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**TODAY'S WEATHER**  
 Today: Morning showers and storms, then partly sunny. Wind gusting to 50 mph! Morning high 54. Temps fall in the afternoon.  
 Tonight: Partly cloudy.  
 HIGH: 54 LOW: 31



# Heights DECA certified 'GOLD' for Husky Fan Shop

**The REPORTER**

Hamilton Heights Husky Fan Shop, the school-based enterprise (SBE) at Hamilton Heights High School, was among 461 SBEs achieving GOLD for the 2022-2023 school year and will be recognized during DECA's International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in Orlando, Fla. Heights is among eight chapters in Indiana to achieve GOLD certification.

In addition, earning GOLD certification qualifies officers to attend the DECA ICDC competition from April 22 to 26 in Orlando, Fla. Competing for Hamilton Heights will be Hannah Smallwood and Melissa Lovell.

An SBE is an entrepreneurial operation in a school setting that provides goods and services to meet the needs of the market. SBEs are managed and operated by students as hands-on learning laboratories that integrate National Curriculum Standards in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management. DECA advisors have used this effective educational tool for over four decades to provide their students with realistic and practical learning experiences that reinforce classroom instruction, enhance 21st century skill development, and prepare students for college and careers.

**See Fan Shop . . . Page 2**



Photo provided  
 Hamilton Heights High School students model a selection of shirts available at the highly successful, student-run Husky Fan Shop. Check it out at [huskyfanshoponline.com](http://huskyfanshoponline.com).

## Songwriter: Remembering Paul Ash, Part II

*I'm lying on a Gurney cart, an IV in my arm /  
 My eyes are closed, and in my head I'm back on my country farm /  
 Where the grass is green, and it's always Spring, and there's berries on the bush /  
 We're moving now, the Gurney rolls, the nurse gives me a push.*

My buddy Paul paid a visit today, an incredible feat considering another March 28 draws near, the anniversary of his death.

I was searching for something unrelated to Paul in my email inbox when a forgotten folder, labeled "Paul Ash," caught my eye, throwing me off task.

"Hello, Paul," I thought, clicking the folder, curious about its forgotten contents.

**See Paul Ash . . . Page 3**



The law firm of Church Church Hittle + Antrim (left) and Scott & Marcella Caulfield (right) together contributed a total of \$80,000 to the construction of the new Westfield Washington Public Library. The Kiwanis Club of Westfield also donated \$20,000 to the cause.



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# Westfield Library Foundation secures first \$100K in funding for new library

*Donations will support Children's Department & lactation room*

**The REPORTER**

The Westfield Library Foundation has secured its first \$100,000 in support of the new Westfield Washington Public Library building.

Church Church Hittle + Antrim (CCHA), a local law firm with offices in Westfield, has pledged \$50,000 to support a Playhouse Town in the Children's Department. The three playhouses will allow kids to

use their imagination in a mock town.

"Our law firm believes strongly in the value of a library as a cultural and educational pillar of the community," CCHA Partner Doug Church said. "We also believe that you can never be too young to start a life-long habit of reading. The Playhouse Town will

draw young readers into an environment of fun and learning that helps meet those objectives! Church Church Hittle + Antrim is proud to be involved in the development of the new Westfield Library. It will be the place to be!"

Scott and Marcella Caulfield have committed \$30,000

to the new library to sponsor three window seats in the Children's Department.

"We are excited to support the Westfield Library, as it creates a new space for the community," Scott said. "We look forward to this new community hub and are so happy we are able to help as the Westfield Library moves forward with Westfield."

**See Library . . . Page 2**

# Squirrels, Bigfoot & no shushing . . . is this the school library you remember?

**The REPORTER**

Hidden clues. A wonder box to explore. Microscopes and flashlights. Passionate debates . . . and no shushing. Does this sound like the school library you remember?

Talking is encouraged in today's Noblesville Schools libraries as they build on classroom learning in engaging ways that students of the past could never have imagined.

Noble Crossing Elementary librarian Taryn Hassler is known as a tornado of creative energy, embodying the belief that when she is all about making learning fun, her students and colleagues will catch the excitement, too.

Hassler's library circulates

almost 30,000 books a year and students visit as part of their regular school schedule. Some of their library time is spent as one might expect - listening to storybooks read by Hassler and browsing for their own new reads. But that doesn't begin to describe how she has grown her library experience.

Students in her library pursue hands-on learning and deep thinking through fun topics that are strategically designed to cross multiple academic disciplines and, maybe most importantly, to get students hooked. Last year it was all about squirrels, when a lesson on the 1822

**See Bigfoot . . . Page 3**



Photo provided by Noblesville Schools  
 Taryn Hassler discusses Bigfoot tracks in the library with Noble Crossing fifth graders.

## Health care providers are encouraged to "Ask the Question"

*Hamilton County chosen for nationwide program preventing veteran suicide*

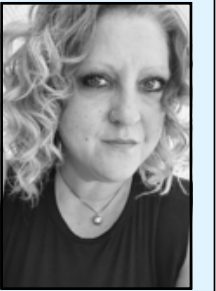
**The REPORTER**

Hamilton County's Veteran Suicide Prevention Coalition is encouraging health care providers and community organizations to "Ask the Question" in an effort to better identify military veterans and their families and to prevent suicides among veterans.

Indiana is home to more than 390,000 veterans. Yet the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs estimates more than half of them do not receive health care through the VA system. The Coalition wants to encourage more health care providers to ask, "Have you or a family member ever served in the military?"

"It seems like a simple question, but the conversation isn't currently happening," said Kristen M. Ludeker-Seibert, Director of Coordination for A Healthier Hamilton County.

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The Hamilton Heights DECA members who contributed to the certification were Hannah Smallwood, Lydia Lytle, Melissa Lovell, Alex Rickey, Elijah Bowers, Micah Colvin, Tanner Orton, and Aidan Orton with the assistance of their DECA chapter advisor, Ms. Kim Kaiser. The SBE at Hamilton Heights High School has operated for over five years and is commended for this achievement.

The individuals above, in addition to Gavin Poland, also helped the Husky Fan Shop earn the THRIVE recognition earlier in the year. Hamilton Heights DECA was among 525 chapters to achieve THRIVE level recognition this year and will be commended at DECA's ICDC in April in Orlando, Fla.

Each fall, DECA offers four campaigns for chapters to complete as part of their program of leadership for the year. These campaigns

are designed to grow membership engagement and build lasting partnerships within the school and local community. Chapters that achieve THRIVE level receive a commemorative pennant, flag, and plaque. The chapters also have an opportunity to participate in ICDC. In order to receive THRIVE level recognition, the chapter completed two out of the three chapter campaigns including the community service campaign, ethical leadership campaign, and promotional campaign.

"DECA is a great way to network and create connections with other business students with similar interests," Lytle said. "Being involved in DECA has helped me to find what direction I want to pursue in college."

"DECA provides students with real work challenges, and if you want to be successful, you need to



**Hannah Smallwood and Lydia Lytle were among the Heights' DECA members who played an instrumental role in the chapter earning its GOLD re-certification. Heights is one of eight schools in Indiana to hold a DECA GOLD certification.**

take advantage of learning opportunities to be better prepared for your future," Orton said.

The DECA organization is made up of market-

ing students that manage and operate the Husky Fan Shop. The shop sells Husky apparel and accessories to promote school spirit.

The community service promotional campaign highlights activities that the Husky Fan Shop has participated such as "Back to School Bash," Cicero Street Festival, Cicero Tree-Lighting/Christmas Parade, Backpack Buddies, and Ryan White Walk. The promotional campaign featured new items the Husky Fan Shop offers in the shop to generate sales and recognition such as the "Kinley" shirt – a shirt designed to honor the Hamilton Heights school facility dog where \$1 from each shirt sold goes back to Kinley's training facility ICAN. The "Red for Ed" shirts are offered to school personnel to promote public education and recognition of Heights staff.

The Husky Fan Shop also has included new items such as school logo lanyards, license plates, baseball caps, beanies, and blankets. "Heritage" and "Husky Gear" items are stock items kept in the store.

LIBRARY

The Kiwanis Club of Westfield recently presented the library with a \$20,000 check to support a Lactation Room at the new library.

"We are proud to fund this important space in our new library," Club President Jake Plummer said. "We believe that providing dedicated and intentional spaces for nursing mothers will have a positive and lasting impact on the children in our community. This donation reinforces the Kiwanis mission of improving Westfield one child at a time."

The Westfield Washington Public Library broke ground in November on the new building on the southwest corner of Park and Poplar Streets. The new space will provide additional parking, an expanded teen area, a massive community room, and a coffee shop as well as outdoor activity space. Construction should be complete by the summer of 2024.

"We are grateful for the

commitment our sponsors have made to the new library," Westfield Library Foundation Executive Director Erin Downey said.

"They see the library like we see the library – a hub for the community and a true quality of life destination for the City of Westfield."

Other naming rights and sponsorship opportunities are available at the new library. Anyone interested in learning more should contact Downey at [edowney@wwpl.lib.in.us](mailto:edowney@wwpl.lib.in.us) or call (317) 896-9397 ext. 119.

**About Westfield Library Foundation**

The Westfield Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization supporting innovative programs and services for the Westfield Washington Public Library and its patrons through major gifts, bequests, corporate sponsorships, naming rights and private donations. For more information on the Westfield Library Foundation visit [WestfieldLibraryFoundation.com](http://WestfieldLibraryFoundation.com).



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**Thanks for reading!**



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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# Coroner & law enforcement warning public of powerful new synthetic opioid ‘pyro’

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Coroner’s Office is joining local law enforcement agencies in warning residents about a new emerging drug.

The drug, commonly called “Pyro,” (N-Pyrrolidine Etonitazene) is a high-potency synthetic opioid.

Pyro is estimated to be between 1,000 and 1,500 times more powerful than morphine. In comparison, fentanyl is estimated to be approximately 100 times more powerful than morphine.

“Pyro is being mixed into and marketed as other drugs to make drugs more potent and cheaper to pro-



Jellison

duce,” Hamilton County Coroner Jeff Jellison said. “The drug is causing deadly overdoses in unsuspecting victims.”

Jellison continued, “Pyro has already been seen in Hamilton County. It’s pressed into counterfeit pills and falsely marketed as pharmaceutical medication such as oxycodone.

The pills are identical in color and marking to legitimate medications. Victims have no idea they are ingesting this poisonous and extremely potent drug until it’s too late.”

Counterfeit pills are typically purchased on the internet from unlicensed pharmacies.



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“The black market poses a severe threat to unsuspecting individuals that purchase falsified look-alike medications,” Jellison said.

Like other opioid overdoses, a Pyro overdose causes respiratory depression.

“Thankfully, Pyro is responsive to naloxone, which is used by first responders to treat narcotic overdoses in emergency cases,” Jellison said.

Jellison urges the community to only take medications prescribed by your doctor and dispensed by a licensed pharmacist.

## PAUL ASH

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Paul & Miriam Ash

*A sterile room is always cold, with such a large machine /*  
*Lights are flashing and noise is made, in places that are unseen /*  
*I walk the path of my labyrinth, cut into my back yard /*  
*Sliding into a whirring machine is not so very hard.*

Paul was many things to many people. He billed himself as “a writer, poet, ne’er-do-well, balladeer, raconteur, seer, sage, prophet, business consultant, cancer fighter, and ‘the last free range folk singer.’”

He was remiss to not add the word “friend” to that melting pot of descriptors that was Paul. He and I were friends, but he had better ones. What drew me was his ability to write and sing songs.

“I absorb the who, what, when, where, how, and new songs come out,” he claimed. “Don’t ask me how that works, for I don’t know how I write.”

The how doesn’t matter. He wrote. That’s what matters.

*I hear the birds, I see the hawks, they’re crying in the sky /*  
*Circling across the clouds, so brilliant as they fly! /*  
*The IV starts, my arm turns warm, and then my mouth tastes bad /*  
*“Hold your breath, we’re going in,” I remember my old Dad.*

Perusing through the Paul Ash folder, I found a trove of lyrics and an occasional poem, each piece emailed separately to me on May 28, 2012, from 10:48 p.m. to 11:15 p.m. One, “Monday Morning, 8 a.m.,” written in 2006, is shared with you in full throughout this column. It touches me the most.

I vividly remember that 27-minute flash of lyrical lightning aimed at me on that May night. I had been in bed, half asleep. I read each piece, too tired to respond even though I knew the likelihood that Paul was wide awake, contemplating cancer. Like I said, he had better friends.

At 11:18, he emailed: “I’ll stop sending, just so you can get some sleep. I’m trying to imagine how disciplined you are to stop reading what you know is coming when you know the author and most of it, OK, some of it, is pretty good.”

I now regret that my lazy, self-centered unresponsiveness likely ended the streak of songs sent that night. There were many more he could’ve sent. I wish he had. They would be in my inbox today.

“Breathe out,” she says, *I take a breath, these words*

*come to my mind /*  
*“Hold your breath,” more images, terrified of what they’ll find! /*  
*A glowing spot? A hundred then? A thousand points of light? /*  
*What do they see, in the other room, hidden from my sight?*

I am uncertain why he sent his songs to me that night. It was never discussed afterwards. Paul knew he had dodged his fair share of bullets so maybe that is what compelled him to circulate words seldom shared unless he was on stage.

One of my favorite quotes is attributed to singer-songwriter Warren Zevon, who also died of cancer: “We buy books because we believe we’re buying the time to read them.” Perhaps subconsciously that’s why I always have a book in progress.

I take the opposite view on writing, though. We write because we know it’s impossible to buy time. We write with the undeniable end in mind: our own dirt naps. We write to be read and remembered when we are dead; our words printed on paper are tangible traces of our existence, brain shavings pressed onto reams of white or appearing as discernible shadows on computer glow.

*It’s over then, IV’s come out, get off the Gurney cart /*  
*Hold the pad, over the vein, hope bleeding does not start /*  
*Walk away, walk away, with Miriam my only one! /*  
*Walk away, walk away, into my morning sun!*

I was happy to be reminded of Paul via his written remnants. I immediately circulated the notes to a few mutual friends and his widow, Miriam. I told them I thought Paul had something to do with it, that he had been thinking of me and psychically willed me to his namesake folder.

Miriam responded: “Yes, I’ve found Paul gets our attention every so often; 2 weeks ago I was outside trying to chip ice off my driveway so the melting wouldn’t run into the garage. I heard some of our favorite birds (Sandhill Cranes) in the distance. Eventually I saw about 30. They came nearer, then overhead, then started a huge turn and proceeded to circle directly over my head 2 more times!”

Something akin to steam rose from the beating engine that is my heart when I read Miriam’s words. “Hello, Paul,” I told myself again, basking in his mourning sun.

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See Paul’s “Monday Morning, 8 a.m.” performed live by musician Marc Steczyk at [this link](#).

## BIGFOOT

Hamilton County squirrel stampede grew into a year-long theme of educational activities, not just in the library, but across the whole school.

This year Hassler’s focus is on the mystery of Bigfoot. What at first glance might look like just fun and games (and, wow, has she created a lot of fun and games!) in fact allows her students to experience evidence collection, scientific measurement, research, debate, theory analysis, anthropological study, problem solving, and media literacy.

Her students, from preschool to fifth grade, can’t get enough of it. She brings in Bigfoot expert speakers, partners with local businesses, and organizes Bigfoot family night events. All this supplements her active day-to-day library atmosphere of themed crafts, specialty equipment, featured books, science tables, reading spaces, and nature items found in her wonder box. Students buzz about their library learning throughout their day and can’t wait to come back.

With degrees in elementary education and library science, Hassler describes her role as educational



Photos provided by Noblesville Schools

Noble Crossing Library Taryn Hassler attributes the success of her library approach to the fact that she is often learning alongside her students.

“mortar”, filling in gaps around the bricks set by teachers in the classroom. Collaborating closely with the other educators in her building is key to ensuring she is aligned with their lessons and supporting their academic objectives. She attributes the success of her

approach to the fact that she is often learning alongside her students.

Hassler has already selected Noble Crossing’s theme for next school year – a celebration of the local bicentennial with a focus on pioneer days. She will undoubtedly create new and

exciting learning opportunities that will wow her school community.

Her library is never about shushing, and it’s not just about Bigfoot. It’s about asking big questions, using big imaginations, thinking big ideas, building big skills, and having big fun.

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## VETERANS

Systems of Care and a facilitator of the Veteran Suicide Prevention Coalition. “By asking the question, we’re hoping we’ll be able to better identify Hoosier veterans and service members, screen them for medical or mental health issues related to their service, and provide them with the resources and support they need.”

To that end, the Coalition has begun to plan a number of town hall meetings. Health care providers and community organizations are encouraged to email Ludeker-Seibert at [kludeker-seibert@hamiltoncountypshc.org](mailto:kludeker-seibert@hamiltoncountypshc.org) if they are interested in partnering with the “Ask the Ques-

tion” initiative. Those who chose to participate will be provided staff training, military member resource sheets, access to military culture training, and aggregate data to track effectiveness of the initiative.

The “Ask the Question” initiative and its sister program, Crisis Intercept Mapping, were designed and developed by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) on behalf of service members, veterans, and their families to help communities strengthen the delivery of



Ginder

only Indiana county selected to participate.

“We started noticing an increase in veteran suicides two years ago,” said Jim Ginder, a Health Education Specialist at the Hamilton County Health Department. “We’re thrilled to participate as this program has a proven track record of providing a comprehensive and coordinated ap-

proach in creating connections and opening doors for our veterans.”

Members of the Hamilton County Veteran Suicide Prevention Coalition include the Indy Warrior Partnership, Acadia Health, Aspire Indiana Health, the Hamilton County Commissioners, the City of Carmel, the City of Fishers, the Hamilton County Health Department, the Fishers Health Department, the Division of Mental Health and Addiction, the Indiana Veterans Association, the Veterans Health Administration, the Division of Mental Health and Addiction, and the Department of Workforce Development.

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# Government should not focus on how people want to live

The Sheridan Student Column is brought to readers by Sheridan High School's 10th grade English class, taught by Abby Williams.



I am an openly queer, nonbinary student at a small, rural school with a primarily heterosexual student body. This column gives an inside look at how people in my school, town, state, and government criticize LGBTQ+ individuals. Sheridan, Ind. is notorious for farmers and ag kids. Unsurprisingly, many students have learned to dislike or disapprove of students who are different from them. In school, I have heard kids as young as sixth grade use hate speech toward these students deemed “different.” I believe that at ANY high school, LGBTQ+ students may be harassed verbally or physically. This instills in me a strong feeling of injustice.

The CDC has reported that students in seventh through 12th grade who are LGBTQ+ are two times as likely to have suicidal ideations, and I believe this statistic could be lowered if LGBTQ+ students felt more safe at their schools and homes. Recently, I had to analyze a historical text. I chose Harvey Milk’s Gay Freedom Day Speech, which was written in 1978. Milk pointed out all the wrongdoings of heterosexual people that are commonly blamed on LGBTQ+ individuals and presented ideas on why people should be more open-minded. Milk also encouraged people to stand up for these basic human rights that people deserve. Why is it that people are still following the same close-minded ideas that Milk had to protest 45 years ago? In 2023, at least 385

anti-LGBTQ+ bills have been proposed across the nation. As I write this, there have been only 72 days this year, with around 5.2 bills (on average) introduced daily. That means 5.2 bills that target LGBTQ+ youth, teens, and adults. That’s 5.2 bills that hurt, disappoint, and kill those LGBTQ+ people. If these bills are passed all over the United States, people will die. The laws in place that protect LGBTQ+ rights are actively keeping people alive. Many LGBTQ+ teens and kids may be living in a place where they are not safe to come out. Some of the bills being introduced will force teachers and school staff to out these children to their parents, which will put kids in the position to commit suicide. Indiana alone has proposed around 24 bills that would hurt the LGBTQ+ community in various ways. Most of these bills target people under the age of 18 and would affect teachers as well.

**House Bill 1346** would ban schools from “affirming students’ gender identity” which means teachers could not address the LGBTQ+ students who use different names or pronouns in the way they prefer. **House Bill 1608** would take LGBTQ+ representation out of schools by limiting what teachers can say and teach. This bill also forces teachers to out the LGBTQ+ students to their parents no matter what. These bills and many others endanger LGBTQ+ students and risk the chance of mass suicides. Personally, I believe there are many other world problems that could be addressed instead of people’s basic human rights. Gun violence kills on average 316 people each day and there have been over 110 mass shootings in 2023 alone. I may just be a high school student, but maybe the government should start focusing on how people are being killed and not how people want to live.

# Jailed Noblesville road rager accused of trying to hire hitman through the mail

By JASON RONIMOUS  
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A Noblesville man awaiting trial on road rage charges tried to hire a hitman to eliminate witnesses against him, according to court documents.

Trevor Dahl, 24, was charged in November with attempted murder **after being accused of shooting a man on Nov. 17 following a confrontation while driving.**

While awaiting trial on the attempted murder charge, Dahl communicated with a confidential informant he thought was a hitman. According to court documents, Dahl wrote letters to the informant that contained references to his girlfriend and a juvenile witness in a pending case against him.

Dahl gave descriptions of both, as well as addresses, places of employment,

and social media information. In both letters he wrote “Don’t care if she/he comes back.”

Dahl also offered his 2004 Acura TXS as partial payment for the murders, and that he “will make cash payments upon release.” Records show he also asked “Can this be done by March 13th? I have trial that week.”

Records show Dahl began written correspondence from the Hamilton County Jail with the informant. At one point referring to the persons he wanted killed as “Bathroom Renovation” and “Bedroom Renovation.” Dahl again wrote “Trial Date, Need done by March 13th, 2023” “Will pay cash upon release!”

Eventually Dahl began communicating with

an undercover officer with the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office. On a phone call, Dahl asked the undercover officer, posing as a hitman, how much he wanted for “the bedroom and bathroom renovations.”

Dahl again offered his Acura as payment, according to investigators. The undercover officer asked Dahl which job he wanted started first and which was most important. According to records, Dahl responded “Probably the bedroom. They’re equally important, but probably the bedroom and that’s probably going to be the easier one.”

Investigators say Dahl attempted to sell his Acura to cover the cost of one of the killings, and agreed to pay a total price of “4 to 5” (\$4,000 to \$5,000) for both.

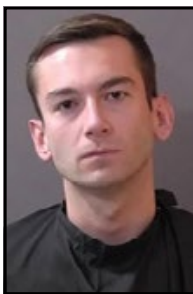
Documents say Dahl said, “I think it would be easier to go ahead and gut it all and not have anything, you know?”

The undercover officer then asked Dahl if he wanted the same thing done with the bathroom.

Dahl replied, “Yes Sir. Definitely the bathroom. We don’t want anything left of the bathroom for sure.”

Records show investigators met with Dahl on Thursday and asked if he knew the hitman he had been communicating with and showed him the letters he had written. According to investigators, Dahl denied knowing the hitman, but agreed the writing on the letters were his handwriting.

Dahl is now facing two charges of conspiracy to commit murder, in addition to his previous attempted murder charge, according to court records.



Dahl

# New this week at Sheridan Public Library

## The REPORTER

Here are some of the new items that can be found at the Sheridan Public Library.

### Fiction

1. Hard to Break – Michael Ledwidge
2. Hello Beautiful – Ann Napolitano
3. Hiss & Tell – Rita Mae Brown
4. I Know Where You Live – Gregg Olsen
5. I Will Find You – Harlan Coben
6. Looking For Jane – Heather Marshall
7. Loyalty – Lisa Scottoline
8. Mostly True Story of Tanner & Louise – Colleen

- Oakley
9. Mr. Perfect on Paper – Jean Meltzer
  10. On the Line – Fern Michaels
  11. Storm Watch – C. J. Box
  12. What Have We Done – Alex Finlay

### Non-Fiction

1. 8 Rules of Love – Jay Shetty
2. Paris: The Memoir – Paris Hilton

### Children’s

1. Dog Man: 20,000 Fleas Under the Sea – Dave Pilkey
2. Elephant Goes Potty – James Patterson
3. Happy Easter Pout-

- Pout Fish – Deborah Diesen
4. I Can Only Imagine – Bart Millard
  5. Little Engines Easter Egg Hunt
  6. Palace of Books – Patricia Polacco
  7. Pete the Kitty Outdoor Art Project – Kimberly Dean
  8. The Chicken House – Doreen Cronin
  9. Thing 1 & Thing 2 and the Leprechaun – Dr. Seuss
- ### Inspirational Fiction
1. A Reason to Stay – Deb Kastner
  2. Abduction Cold Case – Connie Queen
  3. Blown Cover – Jodie Bailey

4. Cowgirl’s Redemption – Mindy Obenhaus
  5. Fugitive Ambush – Jenna Night
  6. I’ll Be Seeing You – Robin Lee Hatcher
  7. Last Way Home – Liz Johnson
  8. Love and Dream Come True – Tammy Gray
  9. Love and the Silver Lining – Tammy Gray
  10. Tracking a Killer – Elizabeth Goddard
  11. Trusting Her Amish Heart – Cathy Liggett
  12. Witness Protection Breach – Karen Kirst
- ### Young Adults
1. Five Survive – Holly Jackson

# Tri Town Parks Bicentennial Scavenger Hunt

March 27 through April 17 you can win up to \$100 by completing the **Tri Town Parks Bicentennial Scavenger Hunt**. This will help you learn a little more about our local parks and hopefully enjoy some time while doing so. The entries will be judged by Cicero Friends of the Park. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Click on Hamilton County Bicentennial Cicero Events at [ciceroin.org](http://ciceroin.org) to find the scavenger hunt list.

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# Community News

## Hunt for eggs & meet Easter Bunny at Sheridan Public Library

The annual Easter Egg Hunt + Bunny Visit will return this year to the Sheridan Public Library from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 1. Hunts will begin every 15 minutes.

This event is for kids aged 10 and under. Children are encouraged to bring baskets or bags to carry eggs. For more information on upcoming events, please visit [sheridan.lib.in.us](http://sheridan.lib.in.us).

## Business Cards

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# NICKEL PLATE EXPRESS

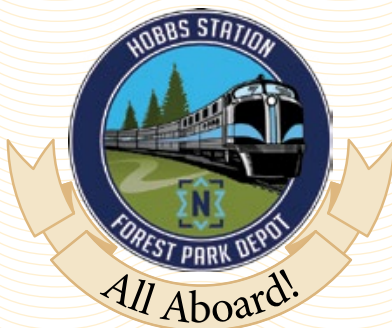
## ENJOY THE RICH HISTORY OF RAIL TRAVEL!

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April 29

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## Cinco de Mayo Express

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May 5 at 6 p.m.

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## Murder on the Luau Express

The ever-popular Murder Mystery is back for a one-weekend only Luau Express. Enjoy a train ride to Atlanta, Indiana where you will disembark for dinner from 9th Street Bistro, music and maybe even a murder. Purchase your tickets NOW as these tickets sell fast. You don’t want to miss this tropical adventure. .

June 24 & 25

[NickelPlateExpress.com](http://NickelPlateExpress.com) for Tickets



What was the first electrically-lit city in the world?

—Good news from Stony Creek Church of Christ—

Abortion: “The American Holocaust”

The REPORTER

**March 27, 1784** – Jonathan Jennings, Indiana's first state Governor from 1816 to 1822, was born in Readington, N.J. Jennings was also a nine-term congressman from Indiana.

**1918** – State prohibition laws went into effect, making Indiana the 25th state to go completely dry. In January of the next year, Indiana ratified the 18th Amendment which extended prohibition to the entire nation.

**March 31, 1914** – Edwin P. Hubble resigns as New Albany High basketball coach and heads to Chicago. While in Chicago he earned his PhD in Astronomy and went on to prove the existence of galaxies other than



the Milk Way. He then created a deep space telescope that was named for him.

**March 31, 1880** – Wabash becomes the first electrically lighted city in the world. Charles F. Brush of Cleveland, Ohio, created a new electric arc light, known as the "Brush Light." He wanted to prove it could light an entire city. The City Council of Wabash allowed Brush to test his invention in Wabash. The "Brush Light" was a success. You can see one of the original lights on display at the Wabash County Courthouse.

The United States, and much of the world, is embroiled in a dispute over abortion – the killing of an unborn child.

Since the United States Supreme Court recently ruled that the U.S. Constitution does not guarantee the right to abortion, violence has broken out in many areas, with threats, assaults, property damage to church buildings and pro-life centers, and even the attempted murder of Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh.

Today, America is flooded with the innocent blood of millions of babies killed before birth. They are offered to the god of sexual immorality and selfishness. I am convinced that abortion is the single most important ethical issue of our time. Our society needs to be warned of its iniquity and the divine wrath such conduct will incur.

Our society has a twisted view of the value of human life. The same court that opened a floodgate of brutality against infants blocked a million-dollar dam in Tennessee because they feared the dam would endanger a three-inch fish called a snail darter! If a person steals or harms an eagle egg, they will face a \$5,000 fine and/or a year in jail. Kill a baby in the womb and there is no fine or no jail sentence!

Does that make sense? Why is it that someone who kills a pregnant woman, so

that both she and the baby die, is charged with two murders? But if an abortionist kills just the baby, that is okay.

It doesn't make sense. If we found a human fertilized egg or a human embryo on Mars all would acknowledge that we had discovered the presence of not just life, but human life.

What does the Bible say about abortion?

In Psalm 139:13-16, David wrote that God had “formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.” The Bible states how the baby forms in the womb was a great mystery to mankind 1,000 years before Jesus (Ecclesiastes 11:5), and yet it never made the mistake of arguing that life in the womb was not human life, or that the unborn child is just a mass of cells. David made it very clear that while he was being formed in the womb, he was a distinct person for whom God was watching over (Psalm 139:13-16).

In Jeremiah 1:5, we read of God having formed a person in the womb and that He knew them while in the womb. Amos writes a rebuke of the Ammonites because they had ripped open pregnant women (Amos 1:13). Life existed and was valued while in the womb. Luke records the first encounter between Jesus and John while both were in the womb. It is recorded that John leaped

Write or call and let us know what you think. Would you like more information or a personal study of this issue? I would love to accommodate your request. Do you have questions or disagreements? We will be happy to study God's Word with you and help you find the “peace that passes understanding” (Philippians 4:7).

We hope you will accept our offer to visit and investigate. We meet at 15530 Herriman Blvd. in Noblesville. Our phone number is (317) 219-5852. We meet for Sunday morning Bible Study at 10 a.m. and have classes for all ages. Worship begins at 11 a.m. and we have a Bible Study Wednesdays at 7 p.m. A warm welcome awaits!

while in the womb when a pregnant Mary entered their home (Luke 1:41,44). John's reaction was not altogether surprising. God recognizes the child in the womb as wholly human.

It is sometimes argued that a woman has a right to choose whether to have a baby. This is typical of the rhetoric of the pro-abortion movement, and it implies that there are only two choices a woman has – abort or have a baby. There is no mention of birth control, morality, or adoption. A woman certainly has a right to decide whether she has a child. However, that choice is made before conception. The question really is does a woman have the right to choose to end the life of another?

It is also argued that a woman has the right to control her own body. She absolutely does. This argument implies that the fetus is a part of the woman's body merely because he is connected to her by the umbilical cord. The fetus is not a part of the mother's body unless she has two brains and two nervous systems, two hearts and two circulation systems, two genetic codes, and in

the case where the baby is a boy, two genders.

With great alarm, pro-abortion advocates claim making abortion illegal will endanger the lives of women. Some argue outlawing abortion will lead to dangerous back-alley abortions which are extremely dangerous. As dangerous as illegal abortions may be for women, they are far from being as dangerous to mothers as to babies!

Charles R. Swindol wrote in his book, *The Sanctity of Life*, “It has come to the time where the most dangerous place to be in America is not in the inner city where gangs threaten innocent lives or in prisons where only the fit survive ... but in the womb of a mother who is being told if she doesn't really want the baby, an abortion is the solution.” Like Abel, they have a voice. The voice of their blood is crying out to God for vindication (Gen. 4:10).

The words of Ezra certainly apply: “O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to You, my God; for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our guiltiness is grown up unto the heavens” (Ezra 9:6).

AG Todd Rokita surveys Hoosier businesses & public institutions in bid to strengthen cybersecurity

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita advises Indiana businesses and governmental organizations to take precautions to guard against cyber threats such as phishing attempts, malware attacks, and ransomware demands.

To gather information about the extent to which institutions are taking protective measures, AG Rokita is sending out letters to hundreds of organizations asking them to go online to answer survey questions.

“Cyberattackers are re-

lentless in their determination to steal data and generally cause mayhem,” AG Rokita said. “We need to be even more steadfast in our commitment to beat them at their game and keep our systems safe.”

AG Rokita chairs the Legal and Insurance Working Group of the Indiana Executive Cybersecurity Council (IECC). In 2020, the IECC's Legal and Insurance



Rokita

Working Group collaborated with Indiana University and University of Arizona to circulate a cyber survey to Indiana local governments, schools, and businesses. The result of that survey was the 2020 State of Hoosier Cybersecurity Report.

The same entities are partnering once again to do a follow-up survey.

“Among other things,” AG Rokita said, “we want

to learn whether Hoosier organizations are giving more attention to safeguards in a post-Covid environment in which work-from-home has become a standard operating procedure. We aim to continue identifying barriers that prevent effective cyber risk planning, and we want to do everything we can do in our own capacities to enable and encourage organizations to implement effective cyber risk planning.”

[Click here](#) to read the 2020 State of Hoosier Cybersecurity Report.

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Our world is often cold, unfeeling, uncaring and unappreciative. But amazingly our Creator cares about us and loves us. Would you like to know more about a God who looks from heaven and cares you? Let us help you come to know the loving merciful Jehovah who wants to bear your sorrows.

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

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## 2023 BICENTENNIAL APRIL EVENTS

### HAMILTON COUNTY BICENTENNIAL TRAVELING EXHIBIT | FREE

April 1-7 | Hamilton North Public Library, Cicero  
 April 8-14 | Monon Community Center, Carmel  
 April 15-21 | Hazel Dell Elementary School, Noblesville  
 TBD | Hamilton Heights Elementary School, Arcadia  
 TBD | Jackson Township Trustee, Arcadia

### WATERCOLORS IN THE INDIANA ROOM

April 8, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | Maker Space at Hamilton North  
 Public Library, West Brinton Street, Cicero | FREE

HNPL Art Instructor Lor MacNorton will lead participants in painting of local, historic class portraits and photographs from the Indiana Room of the Cicero Library. Participants may donate their creations to the library; best of the donated paintings will be framed and hung in the Indiana Room.

Register at [hnpl.lib.in.us](https://hnpl.lib.in.us).

### NICKEL PLATE HISTORY EXPRESS

April 15, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. | Hobbs Station  
 Forest Park Drive, Noblesville | \$20

Celebrate the history of the towns stations along the Nickel Plate line! Get on board at Hobbs Station in Noblesville's Forest Park, travel north through Cicero, Arcadia and Atlanta. Once in Atlanta, disembark for a break and refreshments, then travel back for a round-trip experience. *Tickets selling fast on [nickelplateexpress.com](https://nickelplateexpress.com).*

### JACKSON TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL TOUR OPEN HOUSE

April 15, 2-5 p.m. | Hamilton Heights Student  
 Activity Center, 420 W North St., Arcadia | FREE

Beginning April 1, use your smartphone to scan QR codes to unlock the past with this interactive walking tour designed by students from Hamilton Heights Schools featuring videos about historic buildings in Jackson Township. Maps available online soon! Join us at the Open House on April 15.

### HAMILTON HEIGHTS ATHLETIC EVENTS

April 19, 5-8 p.m. | Hamilton Heights High School  
 State Route 19, Arcadia | FREE

Learn about the evolution of girls sports at Hamilton Heights and their new Unified Sports initiative where students with all levels of intellectual and physical abilities play on the same teams. Come watch Softball, both Track and Unified Track meets, tennis match, and a throwback baseball game, honoring all of the past schools that came together to create the Hamilton Heights School Corporation.

### DAY AT RED BRIDGE PARK

April 21, 7-9 p.m. | Red Bridge Park, Cicero | FREE

Festivities will include a showing of the Ball State PBS Special "Now Entering Cicero" as well as an outdoor showing of a Hoosier Hot Shots movie! Join them for local music and be sure to enjoy a meal at local restaurants offering historically inspired desserts at discounted prices.

### ATLANTA'S HISTORY SHOWCASE

April 22 & 23 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. | Atlanta Town Hall  
 East Main Street, Atlanta | FREE

The Town of Atlanta is taking a dive into their rich past by going back in time! Mail a historic postcard, and tour historic homes and businesses downtown. On Sunday, attend a church service with the three Atlanta area churches. Afterwards, enjoy activities and ride the caboose.

### VINTAGE BASEBALL MATCH

April 22, 1-4 p.m. | Bishop's Park, East 256th St.,  
 Arcadia | FREE

Hamilton County Parks will host a vintage-style baseball game. There will be displays on the history of the park, along with a kettle corn vendor and other activities. Bring a picnic lunch and get your "baseball cards" signed by the players!

### JACKSON TOWNSHIP CEMETERY LANTERN WALK

April 22, 7-9 p.m. | Cicero Cemetery  
 Morse Court, Cicero | FREE

Hamilton Heights High School theater students will showcase research on people buried in cemeteries around Jackson Township as participants walk through the cemetery. Lanterns at each headstone will guide your way along the path.

### ARCADIA AND THE HOOSIER HOT SHOTS

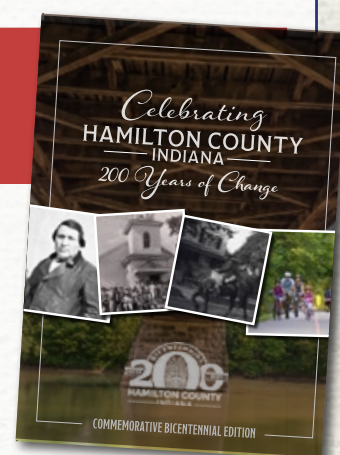
April 28, 6 a.m.-5 p.m. | Remnant Coffee Shop,  
 West Main Street, Arcadia | FREE

Join the Town of Arcadia as they celebrate the historic local talent of the Hoosier Hot Shots. In the 1930s, their band was nationally famous for their radio shows and "talkie" movies with their well-known tagline, "Are you ready, Hezzie?"

### JACKSON TOWNSHIP SIGNATURE EVENT

April 29, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
 Arcadia Christian Church,  
 State Route 19, Arcadia

As a way to celebrate the end of a month that commemorates all things Jackson Township, the township will organize an event to remember! Bring the family and have your photo professionally taken for free as part of the "Faces and Families of Jackson Township" Collection. Also come for the debut of the Jackson Township Fire Department restored original fire engine, partially funded by Hamilton County Bicentennial funds. A mini-parade will begin at 12 p.m., and there will also be an arts show. Finally, bring your copy of the *Hamilton County Bicentennial* book to have it signed by students from Hamilton Heights who contributed to the epilogue.



Access the entire **2023  
Bicentennial Event Lineup**  
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# Jim Brainard recognized by Indiana legislature for 27 years as Carmel mayor



Photo provided by City of Carmel  
Mayor Jim Brainard was honored at the Indiana Statehouse on Tuesday, March 21 for his 27 years of service as Carmel’s mayor. The bipartisan bill was sponsored by State Senator J.D. Ford, State Senator Scott Baldwin, State Representative Victoria Garcia Wilburn, and State Representative Donna Schaibley. (Front row, from left) Dan McFeely, Community Relations and Economic Development; Julianne Brainard; Will Brainard; Kevin “Woody” Rider, Carmel City Council; Mayor Jim Brainard; Candy Martin, Office of the Mayor; Jeff Worrell, Carmel City Council President; Melanie Brewer, Community Relations & Economic Development; and Sharon Kibbe, Office of the Mayor. (Second row, from left) Nancy Heck, Director of Community Relations & Economic Development; John Duffy, Director of Utilities; Jeremy Kashman, Director of Engineering Department; JC Mitchell, President of Carmel Professional Firefighters Union IAFF Local 4444; John Moriarty, Division Chief of Community Relations for the Carmel Fire Department; and Shela Much, Community Relations and Economic Development. (Third row, from left) Allan Sutherlin, longtime friend and advisor; Brady Myers, Deputy Chief of Administration for the Carmel Police Department; James Barlow, Chief of the Carmel Police Department; Rob Bush, longtime friend and advisor; and Jason Wendzel, Deputy Chief of Operations for the Carmel Fire Department. (Back row, from left) Tony Green, Carmel City Council; Timothy Renick, Director of Information and Communication Systems; Michael Klitzing, Director of Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation; Henry Mestetsky, Director Carmel Redevelopment Commission; Jim Crider, Director of Administration; and Jon Oberlander, Corporation Counsel.

# Fishers Democratic candidates voice support for HSE referendum

**The REPORTER**  
Democratic municipal candidates have announced their support for the approval of continued funding for Hamilton Southeastern Schools.  
Candidates who have announced their support include Jocelyn Vare, City Council At-Large; Crystal Neumann, City Council North Central district; Howard Stevenson, City Council At-Large; Bill McLellan, City Council North West district; Lane Skeeters, City Council South Central district; Samantha Chapman, City Council North East district; and Janet Pritchett, City Clerk.  
These candidates strongly encourage Fishers citizens to vote to renew the current referendum. Approval of the referendum renewal, which provides teacher salaries and other crucial operating expenses, will generate \$26 million per year for HSE Schools.  
At the March 22 meet-



Colbert

ing, a majority of the HSE Schools board of trustees decided that the referendum renewal that is funded by property taxes would appear on the Nov. 7 general election ballot. While the referendum is funded by property taxes, residents will not see an increase in their tax rate due to keeping the referendum no higher than the current 0.2275 percent rate.  
“Although this is a bipartisan issue, it is important for the community to know that these Democratic candidates fully support the referendum,” Hamilton County Democratic Party Chair Dayna Colbert said. “We believe that a strong school system equals a strong community. As our candidates are engaging with the citizens of Fishers, they will be encouraging everyone to get out and vote in support of HSE schools.”  
Hamilton Southeastern Schools serves 21,500 students in Fishers and Noblesville.

# Carmel Clay Parks & Rec invites public to River Heritage Park rededication

**The REPORTER**  
A rededication ceremony will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. on Monday, March 27 at River Heritage Park, 11813 River Road, Carmel, to celebrate the newly reimagined park.  
Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) officials look forward to commemorating the park’s focus on inclusive and accessible play during Disability Awareness Month.  
The rededication will include brief remarks from community leaders and a ribbon-cutting ceremony.  
• Carmel Mayor’s Office  
• Matthew J. Snyder, Clay Township Board Member  
• Rich Taylor, Carmel/Clay Board of Parks and Recreation President

• Adam Aasen, Carmel City Councillor  
• Karen Russo, Disability Awareness Advocate (The Russo family inspired the park’s inclusive design in the early 2000s.)  
• Michael Klitzing, CCPR Director of Parks and Recreation/CEO  
An American Sign Language interpreter will be present, and the event will be live streamed on the [CCPR Facebook page](#).  
Attendees will have an opportunity to tour the park’s innovative features, including new playgrounds for everyone, accessible trails, White River overlooks, and an updated shelter. In the event of rain, the rededication will be postponed to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28.

# Mark Your Calendars

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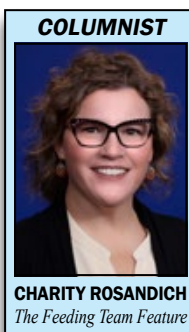
# Grateful for this community

I don't have any tattoos. If I got one, I had planned to get one of the word "Gratitude" on my wrist. I thought it might remind me on those not-so-great days to be grateful for the little things I sometimes miss.

When I started working with **FeedingTeam.org** last summer, I was amazed to learn that this organization is supported by the most kind and robust team of volunteers. The volunteers are diverse – both men and women, of all age groupings, some working, some retired.

These are people who will help box up crates of food outside, no matter the weather. They come when it's 80 degrees out and sweat with us. They come when it's 20 degrees out and dance around in the cold with us to keep warm. They show up when it's raining and work around the puddles in our parking lot.

These are people who spend time every week checking the pantry they have adopted, stocking it with food. They sort through what has been put in the pantry and get rid of anything that shouldn't be there – rotten bananas, raw chicken, old bread. They come quickly, a day earlier than usual, when an impending snowstorm has us rescheduling food pick up for their pantry. They check their



**CHARITY ROSANDICH**  
The Feeding Team Feature

**FeedingTeam.org**  
**Facts**  
49 pantries  
10,000 meals in Nov. 2022  
Over 30 volunteer families

pantry for any physical defects and other volunteers make necessary repairs. And some of these pantry adopters maintain two pantries, so multiply that times two.

Our volunteers will also come at a moment's notice to help unload received pallets of food. When the delivery truck is late, they wait so that we have the help we need. They will meet up as a group to upright a pantry on the rare occasion that one topples over in the Hamilton County spring winds. They will walk in the Christmas parade with us and help out at our fundraising events.

While we have the best group of volunteers one could ask for, we are additionally supported by other members of our community in alternate ways. There are businesses that provide tents and tables at our outdoor events, build our pantries, paint our pantries, deliver those built pantries to our headquarters, provide space for indoor events, provide sponsorship for pantries and events, and provide food at a massive discount. They support us by spreading the word and putting us in touch with others who help serve the cause.

This past winter, we put together a Reverse Advent campaign and received so much love in the form of nonperishable foods from

our neighbors. We asked for peanut butter and they brought us cases of it. We have been blessed by countless food drives organized by local businesses, schools and youth sports teams. When our supplies are dwindling, the community seems to know and they help rebuild them.

Mark and Lisa Hall are the Founders of Feeding Team. They are inspiring, kind and very likeable. I once made a comment that because of this likeability, people want to help them. But I was corrected, "People want to be a part of THIS." "THIS" is Feeding Team.

People want to make sure that the person sitting next to them at church has a meal on Sunday evening. People want to know that a child won't sit at a lunch table without food because his school has a pantry nearby. People like knowing that the single mom they work with can still feed her family, even with that unexpected expense that came up. They donate their time, their talent and their resources to ensure that Feeding Team is able to continue its mission.

Knowing that all these people exist among us makes me grateful every day. Tattoo not required.

With over 44,000 food challenged neighbors in Hamilton County, **FeedingTeam.org** is a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that provides outdoor 24/7/365 no-questions-asked free food pantries throughout the county. The pantries exist to meet the food insecurity needs of gap families – neighbors who

may not qualify for public assistance and could use a few meals before payday. The pantries serve as many food-challenged neighbors as possible, and our hearts are with those who could not always make ends meet.

Mark and Lisa Hall are the Founders of Feeding Team. They may be reached at [lisa@feedingteam.org](mailto:lisa@feedingteam.org) and [mark@feedingteam.org](mailto:mark@feedingteam.org) or by calling (317) 832-1123.



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**For tickets or to sponsor:**

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**OR**

**Charity@FeedingTeam.org 317-832-1115**



## Social Security in a divorce

Many women are under the impression that they gave up their right to draw Social Security spousal benefits in their divorce agreement.

This is impossible. No matter what you signed in your divorce, you can't give up your federal rights to draw Social Security. There is no state contract you can sign that will be enforceable. Federal law trumps state contract law.

The problem is most women trust their divorce attorney. Why would her attorney have urged her to sign an agreement that isn't enforceable? Most divorce attorneys simply do not understand Social Security law. If they did, they wouldn't let their clients divorce at nine years and 11 months. To be eligible to draw Social Security spousal benefits off a prior marriage, that marriage had to have lasted 10 full years. I often hear from women whose divorce was final at nine years and 11 months. Clearly, the divorce attorney was unaware that his client was oh, so close to qualifying for retirement benefits – if only he had waited to finalized the divorce a month later.

In a divorce, your husband's retirement is often one of the largest assets being divided. When negotiating the divorce, the parties use the words "retirement" when they more specifically mean his pension or 401(k) account. Social Security is rarely mentioned; everyone just assumes that the word "retirement" includes Social Security benefits. Even if an attorney had specified that you gave up all rights to your former spouse's Social Security – it still wouldn't be enforceable. They are words meant to scare you.

To draw Spousal Social



**SYLVIA GORDON**  
Make Sense of Medicare

Security benefits off an ex-spouse, here is how you qualify:

1. Your marriage must have lasted a full 10 years. Look at the date your judge signed your decree and ignore the date you filed for divorce.

2. You must be single at time of filing for benefits. You could have a second marriage after your first marriage, but as long as you are single at time of filing, you qualify.

3. To draw off your former spouse, you and he must be at least age 62.

4. You too must be at least age 62, unless you are disabled or your ex-spouse is dead.

5. He never has to draw his own benefits in order for you to draw off of him (those rules for married couples are different).

6. You must be divorced at least two years. This rule doesn't apply if you ex is already receiving his benefits.

7. Half of your spouse's benefit must be more than all of your own benefit. If you were the higher earner, he may be eligible to draw off of you and not vice versa. If you both earned about similar incomes, you'll each be able to draw off your own work record.

8. Benefits can be filed while your ex is alive or after he dies. Many women were unaware they could file for widow benefits on a long-ago ex-spouse and are elated to find this out!

Now that your interest is piqued, you wonder how much your ex is eligible to draw in benefits – and only the Social Security Administration can tell you that. They need original (or certified copies) marriage and divorce documents before they can share this private information with you. Since

you have to mail in the documents or get a face-to-face appointment, this can take some time.

I think it goes without saying that your ex must qualify for Social Security. If he was self-employed and never paid his FICA taxes, or was always paid under the table, he may not qualify for Social Security.

I've had women tell me they don't want to draw spousal benefits because they have a great relationship with their ex, his new wife, the kids, etc., and do not want to anger anyone. But the apple cart isn't upset at all. Drawing benefits off your former spouse's work history doesn't reduce his own retirement nor does it impact his new spouse. Both the current spouse and former spouses are eligible to draw up to 50 percent of the husband's amount.

How is this possible? Social Security is a trust fund. You will not be actually drawing money out of your ex-husband's retirement account. You are eligible for funds based on his amount.

This seems to be another reason that Social Security has a problem, but it is a generational issue. Younger women are less likely to be homemakers and never enter the work force than women of prior generations. As women accrue their own earnings history, they are likely to draw their own benefits. One of my best friends is a stay-at-home dad. Social Security rules are gender neutral. I use husband/wife, but you can substitute lower wage earner/higher wage earner.

Sylvia Gordon is co-founder of The Medicare Family, headquartered in Noblesville, where she educates thousands on Medicare and Social Security in all 50 states. You can learn more at [themedicarefamily.com](http://themedicarefamily.com).

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## Westfield's own Isabella Reis competes for spot at Scripps National Spelling Bee



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Isabella Reis, a fourth grader at Oak Trace Elementary School in Westfield, competed against students from across the Indianapolis area for a chance to attend the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. She won the Oak Trace spelling bee and qualified in the district contest to move on to the regional competition. She competed against students up to eighth grade.

## Submissions deadline extended for Carmel International Arts Festival

### The REPORTER

The 26th annual Carmel International Arts Festival (CIAF) will be held on Sept. 23 and 24. Applications to participate in the event are now open, and the deadline for submission has just been extended.

"As many cities have followed the lead of Carmel and have added art events such as ours, many artists are entering more competitions than ever before," CIAF organizers said. "We have heard from many artists who asked for additional time to enter our event. We want to do all we can to accommodate some of the most creative artists in America who we want to see here this year."

Artists from around the world gather in the heart of Old Town Carmel's Arts & Design District at the intersection of Main Street and Range Line Road for CIAF. This is a juried exhibition with prizes totaling \$7,000. Annually, 30,000

festival goers enjoy an admission-free opportunity to view and purchase the art and mingle with artists.

Artists can apply at [carmelartsfestival.org/artist-application](http://carmelartsfestival.org/artist-application). Rules and requirements are also featured on that page. Each artist can submit up to two applications for this show. The fee to participate is \$30.

The due date for application submission is now extended to April 16. Judging on the applications will take place April 24 to 28.

CIAF's mission is "Educating the Community Through the Arts." This mission is carried out through this two-day festival the last weekend of September. CIAF brings in over 100 artists in nine different media to provide the community with the finest samplings to purchase and take home. Each artist goes through a juried process to ensure their art is unique, not mass produced, and is of the highest quality.



To get more details about the festival, visit [carmelartsfestival.org](http://carmelartsfestival.org). To see pictures of past festivals, participants, and winners, visit the website above or check out the [CIAF Facebook page](#).

## See comedian Kevin Nealon at Center for the Performing Arts

### The REPORTER

Emmy and SAG-nominated actor, comedian, and author Kevin Nealon will appear at the Palladium at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 7.

Nealon is best known for his nine-year stint on NBC's *Saturday Night Live*, where he anchored the "Weekend Update" segment and helped cement its popularity. He has received critical acclaim for his work on the Showtime series *Weeds*, and he more recently co-starred on the CBS comedy series *Man with a Plan*.

Nealon's film appearances have included *Anger Management*, *Eight Crazy Nights*, *The Wedding Singer*, and *Happy Gilmore*, and he produces and hosts the YouTube series *Hiking with Kevin*, interviewing his celebrity friends on hikes throughout the



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## Hamilton County's Sowers-Pickett family farm receives Centennial Award

### The REPORTER

At the Indiana Statehouse, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) Director Don Lamb presented 56 farming families with a Hoosier Homestead Award in recognition of their commitment to Indiana agriculture.

Among those were Hamilton County's Sowers-Pickett family farm, which was presented with a Centennial Award for the year 1918.

"It is a true honor to be in the historic Statehouse today celebrating your incredible family farming history," said Lt. Gov. Crouch, Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "Your commitment to Indiana and our agriculture history and future is renowned. It was awe-inspiring to celebrate this family achievement with you all today."

To be named a Hoosier Homestead, farms must be owned by the same family for more than 100 consecutive

years and consist of more than 20 acres. If less than 20 acres, the farm must produce more than \$1,000 of agricultural products per year. Indiana farms may qualify for three honors: Centennial Award for 100 years of ownership, Sesqui-centennial Award for 150 years of ownership, and the Bicentennial Award for 200 years of ownership.

Since the program's inception in 1976, over 6,000 families have received the Hoosier Homestead Award. Many past awardees can be identified by the sign proudly displayed in front of the family farm or field.

"Being a farmer myself I know how challenging it is to farm today in general, and to keep the same property in the family for decades on end, no less," Lamb said. "This award being presented today to your farming families is proof of your dedication to agriculture, to our State and to feeding our world, so I thank you."

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# Carmel street paving projects announced

The REPORTER

The City of Carmel Street Department has released its list of 2023 street paving projects.

More than 40 miles of roads are scheduled for an upgrade this spring and summer as the Street Department kicks off its annual paving projects with a budget of \$4 million to improve local thoroughfares. Some of the preliminary work has begun already with major paving set to begin in late April or early May.

"As much as we focus our efforts on building new roundabouts and increasing our multi-purpose trails and pathways, it is also important to keep our existing roadways in top condition," Mayor Jim Brainard said. "We work hard to create a high quality of life in Carmel and that includes having smooth, pothole-free roads on which to drive in our city."

Each paving project begins with preliminary concrete and curb repairs that can take a few weeks to complete before the big job of milling the top surface of blacktop and repaving it with a new layer about two inches thick. Typical milling and paving projects take three to five days to complete and require lane restrictions.

"Our goal is to have all the pavement work done before school starts in the

2023 Road List		
Eden Park		
Street Name	From	To
High Dr	E 126th St	E Carmel Dr
Whitehall Pl	High Dr	End
Eden Village Dr	High Dr	End
Eden Village Pl	Eden Village Dr	End
Eden Village Ct	Eden Village Dr	End
Brumley Way	High Dr	End
Brumley Mews	Brumley Way	End
Eden Park Dr	High Dr	End
Eden Park Pl	Eden Park Dr	End
Ashton Pl	High Dr	End
Eden Way	High Dr	End
Eden Way Cir	Eden Way	End
Eden Way Pl	Eden Way	End
Eden Hollow Pl	E Carmel Dr	End
Horshoe Ln	E Carmel Dr	E Carmel Dr
Buckhorn		
Street Name	From	To
Buckhorn Dr	W 141st St	Stone Dr
Stone Dr	Brookstone Dr	W 136th St
Jameson Ln	Stone Dr	End
Berenger Ln	Stone Dr	End
Wellesley Ln	Stone Dr	End
Williams Mill		
Street Name	From	To
Burlington Ln	Springmill Rd	Valeside Crescent
Valeside Crescent	Heritage Terrace Ln	End
McLaren Ln	Valeside Crescent	End
Parkside Crescent	Burlington Ln	McLaren Ln
Gulford Park		
Street Name	From	To
Woodview North Dr	S Gulford Rd	McKenzie Pky
Senie Ln	McKenzie Pky	Stansfield Dr
McKenzie Pky	Stansfield Dr	E 116th St
Scheel Ln	McKenzie Pky	McKenzie Pky
Perkins St	McKenzie Pky	Woodview North Dr
Rosemeade Commons		
Street Name	From	To
Rosemeade Dr	E 116th St	End

Graphic provided by City of Carmel

fall, with concrete street repairs lasting until November if needed," Carmel Street Commissioner Matt Higgin-

botham said. "Concrete work can be done later in the calendar year when the weather starts to turn colder."

# Fishers road construction updates

The REPORTER

State Road 37

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

State Road 37 & 141st Street

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

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

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

I-465 & I-69

Drivers will see an increase in construction along the Interstate 69 corridor in the coming months. This work will focus on reconfiguring the interchange at I-465 and I-69. New ramps will provide direct movements from eastbound I-465 and northbound I-465 to northbound I-69.

Binford Boulevard will also be reconstructed to separate local traffic from traffic entering and exiting I-69 and I-465. Access to I-69 from Binford Boulevard will remain open. Drivers can expect to see significant activity on I-69 at the 82nd

Street interchange.

126th Street

On Wednesday, March 29, storm structure repairs will take place on the roundabout at 126th Street and Lantern Road. All lanes will remain open. Use caution driving through this area.

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](#).

Cumberland Road

There are daily lane closures currently on Cumberland Road just south of 126th Street for sanitary and water line work. The northbound right turn lane and the southbound passing blister will be closed and is estimated to reopen by Friday, March 24.

There will be daily lane restrictions between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Cumberland Road between 106th and 116th streets for tree clearing as part of the Cumberland Road Reconstruction project. There may be times when a short-term full road closure will be needed. Finding an alternate route is recommended during this time. For additional project information, view the Capital Project Dashboard [here](#).

Fall Creek Road

Citizens Energy Group is mobilizing the lift station on

Fall Creek Road near Geist Woods Way, resulting in the closure of Fall Creek Trail in the area until the project is complete in August.

Geist Greenway

Construction of the boardwalk is currently taking place as part of the Geist Greenway Project. When material is brought in for fill sections, there will be an increase in construction traffic on Valley Crossing Drive. Traffic will be briefly stopped as trucks are entering and exiting the road. For general project information, please visit [playfishers.com/299/Geist-Greenway](https://playfishers.com/299/Geist-Greenway).

Resurfacing Projects

Beginning on Monday, March 27, ADA ramp and curb reconstruction will be taking place in Rolling Knoll as part of the 2023 Resurfacing Project. Homeowners will be notified via door hangers prior to any curb restoration near their home. After ADA ramp and curb reconstruction is completed, those areas will be restored with topsoil and seed. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to water the seed for the seed to germinate. Prior to road resurfacing, residents will be notified via street signage for street parking restrictions. For additional project information, view the Capital Project Dashboard [here](#).

Development Dashboards

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

Thanks for reading The Reporter!



## Representative Victoria Spartz

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# Joseph Lee Roudebush

October 27, 1935 – March 20, 2023



Joseph Lee Roudebush, born in Noblesville on October 27, 1935, returned home on March 20, 2023. He was the eldest son of Doris and Ruth (Horton) Roudebush. Joe graduated from Noblesville High School and married the love of his life, Laverta (Cox) Roudebush on November 5, 1954.

After high school, Joe served his country in the Army at the height of the Cold War, stationed in West Germany near Munich, from 1958 to 1960. Laverta joined him there and they lived and traveled in Europe for two years. After an honorable discharge, Joe returned to Indiana to begin a long and successful career as a master machinist, first with Reeder & Kline Machine Company, then with Western Electric and Bates Technology. He retired from Bates Technology in 2003.

Joe was a lifelong gardener who loved having produce to share from his annual vegetable garden. In retirement, he became an avid woodworker, even making garden structures. He enjoyed auctions and vintage cars and, having both lived and worked on farms, he loved Farmall tractors.

After retiring, Joe enjoyed gathering with friends for coffee, reading his daily Indianapolis Star, and doing crossword puzzles. Birds always enjoyed trips to his many feeders, which he kept stocked year-round.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Jere Roudebush; and his sister, Janice Roudebush Provence. He is survived by his loving wife of 68 years; his daughters, Kathryn Roudebush (Jon Bomberger) of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Amy (Fred) Deaver of Noblesville; sister, Jane Roudebush Adkins of Noblesville; and brother, Jack Roudebush of Leesburg, Fla.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Humane Fort Wayne at [humanefw.org/capital-campaign](http://humanefw.org/capital-campaign).

A calling will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on March 30, 2023, with Celebration of Life at 6 p.m. at Randall and Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Condolences: [randallroberts.com](http://randallroberts.com)

# Alijah Clayton William Reynolds

August 2, 2003 – March 15, 2023



Alijah Clayton William Reynolds, 19, Noblesville, passed away on March 15, 2023.

He was born August 2, 2003, in Noblesville to Ryan and Adona (Harlow) Reynolds. He lived with his parents in the White River Township area, attended Hamilton Heights Schools and graduated with the Class of 2022 at Hamilton Heights High School. He started wrestling in junior high and continued wrestling for his school during his high school years. Alijah was currently enrolled at Lincoln Tech.

Alijah enjoyed fishing, hunting, riding his four-wheeler, and just being outdoors.

Preceding him in death is his grandfather, George Reynolds; grandmother, Donna Harlow; and an aunt, Kim Estes.

Survivors of Alijah include his parents, Ryan and Adona Reynolds; a brother, Avery Reynolds; a sister, Aleecia Reynolds; a niece, September Yearly; and a grandmother, Nelta Reynolds, all of Noblesville.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 27, 2023, at Cicero Seventh Day Adventist Church, 24445 State Road 19, Cicero, with Pastor Aaron Clark officiating. A time of visitation will be from noon until time of the services. Burial will follow at Carey Cemetery north of Noblesville.

A GoFundMe page named [Alijah's Funeral Cost](#) is available for assistance to the family.

Hartley Funeral Home Cicero Chapel is entrusted with Alijah's care. You may send condolences at [hartleyfuneralhomes.com](http://hartleyfuneralhomes.com).

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## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

*I looked, and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like a son of man with a crown of gold on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. Then another angel came out of the temple and called in a loud voice to him who was sitting on the cloud, "Take your sickle and reap, because the time to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is ripe." So he who was seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested.*

*Another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. Still another angel, who had charge of the fire, came from the altar and called in a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, "Take your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of grapes from the earth's vine, because its grapes are ripe." The angel swung his sickle on the earth, gathered its grapes and threw them into the great winepress of God's wrath. They were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press, rising as high as the horses' bridles for a distance of 1,600 stadia.*

Revelation 14:14-20 (NIV)

## Meeting Notices

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 30, 2023.

The Cicero Redevelopment Commission will meet at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at Cicero Town Hall, 70 N. Byron St., Cicero.

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

The Noblesville Common Council meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

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Creating a winning culture

Sheridan basketball coach Bill Bowen speaks to Lions Club following his first year at helm

Hello, Newman

By **CHUCK GODBY**  
For The Reporter

After 16 seasons as the varsity basketball coach at Hamilton Heights, and six at Tri-Central, Hamilton County Hall-of-Famer Bill Bowen was set to retire. Then the job many thought he should have gotten in the first place years ago opened up and he took it.

Bowen recently completed his first season coaching at his alma mater, leading Sheridan to a 10-win varsity campaign, which is just its sixth double-digit win total in the last 20 years. The Blackhawks also posted a 18-4 junior varsity record, lifting hopes for a promising basketball future.

The coach addressed the Sheridan Lions Club as its guest speaker at its March 15 meeting, recapping the 2022-23 campaign and speaking optimistically of the program's future, which includes creating a winning basketball culture and

utilizing the new fieldhouse currently under construction.

In other business, members learned their annual pancake breakfast served approximately 350 paying customers and several more youngsters who ate free of charge. It was one of the better turnouts in recent years.

The Sheridan Lions next project is "Join the Fight to Beat Cancer." They are joining forces with Phi Beta Psi Sorority to host a community pork loin dinner. Proceeds from the dinner go toward community support and cancer research.

The dinner, open to the public, will be held Saturday, April 15, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Sheridan Community Center. Tickets for adults are \$11, \$5 for children and kids under 3 eat free. The menu includes: pork loin, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, broccoli salad, slaw, applesauce, cornbread with honey butter, homemade desserts, lemonade, iced tea and water.



Photo by Chuck Godby  
Sheridan boys basketball coach Bill Bowen spoke at the Sheridan Lions Club at its March 15 meeting. Bowen, who completed his first year of coaching the Blackhawks, spoke optimistically of the program's future.

This week, we highlight Hoosier native Ryan Newman.

Ryan Newman, 2008 Daytona 500 champion and long-time NASCAR Cup driver, will visit the Cabela's in Noblesville today, Saturday, March 25, greeting race fans and signing autographs from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in support of Donate Life Indiana, and the National Donate Life Month, which occurs in April.

Newman grew up in South Bend, Ind., and received his undergraduate degree in engineering from Purdue University in 2001. Like many aspiring drivers in the Midwest, he advanced through the ranks of the United States Auto Club (USAC) winning the Silver Crown Series in 1999. In 2000, Newman transitioned to stock cars and began driving for Roger Penske and Penske Racing. From 2000 to 2001, he competed in the ARCA RE/MAX Series, NASCAR Busch Series, and made a handful of starts in the Cup Series.

In 2002, Newman went NASCAR Cup racing full time, winning a rookie record six poles while also capturing a win at the all-star race, The Winston, and his first point race at the Fall New Hampshire race. He finished his rookie campaign sixth in points and was voted Rookie of the Year over future seven-time Champion Jimmie Johnson because of his superb qualifying ability and on-track consistency. Unquestionably, his greatest moment with Penske Racing came when he won the Daytona 500 on Feb. 17, 2008. This was the 50th anniversary of the "Great American Race" and was the first Daytona 500 win for team owner Roger Penske.

After leaving Penske Racing, Newman ran the number 39 car for Stewart-Haas Racing and the number 31 car for Richard Childress Racing. In 2014, despite a winless season, Newman nearly won the NASCAR Cup Championship, being edged out by race and series champion Kevin Harvick by a single point, which came down to a final restart with four laps to go.

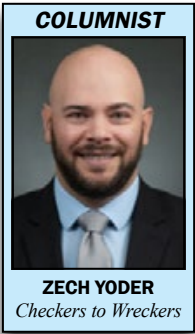
Perhaps the most memorable moment of Newman's final years in the Cup Series was his violent last lap crash at the 2020 Daytona 500. While leading the race on the last lap only several hundred feet from the start/finish line, he was bumped from behind and turned into the outside wall, causing his car to go airborne and flip back to the center of the racetrack. While upside-down, his car was hit at full speed by Corey LaJoie, which sent Newman back into the air, barrel-rolling across the start/finish line.

For hours, it was unclear the condition of Newman. Fortunately, he sustained (relatively) minor injuries and was released from the hospital just two days later.

In total, Newman won 18 times in the Cup Series over a 21-year career. He was regarded by many as being the toughest car in the field to pass, whether he was running first or twenty-first. Today, he competes in the SRX (Superstar Racing Experience) Series and numerous races in the SMART Modified Tour and NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour.

On a different note, be sure to catch the NASCAR Cup Series race at the Circuit of the Americans in Austin, Texas. This is the first road course of the NASCAR season and will feature two former Formula 1 Champions. Additionally, Noblesville's own Conor Daly will compete in the race, driving the number 50 BITNILE Chevrolet. Given the reduced down-force and large racetrack, this weekend's race should be exciting.

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



Track & field athletes will represent county well at Hoosier State Relays

The REPORTER

Hamilton County's track and field teams will be well-represented at the Hoosier State Relays, which take place today at Indiana University's Gladstein Fieldhouse.

The meet is divided into two divisions. The Large School meet (schools with football classes 4A, 5A and 6A) begins at 10 a.m., to be followed by the Small School meet (football classes 1A, 2A and 3A) at 4 p.m.

Athletes qualified for the HSR based on their performances at meets throughout the past month. The top 24 qualifiers in running events, the long jump and the shot put are automatically eligible to compete, along with the top 18 in high jump and pole vault.

A complete list of Hamilton County athletes in the top 24 (top 18 high jump and pole vault) follows.

- Large school BOYS MEET**  
**60 dash:** T4. Robert Seay (Fishers) 6.92.  
**3200 run:** 1. Kole Mathison (Carmel) 8:47.11, 5. Caden Click (Noblesville) 9:23.33, 9. Sam Quagliaroli (F) 9:25.70, 14. Asher Propst (N) 9:31.94, 16. Tate Meaux (F) 9:32.86.  
**60 hurdles:** 1. Tyler Tarter (F) 8.08, 21. Adom Quist (C) 8.54.  
**4x200 relay:** 9. Fishers 1:32.63, 10. Noblesville 1:32.73, 12. Westfield 1:32.82, 15. Carmel 1:32.97, 19. Hamilton Southeastern 1:33.11.



Kent Graham / File photo  
Noblesville's Malina Miller is the top seed in the girls high jump (Large School division) at today's Hoosier State Relays, which take place at Indiana University's Gladstein Fieldhouse.

- 4x400 relay:** 6. Westfield 3:29.94, 7. Fishers 3:30.10, 10. Noblesville 3:32.25, 11. Carmel 3:32.59, 13. Hamilton Southeastern 3:32.71.  
**4x800 relay:** 4. Westfield 8:01.72, 6. Carmel 8:10.00, 7. Noblesville 8:11.22, 11. Hamilton Southeastern 8:16.25.  
**Distance medley relay:** 3. Westfield 10:37.36, 5. Carmel 10:37.88, 10. Fishers 10:51.26, 18. Noblesville 10:57.57.  
**High jump:** 3. Aydrin Caldwell (C) 6-8, T18. Robert Campbell (W) 6-2.

- Pole vault:** T5. Will Johnston (N) 14-3.  
**Long jump:** 1. Michael Griffith (HSE) 22-9.5, 3. Lamine Sall (HSE) 22-0.25, T9. Silas Newton (HSE) 21-5, 24. Aydrin Caldwell (C) 20-9.  
**Shot put:** 3. Tom Ewing (W) 56-7, 4. Drew Franklin (C) 55-4, 16. Alexander Boothby (HSE) 50-1, 24. Joel Gates (F) 48-11.  
**GIRLS MEET**  
**60 dash:** T3. Maya Taylor (F) 7.68, 6. Princess Campbell (W) 7.73, T9. Emily Norris (C) 7.75, 12. Tobi Fapetu (W) 7.79.  
**3200 run:** 3. Elizabeth But-

- ler (HSE) 10:47.03, 7. Maggie Powers (HSE) 11:03.89, 8. Nadia Perez (N) 11:05.10, 12. Brooke Lahee (N) 11:15.26, 13. Sadie Foley (C) 11:17.28, 16. Liz Smith (W) 11:24.42, 22. Emersyn Weaver (C) 11:33.31, 23. Jasmine Klopstad (C) 11:36.37.  
**60 hurdles:** 4. Makenzie Loftin (HSE) 9.16, 11. Lucy Hauser (W) 9.45, 16. Sophia Sullivan (C) 9.56, T22. Anna Williams (F) 9.66.  
**4x200 relay:** 4. Carmel 1:45.74, 6. Hamilton Southeastern 1:46.46.

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# Hoosier Historia: basketball fans choose top 24 historic stories

The REPORTER

The votes are in, and Indiana’s basketball fans have spoken. The 24 finalists for the Hoosier Historia arts project, an artistic celebration of Indiana high school basketball as part of NBA All-Star 2024 in Indianapolis, have been selected, the NBA All-Star 2024 Host Committee announced on Friday. The project, initially announced last October, is a partnership with the Indy Arts Council and the Marion County Capital Improvement Board, to celebrate and promote Indiana artists, engage Hoosiers across all counties in the All-Star 2024 effort, and celebrate

Indiana’s love affair with Hoosier Hysteria and high school basketball. Over the last 30 days, fans were asked to select their favorite high school basketball stories from a pool of 50, a list determined by a committee of sports journalists, members of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame, former coaches and players, former administrators, and other experts. The top 24 vote-getters will be turned into world-class art in the form of large basketball sculptures upon which Indiana artists will paint their interpretations of these stories. The sculptures themselves will be on display in downtown Indi-

anapolis throughout NBA All-Star 2024 and then permanently displayed at the Indiana Convention Center. “There is an important intersection between arts and culture and NBA All-Star, and our intent was to create art that is as recognizably Hoosier as NBA All-Star 2024 here in Indianapolis will be,” said Mel Raines, President of the NBA All-Star 2024 Host Committee and President and Chief Operating Officer for Pacers Sports & Entertainment. “We wanted to capture the passion fans feel about the game, their community and school pride, and our unmatched basketball history and tradition, and the 24

stories that fans selected are going to make for some incredible, diverse artwork.” The committee was tasked with sorting through hundreds of unforgettable moments, legendary players and coaches, and iconic venues to give fans an inclusive, comprehensive list from which to choose. An open call inviting artists throughout Indiana to apply to participate will be released March 29 by the Indy Arts Council. Interested artists should follow [@artscouncilindy on Twitter](#) for updates. For more information on Hoosier Historia or NBA All-Star 2024, visit [pacers.com/HoosierHistoria](#).

**The final 24 Hoosier Historia stories are:**  
(In alphabetical order)

1971 East Chicago Washington: “Once in a Generation!”  
1985-1987 Marion Giants Dynasty  
Ben Davis Girls Basketball Tallies Longest Winning Streak in History  
Crispus Attucks and a Culture Shift in Indiana Basketball  
Evansville’s Lincoln High School Becomes A National Power in the Face of Segregation  
Historic Hinkle Fieldhouse: Built for the High School State Tournament  
Iconic Indiana Gyms  
Indiana’s Class Basketball Debate  
Indiana’s Family Dynasties  
Indiana’s Title IX Legacy  
Muncie Central’s Unmatched Record of Success  
New Castle and Seymour Race to Be the Nation’s Largest Gym  
One of the Very Best Ever: George McGinnis, Steve Downing, and the 1969 Indianapolis Washington Champions  
Rick Mount Makes the SI Cover  
The First Indiana Mr. Basketball is Named  
The Franklin Wonder Five  
The Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in New Castle  
The Indiana State High School Basketball Tournament  
The Milan Miracle  
The Wizard of Westwood was First the Magician of Martinsville  
Unique High School Mascots  
Warsaw’s Judi Warren Wins the First Ms. Basketball in 1976  
“We Grow Basketball Here”: Indiana’s Pipeline to the Pros

# Indiana Officials Association holds 96<sup>th</sup> annual awards banquet

The REPORTER

The Indiana Officials Association (IOA) recently held its 96th annual awards and recognition banquet on March 20 at The Atrium. Mark Baltz, IOA member and NFL official, served as the master of ceremonies for the evening. Indianapolis-native Jake Query, one half of The Fan’s morning sports radio show “Kevin & Query,” entertained the group as the keynote speaker. His message to the crowd was to never doubt the important work you do and the impact it has on today’s youth. A highlight of the banquet each year is the recognition of the student scholarship recipients. To be eligible for a scholarship, the students must be in the top 20 percent of their high school graduating class or maintain a 3.0 GPA in college. The recipients also must be the child or stepchild of an IOA member. This year, three recipients were chosen. They include:

- Ryne Roehling, the son of IOA member Chad Roehling. Roehling is a senior at Center Grove High School. He holds a 4.75 GPA and plans to attend Purdue University.
- Allie Swafford, the daughter of IOA member Jeremy Swafford, is a senior at Monrovia High School. She maintains a 4.3 GPA and plans to attend Indiana University.
- Each year, the IOA selects two schools who exemplify sportsmanship and hospitality. This year’s recipients were: Roncalli High School – Sportsmanship and Greencastle High School – Hospitality. The awards were accepted by David Lauck, athletic director, and Jason Sims, assistant athletic director, from Roncalli and Doug Greenlee, athletic director, and Samantha Call, athletic secretary, from Greencastle.
- The IOA also recognized members of the association with service awards, applauding their many years of dedication to athletics and the students they serve across the state. Officials earning recognition this year include:
  - 15-Year Award: David Covington, Dan Feser, Mi-

- chael Nicholson, Charles Russell, John Talley, Jeff Wellner and Ken Yott
- 20-Year Award: Lambert Barnes, Bill Lawry
- 25-Year Award: Casey Gaynor, Jeff McClane, David Morton, Bruce Talbot
- 30-Year Award: Michael Anderson, Mike Eason
- 35-Year Award: Bill Purdue, Tim Welch, John Yantiss
- 45-Year Award: Terry Magnuson, Phil Vidito
- 50-Year Award: Denis Maude
- The association also took time to honor the officials in the group who have reached the highest level of officiating - the state tournaments - in their respective sports for the 2022-23 academic year. Those members include: Chris Curry and Justin Faw for Girls Basketball; Curtis Anderson, Robbie Miller and Damon Williams for Football; Jared Curcio, Josh Medvescek, Jim Russell and Kevin Troy for Wrestling; John Yantiss for Cross Country; Chris Curry for Track and Field; Derek Etherington for Soccer and Jason Ferguson, Chris Shields and Jeremy Swafford for Boys Basketball. Scott Wagner (Girls

Basketball) and Chris Curry (Track and Field) were also honored retrospectively for achieving this level in previous years. Each year, the IOA bestows two prestigious awards to members of their association: the Official of the Year Award and the President’s Award. Lambert Barnes of Indianapolis is the recipient of the Official of the Year Award. Barnes was chosen for the award for his dedication to officiating, working five varsity sports deep into the tournament level. Barnes is a licensed and active official in five sports: football, volleyball, basketball, baseball and softball. He has been a member of the IOA since 2002 and is a former IOA board member. Barnes is employed in guest services at Gainbridge Fieldhouse. Ken Washam of Indianapolis was the recipient of the President’s Award. This award recognizes a member who displays leadership qualities, represents the association professionally and serves its membership to the fullest. Washam is a licensed official in football, volleyball, basketball, softball and baseball. He has

been a member of the IOA for 20 years and recently completed a term as an At-Large Board Member of the IOA. He is the director of golf at Smock Golf Course. The IOA also honored John Harrell, longtime sportswriter and editor, who created and launched [JohnHarrell.net](#) in 2000, devoted to Indiana high school football and basketball. Harrell was presented with a plaque commemorating his many contributions to athletics in the state of Indiana. His website has revolutionized the way players, coaches, fans and administrators track results, records, rankings, schedules and postponements. Harrell is a member of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame, an inductee of the Indiana Sportswriters and Sportscasters Hall of Fame and has been honored by the IHSAA and the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association. The IOA encourages any individual with an interest in sports officiating to visit [ih saa.org/become-official](#). Prospective officials can take advantage of securing a free license through the nearest pro-

fessional official’s association by texting OFFICIAL to (317) 943-9030. Part 1 testing opens each year on April 1 for the following school year. For more information about the IOA and how a licensed official can become a member of this organization, please visit [ioaofficials.com](#). The Indiana Officials Association is the largest officials group in the state of Indiana with 615 current members and several honorary retirees. Its members have worked at the highest levels of the Indiana High School Athletic Association’s state tournaments. The association has turned its seasoned members’ past experience and commitment to fair play into a well-developed training regime for new members. The organization provides training, certification, re-certification, and assessments for new and experienced officials who are responsible for promoting safety and sportsmanship for athletes of all ages and levels of competition. Through charitable giving, the IOA strives to make an impact on today’s youth.

## RELAYS

7. Fishers 1:46.63, 14. Westfield 1:48.13.  
**4x400 relay:** 1. Carmel 4:02.66, 5. Hamilton Southeastern 4:07.94, 6. Westfield 4:09.31, 7. Noblesville 4:09.58.  
**4x800 relay:** 1. Noblesville 9:33.36, 6. Carmel 9:43.79, 8. Hamilton Southeastern 9:48.88, 19. Westfield 10:03.21.  
**Distance medley relay:** 2. Hamilton Southeastern 12:31.39, 7. Westfield 12:50.80, 9. Noblesville 12:51.91, 10. Carmel 12:52.96.  
**High jump:** 1. Malina Miller (N) 5-8, T10. Rylee Hassan (N) 5-3, T13. Mallory Kixmiller (F) 5-2; Chloe Senefeld (HSE) 5-2.  
**Pole vault:** 2. Delaney Teachnor (N) 12-1, T7. Riley Williams (HSE) 11-3, T9. Linley Burman (N) 11-0; Laina Lillge (N) 11-0.  
**Long jump:** T18. Gabriela Grande Rosas (C) 16-8.5.  
**Shot put:** T14. Hannah Alexander (N) 38-4.75, 23. Mac-

ey Miller (F) 36-11.5.  
**Small school BOYS MEET**  
**60 dash:** T13. Luke Moody (Guerin Catholic) 7.26.  
**3200 run:** 9. Jack Weber (GC) 9:59.23, 10. Luke Moster (GC) 9:59.36, 15. Ethan Hines (GC) 10:06.78.  
**60 hurdles:** 24. Seffrin Smith (GC) 9.31.  
**4x200 relay:** 5. Guerin Catholic 1:34.90, 15. Hamilton Heights 1:37.64.  
**4x400 relay:** 2. Guerin Catholic 3:31.12, 20. Hamilton Heights 3:49.63.  
**4x800 relay:** 2. Guerin Catholic 8:29.04, 19. Hamilton Heights 8:58.77.  
**Distance medley relay:** 1. Guerin Catholic 10:54.54, 22. Hamilton Heights 11:41.17.  
**High jump:** T9. Seffrin Smith (GC) 6-0; Daniel Ernst (GC) 6-0, T18. Tyler Runyan (HH) 5-10.  
**Pole vault:** 2. Peyton McQuinn (HH) 14-6.  
**Long jump:** T18. Cameron

Parker (GC) 19-7.75.  
**Shot put:** 3. Colin Wilson (HH) 52-4.25, 21. Josh Brown (HH) 45-3.  
**GIRLS MEET**  
**3200 run:** 2. Bridget Gallagher (GC) 10:53.87, 13. Bailey Freese (GC) 11:42.01.  
**60 hurdles:** 2. Ella Ewing (HH) 9.26.  
**4x200 relay:** 5. Hamilton Heights 1:51.86, 14. Guerin Catholic 1:54.15.  
**4x400 relay:** 1. Guerin Catholic 4:09.16.  
**4x800 relay:** 7. Guerin Catholic 10:26.05.  
**Distance medley relay:** 2. Guerin Catholic 12:50.96, 22. Hamilton Heights 14:15.56.  
**High jump:** T2. Waverly Woolever (HH) 5-3, T9. Kori Dues (GC) 5-0; T18. Macie Smith (HH) 4-10.  
**Long jump:** 2. Ella Ewing (HH) 17-11.5, 9. Mia Chang (GC) 16-3.5.  
**High jump:** 17. Maris Bulger (GC) 34-3.

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