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“2023 will be the seventh consecutive year of the city hosting the Ice Plaza,” Parks Director Brandon Bennett said. “Instead of offering sessions, our Ice Plaza allows skaters to enjoy the ice for as long as they want. Admission is all day long so after skating for a bit, patrons can take a break to visit any of our fantastic nearby restaurants and stores and return to skate some more without having to pay again.”

Families can reserve a unique, private carriage ride through downtown Noblesville. Rides last approximately 15 minutes and can seat up to six adults and three to five children on adults’ laps. Carriage rides will be offered on six days in December.

Leading up to Christmas Eve, private rides with Santa will be available Dec. 15 to 18. In addition to Santa, rides will seat up to five adults and three to five children on adults’ laps. Each ride includes only one group and must be reserved in advance online at bit.ly/npcarriagerides. Carriage ride registration will open at noon Wednesday, Nov. 15.

Federal Hill Commons’ event lawn will again be transformed into a walk-

able lights display with festive, picturesque views and a warming shelter and food/drink trucks on select days. The Holiday Market, hosted by Noblesville Main Street, will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2 and will include local restaurants and holiday artisan vendors for shoppers. The Holiday in Lights Parade hosted by the City of Noblesville at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 2 will end at Federal Hill Commons.

Holidays at the Hill would not be possible without the support of the following businesses and organizations: Align Orthodontics, Bailey & Wood Financial Group, Building Envelope Allies, Burtner Electric, CCH+A, Context Design, CSI Signs, Federal Hill Apartments, Gaylor Electric, Horizon Bank, Indiana American Water, IU Health, McGavic Outdoor Power, Metronet, Midwest Paving, Mufflers and More, Myers Construction Management Inc., Old Town Companies, Pediatric Dentistry of Noblesville, Peterson Architecture, RCX Sports, Reggie’s Motorworks, and The Noble Mechanic.

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Also guest conducting is Sabin Martinez. Martinez recently completed work on a dual master's degree in music performance and conducting from Butler University and served as the graduate assistant for the Butler University Athletic Bands. He was the winner of the 2021 concerto competition at Butler and frequently teaches and plays in bands and chamber ensembles in the Indianapolis area.

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

“Our mission is to have a “FUN” atmosphere that is



Sabin Martinez (left) and Joe Poio (right) will both serve as guest conductors.

inviting to all musicians,” Swart said.

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

Please consider supporting this community endeavor at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3 in the Noblesville High School Auditorium. Bring the family and grandkids and kick off your holiday season. A freewill offering

will be collected to help with the purchase of new music and equipment.

HCCB also welcomes corporate sponsors. Information can be found at HamiltonCountyCommunityBand.com.

MENTAL LOAD

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Their prices are rock-bottom because we are members of their Neighbors Club.

Our dogs and cats are small, and we can easily store a month’s worth of food for all our pets thanks to having large bins with lids. The bags of food aren’t too heavy. I enjoy seeing everyone at this store once a month, plus they are great community supporters. This is one load that is quite light for me. With a little bit of research and planning, you can discover the best options to help slash your labor in this area as well.

One mental load that I am working to decrease, however, is prescriptions. My husband John gets three a month from two different pharmacies. Many people are switching to getting their

prescriptions via mail or delivery.

This is helpful, especially when you have the same prescriptions from month to month. Most pharmacies, even small local ones, offer this service for free for regular mail or no rush delivery. The advantages include:

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5. Avoiding exposure to germs in crowded pharmacies.

With the larger pharmacies, by using a simple app on your phone, you can receive notifications when your

prescription is ready, choose a delivery method, upload a payment method, and even track your prescription.

If you’re not tech savvy, you can still get prescriptions mailed or delivered to you and often save money. Many insurance plans allow a reduced copay when ordering a 90-day supply for home delivery. Talk to your doctor and ask for a 90-day supply with the appropriate number of refills. Ask them about generic options as well.

To get things started, you can bring in your prescription to the pharmacy, submit it by mail, ask your doctor to call, fax, or e-prescribe it, or fill out a refill submission form by hand.

I’m working with my husband to switch to this option because it feels like

one of us is always running to our local pharmacy at least once every week or two. Even though we get automated reminders of when a prescription is due for pick up, this errand gets old and adds to our load.

By the way, there are similar systems for your pets’ prescriptions. Some sites offering this service are chewy.com, drsfoster-smith.com, 1-800PetMeds, and PetCareRx. You may also save money for your furry friends’ medications this way!

Amy Shankland is a writer and fundraising professional living in Noblesville with her husband John, two sons, two dogs and a cat. You can reach her via email at amys@greenavenue.info.

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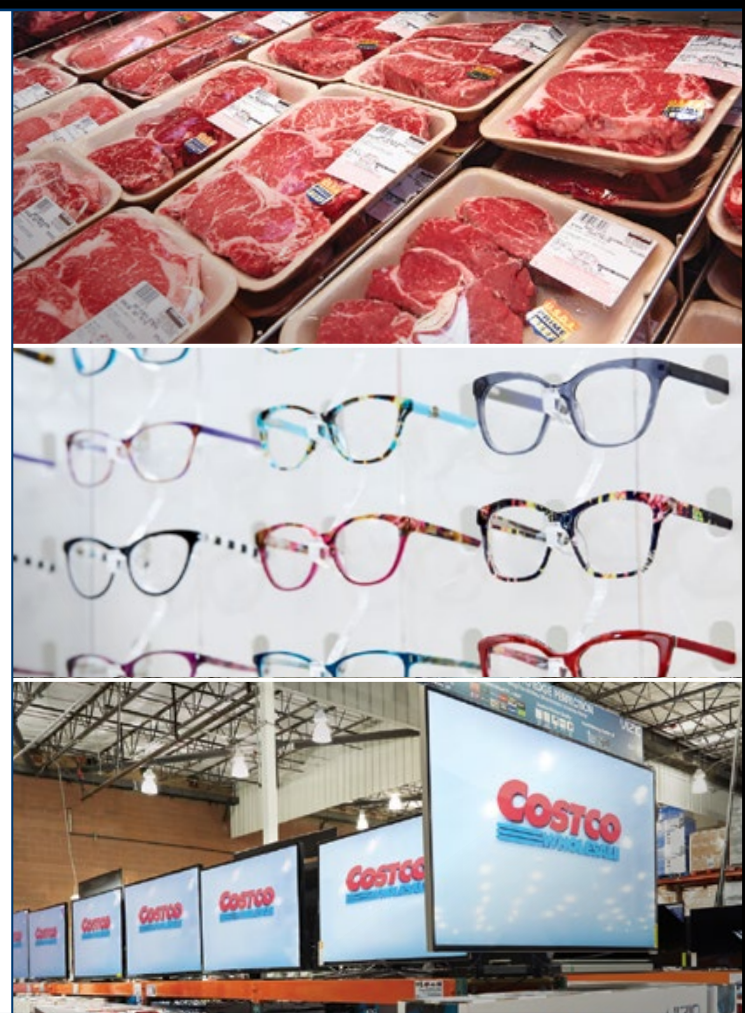
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currently located in California, Texas, Georgia, New York, and Illinois), New Orleans-style brass band style with an eclectic blend of hip-hop, R&B, funk and pop – Dec. 10, 3 to 3:45 p.m. and 5 to 5:45 p.m.

• Jutta & the Hi-Dukes™ (Evanston, Illinois), Traditional and upbeat Chanukah and Klezmer along with ethnic holiday and Christmas music from Germany, Sweden, Denmark, France, Romania, Greece, and more – Dec. 14, 7 to 8:45 p.m.; Dec. 15, noon to 1:45 p.m.

• Alex Meixner Band (Texas), polka music, Grammy-nominated musician, and producer – Dec. 15, 6 to

6:45 p.m. and 8 to 8:45 p.m.; Dec. 16, 4 to 5:30 p.m.; Dec. 17, 6 to 7:45 p.m.

• Mike Schneider Band (Milwaukee, Wis.), polka music – Dec. 16, 6 to 6:45 p.m. and 8 to 8:45 p.m.; Dec. 17, noon to 12:45 p.m., 2 to 2:45 p.m., and 4 to 4:45 p.m.

For a full list of all the entertainers booked for the Market this season, visit CarmelChristkindlmarkt.com/winter-pavilion.

The Market opens for the season on Saturday, Nov. 18. To learn more about the Carmel Christkindlmarkt and see all the official hours, please visit CarmelChristkindlmarkt.com.



Reporter photos by Megan Poteet

Earlier this week, The Reporter's own Megan Poteet and her family got a sneak peek at what the Carmel Christkindlmarkt has to offer this year. Despite the unseasonably warm weather, the holiday festivities were well underway. See more photos from the Poteet Family at ReadTheReporter.com.



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From the desk of Heights Supt. Dr. Derek Arrowood

Update No. 117

I take great pleasure in highlighting the accomplishments of our students and alumni at every opportunity.

Theresa Morris ('88), an accomplished mentor and resource, has been a guiding force for students seeking opportunities in the literary field. Kelly Lewis ('88) has joined Theresa in supporting the efforts of young authors and illustrators from Heights with plans to release new books soon.

Ryan Adkins is set to release his third book with a fourth in development. His *Monsters of Math* series is illustrated by Lu Hubbell ('23), who has also illustrated and/or contributed to three other published works. Sarah Adkins' second book in her series, *Tasha's Adventures in Cooking*, with Abi Burk ('23) as the series' illustrator along with her sister Kai Burk ('23), who contributed to that series as well as illustrating the *Mama*



DR. DEREK ARROWOOD
Heights Superintendent

Tembo series. New author Abraham Martin's first book in a developing series about an adventurous anthropologist is set to be released in 2024.

Hailey Montgomery ('21) reached out to share that she is Director of Funds for the Ball State University Dance Marathon executive board and fundraising for this year's event. She credited her interest and involvement in helping others to her experience with a Meals-on-Wheels trip her junior year at Heights. She said it was so impactful, it helped lead her to helping Riley Children and families in need at BSU. I couldn't help but feel proud of this former student who was inspired in high school to continue to do good work for others. Anyone can support her efforts for Riley [here](#).

Speaking of accomplishments, senior Camryn Runner, a University of Evansville recruit, passed

Jessica Carr's ('11) career scoring record of 1,340 points on Saturday (1,347) to become Heights' All-Time Leading Scorer in the women's basketball program. After Tuesday night's game, Camryn now stands at 1,377 points scored for Heights. Amazing!

Interested in a career in aviation? Then you won't want to miss Aviation Career Exploration Day on Dec. 2 hosted by Republic Airways, Leadership In Flight Training (LIFT) Academy, and The Pursuit Institute for students and their families in Hamilton County. Information and registration can be found [here](#).

On a side note, the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) is administering a survey seeking input on what your household needs to be healthy and what is needed to support your well-being. Your feedback will help IDOH better serve you and others across Indiana. This survey, open through Dec. 15, is voluntary, anonymous, and avail-

able [here](#). [Here](#) for Spanish.

Heads up. A waterline improvement project is underway in the Town of Arcadia through the end of December. Because there is a slight possibility that water service throughout our campus could be impacted, we are encouraging our families to be prepared for the possibility of synchronous e-learning day(s). In the event of losing water service for an extended period, communication will be sent out in a similar manner to that of a weather-related closure. We're keeping our fingers crossed that the project continues through completion without incident.

With the Thanksgiving holiday coming up next week, I can't help but reflect on the importance of gratitude in our lives. Gratitude is a powerful force that can foster a sense of well-being, improve relationships, and enhance the overall quality of our lives. Wishing you a Thanksgiving season filled with joy, love, and a profound sense of gratitude.

#WeAreHuskies

Duke Energy offers more than \$425,000 in energy bill assistance to help Hoosier families facing financial hardship

The REPORTER

To help lower energy costs for low-income families this winter, Duke Energy Indiana is making more than \$425,000 in financial aid available to eligible customers through the company's [Share the Light Fund](#)®.

"The assistance we offer through the Share the Light Fund will help community members who may struggle to pay their electric bills as the temperatures dip," Duke Energy Indiana President Stan Pinegar said. "Customers with past-due utility bills or in need of ongoing assistance can take advan-

tage of these funds to get the help they need."

Duke Energy works in partnership with the [Indiana Community Action Association](#) to distribute funds to qualifying customers to pay energy bills, deposits and reconnection/connection charges.

"As the weather gets colder, the cost of heating a home and keeping the lights on can become a significant burden for families who are already struggling to make ends meet," said Ed Gerardot, executive director of the Indiana Community Action Agency. "These funds can provide much-needed relief

for our neighbors in need, helping ensure they can stay warm through the winter."

Eligibility for the Share the Light Fund is based on income, family size, and the availability of resources. Customers can receive up to a \$300 credit annually on their account. Individuals should contact their local community action agency to see if they are eligible. [Click here](#) to find a listing of service providers by county.

Duke Energy offers a number of other tools and resources to help customers take control of their energy use and save money. To

learn more about these programs, visit [duke-energy.com/HereToHelp](#).

About the Duke Energy Foundation

The Duke Energy Foundation provides philanthropic support to meet the needs of communities where Duke Energy customers live and work. The Foundation contributes more than \$2 million annually in charitable gifts to Indiana and is funded by Duke Energy shareholder dollars. More information about the Foundation and its Powerful Communities program can be found at [duke-energy.com/Foundation](#).

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Sheridan Lions enjoy distinctly Hoosier card game



The Sheridan Lions Club held its Euchre Night last Saturday evening on Main Street, hosted by the Merrill Family. Photos provided by Sheridan Lions Club / Chuck Godby

Zoning, building & permits, oh my!

The REPORTER

Have you ever wondered about the process behind buildings getting built? Or maybe how projects are allowed to build in specific areas of a city? Perhaps you are interested in what really happens behind the scenes of that beautiful gas station being built.

The Westfield Chamber of Commerce invites you the second Pastry with a

Planner breakfast from 8 to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 28 at The Bridgewater Club.

This edition of Pastry with a Planner will feature Caleb Ernest, Senior Planner for the City of Westfield.

Ernest will discuss the step-by-step process of how the built environment is cre-



Ernest

ated, how projects go through the approval process, and the final step of obtaining building permits. Expect to leave this event enlightened and your eyes opened to a whole new world of zoning, building, and permits. [Click here](#) to register now.

OneZone announces 2024 legislative priorities

Submitted

OneZone Chamber of Commerce has announced its 2024 legislative priorities for local lawmakers to address during the legislative session at the Indiana Statehouse. This year OneZone will concentrate its efforts on childcare and workforce development.

OneZone's focus on workforce will be to support policies and incentives that encourage attracting, training, and retaining talent to meet the needs of the area's current and future workforce. OneZone believes while the labor market remains robust, the number of qualified workforce participants continues to dwindle, with job vacancies causing problems for industries across the board.

It is critical that Indiana allows businesses to remain competitive and, thus, spurring growth in existing and future economic development. This could include policies that encourage quality of place and infrastructure investments that attract and retain talent, remove overly burdensome regulations, and keep Indi-

ana's tax climate business-friendly.

"Workforce plays an important role as we look to attract talent, not just in neighboring states but across the country," OneZone President & CEO Jack Russell said. "We will continue to be a voice for businesses to help attract and retain talent."

OneZone will also focus on improving childcare policies. OneZone supports increased access to quality educational programming for Hoosier children – specifically for childcare and pre-kindergarten programs. OneZone supports regulatory change to decrease undue burdens on facilities. Additionally, OneZone supports innovative ideas to grow the workforce to meet the needs of employers and employees.

Quality childcare and pre-kindergarten programs are essential to grow our future talent pipeline and promote a strong educational foundation before starting a formal K-12 education. In addition, quality program-



Russell

ming for children allows parents to have the ability to participate in the workforce, have financial stability, and even continue furthering their own education. Decreasing regulatory burdens for

childcare providers allows for increased access and availability and allows them to focus on providing quality care.

"We saw great discussion in the 2023 session around childcare and hope to build off the momentum," Russell said. "We look forward to working with our Hamilton County legislators on creating a strong foundation for Hoosier children while finding new and innovative ways to allow parents to participate in the workforce."

As the session approaches make sure to attend the January, February, and March Eggs & Issues. Hear from state legislators on these topics and more. The first Eggs & Issues will be from 8 to 9:30 a.m. on Jan. 12 at The Bridgewater Club.

Carmel police arrest three Texas men in burglary case

The REPORTER

On Monday evening, Carmel Police responded to a burglary in the 14000 block of Dublin Drive. In less than 18 hours, three suspects were arrested and transported to the Hamilton County Jail.

Officers determined entry was made and valuables had been taken from the home. Investigators worked swiftly to identify three suspects involved. Those individuals were taken into custody following a traffic stop at approximately 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 14.

The following individuals were booked into the Hamilton County Jail on Burglary to a dwelling, a Level 4 Felony.

- Danny Mosqueda, 36,

Houston, Texas

- Alvaro Gamboa, 57, Houston, Texas

- Bairon Camacho Ruiz, 26, Houston, Texas

If anyone has further information regarding this case, please call the Carmel Police Department at (317) 571-2500.

Charges including the preliminary ones described above, are merely accusations; an accused is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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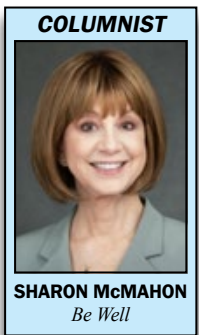
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Better health starts with better sleep

"Be thy sleep silent as night is, and as deep." – Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

I have a hunch that my subject matter this week will resonate with a few of you. Sleep – the kind that lasts for several hours – renews brain and body functioning, leaving us awake and refreshed ... remember? I am sure there are people reading this and unsure of why I would select this topic and if you are one of those people – good for you!

For most of my life sleep was never an issue: wash face, brush teeth, jammies,



head on pillow, done. And while I usually have no issues falling asleep, my brain sometimes knocks on my skull around 2 a.m. or so, maybe later or a bit earlier, saying, "Hey! Let's talk!" One never knows!

How common are sleep problems? Having trouble sleeping is commonly reported throughout the world. According to the American Sleep Association (AMA), sleep disorders currently affect as many as 50 to 70 million U.S. adults and insomnia is the most frequently reported.

It is often accepted that since we are all different that our specific sleep needs are different, and of course that would apply to toddlers, adults, teenagers, etc. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, adults need seven or more hours of sleep per night for the best health and wellbeing.¹ Short sleep duration is defined as less than seven hours of sleep per 24-hour period.

It is also commonly accepted that as we age our sleep habits and patterns change; I personally can attest to my own experiences thus far. So what is going on and how can we make the necessary changes to ensure that we have bet-

ter sleep – therefore better health, stronger immune systems, increased cognitive abilities, and increased longevity? Unfortunately, there are no "easy" answers to that question. Many of the random articles you read, and I concur with their suggestions, advise us to turn off electronics of all kinds, make sure your bedroom is comfortably cool, no caffeine in hours leading up to your bedtime, keep the lighting off or very low, etc.

Most of us are aware of these suggestions and follow them, as I do. How-

ever, the awakening issue persists. Sigh. While, thankfully, this does not occur on a regular basis it occurs frequently enough to further study the subject.

There is so much information about sleep issues and disorders that it can be confusing and unclear regarding how we can identify whether we should seek medical advice and/or make changes in our own habits and lifestyles which can benefit our bodies to get the proper rest it requires. It is important to seek the advice of your physician.

"I want to sleep but my

brain won't stop talking to itself." – Garfield

¹Joint consensus statement of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine and Sleep Research Society on the recommended amount of sleep for a healthy adult: methodology and discussion. *Sleep*. 2015;38:1161–1183.

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.

Aspire names Kevin Sheward VP of business strategy

The REPORTER

Aspire Indiana Health has named Kevin Sheward as Vice President of Strategy and Business Development, overseeing the development and implementation of business strategy for the healthcare nonprofit.

Sheward has been with Aspire for eight years and previously held the title of Director of Grants, Resource & Fund Development. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science and an MBA, both from Anderson University.

"Kevin will be responsible for guiding the creation of a unified strategy for Aspire Indiana Health and its subsidiaries, as well as developing and strengthening partnerships with stakeholders who are essential to our mission of making health and well-being a reality," Aspire President & Executive Officer Antony Sheehan said. "His leadership will be instrumental in Aspire's con-

tinued desire to provide outstanding experiences to every person who chooses Aspire for their care or career. I am excited about the positive impact Kevin will undoubtedly make in this new capacity."

Under Sheward's leadership, Aspire has seen its grant funding skyrocket over the last several years, and added millions to the company's bottom line through 340B compliance and other resource development initiatives. He has also helped launch significant fundraising campaigns and helped guide organizational growth across the organization.

"I'm truly humbled by the opportunity to serve Aspire and our communities in this new role," Sheward said. "Aspire does not do this work alone and I look for-



Sheward

ward to strengthening existing, and building new, partnerships that help meet critical needs of Hoosiers in central Indiana."

About Aspire

Aspire Indiana Health is a fully integrated nonprofit health system serving central Indiana that addresses behavioral health, primary medical care, substance use disorders, infectious diseases, deaf services, veteran programs, abused/neglected children, and social drivers of health such as housing and employment. Aspire is supported by a strong network of community organizations, state/federal entities, and generous benefactors. Those interested in partnering with Aspire in making health and well-being a reality in central Indiana are encouraged to email info@aspireindiana.org.

ISO adds date to 2023 AES Indiana Yuletide Celebration

The REPORTER

By popular demand, the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra (ISO) recently announced an additional performance of the 2023 AES Indiana Yuletide Celebration at Hilbert Circle Theatre.

The new date is 2 p.m. on Dec. 22. Tickets for the newly added performance, along with more than two-dozen showtimes to choose from, are on sale now at IndianapolisSymphony.org.

Maestro Jack Everly leads the 37th annual AES Indiana Yuletide Celebration Dec. 1 to 23, for a magical holiday production featuring Broadway star Ben Crawford as host, the return of MOIPEI after their debut performance with the ISO in 2022, tap-dancing Santas, dazzling choreography, and stunning costumes. Ben Crawford served as host of Yuletide Celebration in 2012 and 2014 and is known for his memorable performances in Broadway blockbusters including *Les Misérables*, *Shrek*, *Big Fish*, *Charlie & the Chocolate Factory*, and many more.

2023 highlights

- Maestro Everly continues his tradition of composing new music for the Yuletide performances – and he'll conduct familiar holiday favorites, too.
- Audiences are in for a treat with a performance from Sherry Hong, ISO's Acting Assistant Principal Second Violin.
- The talented triplets Mary, Maggy and Marta are returning for this year's performances. Known globally as MOIPEI, this trio wows

audiences with their harmonies.

- Look for the internationally acclaimed Expressenz Dance Center on stage, too.
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The show is only part of the tradition. Arrive early for a stroll around Monument Circle, where the Circle of Lights will be on display; then head to Hilbert Circle Theatre for cookies and hot chocolate in the lobby, photo opportunities with holiday characters and the iconic Christmas tree, and a reading of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" in the Maestro Lounge 30 minutes before showtime.

Tickets may be purchased online at IndianapolisSymphony.org or by calling the Box Office at (317) 639-4300.

About Principal Pops

Conductor Jack Everly
Maestro Jack Everly has

served as the ISO's Principal Pops Conductor for 20 years and as the Music Director of the AES Indiana Yuletide Celebration, now entering its 37th year. Each year, he composes original music for the Yuletide performances, along with conducting familiar favorites. Throughout the season, whether he's leading the ISO through memorable Broadway melodies for the Printing Partners Pops Series or *Princess Bride* for the popular Film Series presented by Bank of America, Maestro Everly is beloved by fans for his musical expertise and charismatic personality. He has led the ISO in its first Pops recording, Yuletide Celebration, Volume One, which included three of his own orchestrations.

About the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra

The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, at home and thriving in the heart of Indianapolis, offers an exceptional artistic and musical experience. The orchestra is open to all and dedicated to creating an inclusive and innovative experiential environment that is inspiring, educational, and welcoming. The ISO celebrates historically beloved performances while engaging audiences by introducing new voices through programming including the IU Health Plans Classical Series, the Printing Partners Pops Series, the holiday traditions of AES Indiana Yuletide Celebration and the popular Film Series presented by Bank of America. For more information, visit IndianapolisSymphony.org.



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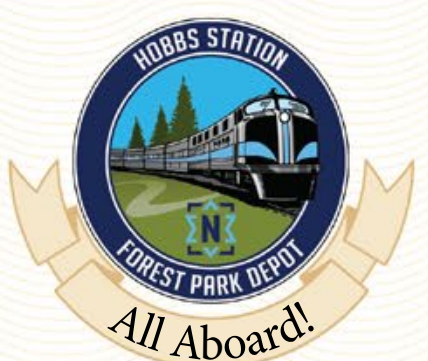
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Estridge opens “Studio E” home customization center



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Estridge Homes held a grand opening for its office and homeowner design center, “Studio E,” at its new headquarters, 645 W. Carmel Drive, Suite #130, Carmel. Estridge Homes was founded in 2013. “Studio E” allows buyers to personalize their homes by selecting their fixtures and finishes. Estridge Homes builds nearly 100 homes a year and is currently building in Westfield's Harmony, Midland, and Serenade neighborhoods, in Carmel at One46 Monon, and in Indianapolis at 16Gateway. Learn more at Estridge.com. (Front row, from left) Jeff Worrell, Carmel City Councilman; Chirs Morrison, Purchasing & Estimating Manager; Tyler Blake, CFO; Clint Mitchell, CEO; Rob McGraw, COO; Devon Bloxom, Director of Sales & Marketing; Casey Stroup, Cabinet Division Manager; and Judy Estridge. (Back row, from left) Tracy Ash, Studio E Consultant; Eri Bates, Estimator; Sarah Stamper, Sales Consultant; Mason McQuinn, VP of Construction; Jill Mullen, Studio E Manager; and Jason Harter, Pre-Construction Manager.

Get to the Thanksgiving table safely

Hamilton County Traffic Safety Partnership stepping up patrols during peak Thanksgiving travel

The REPORTER

Thanksgiving is a time for families to gather. However, with more people on the roadways, there is greater potential for crashes. That is why the Hamilton County Traffic Safety Partnership is joining law enforcement agencies from across the state to make sure everyone gets to their destination safely.

“This holiday season, we expect to see a lot of traffic on the roads. Please make smart decisions by not mixing drinking and driving,” said Devon McDonald, Executive Director of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. “Be proactive and plan for a sober driver.”

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), impaired driving and fatal crashes spike during the Thanksgiving holiday. In

2021, 190 people throughout the nation died in alcohol-impaired driving crashes in the holiday travel period ranging from the day before Thanksgiving to the Monday following Thanksgiving.

NHTSA data shows there are more motor vehicle traffic crash fatalities during holiday periods due to increased travel time, more alcohol usage, and excessive driving speed.

The issue is made worse by Thanksgiving Eve, also known as “Drinksgiving” or “Blackout Wednesday.” On that day, there is an increase in overconsumption of alcohol.

From November 2017 to November 2021, 137 drivers



Quakenbush

were involved in fatal alcohol-impaired crashes on the night before Thanksgiving. In 2021 alone, 36 drivers in fatal crashes were alcohol impaired. The Hamilton County Traffic Safety Partnership reminds people that impaired driving is a matter of life and death.

“The goal of law enforcement in addressing overconsumption of alcohol is not only to enforce the law but also to promote public safety, reduce accidents, and create an environment where individuals can enjoy themselves responsibly,” said Hamilton County Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush. “Education, prevention, and intervention are essential components of the approach to mitigating

the negative effects of excessive alcohol consumption. We want everyone to make it their destinations safely for the Thanksgiving holiday.”

Officers will be on the roads on high alert for impaired drivers. Motorists are encouraged to **plan ahead** to get home safely by designating a sober driver or by using public transportation or a ride service like Uber or Lyft. Never drive impaired or let friends get behind the wheel if they have been drinking.

By working together, we can save lives and make sure there are no empty places at the Thanksgiving table this year.

For more information on impaired driving, please visit nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/drunk-driving.

Click here to learn more about Hamilton County Traffic Safety Partnership.

Indianapolis man sentenced to five years in federal prison for manufacturing counterfeit currency

The REPORTER

Jacob Seyfried, 47, Indianapolis, has been sentenced to five years in federal prison after pleading guilty to manufacturing counterfeit currency.

According to court documents, on Nov. 13, 2021, a Carmel Police Department

Officer initiated a traffic stop on a Cadillac with stolen license plates near 96th street. The driver was Seyfried.

Seyfried stated that he had been released from jail about six days prior and had been staying at the nearby Clarion Hotel. He claimed that he borrowed the Cadillac and just finished shopping at Kohl's.

The Carmel officer searched the vehicle and found a \$100 bill under the console that appeared brighter in color than normal. The officer also found several receipts on the floorboard of the vehicle, a paper shredder in the trunk, and a Kohl's shopping bag containing a Nike coat and backpack.

The officers searched Seyfried's person and removed a wad of \$50 bills. Seyfried told officers he had about \$400 in cash on him at the time. Officers examined the money and noticed that most of the bills had the exact same serial number. Officers recovered a total of \$300 in counterfeit \$100 and \$50 bills. Officers went to Kohl's and recovered the bills that Seyfried used to pay for his purchases, which were also counterfeit. A \$50 bill Seyfried used at Kohl's had the same serial number

as the counterfeit bills police later found on his person.

At the Clarion Hotel, law enforcement officers searched the room Seyfried checked out of that morning. During their search, they located items used to manufacture counterfeit bills, including gel pens, double-sided tape, a water proofer, a printing paper booklet, several articles of ink and paint, and two printers. Officers also recovered eight pages of printed, counterfeit \$100 bills, and four pages of printed counterfeit \$50 bills.

Seyfried has a lengthy criminal history including convictions for forgery, possessing a handgun as a convicted felon, and a prior federal conviction for mail fraud. He was caught with a counterfeit title for a stolen \$50,000 Dodge Charger while on pretrial release in this case.

“Undeterred by multiple convictions and jail time, Mr. Seyfried continued to use fraud and deceit to line his pockets,” said Zachary A. Myers, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana. “Creating counterfeit currency is not a victimless crime, it harms everyone in our economy-stealing income

from businesses and raising prices for consumers. The serious prison sentence here demonstrates that fraudsters and forgers will face serious punishment for economic crimes. I commend the Carmel Police Department and the U.S. Secret Service, along with our federal prosecutor, for their diligent work to ensure that this criminal is held accountable.”

“The sentencing in this case is a testament to the outstanding work of the Carmel Police Department,” said Jeffrey R. Adams, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Secret Service Indianapolis Field Office. “We would like to thank the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Carmel Police Department for their partnership in this investigation.”

The Carmel Police Department and U.S. Secret Service investigated this case. The sentence was imposed by U.S. District Court Judge James P. Hanlon. Judge Hanlon also ordered that Seyfried be supervised by the U.S. Probation Office for three years following his release from federal prison.

U.S. Attorney Myers thanked Assistant United States Attorney Adam J. Eakman, who prosecuted this case.



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Sen. Braun: “If we do not embrace AI, we won’t be able to counter it”

Sogility to partner with Hoosier FC

The REPORTER

On Thursday, U.S. Senator Mike Braun (R-Ind.), Ranking Member of the U.S. Special Committee on Aging, delivered the following opening remarks at the committee’s hearing titled, “Modern Scams: How Scammers Are Using Artificial Intelligence & How We Can Fight Back.”

While the most common scams are still old-fashion impersonation, we are now seeing fraudsters leverage artificial intelligence (AI) to carry out sophisticated attacks.

Scammers utilize voice-cloning and deepfakes to pose as much more realistic threats than consumers are used to.

With the amount of personal information already online, these scammers can target practically anyone.

These damages, as highlighted in our Fraud Book, can amount to billions of

dollars in losses.

We must also recognize that AI has facilitated an extraordinary number of positive developments.

AI has made a massive resurgence in the past 10 years to become more widespread, powerful and easier to use than ever before.

AI has materialized across multiple industries, being used to detect cancer, predict equipment failure for manufacturing, and detect fraud in banking.

It is consumer demand that has been a driving force in AI investment and advancement. It is estimated that worldwide spending on AI will reach nearly \$98 billion this year.

I know first-hand from being an entrepreneur the importance of embracing technology to grow your



Braun

business.

There are clear benefits to AI, but it is also something we need to be careful about unrolling.

In the context of frauds and scams, AI can be leveraged negatively - but it can also be part of the solution.

The private sector has utilized AI and machine learning since the 1990s to combat fraud.

It is important that the government embraces similar technology by testing promising solutions to systems that suffer the most from fraud, like Medicare.

Taxpayers are losing more than \$60 billion every year in Medicare-related fraud and payment errors, and individuals are sometimes charged up to \$1,200 in co-pays per scam.

I will be introducing the

Medicare Transaction Fraud Prevention Act, which empowers CMS to conduct a fraud detection pilot utilizing machine learning.

This bill targets two categories of historically high-fraud Medicare-covered products, Diagnostic testing and Durable Medical Equipment.

By notifying beneficiaries in real time with suspicious purchase alerts, this bill uses successful techniques that are already employed by private industry.

While some of my colleagues have called for heavy-handed federal regulations on AI, I am very concerned that we do not smother it.

I am proud of championing solutions like this to help the government better integrate working solutions and look forward to learning about similar commonsense solutions for long-term fraud reduction.

The REPORTER

Hoosier Futbol Club (FC) and Sogility have announced a partnership to help continue the development of their players in a unique and exciting environment.

Sogility is a soccer training center based in Westfield utilizing world-class training technology used by large clubs like FC Barcelona and Manchester City. This center is perfect for players who want to improve their technical skills in dribbling, touch, passing, and shooting.

“Sogility is excited to add Hoosier FC to our list of local club partners,” CEO Sogility Jimmy Carson. “They have a history of developing very talented players and we are excited to help provide these players additional supplemental training opportunities.”

“Hoosier FC has long been known for its focus on

developing its players’ technical skills, especially at the youngest ages,” Hoosier FC Executive Director of Coaching Tom Keenan said. “Through our relationship with Sogility, our athletes will have access to additional training opportunities that incorporate the use of technology. We are excited to partner with Sogility and encourage our players to put in the work and strive for excellence.”

For more information on the partnership between Hoosier FC and Sogility contact Sam Wade at sam@sogility.net or Meg Strothkamp at strothkamp.meg@hoosierfc.com.

About Sogility

Sogility’s mission is to increase soccer players’ skills, confidence, and physical development with personalized training through the use of technology and individualized data monitoring. Learn more at sogility.net.



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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

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Isaac's servants dug in the valley and discovered a well of fresh water there. But the herders of Gerar quarreled with those of Isaac and said, "The water is ours!" So he named the well Esek, because they disputed with him. Then they dug another well, but they quarreled over that one also; so he named it Sitnah. He moved on from there and dug another well, and no one quarreled over it. He named it Rehoboth, saying, "Now the Lord has given us room and we will flourish in the land."

Genesis 26:19-22 (NIV)

Meeting Notices

The Mt. Vernon School Board of Trustees will meet for a work session from 5:15 to 6:45 p.m., followed by a regular meeting from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 20, 2023, at the Mt. Vernon Administrative Service Center, 1806 W. State Road 234, Fortville.

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023, in the Board Room at the Noblesville Schools Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road, Noblesville.

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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-0033-2023**, will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, Noblesville City Hall at 16 South 10th Street. The application submitted by FMG Indianapolis d/b/a Reagan Outdoor Advertising requests an appeal of a Violation Letter dated June 6, 2019 pursuant to UDO § 4.D.2 on the property located at **14800 Herriman Boulevard**.
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 the file may also be viewed on the Department of Planning website, <http://www.cityofnoblesville.org/planning>.
Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals
Caleb Gutshall, Secretary
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Nancy Lou Householder


October 26, 1942 – November 15, 2023



Nancy Lou Householder, 81, Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at Prairie Lakes Health Campus in Noblesville. She was born on October 26, 1942, to C. Victor and Vera (Witcraft) Degarmo in Janesville, Wis.
Nancy graduated from Janesville High School where she participated in water ballet. She also enjoyed figure skating in her younger years. Nancy has been a member of First Christian Church in Noblesville for many years. She provided administrative assistance for the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater, Wis., and for 14 years at the Hamilton County Courthouse. Nancy liked to play Bridge, play tennis with friends, and was an avid traveler, enjoying many cruises and adventures with her family. Nancy never missed her boys' games or events as they were growing up.
She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Howard Householder; sons, Chadmon Householder and Ryan (Deanna) Householder; sister, Vicki (Mark) Degarmo-Jackson; brother, Bruce (Tamara) Degarmo; nephew, Bob (Sharon) Naatz; niece, Deb (Doug) Brookins; step-grandchildren, Gage and Lila; several nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, and extended family.
In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Verne Degarmo; and sister, Wilma Naatz.
Services will be held at noon on Friday, December 8, 2023, at First Christian Church of Noblesville, 16377 Herriman Blvd., Noblesville, with Rev. Dr. Brooks Barrick officiating. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to the time of service at the church.
Memorial contributions may be made to Dementia Society of America, P.O. Box 600, Doylestown, PA 18901 (dementiasociety.org).
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Retta Faye Edwards

July 17, 1944 – November 15, 2023



Retta Faye Edwards, 79, Lapel, passed away on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at her home surrounded by her family. She was born on July 17, 1944, to Samuel and Thelma (Brumett) Estes in Union County, Ky.
Fay spent many years working for Riverview Hospital in the housekeeping department and was a member of Bethel Baptist Church in Lapel. She enjoyed making and selling crafts and was the "go to" seamstress for all her family and friends. Fay would go all out for Easter with an egg hunt and dressing up as the Easter Bunny. She volunteered for Operation Christmas Child for many years, and it was her goal to outdo herself from the previous year by recruiting help from family and friends, who could never say no. Fay liked spending time with her church family and loved having sleepovers with her grandchildren. She liked to travel and taking "snapshots of life" pictures.
She is survived by her daughter, Barbara (Tom) Roark; sons, Mark Edwards and Matthew (Shirley) Edwards; 14 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; brother, Bill Estes; nephew, Mike Estes; and several self-adopted children and grandchildren.
In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald D. Edwards; daughters, Michelle Wiltermood and Tina Brown; granddaughter, Jessica Brown; twin sister, Rita May Estes; and sister, Jewel Lee.
Services will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with Pastor Jimmy Gilbert officiating. Visitation will be from 12:30 p.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Chester Friends Cemetery in Westfield.
Memorial contributions may be made to Operation Christmas Child, c/o Samaritan's Purse, P.O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607 (samaritanspurse.org).
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Sheridan volleyball team makes post-season honors



Photos provided
The Sheridan volleyball team gave out its post-season awards on Wednesday. Here are pictures of the Blackhawks' honorees. (Above, from left) Junior Kenzie Garner (Overall MVP), junior Trinity Parkin (Offensive MVP), sophomore Meredith Krupp (Defensive MVP), junior Nova Cross (1,000 plus career assists), freshman Beth Adams (Mental Attitude). (Left) Senior Maelei Casler (left), manager (Support Staff Academic All State Gold Award) and senior Claudia Headlee (Hoosier Heartland Conference All Academic Conference and Academic All State Gold Award).



SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Nov. 17

FOOTBALL

Class 6A north semi-state

Westfield at Crown Point, 7:30 p.m.

Class 1A south semi-state

Indianapolis Lutheran at Sheridan, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

University at Lawrence Central, 6:30 p.m.

Brownsburg at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.

Fishers at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.

Franklin Central at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.

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championship game.

Claire is also a long-time athlete in her sport; she started her running career at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in the third grade. She also understood what it was like to go through a competitive sectional, as Guerin Catholic had to advance out of the tough Noblesville sectional and Shelbyville regional just to qualify for state.

"It has been great competing against girls that are faster because it has pushed us harder and therefore we have been able to run faster times and reach our goals," said Claire. "It has been not only challenging but a wonderful learning experience and as a result, we have proven we can compete at a higher level!"

They may be two sisters in different sports, but they now have the common bond of being state qualifiers. And, each other's biggest fans.

"I don't quite chase her around the full length of the course like my mom does, but I have seen her run," said Ava.

Claire said "it's been a joy watching my sister her whole life but particularly in her senior year play soccer for the last time!"

New video seeks to restore respect for game officials

The REPORTER

Community members can now view a free video on the [Hamilton County Sports Authority \(HCSA\) website](#) about good sportsmanship and respecting officials through a partnership with Officially Human. Officially Human exists to restore respect to game officials and recognize them as authorities on the fields and courts.

"Officially Human is thrilled to partner with Hamilton County Sports Authority," said Officially Human Founder Brenda Hilton. "In my first conversation with the HCSA team, they shared a desire to drive change in the Hamilton County area by being the first sports authority to partner with Officially Human. This organization sees the value of raising awareness surrounding the positive treatment of officials, and we look forward to working alongside their communities."

The Elevate Respect

video on HCSA's website informs viewers about the job of an official and how to restore respect on the fields and courts. Recommended viewers include spectators, coaches and players of any sport.

"We want to raise awareness throughout the community regarding the difficult jobs officials have and how to increase respect for them, no matter what sport," said Hamilton County Sports Authority Director Carl Daniels. "We can't support sport tourism without supporting our officials."

United Umpires, an organization that schedules baseball umpires for Westfield's Grand Park, is a strong believer in Officially Human's mission of "humanizing" officials and umpires.

"We are thrilled that Hamilton County Sports Authority is partnering with the Officially Human team and look forward to seeing them around Hamilton County and Grand Park as we all work together to solve the shortage, retention and treatment of sports officials," said The United Brand Chief Executive Officer Alex Skandalis.

This partnership will continue to grow with new resources and programming in the weeks to come. For the latest information, go to [HamiltonCountySports.com](#).

About Hamilton County Sports Authority

The Hamilton County Sports Authority creates positive economic and community impact by attracting, supporting and developing sporting events, facilities and clubs for Hamilton County.

About Officially Human

Based in Lombard, Ill., Officially Human was founded to restore respect to, and positive treatment of, sport officials through increased education and communication to all stakeholders (administrators, coaches, athletes, and fans.) Founded in 2019, Officially Human is the leader in addressing the growing crisis in officiating that touches every sport, official, and level of competition. Officially Human offers tailored solutions to athletic host organizations of all sizes that improve the stakeholder experience at each of their sporting competitions. The comprehensive solutions package includes digital education, awareness building, event host communication strategies, and organizational support in addressing poor fan behavior. To learn more about Officially Human, visit [OfficiallyHuman.com](#).



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8:00 pm Westfield at Crown Point | SEMI STATE

Tues Nov 21 - Girls Basketball

6:00 pm Zionsville vs Fishers | JV Basketball | Fishers Sports Network

7:30 pm Zionsville vs Fishers | Varsity | Fishers Sports Network

Sat Nov 25 - Boys Basketball

12 pm Franklin Community vs Noblesville | JV | HCTV Sports

1:30 pm Franklin Community vs Noblesville | Varsity | HCTV Sports



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