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# HSE school board supports \$5.7M mental health grant

## Announcing Hamilton County Band of Baldies Support Group

**The REPORTER**  
Following Wednesday night's meeting of the Hamilton South-eastern school board during which the board decided to delay a decision on whether to accept a **\$5.7 million federal mental health grant**, Board President Dawn Lang announced on Friday the board will approve the grant. Lang released the following statement on behalf of the board.

Dear HSE Schools Community:

On behalf of the HSE Board of School Trustees, I want first to express my gratitude to members of our school community who took the time in recent days to give feedback and information about the mental health grant that our school administration secured on behalf of district students.

We all agree that supporting the mental health needs of

our 21,000 students is critical to providing an exceptional educational experience that prepares them for future success. We all are proud of the work already produced by the City of Fishers and key community partners through the Stigma Free Fishers mental health initiative.

To that end, we want to voice our strong support for acceptance of this five-year grant. We look forward to working with Brooke Lawson and her mental health and school counseling team members to successfully implement the program. Moreover, our board wellness committee will support Dr. Stokes and her administration by ensuring alignment on any issues that arise and



Lang

identifying potential gaps to be addressed throughout the life of the grant.

Budget oversight is a key responsibility of the board. Our fiduciary responsibility to the HSE Schools community is to ensure that financial commitments made now in acceptance of this grant are affordable five years from now. After meeting with the administration following Wednesday's board meeting, we accept their commitment in working with the board to ensure that HSE's budget is sound, and will adjust when necessary at the conclusion of this grant.

Wednesday night's public work session and board meeting gave all board members an opportunity to seek greater

understanding by asking questions about the proposed grant program. It also allowed us to provide open engagement and transparency, which is our goal with any topic that comes before the board. We were thoroughly impressed by the professionalism of HSE administrative staff during their presentation and public comments from interested parties.

This is a dynamic time for HSE Schools. Our partnership with the City of Fishers is strengthened by the opportunities we seek to provide our students. In fact, we look forward to announcing another project in the coming weeks that we believe will give our students a life-changing, new path to pursue their own success.

Thank you again for your support of HSE Schools!

Full disclosure: I'm bald.

But you already knew this, thanks to the complementary photo with this column.

Sometimes I've noticed my column on the obit page. Seeing my face staring back at me from among all the faces of people that have met the ultimate deadline is a bit jarring. What this placement says about my column, I'm unsure.

I suspect this newspaper runs such headshots as a means to disclose the state of a columnist's pate and ensure that no readers experience shock and dismay should they somehow learn that a particular bald guy in the grocery store fruit section just happens to be their favorite column writer, thus keeping scenarios like the one below from occurring:

HUSBAND: Say, Janis, look at that guy handling the kiwifruit.

WIFE: The one with the weak hairline?

HUSBAND: That's being generous.

What hairline? He's totally bald.



SCOTT SAALMAN  
Scaramouch

# Family Game Night continues at Sheridan Elementary School



Photos provided by Sheridan Community Schools

Sheridan Elementary Schools held Round 2 of Family Game Night on Wednesday, seeing another great turnout. Parents, teachers, and students challenged each other to board games, ate pizza, and turned off electronics for the night. (Above right) Mr. Ellis, third grade teacher, is shown strategizing with a student over a tough game of Connect Four.

## Happy birthday, Mayor Jane Reiman!



Photo provided by City of Carmel

**Former Carmel Mayor Jane Reiman turned 90 on Feb. 9. From 1980 to 1987, Reiman served for two terms as mayor, and she was the first and only woman to do so. Thank you, Mayor Reiman, for all you did and continue to do for the city of Carmel and its citizens. (Above) Mayor Jane Reiman's portrait in City Hall, painted by Deborah Lyons.**

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# Connor Oke will soon depart Westfield Chamber & DWA

**The REPORTER**

After serving a year on the Westfield Chamber and Downtown Westfield Association (DWA) Staff, Connor Oke will leave his position on Tuesday, Feb. 14.

During his tenure, Oke did a tremendous job leading and organizing Chamber luncheons, coffees, and various events. Since July, he has led the communication efforts and was responsible for bringing all of the content together to launch the new Chamber website back in December.



Oke

Perhaps Oke's greatest contribution has been to strengthen the Chamber's relationship with its partners and members. He served as the Staff Liaison to the Young Professionals Council and worked with the planning team on the first-ever Young Professionals Leadership Summit this past September.

"We are truly going to miss him in the office every day," Chamber & DWA CEO Steve Latour said. "He inspires everyone he comes in to contact with, has a tremendous can-do spirit, and has truly helped the Chamber advance on so many levels. I look forward to seeing Connor as an attendee at future events and programs. Thank you for all that you have done and for your friendship. We wish you all the best."

# Reader's letter leads to answers

**The REPORTER**

A recent letter to the editor raised an interesting point about the public availability of information from the various "State of" addresses made in Hamilton County. The concerned citizen writing to this newspaper was specifically concerned about the 2022 State of the County address, which was paired with a lunch and required a cost to attend in person.

The point that writer raised was about the information being made available to every taxpayer in Hamilton County, not just those with the funds and free time to attend a ticketed weekday event.

While The Hamilton

County Reporter does usually cover such events, we know a text summary is not the same as hearing the message from the lips of our elected officials. Fortunately, our friends at Hamilton County Television (HCTV) have been not only livestreaming "State of" addresses, HCTV Owner Jim Wafford even makes them available on-demand at [hctv1.com](http://hctv1.com).

HCTV is able to do this for the public because of a partnership with the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber CEO Bob DuBois told The Reporter, "Our chamber produces a 'State of' series of events

that include County, City, Schools, Health, and Economy. Through a partnership with Hamilton County Television, the County, City, and Schools events are video recorded and made available same day on HCTV's variety of online platforms. For folks who attend the events, their registration fees cover the meal, printing, venue, setup, and audio-visual expenses."

Just go to [hctv1.com](http://hctv1.com) and in the "Search broadcasts" section, enter "state of" as your "Search by broadcast" criteria. There you will find the Oct. 26, 2022 State of the Schools luncheon, the

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# Kyla Berg of Fishers makes Dean’s List at Fairfield University

**The REPORTER**  
Fairfield University in Fairfield, Conn., has announced that Kyla Berg of Fishers has received Dean’s List Honors for the Fall 2022 semester.  
In order to be placed

on the Dean’s List, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours in a semester, have no outstanding or incomplete grades for that semester, and have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better.

## ANSWERS

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Sept. 28, 2022 Noblesville State of the City, the June 29, 2022 State of the County, and others dating back to 2019.  
The Reporter’s first choice is of course HCTV, both because it is a local business and because of our working relationship, but for those of you who want other options, the 2022 State of the Schools is also available on [YouTube](#). The 2022 Noblesville State of the City is on [YouTube](#) and on the [city’s website](#).  
To make things a little easier for everyone in Hamilton County, for this year’s “State of” addresses, this

newspaper will offer our readers links to HCTV’s on-demand streams in our online editions for several days after each event.  
While we may not have an answer for every Letter to the Editor, The Reporter will always listen. Letters to the Editor should be sent to [News@ReadTheReporter.com](mailto: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 if we choose to publish it.



Scott Saalman demonstrates the three-step “Slap & Slide Wave” intended for use by Bald Guys only. Photos provided by Scott Saalman

**WIFE:** I’ve never seen someone cry amongst kiwi before.  
**HUSBAND:** He’s probably thinking, “Even a lousy kiwi has some semblance of hair.”  
**WIFE:** Bald as a baboon butt.  
**HUSBAND:** Why insult baboons, Janis? That’s not very David Attenborough of you.  
**EAVESDROPPING SHOPPER:** That’s Scott Saalman, a local newspaper columnist.  
**HUSBAND:** Scott Saalman is bald!????? But he

writes like he has hair!  
**EAVESDROPPING SHOPPER:** A coconut has more hair than him.  
**WIFE:** I wonder if baboons ever comment, “Our butts are as bald as Scott Saalman’s head.”  
**HUSBAND:** Janis, enough with the baboon butts.  
**WIFE:** How dare the newspaper deceive us!  
**HUSBAND:** They should at least run his photo – just so we know the truth!  
**WIFE:** We should cancel our subscription, John.  
**HUSBAND:** Cancel?! I bet we could sue. Bald! I’ll never ever read Scott Saalman again. Let’s just read Janet Hart Leonard’s column. She has nice hair.  
**WIFE:** Scott had so much promise when we thought he had hair.  
**EAVESDROPPING SHOPPER:** OMG! Did he just punch a kiwi?  
**WIFE:** And now look—  
**HUSBAND:** Is he actually—  
**WIFE:** Yes, John, I believe he is actually—  
**EAVESDROPPING SHOPPER:** He’s rubbing the kiwi’s juice on his scalp!  
**HUSBAND:** He must think it’s a cure for baldness. Probably read it on the internet.  
Yes, I am bald.  
Even my shadow looks bald. How sad is that ... a bald shadow?  
One morning I found a hairbrush that had been split into two pieces near the sink, as if there had been an epic bathroom battle earlier. My wife’s hair is so thick that it

breaks brushes. Her hair is her superpower. You would think Brynne would have the common decency to at least hide the broken brush from her bald husband. We baldies have feelings too.  
And don’t get me started on the man bun! Sporting a man bun in the presence of a bald man is like a matador waving a red cape before a bull. ‘Look at all my hair. I have so much hair that the only thing I can do with it is form it into something akin to a hairball.’ Every time I see a man bun, I want to scream, “Scissors! Someone get me scissors!”  
I was called out for having a bald spot in fifth grade. My teacher, Mr. Beatty, who was bald-like, took me under his wing (Yoda-like, but with less hair) as if excited to have someone else balding in his classroom. I have been hair-impaired far longer than I’ve had hair. I think the last time I handled a comb was during eighth-grade picture day. I used to love repeatedly running a finger along the comb’s teeth. The sound soothed me, like insect love songs. Now, I don’t think I could properly use a comb without instructions.  
There are support groups for everything, so why not one for bald guys? If your own shadow shames you, you probably need all the support you can get. I’m tempted to form a Hamilton County Band of Baldies (HCBB) group. During meetings we can talk smack about traitor friends who ditched us while in shameless pursuit of regrowth, res-


toration, and replacement.  
You didn’t hear it from me, but the secret ingredients to hair-growth formulas in those fancy, tiny, spray bottles are as follows: 85 percent kiwi juice / 10 percent eye of newt / 5 percent fragrance (baboon fart).  
Not too long ago, I was driving behind a motorcycle crossing an intersection just as another motorcycle crossed from the opposite direction. Both bikers simultaneously greeted the other with a nonchalant hand gesture involving two fingers pointed at a downward angle. The “two-finger motorcycle wave” is how fellow motorcyclists express solidarity ... sort of a secret handshake without the shake.  
There should be a similar hand signal to reinforce bald guy unity. That’s why today I’m introducing what I call the “slap & slide wave” (patent pending). From now on, I will slap the back of my skull with my right palm, slide my right hand forward across my crown, and then, while keeping my right thumb tip on my forehead, wiggle my right hand’s four remaining fingers at an approaching fellow bald guy. Eventually, once it catches on, I hope the “slap & slide” is reciprocated.  
For beginners, I suggest practicing at a mirror before doing it in public – for you don’t want to make a fool of yourself.  
I’ll see you over by the kiwis.  
**Contact:** [scottsaalman@gmail.com](mailto:scottsaalman@gmail.com)

## Hello, Hamilton County!



Please let this forecast be right!

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

- Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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

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# The benefits of thrift shopping

The *Sheridan Student Column* is brought to readers by Sheridan High School's 10th grade English class, taught by Abby Williams.

Did you know that according to data gathered by the U.S. Census Bureau, only 16 to 18 percent of Americans per year will buy something from a thrift store?

Thrift shopping is starting to become a more popular form of shopping, rather than buying from chain stores or suspicious websites. Going thrift shopping has many benefits, such as reducing waste, saving money, and finding cute things. It's the best form of



**COLUMNIST**  
**LEAH FREDRIKS**  
Sheridan High School Student

saving the environment and getting cute clothes at the same time.

Thrift shopping doesn't have to be just going to your local Goodwill and looking through a rack of old T-shirts with holes in them. One search on the internet and you can find stores around you with things in great condition that are second-hand.

You can also find stores with specific items you like, and it doesn't have to just be clothes. You can thrift decorations, furniture, and even appliances that fit your style at good prices.

Thrift shopping is one of the best ways to help the environment. Making brand

new clothes uses hundreds of gallons of water and a ton of energy. According to [my.neighbor.org](http://my.neighbor.org), it takes at least 400 gallons to grow enough cotton to make one shirt, and at least 1,800 gallons to make one pair of jeans. Buying second-hand would help to slow down the production of some of those clothes and save that water.

When clothes get thrown away in landfills, it takes months for them to break down. According to [cincinnati.goodwill.org](http://cincinnati.goodwill.org), "In the United States, individuals throw out 60 to 80 pounds of textile waste each year." That is an incredible amount for a single person to waste. It is so easy to just find a few thrift stores near you that you can buy clothes from that you like and are much

cheaper than they would be at retail stores.

If none of the other benefits of thrift shopping interest you, consider the fact that it saves you massive amounts of money. Buying something second-hand doesn't mean it's going to be bad quality or not work; however, it does mean it's going to be considerably cheaper than it was before. The website [hennepin.us](http://hennepin.us) says, "You can often find second hand goods up to 50% cheaper than you could if you were buying new." Even thrift stores have sales all the time that make the items even cheaper than they were.

It's crazy how easy it is to save a ton of money, find cute new things, and help save the environment all at the same time.

# Treat your Valentine to night of classical music at Carmel's Arte d'Italia event

## The REPORTER

Now through Valentine's Day, take advantage of a 30 percent discount for tickets to the Palladium, which will present a special Sunday, Feb. 19 show featuring the Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) and world-renowned Italian classic pianist Francesco Attesti.

[Click here](#) for tickets and use the discount code "MUSICA" to claim your discount.

There are also a limited number of VIP tickets for an intimate show Friday, Feb. 17 at Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael, which also includes the Sunday show and a five-course, authentic taste of Italy. Indulge in Pasta Al Fumo and Veal Osso Buco, along with a selection of imported wines from Cortona, Italy.

Arte d'Italia is presented by the Rotary Club of Car-

mel, along with the Carmel/Cortona Sister City Friendship. Attesti, who is also the Deputy Mayor of Cortona, is the featured musician all weekend. His AB&C Trio will accompany him on Friday at Feinstein's and he will join Janna Hymes and the CSO on Sunday. Proceeds from the events will benefit the many local organizations and projects the Rotary Club of Carmel supports throughout the year.

To purchase tickets for this and other events throughout the weekend, visit [arteditalia.org](http://arteditalia.org). A limited number of VIP tickets are still available.

The City of Carmel's Anne O'Brien and Carmel Rotary's Julie Ludin-Shadinger were featured on WISH-TV's *All Indiana* program on Tuesday to talk about the Arte d'Italia event. [Click here](#) to watch the video.

# New this week at Sheridan Public Library

## The REPORTER

Here are some of the new items that can be found at the Sheridan Public Library:

### Fiction

- All the Dangerous Things – Stacy Willingham
- Code Name Sapphire – Pam Jenoff
- Conscious Choice to Love – Rex Dillinger
- Encore in Death – J.D. Robb
- Horse – Geraldine Brooks
- Love Paula – V.C. Andrews
- More Than Meets the

- Eye – Iris Johansen
- Tom Clancy Red Winter – Marc Cameron
- Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow – G. Zevin
- Unnatural History – Jonathon Kellerman

### Non-Fiction

- I'm No Philosopher, But I Got Thoughts – K. Chenoweth
- Nazi Conspiracy – Brad Meltzer
- Search – Michelle Huneven

### Children's

- Bad Kitty Does Not Like Valentines – Nick Bruel

- Big Nate Release the Hounds – Lincoln Peirce
- Don't Wake the Yeti! – Claire Freedman
- Endlessly Ever After – Laurel Snyder
- Grumpy Monkey: Valentine Gross Out – Suzanne Lang
- I Wheelie Love You – Hannah Eliot
- If You Were My Valentine – Lynn Plourde
- Love From Llama Llama – Anna Dewdney
- Mystery of the Love List – Sarah Glenn Marsh
- Rhinos at Recess – Mary Pope Osborne

- Supercat – Nick Bruel
- Tooth Fairy Helper – Amy K. Rosenthal

### Inspirational Fiction

- Forbidden – T. Davis Bunn

### Young Adult

- Burning Bridge – John Flanagan

### Movies

- Black Adam
- Black Panther: Wakanda Forever
- Five More Minutes
- Yellowstone: Season 3

### Video Games

- Sonic Frontiers

# Fishers road construction updates, week of Feb. 13

## The REPORTER

### State Road 37

To learn more about the State Road 37 Improvement Project and sign up to receive text updates, visit [37Thrives.com](http://37Thrives.com).

### State Road 37 & 141st Street

A pre-construction phase at SR 37 and 141st Street is currently in place. During this phase, 141st Street will be transitioned to a Right-In-Right-Out (RIRO) traffic configuration.

This is not the permanent configuration. This will allow for traffic to flow more freely along SR 37 until the next phases of construction can be activated. This will eliminate all backups along SR 37 that have caused dangerous stops to the free flow traffic and backups on the 146th Street interchange. Again, this is not the permanent configuration for 141st Street.

The full timeline for the 141st Street interchange will

be provided after project bids are accepted in the Fall of 2023. View detour routes [here](#).

### 96th Street & Cumberland Road

On Monday, Feb. 13 and Tuesday, Feb. 14, lane restrictions will be in place at the 96th Street and Cumberland Road roundabout between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. for landscape improvements.

### 106th Street & Cumberland Road

On Wednesday, Feb. 15 through Friday, Feb. 17, lane restrictions will be in place at the 106th Street and Cumberland Road roundabout between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. for landscape improvements.

### 106th Street & Hoosier Road

Utility relocation is currently taking place at 106th Street and Hoosier Road as part of the roundabout project. For additional project information, view the Capital Project Dashboard [here](#).

### Fall Creek Road

Citizens Energy Group is

mobilizing the lift station on Fall Creek Road near Geist Woods Way, resulting in the closure of Fall Creek Trail in the area until the project is complete in August.

Beginning on Monday, Feb. 13, there will be daily lane restrictions on Fall Creek Road west of Carroll Road for minor storm structure rehab on the causeway.

### Capital Project & Development Dashboards

A Capital Project Dashboard is now available on Drive Fishers. The dashboard was created to offer an interactive mapping and data tool, which allow users the ability to filter data and find the most current details on Engineering Capital Projects. View the Capital Project Dashboard [here](#).

The Planning & Zoning Department has a new Development Dashboard where you can view all development projects that are under construction or in the process of being reviewed. This is viewable on the Planning & Zoning Homepage [here](#).

## The REPORTER

**1851** – Ida Husted Harper was born in Fairfield in Franklin County. She became a nationally known journalist

and advocate for women's suffrage. In addition to her many publications, she authored a three-volume biography of Susan B. Anthony.

**1892** – James F. Hanley was born in Rensselaer. He became a popular songwriter for the Broadway stage. In 1917, he published "Back Home Again in Indiana." Among his many other hit songs are "Second Hand Rose," "Dreams for Sale," and "Zing! Went the Strings of My Heart."

**1923** – Governor Warren McCray appointed a commission of nine people to purchase 12 acres where Abraham Lincoln grew up in Southern Indiana. \$5,000 was appropriated for the transaction, which would create an important historic state property. The proposal was made 62 years to the day after Lincoln had addressed the state legislature. Former State Senator Roscoe Kiper of Boonville called Lincoln "one of the pillars of our democracy."

**1929** – Five men from Chicago were arrested in Indianapolis and questioned

about their possible participation in the "St. Valentine's Day Massacre" the day before. The suspects told police they were members of the Al Capone gang and "plenty of money and help would be down from Chicago" to get them released. To this day, no one has been charged with the murders.

**1966** – Lebanon High School's Rick Mount became the first high school athlete to be pictured on the cover of *Sports Illustrated*. The same year, he was voted the state's "Mr. Basketball" and the "USA Basketball Yearbook Player of the Year." He went on to be a scoring leader at Purdue University followed by a professional career in the American Basketball Association.

**1997** – Jeff Gordon of Pittsboro won the Daytona 500-Mile Race. At age 25, he was the youngest person ever to win the NASCAR event, which is sometimes called "The Great American Race." He recorded an average speed of 148.295 mph, taking home a purse of more than \$377,000.



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# Gary Lane running At-Large for Westfield City Council

## Submitted

Last week, Gary Lane, Executive Director of State-wide Lab Business Operations at IU Health, filed to compete in Westfield's At-Large City Council Race. Lane is the first Democrat in 17 years to run as an At-Large candidate in the city.

"I'm proud to call Westfield home," Lane said. "We intentionally chose Westfield when we were deciding where on the Northside we wanted to live when moving here over six years ago. We considered all the 'usual suspects' – Westfield was the place where we instantly felt comfortable and wanted to raise our family."

Lane has more than 20 years of experience working with many Fortune 500 companies.

"My work history has built my skills in opera-

tions, project, and strategic management," Lane said. "I know how to navigate complex topics in complex institutions with many stakeholders. I believe my core skills of listening to understand and applying analytical rigor to a problem will be a tremendous benefit to the City Council."

Lane says his business operations background will lead him to make data-driven decisions in office.

"Ultimately, the City Council is responsible for helping to set the direction for Westfield well into the future amid many unknown variables," Lane said. "It's critical to have a plan and a strategy that gives constituents something they



Lane

can weigh in on and hold officials accountable against."

Lane is married to local small business owner Becky Lane from **Becky the Baker**. Lane and his wife have two sons who are involved in diving, karate, and music programs in Westfield.

"I'm running because I want the best for Westfield and feel I have the skills to help achieve it," Lane said. "I am ready to put in the work necessary to listen to citizens and bring about an even better Westfield for all of us."

Lane can be found online at [GaryForWestfield.com](http://GaryForWestfield.com), on Facebook at [Facebook.com/gary4westfield](https://www.facebook.com/gary4westfield), and on Twitter at [Twitter.com/Gary4Westfield](https://twitter.com/Gary4Westfield).

# Indiana Members Credit Union makes senior leadership promotions

## The REPORTER

Indiana Members Credit Union (IMCU) recently announced 10 senior leadership promotions to further position the credit union for ongoing growth and success.

"We are proud to appoint John Newett as our President and CEO," said Robert E. Martin, Board Chairman. "John's dedication, leadership, strong financial background, and proven success at Indiana Members Credit Union position him well for this role. Our Board of Directors is confident that John and this senior leadership team will continue to build on the IMCU legacy of member service, growth and success."

"I'm grateful for the continued trust in me to lead our IMCU team and look forward to collaborating with our team of senior leaders," Newett said. "We're pleased to elevate these nine individuals from our team to their new roles. These changes allow IMCU to more efficiently manage a growing organization and position us to deliver on our mission of People Helping People. They each have and will continue to play a vital role in leading our organization as we continue to deliver quality financial services to Hoosiers, and assist in helping our communities thrive."

**JOHN NEWETT** was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of IMCU effective Jan. 1, 2023. Newett succeeds Ron Collier, who retired as Chief Executive Officer of IMCU in December 2022. Newett joined IMCU in 2011 as Director of Planning and Administration and was named President of the credit union in April 2022. He has over 26 years of experience in the financial services industry. Newett is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), a Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA), and has served in leadership roles for many professional and trade organizations. He holds a bachelor's degree in Business from Indiana University Kelley School of Business at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

**TODD HABIG** has been promoted to Chief Financial Officer. He has been with IMCU for 37 years, overseeing Finance, Compliance, and several mergers. Habig is also a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). In this role, Habig will lead Commercial Services, Accounting, and

Investment Services, while continuing to focus on the long-term financial success of the credit union. Habig is a graduate of Butler University with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

**JUSTIN SINDERS** has been promoted to Chief Strategy Officer. Sinders has been with IMCU since 2012 and is also a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). In this new role, he will focus on strategic initiatives which include growing new markets and expanding the information security and business intelligence programs. Sinders will oversee the Market Presidents, Finance and Mortgage Departments and serve on the Commercial Loan Committee. He served eight years in the Army National Guard and is a graduate of Indiana University Kelley School of Business.

**SCOTT MANN** has been promoted to Chief Retail Officer. Mann has been with IMCU for 34 years. In this role, Mann will lead Retail Operations, which include the Branch Network, Consumer Lending, Deposit Operations, Member Services, Cards, Digital, and Facilities Departments. He is a graduate of the Krannert School of Management at Purdue University.

**THORPE MILLER** has been promoted to Chief Marketing Officer. Miller has been with IMCU for 10 years. In this new role, Miller will continue to lead the Marketing and Business Development teams, in addition to overseeing the Community Relations Department and initiatives. Miller is a graduate of Anderson University with bachelor's degrees in Marketing and Management.

**TOM WELLMAN** has been promoted to Chief Risk Officer and General Counsel. Wellman has been with IMCU for 15 years. In this expanded role, Wellman will lead Risk Management, Legal, Compliance, and Collections. Wellman holds a bachelor's degree in Secondary Education from Ball State University, and his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the Indiana University McKinney School of Law. He has been a member of the Indiana Bar since 2003.

**JEFF HAWKINS** has been promoted to Senior Vice President, Information Systems. Hawkins has been with IMCU for 30 years. In this role, Hawkins will continue to lead the Information Systems Department and focus on positioning the cred-

it union with best-in-class technology solutions for members and employees. Hawkins holds a bachelor's degree in Finance from the Indiana University Kelley School of Business.

**CHANTELLE SPARKS** has been promoted to Senior Vice President, Human Resources. Sparks has been with IMCU for 30 years. In this role, Sparks will lead DEI, Recruiting, Training, Employee Development, and Human Resources including payroll and benefits. Sparks is a graduate of Ball State University with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education.

**MICHAEL MURPHY** has been promoted to Senior Vice President, Commercial Services. Murphy has been with IMCU for 17 years and has over 30 years of commercial lending experience. In this role, Murphy will continue to lead the Business Lending team with a continued focus on providing small business members with the funds and services needed to run their business. Murphy is a graduate of St. Joseph's College and holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance and a minor in Economics.

**DARALYN SCHNEIDER** has been promoted to Senior Vice President, Mortgage Services. Schneider has been with IMCU since 2014. In this role, Schneider will continue to lead the Mortgage Lending team, focusing on process improvement and training opportunities to continue delivering an exceptional mortgage experience to members. Schneider is a graduate of Marian University with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration as well as a graduate of the School of Mortgage Banking, through the Mortgage Bankers Association.

## About Indiana Members Credit Union

Indiana Members Credit Union, headquartered in Indianapolis, was founded in 1956 on the campus of IUPUI. IMCU has since grown to 32 branches, serving central and southern Indiana, offering consumer and business members a full array of products and services. Traditionally offering better rates on loans and deposits, IMCU maintains true to its roots by "Keeping It Simple" for members. For more information, please visit IMCU online at [imcu.com](http://imcu.com).





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# Reimagine Pleasant Street project underway

Submitted by  
**American Structurepoint**

Work on the Reimagine Pleasant Street project is now underway and is detailed below. Stay up to date of the project's progress by following along on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). You can also sign up to receive updates at [ReimaginePleasantSt.com/contact](#).

**Utility relocation**  
Duke Energy and CenterPoint Energy crews are actively relocating utility lines for the future Pleasant Street alignment. Some minor traffic restrictions will be happening throughout the area as they complete their work by the end of March. You may also notice additional truck traffic in the southwest quadrant as materials are delivered to the project area.

**Bridge construction**  
The contractor is drilling the foundation shafts for the new bridge, and this work should be complete in the next 60 days. Drilling on the west side of the river is now complete. Equipment will move to the east side



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The installation of new storm water systems will begin in the next 30 days.

for drilling. Reinforcing steel placement and concrete pours will finish the below-ground foundation pieces.

Construction crews are preparing to remove the historic bridge that once carried the Midland Railway over the White River.

Once the bridge has been removed, it will be carefully disassembled so that it can be reconstructed at a future date.

**Sanitary sewer & storm water work**  
In the next 30 days, work will begin for improving the sanitary sewer system and

installing new storm water systems. With drilling on the west side of the river complete, pipe crews will be in the area from the river to River Road installing the sanitary sewer and storm sewer systems. Service should remain uninterrupted during this time.

## American Sound joins OneZone Chamber's Leadership Investor Circle

The REPORTER

OneZone Chamber of Commerce has announced American Sound as its newest Leadership Investor.

Dating back to the 1940s, American Sound is built on providing the highest quality audio/visual design, integration, and support with an unwavering commitment to customer excellence. The Indianapolis team is the newest addition to the already established American Sound offices in Cincinnati and Kentucky.

While small enough to be agile and hands on with any size customer, American Sound is also large enough to be one of the top manufacturer representatives in the area including Crestron, Logitech, Q-SYS, ATS-Pro, Samsung, and

many more. American Sound, Indianapolis is locally operated by the best of the best in the industry from the top consultative engineers, certified technical talent, and dedicated service professionals.

"American Sound is honored to be announced as the premier Audio-Visual partner for OneZone and represent the future of Innovation and Technology in a Leadership Role," American Sound, Inc. CSO Andrea Nicholson said. "We are excited to provide

the membership base, and central Indiana businesses, with best-in-class design, integration and support of their meeting spaces, digital displays and large venue audio/video solutions. The many key relationships that OneZone has formed over the years, paves the way for community growth and trusted partnerships. Those goals perfectly align with American Sound's, and we look forward to making a positive impact together."

OneZone Chamber CEO Jack Russell said,

"We are excited to welcome American Sound as a new Leadership Investor at OneZone Chamber of Commerce. We want to thank Andrea and the entire team for their investment in our organization and for supporting our mission of helping businesses and communities thrive."

OneZone Chamber of Commerce serves over 1,300 businesses in the Carmel and Fishers area. To learn more about OneZone Chamber of Commerce go to [OneZoneChamber.com](#).



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Saturday, March 11

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While on board hear Irish music and maybe catch a glimpse of a live leprechaun

Saturday, March 11

**NickelPlateExpress.com for Tickets**



# Feeding Team Food Pantries

Here is a list of all the yellow Feeding Team food pantries across Hamilton County.  
For more information, go to [FeedingTeam.org](https://FeedingTeam.org).

**ARCADIA**  
Arcadia Brethren Church, 8989 E. 266th St.  
Hamilton Heights School Administration Building, 410 W. Main St.

**CARMEL**  
Carmel Lions Club, 141 E. Main St.  
St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 10655 Haverstick Road

**CICERO**  
Cicero Christian Church, 1715 Stringtown Pike  
Harbour Shores Church, 8011 E. 216th St.  
Indiana Academy, 24815 State Road 19  
Laura Hayden’s School of Dance, 7830 E. 236th St.  
The Pizza House, 11 N. Main St.

**FISHERS**  
Christ the Savior Lutheran Church, 10500 E. 126th St.  
Christ’s Community Church, 13097 Allisonville Road  
G5 Auto Sales, 11544 Allisonville Road  
Life Church Fishers, 9820 E. 141st St.

**NOBLESVILLE**  
American Eagle/Miller Auto Body, 16100 Allisonville Road  
Chapel Church, 675 Walnut St.  
Christ Lutheran Church, 10055 E. 186th St.  
Deer Path HOA Community Building, 12109 Wolf Run Road  
Feeding Team Headquarters, 485 Sheridan Road (State Road 38)  
First Christian Church, 16377 Herriman Blvd.  
First Presbyterian Church, 1194 Maple Ave.  
Freedom Church, 1361 Christian Ave.  
Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St.  
Hamilton County Fire Fighters Local 4416, 399 S. 14th St.  
IDES (International Disaster Emergency Service), 20545 Riverwood Ave.  
Koteewi Park – Taylor Center of Natural History, 12308 Strawtown Ave.  
Legacy Christian School, 470 Lakeview Drive  
Life Church, 2200 Sheridan Road (State Road 38)  
Moose Lodge, 950 Field Drive  
Morse Beach FOP Lodge, 7201 E. 196th St.  
Noblesville School Admin Building, 18025 River Road  
Open Door Church, 20545 Riverwood Ave.  
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St.  
Promise Road Elementary School, 14975 Promise Road  
Restoration Church, 772 N. 10th St.  
Roundabout at SR 37 & Strawtown Avenue (23297 Lafayette St.)  
Union United Methodist Church, 19090 Deshane Ave.  
Victory Baptist Church, 2021 Cicero Road (State Road 19)  
Wayne Township Volunteer Fire, 18441 E. Durbin Road

**SHERIDAN**  
Issachar Church, 501 E. Main St.

**WESTFIELD**  
Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 4283 E. 191st St.



# Hamilton County sees largest increases in pended home sales & inventory in Central Indiana

**The REPORTER**  
Central Indiana’s residential real estate market saw available housing inventory continue to increase to start the new year.

According to F.C. Tucker Company, part of the Howard Hanna family of companies, in January 2023, central Indiana housing inventory increased 90.5 percent, compared to January 2022. Pended home sales decreased 14.2 percent, and year-to-date home sale prices increased 8.7 percent.

- The average January 2023 home sale price for the 16-county central Indiana region was \$306,617 an increase of 8.7 percent compared to January 2022.

- Pended home sales decreased, down 14.2 percent compared to this time last year.

- Available housing inventory increased, up 90.5 percent compared to January 2022.

In January 2023, 2,595 central Indiana homes were purchased, down 14.2 percent from the 3,026 sold in January 2022. Specifically:

- **Hamilton County experienced the greatest increase in pended home sales in January 2023, up 5.4 percent compared to this time last year.**

- Putnam County pended sales had the greatest decrease with 61 percent fewer homes sold in January 2023 compared to January 2022.

Central Indiana year-to-date home sale prices continued to increase. Homes sold in 49 days on average, which is 122.7 percent slower than in 2022.

- Brown County record-

ed the highest average year-to-date home sale price increase at 29.1 percent.

- **Hamilton County had the highest average year-to-date home sale price in the region at \$473,113.**

- Decatur County homes left the market 7.5 percent, or three days, more quickly than in 2022 – selling the fastest in the 16-county central Indiana area.

Central Indiana experienced a 90.5 percent increase in overall available home inventory in January 2023, compared to January 2022, with 1,678 more homes available for sale.

- **Hamilton County had the largest inventory increase – up 220 percent compared to January 2022.**

- Decatur County experienced the largest decrease in inventory – down 13.9 percent compared to this time last year.

“The new year started off with another significant inventory increase, providing a greater variety of homes from which to choose,” F.C. Tucker Company President Jim Litten said. “Despite a slight increase in the average home sale price, homes are staying on the market longer than this time last year, giving buyers more time to select the right home for them and their family.”

Of the pended home sales in the region last month, nine were priced \$2,000,000 or higher; 24 were priced \$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999; 229 were priced \$500,000 to \$999,999; 839 were priced \$300,000 to \$499,999; 796 were priced \$200,000 to \$299,999; 576

were priced \$100,000 to \$199,999; and 122 were priced at \$99,999 or less.

**Editor’s Notes**

- All statistics were compiled by F.C. Tucker Company from a report drawn from BLC® statistics on Feb. 6, 2023. Because of delayed processing through other agencies or boards, these numbers are subject to change.

- Effective April 7, 2019, data from MIBOR only reports on single family homes and excludes condo sales. F.C. Tucker will continue to include condo sales in this report.

- “Pending” means the sales contract has been signed, but the transaction has not closed. According to the NAR, pending sales typically are finalized within a month or two of signing.

- “Active Listings – Inventory” is a snapshot frozen in time at the end of the stated month. Per MIBOR, effective April 1, 2018, “Active with Contingency” no longer is a status in the BLC® listing service in order to present a true picture in advertising and marketing. Those listings that were in the “Active with Contingency” status have been moved from the “Active” status to the “Pending” status.

- For this report, F.C. Tucker tracks the following counties: Bartholomew, Boone, Brown, Decatur, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Jackson, Jennings, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Montgomery, Morgan, Putnam and Shelby. The first report tracking Jackson County data was pulled Aug. 7, 2019.

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*The program is free, but registration is required.*



# Expanding mental health & substance abuse treatment

According to the Indiana Department of Correction, nearly 80 percent of inmates in Indiana jails have an addiction or mental health condition, and 75 percent of those who return to prison have a substance use disorder. To help ensure more Hoosiers with mental health conditions receive treatment in hospitals, not jails, I co-authored [House Bill 1006](#).

House Bill 1006 would empower law enforcement to apprehend and transport individuals suffering from a mental illness, or temporary impairment from drugs and alcohol, to the nearest facility providing mental health treatment. Sending Hoosier to these facilities can help provide them with a better

GUEST COLUMNIST



CHRIS JETER  
State Representative

chance at recovery by connecting them with the resources they need, and hopefully help them stay out of the criminal justice system. This proposed legislation would also protect individuals from being released from a mental health facility or hospital due to an inability to pay. One of the main reasons individuals suffering from mental illness end up in jail is because hospitals often assume the costs of care for those who can't afford it, and it's a liability issue for the facility. This often leaves arresting officers two choices. They can take the individual to a hospital for treatment, which would often let them out the next day, or place them under arrest.

Through this legislation, insurance and Medicaid could be used to pay for mental health treatment, ensuring hospitals receive payment and the individual receives help. House Bill 1006 also includes liability protections for law enforcement officers, hospitals and treatment centers that are trying to help affected individuals. This legislation continues to build on our state's efforts to connect more Hoosiers to critical mental health resources while maintaining public safety. Our hardworking law enforcement officers routinely deal with these issues and overcrowded jails, and this legislation will provide another option to get people the help they need. House Bill 1006 recently passed unanimously out of the Indiana House of

Representatives and now moves to the Senate for further consideration. We'll also look to ensure that we are investing in expanding mental health options in the state's proposed budget, which should begin moving through the legislative process in the coming weeks. As the legislative session moves forward, I'll continue providing updates on what's happening at the Statehouse, and I encourage you to sign up to receive my e-newsletters by visiting [in.gov/h88](http://in.gov/h88). You can also reach out with questions or input on these topics and others by contacting me at [h88@iga.in.gov](mailto:h88@iga.in.gov) or (317) 234-0931. *State Rep. Chris Jeter (R-Fishers) represents House District 88, which includes portions of Hamilton, Hancock, Madison, and Marion counties.*

# Federal grant funds available for specialty crop industry

The REPORTER

The [Indiana State Department of Agriculture](#) (ISDA), beginning Feb. 15, will seek project proposals from Indiana's specialty crop sector for funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) [Specialty Crop Block Grant Program](#).

"Specialty crops are big business in Indiana," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "This unique sector is quite large in Indiana, after all 80 percent of our state is farmland and forests. We are excited to use this federal funding to bolster our large specialty crop sector and research initiatives."

The USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program offers federal funding annually to state departments of agriculture to support their specialty crop industries. This year, Indiana's allocation is \$484,966.

Eligible projects must enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops in Indiana, defined as fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, horticulture and nursery crops.

Funding will not be awarded to projects that benefit a particular commercial product, or provide a profit to a single organization, institution or individual. Each project must

identify at least one of the [new USDA performance measures](#) that specifically demonstrate the project's impact on enhancing the competitiveness of eligible specialty crops. ISDA is seeking projects that have objectives such as: increasing consumption and consumer purchasing, increasing access and distribution, increasing food safety knowledge and processing, developing new seed varieties and improving environmental sustainability, among other things. [Click here](#) to see the full list of performance measures.

ISDA and USDA encourage applications that benefit smaller farms, new and beginning farmers, underserved producers, veteran producers and underserved communities.

Applications open on Feb. 15, 2023 and are due by noon on March 10, 2023. Proposals must be submitted online through the Indiana State Department of Agriculture's [Grants Management System](#). Indiana Specialty Crop Block Grant application resources are located on ISDA's [Grants and Funding Opportunities](#) website.

For more information, [click here](#). For a full list of eligible specialty crops, [click here](#).



Crouch

# AG Todd Rokita sues ATF to protect Hoosiers' gun rights

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita on Thursday [sued the Biden administration](#) to challenge a recent rule by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) that he says infringes on Hoosiers' gun rights.

Specifically, the new ATF rule treats pistols equipped with stabilizing braces as short-barreled rifles subject to federal regulation. This policy contradicts more than a decade of agency practice, during which the ATF repeatedly assured manufacturers and the pub-

lic that attaching a stabilizing brace to a pistol would not alter its regulatory or statutory classification.

"As long as I'm attorney general, we will never willingly cede Hoosiers' cherished liberties to the whims of federal bureaucrats," Rokita said. "This is a clear case of overreach by the executive branch, and we fully expect to prevail in this lawsuit."

Individuals with disabilities often rely on stabilizing braces to use their pistols.



Rokita

Others who benefit from the devices are those with below-average physical strength and beginners learning to use firearms.

The new federal regulations require anyone using pistols with stabilizing braces to provide their fingerprints to the ATF, be registered in a federal database and pay applicable taxes, among other things.

In addition to Indiana, 24 other states and various private businesses and indi-

viduals have joined in this lawsuit against the Biden administration. Rokita thanked West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey for his work organizing the multistate coalition. "By standing together, the individual states can stop the federal government from riding roughshod over our people's freedoms," Rokita said. "Standing up to tyranny is a time-honored American tradition. It requires us not only to resist broad sweeping power grabs but also to combat the incremental chipping away of rights."

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## Enjoy virtual conversation with Indiana DNR director

### The REPORTER

Hoosiers can listen to an hour-long online interview of DNR director Dan Bortner from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 13.

The program, sponsored by the Indiana Parks Alliance and hosted by its president, Tom Hohman, will be a conversation about Bortner's experiences as director of Indiana State Parks from 2005 to 2020 and his current work as DNR director since being appointed by Gov. Eric Holcomb in late July 2020.

The evening will highlight some current projects in DNR's divisions of state parks and nature preserves as well as provide information about future DNR initiatives and programs.

Advance registration is free but required. Register to receive a Zoom link by emailing [meetings@indiana-](mailto:meetings@indiana-parks-alliance.org)

[naparksalliance.org](http://naparksalliance.org).

Bortner was Indiana State Parks' director from 2005 to 2020. During his tenure, Indiana State Parks celebrated its centennial in 2016, completed a goal to establish a dedicated nature preserve in each state park, placed an increased emphasis on natural resources management and restoration, improved numerous facilities and services across the system, and managed sites through the COVID-19 crisis and kept them open and available for Hoosiers to enjoy.

The **Indiana Parks Alliance** is an independent charitable organization that supports and advocates for Indiana State Parks and Nature Preserves and the people they serve through education, promotion, fundraising and assistance for local Friends groups.

# More Democrats running in Fishers than ever before

### Submitted by Hamilton County Democratic Party

The Hamilton County Democratic Party has announced that Democrats are running for a majority of Fishers City Council seats: incumbent Councilors Jocelyn Vare (At-Large) and Crystal Neumann (North Central) are joined by candidates Howard Stevenson (At-Large), Bill McLellan (South West), Lane Skeeters (South Central), Bill Stuart (South West), and Samantha Chapman (North East). In addition, Janet Pritchett is running for Fishers City Clerk.

"We are incredibly excited to offer citizens better representation in November with this strong, qualified group of candidates," Hamilton County Democratic Party Chair Dayna Colbert said. "These talented candidates reflect the desires of today's Fishers community: accelerating positive changes to make Fishers the best place in Indiana for all to live, work and raise a family. The Fishers community has changed a lot, and the next four years will set up Fishers' next 40 years. These Democratic leaders will ensure Fishers has safe neighborhoods, diverse and economical housing, excellent schools, and great cultural and quality of life amenities, all without the political games plaguing Indianapolis and Washington, D.C."

Colbert said the Democratic candidates will also work with Hamilton Southeastern Schools.

"Our candidates will be true partners with HSE Schools and fight for all those who work in Fishers but can't afford to live in Fishers. We must ensure that Fishers is sustainable by attracting young professionals to Fishers. Our candidates will continue to grow Fishers in a fiscally responsible and livable way. And our Democrats will keep Fishers' local government accountable to the residents, by listening and prioritizing our city's true needs."

The primary election will be held on Tuesday, May 2, and the General Election will take place Tuesday, Nov. 7. This group of candidates is the largest number to represent the Democratic Party on a Fishers municipal ballot ever, and Colbert says it reflects the increasing trend of Fishers voters identifying with and voting for Democrats.

The Hamilton County Democratic Party encourages voters to make their voices heard in the Democratic primary.

### About the Candidates Jocelyn Vare, At-Large

Jocelyn Vare is an At-Large member of Fishers City Council and currently serves as the first Democrat ever elected to Fishers mu-

nicipal office. In 2022, she ran for Indiana State Senate to represent Fishers at the statehouse and earned over 16,000 votes from Fishers residents.

She is a 22-year resident of Fishers, the mom of two HSE Schools graduates, a local small business owner, a volunteer and a champion for the community she loves. She is a member of the Fishers Finance Committee and Fishers Arts + Culture Commission. She served as a committee chair for the successful HSE Schools referendum in 2016. She is a graduate of Fishers City Government Academy, Hamilton County Leadership Academy, Ball State's Economic Development Course and Community Development Course.

In 2021, Vare was recognized as an Impact Award nominee, one of 30 alumni designated in the Hamilton County Leadership Academy's 30-year history.

### Crystal Neumann, North Central

Crystal Neumann serves as a member of Fishers City Council for the North Central district. She is a Latina first-generation American, with a passion to make a difference and become a role model for others. She is also passionate about sustainability efforts.

Neumann has a doctorate in business administration with her work being published in several journals, and she has presented at several national and international conferences. Her commitment and efforts toward making education affordable and accessible were recognized, in which she was selected as an honoree of Reverend Jesse L. Jackson's Rainbow PUSH Excel 2017. She was also inducted into the Indiana Latino Leadership Circle in 2020 and Hoosier Women Forward in 2022.

Neumann is a 10-year resident of Fishers, mom of one HSE Schools graduate with another in eighth grade, and she has a commitment to serve her community.

### Howard Stevenson, At-Large

Howard Stevenson is Managing Partner of Stevenson Legal Group, LLC and currently serves as President of the Fishers Plan Commission and Vice President of the Fishers Board of Zoning Appeals. He is a 23-year resident of Fishers, where he and his wife Christa of 33 years raised their three sons. He previously served as a school board member for Hamilton Southeastern Schools.

A lifelong Hoosier, Stevenson earned his bachelor's degree from Indiana University and his J.D. degree in 1993 from Indiana University McKinney School of Law. After law school, he served as a judicial law clerk for the late Justice Richard M. Givan on

the Indiana Supreme Court, becoming the first African American to serve in that capacity. He is also an adjunct law professor at the Indiana University McKinney School of Law.

Stevenson is a 30-year member of Eastern Star Church where he serves as a Superintendent of Sunday School.

### Bill McLellan, North West

Bill McLellan and his family moved to Fishers five years ago from the west St. Louis suburbs for McLellan to start a business data analytics practice for a local software services company. This year marks 20 years that he has worked in data services, mostly in health care, and he now serves as a solutions architect for phData, a nationwide data consulting firm. His colleagues consider him a great listener who asks good questions and then thinks deeply and creatively about complex problems before suggesting pragmatic solutions.

McLellan regularly collaborates with clients who share different opinions about how to improve their technologies and businesses. He helps business groups as different as finance and marketing reach common understandings of their semantics. His friends and family consider him to be fiercely loyal, while at the same time warm, kind, and fun.

McLellan attends St. Peter's United Church of Christ, an open and affirming congregation in Carmel, where he serves as the technology team lead.

### Lane Skeeters, South Central

Lane Skeeters is Indiana raised, having grown up in Fort Wayne. After moving around the country, in 2015 Skeeters chose to make Fishers the place he would raise his two children. He attended the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne for Computer Animation, with additional coursework through Purdue for business and computer science.

In his career, Skeeters has focused on working with small businesses, startups, and others with the creative energy to build things. Currently his professional role is the Design Manager for Image360. He has also brought his talents to volunteer opportunities: offering workshops to local startups, design services to nonprofits and charitable organizations, and organizing community events to bring neighbors together.

### Bill Stuart, South West

Bill Stuart currently serves on the Fishers Planning Commission and the Fishers Fire Merit Board, having done so since 2016. Stuart and his wife, Peggi, moved to Fishers 29 years ago so their four children could attend Hamilton Southeastern Schools. They

are also blessed with four grandchildren and are expecting a new grandchild in July.

Stuart has been active in his community as President of his Homeowners' Association and as a youth sports coach and board member. He graduated from Indiana University with a MPA and BA degrees from the School of Public and Environmental Affairs.

The Stuarts reside with their dog Cali in the Delaware Pointe neighborhood.

### Samantha Chapman, North East

Samantha Chapman is the Indiana State Director of The Humane Society of the United States. She is a lifelong Hoosier and animal lover who has dedicated her life to changing policy and laws that better protect animals at the state and local level.

In 2022, she was honored with Manchester University's Young Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award for her role in helping facilitate the historic transport of 4,000 beagles from a breeding research facility in Virginia. She graduated from Manchester College in 2012 magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science and Psychology and then earned her J.D. in 2015 from Indiana University McKinney School of Law.

After law school, Chapman served as a judicial clerk for the Honorable Paul Mathias on the Indiana Court of Appeals and in private practice defended businesses in complex employment matters before joining the Secretary of State's office as the Business Services Division Attorney and Special Counsel.

Chapman currently serves on the Board of Directors for Friends of Indy Animals and Waldo's Muttley Crew Animal Rescue.

### Janet Pritchett, Clerk

Janet Pritchett is a Mortgage Advisor for Parker Mortgage. She and her husband Mike are 19-year Fishers residents and have four children. Their eldest is currently attending Purdue University and graduated from Fishers High School. Their three other children currently attend Fishers High School, with the next oldest graduating this year.

Pritchett has spent more than a decade serving the Fishers community and championing resident involvement. She has a passion for education and supporting children, family, and residents. She previously was elected as a school board member for the Hamilton Southeastern School district and served as President during her tenure.

Pritchett was pivotal in starting the Fishers Democrat Club and is also a proud member of the Fishers Rotary.



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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.

## Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad names Lisa Everling new board president

### The REPORTER

Lisa Everling will serve as the Board of Director's President for the Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad, operator of the Nickel Plate Express (NPX) which runs on 12.5 miles of track between Noblesville and Atlanta, Ind.

Everling was elected during a recent board retreat to serve the one-year role as president. Also elected was Brett Morrow as Vice President, Toni Dickover as Treasurer, and Christy Johnson as Secretary.

"As the New Executive Board President for

the Nickel Plate Express, I look forward to working with Emily Reynolds our Executive Director and the rest of our Board," Everling said. "We have built a great base of staff members and involved board members over the past year, and I cannot wait to see where we will be taking the Nickel Plate Express for Hamilton County this year."

NPX kicks off the 2023 season in mid-February and will operate most weekends



Everling

throughout the year.

"I am delighted to have Lisa step on and serve as our board president," Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad Executive Director Emily Reynolds. "She brings so much enthusiasm to the role and has great connections throughout the community. She will be vital in helping us grow our donor and sponsor network this year."

NPX is a program of the Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad, a charitable nonprofit

that operates the historic Arcadia Depot and offers entertainment and educational excursions on historic train equipment out of Forest Park in Noblesville. The 12.5 miles of Nickel Plate track is owned by the Hoosier Heritage Port Authority and runs from Noblesville through Cicero and Arcadia to Atlanta in northern Hamilton County.

For information about the variety of NPX excursions – from the St. Patrick's Day Express to special dining experiences and holiday-themed rides in 2023 – visit [NickelPlateExpress.com](http://NickelPlateExpress.com).



# BBB warning: Quest Concrete generates numerous complaints

## The REPORTER

BBB Serving Central Indiana is warning consumers to exercise caution before doing business with Quest Concrete LLC, a remodeling contractor headquartered in Indianapolis. The company **currently has an “F” rating**, the lowest on the BBB scale, due to 18 complaints including a pattern of collecting deposits, leaving projects incomplete, and failing to respond to consumers’ concerns.

“I know companies get busy; I just want some communication,” said Tony Hueston, a Franklin, Ind. consumer.

Hueston secured a \$12,000 project with the understanding his patio would be poured in eight to 10 weeks. After signing his contract, “Quest” failed to provide Hueston a project manager.

Several weeks later, Hueston had yet to receive any sort of sufficient response regarding his project and \$6,000 deposit despite the multiple voicemails left with the business.

When speaking with consumers during BBB’s investigation, confusion pertaining to the distinction between Quest Exteriors and Quest Concrete was apparent. BBB discovered Quest Concrete shared various business details with Quest Exteriors such as contact information, building address and office personnel. At one point, Quest Concrete did have a separate phone number and website; however, both were unavailable when BBB attempted to contact the business.

Originally, consumer complaints were filed against **Quest Exteriors LLC**, but Quest Exteriors notified BBB that complaints should be directed to a separate entity, Quest Concrete.

“Quest Concrete is a wholly separate entity with different ownership structure than that of Quest Exteriors,” said Mike Gossett of Quest Exteriors in a statement. “The entity that owns Quest Exteriors is also a minority owner in Quest Concrete. While I have been actively working with both companies, I have no control over the majority ownership of Quest Concrete or what direction they take the company. For startup purposes both companies ran out of the same office and used some of the same back-office staff until early November.”

Gossett further indicated their office had to close in early November due to labor issues brought on by the nationwide raw material shortage of Portland cement (an ingredient used to make concrete). As a result, Quest Concrete was put on a material allocation for five to six weeks from mid-September through late October. Gossett claims Quest Concrete could not continue normal business operations after the five-to-six-week period when the business was un-

able to perform work.

“Our attorneys are working on the path forward as it relates to Quest Concrete,” Gossett continued in its statement to BBB. “As it relates to Quest Exteriors, Quest Exteriors has met and continues to meet all its contractual obligations and did not contract any concrete work with the above-mentioned customers and should not have the complaints attached to its BBB Accreditation.”

Quest Exterior’s BBB Accreditation was revoked on Dec. 13, 2022, by BBB’s Board of Directors due to the business’s failure to adhere to two of the **requirements BBB Accredited Businesses must meet and abide by**. The first unmet standard relates to transparency, which according to BBB.org, BBB Accredited Businesses must “openly identify the nature, location, and ownership of the business, and clearly and prominently disclose all material facts that bear on a customer’s decision to buy.” The second requisite pertains to responsiveness where BBB Accredited Businesses must “address disputes forwarded by BBB quickly and in good faith.”

Prior to the revocation, BBB found additional information through an Indiana Secretary of State data search shortly after receiving Gossett’s statement. The discovery indicated the co-owner of Quest Exteriors, Carie Gossett, is listed as “Manager” on a Change of Principal Address form for Quest Concrete. Quest Exteriors was asked to provide ownership clarification and reliable contact information for Quest Concrete but failed to respond to BBB’s request.

As a result, BBB has been unable to identify a complaint handler for Quest Concrete outside of Quest Exteriors, leaving 18 unanswered complaints and a total monetary loss of around \$74,000.

BBB followed up with several complainants in November 2022. During these conversations, the pattern of complaint was discovered, as consumers’ concerns pertained to unfulfilled contracts and lack of communication from the business.

Consumer Justin Barkey told BBB the business visited his home to begin the job but has since left his yard damaged and without the patio for which he paid a significant deposit. After several attempts to gain answers from Quest Concrete, the Fortville resident was met with “excuse after excuse” as to why his project had been delayed, including a broken-down truck, dispatch issues, and the lack of cement powder.

“I am going to have to pay someone to come out and undo what they have done,” Barkey said. “All I want from Quest Exteriors at this point is my deposit money of \$4,500 back and nothing else.”



**A couple from Fishers shared a similar experience. Amanda and Dan Hackworth found the company online and stated “Quest” came out rather quickly to assess a project in the summer.**

In June 2022 they put down a \$7,600 deposit and agreed to a contract stating work would begin in five to seven weeks. Amanda Hackworth claimed they didn’t receive much communication about their project after putting the deposit down and were left with quiet waiting periods. In fall 2022, they were told a new project manager was assigned to their project who came out to assess the project one more time. After that visit, all communication from “Quest” ceased and the Hackworths could no longer reach the business.

Indianapolis consumer Brandi Belucci put down a \$4,500 deposit when she signed a Quest Concrete contract in June 2022 for a project estimated to take six to eight weeks. However, Quest Concrete pushed the project back several times after their initial agreement.

“I understand that he couldn’t complete the job, but he gave us the run around since August,” Belucci said. “If he couldn’t do the job, he should have just given us our deposit back.”

Originally, Belucci assumed they “were just behind,” but as of November 2022, she indicated she had been dealing with back-and-forth communication for months and can no longer reach anyone about her concerns.

Consider these tips when hiring anybody to work in your home:

- **Research and gather information.** Search for a contractor’s BBB Business Profile at **BBB.org** for free information on their history of complaints and read verified customer reviews.

- **Request references.** Ask the contractor for a list of recent local references you may contact to verify the services performed and their overall experience with the contractor and the quality of the work.

- **Ask for multiple quotes.** You should always shop around and get at least three quotes from different businesses. Make sure all bids consider the same set of criteria. Keep in mind, the lowest bid may not necessarily be the best bid; if one bid is significantly lower than the others, the contractor may be cutting corners or may not understand your work requirements.

- **Get it in writing.** Al-

ways get estimates in writing and never let any work begin without a written and signed contract. Do not be pressured into signing an agreement before you are ready and make sure you read and understand everything before signing. The contract should include contact information, start and complete dates, a detailed description of the exact work to be done, any material costs, payment arrangements, and warranty information. Specify who is to obtain the necessary building permits and who is responsible for clean-up. Make sure all verbal promises are included in the contract. Never sign an incomplete or partially blank contract.

- **Verify license and insurance.** Ensure the company you decide to hire has the necessary licenses and insurance to work in your region. **Your local BBB** can help with this. Once you have your contractor’s insurance information, call the carrier to confirm appropriate coverage for worker’s compensation, property damage, and personal liability in case of accidents.

- **Confirm building permits.** Your contractor must have the correct permits before starting your project. They will usually obtain the permits, but you will probably pay for them which should be detailed in your contract. Request all final inspections be completed by the local building official prior to final payment.

- **Inquire about a lien waiver.** In the United States, a lien waiver is a statement from your contractor that says all suppliers and subcontractors have been paid for their work.

- **Think about future service issues.** Make sure you are aware of your warranty coverage and how to deal with service issues.

- **Arrange a payment schedule.** Never pay in full up front. Stagger your payments so your final payment is not due until the project is complete and you have fully inspected the work. Do not pay cash; make sure your check is written to a company, not an individual, or that you use a credit card. Paying with a credit card will provide some recourse should the job not be completed as stated in the contract.

- **Get a receipt.** Request a receipt marked “Paid in Full” when the job is completed and your final payment is made.

- **Keep your contract.** Hold on to your contract for future reference or if any questions arise after the work is complete.

## Paul Alan Achenbach September 12, 1945 – February 6, 2023

Paul Alan Achenbach, 77, Cicero, passed away on February 6, 2023, at his home with his family by his side. He was born on September 12, 1945, in Saint Petersburg, Fla., to Paul Hoover and Glenda Bernardine (Brunk) Achenbach.

During his younger years he grew up in the Jackson Township, Hamilton County area and graduated from Jackson Central High School with the Class of 1963. He then attended Parson College in Iowa before transferring to Ball State University.

He first worked for General Motors Company in Anderson, a division where they made and designed headlights and taillights. When General Motors began closing their manufacturing plants in Anderson, he became employed at Allison Transmission Company in Indianapolis and worked there until he retired.

Paul also honorably served his country in the U.S. Army, earning the Bronze Star Medal among other awards and medals.

He was an active member of the Lighthouse Tabernacle Church in Carmel, where he also served as an elder. He was dedicated to his Savior, his Church, and Church family.

His family attested that Paul was a true family man. With his faith, his family also came first in his life. He was especially happy to be with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He also enjoyed watching sporting events, with his favorite being I.U. basketball.

He married Vicki Gean (Rayle) Achenbach on January 7, 1984, who survives him. Also surviving are daughters Kimberly (Steve) Stackhouse and Melissa (Odell) Moore, both of Cicero; a son, Michael Alan Achenbach of Peru, Ind.; a sister, Vicki Lynn (Chuck) Seely of Goodyear, Ariz.; 11 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2023, at Hartley Funeral Home Cicero Chapel, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero, with Pastor David Wesley Totman officiating. Burial will follow at Cicero Cemetery. A time of visitation will be from 10 a.m. until time of the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lighthouse Tabernacle Church, 2599 E. 98th St., Indianapolis, IN 46280.

You may send condolences at [hartleyfuneralhomes.com](http://hartleyfuneralhomes.com).

## Robert L. Bannon June 9, 1955 – February 8, 2023

Robert L. Bannon, 67, Montgomery, Ill., passed away on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, after a brave battle with cancer. He was born on June 9, 1955, in Noblesville, the son of Donald and Jane (Holloway) Bannon. He was a loving son, father, brother, uncle, and devoted partner who will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Robert is survived by his daughters, Meagan Bannon of Las Vegas, Nev. and Laura (Brian) Hilton of Chicago, Ill.; his siblings, Steve (Deb) Bannon, Michael Bannon, and Mary Bannon, all of Noblesville; his beloved partner, Deborah Smart of Yorkville, Ill.; and two nephews and one niece.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Jane Bannon; and his son, Jeffrey Bannon.

Robert’s happiest moments were when he was able to be outdoors, photographing nature, birds, historic lighthouses, and vintage trains. He also enjoyed being a member of the Sandwich Photographic Society of Sandwich, Ill., where he met many of his dear friends.

A funeral service will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2023, at the Nelson Funeral Home, 1617 N. Bridge St., Yorkville, Ill. Interment will be held at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at the Elmwood Cemetery in Yorkville, Ill. Friends may visit from 4 p.m. until the Hour of Service on Monday, February 13, 2023, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations would be made to the Illinois Railway Museum at [irm.org/artifacts](http://irm.org/artifacts).

Arrangements by Nelson Funeral Homes & Crematory, [NelsonFuneralHomes.com](http://NelsonFuneralHomes.com).

## Meeting Notices

The Carmel Redevelopment Commission will meet in an executive session at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2023. The purpose of the Executive Session is to discuss pending litigation in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B); and/or to discuss the purchase or lease of real property in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D); and/or to receive information about and interview prospective employees in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(5). A regular meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

The Noblesville Common Council will meet in an executive session at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2023, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(4)(I). Interviews and negotiations with industrial or commercial prospects or agents of industrial or commercial prospects by a governing body of a political subdivision. A regular meeting will follow at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Hamilton Heights School Corporation Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2023, in the Board Room at the Hamilton Heights Student Activity Center, 420 W. North St., Arcadia.

The Carmel Cable & Telecommunications Commission will meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2023, in the Caucus Room on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

The Carmel Plan Commission will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2023, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

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Carl E. Gross

September 22, 1944 – February 9, 2023

Carl E. Gross, 78, Noblesville, passed away at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 9, 2023, in his home. He was born in Elwood, Ind., on Friday, September 22, 1944, to Carl and Katherine (Farmer) Gross. He was married to Nancy (Denton) Gross.

Carl graduated from Alexandria High School in 1962 and attended Columbia College in Missouri. He served in the United States Army from 1961 to 1975, where he achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant. During his tours, he served in Vietnam, Korea, Germany, and Hawaii, where he was honorably discharged. Following his military service, he was a truck driver with VA Northern Indiana Health Care System, retiring in 1996. He was a member of American Legion of Noblesville Post #45.

Carl loved basketball and especially enjoyed watching Noblesville, North Carolina, and IU basketball. He looked forward to meeting up every day of the week with his friends at Jim Dandy restaurant. He was a storyteller, whether they be fact or fiction. No one will ever know! He did like to travel, which a lot of his traveling came by truck driving. He also loved his fur babies, Hannah and Bailey.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Gross of Noblesville; daughter, Jennifer (Jim) Keith of Florida; sons, Matt (Katie) Tippner of Noblesville and Todd (Molly) Tippner of Indianapolis; grandsons, Jordan Emsberger of Florida, Bradley Emsberger of Florida, and AJ Tippner of Noblesville; granddaughters, Maisy Tippner of Indianapolis and Meredith Tippner of Noblesville; sisters, Grace Savage of Alexandria, Diana (Tim) Jones of Anderson; brothers, Al (Sandy) Gross of Round Top, Texas, and Kenneth (Sheliah) Gross of Frankton.

He was preceded in death by his parents; stepmother, Leabell Gross; and sisters, Judy Rainer, Marilyn Felton, Flora Rushin, Shirley Hopkins, and Carla Jean Schweitzer; brothers, Harold Gross, Richard Gross, Roger Gross, Jim Sanders, Everett Gross, and Carl Gross, Jr.

A graveside service to celebrate Carl's life will begin at 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2023, at Marion National Cemetery. Pastor Mick Simpkins will be officiating.

Memorial contributions may be directed to American Heart Association, P.O. Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Needham-Storrey-Wampner Funeral and Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion.

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Beverly Charlene Cave

June 10, 1932 – February 1, 2023

Beverly Charlene Cave, 90, Westfield, and formerly of Marshalltown, Iowa, passed away on February 1, 2023, surrounded by loved ones. She was born on June 10, 1932, in Midland, Mich. She was the daughter of the late Charles W.J. and Nova Charlotte (Kelly) Gunterman.

Beverly is survived by her husband of 70 years, Rev. David Cave; sister, Norma Kay (Marvin) Everly of Grass Lake, Mich.; sister-in-law, Barbara Gunterman of Ft. McCoy, Fla.; children, Bill (Betty Lou) Cave of Marshalltown, Iowa, John (Joanne) Cave of Ireton, Iowa, Jim (Sue) Cave of Spencerville, Ohio, Susan (Michael) Hirl of Cicero; and her pride and joy – 22 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Judy Smith; brother, Charles Gunterman; and a daughter, Kathryn Mary Cave.

Beverly married David in 1952 describing him as the love of her life. Over the next 70 years of marriage, they built a life that brought joyful memories to family and friends. Beverly and David spent 60 years in ministry with the United Church of Christ. She especially enjoyed the Clowning for Christ Ministry with David where they went by the names Jelly Bean and Lil Oscar. In addition to supporting David's ministry, Beverly received her licensed practical nurse (LPN) license and worked in several skilled care facilities, plus a state mental hospital.

Beverly enjoyed spending time outdoors and bird watching. She loved canoeing and camping during family vacations in the Boundary Waters in Northern Minnesota and homesteading their wooded acreage near Duluth in Moose Lake, Minn. A highlight during her retirement years was the adventure vacation she and David took when they drove their truck camper from Moose Lake to Alaska.

Beverly had many hobbies throughout her life including knitting, crocheting, reading, painting, creating stained glass artwork, square dancing, learning to play the harp and volunteering at libraries. She loved to laugh, mention how cute David is, and play Dominoes and Rummikub around the kitchen table with family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on March 4, 2023, at Hartley Funeral Home Cicero Chapel, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero, with a time of visitation from 10 a.m. until time of the services. Pastor Jody Brown will officiate. Burial will occur at a later date at Silver Creek Cemetery near Leaf River, Ill.

Memorial contributions may be made to Moose Lake Public Library, 313 Elm Ave., Moose Lake, MN 55767.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?"

I answered, "Sir, you know."

And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,' nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; 'he will lead them to springs of living water.' 'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'"

Revelation 7:13-17 (NIV)

Shawn Charles Hensley

February 2, 1974 – January 25, 2023

Shawn Charles Hensley, 48, Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at his home.



He was born on February 2, 1974, in Galesburg, Ill., to Charles and Kimberly (Smith) Hensley.

Shawn was very bright and accomplished and that enabled him to execute his dream job as a Technology Administrator, a job he worked most of his adult life. Helping others by using

his knowledge was his greatest passion in life. He loved music and enjoyed playing his D.J. set at home as a hobby. Spending family time, using his RC race cars with his children, building computers, and creating video games were a few of the many additional things he enjoyed doing.

He was a very loving, caring, and devoted husband and father who had a genuine, kind heart, and beautiful soul. He always made sure his family was very loved and cared for. He was respected, loved, and admired by all who knew him.

Shawn is survived by his loving wife, Marisol Hensley; children, Jayce Richard Hensley, Jack Maxwell Hensley, Melany Zuniga, and Steven Zuniga of Noblesville; parents, Kimberly and Richard Taylor; and brothers, Adam Hensley and Colton Taylor of Galesburg, Ill.

His biological father, Charles Hensley, preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, February 18 at Hartley Funeral Home Cicero Chapel, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero.

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(Left) Hamilton Heights' Tillman Etchison scored 12 points for the Huskies during the game. At left is Westfield's Seth LaRavia. (Right) Westfield's Alex Romack scored 20 points for the Shamrocks during their Friday win at Hamilton Heights.

Photos by Bob Cross

# Westfield rolls past Hamilton Heights

By RICHARD TORRES  
For The Reporter

**ARCADIA** – The Class 4A Westfield Shamrocks were looking to turn the corner after a difficult couple of weeks, and on Friday night at county rival 3A Hamilton Heights, they course corrected.

Senior big man Alex Romack finished with 20 points, 15 rebounds and three blocks, as the Shamrocks pulled ahead quickly in the second quarter to win, 64-42.

The visiting Shamrocks battled through two first-quarter ties and a narrow 18-13 lead prior to the second quarter before creating some breathing room with an 8-0 and 14-2 run in the half's final 5 minutes, 31 seconds.

"We got off to a slow start defensively, actually, but I thought in the second quarter we got some things going and executed our stuff," Westfield head coach Shane Sumpter said. "I thought we had a big advantage, obviously, inside with our size with Romack and trying to get him some touches."

Romack shot 5 of 7 from the field in the first half, hauled in six rebounds and slammed home a pair of dunks, scoring six of Westfield's 14 points down the stretch to put the Shamrocks (12-6) ahead 37-18 at

halftime.

"We kind of had a little stretch there that was rough, so to come out here and play well, get a win and kind of getting rolling again as we head into the end game with sectional, was important," Romack said. "We realized we had to pick it up after that first quarter and needed to wake up a little bit. Then, we just started rolling from there."

The Huskies (6-13) were held to five points in the second quarter, and despite a team-high 13 points from Tillman Etchison, they could get no closer than 14 points in the second half.

"Just getting back to being us. We had a stretch there with a couple of games where I thought we had some miscues defensively, and we've gone back to the drawing board the past couple of games," Sumpter said. "We've done that and obviously, we need to continue."

The Shamrocks opened the season 8-1 before losing five of their last eight. On Tuesday, they defeated Harrison (West Lafayette) 47-42 and with their win over Hamilton Heights, the Shamrocks have strung two victories together, marking their longest run since early January.

"We're glad to get a win here. It's always a tough place to play, and I have a lot of respect for their pro-

gram," Sumpter said.

The respect led to 3-point efficiency, particularly from junior Trey Buchanan, who buried 4 of 9 attempts from beyond the arc. He finished with 14 points and four assists.

The Shamrocks converted 7 of 10 3-pointers in the first half and added two more in the second half to go 9 of 15 overall.

"We came in here and took care of business and did what we were supposed to do," Sumpter said.

Sam Bishop added seven points. Seth LaRavia had 12 points off the bench, and both Carsen Melvin and Charles Farrell each contributed four points apiece. Farrell had six assists.

"We knew coming in it was going to be an uphill battle, but we wanted to compete. We just want to get better. We're working over the next few weeks for that sectional," Huskies head coach Chad Ballenger said. "But in the second half, I thought we competed hard. Did a really good

job, but that second quarter is really what stumbled us. We're going to learn from it."

The Huskie deficit reached 22 points with 3:19 left in the fourth where it remained by the final horn.

Maddox Bohland tallied nine points for the Huskies, followed by nine more from Sam Dawson and six points from Evan Williamson. John Irion had four points, and Colin Kuhn added one point.

Hamilton Heights went 1-for-3 on their recent three-game road trip. They played at home for the first time since beating 2A Hagerstown, 74-58, on Jan. 24.

"We were glad to be back home. We talked about that. We needed a good start. We're trying to take the approach of a sectional type atmosphere, and we had a great crowd tonight on Junior Huskies Night," Ballenger said. "We talked about the environment and being ready to play, and I was very happy that our kids did that to start."

WESTFIELD 64, HAMILTON HEIGHTS 42				
Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Trey Buchanan	5	0-0	14	1
Sam Bishop	3	0-0	7	1
Charles Farrell	2	0-0	4	3
Durante Morton	2	0-1	4	0
Alex Romack	10	0-0	20	2
Seth LaRavia	4	1-2	12	3
Max McComb	0	0-0	0	0
Will Harvey	1	0-0	3	4
Matthew Naas	0	0-0	0	0
Ian Wilson	0	0-0	0	0
Luke Collinsworth	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	27	1-3	64	14
Westfield 3-pointers (9) Buchanan 4, LaRavia 3, Bishop, Harvey.				
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Maddox Bohland	3	2-4	9	3
Tillman Etchison	3	5-8	12	0
John Irion	1	2-2	5	0
Sam Dawson	3	0-0	9	0
Simon Knott	0	0-0	0	1
Tyler Champion	0	0-2	0	2
Isaiah Grimsey	0	0-0	0	0
Evan Williamson	2	0-0	6	1
Cooper Vondersaar	0	0-0	0	0
Phoenix Vondersaar	0	0-0	0	0
Braylon Collins	0	0-0	0	0
Nathan Yoder	0	0-0	0	0
Colin Kuhn	0	1-2	1	0
Totals	12	8-16	42	7
Heights 3-pointers (8) Dawson 3, Williamson 2, Bohland, Etchison, Irion.				
Score by Quarters				
Westfield	18	19	12	15 – 64
Heights	13	5	11	13 – 42

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# Millers fall short on Senior Night to No. 5 Brownsburg

By CRAIG ADKINS  
For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE – Senior Night always tends to be a game that’s full of emotions for the seniors that are nearing their final game on the home floor.

It took everything the Millers had on Friday night before Brownsburg was able to escape with a 60-54 win over Noblesville.

Brownsburg got off to a great start. First it was 4-0 and before the Millers could blink fast enough, the Bulldogs had jumped out to a 14-6 lead that stayed steady at 18-11 after one.

The Millers really responded in the second quarter with a 13-6 spurt of their own to cut the deficit to 20-19 on an Aiden Brewer layup.

“Brownsburg is very good. They’ve got two really, really good players and are very well-coached,” said Noblesville head coach Scott McClelland.

“I didn’t think we put up much resistance in the first quarter. I thought they kind of dictated, then you saw the true character of our team and that’s a testament to our guys. They battled back and took the lead,” continued McClelland on the Millers’ relentless play and not giving up when they were down.

Noblesville fought back in the second to outscore the Bulldogs 15-9, trailing by just one at the half.

The Millers got their first lead early in the third when Luke Almodovar found Aaron Fine for a backdoor pass, followed by a reverse layup by Fine to go up 28-27.

There were six lead changes in the third. A balanced team effort carried Noblesville to a 42-40 advantage through three.

There were another three ties and two lead changes in the fourth before Brownsburg used their size and length to force late turnovers and route to a 60-54 road win in Hoosier Crossroads Conference play.

“We showed that we can play with one of the top five teams in the state. We’ve got things to learn and grow from and get better at, but I still think this group can do that and that’s what we have to gear for, so we’re playing our best basketball in the first week of March,” said McClelland on what his team is capable of doing.

Kanon Catchings and Elhadj Diallo would combine for 14 of the 20 Bulldog points in the final period that would propel them past the Millers.

The Bulldogs keyed in on Almodovar defensively, so that left it up to junior Aaron Fine to make his presence felt offensively.

Fine scored 10 and fellow junior Hunter Walston eight in the second half to help keep the Millers in it late with chances to win.

“I think Aaron has



Noblesville seniors Luke Almodovar (left) and Cooper Bean (right) have provided solid leadership for the Millers all season and were honored during Noblesville’s Senior Night game against Brownsburg Friday night.

played fairly well all year. He’s a strong kid and he makes some plays. He’s an all-conference player and he’s done what we’ve needed him to do. What’s probably impressed me the most is how many assists he’s had in the last three to five games,” McClelland praised junior guard Aaron Fine.

“Hunter continues to get better and improve. He got a couple good rebounds and baskets, missed a couple shots that were a tad short,” stated McClelland on Hunter Walston’s improved play.

Despite the outcome of the game, Noblesville’s two seniors stand out when it comes to leading this Miller team on the court.

“I’d be remiss tonight to talk about our two senior

players, Luke Almodovar and Cooper Bean,” said McClelland on his seniors.

“Those guys have had really nice years and obviously not the way they wanted to end Senior Night. They’ve been solid leaders this year and have improved throughout the course of the season. I’m excited for them going into these last three games,” McClelland complementing his seniors for leading the team.

The Bulldogs were led by a game-high 21 from Elhadj Diallo and 14 from Kanon Catchings.

Brownsburg (18-2, 6-0 HCC) gets a break and plays on Feb. 17 at home against Hamilton Southeastern and finishes the regular season on Feb. 21 by hosting Cen-

BROWNSBURG 60, NOBLESVILLE 54				
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Luke Almodovar	4	2-2	11	5
Hunter Walston	5	2-2	12	2
Aiden Brewer	1	2-2	4	2
Cooper Bean	2	1-2	7	3
Aaron Fine	6	4-6	17	2
Will Smits	0	0-0	0	0
Justin Curry	1	0-0	3	2
Luke Etchison	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	19	11-14	54	16
Score by Quarters				
Brownsburg	18	9	13	20 – 60
Noblesville	11	15	16	12 – 54
Noblesville 3-pointers (5) Bean 2, Almodovar, Fine, Curry.				

ter Grove.

The Millers were led by Aaron Fine’s team-high 17 points, followed by Hunter Walston (12) and Luke Almodovar (11) joining in double figures.

Noblesville (14-6, 4-2

HCC) also gets a break until Feb. 17 when it travels to Avon. Then, the Millers finish their home slate by hosting Evansville Christian on Feb. 18 and hit the road in the regular-season finale at Mississinewa on Feb. 21.

## Swimming

# Carmel girls ready for No. 37

Five county swim teams compete at today’s state championship

### The REPORTER

After their performance in the Friday night state swimming prelims, the Carmel Greyhounds look ready for No. 37.

Carmel qualified all 27 of its swimmers to today’s state finals, which take place today at the IU Natatorium. The Greyhounds sent 25 swimmers into the championship heat, with the other two headed to the consolation heat.

Carmel dominated the prelims, earning the top seed in 10 events and setting five new state records. The ‘Hounds began with the medley relay team of Berit Berglund, Molly Sweeney, Alex Shackell and Lucy Enoch establishing a new mark of 1 minute, 38.51 seconds. Sweeney would later set a new record in the individual medley of 1:55.88, then earn the top seed in the breaststroke.

Shackell set some records too, with a new mark in both the 50 free (22.05 seconds) and butterfly (51.16 seconds). Lynsey Bowen set the fifth new record, powering to the top seed in the 500 free with a time of 4:43.42. Bowen dropped 20 seconds from her sectional finals time. Earlier, Bowen finished first in the 200 free prelims.

Carmel’s other top seeds belong to Berglund in the backstroke (where she will be going for a fourth state title),

the 200 free relay team of Erin Cummins, Madelyn Lathrop, Grace Dougherty and Meghan Christman, and the 400 free relay team of Bowen, Alexandra Ward, Christman and Vivian Wilson.

Fishers qualified 18 to today’s finals, with eight in the “A” Final and 10 more in the “B” final. The Tigers have several third seeds, including Jo Jo Ramey in the 200 and 500 freestyles, Avery Stein in the breaststroke, the medley relay team of Ramey, Stein, Kate Mouser and Emma Schwertfeger and the 400 free relay team of Addison Carlile, Nalanie Marinel Cortez, Mouser and Ramey.

Hamilton Southeastern has 10 swimmers in the finals, five each in the championship and the consolation heats. Audrey Crawford led the way with second seeds in the IM and the butterfly. The Royals got all three of their relays into the championship heat.

Noblesville advanced four swimmers to the finals. Maya McDonald qualified eighth in the breaststroke, placing her in the championship heat. Sabrina Ledwith reached the “B” final in the 500 free, as did the 200 free relay team of Caroline Santerre, McDonald, Ellie Hayward, Exley Tricker and the 400 free relay team of Haddie Vohs, Tricker, Hayward and Ledwith.

Hamilton Heights’ Teegan Madara finished 12th in the 500 free and will swim in the consolation heat.

The state finals begin today with diving prelims and semi-finals at 9 a.m., followed by the swimming and diving finals at 1 p.m.

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

**200 medley relay:** 1. Carmel (Berit Berglund, Molly Sweeney, Alex Shackell, Lucy Enoch) 1:38.51, new state record, 3. Fishers (Jo Jo Ramey, Avery Stein, Kate Mouser, Emma Schwertfeger) 1:43.02, 4. Hamilton Southeastern (Naomi Haines, Katelyn Kertin, Audrey Crawford, Kiley Zoeller) 1:43.50, 19. Westfield (Eliana Hill, Alexandra Irvin, Alexa Boillat, Bridget Mick) 1:50.00.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Lynsey Bowen (C) 1:46.25, 2. Alexandra Ward (C) 1:48.56, 3. J. Ramey (F) 1:48.61, 5. Erin Cummins (C) 1:49.11, 10. Emma Schumacher (F) 1:51.64, 13. Nalanie Marinel Cortez (F) 1:52.93.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Sweeney (C) 1:55.88, new state record, 2. Crawford (HSE) 1:59.77, 3. Vivian Wilson (C) 2:00.22, 4. Mouser (F) 2:01.48, 5. Stein (F) 2:02.82, 7. Alyssa Street (C) 2:04.30, 9. Anna Stolle (HSE) 2:05.67, 13. Avery Hanon (F) 2:06.88, 19. Teegan Madara (Hamilton Heights) 2:09.48, 21. Kertin (HSE) 2:09.79.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Shackell (C) 22.05, new state record, 3. Meghan Christman (C) 22.71, 5. Grace Dougherty (C) 23.18, 10. Addison Carlile (F) 23.95, 18. Claire Francis (F) 24.44, 19. Schwertfeger (F)

24.45.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Shackell (C) 51.16, new state record, 2. Crawford (HSE) 54.25, 3. Kiera Kask (C) 54.41, 10. Parker Kurzawa (C) 55.65, 14. Carlile (F) 56.60, 19. Haddie Vohs (Noblesville) 56.93.

**100 freestyle:** 2. Berglund (C) 49.53, 5. Cummins (C) 51.03, 8. Dougherty (C) 51.64, 13. Ashley Saple (HSE) 52.38, 14. Zoeller (HSE) 52.62, 15. Marinel Cortez (F) 52.69, T16. Francis (F) 52.78, 22. Schwertfeger (F) 53.71.

**500 freestyle relay:** 1. Bowen (C) 4:43.42, new state record, 2. Ward (C) 4:48.95, 3. J. Ramey (F) 4:52.18, 4. Mouser (F) 4:55.14, 5. Street (C) 4:56.53, 10. Sabrina Ledwith (N) 5:03.69, 12. Madara (HH) 5:05.69, 16. Frankie Ramey (F) 5:07.66.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Carmel (Cummins, Madelyn Lathrop, Dougherty, Christman) 1:33.48, 4. Fishers (Carlile, Schwertfeger, Francis, Stein) 1:34.93, 8. Southeastern (Zoeller, Ava Olson, Lauren Bergman, Saple) 1:36.12, 14. Noblesville (Caroline Santerre, Maya McDonald, Ellie Hayward, Exley Tricker) 1:38.30.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Berglund (C) 51.98, T3. Kask (C) 54.86, 8. Grace Newton (HSE) 56.67, 12. Kayla Barr (C) 56.95, 16. Hannon (F) 57.67, 21. Haines (HSE) 58.57, 25. Santerre (N) 59.31.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Sweeney (C) 59.63, 2. Wilson (C) 1:01.92, 3. Stein (F) 1:03.39, 4. Enoch (C) 1:03.48, 8. McDonald (N) 1:04.19, 9. Stolle (HSE) 1:04.31, 15. Schumacher (F) 1:05.95, 16. Kertin (HSE) 1:06.06, 20. Eloise Harrison (HSE) 1:06.39.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Carmel (Bowen, Ward, Christman, Wilson) 3:23.33, 3. Fishers (Carlile, Marinel Cortez, Mouser, J. Ramey) 3:27.01, 4. Southeastern (Crawford, Olson, Berman, Saple) 3:28.71, 11. Noblesville (Vohs, Tricker, Hayward, Ledwith) 3:35.25.



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# “We did enough to win”: ‘Hounds get ahead, stay ahead to beat Royals

By **RICHIE HALL**  
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**CARMEL** — Carmel hosted Hamilton Southeastern Friday night in an all-county boys basketball game, and the Greyhounds won the hard-fought contest, 48-37.

The Royals took a lead in the first quarter before Carmel went on a long run that lasted well into the second period. The No. 8-ranked Greyhounds were able to keep their lead between six and 12 points once they got ahead, and the end result was a second straight victory.

“We did enough to win,” said Carmel coach Ryan Osborn. “At this time of year, I’ll take a win. I want to see our best every night. Unfortunately, we’re not going to get our best every night right now. I think we’ll get there, though.”

The first five minutes of the game featured some back-and-forth between the two teams. Carmel led 8-6 before Southeastern went on a 6-0 run for a 12-8 lead.



Photos by Joshua Herd

(Left) Carmel's Sam Orme scored 18 points and collected 10 rebounds for a double-double during the Greyhounds' Friday win over Hamilton Southeastern. (Above) Hamilton Southeastern's Reph Stevenson scored eight points for the Royals.

Braeden Totten made a pair of baskets, sandwiched between a Reph Stevenson layin.

The Greyhounds took over after that, with a 16-0 stretch. The first seven points were in the first quarter: Jared Bonds made a layin, Sam Orme scored off a putback, then Logan Rinehart's 3 finished the period and gave Carmel a 15-12 advantage.

Alex Couto began the second quarter with two free throws, then Orme made a pair of foul shots, followed by a dunk. Spencer White's 3 finished the run, and Carmel led 24-12.

“The seniors have been great for us down the stretch,” said Osborn. “I’m proud of them and I’m hanging my hat on them and they’re leading us. They’re doing a great job.”

That 12-point lead

would be the biggest of the game, and the Greyhounds achieved that margin a couple more times during the quarter. Southeastern's Donovan Hamilton got the first basket of the period for the Royals at the 4:15 mark, which Orme answered with a jumper. Stevenson made a layin, then Ryan Clevenger hit a floater for a 28-16 lead.

Carmel led 32-21 at halftime. The third quarter was more defensive, with Southeastern outscoring the ‘Hounds 9-6 in that period. Hamilton scored five points, while Stevenson's layin to finish the period got HSE within 38-30.

Another basket by Hamilton late in the fourth quarter got the Royals within 41-35. But Jared Bonds came

through for Carmel with a three-point play, then White and Clevenger both made two free throws in the final minute.

“Jared has been great,” said Osborn. He credited Bonds' energy, his rebounding, and “just making basketball plays that, sometimes they don’t show up on the stat sheet. Just being a presence out there offensive and defensively.”

Orme finished the game with a double-double, 18 points and 10 rebounds. White scored 13 points and collected eight rebounds; both he and Orme were 6 of 6 from the line. White also blocked two shots.

Hamilton finished with 12 points for the Royals.

“I actually thought we

played pretty well,” said Southeastern coach John Ashworth. “It just boiled down to really four or five little things. Free throws, they were 18 of 19 from the free-throw line.”

Ashworth also pointed out that Carmel outrebounded his team by 13; the ‘Hounds had 28 rebounds to the Royals' 15.

“We just go to find ways to make plays down the stretch,” said Ashworth. “Our kids are giving unbelievable effort. They play hard. They really are coachable, but we just got to find ways to do the little things.”

The Greyhounds are 13-6 and play an afternoon game today at Fort Wayne Carroll. Southeastern is 5-16 and hosts Southport tonight.

CARMEL 48, HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 37				
Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Donovan Hamilton	5-10	2-3	12	2
Reph Stevenson	3-7	2-2	8	2
Myles Holman	1-5	1-2	3	2
Braeden Totten	4-10	0-0	9	1
Eli Robinson	0-2	0-0	0	3
Michael Griffith	2-3	1-1	5	2
Deion Miles	0-0	0-0	0	1
Joe Karwowski	0-0	0-0	0	2
Totals	15-37	6-8	37	15
Southeastern 3-point shooting (1-10) Totten 1-5, Hamilton 0-2, Robinson 0-2, Holman 0-1.				
Southeastern rebounds (15) Hamilton 3, Holman 3, Griffith 3, Stevenson 2, Totten 1, Karwowski 1, Robinson 1, team 1.				
Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Alex Couto	0-4	2-2	2	1
Ryan Clevenger	1-3	2-2	4	0
Spencer White	3-7	6-6	13	2
Sam Orme	6-11	6-6	18	1
Jared Bonds	3-6	2-3	8	2
Logan Reinhart	1-1	0-0	3	0
Jake Griffin	0-2	0-0	0	1
Owen Huber	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	14-34	18-19	48	7
Carmel 3-point shooting (2-9) White 1-2, Reinhart 1-1, Couto 0-3, Griffin 0-2, Orme 0-1.				
Carmel rebounds (28) Orme 10, White 8, Bonds 4, Clevenger 2, Couto 1, Reinhart 1, team 2.				
Score by Quarters				
Southeastern	12	9	9	7 – 37
Carmel	15	17	6	10 – 48

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

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.	
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7:10 pm Traders Pt vs Greenwood Christian | Varsity | Indiana SRN

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# Noblesville’s Rylee Hassan will run track & field at Purdue University



Noblesville’s Rylee Hassan has committed to the Purdue University women’s track and field team. (Front row, from left) Jen Hassan (mother), Rylee Hassan, and Dan Hassan (father). (Back row, from left) Bill Craig (Noblesville Girls’ Track & Field Jumps Coach), Brie Hassan (sister), Brock Hassan (brother), and Jim Pearce (Noblesville Girls’ Track & Field Head Coach).

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# Tigers fall in close game at Cathedral

**The REPORTER** Fishers dropped a close game to No. 6-ranked Cathedral 47-44 Friday at the Irish’s gym. Cathedral led 11-8 after one quarter and 23-15 at halftime. The Tigers came back in the third period, cutting the Irish’s lead to 32-29. Taden Metzger made two 3-pointers and JonAnthony Hall scored five points. Jalen Haralson helped keep Fishers in the game with eight points in the fourth quarter, but Cathedral was able to hang on for the win. Haralson scored 13 points, while Hall added 11 points. Metzger hit three 3s for nine points. The Tigers are 11-10 and play Tuesday at Lawrence North.

CATHEDRAL 47, FISHERS 44				
Cathedral	FG	FT	TP	PF
Taden Metzger	3	0-0	9	1
Jalen Haralson	2	9-14	13	4
Aidan Zimmer	0	1-2	1	4
JonAnthony Hall	4	2-4	11	4
Keenan Garner	3	0-0	6	3
Millen McCartney	0	0-0	0	0
Parker Perdue	1	0-0	3	1
James Stasey	0	1-2	1	2
Grant Haworth	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	13	13-22	44	19
Score by Quarters				
Fishers	8	7	14	15 – 44
Cathedral	11	12	9	15 – 47
Fishers 3-pointers (5) Metzger 3, Perdue, Hall.				

# Sheridan falls to Carroll in conference game

**The REPORTER** Sheridan dropped a Hoosier Heartland conference away game to Carroll Friday, 74-41. The Cougars, ranked No. 9 in the Class 2A Associated Press poll, outscored the Blackhawks in all four quarters, leading 13-7 after one period and 36-16 at halftime. Carroll then put in 23 points in the third quarter. Trent DeCraene scored 18 points for Sheridan, including three 3-pointers. Parker Williams had 10 points and five rebounds. The Blackhawks finished HHC play 2-6 and are 9-9 overall. Sheridan plays its next game Feb. 18 at Western Boone.

CARROLL 74, SHERIDAN 41				
Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Tyler Garner	2-5	0-0	4	0
Trent DeCraene	7-11	1-2	18	2
Evan Krupp	0-1	0-0	0	3
Owen Bell	3-4	0-0	7	3
Caleb Wright	0-10	0-0	0	2
Parker Williams	4-5	2-4	10	2
Eli Kolb	0-1	0-0	0	3
Nate Hinshaw	0-2	2-2	2	0
Totals	16-39	5-8	41	15
Score by Quarters				
Sheridan	7	9	15	10 – 41
Carroll	13	23	23	15 – 74
Sheridan 3-point shooting (4-10) DeCraene 3-5, Bell 1-1, Wright 0-3, Krupp 0-1.				
Sheridan rebounds (12) Williams 5, Garner 2, DeCraene 2, Wright 2, Krupp 1.				

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