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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly cloudy.
Tonight: Showers. Breezy.
Some thunder possible.

HIGH: 50 LOW: 42



CrossRoads Church at Westfield invites you to Pizza & Punchlines Comedy Night

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You are invited to a free night of family-friendly comedy on Saturday, Feb. 18 featuring four incredibly funny comedians from across the country. This line-up includes Detroit resident Horace HB Sanders, Christy Conder from Nashville, Tenn., headliner Marty Simpson of Columbia, S.C., and the returning host for the evening from New York, Ross Bennett.

CrossRoads Church at Westfield's seventh annual Pizza & Punchlines event will take place at the Westfield High School auditorium, 18250 N. Union St. Pizza will be served starting at 6 p.m., followed by the comedy show at 7 p.m.

CrossRoads Church Lead Pastor Eric Lohe believes that free pizza and comedy acts are a perfect mix to bring the community together in a time when



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so much seems to separate us. Pizza and Punchlines is part of the Westfield church's "For Our Neighbor" strategy to serve the local community.

Headliner Marty Simpson's comedy has been featured on ESPN, B.E.T., Nickelodeon, Amazon Prime Video and his DryBar Comedy special.

Marty Simpson was a former All-American football player and head high school football coach for nine seasons in South Carolina before becoming a full-time stand-up comedian.

Horace HB Sanders is honored to be the reigning CBS *Star Search* Comedy Champion with a combined perfect score from

live home audience and celebrity judges. He has been featured on numerous networks including ABC's *Detroit 187*, BET, Comedy Central, The Word Network, and Pure Flix.

Christy Conder is an educator in Speech and Physical

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Sheridan welcomes special visitor



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On a recent Sheridan First Friday evening, Sheridan Historical Society President Ron Stone (left) and Vice President Steve Martin (center) were pleasantly surprised by a visit from Congresswoman Victoria Spartz. She was passing through Sheridan, and as she came down Main Street she saw the bright lights from the Museum and decided to drop in and say hello. The Congresswoman is a Ukrainian-born American politician and businesswoman who is the U.S. Representative for Indiana's 5th Congressional District. Thank you, Congresswoman Spartz, for taking the time from your busy schedule to stop and say hello.

Westfield Lions welcome newest member

The REPORTER

On Feb. 2, the Westfield Lions Club added Cole McCulloch (center) as a new member. McCulloch was inducted into the Club by Past District Governor Dan Wilcox (left) and sponsored by his neighbor, Lion Jeff Schneider (right). He is relatively new to the Westfield area, and he was looking for a way to get involved and serve the community.

The Westfield Lions' numerous service projects and fundraising events offered the perfect opportunity for him to do this. The Westfield Lions Club, founded in 1930, is oldest service club in Hamilton County. They are looking for men and women who want to make a difference in Westfield.

For more information on the Westfield Lions Club and how to become a member, go to WestfieldLions.org.



Photo provided by Westfield Lions Club

Hamilton Heights Drama Department bringing magic to life with *Cinderella*

The REPORTER

Are you ready for a little magic in your life? Mark your calendars to attend the Hamilton Heights High School Drama Department's live presentation of *Cinderella* Feb. 17 to 19 in the high school auditorium, 25802 State Road 19, Arcadia.

Come experience all the magic of a young woman looking for her one true love and of a prince only having a shoe to help him find his future wife in the classic fairy tale performed with the Rodgers & Hammerstein hallmarks of grace, originality, charm, and elegance. Originally presented on television in 1957, *Cinderella* starred Julie Andrews, and was the most widely viewed program in the history of television, drawing 107 million viewers! Its recreation in 1965 starred



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The cast and crew of *Cinderella*. (Bottom row, from left) Kella Shaffer, Mary Rogers, Ems Craig, Jessa Steffen, Hannah Beechler, Victoria Chambers, Anna Kauffman, Andrea Ward, and Luke Steffen. (Top row, from left) Olivia Goldfarb, Ricky Munoz, KateLynn Bishop, Tanner Orton, Director Brooks Myers, Meredith Dodson, Brinley Flaherty, Chole Westerfield, Lu Hubbell, Casper Wanczyk, and Leah Vanderwall.

Lesley Ann Warren and was as successful in transporting a new generation to the miraculous kingdom of "Dreams Come

True." A second remake in 1997 starring singers Brandy as Cinderella and Whitney Houston as her Fairy Godmother set a new

standard for representation and diversity in screen musicals.

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Belfry Theatre will take you Around the World in 80 Days

Submitted

Just as Phileas Fogg takes his show on the road, traveling around the world in just under 12 weeks, The Belfry Theatre is taking its next production to a new location, Art for Lawrence's Theatre at the Fort.

Fearless adventurer Phileas Fogg and his faithful manservant Passepartout race to beat the clock after Phileas has agreed to an outrageous wager which puts his fortune and his life at risk. Fogg sets out to circle the globe in an unheard-of 80 days, bumping into colorful local natives, fellow travelers, and a love interest. But along the way, his every step is dogged by a detective who thinks he's a robber on the run.

The cast consists of Brad Staggs (Phileas Fogg), Barb Weaver (Aouda), and Bryan Ball (Passepartout), along with Austin Uebelhor, Sarah Eberhardt, and Eric Dixon Gonzales who play various roles. Danger, romance, and comic surprises abound in this whirlwind of a show as six actors portray 39 characters while traversing seven continents in Mark Brown's adaptation of one of the great adventures of all time. The show is directed by Eric Matters.

Around the World in 80 Days runs two weekends, Feb. 10 to 19, with two shows on Saturdays. All evening shows (Friday and Saturday) are held at 7:30 p.m. All matinees (Saturday and Sunday) start at 2 p.m. Arts for Lawrence's Theatre at the Fort is located at 8920 Otis Ave., Lawrence, easily accessible off Interstate 465.

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Education. She is a member of the Christian Comedy Association and has recently won Audience Favorite at the Clean Comedy Challenge in Nashville.

Lohe's longtime high school friend and comedian Ross Bennett will serve as event host. Bennett has developed a brand all his own, which resonates with everyday people who prefer clean humor that is both clever and politics-free. He has been seen on over a dozen television shows including Comedy Central's *Tough Crowd With Colin Quinn*, A&E's *Evening At The Improv*, and *The Late Show with David Letterman*.

This summer, CrossRoads Church will also sponsor free home repairs for senior adults, veterans, and families in Hamilton County who need deck or wheelchair repair or construction, interior or exterior painting, or mobile home skirting. Online applications are available at bit.ly/3HCuLWB.

You are also invited to Popcorn & Punchlines, CrossRoads Church's summer family-friendly free comedy event at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 2 at the IMMI Conference Center, 18880 N. East St., Westfield, featuring six outstanding comedians.

For further information about CrossRoads Church's "For Our Neighbor" initiatives, look online at CRChurch.org, email at ForOurNeighborInfo@gmail.com, or visit the church at 19201 Grassy Branch Road in Westfield.

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Several Cinderella cast members rehearsing for their upcoming production: Victoria Chambers (left, Evil Stepmother), Hannah Beechler (center standing, Evil Stepsister), Meredith Dodson (center floor, Cinderella), and Jessa Steffen (right, Evil Stepsister).

"Cinderella has always been one of my favorite fairy tales, so bringing it to life on stage has been something I have wanted to do for a while," Director Brooks Myers said. "Plus, it can be enjoyed by all ages, which is important. I want families to be able to attend together and for everyone to be entertained."

While this is not the musical, this two-act play is based

on the fairy tale and includes music and some dancing. The characters consist of the poor, ragged Cinderella, her cruel stepmother and selfish stepsisters, the handsome prince, and the fairy godmother. And of course, there will be a ball and the search for the foot that fits the glass slipper. Even though it is the classical, charming scenes, there is an element of humor built in.

Run time is approximately one hour with an intermission. The Drama Boosters will sell popcorn and water to raise money for the Drama Boosters' scholarship program.

Plan to take in a show and enjoy local talent live on stage. Tickets are \$5 and available at hhschuskies.org or at the door. All proceeds benefit the High School Drama Department.

Get Your Tickets for Cinderella

When: Friday, Feb. 17 and Saturday, Feb. 18 at 7 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 19 at 2:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium

General Admission: \$5. Tickets available at hhschuskies.org/highschool and at the door.

CAST

Cinderella	Meredith Dodson
Fairy Godmother	Anna Kauffman
Prince	Mason Johnson
Pierre	Tanner Orton
Trumpeter	Casper Wanczyk
Queen	Lu Hubbell
Stepmother	Victoria Chambers
Agnes	Hannah Beechler
Blanche	Jessa Steffen
Cloakmaker	Chloe Westerfield
Shoemaker	Leah Vanderwall
Dressmaker	Brinley Flaherty
Hatmaker	Morgan Beatty

TOWNSPEOPLE & BALL GUESTS

Emaline Craig
Olivia Goldfarb
Ricky Munoz
Mary Rogers
KateLynn Bishop
Charles Wedmore
Luke Steffen
Bonnie Brock
Kella Shaffer

CREW

Stage Manager	Sage Dugger
Sound	Andrea Ward
Director	Brooks Myers

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AROUND THE WORLD

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As the third show in its 58th season, the Hamilton County Theatre Guild, which operates The Belfry, has partnered with Arts for Lawrence for the next three productions. *Around the World in 80 Days* is followed by *The Great Gatsby* (March 17 to 26) and *Crimes of the Heart* (April 29 to May 7).

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at [this link](#).

Thanks for reading!



Photos by Rob Slaven / IndyGhostLight.com
(From left) See Barb Weaver, Bryan Ball, Eric Dixon Gonzalez, and Sarah Eberhardt perform in The Belfry's production of *Around the World in 80 Days*.



Advocating for Victims of Crime & Abuse

I was born and raised right here in Noblesville. I grew up in a home without domestic violence or assault - it wasn't something I saw, or even heard about. But when I was introduced to Prevail of Central Indiana, I was shocked by the number of individuals who are affected by domestic violence. In 2018 alone, Prevail helped more than 4,000 clients in Hamilton County (nearly 80 percent of clients are women and children). Domestic violence and abuse are hard topics to discuss, so you don't often hear about them. But at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, we're breaking the taboo and raising awareness for Prevail, an organization that helps families in Hamilton County.

- Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

To help Hamilton County families affected by domestic violence and sexual abuse, you can donate the following items:

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- Lysol
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Carmel Winter Games takes over The Ice at Carter Green

The REPORTER

It is time once again to bundle up and head to Carter Green for ice-cold competition and fun at the Carmel Winter Games on the city’s ice rink, brought to you by Allied Solutions. Whether you are signed up to compete or are a spectator, you won’t want to miss two days of non-skating competition Friday, Feb. 10 and Saturday, Feb. 11 at The Ice at Carter Green.

What kind of competition? “Human curling” on inner tubes, an ice trike relay and “human hungry hippo” using laundry baskets to fetch hundreds of bouncing balls.

The annual event kicks off at 6 p.m. on Friday with the Hometown Hero-Olympics featuring good-spirited competition among a number of city departments including employees with the Fire Department, Police Department, Street Department, Community Services, Engineering and Parks and Recreation.

On Saturday, the skate-less competition on ice begins at noon and will feature corporate teams and teams consisting of family and



Photo provided by City of Carmel

See who’s the hungriest during Human Hungry Hippo at the Winter Games!

friends. In addition to Saturday’s action on the ice, The Ice at Carter Green will feature a live DJ and a ‘Meet the Mascots’ session on the ice.

All events are free and open to the public to observe and cheer on the teams at The Ice at Carter Green. Below is the schedule:

Hometown Hero-Olympics
Friday, Feb. 10, 6 to 8 p.m. at The Ice

Cheer on your favorite hometown heroes during competitive games between City of Carmel departments including Community Services, Engineering, Fire, Parks, and Police.

Carmel Winter Games
Saturday, Feb. 11, noon to 4 p.m.

Local businesses, small groups from the neighborhood or church, and individuals can build real

team spirit through on-ice, non-skating competitive games: Ice Trike Relays, Human Curling, and Human Hungry Hippo.

Meet the Mascots
Saturday, Feb. 11, 1 to 3 p.m.

Meet up and take photos with some of central Indiana’s favorite mascots.

For more information, visit the TheIceAtCarterGreen.com.

Experience an Italian celebration at Arte d’Italia in Carmel

By **DIVINE TRIPLETT**
WISH-TV | wish9.com

You can enjoy an Italian experience featuring classically trained musicians and amazing food at the “Arte d’Italia” in Carmel.

It’s happening at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 17. The event is presented by the Rotary Club of Carmel for

the Carmel/Cortona Sister City Friendship. World-renowned pianist and Cortona Deputy Mayor, Francesco Attesti, will be in attendance.

Proceeds collected from the event will go toward various local organizations and projects supported by the Rotary Club of Carmel. [Click here](#) to purchase tickets.

Civic Theatre to stage The Diary of Anne Frank

The REPORTER

The Civic Theatre, 3 Carter Green, Carmel, brings *The Diary of Anne Frank* to the stage beginning this Friday, Feb. 10 and running through Feb. 25.

Anne Frank emerges from history a living, lyrical, intensely gifted young girl, who confronts her rapidly changing life and the increasing horror of her time

with astonishing honesty, wit, and determination.

During select performances, ticketholders will have the opportunity to hear from local Holocaust survivors and second-generation survivors. See the graphic below for more information.

Buy your tickets at civictheatre.org/anne-frank and see this story come to life.

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Talks with local Holocaust Survivors and Second-Generation Survivors

Saturday, 2/11 at 6PM Tibor Klopfer	Saturday, 2/18 at 6PM Tibor Klopfer
Sunday, 2/12 at 2PM Laurie Freeman	Sunday, 2/19 at 4PM Esther Davidson
Thursday, 2/16 at 6PM Phil Lande	Saturday, 2/25 at 6PM Tibor Klopfer

civictheatre.org | 317.843.3800

Graphic provided by Civic Theatre

Dooley named TCU Commercial Relationship Manager in Carmel

The REPORTER

Teachers Credit Union (TCU) has announced the addition of Kevin Dooley to its Commercial Lending team. Based in Carmel, Dooley will serve the Indi-

anapolis area as a Commercial Relationship Manager.

Dooley joined TCU at the end of 2022 and brings more than 20 years of knowledge in the commercial loan

industry. Using his expertise in portfolio management, lending policy and regulation, he will assist Indianapolis-area business clients in building the best solutions for

their success. Dooley earned a bachelor’s degree from Purdue University and an MBA from Indiana University’s Kelley School of Business.

Learn more at TCU.net.com.



Dooley

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Common Foot & Ankle Conditions

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Thursday, Feb. 23
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or scan the QR code below



Join Dr. Sarah Standish, podiatric surgeon, as she discusses common foot and ankle conditions she sees in her practice. Dr. Standish will explain the pathology of the foot and ankle, including injuries, concerns for high-risk patients, screening tools and treatment strategies.

The program is free, but registration is required.

Carmel announces 2023 construction plans, including three new roundabouts

The REPORTER

The City of Carmel has identified right-of-way improvements and estimated a schedule of work for the 2023 construction season. The Department of Engineering is issuing this schedule to keep the community informed about projects that will greatly impact the city over the next year.

It is always the goal to maintain schedules and timelines for projects, keeping in mind that circumstances such as weather, utilities and unforeseen circumstances can sometimes affect the desired timeline.

Spring

(February to April)

- 106th Street and North College Avenue Roundabout: Continued concrete and dirt work until asphalt plants re-open in April to complete remaining work.
- Clara Knotts Drain/Storm Water Work: Washington and Home Place areas. Ongoing work by Ham-

ilton County Surveyor's office continues. Call (317) 776-8495 for additional information.

- 3rd Avenue SW Reconstruction: (180 days*) On or after March 1; Full closure with access to local traffic only for duration of this project for 3rd Avenue SW from Elm Street to City Center Drive. This work will consist of storm water collection, pedestrian connectivity and road reconstruction.

- Duke Transmission Line: On or after March 15 expect crews to assemble on Veterans Way to begin pulling the transmission line into the previously buried conduit. Expect the work to be complete in April. This will result in a small closure of the road between 1st Street SW and Main Street.

- Monon Greenway Reconstruction: Ongoing work; 1.) Bridge replacement north of 116th Street continues into spring once asphalt can be laid; 2.)

Bridge replacement north of Smoky Row will continue into the spring once asphalt can be laid.

- Smoky Row Reconstruction: Substantial work has been completed on the roadway including storm water collection, utility relocations, and the replacement of the bridge over Little Cool Creek. Expect the roadway to be open for motorists between now and April 1. The final push to construct the roundabout at the west end as well as completion of remaining work will occur in the spring/summer.

- Main Street at Carmel High School: Ongoing work to complete the roundabout at Lexington Boulevard, pedestrian connectivity, median work, and final surface of the road to begin on or after June 1.

- Veterans Way & City Center Roundabout: (80 days*) On or after April 10, partial closures of City Center to construct the new roundabout half at a time.

Expected to be complete by July 4.

**Summer
(May to August)**

- Street Paving/Resurfacing: Ongoing maintenance of city streets by contractors lead by the City of Carmel Street Department. Expect delays with partial/full closures throughout the city. More information available with the City of Carmel Street Department by calling (317) 733-2001.

- Gray Road Path Project: (Date TBD); multi-use path to be constructed on the east side of Gray Road from 106th Street to 116th Street replacing the existing sidewalk.

- College Avenue Reconstruction: (12 months*) (Start date TBD); maintaining one-way traffic for duration of the road work for College Avenue from West 96th Street to West 106th Street The work in this area will consist of two new roundabouts at Pennsylvania Parkway and North College Avenue Parkway and North College Avenue Crossing and North College Avenue will receive boulevard treatment with one lane in either direction, tree-lined median, storm water collection and pedestrian connectivity flanking the new boulevard. The timing and closures for the roundabouts are yet to be determined (information to follow).

Fall (September to November)

- Hazel Dell Parkway and East 106th Street Roundabout: (Start date TBD) 90days +/- under a partial closure, maintaining north to south connectivity on Hazel Dell Parkway for the construction of the roundabout.

- Path Projects: Timeline and scope undetermined

Anticipated 2024

- North College Avenue & 96th Street: Roundabout
- Westfield Boulevard & 106th Street: Roundabout

**Estimated/approximate days. Weather, utilities, and unforeseen circumstances may have serious impact to schedule. Construction workers do their very best to meet these goals and appreciate your patience.*

For any remaining questions or concerns please contact City of Carmel Engineering Department at (317) 571-2441 or email Engineering Administrator Joshua Kirsh at jkirsh@carmel.in.gov.

Sign up for email alerts and updates at Carmel-Link.com.

Letter to the Editor

Thoughts on Noblesville food pantries by a former township trustee

Dear Editor:

The Noblesville Township Trustee Office has offered a food pantry to its residents on a continuous basis for probably longer than any other pantry in Noblesville. It was started by Trustee Billie Caldwell who served for 36 years.

As a partnership owner and store manager of the former Kenley's Supermarkets, I took a special interest in helping run our pantry. I felt well qualified in the safe handling of both perishable and non-perishable food due to my training in the grocery industry.

One may ask whether all these various food pantries are needed in Noblesville where most folks are well off. Are there people who drive expensive cars and don't seem to need free groceries taking advantage of pantries?

My answer to the first question is that Noblesville has a significant population of people who fall below the poverty line. During my two terms in office, I noticed that many of our food pantry clients had never requested any other form of financial assistance. Food assistance was just enough to keep them from needing to ask for help on some of their other bills. There is no shame in visiting a food pantry if that is what helps you keep the light bill paid on time.

All food pantries that are properly run are an asset to our community. I will give a special shout out to Harvest Food Bank, White River Church, Saint Vincent De Paul, and my favorite: the Noblesville Township Trustee Office.

As to the second question – are some folks taking unfair advantage of food pantries? – my answer is that it does happen occasionally. They are usually not difficult to spot. Their behavior often gives them away. Having a brief conversation about how our food is reserved for very needy families usually results in them not returning. I would estimate that over 95 percent of our visitors are short of grocery money after paying their other necessary living expenses.

Almost all our pantry items come from donations by local churches, businesses, civic clubs, the annual Noblesville Fire Department food and toy drive, Noblesville Boys & Girls Club special events, Good Samaritan Network shares overstocked items, and private citizens and neighborhood food drives are important contributors. We are member of the Harvest Food Bank who provides about 600 pounds of food to us monthly. We stock both perishable and non-perishable food items as well as paper products and personal hygiene items when available.

For more information on our pantry please visit the trustee office, call (317) 773-0249, or visit our website, NoblesvilleTownshipTrustee.com.

In summary, I think that all the indoor food pantries that are climate-controlled, manned with employees or volunteers, and have good, monitored refrigeration for perishables and carry a variety of products are necessary and needed in Noblesville.

I am not a fan of outdoor drop off and pick up locations, however well intended. Too many security and food safety issues are left unaddressed. Canned and boxed foods shouldn't be subjected to such temperature and humidity extremes. Canned food items are not safe or nutritious after freezing and thawing. Extreme heat is also a problem. Use your search engine and see where most food experts weigh in on freezing canned goods.

If I were food deprived, I would seek my food elsewhere. When we go to the grocery and return home, we don't store our food in a wooden box on the back porch.

Tom Kenley
Noblesville

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The birth of Sheridan's Indiana Condensed Milk Company, part I

Submitted by Hamilton County Bicentennial Commission

Editor's note: Guest contributor and historian Brendan White shares the story of how milk became big business in Sheridan right after the turn of the century. White is a frequent historical society volunteer who has a true passion for Hamilton County's past. He is also a contributing writer to Celebrating Hamilton County, Indiana: 200 Years of Change, the official Bicentennial history book available now.

Part 1: The Company's Beginning, 1901-1905

The Indiana Condensed Milk Company was a significant industrial enterprise in Sheridan in the early 1900s. The industry manufactured condensed milk for different parts of the county, state, nation and even the world.

Stories in *The Sheridan News* and other newspapers provide evidence of the condensed milk industry's beginnings during the early 1900s. Before the founding of the better-known Indiana Condensed Milk Company, on March 29, 1901, Frank Van Camp incorporated a condensed milk business named The American Condensed Milk Company, which he planned to operate as part of the Van Camp Canning Company. Courtland Van Camp, George Griffin and John Dettemore helped Frank Van Camp organize the company. Courtland Van Camp operated the Van Camp Hardware Store, while George Griffin was part of Schnull & Company (1).

The men selected Sheridan as the home of the company's facilities. Operators of the American Condensed Milk Company planned to purchase a location in Sheridan for \$600 and construct structures, install machinery, and purchase milk for the industry with a total of \$7,000.

People living on nearby farms took an interest in where the condensed milk factory would be located, as many would have been hopeful that their dairy cows could help supply milk. Company representatives announced the proposed location on Monday, March 25, 1901 (2). A Sanborn Fire Insurance Map of Sheridan from 1902 shows that the American Condensed Milk Company stood on the south side of the Monon Railroad line by the east side of Park Avenue (3).

The beginning of the factory's operation occurred in a limited way after the construction of its buildings. In 1901, a strike of machinists in Chicago delayed the installation of machinery in the plant and thus prevented operations from beginning on June 25 of



Photo courtesy of the Sheridan Historical Society

During the early days of the Indiana Condensed Milk Company, the plant consisted of a small frame structure.

that year as planned (4). Operations began in mid-July, but the company soon encountered water supply issues that prevented it from fully operating. To remedy the issue, a 180-foot-deep well was dug to obtain an adequate supply of water. During that time, area farmers provided approximately 6,000 pounds of milk to the factory every day (5).

The Formation of the Indiana Condensed Milk Company, 1902

In 1902, the condensed milk industry went through a change leading up to the opening of the Indiana Condensed Milk Company in Sheridan. On October 24, 1902, the Sheridan News reported that the Furnas Ice Cream Company of Indianapolis had purchased the American Condensed Milk Company. As a result of the deal, Furnas Ice Cream Company took possession of most of the milk plant and would continue to operate the condensed milk factory (6).

There is some historical record of the founding of the Indiana Condensed Milk Company. A *Sheridan News* article from 1955 reports that W.N. Wilson bought the small factory building in Sheridan in 1902 (7). A *Sheridan News* article from 1960, John F. Haines' *History of Hamilton County, Indiana* (1915), and a few other sources say that the Indiana Condensed Milk Company was founded by W.N. Wilson around 1900.

A tidbit from *The Indianapolis Journal* newspaper indicates that the incorporation of the Indiana Condensed Milk Company took place in Indianapolis on October 1, 1902, with William N. Wilson, Amos K. Hollowell and Elmer W. Stout serving as directors of the enterprise.

The company was launched with

\$15,000 in capital (8). The Sanborn Fire Insurance Map of Sheridan from 1909 shows that the Indiana Condensed Milk Company expanded east from the former American Condensed Milk Company's building along the south side of the Monon Railroad line (9). Its address was 805 Park Avenue, located at the northeast corner of Park Avenue and 10th (or 236th) Street on the southeast side of Sheridan.

The Indiana Condensed Milk Company in Sheridan continued to develop after 1902, with changes in ownership and national expansion. That part of the story will be explored in the second part of this condensed (pun intended) series.

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One-woman show *Wild Horses* touches audiences in best ways

By ADAM CROWE
A Seat on the Aisle

Welcome to 2023. At least for my first contribution.

My New Year for ASO-TA starts at the Phoenix Theatre, where they are beginning the year with the Indianapolis premiere of Allison Gregory's *Wild Horses*.

A one-woman show, *Wild Horses* stars both Phoenix Artistic Director Constance Macy and Indianapolis actress Jen Johansen, each alternating performances in the role of a woman recounting memories of her childhood. The theater describes the play as a "funny tale about a summer that changed an adolescent girl forever, told by her grown-up self." It's that and more.

Now, I love a big spectacle onstage. I love big, elaborate shows. But even more important to me is good storytelling. *Wild Horses* achieves that goal at every turn. Recounting her memories of a very particular time in her childhood, this storyteller holds the au-

dience mesmerized as she spins a tale of childhood friends and her own struggle to find identity, independence, and her place in a changing world.

In the performance I attended, the storyteller was played by Jen Johansen, who combined heartfelt storytelling with a terrific menagerie of characters from her subject's past. Even in scenes involving multiple characters who nearly talk over one another, Johansen makes sure we follow along completely. It was not a showy performance, but one of true depth, feeling and connection.

Wild Horses is not a strictly "female" story, though the largely female audience I saw it with frequently responded with knowing laughs and audible moments of recognition. The pains and joys of adolescence are recognizable to all of us. It may not be just like "my story" at that age (though the music used was all very recognizable to me from my 13th and 14th years), but that is sort of the point. We empathize and



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Jen Johansen in Phoenix Theatre's *Wild Horses*.

compare experiences as we watch a good story being told. We recall similar feelings and emotions. Gregory's script is well constructed and, while it treads on some familiar storytelling territory, this production's high quality touches the audience in all the best ways.

In offstage matters, the direction by Lori Wolter Hudson was tight. Tonie Smith's costume was just right and Laura Glover's lighting was gorgeous, as

were Jason Tuttle's sound design and Katie Phelan Mayfield's projections. And finally, Zac Hunter is turning into one of the best set designers in Indy.

Bottom line – the basic architecture of *Wild Horses* might seem familiar, but what the director, designers and Jen Johansen build at the Phoenix is a marvel of a tale and well worth your time.

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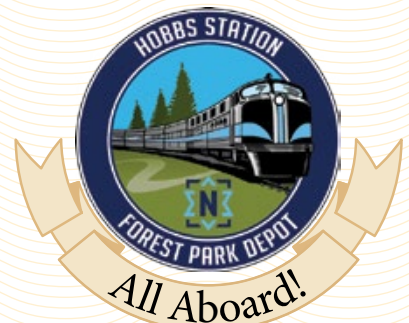
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Rules changes in state legislature will lead to more transparency & representation

In the last few years, many parents, grandparents, and everyday citizens have woken up to what has been happening with our educational system. Some have taken to attending and speaking up at school board meetings, electing persons who promise to legislate changes in our educational system, and even running for public office so that they can be the change agents.

Some strides have been made, but if we want to make meaningful changes to what our children learn and how they are prepared for their future, then we need more. Change can only come when we have a united front on the part of parents, teachers, legislators, and the citizenry at large.

In Indiana, we have seen our legislature fail to pass education reform bills that would help to improve the education of our children.

For example, bills were submitted on bringing back cursive writing in our curricula because cursive writing has been shown to help with retention and comprehension in all areas of study and to benefit children who are dyslexic. A bill that would have required a curricular materials advisory committee to comprise of at least 40 percent parents of students, giving parents more transparency on what was being

taught, also failed to pass. All this while Indiana ILEARN proficiency scores for English Language Arts was 47.9 percent, Math was 47.8 percent and Science was 47.4 percent at the elementary school level*.

While Noblesville has a higher proficiency rating than the Indiana average, a close look at the level of proficiency in the school corporation shows that between 30 to 40 percent of our students are not demonstrating successful achievement of grade-level standards and expectations.

Soon we may have another means of fighting for our children's education and future. A brave group of patriots has started a coalition they are calling Citizens Coalition for Legislature Accountability (CCLA).

This group looks to change the rules of how our legislature gives proposed bills a hearing and passage. They are working on gaining Hoosier support so that our legislators are coerced into making the changes to chamber rules that will add transparency to how bills are given a hearing, voted on, or killed.

These rule changes have the added benefit that they will give Hoosiers a record of whether their legislator is representing the values and interests of their constituents or not. Currently, the

Coalition calls for legislative change

The REPORTER

Citizens' Coalition for Legislature Accountability (CCLA) has prepared a white paper outline proposing Indiana legislature rule changes. According to the report, penned by CCLA CEO Dan Stock, the state legislature chamber rules allow for a concentration of power that CCLA and others find problematic.

Under the current system, a committee chairman chosen by the chamber leader can deny a bill a hearing in committee, thus preventing debate by elected officials long before the committee as a whole decides if the bill has enough merit to take the next step toward a full legislative vote.

The changes CCLA outlines in their white paper include having the committee chairs chosen by the committee as a

whole and serving at the committee's pleasure, instead of chairs being chosen by the chamber leader. In CCLA's view, this would place more power in the hands of each committee as a whole and lessen the potential concentration of power in the hands of the one individual: the chamber leader.

CCLA also wants procedural objections to be subject to a recorded vote by the committee or chamber, depending on the level at which the objection takes place, to ensure there is a public record for the purpose of accountability of elected officials to the voting public.

There is a list of specific proposed rule changes for both the Indiana House and Senate available in the white paper itself, a two-page document you can read in its entirety at [this link](#).

leader of this group is getting the word out by speaking to interested groups and so far, the response has been extremely positive.

In the next couple of weeks, there will be a website where leaders of groups and individuals can go to sign a petition letting our legislators know that *We*

the People want these rules changed. With these rules changes, we can finally look forward to greater transparency in the legislation that is passed and having our legislators representing their constituents.

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Indiana senators advance expansion of welfare program's eligibility guidelines

By GARRETT BERGQUIST
WISH-TV | [wishstv.com](#)

A shelter director who works with families in need said Monday that a welfare expansion bill in the Indiana Legislature isn't enough, but it's a good start.

Breanna Klink, the program director for [Holy Family Shelter](#), said whenever a family comes to her team for help, the first thing shelter staff do is help them apply for any public assistance programs for which they qualify. In many cases, she said Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or TANF, is the first thing to come through. All too often, though, she said families apply only to learn they don't qualify.

"It is very frustrating because a lot of our families are coming in with nothing," she said. "To get that rejection is just another rejection on top of what is likely many, things like evictions, job losses, things like that."

Although TANF is federally funded, the states set eligibility requirements. In Indiana, [longstanding income limits](#) prevent a family of four from qualifying if they make more than \$8,547 per year, one of the strictest thresholds in the country. [A Senate bill now in the General Assembly](#) would raise the income limit to 35 percent of the federal poverty line beginning July 1, 2025, and then to 50 percent of the federal poverty line on July 1, 2027. The latter figure works out to \$15,000

per year for a family of four. The bill's language means income limits would automatically adjust to inflation.

Sam Snideman, vice president of government relations for the United Way of Central Indiana, said more than 66,000 families in Indiana fall below that 50 percent threshold. Of those, he said, about 4,300 receive TANF benefits. Snideman said it's hard to calculate how many additional families would qualify because of TANF's other eligibility requirements, such as actively seeking work and not having more than \$1,000 worth of assets excluding one's home. For families that would qualify, he said it would make a big difference.

"It can often mean the difference between being homeless and not, being hungry and not, having the ability to pay for necessary emergency expenses and not," he said.

The bill passed the Senate unanimously at the end of January and is now assigned to a House committee. Snideman said similar legislation has passed the Senate in the past only to die in the House, but this year's bill has a good chance of avoiding that fate.

Klink said the bill's expansion of TANF eligibility isn't nearly enough to meet families' needs, but it's better than nothing. Besides helping to buy basic necessities, she said, TANF payments can help a family re-establish credit and, above all, attain a sense of dignity.



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Latest news from the Chris Center

The REPORTER

The Chris Center, a local organization promoting mental and emotional wellness for central Indiana teenagers, brings you these bits of news on upcoming events, opportunities to volunteers, and community engagement. Learn more and donate at ChrisCenter-Paws.com.

A Night Out at Bash Boutique

From 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9, Bash Boutique, 30 N. Range Line Road, Carmel, will hold an open-to-all shopping event where 15 percent of all sales will be donated to The Chris Center.

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Click here to RSVP. Nature & Wellness Field Trips

The 2023 dates are set. The Chris Center offers middle-school and high-school students an opportunity to explore nature, practice mindfulness, and meet some amazing alpacas. There will be a two-hour, small-group experience which includes interactive alpaca activi-

ties, nature exploration, and mindful walking time.

[Click here](#) for more info, dates, and registration information.

Winter Parent Education Series

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Hamilton County lawmakers invite local students to page at Statehouse

The REPORTER

Hamilton County lawmakers invite local students to spend a day serving as a House page at the Indiana Statehouse during the 2023 legislative session.

According to House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers), Hoosier students ages 13 to 18 can sign up to page, and assist lawmakers and staff with daily duties while touring the governor's office, the Indiana Supreme Court, and House and Senate chambers.

"It's always a privilege to meet and talk with student pages during session," Huston said. "Civic engagement is critically important, and I hope to see more young Hoosiers from our community take advantage of this opportunity."

State Rep. Chuck Goodrich (R-Noblesville) said

pages will receive an excused absence from school and can participate in groups, such as Girl Scouts troops.

"Taking part in the page program is a rewarding experience that gives students the chance to meet leaders from across the state," Goodrich said. "I always enjoy seeing students from Hamilton County engage in state government and leave with a better understanding of the legislative process."

"Meeting with students from House District 88 is always fun and insightful," State Rep. Chris Jeter (R-Fishers) said. "Our team also works hard to give them

opportunities to learn about how a bill becomes law, state history and how their state government works."

State Rep. Donna Schaibley (R-Carmel) said Hoosiers can visit indianahousepublicans.com/pageprogram or call 1-800-382-9841 to sign up their student to participate.

"Our youth are the future of Indiana," Schaibley said. "Pages gain exposure to how our state operates, which I hope encourages them to stay curious and involved in their government."

"Through this unique, hands-on learning experience,

Hoosiers connect with their elected officials while learning about the three branches of government," State Rep. Jerry Torr (R-Carmel) said. "This is a great opportunity for our next generation of leaders, and I hope to see more Hamilton County students at the Statehouse this session."

Opportunities to page are available on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays throughout session, which began on Jan. 9 and must conclude by the end of April. Students are responsible for their lunch, and transportation to and from the Statehouse.

Applications open for United Way of Central Indiana pitch contest

The REPORTER

Nonprofits interested in winning funding from United Way of Central Indiana by showcasing their innovative ideas can now apply to compete at an April pitch contest.

At Propel, human services organizations will pitch their ideas on how to reduce barriers for those from under-resourced

communities or asset-limited backgrounds. The event is open to nonprofits serving residents in Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Marion, Morgan or Putnam counties.

This year's event is sponsored by Audiochuck.

Interested nonprofits can apply by submitting a letter of interest and a five-minute video about

their project or idea by Feb. 27. Applicants do not need to be accredited with United Way to participate. Submissions will be reviewed by a panel of community leaders.

Finalists will make their pitches live April 27. A location for the event will be announced at a later date.

A \$30,000 award pre-

sented by United Way will be selected by a panel of judges, a \$50,000 award presented by Audiochuck will be chosen by the media company and an audience-choice winner of at least \$5,000 will be voted on by the public. Finalists will receive \$2,000.

For more information or to apply, go to uwci.org/propel.

Fishers man sentenced to 13 years in federal prison for trafficking child sexual abuse material

Submitted

Robert Ficznar, 27, Fishers, has been sentenced to 13 years in federal prison for distributing child sexual abuse material.

According to court documents, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) received information from Omegle, a one-on-one random video chat application, that Robert Ficznar had displayed an image of a naked, prepubescent 5-year-old to other Omegle users. In March of 2022, Ficznar was approached by investigators and admitted that he showed the sexually explicit images of the child to elicit a "reaction" from other Omegle users. Additionally, Ficznar admitted to receiving and sharing child sexual abuse material via the Kik and Telegram instant messaging applications.

When investigators searched Ficznar's cell phone, they found multiple files containing child sexual abuse material, as well as conversations between Ficznar and other participants discussing their desires and plans to kidnap and sexually abuse children.

Ficznar's collection of child sexual abuse material contained well over 600 images and included depictions of the sexual abuse and torture of infants and toddlers, as well as sadistic and masochistic conduct.

"Civilized society will not tolerate the trafficking of images of the sexual torture of babies and toddlers," said Zachary A. Myers, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana. "Even worse, this defendant discussed his desires and plans to kidnap and sexually abuse children with likeminded offenders online. The serious sentence imposed here demonstrates that federal, state, and local law enforcement will root out those criminals who pose a danger to our children, prosecute them, and get them off our streets."

"This sentencing shows just how damaging Ficznar's crimes against children are and emphasizes HSI's dedication to hold perpetrators accountable," said HSI Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago area of operations Sean Fitzgerald. "We, alongside our law enforcement partners, are committed to keeping the most vulnerable of our communities safe. Child predators like Ficznar cannot escape justice and there will be serious consequences for their heinous actions."

Homeland Security Investigations, the Hamilton County Metropolitan Child Exploitation Task Force, and the Department of Justice's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section investigated this case. The sentence was imposed by U.S. District

Court Judge, Jane E. Magnus-Stinson. Judge Stinson also ordered that Ficznar be supervised by the U.S. Probation Office for 15 years following his release from federal prison and pay \$8,000 in restitution to the victims. Ficznar must also register as a sex offender wherever he lives, works, or goes to school, as required by law.

U.S. Attorney Myers thanked Assistant United States Attorney Kristina M. Korobov and Trial Attorney Adam Braskich of the Department of Justice's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, who prosecuted this case.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit justice.gov/psc.

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The Atlanta Town Council will meet at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023, at Atlanta Town Hall, 105 E. Main St., Atlanta.

The Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Board will meet in an executive session at 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 13, 2023.

A regular board meeting will follow at 6 p.m. at the HCPR Administration Building, 400 Lafayette Road, Noblesville.

The Sheridan Public Library Board of Trustees will hold its regular monthly meeting at 6 p.m. on Feb. 13, 2023, in the community room of the library, located at 103 W. 1st St., Sheridan.

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The Carmel Historic Preservation Commission will meet at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023, in the Caucus Room on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

The Cicero Stormwater Utility Board will meet to discuss the Brinton Street project at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023, at Cicero Town Hall, 70 N. Byron St., Cicero.

The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2023, in the Council Chambers on the first floor of the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

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I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair; the whole moon turned blood red, and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. The heavens receded like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.

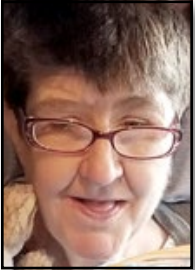
Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and everyone else, both slave and free, hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. They called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can withstand it?"

Revelation 6:12-17 (NIV)

Jana Kay Alenduff

July 11, 1962 – February 2, 2023

Jana Kay Alenduff, 60, Indianapolis, passed away on Thursday, February 2, 2023. She was born on July 11, 1962, to Joseph and Patricia (Johnson) Alenduff in Indianapolis.



Jana liked to color, send cards, and has made miles of paper chains. She enjoyed traveling and going to camp. Jana liked to receive pictures and videos of her nieces and nephews. Jana was a Gold Medal Special Olympian, and her favorite events were basketball, standing long jump, and bowling.

She is survived by her siblings, Suzie (Patrick) Matthews, Joe (Karla) Alenduff, Jr., and David (Tammy) Alenduff; nieces and nephews, Matt Alenduff, T.J. (Lana) Joyce, Diana Davidson, Jessica (Alex) Hamlett, Ashlee Alenduff, and Zach Willingham; and six great-nieces and nephews.

Jana was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 6 p.m., with services at 6 p.m., on Thursday, February 9, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Special Olympics Indiana, 6200 Technology Center Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46278 (soindiana.org).

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Donna Lee DeMoss

March 1, 1948 – February 2, 2023

Donna Lee DeMoss, 74, New Palestine, Ind., passed away Thursday evening, February 2, 2023, at the Franciscan Hospice House. She was born in Milwaukee, Wis., on March 1, 1948. Donna was a graduate of Warren Central High School, class of 1966.



Donna is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 28 years, John DeMoss; father, Robert A. Murphy; one stepson, Travis (Lee Ann) DeMoss; one granddaughter, Katherine DeMoss; one stepdaughter, Susan DeMoss (John Hutchens) and two granddaughters, Chelsie and Shawnee Hutchens; sisters, Pam Kirkpatrick, Darlene Crawford, and Danette Bryant; brothers, Bob (Kim) Murphy, Lenny (Carla) Messal; stepsisters, Rhonda Jeske, Susie (Don) Nixon, and LeAnn (Dave) Echterling; stepbrother, Mike (Amy) Murphy; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Donna was preceded in death by her mother, Beverly Murphy; one son, Tim Beard; and stepbrother, Larry Murphy.

Donna excelled in her profession in the insurance business. She was a claims supervisor and litigation specialist. She retired from Citizens Insurance Company in 2005 due to health issues. She loved to challenge herself, always striving for perfection. Music, movies, and crossword puzzles were a passion of hers as it soothed her soul. Also, books were a love, as she always wanted to experience the passion of the words. She was a very giving person, that special gift for a person was always important to her. It brought much joy to bring happiness to others. One of the last things she did was to get her calendar updated with all the family birth dates. She loved her home, April 1 was always circled on the calendar, the day they moved in. She was loved by many and will be missed dearly.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at Indiana Funeral Care's Harry W. Moore Chapel, 8151 Allisonville Road, Indianapolis, with her nephew, Dustin Crawford officiating. Visitation will be two hours prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Franciscan Hospice House, Hancock County Children's Choir in honor of Donna or your favorite charity.

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Joyce Ann Ewing

October 29, 1945 – February 3, 2023

Joyce Ann Ewing, 77, Noblesville, made her Heavenly journey, surrounded by loved ones, on Friday, February 3, 2023. She was born on October 29, 1945, to Emory and Hazel (Surrett) Parsons in Lee County, Va.



Joyce was a devoted wife, mother, sister, aunt, mother-in-law, sister-in-law, and grandmother, and most importantly, a devoted Christian. She had a beautiful servant's heart and everyone who knew her loved her. After moving to Indiana, Joyce worked many jobs and those that made her most proud were those taking care of others. She aided in care of children at Arcadia Children's Home and was a QMA at Noblesville Nursing Home and Turtle Creek Nursing Home (now Riverwalk). The last 30 years before retirement Joyce was a Nurse Technician at Riverview Hospital in Noblesville. She was loved by co-workers and patients alike. Joyce touched many lives through her care and loving kindness. She was a member of Pentecostal Lighthouse Church in Noblesville.

In addition to her parents, Joyce was preceded in death by her brothers, Danny, William, Jesse, Claude, Emmitt, Phillip, and Earl; sisters, Deloris Cochran, Della Parsons, and Alberta Flanary.

She is survived by her husband, Ronnie Ewing of Noblesville; son, Ron (Shannell) Ewing of Cicero; daughter, Pam (Kevin) Walden of Marion, Ark.; grandchildren, Tara Mackenzie Ewing of Indianapolis, Cameron Alexander Ewing of Noblesville, Tanner Joseph Ewing of Cicero, and Izabella Rosalee Dawson of Cicero; sister, Geardean Ruth Salyers of Noblesville; as well as several beloved sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., with funeral services at 2 p.m., on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Pastor Alfred Parks will officiate. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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Four Hamilton County divers headed to state finals

By **RICHIE HALL**
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FISHERS – Hamilton County divers had a nice evening at the Hamilton Southeastern diving regional on Tuesday.

Four local divers finished in the top eight, which meant they are headed to the state finals. Fort Wayne Snider sophomore Amelia Rinehart won the event by a large margin, scoring 471.65 points. But after that, county divers placed in positions two through five.

Fishers’ Gretchen Osmun was the regional runner-up, scoring 397.10 points.

“There were ups and downs to the meet, but overall I think I did pretty well and it paid off,” said Osmun.

The senior Osmun won the sectional last weekend at her home pool, and got out to a comfortable margin early, scoring consistently well to easily clinch second place.

“Overall, it was pretty steady,” said Osmun. “I was consistent. The scores were pretty consistent. No big errors, so it was a pretty consistent meet.”

Carmel junior Melaina Munson finished strong at the meet, eventually placing third with 362.65 points. Munson was in seventh place after five dives, but rocketed to third with

big scores in her final seven dives, scoring at least 30 points each time. That included a 42.00 for her 10th dive.

“I think I had a bit of a rough start, but I’m really grateful for how I did and looking forward to diving with all my friends this weekend,” said Munson, the winner of last weekend’s Carmel sectional.

Noblesville’s Eryn McMahon, a freshman, placed fourth with 362.25 points. McMahon also had solid scores during the end of the meet, including a 41.40 for her ninth dive.

“I think I did pretty well,” said McMahon. “Definitely a lot better than I did at sectionals.”

McMahon placed second at the Carmel sectional, and improved her score by 15 points. McMahon said she improved on her “distance and the way I thought. I thought more positive this round.”

Hamilton Southeastern’s Ella Penny, a senior, placed fifth with a score of 341.30 points. Penny also put up some big scores during the meet, with a 40.25 for her fifth dive. She also finished the meet strong, with 42.00 points for her 11th dive.

Two other county divers competed, each making it to the finals. Hamilton Heights sophomore Campbell Lively-Mason took 10th (310.00 points) and



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Hamilton County had four divers finish in the top eight at the Hamilton Southeastern regional on Tuesday, which qualifies them for Saturday’s state meet. (From left) Carmel’s Melaina Munson (third), Noblesville’s Eryn McMahon (fourth), Fishers’ Gretchen Osmun (second) and Southeastern’s Ella Penny (fifth).

Carmel freshman Helena Gibson placed 11th (299.35 points). The top eight divers from each of Indiana’s four regionals now advance to the state prelims, which begin at 9 a.m. Saturday at the IU Natatorium. The diving finals take place Saturday afternoon, along with the swimming finals.

University Trailblazers take path of least resistance through La Lumiere Blue

The REPORTER

Four players scored in double figures as the Class 2A No. 5 University Trailblazers rolled to an easy 71-43 win over La Porte LaLumiere Blue Tuesday night at The U Center.

Sabien Cain led the way for the Trailblazers with 22 points and a team-high four assists. Rob Russell had 12 points and Bryce Gray and Kahmi Bracey had 10 points each. Bracey pulled down six rebounds. Andre Ozlowski had a fine all-around game with nine points, eight rebounds and three steals.

The first quarter was a back-and-forth affair that ended with Cain hitting a three pointer with two seconds left to put University in front for good at 13-10. Cain had six points in the period.

University controlled the second quarter, building a 31-18 halftime lead on Gray’s three pointer from the

right corner as time expired. The Blazers ended any doubt scoring the first seven points of the third quarter to build a 38-18 lead just two minutes in to the second half. The Lakers could not get closer than 16 points the rest of the game and University led by as many as 31 early in the fourth quarter.

The Blazers had a big crowd on their annual Blue Bash Night when incoming freshmen are welcomed to the school and the team used that energy according to the coach Brandon Lafferman. “I really loved our energy tonight. We had a packed gym and I thought we fed off that crowd really well. We had a lot of guys score tonight, really balanced scoring. I thought our defensive pressure was outstanding. I’m very proud of Kahmi Bracey, Andre Ozlowski, Steven Scott and Seth Hogg and their continued senior leadership. Now we get ready for our conference championship game Saturday.”

University, champions of the Pioneer Academic Athletic Conference North Division will host South Division champion Park Tudor Saturday night for the conference championship. The Blazers are the five-time defending conference champions and will carry a 15-1 record in to the game.

UNIVERSITY 71, LA LUMIERE BLUE 43				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Kahmi Bracey	2	4-4	10	0
Robert Russell	4	3-4	12	2
Sabien Cain	7	6-8	22	0
Andre Ozlowski	3	3-3	9	0
Seth Hogg	2	0-0	6	1
Bryce Gray	4	0-2	10	4
Zien Bland	0	0-2	0	0
Steven Scott	0	0-0	0	0
Jackson Bledsoe	0	0-0	0	2
David Walz	1	0-0	2	0
Cooper Cammack	0	0-0	0	1
Totals	23	16-23	71	10
Score by Quarters				
La Lumiere Blue	10	8	12	13 – 43
University	13	18	20	20 – 71
University 3-pointers (9) Gray 2, Bracey 2, Cain 2, Hogg 2, Russell.				
University rebounds (32) Ozlowski 8, Bracey 6, Russell 4, Hogg 4, Cain 4, Scott 3, Gray 2, Bledsoe 1.				

Anderson beats Tigers in OT

Haralson scores 48 points

The REPORTER

Fishers dropped a tough game in the Tiger Den on Tuesday, falling to Anderson 73-70 in an overtime contest between two very good teams.

The Indians led 20-11 after one quarter, then 34-24 at halftime. Jalen Haralson had 11 points for Fishers, but he was just getting started.

The Tigers cut into Anderson’s lead by the end of the third period, 50-43. Haralson poured in 14 points during the third quarter, then added another 15 points in the fourth. That helped Fishers tie the game up by the end of regulation at 61-61. The overtime was close, with the Indians outscoring the Tigers 12-9.

Haralson scored eight points during the extra period. He finished the game with 48 points, easily a season best. Haralson and Taden Metzger both had two 3-pointers during the contest.

Fishers is 11-9 and plays Friday at Cathedral.

ANDERSON 73, FISHERS 70 (overtime)				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Taden Metzger	2	0-0	6	4
Jalen Haralson	20	6-14	48	3
Aidan Zimmer	1	0-0	3	3
JonAnthony Hall	0	0-0	0	3
Keenan Garner	2	2-6	6	0
Millen McCartney	2	0-0	5	4
Parker Perdue	1	0-0	2	3
James Stasey	0	0-0	0	1
Grant Haworth	0	0-0	0	0
John Kirby	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	28	8-20	70	21
Score by Quarters				
Anderson	20	14	16	11 – 73
Fishers	11	13	19	18 – 70
Fishers 3-pointers (6) Metzger 2, Haralson 2, McCartney, Zimmer.				

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Basketball

Strong second half carries Noblesville over the top

The REPORTER

Noblesville took care of business on the road Tuesday night, winning at Liberty Christian 77-40.

The Millers outscored the Lions in all four quarters of the game. Noblesville led 19-12 after one period, with Luke Almodovar scoring 10 points. Hunter Walston took over in the second quarter, also adding 10 points and helping the Millers to a 41-26 halftime advantage.

Noblesville got stronger as the second half progressed, leading 64-38 after three quarters. Aaron Fine had eight points in that period. The Millers let their defense finish things up in the fourth quarter, holding Liberty Christian

to three points.

“Good team win,” said Noblesville coach Scott McClelland. “Three in double figures. Six other kids scored.”

Almodovar led with 22 points, followed by Walston with 18 and Fine with 15.

“We’ve got some guys that are really stepping up and giving us some really good minutes,” said McClelland.

The coach talked about his depth over the past few games, saying that “here in the last couple weeks, we’ve had major contributions from Justin Curry. “I thought Luke Etchison gave us some good minutes to-night. TJ Davidson did.”

Noblesville is 14-5 and

NOBLESVILLE 77, LIBERTY CHRISTIAN 40				
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Luke Almodovar	7	3-4	22	0
Hunter Walston	7	1-1	18	1
Aiden Brewer	0	2-2	2	3
Cooper Bean	3	0-1	7	2
Aaron Fine	7	1-1	15	1
Justin Curry	2	0-0	5	0
Will Smits	0	0-0	0	1
TJ Davidson	2	0-0	4	0
Luke Etchison	1	0-0	2	2
Adam Fine	0	0-0	0	0
Baron Walker	0	0-0	0	0
Ryan Vetur	0	0-0	0	0
Jrue Kanté	1	0-0	2	1
Totals	30	7-9	77	11
Score by Quarters				
Noblesville	19	22	23	13-77
Liberty Christian	12	14	12	3-40
Noblesville 3-pointers (10) Almodovar 5, Walston 3, Bean, Curry.				

hosts Brownsburg Friday dogs lead the HCC with a for a Hoosier Crossroads 5-0 record, while the Millers Conference game. The Bull- are second at 4-1.

Shamrocks win tough road battle

The REPORTER

Westfield won a tough road game at Harrison Tuesday, 48-42.

The Shamrocks led by 13-12 after one quarter, with Trey Buchanan making a pair of 3-pointers. Westfield then pulled ahead 27-17 by halftime. The Raiders’ defense then took over in the third period, allowing the ‘Rocks just one free throw. Harrison led 31-28 after three quarters, but the Shamrocks got it together

in the fourth, pouring in 20 points to pick up the victory.

Alex Romack scored 19 points, taking over the game in the fourth quarter by scoring 10 points. Seth LaRavia also had a big fourth, throwing in two 3s; he finished the game with 10 points. Buchanan added eight points.

Westfield is 11-6 and plays Friday at Hamilton Heights, the second of three road games this week for the Shamrocks.

WESTFIELD 48, HARRISON 42				
Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Trey Buchanan	3	0-0	8	0
Sam Bishop	2	0-0	5	2
Charles Farrell	1	0-2	3	3
Durante Morton	0	0-2	0	1
Alex Romack	8	3-7	19	2
Seth LaRavia	3	1-2	10	3
Will Harvey	1	0-0	3	3
Totals	18	4-13	48	14
Score by Quarters				
Westfield	13	14	1	20-48
Harrison	12	5	14	11-42
Westfield 3-pointers (8) LaRavia 3, Buchanan 2, Bishop, Farrell, Harvey.				

Guerin Catholic falls to New Palestine

The REPORTER

Guerin Catholic dropped a tough game at New Palestine on Tuesday, falling to the Dragons 67-64.

New Palestine led 18-14 after one quarter. The Golden Eagles took over in the second period, scoring 19 points to take a 33-28 half-time lead. Guerin Catholic led 36-28 to begin the third quarter, but the Dragons came back to go up 47-45 by the end of the period,

then edged out the Golden Eagles in the fourth.

Three Guerin Catholic players scored in double figures. Lucas Parker threw in three 3-pointers on his way to 19 points. Kamea Chandler had 16 points and five assists, while Robert Sorensen added 14 points. Josh Holba pulled five rebounds.

The Golden Eagles are 12-8 and play Thursday at Indianapolis Washington.

NEW PALESTINE 67, GUERIN CATHOLIC 64				
Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Robert Sorensen	4-11	5-7	14	4
Kamea Chandler	6-9	3-3	16	3
Lucas Parker	7-13	2-2	19	2
Ty Sanders	2-2	1-2	5	4
Bryson Cardinal	3-7	1-3	8	1
Josh Holba	0-0	0-0	0	2
Andy Caron	1-2	0-0	2	0
Kyle Shadoan	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	23-44	12-17	64	16
Score by Quarters				
Guerin Catholic	14	19	12	19-64
New Palestine	18	10	19	20-67
Guerin Catholic 3-pointers (6-17) Parker 3-7, Sorensen 1-6, Chandler 1-3, Cardinal 1-1.				
Guerin Catholic rebounds (23) Holba 5, Sanders 4, Sorensen 3, Chandler 3, Parker 3, Cardinal 3, Caron 1, team 1.				

IBCA boys basketball poll – Week of Feb. 6

Rank	School	Points	Record
1	Ben Davis (20)	400	22-0
2	Penn	378	17-1
3	Center Grove	353	17-1
4	Brownsburg	327	17-2
5	Hammond Central	308	18-1
6	Indianapolis Cathedral	302	13-4
7	Kokomo	267	15-4
8	Carmel	234	12-6
9	NorthWood	231	15-2
10	New Palestine	201	16-1
10	Mishawaka Marian	201	17-2
12	Jennings County	181	16-1
13	Linton-Stockton	167	18-1
14	Greenfield-Central	151	17-1
15	Lawrence North	133	14-4
16	Ft. Wayne Blackhawk Christian	75	15-3
17	Homestead	55	15-4
18	Anderson	40	15-3
19	Norwell	39	16-2
20	Zionsville	25	11-6
First place votes are in parentheses.			

Other schools receiving votes, with records

Bloomfield (16-3), Bloomington North (12-3), Brebeuf Jesuit (12-5), Brownstown Central (14-4), Chesterton (14-4), Harrison (West Lafayette) (15-3), Indianapolis Attucks (12-7), Lake Station Edison (16-1), Munster (16-2), Noblesville (13-5), North Central (Indianapolis) (11-7), North Daviess (16-5), Scottsburg (15-2), South Spencer (17-1), Southport (13-6), Tippecanoe Valley (15-3), University (15-1), Wapahani (17-1), Warren Central (10-9).

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Heights’ Kaylee Rhoton to play basketball at Franklin College

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights senior Kaylee Rhoton has signed a letter of intent to play basketball for Franklin College in Franklin, Ind., this fall. Franklin College is a member of the Heartland Conference and a NCAA Division III athletic institution. She is the daughter of Adam and Stephanie Rhoton.

Rhoton is a multi-sport student athlete who has excelled in the classroom, on the court, field, and green. She is a four-year varsity letter winner in golf, basketball, and softball. With eight varsity letters to her name, she earned Hamilton Heights coveted 7-Year Varsity Blanket. She was also named to the 2022 Golf and Softball All Conference Teams, and received the 2022 Softball Team Mental Attitude Award, and 2021-22 Basketball Team Mental Attitude Award.

Rhoton chose Franklin College to study exercise science and play basketball. “I like that Franklin College is close to home, has a beautiful campus, and the overall environment was inviting,” she said of her visit to Franklin College. “Coach Johnson is such a great coach and I love her vision for the women’s basketball program.”

“I have played basketball for the past 12 years,” Rhoton said. In addition, she



Photo by Jen Kauffman

Hamilton Heights’ senior Kaylee Rhoton has signed a letter of intent to play basketball for the Franklin College Grizzlies in Franklin, Ind., this fall. Rhoton, seated, is pictured with her father Adam, sister Kamryn, and mother Stephanie.

has played AAU for Indiana Girls Basketball and Indy Magic and trained with Eric Bordan, Sr. Rhoton credits her high school and club coaches including Coaches DuBois, Scott, and Blanding for their help and support. “They have all helped me grow as a student athlete to an pushed me to be my best,” she noted.

In addition to sports, Rhoton is involved in a few extra-curricular activities including Business Professionals of America (BPA), National Honor Society, and Student Government where she is the senior class secretary.

“We are very excited for Kaylee and know she will find both academic and athletic success at Franklin College,” said Keegan Cherry, Head Coach, Hamilton Heights High School Girls Basketball. “Kaylee has been a key contributor in multiple roles for our program over the past four years. The one thing that has always been consistent is Kaylee’s loyalty to her teammates and program. Kaylee is a fantastic teammate and works really hard. Franklin College is getting a special student athlete (and family) and we will miss Kaylee greatly but look forward to watching her basketball and life journey continue. And we know she’ll continue to make us proud.”

“Kaylee has been a strong three-sport performer for Hamilton Heights the past four years, which is rare anymore with sport specialization,” said Kurt Ogden, Hamilton Heights High School Athletic Director. “And she has not only led on the court and on the field/golf course, but she has been a leader in the classroom and with other extracurricular activities as well. She has been a tremendous role model for our younger athletes and she will certainly be missed. We wish her well as she pursues her dream to continue the sport she loves at Franklin College.”

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, Feb. 9
BOYS BASKETBALL
Guerin Catholic at Indpls. Washington, 7:30 p.m.
GYMNASTICS
Fishers at Roncalli, 6 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 10
BOYS BASKETBALL
Brownsburg at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.
Fishers at Cathedral, 7:30 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.
Sheridan at Carroll, 7:30 p.m.
Westfield at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.
SWIMMING
Girls state prelims, 6 p.m. at IU Natatorium

Saturday, Feb. 11
BOYS BASKETBALL
Carmel at Fort Wayne Carroll, 4:30 p.m.
Southport at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.
Westfield at Lewis Cass, 7:30 p.m.
Park Tudor at University
(PAAC championship game), 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL REGIONALS
At Marion
Fishers vs. Homestead, 4 p.m.
At Belmont
Hamilton Heights at Norwell, 4 p.m.
At Southmont
University vs. Eastern Hancock, 4 p.m.
GYMNASTICS
Noblesville at Connersville Invitational, 9 a.m.
Fishers at Bloomington North Invitational, 10 a.m.
SWIMMING
Girls Diving Prelims, 9 a.m. at IU Natatorium
Girls State Swimming & Diving Finals,
1 p.m. at IU Natatorium
WRESTLING
Semi-state at New Castle, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 14
BOYS BASKETBALL
Fishers at Lawrence North, 7:30 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Franklin Central, 7:30 p.m.
University at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.
GYMNASTICS
Fishers, Noblesville, Westfield at Franklin Central, 6:30 p.m.

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