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**TODAY'S WEATHER**

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# Paper peddlers pack Primeval

## Trio of terrific authors offer autographs for fans



Reporter photo by Stu Clompitt

Three authors with strong ties to Noblesville (including The Reporter's own columnist Janet Hart Leonard) came together last Sunday at Primeval Brewing, 960 Logan St., Noblesville, to meet with readers and sign copies of their books. The event was busy from start to finish with a steady stream of eager readers. (From left) Leonard, Susan Zinn Crandall, and Rex Dillinger all graduated from Noblesville High School with the Class of 1974. Read more about each author's works and future plans at [this link](#). **THIS WEEKEND:** In case you missed this past weekend's book signing, Leonard will be at Earthly Endearments, 155 W. Main St., Atlanta, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 12 to sign copies of her book, *When the Heart Speaks*. See you there!



# Westfield Lions & SOS Club join forces to create miracles

**The REPORTER**

The Westfield High School's Service Over Self (SOS) Club and the Westfield Lions Club are teaming up to raise funds for the "Miracle League of Westfield" – a local non-profit organization that provides children and adults with disabilities the experience of playing "adaptive baseball."

A pancake breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 18 in the Westfield High School (WHS) cafeteria and will run from 8 to 10:30 a.m. It includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, donuts, drinks, free face painting, and a 50/50 raffle. The cost for the breakfast is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children under 12, and free for children aged 2 and under.



# Heights' Coffee Bean Award recognizes students for their kindness & positivity

**The REPORTER**

Hamilton Heights High School recognizes the following students who were named as Coffee Bean Award recipients for the month of February: Joannah Blueher, Addison Gilmore, Raechel Hunter, Jocelyn Mendez Rivera, and Camryn Runner.

These students were among 15 who were nominated for their showing extra kindness, compassion, have overcome adversity, and/or who have been a positive light to those around them in February.

The name and award were inspired by *The Coffee Bean*, a book written by Jon Gordon and Damon West that delivers

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**The Hamilton Heights High School February Coffee Bean Award recipients include (from left) Addison Gilmore, Raechel Hunter, Camryn Runner, and Joannah Blueher. Not pictured: Jocelyn Mendez Rivera. These students were nominated by a student or staff member for positive words and actions that are having a transformative impact on others and lifting the overall school culture.**

**Photo provided**

The Miracle League of Westfield is run by a 100-percent volunteer committee and has developed an accessible stadium at Westfield's Roundtripper Academy. The group's mission is to provide opportunities for all children and young adults to play baseball regardless of their ability or disability. The Miracle League of Westfield needs financial support to make the dream of playing baseball come true for these kids and adults, so the SOS Club and Westfield Lions are stepping up to raise funds and create awareness for this extremely worthwhile program.

The SOS Club is a service club at WHS that gives young people the opportunity to serve their community while learning valuable skills. The club's objective is to "provide hands-on service projects to build character and develop leadership skills with an educational twist."

The Westfield Lions Club, the oldest service club in Hamilton County, is a proud sponsor and supporter of the SOS Club. The Lions will lend their leadership,

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**Outstanding Volunteer Award recipients included (from left) Claire Lane (Urban Conservationist), Lisa Meek, Dorrie Keyes, Shelly Brown, Phil Flannagan, Kim Gauen, Taylor Wilson (Urban Conservation Technician), and Laura McCloughan (not pictured).**

# Soil & Water awards several for their outstanding service

**The REPORTER**

The Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) held its annual meeting on Feb. 28 in Noblesville.

Highlights from the District's 2022 work were shared by Conservation Administrator David Bradway.

SWCD recognized Lisa Meek, Dorrie Keyes, Shelly Brown, Phil Flannagan, Kim Gauen, and Laura McCloughan as Outstanding Volunteers for their dedicated service to the Hamilton County Invasives Partnership (HIP). Travis Cole, a GIS Developer/Analyst in the county's Information Systems Services (ISS) Department was recognized as an Outstanding Partner for his work on the development of the HIP invasive species mapping system.

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# Hamilton County Community Band celebrates five years with spring concert

**Submitted by Brian Wuerch**

This spring marks the five-year anniversary of the Hamilton County Community Band (HCCB). To celebrate, the band will perform a concert on Sunday, March 19 as a thank you to the community and to recognize those band members who have served with the band all five years.

HCCB, with 80-plus volunteer members, was formed on Feb. 25, 2018, with a meeting between current Director Brian Swart, Noblesville Schools Band Director Eric Thornbury, and director of the Fishers Community Chorus Marc Feeney. These three men saw a need for a true community concert band in Hamilton County.

"Our mission is to have a 'FUN' atmosphere that is inviting to all musicians," Swart said.

HCCB performs multiple concerts in and around the Hamilton County area. Rehearsals are held weekly on Sunday evenings at Noblesville High School.

To further commemorate the fifth anniversary, the band commissioned a piece by prolific composer Sean Sumwalt. The piece, titled "The Road Home," is based on the folk style choral work of Stephen Paulus. Sumwalt's original iteration was written for the Spirit of Muncie Band and Guard and was



**The Hamilton County Community Band's founders are (from left) Eric Thornbury, Brian Swart, and Mark Feeney.**

**Photo by Brian Wuerch**

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a simple, yet power message on positive change. All students nominated receive a certificate of recognition. At the end of the month, the names of the students who were nominated during the month are included in a drawing where the first five names drawn are called down to the office to enjoy a hot chocolate or coffee and a donut.

“The program evolved from a similar program for staff under the same name,” HHHS School Counselor

Lori Watson said. “The objective was to encourage more acts of kindness, positivity, school spirit, and help foster a closer sense of community at the high school.”

The monthly award program officially rolled out in January with Cassidy Felger, Taylor Harley, Kendall Herrell, Ethan Hodson, and Isabella Woody as the first recipients. Students and staff can nominate students. Nomination forms can be downloaded at [hhschus-kies.org/domain/82](https://hhschus-kies.org/domain/82).

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A special recognition was also given to SWCD Urban Conservationist Claire Lane for 10 years of service to SWCD. Leslie Taljaard, Director of Hamilton County’s Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Center and Solid Waste Management District, presented on the current state of recycling in Indiana and the waste management services offered by Hamilton County.

Jared Kakasuleff, long-time SWCD Board of Supervisors member and operator of Kakasuleff Farms,

was re-elected to the SWCD Board of Supervisors and sworn in by County Council member Ken Alexander.

SWCD’s purpose is to provide information about soil, water, and related natural resource conservation; identify and prioritize local soil and water resource concerns; and connect land users to sources of education, technical, and financial assistance in order to implement conservation practices and technologies.

To stay updated on the latest programs and events, visit [hamiltonswcd.org](https://hamiltonswcd.org).

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experience, Lion-power, and financial support to help the SOS Club make this fundraiser a major winner.

The SOS Club and Westfield Lions Club also need

your help in making this pancake breakfast a success. They encourage everyone to take a little time out of their Saturday morning to enjoy some good food, have fun, and support a great cause.

Organizations and individuals that are interested in being a “Placemat Sponsor” for the event can email the Westfield Lions Club at [info@westfieldlions.org](mailto:info@westfieldlions.org) or call (317) 804-1875. For

\$50 you can get your name or logo on the pancake breakfast placemat.

For more information on the Miracle League of Westfield, visit [miracleleagueof-westfield.com](https://miracleleagueof-westfield.com).

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performed during the 2022 Band Day at the Indiana State Fair.

Speaking to his process in creating this arrangement, Sumwalt said, “I’m a very visual person, so I had to create an emotional roadmap throughout the arrangement.”

As the song unfolds, the listener can sense the 10 emotional landmarks beginning with innocence and, in the final bars, a sense of oneness.

A well-known composer especially in the arena of independent filmmakers, Sumwalt’s works have been featured in the California Independent Film Festival, The Catalina Film Festival, the H.P. Lovecraft Film Festival, the Indie Gathering, The Cleveland International Film Fest, the Terror Film Festival, the Big Island Film Festival, among many others. His score for *SARGE* won “Best Music in a Film” at the 2016 Reading Film Festival and has worked on the hit Netflix docu-drama series *Chef’s Table*. While writing for *Chef’s Table*, the show

was nominated for an Emmy two years in a row (2015-16) for Outstanding Music Composition for a Series.

Sumwalt holds a Bachelor of Music in Composition from Butler University and a Scoring for Motion Pictures and Television Graduate Certificate from The University of Southern California. He is a member of ASCAP as both a composer and publisher. He is also an adjudicator with the Central States Judges Association (CSJA).

Many HCCB band members are currently or have been band and music teachers and will take the podium as guest conductors throughout the evening. Guest conductors include many familiar names in the Indiana music education scene: Mark Sands, Mel Carpenter, Melissa Johnson, Toni Bays, Sabin Martinez, Joe Poio, and Eric Thornbury. Sumwalt will also be present to conduct the commissioned piece, “The Road Home.”

Please consider joining the celebration with the band and lead director Brian Swart at 7 p.m. on Sunday,



Photo by Brian Wuerch  
**Composer Sean Sumwalt in rehearsal with the Hamilton County Community Band.**

March 19 in the Noblesville High School Auditorium. A free will offering will be collected to help with purchase of new music and equipment. HCCB also welcomes corporate sponsors. Information can be found at [hamiltoncountycommunityband.com](https://hamiltoncountycommunityband.com).



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

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

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## Letter to the Editor

## Celebrating women committed to a free society &amp; equal rights

Dear Editor:

In 1981 Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and Representative Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.) co-sponsored the first joint Congressional Resolution proclaiming a Women's History Week. In 1987 Congress passed Pub. L. 100-9 designating the month of March as Women's History Month.

Why is it important to shine a light on the need for equal rights and recognition for women? For many years the rights of women have not been recognized equally, and in this country, women have been able to vote in elections for only one hundred years. The suffragists who fought long and hard to obtain that vote deserve to be an important part of history which is taught and remembered by all citizens. (Did you know the Wyoming Territory was the first to grant women the vote?)

Women's History Month celebrates women trailblazers, legislators, leaders, and all who have contributed to making the United States a place for all young girls to strive to achieve whatever goals they set for themselves. The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution honors not only those who have descended from the patriots of the American Revolutionary War, but all women who remain committed to the freedoms of our democracy and equal rights for all.

In particular, this month I remember and honor my great-great-grandmother, a Cherokee woman called "Belle Ann" who gave up her two daughters for adoption when she and many families were forced to leave their homeland of North Carolina on the "Trail of Tears" – walking west for nearly 1,000 miles and enduring extreme weather, disease and starvation, and eventually costing thousands of lives. I don't know what ultimately became of Belle Ann, but I know that her commitment to her daughters to give them up for adoption to a white couple ensured my ability to be here today. Thank you, Belle Ann for your sacrifice; you are a wonderful example of a mother and a leader.

Happy Women's History Month – Celebrate these worthy women who have made a difference!

*The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is a nonprofit, nonpolitical women's service organization dedicated to preserving the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American independence.*

Sharon McMahon

Past Regent, Historian

Chair, American Indians Committee

Horseshoe Prairie Chapter, NSDAR

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Civic Theatre to stage Agatha Christie's classic *Murder on the Orient Express*

## The REPORTER

Just after midnight, a snowdrift stops the Orient Express in its tracks.

The luxurious train is surprisingly full for the time of the year, but by the morning it is one passenger fewer. An American cartoonist lies dead in his compartment, stabbed eight times, his door locked from the inside.

Isolated and with a killer in their midst, the passengers rely on detective Her-

cule Poirot to identify the murderer – in case he or she decides to strike again.

Indulge in Agatha Christie's *Murder on the Orient Express*, adapted for the stage by Ken Ludwig, at the Civic Theatre, 3 Carter Green, Carmel. The play will be on stage March 10 to 25.

Tickets for this Agatha Christie classic are selling fast, so buy yours now at [civictheatre.org/orient-express](http://civictheatre.org/orient-express).



## Four county high school teams to compete at Mock Trial state finals

## The REPORTER

More than 300 students representing 24 teams will participate in the 2023 Indiana Bar Foundation High School Mock Trial State Finals March 11 and 12 in Indianapolis.

"The expertise of our students, the depth of our teams, and the support of our educators, mentors, and school communities makes Indiana's high school Mock Trial program among the best in the nation," Foundation President & CEO Charles Dunlap said. "In addition, sponsors, volunteers, and Foundation staff create an exceptional experience for our students, educators, and school communities."

Teams qualified for the State Finals through regionals held in South Bend, Evansville, Hammond, and Indianapolis.

Locally, four high school teams from Hamilton County will compete this weekend:

- Carmel High School, The Understudies
- Fishers High School, Bullet Proof
- Hamilton Southeastern High School, Foul Play
- Hamilton Southeastern High School, Killer Act

Mock Trial introduces Indiana students to the legal system and the judicial branch of government. Through Mock Trial, students gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of the American courts.

Taking the roles of attorneys and witnesses, students take an in-depth, hands-on learning and appreciation of our society's approach to dispute resolution and justice. Students take case background information and witness statements and apply it to the law. They craft arguments, support it through testimony and physical evidence, and present it to a panel of attorneys, judges, and community members who evaluate their arguments and presentations.

Each year, the Foundation creates a fictionalized case for trial arguments, alternating annually between civil and criminal cases. This year, teams are arguing State of Indiana v. Sam Barrett, where Barrett is charged with murder and a lesser included charge of reckless homicide.

A celebration of the arts and drama has truly turned dramatic. Madison Fields has written and is now directing a new play, *Frontier*, as their newest, most exciting, and most complex story. The drama doesn't just take place in the pages of the script. Actors Sam Barrett and Edward Tiffin have a history of being frenemies and fighting over roles in different produc-

tions they've been in. Other actors Tony/Toni Gonzalez and Jonathan Jennings also join the production.

As the play becomes more costly, more complex, and closer to the time of the premier, things really start to get heated and confused. Taylor Rudzinski, assistant director of props and costumes, has concerns with the weapons in the play, both the access to firearms and the swords being used as well as the training the

actors are getting in preparation for the production.

In the final dress rehearsal, going through a scene where the characters try to shoot at apparitions of characters, things go wrong. One of the guns used for the gun fight was loaded with a real bullet instead of a blank.

In the chaos of the shootout, Jonathan Jennings was shot and killed. Investigations followed by both local police detective Peyton Haskins and independent

investigator Danny/Danni Nakashima. With the information at hand, local prosecutors have found means, motive, and opportunity to charge Sam Barrett.

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The State Finals will be held at the Community Justice Campus in Indianapolis. Follow the Foundation on Twitter and Facebook for Mock Trial State Finals updates and results. [Click here](#) to learn more about Mock Trial.

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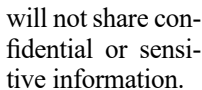
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Welcome to *The Timesheet*. This column is a report of work done on behalf of the people of Hamilton County. It will be an informative place to learn about projects and how county government works.

As a body, the Hamilton County Council deals with large volumes of information. We are responsible for approving budgets, financial plans, and personnel financial decisions among several other areas. The information we review is often confidential. Protecting the confidential information is part of the job and a responsibility that I take seriously. This column



As your employee, it's important that you know what is being worked on and it's just as important to be transparent in government. You

hired me as your Hamilton County Councilman, and my hope is that you'll choose to be informed by regularly reading this column, getting involved, and by asking questions. Council meetings are at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month at the Judicial Center in downtown Noblesville. They are also available to watch online for those unable to attend.

in person. Here is where my time this past month has been spent.

Month two is in the books. Personnel Committee meetings consisted of new hire approvals, compensation adjustments, new positions, and lots of detailed discussions on benefits and county Human Resources procedures. Highway Committee meetings included detailed reviews of pending projects and approvals of funding for several.

I've learned that the public meetings are a product of hours of work behind the scenes. To serve well, one must be informed well. Keeping up with the reading, email, helping taxpayers with issues or questions, meeting with department heads, committee meetings and conversations with other council members all require time.

This month, in addition to the County Council public meeting, I attended Cicero and Noblesville town council meetings. I also attended the Indiana County Council Association meeting in New Castle. The ICCA serves as an educational and legisla-

tive service to county councils across Indiana. This session focused on council best practices and a comprehensive legislative update on 44 bills moving through the statehouse that have potential impact on county government's ability to provide services to citizens.

Unfortunately, the construction climate is such that two bids this past month both exceeded budgeted estimates.

Frankly, it's ugly. Government has strict procurement guidelines so one of the projects must be rebid because the bids were too far beyond the project's estimated budget. The second project could be awarded but it still came in millions of dollars over estimated costs.

This left the county in a trick bag. The sunk costs exceeded the cost overruns by a three-to-one margin, leaving the county very little choice. We can incur the bigger cost, unwind the project, and still have the traffic problem, or suck it up and find a way to cover the new higher project costs.

These are very tough choices, in part because they can put pressure on the bud-

get and harm our ability to pay for future needed projects. Let me be clear here, what's happened to these two projects is not an unforced error, rather it's a product of vendors having plenty of work and increasing their bids to manage their risk of future cost of labor increases between the time they bid the work and the time to start project execution.

This month's work also included an evening shift ride-a-long with a sheriff's deputy and learning more about the challenges faced by our police first responders.

Additionally, I had the privilege to spend time with the team at the Heart and Soul Clinic in Westfield, learning about their free healthcare services and touring their facility.

I spent several hours meeting with the county attorney and representatives from one of the consulting firms the county presently uses to finance debt. Topics included debt financing, our strong AAA bond rating, the county tax rate, and how to keep it flat, as well as how it compares to the various school tax rates around the county.

Lastly of note this month, I spent time with the executives from Bastian Solutions, congratulating them on their decision to remain in Hamilton County, keeping over 600 jobs here at home.

This is my timesheet. This is where my time went during month two. There are several projects in the queue for 2023, and while my job is primarily the financial oversight of the county budget, it is important to understand the Board of Commissioners priorities and balance them with the stewardship of taxpayer dollars. That is the job, and I am excited to do the people's business.

As a taxpayer myself – and listening to so many of you, my employers – it's important for the taxpayers to have access to all the information you want. I work for you, and although you may not choose to do a deep dive into what your County Council does, it's important that you always can do so.

Feel free to contact me at (317) 832-1104 or [mark.hall@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:mark.hall@hamiltoncounty.in.gov) with questions, feedback or if you would like to talk about county business.



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## Submitted

Tonya Hyatt's campaign for Westfield Clerk Treasurer has officially kicked off. With her background in finance and self-proclaimed unwavering commitment to Westfield, Hyatt says she leads by example.

Hyatt has more than 15 years of experience in finance and accounting, with a proven history of working collaboratively with departments and leaders across large organizations. She has served as a Senior Financial Analyst and an accountant at large healthcare organi-

zations, where she excelled in environments experiencing high levels of growth. Hyatt says her experience will allow her to hit the ground running, and she says she has a fresh approach to identifying areas of potential improvement and untapped opportunities.

"I will work respectfully with all City Council members and the newly elected Mayor to bring balance and order to Westfield," Hyatt



said. "This is a critical time for our community. I'll lead with integrity and a conservative approach to finances."

As a community-focused leader, Hyatt says she firmly believes giving back to the city she calls home. She serves on a Board of Assistance, is on the Board for Hamilton County Tourism, and coaches girls through Girls Inc. She has been a

finance committee member for the Boys & Girls Club, a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, a board member for Arts Place, as well as many other volunteer roles.

Hyatt says she is excited to bring her expertise to Westfield. She and her family have chosen to build a life because of the opportunity to get involved in a growing city with so many family-focused amenities and an outstanding school reputation.

Hyatt and her husband Dave have two children who attend Carey Ridge Elementary School.

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# AG Todd Rokita shuts down massive robocall operation

**The REPORTER**

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita this week obtained judgments shutting down a massive robocall operation that has blasted billions of illegal robocalls to people across the country, including in Indiana. In 2019 and 2020 alone, the defendants bombarded Hoosiers with more than 25 million robocalls.

“Winning the war on robocallers requires constantly staying on offense and tracking the latest technologies the scammers are using to carry out their schemes,” Rokita said. “We have pledged to do that since we first took office, and we continue to make good on that promise.”

Defendants in this case include **John Caldwell Spiller II** and his business

partner **Jakob Mears**, the owners of Texas-based Rising Eagle Capital Group LLC and JSquared Telecom LLC, as well as Rising Eagle Capital Group-Cayman.

The Office of the Attorney General sued the defendants in June 2020 alleging violations of the federal Telephone Consumer Protection Act and the federal Telemarketing Sales Rule, as well as various state consumer protection laws. The complaint alleged that defendants used their companies to perpetrate scams involving extended car warranties and health care services, among other things. The defendants also spoofed calls to mislead



**Rokita**

consumers and called people on Do Not Call lists. The 25 million Hoosiers called in 2019 and 2020 included more than 13.5 million calls to people whose numbers were on the Do Not Call Registry and 5 million calls to Hoosiers on the Indiana Do Not Call List.

In achieving the successful multistate settlements, Rokita worked with attorneys general in Arkansas, Michigan, Missouri, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, and Texas.

Mears and Spiller are now permanently banned from 1) initiating or facilitating any robocalls, 2) working in or with companies that make robocalls, or

3) engaging in any telemarketing.

The court also ordered monetary judgments totaling more than \$244 million for Spiller and Mears combined – though these payments will be largely suspended in favor of the permanent operational bans and because of their inability to pay.

Attorney General Rokita’s legal action in this matter isn’t over. The attorneys general are continuing their cases in this same litigation against Florida-based Scott Shapiro, Michael Theron Smith Jr., and Health Advisors of America Inc. These defendants allegedly worked with Mears and Spiller to make illegal robocalls targeting consumers who never asked to be contacted by Health Advisors.

# Senator Braun: EPA should never have sent materials to Indiana without dioxin testing

**The REPORTER**

U.S. Senator Mike Braun (R-Ind.) released a statement Tuesday after the Environmental Protection Agency **announced** shipments of toxic materials to Indiana would be paused, with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management confirming the shipments would be paused until testing confirms there are no harmful levels of dioxins.

Last week, Sen. Braun and Representative Jim Baird (R-Ind.-04) **sent a letter to the EPA** demanding answers to several questions about the agency’s decision to send this material to Indiana and if partisan politics was the only reason an in-progress shipment of materials was diverted from Michigan and sent back to

East Palestine, Ohio. Senator Braun and Rep. Baird **called on the EPA** to explain what testing procedures were in place in East Palestine to test contaminated materials before they were transported, and called on EPA to preemptively test and determine if facilities are certified to process the contaminants they are being asked to process. The EPA has not responded to these concerns, six days later.

“The EPA never should have sent one ounce of this material into Indiana without testing it for dioxins in the first place,” Sen. Braun said. “This halted shipment should stay halted, and the Biden EPA should explain why they started shipping material to Indiana instead of Michigan as originally planned.”



**Braun**

# Indiana Arts Commission launches program to integrate arts & creativity in classroom

**The REPORTER**

The Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) announced today a new partnership with the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) that aims to expand classroom teaching through arts and creativity.

The Indiana Educator Fellowship for Creative Teaching was created to celebrate and support outstanding educators and expand classroom teaching through creativity.

Research shows creative teaching strategies, also known as arts integration, improve student engagement, student learning re-

tention, and student literacy skills. The Indiana Educator Fellowship for Creative Teaching supports educators with robust training, funding, and a community of experts to inspire and implement creativity-centered innovation in the classroom.

“As a result of our previous work in arts integration, including the **PACE program** and the Arts Integration Learning Labs, we have seen the impact that arts and creativity have on the learning outcomes of young Hoosiers,” said Miah Michaelsen, IAC Executive Director. “We are incredibly grateful for the partnership



with the IDOE to help us support educators by equipping them with new skills for their classrooms.”

If selected for the program, Creative Teaching Fellows receive:

- Two days of immersive training in creativity and connections to standards
- Access to a fully funded in-school creative arts residency
- Support from commu-

nity creative partners, experts, and professionals

- Membership in a statewide community of energetic, innovative, educators
- A \$1,000 honoraria

The deadline to apply to be a part of the Creative Teaching Fellow Cohort is April 10, 2023. **Click here** to apply now.

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## Two grand openings this Friday for new Mix Food Halls in Carmel & Fishers Kroger stores

*First 100 guests can win “Mix Meals for a Year” and a \$50 Kroger gift card*

### The REPORTER

A new option for high-quality, convenient meals on the go or delivered to your door is now open in Hamilton County.

California-based Kitchen United has opened two Mix Food Hall locations inside Kroger stores at 1217 S. Range Line Road, Carmel, and at 9799 E. 116th St., Fishers. Both locations are open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Grand opening events will kick off Friday, March 10, when Kroger and Kitchen United join local community leaders for ribbon cutting ceremonies at 10:30 a.m. (Fishers) and 12:30 p.m. (Carmel). Representatives from the Good Samaritan Network will be present in Fishers, and from Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank in Carmel.

Kroger and Kitchen United will present \$1,000 Kroger gift cards to Good Samaritan Network and Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank as part of Kroger's **Zero Hunger | Zero Waste** social impact plan. This plan aims to drive positive impacts for people and the planet by increasing access to fresh, affordable food; advancing sustainability by reducing emissions and food waste; changing systems through strategic philanthropy; and catalyzing innovation.

The celebration will continue with two giveaway events: the first at 10 a.m. on March 11 in Carmel and the second at 3 p.m. on March 13 in Fishers, with prizes to-

taling \$70,000. The first 100 adult guests in line at each event will win “Mix Meals for a Year,” a package that includes 12 Mix Food Hall gift cards valued at \$25 each and a \$50 Kroger gift card.

Both Mix Food Hall locations offer a selection from these national restaurant brands:

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- **Saladworks** – Freshly made salads with ingredients chopped fresh all day, every day. Also serving paninis.

- **Wow Bao** – Asian-inspired street food including bao, pan-seared potstickers, steamed dumplings and rice bowls.

The Carmel and Fishers Mix Food Hall locations are the first two in Indiana, bringing the company to a total of 17 locations in Arizona, California, Illinois, Indiana, New York, Ohio, and Texas.

To learn more about Kitchen United and Mix Food Hall, visit [Mix-FoodHall.com](http://Mix-FoodHall.com).

### Letter to the Editor

## Donate to DNR to help “non-game species”

Dear Editor:

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources has only one program that focuses on non-game wildlife and rare and endangered species. “Non-game species” make up the vast majority in wildlife in Indiana.

Most of the funds raised for the fund last year came from contributions by taxpayers that chose to donate part of their refund on their annual state income tax return. Those donations are then matched by federal grants.

The bald eagle reintroduction has been so successful that the DNR quit doing its annual surveys. Osprey and peregrine falcon populations are growing steadily, and the river otter restoration has been so successful that otters are now found in almost every county.

The DNR Wildlife Diversity Section has more programs in place to help and study bats, reptiles and amphibians, fish, mussels, and more. This can only continue if the funding is available.

Look for the eagle logo on your tax form to donate to the Nongame Fund or send them a check outright. The federal government will match \$9 for every \$5 donated to the program.

Send donations to Indiana Non-game Wildlife Fund, 402 W. Washington St., W273, Indianapolis, IN 46204. For more information on the Wildlife Diversity Section, go to [in.gov/dnr/fish-and-wildlife/non-game-and-endangered-wildlife](http://in.gov/dnr/fish-and-wildlife/non-game-and-endangered-wildlife).

You can make a difference.

**Jim Sweeney**  
Schererville, Ind.

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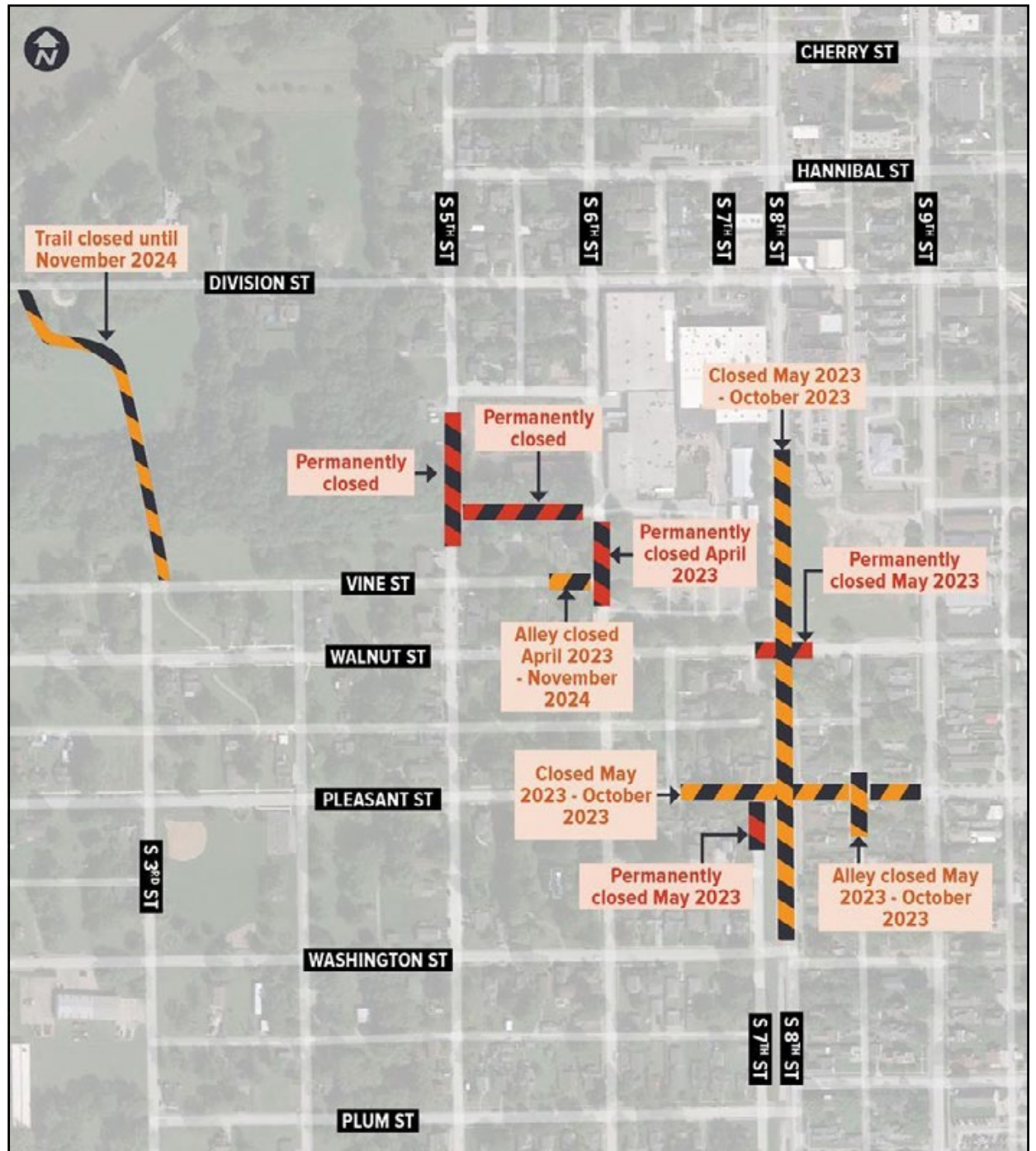
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## Reimagine Pleasant Street update

*Various road & trail closures throughout 2023 & 2024*



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As part of the **Reimagine Pleasant Street project**, various road closures will be coming soon leading up to the closure of 8th and Pleasant streets in Noblesville. The official detour route may be used during the entirety of the closure, which is anticipated to last throughout the 2023 construction season. The detour route was designed to remain consistent during the various road closures during the 2023 construction season. The Riverwalk Trail is currently closed from Division Street to Vine Street to construct the connection to the Midland Trace Trail and a pedestrian tunnel underneath the new Pleasant Street. This section of the trail is anticipated to be closed until November 2024. [Click here](#) to stay up to date on the Reimagine Pleasant Street project.

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# Westfield Chamber Calendar of Events

## MARCH

### Young Professionals Coffee & Networking

Tuesday, March 14, 8 to 9 a.m.

Location: The Bridgewater Club

### Mental Health First Aid Training

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.

# Great, here come the invasive jumping worms

By JASON RONIMOUS  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

Remember the murder hornets? Well, now make way for the invasive jumping worms.

Purdue educators are letting landowners and gardeners know about an invasive species of earthworms that is wreaking havoc in southern Indiana.

“Traditionally, when we see earthworms, they are deep in the ground and a little slimy,” said Robert Bruner, Purdue Extension’s exotic forest pest specialist. “The jumping worms are a little bit bigger, kind of dry and scaly, and tend to thrash around much like a snake does.”

While earthworms in the springtime are a welcome sight for gardeners, this species consumes all organic material from the top layer of soil. They leave behind a coffee ground-like waste with no nutrients for plants or seeds.

Jumping worms also stay within the first few inches of topsoil, so they

do not create channels for water and air the way earthworms do, disrupting the flow to plant roots.

“So basically, they’re just very nasty pests that ruin the quality of our soil, and the only thing that can really grow in soil like that are essentially invasive plants, or species that are meant to survive really harsh conditions,” Bruner said.

Bruner said the worms are being found in cities around southern Indiana, particularly in Terre Haute.

The worms don’t seem to be a migrating species, so they move almost entirely through human activity.

“They don’t crawl superfast,” Bruner explained, “so when they move, that means they’re moving because we’re transferring soil, say from someone’s plants or someone’s compost and we’re bringing them to a new area.”

Bruner is working with fellow Purdue Extension educators to spread the message that gardeners should not share ground soil or compost and avoid

potted plants from unknown sources.

If you suspect jumping worms are present in your own soil, Bruner suggests a process called solarizing to eliminate unwanted pests. Gardeners should lay down a black or dark-toned tarp on a sunny day and sprinkle a thin layer of soil on top, allowing it to reach a temperature over 105 degrees Fahrenheit.

Bruner cautions that jumping worms can escape during the solarizing process, “so you need to completely wrap the soil up in the tarp, essentially making the world’s worst sandwich, and allow it to heat up and kill whatever is in there.”

Bruner said whether the worms will create a major issue for gardeners this season remains to be seen, but he isn’t as concerned for farmers.

“It’s a bit of a nightmare pest if you do gardening, but we don’t have evidence yet that it will spread into agricultural fields,” he said. “We don’t think it’s going to kill any kind of industry. We’re



Photo provided by Purdue Agricultural Communications

asking people to be on the lookout and use your best judgment when you’re getting your soil.”

Any invasive species sightings should be reported to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources at [depp@dnr.in.gov](mailto:depp@dnr.in.gov) or by calling 1-866-663-9684.

## Ivy Tech’s Chief Financial Officer appointed to Governor’s Council for People with Disabilities

### The REPORTER

Ivy Tech Community College announced on Tuesday that Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice President of Business Affairs Dominick Chase was appointed by Governor Eric Holcomb to serve on the Governor’s Council for People with Disabilities (GCPD) for the next two years.

Chase will join other board members of the GCPD, who are committed to serving people with developmental and other disabilities in Indiana through strategically funding grants, influencing public policy and training people with disabilities and their families to more effectively

communicate and advocate for themselves and their communities.

“Dom has truly redefined what excellence in leadership looks like both in the world of higher education and now through intentional, high-impact board service,” Ivy Tech President, Dr. Sue Ellspermann said. “We are incredibly proud of his contributions to the College and our state and look forward to seeing what he will accomplish to elevate people with disabilities in communities

across Indiana.”

Since joining the College, Chase has directed the expeditious distribution of Higher Education Emergency Relief funds to support both emergency needs of the institution and students. He focused the use of these funds to dramatically reduce the price of textbooks and other learning materials for students.

“I am deeply honored to serve on the Governor’s Council for People with Disabilities,” Chase said. “I look forward to working with the council on innova-

tive and inclusive solutions that eliminate barriers and improve the lives of our fellow Hoosiers.”

Chase previously served as chief financial officer of the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, where he oversaw finance, human resources, information technology, and financial aid distribution. He holds a Master of Business Administration from Butler University with a concentration in finance and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Indiana University.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the Governor’s Council for People with Disabilities.



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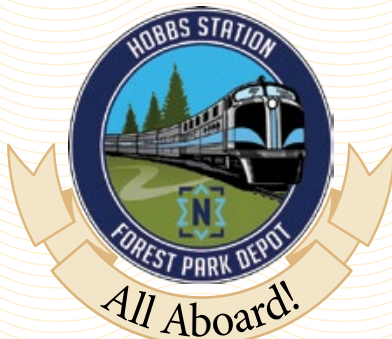
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## Joseph R. Schreiner

September 27, 1958 – February 28, 2023



Joseph R. Schreiner, 64, Noblesville, passed away February 28, 2023, after a long battle with cancer. He was born in Houston, Texas, to Joseph Balson and Kathleen (Craig) Schreiner on Sept. 27, 1958.

Joseph's life-long passion was music. His knowledge and ambition in that realm led to many years on the road playing for crowds across the United States. His life on stage led him to meeting the love of his life, LeAnn, marriage, and eventually to having their son, Jacob.

His focus turning to family, Joseph strived endlessly to be the best husband and father possible. The type to never miss his son's baseball games, or support his loved ones, his priorities were never in question. His second career led him into insurance where he owned and operated Hunter Insurance of Sheridan for nearly 20 years. An early retirement led to him enjoying the peacefulness of rural Indiana for the last several years.

He is survived by his wife and son, as well as brother Mike Schreiner; sisters Jeanette Vanausdall and Donna Pauley; and mother-in-law Sandra Shook. He was preceded in death by his mother and father; stepfather Donald Schreiner; and father-in-law Robert Shook.

The Schreiner Family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Home with Joseph's care.

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

## Donna Mae Anderson

December 28, 1925 – March 2, 2023



Donna Mae Anderson, 97, passed away peacefully on Thursday morning, March 2, 2023, at Five Star Residences of Noblesville. She was born in Lebanon, Ind., on December 28, 1925, the daughter of the late Paul Anderson Hedge and Effie Lena (Harshbarger) Hedge.

Donna enjoyed her life on the farm with her brothers and sisters. She had worked at Winklers and Honan Crane during WWII.

On August 2, 1947, she was united in marriage to James David Anderson at the Browns Wonder Church in Lebanon. They were married for 65 years and had raised their four children together before his passing on October 24, 2012. Together, they worked, traveled the world, and played a lot of golf.

Donna is survived by her children, Diana (Michael) Gibbs of Cicero, Phillip (Marilyn) Anderson of Medina, Ohio, and Doyle (Tricia) Anderson of Litchfield, Ohio; grandchildren, Paul (Tammy) Gibbs of Norman, Okla., Andrew (Jackie) Gibbs of Westchester, Ohio, Shawna (Kevin) Busta of Lakeview, Ohio, and Michelle (Javier) Beorlegui of Bradenton, Fla.; great-grandchildren, Dustin (Rachel) Gibbs, Christopher Gibbs, Ashton Gibbs, Blake Gibbs, Brinkley Beorlegui, and Borden Beorlegui; brothers, Robert (Ella) Hedge and Larry (Judy) Hedge; sisters, Betty Kouns, Barbara Tanselle, and Patty Golladay.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Donna was preceded in death by a son, David P. Anderson; grandson, Aaron Anderson; brother, Eugene Hedge; and sisters, Mary Jane Hedge, Lois Sharp, and Pauline Terrill.

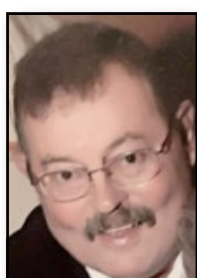
Memorial Services are planned for August 2, 2023, with inurnment following at Browns Wonder Cemetery in Lebanon. Services times will be announced closer to the date. Myers Mortuary and Boone County Crematory have been entrusted with her arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed in her memory to Boone County Senior Services, 515 Crown Pointe Drive, Lebanon, IN 46052.

Online condolences: [myersmortuary.com](http://myersmortuary.com)

## Bruce Eugene Deakyne

October 19, 1944 – March 3, 2023



Bruce Eugene Deakyne of Cicero passed away at the age of 78 on March 3, 2023, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born October 19, 1944, in Indianapolis to the late James B. and Martha L. Deakyne.

Bruce served in the Air Force during Vietnam. He retired after 49 years from General Motors. He was a member of the American Legion in Cicero and the UAW. He loved his Corvettes and Colts football.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Martha; and his son, Hank Deakyne.

He is survived by the love of his life for over 31 years Patia Waggoner and several cousins.

Private services are being held.

To leave a memory for the family, visit [FlannerBuchanan.com](http://FlannerBuchanan.com).

## Stefanie Nichole Palich (Sullivan)

June 10, 1982 – March 4, 2023



Stefanie Nichole Palich (Sullivan), 40, of Noblesville was called home by her Lord and Savior on March 4, 2023.

Stefanie, born to Carol and Stonnie Sullivan, took her first breath on June 10, 1982, in Indianapolis. She was a force to be reckoned with from the get-go. She was an accomplished varsity swimmer at Lawrence Central High School, where she graduated in 2000. As a collegiate at Purdue University,

Stefanie balanced full-time employment, classroom work, and an officer position within her sorority, Alpha Phi. She studied Biochemistry at Purdue until 2004 when she married and began her family.

Stefanie, for nearly all her working life, pursued jobs that allowed her love for serving others to shine through. She worked in the hospitality industry, where her customers always became friends and regulars. Her longest tenure was at Starbucks, where she ultimately managed some of the most profitable and busy stores in the Midwest. She had an incredible work ethic and was considered an asset by all who worked alongside her. She also served faithfully at Grace Church in Noblesville, volunteering in the children's ministries and addiction treatment ministries, which included a prison ministry.

Her greatest joy and most rewarding job was raising her five beautiful daughters, Audrey (15), Caroline (14), Hallie (12), Abigail (9), and Sofia (7). Stefanie ultimately left the workforce to dedicate her time and talents to homeschooling the girls and seeing to their every need. One of her greatest 'mom moments' was organizing and executing a cross country trip with her girls and mother to learn about the United States' monuments, parks, and sights.

Raising five children left very little free time, but Stefanie could be found training and competing in endurance competitions, including half Iron Man triathlons and marathons. She also summited Mount Kilimanjaro and got to go on a safari. As with everything in life, she lived life to the fullest and pushed herself beyond the limits of an average person. She was incredible!

Stefanie is survived by her mother, Carol Sullivan; and father, Stonnie Sullivan, and his wife, Kathy; her five girls; and her many friends that considered her a sister and loved one. She is mourned greatly by all who knew her.

A celebration of life will be held at Grace Church, Noblesville, at a time to be determined. A private, graveside service will be held for immediate family. Arrangements will be handled by Indiana Funeral Care.

## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

*Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.*

Revelation 12:7-9 (NIV)

## James Martin Richert

July 14, 1947 – March 5, 2023



James Martin Richert, 75, Carmel, passed away on Sunday, March 5, 2023, at his home with his family by his side. He was born on July 14, 1947, to Howard and Catherine (Hornor) Richert in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Jim proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and worked as an engineer for Liberty Mutual. He was a member of St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus where he enjoyed helping with the fish fries. Jim volunteered at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church with Grace Meals. He enjoyed camping and traveling with his family, especially to Alaska, Hawaii, and National Parks. Jim also enjoyed playing cards with friends.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra Richert, whom he married on March 28, 1968; daughters, Lisa (Jeff) Boyl and Renee (Charlie) Foushi; grandchildren, Zachary Fuller, Kaleb Boyl, and Mark Fuller; and his sister, June (Joe) Fischerkeller.

In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by his brothers, David Richert and Thomas Richert.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, March 10, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. An additional visitation will be held from noon to 1 p.m., with services at 1 p.m., on Saturday, March 11, 2023 at St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, 17102 Spring Mill Road, Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Good News Ministries, 2716 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46201 ([goodnewsministries.com](http://goodnewsministries.com)).

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Basketball

Golden Eagles soar to sectional title

Guerin Catholic will play Danville for Regional 13 championship

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**INDIANAPOLIS**—The Guerin Catholic boys basketball team began the week as sectional champions.

The Golden Eagles finished up play at Class 3A Sectional 27 at Shortridge Monday with a convincing win over Bishop Chatard 53-41. With the victory, Guerin Catholic claimed its second sectional title in three years and its sixth overall in program history.

It was a nice conclusion to a sectional that was pushed back due to a Friday night leak towards the end of the Golden Eagles' semi-final win over Brebeuf Jesuit. Guerin Catholic had to come back the next night to finish the game, then took care of business on Monday.

"We handled it as best as we possibly could," said GC senior Kamea Chandler. "We got in the gym early Saturday morning. Everyone did their part. We practiced certain things that we had to do. We accomplished that. Having a day off yesterday, that was a little weird."

But Chandler said the team got itself mentally prepared, and everything went smoothly.

"Everyone was locked in and ready to go," said Chandler. "We knew we were going to win the game from the tip."

The Trojans gave Guerin Catholic some resistance during the start of the game, taking a 4-0 lead. The Golden Eagles were denied their first basket until the 4:02



The Guerin Catholic boys basketball team won its second sectional title in three years Monday by beating Bishop Chatard 53-41 in the Sectional 27 final at Shortridge. The Golden Eagles will now play Saturday at the Lebanon regional.

Reporter photo by Richie Hall

mark of the first quarter, when Robert Sorensen hit a 3-pointer.

That triple was the beginning of a 10-0 run for Guerin. Dylan Murans made two free throws, followed by a floater from Sorensen and a long 3 by Lucas Parker. The Golden Eagles now had a 10-4 lead, and never trailed again.

"Chatard had our number earlier on in the season," said GC coach Bobby Allen. "They outplayed us in the second half. And that was written all over our board that we were not going to

get out-toughed tonight."

Chatard kept things close for most of the game, but someone from Guerin Catholic was always able to step up when necessary. Chandler took over at the end of the second quarter, with seven points to turn a 14-13 lead into a 21-15 advantage at the halftime buzzer, including a 3 towards the end of the half.

"Our defense was great," said Sorensen. "Holding them to 15 points in the first half is what we like. That's where we win championships, defense, and we did that tonight."

Chandler opened the second half with a fadeaway, and GC led 23-15. Chatard came back with an 8-0 run to tie the game; Robert Davidson poured in six straight points, then freshman Ethan Roseman scored off a steal.

Parker threw in his second 3 of the game to end the run, but the Trojans tied it up again at 26-26. After a quick timeout, Sorensen got his turn: He scored six points during those last minutes of the period, and Guerin Catholic led 32-28 going into the fourth.

"Everyone did their job," said Chandler. "Everyone stepped up at different moments."

The Golden Eagles be-



Reporter photo by Kirk Green

Kamea Chandler scored 11 points for the Golden Eagles and handed out seven assists.

gan the closing quarter with eight straight points, four each from Ty Sanders and Sorensen. That put Guerin ahead by double digits for the first time, at 40-28. Chatard made one last run, getting five straight free throws (three from Lewis and two from Davidson) to stay within 42-37 with 1:48 left.

"It was one of those games that even though we were up eight to 10 at the end, it still didn't feel like it was comfortable yet," said Allen. "But finally, we

grabbed it. We did what we had to do in the end. I'm just so proud of our guys, man, because we went up and down all year, played a tough schedule and it worked out the right way."

Sanders stopped that possible run with a layin, after which Davidson hit two more free throws. But the Golden Eagles would let Chatard get no closer. An 8-0 run clinched the game and gave Guerin Catholic a sectional trophy, plus a ticket to the regional.

Sorensen scored 19

points to lead GC's scoring, with Chandler and Parker both adding 11 points. Chandler also dished out seven assists, with Jack Cherry handing out five. Sanders led the rebounding with eight, while Sorensen collected seven and Bryson Cardinal pulled five.

The Golden Eagles improved to 17-8 with the win; Guerin Catholic is presently on a five-game win streak. Next up for GC is the Lebanon regional, where it plays Danville for the Regional 13 championship at 1 p.m.

GUERIN CATHOLIC 53, BISHOP CHATARD 41				
Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jack Cherry	0-1	1-2	1	3
Robert Sorensen	4-9	9-13	19	4
Kamea Chandler	5-11	0-0	11	2
Dylan Murans	0-5	2-2	2	2
Bryson Cardinal	1-3	0-0	2	4
Lucas Parker	3-7	3-4	11	1
Ty Sanders	2-2	3-6	7	2
Andy Caron	0-0	0-0	0	0
Malcolm Houze	0-0	0-0	0	0
Josh Holba	0-0	0-0	0	0
Kyle Shadoan	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	15-38	18-27	53	18
Score by Quarters				
Guerin Catholic	12	9	11	21 – 53
Bishop Chatard	7	8	13	13 – 41
Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting (5-13) Sorensen 2-5, Parker 2-4, Chandler 1-3, Cherry 0-1.				
Guerin Catholic rebounds (33) Sanders 8, Sorensen 7, Cardinal 5, Murans 4, Chandler 3, Cherry 2, Parker 2, team 2.				

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# Regional rounds are set

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Last Friday's rain and snow had postponed several sectional championship games to Monday, but all the games were able to be played that night, and set up Saturday's regional contests.

Here is a list of the teams

slated to play in the Class 4A and Class 3A regionals across the state, from the IHSAA's website. All times are Eastern. The regional champions will advance to the March 18 semi-states, with the pairings to be announced on Sunday at 1 p.m. on [ihsaatv.org](http://ihsaatv.org).

### CLASS 4A

#### At Michigan City

Regional 1: Chesterton vs. Penn, 2 p.m.

Regional 2: Hammond Central vs. Mishawaka, 5 p.m.

#### At Logansport

Regional 3: Fort Wayne Wayne vs. Noblesville, 4 p.m.

Regional 4: Kokomo vs. Fort Wayne North Side, 7 p.m.

#### At Southport

Regional 5: New Palestine vs. Brownsburg, 1 p.m.

Regional 6: Cathedral vs. Ben Davis, 4 p.m.

#### At Seymour

Regional 7: Evansville Reitz vs. Jennings County, 4 p.m.

Regional 8: Bloomington North vs. Columbus North, 7 p.m.

### CLASS 3A

#### At South Bend Washington

Regional 9: NorthWood vs. Lake Station Edison, 1 p.m.

Regional 10: John Glenn vs. South Bend Washington, 4 p.m.

#### At New Castle

Regional 11: Twin Lakes vs. Bishop Dwenger, 4 p.m.

Regional 12: Delta vs. Peru, 7 p.m.

#### At Lebanon

Regional 13: Danville vs. Guerin Catholic, 1 p.m.

Regional 14: Beech Grove vs. Indian Creek, 4 p.m.

#### At Washington

Regional 15: Greensburg vs. Scottsburg, 4 p.m.

Regional 16: North Daviess vs. Gibson Southern, 7 p.m.

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

### 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

### Saturday, March 11

#### BOYS BASKETBALL REGIONALS

#### At Lebanon

Guerin Catholic vs. Danville, 1 p.m.

#### At Logansport

Noblesville vs. Fort Wayne Wayne, 4 p.m.

#### BOYS LACROSSE

Northridge at Westfield, 11 a.m.

South Oldham (Ky.) at Hamilton Southeastern, noon

Evansville Memorial at Guerin Catholic, 1 p.m.

Louisville St. Xavier at Carmel, 2 p.m.

Northridge at Noblesville, 3:30 p.m.

South Bend St. Joseph at Hamilton Southeastern, TBA

#### GIRLS LACROSSE

Guerin Catholic at Louisville Sacred Heart, 11:30 a.m.

Guerin Catholic at Louisville Dupont Manual, 3 p.m.

#### TRACK AND FIELD

Carmel, Hamilton Heights at HSR Qualifier, 10 a.m. at

Indiana Wesleyan

University at Maverick HSR Indoor Qualifier, 10 a.m. at

Lambert Fieldhouse

Guerin Catholic Golden Eagle Relays, 1 p.m.

#### VOLLEYBALL

Carmel Invitational, 8 a.m.

Westfield at McCutcheon, 11 a.m.

Hamilton Southeastern at Cathedral Tournament, 1:30 p.m.

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## Racing gear manufacturer K1 RaceGear & IMS announce new partnership

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K1 RaceGear, a leading manufacturer of professional-level racing safety gear and apparel, announced on Tuesday a new promotional partnership with Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

As part of this multiyear partnership, K1 will supply fire suits for IMS Track Rescue, Recovery and Medical staff. K1 already supports many drivers and teams who compete at IMS throughout the year in the NTT INDYCAR SERIES, NASCAR and IMSA.

More fans also will be introduced to IMS and its full season of events through 60-plus K1 Speed karting centers worldwide.

"Ensuring the safety of our medical personnel and safety team is a priority," IMS President J. Douglas Boles said. "These dedicated individuals provide care to drivers and spectators at IMS, and K1's innovative gear is an important component of the safety work they perform during our events."

Founded by racers, K1 RaceGear has been a leading manufacturer of professional-level racing gear – including suits, gloves,

shoes and more – for nearly 20 years. During this time, the American company has gained a reputation for exceptional quality, comfort, durability and safety. Winners and champions across various top-level motorsports choose to wear K1 RaceGear products, earn-

ing the company its slogan, "Winners wear K1: The Brand of Champions."

"There is nothing bigger in motorsport than the Indianapolis 500 and Indianapolis Motor Speedway," said Jacob Brown, K1 RaceGear director of motorsports and marketing. "IMS' com-

mitment to safety and innovation aligns perfectly with K1 RaceGear's mission, so we're proud and excited to be a part of the IMS family for years to come. We can't wait to see what the future holds."

For more information, visit [k1racegear.com](http://k1racegear.com).

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[www.JanetHartLeonard.com](http://www.JanetHartLeonard.com)



### Upcoming Broadcasts

### Saturday, March 11, Boys Basketball Regionals

4:00 pm Class 4A Regional 3 at Logansport

Ft Wayne Wayne vs Noblesville | HCTV Sports

Watch Regionals only at [www.IHSAAtv.org](http://www.IHSAAtv.org)

Direct link to the games at [www.HCTV1.com](http://www.HCTV1.com)

\*\*\*Games are available on Roku, Amazon Fire & Apple TV with IHSAAtv app\*\*\*

### Sunday March 12, Hamilton County 8th grade Basketball Showcase

5:00 pm 8th Grade Girls All-stars | HCTV Sports

6:00 pm 8th Grade Boys All-stars | HCTV Sports

### Monday March 13, Boys Lacrosse

8:00 pm Avon vs Noblesville | Varsity Lacrosse | HCTV Sports

### Baseball & Softball games on Hamilton County TV begins in April

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