, you can find Schultz spending time with family and enjoying a round of golf.

Stair joined the team as Assistant Vice President,

experience and studied at Indiana University Kokomo. She also became a graduate of the TrueU Leader in Training program in 2022 and the Manchester University Leadership Development program in 2019.

Stair enjoys serving her community and has given her time to Junior Achievement, OneZone Chamber of Commerce, and Girl Scouts of Central Indiana.

About Community First Bank

Community First Bank (CFB) was chartered in 2003 in Kokomo and is committed to keeping outstanding customer service, local decision-making, and relationship-building at its core. The locally owned and operated bank currently has branches in Indianapolis, Kokomo, Westfield, and Noblesville.

CFB has been named as one of the Best Places to Work in Indiana for eight consecutive years by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. Additional information can be found at CFBIndiana.com. MEMBER FDIC, Equal Housing Lender.

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showcasing various forms of artistry, including music, spoken word, dance, sculpture, painting, pastry arts, casting, photography, live performances, and black hair as an artform, with over 30 artists expected to participate. Emerging Pearls Foundation is a 501(c)(3) that supports initiatives regarding education, family advocacy, the arts, social justice, health and wellness, and economic stability.

• **Fishers Arts Council (\$7,500)** to host monthly Second Friday gallery receptions at the FAC Gallery at the Hub located at the Hamilton County Community Foundation, along with musical groups at the Spark!Fishers Art & Car Show in June and Harvest Fest in September. Fishers Arts Council is a nonprofit whose mission is to support, advocate, and cultivate visu-

al and performing arts.

• **The Forgiving Sea Project (\$7,500)** to provide an interactive art installation and four public events during Mental Health Awareness Month in May. The art installation takes an innovative approach to healing. *The Forgiving Sea Project* is a nonprofit multi-media collaboration from Indianapolis artist Carolyn Springer and composer Joseph Lamm.

• **St. George Middle Eastern Festival (\$6,500)** to bring an authentic Middle Eastern band and dance troupe to the 26th annual St. George Middle Eastern Festival. The annual, multi-day festival is hosted by St. George Orthodox Christian Church every September.

• **Shelley Feeney, Artist and Art Educator (\$5,750)** to host pop-up printshops showcasing unique patterns

found around Fishers, and to educate the public and students on silk-screening, concluding with a public showcase. Shelley Feeney is a passionate artist and art educator within Hamilton Southeastern Schools.

• **31Svn Dance Academy (\$4,000)** to host a multi-part dance battle event that combines art, education, and friendly competition, concluding with a championship battle. 31Svn (3-1-7) Street Dance Academy offers multiple classes and believes in empowering students with the art of street dance and hip-hop culture.

• **Fishers Music Works (\$4,000)** to aid in the creation of a traveling public art sculpture featuring reclaimed musical instruments to honor the lives of Fishers residents Grant and Ashley Lansdell, who were

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tragically killed in a motor vehicle accident last year. Fishers Music Works is a not-for-profit whose mission is to foster the enjoyment and appreciation of music within Fishers.

• **Resounding Joy (\$4,000)** to bring its *Shine & Sing* pediatric music therapy program to Fishers, including multiple sessions for children up to 10 years old, along with caregiver classes. Resounding Joy Indiana is a nonprofit that provides music therapy.

• **Shaunt'e Lewis Art LLC (\$4,000)** to provide art programming for students as part of the Juneteenth Jubilee celebration. Shaunt'e Lewis is a nationally recognized award-winning artist currently featured in Meijer stores with the 2023 Black History Month collection.

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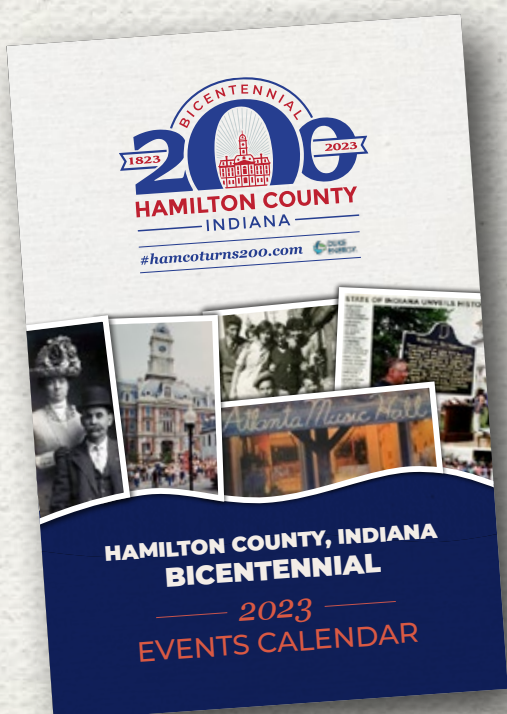
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Letter to the Editor

Coroner's Office collecting stuffed animals to help comfort children

Dear Editor:

Last year, Coroner Jeff Jellison turned to the public to [ask for donated quilts](#) for our office to utilize when families would come to view a loved one in the morgue.

We had an absolutely overwhelming response, and we are ever so grateful. These quilts have allowed us to show compassion to families during some very difficult times and have successfully softened an unpleasant environment.

Now, we are once again leaning on the community so that we can comfort and serve the children of Hamilton County.

Through the month of February, our office is asking for donations of new and gently used (but clean) stuffed animals. We often respond to scenes where children are involved, and as of now, we have no way to provide them with any source of comfort during a



traumatic event.

So, if anyone would like to get a head start on some spring cleaning, stuffed animals can be brought to our office, and we will fill each of our vehicles with them so that we may pass them along to the children we encounter.

All of us at the Coroner's Office strive to treat each and every person we encounter with com-

passion and care, and we thank you in advance for helping us accomplish this.

Sarah Lockhart
Deputy Coroner
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Jessica Irvine running for Carmel City Council

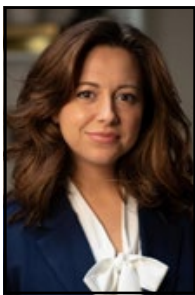
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Jessica Irvine announced her candidacy on Jan. 30 for Carmel City Council in the newly drawn South Central District. Irvine is a Democrat who has lived in or near the Home Place area for over 30 years, which she said gives her a unique understanding of the district.

With a bachelor's degree in Public Financial Management and a master's degree in Environmental Policy and Sustainability from Indiana University O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Irvine is prioritizing environmental sustainability, smart development, and fiscal transparency. She currently serves as a Senior Environmental Manager for the Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

She has served in executive leadership positions within civic organizations such as the Hamilton County Young Democrats and Carmel Democratic Club. Additionally, she has been an active volunteer for animal welfare organizations such as Indy Humane and the Humane Society of the United States.

"Carmel is a beautiful, vibrant, and safe city that attracts businesses and families from all around the world," Irvine said. "To keep Carmel a top-rated city, I would like to see green spaces preserved and bring new ideas to the council to enact environmentally friendly pol-



Irvine

icies. We must be responsible stewards of our natural resources because our children and future generations depend on it."

Irvine said she believes one way to advance the goals of environmental sustainability is to be thoughtful and intentional when making decisions about development. She plans to listen to her neighbors in the district and advocate for more investment in the South Central District.

"I am fortunate and proud to have called Carmel home for the last 30 years," Irvine said. "The education I received, the quality of life I was offered, and the community that surrounded me

contributed to the woman I am today. I am running to serve our neighbors on the Carmel City Council to give back to the community that has done so much for my family and me. I want to continue to grow and invest in Carmel in smart, efficient ways to ensure it is always a great place for Hoosiers to live and thrive."

The millennial candidate currently lives with her partner, Zach, their cats, Oliver and Oscar, and dog, Houston. Her entire family also lives in Carmel's South Central District.

The 2023 municipal primary election for Carmel City Council is in May and the general election is this November. To learn more about Irvine, visit IrvineForCarmel.com.

Alexis Lowry running for Westfield City Council

Submitted

Alexis Lowry, lifelong Westfield resident, on Monday announced her campaign for Westfield City Council, District 4. Lowry is the first Democrat woman to run in a Westfield City Council race in 17 years.

"Westfield is my life story. I loved it as a town, and I love it now as a thriving city," Lowry said. "I've had the privilege of watching Westfield turn from dirt roads to interstates and grow from less than 3,000 residents to over 50,000 citizens. I am running to make sure Westfield remains a great place for families and

businesses while we grow responsibly. We need a clear vision of what Westfield can be to make the right decisions for our community."

Lowry is a small business owner and a certified Nutritional Coach. She is also a youth sports coach in soccer, basketball, and volleyball, involved with her neighborhood HOA and an active member at her church.

Lowry cites the community frustration with the handling of the Grand Park sale as a reason she got more involved in local politics.

"So often, issues are discussed as if there is only one solution; black or white.

But that's not how I see it," Lowry said regarding Grand Park. "I believe we can help small businesses and have great parks. We can have strong roadways and bike paths. I know this community can support multiple goals, but it takes thoughtful, responsible leadership."

In addition to her work in the community, Lowry and her husband are also foster parents. They have fostered over a dozen children, adopting four of them. Lowry says that all her experience as a foster and adoptive mom, small business owner, and youth sports coach has given her a unique

skill set she believes will be an asset to the Westfield City Council.

"In all my roles, my job is to stay organized and solve problems," Lowry said. "We have a rule in my family: don't complain unless you have a solution to the problem. If it is worth complaining about, it is worth doing something about it."

Lowry's campaign can be found online at AlexisforWestfield.com on Facebook at facebook.com/AlexisforWestfield or on Twitter at twitter.com/Alexis4WF. Her campaign can be reached at AlexisforWestfield@gmail.com.

Dave Johnson endorsed by Hamilton County Professional Fire Fighters Local 4416 for Noblesville Common Council

Submitted

Dave Johnson, candidate for Noblesville Common Council District 5 has received the endorsement of Hamilton County Professional Fire Fighters Local 4416.

"We are pleased to announce the endorsement of Dave Johnson for Noblesville City Council," said Colin Fogarty, Political Director of the Hamilton County Fire Fighters. "Our organization

believes Johnson is well qualified and that the constituents of District 5 will be well served by having him in office."

"I am humbled by the support given to me by the Hamilton County Professional Fire Fighters," Johnson said. "I look forward to working with these men and women who serve



Johnson

our community selflessly every day. I place my trust in our public safety community."

Johnson has been a pillar of service in the Noblesville community. He was named Noblesville Chamber of Commerce's Volunteer of the Year, has been a part of Noblesville Schools Mill-

er Ambassador Program, a youth soccer coach, and involved in Boys Scouts of America.

Johnson is a licensed professional geologist whose practice focuses on environmental site investigation and remediation.

Johnson and his wife, Michele, have lived in this district of Noblesville for 40 years and have raised two children, both of whom attended Noblesville Schools.

Carmel's own David Gabrick makes Dean's List at Furman

The REPORTER

David Gabrick of Carmel earned a place on Furman University's dean's list for the 2022 fall semester. The list is composed of full-time undergraduate students who earn a grade-point average of 3.4 or higher on a four-point system.

Gabrick's parents are Mr. Michael and Mrs. Elizabeth Gabrick.

Furman is a private, undergraduate liberal arts and sciences university of 2,700 students in Greenville, S.C. The university is noted for its rigorous academic program and strong faculty, and its 750-acre campus is widely recognized as one of the most beautiful in the nation. Learn more at furman.edu/furman-advantage.

Sheridan Public Library has full February calendar

Submitted

The Sheridan Public Library, 103 W. 1st St., has all sorts of fun activities available for all ages this month. See the list below and visit sheridan.lib.in.us for more information. Support your local library!

Babies + Toddlers

• Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23 at 11 a.m.: Discovery Time (ages 0-2)

Preschool

• Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24 at 11 a.m.: Storytime with Wynn (ages 3-6)

Grades K-5

• Feb. 8 at 4 p.m.: Building Club
• Feb. 15 at 4 p.m.: Comic Club
• Feb. 22 at 4 p.m.: Art Club

Grades 6-12

• Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23 at 4 p.m.: D+D Club
• Feb. 9 at 6 p.m.: Fake Artist Game
• Feb. 23 at 6 p.m.: Seed Bombs

Adults

• Feb. 7, 21 at 1:30 p.m.: Euchre Club
• Feb. 9 at 6 p.m.: Fake Artist Game

• Feb. 15 at 5:30 p.m.: Sheridan Readers Book Club: Book- Along the Red Dirt Road by Jane Yearout
• Feb. 20 at 6 p.m.: Pinners
• Feb. 23 at 6 p.m.: Seed Bombs

All Ages

• Feb. 4 at 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Take Your Child to The Library Day – Activities + QR Adventure
• Feb. 10 at 6 p.m.: Family Valentine's Day Party
• Feb. 11 at 6 p.m.: Winter Concert Series: Hunter Wainscott-sponsored by United Animal Health. Tickets: \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door
• Feb. 17 at 6 p.m.: Bingo Night
• Feb. 24 at 6 p.m.: Family Game Night
"All the Feels" Winter Reading Program is for all ages and runs through Feb. 28. Sign up today at sheridan.beanstack.org.

For more information on programming and services, please visit sheridan.lib.in.us.

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Hot concert at the Palladium!

Full house for CSO & Serpentine Fire on ‘Saturday Nite’ because . . . ‘Reasons’



Carmel Symphony Orchestra and Serpentine Fire performed to a sold-out crowd at the Palladium in Carmel on Saturday night. Reporter photos by Stu Clappitt



Reporter photo by Stu Clappitt
Dawn Lewis (left) and Gelone Broadnax were having so much fun celebrating Broadnax’s birthday at the show that we just had to get a picture.



(Above left) One of the statues at Carter Green clearly had a rough week. Don’t worry . . . damage to the statue’s trombone in no way impacted the quality of Saturday night’s concert. (Above center) The show included a trombone solo from this member of the Carmel Symphony Orchestra. (Above right) CSO Artistic Director Janna Hymes seemed to enjoy the show as much as the audience. Reporter photos by Stu Clappitt

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Nick For Noblesville campaign kicks off with great friends & great food

Photos provided

Nick Gomillion's campaign for an At-Large spot on the Noblesville Common Council kicked off on Sunday at BlueSky Commerce, 350 Westfield Road, Suite 400, Noblesville. Many friends and supporters came out to celebrate the start of the campaign. Learn more about the candidate at NickForNoblesville.com.

New TCU branch coming to Westfield

The REPORTER

Construction of a new TCU branch is underway in Westfield. Located at 45 W. Tournament Trail, the new branch is part of the Spring Mill Centre complex that is currently under development at the corner of State Road 32 and Spring Mill Road.

TCU's newest location will feature the latest banking technologies, including Live Video Tellers (ITMs) in the drive-up and a self-service coin machine. This is the second TCU branch to open in the area in as many years, as the new Carmel Drive branch opened last spring at 635 E. Carmel Drive.

"We are excited to add our newest location in Westfield and to be able to provide greater convenience for our members in this community," said Nicole Alcorn, chief member experience officer at TCU. "The new branch is centrally located to provide easy access and enhanced amenities for our members in the Westfield area. Plus, I think our members will appreciate the design of our new location, the branch is going to be beautiful and will provide an ideal setting to serve their banking needs."

The new Westfield branch is expected to be completed by late summer

Rendering provided

of 2023 and open to members soon thereafter. This new location will replace the branch currently located at 144 W. Main St. in Westfield.

About Teachers Credit Union

Teachers Credit Union (TCU) is Indiana's largest credit union with nearly \$5 billion in assets, over 50 branches throughout Indiana and southwest Michigan, and more than 300,000 members. TCU offers traditional financial services including checking, savings, mortgages, and credit cards, as well as non-traditional services such as investments. Since its founding in 1931, TCU has focused on making a positive impact on its members and the community. For more information about TCU, visit tcunet.com.

Letter to the Editor

Shaffer: Police data shows no change in traffic accidents after roundabouts

Dear Editor:

The planned bilking of Carmel taxpayers came to light last month in an unusual way.

Asked to see the data and final report taxpayers paid \$120,000 to compile, the Carmel director of community relations let slip the secret many had suspected for years.

Denying the request, the director wrote, "as a private contractor, the data sources (it) used is proprietary and not available to the public."

"This is one of the reasons we contracted with them, because they can get access to data that we cannot."

So, after more than two years and \$120,000 of taxpayer money, the city put out a press release filled with unverifiable claims, no empirical evidence and a legal stonewall preventing an average citizen from having access to data.

The study was to have documented cost benefits from roundabouts.

Fortunately, police traffic statistics are data to which we have access, and they prove virtually no change in traffic accident, injuries or deaths since before the first roundabout was built a generation ago.

No wonder we can't see the data. No data to see.

Bill Shaffer
Carmel

Letter to the Editor

Fishers One offers advice to new HSE school board members

Dear Editor:

Congratulations to our four new school board members. The community is glad you are here.

In the recent election, our four new board members earned 57.4 percent of all the votes cast in the four districts combined. This is no small feat. When the district seats were last up before the voters, the board members who were also on this year's ballot took home fewer than half the votes in their districts combined, so 57 percent of the vote is significant.

It's been nearly 40 years since a President was elected with a larger percentage of the popular vote – Ronald Reagan in 1984. In the 52 gubernatorial elections in Indiana going back 200 years, there have only been four candidates to do so.

The message is clear. Voters want a school district focused on serving the educational needs of our students. They do not want a district board or administration focused on social or political agendas, special interests or gaslighting.

In the coming months and years, a continual parade of groups is sure to come before this board – or work behind the scenes in efforts to exert influence. Many of them will be pushing agendas that also benefit them financially in some way, be it construction projects, consulting contracts or whatever. What you will typically not see is the parent. Most parents do not dream of spending their day involved in engaging the education bureaucracy to keep it focused and accountable for making sure limited resources are used to deliver a quality education.

You see, in the education of a child, the school has a specific, but limited, role. Parents are in charge of the education of their kids, and it goes well beyond the classroom. Things taught around the dinner table and in the car. Making observations and hearing their thoughts when out and about. Teaching your children through life experiences. Schools are invited to come alongside parents, focusing on core subjects one needs to master. But somewhere along the line many in the education industry – and yes, it is an industry – have come to believe that these roles are reversed, with the parents supposed to come alongside the school in whatever agenda the school sets.

Obviously, many disagree.

As you settle in as new board members, remember that most of the people you hear from will be seeking something that is of benefit ... to THEM. Sure, some things will benefit students as well, but student needs can be used as a pseudo-justification for the reallocation of limited resources in ways that just so happen to further the goals of the adults lobbying you.

The community has witnessed what has been occurring in our district these past several years and they have awoken – and spoken. Every district seat on the board has been filled with a newly elected representative. Every district. Thank you for the sacrifices in time, family, and work that you will be putting in, and have already put in, in an effort to give the members of this community a voice. If you see fewer parents at board meetings in the months ahead, do not take it as a lack of interest – take it as a sign of trust. Where the schools do their part, and parents can focus on the remaining part of our children's educations, the part that takes place outside of school.

I am sure that there will be those who will try to make you believe that you are outliers representing a minority viewpoint. I can assure you that if you stay true to the platform you ran on, you are not. The voters were clear on that.

Shannon Fields
Fishers One

Letter to the Editor

Aasen to state legislators: Respect home rule on regulating puppy mills

Dear Editor:

I'm writing today to urge the Indiana State Legislature to pump the brakes on [Senate Bill 134](#) and [House Bill 1121](#). Both pieces of legislation – written by out-of-state business interests focused on profits over the wellbeing of living creatures – would undermine local ordinances regarding the responsible breeding of cats and dogs and the commercial sale of pets in stores.

I serve on the Carmel City Council and I believe one of my duties as an elected public servant is to protect those without a voice. Cats and dogs cannot speak for themselves and I believe it's morally wrong to abuse, neglect or mistreat these animal companions.

In response to weak and vague state laws, [I led the charge on a local level](#) to strengthen Carmel's animal cruelty laws, creating new penalties for owners who leave pets outside in extreme heat or cold. We also cracked down on irresponsible breeders within our city limits. These are breeders who breed too many animals in a small residential space or keep animals in unacceptable conditions.

I knew this was a moral issue. Back when I was a newspaper reporter, I personally visited a puppy mill as police seized dozens of malnourished dogs. They had matted fur and the stench was horrible. No living creature deserves to live in such cramped, unclean facilities.

But this was also a neighborhood issue and a financial issue. In Carmel, residents don't want to live 10 feet away from a home with up to 20 breeding females and perhaps up to 100 dogs (when you consider males and puppies). That's a business and does not belong in a home.

Furthermore, excess breeding of cats and dogs contributes to more strays on the street and overcrowding at the local animal shelter. And every cat and dog that's picked up or brought to the shelter costs the taxpayer. The taxpayer pays for the initial housing, feeding and care of these animals. The taxpayers are the one who take on the significant financial burden of irresponsible breeding, not the breeders.

The proposed state laws would undo more than a dozen local ordinances that prohibit commercial cat/dog sales in pet stores. By undoing these laws, you'd be taking away local control. Local issues should be decided by local politicians. More importantly, you'd be causing harm to these communities by not understanding why these bans are put into place.

Here in Carmel, we do not have a single pet store that sells cats and dogs in our city limits. Major retail chains like Petco or PetSmart offer pet adoption instead, and, I'd add, they do quite well financially selling food, medications, supplies and toys.

Previously, we had an ordinance on the books that any pet store that sells cats or dogs can only purchase them from breeders that comply with our local breeding laws. While that sounds good on paper, it would be nearly impossible to enforce. Pet stores source their animals from numerous breeders, many of which are located hours away or across state lines. Paperwork from each breeder can be inaccurate and it would create an undue burden on our local animal control officers or code enforcement to travel and inspect these facilities. Inevitably, we'd end up looking the other way. Since we had no pet stores selling cats or dogs, we took the preemptive action and outlawed the practice before a problem could occur. The vast majority of our Republican-controlled city council voted in support of the ordinance.

I want to be clear: I'm not anti-breeder. In fact, I purchased my 11-year-old Shiba Inu from a reputable breeder. Breeders have a place, but they should follow local laws. They shouldn't be jamming an insane number of animals into a small space. That's no life for an animal and it creates a supply of animals that the public can't support, leading to overflowing shelters and, in some cases, euthanasia.

There was no summer study committee on this topic and it feels like this legislation has been rushed before the issue can truly be studied and understood by our state legislators. In fact, there was a lot of confusion by committee members about what the law would actually do. Some laws take years to pass. Why does this law need to be fast tracked?

Whether you personally agree with it or not, cities are well within their right to regulate local businesses. This is no different from a local smoking ban at bars and restaurants. We do not need state laws to undo our local ordinances.

My ask is this: Let local governments continue to make local decisions that affect local budgets and local communities. Please respect home rule.

For some Indiana communities, residents would not support laws regarding cats and dogs similar to Carmel's. That's perfectly fine. Let each county or city make their own rules based on the wishes, desires and needs of their community.

There's no need to rush this legislation. Please consider shelving this matter this session so it can be discussed further. Thank you for your time.

Adam Aasen
Carmel City Council
Southeast District

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Centier Bank donates \$5K to make lasting impact for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana

The REPORTER

Centier Bank made a \$5,000 community donation to **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana** to help support the organization's 2022 programs and events. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana serves more than 1,280 youth annually ages 8 to 18 in Hamilton, Johnson, and Marion counties.

The organization partners with parents/caregivers, volunteers, schools, and the donors in the community to defend, ignite, and empower the potential of every child it serves. The Big Brothers Big Sisters mission is to create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth.

Caitlin Bain, Chief Development Officer for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana, said the partnership with Centier Bank made a powerful impact on Central Indiana youth in 2022, as the organization returned to in-person activities for the first time in nearly three years.

"Centier Bank proudly joined Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana



Members of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana accept a check presented by Scott Norman (center) and Troy Kafka (right center) of Centier Bank.

as an Apex Sponsor at 'The Main Event,' our largest annual fundraising event of the year, which raised close to \$350,000 to create more one-to-one mentoring relationships and programming to help youth thrive," Bain said. "BBBSCI is immensely grateful for partners like Centier Bank who stand with us and the hundreds of young people actively waiting for a mentor. Thank you to Centier Bank for making this event such a success. We look forward to partnering with Centier Bank in

2023 as we work together to create a brighter future for the youth of central Indiana through long-term sustainable impact."

Scott Norman, Vice President of Business Banking at Centier Bank, serves as a board member for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana. Norman said he's very proud to represent two organizations that work hard to enrich lives in the community and looks forward to a continued partnership in 2023.

"Centier Bank is a true

community bank that is committed to supporting organizations that create opportunities and lasting impact," Norman said. "Big Brothers Big Sisters makes these opportunities imaginable, and it's wonderful to witness their team provide resources for their Littles, ensuring that they feel welcome, safe, and heard."

For more information about Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana, go to bebigforkids.org. For more information about Centier Bank, go to centier.com.

Peggy Louise Sowers June 10, 1934 – January 28, 2023

Peggy Louise Sowers, 88, Arcadia, passed away on Saturday, January 28, 2023, at home surrounded by her family. She was born June 10, 1934, to Orlen and Nellie (VanMeter) Whicker.

Peggy had worked in several factories, but later in life she became a homemaker, mom, grandma and GiGi, the role she enjoyed the most.

She graduated from Jackson Central High School in 1953 and married Eddie Sowers in October of that same year. He preceded her in death, along with her parents, a son, David, and her brothers, Billy Whicker, Richard VanMeter, and Max VanMeter.

Peggy enjoyed time with her family, coloring, painting, and being outside in her flower gardens.

She is survived by her children, Rick (Joyce) Sowers, Susan (Paul) Roney, Lori (Kevin) Anderson, and Jamie (Tina) Sowers, all of Arcadia; and a sister, Dixie Davis, also of Arcadia. Additional survivors include her grandchildren, Michelle, Mike, Shannon (Carl), Dustin (Lisa), Nikki, Jessica (Dayton), Kelly (Jon), Abby (Jarrett), Austin (Dakota), and Eric; plus great-grandchildren, Arianna, Ahylaina, Kaylee, Brenton, Landyn, Amelia, Charley, Charlotte, Denver, Easton, Lakelynn, Hendrix, and Alora.

Funeral services will be held at noon on Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at the Cicero Seventh Day Adventist Church, 24445 State Road 19, Cicero, with Pastor Aaron Clark officiating. Burial will follow at Cicero Cemetery. A time of visitation will be from 10 a.m. until time of the services.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cicero Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Hartley Funeral Homes Cicero Chapel is entrusted with Mrs. Sowers' care. You may send condolences at hartley-funeralhomes.com.

David James Tozer July 1, 1964 – January 28, 2023

David James Tozer, 58, Fishers, passed away on Saturday, January 28, 2023, at Grand Brook Memory Care of Fishers. He was born on July 1, 1964, to the late Rev. Dr. James and Vivian (Cooper) Tozer in Lafayette, Ind.

David graduated from West Lafayette Senior High School in 1982. As a boy, he enjoyed spending summers at the family cottage on Glen Lake in Michigan. David's first jobs included dishwasher and stock boy in Glen Arbor, Mich. He also had very fond memories of working with the stadium grounds crew and selling sodas at Purdue football games.

After high school, David attended Purdue University, graduating in 1987 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology. His college experience included a three-semester co-op in Muncie, Ind., working at a transmission plant.

David's first job out of college was with ITW Ransburg, where he worked for three years traveling across the country as an Electrostatic Finishing Engineer. In 1991, he began working for Endress & Hauser as an Instrument Engineer, providing technical support to the sales team across the country.

In 1996, David found his professional home with Cornerstone Controls. He spent his first three years doing customer installation support. From there, David moved to the engineering department working on hardware design for process control systems, specializing in legacy control system retrofit designs for implementation. David enjoyed a rewarding 21-year career with Cornerstone, leaving in 2017 due to the onset of a long-term disability.

David was very active and had many hobbies and activities; photography; a spring/fall camping group; competitive mountain biking, racing and training; kayaking around the Manitou Islands; racing cars; music; and competition water skiing. He was a member of the Hoosier Mountain Bike Association and enjoyed working on his 1991 Lincoln Mark VII, 1978 Toyota FJ, and 1992 Nissan 300ZX. In every endeavor, David befriended himself to all those around him.

David is survived by his sister, Lynn (Bob) Frederick; nieces, Laura Frederick, Rebekah (Davis) Grimes, and Anna Frederick; and his beloved Great Dane, Luther.

His family especially recognizes the support of his friends, caregivers, and other professionals over the past several months. They have each expressed their love and honor for him that gave him hope and encouragement.

Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m., with services at 11 a.m., on Saturday, February 4, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Burial will follow at 2:30 p.m. at Tippecanoe Memory Gardens in West Lafayette.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60631 (alz.org/indiana).

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Thanks for reading, Hamilton County!

Meeting Notices

<p>The Noblesville Housing Authority has released its meeting schedule for 2023. Meetings will be held at 6 p.m. at the Noblesville Housing Authority Office 320 Kings Lane, Noblesville.</p> <table><tr><td>Feb. 28</td><td>March 28</td></tr><tr><td>April 25</td><td>May 30</td></tr><tr><td>June 20</td><td>July 25</td></tr><tr><td>Aug. 29</td><td>Sept. 27</td></tr><tr><td>Oct. 24</td><td>Nov. 28</td></tr></table>	Feb. 28	March 28	April 25	May 30	June 20	July 25	Aug. 29	Sept. 27	Oct. 24	Nov. 28	<p>The Noblesville Wastewater Council Committee will meet on the following dates in 2023. Meetings will be held at 1:30 p.m. in the administration conference room at the Utility Office, 197 Washington St., Noblesville, unless otherwise noted.</p> <table><tr><td>March 2</td><td>May 25</td></tr><tr><td>Aug. 17</td><td>Nov. 16</td></tr></table>	March 2	May 25	Aug. 17	Nov. 16
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<p>The Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation Board of Education will meet in an executive session from 5:15 to 8:45 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 6, 2023, in the Administration Center, 1806 W. State Road 234, Fortville, for the following purpose(s) in accordance with I.C.5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(3) For discussion of the assessment, design, and implementation of school safety and security measures, plans, and systems.</p>	<p>Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5(a) the Hamilton County Community Corrections Advisory Board will meet to discuss agency business at noon on Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023, at Hamilton County Community Corrections, 18104 Cumberland Road, Noblesville.</p>														
<p>The Hamilton East Public Library Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023, to discuss the job performance evaluation of a specific employee as authorized by IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9). The Board will hold a special meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023, in the Second Floor Program Room of the Noblesville Library at 1 Library Plaza, Noblesville, to discuss and/or approve 1.) issuing an RFP for fabrication of exhibit materials for the expanded Indiana Room/Crossroads Discovery Center and 2.) issuing an RFP for Strategic Planning and 3.) the volunteer process for Request for Reconsideration appeals.</p>	<p>The Cicero Town Council will hold its annual retreat meetings at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 7 and Tuesday, Feb. 21, and at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023. The Feb. 7 and 21 retreats will be held at Cicero Town Hall, 70 N. Byron St., Cicero. The Feb. 11 retreat will be held at the Cicero Police Department, 70 S. Byron St., Cicero.</p>														
	<p>TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold its monthly joint Capital & Construction Committee and Board of Trustees meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 6, 2023, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.</p>														
	<p>The Noblesville Housing Authority will hold its annual meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 13, 2023, at the Noblesville Housing Authority Office, 320 Kings Lane, Noblesville.</p>														

Yvonne Estelle Tidd

April 24, 1934 – January 27, 2023



Yvonne Estelle Tidd, 88, Westfield, formerly of Nashville, Ind., passed away on Friday morning, January 27, 2023, at her home with her daughters by her side. Born on April 24, 1934, in Clinton, Iowa, she was the daughter of Llewellyn E. Slade and Violetta E. (Pietscher) Slade Cox.

Yvonne attended Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts where she obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Technical Journalism. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. She served in a variety of roles: Journalist, Gift Store Manager, Child Welfare Advocate and Senior Care Advocate. She retired from the Brown County Health and Living Community where she was the Activities Director and Social Worker.

Yvonne had many passions and interests. Her primary love was for Jesus Christ, her Lord and Savior. She loved dogs, cats, and all animals. She was a teddy bear collector. She loved gardening. Yvonne sewed and painted. She loved the arts and music. She was involved with various aspects of community theater. She played the piano. She was a life-long learner and an insatiable reader. Her favorite book was the Bible. She had an incredible mind and kept it sharp by doing word search puzzles, regular puzzles and playing BINGO and reading articles on her GrandPad. She watched a variety of television and news shows, viewing them through her journalistic eye for quality and the truth. She communicated love in many ways – she was known for saying “Love You More.” One of her heart languages was to love through giving. She was very generous with her time, talents, and treasures.

Yvonne is survived by her loving daughters; Lauren Elizabeth Simmons of Ontario, Calif., Leslie Anne Tidd of Noblesville, and Lynne Allison (Danny) Coverdale, of Westfield; five grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, five beloved fur grandbabies, and two beloved fur great-grandbabies.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Charles “Kim” Tidd, to whom she was married from December 17, 1955, until his death on April 4, 2011, and one son-in-law, Kenneth Simmons.

The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, February 3 at the Bond-Mitchell Funeral Home, 1682 State Road 135 North, Nashville, Ind. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery in Nashville. Friends may visit the family at the funeral home on Friday from noon to 2 p.m.

If one chooses to send flowers, please make them in the form of daisies, her favorite flower.

Memorial contributions may be given to any one of the following organizations that are near and dear to Yvonne’s heart: The Brown County Humane Society: 128 S .State Road 135, Nashville, IN 47448; Humane Society for Hamilton County: 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038; Salvation Army Church of Nashville, 168 S. Jefferson St. N., Nashville, IN 47448; TRIAD, P.O. Box 95, Nashville, IN 47448; or Brown County Volunteer Fire Department, 231 E. Main St., Nashville, IN 47448.

Online condolences may be given at BondMitchellFuneralHome.com where the funeral service will be livestreamed as well.

Danette Renee Deardorf

May 27, 1966 – January 31, 2023



Danette Renee Deardorf, 56, passed away on January 31, 2023, after a brief illness. Danette was born on May 27, 1966, in Tucson, Ariz., to Eldon and Joan Deardorf. Danette was the youngest of five children, all daughters.

Although challenged with Down syndrome, her family never let that limit her potential. While it is true she was a special needs daughter, she was not treated differently than her sisters. She attended school, participated in sports, had a rich social life with many friends, and was very popular.

From Tucson, she moved to Dayton, Ohio, with her family in 1972. In 1984, Danette moved with Joan and Eldon to Indiana. She attended Bona Vista in Kokomo. She later moved to Noblesville with Joan and Eldon, and most recently, to Westfield with her sister Margaret.

The happiest period of her life was the decades she spent at Janus Developmental Services in Noblesville. She learned many valuable skills, made lasting friends, and gained an enduring sense of purpose. She was close to the talented, kind, and loving staff there.

Her specialty was painting, and she also contributed to many varied work projects, including working at the courthouse in Noblesville. She took part in many of the enrichment activities promoted by Janus, such as music, field trips, and art projects.

Her spirited and spunky personality brought joy, love, and laughter to all those who knew her. She will be greatly missed.

In addition to her mother, Joan, Danette is survived by her sisters, Joanne, Cathy, Margaret, and Andrea, as well as many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Eldon.

Visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m., with Mass at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St., Noblesville, IN 46060.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Danette’s most “happy place,” Janus Developmental Services, 1555 Westfield Road, Noblesville, IN 46062 (janus-inc.org).

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TODAY’S BIBLE READING

Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God’s people. And they sang a new song, saying:

“You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.”

Revelation 5:6-10 (NIV)

Michael W. Ogden

June 5, 1967 – January 28, 2023

Michael W. Ogden, 55, Indianapolis, passed away on Saturday, January 28, 2023, at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis. He was born on June 5, 1967, to the late Kenneth and Judith (Cartmell) Ogden in Indianapolis.



Michael previously worked for a non-profit organization for HIV/AIDS patients in Fredericksburg, Va. He loved music and going to concerts. Michael was an avid movie buff who

enjoyed life.

He is survived by his brother, Steven (Toni) Ogden; uncles and aunts, Dennis (Jeanie) Ogden, Richard (Kathy) Ogden, Patricia (Chris) Johnson, and Keith (Jennifer) Ogden; and his cousins, Chet (Mary Ann) Blanton and Jennie Rose.

Private family services will be held.

Memorial contributions may be made to Indiana AIDS Fund, Inc., 429 E. Vermont St., Suite 400, Indianapolis, IN 46202 (indianaaidfund.org).

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Basketball—

University boys keep Bishop Chatard at bay

The REPORTER

The Class 2A No. 5 University boys improved to 13-1 on the season with an impressive 67-51 win at Bishop Chatard.

The Trailblazers pulled away from a two-point game early in the fourth quarter to close the contest on a 23-9 run.

Sabien Cain led University with 24 points and a team-high six rebounds. The Trailblazers had four players in double figures with Kahmi Bracey (13 points), Andre Ozlowski (12) and Seth Hogg (10) pacing the way.

The first quarter was a back-and-forth affair with University taking the lead at 12-11 with 50 seconds left when Bracey stole the ball and converted a traditional three-point play. University never trailed in the game.

The teams started slow in the second quarter. The only points scored in the first three minutes of the period were a pair of traditional three-point plays by Cain. The Blazers scored

nine points in the last 1:45 of the half to turn a 19-14 lead in to a 28-16 halftime advantage. Bracey started the run before Hogg scored the last seven points of the half including a buzzer beating three-pointer from the right sideline.

Chatard outplayed the Blazers in the third quarter, scoring 23 points in the period to pull within 41-39 when Kenny Roseman hit an off balance three pointer at the buzzer. Cain converted another three-point play early in the fourth off some great ball movement that saw Bryce Gray feed Ozlowski who found Cain at the rim. Chatard answered with a three pointer to pull within 44-42 with 7:20 left but it was all Blazers after that.

A basket by Ozlowski and another three-point play by Bracey pushed the leased to seven. Cain got the lead up to 11 with two consecutive three-point baskets and University cruised home to the win.

Coach Brandon Laffer-man was ecstatic with his

UNIVERSITY 67, BISHOP CHATARD 51				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Kahmi Bracey	5	2-2	13	2
Robert Russell	1	0-0	2	0
Sabien Cain	9	3-3	24	1
Andre Ozlowski	4	4-6	12	2
Seth Hogg	3	2-2	10	3
Bryce Gray	3	0-0	6	1
Zien Bland	0	0-0	0	0
Steven Scott	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	25	11-13	67	10
Score by Quarters				
University	12	16	13	26-67
Bishop Chatard	11	5	23	12-51
University 3-pointers (6) Cain 3, Hogg 2, Bracey 1.				
University rebounds (21) Cain 6, Bracey 4, Ozlowski 4, Russell 3, Gray 2, Hogg 1, Scott 1.				

team's performance. "It's always tough to win on the road especially against a team as good and disciplined as Chatard. I thought our first half was solid. The third quarter was rough as Chatard made some really good adjustments. I challenged our guys before we went out in the fourth quarter to be mentally tough and find a way. We closed with one of the best quarters we had all year. It was a great team effort. Sabien and An-

dre made some big plays in the fourth quarter to help us win."

Bracey had a team-high four steals while Cain, Ozlowski, Bracey and Gray each handed out three assists. University shot 25 of 51 from the field.

University is next in action Thursday night at The U Center when they host Traders Point Christian Academy. The Knights will bring a 12-4 record in to the game.

IBCA girls basketball poll – Week of Jan. 30

Rank	School	Points	Record
1	South Bend Washington (20)	400	23-0
2	Noblesville	351	21-3
3	Hamilton Southeastern	342	20-2
4	Fishers	335	20-2
5	Zionsville	309	19-2
6	Bedford North Lawrence	307	20-3
7	Columbia City	271	20-2
8	Fort Wayne Northrop	264	19-3
9	Twin Lakes	222	23-0
10	Indian Creek	174	22-1
11	Center Grove	162	18-4
12	Homestead	148	16-5
13	Evansville Memorial	142	23-1
14	Fort Wayne Snider	138	18-4
15	Lake Central	135	18-5
16	Valparaiso	90	20-2
17	Warsaw	88	17-5
18	Warren Central	65	15-6
19	Northridge	56	19-5
20	Norwell	50	19-3

First place votes are in parentheses.

Other schools receiving votes, with records
Andrean (21-3), Ben Davis (14-9), Brownsburg (14-9), Cascade (20-2), Central Noble (21-2), Corydon Central (21-2), Fairfield (22-2), Forest Park (19-3), Fort Wayne Carroll (14-7) Franklin Community (15-5), Huntington North (18-4), Jay County (22-1), Jennings County (16-5), Lanesville (22-2), Mishawaka Marian (19-5), Mooresville (17-6), North Central-Farmersburg (17-5), North Central-Indianapolis (8-14), North Knox (23-1).

IBCA boys basketball poll – Week of Jan. 30

Rank	School	Points	Record
1	Ben Davis (20)	400	22-0
2	Penn	379	16-1
3	Center Grove	344	16-1
4	Cathedral	330	13-3
5	Brownsburg	328	16-2
6	Hammond Central	278	17-1
7	Kokomo	276	14-4
8	New Palestine	246	15-0
9	Carmel	230	11-6
10	NorthWood	219	14-2
11	Mishawaka Marian	195	16-2
12	Linton-Stockton	171	17-1
13	Jennings County	152	15-1
14	Greenfield-Central	146	15-1
15	Lawrence North	119	12-3
16	Blackhawk Christian	73	15-3
17	Homestead	50	15-4
18	Zionsville	34	10-6
19	Noblesville	28	12-5
20	Norwell	25	15-2

First place votes are in parentheses.

Other schools receiving votes, with records
Anderson (14-3), Bloomington North (11-3), Brownstown Central (13-4), Chesterton (12-4), Crispus Attucks (11-6) Harrison (14-2), Lake Station Edison (14-1), Lawrence Central (11-6), Munster (15-2), North Daviess (16-3), Oak Hill (14-2), Scottsburg (14-2), South Spencer (16-1), Southport (13-5), Tippecanoe Valley (13-3), University (12-1), Wapahani (15-1), Warren Central (9-9), Westfield (10-5).

Guerin Catholic girls fall to Bishop Chatard in tough overtime game

The REPORTER

The Guerin Catholic girls basketball were dealt a tough loss in the first round of Class 3A Sectional 27 at Brebeuf Jesuit on Tuesday.

The Golden Eagles fell to Bishop Chatard in overtime, 45-43. Guerin Catholic got off to a good start, leading 10-4 after one quarter. Megan Cobb scored six points. The Trojans came back, allowing GC only one point in the second period (an Annie Murphy free throw), and Chatard led 13-11 at halftime.

In the third quarter, the Golden Eagles poured in 16 points to jump back ahead, 27-25. Natalie Fernandez took over the game, scoring nine points in that period. The Trojans came back to tie the game at 35-35 at the end of regulation, and edged out Guerin Catholic 10-8 in the extra period.


Fernandez had an outstanding game, finishing with 20 points, including three 3-pointers. Cobb had 14 points.

The Golden Eagles finished their season 8-15.


BISHOP CHATARD 45, GUERIN CATHOLIC 43 (overtime)				
Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ava Bills	1	0	3	5
Natalie Fernandez	7	3	20	0
Annie Murphy	1	1	3	1
Megan Cobb	6	2	14	4
Caitlyn Sharpe	0	0	0	2
Reagan Haines	0	1	1	3
Sutton Worman	0	0	0	3
Kori Dues	1	0	2	1
Totals	16	7	43	19
Score by Quarters				
Guerin Catholic	10	1	16	8
Bishop Chatard	4	9	12	10
Guerin Catholic 3-pointers (4) Fernandez 3, Bills.				



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| Boys Junior Varsity | HCTV Sports
7:30 pm Mt Vernon (Fortville) vs **Noblesville**
| Boys Varsity | HCTV Sports
7:30 pm **Fishers** at **Westfield**
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Friday, Feb 3, Girls Basketball
6:00 pm Class 4A Sectional 8
| **Fishers** vs **Noblesville** | HCTV Sports
7:45 pm Class 4A Sectional 8
| Zionsville vs **Hamilton Southeastern** | HCTV Sports

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Sectional 24 at Hamilton Heights
Delta vs. Frankton, 6 p.m.
New Castle vs. Yorktown, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 2
BOYS BASKETBALL
Carmel at Lawrence North, 7:30 p.m.
Fishers at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.
Franklin Central at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Frankton, 7:30 p.m.
Herron at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.
Mount Vernon at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING SECTIONAL PRELIMS
University at West Lafayette, 5:30 p.m.
Guerin Catholic, Noblesville, Westfield at Carmel, 6 p.m.
Hamilton Heights, Hamilton Southeastern at Fishers, 6 p.m.
GYMNASTICS
Fishers at Shelbyville (with Franklin Central), 6 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 3
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Sectional 8 at Noblesville
Noblesville vs. Fishers, 6 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern vs. Zionsville, 7:45 p.m.
Sectional 24 at Hamilton Heights
Hamilton Heights vs. Jay County, 6 p.m.
Delta-Frankton winner vs.
New Castle-Yorktown winner, 7:30 p.m.
Sectional 43 at University
University vs. Sheridan, 6 p.m.
Park Tudor vs. Covenant Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 4
BOYS BASKETBALL
Guerin Catholic at North Central, 2:30 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Winchester, 2:30 p.m.
University at Heritage Christian, 2:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Sectional 8 at Noblesville
Championship, 7:30 p.m.
Sectional 24 at Hamilton Heights
Championship, 7:30 p.m.
Sectional 43 at University
Championship, 7:30 p.m.
GYMNASTICS
Westfield at Rushville Invitational, noon
Noblesville at Lafayette Jefferson Invitational, 12:30 p.m.
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Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Sheridan, Westfield at North Montgomery, 8 a.m.
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