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Westfield ‘rocks’ season of giving

Duke Energy Foundation’s \$15K donation kickstarts inaugural event

By SHANA SLOMA
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Westfield Washington School (WWS) is helping bring the community together with a shared meal and fellowship at the inaugural “ROCKSGiving” from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 20 at Westfield High School, 18250 N. Union St.

This extraordinary celebration of togetherness will allow Westfield residents to enjoy a delicious free Thanksgiving meal of turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, green beans, a roll, and pumpkin pie while



Kaiser



Knott



LaBarr

providing an opportunity for meaningful connection.

By bringing the whole community together at the same table, WWS, in partnership with the Westfield Education Foundation (WEF), seeks to strengthen the bond between neighbors in a fast-growing city with the hope of connecting those will-

ing to offer support with those in need.

This event is the brainchild of WWS Superintendent Dr. Paul Kaiser.

Before accepting his current position with WWS, Dr. Kaiser served as Beech Grove City Schools Superintendent for more than a decade, where he witnessed the positive effects of community meals centered on reinforcing existing friendships and building new ones. Expanding on the idea of creating an event where neighbors

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Another adventure

“Chuck, are we going to have to call 911 to get us off the floor?” We both laughed . . . well, kind of.

We had been sitting for four hours on the original hardwood floor of my childhood home, working to get it ready for the Open House. Mom and Dad would have been proud of how their 1950 National Home looked. Mom would say, “Company is coming; let’s get her looking spit-shined.”

COLUMNIST



JANET HART LEONARD
From the Hart

Finally rising off the floor, we wobbled to the car. My witty husband remarked, “You know America’s Funniest Home Videos would have loved seeing us getting up off the floor.” It was not a pretty sight.

After taking two Aleve, a long, hot Dr. Teals Bubble Bath, and lying down with my backside on two heated rice bags, I realized I was no longer in the prime of my life. My get-er-done was wearing out.

I swear, I had inhaled dust from the last seven decades as we cleaned the garage, attic, and shed. Mom didn’t allow dust in the house; Pledge’s aroma was about as potent as Clorox Bleach’s.

Dad did a lot of tinkering in the garage and always had the cleanest workbench. Tools had a place, and everything was returned to its place after every use. He had a screw and a nail for every need, tucked into tiny drawers by their size. He took pride in how his garage looked. He considered it a room in his home.

If you remember from my column in July, we had significant damage from an AC leak in Chuck’s house in Tampa. We had been there several weeks, putting the house back together after the repairs. It was like moving as nine rooms were packed up and furniture removed. Scott Leonard, Chuck’s son, surprised us by flying in and putting most of the furniture where it belonged. It was like an episode of *Extreme Home Makeover* when we walked in the door and saw all he had done. “Oh, my goodness!”

I have, honestly, felt like we have been in a marathon of HGTV episodes of *Fixer Upper*, *Two Chicks and a Hammer*, and *Love It or List It*. It’s fixed up. There was one chick. I loved it, but it was time to list it. I am physically tired and emotionally weary.

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Playhouse plays host to author event



Photos provided by John Sampson

Viola Shipman is a pen name for award-winning memoirist Wade Rouse (seen in the photo above right), who was recently at a well-attended book signing and talk at Basile Westfield Playhouse, 220 N. Union St., thanks to an event hosted by Turn the Page Books and Gifts, 149 N. Walnut St., Westfield. According to Turn the Page Owner Jamie Degler, one of Rouse’s books is on track to become a major motion picture. Rouse chose his grandmother’s name, Viola Shipman, as a pen name to honor the working poor Ozarks woman whose heirlooms and family stories inspire his fiction. You can learn more about the author online at ViolaShipman.com and WadeRouse.com. Turn the Page’s next event will be a Holiday Preview Evening at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18 at their Westfield location. Learn more at TurnThePageWestfield.com.

Learning from history, teaching the future

By STU CLAMPITT
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Next month the Ballet Theatre of Carmel Academy will present a version of *The Nutcracker* that harkens back to the original fairy tale in a way most productions do not. Artistic Director Jane Hachiya-Weiner spoke to The Reporter about that choice and the rich local history of ballet performances audience will see on stage Dec. 15 to 17 at the STAR Bank Performing Arts Center, 1000 Mulberry St., Zionsville.



Hachiya-Weiner



Photo provided by Ballet Theatre of Carmel Academy

No, you aren’t dreaming, Ballet Theatre of Carmel Academy’s *Nutcracker* is coming.

Hachiya-Weiner told The Reporter that she and her husband, Frank, are both retired ballet dancers with over 20 years of experience each and have been in hundreds of performances of *The Nutcracker*.

“We had the great good fortune to inherit some backdrops and some costumes from a dear friend of ours who was actually the founding artistic director of Indianapolis Ballet Theatre and also the Lexington Ballet, Karl Kauffman,” Hachiya-Weiner said. “We own a treasure trove of vintage and painted backdrops. And we love to showcase those.”

Thanks to Kauffman’s generosity, this history of this presentation of *The Nutcracker* runs deep.

“The beginning of our journey into *The Nutcracker* was to showcase some of our vintage

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All the world’s on stage when Indianapolis Opera hit Carmel

By STU CLAMPITT
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Indianapolis Opera (IO) returned to the Tarkington Theatre at the Center for the Performing Arts, 3 Carter Green, Carmel, for a three-night run of Bizet’s *Carmen* over the weekend, bringing an international cast to this classic tale. The Reporter spoke with IO General Director David Starkey about *Carmen*, the IO, and this productions’ cast.

Carmen is an enduring story of passion, lust, jealousy, obsession, and revenge. With fortune telling, bull fighting, and flamenco danc-

ing, this timeless masterpiece is filled with Spanish flavor and unforgettable moments, all of which present an abundance of challenges.

“The first thing I always tell people is *Carmen* is a very eclectic opera,” Starkey told The Reporter. “It’s very well known. It has so many recognizable tunes and scenes, so it brings that kind of attraction and interest from the public and from the artist community, but it is not simple as a show.”

Starkey compared the month of preparation for this production to building a rocket ship, which metaphorically

launched the night before he spoke to this newspaper.

“We’ve got to bring in a first-class fight choreographer for multiple scenes of physical combat and aggression, dancing and choreography with the flamenco environment and the Spanish, you know, flair, which is in the in the story of being set in Seville,” Starkey said. “Then on top of that, one of the rare things about *Carmen* is it’s a Spanish story set in Seville, but it’s sung in French. I tell people opera is the most intrinsic cultural art form in the

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This production of *Carmen* featured several world-renowned performers, all of whom wowed audiences.


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Because of the Duke Energy Foundation, 50 youth campers had the opportunity to take part in STEM activities that immersed them in science-related topics in nature.

BGCN grateful for support from Duke Energy Foundation

The REPORTER

The Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville (BGCN) recently received a \$3,700 grant from the Duke Energy Foundation in support of STEM & Nature programming during Fall Break at the Club’s 20-acre outdoor space – Camp Crosser.

“STEM education will prepare students for the skills needed to succeed in a multitude of careers,” said Mark LaBarr, government and community relations manager at Duke Energy. “We’re excited to provide educators and mentors some of the tools they use in doing their work.”

The support of the Duke Energy Foundation provided 50 youth campers with the opportunity to take part in STEM activities that

fully immersed them into science-related topics in nature. The weeklong program, orchestrated by Nyla Nova STEMiversity, engaged campers in activities such as testing soil types and moisture levels, learning how to use a compass, and exploring horticulture.

“STEMiversity made a huge impact on our campers during their visits each day,” BGCN Recreation Director Sophie Collier said. “Throughout the week, campers were super excited for STEMiversity and fascinated about how much they learned about nature all around Camp Crosser. Without a doubt, their favorite part was exploring on a nature scavenger hunt while using their new knowledge about plants and cardinal direc-

tions that had them bursting with excitement.”

To learn more about the Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville, please visit [BGCNI.org](https://www.bgcni.org).

About BGCN

The Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville provides high-quality, low-cost programs for youth members with the help of donors and sponsors. Between the Club, the Community Center, and Camp Crosser, BGCN provides opportunities for members to enjoy activities and experiences that help shape character and offer new perspectives. BGCN is dedicated to inspiring and enabling all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens by promoting leadership, character, health, and physical development.

Sundog day afternoon



Reporter photo by Megan Poteet
The Reporter’s own Megan Poteet snapped some sundog shots for us last Thursday afternoon. Sundogs are the two false suns seen in these photos, one on each side, within the 22-degree halo around the sun. While we are confident Hoosier Weather Daddy Paul Poteet would have a lot to say about parheliion and the meteorological conditions that allow this kind of image – something about ice crystals in the winter air, distance from the horizon and then something worth laughing about – we are just glad she caught these relatively rare photos. Our publisher wanted to make a comment about Megan being in the neighborhood of Tatooine, but that would have involved a dual sunset and surely have annoyed legions of *Star Wars* nerds.

Noblesville Lions Leo Club makes backpacks for the homeless



Photos provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll
The Lion Leo Club at Noblesville High School recently put together 62 backpacks to be distributed to the homeless in the greater Indianapolis area. The backpacks included water, warm clothing, food, socks, hand warmers, coloring books, crayons, markers, lotions, toiletries, and notebooks. This has been a yearly event for the NHS Leo Club. Lion John Smith is an NHS teacher and the advisor to the Leo Club.

We’ve got two words for you: Swiftie Margarita

The REPORTER

They made it to America’s Best Restaurants. They brought you the original Whiskey Margarita. They brought you the Reporter Colada.

Now, whomever is behind all the clever concoctions at Bien Mexicana, 150 S. Peru St., Cicero, brings you the Swiftie Margarita, which we’d like to call the “Swiftierita,” but then we’d only have one word for you.

The adult version is pink with blue sugar on the rim and suspended in that house-made margarita mix

is ... wait for it ... edible glitter! The kid-friendly “Virgin Swiftie Margarita” inverts the colors but keeps the glitter. That one features a straw for the ultimate sipping experience.

This drink is tailor-made for Swifties. As-yet-unconfirmed rumors indicate you may even get to see some Taylor Swift videos at Bien

Mexicana this weekend if you stop by for a Swiftie Margarita.

Editor’s note: In the interest of full disclosure, we do in fact know who is behind the clever concoctions mentioned above, but The Reporter has chosen to protect our sources. You’d never believe us if we told you, anyway.



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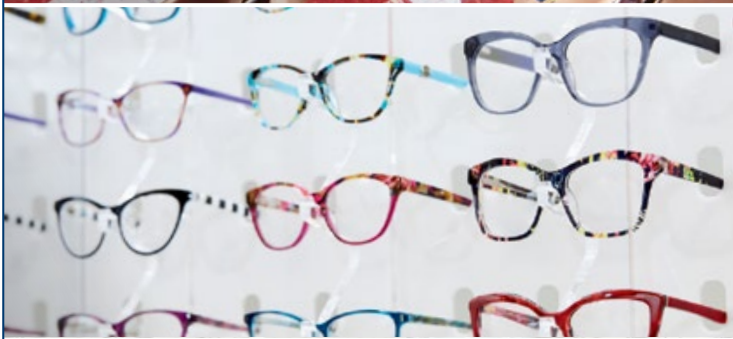
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The Ice at Carter Green opens Saturday

The REPORTER

The Ice at Carter Green, sponsored by Allied Solutions, will open Saturday, Nov. 18. Purchase your tickets in advance at TheIceatCarterGreen.com/tickets to ensure your time on the ice. While a limited number of tickets are available onsite, popular days sell out.

Except for special sessions, below are the regular skating hours:

- Wednesdays and Thursdays: 4 to 9 p.m.
- Fridays and Saturdays: 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Sundays: 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Closed most Mondays and Tuesdays for private rentals.

After the Christkindlmarkt closes on Christmas Eve, skating continues into January and February, with extended holiday hours and several special events such as Festival of Ice, Carmel Winter Games and Sensory Skate Days. This year there will be a special Leap Year Birthday celebration on Feb. 29 closing out the skating season.

Skate sessions last 90 minutes, unless noted on the skate session calendar. The cost per session on all days is \$10 for adults and youth 11 and older; \$8 for children 10 and younger. You



can bring your own skates or you can rent skates for \$4 per person.

Follow The Ice at Carter Green at Facebook.com/TheIceAtCarterGreen for updates throughout the season.

Rocks want to help stuff your stockings at WHS Band Holiday Craft Show

The REPORTER

The 15th annual Westfield Band Boosters Holiday Craft Show will take place on Saturday, Nov. 18. General admission shopping hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will be at Westfield High School, 18250 N. Union St. Please Enter through Doors 9 and 19.

More than 140 crafters will offer only hand-made and hand-embellished crafts. There will be a pancake breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m., concessions, a

bake sale, and small student musical ensembles during the event.

A special VIP Early Entry package is available online only at westfield.band/holiday-craftshow, with pancake breakfast and 8:30 a.m. admission to the Holiday Craft Show.

The Craft Show is one of the primary single-day fundraisers supporting the WHS Bands and Guard programs and shopping with us also supports local small businesses.

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can share a meal and lively conversation that will help to strengthen and unify the community as a whole, Dr. Kaiser decided to enlist the help of WWS staff, supporters, and volunteers in order to make his vision a reality.

Kaiser couldn't pull this event together himself, so he enlisted the aid of WWS Director of Community Engagement and WEF Executive Director Ashley Knott.

Knott is spearheading the planning and execution of ROCKSGiving. Understanding that a community meal of this magnitude would require significant financial support from donors, Knott reached out to Duke Energy Government and Community Liaison Mark LaBarr for help.

Duke's generous donation of \$15,000 was a huge first step in bringing this plan to life.

"We're excited to be a part of this opportunity to bring the community together for a delicious traditional holiday meal and conversation," LaBarr said. "We look forward to seeing everyone there."

Without the tremendous generosity of the Duke Energy Foundation, Dreyer & Reinbold BMW North, Riverview Health, Coca-Cola, and Costco, Knott said this monumental event would not be possible.

"The foundation, in partnership with the district, is proud to play a role in funding the ROCKSGiving event which isn't possible without our community partners," Knott told The Reporter.

The donor funding from will ensure that 2,500 people can enjoy a free piping hot holiday meal at which everyone is welcome regardless of financial need.

"The biggest concept that we want everyone to understand is that this meal is for everyone, and it can't be a community meal if everyone doesn't come to the table," Knott said. "So

whether you need a meal fiscally, whether you need connection, or whether you are part of the community, that's what gathers in one location and creates a community meal."

Although a hot meal among family, friends and neighbors is at the heart of ROCKSGiving, it is only one element of this special community connection event.

Vendors such as Riverview Health, Good Samaritan, Westfield Washington Township, Duke Energy, and the Wellbeing Coalition of Westfield will have tables in place to discuss their assistance programs.

There will also be other ways to support the community.

The ROCKS Shop will be open to those interested in picking up early holiday gifts or spirit wear. The Coca-Cola Polar Bear will be available for photos with guests. Live music, craft tables and a student-created activity placemat will provide entertainment for all ages. The Westfield Fire Department will also have an engine present for diners to "touch a truck" and engage with the community.

The two-hour meal and event will be held the Monday before Thanksgiving.

"If we can offer opportunities like ROCKSGiving through community partnerships to build engagement to support the mental health of the community then we are doing what the mission asks," Knott said.

ROCKSGiving will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. on Nov. 20 at Westfield High School. Guests are asked to enter through Door 1 where they will be greeted and guided by volunteers. Parking is available on WWS grounds but may be limited in some areas. A bus will be available to shuttle those needing assistance from the parking lot to the entrance. Westfield Police Department will provide security at the event.

ADVENTURE

I've made more decisions in the last four months than in years. I've climbed ladders, tucked away memories, and sorted through hundreds of paint colors. I have the names of painters, contractors, flooring guys, junk removal guys, home cleaners, and landscaping people in my contacts. You name the need, I gotta guy or a gal. I have them in Tampa and Noblesville.

My texts often chime with a notice of a showing for the house in Noblesville. I can't imagine living in a home for sale,

having to keep it tidy, and leaving at a moment's notice. Ugh.

The house in Tampa is ready for us to rest our worn-out bodies. So, when Chuck said, "Let's go," we took off this week, and our flight wasn't even delayed!

On Wednesday night, Chuck suggested we go to the beach on Friday. (Have I told you lately that I love my husband?) The beach is my happy place, not his. His happy place is the golf course. He chose the beach as he knew I needed to go there to allow the

sound of the waves to reset my thoughts and calm my weary body and soul.

I walked the beach, and I could feel my body relax. I prayed and thanked God for giving Chuck and me the strength to do all that we were able to get done.

After my walk, I returned to where Chuck was lying on his beach chair, napping. I nestled down onto my chair and shut my eyes for a bit. We soon realized we were toasted and roasted enough, so we needed to leave.

If only you could have seen us trying to get up

from the beach chairs. The much younger couple next to us asked if we needed help. Pride answered, "No, but thank you." Pride then also gave us the strength to get up quickly.

Thankfully, we could get up and wobble with our chairs, beach bag, and pride to the car. Gravity is more of a challenge the older you get, and so is home ownership.

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HISTORY

backdrops and we also have some costumes from him and a lady named Natalie Lowder," Hachiya-Weiner said. "And that's kind of the humble beginnings of our *Nutcracker*. We had all the ingredients. We had vintage costumes, we had vintage backdrops. We knew how to set a *Nutcracker* and we had students. So, that's how it all began."

Ballet Theatre of Carmel Academy calls their handmade vintage backdrops the Karl Kauffman collection to honor the gift and life of Kauffman himself, who also founded the Lexington Ballet Company.

Another piece of history in this show is the choice to go back to the original E.T.A. Hoffman story. So instead of

being a little girl's dream that she wakes from at the end of the show, this will be a fantasy told as if it were real.

"With *The Nutcracker*, there is a curse by a mouse queen upon a kingdom, and the princess Pearlpat is enchanted and made into an ugly Nutcracker doll," Hachiya-Weiner said. "The only way to break the spell is to walk back seven times and do something with a walnut. It's very complicated, but the base story is there is a savior prince who takes on the curse for the princess. So we kind of went back to the original story, which is, you know, it's a recurring theme in fairy tales. What we did with our story, and I think it hails back to what my first director at Indianapolis Ballet did and George Verdak did, was at the end, Clara doesn't wake up in her bed from a dream. It closes when she's back on the sled, the magical sled, waving goodbye to all the characters of the land of the sleep."

For Hachiya-Weiner, this show is not just a traditional piece of holiday entertainment, but also a mission to pass the art along something to the next generation.

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Shows are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. 2 p.m. matinees are available on Saturday and Sunday. All performances will be held at the STAR Bank Performing Arts Center, 1000 Mulberry St., Zionsville.

You can buy tickets for the live show, for a recorded on-demand video, or order a video version on USB online at BalletTheatreOfCarmel.org/nutcracker.

This show is made possible through the sponsorship of Excell for Life Family Care and Pediatrics, Molly and the Magic Suitcase, Kinney Dancewear, the Goddard School of Carmel West, Sunshine Pediatrics, and the Hagia Sophia Classical Academy.

STAGE

world. Every culture has had a story composed and written about it. *Carmen* is a very eclectic mix of things."

Then there are the international singers that IO brought in from all over the world.

"One of the most fascinating things for this audience is I don't know that they have ever seen a show with so many different cultural influences of the Asian culture, Black culture, Middle Eastern culture, Central American culture and Spanish culture," Starkey said. "It's just littered with so many elements. Sort of why I call it the rocket ship. It's extremely rewarding when it takes off. It's exhilarating."

Among the various cultures represented in this show, this could be the first time a Japanese mezzo-soprano has been cast to sing the lead in *Carmen*. Starkey told The Reporter he is pleased to be working in an era and a community a show can be cast

by looking for the best talent rather than filling a role with a particular ethnicity.

The title role of *Carmen* was played by Japanese-American Mezzo-soprano Nina Yoshida Nelsen. *Carmen's* lover, Don José was played by acclaimed Korean-American Metropolitan Opera Tenor Adam Diegel. Also appearing was world-renowned Soprano Kearnin Piper Brown as Micaëla and South Korean Bartione Young Kwang Yoo as the famous bull fighter Escamillo. *Carmen's* friends Frasquita and Mercédès were portrayed by Jamaican-American Soprano Victoria Korovljev and Mezzo-soprano Liz Culpepper, respectively. Bass Andrew Boisvert filled the role of Captain Zuniga, Tenor David Silvano portrayed the smuggler Le Remendado, and Corporal Morales was played by Baritone Colin Anderson.

"I've not found this kind of inclusion in a show

of *Carmen*," Starkey said. "Usually, you are really trying to find an expert in French. Usually, you're trying to find somebody that is of a culture that is very central to the *Carmen* character. Usually, you're trying to find sort of a more Italianate, Mediterranean kind of tenor. So there are things that this show has defaulted in the past to try and emphasize. But I think we're in I think we're in an era now where having a Korean baritone represent a toreador of the Spanish culture is very palpable. I think audiences have been just thrilled with the different nuances that these different cast members bring. That's really the heart and the DNA of opera is that it can do that on any show at any given night."

Starkey said he and others in the art world are being careful to make sure inclusion is a consequence of good casting, rather than a goal unto itself.

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"I have these discussions with my colleagues nationally where we say, 'Let's be careful that we do not try and prescribe a formula of these kind of influences and changes.' We need to have a heart of the inclusion as component in our art form. But at the same time, we need to understand that the artists mostly care that you're hiring them on their talents and their gifts. When you do that genuinely, you are going to get a better show. You're going to get a better chemistry."

Starkey's rocket ship launched quite well. Last weekend may have set a record for IO attendance at the Tarkington.

You can learn more about IO and their upcoming shows online at IndyOpera.org.

Read Wednesday's edition of The Reporter for a very early preview of Indianapolis Opera's next big show, *Charlie Parker's Yardbird*, staging in March 2024.



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265 people run for funds in Sheriff Office Community Foundation's Heroes Run

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The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Community Foundation held the third annual Heroes Run on Nov. 4 at Strawtown Koteewi Park.

The race involved a 5K, a one-mile family stroll, a virtual opportunity, and a free 40-foot inflatable obstacle course for children. This year's race honored 911 public safety dispatchers. The entire event was tremendously successful, and the fall weather was beautiful.

A total of 265 brave men, women and children registered for the race. Their ages ranged from 3 to 84. Additionally, many participants brought their super cute canine companions to walk in support of the cause. The courageous group embraced the great outdoors and showcased the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

Special thanks to the Hamilton County Parks & Recreation, White River Township Fire Department, Hamilton County Public Safety Communications, and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Citizens Academy Alumni Association for graciously supporting the event.

The HCSO Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization which creates opportunities for the community and law enforcement to support each



other. The funds generated help reach the following goals throughout the year:

- Provide financial aid and help for those in need in the community, particularly children.
- Support hard-working employees at the Sheriff's Office.
- Build stronger relationships between deputies, correctional officers, and staff with all members of the community.

Thank you to everyone who answered the call and signed up for the race. You are a HERO! Please save next year's tentative race date: Nov. 2, 2024. In the meantime, check out [HSCocommunityfoundation.com](https://www.hscocommunityfoundation.com) for upcoming events.



Photos provided
These ladies were on hand to make sure none of the runners ran too quickly during the event.

Psst ... there's something on your face!

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Hamilton County Trustees regularly share information at monthly lunches, one of which was held last Thursday at the Jackson Township Trustee's Office, 506 W. Main St., Arcadia.

Guest speakers included Phil Mellencamp from Gleaners Food Bank as well as Brenda Myers and Sarah Buckner from Hamilton County Tourism. All of which is interesting, and none of which explains this photo.

To remind everyone that November is a month for raising awareness of



men's health issues, Jackson Township Trustee Robyn Cook arranged for a distinctly mustachioed photo. While many organizations opt for the "No-

Shave November" observation of this month, we applaud Cook and friends for going with the more traditional Movember look.

If your groups are supporting either Movember or No-Shave November, you can let all our readers know by emailing News@ReadTheReporter.com.

Sheridan Youth Assistance thankful for Meijer, Duke Energy Foundation, Serve Noblesville & Temperature Service

By LISA SAMUELS
Sheridan Youth Assistance

When we mark our calendars for the first days of November and as we approach Thanksgiving, we immediately begin to think about what we have to be grateful for this year.

Sheridan Youth Assistance Program (SYAP) is no different. We have had a bountiful year in creating tutoring programs for our students, building family relationships, our mentoring program continues to excel, and we continue to gain community and business partners. We are humbled and grateful to be able to continue to offer assistance to our families in the Sheridan community because of the generosity of our constituents.

As we think of a few of our most recent donations, we want to share some great news and provide a sincere thank you to the following business entities:

Meijer 319 of Westfield recently donated \$10,000 for two of SYAP meal programs: 1) Holiday Assistance, which is a program providing food-only gift cards at Christmas to ensure qualifying families can pur-



Photo provided
Meijer of Westfield's \$10,000 donation will go to two of SYAP's programs.

chase food for a memorable holiday meal; and 2) Summer Meals, which provides food boxes throughout the summer to students transported to the Boys and Girls Club each day during break.

Serve Noblesville and Temperature Service, a trusted HVAC company known for its commitment to excellence, recently reached out to SYAP.

"Acknowledging the shared responsibility we have for our community, the team at Temperature Service was happy to provide a furnace and its installation to a local family in need," Owner and President Michael White said. "It's a simple gesture in the grand scheme of things, but it's our way of contributing to the warmth

and well-being of our neighbors. We are in this together, and it's essential that we look out for one another."

The recipient of this new furnace is beyond grateful for the warmth provided in their home as winter approaches.

The Duke Energy Foundation provided a \$4,000 grant to assist and support families as students return to school in August of each year. Our Back-to-School Supplies Program supported over 200 students this past summer by providing book bags, school supplies, shoes, and sometimes a new haircut to help them successfully begin their school year. Without this financial support, SYAP would not have been able to provide the level of

assistance we believe is important for our students.

To say we are grateful for our ongoing partnerships is really an understatement. So simply stated, thank you, we appreciate you, and we are so happy to be in this together as SYAPs strives to make a difference to our families in need.

About SYAP

Sheridan Youth Assistance serves as an early intervention advocate for youth ages 3-17 who are facing challenging life circumstances. We take a holistic approach to coordinate our community's vast array of talents, services and resources to help youth and empower parents and caregivers. Learn more at youthassistance.org/sheridan.

Westfield Library needs volunteers to help teach free English classes

The REPORTER

The Westfield Washington Public Library has announced the relaunch of its English Language Learners (ELL) program, an initiative aimed at helping individuals learn and improve their English language skills.

The program welcomed 68 non-native speakers this past week.

"I love the diversity coming into our community. I see it in the people who visit the library," said Children's Librarian Kim Wright, a driving force behind the program's revival. "I have

The 90-minute weekly classes are designed for students aged 16 years and older. They are taught at the Westfield Washington Public Library by a dozen English-speaking community volunteers.

"Our volunteers are currently teaching 14 classes," Wright explained. "Volunteers don't need to speak the students' language. They just need to be willing to lead a class through a series of workbooks."

The classes are free thanks to sponsorship from the Westfield Library Foundation.



Wright



Downey

"Language is not just a tool, but a gateway to a world of opportunities and connections, and we're proud to support this initiative," said Erin Downey, executive director of the Westfield Library Foundation.

All spots are full for the fall session, but anyone interested in participating in future sessions can inquire at the adult reference desk. More placement tests are planned for January and February, with the hopes of starting a second session in March 2024.

If residents are interested in volunteering to teach ELL classes, they can contact Kim Wright at kwright@wwpl.lib.in.us.

Carmel begins new path project along 96th Street

The REPORTER

In an ongoing effort by the City of Carmel to add more miles of safe, wide pathways for better connectivity and safe recreational opportunities, construction on several projects will begin soon.

On or after Monday, Nov. 13, contractors will begin removing some of the trees in the city's right-of-way on the north side of West 96th Street between Spring Mill Road and Ditch Road. This project will make way for paths and a pedestrian bridge along 96th Street. Construction on the

multi-use path will begin in the summer of 2024.

Tree clearing will also begin along East 96th Street and north along the east side of Haverstick Road up to East 99th Street for a separate path project. These trees are also in the city's right-of-way. Construction on the multi-use path will begin in the summer of 2024.

Additional path projects along various roads and streets will continue throughout the winter to fill miscellaneous gaps in the more than 200-miles of existing multi-use paths.

Grand Park makes it easy to support young athletes

The REPORTER

Westfield's Grand Park Sports Campus has announced a holiday sporting goods drive, a community-driven initiative dedicated to providing essential equipment and gear to support local youth sports organizations in Hamilton County.

Grand Park Director Matt Trnjan says that the effort demonstrates the positive impact the sports campus can have beyond youth sports.

"Our team is passionate about the impacts we can have on sport and the overall community," Trnjan said. "We encourage visitors to Grand Park to share in our passion and help give back to those in need."

The holiday sporting goods drive collection period began on Nov. 6 and will extend through Dec. 13. Donations of new or gently used sporting equipment are welcomed in order to benefit young athletes in Hamilton County. The following items are needed:

- Cleats
- Lacrosse gear
- Helmets
- Baseball and softball equipment

Molly Wright of Westfield Youth Sports, Inc. (WYSI) expressed the organization's enthusiasm as one of the benefiting organizations.

"Westfield Youth Sports (WYSI) is excited to participate in the Grand Park Sports Sporting Good Drive this season," Wright said. "Many of our local youth don't have the opportunity or equipment to participate in sports; we don't want that to be a barrier. WYSI offers participation scholarships and gift cards for equipment if needed. Kids learn many great life lessons through sports, and we hope to help provide that for them."

You can contribute by dropping off sports items at several designated locations. For further information or inquiries, please contact gpadmin@westfield.in.gov. You can conveniently donate directly to a Westfield Youth scholarship athlete at tinyurl.com/WestfieldYouthSportsDonation.

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Honoring our true heroes



Photos provided by Noblesville Schools

Last Friday, Hinkle Creek Elementary School and Noblesville Schools honored veterans for their sacrifices and service with special programs, patriotic music, thank you notes, poems, class discussions, art and more.




Photo provided by City of Carmel

The City of Carmel, in close partnership with organizations and individuals, did their part to honor our nation's veterans.

Carmel community comes together to thank Veterans

The REPORTER

The City of Carmel honored veterans last Thursday at the annual Veterans Day Ceremony in The Tarkington Theater at The Center for the Performing Arts. City Council President Jeff Worrell served as master of ceremonies. The keynote speaker was Retired Brigadier General, James Bauerle, U.S. Army. Other participants included in the ceremony were Carmel American Legion Post 155, Carmel VFW Post 10003, Actors Theatre of Indiana, the Carmel Elementary School Choir, Claire Baney, and Cindy Ensign Baney. The winners of the Veterans Day poster and essay contests were recognized during the ceremony. Students from local elementary schools took part in the poster contest, while middle school students participated in the essay contest. This year's theme was "United We Stand."

Carmel Arts Council board members determined the poster contest finalists based on three categories: best representation of the

theme, focus on veterans, and creativity. One winner was selected from each participating school by grade level. One city-wide winner in each grade was also chosen from all the entries. Each poster was displayed and the winning student received a certificate of achievement. The honorable mention posters can be viewed at the Monon Community Center on the second floor's main hallway through the rest of today, Nov. 10.

The winners of the poster contest are as follows:

- Kindergarten: Lillian Cain, Towne Meadow Elementary
- 1st Grade: Emily Gilmore, Woodbrook Elementary
- 2nd Grade: Evelyn Cripe, Woodbrook Elementary
- 3rd Grade: Ethan Davis, Towne Meadow Elementary
- 4th Grade: Advit Parihar, Towne Meadow Elementary
- 5th Grade: Luna Qu, Towne Meadow Elementary

The panel of judges from veterans' organizations chose the winning essays based on best representation of the

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Noblesville Lions thank Veterans with tasty meal



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Last Wednesday evening, the Noblesville Lions invited Veterans they knew to a Thanksgiving dinner at Ginger's Café. Eight visiting Veterans attended.

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She survived a suicide bomber in Fallujah. Three other female warriors didn't.

It was one of the most devastating incidents in the history of women serving in the military.

I am a stranger to war, but four brave Americans related to me and bearing my surname have served our country.



COLUMNIST
SCOTT SAALMAN
Scaramouch

My great-great-grandfather Sgt. Christian Saalman was a Union soldier who died of scurvy and thirst at Andersonville, a Confederate prison at Camp Sumter, Ga.

My great-uncle was Maj. Otis Saalman, a POW for three years in the Philippines, where he experienced and survived the horrors of Japanese prison camps, prison ships, and the Bataan Death March.

While Otis was incarcerated, his wife, Lt. Agnes Saalman, was in the Army Nurse Corps and served on the front-line during the Battle of the Bulge. She was among those who liberated the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, where Anne Frank was among the estimated 50,000 people who perished.

And then there is my cousin Sally Saalman, a Marine who was wounded in a suicide bomb attack in Fallujah, Iraq, on June 23, 2005. Two female Marines, a female Navy Seabee and three male Marines were killed. Sally and six other women were among those flown to a burn center in Texas. In all, 11 of the 13 wounded were female.

It was one of the most devastating incidents in the

history of women serving in the American military.

The attack occurred after a traitorous Iraqi interpreter provided coordinates to insurgents, who dispatched a suicide car bomber to target a truck used by the Women's Search Force, a 19-strong Marine unit tasked with searching female civilians at checkpoints across the city.

"He hit us right in our fuel tank," Sally, then a 21-year-old corporal, told me. "It catapulted most of us out of the truck ... it was tumbling and throwing flames and people everywhere ... we flew about 150 or 200 yards.

"I remember my boots going up in the air and blacking out. I was like, 'OK God, I am not ready to go yet,' and I remember telling Him, 'I want to be with my family and I want to finish my career in the Marine Corps.'"

A staff sergeant's familiar voice returned Sally to consciousness: "Saalman, wake up. You're OK. You're alive."

Amid the carnage, ammunition began exploding in the heat as the surviving Marines tried to pull survivors from the wreckage before it was consumed by the flames. They were shot at and returned fire as they scrambled for cover.

"It was like the movies," Sally said. "If you ever watch a war movie, there's an explosion, and then it's like a numbing sound and

it's mute and then it's all like a buzzing noise or a ringing noise in your ears and slowly fades back into place where it's loud again."

Cpl. Ramona Valdez, 20, and Petty Officer 1st Class Regina Clark, 43, a Navy Seabee, were dead, along with male Marines Cpl. Chad Powell, 22, and Pfc. Veashna Muy, 20.

She was able to reach another truck.

"There were bad injuries, a lot of blood, just awful things," she recalled. "One of my female Marines had her leg almost blown off ... They lost their lives, and they lost their minds ... PTSD is very intense the first couple of years."

Bullets slammed into the truck as an enemy .50-caliber machine gun opened up. One round went through a gap in the armor, killing Cpl. Carlos Pineda, 21.

"I just started singing 'America the Beautiful,'" said Sally – whose nickname was "Songbird" – describing the full-speed drive back to Camp Fallujah. "When I'm scared or freaked out, I just start singing. It was so silent in the back, the wind was blowing, and you could hear the gunfire in the background."

Marine Cpl. Holly Charette, 21, died of her wounds three hours after the attack.

Sally suffered a traumatic brain injury and serious burns on her hands and lower back. She was a patient for nearly four months at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, where she endured agonizing burn treatments.

But Sally courageous-



Photos provided

(Above) Sally getting photographed by a professional photographer, Lee Klafczynski, for an AARP Veteran Report article. (Below) Scott and Sally at Marcy's Restaurant in Leopold, Ind.

ly signed up for three more years with the Marines and went back to Iraq in 2007. She became Sgt. Saalman before she returned to civilian life in 2008.

She subsequently married, and today she is Sally Saalman-Mosby, living with her husband, Aaron, on a peaceful, successful cattle farm in rural Perry County, Ind. In this pastoral setting, she reflected on the service of our Saalman forbears.

"Family history definitely inspired me," she said, explaining why she enlisted. "But I could not and will not compare my experience to theirs.

"They went through a different kind of hell. I had the facilities and gear, and I was not captured. I will always relive the bad things.



But thank God I never had to go through an experience like theirs."

But she conceded that "our last names, our patriotism and how we made a historical mark" was a bond through the generations. "I am proud to call myself a

Saalman," she said.

I am proud to share the same surname as Sally, my living hero.

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Thinking about aging in place?

Our parents are in the zone! The Danger Zone!

My wife and I are both blessed to have two parents still alive. They are in their early 80s and live in the same homes they have enjoyed for many years.

They are still independent, get along well, make their own doctor's appointments, and call the kids for tech help when needed. Both houses have family members that live nearby, so we're covered if or when bad things happen. Well, we should be ... right?

Within the past month, both of our dads took a fall. Now, thank goodness there were no serious injuries, but the "getting back up" conversations were eye-opening. After talking with our moms about what and how it happened, we got into the details of how long it took to get dad(s) back up in a chair or on their feet. I was stunned – not only by the description of the process or the length of time it took but also by the lack of "know-how" from those trying to help.

I asked how they tried to help, and I got replies such as:

- "I was pulling on him and he snapped at me because it hurt his arm!"
- "I was trying to be a brace for him, and he almost took me down with him – he's triple my size!"
- "I didn't know what hurt or if anything broke, so I wasn't sure what to touch or how to help."
- "He said, 'I tripped on a chair,' but we both knew it was his balance."



COLUMNIST
TODD HOWARD
Senior Moment

When you're married for more than 50 years like my parents and in-laws, you can be rather direct with your spouse in a time of crisis!

I asked them why they didn't use a kitchen chair for help and both moms replied, "I didn't think of that at the moment."

Before we go any further, go to tinyurl.com/Get-UpSafely to read "How to get up from a fall: A Step by step guide for Seniors (by Daily Caring).

Due to their age, and since they are trying to age in place, they are in "THE DANGER ZONE." Everyone wants to ride off into the sunset living in the house they've been comfortably navigating for decades. But unless you take steps to make that house "age with you," you may be in trouble. The DANGER ZONE for them is the likelihood of another fall, and soon! According to the CDC, more than one in four people aged 65 and older fall annually. And, *falling once doubles the chances of falling again.*

If you want to stay safe aging in place, then you need to make some changes.

In my job, I help individuals and families alike transition from their homes into retirement communities. I'm shocked by how many homes I visit only to see a lack of "age in place" modifications done to the home.

I always ask right out of the gate, "what steps have you taken to change your home to age in place?" I usually get a lot of "hmmms" and "uhs." I look around and see many

trip hazards and nothing in place to help with mobility or balance. I'm often the first person asking them about the use of care providers.

If change is the only constant in life, how can we remain living in the same space when our mind, body, and spouse are always in a state of decline?

3 easy steps to age in place safely & easily

1. Call a home modification company. Get a free analysis of how slight changes inside (and outside) the home can help you move around in a safer manner. We have a couple of suggestions if you need a good resource. Call HALO today at 1-833-284-HALO.

2. De-clutter. Sorry folks, it's time to shed some stuff. Don't say, "I don't know where to start" either. If your child pulled that line on you in their teens, what would you have said? There are senior-focused moving/downsizing companies in many areas which are a great place to start. You don't have to be moving to shed stuff! They'll help you take steps to de-clutter if that is all you need. Again, we can help you find a great resource. Call HALO today if you need help with clutter at 1-833-284-HALO.

3. Check into home care. You will be amazed at how much home care has changed and what they can help you do on a weekly basis. You're doing a lot of tasks they can do and that decreases the chance of falling. They'll offer to help you with things that haven't even crossed your mind & those things add up. Call us for a couple of well-respected resources in your area at 1-833-

284-HALO.

If you're trying to age in place, you better make some changes, or we'll be talking to your kids. In every seminar I give, I say, "I'm sure you all have lovely children, but I don't want to meet them, or I'll be talking with them about you." Because you didn't act when you had all the decision-making power to act, it may be too late and now we need the kids to help us make decisions. Act now while they're YOUR action steps to take. It's your decision entirely!

If you have done all the work listed above or life threw you a curveball and now it's time to consider a transition, please call us FIRST and EARLY. HALO Senior Solutions has helped families navigate the move of their loved ones for years.

We oversee every aspect of the transition and will be your personal guide for the journey. Whether it's where to move, how to pay for it, how/when to sell the house, packing, moving, estate clean up, and more – we've seen it all. If you're fearing the unknown chaos surrounding a move, call 1-833-284-HALO and let one of our HALO Angels bring you peace!

Want to see other ways HALO can make life easier for you or your loved ones? Go to haloseniorsolutions.com/how-we-can-help.

Halo Senior Move Solutions is a Senior Move Management company helping seniors and their families navigate the complexities of downsizing, selling the home, and moving later in life. Reach us at 833-284-HALO (4256) or at info@haloseniorsolutions.com.

State lawmakers: dollars en route now to Hamilton County for road projects

The REPORTER

Significant state funding is in route to local communities to help complete road and bridge projects, according to Hamilton County legislators.

"Indiana is in a strong financial position where we can continue investing in essential, local infrastructure projects," House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers) said. "This grant program paves the way for communities to stretch their dollars in order to make repairs to roadways. Hoosiers and businesses rely on every day."

State funding is available for local projects through the Community Crossings Matching Grant Program, including road and bridge preservation, road reconstruction, intersection improvements and other items. In total, over 180 towns, cities and counties will receive more than \$91 million in state matching grants.

"These grants give our local governments flexibility when planning road projects," State Rep. Chuck Goodrich (R-Noblesville) said. "With the state matching grants, we can maintain our roads and invest local tax dollars wisely into other critical

services."

Area grant recipients include:

- Arcadia, \$446,295
- Hamilton County, \$248,350
- Sheridan, \$776,618
- Westfield, \$1 million



Huston



Goodrich



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"Thanks to our state's fiscal responsibility, we're able to continue successful programs like this without placing debt on future generations," State Rep. Chris Jeter (R-Fishers) said. "These communities can tackle critical infrastructure projects to keep Hoosiers and visitors safe as they travel our roads."

To qualify for the competitive grant, smaller municipalities provide a 25 percent match in local funds, while larger communities provide a 50 percent match. State law requires 50 percent of the available matching funds be awarded annually to communities within counties with a population of 50,000 or fewer. Since 2016, Community Crossings has awarded more than \$1.2 billion to improve local roads and bridges.

"These grants are an excellent opportunity for municipalities looking to make progress on local roads," State Rep.

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VETS

theme, focus on veterans, strength of message and proper use of grammar.

The winners of the essay contest are as follows:

- 6th Grade: Maya Donnelly, Creekside Middle School

- 7th Grade: Karis Lin, Clay Middle School
- 8th Grade: Sophie Frey, Carmel Middle School

Poster contest winners in Kindergarten through fifth grade received \$50 each

and essay contest winners in sixth through eighth grades received \$100 each, courtesy of Indiana Members Credit Union. A list of the Carmel Veterans Day winning essays and posters, as well as

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images of the posters, can be found at CarmelVeterans-Day.org.

Each veteran in attendance received a small gift, courtesy of American Structurepoint and L&S Optical.

Our historic tournament run

By **CECILIA TIMME**
Sheridan High School Student

This column is brought to readers by Sheridan High School dual-credit program students and Human Services teacher Abby Williams.

Since the beginning of July, which was the start of soccer season, we have been working toward a goal. Everyone had their own separate goals for the season, but in the end we wanted the trophy and season to keep going.

For me, after being out an entire year from my ACL surgery, everyone had their own goals for me. Everyone was telling me that I just needed to focus on getting where I feel strong and comfortable.

While I did have these goals for myself too, I had one goal that I had been thinking about for a year: beating Tipton.

Tipton had been the team that had knocked us out of sectionals and ended our season for years. After sitting out last year and having to watch my team lose 1-0 in a close game, the “what-ifs” started to go in my head, and I was ready to win. When I was rehabbing and getting ready for the season, I was thinking about the feeling of beating Tipton and holding a trophy up. Every time I would think about this, I never saw us losing – it was always us winning,

and I think this added an extra spark to me when I began training for the season.

As our season started, we had to figure out how we were going to win games: we had the skill, talent, attitudes, and everything we needed to win games. We just had to put it all together. A couple games into the season we did this and we never looked back. We pushed each other and worked hard to win, always thinking in the back of our heads about the sectional game at the end of the season.

As the season started going, we started playing really well and I was feeling back to myself on the field. The start of the season was rough for me because I was on a time limit and not where I wanted to be. Later into the season, I was where I wanted to be and was starting to think more about Tipton. I was thinking about what it would feel like to hold up a sectional trophy after it being taken year after year.

Toward the end of our season, we were feeling really good and confident. Our last game of the regular season was Tipton, and then we turned around and played them in sectionals. We wanted to win this first game as much as the sectional game. Tipton was more of a mental game for us because we knew what beating Tipton was: it was a sectional championship.

The first game was very physical and we ended up scoring toward the end of the game to win. The next week we played on Tuesday for the first round of sectionals against Taylor. The first time we played them we played on turf and won by 16, which was a new school record. The sectional game we played at home on grass, which made the game speed different. We ended up only winning 6-0, but we advanced to the next round where we played Tipton.

We were ready for this game against Tipton because we had been preparing for it from the beginning of the season and knew it meant a sectional championship. We played the late game that night and there was a large crowd. We scored within the first few minutes of the game and kept the energy the rest of the game. It was a physical game again and their crowd and players were starting to get frustrated. We kept our energy the entire game though and ended up winning 1-0. This was the best feeling for us as a team because we accomplished something we had not done before.

That Saturday we played for a sectional championship against Eastern, whom we beat the first time 4-0. Before the game we were all very excited and ready to play. We had never had this opportunity and we

were well-prepared for it. It took us a long time to score but once we did, we never looked back.

We won the first sectional in Sheridan girls’ soccer history.

There were a ton of people cheering us on and we saw everything we worked for coming together. We got to feel the feeling we had wanted to feel since July, holding the trophy up.

We were lucky enough to get to host the regional semifinals at home against Faith Christian the following Thursday. We knew how to beat them and had the confidence to. Going into every game in the postseason I never thought it was going to be our last practice; we all just knew we would be back the next day.

The beginning of the Faith game we were all nervous because we had never been where we were before in front of all of our fans. We were down 2-0 early in the second half and were able to make our way back to tie the game. The game remained tied into overtime and ended up going to penalty kicks. This is where we were able to win and move onto the regional finals. This was super exciting for us and was really big for our team.

We played the regional championship game on Saturday, and we were all nervous and excited. The team we had played had been here before and we had not;



Photo provided
Sadie (left) and Cecilia Timme (right) happily display their team’s sectional championship trophy.

they had been to the state championship. This made them doubt us, not take us seriously, and they were already looking past us. We were ready though: we came out with energy and shocked them. We had the ball on their end the entire first half but just could not finish. Going into the second half we were all tied, but they ended up scoring with about 20 minutes left in the game on a corner kick. We ended up

losing by one and our season ended.

I was madder that we lost than upset because I knew we could have won. Now looking back at our season, I am so happy and proud of our year. We had a historic season for Sheridan soccer and won more games than any other team, won a conference championship, sectional championship, and made it to the regional championship.

Dropped by or dropped in

Here was my mom’s view of pets.

People who had unwanted pets often brought them to our area to dump. That was a foolish thing to do as our neighbor had a cage in his yard. Anyone who wanted could put a cat or dog into it. That would have been much better than dumping.

One winter Younger Sister went to the garage and found a couple of newborn pups. The mother hadn’t even tried to make a nest. The rule at our house said all livestock belongs outside. Sometimes we broke the rule. This time mother and pups were moved to the basement. This arrangement suited everyone fine except Mother. She didn’t think much of it after a week or two of letting Mama Dog

COLUMNIST

RAY ADLER
Ask Adler

in and out. She wanted to oust the whole family. Daddy intervened. He said they had to stay until better weather. So they did.

Sister and Brother were out doing chores. They heard little noises under the northwest corn crib and came to Mother for help. With a hoe she pulled out a small puppy. The mother had hollowed out a little nest, but it was filled with water. Puppy was cold and whining for food. An inch or two of snow covered the ground.

Little Sister was sick. A sick child was usually bedded down on the sofa bed in the living room, so that’s where she was. A box was found and Little Pup was brought inside. Its box was set by the sofa. He kept Little Sister amused. Little Pup

liked his nice warm box. He would not soil it. In the daytime Mother did not mind taking him outside. It was night duty she objected to. Once or twice every night Little Pup would whine and bark until he was taken out.

On one such excursion Mother discovered that Little Pup had worms. Then there was worry about Little Sister. Had she gotten them from Little Pup? Fortunately, no. The mother dog was seen a few times but we never knew why she abandoned her baby. How could she when he was so cute and so helpless!

When you’re a big yellow male collie dog you are abandoned and you just drop in. His first, middle and last names were MEAN. He roamed the area but seemed to be here or Fishers (the neighbor Bud Fishers) a lot. He would go into the garage and snarl at anyone who

came near.

We called the neighbor (Doc Railing). He came over with leather gloves and his hook or whatever he used to catch strays. He tried a few times with no luck and said he had never seen such a mean dog. Next call was for the sheriff. He came and Mean Dog was in the old coal shed in our backyard. Sheriff asked if he could shoot it right in the building. Of course, of course. Anything to make the neighborhood safe again for the children.

Bang once, again. Bang again and again and again and again. Mean Dog had such a thick coat of hair, Sheriff had trouble getting him shot. Next question was in regards to burial for Mean Dog. Since he was on our property we were elected. Dad came home from school and found his

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Let’s fight negativity with fresh air, good food & physical movement

“Physical fitness is not only one of the most important keys to a healthy body; it is the basis of dynamic and creative intellectual activity.” – John F. Kennedy, 35th President

We all know that this is the time of year when we start thinking ahead about those “resolutions” for the new year. I don’t know about you, but I just want to see the new year ring in with less anxiety and stress for those individuals who suffer from chronic health conditions and lack of activity in their lives.

Most of us are familiar with the Scottish tune “Auld Lang Syne,” but this year it is more meaningful than ever, in my opinion. The title words literally translate from the Scots language as “old long since” and reference times gone by or “old times.” Where has civil discourse and manners gone?

COLUMNIST

SHARON MCMAHON
Be Well

What happened to that “cup of kindness” to which the lyrics refer? Hope reigns supreme.

Beyond that, in thinking about my own physical fitness over the past year, I just don’t feel like I have made many positive leaps forward. I turned 73 in March of this soon-to-be-past year, and I had some pretty aggressive plans for my fitness regimen this past year. Although, thankfully, I have been healthy overall. I have not stepped up anything in that realm. The fitness classes I have taught for the past few years have certainly helped me (and others I hope!) and my incentive is to remain strong as I age. Although my usual habits are very healthy, I have found myself “nibbling” and indulging that sweet tooth more than I should. Bring on the veggies! Drag out those workout DVDs! Let’s go!

Physically, I am grateful that I have a dog to walk and our weather has been somewhat cooperative for outdoor walking on most days. I plan to continue, and hope you do as well, to focus on my flexibility and movement, and hopefully in 2024 we can ramp that up even more and enjoy the benefits of regular workouts while adding some additional activity to our fitness plans.

Note: difficult to believe that it has been nearly 60 years since President Kennedy’s assassination; I recall I was in Mr. Robison’s seventh-grade advanced math class (why, I do not know, as my math is certainly not advanced!) when he broke the word to us that cold November day which will remain one of the great tragedies of our nation.

My quote, as I am sure you noticed, marries the physical activity with intellectual activity and I will add here some of my personal observations re-

garding this. The increased negativity, animosity, and cruelty that are sometimes being waged primarily via social media may be partially due to people who are not getting enough physical activity. Perhaps they are spending many hours on their computers and devices, reading disinformation and propaganda, which is rife on those platforms.

If we remove ourselves from that captivity and focus on fresh air, movement, good eating, and keeping ourselves away from the negative input we will benefit, and those who choose to interact with us will benefit as well.

I don’t know, just a suggestion . . .

Sharon McMahon, CNWC

The opinions expressed in this article are not intended to replace advice of your personal physician or licensed health professional. Please consult your physician for any issues you may have related to nutrition or fitness activity.

Reducing the mental load at home: shopping & meal planning

We’re continuing our series on reducing our mental labor. For the next couple of weeks, we’ll focus on shopping and meal planning. Last week we discussed grocery pickup or delivery services.

Some of you may want to avoid paying anything extra for groceries. I get it. As winter was approaching a couple of years ago, my husband John and I started looking at ways for us to cut costs. His business slowed down dramatically at that time each year.

I shop at Aldi, which has incredibly low prices for good quality food, and I am able to get 75 percent of what we need there each week. Even though it’s wonderful, this store can’t provide everything that a typical household needs.

I used to order the remainder of our groceries online and have them delivered, but as I mentioned, it was a bit more expensive. So, John volunteered to go to Meijer every week for us since he wasn’t working as much. It was such a time saver and a relief for me to not have to go to two grocery stores.

Sharing the grocery shopping responsibilities with a partner or taking turns can be a huge help along with the occasional delivery or grocery pickup option. But what about meal planning and cooking in general? This certainly requires some mental labor, but I personally don’t mind it at all.

I’ve always enjoyed cooking and have a variety of dinners that I rotate. I plan out easy meals that don’t require a lot of time for weekdays – or ones where I can throw things in the crockpot and let them cook all day – and more elaborate ones for weekends. And we give ourselves a break each week by making Friday our date (dinner out) night.

I realize that meal planning and cooking, especially

for dinner, can be a burden for others. Although I haven’t tried them, I’ve heard great things about meal planning services.

These range from services like Plan to Eat, which provides a grocery list for you based on recipes you drag and drop online, to eMeals offering a huge variety of menus. You can go all the way up to places like Home Chef that deliver recipes and ingredients right to your door.

You can find information on these and other meal plans on doughroller.net. In a 2019 article, the site states “If your normal weeknight dinner plans involve dining out or scrounging around the fridge for leftovers, meal planning could be exactly what you need. A great meal plan can help you eat well while saving money.”

It goes on to share information about 10 meal planning services so you can figure out what might work best for you and your family’s needs and budget.

Another great tip is to make dinners ahead of time and freeze them. You can create your own meal plans and do the shopping for these or use one of the services mentioned earlier.

I have friends who love doing this every Sunday, every other Sunday, or the first Sunday of the month. It’s a relief for them to come home after a busy workday and throw something in the oven or on the stove.

You obviously need a lot of freezer space for this option, but it works well for many families and cuts down on the mental load of meal planning and preparation.

To help me with ideas for various meals, I now have a “Meal Ideas” section on our dry erase board that’s stuck to the front of our refrigerator. When anyone in the family is craving a certain dish, they simply write it on the board to help me with my planning.

COLUMNIST

AMY SHANKLAND
Perfectly Imperfect

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County Council approves \$260M budget for 2024

Welcome to the Timesheet. This column is a report of work done on behalf of the people of Hamilton County. It's to be informative, too – a place to learn about projects and how our county government works.

As your employee, it's important to me that you know what is being worked on as transparently as possible in government. You hired me as your County Councilman, and my hope is that you'll choose to be informed by regularly reading this column, getting involved, and by asking questions. Council meetings are at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the Judicial Center in downtown Noblesville. They are also available to watch online for those unable to attend in person.

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

October quickly turned into a memory, and while it's rare for anything to move fast in government, the speed of my first year of service feels like sitting in the back seat of a two-seater Indy car roaring at 180 MPH around a certain famed neighboring oval track.

The 2024 budget public hearing was completed in October. While there is time available during council meetings for the public to comment, this public hearing is the opportunity for any taxpayer to address concerns they might have with planned 2024 budget



MARK HALL
The Timesheet

decisions. All council meetings are advertised, and you can sign up for alerts on the Hamilton County website to receive email notifications of public meetings. The public hearing was mostly administrative and although we approve the budget, the Department of Local Government and Finance (DLGF) must bless the final product.

I am proud of the work we did. It is challenging to balance needs versus wants in dozens of departments. The final product keeps our county tax rate the same, allows for appropriate department growth, provides for better retiree benefits at a lower cost to taxpayers, increases county employee's compensation fairly, puts savings in our rainy-day fund (something that has been missing the last few years) and reflects a reduction of over \$9 million versus the requested budget amount. Hamilton County has the second-largest county budget in the State of Indiana with 2024's budget exceeding 260 million taxpayer dollars.

Your County Council consists of seven elected officials. Four of us were elected from districts around the county and three others were elected county-wide, as At-Large members. The County Council is responsible for the financial oversight of Hamilton County government. We serve alongside three Commissioners, who are responsible for the administrative

and executive oversight of Hamilton County. In the 2024 election cycle, two Board of Commissioners positions and all three of the At-Large Council positions will be up for election. The new four-year term will begin in January of 2025.

This month, our in-person personnel committee meeting was canceled, replaced by a poll of the members for requests. Personnel requests are then voted on at the next regular council meeting. Many of our high-way projects require council sponsorship. Project details are reviewed in advance, sponsored, and then moved to votes at a subsequent full council meeting. This process, along with statutory regulations that govern procurement, are in place to ensure value and multiple checks and balances on behalf of the taxpayers.

In addition to the County Council public meetings, October's work included attending a Board of Commissioners public meeting as well as several meetings to investigate the county's participation in the Central Regional Development Authority (CIRDA). Being a member of CIRDA could allow Hamilton County to join with other central Indiana local governments in application for federal and state grant dollars on a larger scale. The month included four constituents service meetings. Usually, requests require research with a county department, securing the correct answer and then following up with the taxpayer. October's taxpayer questions, and the research required to get answers was more involved.

Topics included the new County Utility District, U.S. 31 corridor growth, and TIF districts in Northern Hamilton County. I also had the pleasure of speaking with several candidates for council board appointments and meeting with our Coroner regarding his department's equipment update needs.

Of note this month was the continued review of grant opportunities for both the Hamilton County Senior Center and Prevail and working to assist Cicero with funding for local utility projects. I had the honor to represent the County at the U.S. 31 Infrastructure Project Groundbreaking Ceremony and the IFI Fall Dinner.

This is my timesheet. This is where my time went during month 10. There are quite a few projects in the queue for 2024 and while my job is primarily the financial oversight of the county budget it is important to understand the Board of Commissioners priorities and balance them with the stewardship of taxpayer dollars. That is the job, and I am excited to do the people's business.

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

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

On the move!

Everyone who has moved from one house to another knows how magical the process is.

My in-laws recently moved into their new home and everything about their experience reminded me of when my wife, Megan, and I did the same thing just two years ago when we moved from Indy to Fishers. The prospect of starting from scratch and beginning anew stokes the flames of our imaginative souls. Here are a few of our experiences that we will forever treasure in our hearts.

Starting the process

When our second child, Pat, was born in 2021, we knew our time was going to be limited in our 1,700 square-foot ranch on the northeast side of Indianapolis. We were running out of space fast, so we had a decision to make. The problem was, when it comes to decisions, especially big ones, Megan and I have two different and totally opposite approaches.

Megan is a "let's go all in and learn all we need to learn and get moved in by next Tuesday" kind-of-person. Don't get me wrong, she doesn't jump in eyes closed and hope for the best; she intensely studies the situation on the spot and gets the ball rolling on the goal within seconds. I, on the other hand, am more of a "let's sleep on it for a few years and see where the spirit drives us" kind-of-guy.

So, needless to say, we had a meeting with our chosen realtor by the next day. Well, here we go. Nothin' like taking the bull by the horns!

Dumpster diving

We couldn't even fathom starting to pack until we had a major purge. We had nine years' worth of crap in our house, garage, attic, and shed that had to go before the boxes came out. So, we rented a dumpster, watched a couple episodes of *Hoarders* to set the mood, and a pitchin' we went. We were slingin' old useless junk into that bin at record pace. I was in a zone. I was tossing stuff left and right, barely looking over my shoulder. The kids and the dogs were starting to get nervous they were going to go next.

Then I realized it was quiet. Too quiet. Where was Megan? If she wasn't near me that could only mean one thing ... she had moved on to my stuff. You know, the stuff I was clinging onto in a desperate attempt to keep everything from "the good ole days." I immediately jumped into that dumpster and frantically looked around.

She had done it. There was a whole section of my crap sitting in there.

"Oh babe, even my shot glass collection?" Of course, I came to my senses and realized I hadn't even looked at all that stuff in years and left it in the bin. I did save one item though. It was a money clip that belonged to my grandfather. To Megan's defense, she had no idea it was in there. I needed to confront her on this one.

When I did, she said, "If it was so important and you didn't want me to throw it away, you shouldn't have kept it in a topless hula dancer mug from your college dorm room."



TIM RATHZ
Forty-something in Fishers

Touche. Megan 1, Tim 0.

Packing
Packing is an art. An artist, I am not. We started with the best of intentions, labeling everything and sealing it up tight, putting them in specific

piles. We got the kitchen all packed up and then realized ... um, we have to eat. So, I proceeded to gain 50 pounds from eating out every night for a month.

It wasn't long before we just started throwing everything in the closest box we could find, until we had packages that The Incredible Hulk couldn't even lift. The microwave, old clothes and snow globe collection were all together on top of bags of chips and bread. Not unlike the scene in *Christmas Vacation* when Cousin Eddie threw the 50-pound bag of Ol' Roy dog food on top of the package of light-bulbs. "You serious, Clark?"

Closing
Finally! Closing day is here! Nothing ever goes wrong here, right? This is the day we put all our faith in a title company to get it done the way it's supposed to.

Surely, they understand everything is on the line, right? Days have been taken off work. Movers, alarm companies, internet and cable companies, deliveries, electricians, and painters have all been scheduled. Surely, all parties involved know and care about that, right? Right?

Movers

Well, luckily everything went well for us on this closing (it didn't on our first house, but that's a whole other column). So, we got the keys, and it was time to go wait for the movers at the old house. You know, the movers that were supposed to be there at 11 a.m. Well, of course they weren't there, so I thought I might as well make a trip to the new house with some stuff while we were waiting. That turned into two trips. Three. Four. Five.

They finally show up around 6 p.m. ready to move our stuff.

I mentioned earlier that our packing became more erratic as we went. Well, once we ran out of boxes, we decided to just put all the clothes in trash bags. Apparently, I didn't read the fine print of the moving company contract to understand that was a no-no. They told me they don't take trash bags. I stared, wide eyed at the man and said, "Well, today you do."

Exorcising

And we were finally completely moved into the new house. We were officially citizens of Fishers. First thing's first. I don't care what faith you are or what you believe, nobody wants a groaning house. So, I took a flask of holy water and hosed that whole house down. I drowned every ghost, monster, and bogeyman in that place. Now, we could sleep in peace, knowing we wouldn't wake up to statues crying blood.

So, the next time you find yourself starting to get the moving itch, take my advice. Stop it! Just deal with what you have.

The moral of the story is ... moving sucks!

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Technology is our path to prosperity

Indiana's technology sector is booming, and we're all reaping the benefits.

Our state is now home to nearly 120,000 technology jobs, and tech companies directly contributed \$16 billion to our economy in 2023. This is in large part thanks to Indiana's numerous incentives for tech investment, and tech companies recognizing our strong potential for growth.

To meet growing industry demand in our state, Hoosiers are launching careers in tech and taking jobs with a median wage that's 95 percent higher than our state's average. And the number of tech jobs is only going to grow as we advance new technologies and continue down the path to become a national hub for innovation.

Hoosiers are prepared to meet this growth head on. After all, we're one of the top producers of tech and STEM talent. But it's not just our tech workforce that benefits: tech helps consumers and businesses across our economy. Tech



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companies create and maintain free digital tools that over 332,000 Indiana small businesses depend on. Services like Yelp, Trip Advisor and Google Maps don't just help you find a good place to eat – they're equally important to the local restaurants that use them to attract and retain customers. These tools equip small businesses with capabilities they'd otherwise lack, and because they're free, they also level the playing field with the much larger companies they compete with.

It's easier than ever to start your own business, and that's possible in large part thanks to the products and services technology companies have developed and democratized.

To continue on our path to prosperity, it's vital that Indiana supports our local tech ecosystem to pave the way for new advancements – especially in fields like agriculture that are critical to our state's economy. We are on the right track, but as emerging technologies grow, so does the govern-

ment's desire to scrutinize and overregulate. Instead, the best way to ensure new technologies like AI are implemented responsibly is for tech experts, business leaders, and consumers that will use AI to lead the charge.

American tech faces fierce competition from China, which threatens to seize our competitive advantage as it continues to invest in its domestic companies and gain ground. Avoiding stifling overregulation to keep pace through sustained innovation is therefore vital, not only to our economic prosperity, but for preserving our place as a global leader.

If we're going to stay ahead of the curve, states like Indiana – where tech is booming and new applications in areas like agriculture, manufacturing, and healthcare emerge everyday

– are crucial to strengthening our domestic industries and enhancing our competitive edge. We have an opportunity to lead the nation and demonstrate America's innovative spirit, provided that state and federal officials don't capsize us before we get there. For all the negative media we regularly see about tech, it's important to remember that its positive influences touch nearly every aspect of our lives.

Hoosiers are ready to redefine what's possible, if only we're given the chance. I urge policymakers in both Indianapolis and Washington, D.C., to support our state's growing technology industry, and to pursue pro-growth policies that will help us reach a brighter tech-driven future.

Jack Russell is the President and CEO of OneZone Chamber of Commerce.

SHOP

Rifle Paper Company offers a farm fresh weekly meal planning pad on anthropologist.com that keeps a week's menu in one place. It also comes with a tear away shopping list you can add to as needed.

DROP

work cut out for him. He did it without protest and the whole neighborhood could breathe easier once again.

When that old coal shed was built, it was connected to the rest of the house by sort of breezeway. It was a summer kitchen. By the time I first saw it, it had degenerated into a junk room. The breezeway had doors to the East and West. Also, there was a window on each side. The floor was in said

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disrepair in one corner. A chipmunk could often be seen as one stepped out the kitchen door into the breezeway. That and the old summer kitchen were his territory. That chipmunk still has descendants living near our backdoor! He must like it very much as nothing makes them move away.

You kids remember the rest of the animal stories as well (or better) than I. It's your turn to write.

DOLLARS

Donna Schaibley (R-Carmel) said. "This program is a great example of our communities and state working together to improve our infrastructure and make a difference for all Hoosiers."

"These grants help us make strong investments in local infrastructure, which is critical to keeping and attracting businesses and jobs to our communities,"

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said State Rep. Jerry Torr (R-Carmel). "These dollars will go toward keeping our roads safe while also improving quality of life."

Visit in.gov/indot/communitycrossings and click on "Community Crossings Matching Grant" to access the full list of award recipients, and learn more about the Community Crossings Matching Grant Program.



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Vietnam Veterans welcomed home & thanked for service

The REPORTER

In gratitude for their service to our country during the Vietnam War Era, 28 veterans were honored at a Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans (WHVV) open house held on Nov. 1 at the Noblesville Township Community Center.

Eighteen veterans were added to the Indiana Vietnam Registry and given the free book Time to Honor, a DVD documentary, and a Welcome Home pin by Jill Fewell of WHVV and DAR volunteers. The other veterans in attendance had received the WHVV gifts at an earlier event.

The veterans in attendance enjoyed refreshments, gratitude, and a chance to win gift cards provided by the co-host DAR Chapters: Horseshoe Prairie, Noblesville, and Jonathan Jennings, Carmel.

Don Vermillion, bagpiper, opened the ceremony playing "When the Battle's Over."

Throughout the open house David Bechtel signaled that comments and a gift raffle were to occur with a bugle call. Two of the veterans, Mr. Getts and Mr. Richard Steckley, had the distinction of being the



oldest Vietnam Veterans in attendance, both 85 years young.

Honorable guests in attendance were Hamilton County Commissioners Mark Heirbrandt and Steve Dillinger and Hamilton County Director of Administration Lee Buckingham.

About DAR

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a women's service organization whose members can trace their lineage to an individual who contributed to securing American independence during the Revolutionary War. Today's DAR is dynamic and diverse, whose members annually provide millions of hours of volunteer service to their communities across the country and world, to promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism.

Learn more about DAR membership by visiting DAR.org or contact Shirley Hunter Smith at Shirley1776@yahoo.com.

Frederick "Fred" Kinkad

February 15, 1957 – November 9, 2023



Frederick "Fred" Kinkad, 66, Sheridan, passed away surrounded by his family and friends on Thursday, November 9, 2023, in Noblesville. He was born on February 15, 1957, to the late Frederick and Julia (Rich) Kinkad in Lebanon, Ind.

Fred and Shirley met for the first time in first grade, and Fred would say that Shirley was his girlfriend. Shirley moved away and several years later she moved back. Her friend re-introduced them, but this time Fred had to be persistent, and Shirley finally agreed to go out on a date with him. After dating for a while, they were married on April 4, 1975, and they have shared 48 years with each other. He would tell everyone that he found her in first grade and her southern accent is what drew him to her.

Fred worked for the Car Clinic in Westfield. After working there, he then worked for the Foundry in Noblesville. He finally found his home at Westfield Steel where he worked as a machine operator for 32 years.

At an early age, Fred developed a love for anything that went fast. He would drag race with his friends and race motorcycles in Hortonville well into his adult life. It was not surprising that he loved NASCAR, and he was an avid Jeff Gordon fan, always cheering for number 24. He also enjoyed racing remote control cars and he would compete his cars in races in Kokomo. He looked forward to riding his four-wheeler, which he gifted to his great-grandson.

The most important thing to him was his family; he and Shirley looked forward to camping at River Bend Campground for 24 years. They never missed a weekend. He spent time with his family and making memories fishing, boating, and going on spring breaks in Ft. Myers, Fla. Shirley said after the kids grew up, instead of driving to Ft. Myers they decided to start flying.

Fred's family said he loved tinkering with stuff, and he would never hire anyone – he insisted on fixing everything himself. Fred was a member of the Noblesville Eagles 450.

He leaves behind his wife of 48 years, Shirley; their three children, Melissa Stern, Kimberly Jones (Mike Redstone), and Rodney Kinkad. He was a loving grandfather to Paige (Jared) Popejoy, Brenden (Rebecca) Jones, Jada Neff, Taylor Stern, Blake Jones, Kara Jones, Elijah Kinkad, and Isaiah Kinkad. He was a proud great-grandfather to Dutton Popejoy and Charlee Jones. He also leaves behind his siblings, Barb Roberts, Kathy (Brian) Goodnight, and Robbie (Michelle) Kinkad.

Calling will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at Fisher Family Funeral Services, 508 E. 6th St., Sheridan. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Sheridan American Legion Post 67, 406 E. 10th St., Sheridan, IN 46069, where Fred is a member of Sons of the Legion.

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

Marshall D. Noel

March 9, 1942 – November 3, 2023

Marshall D. Noel, 81, Fishers, passed away on Friday, November 3, 2023, at Hamilton Trace of Fishers. He was born on March 9, 1942, to Howard and Doris (Brown) Noel in New Castle, Ind.

Marshall graduated from Spiceland High School and Purdue University where he was a member of FarmHouse Fraternity where he made friendships that lasted his lifetime. As they all married and started families, they continued their brotherhood. Family trips, special events and proud moments were always shared between the men.

He proudly served as a captain in the United States Army and was a Company Commander in Germany and Vietnam.

Marshall married Annie Newkirk in 1964. They explored Germany together for three years seeing the sites while Marshall served our country. They formerly lived in Marion, Ind., and moved to Noblesville in 1978.

Marshall worked in sales for Kiger and Co. and Michigan School Service. He worked his last 20 years as a Regional Sales Manager for Draper Inc. Marshall served as past President of the Marion Metro Exchange Club and Noblesville Kiwanis Sunrises. He volunteered as a transporter for Riverview Health for 13 years and also volunteered for Rehab Equipment Link.

Marshall was a member of Noblesville First Christian Church and served almost every position from moderator to dishwasher in the church during his 40+ year membership. He enjoyed watching all Noblesville high school sports, his favorite being anything Andrew or Ellie were playing.

Marshall is survived by his wife of almost 60 years, Annie Noel; son, Scott (Sarah) Noel; and four grandchildren whom he absolutely adored, Andrew Noel, Ellie Noel, Kendall Keyton, and Nolan Keyton. What a huge presence and gift he was to his family. He loved so hard and led by example and character in everything he did. His smile could change your day and light up a room.

Visitation and services were held on Monday, Nov. 13, 2023, at First Christian Church of Noblesville, 16377 Herriman Blvd., Noblesville. Rev. Dr. Brooks Barrick officiated. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Christian Church, 16377 Herriman Blvd., Noblesville, IN 46060. Condolences: randallroberts.com

Richard Allen Fisher

March 31, 1939 – October 29, 2023

Richard A. Fisher, 84, Indianapolis, went to be with the Lord on October 29, 2023, after several years of worsening dementia.

Dick believed that nothing in his life could win God's approval, and he was trusting in Jesus alone for the forgiveness of his sins and a right standing with God. He looked forward with confidence to the home that God had prepared for him in heaven.

Dick was a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

He was born on March 31, 1939, in New Castle, Ind., to Donald Fisher and Elizabeth (Stubbs) Fisher. Dick attended grade school in Spiceland and high school in New Castle. Pursuing a career in pharmacy, he attended Butler University where he met the love of his life, Miriam. They were married December 23, 1961, and were blessed with 61 years of marriage. Daughters Christy (Phil) Owen and Becky (Paul) Owen were the joy of his life. Dick involved himself in their lives as they were growing up and shared much life wisdom with them. The family has fond memories of camping trips and numerous visits to Silver Dollar City in Branson, Mo.

After 50 years filling prescriptions and managing drug stores, Dick retired in 2004. He continued his hobbies of woodworking, carving, blacksmithing, knife making, and metal engraving.

Dick built strong relationships with each of his grandchildren: Bethany (Scott) McEwan, Daniel (Keshia) Owen, Amy Owen, Jill (Matt) Davis, Seth Owen, and Michele Owen. Great-granddaughters Lacey, Kayla, and Madison brought him many smiles.

He is survived by his wife, daughters, grandchildren, great-granddaughters, sister Linda (Charles) Holland, sister-in-law Esther Mussmann, brother-in-law Kenny (Betty) Scharfe, nephews and nieces Rich (Sara) Mussmann, Linda (Andy) Nelson, Carol (Mike) Amos, David (Drusha) Mussmann, and Heather (Michael) Reeves, and many cousins who were an integral part of his life. His family and many friends remember Dick as a great storyteller with a wonderful sense of humor.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to:

- Chapelwood Baptist Church (chapelwoodindy.org)
- Good News Ministries (goodnewsministries.com/donate)
- Child Evangelism Fellowship (cefcentralindiana.com)
- NICA Ministries (my.simplegive.com/app/giving/NICA9999398)

Jesse Johnson

February 4, 1999 – November 1, 2023

Jesse Johnson, 24, Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at his home. He was born on February 4, 1999, in Noblesville.

Jesse worked for Kroger and was a member of Cyntheanne Christian Church. He enjoyed gaming on PlayStation and spending time with his friends and family.

Jesse is survived by his mother, Karen Johnson; father, James Johnson; brother, Jamie (Madelynn) Johnson; girlfriend, Gabby Pfledderer; aunts and uncles, Janet McBride, Camella Moore, Jerry (Elaine) Johnson, David (Kris) McBride, Dennis (Lesia) McBride, and Margaret (Greg) Dodson; and his beloved cat, Freedom.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Peggy Brandon, Tom Johnson, Byron McBride, and Carole McBride.

Visitation and services were held on Friday, November 10, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Rev. Larry J. Renihan officiated. Burial was at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Breast Cancer Research Foundation, 28 W. 44th St., Suite 609, New York, NY 10036 (bcrf.org).

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Delphia Adams

September 19, 1936 – November 3, 2023

Delphia Adams, 87, Westfield, passed away on Friday, November 3, 2023, at her home surrounded by her family. She was born on September 19, 1936, to Boyd and Alma (Baker) Pennington in Frew, Ky.

Delphia had a green thumb and enjoyed gardening, raising flowers, and being outdoors. She loved traveling – by car – when she could. Delphia loved to cook and made her home a happy home where she spent time with her family.

She is survived by her daughter, Teresa (Jack) Coy; grandchildren, Natasha Barnette, Amanda McDaniel, and Zoe Coy; great-grandchildren, Kailee, Corbin, Gracie, Elijah, and Carter; siblings, Paul (Kay) Eldridge, Henry (Dixie) Eldridge Jr., Rita Winters, and Bob (Jean) Eldridge; as well as several nieces & nephews and great-nieces & great-nephews.

In addition to her parents, Delphia was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Adams; son, Donald Ray McDaniel; father, Henry Eldridge; sisters, Lorraine Adams and Polly Harshaw; brother, Willie Pennington; and her grandson, Nick McDaniel.

Visitation and services were held on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family. Condolences: randallroberts.com

Agnes Ileen Thatcher

November 9, 1930 – November 4, 2023

Agnes Ileen Thatcher, 92, Atlanta, Ind., passed away on Saturday, November 4, 2023, at The Waters of Tipton, Ind.

She was born November 9, 1930, in Gas City, Ind., to Martin James and Nellie Alberta (Gerstoff) Jones. She was educated in the Alexandria School System.

Agnes married Kenneth Neil Thatcher on January 24, 1947, and she began her new role as wife and homemaker. They were blessed with three daughters, Neila Teal of Atlanta, Carolyn Friend of Tipton, and Ronda Fox of Noblesville. Additional survivors include three grandchildren, Tim Teal, Chip Friend, and Christy Friend Perrin; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Her husband preceded her in death on May 30, 2009. In addition to her husband and parents, she was also preceded in death by a grandchild, Angela Fox Orton; and two sons-in-law, Darrell Teal and Steve Fox.

Agnes had also worked for many years at Perfect Circle in Tipton. She was a member of Eastern Star and of the Aladdin Knights Organization. She enjoyed listening to Elvis sing and perform and she loved going to auctions and flea markets where she collected antiques. Her favorite collectible finds were Aladdin Lamps.

Her family related that she was a very loving and caring mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother. She was grateful and proud that she was living to see her family of five generations.

Visitation and funeral services were held on Friday, November 10, 2023, at Hartley Funeral Home Cicero Chapel, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero, with burial following at Arcadia Cemetery. Rev. Scott Miller officiated.

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Westfield FFA’s ag sales career team finishes 10th in country

The REPORTER

More than 85,000 FFA members and supporters from across the country celebrated agricultural education and agriculture during the 96th National FFA Convention & Expo held Nov. 1 to 4 in downtown Indianapolis.

Westfield High School's FFA program sent 25 members to the convention. Ella Carlson, Aiden Cox, Ava Lee, and Ben Wiggins competed in the ag sales career development event finishing 10th in the nation. Wiggins placed seventh in the individual event.

Throughout the week, students attended general convention sessions where they were inspired by their peers and explored various career paths. In addition, attendees participated in



Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools

(From left) Aiden Cox, Ben Wiggins, Ella Carlson, and Ava Lee make up the Agriculture Sales team in Westfield High School FFA. Wiggins also placed seventh in the individual event.

career success tours and student and teacher workshops. Those in attendance also participated in a service event joining with FFA members from across the country in the National Days of Service happening in local communities.

HEPL Director Edra Waterman to retire Dec. 22

The REPORTER

Last Friday, Tiffanie Ditlevson, President of the Board of Trustees of the Hamilton East Public Library, announced to the public that Library Director/CEO Edra Waterman will soon retire. Ditlevson's full statement follows.

Patrons, Stakeholders, Taxpayers,

On Thursday, November 9, the Library Director/Chief Executive Officer, Edra Waterman, notified the Hamilton East Public Library Board of Trustees that her last day of service to the Hamilton East Public Library will be December 22, 2023. We wish her the best in all of her future endeavors.

Edra Waterman has served as the CEO and Library Director for the last 12 years. Under her leadership, HEPL has been recognized as a leader in innovation among public libraries regionally.

The Hamilton East Board of Trustees will begin the search process for a new Chief Executive Officer immediately. During this time of change, we do not anticipate any changes or disruptions in the delivery of services to our patrons.



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High School Football Regional Championships

Rocks & Royals fight hard, but Westfield takes regional trophy

By **RICHIE HALL**
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WESTFIELD – Early in the regular season, the Westfield football team won four straight games that were decided by a touchdown or less.

One of those games was against Hamilton Southeastern, so the regional re-match was expected to be close. And it was, with the Shamrocks edging out the Royals 24-21 to claim an exciting Class 6A Regional 2 championship last Friday at Riverview Health Stadium.

How close was it? Each time a team scored, the lead changed. The back and forth continued all throughout the game, and the winning play came at the end of the third quarter.

Westfield junior Kendall Garnett had already scored two touchdowns for his team. His third touchdown was the longest one of the game, and it turned out to be the game-winner with three seconds left in the third quarter.

“Kendall’s tough,” said

Shamrocks coach Jake Gilbert. “I think he’d rather get the ball that many times, so he’s happy. We’ve really been a little stronger throwing the ball this year. But these last few weeks our offensive line’s been amazing and Kendall’s really coming on.”

Westfield’s first points came on a 28-yard field goal from Brody Boehm midway through the first quarter. Southeastern answered with a defensive play right at the end of the period. Jack Seyferth blocked a Shamrocks punt, then recovered the ball and ran it 25 yards to the end zone. Thus the Royals went into the second quarter leading 7-3.

The call and respond continued in the second quarter. Garnett punched the ball in from the one-yard line to put Westfield up 10-7 with 7:59 left in the period. Southeastern again came up with the big play: On the first play of HSE’s subsequent drive, Chandler Weston connected with Donovan Hamilton, and the senior turned the pass into a

73-yard touchdown run. That put the Royals up 14-10, and they would maintain that lead through halftime, which was delayed for several minutes after Westfield’s Coleton Vondersaar suffered a broken leg.

“He is a heart and soul player for us,” said Shamrocks coach Jake Gilbert. “That’s a tough injury.” The coach said his season’s “probably over, but we love him and all he asked for was that we win. And we did that for him.”

Right before the ‘Rocks headed into the locker room, Westfield senior Andrew Lieske was seen firing up his teammates on the field.

“Our seniors are extraordinary leaders, tremendous culture builders and they love each other and they love Westfield football,” said Gilbert.

The Shamrocks scored first in the third quarter. Garnett ran the ball in from the five-yard line, and Westfield regained the lead at 17-14 with 8:25 to go. The Shamrocks’ defense then set



Reporter photo by Julie Brown

(Above) Westfield’s Kendall Garnett ran for 219 yards for the Shamrocks during their 24-21 regional victory over Hamilton Southeastern last Friday. Garnett scored three touchdowns, including a 51-yard TD that clinched the victory.

an early tone, holding HSE to a three-and-out. Mikeah Webster, Casey Graybill and Alex Arambales were among those making tackles.

“Our defense was extraordinary because that’s a tremendous offense,” said Gilbert. “They’ve got guys that can take it to the house every time they touch it. So I thought defensively we weren’t perfect, but we were pretty darn good.”

Southeastern stepped up

on defense as well. Brody Carlson forced and recovered a fumble, and that led to a Royals’ scoring drive. Jalen Alexander gained the majority of the yards,

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Sheridan slams North Decatur to win regional championship

The REPORTER

A tremendous defensive effort gave Sheridan its first football regional championship in over a decade.

The Blackhawks hosted North Decatur at Bud Wright Stadium last Friday for the Class 1A Regional 3 championship. The Chargers won the regional title there last season, but Sheridan turned the tables this year, winning the regional championship 24-20 in a hard-fought game.

The Blackhawks scored first, with Zach Bales punching the ball in from the one-yard line late in the first quarter after a lengthy drive that took 9 minutes and 20 seconds off the clock. North Decatur scored in the second period to tie the game at 7-7, and that would be the half-time score.

Sheridan took control in the third quarter. Bales added another touchdown, this one a two-yard run, with under four minutes to go in the period. Minutes later, Chance Spencer intercepted a Chargers pass and turned it into a pick six, taking it 27 yards to score.

Blackhawks coach Bud Wright gave credit to his defense after the game.

“They won the ball game for us,” said Wright. “They were stout on defense also, but our defense stood up and stopped the run.”

Sheridan’s defense held North Decatur to 22 yards in 29 rushing attempts, and made several sacks on the Chargers quarterback, holding him to minus 37 yards on

the ground.

The Blackhawks led 21-7 going into the fourth quarter. North Decatur scored midway through the period to get within 21-14. Owen Bell, who had already kicked all three extra points, added a 21-yard field goal with 1:31 left in the game.

The Chargers didn’t go away. They scored on the first play of their subsequent drive on an 80-yard touchdown pass. North Decatur then tried an onside kick, but Sheridan recovered and kneeled the game out from there.

Wright credited Eli Kolb with punting the ball well. Kolb punted three times with an average of 43 yards per kick.

“He had some nice punts, set them back deep on the goal line,” said Wright. “That was a big factor. He did a great job punting the ball.”

Bales led Sheridan’s rushing with 54 yards and two touchdowns.

“We didn’t get the yards we’d been getting, but it was a hard-fought ball game,” said Wright. “Our kids just stuck in there and got the job done.”

The Blackhawks won their first regional championship since 2012. Sheridan also claimed its 15th regional title in program history.

“You work to get wins,” said Wright. “It’s been a while since we’ve been there.”

The ‘Hawks are 10-3 and host Indianapolis Lutheran Friday for the Class 1A north semi-state title.



Photos by Allison Waitt

(Left) Eli Kolb punted the ball three times for an average of 43 yards per punt. Coach Bud Wright said Kolb’s punts were a big factor in Sheridan’s win. (Top right) Nolan Page (2) celebrates after a big Blackhawks play. (Above right) Sheridan’s defense stepped up big for the Blackhawks last Friday, helping Sheridan to win its first regional championship since 2012. Pictured are Joe Franco (24) and Parker Williams (21).

Full statistics for each of last Friday night’s football games are available online at ReadTheReporter.com

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Westfield swimmer trains at Colorado's U.S. Olympics center



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Westfield High School sophomore Will Chambley trained at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. from Nov. 2-5. Only 45 swimmers (25 male and 20 female) from across the state were selected by Indiana Swimming for this opportunity. The camp, called Peak to Paris, aimed to develop and inspire top athletes from across the state to make Olympic Trials cuts for Paris or the next Olympics in Los Angeles.

County soccer players sweep major Coaches Association awards

The REPORTER

Hamilton County swept all the major awards given by the Indiana Soccer Coaches Association the weekend of Nov. 4. Noblesville goalkeeper Cole Thompson was named the ISCA's Boys Player of the Year, while Hamilton Southeastern goalkeeper Hailey Wade was named the ISCA's Girls Player of the Year. The award is given annually to a senior player.

The two Noblesville soccer coaches were both named Coaches of the Year. Ken Dollaske was awarded Boys Coach of the Year, while Mike Brady was named Girls Coach of the Year. Both coaches led their teams to an unprecedented second consecutive boys-girls sweep of the Class 3A state championships on Oct. 28.

In addition to these awards, the ISCA named its All State teams. Hamilton County was well-represented on both the boys and girls lists. Here is a list of local players that earned places on the All-State roster.

BOYS

First Team All State: Kyle Clayton, Fishers; Sam Holland, Noblesville; Alex Pursch, Noblesville; Kasole

Williams, Noblesville; Connor Dora, Carmel; Christian Nielsen, Carmel; Cole Thompson, Noblesville; Adam Keleher, Carmel.

Second Team All State: Will Sandlin, Fishers; Hayden Warneke, Carmel.

Third Team All State: Ben Church, Westfield; Reid Spittler, Fishers; Drew MacDonald, Hamilton Southeastern; Max Reason, Noblesville.

Honorable Mention All State: Micah Colvin, Hamilton Heights.

GIRLS

First Team All State: Hailey Wade, Hamilton Southeastern; Kate Pallante, Westfield; Atley Pittman, Noblesville; Meredith Tippler, Noblesville; Sloane May, Hamilton Southeastern; Blair Satterfield, Hamilton Southeastern; Megan Hamm, Carmel; Olivia Cebalo, Carmel.

Second Team All State: Bella Wyatt, Noblesville; Sadie Black, Noblesville; Ayla Conn, Hamilton Southeastern; Kate Malin, Westfield; Mia Smith, Westfield.

Third Team All State: Sienna Mullen, Fishers.

Honorable Mention: Emma Alexander, Sheridan; Riley Boyd, Hamilton Southeastern.

All State volleyball teams announced, IHSVCA bestows All District honors to several county players

The REPORTER

The Indiana High School Volleyball Coaches Association announced its All State teams last week.

Class 4A state champion Hamilton Southeastern had four players on the list of Class 4A First Team All State honorees. They are Lauren Harden, Lindsey Mangelson, Macy Hinshaw and Sophie Ledbetter. In addition, Breonna Goss and Tiffany Snook were both named to the Second Team. Royals coach Jason Young was named State Coach of the Year.

Fishers' Lucy Kay earned a place on Second Team All State. Hamilton

Heights' Kennedy Cherry was named to First Team All State in Class 3A.

The IHSVCA also awarded All District honors to several players. All six of Hamilton Southeastern's First and Second Team players were named to the North Central All District.

Cherry also received a Class 3A Central All District award, as did her Hamilton Heights teammate Macie Smith. Guerin Catholic's Paige Mascari also received All District honors.

In Class 2A, Sheridan's Kenzie Garner and Trinity Parkin were both named to the Central All District team.

Girls Basketball



Reporter photo by Richie Hall
Hamilton Southeastern's Kennedy Holman scored 14 points for the Royals during their 65-44 win over Franklin Community last Wednesday.

Southeastern has strong start to home season with win over Franklin Community

By **RICHIE HALL**
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FISHERS – The Hamilton Southeastern girls basketball team took care of business in its home opener last Wednesday, sailing past Franklin Community 65-44.

The Royals began their season last Saturday with a 72-50 victory at Ben Davis, so the team picked up its second consecutive comfortable win. Southeastern played tremendous defense and plenty of scoring from Indiana University-bound Maya Makalusky and sensational sophomores Kennedy Holman and Kayla Stidham.

The Royals never trailed in the game, scoring the first four points off Stidham and Makalusky layins. Makalusky finished the quarter with a 3-pointer and Southeastern led 13-6.

The Grizzly Cubs are only two years removed from reaching the Class 4A state championship game,

and still have a couple players from that team playing this season. Royals coach Brian Satterfield called Franklin "a very veteran team."

"I thought we were able to take them out of some of the things that they were trying to do early on," said Satterfield. "And we did a good job of communicating, getting to the shooters because they're very dangerous from behind the arc."

Stidham got going from outside in the second period, nailing a pair of 3s. Her second triple started a 9-0 run, which included baskets from Makalusky and Holman, then Stidham added a layin to give HSE a 25-12 lead.



Makalusky



Stidham

The Royals led 29-15 at half-time and steadily increased their lead throughout the third quarter. Makalusky took over to the tune of 13 points in that period. Southeastern kept its lead anywhere from 21 to 25 points in the fourth quarter.

Makalusky finished the game with 29 points and three 3-pointers. Stidham also had three 3s on her way to 15 points, while Holman added 14 points. Stidham also had seven rebounds.

"Those of are the types of things that we're trying to get all of our girls to do is be gelled together, but also be communicating and doing a lot of those little things, those little things that can help us as we progress throughout the season,"

said Satterfield.

Saturday sweep

The Royals swept both of their opponents last Saturday at the Fishers-HSE Classic.

In its first game, Southeastern beat Elkhart 68-37. Makalusky scored 21 points for the Royals, with Stidham adding 17 and Kayla Brinley scoring 12. Southeastern totaled 12 3-pointers in the contest: Stidham drained four triples, while Makalusky, Brinley and Antonette Green all made two. Makalusky and Green each had four steals.

The Royals then took care of Columbus East 65-28. Makalusky poured in 33 points and lit up the floor for six 3-pointers. Stidham added 10 with two triples. Addison Van Hoesen made seven steals.

Southeastern is 4-0 for the season and hosts Franklin Central on Friday for its first Hoosier Crossroads Conference game of the season.

ROCKS

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rushing in to the end zone from the one-yard line. Hugo Belmonte made all three extra point kicks, including one after Alexander's score to put HSE up 21-17.

But Westfield had one more score. A 14-yard pass from Jackson Gilbert to Beau Braun got the 'Rocks to their own 49-yard line. That was all Garnett needed, as he ran off 51 yards into the end zone. Boehm made the extra-point kick, as he had already done on the other two touchdowns.

"Anything I see, I'm breaking this tackle and I'm getting to that end zone and that's what I did," said Garnett. He carried the ball 35 times for 219 yards. In one instance, Garnett kept moving even after getting hit a couple times.

"You got to do what you got to do for these seniors out here," said Garnett, a junior. "This is their last year, so we got to go out here and set the tone for everyone around here. We got our younger kids watching us. They look up to us and they want to see what it's like to be a Westfield football player."

Neither team scored in the fourth quarter, as both defenses played hard to the end. The Shamrocks won their third regional title in the past four seasons, and seventh in program history.

Southeastern finished its season with a 9-3 record. Alexander totaled 116 yards rushing, while Weston was 6-of-11 for 114 yards.

Royals coach Michael Kelly said his senior class, which includes players like Hamilton, Alexander, Seyferth and Carlson, "had a huge growth over the last four years."

"They took a huge step



Reporter photos by Julie Brown
(Left) Westfield's Mikeah Webster made several good offensive and defensive plays. (Right) Hamilton Southeastern's Jack Seyferth blocked a punt, then returned it for a touchdown in the first half.



Reporter photo by Julie Brown
Southeastern quarterback Chandler Weston was 6-for-11, including a 73-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter.

in the right direction," said Kelly. "Where they were as freshman to where they were as seniors, it was a whole new team and a great group of kids that we're go-

ing to miss having."

Kelly said players like Hamilton and Styles Prescod will be hard to replace.

"We got several kids

that did so much for us that I appreciate," said Kelly.

Westfield is 11-1 and plays at Crown Point Friday for the Class 6A north semi-state championship.

Girls Basketball

Top-ranked Noblesville's fast-paced offense pushes them past Hamilton Heights

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE – Last Friday night, Noblesville hosted Hamilton Heights for its home opener at The Mill. It was quite the crowd that greeted the 4A No. 1 Millers. They were able to rise to the occasion on their way to a 55-38 convincing win over the 3A No. 4 Huskies.

From the opening tip, Noblesville had control of the tempo at both ends of the floor.

Swarming defense and relentless offense for the Millers and Heights was on the ropes right away. Recent Iowa State commit Reagan Wilson took a pass from Meredith Tippner and knocked down a deep three from the left wing. Next possession down the floor, Tippner found sophomore C.C. Quigley for a layup, forcing the Huskies to burn a timeout just 90 seconds into the game.

“Obviously when you play Heights and they shoot the ball so well and Runner is all kinds of special, we wanted to make sure we got out and played hard on defense. I thought we did that in that first half, making them take quick threes and rebounding, so they didn’t get second and third opportunities,” stated Noblesville head coach Donna Buckley.

“They’re the number one, number two team in the state for a reason. They’re strong, athletic and physical. For us to try to replicate what we were going to see tonight is tough,” said Hamilton Heights head coach Keegan Cherry of Noblesville.

Being able to rebound and play solid defensively were two complimentary factors that pushed Noblesville to victory. The Millers outrebounded the Huskies 38-15.

Wilson and Quigley each scored six in the first to double up Heights through one, 15-6.

Each offensive possession, Noblesville kept finding ways to put points on the board. The lead kept growing in the second. Tippner had four, Wilson another five and Quigley five as the three paced the Millers to a 29-10 halftime lead.

“She’s really good,”



Reporter photo by Frank Brown
(Left) Noblesville's Ava Shoemaker scored 11 points and collected six rebounds for the Millers during their 55-38 win over Hamilton Heights last Friday at The Mill. Pictured at right is Reagan Wilson, who scored 22 points.

Buckley said of Quigley. “She honestly reminds me of a young Emily Kiser. She’s got similar traits to her and she’s going to be all kinds of special, if she continues to figure out how good she can be,” Buckley continued.

Quigley is rapidly figuring out her role. After scoring 11 and grabbing nine boards in the season and HCC opener last Saturday at Avon, C.C. seems more than ready to live up to the expectations. The 6’2 sophomore forward was able to muscle herself to 15 points and six rebounds against the Huskies.

The lead kept getting bigger in the third. Two consecutive times down the floor, Ava Shoemaker drilled three-pointers that made it 45-23. That forced Heights to call yet another timeout to stop the momentum with 2:26 in the third.

Wilson found her stroke from the outside to guide the offense, but it would be the little things that Meredith Tippner was able to do that made everything happen just as it should. She was surely a stat sheet stuffer, scoring seven, grabbing 13 rebounds, dishing out six assists and also had six steals, keeping Heights in uncomfortable situations all night.

“She almost had a quadruple-double,” said Buckley of Tippner. “She was everywhere. She’s that kid. She was all over this game and was phenomenal. Had huge moments, including a kick out to Reagan for three when they were kind of making a little comeback,” continued

Buckley on Tippner.

“She is definitely one of the best players in the state and we are really thankful that we have her on our team, for sure,” said Buckley.

Noblesville had simply overwhelmed Hamilton Heights throughout the night, leading 50-28 through three. Wilson (three) and Shoemaker (two) combined for five three-pointers made in the third quarter.

There were spots in the second half that could have been the start of a comeback, but the Millers had other things in mind.

“Our kids just love defense. I think that’s one thing that makes this group so special is that our superstars want to play defense,” Buckley said of her team’s defensive approach. “A lot of people don’t want to do both ends of the floor, but our kids want to do that.” Buckley continued on the Millers’ defense.

The Millers kept the Huskies at a good distance in the fourth, securing their second win in as many games, 55-38.

“I was proud that our girls fought. We were able to screen that zone a little bit,” continued Cherry on his team’s ability to play physically with Noblesville.

“To be honest, we’re not made to turn teams over and score. We like to dictate tempo and pace. Noblesville is probably the opposite of that,” stated Cherry.

The two showed that they are ranked in their particular classes for reasons. A

game like this helps Heights tremendously as it moves through.

“I thought we got better in the second half,” said Cherry. “We’ll get better because of this game. This is what makes you better in preparation for the tournament.

Hamilton Heights was led by senior all-state candidate Camryn Runner, who had a game-high 26 points. The University of Evansville commit shot 6-for-11 from outside-the-arc and 8-of-16 overall.

Noblesville’s Reagan Wilson shot 6-of-10 from downtown, good for 22 points. Quigley had 15 and Ava Shoemaker 11 and six rebounds.

Saturday game

The Millers were dealt a tough defeat last Saturday, as they lost 56-53 at Lawrence North.

The Wildcats led 17-12 after one quarter and 35-25 at halftime. Both teams scored 16 points in the third period, which kept LN ahead 51-41 going into the fourth. Noblesville held the Wildcats to five points in the final period, but Lawrence North held on for the win.

Wilson and Tippner both scored 14 points, followed by Shoemaker with 13. Quigley collected seven rebounds and Tippner dished out five assists.

The Millers are 2-1 and open Hoosier Crossroads Conference play Friday by hosting Brownsburg. Noblesville goes on the road Saturday to take on Homestead.

Balance sends Carmel to victory over Huntington North

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

CARMEL – The Carmel Greyhounds hosted Huntington North Saturday afternoon at the Eric Clark Activity Center.

It didn’t take long at all for Carmel to figure out exactly what it would take to grab the win over the Vikings, 62-34.

A balanced scoring attack, along with numerous players returning from last year and things can only get better for first-year head coach Rick Risinger.

Carmel jumped out to a 5-0 lead early. Then it grew to 9-3 before the two fought out the first quarter to a 12-5 Greyhound advantage.

“We do pretty extensive scouting and more importantly, we’re trying to build a program. It’s not about individuals. Hopefully, we can go 10-deep and get some advantage out of that. So far it’s been working out pretty well,” said first-year Carmel head coach Rick Risinger.

They ‘Hounds started to pull themselves away slowly in the second. Only outscoring the Vikings 9-4 in the period, there were spots that Carmel showed they could open the game up, holding a 21-9 halftime lead.

Halftime adjustments are extremely critical, no matter if you’re up or down. It’s like something clicked for Carmel and they figured out ways to get to Huntington North’s defense. The Greyhounds completely opened up the game, extending their lead to 43-19 through three quarters.

Senior Keaton Gatlin scored eight in the quarter, including knocking down three-pointers in consecutive

possessions.

“We’ve talked about that you’ve got to understand the game, what our system is. And then you have to think it as you play. With this particular group, they’ve got to believe. They came in and I’m not sure they believed that they could do what they can do,” continued Risinger on this team buying into his system.

With a new coach, it is a gradual process to fully have your confidence back and know that it is a matter of you believing what the coach and his staff are preaching.

Risinger spent 2006-2020 as the head coach at Heritage Christian, going 330-75 in that 15-year span. His teams won 11 sectional, nine regional, seven semi-state and seven state championships. From 2006-2009, those Eagles four-peated, taking the Class 2A state crowns four years in a row with an astounding 104-8 record. Risinger would lead Heritage Christian to another three-peat from 2014-16, with 2016 being the 3A title, going 81-7 in those three remarkable years.

So, it is obvious that Risinger’s got his sights on getting Carmel back to winning ways.

“Those three components; understand it, think it and believe it, along with going out and executing,” continued Risinger on what it will take for his team.

Carmel kept pouring it on in the fourth. A pair of left corner three-pointers from Lauren Perry and six clutch points off of the bench from Riley McBride helped to extend the lead further, giving

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True team effort puts Carmel on top over Warren Central

By RICHIE HALL
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CARMEL – A balanced scoring effort gave the Carmel girls basketball team its first win of the season.

The Greyhounds hosted Warren Central last Tuesday at the Eric Clark Activity Center. It was a back-and-forth game that Carmel eventually won 50-48. The ‘Hounds got off to a solid start, weathered the storm when the Warriors took a third-quarter lead, then used timely baskets in the fourth quarter to stay ahead until the end.

It was also the first win as the Greyhounds coach for Rick Risinger. The man who coached Heritage Christian to seven state titles said he was more excited for his players to get the win.

“I coach, but they’re the ones that did it,” said Risinger. “I’m more excited for their opportunity to get the win.”

Carmel led for all but a couple minutes of the game. The ‘Hounds jumped out to an early lead thanks to Isabelle Shepherd. She went on a personal 7-0 run (a layin, basket off a steal and 3-pointer) to get Carmel ahead 10-2 in the first quarter.

The Greyhounds finished the opening period ahead 18-12, with five different players scoring. That balance would continue throughout the game. Carmel led 30-24 at halftime;

Keaton Gatlin scored six points in the second quarter.

The Warriors made their move in the third period, outscoring the Greyhounds 11-3 to take a 35-33 lead. Danyha Jacobs took over

with nine straight points, and it was her floater that put Warren ahead. Lauren Perry put Carmel back in front with a 3 and Gatlin’s layin got the ‘Hounds ahead 38-35, but a last-second 3 by the Warriors’ Laila Mathis tied things up at 38-38 after three.

Perry opened the fourth quarter with another triple, and Carmel worked its way to a 49-42 lead. Fisher added four points, with Mackenzie Woods hitting a putback and Mallory Bourquein making a layin. Warren made things close by going on a 6-0 run, but a free throw from Woods with 3.2 seconds left was enough to clinch the win.

“We don’t talk too much about who takes shots, who’s supposed to score what,” said Risinger. “What we try to do is just run our offenses and just take the good shots. We took a couple of quick shots at times. I want shots within the offense. But they all stepped up and they all have the green light when it’s their time to shoot.”

Eight different players scored for Carmel. Perry and Bourquein both had nine points, while Gatlin scored eight. Shepherd and Fisher both finished with seven points.



Perry



Bourquein

Blackhawks edged out by Cougars

By RICHIE HALL
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SHERIDAN – Even if you’ve been playing basketball for years, a first game of the season will always feel different.

The Sheridan girls basketball team opened up its 2023-24 campaign last Thursday, hosting Hoosier Heartland Conference rival Carroll at Larry Hobbs Hall. It was a close contest throughout, but the Cougars used a late 6-0 run to get past the Blackhawks 48-44.

Sheridan coach Jaidlin Bradshaw said her players admitted to some nervousness during the post-game talk.

“That’s one of the things that the girls mentioned in the locker room after the game,” said Bradshaw. “They said ‘We were a little jittery. We were a little shaken up.’”

Even with the jitters, the Blackhawks still played tough. Sheridan led Carroll 13-12 after the first quarter. Shelby Eaton scored five points and freshman Brielle Garner opened her high school career with a 3-pointer.

The ‘Hawks led 19-15

at one point during the second period before the Cougars came back to tie it at 22-22 by halftime. Carroll led several times in the third quarter, but Sheridan would always even the score. The Cougars were up 29-25 before Eaton and Nova Cross made layins to tie the game.

A three-point play from Madison Wagner gave Carroll a 34-31 advantage at the end of the third period. Sheridan surged ahead 36-34 after Cecilia Timme scored off a steal and Cross drained a 3. Timme then made two free throws to put the Blackhawks up 38-36 with 5:40 left in the game.

The Cougars went on a 6-0 spurt to lead 42-38. Sheridan tied the game once more after free throws from Eaton and Kenzie Garner, but Carroll got one more 6-0 run to finish off the game.

Timme, who missed last season with an injury, led the Blackhawks with 11 points. Eaton and Cross both scored 10. Timme also pulled seven rebounds.

“I think she probably played about 30 or 31 minutes tonight,” said Bradshaw. “She was amazing. Couldn’t ask for anything better after being off for a



Reporter photo by Richie Hall
Sheridan's Mackenzie Smith looks to pass the ball during the Blackhawks' game with Carroll last Thursday.

year. She learned a ton last year watching and I think she did an amazing job.”

Kenzie Garner collected five rebounds and dished out five assists. Cross also had five rebounds.

“When I first walked into the locker room after the game, I asked them what they thought,” said Bradshaw. “Normally I come in with a bunch of thoughts, but I just asked them ‘What did you guys think?’ There were definitely some things

we need to work on, but also definitely a lot of positives. One of the girls said ‘We brought a ton of energy,’ and I’m like, ‘Yes, we did.’ More energy than we had over the summer or last year. So, I was pleased with the energy we brought for sure.”

Sheridan travels to Brebeuf Jesuit on Tuesday for a 7 p.m. game, then returns home later in the week for games against Covenant Christian Thursday and Elwood Saturday.



Photo provided by City of Noblesville

A groundbreaking ceremony took place last Monday, Nov. 6, for the Noblesville Events Center, to be located at Noblesville's Innovation Mile near Olio Road and 141st Street, in front of Interstate 69. The center will include a 3,400-seat, 120,000 square-foot arena that will host the Indiana Pacers' G League team beginning in the 2025-26 season.

Noblesville, Pacers Sports & Entertainment, NBA officials break ground on Event Center

By **RICHIE HALL**
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NOBLESVILLE – The future of professional basketball and the future of Noblesville officially teamed up last Monday, Nov. 6.

A groundbreaking took place that afternoon for the Noblesville Event Center, which will be home to the G League franchise of the Indiana Pacers. The Event Center will be a 3,400-seat, 120,000-square foot arena that will also host community events, conferences, entertainment and other sporting events.

The groundbreaking took place at 13975 BorgWarner Drive in Noblesville, which is just southeast of 141st Street and Olio Road, along Interstate 69. The area is dubbed “Innovation Mile,” Noblesville’s business and technology hub.

Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen said Innovation Mile “will be home to the jobs of the future, the amenities of the future, the quality-of-life initiatives of the future. It will also be a gateway for innovation and the anchor of thinking and development of our community as we continue to grow.”

“The Pacers will join incredible teammates like our friends at BorgWarner who have been nothing but incredibly gracious partners in this process as well,” said Jensen. “They’ll also join Michael Meneghini and his team at the Indiana Joint Replacement Institute which went under construction earlier this year.”

It was personal for Jensen, since Noblesville is

his hometown. He called it “incredible. I think it’s a game-changer for Noblesville” when speaking after the ceremony.

“When I ran for mayor or four years ago, I did not have attracting an NBA affiliate franchise for Noblesville on my bingo card,” said Jensen.

The mayor was joined by Pacers Sports and Entertainment CEO Rick Fuson, who was among the speakers at the groundbreaking.

“I’ve been in the business for a long time and to see communities like Noblesville put their heart and soul in it and say ‘Hey, yes, that’s going to be good for us, the Innovation Mile,’” said Fuson. “Sports, as you well know, can be a great economic development tool. I think that’s what Mayor Jensen and the group is looking at. We really look forward to getting started here.”

“Rick Fuson is a solid negotiator, a straight shooter, which I can appreciate,” said Jensen. “They started with some tough negotiations and in the end, I think brought a very fair deal to us to make sure that the taxpayers benefit from this and the Pacers benefit from it.”

Also in attendance were NBA Deputy Commissioner Mark Tatum and NBA G League President Sharief Abdur-Rahim. They both spoke at the ceremony, along with Noblesville Common Council President Aaron Smith.

“I thought it was terrific to see this new start of Innovation Mile,” Tatum told the Reporter. “And the plans that we have for a new state

of the art G League arena here is amazing. The tradition of basketball in the state, in the city is incredible, so to see the support that we’re going to have for this G League team, can’t wait to come back for Opening Night.”

Abdur-Rahim told the Reporter that there are many factors – the Pacers organization, “a city that’s growing like Noblesville,” and leadership that’s invested in the community “just makes it make sense for the G League.”

“Basketball, that’s one thing that you know you don’t have to sell here,” said Abdur-Rahim. The president said that “early participation is a big part of our league, so we look forward to that, to being a part of that.”

“The more that we can make strong investments like these today mean that we’ll see the jobs and the residents of tomorrow,” said Smith.

In addition to the arena, Jensen said there would be a parking structure, as well as hotel and convention space.

“There’s been other folks in and around central Indiana that have invested in arenas of different sizes. That’s been done intentionally. These aren’t meant to necessarily compete with one another, but to be part of a central Indiana sports strategy,” said Jensen.

The new arena is anticipated to open during the 2025-26 G League season. The team will play at Gainbridge Fieldhouse during construction.

— COURT NOTICES —

29D01-2310-EU-000497
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN The Hamilton Superior Court 1)
Estate Docket 29D01-2310-EU-000497)
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED)
ADMINISTRATION OF THE)
ESTATE OF)
FREDRIC ALAN POWELL,)
DECEASED.)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT 1 OF)
HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.)
In the Matter of the Estate of Fredric)
Alan Powell, Deceased.)
Cause Number 29D01-2310-EU-497)
Notice is hereby given that on the)
following date: November 1, 2023)
Jennifer Lee Quick was appointed)
personal representative of the estate of)
Fredric Alan Powell, deceased, who)
died on the day 14th day of September)
2023.)
All persons having claims against)
this estate, whether or not now due,)
must file the claim in the office of)
the Clerk of this Court within three)
(3) months from the date of the first)
publication of this notice, or within)
one (1) year after the decedent's)
death, whichever is earlier, or the)
claims will be forever barred.)
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this)
date: November 1, 2023)
Kathy Kregg Williams)
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court 1)
R3366 11/6/23, 11/13/23

29C01-2309-MI-009150
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2309-MI-009150)
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:)
EVAN RICHARD JOHNSON,)
By next friend, Mary Kathryn Meyer.)
**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR)
CHANGE OF NAME**
Notice is hereby given that on the)
25th day of September, 2023,)
Evan Richard Johnson, by Next)
Friend, Mary Kathryn Meyer,)
filed in Hamilton Circuit Court a)
Petition to change his name to Evan)
Richard Meyer. This petition will be)
considered by the Court on January)
12, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Any person has)
the right to appear at the hearing and)
file objections to this petition.)
September 26, 2023)
Kathy Kregg Williams)
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court)
RONALD K. SMITH, #388-18)
ATTORNEY AT LAW)
225 North High Street, Suite 2D)
Muncie, Indiana 47305)
Telephone: (765) 282-4022)
Fax: (765) 282-0978)
Email: attyrksmith@aol.com)
R3371 11/6/23, 11/13/23, 11/20/23

**HALL, RENDER, KILLIAN,)
HEATH & LYMAN, P.C.**)
500 N. Meridian St., Suite 400)
Indianapolis, IN 46204, Attorneys)
**NOTICE OF SUPERVISED)
ADMINISTRATION**
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT)
In the Matter of the Estate of)
PATRICIA HOLMES DOUCET,)
Deceased.)
Cause No. 29D03-2310-EU-000474)
Notice is hereby given that)
DANIEL K. BRIDGWATERS was)
on October 25th, 2023, appointed)
Personal Representative of the)
Estate of PATRICIA HOLMES)
DOUCET, Deceased, who died on)
SEPTEMBER 07, 2023. The Personal)
Representative is directed to complete)
the administration of the decedent's)
estate with court order or proceeding -)
supervised administration.)
All persons who have claims against)
this estate, whether or not now due,)
must file the claim in the office of)
the clerk of this court within three)
(3) months from the date of the first)
publication of this notice, or within)
nine (9) months after the decedent's)
death, whichever is earlier, or the)
claims will be forever barred.)
DATED at HAMILTON COUNTY,)
Indiana, this October 25th, 2023.)
Kathy Kregg Williams)
Clerk, Hamilton County Superior Court)
R3379 11/6/23, 11/13/23

29D03-2311-EU-000505
ATTORNEY:)
Rebecca J. Berfanger, #32318-49)
RJ Berfanger Law LLC)
11901 E. Washington St., Ste. 203)
Indianapolis, IN 46229)
(317)529-6094)
Notice of Administration
In The Hamilton Superior Court,)
County Of Hamilton, State Of Indiana)
In The Matter Of The Estate)
OF COLLEEN P. MATTINGLY,)
Deceased.)
Cause No. 29D03-2311-EU-000505)
Notice is hereby given that PATRICIA)
WESLEY was on November 8th, 2023,)
appointed Personal Representative of)
the ESTATE OF COLLEEN P.)
MATTINGLY, deceased, who died on)
SEPTEMBER 7, 2023.)
All persons who have claims against)
this estate, whether or not now due,)
must file the claim in the office of)
the clerk of this court within three)
(3) months from the date of the first)
publication of this notice, or within)
nine (9) months after the decedent's)
death, whichever is earlier, or the)
claims will be forever barred.)
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana this)
November 8th, 2023.)
Kathy Kregg Williams)
Clerk, Hamilton County Superior Court)
R3412 11/13/23, 11/20/23

29D01-2310-EU-000496
Victoria L. Howard, #34642-49)
Church Church Hittle & Antrim)
Two North Ninth Street)
Noblesville, IN 46060)
(317)773-2190; FAX (317) 773-5320)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Hamilton Superior Court No. 1.)
Notice is hereby given that Penny K.)
Metsker was, on November 1, 2023,)
appointed Personal Representative of)
the Estate of MICHAEL F. METSKER,)
deceased, who died April 4, 2022.)
All persons who have claims against)
this Estate, whether or not now due,)
must file the claim in the office of)
the Clerk of this Court within three)
(3) months from the date of the first)
publication of this notice, or within nine)
(9) months after the decedent's death,)
whichever is earlier, or the claims will)
be forever barred.)
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana on)
November 1, 2023.)
Kathy Kregg Williams)
Clerk of the Superior Court of)
Hamilton County, Indiana)
R3388 11/13/23, 11/20/23

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2310-MI-010249)
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:)
Silvia Bernadete Campos-Bilderback)
Petitioner)
**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR)
CHANGE OF NAME**
Petitioner, Silvia Bernadete)
Campos-Bilderback, whose mailing)
address is: 10107 Fantina Lane,)
Fishers, Indiana 46040 in Hamilton)
County, Indiana, hereby gives notice)
that Silvia Bernadete Campos-)
Bilderback has filed a petition in the)
Hamilton Circuit Court, requesting)
that her name be changed to Silvia)
Bernadete de Campos Quadros-)
Bilderback.)
Notice is further given that a hearing)
will be held on said Petition on the)
February 9, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.)
*Silvia Bernadete Campos-)
Bilderback*)
Petitioner)
Date: October 30, 2023)
Kathy Kregg Williams)
Judicial Officer)
R3392 11/13/23, 11/20/23, 11/27/23

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— COUNTY —

**BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD)
IN THE MATTER OF)
Elizabeth Lynch Drain)
NOTICE**
Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage)
Board on the **Elizabeth Lynch Drain on November 27, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.** in)
Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County)
Square, Noblesville, Indiana, and which construction and maintenance reports of)
the Surveyor and the Schedule of Assessments made by the Drainage Board have)
been filed and are available for public inspection in the office of the Hamilton)
County Surveyor.)
Hamilton County Drainage Board)
Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh)
R3400 11/13/23

**BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD)
IN THE MATTER OF)
Fox Glen Section 5 Drain)
NOTICE**
Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage Board)
on the **Fox Glen Section 5 Drain on November 27, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.** in)
Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County)
Square, Noblesville, Indiana. The purpose of the hearing is for the Board to)
increase the amount of the maximum unencumbered amount of the maintenance)
fund for the **Fox Glen Section 5 Drain** to be increased from four (4) times the)
estimated annual cost of periodic maintenance of the drain to eight (8) times)
the estimated annual cost of periodic maintenance. The Board will not consider)
an increase in annual maintenance assessments at the meeting. The previously)
established Schedule of Assessments made by the Drainage Board have been)
previously approved and are available for public inspection in the office of the)
Hamilton County Surveyor.)
Hamilton County Drainage Board)
Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh)
R3401 11/13/23

**BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD)
IN THE MATTER OF)
Hunters Creek South Drain)
NOTICE**
Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage Board)
on the **Hunters Creek South Drain on November 27, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.** in)
Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County)
Square, Noblesville, Indiana. The purpose of the hearing is for the Board to)
increase the amount of the maximum unencumbered amount of the maintenance)
fund for the **Hunters Creek South Drain** to be increased from four (4) times the)
estimated annual cost of periodic maintenance of the drain to eight (8) times)
the estimated annual cost of periodic maintenance. The Board will not consider)
an increase in annual maintenance assessments at the meeting. The previously)
established Schedule of Assessments made by the Drainage Board have been)
previously approved and are available for public inspection in the office of the)
Hamilton County Surveyor.)
Hamilton County Drainage Board)
Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh)
R3402 11/13/23

**BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD)
IN THE MATTER OF)
W. W. Forkner Drain)
NOTICE**
Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage)
Board on the **W. W. Forkner Drain on November 27, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.** in)
Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County)
Square, Noblesville, Indiana. The purpose of the hearing is for the Board to)
increase the amount of the maximum unencumbered amount of the maintenance)
fund for the **W. W. Forkner Drain** to be increased from four (4) times the)
estimated annual cost of periodic maintenance of the drain to eight (8) times)
the estimated annual cost of periodic maintenance. The Board will not consider)
an increase in annual maintenance assessments at the meeting. The previously)
established Schedule of Assessments made by the Drainage Board have been)
previously approved and are available for public inspection in the office of the)
Hamilton County Surveyor.)
Hamilton County Drainage Board)
Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh)
R3403 11/13/23

**BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD)
IN THE MATTER OF)
Lampighter Drain)
NOTICE**
Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage)
Board on the **Lampighter Drain on November 27, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.** in)
Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County)
Square, Noblesville, Indiana. The purpose of the hearing is for the Board to)
increase the amount of the maximum unencumbered amount of the maintenance)
fund for the **Lampighter Drain** to be increased from four (4) times the estimated)
annual cost of periodic maintenance of the drain to eight (8) times the estimated)
annual cost of periodic maintenance. The Board will not consider an increase)
in annual maintenance assessments at the meeting. The previously established)
Schedule of Assessments made by the Drainage Board have been previously)
approved and are available for public inspection in the office of the Hamilton)
County Surveyor.)
Hamilton County Drainage Board)
Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh)
R3404 11/13/23

**BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD)
IN THE MATTER OF)
Mary Parks Drain)
NOTICE**
Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage)
Board on the **Mary Parks Drain on November 27, 2023 at 9:20 A.M.** in)
Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County)
Square, Noblesville, Indiana. The purpose of the hearing is for the Board to)
increase the amount of the maximum unencumbered amount of the maintenance)
fund for the **Mary Parks Drain** to be increased from four (4) times the estimated)
annual cost of periodic maintenance of the drain to eight (8) times the estimated)
annual cost of periodic maintenance. The Board will not consider an increase)
in annual maintenance assessments at the meeting. The previously established)
Schedule of Assessments made by the Drainage Board have been previously)
approved and are available for public inspection in the office of the Hamilton)
County Surveyor.)
Hamilton County Drainage Board)
Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh)
R3405 11/13/23

**BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD)
IN THE MATTER OF)
Thistlewood Drain)
NOTICE**
Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage)
Board on the **Thistlewood Drain on November 27, 2023 at 9:20 A.M.** in)
Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County)
Square, Noblesville, Indiana. The purpose of the hearing is for the Board to)
increase the amount of the maximum unencumbered amount of the maintenance)
fund for the **Thistlewood Drain** to be increased from four (4) times the estimated)
annual cost of periodic maintenance of the drain to eight (8) times the estimated)
annual cost of periodic maintenance. The Board will not consider an increase)
in annual maintenance assessments at the meeting. The previously established)
Schedule of Assessments made by the Drainage Board have been previously)
approved and are available for public inspection in the office of the Hamilton)
County Surveyor.)
Hamilton County Drainage Board)
Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh)
R3406 11/13/23

**BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD)
IN THE MATTER OF)
Thomas Pierce Drain)
NOTICE**
Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage)
Board on the **Thomas Pierce Drain on November 27, 2023 at 9:20 A.M.** in)
Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County)
Square, Noblesville, Indiana. The purpose of the hearing is for the Board to)
increase the amount of the maximum unencumbered amount of the maintenance)
fund for the **Thomas Pierce Drain** to be increased from four (4) times the)
estimated annual cost of periodic maintenance of the drain to eight (8) times)
the estimated annual cost of periodic maintenance. The Board will not consider)
an increase in annual maintenance assessments at the meeting. The previously)
established Schedule of Assessments made by the Drainage Board have been)
previously approved and are available for public inspection in the office of the)
Hamilton County Surveyor.)
Hamilton County Drainage Board)
Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh)
R3407 11/13/23

**BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD)
IN THE MATTER OF)
J. M. Endicott Drain)
NOTICE**
Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage)
Board on the **J. M. Endicott Drain on November 27, 2023 at 9:20 A.M.** in)
Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County)
Square, Noblesville, Indiana. The purpose of the hearing is for the Board to)
increase the amount of the maximum unencumbered amount of the maintenance)
fund for the **J. M. Endicott Drain** to be increased from four (4) times the)
estimated annual cost of periodic maintenance of the drain to eight (8) times)
the estimated annual cost of periodic maintenance. The Board will not consider)
an increase in annual maintenance assessments at the meeting. The previously)
established Schedule of Assessments made by the Drainage Board have been)
previously approved and are available for public inspection in the office of the)
Hamilton County Surveyor.)
Hamilton County Drainage Board)
Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh)
R3408 11/13/23

**BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD)
IN THE MATTER OF)
Hunters Creek Village Drain)
NOTICE**
Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage Board)
on the **Hunters Creek Village Drain on November 27, 2023 at 9:20 A.M.** in)
Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County)
Square, Noblesville, Indiana, and which construction and maintenance reports of)
the Surveyor and the Schedule of Assessments made by the Drainage Board have)
been filed and are available for public inspection in the office of the Hamilton)
County Surveyor.)
Hamilton County Drainage Board)
Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh)
R3409 11/13/23

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— COURT NOTICES —

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WALWORTH COUNTY
KYLE ENTERPRISES, LLC
d/b/a Millennium
2121 Hobbs Drive
Delavan, WI 53115
Plaintiff,
vs.
INFINICOM LLC
17035 Folly Brook Road
Noblesville, IN, 46060
and
JON E. REYNOLDS
12760 Touchdown Drive
Fishers IN 46037
Defendants.

SUMMONS
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:
You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit against you. The Complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action.
Within forty (40) days after receiving this Summons, you must respond with a written Answer, as that term is used in chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The Court may reject or disregard an Answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The Answer must be sent to or delivered to the Court whose address is Walworth County Courthouse, 1800 County Trunk NN, Elkhorn, Wisconsin 53121, and to the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Wagner, Falconer & Judd, Ltd., 300 N. Corporate Drive, Suite 200, Brookfield, WI 53045. You may have an attorney represent you.
If you do not provide a proper Answer within forty (40) days, the Court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.
Dated: October 27, 2023
WAGNER, FALCONER & JUDD, LTD.
Electronically signed by Attorney Daniel J. Reich
Daniel J. Reich (SBN 1034503)
300 North Corporate Drive, Suite 200
Brookfield, WI 53045
Phone: 262-972-1818
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ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF
R3352 11/6/23, 11/13/23, 11/20/23

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2306-MI-4955)
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE)
JAMES DANIEL SMITH)
NOTICE OF HEARING)
Notice is hereby given that)
Petitioner, JAMES DANIEL SMITH,)
pro se, filed a Verified Petition for)
Change of Name to change his name)
from JAMES DANIEL SMITH to)
JAMES DANIEL MEYERS JR..)
The petition is scheduled for hearing)
in the Hamilton Circuit Court on)
February 9, 2024 at 10:00 am, which)
is more than thirty (30) days after the)
third notice of publication. Any person)
has the right to appear at the hearing)
and to file written objections on or)
before the hearing date. The parties)
shall report to One Hamilton County)
Square, Suite 337, Noblesville, IN)
46060.)
Date: October 4, 2023)
Kathy Kreag Williams)
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court)
R3300 10/30/23, 11/6/23, 11/13/23

29D03-2310-EU-000487
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
In The Hamilton Superior Court)
Probate Division)
CAUSE NO. 29D03-2310-EU-000487)
IN RE THE MATTER OF)
THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF:)
LOUISE H. KANT, DECEASED)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION)
Notice is hereby given that on the)
25th of October, Glenn R. Kant was)
appointed personal representative)
of the Estate of Louise H. Kant,)
deceased, who died on the 30th day of)
September, 2023.)
All persons having claims against)
this estate, whether or not now due,)
must file the claim in the office of)
the Clerk of this Court within three)
(3) months from the date of the first)
publication of this notice, or within)
nine (9) months after the decedent's)
death, whichever is earlier, or the)
claims will be forever barred.)
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on)
October 25th, 2023.)
Kathy Kreag Williams)
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court)
Stephen E. Ferrucci)
Clapp Ferrucci)
8766 South Street, Suite 210)
Fishers, IN 46038)
(317) 578-9966)
Attorney for Glenn R. Kant,)
Personal Representative of the)
Estate of Louise H. Kant, deceased)
R3353 11/6/23, 11/13/23

29D02-2310-EU-000489
Webster & Garino, LLC
209 E. 175th Street, Suite A
Westfield, IN 46074
317-565-1818
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Cause Number:
29D02-2310-EU-000489
In the Hamilton County Superior
Court, Indiana. Notice is hereby
given that Michael K. Dawson and
Anne M. Jutt were on the 27th day of
October, 2023, appointed Co-Personal
Representative of the Estate of Bonnie
M. Dawson, who died on September
20, 2023.
All persons who have claims against
the estate, whether or not now due,
must file the claim in the Office of
the Clerk of this Court within three
(3) months from the date of first
publication of this notice, or within
nine (9) months after the decedent's
death, whichever is earlier, or the
claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana this
27th day of October, 2023.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton County
Superior Court
R3355 11/6/23, 11/13/23

29D02-2310-EU-000491
Hamilton Superior Court 2
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
STATE OF INDIANA
IN RE: THE ESTATE)
OF BENJAMIN T. CAUGHEY,)
DECEASED.)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION)
TO BE PUBLISHED)
In the Court of Hamilton County,)
Indiana.)
Notice is hereby given that on)
October 27, 2023, Daniel Caughey was)
appointed Personal Representative of)
the Estate of Benjamin T. Caughey,)
deceased, who died testate on October)
1, 2023.)
All persons who have claims against)
this estate, whether or not now due,)
must file the claim in the office of)
the clerk of this court within three)
(3) months from the date of the first)
publication of this notice, or within)
nine (9) months after the decedent's)
death, whichever is earlier, or the)
claims will be forever barred.)
Dated in Noblesville, Indiana, on)
October 27, 2023.)
Kathy Kreag Williams)
Clerk, Hamilton County Superior Court)
ATTORNEYS FOR PERSONAL)
REPRESENTATIVE)
Lisa M. Dillman)
APPLEGATE & DILLMAN)
ELDER LAW)
2344 South Tibbs Avenue,)
Indianapolis, Indiana 46241)
Telephone No.: (317) 492-9569)
lisa@applegate-dillman.com)
R3357 11/6/23, 11/13/23

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— CICERO —

NOTICE
Under Bullseye Towing llc 317-979-8446, 22271 us 31 n, cicero, in 46034:
YVIRSS92XS2471694 2005 volvo s60 \$2750
5XXGR4A66DGI24485 2013 kia optima \$2750
KNAGM4AD3D5054507 2013 kia optima \$2750
KNAGM4AD4D5048084 2013 kia optima \$2750
5XYKWDA75EG440954 2014 kia sorento \$2750
5XXGN4A74FG417650 2015 kia optima \$2750
KNDJN2A27G7321682 2016 kia soul \$2750
KNDJP3A58H7417140 2017 kia soul \$2750
Sale date is 12-1 2023 9am.
R3377 11/13/23

— WESTFIELD —

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS
OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION
Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the school corporation known as Westfield Washington Schools (the "School Corporation") that the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of the School Corporation will meet at the School Corporation's Administration Center, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B, Westfield, Indiana, at the hour of 6:00 p.m. (Local Time) on November 28, 2023, to consider the following additional appropriation of the bonds (the "Bonds") which the Board has determined to issue. The Board considers such additional appropriation necessary to meet the need existing at this time:
An appropriation in the amount of \$10,000,000 from the proceeds of the Bonds, including all original issue premium and all investment earnings thereon, to be deposited in the School Corporation's Construction Fund (Fund #2301) on account of the site and athletics improvements at school facilities, including construction of new tennis courts (the "Project") in the School Corporation, including the incidental expenses necessary to be incurred in connection with the Project and the issuance of Bonds on account thereof. The funds to meet such additional appropriation are to be provided by the issuance and sale of Bonds by the School Corporation.
The foregoing appropriation is in addition to all appropriations provided for in the existing budget and tax levy, and a need for such appropriation exists by reason of the inadequacy of the present buildings to provide necessary school facilities in the School Corporation.
Taxpayers of the School Corporation appearing at said meeting shall have the right to be heard in respect to the additional appropriation.
Dated this 13th day of November, 2023.
/s/ Secretary, Board of School Trustees
Westfield Washington Schools
R3389 11/13/23

NOTICE OF HEARINGS
Pursuant to Indiana Code § 20-26-7-37 and Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.5, notice is hereby given that the Board of School Trustees of Westfield Washington Schools (the "School Corporation") will meet at 6:00 p.m. on November 28, 2023, at the School Corporation's Administration Center, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B, Westfield, Indiana, and at 6:30 p.m. on December 12, 2023, at the School Corporation's Administration Center, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B, Westfield, Indiana to hold public hearings. On November 28, 2023, the Board will hold a public hearing to discuss and hear objections and support regarding the proposed Destination Westfield Projects which include the (i) construction of a new elementary school at Midland Crossing; (ii) demolition of all or a portion of the existing Shamrock Springs Elementary School and construction of a new elementary school thereon; (iii) construction of a new middle school; (iv) expansion of the Virginia F. Wood Early Learning Center; (v) construction of a transportation facility and related site improvements; (vi) renovation of the historic Westfield Library facility for academic use; and (vii) further renovation of and improvements to facilities in the School Corporation, including maintenance improvements and site improvements, and the purchase of equipment, technology, real estate and buses (collectively, the "Projects"). On December 12, 2023, the Board will hold a second public hearing to discuss and hear objections and support regarding the proposed Projects and will also consider the adoption of a resolution making a preliminary determination to enter into one or more lease agreements and issue one or more series of bonds to finance the Projects. You are invited to attend and participate in the public hearings.
Dated November 13, 2023.
/s/ Secretary, Board of School Trustees
Westfield Washington Schools
R3391 11/13/23

— SHERIDAN —

Notice of Adoption of Ordinances
Annexing Certain Real Estate to the Town of Sheridan, Hamilton County, Indiana
Ordinance 2023-18, An Ordinance Annexing Certain Real Estate to the Town of Sheridan, Hamilton County, Indiana, was adopted by the Sheridan Common Council on November 6, 2023 The annexation area consists of approximately 86.00 acres +/- and is generally located at the north side of 236th Street and east of Six Points Road. The ordinance shall be effective in accordance with Indiana law, upon its passage by the Council, its publication in accordance with law, and upon the passage of any applicable waiting period, all as provided by the laws of the State of Indiana. Ordinance 2023-18 in its entirety is available for inspection during regular business hours at the Sheridan Clerk-Treasurer's Office located at 506 South Main Street, Sheridan, Indiana.
Ordinance 2023-19, An Ordinance Annexing Certain Real Estate to the Town of Sheridan, Hamilton County, Indiana, was adopted by the Sheridan Common Council on November 6, 2023. The annexation area consists of approximately 98.05 acres +/- and is generally located at the north side of 236th Street and east of Six Points Road. The ordinance shall be effective in accordance with Indiana law, upon its passage by the Council, its publication in accordance with law, and upon the passage of any applicable waiting period, all as provided by the laws of the State of Indiana. Ordinance 2023-19 in its entirety is available for inspection during regular business hours at the Sheridan Clerk-Treasurer's Office located at 506 South Main Street, Sheridan, Indiana.
Ordinance 2023-20, An Ordinance Annexing Certain Real Estate to the Town of Sheridan, Hamilton County, Indiana, was adopted by the Sheridan Common Council on November 6, 2023. The annexation area consists of approximately 158.73 acres +/- and is generally located at the north side of 236th Street and east of Six Points Road. The ordinance shall be effective in accordance with Indiana law, upon its passage by the Council, its publication in accordance with law, and upon the passage of any applicable waiting period, all as provided by the laws of the State of Indiana. Ordinance 2023-20 in its entirety is available for inspection during regular business hours at the Sheridan Clerk-Treasurer's Office located at 506 South Main Street, Sheridan, Indiana.
Dated this 7th day of November 2023.
Elizabeth A. Walden, Clerk-Treasurer
R3390 11/13/23

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Town of Sheridan
The Advisory Plan Commission of Sheridan, Indiana will conduct a public hearing on a Petition of the Town of Sheridan to update and establish an equitable impact fee for the planning and financing of Park Infrastructure to serve residential development in the Town of Sheridan Indiana on the 30th day of November, 2023 at 6:00 P.M., at Sheridan Community Center, located at 300 E. 6th St., Sheridan, IN 46069.
The geographic area to which the proposed ordinance applies is: The entire Town limits of the Town of Sheridan, Indiana, in Hamilton County.
A copy of the proposed Ordinance is available for review and public inspection at the Clerk-Treasurer's Office located in Town Hall, 506 South Main Street, Sheridan, Indiana, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and online at http://sheridan.in.gov.
Written suggestions or objections concerning this application may be filed with the Secretary of the Commission at/or before this hearing and will be read aloud at this hearing. Interested persons desiring to present their views upon the application will be given the opportunity to be heard. Said hearing may be continued from time to time as may be necessary.
Dated at Sheridan, IN, this 9th day of November, 2023
Elizabeth Walden
Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Sheridan
R3393 11/13/23

— NOBLESVILLE —

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING
Board of Zoning Appeals
City of Noblesville, Indiana
This notice is to inform you of a Public Hearing that will be held by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals on the 4th day of December, 2023. This hearing, to discuss application BZNA-000162-2023, will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, Noblesville City Hall at 16 South 10th Street. The application submitted by Michael and Lindsey Rinehart requests approval of a Variance of Development Standards application pursuant to UDO §4.D.3. and Planned Development Ordinance 67-9-03 to allow a front-load garage addition on the property located at 16797 Maines Valley Drive, Noblesville, IN, 46062.
Written suggestions or objections relative to the application above may be filed with the Department of Planning and Development, at or before such meeting, and will be heard by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. Interested persons desiring to present their views, either in writing or verbally, will have an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place.
This hearing may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. A copy of the proposal is on file in the Department of Planning and Development at 16 South 10th Street, Suite B140 and may be reviewed during regular office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A copy of staff report will be posted on the agenda on the city website, http://www.cityofnoblesville.org at least 5 days prior to the hearing.
Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals
Caleb Gutshall, Secretary
R3395 11/13/23

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING
Board of Zoning Appeals
City of Noblesville, Indiana
This notice is to inform you of a Public Hearing that will be held by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals on the 4th day of December, 2023. This hearing, to discuss application BZNA-000154-2023, will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, Noblesville City Hall at 16 South 10th Street. The application submitted by Gajoko and Ann Baloski requests approval of a Variance of Use application pursuant to UDO § 8.B.3. and Appendix C to allow an autism clinic on a property within the R2 (low to moderate density single family residential) zoning district on the property located at 19043 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN, 46060.
Written suggestions or objections relative to the application above may be filed with the Department of Planning and Development, at or before such meeting, and will be heard by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. Interested persons desiring to present their views, either in writing or verbally, will have an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place.
This hearing may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. A copy of the proposal is on file in the Department of Planning and Development at 16 South 10th Street, Suite B140 and may be reviewed during regular office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A copy of staff report will be posted on the agenda on the city website, http://www.cityofnoblesville.org at least 5 days prior to the hearing.
Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals
Caleb Gutshall, Secretary
R3396 11/13/23

— CARMEL —

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR
CONSENT TO MERGE
FARMERS-MERCHANTS BANK OF ILLINOIS
WITH AND INTO
MERCHANTS BANK OF INDIANA
Notice is hereby given that an application has been made to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 300 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60606, for written consent to merge Farmers-Merchants Bank of Illinois, Joy, Illinois with and into Merchants Bank of Indiana, Carmel, Indiana. It is contemplated that all offices of the above-named institutions will continue to be operated, with the exception of the branches of Farmers-Merchants Bank of Illinois located at 101 W. Main St., Joy, IL 61260, 101 North Taft St., Paxton, IL 60957, 100 East Main St., Melvin, IL 60952, and 116 S. Pine St., Piper City, IL 60959.
Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the Chicago Regional Director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at the Chicago Regional Office, 300 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60606, not later than November 15, 2023. The non-confidential portions of the application are on file in the Chicago Regional Office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the non-confidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.
R3254 10/16/23, 10/30/23, 11/13/23

— COUNTY —

NOTICE TO BIDDERS AND CONTRACTORS
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, Indiana, Hereinafter referred to as the OWNER, will receive sealed bids for the following Surface Milling, Patching, and Asphalt Resurfacing of the following project:
1) Various Roads in Jackson, Noblesville and Wayne Townships totaling approximately 7.02 miles and referred to as "Contract 23-02" all in Hamilton County, Indiana.
Sealed bids can be forwarded individually by registered mail or delivered in person to the Hamilton County Auditor's Office until 11:30 a.m. November 27, 2023 at 33 N. 9th Street, Suite L21, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. After 11:30 a.m. they can be delivered to the Auditor in the Hamilton County Commissioners Courtroom up to the time of the noticed bid opening.
All proposals will be considered by the OWNER at a public meeting held in the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center at Noblesville, Indiana, Commissioner's Courtroom, and opened and read aloud at 1:00 p.m. local time, November 27, 2023.
The work to be performed and the proposals to be submitted shall include a bid for all general construction, labor, material, tools, equipment, taxes (both federal and state), permits licenses, insurance, service costs, etc. incidental to and required for this project.
All materials furnished and labor performed incidental to and required by the proper and satisfactory execution of the contract to be made, shall be furnished and performed in accordance with requirements from the drawings and specifications included in these documents and will be on file at the Hamilton County Highway Department, 1700 S. 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana, beginning at 8:30 a.m. on November 13, 2023 and may be obtained for the sum of \$25 for the Proposal and Specifications of which none is refundable. Payment shall be by money order or check and shall be made payable to the Hamilton County Treasurer.
Each individual proposal must be enclosed in a sealed envelope with the county supplied sealed bid notice bearing the title of the project and the name and address of the bidder firmly affixed. All mailer packets shall have a separately sealed envelope inside the mailer with the county supplied sealed bid notice firmly affixed to the inside sealed bid. Each proposal must be submitted separately. The bidder shall affix identifying tabs to the following sheets of each proposal:
• Form 96
• Non-Collusion Affidavit
• Bid Bond
• Financial Statement
• Employment Eligibility Verification Certification
• Receipt of Addendum (If Applicable)
• Itemized Proposal
Each individual proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, made payable to the Hamilton County Auditor, in a sum of not less than ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the proposal, which check or bond will be held by the said Hamilton County Auditor as evidence that the bidder will, if awarded a contract, enter into the same with the OWNER upon notification from him to do so within ten (10) days of said notification. Failure to execute the contract and to furnish performance bond to Hamilton County, Indiana, will be cause for forfeiture of the amount of money represented by the certified check, or bidder's bond, as and for liquidated damages. Form 96, as prescribed by the Indiana State Board of Accounts, shall be properly completed, and submitted with bid proposals. The Commissioners at their discretion reserve the right to waive any and all informalities in the bidding. All bids submitted shall be good for 120 days from the opening of the bids.
Robin Mills
Hamilton County Auditor
Dated: November 5, 2023
R3303 11/6/23, 11/13/23

DES# 2100113
NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD
The ProPEL US 31 South study team has released the Draft Universe of Alternatives (Level 1) Screening Technical Memorandum for public review and comment. The report is the next step in the Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) study along the US 31 corridor in Hamilton, Tipton, Howard, and Miami Counties in Northern Indiana. The US 31 South study area extends from 276th Street in Hamilton County to just south of the Eel River in Miami County.
The Draft Universe of Alternatives Screening (Level 1) Technical Memorandum documents the initial screening of concepts that may address the transportation issues and desired outcomes identified in the ProPEL US 31 South Purpose & Need Report. The Draft Universe of Alternatives Screening (Level 1) Technical Memorandum and the Purpose & Need report are available at propelus31.com/31doclibrary.
The Universe of Alternatives represents the initial step in a three level alternatives development and screening process. Concepts contained in the Universe of Alternatives were subject to a high-level qualitative screening process to identify those that meet the purpose and need and are practical. Concepts that do not satisfy the screening criteria will be eliminated from consideration, while successful concepts will be carried forward and evaluated at specific locations in the US 31 South study corridor.
Public comments on the Draft Universe of Alternatives (Level 1) Screening Technical Memorandum will be accepted until December 22, 2023. Links to the draft memo and the study feedback form are available at www.propelus31.com.
A copy of the Draft Universe of Alternatives (Level 1) Screening Technical Memorandum will be available for review at the following locations throughout the public comment period. Comment forms that can be returned via postal mail will also be available at these locations:
Tipton County Public Library
127 E. Madison Ave.
Tipton, IN 46072
Peru Public Library
102 E. Main St.
Peru, IN 46970
Kokomo Howard County Public Library, Main Branch
220 N. Union St.
Kokomo, IN 46901
Kokomo Howard County Public Library, South Branch
1755 E. Center Road
Kokomo, IN 46902
Sharpsville Town Hall
124 S. Main St.
Sharpsville, IN 46068
In addition, a copy of the Draft Universe of Alternatives Screening Technical Memorandum will be available during upcoming community office hours. Study team members also will be available to answer questions.
December 6, 2023
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Pipe Creek Mercantile
2980 W. 400 S.
Peru, IN 46970
December 6, 2023
2 – 4 p.m.
Kokomo Howard County Public Library, Main Branch
220 N. Union St.
Kokomo, IN 46901
After public comments are considered, INDOT will publish a final universe of alternatives screening report on the study website.
INDOT intends to use the information, analysis and decisions from the PEL study process to inform future federal environmental reviews conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, persons and/or groups who require study information in alternative languages or formats should contact Stacey Osburn at sosburn@HNTB.com or 317-374-8998.
This notice is published in compliance with: 1) Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 771 (CFR 771.111(h)(1) stating, "Each State must have procedures approved by the FHWA to carry out a public involvement/public hearing program." 2) 23 CFR 450.210(a)(1)(ix) stating, "Provide for the periodic review of the effectiveness of the public involvement process to ensure that the process provides full and open access to all interested parties and revise the process, as appropriate."; and 3) The INDOT Public Involvement Policies and Procedures approved by the Federal Highway Administration on July 7, 2021.
R3365 11/13/23, 11/27/23

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE
Notice is given that the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, on October 23, 2023, adopted Ordinance No. 10-23-23-A ("the Ordinance"). The Ordinance authorizes the Hamilton County Health Department to issue permits for construction and/or reconstruction of on-site sewage systems and holding tanks. The Ordinance also provides for fines up to Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) per occurrence for violation of the Ordinance.
The remedies described in the Ordinance may be enforced and shall be effective after the 1st day of December, 2023.
Copies of the Ordinance are available for review and copies may be obtained from the Hamilton County Auditor in the basement of the Historic County Courthouse at 33 North 9th Street, Suite L-21, Noblesville, Indiana and from the Hamilton County Health Department at 18030 Foundation Drive
Suite A, Noblesville, IN 46060. A copy of the Ordinance is also available on the Hamilton County, Indiana, website by searching County Ordinances and scrolling to the Ordinance No. 10-23-23-A.
Dated this 1st day of November, 2023.
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
HAMILTON COUNTY
BY: Robin Mills,
Auditor of Hamilton County
R3368 11/6/23, 11/13/23

— NOBLESVILLE —

NOTICE OF AUCTION
Notice is hereby given, pursuant and in conformity to IC 9-22-1.5 Abandoned Mobile Homes, IC 26-1-7-210 and IC 26-1-2-328, of a public auction of an abandoned 1996 Dutch mobile home bearing a manufacturers identification number of: Serial #14664. The abandoned mobile home will be sold at public auction at 10:30 A.M. on November 21, 2023 at 17301 River Avenue, Noblesville IN. 46062. The abandoned mobile home can be viewed at 218 Natasha Drive, Noblesville IN. 46062, for 1 hour prior to the auction.
R3372 11/6/23, 11/13/23

Girls Basketball

Shoot high: Heights' Runner now top scorer in school history

By **RICHIE HALL**
sports@readthereporter.com

ARCADIA — There's two things you should know about Camryn Runner.

First, she knows how to score points in basketball. The senior became the all-time leading scorer in Huskies girls basketball history last Saturday during Heights' 53-41 win over Jay County at the Huskies' gym.

Second, Runner is a fantastic teammate. The game was historic, but it was also frustrating because she had to sit on the bench for much of the second half due to early foul trouble. But Runner made it clear that the Huskies are more than her.

"I trusted my teammates," said Runner. "Ella Hickok handling the ball, that's big. Hitting free throws towards the end. I trusted my teammates. Hadleigh Cherry coming up big, driving towards the lane. Kamryn Rhoton coming off the bench, hitting that 3 and that layup, that was big."

"Camryn Runner is one of the best teammates I've ever coached," said Heights coach Keegan Cherry. "So, for her to say she trusts her teammates, I wouldn't expect her to say anything else. She's definitely a 'We before me' kid. Fantastic teammate. Does whatever you ask her to do."

Runner made two

3-pointers in the first quarter for the Huskies. Hickok also hit a triple at the end of the period. Not only did that give the Huskies a 15-10 lead, but it started an 11-0 run that lasted well into the second quarter.

The spurt finished when Runner scored off a steal, and those were the points that broke the record.

"I had no idea," said Runner. "I knew I reached 1,000 points last year at Lewis Cass, but I had no idea where I stood in the rankings. When my teammates started jumping for joy, I thought I hit a buzzer-beater for half-time. And then I looked up and they're all like, 'Congrats!' I'm like, 'Uh, what did I do?' And they're like 'You just passed the leading scorer.' So, I'm thankful, I'm grateful for my teammates, but I had no idea."

After the Patriots hit a 3, Hickok drained another 3 — her third of the game, and Heights led 26-13. Jay County closed the half with a little run and were within 31-24 at halftime.

Despite the foul adversity, the Huskies stayed in front through the entire second half. Keegan Cherry pointed out that Heights won the third quarter, outscoring Jay County 7-6 to lead 38-30 going into the fourth. Katie Brown hit a 3 to start the third period.

Rhoton, a freshman,

getting four points and Annie Murphy and Kori Dues both hitting a 3-pointer. Yorktown outscored GC 11-5 in the second period for a 27-19 halftime lead.

Both teams added 16 points in the third quarter, including six from Ava Bills. But the Tigers pulled

away again with another 11-5 period in the fourth. Gianna Morelli and Bills both scored 10 points.

Guerin Catholic dropped a 48-36 game at Greenfield-Central last Saturday afternoon. The Cougars jumped out to a 17-5 lead after the first quarter and were

ahead 28-18 at halftime. Morelli led the Golden Eagles with 19 points.

Guerin Catholic is 1-2 for the season. The Golden Eagles host Hamilton Heights on Tuesday and begin Circle City Conference play on Saturday by hosting Heritage Christian.

to 13 points and Morgan Roberts drained two triples while scoring 12.

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Reporter photo by Richie Hall
Hamilton Heights' Camryn Runner received a game ball after becoming the Huskies' all-time girls basketball scorer during Heights' game Saturday against Jay County. Runner is pictured with her parents Bart and Dawn Runner.

made a layin to finish the third quarter. After the Patriots opened the fourth with a layin, Rhoton nailed a 3 to give the Huskies a 41-32 advantage.

Jay County cut the lead to four points three times during the final four minutes of the game, but by then the Patriots were fouling. Heights went 12-for-12 from the free-throw line

during the last 3:19 of the game — Hickok went 6-of-6, Runner was 4-of-4 and Brown was 2-of-2.

Runner finished the game with 17 points, and now has 1,348 points for her career. She broke the 12-year record of 2011 graduate Jessica Carr, who totaled 1,340 points. Hickok added 15 points.

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Tigers three for three on the week

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The Fishers girls basketball team won all three of its games last week.

First, the Tigers used strong first and third quarters to run past Anderson 75-48 last Tuesday at the Tiger Den. Fishers jumped out to a 21-7 lead after the first period. Nevaeh Dickman scored seven points for the Tigers, with Joirdyn Smith and Kate Thomas each hitting a 3-pointer.

Fishers led 33-20 at half-time, then took control in the third quarter by outscoring the Indians 20-3. Allison Scheu took over the game in that period with 11 points, including a 3. The Tigers added another 22 points in the fourth.

Four Fishers players reached double figures. Scheu totaled 19 points, Dickman scored 17, Smith made three 3s on her way

Shamrocks fall Saturday

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The Westfield girls basketball team dropped a 59-34 game last Saturday at Lawrence Central.

Ellie Kelleher and Reagan Lorenzen both scored seven points for the Sham-

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The Golden Eagles stayed close with the Tigers in the first quarter, trailing only by 16-14. Five players scored, with Lillian Behrle

getting four points and Annie Murphy and Kori Dues both hitting a 3-pointer. Yorktown outscored GC 11-5 in the second period for a 27-19 halftime lead.

Both teams added 16 points in the third quarter, including six from Ava Bills. But the Tigers pulled

away again with another 11-5 period in the fourth. Gianna Morelli and Bills both scored 10 points.

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