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**TODAY'S WEATHER**  


**Today:** Mostly sunny!  
WIND ADVISORY in the morning until 10 a.m., with gusts to 45 mph.  
**Tonight:** Scattered showers and storms after midnight.  
**HIGH:** 60 **LOW:** 40



# Noblesville jazz students bring talent to Statehouse



Photo provided by Noblesville Schools

**Noblesville High School's award-winning jazz director Bethany Robinson and her top jazz band students were at the Indiana Statehouse Monday meeting the governor, speaking to legislators, and performing in honor of Indiana Music Arts Education Day.**



Photo provided by Megan Rathz

**Purple flowers from our wedding on June 22, 2013.**

## Something purple for your desk

I will never forget the first time my husband sent me flowers. It has been over 11 years since the first time I was surprised at work with a bouquet of flowers from him.

We had been on a couple of dates, and he knew that I loved the color purple. He sent me the most beautiful bouquet with varying shades of purple to my classroom my second year of teaching. The card read, *"something purple for your desk."* They were sent for no other reason than he liked me.

Not only could I not believe he was sending me flowers, but I was so surprised he remembered me mentioning my favorite color in passing. A year to the day we met, September 16, he proposed to me and took me to a variety of places we had been during our first year together. At each location, he gave me a purple rose. By the time he asked me to marry him, I had a bouquet full of purple roses and a ring.

Over the years, the guy that I had a couple of dates with that sent me purple flowers became my husband. I would be lying if I said I have not been spoiled over the years with my share of flowers – something that is truly one of my most treasured gifts. In a way, you could say it is my love language. He realizes this about me, and not only does he make a point to purchase flowers, he educates himself on what to look for when purchasing a bouquet.

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**COLUMNIST**  
  
**MEGAN RATHZ**  
*When Nature Speaks*

# Prom Night Murder Express '84 a mystery 39 years in the making

**The REPORTER**

A total of 200 people boarded the Nickel Plate Express on Feb. 11 and 12, 2023, only to exit the train on the exact same dates in 1984 at the Nickel Plate High School prom. It was a night of big hair, bright colors, music, murder, and mayhem!

The Prom Night Murder Express was a little bit of everything: a train ride through beautiful northern Hamilton County, a catered dinner, live music, a mystery to solve, and a fine excuse to relive the decade of decadence.

A band rivalry played on stage and almost came to blows, jealousies flared, affairs were revealed, alcohol was consumed, and a star quarterback was killed – twice!

Special thanks go out to our friends at Earthly Endeavors, 155 W. Main St., Atlanta, for providing the perfect venue for dinner and death. Gaylor Electric President and CEO Chuck Goodrich and Tom Wood Volkswagen Noblesville made sure every passenger had a special 1984 edition of The Reporter filled with news and clues. Pas-

to Italiano, 3150 E. State Road 32, Westfield, was kind enough to provide gift certificates for super sleuths each night. Noblesville Trophies, 1720 S. 10th St., Noblesville, helped with the

football trophy turned murder weapon each night.

**This sold-out time-travel event was a huge hit, as you will see from all the fun photos on Pages 4 and 5 in today's edition.**



Photo provided

**This goofy group of talented thespians kept everyone entertained. Recognize anyone? If not, don't feel bad. Some of our dearest friends didn't either. Dude, it's like the 80s was a whole different decade! See more photos on Pages 4 & 5 and at [ReadTheReporter.com](http://ReadTheReporter.com).**

# World-class taekwondo tournament comes to Noblesville this weekend

**By STU CLAMPITT**  
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Elite Martial Arts owned by Karlie and Andrew Steinman will play host to a taekwondo tournament beginning at 7 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18 at the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville, 1700 Conner St.

"It's a huge event where we get lots of people from all over coming to compete and earn points," Owner Karlie Steinman told The Reporter. "Competitors can use those points to go on to districts and world championships."

Elite Martial Arts is a part of American Taekwondo Association (ATA), which has member school across the U.S.

"Anyone that is a part of the ATA organization can go to any of the tournaments ATA members host," Steinman said. "When you go to a martial arts tournament, there is seating in there, but a lot of families will stand up and get close to the ring

where the people there are support is competing in. You just get so into it – so excited and hyped up – that a lot of people don't even sit while their person is competing."

There is a \$5 spectator fee at Saturday's event.

Elite Martial Arts is a locally-owned school that has been in operation for more than a decade in Noblesville.

"We are always available for people to stop in to learn about martial arts," Steinman said. "They can have a trial class. You can come in a watch a class if you want to see the atmosphere first before you try a class. Someone is always there, so you can stop in and talk to one of our coaches to see if it's something you are interested in."

There are classes for all ages. "We have programs starting from 'little tiny tigers,' which are 3- to 5-year-olds, all the way up to adults," Steinman said.

Visit Elite Martial Arts in person 162 W. Logan St., Noblesville, find them online at [noblesvillebestmartialarts.com](http://noblesvillebestmartialarts.com) or call (317) 773-4282 to find out if martial arts training can help maximize your child's potential.




Photos provided

**(Left) Corabelle Gibson (1st Degree black belt) and Andrew Steinman (7th Degree black belt). (Right, from left) Ian McGrayel (3rd Degree black belt), Cecelia Person (3rd Degree black belt), Mackenzie Downs (3rd Degree black belt), Addison Hinderliter (1st Degree black belt).**

## Hamilton County & Indiana Extension Homemakers offer many scholarships

**The REPORTER**

The Hamilton County Extension Homemakers Association is offering \$500 scholarships to Hamilton County graduating seniors or undergraduate students.

These scholarships are for students majoring in the Health and Human Science field including majors in departments of Foods and Nutrition; Family and Consumer Science Education; Interior Design; Textile and Clothing Design; Hospitality & Tourism; Child Development and Family Studies; Consumer Science & Retailing; Nursing; Fitness and Health; Speech, Language and Hearing; Elementary Education, and Health Sciences.

Past winners can reapply each year. Applications are due no later than April 1.

Applications can be obtained at the Purdue Extension Hamilton County office located at the 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville, or online at [puext.in/hamco4h](http://puext.in/hamco4h).

For more information on these scholarships or the Hamilton County Extension Homemakers, call Purdue Extension Hamilton County at (317) 776-0854.

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PURPLE

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Flowers are not cheap, and if you're going to spend the money on them, you need to make sure to get the biggest bang for your buck. This is the time of year with Valentine's Day that we are flooded with flowers when we walk into the grocery

store. If you are like me and purchase flowers on a regular basis, you cringe at how the supermarkets capitalize on the holidays like Valentine's Day by raising their prices, but that is beside the point I suppose. The question is, how do you choose

the best bouquet?

What should you look for when you're in the grocery and looking for a bouquet yourself? To start with, you will want to make sure that you look for the tightest looking flowers you can find. I used to look first at the colors, but I have trained myself over the years to look for which flowers look the healthiest and have the tightest blooms before even selecting. Some days, I am completely surprised because it will be something I was not expecting to purchase or a color that I would not typically buy, but because of the way it looks and the health of the flowers, I will select a certain bouquet over another for the sake of longevity.

My husband jokes that nobody can repurpose a bouquet more than me. You give me a half-dead bouquet with a few stems that still have life and I will whip that bad boy into a brand-new bouquet. It is amazing what a smaller vase and trimming back some of the dead blooms and some fresh water will do for a dying bouquet of flowers. I have been known to get easily

two or more weeks from a store bought grocery bouquet, simply because I take care of them.

Fresh water is essential. It sounds like common sense, but you'd be surprised how many people receive a bouquet of flowers and leave it in the stagnant water for days on end and they are surprised at how short they last, and the smell of the water begins to have a rancid odor. I change the water on all of my bouquets daily.

I always steer clear of the mixed bouquets at the grocery store. It is too hard to gauge the overall health of the bouquet because typically they do not last as long as a bouquet that is the same flower and has tight blooms. When I say tight blooms, I'm referring to bouquets where the flowers are not completely opened because the more open the flowers in the bouquet are, the longer they have been alive, and hence, the shorter life it's going to have in a vase at your house.

Most recently, my husband did something completely unexpected. Rather than purchasing a pre-made bouquet from the florist and



Photo provided by Megan Rathz  
**A beautiful bouquet of my husband's creation.**

sending it, he made his own. It was the best surprise ever. I walked into my classroom on a Friday morning and turned on my light to see one of the most gorgeous arrangements I've ever seen. He went to the grocery and purchased seven individual bouquets and made his own gigantic arrangement. To this day, besides my purple flowers, it is the most beautiful and special arrangement he's ever given me because I knew every single flower in

it, he hand-selected it, and it was absolutely beautiful.

Give a copy of this column to your spouse as a friendly nudge to go buy you some flowers. Nature is speaking to us and giving us a chance to show others we love them and tell them they are special. Are you listening?

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

# Now Hiring Software Developer

A.E. Boyce Company, Inc. is seeking a Software Developer. This position will develop new software and maintain existing software and test software changes. Bachelor's degree in Computer Science is required. 2 years experience in the job offered or in computer science, programming, software engineering or database required. Jobsite is in Daleville, IN.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

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**Career Advancement**  
Indiana Extension Homemakers Association (IEHA) is an organization affiliated with the Purdue Extension Service and is interested in furthering education, leadership, and community volunteerism. IEHA is offering eight \$500 scholarships to Indiana homemakers who are 25 years of age or older. These scholarships are to

be used to complete education or upgrade vocational skills. One must be admitted, or cleared for admission, to an academic or vocational school which is state-licensed or accredited. Preference will be given to a person studying at an undergraduate level.

Scholarships will be awarded with regard for financial need. Former winners may apply again.

Scholarship applications may be obtained at the Purdue Extension Hamilton County office located at the 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville, or online at [ieha-families.org/forms-and-applications/scholarships](http://ieha-families.org/forms-and-applications/scholarships). Applications are due to the State Committee by March 15. For more information on these scholarships or the

Indiana Extension Homemakers Association, call Purdue Extension Hamilton County at (317) 776-0854. **Steps to Success**  
IEHA is sponsoring an additional scholarship for vocational and technical accreditation called "Steps to Success" due May 1. Find information at [ieha-families.org/forms-and-applications/scholarships](http://ieha-families.org/forms-and-applications/scholarships).




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

**- Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville**

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# Heart-healthy living will let you pursue your dreams before you run out of time

*"You know people don't run out of dreams, people just run out of time."*  
— Glenn Frey, River of Dreams

I believe we are all aware of the American Heart Association's use of February as recognition of the importance of good heart health and the very serious situation that we face when we don't care for our hearts. (In this column, I am writing about the physical aspect, not the emotional aspect — although that can certainly affect our health as well.)

Additionally, unfortunately some of us are born with heart issues that are not a result of our lifestyles, and again, that is not a subject specifically referenced here.

The statistics on heart disease are staggering, much like the statistics on obesity.\*

- Heart disease strikes someone in the U.S. about once every 43 seconds.
- Heart disease is the No. 1 cause of death in the United States, killing over 375,000 people a year.
- Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women, taking more lives than all forms of cancer combined.

In 2011, about 326,200 people experienced out-of-hospital cardiac arrests in the United States. Of those treated by emergency medical services, 10.6 percent survived. Of the 19,300 bystander-witnessed out-of-hospital cardiac arrests in 2011, 31.4 percent

survived. Less than 1 percent of U.S. adults meet the American Heart Association's definition for "Ideal Healthy Diet." Essentially no children meet the definition. Of the five components of a healthy diet, reducing sodium and increasing whole grains are the biggest challenges.

Eating patterns have changed dramatically in recent decades. Research from 1971 to 2004 showed that women consumed an average of 22 percent more calories in that span and men consumed an average of 10 percent more. The average woman eats about 1,900 calories a day and the average man has nearly 2,700, according to the government figures. Hypertension is projected to increase about 8 percent between 2013 and 2030.

Valentine's Day? Sure, why not? (Careful of the sugar!) However, let's celebrate February with healthy heart habits and continue to pursue those dreams before we "run out of time."

*\*Statistics provided by the American Heart Association*

*The opinions expressed in this article are not intended to replace advice of your personal physician or licensed health professional. Please consult your physician for any issues you may have related to nutrition or fitness activity.*



SHARON McMAHON  
Be Well

## Off-duty Hamilton County reserve deputy arrested for OWI

By **DAJA STOWE**  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

An off-duty Hamilton County reserve deputy was arrested early Saturday for driving while intoxicated in Carmel.

At 2:30 a.m. Saturday, Westfield police conducted a traffic stop on Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Reserve Deputy Patrick Heitz in his personal

vehicle near 116th Street and Towne Road.

Police conducted an operation while intoxicated investigation and obtained a search warrant to test Heitz's blood.

Heitz was arrested for OWI and was taken to the Hamilton County Jail. He will remain on suspension from HCSO pending the outcome of an internal investigation.



Heitz

## Kara VanDyke of Fishers makes Dean's List at Trinity Christian

The **REPORTER**

In recognition of outstanding academic achievement, Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights, Ill., released the college's Dean's List for Fall 2022.

Kara VanDyke of Fishers was named to the Dean's List.

The Dean's List is Trinity Christian College's highest academic honor. It is recognized for traditional undergraduate students who achieve a semester grade-point average of 3.5 or better in 12 or more credits with grade points.

## Two local students make honor list at Missouri S&T

The **REPORTER**

Missouri University of Science and Technology (Missouri S&T) announces the names of students who made the honor list for the Fall 2022 semester.

Two Hamilton County students made the list. They are:

- **Madison Kerrigan of Westfield** is a first-year student studying Psychology.
- **Wesley Moore of Fishers** is a sophomore studying Nuclear Engineering.

To be included on the honor list, students must have carried a minimum of 12 hours and had grade point averages of 3.2 or above out of a possible 4.0.

Missouri S&T is a STEM-focused research university of over 7,000 students. Part of the four-campus University of Missouri System and located in Rolla, Mo., Missouri S&T offers 101 degrees in 40 areas of study. Learn more at [MST.edu](http://MST.edu).

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# Slapfish opens in Fishers

Grand opening with Lobster Roll Giveaway planned for Feb. 18

The **REPORTER**

Fast-casual seafood will make a splash at the Fishers District as **Slapfish** Indiana opens on Saturday, Feb. 18.

The first 100 customers on opening day will receive a free lobster roll (one lobster roll per customer). There will also be live music and other free family-friendly entertainment from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 11547 Yard St., Suite 820, Fishers.

The new Fishers location is the third Slapfish restaurant opened in Indiana by local restaurateurs Mark and Lauren Weghorst. Slapfish is known for its healthy, innovative seafood dishes. Menu items include oysters, lobster rolls, power bowls, seafood tower and seared ahi tuna bowl. Slapfish offers a kid-friendly menu and a special brunch menu during the weekends.

Slapfish Fishers will serve a full cocktail menu with domestic and locally crafted beer, liquor, spirits, and wine.

After the grand opening event on Saturday, Feb. 18, Peace Water Winery will provide complimentary samples and information about the monthly wine



Photos courtesy Slapfish Indiana

club from 6 to 8 p.m. Peace Water Winery's Fishers location is right next door to Slapfish Fishers.

Slapfish Fishers will offer fast-casual options for lunch (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and then provide full-service dining for dinner guests (4 to 9 p.m.). Slapfish Fishers will be open seven days a week with live music performances during some evenings and weekends.

The first Midwest Slap-

fish location opened in Noblesville in 2019. A second Indiana location in downtown Indianapolis opened on Mass Ave in 2020. Slapfish Indiana is also debuting an online catering menu through EZCater this month, which will be available at all Indiana locations.

"We are thrilled to be able to expand to the Fishers District," Mark Weghorst said. "In addition to bringing families together

to enjoy fresh seafood — which has always been our goal — we are looking forward to serving quick and efficient lunches for seafood lovers who are hungry for something delicious between meetings on a busy workday."

The OneZone Chamber of Commerce will host a ceremonial ribbon cutting on Thursday, Feb. 16.

Learn more at [Slapfish-Indiana.com](http://Slapfish-Indiana.com).

## 2023 BICENTENNIAL EVENT LINEUP

### February & March

**HAMILTON COUNTY BICENTENNIAL TRAVELING EXHIBIT OPENING**  
February 17, 6-7 p.m. | Collaboration Hub  
Hamilton County Community Foundation headquarters  
11810 Technology Dr, Fishers  
Join the Hamilton County Bicentennial as we host an opening reception for our traveling exhibit funded by Hamilton County Community Foundation, a CICF affiliate. Includes light refreshments.  
**FREE**

**HAMILTON COUNTY BICENTENNIAL TRAVELING EXHIBIT**  
March 4-10 | Hinkle Creek Elementary School, Noblesville  
March 11-17 | Stony Creek Elementary School, Noblesville  
March 18-24 | Bethel A.M.E. Church, Noblesville  
March 25-31 | Fishers YMCA, Fishers  
Learn about all five of our Bicentennial themes: Arts, Diversity/Inclusion, Education, Historic Preservation, and Parks/Environment. Contact the hosting organization for information on when it's open to the public.  
**FREE**

**RISEING STARS MUSICIANS AND ACTORS**  
March 4, 4:30-6 p.m. | Monon Community Center  
Central Park Drive West, Carmel  
The International Talent Academy invites children ages 5-12 to work with a guest artist who will talk about Hamilton County musicians who had an impact on music in the area.  
**FREE**

**FIRST FARMERS**  
March 25, 1-4 p.m. | Taylor Center of Natural History  
Strawtown Avenue, Noblesville  
Hamilton County Parks partners with the Miami tribe of Oklahoma for a day of learning about Indiana's First Farmers. At Strawtown Koteewi Park, see archaeological evidence of plant domestication and farming.

**WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIP SIGNATURE EVENT**  
**ANNUAL FISH FRY**  
April 1, Time TBD (check our online calendar)  
Walnut Grove Community Center  
12695 E 256th St, Cicero  
The meal will cost money, but the activities are FREE!  
Dan's Fish Fry is a great opportunity to have a good meal while learning about the history of White River Township and Walnut Grove schools. Kids will enjoy a touch-a-truck area with old and new farm equipment, and tours of the on-site fire station. Representatives from Strawtown Koteewi Park and other organizations will show off what makes them special!

Access the entire **2023 Bicentennial Event Lineup** and get event/program details: [HamCoTurns200.com](http://HamCoTurns200.com)

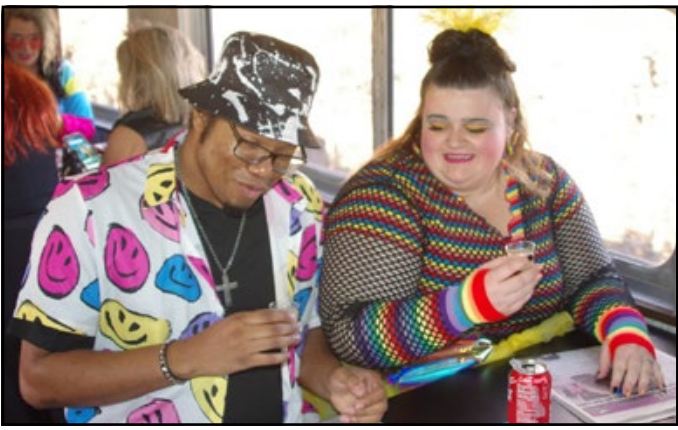
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# Totally tubular time when prom goes off the rails



Photo by Bill Lensman  
(Above) Saturday's winner Cindy Stutsman stands with killer Principal Kevin Green after the Prom Night Murder Express '84 ride Saturday night. She's holding both the murder weapon and a gift certificate from Pasto Italiano because super-sleuthing builds up an appetite.



Photos by Bill Lensman  
The rest of this page speaks for itself. Just look at all these people having a great time! If you weren't there, you totally don't know what you were missing. This June you can solve our next one, Murder at the Luau, with tickets coming soon to an internet site near you. Ok. Ok. It's [NickelPlateExpress.com](http://NickelPlateExpress.com), but that ride is not on the calendar yet.





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# Murder Express '84 was an excellent adventure



(Above left) We aren't putting his name in here to protect the innocent as well as the guilty, but we will tell you that a certain pressman and his wife came from Logansport to travel back in time last weekend. (Above center) What do you mean print is dying? Well, it wasn't in 1984 and it's certainly not in Hamilton County ... at least not when The Reporter partners with the Nickel Plate Express. Look at all those people pouring over the pages of our special edition for clues. It warms an old publisher's heart. (Above right) Sunday night's winner, Madelyn Feltz, poses for our camera with the murder weapon, which was part of her prize. The other part was a gift certificate from our friends at Pasto Italiano! She was sitting at the table with a winner from the 1922 murder mystery ride last year. Being in the group with Cicero Police Chief Jeff Rednour may or may not have given this group a leg up.



(Above left and middle) Stompers Lead Singer Amy Scarlet (foreground) was more than moderately miffed when Tangles Lead Singer Georgie Orchid stole the mic mid-song. Amazingly, neither of these ladies had anything to do with the murder. Let's just call them scarlet herrings. (Above right) Bartender Jennifer Garvey and Conductor Operations Manager Jake Garvey were on duty together Sunday evening. This young married couple get The Reporter's cutest coworker couple award.



(Above left) This table got prize money Sunday night for the most spot-on 80s metal look. Slash, Axel and TWO Madonnas definitely deserved the cash for the work that went into hair alone. (Above middle) Since we found a Sammy Hagar, we stood him with the Guns N' Roses guys for a shot we call G N' Hagar. (Above right) They got the last laugh by sending a Nickel Plate Express staff member to staff member to deliver these autographs to The Reporter after the ride.

*The next Murder Express will be held in late June, but since our flux capacitor is out of power, we will be staying in the current decade and traveling to Hawaii for a luau murder mystery where every passenger is guaranteed to get lei'd.*

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## Abbott Labs becomes Diamond Partner of Westfield Chamber

### The REPORTER

The Westfield Chamber has announced that Abbott Laboratories, 1820 Bastian Court, Westfield, is the Chamber's first Diamond Level Partner, the \$10,000 partnership level.

According to the Chamber, Abbott has been a great

asset to both the Chamber and the community and continues proving its commitment to Westfield with this significant investment.

Abbott Laboratories has a mission to help you "Live your best life, now and in your future." Abbott has a history of innovative solutions to complicated health-related problems so people can live their best lives. Learn more at [Abbott.com](http://Abbott.com).

**Thanks for reading!**

### The REPORTER

State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D-Fishers) has begun visiting House District 32 elementary schools to connect with her youngest constituents in first and second grades. Her new community engagement program, "Read with your Representative," aims to introduce kids to government and encourage civic activity from a young age.

"I want our students to feel that the sky is the limit when it comes to civic engagement," Garcia Wilburn said. "I am thrilled to help introduce them to how government is a public service. They have big, energetic hearts and curious minds,



Photo provided

**State Representative Victoria Garcia Wilburn plans to visit first and second graders all over her district to help inspire civic engagement in young people.**

and I want to help show them what they can do with that and dream big for themselves, including becoming an elected official."

Books like *If I Ran for President* by Catherine Stier, *President's Day* by Anne Rockwell and *P is for President* by Wendy Cheyenne Lewison breaks down the topics of Congress, civics, and elected officials to

the students in engaging, easy-to-understand literature.

"Seeing those small hands raised high in the air to ask a question is incredibly inspiring. There is so much they don't know, but so much they want to know," Garcia Wilburn said. "I leave every classroom feeling refreshed and excited. Their contagious

energy and eagerness to help Indiana and the world inspires me to bring that same positive attitude to work every day at the Statehouse."

Garcia Wilburn aims to visit elementary school classrooms in Fishers, Carmel, and Indianapolis through her "Read with your Representative" program.

## Democratic candidates looking to change landscape of Westfield City Council

### Submitted by the Hamilton County Democratic Party

The Hamilton County Democratic Party has announced two candidates running for Westfield City Council: Gary Lane (At-Large) and Alexis Lowry (District 4).

"Westfield is going through a period of change, and we are excited to present every voter with a choice this November," Hamilton County Democratic Party Chair Dayna Colbert said. "More young professionals and new families are moving into the area, attracted by safe neighborhoods, great schools, and economical housing. Lane and Lowry are focused on bringing more exceptional quality of life amenities to the city, and managing them responsibly."

Colbert said issues with transparency surrounding Grand Park and crossing obstacles and proper lighting for the city's trail network shows its time for Democrats to have a place on the city council.

"Grand Park was a great asset to the city," Colbert said. "However, a lack of transparency and accusations of nepotism have led to headache upon headache for Westfield residents. The expanding trail network in Westfield is another highlight for the growing community, but the inability to address crossing obstacles and instal-

lation of unclear light systems pose a serious concern to pedestrians. Ensuring that residents can use the amenities the city develops is key."

The Primary election will be held Tuesday, May 2, and the General Election will take place Tuesday, Nov. 7. This is the first time Democrats have been on the City Council ballot since 2006, when still a Town Council, which Colbert said reflects the trend of Westfield voters looking for choices in their city leadership. The Hamilton County Democratic Party encourages voters to make their voices heard in the Democratic primary.

### About the Candidates

#### Gary Lane, At-Large

Gary Lane is currently the Executive Director of Statewide Lab Business Operations at IU Health, where he works to set the future direction for the entire lab system. He has an engineering background from Rose-Hulman and earned his MBA from the University of Chicago.

Previously, Lane worked with Fortune 500 companies, an experience that built his skills in operations, project, and strategic management.

In the community, Lane has served for three years as the Treasurer of his neighborhood HOA and as President of his fraternity alumni chapter.

Lane said he is excited

to have an opportunity to use his planning skills in service to Westfield. Outside of work, he and his wife, Becky, can be found at practices and events for their two sons who are involved in diving, karate, and music. He also works to support Becky's local small business, Becky the Baker.

#### Alexis Lowry, District 4

Alexis Lowry was born and raised in Westfield. She graduated from Westfield High School, as did her parents, giving her very deep roots in the Westfield community. She graduated from Indiana University - Bloomington with a degree in Kinesiology and has professional experience in sales, marketing, HR, and finance with a focus on personal insurance and investments.

Lowry is currently is a small business owner and a certified Nutrition Coach at Triple L Fit. She has served as Church Treasurer at HeartPointe Church, where she built the church parsonage into a Christian daycare and preschool from the ground up. She coaches multiple youth sports including soccer, basketball, and volleyball, and is involved with her neighborhood HOA.

Lowry and her husband, Josh have been foster parents since 2018. They have adopted four children and have fostered 12 more.

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### Letter to the Editor

## Readers have terrific time at Carmel Symphony Orchestra

Dear Editor:

It was a beautiful night as we arrived for the Symphony at the Palladium. The sparkling lights around the Ice Rink were stunning as the near perfect sunset stretching across the western skyline.

The closer we got, the more the grounds themselves became the focus. It felt theatrical and brilliant walking the brick sidewalks and past sculptures without being overdone, stuffy or opulent.

Once inside the beautiful lobby, and when the doors opened to the hall itself, we gasped and felt



Photo provided

excitement in the coming concert. It was beautiful, too. The harmonies were clean and uncolored, all defined with the passion and artistic intent.

It was wonderful for both of us. Thank you for

the chance to share this unique venue and a night that we truly enjoyed.

#### James Teaters

Business Development Coordinator

Tom Wood Volkswagen Noblesville

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# Local GOP women welcome Indiana Auditor Tera Klutz



The Hamilton County Republican Women (HCRW) welcomed Indiana Auditor Tera Klutz to the February meeting held Monday in Fishers. After the meeting, the ladies gathered for a social hour at El Camino Real, 11681 Brooks School Road, Fishers. If you're interested in joining HCRW, email [hamcogopwomen@gmail.com](mailto:hamcogopwomen@gmail.com).



The Great American  
Songbook Foundation

Michael Feinstein, Founder

AT THE CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

## Songbook Foundation welcomes five new local board members

**The REPORTER**  
Five new members recently have been named to the Board of Directors of the nonprofit Great American Songbook Foundation. Board members serve three-year terms on a volunteer basis.

**ADAM ARCENEAUX** of Carmel is a litigation partner at Ice Miller law firm in Indianapolis. He holds a bachelor's degree from Indiana University and a law degree from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law.

**STAN BURTON** of Carmel is a senior associate with Avison Young real estate in Indianapolis. He holds a bachelor's degree in marketing from Indiana University.

**JONI HRISOMALOS** of Carmel is a philanthropist and community volunteer. She is a graduate of Indiana University.

**MARTY ROSENBERG** of Noblesville is the CEO of Forté Sports Medicine and Orthopedics. He holds a bachelor's degree from Hofstra University and a master's degree in Health Care Management from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's Lally School of Management and Technology.

**W. MICHAEL WELLS** of Carmel is chairman of Hylant of Indianapolis insurance brokerage and a graduate of Indiana University.

The board's current officers are Karen Kelsey, chair; Don Gottwald, vice chair; Rollin M. Dick, treasurer; and Troy Payner, M.D., secretary.

**About the Great American Songbook Foundation**  
The mission of the Great American Songbook Foundation, founded in 2007 by five-time Grammy Award nominee Michael Feinstein, is to inspire and educate by celebrating the timeless standards of pop, jazz, Broadway and Hollywood. Headquartered at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel, the Foundation advances this rich legacy by curating physical artifacts of its creators, performers, and publishers; operating a multimedia exhibit gallery; overseeing the Songbook Hall of Fame; offering programs for the public and research opportunities for scholars and artists; and providing educational opportunities for student musicians, including the annual Songbook Academy summer intensive. The Foundation is a Cultural Affiliate of the Los Angeles-based Grammy Museum.

More information is available at [TheSongbook.org](http://TheSongbook.org).

# Carmel City Council welcomes Ayers, selects new officers for 2023

**The REPORTER**  
Carmel City Councilors have elected a new slate of officers for 2023, naming At-Large Councilor Jeff Worrell as the new Council President.

The Carmel City Council is comprised of nine members elected to four-year terms: three elected at-large and six elected from districts. The City Council constitutes the legislative body of the city. It approves the annual city budget, passes city ordinances and resolutions, and generally responds to specific needs of local residents.



Worrell



Campbell



Finkam



Rider



Ayers

Here are the new officers for 2023:

- President: Jeff Worrell, At-Large
- Vice President: Laura Campbell, North District (No. 4)
- Parliamentarian: Sue Finkam, Northeast District (No. 2)

Chaplain: Kevin "Woody" Rider, At-Large

In addition to those new roles, at the Feb. 6 meeting, the City Council witnessed the official swearing-in of Teresa Ayers to fulfill the term in the Central District (No. 1). Ayers was appointed by Central District precinct committee members

to fill the seat left vacant by the death of Bruce Kimball in December of 2020. That term expires on Dec. 31, 2023.

Learn more about the Carmel City Council and how you can participate in its meetings by going to [carmel.in.gov/government/city-council](http://carmel.in.gov/government/city-council).

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# Civic Theatre's *The Diary of Anne Frank* makes tragedy of Holocaust feel all too real

Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre opened its production of *The Diary of Anne Frank* last Friday. The haunting 1955 play we have become familiar with — by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett — is presented in an adapted form. The newer 1997 version by Wendy Kesselman has a freshness in its vision which is welcomed as “a new adaptation for a new generation.”

Clair Wilcher directs. Her sensitive handling of the material provides action as measured as music, with proper rises and falls, and a heartbreaking climax.

Gemma Rollison takes the role of young Anne and offers a very polished portrayal of her character and her dilemma. Ms. Rollison shows Anne's youthful presence — annoyingly bouncy and fun-loving at first as she alone ignores the hardships, thoughtfully recording her feelings in her journal, excitedly experiencing her burgeoning adulthood — tr-



ly a tragic figure whose hopes for her future are snuffed by her doom.

The entire cast expertly shows how eight very real people lived through two years in a hideout, longing for their former lives while enduring the hardships of confined living. Director Wilcher has orchestrated an evenness in her cast's characterizations which strengthens the ensemble aspect of the script. As written, no one player is set in the spotlight — though, of course, Anne remains the central character. Highlights include Garrett Rowe's fine work as young Peter Van Daan, Jay Hemphill and Carrie Reiberg — coupled as the often-disagreeable Mr. & Mrs. Van Daan, Brittany Magee as an overwrought Edith Frank, and David Wood as an iconic father figure — Otto Frank, whose powerful ending speech is truly devastating. Mookie Harris (Mr. Dussel), Rebecca Piñero (Margot Frank), Kevin Caraher (Mr. Kral-



Photo provided Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre  
**Anne (Gemma Rollison) is consoled by her father, Otto Frank (David Wood).**

er), and Kelsey VanVoorst (Miep Gies) turn in solid work to complete the cast.

The play is performed on Ryan Koharchik's very expressive set design. It features hints of confinement with barb wired fences, tight spaces, and dark hues. Michael Lasley's projections aid the storytelling with visions of Hitler's power and the torment of the concentration camps. Adrienne Conces' costume designs are timely.

**Bottom line:** This familiar story gets new impact in Wendy Kesselman's adaptation and Civic Theatre's pro-

duction is fine in every aspect. All the problems, fears, and turmoil of these eight people are balanced somehow by the forward-looking positivity of one young girl. The tragedy feels real — the horror of those times must never be repeated.

*The Diary of Anne Frank* continues at The Tarkington theatre through Saturday, Feb. 25. Tickets are available by calling the box office at (317) 843-3800 or by going online to [CivicTheatre.org](http://CivicTheatre.org).

Read more great play reviews from *A Seat on the Aisle* at [asota.wordpress.com](http://asota.wordpress.com).

## Don Deputy releases new novel, *Sign of the Seed*

### The REPORTER

If you think you might enjoy a story that includes incidents involving counterfeit cheeseburgers, privacy fence jumping heroics, toilet tumblers, poultry perpetrators, or characters such as a one-legged, basement-dwelling boyfriend of an exotic dancer, well, *Sign of the Seed* may be the novel for you.

Local author and Fishers resident Don Deputy has released a new book called *Sign of the Seed*. Deputy served as a Lawrence police officer for 37 years, as a Detective for 23 years, and was Captain in Charge of Investigations for seven years. He served as his department's Public Information Officer for 20 years and received the Officer of the Year award twice.

Deputy investigated and successfully prosecuted a homicide that received an eight-second profile on the popular television show *America's Most Wanted*. He investigated two criminal cases that ended up in the Indiana Supreme Court with favorable outcomes. In total, he's investigated everything from the theft of a hamburger to Police

Action Shootings and once investigated the theft of Pablo Picasso's pencil drawing, *Femme Vue de Dos*.

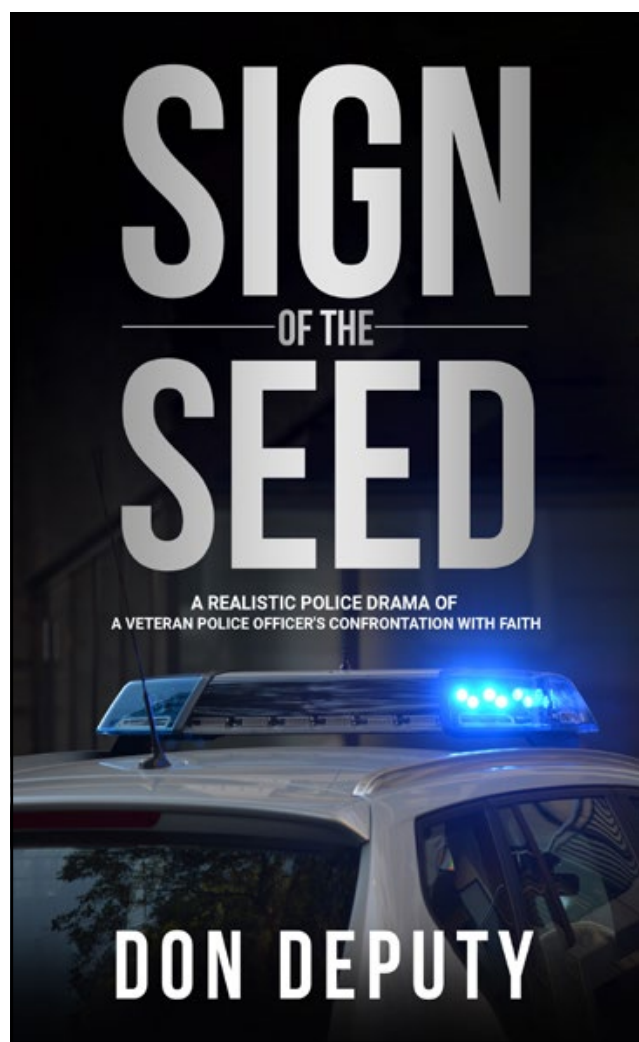
### About *Sign of the Seed*

The story involves the Templeton Police Department, which is in the midst of its annual Christmas robbery season. During his patrol

duties, veteran Officer Jeramy Doodeman witnesses numerous situations demonstrating other people's faith through signs of the seeds of faith. A series of robberies comes to a climax when Templeton police officers have an armed confrontation with Piper, a small-time hold-up man, at the same time that Jeramy is confronting his faith in God.

Among other characters, Detective Derek Wilson is a policeman who, oddly enough, is uncomfortable with confrontation and has his lack of confidence and bravery put to the ultimate test.

Meanwhile, Officer Teresa O'Brian, a sassy Irish policewoman, is frustrated with the juvenile antics of some fellow officers. Gil, a small-time thief, finds his Gran dead and, fearing the police will blame him



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for her death, disposes of her body in an usual way.

While there are some adult situations, what this story lacks in gratuitous sex scenes and raunchy cursing is well made up for with compelling situations and easy humor. *Sign of the Seed* takes a gritty and earthy look inside po-

lice work using realistic scenes and easy humor to intersect the often violent and chaotic world of Law Enforcement with faith.

Learn more about the author at [DonDeputy.com](http://DonDeputy.com). You can also follow him on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/DonDeputy) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/DonDeputy). Click here to buy *Sign of the Seed* on Amazon.

## 2023 Municipal Primary Election Candidates

### NOBLESVILLE

*Noblesville Mayor (vote for 1)*

Chris Jensen — R

*Noblesville Clerk (vote for 1)*

Evelyn L. Lees — R

*Noblesville Judge City Court (vote for 1)*

Matt Cook — R

*Noblesville Common Council District 1 (vote for 1)*

Mike Davis — R

*Noblesville Common Council District 2 (vote for 1)*

Todd Thurston — R

Jay Mundy — R

*Noblesville Common Council District 3 (vote for 1)*

Aaron Smith — R

*Noblesville Common Council District 4 (vote for 1)*

Mark W. Boice — R

*Noblesville Common Council District 5 (vote for 1)*

Dave Johnson — R

Rocky Shanehsaz — R

*Noblesville Common Council District 6 (vote for 1)*

Megan G. Wiles — R

*Noblesville Common Council District At-Large (vote for 3)*

Darren Peterson — R

Mike Field — R

Nick Gomillion — R

Pete Schwartz — R

Paula Jo Gilliam — D

Evan Elliott — R

### WESTFIELD

*Westfield Mayor (vote for 1)*

Scott Willis — R

Kristen Burkman — R

Jake Gilbert — R

*Westfield Clerk Treasurer (vote for 1)*

Marla Ailor — R

Tonya F. Hyatt — R

*Westfield City Council District 1 (vote for 1)*

Jon Dartt — R

Mark F. Keen — R

*Westfield City Council District 2 (vote for 1)*

Victor McCarty — R

Andrew Bouse — R

*Westfield City Council District 3 (vote for 1)*

Joe Duepner — R

Justin C. Griffiths — R

*Westfield City Council District 4 (vote for 1)*

Patrick T. Tamm — R

Alexis Lowry — D

Scott Frei — R

*Westfield City Council District 5 (vote for 1)*

Noah Herron — R

Mike Johns — R

*Westfield City Council At-Large (vote for 2)*

Kurt J. Wanninger — R

Chad Huff — R

Brian Tomamichel — R

Gary Lane — D

### ARCADIA

*Arcadia Clerk Treasurer (vote for 1)*

Jennifer S. Pickett — R

*Arcadia Town Council District 1 (vote for 1)*

Rich Versprille — R

### ATLANTA

*Atlanta Clerk Treasurer (vote for 1)*

Jennifer Farley — R

*Atlanta Town Council District 2 (vote for 1)*

Jody Price — D

Timothy Johnson — R

*Atlanta Town Council District 3 (vote for 1)*

Pam VanHook — R

### CARMEL

*Carmel Mayor (vote for 1)*

Kevin Woody Rider — R

Sue Finkam — R

Miles Nelson — D

Fred Glynn — R

*Carmel Clerk (vote for 1)*

Jacob W. Quinn — R

*Carmel Judge City Court (vote for 1)*

Brian G. Poindexter — R

*Carmel City Council District Northwest (vote for 1)*

Sheldon Barnes — R

Danny Niederberger — R

Ryan Locke — R

*Carmel City Council District North Central (vote for 1)*

Leah York — R

Teresa Ayers — R

Chuck Ford — R

Courtney Culver — D

*Carmel City Council District South Central (vote for 1)*

Anthony (Tony) Green — R

Jessica Irvine — D

*Carmel City Council District Northeast (vote for 1)*

Jason Engle — R

Shannon Minnaar — R

*Carmel City Council District Southeast (vote for 1)*

Adam Aasen — R

Jeremy Eltz — D

*Carmel City Council District West (vote for 1)*

Ven Tadikonda — R

Loren Matthes — R

Anita Joshi — D

*Carmel City Council At-Large (vote for 3)*

Jake Madore — D

Rich Taylor — R

Matthew J. Snyder — R

Jeff Worrell — R

Sara Draper — D

Jonathan K. Blake — R

### CICERO

*Cicero Clerk Treasurer (vote for 1)*

Rhonda Gary — R

*Cicero Town Council District 1 (vote for 1)*

Dennis D. Johnson — R

*Cicero Town Council District 2 (vote for 1)*

Chad M. Blueher — R

Emily K. Pearson — R

*Cicero Town Council District 3 (vote for 1)*

Christopher J. Lutz — R

*Sheridan Clerk Treasurer (vote for 1)*

Elizabeth (Liz) A. Walden — R

### SHERIDAN

*Sheridan Town Council District 1 (vote for 1)*

David W. Kinkead — R

Cleova M. Brown — R

John A. Brandenburg — R

*Sheridan Town Council District 2 (vote for 1)*

Silas DeVaney III — R

### FISHERS

*Fishers Mayor (vote for 1)*

Scott Fadness — R

*Fishers Clerk (vote for 1)*

Jennifer L. Kehl — R

Rachel Segars — R

Janet Pritchett — D

*Fishers Judge City Court (vote for 1)*

Daniel E. Henke — R

*Fishers City Council District SE (vote for 1)*

Pete Peterson — R

*Fishers City Council District NW (vote for 1)*

Selina Stoller — R

Bill McLellan — D

*Fishers City Council District NC (vote for 1)*

John P. DeLucia — R

Crystal Neumann — D

*Fishers City Council District SC (vote for 1)*

John W. Weingardt — R

Lane Skeeters — D

*Fishers City Council District SW (vote for 1)*

David Giffel — R

Bill Stuart — D

*Fishers City Council District NE (vote for 1)*

Brad DeReamer — R

Samantha R. Chapman — D

*Fishers City Council At-Large (vote for 3)*

Tiffanie Ditlevson — R

Cecilia Coble — R

Todd Zimmerman — R

Howard Stevenson — D

Jocelyn Vare — D

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## Spartz: U.S. must have “proper response” to Chinese spy balloon

### The REPORTER

Rep. Victoria Spartz issued the following statement on the Chinese spy balloon and unidentified aerial objects entering U.S. airspace.

“These actions have to be seriously investigated with proper U.S. response,” Rep. Spartz said.

“Any intentional hostile actions against our country must carry repercussions. We have to learn from the mistakes of Prime Minister Chamberlain with Germany in 1938 or President Obama with Crimea in 2014 – perceived weakness only emboldens aggressors.”

**Spartz**

## Obituaries

### Susan S. Gorby

August 13, 1943 – February 6, 2023

Susan S. Gorby, 79, died peacefully in the early morning of Feb. 6, 2023, surrounded by loving family, in Noblesville, where she resided.



Mrs. Gorby was a lifelong learner whose love of books, particularly children’s literature and storytelling, inspired her professional and volunteer work in libraries. She held a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Master of Arts in Student Personnel Administration, and in her early career was employed in student counseling services at Ohio Wesleyan University and Indiana University. While raising her two children, she worked at the Michigan City Public Library, and later led a volunteer program to expand library services at Shawmut Hills Elementary School in Grand Rapids, Mich., where her children attended. After a divorce in 1995, she received a Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology and Holistic Health from Western Michigan University, and was the coordinator for the displaced homemaker program at the Women’s Resource Center in Grand Rapids, counseling women seeking to re-enter the workforce unexpectedly after 20 or more years in caregiving roles.

Mrs. Gorby was born Susan Margaret Spiers on Aug. 13, 1943, in Michigan City, Ind., the daughter of the late Albert and Lois (Ericson) Spiers. She met the love of her life, James D. Gorby, of Sparta, Mich., through mutual friends in Grand Rapids. The two married on Sept. 7, 2002, and moved to Clifton, Va. With Mr. Gorby, she discovered a love of world travel and cruising, but her greatest inspiration after retirement was her relationship with her grandchildren, who she said kept her young, active, and fearless.

She is survived by her loving husband of 20 years, James D. Gorby of Noblesville; two children, Christopher (Nikol) Elliott of Sterling, Va., and Katherine Raz (Jem Hilton) of Lakewood, Wash.; three grandsons, Malcolm, Eero, and Remy; sister, Sally Spiers of Indianapolis; brother, Richard Spiers (Johanna Lewis) of Spartanburg, S.C.; as well as four stepchildren and four step-grandchildren.

A memorial service is scheduled for 2 p.m. on April 6, 2023, at Flanner Buchanan – Hamilton Memorial Park (Prairie Waters), 4180 Westfield Road, Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Senior Citizens Organization, Inc., 18336 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Flanner Buchanan – Hamilton Memorial Park. Online condolences can be shared by visiting [flannerbuchanan.com](http://flannerbuchanan.com).

### Nancy Ann Dent

December 8, 1936 – February 9, 2023

Nancy Ann Dent, 86, Atlanta, Ind., passed away on February 9, 2023, at her home surrounded by loved ones.



She was born December 8, 1936, in Atlanta, Ind., to Shirl and Marion (Dewey) Jackson. She grew up in Atlanta and attended what was known then as Atlanta Grade School, then proceeded to attend and graduate from Jackson Central High School with the Class of 1955.

Nancy married the love of her life, Harold Ray Dent, on September 28, 1956, and Nancy began her new role as homemaker. She and her husband were blessed with two sons and a daughter and later grandchildren. She and Harold loved spending time with their expanding family.

When able, Nancy was an active member of Atlanta Christian Church. She also like to read, crochet, see movies, go shopping, camping, boating, and fishing, dine out, and play cards.

Surviving her is a daughter, Lisa Ann (Bob) Jeffries of Atlanta; sons, Harold Ray Dent, Jr. of Arcadia and Robert Allen Dent of Alvaton, Ky.; a brother, Jim (Brenda) Jackson of Kokomo; sisters, Judy (Larry) Alley of Tipton and Peggy (Bill) Stokes of Atlanta; grandchildren, Cortney, Christopher, and Sarah; a great-grandchild, Charlotte; plus several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Ray Dent, and a brother, Robert Jackson.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at the Atlanta Christian Church, 200 E. Main St., Atlanta, with Pastor Jody Brown officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Tipton. A time of visitation will be from noon until time of the services.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Church. Hartley Funeral Home Cicero Chapel is entrusted with Nancy’s care and services and where you may send condolences as [hartleyfuneralhomes.com](http://hartleyfuneralhomes.com).

## Celebrate Ukrainian culture with Lviv National Philharmonic Orchestra in Carmel on Feb. 24

### The REPORTER

On the day its home country marks the first anniversary of an ongoing armed invasion, the Lviv National Philharmonic Orchestra of Ukraine will headline a celebration of Ukrainian culture at the Center for the Performing Arts.

Remarkably, the Feb. 24 date at the Palladium is coincidental. The Center booked the performance in 2021, months before Vladimir Putin announced a “special military operation” in February 2022.

Still, the date carries special significance. The audience will include representatives of the Consulate General of Ukraine in Chicago. Two local nonprofit groups, Indiana Supports Ukraine and the Ukrainian Society of Indiana, will have lobby tables to share information about their work in celebrating Ukrainian culture and shipping supplies to people living through a winter of war. Since December, the Center has kept collection bins in the Palladium lobbies to assist in ISU’s winter sock drive.

For the occasion, the Center staff has created a specialty cocktail in Ukraine’s national colors, blue and yellow. The “Stand



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**Hear the Lviv National Philharmonic Orchestra of Ukraine led by esteemed Ukrainian-American conductor Theodore Kuchar on Feb. 24 at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.**

with Ukraine” is made with Stoli vodka (produced in Latvia from Slovakian grains), blue Curacao liqueur, sweet and sour mix, and a lemon slice.

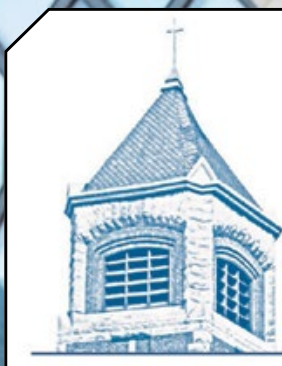
“European orchestras are a staple of our classical programming every season, but this event clearly stands out,” Center President/CEO Jeffrey C. McDermott said. “We’re pleased to have this opportunity to partner with the local Ukrainian-American community and support

their efforts.”

The Lviv National Philharmonic Orchestra of Ukraine was founded in 1902 and is currently led by the esteemed Ukrainian-American conductor Theodore Kuchar, best known for his prolific recording career with various orchestras. The Feb. 24 program at the Palladium will feature music of Brahms, Grieg and Dvořák (his New World Symphony) with piano soloist Oksana Rapita.

Tickets start at \$25, with student tickets at \$15 and discounts offered for military personnel and first responders. Tickets are available at the Palladium’s Fifth Third Bank Box Office, online at [TheCenterPresents.org](http://TheCenterPresents.org) and by phone at (317) 843-3800.

The event is part of the Center’s Printing Partners Classical Series and the 2022-2023 Center Presents Season, presented in partnership with Allied Solutions.



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Ruth Whary

September 17, 1955 – February 11, 2023

Ruth Whary, 67, Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, February 11, 2023, at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville. She was born on September 17, 1955, to Richard and Anna (Byers) Bragg in Kokomo.

Ruth was a homemaker who enjoyed fishing and gardening.

She is survived by her father, Richard Bragg; siblings, John Bragg, Dallas (Christa) Bragg, Margaret (Keith) Stephens, and Ina (Michael) Moore; and children, Shannon (Rick) Payne, Leslie (Karen) Whary, and Sarah (Shanda) Whary.

She was preceded in death by her mother.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 681405, Indianapolis, IN 46268-1405 ([cancer.org](http://cancer.org)).

Condolences: [randallroberts.com](http://randallroberts.com)



Ramona Rae Boothroyd

April 20, 1949 – February 11, 2023

Ramona Rae Boothroyd, 73, Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, February 11, 2023, at Riverview Health in Noblesville. She was born on April 20, 1949, to William and Arlene (Murphy) Nicholson in Anderson, Ind.

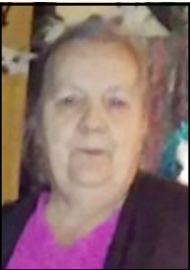
Ramona was a loving mother, grandmother, and wife. She enjoyed crafting, doing puzzles, and reading.

Ramona is survived by her husband of 30 years, Phillip Boothroyd; sons, Kevin (Mandy) Brooks and Eric Brooks; brother, William (DeVila) Nicholson; as well as lots of grandkids and great-grandkids.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her children, Robin Clemmons, Brian Brooks, and Misty Smith.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m., with services at 2 p.m., on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at Calvary Apostolic Church, 16400 Cumberland Road, Noblesville. Rev. Bryan Tanton will officiate. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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Carol Louise Albright

November 26, 1961 – February 11, 2023

Carol Louise Albright, 61, Indianapolis, formerly of Carmel, slipped away peacefully at home on February 11, 2023, after persevering against cancer for nearly eight years. She was born on November 26, 1961, in South Bend to the late Marilyn Sands Albright and Richard O. Albright who survives. The family moved to the Carmel area in 1963.

Carol was a proud Purdue graduate and initially worked in human resources, then started her own successful recruiting business. She developed an affinity for supporting differently abled individuals, which led her to volunteer for several organizations and eventually worked for Easter Seals and Hamilton Southeastern Schools.

Carol amazed and inspired her many friends with her sense of adventure and unpredictability. She found some of the most obscure things imaginable and turned them into appropriate gifts. In return, wonderful friends supported her in her journey, including many long road trips to Ohio State and the Mayo Clinic for treatment; they undoubtedly extended her life.

Carol loved horses and could relate to their healing and comforting qualities; this led her to volunteer with Agape Therapeutic Riding. She found many of the same qualities in dogs and adopted many that others could no longer care for. She wasn't defined by her work; although she did love it, she was most certainly characterized by her way of connecting people, her offbeat sense of humor, her devotion to others who were differently defined, and her love of her dogs and horse.

Survivors include her father; Richard Albright; sister, Susie Highley (Jerry); nephew, Brett Highley; niece, Margaret Highley Connors (Kevin); uncle, Bob Boggus, and several beloved cousins.

Family and friends will gather from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, February 17, 2023, and from 11 a.m. to noon on Saturday, February 18, with the Funeral Service beginning at 1 p.m., all at Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, 1605 E. 106th St., Carmel. Carol's request was that those in attendance wear Purdue attire.

Following the service, burial will take place at Carmel Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Carol may be made to K9s for Warriors (Ponte Vedra, Fla.), Leader Dogs for the Blind (Rochester, Mich.), the Central Plateau Scholarship Program (Haiti) of Powell, Tenn., or a donor's favorite charity. Envelopes will be available at the service.

Busnell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family in arrangements.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

*When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.*

*And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.*

*Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all God's people, on the golden altar in front of the throne. The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of God's people, went up before God from the angel's hand. Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it on the earth; and there came peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake.*

*Revelation 8:1-5 (NIV)*

Alice L. Shover

August 18, 1951 – February 10, 2023

Alice L. Shover was born on August 18, 1951, to parents Cliff and Marilyn Chesney.

She was a loving and devoted wife of Bob Shover, and a loving mother to Ann McNeely and Brad Shover.

Alice passed on the morning of Saturday, February 10 in her home surrounded by the love of her family and friends, along with her special puppy, Lady Bug.

Rest in Peace, Angel Ali.

Condolences: [indianafuneralcare.com](http://indianafuneralcare.com)

Meeting Notices

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Council Finance Committee will meet to discuss county finances at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2023, at Big Woods Hazel Dell, 14741 Hazel Dell Crossing, Noblesville.

The City of Westfield will hold a public meeting to discuss the American Rescue Plan Act at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2023, in the assembly room at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St., Westfield.

**Send Meeting Notices to:**  
[Notices@ReadTheReporter.com](mailto:Notices@ReadTheReporter.com)

The Hamilton North Public Library Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss a real property transaction including: (i) a purchase; (ii) a lease as lessor; (iii) a lease as lessee; (iv) a transfer; (v) an exchange; or (vi) a sale; by the governing body up to the time a contract or option is executed by the parties, IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)2(D). This clause does not affect a political subdivision's duty to comply with any other statute that governs the conduct of the real property transaction, including IC 36-1-10 or IC 36-1-11.

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Basketball

# Exciting double overtime game sees Trailblazers triumph over Shamrocks

The REPORTER

University won an all-county game in double overtime Tuesday, coming back from a 13-point deficit to beat Westfield 71-67 at the Shamrocks' CSI Gymnasium.

After trailing 40-27 in the third quarter, the Class 2A No. 5 Trailblazers went on a 15-0 run that lasted well into the fourth quarter. Sabien Cain hit a 3-pointer to give University its first lead of the game at 43-42 with around five minutes left.

The teams were tied at 50-50 by the end of regulation. Sam Bishop started the first overtime with a put-back for Westfield, but Cain nailed another 3, then Kahmi Bracey scored off a Cain steal. University led 57-54 after Bryce Gray hit two free throws, but Trey Buchanan drained a 3 to tie the game again at 57-57, and it was on to double overtime.

The Trailblazers never trailed in the second overtime. University started with a Cain basket, then Seth Hogg scored off a steal and layin. The 'Blazers eventually led 67-60 before Westfield cut it to 67-65. University's Andre Ozlowski made a dunk, then Westfield's Alex Romack scored

to keep it within two, but Ozlowski sealed the game by making two free throws with 1.9 seconds left.

"I just can't say enough about the effort, the energy, toughness, the desire to win from my entire team," said Trailblazers coach Brandon Lafferan. "We struggled when we've tried to play 4A teams over the years. This is just a huge win for our program at a tough place to play against a very well-coached team that's always prepared to play.

"Hats off to them. I thought Romack and Bishop made a ton of plays when they really needed them," said Lafferan. "But proud of my guys. They just found a way and kept making plays. And Sabien, 36 points. He had a huge game for us. And I'm really proud of Bryce Gray and how he finished the game making free throws for us down the stretch. That was huge."

Although Westfield led through the entire first half, it was tight throughout. The Shamrocks got up by as much as six points twice, but the 'Blazers got the baskets they needed to stay close. Cain scored 18 points in the first half, including four 3s. Bishop had 13 points for the 'Rocks, making three 3s,



University's Sabien Cain scored 36 points for the Trailblazers during their double overtime win at Westfield on Tuesday.

Reporter photo by Richie Hall



Westfield's Sam Bishop scored 25 points for the Shamrocks.

Reporter photo by Richie Hall

with Romack scoring 11.

Westfield pulled away in the third quarter with a 14-3 run. The run began with three straight Shamrocks triples: Bishop made the first one, then Buchanan hit a 3, followed by a second Bishop triple. Hogg interrupted the stretch with another 3, but Buchanan answered that with a 3, then Romack made two free throws to put his team up 13. Cain made a traditional three-point play and another layin, then Hogg nailed a second 3 to get University with 40-35 going into the fourth.

Cain finished the game with 36 points for the 'Blazers, including seven 3s, while Hogg scored 11. Romack scored 29 for the 'Rocks, followed by 25 for Bishop, who made five 3s. Buchanan finished with three 3s for nine points.

University is 18-1 and plays Saturday at Decatur Central. Westfield is 13-7 and plays Friday at Franklin Central to finish Hoosier Crossroads Conference play for the season.

UNIVERSITY 71, WESTFIELD 67 (Double overtime)					
University	FG	FT	TP	PF	
Kahmi Bracey	2	1-2	5	5	
Robert Russell	0	0-0	0	0	
Sabien Cain	14	1-2	36	4	
Andre Ozlowski	4	4-7	12	4	
Seth Hogg	4	1-2	11	4	
Bryce Gray	0	7-8	7	0	
Zien Bland	0	0-0	0	0	
Steven Scott	0	0-0	0	0	
Totals	24	14-21	71	17	
University 3-pointers (7) Cain 7.					
Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF	
Trey Buchanan	3	0-0	9	5	
Sam Bishop	9	2-3	25	3	
Charles Farrell	0	0-2	0	0	
Durante Morton	0	1-2	1	0	
Alex Romack	11	7-10	29	3	
Seth LaRavia	1	0-0	3	2	
Max McComb	0	0-0	0	1	
Will Harvey	0	0-0	0	1	
Totals	24	10-17	67	15	
Westfield 3-pointers (9) Bishop 5, Buchanan 3, LaRavia.					
Score by Quarters					
University	10	12	13	15	7 14-71
Westfield	14	10	16	10	7 10-67

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## IBCA boys basketball poll – Week of Feb. 13

Rank	School	Points	Record
1	Ben Davis (20)	400	24-0
2	Penn	380	19-1
3	Brownsburg	352	18-2
4	Hammond Central	329	19-1
5	Indianapolis Cathedral	299	15-4
6	Center Grove	281	17-2
7	Kokomo	269	16-4
8	NorthWood	241	17-2
9	<b>Carmel</b>	231	14-6
10	Mishawaka Marian	210	19-2
11	Linton-Stockton	183	19-1
12	Greenfield-Central	175	19-1
13	Anderson	131	18-3
13	New Palestine	131	18-2
15	Jennings County	104	17-2
16	Lawrence North	100	15-5
17	Ft. Wayne Blackhawk Christian	79	17-3
18	Zionsville	69	13-6
19	Norwell	61	18-2
20	Munster	41	18-2

First place votes are in parentheses.

**Other schools receiving votes, with records**  
Brownstown Central (15-4), Chesterton (15-5), Columbus North (13-6), Connersville (15-4), **Fishers (11-10)**, Fort Wayne Wayne (15-4), Homestead (15-5), Indianapolis Attucks (14-7), Lake Station Edison (17-1), **Noblesville (14-6)**, Scottsburg (16-2), South Spencer (18-1), Tippecanoe Valley (16-3), **University (17-1)**, Wapahani (18-1), Warren Central (11-9)

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

**Thursday, Feb. 16**  
**BOYS SWIMMING SECTIONALS**  
Carmel, Guerin Catholic, Westfield at Noblesville, 5:30 p.m.  
Fishers, Hamilton Heights at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.  
University at North Central, 6 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 17**  
**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
Guerin Catholic at Roncalli, 7:30 p.m.  
Hamilton Southeastern at Brownsburg, 7:30 p.m.  
Noblesville at Avon, 7:30 p.m.  
Twin Lakes at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.  
Warren Central at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.  
Westfield at Franklin Central, 7:30 p.m.  
Zionsville at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.

**WRESTLING**  
IHSAA State Finals at Gainbridge Fieldhouse, 2 p.m.

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## Basketball

# Tigers win close game at Lawrence North

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Fishers picked up a big win at Lawrence North on Tuesday, 61-58.

The first quarter was tight, with the Wildcats leading 14-13 by the end of the period. Taden Metzger helped keep the Tigers in the game with three 3-pointers. Fishers took control in the second quarter, pouring in 18 points for a 31-21 lead. Six different Tigers scored, with Keenan Garner adding five points.

Lawrence North came

back in the third quarter to cut Fishers' lead to 43-39. Metzger helped keep the Tigers ahead with five points, and he then threw in two 3s in the fourth quarter to aid Fishers in sealing the game. Jalen Haralson also had six points in the fourth.

Metzger finished the game with six 3s and 22 points. Haralson added 13 points.

The Tigers are 12-10 and host Zionsville Friday in their Hoosier Crossroads Conference finale.

FISHERS 61, LAWRENCE NORTH 58				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Taden Metzger	8	0-0	22	2
Jalen Haralson	5	3-6	13	2
Aidan Zimmer	1	0-0	3	1
Parker Perdue	0	1-2	1	1
Keenan Garner	3	2-3	8	0
Millen McCartney	2	0-1	6	0
JonAnthony Hall	3	0-1	6	2
Grant Haworth	1	0-0	2	0
John Kirby	0	0-1	0	0
James Stasey	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	23	6-14	61	8
Score by Quarters				
Fishers	13	18	12	18 – 61
Lawrence North	14	7	18	19 – 58
Fishers 3-pointers (9) Metzger 6, McCartney 2, Zimmer.				

## Hamilton Heights' Camryn Runner named IBCA Player of the Week



File photo / Kent Graham

Hamilton Heights' own Camryn Runner has been named the Week 15 Girls District 2 IBCA/ Franciscan Health Player of the Week. Runner, a junior, has helped the Huskies get back in the semi-state for the first time since 2012-2013, following a hard-fought 44-40 triumph over a strong Norwell Knights program. The 5-9 guard was highly accurate, making 6-8 shots from the field, 3-3 from beyond the arc, and a perfect 10-10 from the free throw line, scoring 25 of their 44 points. She also snagged six rebounds and managed to block a pair of shots in the big victory.

## Eagles & Chiefs fans gather in central Indiana to raise money for charity

**By DANIELLE ZULKOSKY**  
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Indianapolis is a sports city, and that was on display as fans from both teams held large Super Bowl watch parties in central Indiana.

Chiefs fans gathered in Westfield at Birdies for a watch party that brought in fans from across state lines to join together in support-

ing their team as they won Super Bowl LVII.

These Chiefs fans have raised thousands of dollars to support those with pancreatic cancer this year. They even did a raffle at halftime to help them reach their goal.

The Eagles fans at Hoagies and Hops were just as generous during the game. They raised well over \$1,000 for the Indy Steel-

ers Youth Football program during the game.

Both teams said having a strong community here in Indiana is very important to them.

"It's the only place to watch," said Heather Cobel, an Eagles fan living in Indianapolis. "I mean the energy in the room when you're with the home team just can't be replaced and it's amazing to hang out

with all the Birds fans."

"Now we have 66 people here tonight and a lot of die-hard Chiefs fans and it's nice to get them together and have that kinda community with us," said J.R. Dover, a Chiefs fan also living in central Indiana.

Both of these teams showed what central Indiana is all about – supporting others while supporting your team.



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