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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Setting a standard for discourse

Why you won't see political attack ads in this newspaper

By STU CLAMPITT
Publisher

We can't say American politics has ever been exceptionally polite, but it used to be a lot less venomous.

It is good to see how many people have filed for office in

Hamilton County, which speaks highly of the level of community engagement here. Yes, there are several races with only one candidate on the primary ballot, but there are many contested races.

Today is the last day for candidates to withdraw from

the May primary and there are a handful of challenges on the agenda for Monday's Election Board meeting. Once the ballot is finalized, you will find a full and accurate list of all local candidates in our pages.

Yard signs, billboards, and yes, newspaper ads for this

election are about to get common. We are asking you, dear readers, for civil discourse in these pages.

Hamilton County's Hometown Newspaper will not accept any attack ads in this or

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Examining my empty nest

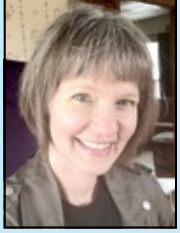
After wrapping up my adoption and re-union story last week, it's time to move on to a new topic for this column. My editor and I agreed that focusing on my "empty nest" would be a great theme.

According to the U.S. Census, there are about 22.5 million empty nesters in the United States. If you're not familiar with the term, Oxford Dictionary states that an empty nester is "a parent whose children have grown up and left home."

My husband John and I loosely qualify. Jonathon is 22 and is about to graduate from IUPUI in May. Jacob is 20 and is a junior at Ball State. Both live in rental homes near campus, although Jacob does come home for the summer, and we see Jonathon every Sunday for "laundry day." Laundry day is, of course, a tradition among college students.

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COLUMNIST



AMY SHANKLAND
Perfectly Imperfect

Westfield Chamber partners with Community First Bank

By CHRISTY HEITGER-EWING
Westfield Chamber of Commerce

Last year, the Westfield Chamber of Commerce was in search of just the right banking partner. The Chamber wanted to select a partner who was as committed as it was engaged to community members and impacted the community at large.

Therefore, an extensive RFP process was held in which Chamber members were looked at who had physical locations within Westfield and sent out a bank RFP to each of them. Out of the 10 RFPs sent out, six responses were received. Drew Lacey, Director of Finance & Account Services at the Chamber, and two other board mem-



Photo courtesy Whitney Moore Photography

Community First Bank was honored as the Business of the Year within the Large Business category at this year's Westfield Lantern Awards.

bers reviewed the proposals, then allowed each bank to sit down with them to go into greater depth about their ideas.

After further discussion, it came down

to two banks, each of which delivered a presentation to the entire board. Ultimately,

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Embracing Black Culture exhibit features Fall Creek Junior High artists & local fiber artist

The REPORTER

Fall Creek Junior High art students, under the guidance of art department chair Michelle Feeney, have developed their own self-portraits inspired by American artist Jean-Michel Basquiat's unique style.

These self-portraits are on display in the Fishers Arts Council Gallery at the Collaboration Hub at the Hamilton County Community Foundation this month. The students captured themselves and used voice and imagery to bring light to social issues that were personal to them. You can read about their artwork through their written artist statements that accompany each piece.

Students were given the choice to display their work publicly in a gallery setting, along with having the opportunity to sell their work, and over 100 students jumped at the chance. In addition to visual artwork, many students have also contributed colorful reports on Black Americans who have



Basquiat

made incredible contributions in the field of science.

Basquiat was born on Dec. 22, 1960. He was an American street artist from Manhattan who rose to fame in the 1980s. He started as a graffiti artist on the lower East Side inspired by hip-hop culture and his experiences within the Black community. It was hard for the art community to take his work seriously after starting as a graffiti artist. Early in Basquiat's career, he made his money by selling homemade postcards on the street corners. Artist Andy Warhol purchased one of his postcards. This transaction helped catapult Basquiat's creative livelihood.

He turned to large scale paintings, often completed on old doors that were found in local dumpsters. He used a variety of mixed media and subject matter to bring awareness to social issues, especially the gap between the poor and the



Art provided

Student artists at Fall Creek Junior High School have produced an exhibit of works inspired by the art of Jean-Michel Basquiat.

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HSE board tables mental health grant

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern School Board on Wednesday night delayed a decision on accepting a \$5.7 million federal grant that could help the district acquire additional resources to address students' mental health.

[Click here](#) to read the original story from WISH-TV.

Carmel Fire Engineer Michael Medlen to retire

The REPORTER

The Carmel Fire Department will recognize Engineer Michael Medlen for 27 years of service.

A retirement celebration will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at Carmel Fire Station 341.

Light refreshments will be provided. The public is invited to attend.



Medlen

Best Equipment Co. announces new headquarters in Noblesville

The REPORTER

Best Equipment Company has announced plans to build a new 35,000 square-foot headquarters in the City of Noblesville. Family owned and operated since 1917, Best Equipment is relocating its headquarters from Lawrence, Ind.

"Best Equipment's decision to relocate their corporate headquarters to Noblesville continues our strategy to grow our economic base through corporate relocations in our community," Mayor Chris Jensen said. "Besides having great people and superior products, Best Equipment is unique because of its values, customer focus and community involvement. We are happy to welcome them home to Noblesville."

Best Equipment will bring approximately 40 new jobs to Noblesville as part of its \$9.6 million investment. The new headquarters will be located on 11.56 acres



at the northwest corner of 141st Street and Herriman Boulevard. The facility will have a campus feel and will

provide centralized support to its Indiana staff, as well as two Midwest service branches.

Construction of Best Equipment's modern, state-of-the-art headquarters will include premium office space, an open training area for employees and customers on Best Equipment's products, a showroom of the newest technology in heavy-duty environmental equipment, and common areas both outside and inside to host events.

Best Equipment is one of the oldest environmental equipment companies in the

country. It has a long history of providing Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky – with recent expansion into Michigan – with environmentally sound, efficient, and budget-saving solutions. Owners Mike and Maria Dahlmann have been involved in the company since the early 1980s, acquiring the company from Mike's father in 1998, and have two daughters on the leadership team

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EMPTY NEST

I'm not certain that the Oxford definition is 100 percent accurate, however. I have many moments where my kids aren't quite "grown-ups." I witnessed them last summer.

For example, Jonathon did some housesitting for us when we traveled. We of course wanted to stock the house with all his favorite foods (and a little beer). Overall, he's a healthy eater, but he did request a classic kid favorite – frozen chicken nuggets.

The only nuggets I could find at Aldi were Minion Chicken Nuggets. If you're not familiar with these adorable, yellow creatures, check out the *Despicable Me* series from Illumination Entertainment.

When I texted a photo of said nuggets, my normally calm, quiet 22-year-old practically squeaked with delight in his response. "YES!" He and his girlfriend were so excited to eat them, and we didn't have

any left when we came home.

My boys also get excited when they're home during the summer and we have Bomb Pop popsicles in the freezer. Soon they're enjoying them and temporarily turning their tongues blue.

Finally, I truly witnessed my guys acting like 10-year-olds (along with one of their friends, Oscar, who is in the Air Force) when I held my book launch last August. I asked one of them to wrap something in aluminum foil that afternoon. They ran out of wrap, leaving just the cardboard tube

Soon I heard, WHACK! THUMP! SMACK! I peered around the corner to see what was happening.

Jonathon was smacking Oscar with the cardboard tube. Oscar was grabbing it and smacking Jonathon back. Then Jonathon grabbed it and smacked Jacob. They continued to pass

the tube around.

"Ow! Man!"

"Dang! That really hurts."

"OWW!"

In between the whacks and the exclamations, all three were giggling like little boys. And, of course, they didn't stop for a full five minutes.

My husband has repeated the saying "Growing old is mandatory, growing up is optional" by Carroll Bryant for years. Although I have two college students, my boys and their friends definitely live by this saying.

Honestly? I try to live this way as well. I just bought a plaque that says, "I see no good reason to act my age." Acting like little kids occasionally keeps our inner child alive and makes life fun.

I won't reach out to Oxford to change their definition of empty nester ... I'll just continue to enjoy the fun and laughter whenever my boys come home.

ART

wealthy and integration versus segregation within the Black community. His paintings were intertwined with brilliant poetry, text, and imagery to capture the viewers' attention to issues that were often neglected or hard to talk about.

He was soon breaking down barriers in art museums. It was not often you saw a Black man's work on display in predominantly a white man's world. He was soon featured in galleries all over the world and even had a solo exhibit at the Whitney Museum of American Art. His most famous painting "Untitled," sold in 1982 for \$4,000. In 2017, it was auctioned at Sotheby's for \$110 million.

Basquiat's rise to fame and success did not come without struggles. His abundance of wealth, fame, and success was something he was not equipped to deal with. He struggled with addiction, and later lost his battle to addiction at the young age of 27. His portraits are multifaceted, full of layers, words, images, colors, textures, symbolism, and representation from other artistic styles, cultures, and time periods. They bring light to social issues that are still hard to talk about today.

Fall Creek Junior High art students thank the Fishers Arts Council in allowing them to have this platform to celebrate Black History Month.



Photo provided
Come see the Scrapper & Skelton Blues Duo this evening during the Second Friday reception at the Collaboration Hub at 11810 Technology Drive, Fishers.

Please come out and support these student artists and listen to their artistic voice. They are all so powerful.

As a community, you are challenged to come and view this exhibit from these brilliant youth. There is no doubt they will leave the world a better place.

Additionally, local fiber artist Kaliah Elliott has several crocheted pieces on display and will bet at Second Friday with her crocheted handbag business, Kali B Hookin.

Join the party at the Second Friday reception tonight from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Collaboration Hub at 11810 Technology Drive, Fishers, and meet the student artists and Kali, explore their passionate art, dig the music of blues duo Scrapper & Skelton, and enjoy some light refreshments. This event is welcome to all ages – plus there will be a special interview segment with the artists at 6:45 p.m.

See you on Second Friday. If you can't make it, be sure to check out the artwork that is up all month long.

About the Fishers Arts Council

Fishers Arts Council is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization whose mission is to support, advocate, and cultivate visual and performing arts opportunities that educate and/or enhance the lives of those who live, work, and visit Fishers. Visit the art gallery space at the Collaboration Hub at Hamilton County Community Foundation, 11810 Technology Drive, Fishers, online at FishersArtsCouncil.org, or call (317) 537-1670.

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STANDARD

future election cycles, and we are broadening that policy to include letters to the editor.

We always encourage readers to have their say in The Reporter. Just keep it civil.

Tell us why you believe someone is the right choice to lead the community. Tell us what your candidate of choice has to offer.

We will not, however, publish letters, ads or columns that focus on what or whom you stand against. We are happy to hear and share what you stand FOR.

If you want to opine, complain or rant about what you stand against, we recommend turning to social media instead of this newspaper.

Contrary to popular belief, a surprising number of young people read this newspaper. We are asking you to lead by example and

show the next generation we can have a political discussion without turning it into an argument.

Letters to the editor should be sent to News@ReadTheReporter.com. Please include your name, city of residence and phone number. While we will not publish your phone number or email address, we will use those pieces of information to confirm authorship of your letter.

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PREVAIL
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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BEST

to continue the family's legacy. Best Equipment has two additional full-service facilities located in North Royalton, Ohio, and Louisville, Ky.

"Thanks to the hard work of our teams, Best Equipment continues to grow and improve, expanding our capabilities and support," Best Equipment Owner/CFO Maria Dahlmann said. "To better serve

our staff, customers, and communities, we are thrilled to work alongside the City of Noblesville, moving to a beautiful property that will allow the company to thrive for years to come."

The company is planning to break ground later this year.

About Best Equipment Company

Specializing in environmental equipment solutions

since 1917, Best Equipment has a long history of providing Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky with environmentally sound, efficient, and budget saving solutions. Best is proud to provide top notch service and support in the refuse and recycling, storm water and sewer, sweeping and litter control, yard waste and turf control, and hydroexcavation industries. Learn more at BestEquipmentCo.com.

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PARTNERS

the board selected Community First Bank (CFB) to become the Chamber's bank as it seemed the best fit.

"A couple of things really stood out to us about Community First," Lacey said. "First and foremost, we were impressed with their prior engagement with the community. They are front and center, always at events, sponsoring things. That's what we want in a banking partner – someone who will be very active in the community."

CFB also provided a proposal that had significant cost savings for the Chamber, which does many transactions with credit cards. CFB's merchant service fee structure was a lot better than the other proposals.

The Chamber and CFB members are excited about this partnership and all of the collaborations they will work on together.

Adrienne Riddle, Vice President of Treasury Management at Community First Bank of Indiana, notes that the Chamber really is a partner within the community for businesses.

"We feel their values and mission align with the bank's in terms of supporting the community, the residents, and the businesses within the community," Riddle said. "Certainly, we love to have that visibility, but truthfully at heart, we really enjoy helping our businesses and the community as a whole."

CFB expanded into the Hamilton County community in 2017.

"The relationships that we have built with the Chamber staff and the Chamber members have really been instrumental in the growth we've had over the past five years," said Lainey Schroer, Marketing/Communications Manager at Community First Bank of Indiana. "They have been a fantastic strategic partner for us in helping us achieve our organizational goals."

At the end of 2022, Schroer met with Westfield Chamber CEO Steve Latour to lay out plans for

2023 and beyond.

"The benefit of having a relationship with them is we can plan ahead and really be intentional about the partnerships that we do throughout the year," Schroer said. "Our team is very intentional about going to the networking events because we find a lot of value in that. From a marketing perspective, however, we also find a lot of value in sponsoring events. Each year we are looking to grow what we do with them."

In the past, CFB has supported students in various ways. For instance, the bank has donated student scholarships. It has also supported local high school students "Shark Tank" luncheons, where students with an entrepreneurial spirit present their projects.

In addition, CFB has been a sponsor for the Chamber golf outing and loves to be involved with the young professionals group, sponsoring their conferences and such. One event CFB has sponsored in the past and is eager to be a part of again is the summer's Party on the Patio, a fun, free gathering that started several years ago and always draws an impressive crowd.

"The Westfield Chamber's mission is to make Westfield a place where people and businesses want to be," Schroer said. "The Party on the Patio is a perfect example of that mission and also a main reason why we love being in partnership with them."

The Party on the Patio, which involves showing up

to an outdoor venue, getting a drink ticket, listening to music, and networking with others in a casual, comfortable environment, is fun, engaging, and typically theme-oriented.

"I love that the Chamber partners with local businesses, focusing on restaurants that can serve some sort of Happy Hour food or drink," Schroer said. "Last year, we were involved in one with a tailgating theme, so we were able to bring a fun gift that tied to that."

Added Riddle, "The crowd it draws in is a diverse group of not only business professionals but also residents from within the community, which really speaks to the spirit and the fun-loving community that Westfield is."

As the Westfield Chamber looks at 2023 and beyond, it is working ahead with Community First Bank to be strategic in planning and use its budget to contribute to the business community and the community at large.

"We're looking at ways that we network and have that business-to-business opportunity," Schroer said. "For instance, the young professional's group is looking to do a community 5K run next Halloween. So partnering with the Chamber gives us exposure with the community at large as well."

Learn more about Community First Bank of Indiana at CFBIndiana.com. Connect with the Westfield Chamber at WestfieldChamberIndy.com.

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Enjoy best of art, shopping & music this Saturday at *Meet Me on Main* in Carmel

The REPORTER

Come to the Carmel Arts & Design District from 5 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11 for Allied Solutions' *Meet Me on Main*. Make your way to Main Street and Range Line Road for an evening of art, shopping, music, and more.

Meet Me on Main is the City of Carmel's monthly "second Saturday" event to highlight local galleries, restaurants and design-related businesses in the District. Art galleries and businesses will feature special events specially planned to enhance the art and design-related features of the District.

Visit the art galleries and businesses to enjoy their special offers, as well as special activities in the Arts & Design District:

- **Live music:** Adam Gross at Chocolate Café (43 W. Main St.); Redoux! Acoustic Duo (Drew Watson) at Sub Zero (111 W. Main St. #130); and Larry Gindhart at Indiana Artisan (22 N. Range Line Road)
- **Play Bingo for prizes!** Pick up your Bingo card at Indiana Artisan (22 N. Range Line Road). Visit

participating galleries and businesses and play to win a \$250 gift basket. Bingo card includes rules for play.

Art on Main Gallery & Gifts
Art on Main, 111 W. Main St. Watch a live painting demo by Beth Frost.

Carmel Arts Council
The Children's Art Gallery, 40 W. Main St. Create your own Valentine.

CCA Gallery & Gifts
CCA Gallery, 111 W. Main St., Suite 135. Paint wooden and ceramic Valentine's Day crafts with Taylor Walker.

Circle Real Estate
Circle Real Estate, 30 W. Main St. Free caricatures.

Kuaba Gallery
Kuaba Gallery, 404 W. Main St., second floor. Free heart string art craft.

Indiana Artisan
Indiana Artisan, 22 N. Range Line Road. Make and take a Little Blank Book with bookbinder Rai Peterson.

Special offers
• **All Things Carmel** will give away roses, chocolates, and free samples of local wines from the Carmel Brews & Barrels Trail. (110



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W. Main St #104)

• **Sub Zero Nitrogen Ice Cream and 1832 Brew Espresso Bar** will offer buy one "Create Your Own" ice cream get a second one (of equal or lesser value) for 50 percent off. (111 W. Main St. #130)

A map of the gallery locations and more information about *Meet Me on Main* activities can be found at CarmelArtsAndDesign.com.

Public parking is available in the Carmel Lions Club lot (141 E. Main St.), Sophia Square parking garage (entrance off of 1st Ave. NW), Indiana Design Center parking garage (200 S. Range Line Road) or on-street. [Click here](#) to down-

load the Arts & Design District parking map.

About the Carmel Arts & Design District

The Carmel Arts & Design District is the Midwest's premier arts and design destination. Home to more than 200 businesses, including art galleries, restaurants, antique dealers, design showrooms, boutiques and creative service providers, the Carmel Arts & Design District promises to stimulate the senses. The Indiana Design Center is housed in the Carmel Arts & Design District. In addition, hundreds have taken advantage of the wide variety of housing opportunities and call the Carmel Arts & Design District home.

Finkam releases public safety plan for Carmel

The REPORTER

On Thursday, Carmel mayor candidate Sue Finkam announced her public safety plan for the city. The plan prioritizes public safety through performance, communication, cooperation, and efficiency metrics.

"The safety of Carmel residents

is the most important job of the mayor," Finkam said. "My plan includes greater

collaboration amongst our public safety stakeholders, City Hall, and our community. I'll use data to make smart decisions, invest in our people, and continue to deliver exceptional services to our residents to ensure we have the safest, most secure city in America."



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[Click here](#) to read Finkam's plan. Learn more about the candidate at SueFinkam.com.

See the Big Game on the Big Screen at Emagine

The REPORTER

Emagine Theatre in Noblesville, 13825 Norell Road in the Hamilton Town Center, brings you the Big Game on the Big Screen live and free this Sunday. Come see the most anticipated

football game of the year.

Seating will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis and tickets can be picked up at the theatre's box office on game-day.

Kickoff is at 6:30 p.m. and the doors open at 5 p.m.

Fishers' own Alexander Strueder graduates from UW-Platteville

The REPORTER

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville awarded diplomas to more than 500 students

for the fall of 2022.

Alexander Strueder of Fishers graduated with a degree in Industrial Engineering. Congratulations!

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The program is free, but registration is required.

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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.

Vendor news

Stop by timbar this weekend to try the new Coco Nutter protein bars that are flying off the shelves faster than they can be baked. They're a perfect peanut butter paradise with delicious creamy peanut butter and fresh coconut. Just like all of timbar's protein bars, they have 14 grams of plant protein and are gluten-free, dairy-free,

soy-free, egg-free, and preservative-free.

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

- A Couple Kids Family Farm
- Babydoll Boutique
- Becky the Baker
- Bluebell House Flowers LLC
- Brennen Farms
- Clay Sweet Clay
- Cool Creations Company
- Creative Wandering
- Creolicious Bakery
- Eagle Creek Apiary



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Timbar's new Coco Nutter protein bars are flying off the shelves faster than they can be baked.

- Etta's Goody Goodies
- Fresh Acre Farms
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Fishers Disability Awareness Month celebration returns this March

The REPORTER

The annual celebration of [National Disability Awareness Month in Fishers](#) returns in March to bring awareness of what life is like for those with physical and intellectual disabilities.

The month-long celebration, hosted by the [Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability](#) and presented by Old National Bank, will feature a series of special events and initiatives throughout the city. This year's theme, *Building Our Future Together*, includes partners from around Hamilton County who champion disability inclusion in Fishers and beyond.

The 2023 lineup features events hosted by the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability and community partners such as Hamilton East Public Library, Conner Prairie, OneZone Chamber of Commerce, Fishers Parks, Fishers Arts Council, and more.

"The Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability is creating a more inclusive community through its work with disability stakeholders and community partners," said Cecilia Coble, co-chair of the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability. "This March, our community will celebrate the achievements from previous years and continue to build our future together, creating a place where individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities can live and thrive without limits."

The celebration will include the return of the Ally campaign, which invites residents to become advocates for disability inclusion. Free Ally toolkits will be available for community members to showcase their advocacy, educate themselves and others, and further the

discussion on disability inclusion. Toolkits include a T-shirt, yard sign, stickers, and other materials and will be available for pick up at the March Disability Awareness Month Kickoff on March 1 at Launch Fishers, 12175 Visionary Way, or at the Fishers City Services Building, 3 Municipal Drive, beginning March 2.

Virtual toolkits, now available at [fishers.in.us/DisabilityAwareness](#), include information on how to be an Ally, a language guide and FAQ, social media graphics, Zoom backgrounds, and an Ally pledge.

The 2023 event lineup includes:

Disability Awareness Month Kickoff & Awards: Building Our Future Together
Wednesday, March 1
8:30 to 10 a.m.

Launch Fishers Huston Theater, 12175 Visionary Way

Kick off the month-long celebration with keynote speaker Kelly Hartman, Co-Chair of the Fishers Advisory Council on Disability, Vice President at ViaQuest Community Solutions, Co-Founder and Board Member of Outside the Box, Inc., and Fishers resident. The annual Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability Inclusion and Accessibility Awards will also be presented. Registration is not required for this free event.

Fishers Parks' Storywalk: We Move Together

Daily, March 1 to 31
Brooks School Park, 11780 Brooks School Road

This month's book, *We Move Together*, is a joyful new book about the disabil-



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OneZone March Disability Awareness Breakfast: Finding Your Next Great Hire
Thursday, March 2
8:30 to 10 a.m.
Hotel Carmichael, 1 Carmichael Square, Carmel

Hear from a diverse panel on debunking disability myths, what resources are available to businesses, how to create an inclusive work environment, and finding your next great hire. [Click here](#) to register.

Disability Awareness Month Artist Reception
Friday, March 3
6 to 9 p.m.
Conner Prairie, 13400 Allisonville Road

Conner Prairie, in collaboration with the Fishers Arts Council, will hold the 2023 Disability Awareness Month Artist Reception on Friday, March 3 in the museum's Welcome Center. This free event is open to the public and highlights the creative skills of both visual and performing artists. Light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be provided.

Fishers Arts Council's Second Friday Gallery Reception
Friday, March 10
6 to 8 p.m.
Collaboration Hub at the Hamilton County Community Foundation, 11810 Technology Drive

Fishers Arts Council presents March Disability Awareness: Building Our Future Together. This free reception is open to

the public and all ages are welcome. Meet the artists, enjoy all their works, meet local comic book creator Jason Funk, and partake in light refreshments. Some artworks will be available for purchase. No registration is required for this free event, but registration is welcome at [this link](#).

Hamilton County Transition Fair
Thursday, March 23
6 to 7 p.m.
Carmel High School Main Cafeteria, 520 E. Main St.

Get local resources for life's transitions from service providers around Hamilton County and surrounding areas. Registration is not required for this free event.

Hamilton East Public Library Workshops Throughout March

Check out free workshops in honor of Disability Awareness Month hosted by the Hamilton East Public Library. Workshops include:

- **Neurodivergent Teen Hangout** – Thursday, March 2 | 6 to 7 p.m.

- **Drop-In Activity: Klee Scratch Art** – Monday, March 6 to Sunday, March 19 (while supplies last)

- **Paper Basket Class for Adults with IDD with Teaching Artist Yuki Darrow** – Saturday, March 11 | 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

- **Calming Collage Class** – Saturday, March 25 | 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

- **Virtual Autism Family Support Waiver Workshop** – Monday, March 27 | 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

To register for events, download the Ally Toolkit, and learn more about the work of the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability, visit [fishers.in.us/DisabilityAwareness](#). Follow along on social media at #FishersDisabilityAwareness.

Learn how to repair items around your home at the 'Household Heroes' class

By **LAKYN MCGEE**
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](#)

A program in Fishers aimed at helping the public become skilled "handy" workers is now available.

Household Heroes is all about DIY, doing it yourself.

"It's meant to give people confidence when they tackle those at-home projects," explained Nick Snyder, the Maker Space manager. "And, ideally, save you some money by doing it yourself."

The class tackles everything from how to hang a picture, drywall repair, toilet repair, and basic power tool classes.

With a shortage of trade skilled workers, Mayor

Scott Fadness partnered with [Maker Playground](#) to come up with the classes.

"Originally, it was designed to be kind of like a dad class to understand the basics. The awesome thing we've experienced is that we have a ton of women signing up for these classes," Snyder said. "I would say the vast majority of people registering are women."

Anyone aged 14 and older can participate in the class.

"We can only accommodate up to 10 people," Snyder said.

Classes are held once a month. The next one is Wednesday, Feb. 15 at Maker Playground. Each class is \$20. [Click here](#) to register.

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Saturday, March 11

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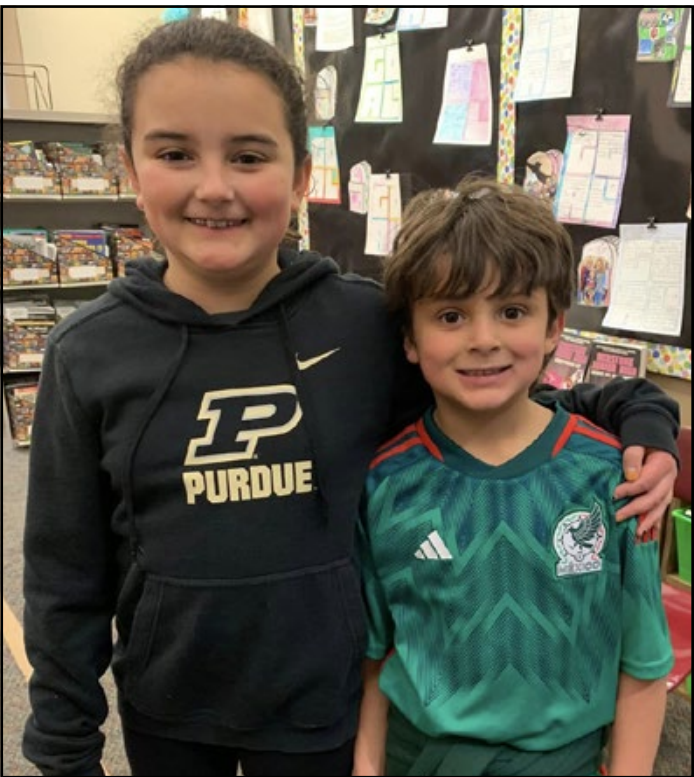
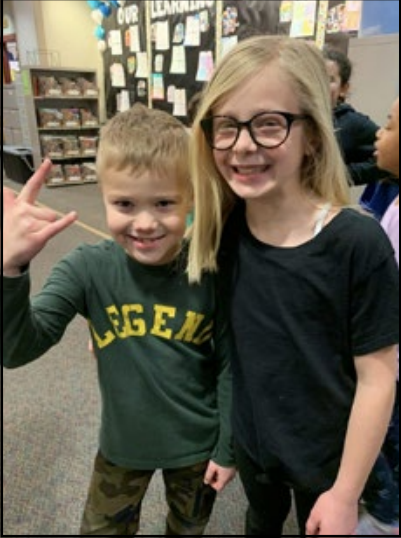
Westfield kids work hard & play hard

Students in Westfield’s elementary schools certainly took the time to observe Global School Play Day, which takes place the first Wednesday in February to promote the importance of unstructured play in the nation’s schools. Take a look at these fun photos provided by Westfield Washington Schools.

Washington Woods



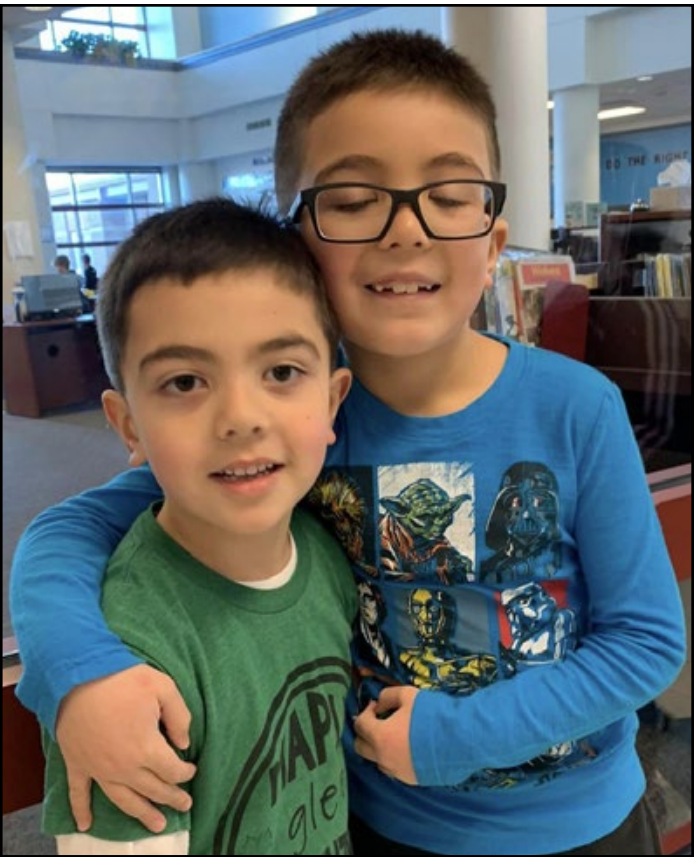
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Cut loose with *Footloose* at Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre

Movie musical explodes on the stage through March 26

The REPORTER

Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre cuts loose with *Footloose*, the explosive movie musical, now on stage through March 26. Nominated for four Tony Awards, *Footloose* is the story of a big-city kid who shakes things up when he comes to a small town.

Tickets for this show are selling quickly, with many performances already sold out, and limited seating remaining for the rest. [Click here to get your tickets today.](#)

Ren McCormack is a rebellious teenager from Chicago. When he and his mother move to rural Bomont, Ren learns dancing is banned by law, and the town minister Rev. Shaw Moore thinks rock and roll music is evil. The minister's daughter, Ariel, feels trapped in the repressive town and Ren decides the best outlet for all the kids is a dance. He and his friends find that seeking the unlikely approval from Rev. Moore brings unexpected results for all.

The 1984 movie danced its way into the hearts of millions, and was nominated for two Oscars, a Golden Globe and a Grammy for its powerhouse hits including "Footloose," "Almost Paradise," and "Let's Hear It for The Boy." The stage musical combines the best-selling score with dynamic new songs in a celebration of the exhilaration of youth, the wisdom of listening to one another, and the power of forgiveness.

Making their Beef & Boards debuts are Daniel Alan Dipinto as Ren, and

Sharaé Moultrie as the minister's daughter, Ariel. Shelbi Berry Kamohara (*The Addams Family*, *Honky Tonk Angels*, *Hello, Dolly!*) is Rusty, while Noah Nehemiah Robinson makes his Beef & Boards debut as Willard. Eddie Curry reprises his role as the uptight town minister, Rev. Shaw Moore. The show is directed by Heather Patterson King, with choreography by Doug King and musical direction by Kristy Templet.

Footloose is on stage for 52 performances through March 26 in the intimate space of Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre. Tickets range from \$52.50 to \$79.50 and include Chef Larry Stoops' dinner buffet and select beverages.

To purchase tickets online, visit beefandboards.com. Tickets are also available by calling the Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre Box Office at (317) 872-9664 anytime between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays. Discounts are available to groups of 20 or more; contact the Group Sales Department at (317) 876-0503 for more details.

Footloose is rated PG-13 for some adult themes and language. For more information, including complete show schedule, visit beefandboards.com.

Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre, Indiana's only year-round professional dinner theatre, is celebrating its 50th Anniversary of serving exceptional entertainment with dinner in 2023.



Photos provided by Beef & Boards

(Above) Ren (Daniel Dipinto) leaps for joy at the school dance he fought for in Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre's production of *Footloose*, now on stage through March 26. (Below left) Ariel (Sharaé Moultrie) sings "I Need A Hero." (Below right) Rusty (Shelbi Berry Kamohara) sings "Let's Hear It for the Boy." (Bottom right) Willard Hewitt (Noah Nehemiah Robinson) sings "Mama Says."



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Be sure to use caution while driving through this site. Your continued patience during construction is appreciated.

[Click here](#) for project information.

New House bill aims to save Hoosier children from cancer

By **JASMINE MINOR**
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](#)

Heather Garvey lost her 9-year-old son, Mason, to cancer in 2020. While she says his fight may be over, hers is not, as she is pushing for Indiana to become a trailblazer in childhood cancer research through [House Bill 1314](#).

“They call the gold standard of care, which is actually kind of laughable,” Garvey explained. “The gold standard of care for most children are treatments that are 40 plus years old.”

According to data from the American Child-

hood Cancer Organization (AACO), there are only six states that allocate money in their cancer research. Indiana is not one of them.

“House Bill 1314 would set up a framework to be able to bolster this effort to give more focus on treating and curing,” said Indiana House Representative Ryan Lauer, who authored the bill. “It’s a budget year, and it’s always a challenge.”

The bill would dedicate \$1 million a year towards childhood cancer research – something Garvey says is more than necessary in the state.

“[Mason] was declared no evidence of disease. We rang

the bell and about six very short weeks later, his cancer returned,” she said.

There have only been six new cancer drugs in the past 20 years for children, according to the AACO. In comparison, there have been over 200 new cancer drugs made for adults.

Garvey says Indiana has made progress by the Department of Health incorporating childhood cancer into the Indiana cancer plan for the first time in the state’s history. Still, she says there is more work to be done.

“We would be driving back from Riley,” she said. “I’d be headed home and

[Mason would] say, Mom, I have basketball practice. What are you doing? I need to go to basketball. So he did not let cancer define him,” Garvey said. “If we can get this bill to pass that can change the narrative for other families.”

Garvey says 150 people have already [signed letters](#) in support of House Bill 1314. She is encouraging others to do the same.

She also asked Hoosiers to call their local representatives to push for change as well and attend the Indiana Advocacy Day on Wednesday, Feb. 15. The event will be at the Indiana Statehouse from 1 to 4 p.m.

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

The REPORTER

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

Greg Susemichel, American Structurepoint investigative practice leader, shares examples of projects investigative engineers often tackle. Investigative engineering focuses on the investigation,

assessment, or rehabilitation of existing structures. Susemichel provides excellent insights for people considering an investigative engineering career, such as qualifications needed, what to expect when entering the field, career paths and salary ranges for civil engineers and more.

Investigative engineers evaluate structures that either have been damaged or aren’t performing the way they should. They also do assessments to give clients insight into a structure’s overall condition, similar

to doing a home inspection before buying a home. Like most other engineering fields, investigative engineering is in demand and a growing industry with lots of opportunities.

“Investigative engineering would be a good fit for someone who enjoys doing puzzles or solving problems,” Susemichel said. “When we go out and do an assessment or investigation, we have one piece of the puzzle and have to obtain the others through research, interviews, and testing.”

To learn more about en-

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

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Home & Outdoor Living Show opens today at Grand Park

The REPORTER

The [Suburban Indy Home & Outdoor Living Show](#), a locally owned and operated show for homeowners, takes place this weekend, Friday, Feb. 10 to Sunday, Feb. 12, at the Grand Park Events Center in Westfield.

As Indianapolis’s only northside home and garden show, this year’s event features “The Patio,” a brand new tasting area that offers flavors from local wineries, breweries and distilleries that attendees can enjoy during their shopping experience.

You can enjoy the show

from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. today and Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$10 at the door, [\\$5 online in advance](#), and free for kids aged 12 and under. Parking is free.

Back for its sixth consecutive year, the spring event will provide attendees with inspiration from outdoor and indoor living displays and over 200 exhibitors from Indianapolis’s northside. Showgoers can expect the following this year:

- **Outdoor living spaces** – Browse through the creations of some of the top suburban Indy area landscapers and outdoor space

- designers for your home exterior.
- **Over 200 exhibitors** – Compare and save by finding the experts for your next home improvement project all under one roof.
- **Spring marketplace** – See double the number of marketplace exhibitors from last spring. Shop many of our unique, handmade items available from local artists and crafters.
- **Plant Market** – The Plant Market is also doubling in size. It will feature many indoor plants and informal workshops on macramé, leatherwork, terrarium gardening and more.
- **The Patio** – This new tasting area will offer flavors from local wineries, distilleries, and breweries to try before you buy your own take home bottles.
- **Kids’ Day on Sunday**
 - **Silly Safaris** animal shows where children can learn about exotic animals.
 - **Meet & greet** and photo opportunities with Cinderella and Prince Charming.
 - **Magician Marcus**

- Lehman** for magic and entertainment. *Kids 12 and under get in free any day.*
- **Inflatables & bounce houses** – Let the kids burn off some energy on the inflatables. These are available during all show hours and free for use.
- **Blackstone-a-Day giveaway** – [Sign up online](#) or at the show for your chance to win one of three Blackstone Griddle/Grills that will be giving away at the conclusion of each day.
- **The Spring Marketplace** is designed to connect homeowners with local businesses to discuss home improvement and home building needs,” said show owner Donell Heberer Walton. “We’re excited about this year’s event as it’ll offer an enhanced plant market, wine, beer and spirit samples, spring and home decor, and an entire kids’ day filled with fun activities.”
- For more show information and to purchase tickets, visit the [Suburban Indy Home & Outdoor Living Show](#).



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Westfield Chamber Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

Young Professionals Coffee & Networking

Tuesday, Feb. 14, 8 to 9 a.m.
Speaker: Zac Darnell, SEP
Location: The Bridgewater Club

February Chamber Luncheon

Thursday, Feb. 16, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Speaker: Stacy Atkinson, Ivy Tech
Location: Chatham Hills

February Chamber Coffee

Thursday, Feb. 23, 8 to 9 a.m.
Location: The Bridgewater Club

Young Professionals Happy Hour

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 5 to 7 p.m.
Location: TBD

MARCH

Young Professionals Coffee & Networking

Tuesday, March 14, 8 to 9 a.m.
Location: The Bridgewater Club

Mental Health First Aid Training

Wednesday, March 15, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: Hamilton County Community Foundation

March Chamber Luncheon

Thursday, March 16, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Topic: Westfield Washington Schools Innovation Club

Noblesville/Westfield Legislative Coffee

Friday, March 17, 7:30 to 9 a.m.
Topic: State Representatives

Young Professionals Happy Hour

Tuesday, March 28, 5 to 7 p.m.
Location: Field Brewing

March Chamber Coffee

Thursday, March 30, 8 to 9 a.m.

Philip Barkley March 22, 1935 – February 4, 2023

Philip Barkley, 87, passed away at his home in Sheridan on Saturday morning, February 4, 2023. Born March 22, 1935, in Tipton, he was the son of the late Theodore M. and Elizabeth F. (Skelton) Barkley.

He was a 1954 graduate of Kokomo High School and worked as a draftsman for Tuttle Aluminum for 35 years. Philip had a love for design and was humbled to be able to put his mark on many churches throughout the years, including the Sheridan Bible Church and the Windfall Church.

Philip was a 60-year member of the Sheridan Bible Church. He graciously served the congregation in many capacities, including Sunday school teacher, church secretary, and church trustee.

Philip loved outdoor activities. He enjoyed bicycling, hunting, and fly fishing. By far his favorite activity was taking his grandkids to Pacers games. He always enjoyed the games, but the time spent with the grandchildren was the real treat.

Philip is survived by his four sons, Daniel J. Barkley (Debbie) of Santiago, Chile, David L. Barkley (Tina) of Danville, Mark A. Barkley of Sheridan, and Andrew A. Barkley (Donna) of Delphi; daughter, Rebekah J. Barkley-Emry of Grand Blanc, Mich.; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; brother, Arthur Barkley of Peru, Ind.; sister, Pauline Linger of Akron, Ohio; brother-in-law, Herbert Goodrich of Monterey, Tenn.; and sisters-in-law, Janet Irene Martin of Kokomo and Lori Barkley of Fishers.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Theodore M. and Elizabeth F. (Skelton) Barkley; son Paul Gilbert Barkley; brother, Timothy Barkley; sister, Janice Goodrich; son-in-law, Jim Emry; brothers-in-law, Robert Linger and James Martin; and by the love of his life, Carol Levee (Besser) Barkley on January 25, 2018. She and Philip were married on June 18, 1954.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, February 10, 2023, at the Sheridan Bible Church, 1478 State Road 38, Sheridan. Burial will follow at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Reverend Daniel Barkley, Pastor Terry Cooper, and Pastor Harrell Wilson will be officiating. Visitation took place on Thursday, February 9, 2023, at the Sheridan Bible Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the Sheridan Bible Church.

Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com



TODAY'S BIBLE READING

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

"Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying:

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Revelation 7:9-12 (NIV)

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Meeting Notices

The Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2023, in the Council Chambers at Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2023, in the Community Room at the Westfield Washington Schools Administration Center, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B, Westfield.
A public hearing on a lease will commence at 8 p.m.

The Mt. Vernon Board of School Trustees will meet for a work session from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 13, 2023, at the Mt. Vernon Administrative Service Center, 1806 W. State Road 234, Fortville.
A regular meeting will follow from 7 to 9 p.m.

The Noblesville Council Public Safety Committee Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2023, has been changed to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, in the Council conference room at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 13, 2023, in the Library/Media Center at Sheridan Middle School, 3030 W. 246th St., Sheridan.

The Town of Arcadia will hold a special meeting at 3:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023, at the Arcadia Town Hall, 208 W. Main St., Arcadia.

The Town of Arcadia will hold a special meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 23, 2023, at the Arcadia Town Hall, 208 W. Main St., Arcadia.

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Basketball

Three county teams hit the road to try for regional championships

By **RICHIE HALL**
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Winning the Class 4A Sectional 8 championship was a big accomplishment for the Fishers girls basketball team all by itself, but the Tigers set another mark as well once they picked up the trophy.

Not only did Fishers win its third sectional title in school history, but the team also tied its record for most wins in a season. The Tigers are 23-2, matching the number of wins from the 2019-20 team that also won a sectional title.

That means when Fishers travels to the Bill Green Arena on Saturday to play in the Marion regional, the Tigers can do two things they’ve never done before: Win a regional trophy and set a new record for most victories in a season. In order to do that, Fishers must beat a team that is no stranger to post-season success.

The Tigers, ranked fourth in the IBCA one-class poll, will play Homestead in the Regional 3 championship, which tips off at 4 p.m. The No. 12 Spartans will come into BGA with a 19-5 record and a victory at Sectional 6, played at Huntington North.

Homestead won a close game in the first round, edging out No. 7 Columbia City 46-45. The Spartans then rolled through their next two games, blasting Fort Wayne Wayne 73-32 in the semi-finals and taking care of the host Vikings 59-44 in the championship.

With the victory, Homestead was a sectional champion for the fifth consecutive year, and the ninth time in the past 10 years. The Spartans are no stranger to regional success: They have won four overall, including a three-peat in 2015, 2016 and 2017. Homestead’s 2017 team went all the way, beating Pike 61-54 for the 4A state championship.

Senior Alison Stephens led the Spartans with 15 points in the championship game.

Homestead is excellent in their execution of several offensive sets,” said Fishers coach Lauren Votaw. “We will need to communicate at a high level defensively and play with great urgency on that end of the floor. They shoot the ball very well and we must make sure we are prepared to contest.”

The Tigers, who are also co-champions of the Hoosier Crossroads Conference, began their sectional run by beating Carmel 63-43 in the first round; the Greyhounds had given Fishers a tough game during the regular season. In the semi-finals, the Tigers got past host, No. 2-ranked and defending state champion Noblesville, 67-64 in double overtime. Fishers then beat Hamilton Southeastern 58-44 in the final.

“Playing the best teams in the state has most definitely helped us to improve,” said Votaw. “It has forced us to be ready to go both physically and mentally each game. I am so proud of this team.”

Votaw said that during the season, the Tigers have shown “a great desire to improve” through their efforts in practice, post-game film, reflection, “and in their camaraderie and togetherness.”

The Smith twins, seniors Hailey and Olivia, are the Tigers’ leading scorers, with Hailey averaging 11.6 points per game and Olivia at 10.9 points per game. Both players also distribute the ball well, with Hailey dishing out 2.7 assists per game and Olivia handing out 2.6 per contest.

Hailey Smith is the leading rebounder (6.8), followed by senior Alycia Triplett with 5.1 per game. Junior Talia Harris leads in steals with 2.3 per game.

Hamilton Heights-Norwell

Hamilton Heights, a sectional champion for the third consecutive year, will travel back up to Bellmont Saturday to take on Norwell for the Regional 11 title. That game also tips off at 4 p.m.

The Knights are 21-3 for the season, and are No. 20 in the IBCA poll. Norwell is also rated fourth in the Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association’s Class 3A poll. The Knights hosted Sectional 23, where they sailed past Peru 70-25 in the semi-finals before getting past an always-tough



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(Top) Fishers’ Hailey Smith is averaging 11.6 points per game for the Tigers during their season. Fishers will play Homestead on Saturday at Marion for the Regional 3 championship. **(Above left)** University’s Payton Seay is scoring 20.3 points per game for the Trailblazers, who travel to Southmont Saturday to play Eastern Hancock in the Regional 21 championship. **(Above right)** Hamilton Heights’ Camryn Runner leads the Huskies with 18.9 points per game this season. Heights takes on Norwell Saturday at Bellmont for the Regional 11 championship.

Northwestern team 55-54 in the championship game.

“They’re really good,” said Huskies coach Keegan Cherry. “They play a unique style. They’re going to play 1-3-1, trap all over the place.”

Kennedy Fuelling scored 21 points for Norwell in the championship game, with Makenzie Fuess adding 11 points.

“They’re athletic, they’ve got quickness,” said Cherry. “And when they start scoring, they’re hard to stop.”

Heights hosted Sectional 24, and claimed the championship with two dramatic wins. In the semi-finals, the Huskies stunned 3A No. 2 Jay County 58-47 with an outside shooting clinic: Heights made 13 3-pointers during the game.

In the championship, the Huskies edged out Yorktown in overtime 41-40. Heights had to use two different styles to get the win, but the Huskies used their experience with a tough schedule to pull through. Heights plays the toughest 3A schedule in the state, according to the Sagarin ratings.

“I think our schedule has prepared us well, playing the Noblesvilles, playing the Westfields,” said Cherry. “Our strength of schedule speaks for itself.”

Junior Camryn Runner is the top scorer for the Huskies, averaging 18.9 points per game, with junior Ella Hickok adding 8.8 per contest. Runner also leads the rebounds (7.1) and steals (2.7), while Hickok is on top of the assist list with 3.5 per game.

University-Eastern Hancock

University is back in a regional championship as well after winning its third consecutive sectional title. The Trailblazers, ranked No. 9 in Class 2A, travel to Southmont on Saturday and play 2A No. 8 Eastern Hancock for the Regional 21 title. That game tips off at 1 p.m.

The Royals are 22-3 for the season and are on a 13-game win streak. Eastern Hancock claimed the trophy at Sectional 42, first beating host Triton Central in a close opening-round game, 49-44. The next two victories were overwhelming, as the Royals beat Irvington Prep 97-13 in the semi-finals and Seccina 68-32 in the championship.

Eastern Hancock, coached by Shari Doud, has two double-digit scorers. Senior Grace Stapleton averages 15.8 points and is a highly-effective passer, with 5.1 assists per contest. Junior Sammie Bolding puts in 11.5 points per game. Junior Ruby White is the leader in rebounds (6.5) and blocked shots (1.4), while Stapleton has 3.4 steals per game.

“First, they are well coached and disciplined,” said University coach Justin Blanding. “Coach Doud brings so much experience and knowledge to the table.” They don’t make a lot of mistakes and they are hungry. We will need to put together 32 minutes of solid play.” Blanding said the Royals shoot the 3-pointer “extremely well” and called their offense “potent.”

The Trailblazers have a good offense,

too, averaging 61.5 points per game. University hosted Sectional 43 and easily won it by beating Sheridan 77-44 in the semi-finals and Park Tudor 68-25 in the championship.

Two seniors have been leading the way for the Trailblazers. Payton Seay is the leading scorer, averaging 20.3 points per game, while Kelsey DuBois regularly earns double-doubles, at 15.3 points and 11.2 rebounds per contest. Seay averages 7.7 rebounds per game, and also leads in steals with 2.7. DuBois has been a force with 3.5 blocks per game, while senior Kamryn Washington has 3.2 assists per game.

University was 6-4 midway through the season, but has since won 14 consecutive games. Blanding pointed out that the ‘Blazers had to deal with injuries early in the season, and didn’t get to full strength until mid-season. He credited the team’s seniors with keeping everything together.

“As a group we decided that if we were going to be successful it was going to take everyone being held accountable including the coaches and we did that,” said Blanding. I put a lot on the seniors and they kept things together.”

Blanding said the team isn’t looking at its recent run as a winning streak, saying that the team just wanted to compete and be prepared for post-season play “if we were fortunate enough to advance and keep playing. We are keeping that same approach now. We just want to compete and have the opportunity to advance and play another day.”



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Noblesville's Malina Miller commits to Ball State's track & field team



Noblesville's Malina Miller has committed to the Ball State University track and field team. (Front row, from left) Thorpe Miller (father), Malina Miller, and Gina Miller (mother). (Back row, from left) Bill Craig (Noblesville Girls' Track & Field Jumps Coach) and Jim Pearce (Noblesville Girls' Track & Field Head Coach).

Golden Eagles get another road win at Indpls. Washington

The REPORTER
Guerin Catholic's boys basketball team got a good road win at Indianapolis Washington Thursday, 59-40. The Golden Eagles jumped out to a 14-5 lead after one quarter, then extended that advantage to 27-13 at halftime. Guerin Catholic kept up the pace in the third period, leading 46-20 late in the quarter for its largest lead of the game. Three Golden Eagles players reached double figures, led by Kamea Chandler's 13 points. Bryson Cardinal added 11 points, while Robert Sorensen scored 10. Chandler and Lucas Parker both made three 3-pointers. Cardinal led the rebounds with seven, while Sorensen dished out four assists. Parker and Sanders both collected four rebounds. Guerin Catholic is 13-8 and plays its next game Friday, Feb. 17, a Circle City Conference game at Roncalli.

GUERIN CATHOLIC 59, INDPLS. WASHINGTON 40				
Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Robert Sorensen	4-11	0-0	10	0
Josh Holba	0-2	2-2	2	0
Lucas Parker	3-5	0-0	9	0
Ty Sanders	1-1	0-0	2	2
Bryson Cardinal	4-7	1-2	11	2
Kamea Chandler	4-7	2-2	13	1
Dylan Murans	3-7	1-2	8	1
Kyle Shadoan	1-2	0-0	3	0
Ryan Zimmerman	0-1	0-0	0	0
Andy Caron	0-1	0-0	0	0
Julian Melendez	0-0	1-2	1	0
Totals	20-44	7-10	59	6
Score by Quarters				
Guerin Catholic	14	13	19	13 - 59
Indpls. Washington	5	8	9	18 - 40
Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting (12-20) Chandler 3-4, Parker 3-4, Sorensen 2-5, Cardinal 2-2, Shadoan 1-2, Sanders 1-1, Holba 0-2. Guerin Catholic rebounds (26) Cardinal 7, Parker 4, Sanders 4, Murans 3, Sorensen 2, Holba 2, Shadoan 2, Chandler 1, Zimmerman 1.				

Westfield gymnastics places second at Rushville Invitational

The REPORTER
The Westfield gymnastics team finished second at the six-team Rushville Invitational last Saturday. The Shamrocks' top finisher was Elianna Reynolds, who won the uneven bars and finished second in the all-around competition. Reynolds also was third in the floor exercise and eighth on balance beam. Isa Galan took fourth in the all-around and the beam, then was sixth in the vault, bars and floor events. Paige Lemieux placed fourth on the floor, then finished eighth on vault and ninth on bars. Evvi Menke took ninth on the beam, while Heidi Burke was ninth on the floor.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

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 Southmont University vs. Eastern Hancock, 1 p.m. At Marion Fishers vs. Homestead, 4 p.m. At Bellmont Hamilton Heights at Norwell, 4 p.m. GYMNASTICS Noblesville at Connersville Invitational, 9 a.m. Fishers at Bloomington North Invitational, 10 a.m. SWIMMING Girls state diving prelims and semi-finals, 9 a.m. at IU Natatorium Girls swimming and diving state 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.
Thursday, Feb. 16 BOYS SWIMMING SECTIONALS Carmel, Guerin Catholic, Westfield at Noblesville, 5:30 p.m. Fishers, Hamilton Heights at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m. University at North Central, 6 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 17 BOYS BASKETBALL Guerin Catholic at Roncalli, 7:30 p.m. Hamilton Southeastern at Brownsburg, 7:30 p.m. Noblesville at Avon, 7:30 p.m. Twin Lakes at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m. Warren Central at Carmel, 7:30 p.m. Westfield at Franklin Central, 7:30 p.m. Zionsville at Fishers, 7:30 p.m. Please email schedule changes or corrections to sports@readthereporter.com .

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| Fishers vs Homestead | HCTV Sports
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4:00 pm Class 3A Regional 6 | Hamilton Heights at Norwell | Husky Sports
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