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### TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Periods of showers and storms. Some storms could be severe.

Tonight: Scattered early evening showers.

HIGH: 59    LOW: 25





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Upon receiving the award, Debbie Driskell said this was not a recognition of her achievement, but rather the sum of all the trustees in Indiana who have worked to ensure township government for the future of Indiana.

# Debbie Driskell named Sagamore of the Wabash

### The REPORTER

Delaware Township Trust- ee Debbie Driskell, who also serves as the Executive Director of the Indiana Township As- sociation, has been honored as a Sagamore of the Wabash by Gov. Eric J. Holcomb.

The award was presented by State Rep. Doug Miller on Feb. 7, during the legislative confer- ence of the Indiana Township Association. The Sagamore of the Wabash is given to exem-

plary Hoosiers in recognition of distinguished statewide service.

Driskell has been with the Indiana Township Association for over 32 years providing sup- port for a level of government that is closest to the people. She received the recognition for her dedication to preserving town- ship government in the State of Indiana and showing the value that it has for the future in the State of Indiana.

Driskell took time to recog-

nize those who have made an impact in her journey to pre- serve township government. Of those were her staff and family; however, she had to recognize Jean Lushin for the years that he spent in preparing her for the role. She also made sure to recognize that this was not a rec- ognition of her achievement, but rather the sum of all the trustees in Indiana who have worked to ensure township government for the future of Indiana.

Since 2004, there has been an exhaustive list of legislation targeted at eliminating township government. Driskell has been with the Indiana Township As- sociation for each of those bills. With this recognition, she indicated that she believes that there is a bright future for township government in the State of Indi- ana and that those who built the foundations through the Indi- ana Township Association have paved the way for the future.

# Mean dog

Growing up, our neighborhood was home to a vagrant col- lie. A big, yellow, nasty, abandoned collie. His first, middle and last names were MEAN.

He roamed the neighborhood but seemed to be here or at Fishers (our neighbor, Bud Fishers) a lot. He would go into the garage and snarl at anyone who came near. We called the other neighbor (Doc Railing). He came over with leather gloves and his hook or whatever he used to catch strays. He tried a few times with no luck and said he had never seen such a mean dog!

Next call was to the sheriff. He came out and Mean Dog happened to be in the old coal shed in our backyard. Sheriff asked if he could shoot right in the building. Of course, of course. Anything to make the neighborhood safe again for the children. BANG, once. BANG, again. BANG, BANG, BANG , BANG , BANG. Mean Dog had such a thick coat of hair, Sheriff had trouble getting him shot.

Next question regarded the burial for Mean Dog. Since he was on our property we were elected. Dad came home from school and found his work cut out for him. He did it without protest and the whole neigh- borhood could breathe a sigh of relief.

When that old coal shed was built, it was connected to the rest of the house by sort of breezeway. It was originally a summer kitchen. By the time I first saw it, it had de- generated into a junk room. The breezeway had doors to the east and west. Also, there was a window on each side. The floor was in sad disrepair in one corner. A chipmunk could often be seen as one stepped out of the kitchen door into the breezeway. That and the old summer kitchen were his territory.

That chipmunk still has descendants liv- ing near the backdoor! He must like it very much as nothing makes them move away.

COLUMNIST



RAY ADLER  
Ask Adler

# See Carmel's own Audrey Satchivi compete on Jeopardy! this month

### The REPORTER

Audrey Satchivi of Carmel, a senior at Indiana University in Bloomington, will make her first appearance in the *Jeopardy! High School Reunion Tournament* on Tuesday, Feb. 28. She will face off against Anish Maddipoti, a junior at the University of Texas at Aus- tin, and Lucas Miner, a junior at Yale University in New Haven, Conn. Check local listings for show times and stations.

Four seasons ago, *Jeopardy!* had so many excellent teen contestants that the show hosted two Teen Tournaments. Now, those bright young minds are older, wiser, and ready to return to the stage for a first-of-its kind

twist on the traditional College Championship format.

Twenty-seven former teen contestants will reunite to face off in a 14-day special event with a \$100,000 grand prize and a spot in the Tournament of Champions on the line. The format consists of nine quarterfinal games, three semifinals, and a two-day, total point affair final. The broadcast schedule is as follows:

- Monday, Feb. 20 to Friday, Feb. 24: Quarterfinal Games 1 to 5
- Monday, Feb. 27 to Friday, March 3: Quarterfinal Games 6 to 9; Semifinal Game 1
- Monday, March 6 to Thurs- day, March 9: Semifinal Games 2 & 3; Finals Games 1 & 2



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Audrey Satchivi of Carmel (right) will appear on an episode of Jeopardy! hosted by Mayim Bialik (left), which is scheduled to air on Feb. 28.

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# Prevail, Inc. working to educate teens & prevent dating violence

### The REPORTER

Prevail's Healthy Relationship school program has started up again this month.

Prevail's Prevention Educators trav- eled to Fall Creek Junior High School in Fishers and Carmel Clay Middle School in mid-January to facilitate the program with seventh and eighth graders. Educators will visit Fishers Jr. High School, Westfield Mid- dle School, Hamilton Southeastern Jr. High School, Hamilton Heights High School, Creekside Middle School, Riverside Jr. High School, and HSE High School this spring.

Prevail's Primary Prevention Depart- ment has created a Healthy Relationship Resource Guide that can be used by ed- ucators, coaches, and anyone who works with youth. This tool is designed to equip youth workers with curricula, activities, and resources that can be used to start the con- versation on healthy relationships. Be sure to check it out on Prevail's new website launching later this month.

Learn more at [PrevailInc.org](http://PrevailInc.org).

# Duke really is lowering your electric bill

### The REPORTER

After a year of rising fuel costs, Duke Energy has filed for two rate decreases related in part to lower fuel price fore- casts.

Duke Senior Communi- cations Manager McKenzie Barbknecht told The Reporter customer electric bills were higher in 2022 primarily due to soaring fuel costs to produce power.

"Global demand and tight fuel supplies as well as labor shortages at coal mines and railroads affected the cost of the power we produce as well as

what we purchased in the energy mar- kets," Barbknecht said. "While energy markets remain vol- atile, we're starting to see costs stabilize, and we're glad to pass those savings along to customers."

Four times a year Indiana utilities rates are adjusted to reflect changing fuel and purchased power costs. All changes must be re- viewed and approved by state utility regulators.

"The rate adjustments



Barbknecht

are not permanent; fuel costs rise and fall, and we pass those costs to our customers with no profit, so customers pay what we pay," Barbknecht said. "Our priority is to purchase fuel at the best possible price, through steps such as long- term contracts and using a di- versity of suppliers."

[Click here](#) to watch a short video from Duke Energy on how fuel costs affect bills.

"We passed along about a

5.5 percent decrease in electric rates in January," Barbknecht said. "We are asking state reg- ulators to approve a second decrease, estimated at 16 per- cent over rates today for an average residential customer. If approved, the new rate would be effective in April. For an av- erage residential customer that amounts to an estimated \$26 per month decrease."

Duke Energy filed its peti- tion for the next rate decrease with the Indiana Utility Regu- latory Commission on Jan. 31. Final testimony was filed on Feb. 15.



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From the desk of Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood

Update No. 101

Wednesday was School Resource Officer (SRO) Appreciation Day, and it gives me the perfect opportunity to share a shout out to our amazing SROs – Deputies Josh Ireland, Jon Tindal, and Alex Petty. They serve as an important bridge between our students, law enforcement, and our community. They are engaged, involved, work to protect our campus, and help provide a safe environment for our staff and students.

Moreover, they are inspirational mentors and role models. The lasting relationships they build with our students and staff are lifechanging. Thank you for your presence, commitment, and service.

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Also in February, we have the opportunity to publicly acknowledge the invaluable role our school counselors play in supporting our students as part of National School Counseling Week (first full week in February) sponsored by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA).

COLUMNIST

DR. DEREK ARROWOOD  
Heights Superintendent

Our school counselors are leaders and vital resources who work to ensure a healthy, positive, and safe school environment for students to learn, achieve school success and plan for a career. They are truly the glue that holds so many aspects of our schools together.

Thank you Nikki Wert and Tricia Rudy (HHES), Chelsea Pacheco and Sabrina Duncan (HHMS), and Lori Watson, April Baugher, and Rebecca Johnson (HHHS) for your commitment, professionalism and dedication. We appreciate you every single day!

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A special book launch and signing of the newly released *The Monsters of Math Plan a Party* is set for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 21 in the Media Center at Hamilton Heights Elementary School, 25350 State Road 19, Arcadia. Enter through Door A.

Here you can meet and learn more about how three Huskies, Theresa Morris (1988), Lu Hubbell (2022) and Ryan Reed (2033) collaborated their talents

to create this new series. Copies of this book will be available. The event is sponsored by the Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation.

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In other exciting news, Hamilton Heights junior Tyler Tuntland, his parents, Jason and Kelly Tuntland, and Grant Venable ('20) have been doing something pretty cool in their spare time. They were among the participants in a reality TV inventor show, *Make48*, whose challenge was to produce a solution for food perseverance. Check out the preview of Season 6 competition, filmed in Indianapolis, [here](#).

The show will be aired exclusively on *This Old House Makers Channel* - Roku TV (Channel 458) starting at 7 p.m. Eastern on Wednesday, Feb. 22. Catch this episode [here](#). The winner of this competition advances to the national competition in March.

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On the sports front, senior Evan Tilton advances to the state finals in wrestling, senior Kylee Trexler is state runner up in bowling, senior Teegan Madara placed 12th at state swimming in the 500 free,

breaking her own school record, and last month, junior Camryn Runner became the seventh Lady Husky to reach the 1,000-point career milestone.

The Lady Huskies basketball team is on fire! They advance to semi-state play against Twin Lakes at LaPorte High School on Saturday. Tip-off is at 10 a.m. Central. The winner will play the winner of the Fairfield versus Tippecanoe Valley game in the championship game at 7:30 p.m. Central. Information and tickets can be found [here](#).

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We are also in the midst of celebrating Black History Month. Our students, staff, and community can greatly benefit through culturally relevant teaching, learning, and activities centered on the rich cultural heritage, achievements, sacrifices, triumphs, and the essential role of African Americans in shaping our country.

Please join us this month and every month to better understand and appreciate the countless Black individuals who have given their gifts and their lives in pursuit of a society that is free, just, and equitable for all.

#WeAreHuskies

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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## 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.

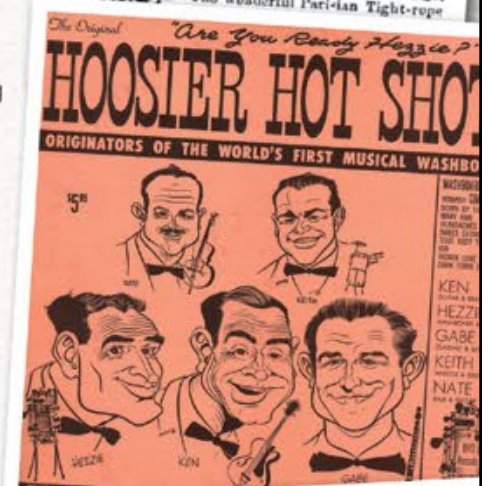
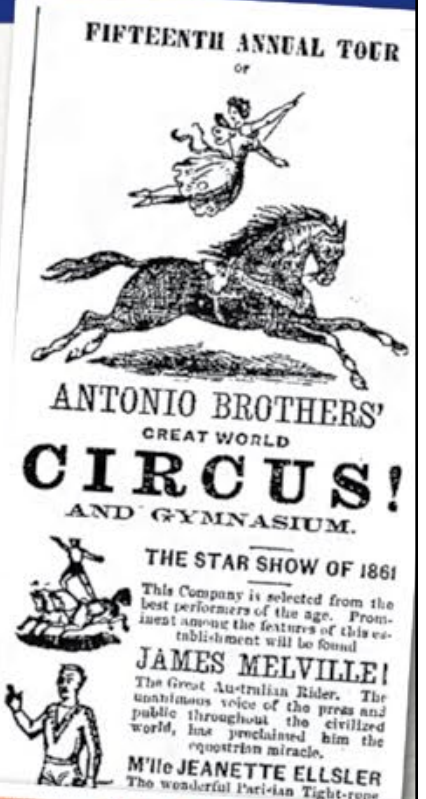
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### FIRST FARMERS

**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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THE WORKING HUNGRY



**February 16, 2023 at 7:00pm**  
**New Joy Lutheran Church**  
316 W 156th St. Westfield, IN 46074

You are invited to see the new documentary *The Working Hungry*, followed by a discussion about food insecurity in our community.

This 30 minute film shares the stories of three Hoosier families, representing 700,000 people across our great state.

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We'll discuss these questions and the solutions happening right here in our community.

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# Get your Hamilton County Bicentennial merchandise today!

**The REPORTER**  
The Hamilton County Bicentennial Commission has several items available for sale online to celebrate the county's 200th anniversary. Alongside local partner Marketpro, Inc, the Bicentennial is selling apparel, drinkware, and other items. Some of the swag includes T-shirts, quarter-zip sweat-shirts, water bottles, and coffee mugs, all featuring the Bicentennial logo. Some items are more unique, such as the athletic-style shirt with local historic photos printed on all sides, and pennant flags that declare that the Bicentennial is "200 Years in the Making!" Other festive items include three different types of hats, two different types of socks, and bumper stickers that will remind people that Hamilton County is the "Home of the Great Squirrel Stampede!" All merchandise is available online through the Bicentennial's website at [hamcoturns200.com/swag-merch](http://hamcoturns200.com/swag-merch). Users will be directed to a third-party site that will showcase all the items. Every item has been ordered in limited quantities, so once they're gone, they're gone forever!

**About the Bicentennial**  
The Hamilton County Bicentennial Commission was established by the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners as the official oversight agency for the 200th anniversary of the county in 2023. It will do so in partnership with the Hamilton County Historical Society, Hamilton County Tourism, Inc, and lead sponsor Duke Energy. For more information, visit [hamcoturns200.com](http://hamcoturns200.com).

# Eight local students among top 50 at Ball State University

**The REPORTER**  
Ball State University in Muncie has released its second-annual "Top 100 Students" list, and eight students from Hamilton County were among the top 50. This award recognizes 100 outstanding junior and senior undergraduates who represent the spirit of Beneficence, Ball State's institutional statue and icon that symbolizes the generosity of the five Ball brothers whose land donation to the State of Indiana allowed the University to flourish.

• Riley Ellis of Carmel, a senior political science major in the College of College of Sciences and Humanities

• Lexi Esterle of Westfield, a senior journalism major in the College of Communication, Information, and Media

• Joseph Gassensmith of Noblesville, a senior urban planning and development major in the R. Wayne Estopinal College of Architecture and Planning

• Michael Greener of Carmel, a senior architecture major in the R. Wayne Estopinal College of Architecture and Planning

• Maureen Kirk of Westfield, a senior fashion industry studies major in the Miller College of Business

• Lexi Leisure of Noblesville, a senior elementary education major in the Teachers College

• Camille Roper of Carmel, a senior music education major in the College of Fine Arts

• Martin Spink of Carmel, a senior urban planning and development major in the R. Wayne Estopinal College of Architecture and Planning

[Click here](#) to learn more about the Top 100 program.

Meeting Notice

The Hamilton East Public Library Board of Trustees will meet to interview candidates for legal services at 4 and 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 21 and Wednesday, Feb. 22 in the East Meeting Room of the Fishers Library, 5 Municipal Drive.

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# Goodrich's bill to establish robotics program funding advances to State Senate

## The REPORTER

The Indiana House of Representatives on Tuesday voted unanimously to advance State Rep. Chuck Goodrich's (R-Noblesville) bill to expand opportunities for Hoosier students to learn about the growing field of robotics.

Goodrich, a member of the House Education Committee, said **House Bill 1382** would create a grant program for Hoosier schools to establish their own robotics teams.

"Robotics programs are instrumental to the future of STEM education, and can create hands-on, real-world learning experiences," Goodrich said. "Creating this grant opportunity would allow students in schools large

and small to explore the innovative and creative world of robotics."

Goodrich said his legislation would create a grant fund managed by the Indiana Department of Education for K-12 schools to create and develop competitive robotics programs. Grant dollars could be used to pay for a team mentor, supplies, to participate in competitions, and to establish or maintain the team.

Goodrich said these grants would ensure programs provide hands-on learning experiences, foster community partnerships



Goodrich

and highlight career opportunities through the use of adult mentors. These mentors will prioritize a connection to manufacturing and machinery skills.

According to Goodrich, Indiana currently has about 3,000 students from 30 percent of school corporations in after-school robotics programs. He said this bill could help grow participation to 18,000 students representing 60 percent of school corporations around the state. He said his legislation was modeled after a similar program in Michigan that saw a 400 percent increase in student

participation.

**HB 1382** now heads to the Indiana Senate for further consideration. For more information about this legislation, visit [iga.in.gov](http://iga.in.gov).

*State Rep. Chuck Goodrich (R-Noblesville) represents House District 29, which includes a portion of Hamilton County.*

## Westfield Chamber calling all young professionals

### The REPORTER

Attention all young professionals! Get ready to mingle and network at the Westfield Young Professional's Happy Hour at the stylish and trendy **1205 Distillery**, 120 Camilla Court, Suite A, Westfield.

This event offers the perfect opportunity to connect with new people in a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere.

Whether you're looking to expand your professional circle, meet new friends, or just have a good time, this is the event for you. Gather your co-workers, grab a friend, or come solo and make new connections.

The Westfield Young Professional's Happy Hour is the place to be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 28. [Click here](#) to register. Cheers!

## Enjoy "Festival of Hymns" at Noblesville First UMC

### The REPORTER

Everyone in the community is invited for the "Festival of Hymns" at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 5 in the Sanctuary at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St. Enter through Door 1.

"Familiar hymns will be performed by the church's chancel choir and orchestra with the congregation being invited to sing a verse of each hymn," said Dr. Jeff Wright, the church's director of music. "Historical context for each hymn will also be shared and it will be a wonderful way to observe the second Sunday in the Lenten season."



The event will also mark the decommissioning of the church sanctuary's 60-year-old organ, which will be replaced in the coming year. A special liturgy will be shared honoring the organ and the congregation will be given the opportunity to say thank you and goodbye to an instrument that has been an integral part of the church's music ministry for decades.

The festival will then conclude with one final organ selection.

Noblesville First United Methodist Church was founded in 1822 and today serves the spiritual needs of over 1,600 members in and around Hamilton County, with outreach ministries that are rooted in love, connecting people, and planting seeds of hope.

## Ashby joins Indiana Arts Commission as new Grants & Research Manager

### The REPROTER

The Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) announced on Tuesday the hiring of Eric Ashby as the Grants and Research Manager.

Ashby joins the Arts Commission with a background in project management, strategic planning, data analysis, and entrepreneurship. He has worked at the Indiana University Center for Rural Engagement, building engagement frameworks and programs to improve quality of place through arts and creativity. Additionally, he worked as

a project manager for the Arts Administration Program and Dean's Office at the O'Neill School at Indiana University and serves as a project specialist with Bridgeway Capital, supporting efforts to track and support small creative business development.

Outside of work, he is a drummer and has been playing since the age of 3.

In his new position, Ash-



Ashby

by will be responsible for overseeing the agency's granting programs and processes, data and research priorities, and state and federal programmatic compliance.

Ashby holds a B.S. in Arts Management as well as an M.A. in Arts Administration and a master's in Public Affairs from the O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University, Bloomington.

## 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](http://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.



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# Local Republicans welcome Shabazz to monthly breakfast



Reporter photo Abdul-Hakim Shabazz, Indianapolis mayoral candidate, longtime radio personality, and publisher of [IndyPolitics.org](http://IndyPolitics.org), was the guest speaker at Wednesday morning's Hamilton County Republican Party Chairman's Breakfast at the Bridgewater Club. Shabazz spoke to the crowd about the state of Indiana politics and why he is running for mayor of Indianapolis. His campaign is focused on the three cornerstones of public safety, public works, and public trust. Learn about Shabazz at [Abdul4Indy.com](http://Abdul4Indy.com).

# Sen. Young reintroduces bill to protect taxpayers from more IRS audits

## The REPORTER

U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) joined with Republicans on the Senate Finance Committee in reintroducing a bill to prevent the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) from using its \$80 billion of taxpayer dollars included in the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) to get more revenue out of hard-working taxpayers who earn less than \$400,000 per year. "Our bill would prevent the IRS from using its new funding to increase enforcement on Hoosier families and small businesses making less than \$400,000 per year," Sen. Young said.



Young

Estimates from the Congressional Budget Office confirmed increased audits would result in billions of dollars in additional revenue being collected from working Americans. Other estimates from the non-partisan Joint Committee on Taxation have shown a large portion of uncollected tax revenue comes from small businesses and sole proprietors, many of whom make less than \$400,000 per year.

The legislation, which Senate Finance Committee Republicans also introduced in the 117th Congress, would codify the Treasury Secretary's unenforceable pledge to not use IRA funding to increase audits on anyone making less than \$400,000 per year. The bill is co-sponsored by all Senate Finance Committee Republicans. [Click here](#) to read the bill.

# Merchants Affordable Housing Corp. rebrands as RDOOR, moving HQ to Indianapolis

## The REPORTER

Merchants Affordable Housing Corp. (MAHC) has announced its rebrand to RDOOR Housing Corporation. Since 1981, RDOOR has developed affordable, stable multifamily housing units. Today, the organization embarks on the next chapter as one of the largest nonprofit providers of affordable housing in Indiana. "Though we are proud of our founding connection to [Merchants Bank of Indiana](http://Merchants Bank of Indiana) and their continued support of our organization, as we grow in size and scope, RDOOR captures what we do and what we will be," said RDOOR President and CEO Bruce R. Baird. "RDOOR comes from the word ardor, meaning passion. RDOOR embodies our

team's unyielding passion for improving people's lives by increasing access to quality rental housing opportunities while building or renovating, affordable and safe homes." RDOOR and its closely aligned affiliates' current portfolio consists of more than 3,000 units throughout Marion County and Indiana, and the team is continuing to look for opportunities to expand outside the state. The comprehensive rebrand is an effort to continue providing high-quality, affordable housing while growing and improving its portfolio. "We are happy to have partners such as Partners in Housing and the City of Indianapolis supporting us in our work," said RDOOR Board Chair Walter Frei-



seniors, no matter their socioeconomic status." As part of the rebrand implementation, the organization renovated the former Girls Inc. office at 441 W. Michigan St., Indianapolis, as its new headquarters. The downtown Indianapolis location will allow the RDOOR team to be closer to its clients and co-locate with Partners in Housing. An official ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place in the spring. "It is incredible to see how far RDOOR has come

chants Bank of Indiana Director and Chairman. "The new name and headquarters mark the beginning of what I know will be a continued commitment to furthering the mission of creating stable, vibrant and healthy communities in Indiana and beyond." RDOOR's portfolio consists of 19 properties located throughout Indiana. A hallmark project is The Village of Merici, which rehabilitated a historic building on the Fort Benjamin Harrison campus in Lawrence, Ind.

It includes 20 ADA-compliant, modern apartments for adults with developmental disabilities funded with Low-Income Housing Tax Credits. The property offers a uniquely interdependent community for residents, support staff, community coaches and families to create an environment that affords the residents a solid foundation on which to grow as individuals in self-sufficiency and independence. This announcement follows a banner year for the organization, with plans to add more affordable housing options and services in 2023. In 2022, RDOOR supported 363 households exiting homelessness, including 292 permanent housing placements through HomeNow Indy. As a re-

sult, RDOOR was awarded \$8 million in grant funds to support those experiencing homelessness with placement in permanent housing. RDOOR also acquired the 40-unit Wexford on the Park senior apartments on the near westside of Indianapolis and 50 units of affordable housing in midtown called Illinois Place Apartments. RDOOR preserved more than 350 units of affordable housing that were at risk of defaulting or converting to market rate in 2022. The organization's rebrand will not impact any of its operations or housing services. To learn more about RDOOR, its properties and its services, visit [merchantsaffordablehousing.org](http://merchantsaffordablehousing.org). The new website, [rdoor.org](http://rdoor.org), is coming soon.



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# Carmel sees most Democrats run for City Council seats since 2007

**Submitted by Hamilton County Democratic Party**

The Hamilton County Democratic Party has announced that Democrats are running for a majority of Carmel municipal seats.

City Councilor Miles Nelson (candidate for mayor) is joined by Sara Draper and Jake Madore (At-Large); Courtney Culver (North Central); Jessica Irvine (South Central); Jeremy Eltz (South East); and Dr. Anita Joshi (West).

“We are thrilled to give voters a choice in November with this talented, capable group of candidates,” Hamilton County Democratic Party Chair Dayna Colbert said. “These skilled candidates reflect the desires of Carmel’s voters: sustainable growth to continue to attract the best and the brightest to the city. Carmel is setting the stage for how to cultivate an environment that is both business and family friendly. These leaders will ensure Carmel continues to welcome all: recent graduates, young professionals, families, and those who are retired through exceptional quality of life amenities, safe neighborhoods, and more.”

Colbert said the candidates are ready to continue leading Carmel as one of the best cities in the country.

“As more residents move into Carmel, sustainable growth is key,” Colbert said. “Whether it be fiscally, environmentally, or physically, our Democratic City Council candidates are laser-focused on balancing all needs of Carmel residents. Carmel

is consistently ranked as one of the best places to live, and our candidates will continue to carry that mantle.”

The Primary election will be held 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 in Carmel since 2007 and party officials say this reflects the increasing trend of Carmel 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**

**Sara Draper, At-Large**

Sara Draper is British by birth, and a Hoosier by choice. She was born in the suburbs of Manchester, in the equivalent of the Rust Belt, but was fortunate enough to attend Christ Church, University of Oxford, where she studied French and Italian Language, Literature and Linguistics.

Over 15 years ago Draper and her husband, Bob, settled in Carmel. Visa conditions meant she was unable to work for her first eight years in the U.S., so she started to volunteer in the community in various ways: on the Board of the Association of International Women; by serving on the Grounds, Maintenance and Security Committee of the Village of WestClay; and more. Her most significant volunteer role is as a Hamilton County Guardian ad Litem, a trained advocate for



children involved in court cases relating to abuse and neglect.

The Drapers were also foster parents for DCS for four years, caring for seven children aged 5 to 14 over the years. They have one 21-year-old daughter, Abby, who was adopted through an attorney in Carmel. The Drapers have two rescue dogs and two rescue cats.

**Jake Madore, At-Large**

Jake Madore grew up in Michigan and attended the University of Michigan where he received his bachelor’s degree in Accounting before moving to Indiana in 2011 to attend the Indiana University McKinney School of Law. In law school, he studied Tax and was an intern for the Indiana Department of Revenue. During his final year, he worked at the Indiana Economic Development Corporation.

Madore met his wife, Sarah, while at McKinney. She now practices insurance law while he is in corporate taxation. They have lived in Carmel since 2015 with their two cats, Peanut and Hugo. Since moving to Carmel, Madore has been helping Hoosier Democrats in the suburbs by serving two terms on the executive committee for the Carmel Democratic Club, volunteering as campaign Treasurer for a State Senate race, and by raising money for

the Hamilton County Democratic Party. Madore also volunteers with his church, St. Christopher’s.

**Courtney Culver, North Central District**

Courtney Culver is a 12-year resident of Carmel’s North Central District. She brings over two decades of professional leadership experience in the non-profit, telecommunications, financial, and technology sectors.

Culver grew up in Bedford, Ind., and graduated from Franklin College (Indiana) with a B.A. in Journalism and from Siena Heights University (Michigan) with an M.A. in Organizational Leadership. She currently leads teams focused on optimizing processes, resources, technology, and operations at a global technology company.

Culver has been involved in fundraising and volunteer efforts with various organizations such as Indiana Youth Group, Day-spring Center, Shepherd’s Community Center, Habitat for Humanity, and the Damien Center. She also led a national employee resource group focused on supporting and protecting LGBTQ+ employees and communities.

Culver and her husband and daughter enjoy the walkable North Central District and are fully invested in the future of Carmel.

**Jessica Irvine, South Central District**

Jessica Irvine has been a Carmel resident, specifically in the Home Place area, for more than 30 years. After attending Carmel Clay Schools, she earned a bachelor’s degree in Public Financial Management and a master’s degree in Environmental Policy and Sustainability from the O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University. She also earned a Business Foundations Certificate from the Kelley School of Business.

As a first-generation college graduate, Irvine understands grit, hard work, and overcoming challenges in order to reach her goals. She currently serves as a Senior Environmental Manager for the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. She is committed to protecting the environment everyone shares and that future generations will inherit.

Irvine volunteers in the community for several civic and animal welfare organizations. She lives with her partner Zach, their two cats, Oliver and Oscar, and their dog, Houston.

**Jeremy Eltz, South East District**

Jeremy Eltz currently serves as the Director of Rural Education at the Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning at the University of Indianapolis. As an educational leader, he works every day to ensure students throughout the state receive the best quality education and have all the opportuni-

ties open to them.

Eltz began his career in research science at IUPUI before becoming a middle school science teacher in Pike Township in Indianapolis. In 2012, he joined the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) where he created the state’s first STEM plan, the STEM School Certification, adopted new science standards, and added computer science standards for grades K-8. In 2016, Eltz received his PhD in educational leadership and holds a school superintendent license.

Eltz is originally from California but moved to Indiana when he was very young. He and his wife, Missy, moved to Carmel in 2015 to raise their children, Macy and Mallory. The Eltz family are members of St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church.

**Dr. Anita Joshi, West District**

Dr. Anita Joshi is running for City Council in the West District of Carmel, where she and her family have lived for 18 years. A pediatrician and small business owner with 25 years of private practice experience, Dr. Joshi is actively involved in community service and has served on many boards, including the Center for Interfaith Cooperation, Women’s Fund of Central Indiana, and the Brebeuf Jesuit Board of Trustees.

Committed to sustainable growth and representing the diverse opinions of the community, Dr. Joshi believes in putting the needs of Carmel residents first.

## 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. Wanningner – 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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## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

*Then the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to sound them.*

*The first angel sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was hurled down on the earth. A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.*

*The second angel sounded his trumpet, and something like a huge mountain, all ablaze, was thrown into the sea. A third of the sea turned into blood, a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.*

*The third angel sounded his trumpet, and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water—the name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters turned bitter, and many people died from the waters that had become bitter.*

*The fourth angel sounded his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them turned dark. A third of the day was without light, and also a third of the night.*

*As I watched, I heard an eagle that was flying in midair call out in a loud voice: "Woe! Woe! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the trumpet blasts about to be sounded by the other three angels!"*

*Revelation 8:6-13 (NIV)*

## Guy William Eoff

July 16, 1942 – February 8, 2023

Guy W. Eoff, Westfield, passed away on Wednesday, February 8, 2023. He was born in Wamamaker, Ind., on July 16, 1942.

Guy worked as a laboratory technician at Eli Lilly & Co. in Indianapolis. He was a volunteer firefighter, helped organize the Indianapolis Air Show for many years, and he was a member of the Indiana Wing of the Confederate Air Force. He was also active in coaching girls' club soccer.

Guy is preceded in death by his father Guy, mother Mary, and brother Gordon. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Mary Jo Eoff; daughters, Erica Matthews (Jay), Erin Hayes (Jeff), and Emily Baas (Ian); as well as four grandchildren and his sister, Mary Jean Gallagher (Jim).

A celebration of life will be arranged at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Parkinson's Foundation ([parkinson.org](http://parkinson.org)).

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

## James H. Parks

July 28, 1930 – February 12, 2023

James H. Parks, 92, Carmel, passed away peacefully on February 12, 2023. He was born in Holt County, Neb., on July 28, 1930. After graduating from Page High School, he joined the Air Force in 1950.

While stationed in Spokane, Wash., he met Theresa Manning. They married in 1955. After retiring from the Air Force in 1972, he moved his family to Carmel, graduated from Butler University, and became a Certified Public Accountant. He was an avid walker on the Monon Trail where he befriended many dogs and their owners.

In addition to his parents, James was preceded in death by his wife of more than 48 years, Theresa; and his sons, James B. (Janice) and Michael.

Survivors include his daughter, Suzanne Andres (Patrick); son, Alan (Beverly), son Terry (Cindy); siblings; Dona Trowbridge (Richard), Virgil (Pauline), Marilyn Kucera (Ken), and Ted (Dorothy); sister-in-law, Loretta Manning Burbach; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Family and friends are invited to pay respects from 10 to 11 a.m. on Monday, February 20, 2023, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church, where the Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to your favorite charity.

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

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

## Marie L. Rayle Dawson Covey

December 25, 1936 – February 13, 2023

Marie L. Rayle Dawson Covey, 86, McCordsville, passed away on Monday, February 13, 2023, at Majestic Care of McCordsville. She was born on December 25, 1936, to Robert Rayle and Vivia (VanScyoc) Wright in Westfield.

Marie worked as a salesperson for Sears. She attended Restoration Church where she helped with the food pantry. Marie also attended Lakeview Wesleyan Church and loved to sing gospel music.

She is survived by her sons, Jan Dawson and Larry Dawson; brothers, Robert Rayle II and Richard Rayle; sister, Jackie Cook; eight grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Marie was preceded in death by her sons, Gary L. Dawson and Tracy L. Dawson.

Visitation will be held from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 18, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville.

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

## Barbara Elliott Palmer

January 10, 1930 – February 6, 2023

Barbara Elliott Palmer, 93, passed away February 6, 2023, after complications from a recent stroke. She was born January 10, 1930. She graduated from Arsenal Technical High School in 1947 and Butler University in 1951 with a degree in secondary education. She taught at the former Tudor Hall School in Indianapolis and at Hughes High School in Cincinnati, and later did substitute teaching.

In 1953, she married the love of her life, John Palmer, who preceded her in death in 2013 after 60 years of marriage. They traveled extensively visiting many countries around the world, as well as taking numerous vacations to various Caribbean Islands with the entire family. She loved golf, boating, water skiing (at age 89!) and lake living on Wawasee and Morse. Barbara loved spending quality time with her children and grandchildren and never wanted to miss the activities of her three grandchildren. She was an avid college and professional football and basketball fan and watched golf every Sunday afternoon.

She was employed by the Indiana Legislature in 1972 and worked for the House of Representatives for 18 years. She was elected to and served on the Pike Township Advisory Board for 13 years and held several positions in the Pike Township Republican organization, such as precinct committeeman, vice ward chairman, and president of the Pike Republican Club. She was a member of the Pi Beta Phi Sorority, Kappa Kappa Sigma Sorority, St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Pebble Brook Ladies Golf Club, and more recently, The Willows group in her community.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, Minnie and Arlast Elliott; sister, Betty (Harry) Hagans; brothers-in-law, Joseph (Miriam) Palmer and Robert (Betty) Palmer; nephews, Mark Hagans and John Robert Palmer; and niece, Amy Palmer. Survivors include son, Larry (Pam) Palmer; daughter, Patti (Tom) Dean; grandchildren, Alec (Heather Long) Dean, Abby (Huston) Spencer, and Elle Palmer; niece, Sue (Craig) Sears; nephew, Evan Palmer; and great-nieces and great-nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 18 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 100 W. 86th St., with a gathering and luncheon immediately following.

Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to: St. Luke's UMC or the American Stroke Association. Family and friends are welcome to sign the online guestbook for Barbara at [flannerbuchanan.com](http://flannerbuchanan.com).



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# Swimmers of the Year:

## Alex Shackell & Molly Sweeney, Carmel

**The REPORTER**  
The Hamilton County Reporter has named two Carmel swimmers, sophomore Alex Shackell (left) and freshman Molly Sweeney (right), as its 2023 Girls Swimmers of the Year.

Shackell is already half-way through an amazing career for the Greyhounds, adding four state championships to her total during last weekend's state meet. Shackell set new state records in winning the 50 freestyle (21.93 seconds) and butterfly (50.89 seconds), then was part of national record setting relay teams: The medley relay (1:36.98) and the 200 free relay (1:30.23).

Sweeney joined Shackell on both of those winning relays, then won two individual state championships of her own. Sweeney was first in the individual medley (1:56.82) and the breaststroke (59.78 seconds), making her the first freshman to go 4-for-4 at the state meet since Carmel's Claire Adams in 2013.



### 2023 Hamilton County Reporter Girls Swimming All-County Team

FIRST TEAM			SECOND TEAM			HONORABLE MENTION		
Name	School	Grade	Name	School	Grade	Name	School	Grade
Berit Berglund	Carmel	Senior	Kayla Barr	Carmel	Sophomore	Isabella Amaya	Westfield	Senior
Lauren Bergman	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior	Claire Francis	Fishers	Sophomore	Alexa Boillat	Westfield	Senior
Lynsey Bowen	Carmel	Sophomore	Naomi Haines	Hamilton Southeastern	Freshman	Helena Gibson	Carmel	Freshman
Addison Carille	Fishers	Freshman	Avery Hannon	Fishers	Freshman	Eloise Harrison	Hamilton Southeastern	Junior
Meghan Christman	Carmel	Senior	Ellie Hayward	Noblesville	Sophomore	Eliana Hill	Westfield	Sophomore
Audrey Crawford	Hamilton Southeastern	Junior	Katelyn Kertin	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior	Alexandra Irvin	Westfield	Junior
Erin Cummins	Carmel	Senior	Parker Kurzawa	Carmel	Senior	Campbell Lively-Mason	Hamilton Heights	Sophomore
Grace Dougherty	Carmel	Junior	Sabrina Ledwith	Noblesville	Freshman	Bridget Mick	Westfield	Sophomore
Lucy Enoch	Carmel	Freshman	Teegan Madara	Hamilton Heights	Junior	Melaina Munson	Carmel	Junior
Keira Kask	Carmel	Senior	Maya McDonald	Noblesville	Junior	Ella Penny	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior
Madelyn Lathrop	Carmel	Junior	Eryn McMahon	Noblesville	Freshman			
Nalanie Marinel Cortez	Fishers	Senior	Grace Newton	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior			
Kate Mouser	Fishers	Senior	Ava Olson	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior			
Jo Jo Ramey	Fishers	Senior	Gretchen Osmun	Fishers	Senior			
Ashley Saple	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior	Frankie Ramey	Fishers	Freshman			
Emma Schwertfeger	Fishers	Sophomore	Caroline Santerre	Noblesville	Senior			
Alex Shackell	Carmel	Sophomore	Emma Schumacher	Fishers	Sophomore			
Avery Stein	Fishers	Junior	Alyssa Street	Carmel	Junior			
Anna Stolle	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior	Exley Tricker	Noblesville	Sophomore			
Molly Sweeney	Carmel	Freshman	Haddie Vohs	Noblesville	Freshman			
Alexandra Ward	Carmel	Sophomore	Kiley Zoeller	Hamilton Southeastern	Sophomore			
Vivian Wilson	Carmel	Senior						

### Wrestling

## Hamilton County's 14 wrestlers gearing for weekend of state finals

**The REPORTER**  
Wrestlers across Indiana are getting geared up for the IHSAA state finals, which take place this weekend at Gainbridge Fieldhouse.

Hamilton County has a solid group heading to downtown Indianapolis, as 14 local wrestlers qualified for the state finals this season. Carmel, Hamilton Southeastern and Westfield each three state qualifiers, while Noblesville has two advancing to state. Fishers, Guerin Catholic and Hamilton Heights all qualified one wrestler to state.

Carmel's roster includes sophomore Michael Major, who is unbeaten for the season at 25-0. Major will take on Prairie Heights sophomore Brock Hagewood in the first round Friday afternoon. Another local wrestler to watch is Hamilton Heights senior Evan Tilton, who holds a 48-1 record. Tilton wrestlers Griffith senior Connor Cervantes, who is 41-1, in the first round.

Gates open for the state finals Friday at 12:30 p.m., then all state-qualifying wrestlers will be honored in the Parade of Champions at 1:30 p.m. The meet begins at

2:30 p.m. with competition in the 106- to 145-pound weight classes, then the 152- to 285-pound weight classes wrestle starting at 5:30 p.m.

All first-round winners advance to Saturday's placement rounds, where they are guaranteed a finish in the top eight.

Here is a list of Hamilton County's state-qualifying wrestlers and their first-round opponents.

**113 pounds**  
Porter Temples, Westfield (sophomore, 30-14) vs. Charlie LaRocca, Center Grove (junior, 38-2)  
Jackson Elliott, Carmel (senior, 31-7) vs. Preston Haines, Brownsburg (junior, 28-9)

**120 pounds**  
Peter Nguyen, Guerin Catholic (junior, 39-4) vs. Jake Hockaday, Brownsburg (sophomore, 29-4)

**126 pounds**  
Griffin Ingalls, Fishers (senior, 38-4) vs. Guillermo Rivera, Lake Central (junior, 34-7)

**138 pounds**  
Michael Major, Carmel (sophomore, 25-0) vs. Brock Hagewood, Prairie Heights (sophomore, 33-5)

**145 pounds**  
Ike O'Neill, Westfield (senior, 38-4) vs. Luke Robards, Evansville Central (senior, 38-3)

**152 pounds**  
Jason Rooney, Westfield (senior, 25-11) vs. Beau Brabender, Mishawaka (junior, 40-4)

Zach Lang, Hamilton Southeastern (junior, 34-7) vs. Hunter Miller, Wawasee (senior, 35-6)  
Carter Richardson, Noblesville (junior, 32-14) vs. Adrian Pellot, Merrillville (sophomore, 36-5)

**160 pounds**  
Nathan Powell, Carmel (senior, 18-2) vs. Michael Hutchison, Cascade (senior, 41-5)

**170 pounds**  
Zack Wagner, Hamilton Southeastern (senior, 36-6) vs. Cody Goodwin, Crown Point (senior, 21-4)

**182 pounds**  
Evan Tilton, Hamilton Heights (senior, 48-1) vs. Connor Cervantes, Griffith (senior, 41-1)

**220 pounds**  
Austin Hastings, Noblesville (junior, 37-4) vs. Brady Beck, Rochester (junior, 41-1)

**285 pounds**  
Dom Burgett, Hamilton Southeastern (senior, 35-2) vs. Tyler Wright, Eastern (senior, 37-4)

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# Noblesville’s own Brooke Lahee commits to University of Louisville



Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics  
Noblesville’s Brooke Lahee has committed to the University of Louisville cross country and track and field teams. (Front row, from left) Andrea Lahee (mother), Brooke Lahee, William Lahee (father). (Back row, from left) Hannah Dwyer (Noblesville Girls’ Cross Country Assistant Coach), Alyssa Lahee (sister), Aaron Becker (Noblesville Girls’ Cross Country Head Coach), and A.J. Snyder (Noblesville Girls’ Cross Country Assistant Coach).

## Colts fans react to new head coach Shane Steichen

By CAMILA FERNANDEZ  
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Getting a new head coach is exciting for a lot of Colts fans. Some fans say while they are thankful for the work Interim Coach Jeff Saturday put into the team, they also want to see more wins and are hopeful that the new head coach, Shane Steichen, will help make it happen. Jake Query, morning co-host at 107.5 The Fan, said, “Shane Steichen was a guy that was on the radar fairly early ... They went with an offensive coach. They went

with a young coach.” Query took a closer look at the change. “I think it’s the right step,” he said. “I think it’s the right first step, but I think there are still auxiliary steps that have to take place, two, three, and four, and also roster building that has to take place in order for Indianapolis to get where they want to go. “Maybe this brings some long-term stability. You have to hope! And if not you go right back into the revolving door in four or five years, but buckle in because it’ll be fun to watch,” Query said.

“Steichen obviously coming from a situation where Philadelphia had a dynamic offense. He’s worked with multiple quarterbacks of varying styles, so I think that gives Indianapolis some flexibility of what they want to try to do schematically in terms of their offense.” Colts fans know what they want for the new football season. Jessica Cicchini, an Indianapolis resident, said, “I guess just win more games.” Fans will be depending on the former Philadelphia Eagles offensive coordinator to move the team into a

different direction. Courtney Kooy, an Indianapolis resident, said, “With a new coach coming in, maybe a new strategy. Hopefully, a more stable quarterback situation. That’s my hope for this year.” Kooy also said she’s thankful for the former interim head coach. “I love Jeff Saturday,” Kooy. “I think anybody from Indianapolis loves Jeff Saturday. They tried it out and I think he did the best he could. That’s not his job. I mean he did great, but we know that we really need a permanent head coach.”

# 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 STATE FINALS**  
At Gainbridge Fieldhouse  
First round, 106 to 145 pounds, 2 p.m.  
First round, 152 to 285 pounds, 5:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 18**  
**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
Evansville Christian at Noblesville, 2:30 p.m.  
University at Decatur Central, 3:30 p.m.  
Sheridan at Western Boone, 7:30 p.m.  
**BOYS SWIMMING SECTIONALS**  
Diving prelims, 9 a.m.  
Swimming and diving finals, 1 p.m.  
Carmel, Guerin Catholic, Westfield at Noblesville  
Fishers, Hamilton Heights at Hamilton Southeastern  
University at North Central  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL SEMI-STATES**  
At Huntington North  
Fishers vs. Fort Wayne Snider, 10 a.m.  
Lake Central vs. South Bend Washington, noon  
Championship, 8 p.m.  
At La Porte  
Hamilton Heights vs. Twin Lakes, 11 a.m. (10 a.m. CT)  
Tippecanoe Valley vs. Fairfield, 1 p.m. (Noon CT)  
Championship, 8:30 p.m. (7:30 p.m. CT)  
**GYMNASTICS**  
Noblesville at Southmont, noon  
**WRESTLING STATE FINALS**  
At Gainbridge Fieldhouse  
Quarterfinals, 9 a.m. (Semi-finals to follow)  
Consolation matches, 4:30 p.m.  
Championship matches, 7:30 p.m.

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