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## HAPPY ENDING

Of course, like many things, I've seen some naysayers online about Mr. Dunn and his programs. I can only tell you what I experienced, and it was overall positive. I liked that I could learn a little at a time and go at my own pace. The site also features a lot of helpful forums where you can either find answers to your questions or post new ones to get answers.

The Locator Club can give you a variety of options for how to find your birth parents or child. You can start with the agency that took care of your adoption, which is one of the options I chose. The club talks about many non-profits that help with reunions as well. I did not go in depth with any of these, so all I can say is to proceed with caution and make certain if you go this route that it is legitimate.

State registries, while somewhat of a long shot at reuniting people, can still be helpful. In my case, if I had simply registered with the correct state, I could've found my birth father a bit faster.

I never researched private investigators, but this is an option as well.

I'm sure that all adoptees feel dif-

ferently about their birth parents. Some have no desire to find them, as I did before I had children. Some just want non-identifying info or medical records. Others want names and basic information. Still others want to know as much as possible.

I simply wanted whatever the Lord had planned for me. And, oh, He has given me so much! Since 2017, I have:

1. Traveled twice with my birth father, Jack – once to New York City and once to Boston.
2. Met my birth mother, Linda, while in New York City.
3. Met both of my half-sisters on Jack's side in the fall of 2019. We are now friends! We text, send Christmas cards, and enjoy seeing photos of our families on Facebook. They are delightful women.
4. Officially claimed Jack as both my mentor and dear friend.



Photo provided by Amy Shankland

The look on my face says it all during my trip to New York City in 2017 with my birth father, Jack. We had a great time!

To tell you that Jack and Linda are my birthparents; that I am friends with them; that I've met Jack face-to-face; and that I communicate regularly with them is nothing short – to me – of a miracle. My story isn't over, and who knows how it will end, but I thank God regularly that I took that first step years ago. I would not change a thing.

## BOOK

"Students have valuable skill sets at every age and this is an example of a fun and creative project to demonstrate just that," Morris said of this positive and rewarding learning experience. "No matter what

direction Ryan goes, he became a published author in the second grade. Lu became a published illustrator at age 18. It's all about looking for opportunities for successes and achievements throughout the PreK to Post-Secondary education journey which can have a significant lifelong impact."

The first of the three books, *The Monsters of Math Plan a Party*, has been printed and is available on Amazon. A special book launch and signing to meet the authors and illustrator is set for 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 21 at Hamilton Heights Elementary School's Media Center on State Road 19. Enter through Door A. Here you can learn more about their unique stories and how these Huskies used their talents today to produce this new book series. Copies of this book will be available. The event is sponsored by the Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation.

The next two books in the series, *The Monsters of Math Host of Fishing Derby* and *The Monsters of Math Go on a Hike*, are expected to be available in the months ahead. The math skills and stories are intended to sup-

port parents, teachers, and students understand the importance of applying math skills within everyday decisions in grades 2 through 5. These books have been written to be read in any order.

### About the Authors

**THERESA MORRIS** is the founder and CEO of MPASS Education. Prior to starting her own business, Morris was with Stanford University as a Mathematics Performance Assessment Developer at the Stanford Center for Assessment, Learning, and Equity (SCALE).

A 1988 graduate of Hamilton Heights High School, she brings over 30 years of experience including classroom teaching, district administrator, and consultant for CTB, Smarter Balanced, Discovery Education, and College Board as an item architect, item writer, and author of performance tasks.

The focus of her recent work has been supporting state and district level development of high-quality performance assessment systems for the purposes of true accountability. She is a lead facilitator in supporting state and local educational networks in building balanced assessment systems that include the use of per-

formance assessments.


**RYAN REED**, a second grader at Hamilton Heights Elementary School, is a promising storyteller. From a young age, Reed's tremendous creativity and imagination has fascinated family and friends with his stories of monsters and heroes.

Theresa Morris, fondly known as "Aunt T," helped transform Reed's stories into a series of short children's books and educational resources for children and their families to enjoy.

### About the Illustrator

**LU HUBBELL**, a December 2022 graduate of Hamilton Heights High School, is an award-winning student artist. Throughout middle and high school, Hubbell was active in art club and participated in a number of community art projects including helping to design and paint a building mural and crosswalk in Arcadia.

Hubbell is currently taking classes at Ivy Tech and plans to study graphic design and marketing in the fall to pursue a career in advertising and designing packaging and logos. *The Monsters of Math Plan a Party* is Hubbell's first illustrated children's book.




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's own Morgan Peters earns semester honors at University of Wisconsin

### The REPORTER

The University of Wisconsin-Green Bay has released the names of undergraduate students receiving honors for fall 2022 semester academic achievement.

Morgan Peters of Noblesville earned semester honors.

Students who earn a 4.0 grade-point average, which represents all "A" grades, receive highest honors. High honors go to students earning 3.99 to 3.75 grade point averages. Honors are given to students earning 3.74 to 3.50 grade point averages.

## 12 local students earn top academic recognition at Franklin College

### The REPORTER

Franklin College has announced the president's and dean's list for the fall 2022 semester.

Students named to the *president's list* have achieved academic distinction by earning a perfect 4.0 grade-point average while completing a minimum of 12 credit hours during a regular semester. The following students have been named to the president's list and are from Hamilton County:

- Makenna Mundy, a junior, from Noblesville
- Isabella Neiling, a sophomore, from Cicero
- Victoria Simmons, a senior, from Carmel
- Jada Tooley, a junior, from Noblesville

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Students named to the

*dean's list* have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours during a regular semester, earning a grade point average of at least 3.5 but less than 4.0. The following students have been named to the dean's list and are from Hamilton County:

- Lora Adkins, a senior, from Carmel
- Kathryn Brown, a junior, from Noblesville
- Justin Case, a senior, from Westfield
- Amber Dawson, a junior, from Sheridan
- Colleen Kincaid, a senior, from Fishers
- Ashlynn Meadows, a senior, from Carmel
- Jireh Ojata, a junior, from Carmel
- Mara Wilson, a senior, from Fishers

## Girl Scout Cookies roll out across central Indiana

By HANNA MORDOCH  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

On Wednesday morning, the **Girl Scouts of Central Indiana** started the process of rolling out more than 1.5 million packages of **Girl Scout Cookies** across the state.

Three tractor-trailers carrying around 70,000 packages of cookies were unloaded on the west side of Indianapolis. Cookies will continue to be handed out to troop leaders through Sunday.

Girl Scouts will then gather their packages of cookies from troop leaders and dispense their orders. More than 1.5 million pack-

ages of cookies will go to 45 counties in central Indiana.

According to the organization, with every box of Girl Scout Cookies sold, people are supporting Girl Scouts' ability to learn, grow, and thrive through all of life's adventures. Girl Scout Cookie seasons help girls gain the business smarts and confidence to take on the world one cookie at a time. All proceeds stay local to help fund life-changing girl-led programs, experiences, and learning all year long in your area.

**Thanks  
for reading**

## VALENTINES FOR ALL

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the most tempting subject matter, from the delicious to the risqué, of writers, poets, painters, potters, and more.

Join Nickel Plate Arts for Second Saturday on Feb. 11 for Valentine's Day inspired family crafts. Deanna Leonard from Caravan Classes will host a 3D Love Bird craft designed for all ages on Nickel Plate Arts' campus. Mini geometric heart canvas take-home kits will be available for sale starting Feb. 8.

On Feb. 14, celebrate your love of downtown Noblesville and your significant other with hands-on date night activities at Nickel Plate Arts, Caravan Classes, Two Paddle Press, Gal's Guide Library, and Vintage Adventures. Pick up your map at Nickel Plate Arts or the Lacy Building and make sure to hit all the fun locations.

On Nickel Plate Arts' campus, you can listen to the music of Conversation Pieces, complete craft activities hosted by two local artists, and enjoy desserts from Debbie's Daughters. Artist Margot Bogue will guide adults in the creation of beautiful paper flowers, while artist Sue Payne will teach couples how to felt wool and make an ornament together.

Mike and Linda Felix, who attended the event last year, reflected on their experience.

"[It was] so much fun!" the couple said. "We went with friends and had a totally different Valentine's Day experience from just doing dinner and a movie. Great



Photos provided by Nickel Plate Arts

**Last year's Valentine's Day For All celebration featured all sorts of crafts and activities – not only for couples, but for people of all ages.**

crafts and a great time! We definitely will be going again this year."

Downtown Noblesville featured activities will include creating 3-D hearts from material found at Caravan Classes, painting landscape hearts at Vintage Adventures (located in the Community Room in the South Alley), entwining Valentine's Day messages with yarn hearts at Gal's Guide Library, and printing messages on hearts with Two Paddle Press. Don't forget to make a reservation with one of the great restaurants in Downtown Noblesville to complete your Valentine's evening.

### Valentine's Day For All events

Nickel Plate Arts, along with its partners and other local businesses, will hold various events and activities

for Valentine's Day For All. These events are open to the public.

• **Saturday, Feb. 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.** – Nickel Plate Arts Second Saturday event featuring Valentine's crafts for all

• **Tuesday, Feb. 14 from 6 to 9 p.m.** – Nickel Plate Arts Valentine's Day For All

• **Tuesday, Feb. 14 from 6 to 9 p.m.** – Live poetry reading, love poetry workshop, and temptation spoken word workshop hosted by Poetry Society of Indiana at the Lacy Building (Kirk's Hardware)

• **Tuesday, Feb. 14 from 6 to 9 p.m.** – "Love & Temptation, Poetry & Dessert" Valentine's Day Date Night at Nickel Plate Arts, Caravan Classes, Two Paddle Press, Gal's Guide Library, and Vintage Adventures

Tickets are available for individual activities at each location. A \$100 Big Ticket for couples and duos is available for all the activities downtown and includes drinks and desserts from Debbie's Daughters on Nickel Plate Arts' campus.

Purchase tickets [here](http://here). [Click here](http://Click here) to learn more about the Valentine's Day For All event.

### About Nickel Plate Arts

Nickel Plate Arts is an umbrella nonprofit organization that creates and coordinates arts and cultural experiences across communities in eastern Hamilton County and the surrounding areas to improve the quality of life for residents, strengthen local economies and enrich experiences for visitors. Nickel Plate Arts is a project of Hamilton County Tourism, Inc.

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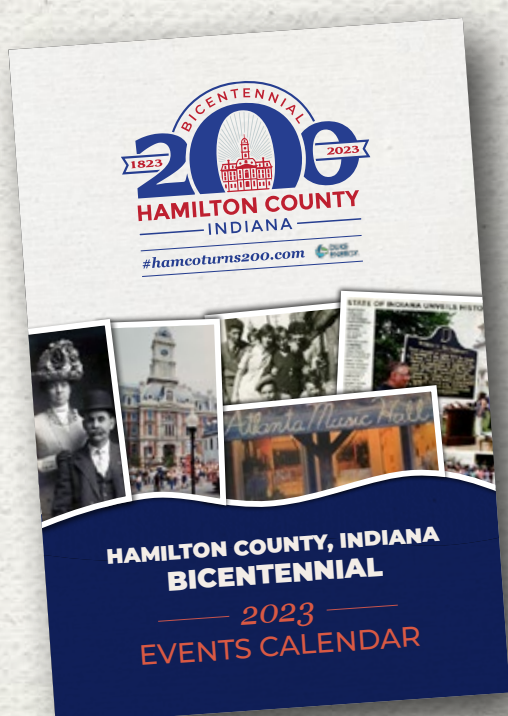
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# Westfield Winter Market returns this Saturday

## The REPORTER

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

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

### Live music

The first Winter Market of each month will feature live music from some of the Indianapolis area's best and brightest. This week, welcome **Marrielle Sellars**.

### Want to volunteer?

Volunteers are needed to help with the Westfield Winter Market. [Click here](#) to access the Volunteer Interest Form.

Volunteers are welcome to dress casually at the Market. A name tag will be provided for you to wear while volunteering at the event.

Volunteers are asked to shop before or after their shift so that your full attention can be given to working the Market.

### This Saturday's vendors

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# Pharmacist concerned as CVS & Walgreens reduce hours

By ADAM PINSKER  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

A local pharmacist and educator say that decisions by CVS and Walgreens to reduce their pharmacy hours nationwide could be a signal that there is a shortage in pharmacy technicians.

"I do think it's related to the fact that we are not able to get pharmacists and technicians to cover some of these shifts in the stores and they've had to cut back on hours," said Dr. Veronica Vernon, assistant professor of pharmacy practice at Butler University.

"We are NOT adjusting pharmacy hours due to staff-

ing shortages," CVS said in a statement emailed to News 8. "Decisions about each pharmacy's hours of operation are based on patient traffic and needs, prescription volume, and community access."

CVS plans to change hours in two-thirds of its locations nationwide by March. Walgreens is also following suit.

"We have at times had to adjust store or pharmacy hours at some of our locations as we work to balance staffing and resources in the market to best meet our patient and customer demand. Staffing challenges have impacted retailers, health-

care entities and countless other industries over the past 12-plus months," a Walgreens spokesperson said in a statement also emailed to News 8.

Pharmacist technicians answer patient questions and take phone calls, a shortage of them shifts the workload onto pharmacists.

"If you are having to fill prescriptions, answer the phone, take requests and calls and questions from prescribers and patients, do vaccines, do other tasks, and try to meet certain metrics in the pharmacy, that's incredibly stressful," Vernon said.

Pharmacy technicians have to be licensed by the

Indiana Board of Pharmacy, and in order to get a license they have to go through training.

Technicians are leaving the industry for other higher paying jobs because they can't afford to pay the fees required for their licensing.

"It's an investment to pay for this exam and maintain your credentialing up front, especially when you look at other industries where you can make \$18 an hour, \$20 an hour working at a retail facility," Vernon said.

Vernon is worried there could be a major shortage of pharmacy workers in the coming years.

# What you need to know to pursue a career in transportation engineering

## The REPORTER

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

American Structurepoint Vice President/Partner and National Transportation Director Ben Borchering shares examples of projects transportation engineers often tackle. Transportation engineering focuses on the planning and design of roads, bridges, rail lines, bus lines, and systems to help people move safely and efficiently. Borchering provides excellent insights for people considering a transportation engineering career, such as qualifications needed, what to expect

when entering the field, career paths and salary ranges for transportation engineers and more. American Structurepoint Executive Vice President and Partner Steve Davidson hosts the podcast.

Transportation engineers help solve complex transportation needs with innovative solutions. Transportation engineering is a very stable industry, and it's growing. There are vast infrastructure needs and money allocated to communities and state departments of transportation across the country. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act provides up to \$1.2 trillion in federal funding, which is the biggest investment in infrastructure in the country's history.

"Transportation engineers are in great need," Borchering said. "The latest stats show that more than 40 percent of the nation's roads are in poor or medio-



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cre condition. The U.S. has more than four million miles of public roads and 617,000 bridges that need repair, and we're currently seeing a lot of investment in improving our roads and bridges."

To learn more about environmental engineering and to find out if this career is for you, listen to the podcast episode titled **"What You Should Know About Transportation Engineering."**

You can find the podcast at [structurepoint.buzzsprout.com](http://structurepoint.buzzsprout.com), under the "Company" tab on [structurepoint.com](http://structurepoint.com), or on any of your favorite podcast streaming platforms such as Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts, Amazon Music, Stitcher, and more.

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

## Thanks for reading The Reporter!

# OneZone Chamber introduces new On the Menu: Lunch & Learn Series

## The REPORTER

Join OneZone Chamber for the first On the Menu: Lunch & Learn Series.

On the Menu is a casual, informative lunch event with topics geared toward helping members grow personally and professionally. These events will take place every other month.

The first event of this series is On the Menu: Effective Networking. This event will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at Iron & Ember, 12120 Brookshire Pkwy., Carm-

el. Registration is required by noon on Tuesday, Feb. 14. This is a members-only event and the cost is \$28.

Attendees will hear from Jamar Cobb-Dennard with Indiana Business Advisors (IBA) as he shares how to stop wasting time networking. Attendees will learn tools to unlock their ability to bring in new business and add value to client relationships.

Reservations can be made at [onezonechamber.com](http://onezonechamber.com) or by calling (317) 436-4653.



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# Dr. Anita Joshi running for seat on Carmel City Council

Submitted

Dr. Anita Joshi, a respected pediatrician, small business owner, and community leader, has filed for candidacy for the West District seat on the Carmel City Council.

Joshi has been a Hoosier for 25 years and a resident of Carmel for 18 years with her husband, Dr. Arun Jain, and their family. In addition to practicing medicine, Dr. Joshi is active in the community, serving in leadership positions on various boards, including the Center for Interfaith Cooperation, the Women’s Fund of Central Indiana, and the Brebeuf Jesuit Board of Trustees and is an engaged member of the Hindu Temple of Central Indiana.

Joshi chose to move to Carmel in 2005, drawn to its economic and social vibrance. She says she is excited to support and strengthen the city’s unique position as one of the most welcoming and desirable places to live in the country.

“I care deeply about

Carmel and want to ensure that it continues to thrive far into the future,” Joshi said. “I want Carmel to be a place where my children and their peers choose to live when they are working adults.”

Joshi says she is running because she brings the ability to work with a wide array of constituents, build consensus and get things done. She says she firmly believes that city leadership must promote growth in Carmel in a sustainable way. Joshi’s skills combine her compassion and care for people with her practical and pragmatic business sense.

“As a physician and small business owner, I need to balance good business sense with the ability to listen and respond to people’s needs and concerns,” Joshi said.

With her extensive experience in healthcare and community service, Joshi says she is committed to making data-driven decisions, fostering fiscal responsibility, and respecting and representing a variety

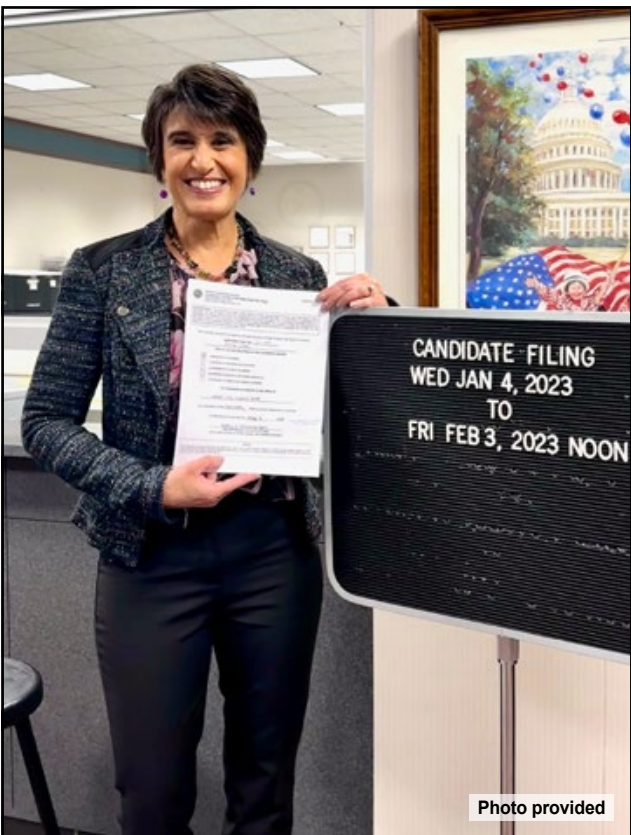


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of opinions.

Joshi and her husband have been married for 30 years and have two children who are currently pursuing university degrees.

They consider Carmel their permanent home. They are active people who enjoy hiking, gardening, scuba diving, traveling, and playing with their dog, Kulfi.

# Danny Niederberger announces run for Carmel City Council

Submitted

Danny Niederberger has officially filed his candidacy for Carmel City Council – Northwest District in the upcoming Republican primary this May.

“I’ve lived in the Westfield/Carmel area almost my entire life, and it never ceases to amaze me how well these communities have grown with great conservative leadership,”

Niederberger said. “I am looking forward to working with the City Council to maintain balanced growth, provide transparency to our constituents, and preserve our high bond rating.”

For more information, visit [danny4carmel-council.com](http://danny4carmel-council.com), email [dniederberger-jr@gmail.com](mailto:dniederberger-jr@gmail.com), or check out the campaign’s Facebook page at [Facebook.com/DNforCarmel](https://www.facebook.com/DNforCarmel).



Niederberger



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# Merchants Capital promotes Josh Reed to Executive Vice President within Tax Credit Equity Division

The REPORTER

Leading financial services provider Merchants Capital on Wednesday announced the promotion of Josh Reed to Executive Vice President. Reed leads the acquisitions team within Merchants’ tax credit equity division and previously served as Senior Vice President.

Since joining the company in late 2020, Reed has been instrumental in developing equity relationships with new and existing partners and has played a leading role in the growth of Merchants Capital as a leading national syndicator with over \$650 million in closed lower tier equity since inception with top industry developers in nearly

30 states.

“The success of our equity division is a direct reflection of the talent, commitment, and leadership of Josh Reed,” said Julie Sharp, Executive Vice President of Merchants Capital. “Linda Hill and I feel privileged to continue to work alongside Josh to execute high-quality deals for our clients across the United States and congratulate him on this well-earned promotion.”

Reed is a recognized leader in the industry and his experience includes consulting for tax credit developers on various aspects of sourcing and structuring LIHTC real estate projects. Previously, Reed served at one of the nation’s largest



tax credit equity syndicators where he engaged in closing, underwriting, and structuring over \$700 million in lower tier equity acquisitions nationally. He also previously managed the construction department that oversaw construction underwriting and monitoring for projects nationwide, including over \$600 million in equity investments.

“I am grateful to lead our equity team’s efforts



Reed

alongside Julie Sharp and Linda Hill and look forward to carrying our platform forward to address the critical need for affordable housing across the United States,” Reed said. “Thank you to all of our developer and investor clients for their continued trust in Merchants Capital.”

To learn more about Merchants Capital and its services, visit [merchants-capital.com](http://merchants-capital.com).

# Tonya Hyatt running for Westfield Clerk-Treasurer

Submitted

On Friday, Jan. 27, Tonya F. Hyatt filed to run for Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Westfield.

Hyatt has a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Purdue University.

“This is an incredible opportunity to run for

Clerk-Treasurer of Westfield,” Hyatt said. “The community here is unlike any other I have lived in. I love it here and I want to contribute my accounting and operations experience not only to the City of Westfield, but also to the citizens of Westfield.”

A professional headshot of Representative Victoria Spartz, a woman with short blonde hair, wearing a dark top and a pearl necklace. She is smiling.

## Representative Victoria Spartz

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# Senator Mike Braun helps introduce legislation to ensure workers get paid

## The REPORTER

Senator Mike Braun (R-Ind.) and Congresswoman Elise Stefanik (R-N.Y.-21) last Friday introduced the **Ensuring Workers Get PAID Act of 2023** to ensure America's workers receive the wages they are owed and help employers comply with the law.

In 2018, the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) launched the Payroll Audit Independent Determination (PAID) pilot program to provide an efficient method for employers to proactively rectify inadvertent over-time and minimum wage violations. This resulted in employees receiving 100 percent of the back wages they were owed in a timelier manner. But the Biden Administration has claimed

it deprived workers of their rights and abruptly ended the PAID program in January 2021.

Stefanik and Braun are working to reinstate and codify the PAID program so this tool will stay in practice to support both employers and employees.

"The PAID program has been successful in helping employers correct inadvertent wage and hour violations on their own to ensure employees are getting paid the wages they have earned," Sen. Braun said. "The Ensuring Workers Get PAID Act will bring this program back so workers receive their full wages in a timely



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manner and business owners are able to keep their businesses in compliance with the law."

The Ensuring Workers Get PAID Act would specifically:

- Help more workers receive the wages they earned when employers make mistakes,
- Encourage employers to self-audit pay practices to correct mistakes and quickly deliver any back wages owed to employees,
- Allow employees to receive any unpaid minimum wage or overtime compensation faster and without litigation, and
- Protect employee rights and leave the decision to re-

solve identified violations in the hands of each employee.

Stefanik and Braun were joined by Representatives Claudia Tenney (R-N.Y.), Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-Iowa), Jim Baird (R-Ind.), Pat Fallon (R-Texas), Chuck Edwards (R-N.C.), and Tracey Mann (R-Kan.) in introducing this legislation.

National Retail Federation, National Federation of Independent Business, International Franchise Association, Heritage Action, FreedomWorks, HR Policy Association, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Institute for the American Worker, Americans for Tax Reform, Open Competition Center, National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors have endorsed this legislation.

# David Coates named new leader for state's agriculture economic development division

## The REPORTER

The **Indiana State Department of Agriculture** (ISDA) has promoted David Coates as the new director of the economic development division. He was previously the agribusiness engagement director for the department.

Coates is a graduate of Wheeling University in Wheeling, W.V., with a degree in Nuclear Medicine Technology. He has an extensive background in healthcare, workforce development and entrepreneurship through experience in sales, management, and marketing.

"We are excited to promote David to this elevated role within the department," ISDA Deputy Director Jordan Seger said. "The ex-

pertise he brings in workforce development and training and in sales will greatly enhance our economic development division and we are excited to see how he supports our existing programs and what new initiatives he builds under this division."

As the director of economic development for the department, Coates will be responsible for managing staff and overseeing economic focus areas, such as, agritourism, biofuels, hardwoods, the **Indiana Grown** program, international trade and livestock. He will manage a variety of projects and will encourage agribusiness



Coates

expansion, attraction and retention for the state.

This role will also lead ISDA in mirroring **Indiana Economic Development Corporation** (IEDC) strategies and support initiatives in key areas of agribusiness, agbiosciences, and agriculture workforce development.

"I was honored to be selected as economic development director for ISDA," Coates said. "I am eager to hit the ground running and support those on my team to make Indiana agriculture the best it can be. I am looking forward to the continued success of our agriculture industry for years to come."

Coates grew up with many fond memories from his grandparents' small farm in West Virginia. He has a passion for agriculture and has raised cattle, horses, swine, hay, and cover crops. During his free time, you can find him and his wife, Lisa, working on their small farm in Scott County, Ind. Together they operate a seasonal flower, sunflower and wildflower u-pick operation during summer weekends. They enjoy sharing their love of flowers while educating gardeners, beekeepers and the public on regenerative farming, seed saving and agritourism. David and Lisa have six children.

Visit [isda.in.gov](http://isda.in.gov) for more information on the Economic Development Division.

## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

*I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, "Come!" I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest.*

*When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, "Come!" Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make people kill each other. To him was given a large sword.*

*When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand. Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, "Two pounds of wheat for a day's wages, and six pounds of barley for a day's wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!"*

*When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!" I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth.*

Revelation 6:1-8 (NIV)

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## Meeting Notices

The City of Carmel's Mayor's Advisory Commission on Human Relations will meet at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

The Westfield Washington Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023, in the Community Room of the library, located at 333 W. Hoover St., Westfield.

The Clay Township Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023, at the John W. Hensel Government Center, 10701 N. College Ave., Carmel.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Personnel Committee will meet to discuss personnel issues at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, in Conference Room 1A at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

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# Exciting weekend ahead as girls swimming heats up

Carmel looking to defend its state championship record, going for No. 37

The REPORTER

The girls swimming post-season began across Indiana on Thursday with the sectional preliminaries.

Carmel hosted one of the sectionals that involve Hamilton County teams. The Greyhounds are going for a national record-extending 37th consecutive state championship, and they got off to a good start by advancing everyone on to Saturday's sectional finals.

In fact, Carmel had all of its swimmers finish in the top eight of the prelims, so they will all compete in the championship heat of the finals. Alexandra Shackell made the most noise, as she set two new sectional records in the 50 freestyle (22.56 seconds) and the butterfly (52.12 seconds), easily earning the top seed in both events.

The Greyhounds got the top seed in all 11 swimming events. Lynsey Bowen was first in the 200 and 500 freestyles, Molly Sweeney paced the individual medley and breaststroke, Berit Berglund was first in the 100 freestyle and backstroke, and Carmel placed first in all three relays.

"I was really happy with how the girls swam today," said Greyhounds coach Chris Plumb. "They raced well, they didn't take it for granted, they had a lot of team energy and excitement, and I feel really good about Saturday."

Noblesville advanced 26 of its 27 swims on to Saturday's finals, with 21 reaching the championship heat and the other five making the consols. The Millers had two relays finish second in the prelims, with the team of Julia Santerre, Katie Sutton, Alli Knott and Amelia Field the 200 free relay runner-up, and the squad of Olivia Motz, Sutton, Santerre and Emily Knott placing second in the 400 free relay.

"We always try to treat prelims as par tof the process, so we want the kids to swim really well here," said Noblesville coach Aleks Fansler. "They know they're going to come back here and swim. But for a lot of our kids, getting some good drops is nice and surprising for us."

Westfield advanced 12 swims to the championship heat, with the other 165 making it to the consolation heat. The Shamrocks had their best finish in the medley relay, where Eliana Hill, Kate Harrison, Alexa Boil-

lat and Alexandra Irvin took seconds.

"I think the kids that needed to be really good tonight were really, really good tonight," said Westfield coach Darrick Thomas. "We did have couple of ninth places we'd like to sneak in, but overall the team atmosphere was great, attitudes were really awesome, positive, so it was a great night for us as a team."

Guerin Catholic had 10 swims advance to Saturday. All three of the Golden Eagles' relay teams reached the championship heat, with Jane Cline, Erin Reynon, Bridgette Keller and Christina Dunasky placing sixth in the 200 free relay and Reynon, Kalen Moe, Keller and Dunasky taking sixth in the 400 free relay.

Championship Saturday begins at 9 a.m. with the diving prelims, followed by the finals in swimming and diving at 1 p.m.

AT CARMEL

Positions 1-8 qualify for championship heat ("A" Final), positions 9-16 qualify for consolation heat ("B" Final), positions 17-18 are alternates.

**200 medley relay:** 1. Carmel (Berit Berglund, Savannah Irizarry, Alexandra Shackell, Meghan Christman) 1:43.18, 2. Westfield (Eliana Hill, Kate Harrison, Alexa Boillat, Alexandra Irvin) 1:51.75, 8. Guerin Catholic (Jane Cline, Katie Scott, Molly Deppen, Kalen Moe) 2:10.64.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Lynsey Bowen (C) 1:49.28, 2. Alexandra Ward (C) 1:53.66, 3. Erin Cummins (C) 1:54.94, 5. Sabrina Ledwith (N) 1:57.27, 6. Ellie Hayward (N) 1:57.74, 7. Isabella Amaya (V) 1:59.00, 9. Kate Peck (W) 2:00.19, 10. Olivia Motz (N) 2:01.62, 11. Katherine Cassidy (W) 2:02.56, 12. Bridgette Keller (GC) 2:05.01, 23. Karolina Clarey (GC) 2:33.90.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Molly Sweeney (C) 2:00.56, 2. Vivian Wilson (C) 2:05.59, 3. Alyssa Street (C) 2:08.45, 4. Irvin (W) 2:12.61, 6. Exley Tricker (N) 2:16.48, 7. Katie Sutton (N) 2:19.41, 8. Emily Knott (N) 2:20.07, 9. Hill (W) 2:20.20, 12. Isabella McNally (W) 2:34.48, 19. Scott (GC) 2:47.32, 23. Deppen (GC) 2:53.95.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Shackell (C) 22.56, new sectional record, 2. Christman (C) 23.99, 3. Grace Dougherty (C) 24.04, 5. Bridget Mick (W) 24.94, 7. Amelia Field (N) 25.35, 8. Julia Santerre (N) 25.42, 9. Anna McKeown (W) 25.52, 10. Erin Reynon (GC) 26.28, 11. Harrison (W) 26.51, 12. Alli Knott (N) 26.52, 28. Naomi Reeder (GC) 32.70.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Shackell (C) 52.12, new sectional record, 2. Keira Kask (C) 56.31, 4. Haddie Vohs (N) 58.57, 5. Boillat (W) 58.65, 7. Parker Kurzawa (C) 58.86, 8. E. Knott (N) 1:00.62, 10. Sutton (N) 1:04.93, 11. Ellana Morse (W) 1:05.62, 13. Reynon (GC) 1:09.58, 15. McNally (W) 1:12.74, 21. Deppen (GC) 1:20.08.



(Top left) Carmel's Berit Berglund gets focused before a race during the swimming sectional prelims at the Greyhounds' Natatorium on Thursday. Carmel is going for a record-extending 37th consecutive state championship. (Top right) Noblesville's Alli Knott smiles after completing her race in the 50 freestyle. (Above left) Guerin Catholic's Bridgette Keller relaxes after finishing her 500 freestyle race. (Above right) Anna McKeown (left) and Kate Harrison exchange a high-five before a race.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Berglund (C) 51.84, 2. Cummins (C) 52.89, 3. Dougherty (C) 53.28, 4. Caroline Santerre (N) 53.37, 5. Maya McDonald (N) 54.53, 7. Mick (W) 56.29, 8. Field (N) 57.30, 9. Christina Dunasky (GC) 57.62, 11. Marie Rocca (W) 59.79, 12. McKeown (W) 1:00.01, 22. Moe (GC) 1:07.26.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Bowen (C) 4:54.95, 2. Ward (C) 5:00.80, 3. Street (C) 5:05.98, 5. Ledwith (N) 5:14.93, 6. Cassidy (W) 5:20.56, 7. Amaya (W) 5:21.00, 8. Hayward (N) 5:21.17, 9. Peck (W) 5:24.48, 10. Motz (N) 5:28.32, 11. Keller (GC) 5:34.05, 23. Clarey (GC) 6:58.98.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Carmel (Madelyn Lathrop, Cummins, Sweeney, Dougherty) 1:36.69, 2. Noblesville (J. Santerre, Sutton, A. Knott, Field) 1:44.39, 4. Westfield (Harrison, McKeown, Peck, Cassidy) 1:45.05, 6. Guerin Catholic (Cline, Reynon, Keller, Dunasky) 1:48.86.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Berglund (C) 54.90, 3. Kask (C) 57.08, 4. C. Santerre (N) 57.98, 5. Kayla Barr (C) 58.21, 6. Boillat (W) 1:00.69, 7. Vohs (N) 1:01.19, 8. J. Santerre (N) 1:01.86, 9. Hill (W) 1:02.24, 10. Dunasky (GC) 1:04.55, 12. Abby Zentz (W) 1:06.90, 24. Reeder (GC) 1:30.36.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Sweeney (C) 1:02.32, 2. Lucy Enoch (C) 1:04.01, 3. Wilson (C) 1:04.55, 4. McDonald (N) 1:07.82, 6. Tricker (N) 1:08.34, 7. Irvin (W) 1:09.46, 9. A. Knott (N) 1:12.00, 10. Harrison (W) 1:12.29, 12. Rocca (W) 1:16.12, 16. Scott (GC) 1:19.05, 21. Moe (GC) 1:30.66.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Carmel (Bowen, Ward, Wilson, Christman) 3:30.20, 2. Noblesville (Motz, Sutton, J. Santerre, E. Knott) 3:50.19, 3. Westfield (Amaya, Peck, Cassidy, Hill) 3:51.26, 6. Guerin Catholic (Reynon, Moe, Keller, Dunasky) 4:06.18.

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the Royals' medley relay also finished first.

The Huskies had five swims reach the championship heat, sending all three relays into the "A" Final. Teegan Madara also qualified for two "A" Finals, placing third in the 500 free. Heights had 12 more swims reach the consols.

AT FISHERS

Positions 1-8 qualify for championship heat ("A" Final), positions 9-16 qualify for consolation heat ("B" Final), positions 17-18 are alternates.

**200 medley relay:** 1. Hamilton Southeastern (Grace Newton, Anna Stolle, Audrey Crawford, Kiley Zoeller) 1:45.67, 2. Fishers (Avery Hannon, Avery Stein, Mia Wilson, Jo Jo Ramey) 1:47.64, 4. Hamilton Heights (Jane Pache, Teegan Madara, Sophia Hulen, Anna Monnin) 1:59.99.

**200 freestyle:** 1. J. Ramey (F) 1:55.28, 2. Lauren Bergman (HSE) 1:56.72, 3. Emma Schumacher (F) 1:57.15, 4. Nalanie Cortez (F) 1:57.91, 5. Julia Kiley (HSE) 1:58.44, 7. Mia Henderson (HSE) 2:01.88, 13. Bea Pache (HH) 2:21.02, 14. Monnin (HH) 2:21.27, 18. Rachel England (HH) 2:33.92.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Crawford (HSE) 2:06.34, 2. Stein (F) 2:07.38, 3. Stolle (HSE) 2:08.89, 4. Kate Mouser (F) 2:09.85, 5. Hannon (F) 2:10.34, 6. Katelyn Kerin (HSE) 2:10.86, 7. Madara (HH) 2:13.54, 14. Karley Duncan (HH) 2:40.54, 17. Mary Ella Bichey (HH) 2:50.35.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Zoeller (HSE) 24.08, 2. Emma Schwertfeger (F) 24.10, 3. Ashley Saple (HSE) 24.23, 4. Claire Francis (F) 24.33, 5. Addison Carille (F) 24.39, 6. Ava Olson (HSE) 24.51, 9. Hulen (HH) 25.26, 12. Anna Jozsa (HH) 27.09, 22. Sarah Toll (HH) 29.41.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Crawford (HSE) 55.34, 2. Bergman (HSE) 57.05, 3. Olson (HSE) 58.11, 4. Carille (F) 58.16, 6. Lisa Bradford (F) 59.15, 7. Wilson (F) 59.45, 14. Toll (HH) 1:14.71, 19. Shanna Hackett (HH) 1:27.85, 21. Lucy Hogg (HH) 1:31.20.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Cortez (F) 52.45, 2. Saple (HSE) 52.79, 3. Francis (F) 52.85, 4. Schwertfeger (F) 52.93, 5. Zoeller (HSE) 53.54, 7. Naomi Haines (HSE) 54.32, 8. Hulen (HH) 54.91, 11. Jozsa (HH) 59.44, 15. J. Pache (HH) 1:02.51.

**500 freestyle:** 1. J. Ramey (F) 5:11.88, 2. Frankie Ramey (F)

5:12.47, 3. Madara (HH) 5:16.58, 4. Mouser (F) 5:17.41, 5. Meghan Voelker (HSE) 5:23.49, 6. Kiley (HSE) 5:26.88, 7. Izzy Warren (HSE) 5:35.18, 15. Monnin (HH) 6:28.49, 19. Adalynn Gould (HH) 6:41.61.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Fishers (Carille, Francis, Schwertfeger, Cortez) 1:37.83, 2. Southeastern (Kerin, Henderson, Olson, Saple) 1:39.88, 6. Heights (Duncan, Toll, B. Pache, Hogg) 1:57.93.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Newton (HSE) 57.20, 2. Haines (HSE) 57.63, 3. Hannon (F) 57.91, 4. Lily Ziino (F) 1:01.80, 5. Kelsey Graham (HSE) 1:02.21, 6. Wilson (F) 1:02.30, 10. J. Pache (HH) 1:09.12, 18. Gould (HH) 1:18.12, 21. B. Pache (HH) 1:20.73.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Stein (F) 1:05.60, 2. Schumacher (F) 1:06.30, 4. Kerin (HSE) 1:06.51, 5. Stolle (HSE) 1:06.54, 6. Eloise Harrison (HSE) 1:07.85, 7. F. Ramey (F) 1:09.71, 11. Duncan (HH) 1:20.85, 15. Bichey (HH) 1:24.49, 22. Hogg (HH) 1:36.91.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Fishers (Mouser, Hannon, Schumacher, Cortez) 3:34.99, 2. Southeastern (Olson, Haines, Newton, Bergman) 3:39.21, 4. Heights (Hulen, B. Pache, Monnin, Madara) 4:08.29.

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University competed in the West Lafayette sectional.

The Trailblazers qualified five swims to the consolation heat. All three of University's relays advanced, along with Nia Williams in the 500 free and Audrey Priest in the butterfly.

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**200 medley relay:** 10. University (Evie King, Lyla Gregory, Audrey Priest, Nia Williams) 2:22.27.

**200 freestyle:** 25. King 2:38.39, 26. Kate Lautenbach 2:39.47, 34. Curran Brown 3:20.65.

**50 freestyle:** 17. Williams 28.09, 27. Priest 31.71, 32. Kendall Booth-Maitland 37.90.

**100 butterfly:** 12. Priest 1:18.06.

**100 freestyle:** 23. Gregory 1:08.80, 30. Samridhi Patankar 1:24.14, 31. Booth-Maitland 1:28.22.

**500 freestyle:** 11. Williams 5:58.39, 20. Lautenbach 7:00.88.

**200 freestyle relay:** 10. University (Gregory, Priest, Lautenbach, Williams) 2:03.99.

**100 backstroke:** 25. King 1:26.00, 27. Patankar 1:38.04.

**100 breaststroke:** 19. Gregory 1:34.32.

**400 freestyle relay:** 11. University (King, Brown, Patankar, Booth-Maitland) 5:42.09.

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(Left) Westfield's Sam Bishop puts up a shot during the game. (Right) Fishers' Jalen Haralson scored 18 points, including 15 in the second half, to help the Tigers win their Hoosier Crossroads Conference game, 45-35 at Westfield on Thursday.

# Tigers keep on winning, beat Shamrocks in conference game

By JAMES SEAY  
For The Reporter

WESTFIELD – The Fishers Tigers improved to 11-8 on the season with a gutsy win 45-35 over the Westfield Shamrocks Thursday night at Westfield's CSI Gymnasium. The Tigers are on a four-game winning streak while the Rocks have dropped their third straight game.

Jalen Haralson led all scorers with 18 points. Jon-Anthony Hall added nine and Millen McCartney paced the Tigers with six. Trey Buchanan led Westfield with 14 points and Alex Romack added 11.

The Rocks started off quick with a three-pointer by Trey Buchanan. The Tigers were quick to respond with an aggressive move to the basketball by Hall which resulted in free throws. The first quarter found both teams stymied by aggressive defense, but it ended with a powerful two-hand slam by Hall and then another dunk by Romack at the buzzer. The score was tied at 9-9 after one quarter.

The rest of the first half was a back-and-forth affair

as neither team led by more than two points at any point in the game. Fishers held to a slim one-point lead at half-time, 18-17.

The Tigers were pushed by a second half surge by sophomore star Jalen Haralson in the second half to extend the one-point lead to 30-25 by the end of the third quarter. After being held to three points in the first half, the FHS sophomore exploded for 15 points in the second half to secure the Tigers' fourth Hoosier Crossroads Conference win on the season.

Haralson was surprised by the defensive plan deployed by WHS. "They applied the box and one on my teammate Taden which was a surprise by me," he said. "We just have to be ready for anything they throw at us."

Coach Shane Sumpter of Westfield echoed similar thoughts regarding his team's defensive prowess.

"For Fishers it starts with Haralson and Metzger, we were able to jam up a lane a bit – if you would have told me before the game, we would hold them to 45 I would have been ecstatic," said Sumpter.

FISHERS 45, WESTFIELD 35				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Taden Metzger	1	0-0	2	0
Jalen Haralson	4	9-15	18	1
Aidan Zimmer	0	0-2	0	3
JonAnthony Hall	3	3-5	9	0
Keenan Garner	2	0-2	4	1
John Kirby	0	0-0	0	0
Grant Haworth	0	0-0	0	0
Parker Perdue	1	0-0	2	3
Millen McCartney	2	0-0	6	0
James Stasey	2	0-0	4	1
Grant Ables	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	15	12-24	45	9
Fishers 3-pointers (3) McCartney 2, Haralson.				
Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Trey Buchanan	6	0-1	14	1
Sam Bishop	0	0-0	0	3
Charles Farrell	1	2-2	4	4
Alex Romack	5	0-0	11	4
Armani Middlebrooks	2	0-0	4	0
Will Harvey	1	0-0	2	2
Seth LaRavia	0	0-0	0	2
Max McComb	0	0-0	0	2
Durante Morton	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	15	2-3	35	18
Westfield 3-pointers (3) Buchanan 2, Romack.				
Score by Quarters				
Fishers	10	8	12	15 – 45
Westfield	9	8	8	10 – 35

Coach Garrett Winegar was happy with his team's performance but knows that the road ahead does not get any easier. "We got to move forward and keep getting better – our goal is to play our best basketball moving

forward into the sectional with a young team," he said.

Fishers will host Anderson on Saturday before facing Class 4A No. 5 Cathedral on Tuesday. Westfield will hit the road to face Harrison on Tuesday.



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Aaron Fine led Noblesville with 19 points during the Millers' Thursday win over Mount Vernon at The Mill.

# Millers won't let Marauders run away with victory

The REPORTER

Noblesville bounced back from a first-quarter deficit to beat Mount Vernon 58-51 in a Thursday game at The Mill.

The Marauders led 16-11 after one period, but the Millers would outscore them in each of the next three quarters. Noblesville worked its way back to a 25-25 tie at halftime, then jumped ahead 40-35 after three periods.

Hunter Walston helped keep the Millers ahead in the fourth quarter, scoring

all eight of his points during that period. Noblesville also had consistent scoring from Aaron Fine and Luke Almodovar, as both Millers scored at least four points in each quarter of the game.

Fine finished with 19 points, scoring six in the fourth, while Almodovar added 17 points. Justin Curry came off the bench in the second quarter and had five points.

Noblesville is 13-5 and plays Tuesday at Liberty Christian.

NOBLESVILLE 58, MOUNT VERNON 51				
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Luke Almodovar	7	2-3	17	3
Hunter Walston	4	0-0	8	1
Aiden Brewer	3	0-0	6	4
Cooper Bean	1	0-0	3	1
Aaron Fine	9	0-1	19	2
Luke Etchison	0	0-0	0	0
Preston Roberts	0	0-0	0	1
TJ Davidson	0	0-0	0	2
Justin Curry	2	0-0	5	2
Will Smits	0	0-0	0	1
Totals	26	2-4	58	17
Score by Quarters				
Mount Vernon	16	9	9	17 – 51
Noblesville	11	14	15	18 – 58
Noblesville 3-pointers (4) Almodovar, Bean, Fine, Curry.				

# Southeastern powers through overtime to take down Franklin Central Flashes

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern toughed out an overtime Hoosier Crossroads Conference win over Franklin Central Thursday, beating the Flashes 44-40 in a home game.

Franklin Central led 10-4 after one quarter, but the Royals dominated the second period, outscoring FC 17-4 to take a 21-14 lead. Southeastern led 29-21 during the third quarter, but the Flashes came back and cut that lead to 34-30 by the end of the pe-

riod, then tied it up at 37-37 at the end of regulation. The Royals outscored Franklin Central 7-3 in the overtime.

Reph Stevenson scored 13 points and collected seven rebounds to lead Southeastern. Myles Holman also had seven rebounds, while Braeden Totten had nine points and four assists. Joe Karwowski blocked two shots.

Southeastern is 2-4 in HCC play and 5-14 overall. The Royals play at Pike on Tuesday.

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 44, FRANKLIN CENTRAL 40 (overtime)					
Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF	
Reph Stevenson	5-9	3-8	13	0	
Deion Miles	0-0	0-0	0	0	
Myles Holman	1-3	0-0	3	2	
Braeden Totten	3-9	1-2	9	1	
Eli Robinson	1-3	0-0	3	1	
Donovan Hamilton	1-6	2-5	4	2	
Joe Karwowski	2-4	1-2	7	2	
Gavin Papandria	1-2	0-0	3	2	
Michael Griffith	1-1	0-0	2	1	
Kameron Anthony	0-0	0-0	0	0	
Christian Pfeifer	0-0	0-0	0	0	
Totals	15-37	7-17	44	11	
Score by Quarters					
Franklin Central	10	4	16	7	3 – 40
Southeastern	4	17	13	3	7 – 44
Southeastern 3-pointers (7-20) Totten 2-7, Karwowski 2-2, Holman 1-3, Robinson 1-3, Papandria 1-2, Hamilton 0-3.					
Southeastern rebounds (31) Stevenson 7, Holman 7, Hamilton 4, Karwowski 4, Robinson 4, Totten 1, Papandria 1, Griffith 1, team 2.					

# University goes big in third quarter to beat Traders Point

The REPORTER

The University boys used a 24-point third quarter to break open a two-point halftime game on their way to a 61-52 win over Traders Point Christian Academy Thursday night at The U Center.

The Blazers led 26-24 at halftime and held a 30-26 advantage in the third quarter before exploding for 20 points in the last five minutes of the quarter to take a 50-34 lead. Seth Hogg hit a pair of three pointers in the quarter while Andre Ozlowski added six. Rob Russell closed the quarter with a 35-foot three pointer at the buzzer.

University maintained a double-digit lead throughout the fourth quarter, leading by 15 with two minutes left before the Knights closed fast with a TJ Robinson three pointer pulling the Knights with nine at the final buzzer.

Russell scored eight first quarter points and Sabien Cain had seven as University built a 15-7 lead and led 17-12 at the end of one period on a Steven Scott rebound bucket as time expired. The Blazers maintained an advantage throughout the second quarter, with Ozlowski scoring seven points in the period.

Cain had a game high 18 points for University and four rebounds and four steals. Russell had a season-high 15 points and three rebounds. Ozlowski totaled 13 points. Kahmi Bracey

had team highs with five rebounds and four steals.

"I'm relieved to get out of here with a win over a well-coached Traders Point team," said University coach Brandon Lafferman. "Rob Russell played a great game for us tonight and made several big plays."

University improves to 14-1 on the season. The Class 2A No. 5 Trailblazers will be on the road Saturday, traveling to Heritage Christian for a matinee affair. Junior varsity action starts at 1 p.m.

UNIVERSITY 61, TRADERS POINT CHRISTIAN 52				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Kahmi Bracey	1	0-0	2	1
Robert Russell	6	1-2	15	1
Sabien Cain	7	3-4	18	3
Andre Ozlowski	6	0-0	13	1
Seth Hogg	2	2-2	8	1
Bryce Gray	1	1-1	3	2
Steven Scott	1	0-0	2	0
Totals	24	7-9	61	9
Score by Quarters				
University	17	9	24	11 – 61
Traders Point	12	12	10	18 – 52
University 3-pointers (6) Russell 2, Hogg 2, Cain, Ozlowski.				
University rebounds (20) Bracey 5, Cain 4, Russell 3, Ozlowski 2, Hogg 2, Scott 2, Gray 2.				

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# Blackhawks blast Herron

The REPORTER

Sheridan blasted Herron Thursday 73-36 in a game at Larry Hobbs Hall.

The Blackhawks led 24-2 after one quarter and 35-13 at halftime. Twelve different Sheridan players scored, led by Caleb Wright's 17 points. Parker Williams added 10 points, including three 3-pointers.

Tyler Garner and Owen Bell both added nine points, while Trent DeCraene and Evan Krupp both scored eight. DeCraene dished out 10 assists. Garner, Bell and Williams all collected three rebounds.

The 'Hawks are 9-8 and play their next game on Friday, Feb. 10 at Carroll, in a Hoosier Heartland Conference contest.

SHERIDAN 73, HERRON 36				
Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Caleb Alexander	0-0	2-2	2	0
Damon Winston	1-1	0-0	2	0
Tyler Garner	4-6	0-0	9	0
Trent DeCraene	3-9	2-4	8	0
Evan Krupp	3-5	0-0	8	0
Owen Bell	3-4	2-4	9	2
Caleb Wright	7-16	0-0	17	0
Parker Williams	4-5	2-2	10	1
Eli Kolb	1-2	0-0	2	1
Nathan Hinshaw	1-3	0-0	2	2
Dayne Voegel	0-1	0-0	0	1
Carson Aleman	1-1	0-0	2	0
Carson Wright	1-1	0-0	2	1
Totals	29-54	8-12	73	8
Score by Quarters				
Herron	2	12	8	14 - 36
Sheridan	24	11	13	25 - 73
Sheridan 3-point shooting (7-13) Wright 3-6, Krupp 2-4, Bell 1-2, Garner 1-1, DeCraene 0-1.				
Sheridan rebounds (16) Garner 3, Bell 3, Williams 3, DeCraene 2, Kolb 2, Hinshaw 2, Wright 1.				



Photo by Si DeVaney III  
Sheridan's Owen Bell scored nine points for the Blackhawks during their big win over Herron Thursday.

# Hamilton Heights' Kylee Trexler to bowl for Louisiana Tech University

The REPORTER

Kylee Trexler, Hamilton Heights senior, has signed a letter of intent to bowl for Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, La. Louisiana Tech is a member of Conference USA and a NCAA Division I athletic institution. She is the daughter of Lori and Joey Trexler.

"It felt like home as soon as I walked on campus," Trexler recalled of her first visit to Louisiana Tech. "I clicked with the coach and the team right away."

Trexler plans to pursue a degree in sports marketing and build a career in the bowling industry while taking her game to the professional level.

Trexler is a two-time sectional champion, semi-state champion, regional champion, named to the 1st Team All State, 2022 State Champion and the 2022 Indiana Girls High School Bowler of the Year. A member of the Lake Michigan Cup Teams (2020-2022), Trexler loves to bowl, and it shows.

She has been bowling for



Photo by Jen Kauffman  
Hamilton Heights senior Kylee Trexler has signed a letter of intent to become a member of the Lady Techsters Bowling Team at Louisiana Tech in Ruston, La., this fall. Trexler (seated) is pictured with her parents Joey and Lori Trexler.

the past 16 years and been passionate about the sport for the past 13 years. She has worked hard in practice and tournament competition to build her skill and experience to prepare her for the next level.

She credits her entire


family for their support and encouragement, especially her parents and cousins to help her stay the course and follow her dreams.

"We are really excited for Kylee and the opportunity she has received from Louisiana Tech to continue

the passion she has for the sport of bowling," said Kurt Ogden, Hamilton Heights High School Athletic Director. "She has been very successful as a young bowler, and we hope that success continues for her at the college level."

Two more county boys basketball teams picked up wins on Thursday night. Carmel beat Lawrence North 62-59, while Hamilton Heights defeated Frankton 66-59. Full reports on both games will appear in the Saturday edition of The Reporter.

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| 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  
| **Fishers vs Noblesville** | HCTV Sports  
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## SPORTS SCHEDULE

**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.  
Frankton vs. Yorktown, 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.

**SWIMMING SECTIONALS**  
Diving prelims, 9 a.m.  
Swimming and diving finals, 1 p.m.  
Guerin Catholic, Noblesville, Westfield at Carmel  
Hamilton Heights, Hamilton Southeastern at Fishers  
University at West Lafayette

**WRESTLING REGIONALS**  
Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Sheridan, Westfield at North Montgomery, 8 a.m.  
Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Heights, Noblesville at Pendleton Heights, 9:30 a.m.

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