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COLUMNIST

SCOTT SAALMAN

# Nickel Plate Express on track for Golden Spike Gala Flunkin' Dunkin'

#### The REPORTER

Still celebrating the success of last year's Golden Spike Gala, the Nickel Plate Express' plans are on track for this fall's

Executive Board President Lisa Everling along with Executive Director Emily Reynolds accepted a donation from local philanthropist Rocky Shanehsaz to cover the total venue costs for the 2023 gala to be held at Mill Top Banquet & Conference Center, a venue owned by Shanehsaz.

The 2022 VIP night fundraiser at Hobbs Station exceeded expectations and the Nickel Plate Express expects this year's event at Mill Top to be even bigger. This exclusive event was a significant source of funding for the Railroad. With almost 13 miles of track to maintain, along with the general maintenance, upkeep and operational costs of the trains, Nickel Plate Express relies on contributions from community and business leaders to help keep the beloved local non-profit running.



Photo provided

(From left) Nickel Plate Express Executive Director Emily Reynolds, donor Rocky Shanehsaz, and Executive Board President Lisa Everling.

enjoying themed rides. The ready sold-out Bourbon and Express on Friday, March 17. calendar already has several BBQ Express. This year's train schedule events including the Uncorked

is filling quickly with abundant Express, a partnership between during the spring, aside from chase train tickets, or to see how opportunities to view scenery Nickel Plate Express and Mal- special occasions and holidays, you can get involved, please

For more information on the Operating on the weekends Nickel Plate Express, to purand enjoy refreshments while low Run Winery, and the al- the next ride is the Shamrock visit NickelPlateExpress.com.

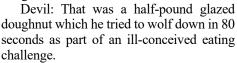
### Doughnut run leaves him

Recently, I had to contend with an epic battle between good and evil: To doughnut or not to doughnut.

Angel: All those calories and sugar-

Devil: A doughnut never hurt anyone.

Angel: Au contraire. April 2017. A man choked to death on a doughnut in Denver.



Angel: I recommend angel food cake. Egg whites. No fat.

Devil: Nope, no bias there. Earth to angel, humans aren't sponge eaters. Besides, Scotty deserves a doughnut.

I hate being called Scotty, but, otherwise, I liked the devil's thinking. Still, the angel had a valid point, for my weight weighs heavily on my mind:

My 32-inch-waist jeans no longer fit, even with stretch-fabric. (Note to editor: The same could be said about my size 33 jeans too. I'm just not ready to talk about it. Delete this parenthetical disclosure before going to press.) (Editor's note: No, Scott. It's publishing in its entirety. Buy stretchier pants or get a smaller waist.)

I dread medical appointments, not because of possibly learning I have a disease, but because of the anxiety associated with mounting the clinic's hallway scale next to the nurses' stations before being ushered into the privacy of an exam room. Why not put scales in the exam room instead? Given the choice, I'd choose being weighed in the exam room and then go into the hallway for the actual exam (any exam!). Weight is a

A photo of me and my wife in Cozumel

#### plans for dog park on city's east side very personal thing! shows her left hand cupping a noticeable and appreciate the opportunity in January seeking consent to ture placement was very limited. Carmel Clay Parks & Recfor continued partnerships with explore developing a dog park, Public input received by CCPR, See Flunkin' Dunkin' . . . Page 2 reation (CCPR) will stop current CCS to collaborate for the bencommunity garden, and trails on as well as constituent feedback

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Road and Main Street on Carmel Klitzing said. Clay Schools (CCS) property.

Clay Schools about this decision the Carmel Clay School Board ed within a floodway, infrastruc-

planning efforts for a dog park on efit of the Carmel Clay commuthe east side of Carmel at River nity," CCPR Director Michael southwest corner of Main Street

CCPR presented a propos-"We have informed Carmel al and preliminary concept to of the CCS property being locat-

school property located at the and River Road.

Due to a significant portion

relayed by multiple City Councilors, identified some concerns regarding the proposed placement of a dog park close to River Road.

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### Fish fry buffet next two Fridays at Cicero church

#### The REPORTER

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Cicero will hold two more fish fry buffet-style dinners on Friday, March 10 and Friday, March 17.

The March 10 fish fry will benefit Birthright Cicero, and the Friday, March 17 will benefit Agape of Hamilton County. The St. Patrick's Day dinner will also feature corned beef and cabbage.

The menu will include fried fish, baked fish, friend shrimp, French fries, baked beans, succotash, handmade potato chips, hush puppies, mac & cheese, coleslaw, and

The cost of the meal is a free will offering; carry out will be available for \$13.

### Carmel Symphony Orchestra announces changes to Best of John Williams concerts

Carmel Clay Parks & Rec suspends

#### The REPORTER

Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) under Artistic Director Janna Hymes has announced a change to its Best of John Williams tribute concerts on Saturday, March 11 and Sunday, March 12 at the Palladium.

contractor to secure licens-

ing rights to the requisite film the concerts - and in spite of realized, and especially disapceed with the glorious John with the contractor along with Williams-composed music but assurances that we indeed had without movie clips projected the rights necessary for the onto the Palladium's screen," CSO Executive Director Cara disappointed is an understate-Pittenger said. "We have just ment. We are disappointed "Due to the failure of our been informed of this situation that our original plan for this tion - barely a week before special offering will not be

performances. To say we are

clips, the concerts will pro- many months of advance work pointed for our fans. However, we still intend to present two amazing concerts, and hope everyone still will plan to join us on March 11 or 12."

To show its appreciation for those who have purchased

See CSO... Page 2

### Hamilton County talent takes over Center Stage in Lebanon By STU CLAMPITT

news@readthereporter.com

Hamilton County has a strong theater community and some of our local talent will be on stage in nearby Boone County this month. Critic's Choice is coming to Center Stage Community Theatre (CSST), 604 Powell St., Lebanon, for three weeks this month starting March 10. Three of the seven-member cast and Director Jan Jamison are from Hamilton County.

According to Jamison, the a show is about a Broadway critic who is in his second marriage.

"His first wife was this glamorous Broadway star," Jamison said. "They had a son who is now 12 and lives with his father and the second wife, who is more of a homebody. You can tell he likes that a lot more than being the husband of a star who's never home."

#### **Get Your Tickets**

When: March 10 to 26. Friday and Saturday shows at 7:30 p.m. Sunday shows at 2:30 p.m.

Where: Center Stage Community Theatre, 604 Powell St., Lebanon Cost: \$17 for adults 18 and older, \$15 for seniors and for students with ID

Where to buy: Go to maingatetickets.com/events/view/1459 or call (765) 894-5587 for tickets.

The critic's new wife writes play, which he hates on first reading. Herein lies the dilemma. Does he go to the opening and write an honest critic, jeopardizing his marriage, or not attend the play, jeopardizing his job?

Throw in the critic's ex-wife wanting him back, the producer who may or may not be making a play for his current wife, the





Photos provided by Director Jan Jamison

See Center . . . Page 2 Critic's Choice will stage from March 10 to 26 at Center Stage Community Theatre.

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### FLUNKIN' DUNKIN'-

are identical left-hand placement poses in other photos with her tubby hubby too. I rue the day she starts pointing instead of cupping.

Still, I wasn't deterred from driving to Dunkin'.

The devil made me do it. The drive-thru was whole town deserved a doughnut. The day was a scorcher, could melt chocolate. The angel and devil returned while the car idled.

Angel: You can still back the car out before Brynne poses with TWO hands on your stomach.

I looked down at my belly bulge, frowned. A car pulled up behind me. No longer last in line, I was trapped, feeling as helpless as a peg-legged pirate forced to play hopscotch. I had no choice now but to order a doughnut.

Drive-thru speaker: Thanks for running on Dunkin', what can I get you today?

Me: I'd like a-

A jet-engine-like blast suddenly sounded from the located less than 10 yards 2 o'clock position (source: tious kid at a Golden Corral man@gmail.com

stomach bulge (mine!). There away from the speaker. It National Highway Transblocked out all other sounds. portation Safety Adminis-"Boston Kreme," I shouted. I doubted the drive-thru manager heard me. I couldn't even hear myself.

> Devil: A yeast shell. Bavarian filling. Chocolate topping. Yum.

> Angel: Three hundred speaking-

Devil: Scotty deserves a doughnut.

Too impatient to wait for the car wash dryer to time out, I advanced to the window to repeat my order in

I put the doughnut bag on the passenger seat.

Devil: See. I told you. Scotty deserves a doughnut. held in the 2 o'clock position Angel: More like Scotty

deserves a double bypass. I pulled the chocolate-topped Boston Kreme beauty from the bag while

exiting the parking lot. When driving under the influence of a doughnut, you hand at the 10 o'clock posi-

tration driver's manual).

At the stoplight, glanced at the doughnut tilting toward my mouth while held in the 2 o'clock position, but before taking the inaugural bite, I noticed that the doughnut's top was void crowded. Apparently, the calories. Fats. Carbs. That of chocolate icing. A bald car wash dryer is God Boston Kreme doughnut is a big buzzkill.

Peeved, I peered into the empty bag to see if the icing had fallen off inside. Instead, I found a big patch of icing on the back of my right hand. It had raced from the doughnut like quicksilver. The 90-degree day immediately softened the icing. The doughnut's tilt while prompted the chocolate slide.

There were no napkins in the bag. To avoid further messiness, I removed my left hand from the steering wheel and attempted to coax the icing back onto the doughnut, but this only resulted in my have to steer with your left left hand's forefinger becoming entirely enveloped by tion and hold the doughnut melted chocolate. It looked nearest bay of a car wash with your right hand at the the finger of some rambunc-

from Page 1 chocolate fountain.

my right hand. There was chocolate on my left hand. Looking into the rearview mirror, I saw a smudge of chocolate on the bridge of my nose. Clearly, I was flunkin' Dunkin'.

I returned the doughnut to the bag and dropped it to the floormat. I was done with doughnuts. I pondered using the nearby car wash to clean myself.

The stoplight turned green. Hoping to avoid getting chocolate on the steering wheel, I raised both messy hands surrender-like, unsure how to steer home. I needed a quick solution before cars honked. I looked down at my stomach to see if it could hold the car steady, but, alas, my gut was not expansive enough (vet!) to reach the steering wheel. It felt good knowing my stomach wasn't driving-sized yet. I needed a reward. I reached for the bag on the floormat.

The devil was right. Scotty deserved a doughnut. Contact: scottsaal-

#### Dog Park

from Page 1 Considering both site lim- process, CCPR will gather

There was chocolate on itations and initial community input, CCPR has decided to consider additional locations for a future dog park.

In 2023, CCPR is developing its Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan for 2024-2028. As part of the master planning ClayParks.com.

community input regarding park and recreation needs and preferences to guide future planning efforts. Stay tuned for opportunities to provide feedback as part of the master plan process.

Learn more at Carmel-

tickets and attend the concerts, the orchestra will email a special code following the performances, good for a 50 percent discount on tickets to CSO's April or May programs:

· Saturday, April 22, 7:30 p.m. - Masterworks 5 with Cellist Sterling Elliott. Included among selections will be the Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 4, Cello Concerto No. 1 by Saint Saens, plus In Rowan Oak, a tribute to the great American writer William Faulkner composed by Dr. John Berners, Professor of Music at the University of Indianapolis.

• Saturday, May 6, 7:30 p.m. - CSO Pops: Respect - A Tribute to Aretha **Franklin**, featuring the great music from the incomparable Queen of Soul (and first woman inducted into the from Page 1

Rock & Roll Hall of Fame). Patrons who purchased tickets for March 11 or 12 but decide not to attend the concerts may contact the Palladium Fifth Third Bank Box Office at (317) 843-3800 now up until the start of the concerts for a full refund.

'We truly appreciate our fans' understanding, and their continued support, and hope they will choose to join us for The Best of John Williams," Pittenger said. "We promise to give you two dynamic concerts with magnificent music – exactly what you've come to expect from your Carmel Symphony Orchestra."

Tickets for the performances are available at the Palladium Fifth Third Bank Box Office, by calling (317) 843-3800 or online at TheCenterPresents.org.

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#### **LENTER**

sarcastic son who he pays movie starring Bob Hope 'oh, I'm going to look that to come up with zingers to use in his critiques, and the mother-in-law with her sage advice. The stage is set the play when watching humor, but it's also a little for a comedy the New York a re-run of the gameshow bit of a drama because of Times once called "fresh Password hosted by Allen the friction between the husand funny."

*Critic's Choice* was both a Broadway play starring play in Pasadena called Crit- the dialogue and the way it Henry Fonda and a 1963

and Lucille Ball.

Ludden.

ic's Choice and I thought, was written.'

up." Jamison said. "I loved Jamison told The Re- it because it's intelligent. It porter she first heard about has some very thoughtful band and wife when she's "He said he was doing a doing the play. I really loved

from Page 1

CSCT is a small venue with seating limited to 50 people per show. Plan to reserve your tickets well in advance. The cost is \$17 for adults 18 and older, and \$15 for seniors and for students with ID. Go to maingatetickets.com/events/ view/1459 or call (765) 894-5587 for tickets.



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

- Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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

- Individually packaged snacks
- Lysol
- Hand sanitizer
- Disinfecting wipes

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Check back often for updates to the Indiana Peony Festival's weekend of events.





# **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



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



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.

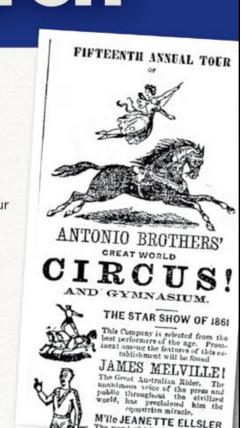
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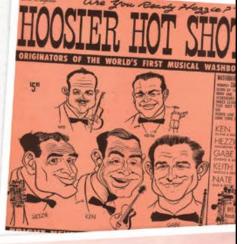
#### FIRST FARMERS

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 other organizations will show off what makes them special!

Access the entire 2023 Bicentennial Event Lineup and get event/program details: HamCoTurns200.com

**Bicentennial Partners** 







### Learn about Earth's origins at Carmel High School Planetarium

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Join the Carmel High School Planetarium Club and learn about the planet's incredible origins with "The Birth of Planet Earth" and Irish actor Richard Dormer.

Scientists now believe that the Milky Way galaxy is filled with solar systems, including up to a billion planets roughly the size of our own. This planetarium show employs advanced, data-driven, cinematic-quality visualizations to explore some of the greatest questions in science today, in-

- How did Earth become a living planet in the wake of our solar system's violent
- What does its history tell us about our chances of truly Earth-like?

Come to the Carmel Planetarium to investigate constellations and bright stars of early Autumn. Attendees will explore some of the stars and deep sky objects inside selected constellation boundaries. The planetarium star projector will be used to simulate the night sky locally and then

you will be immersed into By ABBY WILLIAMS an environment as if there Sheridan High School was no light pollution. After the night sky portion of the show will be the presentation of the new program "The Birth of Planet Earth." This will be a fun and educational journey for the entire family.

The presentation will take place at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 17 in the Carmel High School Planetarium. (Running time: approximately 45 minutes.) Enter through the main entrance of the school on Main Street, walk past the Dale Graham Auditorium, and turn right. Doors will open 30 minutes before show time. No one will be admitted after the program begins. Children included 51 participants, aged 12 years and under one of the biggest teams finding other worlds that are should be accompanied by around. an adult

this link. Tickets for adults are \$5 and \$3 for children, senior citizens, and CHS students.

or call Planetarium Director Keith Turner at (317) 846-7721 ext. 7446. You can also follow along on Twitter at @CCSPlanetarium.

### Polar Plunge: jumping into freezing water for a great cause

English Teacher

Each March, Sheridan High School students and staff team up to raise money for a great cause. Polar Plunge is an annual event sponsored by Special Olympics Indiana and now includes specific high school days for this fun event.

On Friday, March 3, high school students from all over the state gathered at Eagle Creek Park. Each of these students had raised at least \$85 for the opportunity to jump into freezing cold Eagle Creek Reservoir. As of publication, Sheridan's team had raised \$5,645 and

I love Polar Plunge Tickets are available at for so many reasons. The first year we participated, I wasn't sure what to expect: I was so excited when our students ran with it, raised Click here to learn more over \$7,000, and had a blast on that day. The enthusiasm our Sheridan students have about this event is definitely my favorite part of it. If you know teenagers, they are

sometimes difficult to motivate and they don't always get excited about the things we want them to. But, they are excited about this! They love the chance to get out in the cold and do something kind of wild while raising money for such a good cause.

Another reason I love this event is because it brings together a diverse group of students. Sheridan High School is proud of its special education offerings; we do a super job educating all our kids, including those students with special needs. On this day, the team we bring to the park includes kids of all abilities, including some students who do participate in Special Olympics-sponsored sports. The way they work together to be a team is magical.

I also love participating in Polar Plunge because it shows our students, kids who attend a very small school in a small town, that they can make a big impact. We bring one of the biggest teams and we raise a lot of money. Even though we are small, we really bring it on this day to help others.



Photo provided

Abby Williams and a student at last year's Polar Plunge.

Plunge for what it offers me personally. Jumping into a cold lake isn't fun in a traditional sense, but it is so very fun when surrounded by excited kids, caring co-workers, and a community of like-minded freezing cold people. It's even more fun because of the first responders who volunteer to make sure everyone stays safe in the water, taking the worries

Finally, I love Polar off the teachers and allowing us to have fun with the kids. Being a teacher is great all-around, but heading back to school on the bus, wearing warm, dry clothes, after such a cool event is one of the best teacher days I can imagine.

> If you're interested in learning more or getting involved with Polar Plunge or Special Olympics Indiana, visit soindiana.org.



#### **Business Cards**







. . . and more readers!

Thank you, Hamilton County!

### Naturalization Ceremony to be livestreamed from Carmel's Center for the Performing Arts



Another celebration of international culture will take place March 29, when the Center for the Performing Arts once again will play host to a Naturalization Geremony for the 0.5. District Court. In an event with hints of a college commencement and an Olympics Opening Ceremony – though much shorter – scores of foreign-born Hoosiers will take the oath to become U.S. citizens before an appreciative audience of family and friends. The inspiring 1 p.m. ceremony will be livestreamed on the Center's Facebook, YouTube and Vimeo pages. School groups are invited to attend the event free of charge and can apply for reimbursement of transportation costs through the Center's Transportation Grant Program. The event is appropriate for grades eight and up. For information, email SchoolPrograms@TheCenterPresents.org.

### Anderson Museum of Art opens 24<sup>th</sup> annual Student Show on Sunday

#### The REPORTER

of Art (AMOA) will serve as the venue for the 24th annual Art Association of the 24th annual AAMC Stu- um to see the student works. Madison County (AAMC) Student Show. The opening for the exhibition will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 5. Awards will be presented at 3 p.m.

More than 400 pieces

from 289 Madison County work with the association." The Anderson Museum high school students were

> hosting venue," AMOA be waived during the exhibi-Mikulski said. "The works March 19. AMOA operating sive. It's always a pleasure during the AAMC Student to celebrate the student's

Following the opening & 15 from noon to 5 p.m. accepted for the exhibition. of the exhibition, patrons are "It's a joy to be part of welcome to visit the musedent Show as the event's AMOA admission fees will Executive Director Mandee tion, which will conclude on presented are very impres- hours have been modified Show as well.

• March 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13

• March 11 from 10 a.m.

• March 12 & 19 from 2 to 5 p.m.

• March 14, 16 & 17

from noon to 6 p.m. • March 18 from 10 a.m.

to 6 p.m. Learn more at Anderson-

Art.org.

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### We must prevent suicide & mental health crises in our first responders

authored by State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D-Fishers), require would annual, in-service mental health training for all first responders. What follows is an op-ed written



**GUEST COLUMNIST** 

by Garcia Wilburn detailing her motivations and goals in passing HB 1321.

Our first responders are among the bravest and most selfless members of our community here in House District 32, and I consider it my duty as state representative to support them with the resources they need to get the job done. But unfortunately, being the first person to run into a fire, active shooter situation or another emergency comes with a psychological toll.

Our first responders' mental health is often overlooked because these positions are inherently recognized to be held by strong-minded and fearless people, and so we forget that underneath every uniform is a person. What they see through their eyes and experience in the field should not be minimized simply because it is a part of the job. Additionally, stigma, all been cited as for first responders to seek mental health treatment.

Unfortunatethis stigma claimed the lives of too many first responders. A study from 2018 found

that more police officers and firefighters die by suicide than in the line of duty. For firefighters, the risk of suicide is 10 times more likely than that of the general population. These heroes stare down trauma and horrifying acts on a daily basis in the line of duty. As a result, they're more vulnerable to PTSD, depression, suicidality and other mental and behavioral health conditions.

House Bill 1321, will be- and critical events from the gin to address this silent epidemic in our community and across the state. It's an opportunity for Indiana to lead, to serve as an example of how to address first responder mental health in an evidence-based manner.

nual in-service virtual train- ganization that connects law ing to all first responders, enforcement officers with including the professions of the right mental health treatlaw enforcement, full-time ment that is needed on their

lack of resources professional firefighters and and research have EMS. The training will address mental health and welllong-time barriers ness and suicide prevention. This resource will not only preserve anonymity, but help deal with thoughts of suicide, trauma and other mental or emotional obstacles in order to reduce stress and anxiety.

> "We see you, we hear you, you are not alone." This is the message that Karie Phelps, the wife of a medically retired police officer who developed PTSD during his law enforcement career, has for Hoosier first responders.

"Would Jeff be in the same place if this training would have been available? We will never know," Phelps said in her testimony in support of HB 1321. "I can't believe he would be. If he had the proper knowledge of A bill I've authored, how to deal with traumatic beginning of his career instead of the mentality of just stuffing it and not processing the feelings and emotions, until the 'stuff it' bucket was full and starts to overflow with all the past traumas."

Phelps is a founder of This bill will require an- Behind Thin Lines, an or-

"Knowledge is power!" Phelps concluded. "So let's give our first responders the power to deal and cope with **The REPORTER** their day to day trauma and critical incidents.3

This crisis is personal to me, too. My husband is a retired law enforcement officer, so I know how important first responder mental health is firsthand. I want to see that each and every first responder is met, supported and heard.

The mental health crisis crisis some heroes live through is clear to me, and nobody should feel alone or afraid. I am committed, as your state representative and wife of a retired law enforcement officer, to provide a space to foster healthy relationships and make positive steps towards a peaceful life for first responders who are our neighbors, loved ones and friends.

We have an ethical responsibility to take care of the people who take care of us – and this bill is one way to make positive strides toward that goal. This legislation is on its way to being considered by the Senate after a unanimous vote out of the House. I will continue to champion this bill until it's signed into law.

On Thursday, biparti-

(R-Ind.) (R-Iowa) to help police, fire, emergency medical and 911 personnel cope with the stresses of responding to situations passed the Senate

unanimously.

Young

U.S. Senate passes

Young's bipartisan bill

to support Hoosier

first responders

The Fighting Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Act of 2023 is bipartisan legislation that would establish mental health programs for America's first responders who often face long-term effects from providing life-saving services in moments of crisis.

"Our first responders put their lives on the line every day to ensure the safety and security of Hoosier families. The Fighting PTSD Act would increase the resources available to public safety officers dealing with job-related post-traumatic stress disorder," Sen. Young said. "Increasing this support to our public safety officer community will lead to healthier and stronger communities across Indiana and our country. I'm glad the entire Senate unanimously agreed to advance this critical legislation and I call on

the House to pass it quickly."

Police officers, firefightsan legislation sponsored by ers, emergency medical tech-U.S. Senators Todd Young nicians, and 911 dispatchers

> routinely encounter high-stress situations, putting them at risk of developing post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), which increases the risk of suicide. The Fighting PTSD Act would require the Jus-

tice Department to establish evidence-based programs for first responders across the country, similar to services available to military personnel who develop PTSD or acute stress disorders.

The bill also requires the Justice Department to consult with stakeholders, including public safety officer organizations, in developing the program, which would be available to serve first responders in communities of all sizes across the country.

In addition to Senators Young and Grassley, the bill is cosponsored by Senators Chris Coons (D-Del.), Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio), Josh Hawley (R-Mo.), Maggie Hassan (D-N.H.), John Kennedy (R-La.), Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), and Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.).

### 856,000 Hoosiers in limbo as Supreme Court ponders federal student debt relief

By DANIELLE ZULKOSKY you made a mistake on you It's a non-trivial compo-WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The Supreme Court heard arguments from two lawsuits attempting to block the federal student loan forgiveness program that would provide relief for more than 856,000 Hoosiers.

Ball State economist Michael Hicks said this could help many borrowers in both Indiana and the country.

"The rate on these and the inability to get out from under them mean that households, unlike a car that

can't take it back to the dealer, you're stuck with that there's a number of households that continue to accrue debt," Hicks said.

Hicks said there is a significant cost associated with this program, equivalent to around 1 percent to 2 percent of the current national debt which stands at over \$31 trillion.

would be anywhere in the Hicks said. \$400 to 600 billion range.

nent," Hicks said.

Those who chose not and there's no way to get to take loans are some that out from underneath it and could be against the pro-

"Just from an equity standpoint, this loan program, while it provides benefits to many households and many individuals who took loans, it's also being paid for by people who for very different reasons didn't take loans and that obvious-"This debt forgiveness ly won't sit well with them,"

Hicks said the average

student debt in Indiana is around \$28,000.

"Eliminating debt would allow most young households to purchase homes, purchase automobiles, to begin saving for retirement," Hicks said.

Hicks said it is important to rework the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program to make it easier for loan holders to participate.

The decision from the administration program is not expected until sometime in June.

### Check out Indiana's financial health

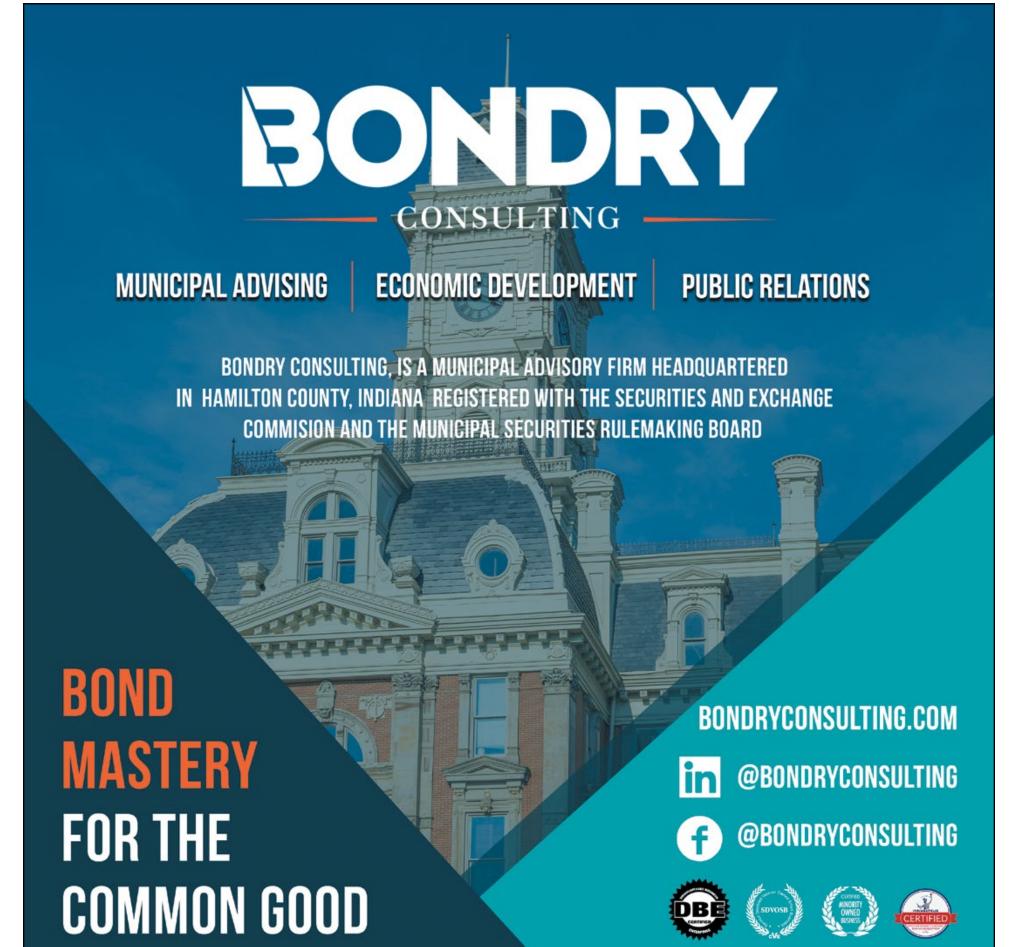
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Did you know the Indiana Auditor issues an annual report accounting for all the state's financial data for each of Indiana's funds?

The 2022 Annual Com-Supreme Court on the Biden prehensive Financial Report, also known as the ACFR, is complete and posted online for those in-

terested in reviewing Indiana's financial condition. The report also includes other financial, demographic, economic and statistical information for the state as of June 30, 2022.

The 2022 report was posted in January, and can be viewed on the ACFR webpage along with previous annual reports.



Letter to the Editor -

### Delaware Township Trustee responds to reader's claims

This is a response to the Letter to the Editor titled, "Cicero reader calls for total overhaul of township

government." The Indiana Township Association (ITA) is a nonprofit organization

that works to support township government officials through education and advocacy. In 2021, ITA took an introspective look at what Mr. Williams is referring to as an outdated form of government. We created a task force which was discussed in the article that is being referred to which developed policy recommendations and gathered data. The task force was made up of ITA officials, state legislators, state agency representatives, and a variety of other stakeholders with the purpose of using the results of the study to WORK TOGETHER to enact many of the associated recommendations to ensure the needs of Hoosiers continue to be met.

Mr. Williams discussed some areas of township government that could be transferred to counties or

First, Mr. William's discussed that there are 1,008 township governments in the State of Indiana; however, through merger efforts there are 1,002 townships providing services. The services that he mentioned consolidating were administrative costs, fire services, and cemeteries. These are all great points that show why township government is today still a great form of government.

based on population; however, over 75 percent of township trustees

the taxpayer. These are also officials who, in many cases, are not taking retirement benefits, health benefits, or additional employee benefits.

When it comes to discussing cemeteries, the statement was made that not all or a large number of abandoned cemeteries are maintained at the township level. Through our study, we concurred that with pioneer cemeteries alone, in 2022, that there are 1,718 cemeteries currently being maintained by townships. That is an average of 3.3 cemeteries per township in our population levels. Many townships are utilizing their township general funds to assist with their duties on cemetery protection.

When a county cemetery board is overseeing a cemetery, they have the ability to tax additionally for this purpose. These are also not elected officials who are stewarding these taxes, unlike the trustee. Additionally, failure to perform the duties of cemetery care do come with the ability to be charged with a misdemeanor for a trustee. We have not heard of a trustee being charged with failure to perform this duty.

With fire protection, the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association completed a study in 2020. It is stated that fire protection is an example of an ineffective and antiquated use of

In the study completed, the area Elected official salaries differ that Hamilton County resides would have an increase of 39.4 percent in property tax levy without volunteer

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**BEST OF JOHN WILLIAMS** 

make less than \$19,999 per year. In departments. The average statewide the ITA's opinion, this is a value to tax increase would be 57.9 percent. In Noblesville Township, Hamilton County, the additional cost to fire protection would be \$8,655,454. That would be a 10.98 percent increase in taxes for the taxpayer.

In the state, some large townships with a low tax base or small levy might require a 500 to 600 percent tax increase to support operations. When you look at township balances, many have cash balances in fire protection. This is to support the operations that we are discussing here that ultimately are keeping taxpayers from this exact scenario locally.

We have to get past the discussion of a full elimination of township government. It is not in the best interest of the taxpayer. The ITA is educating and promoting voluntary mergers where it makes sense. Additionally, we have supported House Bill 1355, which promotes a merger pilot program. This is the second arm of our study to be able to garner data that would show the effectiveness and efficiency of mergers.

Ultimately, our goal is to safeguard the taxpayer from having the burden of supporting taxes beyond what they already are, especially in a time when the legislature is discussing property tax relief. We have to move in a direction that is based on data, not trying to just make decisions based on emotion that come with true consequences – to you, the taxpayer.

In Good Governance,

**Debbie Driskell** 

ITA Executive Director & Proud Trustee

### New at Sheridan Public Library

#### The REPORTER

Here are some of the new items that can be found Frost at the Sheridan Public Li-

#### **Fiction**

- 1. Authentically Izzy Pepper Basham
- 2. Chasing Sunsets Rachel Hanna
- 3. I Have Some Ques-
- 4. Never Never Col-
- leen Hoover 5. Queen's Price – Anne
- Bishop 6. Sanibel Mornings -
- Hope Holloway 7. Sanibel Sisters – Hope
- Holloway 8. Sanibel Tides – Hope
- Holloway 9. Things We Hide From
- the Light Lucy Score 10. When I'm Gone -**Emily Bleeker**

#### **Non-Fiction**

- 1. Dinner With the President – Alex Pred'Homme
- 2. Ghost of Hamilton County – Nicole Kobrows- Linda Byler
- 3. Hard Parts Oksana Skies Jane Kirkpatrick
- 4. It's OK to Be Angry About Capitalism - Bernie

#### Children's

1. All He Knew – Helen

- 2. Axels 1st Day Jodie
- Parachini 3. Dr. Who: The Run-
- away Tardis 4. Grip – Marcus Stroman
- 5. Leprechaun Vs. Easter Bunny – Todd Tarpley
- 6. Library Books Are tions For You - Rebecca Not For Eating - Todd Tar-
  - 7. My Grandma is Great Sabrina Moyle
  - 8. My Grandpa is Great Sabrina Moyle
  - 9. Pick a Perfect Egg -
  - Patricia Toht 10. Smallest Spot of a
  - Dot Lindsey David
  - 11. Storybook Knight Helen Docherty
  - 12. You Shamrock My World - Rose Rossner

#### **Inspirational Fiction**

- 1. All in Good Time -Linda Byler
- 2. Anything But Plain -Suzanne Wood Fisher
  - 3. Beacon of Light -
  - 4. Beneath the Bending
- 5. Blackout Book Club -
- Amy Lynn Green 6. Remember Me – Traci

### Sheridan Public Library has full March calendar

#### **Submitted**

The Sheridan Public Li-

#### **Babies + Toddlers**

Preschool • March 10, 17, 24 at 11 Pinners a.m.: Storytime with Wynn

- (ages 3-6) **Grades K-5**
- **Building Club**
- March 22 at 4 p.m.: Art

- Grades 6-12
- p.m.: D+D Club
- March 16 at 5 p.m.: Kahoot Family Trivia Night
- March 23 at 6 p.m.: Egg Carton Wreath

#### Adults

• March 8, 15 & 22 from

### 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Knitting

brary, 103 W. 1st St., has all sorts of fun activities available for all ages this month. See the list below and visit sheridan.lib.in.us for more information. Support your local library!

#### • March 9, 16, 23 at 11 Sheridan Readers Book

a.m.: Discovery Time (ages

- March 8 at 4 p.m.:
- March 15 at 4 p.m.: Comic Club
- Club
- March 9, 16, 23 at 4 Bingo Night
- March 9 at 6 p.m.: Homeschool Meet + Greet Werewolf Game
- Teen Advisory Board Callout

- March 8 at 6 p.m.: Friends of the Library Meet-• March 9 at 6 p.m.:
- Werewolf Game March 14 & 28 at 1:30
- p.m.: Euchre Club • March 15 at 5:30 p.m.:
- Club: The Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton
- March 20 at 6 p.m.:
- March 23 at 6 p.m.: Egg Carton Wreath Craft

#### All Ages • March 2 at 10 a.m. to

- 7 p.m.: Dr. Suess Day: Read Across America! Fun activities throughout the day
- March 10 at 6 p. **Family Book Tasting**
- March 17 at 6 p.m.:
- March 22 at 1 to 2 p.m.:
- March 24 at 6 p.m.:

For more information on programming and services, please visit sheridan.lib.

### Auditor Klutz wants to be Indiana Comptroller

The REPORTER get isn't the only interesting governments, and the Indi-

currently making its way to the Senate Appropriations Committee. HB 1001 also includes proposed language to allow the Auditor of State to be referred to as the "State Comptrol-



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- checkbook 2. Distribute local gov-
- ernment funding 3. Process state pay-
- 4. Develop year-end re-
- porting 5. Pay state employee

salaries "When our forefathers created the official position of Auditor of State within the Indiana Constitution, they understood the importance of a balanced government," said Auditor Tera Klutz, CPA. "They created the Treasurer of State to manage the cash and the Auditor of State to issue warrants (checks) and to account and report on state operations. However, the term 'auditor' means something entirely different to people

two hundred years later." A frequent misconception of the office is that its purpose is to audit the State, local units of governments or individuals; this is not

Board of Accounts audits The biannual state bud- the State and local units of piece of House Bill (HB) ana Department of Revenue audits individual

> taxpayers. "The title change would allow the office to have a more appropriate title that aligns with the services we provide," Audi-

tor Klutz said,

"alongside 19 oth-But why? The Auditor of er states who refer to their state's chief financial officer as the State Comptroller or Controller."

> HB 1001, authored by State Representative Jeff Thompson (R-Lizton), passed out of the House Ways and Means Committee on Feb. 20, and then passed out of the House Chamber with a 66-29 vote on Feb. 23. The legislation was assigned to the Senate Committee on Appropriations, which is chaired by HB 1001 Senate sponsor, Senator Ryan Mishler (R-Mishawaka).

If enacted, HB 1001 would allow the Auditor to be referred as State Comptroller upon passage. To clarify, the language as written would not require a constitutional change.

"Our request does not impact the state's constitution and will not change the functionality of the office," Auditor Klutz said. "The Auditor's Office will continue to have the same duties and responsibilities the office has had for more than the case. The Indiana State two hundred years."





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### Ukraine orchestra members 'very excited,' 'grateful' to share music, peace in Carmel

**By ADAM PINSKER** WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Exactly a year to the day since the Russian invasion of Ukraine, Ukraine's national orchestra played before a sold-out crowd last Saturday night at the Palladium at the Center for the Performing Arts.

Jeffrey McDermott, president and chief executive officer of the Center for the Performing Arts, said of the members of the Lviv National Philharmonic Orchestra of Ukraine, "I think they are very excited to be here and I think they are grateful to be here and to bring this sort of message over the United States."

McDermott added that it usually takes 18 to 24 months for the center to book performances, and the orchestra's performance exactly a year since the war began was a coincidence.

Lviv was the largest city in western Ukraine prior to the war. The orchestra kept a busy tour schedule even as the war raged on, including a stop at New York's Carnegie Hall.

Anya Aslanova, a volunteer with Indiana Supports Ukraine, told News 8, "It's created when the war startan amazing coincidence, I don't know if I would have donated two and a half tons come, or if I would have of medical supplies, blanheard the Lviv Philharmonof music and peace really all ic Orchestra is coming."



ed a year ago and, so far, has

Indiana Single-Family Detached Building Permits (January

2023) Source: U.S. Dept. of Census

Aslanova's group was Americans, from fellow Ukrainians, from everyone, from Hoosiers, that's been amazing," Aslanova said.

#### Aslanova says donations kets and clothes to Ukraine. are still needed to support "To see the outpour from soldiers and civilians.

### Banning PLAs: what could go wrong?

Many in the state legislature are trying to ban Indiana municipalities from being able to use Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) in their cities. PLAs are a set of require-



even an NFL stadium. Basically, the city can set a training and certification requirement for the workers, as well as an agreed upon minimum pay and benefits package. It's important to understand that this applies to all workers in the project, both union and non-union

on a local project, be it a

bridge, roundabouts, or

Why do they want them banned?

workers.

One claim made by a lobbyist and parroted by a GOP legislator is that PLAs are discriminatory against organizations that don't have trained personnel.

Another reason is the

GUEST COLUMNIST training dards. Currently there are established industry standards training and certification. Instead of using these standards, statehouse wants

> to allow the bidder of the project to set their own training and safety standards ... and what could go wrong? We've just witnessed what can occur when the rail transport industry is deregulated. The implications of that tragedy are far reaching, and the limits are unknown.

> Banning PLAs would eliminate local control of projects. The state legislature is telling our locally elected city councilors and mayors that they do not know what's best for their own cities and their tax dol-

PLAs ensure our bridges and stadiums are built to the highest safety standards by the most qualified workers. They shouldn't be banned, in fact, they should be the standard.

### Carmel Clay Parks & Purdue University seek public input on city's proposed Chinese Garden

#### The REPORTER

Recreation (CCPR) in partnership with Purdue University Professor of Landscape Architecture **Dr. Huang** invites the public to provide feedback regarding a future Chinese Garden.

The Chinese Garden honors the Carmel-Xiangyang Sister City initiative, which was created in 2012 to promote educational and cultural exchange between the city of Carmel and the dance to answer questions. city of Xiangyang, China. Dr. Huang and Purdue University students in the landscape architecture program, including a Carmel High School graduate, to develop plans for a Chinese Garden. CCPR is working in collaboration with Carmel Clay Schools on the possible location of the proposed Chinese Garden.

• Online: Participate in information can be found at an online survey to provide feedback on plants, garden

styles, and other landscape Carmel Clay Parks & elements for the Chinese Garden. The online survey is available now and will remain open through Sunday, March 26. Click here to view the survey.

> • In person: A community workshop will be hosted from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 5 at Carmel High School Freshman Cafeteria, 520 E. Main St. Dr. Huang and Purdue University students will be in atten-

 Stay up-to-date with CCPR has partnered with the project: Click here to sign up to receive emails about the project or follow the project on Facebook.

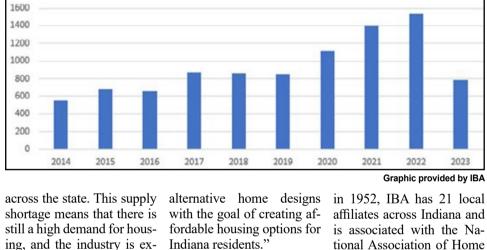
> "As we develop plans for a new public garden, we are excited to continue our tradition of engaging with the community," CCPR Board President Rich Taylor said. "We are grateful to Dr. Huang and the Purdue University students for their help in facilitating public input opportunities.

### Housing demand strong despite decline in permits

#### The REPORTER

The U.S. Census Bureau recently released statewide totals for building permits issued in January and shows 783 single-family permits were pulled. The 783 permits pulled in January of 2023 are down 49 percent from the 1,539 permits pulled in January 2022. This number is down 3 percent from December of 2022, when 805 permits were nulled

"The sharp decline is largely due to 30-year mortgage rates rising from 3 percent in January 2022 to current rates of 7 percent, making it significantly more expensive for Indiana buyers to purchase a home," Indiana Builders Association President Ric Zehr said. "Despite the decrease in building permits, Indiana's housing market remains strong due to a deficit of almost 50,000 housing units at the same time, exploring tion industry. Established



ing, and the industry is expected to continue to thrive. Indiana builders and developers remain optimistic deby rising costs. With a focus on affordability, the industry is working to bring more

#### About the Indiana

**Builders Association** The Indiana Builders spite the challenges posed Association (IBA) is a statewide trade organization representing Indiana's home building, remodeling, and housing to the market while light commercial construc-

affiliates across Indiana and is associated with the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. IBA educates and advocates for the construction industry to positively impact legislative, regulatory, and legal issues that affect housing affordability. More

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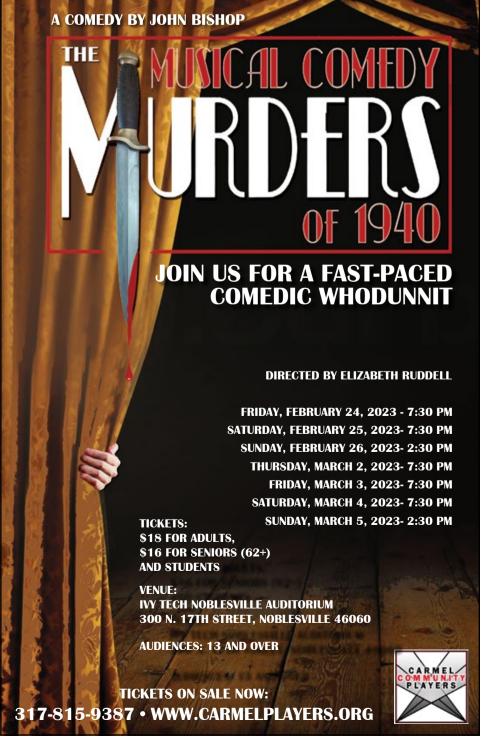
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### Four new members join Indiana ACT for **Families Coalition**

Hopebridge Autism Therapy Centers, Rise Autism, Harsha Autism Center & Journeys Autism Center add momentum to growing effort

#### The REPORTER

The Indiana ACT for Families coalition added four new member organizations this month - Hopebridge Autism Therapy Centers, Rise Autism, Harsha Autism Center, and Journeys Autism Center bolstering efforts to raise awareness of the need for more public health funding for autism services for Hoosier families who rely on Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) therapy.

Indiana ACT for Families continues to increase its influence in Indiana following a successful Advocacy Day on Feb. 15. New members will lend more voices to the coalition's advocacy efforts directed toward policymakers, emphasizing the importance of public health and ABA therapy during this crucial rulemaking and legislative session.

Kayla Geatches, Billing and Onboarding Specialist from Rise Autism said:

"We have seen firsthand the benefits that Hoosier families receive from ABA therapy, and we are very concerned that a cut to reimbursement rates would impact providers ability to maintain the high standard of care that our families deserve. We decided to join the Indiana ACT for Fami-

lies coalition to help spread awareness about the negative impact a Medicaid rate cut would have to access and quality of autism therapy services."

Kim Strunk, Founder and Head of Clinical Strategy at Hopebridge Autism Therapy Centers said:

"Since our founding 17 years ago, we've fought to maintain Medicaid coverage for our patients in Indiana and beyond. We are proud to support Indiana ACT for Families so we can continue to protect access to services for all children, regardless of their background, zip code or circumstance."

Holly Near, Chief Operating Officer, from Harsha **Autism Center** said:

'We strive to lead behavioral healthcare, like ABA therapy, by providing exemplary service and achieving a high level of patient and family satisfaction by fostering an environment of clinical excellence and continued learning. If Indiana cuts Medicaid coverage, it will reduce access to ABA therapy, and we're concerned that waiting lists will expand and early intervention will decrease. By joining the coalition, we will be able to call attention to the need

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### Indiana is leading fight against plans to risk retirement savings for political agenda

**Opnion by Senator** Mike Braun & State **Treasurer Daniel Elliott** 

President Biden is playing politics with Hoosiers' retirement savings. We're fighting to stop it at the state er look at what and federal level.

A new rule from Biden's Labor Department allows fiduciaries to consider factors other than financial return when making investment decisions.

Because this rule deals with the ERISA law, all employer-sponsored 401(k) programs fall under this rule. We're talking about 152 million Americans' retirement savings and \$11.7 trillion.

Under the previous rule, fiduciaries could only consider financial factors like achieving the highest rate of

The intention of this rule is for fiduciaries to be able to invest based on ESG environment, social, or corporate governance factors. ESG funds tend to be investments that align with the political preferences of the Biden administration on topics like climate change and social justice.

In other words: this Biden rule makes it so money managers can pursue a progressive political agenda using your money – likely leaving you a lower rate of

Over the past five years, ESG funds underperformed the broader market, averaging a 6.3 percent return compared to 8.9 percent

lead against this agenda to politicize Americans' retirement savings.

Here's a closwe're doing at the federal and state level to protect your retirement.

#### **Senator** Braun

On the federal level, I'm challenging Biden's rule in Congress. I wrote the challenge and have won the support of every Republican Senator and

Joe Manchin of West Vir-

under the Congressional

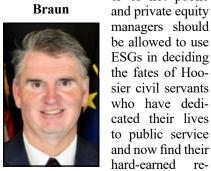
Review Act are guaranteed a vote on the floor of the House and the Senate, and can pass with a simple ma-If this challenge passes, which it is expected to, it

will be a searing rebuke of President Biden's plan to jeopardize Americans' retirement for his own political goals. These challenges aren't

just a strong message to the administration, they're also a message to the courts that the investee. Congress disapproves of the President's rule.

Previously, I successfully passed a challenge to Biden's vaccine mandate for private businesses in the Senate, which was cited by the Supreme Court in their





**Elliott** 

tirements subject one Democratic Senator, to the whims of political "wokeness."

**Treasurer** 

**Elliott** 

Indiana,

Large asset manage-Challenges like this ment firms are trampling on the rights of lawful small businesses that further our 2nd Amendment civil liberties, Indiana farmers, and our state's energy producers who keep homes warm and our hospitals lit.

Large financial corporations and their lobbyists are trying to scare the public into thinking that passing this bill would cost our pensioners money. However, there are many studies that show that ESG investing results in long term losses for

As the Indiana's Chief Investment Officer, it is my duty to protect the assets of all Hoosiers.

This fight against these large fund managers is about making sure that our retirees don't have to Indiana is taking the decision to overturn the choose between paying for

mandate as the their medicine or paying for their electricity. Our Indiana pensioners served our state for many years and the least we can do is protect them with the same passion with which they served us.

By allowing large public and private equity asset managers to use ESG policies to make decisions, we renege on the promise we made to those who dedicated their lives to serving their fellow citizens. Myself, along with conservative leaders in the General Assembly, are committed to stopping this from happening.

At a time when Americans' retirement savings have already taken such a hit from market downturns and the Biden inflation crisis, the last thing D.C. should be doing is putting 401(k)s at risk of a lower return to favor a political agenda.

As inflation continues to cut into every Americans' retirement plans, the 2.6 percent lower return on ESG would make a world of difference for Hoosiers' savings.

We're proud to stand up for Hoosiers against this policy from the Biden administration that's jeopardizing Americans' retirement to support their progressive policy goals.

Thanks for reading The REPORTER

# Representative Victoria Spartz



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# updates, week of March 6

#### The REPORTER **State Road 37**

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 are currently taking place bids are accepted in the Fall of 2023. View detour routes

#### 131st Street

Comcast is currently 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 March 6, Duke Energy will do 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.

#### Allisonville Road

During the week of March 6, DPW will perform median landscaping on Allibetween 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

#### **Cumberland Road**

During the week of To learn more about the March 6, Duke Energy will do tree trimming on Cumberland Road between 106th Street and 116th Street. Lane restrictions will be in place between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

#### Florida Road

From Tuesday, March knowing this if 7 through Friday, March 10, Florida Road between Southeastern Parkway and 113th Street will be closed ings from a 2021 study by each day between 9 a.m. Dalbar, a financial services and 2 p.m. to allow contractors to make utility crossings. Steel plates will be placed at the end of each day to allow for travel outside of those times.

#### **Geist Road**

During the week of March 6, Duke Energy will do tree trimming on Geist Road between Fall Creek Road and 106th Street. Lane restrictions will be in place between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

#### **Geist Greenway**

Pile driving activities near Thorpe Creek as part of the Geist Greenway Project through Monday, March 20. For general project information, please visit playfishers. com/299/Geist-Greenway.

#### **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 Au-

#### 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 sonville Road between Eller process of being reviewed. Road and 106th Street. Lane This is viewable on the restrictions will be in place Planning & Zoning Homepage here.

### Senator Braun's bill requiring declassification of Wuhan lab leak intel passes Senate unanimously for second time

#### The REPORTER

This week, the United Braun States Senate unanimously COVID Origins Act of 2023 passed Indiana Senator Mike on Monday. The senators

Braun and Missouri Senator Josh Hawley's bill, the COVID Origins Act of 2023, to require the Biden administration to declassify intelligence related to any potential links between the

(WIV) and the origins of the COVID pandemic.

The bill is cosponsored by Mike Lee (R-Utah), Roger Marshall (R-Kan.), and Rick Scott (R-Fla.).

Senators Hawley and announced

> previously introduced the COVID Origins Act of 2021, which passed the Senate unanimously.

This was the second major bill led by Senator Braun to pass the Senate this week,

Braun Wuhan Institute of Virology after his measure to strike down the Biden Administration's ESG investment rule for Americans' retirement savings passed on a bipartisan vote Wednesday night as

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to protect vital autism therapy services that can help Hoosiers across the state get quality care and access to the services they need."

Leanne Sargent-Tharp,

Center said: "Our longstanding mission is to provide the highest quality, compassionate care to our clients, caregivers, and families. We're concerned that this mission would be jeopardized if the state decides to cut the Medicaid reimbursement rate for ABA therapy is an import- lies.com.

ant public health initiative that will help lower costs for the state in the long run."

#### About Indiana ACT

for Families Indiana ACT for Fam-Owner of Journeys Autism ilies is a broad coalition of Hoosier families, ABA therapists, ABA therapy providers, and stakeholders, including The Arc of Indiana and other advocacy groups, working to advocate in support of promoting access to high quality ABA therapy services in Indiana. For more information, please ABA therapy. Investing in visit IndianaACT4Fami-

### Fishers road construction Should investors 'go it alone'?

If you're going to enjoy a comfortable retirement, know, should among things, how much money you'll need. And you may have a much better chance of

you other **COREY SYLVESTER** you get some professional

Consider these findmarket research firm:

- Investors who worked with a financial advisor were three times more likely to estimate what they would have saved at retirement than "do-it-yourself" investors.
- More than two-thirds of investors with a financial advisor were satisfied with the amount they would have saved at retirement, compared to about 27 percent of the do-it-yourselfers.

How do financial professionals help their clients in these ways?

of determining how much money will be needed for retirement. It's not always easy for individuals to estimate this amount. But financial professionals can help clients like you arrive

goals.

How long do you plan to work? What kind of lifestyle do you anticipate enjoying in retirement? Where would you like to live? How much would you like to travel? Are

you open to pursuing earned income opportunities, such as consulting or working part time?

key question: How much money will be available for retirement? This big question leads to many others: How much do you need to save and invest each year until you retire? About what sort of investment return will you need to reach your retirement income goals? What level of risk are you willing to take to achieve that return? What is the role of other income sources such as Social Security or any pensions you might have?

Having a financial pro-First, consider the issue fessional help you gain a clear idea of your retirement income picture can certainly be reassuring. But there may be other reasons why "going it alone" as an investor might not be desirable.

For example, when the

2022, some investors make decisions based on shortterm volatility, such as selling investments to "cut their losses," even if these same investments still have solid business fundamentals and good prospects for growth. But if you work with a financial professional, you might decide to stick with these investments, especially if they're still appropriate for your long-term strategy. Other times, of course, the Next comes the other advice may be different but it will always be advice based on your goals, needs and time horizon.

Furthermore, if you're investing on your own, you may always be measuring your results against the major market indexes, such as the S&P 500 or the Jones, Member SIPC.

your hopes and as was the case for much of Dow Jones Industrial Average. But in reality, your portfolio should contain a wide range of investments, some of which aren't contained in these indexes, so you might not be assessing your performance appropriately. A financial professional can help you develop your own, more meaningful benchmarks that can show the progress you're actually making toward your goals.

> In some areas of life, going it alone can be exciting – but when it comes to investing for your future, you may benefit from some company on the journey.

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### at this figure by exploring financial markets are down, **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.

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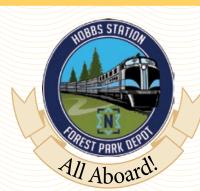
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### What city was the first capital of the **Indiana Territory?**

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1874 – Purdue University admitted its first student.

1905 – Indiana began the first statewide registration of motor vehicles. For a fee of \$1, the owner was given a two-inch diameter disc with registration numvehicle.

- Jazz musician Roll Hall of Fame.

Wes Montgomery was born in Indianapolis. One of the best jazz guitarists of the 20th century, he influenced countless others and changed the role of the guitar in popular music. He died in 1968.

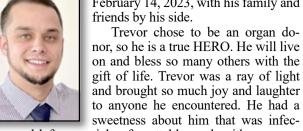
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# Thanks for reading The Reporter!

#### Trevor Joseph Hartfield d. Feb. 14, 2023

Trevor Joseph Hartfield, 31, St. Petersburg, Fla., formerly of Arcadia, passed away on February 14, 2023, with his family and



tious and left a special unforgettable mark with so many. He also had a very serious side when not being his goofy self. If you needed him, he was always there.

He enjoyed all sports; Florida Gators football was his passion. He recently took up biking, loved taking his dog Percy to the beach and eating out with family and friends. Gaming with his buddies was also a favorite pastime. Trevor was a huge Dave Mathews fan and always looked forward to attending his concert each year. Although he didn't have a church home, he loved the Lord, had faith, and accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior.

Trevor is survived by his parents, Paul Hartfield of St. Pete, Fla., and Christine (stepdad Charles) Moore of Sheridan; paternal grandmother, Joann Bitterman of Wisconsin; maternal grandmother, Patricia Ogden of Indiana; and step-grandparents, Vernard (Vicky) Moore of Indiana. Trevor was the youngest of two children. He loved his older sister whole-heartedly and loved to play jokes on her expressing his love for her. He leaves behind his sister, Jessica (Nicholas) Wise of Indiana; stepbrothers, Eric (Abby) Moore and Brandon Moore; nephews, Hunter and Gavin; and niece, Faylinn Moore; and his dog Percy, which was the love of his life. He also leaves behind his Uncle Gregory (Kimberly) Hartfield, Jeffrey (Brenda) Hartfield, Aunt Sharon (Robert) Ockerlund, Uncle Kenny (Pam) Majors, Curt Majors, Dennis Majors, and Aunt Amy (Andy) Tess; along with many loving great-aunts, great-uncles, cousins and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Richard Hartfield; step-grandfather, Fred Bitterman; maternal grandparents, Kenneth (Elizabeth) Majors; and step-grandfather, John Ogden.

A celebration of life will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 11, with the memorial service immediately following at Arcadia Christian Church, 26901 State Road 19, Arcadia.

#### TODAY'S BIBLE READING

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads. Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born. She gave birth to a son, a male child, who "will rule all the nations with an iron scepter." And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. The woman fled into the wilderness to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days.

Revelation 12:1-6 (NIV)

#### **Meeting Notices**

The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, in the second floor courtroom at the Hamilton County Historic Courthouse in downtown Noblesville.

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9) To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process.

The Hamilton County Airport Authority Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, No blesville.

The Noblesville Firefighter Pension Board will meet at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 to discuss selection of a pension secretary. The meeting will be held in the conference room of the Hamilton County Professional Firefighters Local 4416 Union Hall, 399 S. 14th St., Noblesville.

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### Basketball



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Noblesville sophomore T.J. Davidson (left) is congratulated by sophomore Aiden Brewer after making a good defensive play during the Millers' 47-45 sectional win over Westfield on Friday.

# Big comebacks, big results

### Millers & Eagles face off in tonight's sectional title

By RICHIE HALL

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**CARMEL** – After making a big comeback on Friday, the Noblesville boys basketball team will play for a sectional championship on Saturday.

The Millers were down 12 points in the third quarter against defending Sectional 8 champion Westfield in Friday's first semi-final at the Eric Clark Activity Center. But Noblesville rallied with a big second half, and that got the Millers past the Shamrocks 47-45.

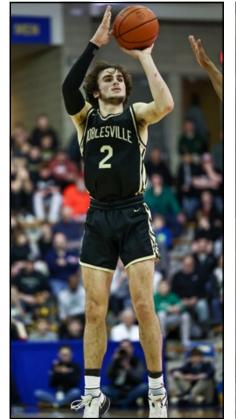
Noblesville will take on Zionsville in tonight's title game, which tips off at 7 p.m. The Eagles also made a second-half comeback to beat Fishers 59-53 and advance to the final game.

#### **Fine on the Line**

The Millers (18-6) trailed Westfield for the first 28 minutes of the game. Not until Aaron Fine made a three-point play with 3:49 left in the fourth quarter did Noblesville hold a lead. Fine's and-1 got the Millers ahead 41-40, and while they never trailed again, they had to fight off Westfield during those last few minutes.

Alex Romack tied the game at 41-41 with a free throw. Noblesville got the next two baskets, with Hunter Walston scoring on a putback, then Luke Almadovar made a layin to give character. the Millers a 45-41 lead.

again, with Durante Morton getting his own putback and Trey Buchanan hitting two foul shots. But Fine went to the line with 33.4 seconds left, and he drained two more free throws for the winning points. Almodo-





Reporter photos by Kent Graham

(Above left) Noblesville senior Luke Almodovar scored 19 points for the Millers. (Above right) Westfield senior Sam Bishop had 17 points for the Shamrocks.

var made a steal during the closing seconds to seal the game.

Noblesville coach Scott McClelland said that during halftime, the message was "We're not doing our job on the ball. We missed some bunnies. We didn't have any transition baskets." Another topic was

"They're challenging your The 'Rocks came back character," said McClelland. "Who are you? I thought our kids really rose to the challenge."

Westfield controlled the tempo of the first half, leading 11-4 after one quarter of play. Sam Bishop scored the game's

first points on a three-point gave Westfield a 30-18 lead to play at the 6:18 mark, then was mostly responsible for a 6-0 run to put the 'Rocks up 9-2, scoring four points on layins. Romack finished the quarter with a buzzer-beating layin.

Fine started the second quarter with the first of his two 3-pointers during the period, cutting the lead to 11-7. But Morton pushed the lead back up to 14-7 with a layin and a free throw seconds later. The Shamrocks were able to keep their lead between five and nine points for the remainder of the period and led 27-18 at halftime.

Another triple from Bishop

open up the third period. Almodovar made a layin, but Morton answered that with a layin, and the 'Rocks were up by 12 again, 32-20.

The Millers took over after that, using a 13-2 run to lead 34-33. That stretch took up the remainder of the third period and included the first basket of the fourth quarter: Almodovar with another layin. Almodovar scored seven points of that run, with Cooper Bean hitting a 3, Aaron Fine making a floater and Aiden Brewer adding a free throw.

See Results...Page 12 long race fan.

### Fantastic farewell to Fontana

Sunday's Auto Club 400 in Fontana, Calif., marked the final chapter of Auto Club Speedway, a 2.5-mile D-shaped oval that was originally built and owned by Roger Penske, the famed owner of Penske Racing (that competes in both Indy Car and NASCAR) and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.



For more than 25 years, NASCAR has been visiting the Auto Club Speedway with Jeff Gordon wining the inaugural NASCAR Cup race on June 22, 1997. Shortly after the track was opened by Penske, it was taken over by the International Speedway Corporation (which is essentially NASCAR) and has been owned by ISC ever since.

In the recent years, and especially since the introduction of the NextGen Car, Auto Club Speedway has produced some of the best racing on the NASCAR circuit. The combination of a worn track surface with moderate banking and sprawling turns has produced three-, four-, and even five-wide racing through the corners. Many believed that Auto Club Speedway produced the best race of the 2022 season with then defending NASCAR Cup champion, Kyle Larson, taking the victory only after tangling with his teammate and 2020 Cup champion, Chase Elliott.

Sunday's race at Auto Club was no exception and produced a fantastic race. After having zero practice or qualifying due to heavy rains (and even snow!) on Saturday, the Cup drivers first laps at speed only came at the drop of the green flag.

Upstart and hero of the last year's Fall Martinsville race, Ross Chastain, dominated the first half of the race, claiming the first two stage wins. However, as the laps wound down, Richard Childress Racing's newest acquisition, Kyle Busch, came alive and convincingly outpaced Chastain and the rest of the field. The race featured excellent side-byside action and tire fall-off and pit strategy was an important factor in determining who was moving to the right and who was falling to the back. Auto Club Speedway has become a favorite of mine in recent years.

Given the spectacular racing in recent years, why is this the final race at Auto Club Speedway? In its simplest terms, money. It was announced last week that NASCAR and ISC had entered into an agreement to sell the track and 433 of the 522-acre property for nearly \$550 million. Despite the great racing, I don't believe anyone could have passed on a deal like that.

NASCAR, however, has retained about 90 acres and plans to reconfigure Auto Club into a short track. Talks for building a short track in Fontana have been ongoing for about three years, and now NASCAR will be forced to put its "money where its mouth is."

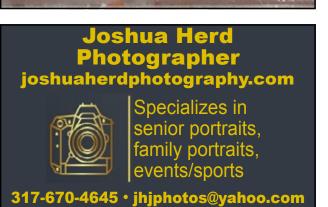
To be honest, I am skeptical that a new track will ever be built, or the speedway reconfigured. Although they retained 90 acres, the cost of building a new facility will not be cheap, especially given all the regulations and re-tape that come with building in California. What if construction of a new facility costs \$300 or \$350 million? Is that something NASCAR would be willing to undertake or would they rather re-invest the money in their remaining facility, many of which need renovating and updating. Nevertheless, this past weekend could not have seen a better close to Auto Club Speedway.

In my previous column, I discussed wanting to see Kyle Busch win with RCR and sure enough, he did. Is he now the favorite to win the title for 2023? Sure seems like it to me, though we have a long season left.

This week is a busy weekend for racing. NASCAR is at Las Vegas and Formula 1 and Indy Car are back. Here's looking to more exciting racing.

Zech Yoder is a local resident, an attorney at Adler Attorneys in Noblesville, and a life-





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### **University boys** break school wins record, going 22 games strong

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University won its school record 22nd game of the season Friday night in moving on to the Sectional 43 championship game. The Trailblazers used a 24-2 run over the last three minutes of the second quarter and first five minutes of the third quarter to defeat the host Cascade Cadets 57-32.

University led 17-14 with three minutes remaining in the second quarter before junior Sabien Cain scored the last seven points of the half in a 47 second span. Cain started the run with a three pointer before making a steal and driving for a dunk. After another steal, Cain rebounded a missed Trailblazer shot for the final points of the half and a 24-14 lead at the break.

Cain opened the second half with a three pointer off a set-up by Rob Russell. Andre Ozlowski scored off a Seth Hogg steal before Russell made two foul shots to cap a 14-0 run. After a Cascade basket, University started a 10-0 streak with down a three pointer from son ends at 7-17.

the left wing.

Ozlowski made two foul shots after making a steal then added a traditional three-point play. Cain added two foul shots for a 41-16 Trailblazer lead with 3:18 left in the third quarter.

Cain led three Trailblazers in double figures with 17 points. Russell had a dozen and Bracey scored ten points.

University will meet Park Tudor at 7:30 p.m. Saturday night in the championship game at Cascade. University won the PAAC championship game against the Panthers 66-57 on Feb. 11.

Coach Brandon Lafferman is happy about playing for a second consecutive championship. sectional "I'm excited for my team to have a chance to play for a sectional championship and battle it out with Park Tudor. We did a really nice job tonight being patient and letting the game come to us. I loved how we played in the third quarter to put the game away."

University is now 22-2 Kahmi Bracey knocking on the season. Cascade's sea-

#### **UNIVERSITY 57, CASCADE 32** TP PF University Kahmi Bracey 10 Robert Russell Sabien Cain Andre Ozlowski Seth Hogg Bryce Gray Zien Bland 2-2 Steven Scott Jackson Bledsoe David Walz Eli Facey 0-0 Cooper Cammack 14-17 Totals Score by Quarters University 13 - 5712 - 32Cascade University 3-pointers (5) Cain 3, Bracey 2.

### RESULTS

Noblesville was within 34-33 at that point. Bishop and Morton both scored to push Westfield ahead 38-33, but Almodovar tied the game with an and-1, then a dunk. Romack's two free throws gave the Shamrocks a 40-38 lead, then Fine made his three-point play.

"Every possession matters in a game like that," said McClelland. "Really proud of our kids and their resiliency to bounce back here in the second half."

#### Young players, huge spark

Almodovar finished with 19 points and Fine scored 15. While both those players had great games, McClelland also gave credit to two young players who were competing in a sectional for the first time: Sophomore T.J. Davidson and freshman Justin Curry.

"I thought they were just outstanding, provided a huge spark," said McClelland. "We had to change a little bit in our lineup, go a little bit smaller. I thought those two kids really came in and played with great energy, made some great hustle and defensive plays."

Bishop scored 17 points for Westfield, which finished its season 16-8.

"We played a very good basketball game and I'm really proud of our guys," said Shamrocks coach Shane Sumpter. "A lot of people had Westfield as a rebuild year, and we had other plans. We won 16 games and got to a sectional semi-final and had some great wins along the way."

In the second game, Zionsville jumped out to a 12-6 lead in the first quarter. Logan Imes, the Eagles' Penn State recruit, scored seven of those points. But the Tigers came back and grabbed the lead at the end of the period, as Jalen Haralson drained a 3 to give Fishers a 16-14 lead going into the second period. Haralson scored nine in the first quarter, while JonAnthony Hall



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Fishers junior Keenan Garner led the Tigers with 18 points in their game with Zionsville.

front for the next two periods, leading 36-30 at half- free throws. But Imes went time. Keenan Garner took on a personal 12-0 run that over in the second quarter, lasted into the fourth quarnailing two triples and making an and-1 for 13 points in deficit into a 49-46 Eagles the period. Taden Metzger helped out with a 3-pointer.

Fishers led by nine points on three different occasions, including a 46-37 advantage with 2:03 left in

The Tigers stayed in the third quarter, this after Garner drained two more ter, turning that nine-point lead with 4:47 left in the game.

> Aidan Zimmer tied the game with a 3-pointer, but a basket from Jackson Tielker gave Zionsville a 51-49 throws with 14.5 seconds regular-season games. left; he led all scorers with 33 points.

"It's one of those performances where you're going

have done different to get the ball out of his hands," said Fishers coach Garrett Winegar. "But at the same time he made a lot of really good plays."

Garner scored 18 points for the Tigers, while Haralson added 17 points. Fishers finished its season 14-12.

"I think the last month of the season we really saw what the team could be," lead, and the Eagles never said Winegar. The coach trailed again. Imes finished pointed out that the Tigers the game with two free won six of their last eight

"You saw that toward the end of the year, the potential that this group has," said Winegar. "And now to second-guess yourself it's just about continuing to constantly at what could we work and sticking together."

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Cooper Bean	2	0-0	5 1	3			
Aiden Brewer	0	1-2	1	3 1 3 2			
Hunter Walston	3	0-0	7	3			
Justin Curry	0	0-0	0	2			
Steven Smits	0	0-0	0	0			
T.J. Davidson	0	0-0	0	1			
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Sam Bishop	7	1-1	17	2			
Charles Farrell	0	0-0	0	4			
Durante Morton	4	1-3	9 6 3 3	1			
Alex Romack	1	4-6	6	4			
Will Harvey	1	0-0	3	1			
Seth LaRavia	1	0-0	3	2			
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Westfield	11	16	7	11 – 45			

ZIONSVILLE 59, FISHERS 53							
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF			
Taden Metzger	1	0-0	3	1			
Jalen Haralson	7	2-2	17	2			
Aidan Zimmer	1	0-0	3	2			
JonAnthony Hall	2	3-3	8	5			
Keenan Garner	5	6-7	18	1			
Millen McCartney	1	0-0	2	0			
Parker Perdue	0	0-0	0	0			
Grant Haworth	1	0-0	2	1			
James Stasey	0	0-0	0	1			
Justin Kirby	0	0-0	0	1			
Totals	18	11-12	53	14			
Score by Quarters							
Zionsville	14	16	14	15 – 59			
Fishers	16	20	10	7 – 53			
Fishers 3-pointers (6) Garner 2, Metzger, Haralson, Zimmer, Hall.							



The Sectional 24 semi-final game at Shortridge between Guerin Catholic and Brebeuf Jesuit was halted, then postponed due to a leak in the Shortridge gym. The game resumes tonight at 6 p.m.

# Indoor rainout grounds Guerin Catholic game

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on its way to the Class 3A Sectional 24 championship game at Shortridge Friday night, when the weather intervened.

A leak in the Shortridge gym with 3:12 11-7 in the first quarter and left in the fourth quar- held off a Braves come- 11 points and seven assists

ter forced the game to be back in the second period, for Guerin Catholic, with tonight at 6 p.m.

Guerin Catholic led was stopped.

Guerin Catholic was halted. The Golden Eagles leading 19-18 at halftime. Lucas Parker scoring nine were leading Brebeuf Je- The Golden Eagles held suit 44-34 at that point in a 32-29 advantage after time. Eventually, the game three quarters and were was called and will finish running away with the fourth before the contest

Kamea Chandler has

points.

Once the Guerin-Brebeuf game is completed, Bishop Chatard will play Shortridge in the second semi-final. The championship game will now take place at 7 p.m. Monday.

### **SPORTS SCHEDULE**

#### Saturday, March 4 **BOYS BASKETBALL SECTIONALS**

At Carmel Noblesville vs. Zionsville, 7 p.m.

At Shortridge Guerin Catholic vs. Brebeuf Jesuit (to be completed), 6 p.m. Bishop Chatard vs. Shortridge, to follow

At Cascade University vs. Park Tudor, 7:30 p.m. **GYMNASTICS** 

Westfield at Valparaiso regional, 1 p.m. TRACK AND FIELD

Carmel, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Heights, Noblesville, Westfield at HSR Qualifier, 10 a.m. at Indiana Wesleyan University at Red Devil Classic HSR Qualifier No. 1, 10 a.m. at University of Indianapolis

#### Monday, March 6

**BOYS BASKETBALL SECTIONALS** 

At Shortridge Championship, 7 p.m. TRACK AND FIELD

Fishers at Noblesville (with North Central and Zionsville), 6 p.m.

#### Tuesday, March 7

**BOYS LACROSSE** Carmel at Westfield, 7:30 p.m. **GIRLS LACROSSE** 

Homestead at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m. Westfield at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, March 8 **BOYS LACROSSE**

Guerin Catholic at Fishers, 6 p.m. Center Grove at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.

#### Thursday, March 9

**BOYS LACROSSE** Westfield at Heritage Christian, 7:30 p.m. GIRLS LACROSSE

Fishers at Carmel, 7 p.m. Noblesville at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m. TRACK AND FIELD

Hamilton Heights at West Lafayette, 5 p.m. (Indoor meet)

#### Friday, March 10

**BOYS LACROSSE** 

Fishers at Brebeuf Jesuit, 6 p.m. TRACK AND FIELD

Hoosier Crossroads Conference indoor meet, 7 p.m. at DePauw

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### Thanks for reading!

### Heights' season ends at sectional semi-final

#### The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights' season came to an end Friday in the semi-finals of Class 3A Sectional 27 at New Castle

The Huskies lost to Delout to a 16-7 lead after one quarter, then expanded their advantage to 33-15 by half-

time. Heights played even with Delta in the second half, but the Eagles were able to keep their lead at a comfortable margin.

John Irion had 14 points for the Huskies, while Tillta 61-42. The Eagles jumped man Etchison added 13 points.

> Heights finished its season with an 8-15 record.

DELTA 61,	HAMII	LTON I	HEIGH	TS 42			
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF			
Cooper Vondersaar	0-2	1-2	1	0			
Maddox Bohland	3-11	3-5	9	2			
Tillman Etchison	5-9	2-2	13	2			
John Irion	6-7	0-0	14	3			
Sam Dawson	1-5	2-3	5	0			
Phoenix Vondersaar	0-2	0-0	0	0			
Isaiah Grimsey	0-0	0-0	0	1			
Tyler Champion	0-1	0-0	0	0			
Evan Williamson	0-0	0-0	0	0			
Simon Knott	0-0	0-0	0	0			
Braylon Collins	0-0	0-0	0	0			
Isaac Kuhn	0-0	0-0	0	0			
Totals	15-37	8-12	42	8			
Score by Quarters							
Delta	16	17	14	14 – 61			
Heights	7	8	11	16 – 42			
Heights 3-point shooting (4-11) Irion 2-3 Dawson 1-5 Etchison							

1-2, C. Vondersaar 0-1

Heights rebounds (14) Bohland 4, Williamson 2, Kuhn 1, Grimsey 1, Etchison 1, Dawson 1, Knott 1.

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#### **Saturday March 4**, Boys Basketball Sectionals

7:45 pm Class 4A Sectional 8 | Noblesville vs Zionsville | **Championship** | HCTV Sports

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| HCTV Sports

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