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Westfield High School Culinary Arts students met with Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch (above left) and State Representative Donna Schaibley (above right) during Hospitality Leadership Day at the Statehouse.



Photos provided by Westfield Washington Schools

Westfield Foodies Rock the Indiana Statehouse

The REPORTER

Westfield High School Culinary Arts students had the opportunity and honor to be the ProStart High School representative at the Indiana Statehouse as part of Hospitality Leadership Day.

The students prepared 450 samples of a signature dish: mini key lime pie cups made from scratch. In addition to the students, top local restaurants such as St. Elmo's, Ruth's Chris, Cunningham Group were on hand.

The Culinary Arts students got more out of the day. They met countless senators, representatives, CEOs, and Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch. Everyone was so eager to talk to the students and were beyond impressed with their professionalism. The students were excited to share about their culinary program, and they had a new experience in representing themselves in such a professional setting.

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The Westfield High School Culinary Arts students certainly rocked the Statehouse with their made-from-scratch key lime pie cups.

fully functioning foodservice operation that is student-centered and fostered through the Westfield High School Culinary Arts program.

Members are highly trained in customer service, hospitality, culinary techniques, food safety and sanitation. Foodies

Rock holds a Food Permit by the Hamilton County Board of Health. Advisors Nikki Heflin and Bryan Ferreira are ServSafe Manager certified, and will follow the National Restaurant Association's Guidelines for food preparation.

Chef Heflin and Chef Fer-

reira each have over 20 years of industry experience, and they love guiding their students in making both the optics and cuisine for your event out of this world. Inquire with Chef Heflin about booking by calling (317) 701-4440 or email whs-foodiesrock@wss.k12.in.us.

Ode to a porch

Editor's note: Scott Saalman is spending the week trying to find himself. He recommends that you read a better writer, Meghan Quinn, who lives in Indianapolis. You porch lovers will appreciate this piece.

GUEST COLUMNIST

 MEGHAN QUINN

When my family returned to the Midwest from Los Angeles, Calif., in 1984, I was only three years old. We moved into my mom's family's summer cabin at Lake Lawrence in Illinois, where I would grow up. We had a huge outdoor patio and a screened-in front porch. These spaces were my favorite places, the places where I was safe, in our yard, but free outdoors to run and play and jump and be a kid.

There, I learned to ride a bicycle, steer a Roller Racer, drive a Cozy Coupe Little Tykes car, master the roller-skates, and where I learned the importance of NOT pogo-balling on a picnic table.

It was where my sister and I spent countless hours drying off in swimsuits and playing with the neighbor kids. It was the first place I ever cupped my hands and held a wild animal, a little black and yellow salamander. It was where I waited anxiously

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Retirement party for Carmel officer Scott Spillman

The REPORTER

The City of Carmel will hold a retirement party for Officer Scott Spill of the Carmel Police Department from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 2 at the Clay Township Trustee's Office, 10701 N. College Ave., Carmel.

Congratulations to Officer Spillman on 25 years of hard work and dedication to his community and law enforcement. Thank you for your service.



Spillman

Noblesville Civil War novelist Kevin Yaney to present at Rotary Club

The REPORTER

Noblesville resident and business owner Kevin Yaney will make a presentation at the Noblesville Rotary breakfast meeting at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 16 at Ginger's Café, 1111 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

Yaney is an author and has just published *The Fourth of July*, a trilogy of historical fiction books set during the Civil War. The author will be signing books at the event. The breakfast event is open to the public.

The three books of *The Fourth of July* trilogy tell the story of Louisa McLain and her two sons, George and Will. Sixty years after the war, on the Fourth of July, Louisa is in a nursing home, reading letters her sons sent her during the conflict. As the story unfolds, it is discovered that both George and Will were recruited as Union spies. They were sent perilously behind enemy lines, dressed as Confederate soldiers. They also became part of the abolitionists' movement through the Underground Railroad, running slaves out of the South to freedom.

The books explore the complicated issues of the day, particularly slavery and the radical abolitionist movement to eradicate it by any means. It also reveals the strong ties of family and faith that those scattered by the atrocities of war will be reunited. If you enjoy history, the books are very true to actual events.



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Yaney will talk about Indiana's connection to the war and how economics and politics around the issue of slavery brought about the conditions that caused the divide that resulted in the Civil War. He will also talk about the impact the Civil War has had on us today.

For more information on the books, go to FourthOfJulyBook.com.

For more information about the Noblesville Rotary Club, go to Noblesville-RotaryClub.org.

ATI announces cast for world premiere of *Mr. Confidential*

The REPORTER

Actors Theatre of Indiana (ATI) has determined the cast for the world premiere production of *Mr. Confidential*.

This musical, based on a true story, is a giddy, vibrant tale set in New York and Hollywood at their most glamorous and dangerous. The sizzle starts here: a story of family, dreams, innocence, love and scandal. When Bob Harrison created *Confidential Magazine* in 1952, he gave the public gossip, humor, and sex.

But he also offered something totally unexpected – the truth about the rich and famous! It quickly became the No. 1 selling magazine in America. Soon, Bob wasn't just telling the story, he was the story, with headlines, scandals, and a wild ride of his own.

Not only is the storyline exciting, but the fact that the cast was selected from central Indiana actors – all getting the unique experience of performing in a world premiere – is even more exciting.

The book and lyrics are by Samuel Garza Bernstein, who is also directing the musical. The leading role of Robert (Bob) Harrison will be played by ATI's own Don Farrell. Co-Founders Cynthia Collins and Judy Fitzgerald will play Edith Tobias and Frances Rushmore, respectively.

See the full cast list in the green box on this page.

Music and Orchestration by David Snyder. Nathan Perry will be Musical Director and conduct the band, which includes Greg Wolff on drums and percussion, Christian Starnes on bass, Neil Broecker on reed, Jeff Anderson on trumpet, and Lori Honer on cello.

Willem DeVries will serve as Technical Director, Choreographer and Scenic

Cast of *Mr. Confidential*

Actor	Role
Diana O'Halloran	Jeannie Douglas
Shelbi Berry	Marjorie Meade
Tim Fullerton	Howard Rushmore
Jacob Butler	Michael Tobias
John B. Vessels, Jr.	Walter Winchell
Jaddy Ciucci	Francesca De La Pena
Kieran Danaan	Fred Meade
Jason Frierson	Preston Wright
Emily Bohannon	Gail Forrester
Megan Arrington	Betty Zeidler
Matthew Conwell	Alex Coveny



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Designer. Costume Designer is Tony Sirk. Amanda French is Wig Master and Baxter Chambers will be Lighting Designer. The positions of Projection and Sound Designer

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PORCH

while my dad baited my homemade fishing pole in the evenings to take me fishing down at the dock. It was where I learned to gently catch lightning bugs and set them free, and it was where I roamed and explored the world, fell and scraped my knees and elbows, and learned the art of getting back up and moving on.

The porch was where I accidentally opened the door of the cage of our family’s beloved Yellow Headed Amazon parrot, Percy, and watched in astonishment as he took flight and sailed over the roof of our house, out over the lake, eventually coming to rest on the surface of the water at the sandbar about thirty yards out from our dock. And I stood and watched from that patio as my mom raced down the steps to the beach, kicked off her shoes, dove straight into the water with all her clothes on, and swam as fast as she could to retrieve the grumpy bird.

It is where we said goodbye to our old mutt “We-Dog” after she passed away, and where we witnessed the incredible birth of our cat Julie’s kittens, where we cradled them in our arms and marveled at their cuteness together in the days ahead.

It never occurred to me that part of the reason this

outdoor space played such a huge role in our lives was because we did not have air conditioning (and wouldn’t for several years) and that we owned a television set but rarely ever sat down to watch it, mostly because at that time cable was not yet available at Lake Lawrence, and in order to get any channels to come in, someone often had to stand just-so and hold the “rabbit ear” antennae at just exactly the right angle in order for us to get a clear picture. I just knew it was our family’s space, where we carried on the business of being a family together.

As I sat down and began writing this piece, I Googled “porch sitting” out of curiosity. I was surprised at the results.

I had no idea that houses in Florida were required to have front porches at one point in time, before the invention of air conditioning, as an area where families could gather to cool off and socialize with the neighbors. As these became popular staples in neighborhoods, more people across the country began building them on their homes. In the evenings, families would sit together and visit with neighbors. It added an element of, not only socialization, but also security to a neighborhood, as it was

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proven to lower crime rates, with porch sitters serving as a line of defense, sets of eyes and ears all over the neighborhood, keeping their thumbs on the pulse of their communities.

When the pandemic arrived in March of 2020 in our little sleepy town, I longed for warm weather and sunny days. And as those arrived, my family, without even meaning to, moved our activities out onto the porch of the giant American four-square house where we currently live in Old Town, Vincennes. We do have air conditioning and television now, but there was something about being able to go outside, the chance encounters with neighbors on morning, afternoon, evening walks – the opportunity to socialize safely, from a distance, but still able to make those important human connections, to remind ourselves that we are all in this together, no matter how far apart we have to stand.

My daughter and her friends had socially distanced porch parties, during which they had Bobe’s delivered to the front steps and watched movies together spread across the porch. We visited with our parents on the porch, in lawn chairs and old-fashioned wooden rockers. We ate dinners on the porch.

We orchestrated our daughter Taylor’s high school graduation ceremony and “open house” from the safety of that porch. We held a small, intimate, going-away party for our beloved Japanese exchange student, Miyu, on that porch.

I taught internet college courses, read books, and occasionally took naps on the porch. I kept an eye on the neighborhood, learned more about the world there, and as a result, I was reminded of the myriad reasons I love porches.

Currently, my family is renting a house in Indianapolis, and here, too, we have a porch. I long for warmer weather and sunshine, for the chance to sit on that porch and hear the neighborhood kids playing, watching the sunlight change subtly as the day moves forward. I long to sit on that porch with a cold glass of ice water waiting on the evening cicadas to begin their song and transport me back to that porch of my childhood, back to Lake Lawrence, back to the simplicity and beauty of learning how to navigate the world from the safety of a porch.

You can contact Meghan Quinn at meghanon-theporch@gmail.com. Visit her website, pardon-theporch.com.

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will both be carried out by Zach Rosing. Rounding out the crew for this production will be Kevin Casey as Production Stage Manager with Assistant Stage Manager Emma Littau.

Plan to attend this once-in-a-lifetime experience of taking part in a world premiere production and enjoying the talent of these central Indiana performers. *Mr. Confidential* will be performed from April 28 through May 14 at The Studio Theater on the campus of The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. Tickets are available at atistage.org or by visiting the Center for the Performing Arts website.

Thanks for reading

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PREVAIL

Advocating for Victims of Crime & Abuse

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

- Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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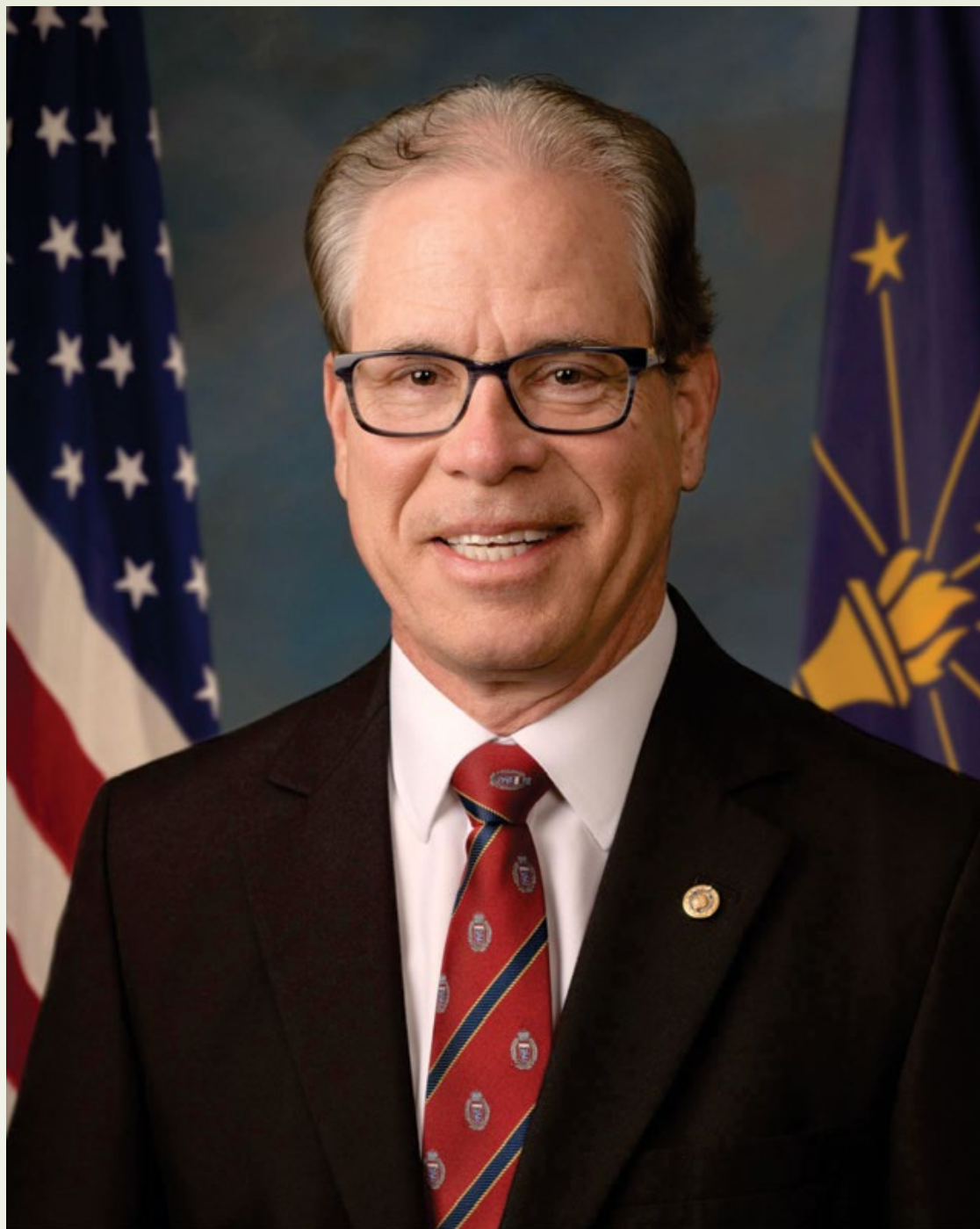
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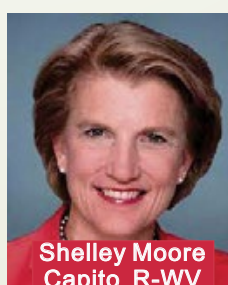
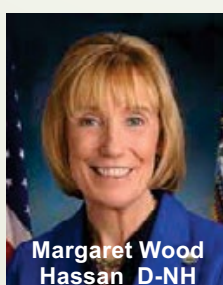
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Sheridan FFA brings the zoo to kids

The Sheridan FFA chapter culminated FFA Week with a petting zoo for elementary students, who were delighted to see and pet over 10 different kinds of animals. (Photos provided by Sheridan Community Schools)



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Congresswoman Spartz to Host Town Hall in Hamilton
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Indiana Township Association releases findings on efficiency & effectiveness of township government

The REPORTER

In response to continued legislative efforts to change or eliminate township government, the Indiana Township Association (ITA) created a task force and worked with the Indiana University Public Policy Institute to study the efficiency and effectiveness of Indiana township government and develop policy recommendations.

The task force was made up of ITA officials, state legislators, state agency representatives, and a variety of other stakeholders.

“Part of the value of township government is found in the important and timely services we provide to the people. These services include township assistance including case management; fire protection and EMS; parks and recreation; and the maintenance, preservation, and restoration of cemeteries,” ITA Executive Director Debbie Driskell said. “ITA will use the data and recommendations in this report to continue our collaborative work with townships and with legislators to make township governments stronger as well as more effective and efficient. We look forward to initiating and supporting

changes that will enhance our delivery of critical services to Indiana’s citizens.”

Data was collected from township offices across the state and compiled in six different population tiers. The Task Force met nine times and developed a set of recommendations that were adopted by township officials at the ITA conference last fall.

The 27 total recommendations are broken down into categories of: township structure and mergers, finances, township assistance, fire and EMS services, education, and communication. Below are some of the key recommendations:

- Encourage townships to consider interlocal arrangements to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of local services
- Provide support to townships that wish to pursue voluntary mergers
- Allow nonvoluntary mergers of townships if certain criteria is met
- Make townships eligible for state grants and low-interest loan funding
- Strengthen board over-



Driskell

local income tax allocations

- Mandate annual continuing education for elected officials and critical staff
- Expand education of the public, K-12 students, and policy makers about the duties and values of township government

“During the interim of the 2022 legislative year, I participated in the Indiana Township Association task force. The task force included township mergers, elected officials, and academia,” State Representative Doug Miller said. “I found the data eye opening and the discussion around the data informative. I have high expectations that recommended actions will upgrade customer service to Hoosiers, provide fewer layers of government, and ensure all Hoosiers have ready access to police, fire, and ambulance services.”

There is currently legis-

slation pending at the state-

house regarding the allocation of funds for townships that supply EMS and Fire. **Senate Bill 78**, proposed by State Senator Rick Niemeier, would allow for these qualifying townships to apply for a distribution of public safety local income tax revenues from the county. The bill passed unanimously through the Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy committee and passed the full Senate by a vote of 48-1. It is now headed to the Indiana House of Representatives.

“ITA seeks to use the results of the study to work together with state legislators and agency officials to enact many of the associated recommendations to ensure the needs of Hoosiers continue to be met at the local level,” Driskell said.

The study is a result of a compilation of a significant amount of data from public and private sources, as well as the results of a 24-question survey developed by the project team in consultation with the ITA Board and Task Force and completed by township trustees.

[Click here](#) for more information about the ITA and the 100-page document detailing the result findings.

Samuel W. Hughes named partner at Church Church Hittle + Antrim

The REPORTER

Church Church Hittle + Antrim (CCHA Law) has announced that **Samuel W. Hughes** has been named Partner.

Hughes is a partner in the firm’s **Litigation** and Insurance Defense practice sections. He is licensed to practice law in Indiana and Georgia. His practice includes representing individuals and corporations in all aspects of litigation, from pre-suit negotiation through trial.

Hughes’ defense practice focuses on representing

and defending public entities, public employees, and elected officials in personal injury, wrongful death, and civil rights claims. He says he looks forward to providing high quality, results driven legal representation to clients for years to come.

“Since joining CCHA, Sam has been an instrumental part of our growing and thriving litigation practice,” Managing Partner Alex Pin-



Hughes

egar said. “Moreover, he is simply a delightful colleague and a joy to work with. We are very pleased to welcome Sam into the partnership.”

Hughes’ promotion to partner strengthens CCHA’s presence as one of the oldest and most established law firms in Indiana. As a full-service law firm, CCHA Law provides a myriad of legal services to clients across a wide variety of practice areas including

complex litigation, personal injury, governmental entity and municipal law, education, business formation and representation, divorce and family law, estate planning and administration, real estate law, criminal law, labor and employment law, mediation services and appellate litigation.

Church Church Hittle and Antrim serves clients across the state with offices in Noblesville, Fishers, Fort Wayne, Tipton, Merrillville, Westfield, and Zionsville. Learn more at [cchalaw.com](#).

Sogility will be featured on upcoming United Soccer Coaches Podcast

The REPORTER

Sogility will be featured on an upcoming United Soccer Coaches Podcast to talk about its world-class soccer training technology.

Sogility will appear on the podcast on Thursday, March 2. The segment will include information about the 2023 United Soccer Coaches Convention and how Sogility is revolutionizing soccer training.

“A highlight of our

time in Philly was certainly getting a chance to share more about Sogility with Dean and the United Soccer Coaches Convention attendees,” Sogility CEO Jimmy Carson said. “We were honored to be a part of the podcast and look forward to being able to share more about Sogility on a larger platform.”

The United Soccer Coaches Podcast is hosted by Dean Linke, a veteran sports broadcaster who



has more than 15 years of experience in the industry. He has called games for several major networks including FOX, ESPN, Big Ten Network, and more.

About Sogility
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Fishers road construction update

The REPORTER

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

State Road 37 & 141st Street

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

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

The full timeline for the 141st Street interchange will be provided after project bids are accepted in the Fall of 2023. View detour routes [here](#).

116th Street over White River Bridge
Beginning on or after

Monday, Feb. 27, there will be temporary lane closures on 116th Street between Hazel Dell Parkway and Eller Road for bridge joint repairs performed by Hamilton County. One lane will be closed at a time and are expected to occur between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

131st Street

During the week of Feb. 27, Comcast will be doing utility work on 131st Street from Howe Road to Promise Road then north on Promise Road to 141st Street. Lane restrictions will be in place between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

106th Street & Hoosier Road

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

106th Street & Cumberland Road

During the week of Feb. 27, Duke Energy will be tree trimming on 106th Street between Cumberland Road and Fall Road. Lane restrictions will be in place between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Cumberland Road
During the week of Feb.

27, Duke Energy will be tree trimming on Cumberland Road between 106th and 116th streets. Lane restrictions will be in place between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Fall Creek Road

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

Capital Project & Development Dashboards

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

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

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Encouraging military members to call the Hoosier state ‘home’

I remember filling out paperwork after getting ready to start officer training school back in 2005, and other people were passing around a paper that had all the states that exempted you from the individual income tax. Other people were saying you needed to put down one of those states as your home of record. To me, it was so foreign to put any other state but Indiana down.

We want our nation's service members to choose our state, and hopefully join our workforce and plant their roots here. To attract and encourage more service members to locate our state, I



GUEST COLUMNIST
CHRIS JETER
State Representative

co-authored legislation this session to phase in a complete income-tax exemption for military pay for Indiana's active military members.

Currently, active military members can qualify for a maximum \$5,000 exemption from the state individual income tax, and active duty Indiana National Guard and reserve members receive a full exemption. If passed, **House Bill 1034** would include a 25 percent exemption on military pay in 2024, 50 percent exemption in 2025, a 75 percent exemption in 2026 and end with a full exemption by 2027.

Military members are a tremendous asset and their skills transition well into the civilian workforce. Indiana is facing a skilled labor shortage, with more than 85,000 open job opportunities. These professionals have the leadership, communication, and technical skills our state needs, and this legislation would offer a great incentive for them to live and work here.

After their service, veterans can begin careers in a number of fields, like health care, technology and law enforcement, but the first step is finding a place to call home. With neighboring states like Michigan and Kentucky already offering a complete exemption for military income, Indiana needs

to offer the same incentives to service members and support those looking to make a life here.

Indiana is home to many skilled veterans, and it's important we continue to encourage more active-duty military members to locate to our communities when they transition out of the service. House Bill 1034 recently advanced to the Indiana Senate for further consideration. To follow it throughout the legislative process, visit iga.in.gov. To stay in touch, sign up for my e-newsletter at in.gov/h88.

State Rep. Chris Jeter (R-Fishers) represents House District 88, which includes portions of Hamilton, Hancock, Madison and Marion counties.

Rep. Spartz returns from southern border: “this insanity must stop”

The REPORTER

This week, Rep. Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) traveled to Yuma, Ariz., with her House Judiciary Committee colleagues to assess the current situation at the southern border firsthand.

The Judiciary Committee members visited the border, medical center, and local food bank, and met with farmers, local government members, and Arizona sheriffs. The Judiciary Committee also held a field hearing with many border residents attending at the Yuma City Hall.



Spartz

“This is the sixth sector of the southern border in three states I have visited since being elected to Congress in 2020, so I will be very blunt,” Rep. Spartz said. “Our federal government has created perverse incentives to benefit Mexican cartels and China at the expense of the American people.

We are incentivizing women trafficking, child trafficking, drug trafficking and modern-day slavery with your tax dollars. This insanity must stop.”

[Click here](#) to watch the hearing.

Baldwin’s bill to provide tax relief to Hoosier businesses signed into law

The REPORTER

A Senate Republican priority bill authored by State Sen. Scott Baldwin (R-Noblesville) to provide tax relief to Hoosier businesses was signed into law by Gov. Eric Holcomb on Wednesday.

Senate Enrolled Act 2 changes state tax law so that LLCs and S Corporations can deduct all state

tax payments on federal tax returns, on behalf of owners, resulting in what could be over \$100 million in federal tax savings for Hoosier small businesses over the next two tax year filings.

“I am really appreciative of the effort that went into passing this piece of bipartisan legislation,” Baldwin said. “Seeing the commitment to moving this forward in a timely manner reinforces the legislature's and state's commitment to helping Hoosier small businesses. This new law builds on our already strong business climate and continues to make Indiana a great place to live and work.”

Under federal law, businesses can deduct their state tax payments from their federal tax liability. For businesses that pay income tax as a corporation, such as C Corporations,



Baldwin

which are normally larger businesses, this deduction is unlimited. However, for companies where the owners or shareholders pay their own individual income taxes, such as LLCs and S Corps, this deduction is limited to \$10,000.

SEA 2 allows LLCs and S Corps to receive an unlimited federal deduction for their state tax payments, similar to C Corps.

Eligible businesses can take advantage of this new law on 2022 taxes being filed this year, and Hoosiers are urged to consult their tax advisors for details.

State Sen. Scott Baldwin (R-Noblesville) represents Senate District 20, which includes portions of Hamilton County.

Hear from women in media at this year’s OneZone Chamber Women’s Luncheon on March 15

The REPORTER

Join OneZone Chamber for the annual Women’s Luncheon. This year’s topic is Women in Media. Attendees will hear from an inspiring panel of women along with the opportunity to network.

This event will be held at FORUM Events Center from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15. Registration is required by noon on Wednesday, March 1. The member rate to attend is \$45, and the non-member rate is \$65.

“This is one of our most popular events of the year!” OneZone Chamber President & CEO Jack Russell said. “We are excited to welcome

some incredible panelists who will share their journey and insight on their careers. This event always sparks energy and takeaways and we hope you can join us.”

The panelists for this event include Nicole Pence Becker, owner of Pence Media Group; Chelsea Kopelman, founder of Keeping Up in Carmel; and Larra Overton, host, reporter, and producer for the Indianapolis Colts. This event will be moderated by Kathy Krusie, Chief Administrative Officer of Community Physician Network.

Reservations can be made at onezonechamber.com or by calling (317) 436-4653.



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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.

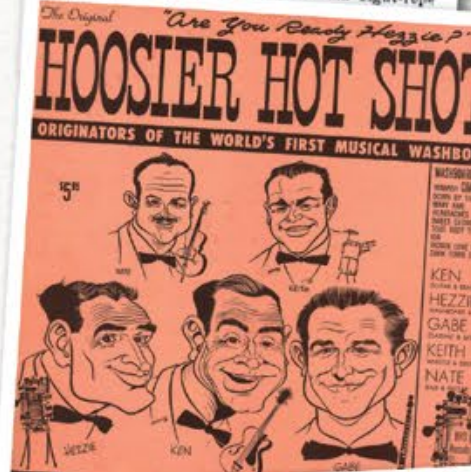
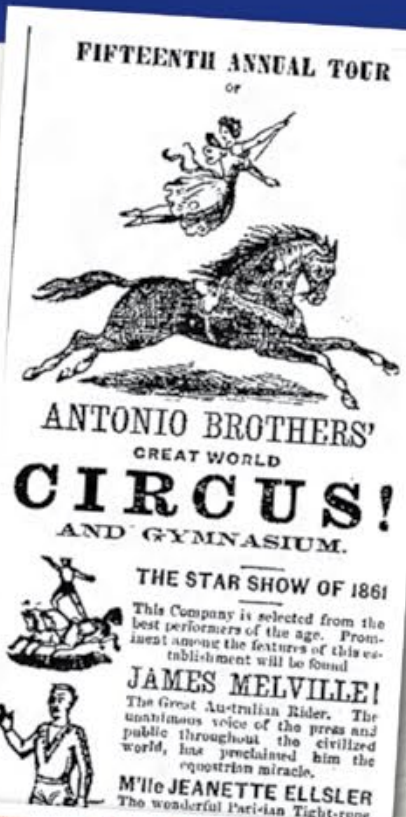
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FIRST FARMERS

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***

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Learn to get control in this chaotic world

The REPORTER

Local artist and teacher Tina Mangos will be joined by Cathy Boone-Black enlightening experience on the relationship between the mind, body, and soul.

Empower yourself to feel in control for an optimum life. Learn mind-body and breathing techniques to think calmly in a chaotic world. Explore the creative process and have fun

with Latin dance freestyle moves. It's a no-judgement zone, so you can go outside your comfort zone.

This is a free workshop, but you must email tina-tango@aol.com to reserve your spot. Afterwards, you'll get a confirmation. Space is limited, so reserve your spot today!

Boone-Black will teach a six-week seminar starting March 22. Details will be

posted soon at TinaMangosArts.com.

About Tina Mangos

Tina Mangos offers art-based programs to enhance your daily life and productivity. For over 40 years in arts and education, she has researched and collaborated with others to organize cultural events and teach classes for youth and adults. Learn more at TinaMangosArts.com.

Captain Josh Carey retiring from Sheriff's Department



Photo provided

Hamilton County Sheriff's Department Captain Josh Carey has announced his retirement, effective at the end of February. Captain Carey has served the agency and community for more than 28 years. During his time at the Sheriff's Office, he served in many roles, from Corrections Officer all the way to Jail Commander. His leadership has moved the agency and jail division to the highest level, as other agencies consider the Hamilton County Jail the gold standard. Captain Carey has been a great mentor and friend to many of the officers and staff of the department. He will be sorely missed.

Marmon Wasp classic car commemorated in roundabout sculpture



Photo provided by City of Carmel

The first of four sculptures by local artist Arlon Bayliss was installed at 96th Street and Priority Way last week. This sculpture commemorates the Marmon Wasp, which won the first Indianapolis 500 in 1911. There will be an official installation ceremony in the spring. [Click here](#) to read more about the series of four roundabout sculptures celebrating Indiana's classic cars.

Are You Heaven Bound?



Are you heaven or hell bound? Those are the only choices. One day we will hear well done or depart from Me. Which do you want to hear? We kindly invite you to study with us to help you make the best choice and how you can make that a reality.

At the **Stony Creek Church of Christ**, we assemble on Sundays and Wednesdays to seek a better understanding of Jesus and His ways. You are encouraged and invited to join us for those studies or call for a private study.



Stony Creek Church of Christ

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(317) 219-5852

Sunday Bible Study 10:00 am

Sunday Worship 11:00 am

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

Spring into conversation with native plants & rain barrels

The REPORTER

Spring rains, sunshine, and blooms are on the horizon. Plan ahead for your property by ordering your native plants and rain barrels from the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). SWCD has all the tools you need to conserve water and support pollinators like bees and butterflies with beautiful native plants.

Native plant kits allow you to take the guesswork out of plant selection by providing a set of plants that will be perfect for your yard. Each native plant kit contains 50 native plant plugs for \$135. There is a kit for all areas of your yard including pollinator, rain (for wetter areas), shade and prairie grass.

Rain barrels are also available for pre-order for \$85. These re-purposed barrels capture rainwater from your downspout and roof and hold it for later use. Rain barrel water is great for

watering plants and gardens or even washing the car. In peak summer months, a rain barrel can save around 1,300 gallons of free, naturally soft water for your use. Pre-pay for your barrel and choose between grey and black 55-gallon rain barrels. Accessories like diverters systems for easily installation, wooden stands, and linking hoses are also available.

Plant kit and rain barrel pre-orders can be placed online at hamiltonswcd.org. Orders for plants are due March 30 and rain barrel pre-orders are due April 27. Rain barrels can be picked up May 9 and 10 in Noblesville and plants the week of June 5. All proceeds support conservation projects and education in Hamilton County.

More information on native plants and rain barrels can be found at hamiltonswcd.org.

Questions regarding the sales or SWCD resources can be directed to at



Photos provided

soil.water@hamilton-county.in.gov or by calling (317) 773-2181.

Carmel residents are eligible for a \$50 to \$75 rebate

from the City Stormwater Program after installing a rain barrel. Click here for more information on this program.

Industrial union treasurer convicted after embezzling more than \$91,000 over six years

The REPORTER

Matthew Archer, 59, McCordsville, has been convicted of wire fraud.

According to court documents, from 2006 to December 2019, Archer served as the treasurer for an industrial union located in Indianapolis. As part of his employment, Archer was responsible for maintaining the union's bank accounts and records.

On multiple occasions between 2013 and 2019, Archer illegally transferred funds from the union's bank account into his personal bank accounts. Between 2017 and 2019, he also electronically transferred funds from the union's bank account into his own to pay his personal car loan.

Additionally, in 2018 and 2019, Archer submitted fraudulent Labor Organization Annual Reports to the Department of Labor. On these forms, he falsely reported the union's assets and overstated how much money was in its bank account. On both occasions, he reported that the union had \$151,000 available when it actually had less than \$11,000.

To conceal his scheme, Archer created fraudulent bank statements that overstated how much money was in the union's accounts and forged the signatures of the union's auditors on internal reports.

In total, Archer embezzled \$91,951.86 from the union, and has been ordered to repay the stolen funds as restitution.

"For years, this defendant lied and abused his

position of trust to line his own pockets at the expense of the union and members he was supposed to serve," said Zachary A. Myers, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana. "This prosecution demonstrates that the Department of Labor and the U.S. Attorney's Office are watching, and those who embezzle funds will be held accountable."

"Safeguarding financial integrity and combating fraud in labor unions is a high priority for the U.S. Department of Labor," said Megan Ireland, District Director, U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Labor-Management Standards. "Most union officials do their work with great care, but Matthew Archer betrayed the trust placed in him by the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA) and embezzled over \$91,000 from LIUNA Local 1325, at the expense of LIUNA and its members. OLMS continuously works to identify criminal violations and pursue legal action when individuals unlawfully exploit their union positions without regard to the best interests of the union and its members."

The U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Labor-Management Standards, investigated this case. The sentence was imposed by U.S. District Court Judge Jane Magnus Stinson.

U.S. Attorney Myers thanked Assistant United States Attorney Adam Eakman, who prosecuted this case.

United Way names region's top young philanthropists for 2023

The REPORTER

United Way of Central Indiana has recognized five winners of the ELEVATE awards, an annual event that honors the region's top young philanthropists.

Winners were selected by a panel of five judges and announced Saturday at the fifth annual awards, held at the Biltwell Event Center in Indianapolis. ELEVATE also serves as a fundraiser for United Way's

Basic Needs Fund, which helps provide Hoosiers with healthy food, affordable housing, reliable transportation, and access to health care services.

This year's event was presented by Old National Bank.

ELEVATE recognizes advocates, leaders, nonprofit employees, and volunteers between the ages of 21 and 40. More than 80 nominations were submitted, and

20 finalists were selected.

The finalists also were eligible to be named the People's Choice winner, which was awarded by the public.

This year's winners are:

- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advocate of the Year, presented by Eli Lilly and Company: Britt Sutton, ArtMix
- Emerging Leader of the Year, presented by Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield:

De'Niece Harrison-Hudson, OneAmerica Financial Partners

• Nonprofit Employee of the Year, presented by Delta Faucet Company: Rachel Santos, Indiana Latino Institute

• Volunteer of the Year, presented by Roche: Waleed Al-Hamed, IndyHub

• People's Choice, presented by Katz, Sapper & Miller: Stacia Murphy, Indy Chamber

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
- 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

- Sheridan Clerk Treasurer (vote for 1)*
Elizabeth (Liz) A Walden – R
- 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

Register to vote at IndianaVoters.com

New statistics released on suicide-related deaths

The REPORTER
Jason Foundation, Inc., a nationally recognized leader in suicide prevention and awareness, shared data released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that show an increase in suicide rates, deaths, and suicidal behavior in the country's youth.

The CDC released a preliminary report regarding changes in suicide rates examined by race, ethnicity, and age. Within the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, the authors state that their "...analyses demonstrate disparities in suicide rates among populations based on race and ethnicity and age group in the context of overall suicide rates nearly returning to their 2018 peak after two years of declines." More than 48,000 Americans died by suicide in 2021.

The CDC also released the 2021 Youth Risk Behavioral Survey: Data Summary and Trends Report. This survey includes national, state, and local school-based representative samples of ninth-through 12th-grade students. The purpose is to monitor priority health risk behaviors that contribute to the leading causes of death, disability, and social problems among youth in the United States. The surveys are conducted every two years to determine the prevalence of these health risk behaviors. Behaviors that contribute to unhealthy lifestyles and those that indicate possible depression and/or suicidal ideation are included.

In 2021, suicide was the second leading cause of death for middle and high school-aged youth (aged 12 to 18). The figures below highlight results from the

high school questionnaire focused on mental health and suicidality from the report. Unless noted, the questions are in reference to the previous 12 months prior to the survey.

- More than half of all high school females (57 percent) reported that they felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for at least two weeks in a row that they stopped doing their usual activities.
- Twenty-nine percent experienced poor mental health during the past 30 days.
- Almost one in four (22 percent) reported seriously considering suicide in the past year.
- Females (24 percent) were twice as likely to make a plan on how to attempt suicide than male students (12 percent).
- One in 10 high school youth attempted suicide one

or more times within 12 months of the survey.

The Jason Foundation is dedicated to the awareness and prevention of youth suicide through educational programs that equip youth, parents, educators, and the community with the resources to identify and assist at-risk youth. Those who consider suicide usually give signs of their intention, either behaviorally or verbally. Knowing the warning signs and how to help could save a life. Visit The Jason Foundation's website, JasonFoundation.com, to learn more about how you can help make a difference and obtain programs at no cost.

If you or someone you love is struggling with depression or thinking about suicide, get help now. You can reach the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline by calling or texting 988.

AG Rokita & team triumph in court over Timothy Stark from *Tiger King*, earning praise from judge

The REPORTER
Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita and his team have announced a win in the case against *Tiger King*'s Timothy Stark in the Court of Appeals of Indiana.

"These majestic animals should be treated with respect and properly cared for, as they are all God's creatures," Rokita said.

The court affirmed Stark is personally liable for funds and assets misappropriated from his nonprofit corporation Wildlife In Need (WIN). This case should serve as an example to all nonprofit organizations that they must use donations for their intended purposes and cannot misrepresent their activities to would-be donors.

"Despite his 15 minutes of fame in the Netflix documentary *Tiger King* and *Tiger King 2*, Stark was still required to abide by the law – just like any other citizen," Rokita said.

A Marion County Court ordered the priority distribution of assets to the State and the Indianapolis Zoo. In September 2020, the Attorney General's Office in conjunction with the zoo as a receiver removed approximately 161 animals from WIN, which operated in Charlestown, Ind. In the same month the animals were removed, WIN's board of directors voted to dis-



Rokita

solve the nonprofit organization.

In May 2022, a Marion County Court issued an order addressing the distribution of WIN's assets being held for distribution. In its order, Judge Drey-

er wrote, "The Attorney General, Animal Receiver, and Corporate Receiver have gone to extraordinary lengths to perform their duties under this Court's Orders and Indiana law. Due to their efforts, the animals rescued from the conditions at WIN that would have not survived and/or would have continued to be subject to abuse and neglect without the intervention of the At-

torney General and Animal Receiver, are now living healthy and enriched lives."

The Attorney General made it a point to thank the hard work of Deputy Attorneys General Michelle Al-yea and Tamara Weaver for their efforts and dedication to this important case.

If Hoosiers believe a nonprofit has exceeded its authority or violated the law, they are encouraged to file a complaint with the Indiana Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division.

The Attorney General's Office looks to and relies on Hoosiers filing complaints to know what companies or individuals to investigate and go after. A consumer complaint can be filed at indianaconsumer.com.

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.

Send resume Attn: A.E. Boyce Company, Inc. 9401 S. Innovation Dr. Suite 400 Daleville, IN 47334



Meeting Notices

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

The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2023, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Noblesville Common Council will meet in an executive session at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2023.

A regular meeting will follow at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Noblesville Economic Development Council Committee meeting scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, has been changed to 9:30 a.m. The meeting will take place in Room A214 at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

Send Meeting Notices to: Notices@ReadTheReporter.com



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Patrick R. Kelly

August 18, 1931 – February 21, 2023

Patrick R. Kelly, 91, Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, in Noblesville. He was born on August 18, 1931, to Robert and Ann (McDonald) Kelly in Cincinnati, Ohio.



Pat proudly served as a Sergeant in the United States Army during the Korean War in the 538th ordnance. He attended Elder High School, an all-boys Catholic school, where he played football and baseball. Pat attended Xavier University. He received a baseball scholarship to Butler University and played minor league ball for the Cincinnati Reds.

He worked for WIFE radio where he was instrumental in the sales department. He then became general manager and was honored to be part of the "WIFE Good Guys." Pat enjoyed many trips around the U.S. and other countries with his wife. He liked spending hours on the golf course, playing racquetball, and was a big Colts and Notre Dame football fan. Pat has been a member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church since 1976 and was a former 4th degree Knight of the Knights of Columbus. He was a very funny guy and liked to make people laugh. Pat will be missed by his family and friends, but his character and stories will live on forever.

He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Janet Kelly; children, Mark (Jennifer) Kelly, Scott Kelly, Kim (Peter) Fantine, Patrick (Gay) Kelly, and Robin Blaettner; brother, Paul Kelly; grandchildren, Isabella Fantine, Emma Fantine, Katie Farmer, Nathan Kelly, and Lily Kelly; and many nieces, nephews, wonderful friends, and neighbors.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Jim Kelly, Sr.; and cousin, Sister Kathleen Kelly. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at noon on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St., Noblesville, with Rev. Clayton Thompson officiating. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to the time of mass at the church. Entombment with military rites will be at Our Lady of Peace Cemetery in Indianapolis.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Indy Honor Flight, P.O. Box 10, Plainfield, IN 46168 (indyhonorflight.org). Condolences: randallroberts.com



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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me once more: "Go, take the scroll that lies open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land."
So I went to the angel and asked him to give me the little scroll. He said to me, "Take it and eat it. It will turn your stomach sour; but 'in your mouth it will be as sweet as honey.'" I took the little scroll from the angel's hand and ate it. It tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it, my stomach turned sour. Then I was told, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, languages and kings."
Revelation 10:8-11 (NIV)

Jacqueline "Jackie" Lee
(Nichols) Brewster

August 16, 1953 – February 22, 2023

Jacqueline "Jackie" Lee (Nichols) Brewster, 69, Sheridan, passed away in the early morning hours of Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born on August 16, 1953, to Lee Nichols and Nancy (Firestone) Lockhart in Noblesville.

Jackie was an avid reader, always surrounded by her books. She enjoyed traveling with her family to exotic destinations. At age 25, Jackie met her soulmate, Donald Brewster, and enjoyed 44 years of blissful marriage. She loved dining out and experiencing new things. Jackie always did everything her own way, on her own terms, and in her own time. She was a warrior for the people she loved.

She is survived by her loving husband, Donald G. Brewster; son, Brian Rider; grandchildren, Corrine Capadagil, Sophie Capadagil, and Patrick Capadagil; father, Roy E. "Tuck" Lockhart; siblings, Lynn (David) Martin and Dean (Beth) Lockhart; nieces and nephews, David Martin, III, Courtney (Mike) Scott, Whitney (Phil Dwyer) Martin, Matthew (Jennifer) Lockhart, Curtis (Allison) Lockhart, and Stephanie Lockhart; and great-nieces and great-nephews, Lillian Wright, Peyton Scott, Alayna Lockhart, Aiden Wright, Quinnlyn Scott, Reagan Martin, Reese Martin, Damian Lockhart, Mackenzie Lockhart, and Carson Lockhart.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Nancy (Firestone) Lockhart; brother, Anthony Wade Lockhart; and son, Brandon Rider.

Memorial visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, February 25, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 681405, Indianapolis, IN 46268-1405 (cancer.org). Condolences: randallroberts.com

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Danny Neil Weir

October 19, 1941 – February 21, 2023

Danny Neil Weir, 81, lifelong resident of Sheridan, passed away on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on October 19, 1941, to the late Lawrence "Blackie" and Juanita Ruth (Gipson) Weir of Sheridan. Danny was a graduate of Sheridan High School, Class of 1960.

He worked as an inspector for Chrysler Automotive in Kokomo where he made lifelong friendships. He then retired after 38 years of service in 1998. He was also a member of the UAW Local 685.

Danny met the love of his life, Faye, at an open gym for basketball. She had lost the ball on the sideline where Danny had picked it up and asked her, "Did you lose something?" when actually, she had found something ... the love of her life, and the rest was history! The two were married on November 6, 1977, in Anderson and have been by each other's side for the last 46 years. He and Faye loved to spend time with friends and traveling on biking adventures out west. Their favorite trip was to the Badlands in South Dakota and also riding the 127th Trail in Wyoming.

Danny had a love for cars! Especially Ford Falcons and Fairlanes! He was always shining them and taking them to car shows. If he wasn't showing the cars, he also could be found racing them at the drag races. He was also an excellent marksman and had a love for guns. Collecting them and target shooting were two more of his hobbies. He also was amazing at archery, hardly ever missing a bullseye! Some of Danny's other hobbies including coon hunting with his brothers and friends in his younger years and breeding and raising dogs with Faye after they were married. Danny always was up for a good game of cards with friends and family, day or night!

Over the years, as he grew older, you could find him in his favorite spot under the tree in his swing, reading and swinging with the dogs. But the most important thing to him was spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren! Their favorite memories with him taking four-wheeler rides and car rides while he taught them the song "Purple People Eater."

Danny leaves behind his loving wife, Faye Lorraine (Lane) Weir and their devoted daughter, Heidi (Justin) Brooks. He was the proud and loving grandfather to Ashton Wilson and her boyfriend Nick Burnell, Mia Brooks, Kaiden Wilson, Landon Moffitt, and Xander Brooks. He was a devoted brother to Patty Hoots-Weir, along with many nieces and nephews and his loyal grand-dog, Banjo. Danny also leaves behind his two daughters from his previous marriage, Angela and Tracy, along with two granddaughters, Jennifer and Jessica.

Proceeding Danny in death were his brothers, Terry and Jerry Weir, along with his two loyal dogs, Sonny and Baxter.

Calling will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at Fisher Family Funeral Services, 508 E. 6th St., Sheridan.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Danny's memory to the Humane Society of Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038, or at hamiltonhumane.com/donate.

Everyone is welcome to sign the online guestbook, leave a condolence or share a memory at fisherfunerals.com. Fisher Family Funeral Services is honored to serve the Weir Family.



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Swimming

Making the grade

Carmel sends 23 swimmers to final, including 18 in "A" heat

By RICHIE HALL

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INDIANAPOLIS — When it comes to making the grade at the state swim prelims, Carmel knows how to get "A's."

The Greyhounds boys swim team qualified 23 swimmers into this afternoon's finals after its performance at Friday night's prelims at the IU Natatorium. Carmel sent 18 swimmers into the "A" final, or championship heat, with the other five making the "B" Final (consolation heat). The Greyhounds thus appear to be in good position to claim a ninth consecutive state championship today.

"A lot of guys stepped up to get into that 'A' Final," said Carmel coach Chris Plumb.

Carmel claimed the top seed in six events. The 'Hounds started with a fast swim in the medley relay, where Sean Sullivan, Brandon Malicki, Aaron Shackell and Ryan Roop finished the race in 1 minute, 29.24 seconds.

Shackell was back in the pool minutes later for the 200 free, and he made history with his race. Shackell set a new state and national record in the 200 free, clocking in at 1:32.85. That lowered the mark set in 2017 by another Greyhound, Drew Kibler, who competed at the Tokyo Olympics and was down at the Natatorium coaching for his old high school on Friday.

Gregg Enoch followed that by getting the top seed in the individual medley at 1:45.71. Shackell and Enoch later went 1-2 in the 500 free, each dropping several seconds and finishing under the 4:20 mark.

Sullivan also earned the top seed in the 1000 free.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Carmel's Andrew Shackell qualified for the "A" Final in three events during Friday's IHSAA boys state swim prelims. Shackell made the championship heat in the 200 freestyle, butterfly and as part of the 200 and 400 free relays.

free, and the Carmel team of Andrew Shackell, Nicholas Plumb, Lewis Zhang and Enoch finished things out with a top seed in the 400 free relay.

Carmel started out the meet by getting three swimmers reach the "A" Final of the first two individual events. The 'Hounds went Triple-A in the 200 free, with Andrew Shackell taking sixth and Zhang seventh, and in the IM with Michael Gorey qualifying fourth and Malicki sixth. Carmel also had three "A" Final qualifiers in the 500 free, as Zhang placed eighth to get the final championship heat spot.

"That's how we like to do it," said Chris Plumb. "Really solid top to bottom. Feel good about tomorrow."

Other "A" Final qualifiers for the Greyhounds are Sullivan in the 50 free, Andrew Shackell

in the butterfly, AJ Robertson in the 100 free, Plumb in the backstroke, Malicki in the breaststroke and Carmel's 200 free relay team of Andrew Shackell, Robertson, Malicki and Gorey.

Fishers had nine swimmers qualify for the finals, sending five to the "A" heat and the other four to the "B" heat. The Tigers had strong performances in its latter two relays, with the team of Connor Carlile, Keaton Chop, Taichi Kataoka and Jonathan Hines placing third in the 400 free relay. Earlier, Carlile, Daniel Bennett, Hudson Lee and Chop were seventh in the 200 free relay.

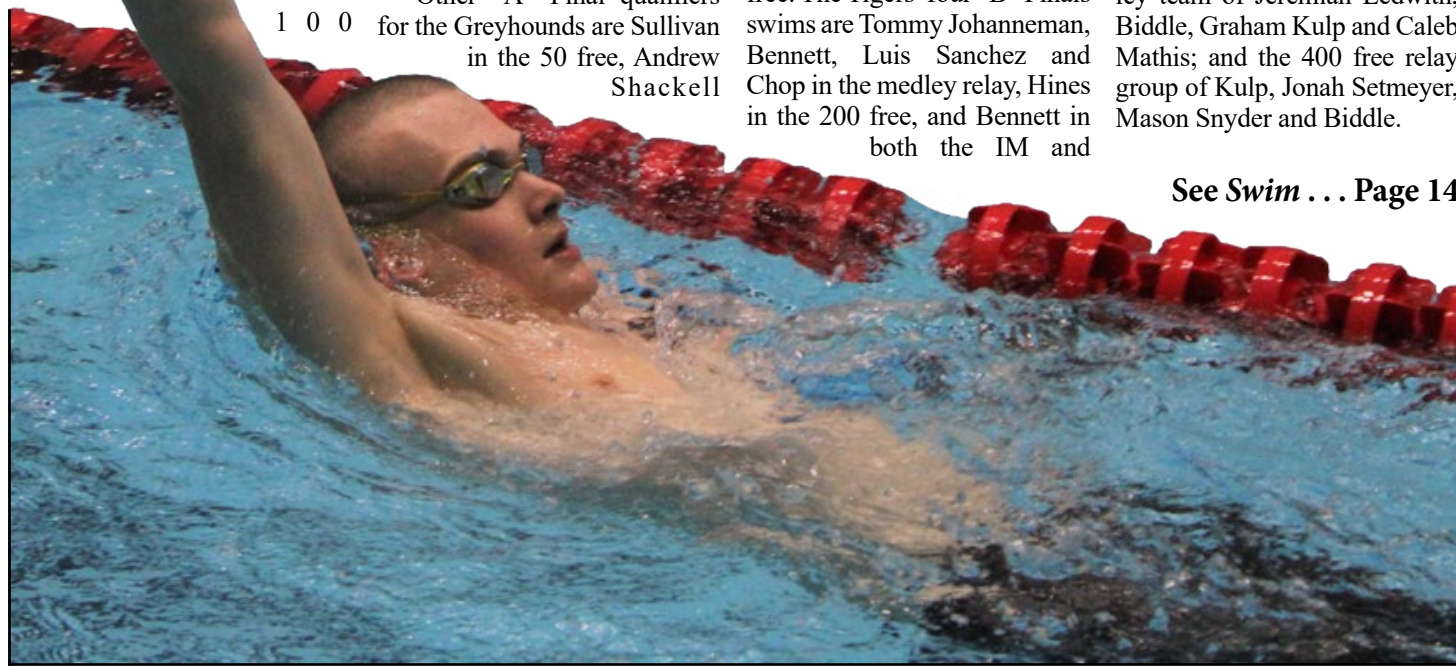
Carlile and Hines finished 3-4 in the 500 free to get into the "A" heat of that event, and Carlile placed third in the 200 free. The Tigers' four "B" Finals swimmers are Tommy Johanneman, Bennett, Luis Sanchez and Chop in the medley relay, Hines in the 200 free, and Bennett in both the IM and

the breaststroke.

Hamilton Southeastern advanced six swimmers to the final. Jihoon Jung made the championship heat of the IM, where he placed seventh. The Royals' other five swimmers made the "B" Final, including the medley relay team of Jacob Frey, Collin Huston, Jung and Chouchi Ding; and the 400 free relay squad of Jung, Derek Robison, Eli Pache and Jack Waren. Jung also reached the consolation heat of the butterfly, with Pache and Huston making the "B" heat of the breaststroke.

Noblesville qualified three swimmers for the finals. Aidan Biddle tied for fifth in the breaststroke, earning him a spot in the "A" Final. The Millers also had two "B" Final relays: The medley team of Jeremiah Ledwith, Biddle, Graham Kulp and Caleb Mathis; and the 400 free relay group of Kulp, Jonah Setmeyer, Mason Snyder and Biddle.

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Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Noblesville's Graham Kulp swam in four events at state: The individual medley and the backstroke, then competed on the Millers' medley and 400 relays, both of which qualified for the "B" Final.

The 65th running of the Daytona 500

The month of February means two important things: football and the 500. For motorsports fans, the month of love culminates with the Daytona 500, which was run for the 65th time this past Sunday. As a new year of racing begins, I am pleased to accompany you on the journey through NASCAR, INDYCAR, Formula 1, and other form of motorsports.

Growing up in South-central Pennsylvania, motorsports has always been part of my life. I have early memories of Saturday nights at Clyde Martin Speedway watching micro sprints, Friday nights at Williams Grove Speedway watching sprint cars, and watching tractor pulls and mud bog at the legendary Buck Motorsports Park. I also have fond memories of listening to the Indianapolis 500 on the radio during Memorial Day picnics.

This column serves as a place to discuss all things racing, both on and off the track.

Without further delay, the 65th running of the Daytona 500:

Before we get to the race, to those who were completely frustrated with the television coverage and the number and placement of commercials, I empathize with you. While I understand that this is the largest NASCAR event of the year and Fox is able to generate a disproportionate amount of its advertising revenue, the number and placement of commercials was a significant detriment to the overall viewing experience.

Overall, the race was good — not great. First, there were no rain delays. Daytona is always a crapshoot when it comes to rain. To have no weather issues was certainly a bonus.

As was the case last year, the NextGen car limited the racing to only two lines. In years past, it was not uncommon to see cars three and even four wide. The NextGen car, however, produces much greater downforce and, consequently, much more drag. The additional drag makes it much more difficult for one or two cars to break out of the pack and create the three and four wide racing we have become accustomed to in the past.

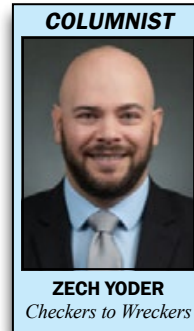
Nevertheless, the racing seemed improved from last year. I was particularly intrigued by the green flag pit cycles and how that mixed up the running order and the leaders. Counting down to five laps to go, the race got very excited with RFK teammates, Brad Keselowski and Chris Buescher, leading RCR teammates, Kyle Busch and Austin Dillon. A well-timed maneuver pushed Busch and Dillon around Keselowski and Buescher and it looked as though Kyle Busch was going to win his first Daytona 500.

As fate would have it, with less than three laps to go, the caution came out and when racing resumed, Ricky Stenhouse Jr. made several bold moves to put himself in a position to win his first Daytona 500. Kyle Busch, on the other hand, was collected in a last lap crash and finished 19th.

Although it was nice to see Stenhouse win his first 500, I was really hoping to see Busch win it. I'll admit, I have never been much of a Kyle Busch fan, but I think there is something special about him joining Richard Childress Racing. He brings something that almost resembles Dale Earnhardt back to Richard Childress Racing. To see him win the Daytona 500 with RCR would have been special.

NASCAR is back! For 36 of the next 37 weeks, the NASCAR Cup Series will weave its way throughout the country and, hopefully, put on a remarkable show in the process.

Zech Yoder is a local resident, an attorney at Adler Attorneys in Noblesville, and a lifelong race fan.



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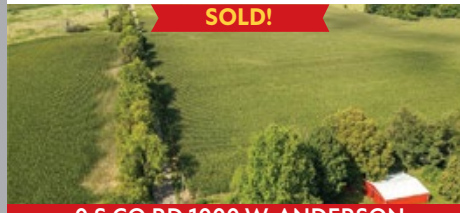
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SWIM

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Reporter photos by Richie Hall
(Top) Guerin Catholic's Quinn Sweeney qualified for the "B" Final in the 200 free. He is shown here swimming the 500 free. (Above) Westfield's Bennett Morse swam in the 100 free.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall
(Above) Hamilton Southeastern's Jihoon Jung qualified for the "A" Final of the individual medley and the "B" Final of the butterfly.



Reporter photos by Richie Hall
(Above) University's Neiman Kumler swam in the 100 free. (Below) Fishers' Tommy Johanneman swam in the backstroke at state.



Guerin Catholic's Quinn Sweeney finished 10th in the 200 free, giving him a place in the "B" Final there. Today's swimming finals begin with the diving prelims at 9 a.m., with the semi-finals to follow immediately after. The finals in both swimming and diving start at 1 p.m.

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

200 medley relay: 1. Carmel (Sean Sullivan, Brandon Malicki, Aaron Shackell, Ryan Roop) 1:29.24, 11. Hamilton Southeastern (Jacob Frey, Collin Huston, Jihoon Jung, Chouchi Ding) 1:35.10, 12. Noblesville (Jeremiah Ledwith, Aidan Biddle, Graham Kulp, Caleb Mathis) 1:35.45, 14. Fishers (Tommy Johanneman, Daniel Bennett, Luis Sanchez, Keaton Chop) 1:35.84.

200 freestyle: 1. Aa. Shackell (C) 1:32.85, new state and national record, 3. Connor Carlile (F) 1:38.46, 6. Andrew Shackell (C) 1:39.87, 7. Lewis Zhang (C) 1:40.51, 10. Quinn Sweeney (Guerin Catholic) 1:41.37, 13. Jonathan Hines (F) 1:41.59.

200 individual medley: 1. Gregg Enoch (C) 1:45.71, 4. Michael Gorey (C) 1:48.85, 6. Malicki (C) 1:50.73, 7. Jung (HSE) 1:51.36, 13. Bennett (F) 1:54.43, 18. Taichi Kataoka (F) 1:56.27, 20. Kulp (N) 1:56.84.

50 freestyle: 2. Sullivan (C) 20.17, 16. AJ Robertson (C) 21.45.

100 butterfly: 4. An. Shackell (C) 49.70, 10. Emil Haig (C) 50.46, 12. Jung (HSE) 50.82, 15. Nicholas Plumb (C) 50.83, 19. Robison (HSE) 51.34, 24. Kulp (N) 52.30.

100 freestyle: 1. Sullivan (C) 44.22, 6. Robertson (C) 46.00, 18. Bennett Morse (Westfield) 47.22, 19. Ethan Zhang (C) 47.31, 20. Neiman Kumler (University) 47.36, 31. Eli Pache (HSE) 49.29.


500 freestyle: 1. Aa. Shackell (C) 4:19.19, 2. Enoch (C) 4:19.44, 3. Carlile (F) 4:26.79, 4. Hines (F) 4:29.23, 8. L. Zhang (C) 4:33.28, 19. Anthony Adams Jr. (F) 4:40.72, 21. Sweeney (GC) 4:41.48.

200 freestyle relay: 2. Carmel (An. Shackell, Robertson, Malicki, Gorey) 1:24.44, 7. Fishers (Carlile, Bennett, Hudson Lee, Chop) 1:25.55.

100 backstroke: 6. Plumb (C) 50.70, 10. Carson Szotek (C) 51.36, 18. Haig (C) 52.20, 25. Johanneman (F) 53.28.


100 breaststroke: 2. Malicki (C) 54.98, T5. Biddle (N) 55.65, 10. Pache (HSE) 56.98, 11. Gorey (C) 57.01, 12. Huston (HSE) 57.81, 14. Bennett (F) 57.59.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Carmel (An. Shackell, Plumb, L. Zhang, Enoch) 3:05.15, 3. Fishers (Carlile, Chop, Kataoka, Hines) 3:07.45, 11. Noblesville (Kulp, Jonah Setmeyer, Mason Snyder, Biddle) 3:12.78, 13. Southeastern (Jung, Robison, Pache, Jack Waren) 3:13.02.



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Basketball—
Blackhawks drop
regular season
finale to Waldron

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Sheridan fell in its regular-season finale Friday night, losing an away game at Waldron 71-53.

The Mohawks led 18-10 after the first quarter. The Blackhawks came back in the second period, getting within 29-27 by halftime. But Waldron out-scored Sheridan 17-9 in the third quarter, and clinched the game by pouring in 25

points in the fourth.

Caleb Wright had a solid game for the Blackhawks, scoring 22 points, including four 3-pointers. Eli Kolb had 13 points and led the rebounds with six. Trent DeCraene handed out seven assists.

Sheridan is 10-12 and plays University Tuesday in an all-county sectional first-round game at Cascade.

WALDRON 71, SHERIDAN 53				
Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Tyler Garner	3-5	0-0	8	3
Trent DeCraene	1-7	0-0	3	0
Evan Krupp	0-1	0-0	0	1
Owen Bell	3-6	0-0	6	4
Caleb Wright	7-15	4-6	22	4
Parker Williams	0-2	0-0	0	4
Eli Kolb	5-9	3-4	13	2
Nathan Hinshaw	0-0	0-0	0	2
Carsen Aleman	0-0	1-2	1	1
Totals	19-45	8-12	53	21
Score by Quarters				
Waldron	18	11	17	25—71
Sheridan	10	17	9	17—53
Sheridan 3-point shooting (7-16) Wright 4-8, Garner 2-3, DeCraene 1-3, Krupp 0-1, Bell 0-1.				
Sheridan rebounds (20) Kolb 6, Wright 4, DeCraene 3, Williams 3, Garner 2, Bell 2.				

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Feb. 25
BOYS SWIMMING STATE FINALS
At IU Natatorium
Boys diving prelims, 9 a.m.
Boys swimming and diving finals, 1 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Class 4A state championship at Gainbridge Fieldhouse
Fishers vs. Bedford North Lawrence, 8:15 p.m.

GYMNASTICS SECTIONALS
Fishers, Guerin Catholic, Noblesville, Westfield at Lafayette Jefferson, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 28
BOYS BASKETBALL SECTIONALS
At Carmel
Carmel vs. Westfield, 6 p.m.
Fishers vs. Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.

At New Castle
Delta vs. Centerville, 7 p.m.

At Shortridge
Heritage Christian vs. Brebeuf Jesuit, 6 p.m.
Bishop Chatard vs. Herron, 7:30 p.m.

At Cascade
Sheridan vs. University, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 1
BOYS BASKETBALL SECTIONALS
At New Castle
Frankton vs. Jay County, 6 p.m.
Yorktown vs. New Castle, 7:30 p.m.

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Noblesville's own Ava Pavich
commits to Ball State University



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Noblesville's Ava Pavich has committed to the Ball State University women's swimming and diving team. (Front row, from left) Paul Pavich (father), Ava Pavich, and Tina Pavich (mother). (Standing) Aleks Fansler (Noblesville Swimming & Diving Head Coach).

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4:50 pm HCAC Mens Conference Semi-Finals: Hanover vs Anderson & Rose-Hulman vs Manchester | 2023 HCAC Basketball | Indiana SRN

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