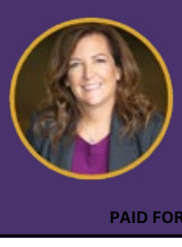

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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly sunny morning. Partly sunny afternoon.

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Two community heroes earn Sheriff's Livesaving Award

Photos provided by Hamilton County Sheriff's Office / Facebook

A heartfelt congratulations to nurse Heather Lynch upon receiving a Lifesaving Award from Sheriff's Department Captain Josh Carey. Her quick actions were the difference between life and death for an inmate. Thank you as well to Jail Transport Officer Jessica Gipe, who received a Captain's Award for her brave assistance during a motorist's vehicle fire. A job well done! Both of these women went above and beyond to serve the people of Hamilton County.

Photo provided by Megan Rathz

The old philodendron plant my mom has had for over 37 years.

The old philodendron

COLUMNIST
MEGAN RATHZ
When Nature Speaks

What is an heirloom? It depends on whom you ask. Heirlooms hold value, but not always in the monetary way that one may think. The greatest value that may be tied to an heirloom is often the sentimental memories and stories tied to it.

The idea of passing something down through the generations in a family has always struck me. I love the idea of wondering where something came from and the sense of tradition that comes with items that have been handed down through different generations in families.

When I walk through an antique mall, I'm always left to wonder where did these items come from? Who used to use these plates and drank from these glasses? What stories did these items hold and what memories were tied to them for others? I'm also left to wonder, why did someone from the family of these items not keep them? Why did they end up here in the first place? Why didn't someone in the family see value in them?

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Hazel Dell students raise $900 for earthquake victims

Photo provided by Noblesville Schools

Hazel Dell students Yusuf Buyuktas (left) and Mason Doerr (right) used this past weekend's basketball rivalry to help those experiencing hardship from Turkey's recent earthquakes. Hazel Dell students donated money last week in support of IU or Purdue, with all funds going to Red Cross disaster relief in Turkey. While IU won the basketball game, Purdue fans came out on top for fundraising, which totaled over $900. Buyuktas relocated to Noblesville last year from Turkey.

It takes a village full of Lions to outfit Sheridan Schools with GHD furniture

The REPORTER

Sheridan Community Schools (SCS) recently received a generous donation from GHD (Indianapolis) of office furniture and supplies that will outfit the new fieldhouse and other areas of the school at a significant cost savings to the school corporation.

GHD is a global professional services company that leads through engineering and architectural skills and experience. On **GHD.com**, the company states, "Our forward-looking, innovative approaches connect and sustain communities around the world. Delivering extraordinary social and economic outcomes, we are focused on building lasting relationships with our partners and clients."

Moving the furniture was a joint effort among GHD, SCS staff, and Sheridan Lions Club members.

Sheridan School Board Member and GHD Senior Geologist Tyler Henning facilitated the donation.

"It was a big opportunity that will positively impact our school and I'm proud of everyone who came to help," Henning said. "I appreciate GHD donating the supplies and furniture, the school for working hard to pick it up, and the

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Photo provided by Sheridan Community Schools

Sheridan School Board Member and GHD Senior Geologist Tyler Henning facilitated the donation.

Recovery Café Hamilton County

A space to heal: Recovery Café coming to Fishers

The REPORTER

In an effort to better support central Indiana's recovery community, Recovery Café Hamilton County will open Thursday, March 2 in Fishers. The grand opening and reception will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. on Thursday at The Eller House, 7050 E. 116th St., Suite 100, Fishers.

This Recovery Café will serve those struggling with substance use issues, mental health challenges, trauma, and homelessness.

The Recovery Café's goal is to uplift and empower individuals within the recovery space to shift from surviving to thriving. The Café's model takes a holistic and inclusive approach to recovery, with an emphasis on connection to oneself and one's fellow community members.

This program is membership-based and the membership itself is completely free, with the understanding that members follow a few guidelines. These guidelines for the program are that members are drug and alcohol-free for 24 hours, that they attend a weekly recovery meeting, and that they are a contributing member of the Café community through volunteering. The Café model offers services to its members, including regular recovery meetings, healthy meals, and a wealth of information for additional recovery resources, among others.

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GHD

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Lions Club for assisting. I'm involved in all three organizations, and it was fun to see them all work together – a great example of community."

Mundy

Superintendent Dr. Dave Mundy expressed his appreciation to Lions Club members, SCS staff, and especially GHD.

"This donation represents a significant savings to Sheridan taxpayers, as well as a sign of this tremendous community coming together for our students," Mundy said.

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Recovery

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This project has been made possible through seed money from the Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA) and the Recovery Café Network.

"The collective impact of this growing network of healing communities will over time transform thousands of lives, not just those that come through the doors of these new Recovery Cafés, but also their friends and family members," said Killian Noe, the **Recovery Café Network** Director and Founder.

Learn more at **RecoveryCafeHC.com**.

Thanks for reading!

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Philodendron

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I've said many times that flowers and nature are deeply tied to my memories, and an old philodendron plant that was in my childhood home for as long as I can remember is no exception. My mom and dad were married when they were 22- and 23-years-old back in 1986. Like many young couples just starting out, they lived in an apartment. One of the first things my mom got was a philodendron plant for their apartment. My mom bought it at a little plant shop with her dad in Nashville, Ind., when my mom first married my dad. This was the first plant my mom ever bought.

I was born just a little over a year later, making this philodendron something that was a fixture in my childhood home. As I write this today, this philodendron plant is over 35 years old.

My mom recently gave me a start from the original plant for me to have in my own home, and it got me thinking about the significance of what our children remember growing up with in their home, what we leave to them, and how nature ties into the idea of being an heirloom in families.

The average person walking by my living room may not think much of this plant, if they even were to notice it at all, but to me this means so much more than the start of an old plant. This is a link to my childhood, a peek into my parents' lives when they were first married, and something that has stood the test of time throughout my life.

This plant has been through a lot with my family. It has been a constant. It has seen many dogs, different houses, Christmas mornings, family dinners, great memories and some sad ones, too. It saw my parents raise two kids, my sister and me, from the time we were taken home from the hospital at birth until we both moved out to get married. It was there when my mom and sister met my now-husband for the first time, and when I brought my little girl and boy to Grandma's house for the first time. It was also there during some really sad days like when we lost my dad.

The philodendron plant that I remember from my childhood will grace my mantle, just as it has my mother's mantle all these years, and one day, it may just end up on my daughter's mantle in her home.

Sure, it just looks like a random houseplant on a mantle for a passerby, but to me it is so much more. It is an heirloom. It is a link to my past. It is a window into my parents' world during their newlywed years. It is a start of something new to have in my own home for my own children to grow up and remember being a constant in their house. I hope the start of this old philodendron that sits on my mantle will also be there to see many days and memories in my own home now. I hope it sees many happy days for my children and they grow up and look back, thinking it sure had been around for a lot of their childhood. What is a start from a plant now will, I hope, be a valuable heirloom someday for them.

Nature is giving us an opportunity to pass down heirlooms to our family. What are you passing down in your family?

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

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2023 BICENTENNIAL EVENT LINEUP

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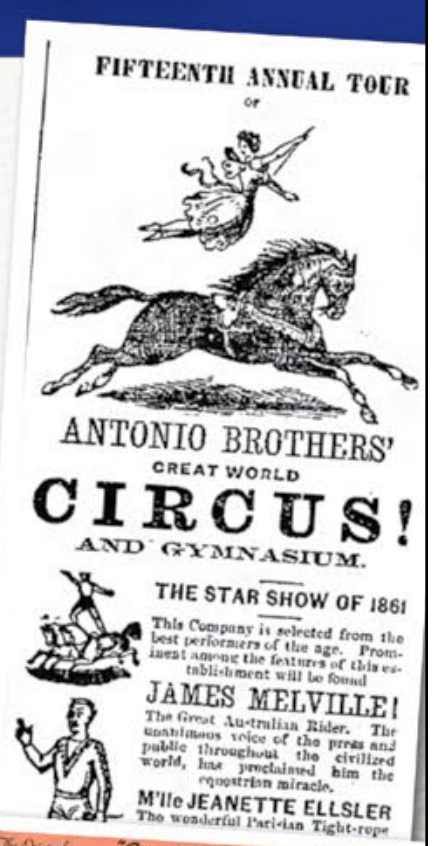

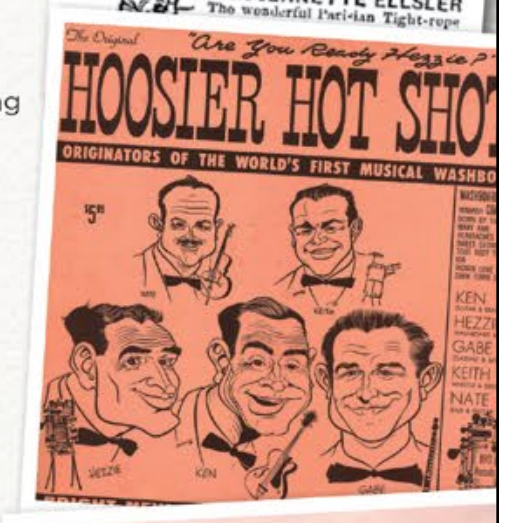

HAMILTON COUNTY BICENTENNIAL TRAVELING EXHIBIT OPENING

February 17, 6-7 p.m. | Collaboration Hub

Hamilton County Community Foundation headquarters

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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.

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RISING STARS MUSICIANS AND ACTORS

March 4, 4:30-6 p.m. | Monon Community Center

Central Park Drive West, Carmel

The International Talent Academy invites children ages 5-12 to work with a guest artist who will talk about Hamilton County musicians who had an impact on music in the area.

FREE

FIRST FARMERS

March 25, 1-4 p.m. | Taylor Center of Natural History

Strawtown Avenue, Noblesville

Hamilton County Parks partners with the Miami tribe of Oklahoma for a day of learning about Indiana's First Farmers. At Strawtown Koteewi Park, see archaeological evidence of plant domestication and farming.

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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!

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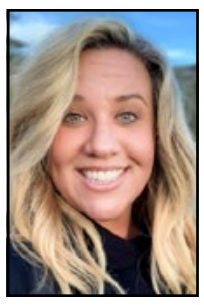
Marissa Deckert named new Fishers Parks Director

The REPORTER

The City of Fishers has announced Marissa Deckert as the new director of Fishers Parks. Formerly the department's assistant director, Deckert will take over the department's day-to-day operations and lead major upcoming initiatives including the opening of Geist Waterfront Park this spring, the Geist Half Marathon in September, and the Summer Concert Series at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater (NPD AMP).


Deckert

Since joining the Fishers Parks team in 2018, Deckert has helped to spearhead the launch of new parks spaces, including the Fishers Agri-Park and Fishers Maker Playground at Hub & Spoke. Deckert led the launch of a new concert series at the NPD AMP in 2022, which featured national acts like The Avett Brothers, Gov't Mule, and Houndmouth.

"Marissa has been a key contributor to elevating Fishers Parks over the past few years, transitioning the department from a focus on smaller programming to large-scale community events," Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness said. "Her expertise in event management and experience in the entertainment industry has allowed us to secure major national acts for the NPD AMP stage and take popular community events such as Spark!Fishers and Glow in the Park to the next level."

During her time at Fishers Parks, Deckert led the charge on training and certifying Fishers Parks as the first sensory inclusive Parks system in Indiana and works closely with the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability to ensure Parks spaces and programs are accessible to all. She was a guest speaker at the 2019 Indiana Governors Conference on Disability and oversaw the department's partnership with national accessibility leader Kulture City. Deckert also sits on the Fishers Arts & Culture Commission and worked with the Commission to launch the Art Wall at Brooks School Park.

"I'm so fortunate to have the opportunity to lead the Parks department and continue to work with the amazing City team that makes Fishers so vibrant," Deckert said. "Our team has an incredibly busy and exciting year ahead of us, and I can't wait to make a greater impact through community connectedness, our spectacular spaces, and the richness and diversity of events."

Born and raised in southern California, Deckert moved to Indiana in 2018 after spending three years in the Pacific Northwest. Deckert started her career in recreational programming for youth and later moved into venue management. She spent 10 years with the Anaheim Ducks and oversaw event operations for the Honda Center venue.

In 2015, Deckert accepted a role as Senior Director of Security and Guest Experience for the Rose Quarter Sports and Entertainment district in Portland, Ore. For the next three years she advanced security operations with the Portland Trail Blazers and led efforts to become the first sensory inclusive venue on the West Coast. She has been an integral part of thousands of successful events including presidential campaign rallies; major touring acts; NBA, NHL, WHL games and playoffs; and large community events and festivals. Deckert also hosted the Stanley Cup Finals in 2007 and is proud to have a Stanley Cup championship ring.

Deckert is a Fishers resident, mom of two, and grandmother. She is PTO Board president at HSE Schools and active in the community. In her free time, she enjoys riding bikes with her family along the Nickel Plate Trail, yoga, reading, concerts at the NPD AMP, and spending Saturday mornings at the Fishers Farmers Market.

Learn more about Fishers Parks at **playfishers.com**.

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Test drive school buses in Noblesville

The REPORTER

The public is invited to test drive a school bus in the safety of the Noblesville Schools Transportation Center parking lot any time from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 4. Participants must have a valid driver's license and be at least 21 years old.

Come learn what it's really like to be a bus driver, including the flexible schedule, paid training and full benefits.

The Transportation Center is located at 19790 Hague Road, Noblesville.

Two local students earn recognition at Drake University

The REPORTER

Two students from Hamilton County have been named to the Deans' and President's Lists at Drake University.

Kait Leeper of Carmel was named to the President's List.

Harrison Stull of Noblesville made the Dean's List.

To be eligible for the Deans' List, students must have earned a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher during the Fall 2022 semester. To be eligible for the President's List, students must have earned a perfect 4.0 GPA during the Fall 2022 semester.

Fishers' own Alexandra Stein makes honor roll at University of Wyoming

The REPORTER

The University of Wyoming has released the list of students on the 2022 fall semester academic Dean's and Dean's Freshman Honor Rolls.

The honor rolls consist of regularly enrolled undergraduates above freshman standing who earned a 3.4 or better grade-point average, and freshmen who have earned a 3.25 or better grade-point average.

Alexandra N. Stein of Fishers was named to the list.

To be eligible, students must have been enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours taken for letter grades.

Letter to the Editor

Briggs wonders how sun's heat affects food in Feeding Team pantries

Dear Editor:

I read with interest **Mark Hall's column** answering questions from a curious public about Hamilton County food pantries. I too had the same questions in mind. Thanks, Mark, for offering this information.

Another point I would like to make is a heads-up suggestion to whomever is responsible for the outdoor food box pantries we see around each town and city in Hamilton County.

Has anyone ever considered a proper way to showcase the canned food in these wooden boxes when the temperature is extremely hot in the summer? The majority of the wooden boxes face toward the sun, mostly the west, which is the hottest direction of the sun in the summer. Are these pantry boxes ventilated and would a temperature curtain help in keeping it cooler inside of a box that is out in the heat of the day?

Mari Briggs
Sheridan

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LOCAL NEWS
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Support The Cooper House & honor Barb Purvis at Meatball Madness supper in Noblesville

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Kiwanis Sunrisers and Ginger's Café will hold a community dinner event, Meatball Madness, on Thursday, March 9.

A portion of proceeds will be donated to support The Cooper House and the families the organization serves. The Cooper House exists to foster hope for families in crisis as well as those involved with foster care. Check out **TheCooperHouseIndiana.com** to learn more.

Long-time Kiwanis member Barb Purvis, who was helping to plan the Meatball Madness event, unfortunately **passed away** a week ago. You can help make the spaghetti dinner a huge success in Barb's honor. Come out for some great food to support a great cause.

The dinner will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 9 at Ginger's Café, 1111 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

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Cast & crew do good work with "complicated story" of *Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*

COLUMNIST
KEN KLINGENMEIER
A Seat on the Aisle

Carmel Community Players continues its 2022-23 season with John Bishop's farcical endeavor – *Musical Comedy Murders of 1940* presented in the auditorium at Ivy Tech's Noblesville campus.

This is the first time I have seen a show at this venue, and it really is a beautiful place for theatre. Unfortunately, I understand that after this season's shows it will no longer be available to community theatre programs.

First off, I want to congratulate the cast and crew of *MCMo40* for the work they put into this very complicated script. The story arc is full of broadly rendered characters, red herrings, overlapping action, mysterious goings on, and hard to convey plotlines, all sprinkled with comic lines and circumstances. The set by David Muse is very well done, and Clay Howard's lighting design aids the storytelling.

Now, when I say this is a complicated story – I'm afraid I have to say that it is a difficult tale to put forth in a comprehendible manner. Some matters are definitely the fault of Mr. Bishop's script. Most everything is written in a seemingly overly intricate way. Names of characters, names of people the characters know, plot lines, laugh lines, characters' back stories, which more often than not are misleading and/or false, all are so hard to follow – one gets lost from the onset.

I realize that mystery writers want to attempt to throw off the audience or reader so they have their ah-ha moment at the end – but this is too much. The exposition introducing all the facts and information that we need to progress into the action goes on and on through a majority of the first act. None of this lends itself to being a forthright theatre experience for the audience.

Such a convoluted attempt at storytelling puts the players in a difficult position as they try to gather up all the pieces and present them in an understandable way. For the most part, the result is a very uneven presentation, which I doubt comes though with the intentions of the actors or director.

That's not to say all was lost here. There were several good scenes and some nice work by many in the cast. Jeffrey Haber and Hannah Jancowicz showed good presence, especially in their scenes together. Haber played Eddie – a struggling comedian, and Ms. Janowicz took the role of Nikki – a likewise struggling actress. Together they have some proficient moments which stand out with some sense of apt collaboration. Likewise, Kelly Keller's Ken De La Maize is sufficiently offered as a pretentious Broadway/Hollywood director. But, in my opinion, most of the other characterizations are rather over-the-top, and while you can make an argument that that is what the script called for, I feel they are nonetheless overly done.

There are several other problems with things like diction and pace, along with some pesky technical issues with the microphones all the actors wear. In all, I think Director Elizabeth Ruddell had her hands full with this oversized story and certain things might have been overlooked in order to accomplish what could be accomplished.

Bottom line: Though this was a brave community theatre event, I feel the intended mark was missed. The script had too much complication to be enjoyable to this reviewer. That said, I will look forward to future offerings by this director and her cast members.

Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 continues at the Ivy Tech venue in Noblesville through March 5. For tickets, call the box office at (317) 815-9387 or log on at **CarmelPlayers.org**.

*Read more great play reviews from A Seat on the Aisle at **asota.wordpress.com**.*

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(Top) Kelly Keller as Ken De La Maize. (Above) Jeffrey Haber as Eddie and Hannah Janowicz as Nikki.

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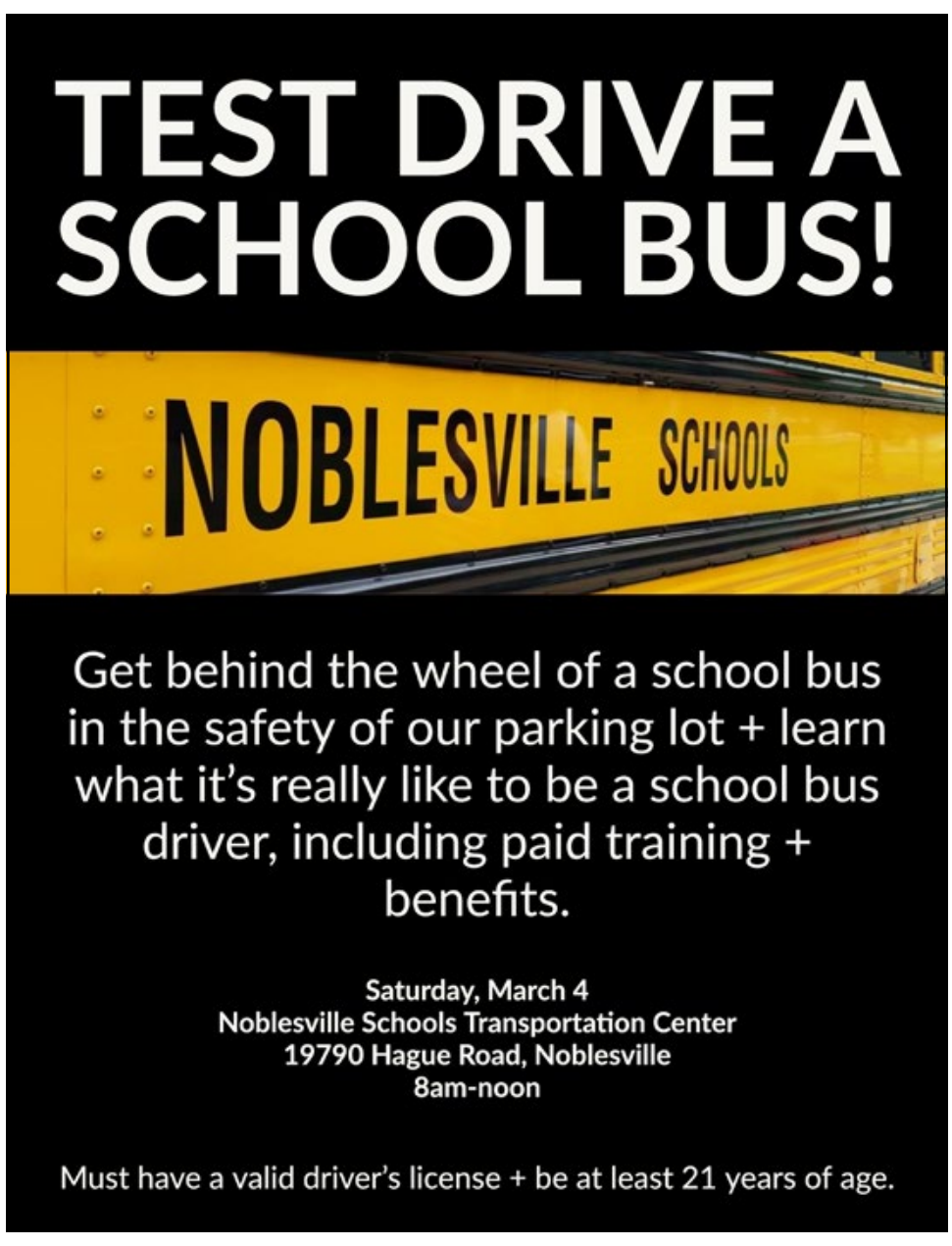

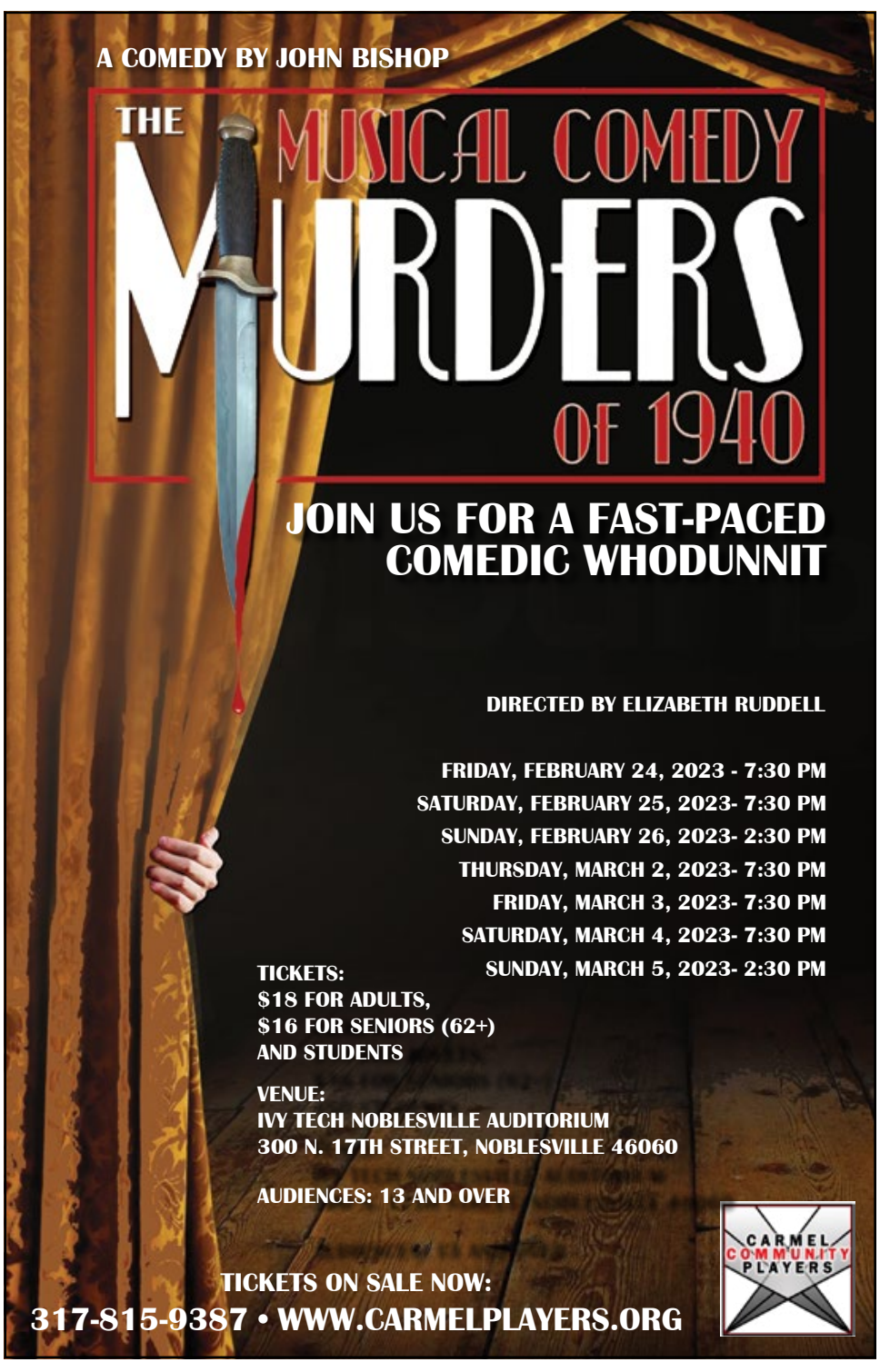

Samantha Chapman announces campaign for Fishers City Council

The REPORTER

Samantha Chapman announced on Monday that she is running for Fishers City Council, North East District 6. She will be the first Democrat to run in the North East district in the city's history.

As a new resident to Fishers with a passion for public service, Chapman says she is excited to roll up her sleeves and bring a new, fresh perspective to the Fishers city government.

Top campaign issues for Chapman include supporting smart investments related to public and private infrastructure, creating a Fishers community that is welcoming for all, and providing a direct line of communication with constituents to achieve more transparency in government for Fishers' residents. She says she is also committed to animal welfare and leading policy efforts that support both pets and their people in Fishers.

Chapman

"I am running for city council to be a strong voice for my neighbors and to enhance our community by making Fishers a place where all people feel welcome and enjoy living, working and playing for decades to come," Chapman said.

Chapman is the Indiana State Director of The Humane Society of the United States. She is a lifelong Hoosier and animal lover who has dedicated her life to changing policy and laws that better protect animals at the state and local level. In 2022, she was honored with Manchester University's Young Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award for her role in helping facilitate the historic transport of 4,000 beagles from a breeding research facility in Virginia.

Chapman graduated from Manchester College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science and Psychology and then earned her J.D. in 2015 from Indiana University McKinney School of Law. After law school, Chapman served as a judicial clerk for the Honorable Paul Mathias on the Indiana Court of Appeals and in private practice defended businesses in complex employment matters before joining the Secretary of State's office as the Business Services Division Attorney and Special Counsel.

Chapman currently serves on the Board of Directors for Friends of Indy Animals and Waldo's Mutley Crew Animal Rescue. She is an avid runner and enjoys hiking, yoga, and volunteering. She lives with her beagle named Sunny and two cats, Michael and Minnie.

Learn more about Chapman's city council campaign at **sam4fishers.com**.

Indiana Democrats oppose partisan school board elections

The REPORTER

The Indiana Democratic Party issued the following statement from Party Chairman Mike Schmuhl on Monday in response to the death of a bill in the Indiana House that would have created partisan school board elections.

Schmuhl

"It's good news to hear that the efforts by the Republican supermajority to make school board elections partisan have failed. Democrats believe that such a move would have divided our communities and put politics ahead of the education of our kids.

"Unfortunately, this attempt by statehouse Republicans to politicize our schools is not isolated. The INGOP has joined a national strategy to politicize our classrooms by banning books, focusing on 'anti-CRT' legislation, and promoting divisive agendas. This kind of partisan approach is harmful to the education of our children and the unity of our communities.

"It's crucial that Indiana keep our school boards nonpartisan and focused on improving our schools for the benefit of every student. Democratic lawmakers stood up for the integrity of our school board elections, and our party will continue to advocate for policies that put the needs of our children and families above politics."

Letter to the Editor

Fred Glynn: we must be open-minded

Dear Editor:

Constructive criticism is always important for growth. When we are doing things well, it is important to look at our peers as well as our competitors to see if there are ways we can improve. Being open-minded in this regard allows us to be in a constant state of improvement and keeps us from falling behind.

When we refuse to accept feedback, get angry at those who question us, or automatically dismiss our critics as haters or enemies, we run the risk of stagnation and a closed community.

Over the last few decades, the Carmel community has undergone a period of rapid growth and development. A good portion of the development has been brought about with a strong government hand using tax incentives. Some very positive results have been brought about by this practice, with others being questionable.

Unfortunately, constructive criticism and open debate have not been celebrated by our current leaders in city hall. People asking simple questions have been labeled as haters and as being against their entire community. This is a practice used to shut down debate and to marginalize those that are not 100-percent subservient to the current administration. This rhetoric has spread across our entire city as people get incensed at their fellow neighbors who ask simple questions about the practices of our current city leaders.

This is not healthy for our community or our democratic process.

I love our city and will not apologize for wanting to help improve things where I can. I am always willing to listen and learn from people on the other side of the debate, and to look at other communities to see if we can do things better. This is how we will continue to improve and have a great community long into the future. We will also have a city where people with differing opinions can still be supportive and get along as neighbors.

We have a great community. Part of being great is not only being proud of what we have done, but also being open to other ideas and constructive criticism. Being open-minded in this regard makes us a better city for all.

Fred Glynn
Carmel mayoral candidate

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Westfield Chamber Calendar of Events

MARCH

Young Professionals Coffee & Networking
Tuesday, March 14, 8 to 9 a.m.
Location: The Bridgewater Club

Mental Health First Aid Traning
Wednesday, March 15, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: Hamilton County Community Foundation

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

Noblesville/Westfield Legislative Coffee
Friday, March 17, 7:30 to 9 a.m.
Topic: State Representatives

Young Professionals Happy Hour
Tuesday, March 28, 5 to 7 p.m.
Location: Field Brewing

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

Nickel Plate Arts celebrates record success for 10th annual Comic Book in a Day event

The REPORTER

More than 370 people attended the 10th annual Comic Book in a Day event, hosted by Nickel Plate Arts. The event offered the opportunity to create a comic book from scratch in just eight hours with the help of featured artists – including celebrity special guest and legendary comic artist Bob Hall – and staff members.

"I had an absolute blast," Hall said. "I was astounded by the talent and the passion of all of the contestants, and I was very inspired by the spirit of the event. I am honored that I was able to share some insights and connect with so many fans."

This year was a record-breaking year; more artists were involved in the challenge than ever before, and more pages of art were created in eight hours than ever before.

"The community really showed up in a big way, and we are thankful for all of the participants, our featured artists, and anyone who came out to watch the challenge and contributed to making the event a success," Nickel Plate Arts Director Ailithir McGill said. "We are already looking forward to next year's Comic Book in a Day event."

The day-long challenge allowed participants to meet other artists and compete for prizes. All artwork created in the challenge will be displayed in an exhibit in Ignite Studio and published in a printed comic book. Winners were announced as part of the **awards ceremony** that followed the eight-hour challenge, and each participant was recognized as part of the **Comic Book in a Day 2023 Recap**.

Photo illustration provided by Nickel Plate Arts

Comic Book in a Day Event Winners

Best Overall: Brianna Stevens
Best Art: Matt Inabnitt
Best Story: Matt Vincent
Emerging Artist: Grant Gordon
Most Ambitious: Henry Schmackers
Cover #1: Brigid Baier
Cover #2: Brett Walin
Most Polished/Professional: Brianna Stevens
Most Creative: Kai Adams
Funniest: Leah Leach
Judge's Choice (Bob Hall): Lillian Swetnam
Judge's Choice (Gavin Smith): Avalyn Chau
Judge's Choice (Stuart Sayger): Matt Inabnitt
People's Choice: Henry Schmackers
"Guest Artist" Category Award: Sarah Butler

About Nickel Plate Arts

Nickel Plate Arts is an umbrella nonprofit organization that creates and coordinates arts and cultural experiences across communities in eastern Hamilton County and the surrounding areas to improve the quality of life for residents, strengthen local economies and enrich experiences for visitors. Nickel Plate Arts is a project of Hamilton County Tourism, Inc. Learn more at **NickelPlateArts.org**.

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Sen. Young: Hoosiers prepared to lead on national security

The REPORTER

Last week, U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) traveled across the state on his Jobs, Innovation, and Security Tour and met with Hoosiers to discuss how Indiana is positioned as a leader in areas important to our national security.

Stops on Young's tour included NSWC Crane, New Albany, Fishers, West Lafayette, South Bend, and Fort Wayne.

"I am excited about all of the innovative ways Hoosiers are contributing to our national security," Sen. Young said. "Indiana is already a leader in the 21st century economy, and we will continue to lead the way in the years ahead."

During the tour, Young visited multiple high-tech research and manufacturing facilities to discuss how his CHIPS and Science Act will help bring investment to Indiana and reshore the fabrication of computer chips and other key technologies.

On Feb. 22, Young joined Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness and National Association of Manufacturers President and CEO Jay Timmons to visit INCOG BioPharma Services' recently completed facility in Fishers.

INCOG is an innovative Hoosier manufacturer that is helping to save lives through advanced pharmaceutical development. During the event, Young discussed his legislation to renew and expand tax incentives for research and development and other ways he has worked to support Hoosier manufacturers.

Click here to read more about Sen. Young's visit to INCOG BioPharma Services.

Photo provided

One of Senator Todd Young's stops on his tour across the state included INCOG BioPharma Services in Fishers.

Hamilton County Bicentennial focuses on White River Township this month

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Bicentennial Commission announces its lineup of grant-funded events for March 2023.

This month the commission celebrates White River Township, located in the northeastern corner of Hamilton County and home to the community of Strawtown. This largely rural township has a long tradition of farming, beginning with Native American settlement hundreds of years ago where Strawtown currently sits.

During March, the commission will highlight how White River Township impacts the Hamilton County community with events at Strawtown Koteewi Park and Walnut Grove Community Center. The traveling exhibit will also tour during the month. You can see details and other events at **hamcoturns200.com/events**.

Rising Star Actors & Musicians Workshop

March 4 from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. Monon Community Center 1195 Central Park Drive West, Carmel Free

The International Talent Academy invites children aged 5 to 12 to sign up for a free workshop where participants will work with a guest artist who will talk about Hamilton County musicians and actors who had an impact on performance arts in the area. **Click here** to sign up.

First Farmers

March 25 from 1 to 4 p.m. Taylor Center of Natural History 12308 Strawtown Ave., Noblesville Free

Hamilton County Parks and Recreation will partner with the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma for a day of learning about Indiana's First Farmers. Strawtown Koteewi Park has recovered archaeological evidence of plant domestication and farming that will be available to explore.

Members of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma will be onsite to discuss historic gardens, planting corn, and other farming practices. Guests are also encouraged to visit with a paleoethnobotanist to learn how plant remains are recovered on archaeological sites. Demonstrations on processing Chenopodium and other previously domesticated plants and clay pot cooking will also take place. Relationships with plants for food, medicine and lifeways will also be explored.

Annual Fish Fry

April 1 from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Walnut Grove Community Center 12695 E. 256th St., Cicero $12 for adults, $7 for 12 & under. Activities are free.

White River Township's annual 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 through displays and artifacts. Outside, there will be a touch-a-truck area with old and new farm equipment, and kids of all ages are welcome as representatives from Strawtown Koteewi Park located nearby and other organizations show off what makes them special.

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**.

Metronet debuts multi-gigabit internet service in Noblesville & Northeast Indy

The REPORTER

Metronet announced on Tuesday that residents and businesses in Noblesville and Northeast Indianapolis are among the first in the state to have access to faster internet with Metronet's ultra-high-speed multi-gigabit service.

In addition to Metronet's current offerings of 1 gigabit per second, speeds up to 2 gigabits are now available for residents; businesses may choose speeds up to 10 gigabits. With access to Metronet's multi-gigabit symmetrical upload and download speeds, customers will experience higher-quality video conferencing, streaming, gaming, and online learning.

The updates to multi-gigabit speeds were made with no disruption to the current Noblesville and Northeast Indianapolis infrastructure. Those interested in upgrading to Metronet's multi-gigabit speeds may call Customer Care at 1-855-977-4609.

"As our service areas throughout Noblesville and Northeast Indianapolis gain access to Metronet's multi-gigabit speeds, both communities will experience next-level internet reliability and quality," Metronet Regional Sales Manager Mike Cannon said. "We look forward to seeing the positive impact that our symmetrical, multi-gigabit speeds have in the lives of residents and businesses as ultra-high-speed internet becomes increasingly more important in the online world."

In the coming months, more communities throughout Metronet's 16-state service area will join Noblesville and Northeast Indianapolis with access to multi-gigabit speeds. Those interested in upgrading may visit **metronet.com** to be notified once their address is available for upgraded internet speeds.

City officials interested in adding their community to Metronet's growing list of "Certified Gigabit Cities Powered by Metronet" may visit **metronet.com/gigabit-city** or contact Eddie Massengale, Metronet Sr. Director of Business Development & Government Affairs at **Eddie.Massengale@metronetinc.com** or at (423) 280-9031.

About Metronet

Metronet is the nation's largest independently owned, 100-percent fiber optic company headquartered in Evansville, Ind. The customer-focused company provides cutting-edge fiber optic communication services, including high-speed Fiber Internet and full-featured Fiber Phone.

Metronet started in 2005 with one fiber optic network in Greencastle, Ind. Since then, Metronet and its affiliates have grown to serve and construct networks in more than 250 communities across Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Florida, North Carolina, Virginia, Texas, Wisconsin, Missouri, Colorado, New Mexico, and Louisiana.

Metronet is committed to bringing state-of-the-art telecommunication services to communities – services that are comparable or superior to those offered in large metropolitan areas. By offering XGS PON technology, Metronet can easily carry its communities into the future of multi-gigabit service.

Metronet has been recognized by *PC Mag* as one of the Top 10 Fastest ISPs in North Central United States in 2020 and Top 10 ISPs with Best Gaming Quality Index in 2021. *Broadband Now* has recognized Metronet as the Top 3 Fastest Internet Providers and Fastest Fiber Providers in the Nation in 2020, and No. 1 Fastest Mid-Sized Internet Provider in two states in 2020. In 2020, Metronet was awarded the Vectren Energy Safe Digging Partner Award from Vectren.

For more information, visit **Metronet.com**.

— CARMEL —

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
CITY OF CARMEL

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Public Works and Safety for the City of Carmel, Hamilton County, Indiana, will receive sealed bids, until 10:00 a.m., **local time, on Wednesday, March 15th, 2023** at the office of the Clerk, One Civic Square, 3rd Floor, Carmel, Indiana, 46032, for the following project:

23-STR-03 VAULT INSTALLATION

The scope of work for this project includes (but is not limited to) removing current vault at Veteran's Memorial Reflecting Pond and installing new concrete vault as specified.

All bids are to be sealed with the word "BPW- VAULT INSTALLATION" on the lower left hand corner of the envelope. Bids will be opened and read aloud at 10:00 A.M. on March 15th, 2023 at the Board of Public Works meeting on the 2nd floor of Carmel City Hall, One Civic Square, Carmel, IN. All persons interested in bidding shall register a contact name and address with the Street Department to ensure that all changes or questions and answers are available for review by all interested parties.

The specifications are set forth in detailed documents on file at the Carmel Street Department, 3400 W. 131st Street, Carmel, IN 46074.

Questions regarding this solicitation must be written and delivered to the Carmel Street Department. All responses will be written and made available with the specifications at the Street Department. Please call the Street Department to confirm whether or not any such written questions and/or responses exist.

The submitted proposal must be in compliance with IC 36-1-9 et seq.

The Board of Public Works reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Matt Higginbotham
Street Commissioner

R2125 *3/1/23, 3/6/23, 3/8/23, 3/13/23*

— DELAWARE TOWNSHIP —

Delaware Township, Hamilton County, Indiana
Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2022

	Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash & Inv Bal Jan 1, 2022	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash & Inv Bal Dec 31, 2022
Governmental Activities	0101	TOWNSHIP	$884,079.52	$920,604.28	$905,474.77	$899,209.03
	0254	RAINY DAY FUND	$377,071.78	$100,000.00	$0.00	$477,071.78
	0401	CARE FUND	$13,137.23	$9,017.00	$11,381.83	$10,772.40
	0840	TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE	$299,442.83	$277,288.50	$370,453.92	$206,277.41
	1000	EXCESS LEVY FUND	$10,312.83	$0.00	$0.00	$10,312.83
	1111	FIRE FIGHTING FUND	$209,691.96	$348,624.09	$313,703.96	$244,612.09
	1180	EQUIPMENT DEBT	$95,667.91	$0.00	$0.00	$95,667.91
	9999	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	$4,906.05	$115,735.55	$100,190.38	$20,451.22
		Total All Funds	**$1,894,310.11**	**$1,771,269.42**	**$1,701,204.86**	**$1,964,374.67**

CERTIFICATION
State of Indiana
SS: Hamilton County

I, Debbie Driskell, Trustee of DELAWARE TOWNSHIP, Hamilton County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report contains the information required by Indiana code 36-6-4-13, and is, true and correct; that the amounts with which I am charged in this report are all of the amounts received by me; and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the amounts stated; that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained by or repaid to me or to any other person. A complete abstract that contains the statements required under Indiana Code 36-6-4-13(a)(5) and (a)(6) is available for inspection in the county auditor's office.

I further affirm that a complete and detailed annual report, together with all accompanying vouchers showing the names of persons having been paid money by the township, have been filed as required by law in the office of the County Auditor, and that copies of such annual report are in custody of the Township Board and the State Board of Accounts. Said report is subject to inspection by any taxpayer of the township.

Debbie R. Driskell, Delaware Township Trustee
Telephone: (317) 842-8595
Date this report was to be published: March 1, 2023
Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, the Chairman of the Township Board of DELAWARE TOWNSHIP at its annual meeting, this 20th day of February, 2023.
Rick Fain, Delaware Township Board Chairman
This report was received, accepted, and approved by the Township Board at its annual meeting, this 20th day of February, 2023.
Delaware Township Board:
Rick Fain
Marilyn Schenkel
Kim Logan

R2126 *3/1/23, 3/6/23*

— WAYNE TOWNSHIP —

Wayne Township, Hamilton County, Indiana
Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2022

	Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash & Inv Bal Jan 1, 2022	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash & Inv Bal Dec 31, 2022
Governmental Activities	0061	RAINY DAY FUND	$9,688.25	$38,655.00	$0.00	$48,343.25
	0101	TOWNSHIP FUND	$150,056.55	$241,884.21	$200,575.60	$191,365.16
	0108	LEVY EXCESS FUND	$1.64	$0.00	$0.00	$1.64
	0180	DEBT SERVICE	$11,489.06	$147,793.51	$144,525.70	$14,756.87
	0401	Donations	$500.00	$0.00	$499.73	$0.27
	0440	GRANTS/RENTAL INCOME	$0.00	$6,096.00	$5,820.00	$276.00
	0840	TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE	$54,794.88	$27,706.79	$54,234.56	$28,267.11
	1111	FIREFIGHTING	$142,670.55	$328,220.26	$457,046.05	$13,844.76
	1182	FIRE EQUIPMENT LOAN	$0.00	$168,188.66	$55,734.00	$112,454.66
	1190	Cumulative Fire	$10,239.37	$32,554.78	$22,484.95	$20,309.20
	9999	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	$10.21	$16,858.00	$16,603.26	$264.95
		GRAND TOTAL	**$379,450.51**	**$1,007,957.21**	**$957,523.85**	**$429,883.87**

CERTIFICATION
State of Indiana
SS:
Hamilton County

I, Diane Crim, Trustee of WAYNE TOWNSHIP, Hamilton County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report contains the information required by Indiana code 36-6-4-13, and is, true and correct; that the amounts with which I am charged in this report are all of the amounts received by me; and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the amounts stated; that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained by or repaid to me or to any other person. A complete abstract that contains the statements required under Indiana Code 36-6-4-13(a)(5) and (a)(6) is available for inspection in the county auditor's office.

I further affirm that a complete and detailed annual report, together with all accompanying vouchers showing the names of persons having been paid money by the township, have been filed as required by law in the office of the County Auditor, and that copies of such annual report are in custody of the Township Board and the State Board of Accounts. Said report is subject to inspection by any taxpayer of the township.

Diane Crim, Wayne Township Trustee
Telephone: 317-773-3179
Date this report was to be published: March 1, 2023
Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) before me, the Chairman of the Township Board of Wayne TOWNSHIP at its annual meeting this 20th day of February, 2023.
R. Dustin Hiday, Township Board Chairman
This report was received, accepted, and approved by the Township Board at its annual meeting, this 20th day of February, 2023.
Wayne Township Board:
Maegan Fleck
R. Dustin Hiday
Joy Kiskaden

R2127 *3/1/23, 3/6/23*

Meeting Notices

The TriCo Regional Sewer Utility Board of Trustees has released its meeting schedule for 2023. Meetings will be held at 6 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the TriCo Office, 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville. Dates are subject to change.

Jan. 9	Feb. 13
March 13	April 10
May 15	June 12
July 10	Aug. 14
Sept. 11	Oct. 9
Nov. 13	Dec. 11

The TriCo Regional Sewer Utility Budget & Finance Joint Board has released its meeting schedule for 2023. Meetings will be held at 7:30 a.m. on the fourth Friday of each month at the TriCo Office, 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville. Dates are subject to change.

Jan. 27	Feb. 24
March 31	April 28
May 26	June 30
July 28	Aug. 25
Sept. 29	Oct. 27
Dec. 1	Dec. 22

The TriCo Regional Sewer Utility Capital & Construction Joint Board has released its meeting schedule for 2023. Meetings will be held at 4:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at the TriCo Office, 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville. Dates are subject to change.

Jan. 3 (Tuesday)	Feb. 6
March 6	April 3
May 1	June 5
July 5 (Wednesday)	Aug. 7
Sept. 5 (Tuesday	Oct. 2
Nov. 6	Dec. 4

The TriCo Regional Sewer Utility Personnel & Benefits Joint Board has released its meeting schedule for 2023. Meetings will be held at 7:30 a.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the TriCo Office, 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville. Dates are subject to change.

Jan. 25	Feb. 22
March 22	April 27
May 31	June 28
July 26	Aug. 30
Sept. 22	Oct. 25
Nov. 22	Dec. 27

The Hamilton Southeastern School Board will meeting at the following dates and times in March. Meetings will be held at the HSE Administration Center, 13485 Cumberland Road, Fishers.
March 8 at 6:30 p.m.: Executive session
March 8 at 7 p.m.: Regular meeting
March 14 at 7:30 a.m.: Work session
March 15 at 5 p.m.: Work session
March 22 at 7 p.m.: Regular meeting

The Arcadia Town Council will hold a special meeting at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at the Arcadia Town Hall, 208 W. Main St., Arcadia.

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners have canceled the March 3, 2023, highway meeting.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5(a) the Hamilton County Community Corrections Advisory Board will meet to discuss agency business at noon on Thursday, March 2, 2023, at Hamilton County Community Corrections, 18104 Cumberland Road, Noblesville.

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2023. The purpose of the meeting is for discussion of strategy with respect to a real property transaction including: (i) a purchase; (ii) a lease as lessor; (iii) a lease as lessee; (iv) a transfer; (v) an exchange; or (vi) a sale; by the governing body up to the time a contract or option is executed by the parties. This clause does not affect a political subdivision's duty to comply with any other statute that governs the conduct of the real property transaction, including IC 36-1-10 or IC 36-1-11.

A work session to discuss strategic planning will follow at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, in the Board Conference Room at the Westfield Washington Schools Administration Center, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B, Westfield.

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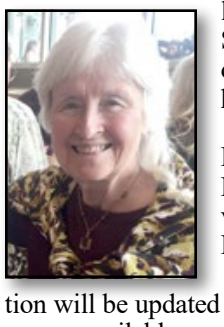
Sandra K. "Sandy" McMahon (Johnson)

June 16, 1942 – February 25, 2023



Sandra K. "Sandy" McMahon (Johnson) of Los Angeles passed away on February 25, 2023. She was born on June 16, 1942, in Indianapolis to Bud and Jeanne McMahon of Noblesville.

She is survived by sister, Becky Fisher (Tony) and brother, Bruce McMahon (Sharon), both of Noblesville, and by her long time life partner, Malcolm Lansky, of Los Angeles.

Services are pending and information will be updated on the website below as soon as it becomes available.

Condolences: **randallroberts.com**

Kathleen W. Monroe

June 4, 1937 – February 26, 2023

Kathleen W. Monroe, 85, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, February 26, 2023, at her home. She was born on June 4, 1937, to Philip and Catherine (Faherty) Warner in Doylestown, Pa.

Kathleen started as a volunteer with Prevail Inc. and worked her way up to Assistant Director. She was a strong victims' rights advocate. Kathleen attended Miami of Florida and cheered on Miami's football and basketball teams through the years. She followed her son's sports career from player to coach. Kathleen loved her family and enjoyed keeping track of everyone especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her children, Patricia (Larry) Butcher, Walter (Lisa) Morris, Kristine (Rob) Musselman, and Mary Kay (Ron) Dawson; brother, John Philip Warner; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Kathleen was preceded in death by her husband, James Edward Monroe.

Services will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Prevail, Inc., Attn: Donations, 1100 S. 9th St., Suite 100, Noblesville, IN 46060 (**prevailinc.com**).

Condolences: **randallroberts.com**

Mary T. Treinen

November 7, 1929 – February 25, 2023

Mary T. Treinen, 93, Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, February 25, 2023, at Prairie Lakes Health Campus in Noblesville. She was born on November 7, 1929, to Domnic and Mary (Prochello) Audino in Geneva, Ohio.

Mary had a strong faith and was a member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Noblesville. She married Bernard Joseph Treinen on November 23, 1951. They were married 67 years until Bernard passed away in 2018. Mary enjoyed quilting, sewing, and reading, especially Agatha Christie novels. She enjoyed trips to the casino where she played the penny and quarter slots. Most of all, Mary loved her family and attended all their activities from baptisms, graduations, weddings, and holiday events.

Mary is survived by her children, Steve Treinen (Barb); Annie Erichsen (Lisa Linder), Martin Treinen (Wesley Spencer), Theodore Treinen, and Thomas Treinen (Kelly); brother, Frank Audino (Mary Ann); sisters-in-law, Leona Audino and Mary Kay Audino; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Bernard Treinen; daughter, Michelle Hill; grandsons, Michael Treinen and Joshua Erichsen; granddaughter, Sara Wright; brothers, Joe Audino and Tony Audino and her son-in-law, Bill Hill.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, with a Rosary service at 7 p.m., at Meyer Brothers Colonial Chapel, 3220 Stone Park Blvd., Sioux City, Iowa. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at St. Boniface Catholic Church, 703 W. 5th St., Sioux City, Iowa. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in Sioux City, Iowa.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Francis Hospice, c/o Franciscan Health Foundation, 8778 Madison Ave., Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46227 (**franciscanallianceorg11745.thankyou4caring.org/program**).

Condolences: **randallroberts.com**

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, "Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, with its worshipers. But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months. And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth." They are "the two olive trees" and the two lampstands, and "they stand before the Lord of the earth." If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die. They have power to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want.

Revelation 11:1-6 (NIV)

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Basketball

Faith, not luck: Shamrocks beat Carmel at sectional quarterfinal

By RICHARD TORRES
For Reporter

CARMEL – Counted out long before the opening tip Tuesday night, the defending sectional champion Westfield Shamrocks never lost faith.

Even with their star junior guard, Trey Buchanan, hobbled by a high ankle sprain leading up to and during the Class 4A Sectional 8 quarterfinals against host 12th-ranked Carmel, the Shamrocks still believed.

Despite the loss of eight seniors from last year's first-ever sectional title roster, the Shamrocks knew what was possible. Not even a 12-point second half deficit, nor a nine-point Carmel lead to start the fourth quarter inside the Eric Clark Activity Center could sway the Shamrocks' confidence.

"The entire week, we said, 'Hey, no one is picking us to win. Let's play loose. Let's play free. Let's give ourselves a chance in the fourth quarter to win it,'" Westfield head coach Shane Sumpter said.

"That's all we were saying, and at halftime, we stayed with that theme. What do we mean by that? Well, a five-point game with four or five minutes to go. That's really what we had. When we got it to that point, I felt really good."

By game's end, the Shamrocks rejoiced inside their locker room after surviving three ties, three lead changes and a frenzied final eight minutes to topple the Greyhounds, 43-40.

Down 33-24 entering the fourth quarter, the Shamrocks utilized their past to pave their future and seized their opportunity in the present behind clutch performances by senior Alex Romack, Buchanan and junior Seth LaRavia.

Learning how to win in 2021-22, the Shamrocks (16-7) proved they still can, taking their first lead since the night's opening 30 seconds, 35-33, with a bucket from Romack in the post and 4:05 remaining.

A 3-pointer by Buchanan with 2:06 left tied up the score 38-all before LaRavia's second of two 3-pointers in the fourth put the Shamrocks ahead 41-40.

Buchanan, who was visibly hindered by his injury, sealed the victory from 15 feet, burying a pair of foul shots with 15.8 ticks on the clock and the Greyhounds playing without their star, senior Sam Orme, who fouled out to send Westfield to the line.

Buchanan sprained his ankle last week, and the sharpshooting guard had been sidelined until Monday night, as he struggled to recover in time to play against Carmel (15-8).

"He turned it the game after the Franklin (Central) game, so the very first practice, high ankle sprain, and the very first time he did anything yesterday for 10 minutes, and he was still a game-time decision," Sumpter said. "He was in tears in here at halftime. And what do you know? He hits a three and two big free throws. Just a gutsy performance."

His only other bucket came in the second quarter following an 8-2 run by Carmel to put the Greyhounds up 19-9. Carmel ran out to an 11-4 lead in the first quarter, following a short-lived Westfield 2-0 lead, but the Shamrocks began chipping away at their 23-13 halftime deficit in the third.

A 9-2 run by the Shamrocks cut the margin to 27-22, but Carmel charged back to make it 33-24, leading to a frantic flurry in the fourth.

"I just knew we had to come out with a fire, like a higher level of intensity from the rest of the game. We didn't have time to mess around anymore," Romack said. "Just had to get it done.

"A lot of people probably didn't have us winning this game, and I think that chip on our shoulder, we just wanted to prove that we're still good. We're still here. You can't count us out."

Romack, who finished with a game-high 20 points, scored eight of them in the fourth. All eight came during the Shamrocks' 11-0 run in the fourth that positioned them in front 35-33.

"I just think there's a lot of belief in our school now. I think our culture has totally changed. We come into these games, and our guys believe they can win no matter what it says on their jerseys. That's just the fact," Sumpter. "They believe we can win."

An and-1 by Carmel's Jake Griffin pushed Carmel back ahead 36-35 with 3:38 remaining, and a dunk by Orme made it 38-35 a minute later, but then Buchanan stepped up.

"I sprained it last Wednesday, so basically, the week leading up to this game was kind of a me versus me battle, just getting back on the court. Every day was rehab. I got one full practice yesterday, and that was it," Buchanan said. "I didn't even get a full practice. I got 20 minutes of live stuff, and I was thrown out here. Man, credit the trainers for getting me in shape."

Buchanan's 3-pointer for his fifth of his total seven points was met by an Alex Couto bucket for Carmel in the final 1:21 before LaRavia dropped a trey at the 1-minute mark.

"That was obviously a very good basketball team we just beat on their home floor," Sumpter said. "We still had to make the plays, and we made them. Seth LaRavia hit a big-time shot. Alex Romack made some big-time plays in the second half. We got some stops when we needed to, and it really came down to getting a stop there at the end of the game."

Composure was equally as key, stemming from lessons learned last season under the leadership of former standouts Cam Haffner and Braden Smith.

"They obviously left their mark on Westfield, making that run last year it just gave us that much more confidence

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(Above) Durante Morton (left) and Alex Romack celebrate after the Shamrocks clinched their Sectional 8 quarterfinal win over host Carmel 43-40 Tuesday night. Westfield advances to the Friday semi-finals to take on Noblesville. (Below) Carmel senior Sam Orme finished the game with 13 points.

WESTFIELD 43, CARMEL 40

Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Alex Couto	3-7	4-4	11	0
Ryan Clevenger	0-3	0-0	0	1
Spencer White	3-9	0-0	8	2
Sam Orme	5-11	3-4	13	5
Jared Bonds	2-6	1-2	5	4
Jake Griffin	1-3	1-1	3	1
Logan Reinhart	0-1	0-0	0	1
Totals	14-40	9-11	40	14

Carmel 3-point shooting (3-18) White 2-6, Couto 1-5, Griffin 0-2, Clevenger 0-2, Orme 0-1, Reinhart 0-1, Bonds 0-1.
Carmel rebounds (24) Orme 8, Bonds 6, White 3, Couto 2, Clevenger 2, Reinhart 2, Griffin 1.

Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Trey Buchanan	2-7	2-2	7	2
Sam Bishop	0-5	2-2	2	2
Charles Farrell	2-2	2-3	6	3
Durante Morton	0-0	2-4	2	1
Alex Romack	9-16	2-4	20	2
Seth LaRavia	2-3	0-0	6	1
Will Harvey	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	15-33	10-15	43	11

Westfield 3-point shooting (1-12) LaRavia 2-3, Buchanan 1-3, Bishop 0-1.
Westfield rebounds (18) Morton 5, Bishop 4, Romack 4, LaRavia 2, Buchanan 1, Harvey 1.

Score by Quarters				
Carmel	11	12	10	7 – 40
Westfield	7	6	11	19 – 43

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Basketball

Haralson's leadership helps Tigers secure victory over rival Hamilton Southeastern

By RICHIE HALL
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FISHERS 68, HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 49

Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Taden Metzger	4-7	0-0	12	3
Jalen Haralson	10-15	12-13	33	4
Aiden Zimmer	0-2	1-3	1	3
JonAnthony Hall	1-6	2-4	4	2
Keenan Garner	1-3	3-3	5	2
Millen McCartney	1-1	0-0	3	1
Parker Perdue	1-1	0-0	2	2
Justin Kirby	1-1	0-0	2	0
Grant Ables	0-0	0-0	0	1
James Stasey	2-2	0-0	4	1
Chris Rhodes	1-1	0-0	2	0
Totals	22-39	18-23	68	19

Fishers 3-pointers (6-12) Metzger 4-5, Harlason 1-2, McCartney 1-1, Zimmer 0-2, Hall 0-2.

Fishers rebounds (30) Haralson 6, Hall 4, Garner 4, Zimmer 3, Perdue 3, Metzger 2, Stasey 2, McCartney 1, Kirby 1, Haworth 1, team 3.

Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Donovan Hamilton	3-9	6-8	12	4
Reph Stevenson	4-5	3-4	11	4
Myles Holman	0-2	1-2	1	1
Braeden Totten	4-9	2-4	11	1
Joe Karwowski	4-9	1-2	9	2
Deion Miles	2-6	1-5	5	2
Michael Griffith	0-1	0-0	0	3
Eli Robinson	0-1	0-0	0	0
Gavin Papandria	0-1	0-0	0	0
Christian Pfeifer	0-1	0-0	0	0
Jack Jacobs	0-0	0-0	0	0
Kameron Anthony	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	17-44	14-25	49	17

Southeastern 3-pointers (1-12) Totten 1-4, Hamilton 0-3, Karwowski 0-2, Miles 0-1, Holman 0-1, Robinson 0-1.

Southeastern rebounds (21) Hamilton 4, Stevenson 2, Holman 2, Pfeifer 2, Karwowski 2, Miles 1, Papandria 1, Griffith 1, Anthony 1, team 5.

Score by Quarters

Fishers	8	16	22	22 – 68
Southeastern	8	17	13	11 – 49

Reporter photos by Kent Graham

(Top) Hamilton Southeastern's Reph Stevenson (left) guards Fishers' Jalen Haralson during the Royals-Tigers sectional game Tuesday at Carmel. Fishers won 68-49; Haralson scored 33 points. (Above) Fishers' Keenan Garner grabs the ball as Southeastern's Joe Karwowski defends.

CARMEL – Sectional environments are sometimes not easy for young players.

If a young team is also playing its main rival, that only adds to the nerves. A young Fishers team faced that situation on Tuesday, when the Tigers took on Hamilton Southeastern in the quarterfinals of Class 4A Sectional 8 at Carmel's Eric Clark Activity Center.

But thanks to the leadership and maturity of Jalen Haralson, Fishers made it through. The Tigers used an 18-4 run during the third quarter to break out of a close game with the Royals and eventually win 68-49.

Southeastern led for most of the first quarter before Haralson pushed Fishers ahead 8-7 on a layin with 1:38 left in the period. Braeden Totten tied the game with a free throw seconds later, and that 8-8 score is where the first quarter ended.

Free throws from Keenan Garner and Haralson got the Tigers up 12-8. The Royals came back to tie it with baskets from Joe Karwowski and Donovan Hamilton. The back and forth continued throughout the second period, with HSE's Reph Stevenson getting involved; he scored six points in the quarter.

Totten gave the Royals a 25-24 halftime lead with a layin. Hamilton, Karwowski and Stevenson all had seven points for the Royals, while Haralson had 21 points for Fishers at halftime.

"He really carried us in the first half," said Tigers coach Garrett Winegar. "He had 21 of our 25. And then from there on, other guys started stepping up and making plays, and that's when we went on our run."

There was still some back-and-forth early in the third quarter. Karwowski's layin put Southeastern ahead 28-25, but Garner answered that with a three-point play.

The Royals went up 31-28 after Totten hit a 3-pointer, but that's when Fishers started its run. Taden Metzger got hot, nailing back-to-back triples to put the Tigers up 34-31. They would hold the lead from that point forward.

Winegar said that getting Metzger shots was a big focus Fishers wanted to have at halftime.

"We had to get him some shots," said Winegar. "We had to find a way to get Taden some shots, so we went to a couple different actions. We just tried to put them in situations where they had to decide between stopping Jalen or stopping Taden.

Haralson maybe didn't score as much in the second half, but Winegar pointed out that the sophomore was sending the ball to his teammates, who finished the plays with baskets. Millen McCartney helped out with a 3, and Metzger drained another triple before the quarter was finished.

"To Jalen's credit, a lot of guys who have 21 in the first half are going to try to keep doing it. He just started making plays. Hitting Taden on the pop, hitting Keenan on the roll. He just made the right basketball play all night, whether that was scoring or passing. It was a heck of a performance."

Fishers led 46-38 going into the fourth quarter, which Metzger opened by hitting his fourth 3 of the game. James Stasey helped out with a pair of baskets, then Haralson added five more points to get his team up 58-44. Parker Perdue's layin got the Tigers up 60-44, and Fishers stayed around that margin until the buzzer. The Tigers' Chris Rhodes came off the bench and made a fourth-quarter dunk, much to the delight of the Fishers crowd.

Haralson said his team used the phrase "return to zero" to get itself focused.

"Get back to zero really means just getting back to yourself," said Haralson. "Getting back to your game, back to how you play."

Haralson played outstanding, with 33 points and six rebounds. Metzger's four 3s translated into 12 points, while Garner dished out four assists.

Hamilton led the Royals with 12 points and four rebounds, with Stevenson and Totten both scoring 11 points. Southeastern finished the season 7-18, but the Royals did have their moments throughout the season.

"It was really good for our younger guys to play a tough schedule like that and get some experience," said Southeastern coach John Ashworth. "We were, I think probably the best seven-win team in the entire state. You look back, most of our games were hard-fought, tough games."

Fishers is 14-11 and plays Zionsville Friday in the Sectional 8 semi-finals.

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that we can do it again this year," Buchanan said. "Playing against them every day and getting us better, I was only a sophomore last year, playing against Braden, especially every day, just going at him, it made me a lot better, and it helped me develop those leadership qualities for this year, losing eight seniors. Me and Romack had to kind of step into that role. Their DNA is definitely still in our program."

Their identity bled through in the final seconds, as the Shamrocks forced a turnover and a scoring opportunity on Orme's fifth foul, while defending two failed 3-pointer tries by the Greyhounds in the last 8.9 seconds.

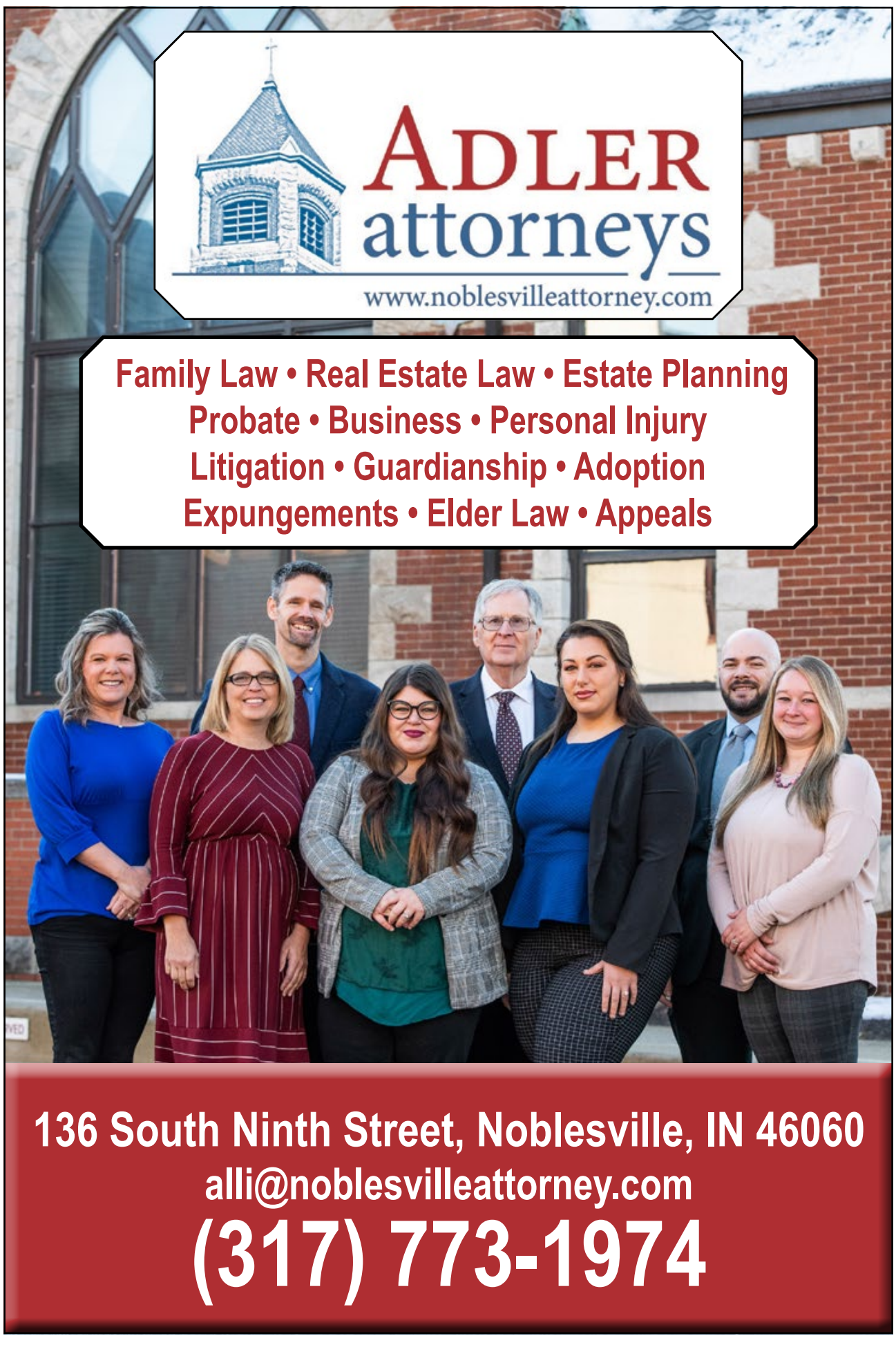
Orme had 13 points for the Greyhounds. Couto posted 11 points, followed by eight from Spencer White.

Charles Farrell added six points for Westfield, along with six from LaRavia off the bench and two points apiece by Durante Morton and Sam Bishop.

"Have the last four or five years changed (us)? Yeah. When you win a Hall of Fame championship. When you win a sectional championship for the first time ever. When you have a Braden Smith, who shows the way, and you have a Cam Haffner. When you have those guys, yeah, it carries," Sumpter said. "I feel really special about what we have going on at Westfield."

The Shamrocks' win avenged their 49-38 loss at Carmel on Jan. 7, and now they will face Noblesville in the semifinals at 6 p.m. on Friday night. The Millers (17-6) lost at Westfield, 48-43, on Dec. 16 during the regular season.

"I just wanted to do everything I could to help our team win there. We had to play hard. Everyone played well that fourth quarter. Seth hit some big shots, had a couple of good steals. It was a good team effort, especially in the fourth quarter," Romack said.



‘Blazers blast Blackhawks at Sectional 43 opener

The REPORTER

The University boys opened defense of their Class 2A Sectional championship with a 58-30 win over Sheridan in a Tuesday all-county matchup at the Sectional 43 opener at Cascade High School.

The Trailblazers overwhelmed the Blackhawks in the first half, making 11 three pointers on their way to a 53-15 halftime lead.

Caleb Wright put Sheridan on top early with a three-point basket before University outscored Sheridan 27-4 over the rest of the opening period. Kahmi Bracey put the Blazers on top for good with a corner three pointer off an assist from Sabien Cain with 6:11 left in the period. Bracey scored 11 points in the quarter, making a trio of three pointers.

The University onslaught continued in the second quarter, with the Trailblazers making seven three pointers including four by junior Bryce Gray. University opened up a 44-10 lead with three minutes left in the quarter on an Andre Ozlowski three pointer. The Blazers led by as many as 40 late in the second quarter. Cain had eight second-quarter points.

The second half was played with a running clock and at a rapid pace, with only one clock stoppage. The Blazers substituted liberally in closing out the win.

"I'm proud of my kids' energy to start the game," commented University coach Brandon Lafferman. "I thought our defensive pressure helped us get comfortable early. We shot the ball fantastic and it was a total team effort to get our first tournament win. Now we get back to practice and prepare for Cascade."

Four Trailblazers scored in double figures, led by Bracey with 15. Cain had 14, Gray 12 and Ozlowski scored 10. Ozlowski and Seth Hogg each pulled down five rebounds. Bracey had four rebounds and a team high three steals.

Wright led Sheridan with 14 points with Trent DeCraene also reaching double figures with 10.

University improves to 21-2 on the season and will take on the host Cascade Cadets in the Friday's second game. Sheridan closes the season at 10-14.

Reporter photos by Kirk Green

(Above) University’s Robert Russell (12) plays defense for the Trailblazers during their sectional win over Sheridan Tuesday at Cascade. (Below) Sheridan’s Caleb Wright scored 14 points for the Blackhawks.

UNIVERSITY 58, SHERIDAN 30

Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Tyler Garner	1	0-0	2	2
Trent DeCraene	3	4-5	10	1
Caleb Wright	6	0-0	14	3
Parker Williams	1	0-0	2	2
Eli Kolb	0	0-0	0	1
Carsen Aleman	1	0-0	2	0
Evan Krupp	0	0-0	0	0
Owen Bell	0	0-0	0	1
Nate Hinshaw	0	0-0	0	0
Caleb Alexander	0	0-0	0	0
Damon Winston	0	0-0	0	0
Dayne Voege	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	12	4-5	30	10

Sheridan 3-pointers (2) Wright 2.

University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Kahmi Bracey	5	2-3	15	0
Robert Russell	2	0-0	4	1
Sabien Cain	5	1-1	14	0
Andre Ozlowski	4	1-2	10	1
Seth Hogg	0	0-0	0	1
Bryce Gray	4	0-0	12	2
Zien Bland	0	0-0	0	1
Steven Scott	0	0-0	0	0
Jackson Bledsoe	1	0-0	3	1
David Walz	0	0-0	0	0
Eli Facey	0	0-0	0	0
Cooper Cammack	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	21	4-6	58	7

University 3-pointers (12) Gray 4, Bracey 3, Cain 3, Bledsoe, Ozlowski.

Score by Quarters				
Sheridan	7	8	4	11 – 30
University	27	26	2	3 – 58

SPORTS SCHEDULE

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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Hamilton Heights accepting nominations for Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2023

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is seeking nominations from the public for the Class of 2023. Nominations are being accepted through March 31.

Hamilton Heights Athletic Hall of Fame was created to recognize and honor Heights High School athletes, coaches, teams, and athletic program contributors for their achievements and/or contributions to the Hamilton Heights High School athletic program.

The Hamilton Heights Athletic Hall of Fame, created in 2019, is an opportunity for the corporation to recognize graduates and other individuals for their contributions to the district and achievements inside and outside the community. The committee selects inductees not only for their athletic achievements at Heights but because they demonstrate the values of good character and citizenship.

Categories and nomination criteria are included on the application and can found online at **tinyurl.com/HeightsHOFnomination**. Applications can be submitted electronically to Mitch Street, Hall of Fame Committee Chairman, at **mstreet@hhschuskies.org** or mailed to Hamilton Heights High School, P.O. Box 379, Arcadia, IN 46030.

For questions or additional information, call Mitch Street at (317) 984-3551 ext. 1092 or email **mstreet@hhschuskies.org**.

About Hamilton Heights High School Athletic Hall of Fame

The Hamilton Heights High School Athletic Hall of Fame was established in 2019 to honor the memory and contributions of the many outstanding athletes, coaches, and supporters of Heights athletic programs. The Hall of Fame serves as a symbol of the Heights community’s appreciation of the excellence, honor and devotion displayed by these celebrated individuals and teams of not only Hamilton Heights but the schools that ultimately fed into Hamilton Heights (Atlanta, Jackson Central, Walnut Grove, Arcadia, and Cicero). The Hall of Fame will recognize up to six individuals or teams each year.

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