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TODAY'S WEATHER



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HIGH: 50 LOW: 28

Businesses & people awarded for helping Noblesville grow

Grandpa Carl

The REPORTER

The Advancing Noblesville Chamber Foundation, in partnership with Mayor Chris Jensen and the City of Noblesville, recently honored 17 businesses, organizations, and individuals in nine different categories. Each were recognized for excellence in their field and as a community role model.

The Advancing Noblesville Chamber Foundation is a recognized 501(c)(3) not-for-profit public benefit corporation dedicated to Noblesville business community's success. The Foundation equips Noblesville-area employers and their employees with tools necessary to learn and grow in its four key areas of focus.



Photo provided

See Chamber . . . Page 2 The finalists and winners of the 2023 Advancing Noblesville Chamber Foundation awards.

Mom wrote this story about her father-in-law, Carl George Adler.

COLUMNIST



RAY ADLER
 Ask Adler

He was a big man: tall and broad. He said he never asked for shoes when he went to the shoe store – he just called for leather. Every morning he shaved with his old straight edged razor. His dark hair was cut short in what he called the pompadour. His eyes were a piercing blue, his nose a little on the sharp order. Grandpa was a handsome man. No wonder Grandma “fell” for him!

He was neat, too, though he wore the usual farmers’ garb: bib overalls, blue chambray shirt, high-top shoes (always black) sweater, denim blouse, and two-buckle overshoes. In summer he wore a straw hat, in winter a corduroy cap. Grandpa did not go bareheaded, summer or winter. He did not roll his sleeves up either. Grandma always said he had skin like a baby.

On dress-up occasions the suit was usually brown, all wool with a hard finish. No land catchers for him. A white or light-colored striped shirt and felt fedora. There were five boys and three girls with Grandpa third in line. The two older boys had to quit school early and then work to put the other boys through college. With his small amount of schooling, Grandpa did as well or better than any of the boys. He had plenty of talent and became an excellent carpenter. He built or helped build some of Fort Wayne's finest homes.

Farming was his real love and he was good at it. True, he worked hard, most farmers do. He liked being his own boss and had a keen sense of knowing when to work the land and when to stay off. Your dad either inherited that or absorb it from him.

Grandpa was very economical about some things. This was not a “stingy” trait. The way he practiced it – you don’t waste water because the supply is limited. You will have children, grandchildren, etc. For their sakes you do not consume more than your share of natural resources. You improve the soil and build it up so future generations can enjoy their share, too.

Oh, I don’t remember him putting his idea into those words, but it was pretty evident. Sometimes I would wonder: What is one’s share of such common things as heat or electricity or gas or some of the other dependable resources? It isn’t as simple as being able to pay for it.

In other ways Grandpa was very generous. He didn’t believe in loaning money (he was burned once by a relative) but if he had it in his pocket, he would give a five or 10 to a would-be borrower. If you got it back, fine. If not – well, that was okay because it was just a gift.

By the time I knew him, Grandpa’s hands were too crippled to milk a cow. He took care of the hogs; Grandma milked the cows and separated the milk. She loved working outside and worked alongside Grandpa anytime she could-though household tasks were her main department.

When he was in his 70s and couldn’t go out to do chores, Grandpa started washing dishes and doing small chores in the house. By then there weren’t many outside chores, but Grandma insisted on having a few hens until she was past 80.

The world would be a better place if everyone practiced many of Grandpa’s rules.

I remember Grandpa’s rule on diets: “Eat a little bit of everything and not too much of anything and you’ll be okay.”

Westfield opens doors & arms to those in need this Thanksgiving

Submitted

On Nov. 18, Open Doors food pantry in Westfield provided Thanksgiving food items to families in the community.

A total of 335 families signed up to receive Thanksgiving assistance this year, which was an increase of more than 80 families over last year. Families received a turkey, pumpkin pie, whipped topping, margarine, bread, produce, milk, and a box of canned food items. Families were given the option of picking up their food at Open Doors or having it delivered to them.

“We have seen a tremendous increase in need in Westfield over the past year, and we would not be able to provide this assistance without the help of our generous community,” said Carrie Larrison, director of



Photo provided

Over 100 volunteers helped sort food, made reminder phone calls, and filled food boxes.

special projects for Open Doors. “People stepped up and donated over 2,500 canned food items, and many also purchased tur-

keys and pies when we realized our numbers were greater than anticipated. Monetary donations were very much appreciated

and went towards the cost of the perishable items.”

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Kiwanis Club of Cicero: stop in the name of the Christmas spirit!

The REPORTER

The Kiwanis Club of Cicero held its annual “Angel Tree Roadblock” on Nov. 18. The Angel Tree Program is a long-standing Christmas tradition (since 2006) of the Hamilton Heights School Corporation to help ensure all children within the district can open a gift on Christmas morning.

“I am one of the biggest kids of all when it comes to Christmas,” Club President Todd Cleverger said. “And the thought of a child waking up on Christmas morning and not having a gift to open breaks my heart. The Kiwanis Club of Cicero does a lot of great things throughout the year, but helping the school district with this phenomenal program is by far, one of my favorites. We’ve heard from people who want to give back, because they themselves have been recipients of the Angel Tree Program. One man told us that he was homeless, but wanted to give what he could be-

cause of all the kindness he has been shown by members of our community. And another community member sought out one of our student Key Club volunteers and handed her \$175, saying, ‘the Holy Ghost compelled me to bring this to you.’ Is this a great community or what?”

Households wishing to participate in the Angel Tree program complete a form with the names, ages, gender, and interests of children under 18 in the home. Each school building sets up at least one tree and places tags with the children’s ages, gender, and interests on tree. Members of the Heights community then take a tag and shop for the children, based on the information printed on the tag they selected.

The money that community members donate to the Kiwanis Roadblock goes towards funding any tags remaining on the trees which program committee members then take and go shopping for the children listed.



Photo provided by Kiwanis Club of Cicero

The Kiwanis Club of Cicero helped with the Angel Tree Roadblock put on by Hamilton Heights School Corporation.

Happy Thanksgiving from The Reporter!

In order for the staff at The Reporter to enjoy the holiday with their families, we will not publish a Friday edition this week. The Reporter will resume its normal publishing schedule on Saturday.

Thanks for reading!

Hamilton County, come on down!

Crowds prove the price is right at Noblesville’s new Costco

By **STU CLAMPITT**
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Costco’s newest location opened on Tuesday in Noblesville to massive crowds that over-filled the parking lot and packed the aisles for 12 solid hours.

According to Jerry Cowan, whom The Reporter met while he was checking to be sure everyone had their membership cards ready at the entrance, parking had been a challenge. Apparently, everyone wanted to get in

and shop before Thanksgiving while Costco still had that new store smell.

“It was a madhouse this morning,” Cowan told The Reporter. “They reported there were no parking spaces earlier. People didn’t know where to park and the cash registers were backed up down the center aisles with people waiting to pay their money, and we were glad to receive it.”

Regional Membership Manager Lisa Pitmann was working a 12-hour

shift Tuesday as the store was open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on opening day.

“It’s been like this solid since 8 a.m.,” Pitmann said. “We had a little lull between 2 and 3 [p.m.], but otherwise it’s been solid.”

Costco has extra workers scheduled on opening day to for a variety of reasons, not the least of which was bringing shopping carts back inside for each new wave of customers.



Reporter photo by Stu Clampitt

See Costco . . . Page 3 The crowds came out in droves Tuesday to pack the new Costco to the gills!

CHAMBER

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Learn more at NoblesvilleChamber.com/foundation.
 Note: Finalists are listed under each category, and winners are noted with an asterisk.

- Best Renovation or Preservation**
 Noblesville American Legion Post 45
 Syd's Fine Food & Spirits*
- Rising Star**
 Beauty & Grace Aesthetics
 Providence Home & Garden*
- Community & Public Service – Organization**
 Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville*
 The Friends of Central Pool
- Community & Public Service – Individual**
 Ken Bubp/Jason Pearson, Front Porch Music Festival*
 Kelly McVey, Indiana Peony Festival
 Adriann Young, Noblesville Education Foundation
- Business of the Year – Minority Led**
 Fluid Waste Services, Inc.
 T&T Sales & Promotions*
- Small Business of the Year**
 Green Vista Landscaping*
 Moonshot Games
- Business of the Year**
 Chick-fil-A Noblesville*
 Church Church Hittle + Antrim
- Businessperson of the Year**
 Jayson Manship, Moonshot Games*
 Darren Peterson, Peterson Architecture
- The Mayor's Award**
 Kelly McVey, Indiana Peony Festival



Photos provided
 Here are just a few of the winners of this year's Advancing Noblesville Chamber Foundation awards: (Top left) Providence Home & Garden won Rising Star of the Year. (Top right) Kelly McVey of the Indiana Peony Festival won the Mayor's Award. (Above left) The Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville won Community Organization of the Year. (Above right) Foundation board member Patrick Propst served as event emcee.

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OPEN DOORS

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Open Doors relies heavily on volunteers for this program to be successful. In the days leading up to the distribution, over 100 volunteers helped count and sort food, made reminder phone calls, and filled the food boxes, with another 50 volunteers assisting at the pantry or with delivery on Saturday morning.

"We are very blessed to live in a city that cares about our neighbors," Larison said. "We hope that the families who received these food items not only enjoy a delicious meal with their families, but also feel

the love and support of the community."

Now that the Thanksgiving project is over, Open Doors is turning its attention to Christmas. A total of 251 Westfield families have signed up for food and gifts for their children. Although Open Doors will still provide all the food for these families, the food pantry has joined with Westfield Washington Schools and many local churches to provide gifts for over 1,100 children. Tags can be picked up at one of the following locations, or people can use the [Sign Up](#)

Where you can donate

- Crossroads Church, 19201 Grassy Branch Road
- LifePointe Church, 3233 W. 166th St.
- Northview Church, 1191 W. 186th St.
- NSPIRE Church, 18097 Sun Park Drive
- Radiant Christian Life Church, 16162 Carey Road
- Thrive Christian Church, 15091 Towne Road
- Village Park Bible Methodist Church, 219 W. 161st St.
- Westfield Washington Schools Administrative Office, 19500 Tomlinson Road

[Genius link](#) to choose children to purchase gifts for.

If you would like to support the Holiday Giving program, you are invited to visit any of the locations listed in the box above. If

you prefer to make a monetary donation, visit www.wef.org/holidaygiving or drop off \$25 gift cards marked with "Holiday Giving" to any Westfield school.

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COSTCO

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"We've got at least six to eight people on carts today since 8 this morning," Pitmann said. "Plus it was raining so we were wiping the carts off. We had another five people on that. But it was worth it."

Pitmann has been with Costco since 2004 and has seen her fair share of store openings. She told The Reporter she was impressed with how welcoming Hamilton County has been for this location.

The Noblesville community has been so gracious in accepting us coming in," Pitmann said. "As you know we've had tents around. We went into local businesses and talked to them and offered some new member incentives. We've also been to various events, which has been great. It's been very embracing. This has been great. It's been a very strong opening. We're very happy they've embraced us to this point."

Pitmann was also thankful to Hamilton County for getting the road improvements, including a stoplight with a turn lane at 146th Street and North Pointe Boulevard, completed in time for opening day.

"We've got some nice incentives that are running until the end of the calendar year, so just pop in," Pitmann said. "We've got some really fun stuff, but we're all about quality items at great prices. So we want to get the best things for our members, and that's what we do."

Costco is open daily at 14775 N. Pointe Blvd., Noblesville. That's behind Tom Wood Volkswagen northwest of the intersection of 146th Street and State Road 37. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

While Costco is closed today for Thanksgiving, Black Friday hours will be 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

For more information, go to costco.com/new-opening-noblesville.html.



Reporter photos by Stu Clampitt
Lauren (left) and Sosa are ready to help you find your new AT&T phone & plan.



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Susan Baber named September Husky Hero

The REPORTER

Susan Baber, math teacher at Hamilton Heights High School, has been named Husky Hero for the month of September.

Baber, who is in her sixth year of teaching at the high school, does a great job of connecting with her students.

"She knows how to meet students where they are, and she does a great job of building relationships with them," said Principal Jarrod Mason, Hamilton Heights High School. "I feel like she is especially great with students who struggle academically or those who have and face big obstacles in their lives at an early age."

"I am grateful for the opportunity to make a positive impact on the students at Hamilton Heights," Baber said after receiving the recognition. "It is my sincere hope that every student who enters my classroom knows that I am committed to their success, both inside and outside of the classroom. As an advocate for their personal growth and development, every student deserves encouragement and understanding, regardless of who they are. My goal is to help each student become the best version of themselves, and I am honored to be a part of their journey."

"As an educator," Baber continued, "I understand that I have a crucial role in ensuring that every student gets the opportunity to thrive and reach their full potential. To accomplish this, I must provide them with enough chances to discover and nurture their unique abilities and traits, which will eventually assist them in becoming well-rounded individuals."

"Mrs. Baber deserves this award for many reasons, but I would like to mention



Photo provided
High school math teacher Susan Baber was selected as the Husky Hero for the month of September. (From left) Amber Bowen, baby Laken Bowen, Craig Bowen (F.C. Tucker), Susan Baber, and Melissa Martin (HHEF President/HHSC Integration Specialist).

that she is compassionate, she is more than a teacher to her students, and finally she deserves to be recognized for all she does," Senior Tatum Green said. "She is compassionate and serves her students with her whole heart. If you are struggling with math, even if you are not in her class, she is always happy to help you. My junior year I was struggling in my algebra class, and she helped me with many assignments. But she also cares about more than just teaching you. If she sees you in the hallway she stops and asks you how you are doing. She strives to build a relationship with her students and be there for them in their times of need both school and personal life."

"Mrs. Baber is more than a teacher, she is a friend," Green continued. "To me personally she has been a rock throughout my high school career. On my bad days when I needed to vent, she was there. When I was going through mental struggles she was there. Her classroom door is always open, and I will forever be grateful for the relationship I have with her. She has truly left an impact on my life. Finally, I believe that Mrs. Baber deserves to be recog-

nized for all she does. I do not feel like this teacher has been recognized enough. She can take troubled students and get them to participate in her class. Mrs. Baber has a special gift that not every teacher has. You feel her love as a teacher. I hope that you choose this award for her because she has left an impact on so many students, especially me. Even though I don't have her in class anymore I still visit with her almost every day."

The Renbarger family are big fans of Mrs. Baber. Stacia Renbarger said, "Mrs. Baber goes above and beyond to be there for the students - school work and as emotional support. She spends her prep time and after school hours to help those that are struggling."

Renbarger's son, Pierce, said, "Mrs. Baber is a very nice teacher. She goes above and beyond to make sure every student of hers is successful in her class."

"She helped my brother," added Dean Renbarger.

"As a teacher, this award serves as a constant reminder of my purpose and the impact I hope to have on my students," Baber said. "My ultimate goal is to inspire

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Visit Santa at Sheridan Public Library

The REPORTER

It's that merry time of year! Santa will visit the Sheridan Public Library from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday,

Dec. 2.

Bring your list and enjoy some Christmas cheer. Santa will hand out craft bags with wooden toys and books

(available while supplies last).

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Carmel Christkindlmarkt voted 2023's Best Local Tourist/Seasonal Attraction by local community

The REPORTER

Announced last week, the Carmel Christkindlmarkt was voted the 2023 Best Local Tourist/Seasonal Attraction by the community. Indy's Best Things 2023 Community Choice Awards were organized by the *Indy Star*, and the Carmel Christkindlmarkt was honored to be selected as the number one attraction in its category.

While many Indy attractions embrace the holiday spirit, the Carmel Christkindlmarkt truly transforms during Market season. Recognized as the best holiday market in the United States by *USA Today*, the Christkindlmarkt is an epicenter of culture providing special holidays traditions for everyone in the community.

"This award is so special because we were selected by the community," Carmel Christkindlmarkt CEO Maria Murphy said. "The Carmel Christkindlmarkt was created to bring residents and travelers together to honor German culture in a way that creates lifelong memories for our guests. We couldn't be more excited that the Indianapolis community has embraced the experience we've created year after year."

The Carmel Christkindlmarkt is open now through Christmas Eve, Wednesday through Sunday.

For a full look at the Market's 2023 schedule, please visit carmelchristkindlmarkt.com/schedule.



Photo provided Carmel Christkindlmarkt CEO Maria Murphy shows off the 2023 Best Local Tourist/Seasonal Attraction award.

Holidays in Carmel: where there's something for the entire family!

The REPORTER

The holiday season has arrived in the City of Carmel as multiple local traditions are launched. Experience the holidays as they look in the movies with a visit to the Carmel Christkindlmarkt, a walk down the Magnificent Monon and an ice skating date at The Ice at Carter Green.

Find the perfect gifts for loved ones in local shops in the **Carmel Arts & Design District** along Main Street, in **Midtown** and at **City Center**. Prepare to visit with Santa during his tour through Carmel neighborhoods. Ride the Holiday Trolley from Main Street to Carter Green and around the central districts.

Below is a list of the city's holiday events. For more information visit HolidaysInCarmel.com.

Carmel Christkindlmarkt
Nov. 18 to Dec. 24
Wednesdays and Thursdays 4 to 9 p.m.
Fridays and Saturdays noon to 9 p.m.
Sundays noon to 8 p.m.
Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas Day

Visit CarmelChristkindlmarkt.com for special hours of operation when you plan your visit to the No. 1 rated German-themed Christmas market in the country.

The Ice at Carter Green
Open Nov. 18 to Feb. 29
Hours during Christkindlmarkt are:
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 on Thanksgiving and Christmas. Closes at 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve.
Hours vary Dec. 26 to Feb. 29.

Visit TheIceAtCarterGreen.com for details. Skate outside in the crisp winter air with family and friends.

Holiday Trolley
Nov. 24 & 25 and Dec. 1 & 2, 8 & 9, 15 & 16, 22 & 23
Fridays 5 to 9 p.m.
Saturdays 2 to 9 p.m.

Ride the festive Carmel Holiday Trolley as you shop unique, local boutiques and galleries in the Arts & Design District, Indiana Design Center, Midtown Plaza, and City Center. Riders will receive free gifts and that warm glow that comes from knowing you have supported local merchants.

Shop Small, Shop Carmel
Saturday, Nov. 25
9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Shop Small is a global movement to support and celebrate small businesses.

Participating businesses will have Shop Carmel swag bags to give away (while supplies last) along with a chance to win one of two \$200 gift baskets, which will include items from select businesses. For a list of participating businesses visit the [City Event Calendar](http://CityEventCalendar.com).

Santa Tours
Nov. 26 to Dec. 17
Sundays, Wednesdays & Fridays
Each tour time will be from 5 to 8 p.m.

Santa will make a return visit this season to Carmel neighborhoods with more tours and more opportunities to see the Jolly Old Elf and his friends from the Carmel Fire, Police and Street departments.

Magnificent Monon
Now through February

A beautiful outdoor walkway of seasonal lights and decorations from Carter Green to Main Street along the Magnificent Monon Greenway through the heart of the city.

Holiday in the Arts District
Saturday, Dec. 2
2 to 5 p.m.

Experience the wonder of the holidays in the Arts & Design District with elves and reindeer, carolers, trolley rides, a visit from Santa, special activities, and more surprises.

Holiday Porchfest
Saturday, Dec. 9
2 to 4 p.m.

Come out for holiday music, food, and drinks at this family-friendly event at Midtown Plaza.

Meet Me on Main
Saturday, Dec. 9
4 to 8 p.m.

Browse unique exhibits in each of the galleries and enjoy live entertainment, culture, and shopping in the Carmel Arts & Design District at the holiday edition of the Second Saturday Gallery Walk.

Pet Night with Santa
Tuesdays, Dec. 5 to 12
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Bring your pet to visit with Santa and friends at Santa's House located at 200 S. Range Line Road in the Indiana Design Center parking lot.

Santa Saturdays
Saturdays, Dec. 9, 16, 23
2 to 5 p.m.

Visit with Santa and friends at Santa's House located at 200 S. Range Line Road in the Indiana Design Center parking lot.

There is something for every member of the family to enjoy during Holidays in Carmel. Thank you to sponsor **Allied Solutions** for helping bring holiday magic to Carmel through a number of holiday events. Learn more at HolidaysInCarmel.com.

Donations to The Salvation Army's Red Kettles & Virtual Red Kettle will double starting Black Friday

The REPORTER

The Salvation Army of Central Indiana has announced that an anonymous donor has offered to match all Red Kettle and Virtual Red Kettle donations made from Nov. 24 to 30 as a way to encourage holiday shoppers to be even more generous with their giving.

Donations made to traditional Red Kettles will be matched up to \$45,000, while an additional \$5,000 match will apply to any gifts given to The Salvation Army's online Virtual Red Kettle campaign.

Starting on Black Friday, shoppers can listen for the sound of ringing bells to make their cash or credit card gifts. Back this year are **TipTap** donation devices, which offer a touchless option for shoppers who like to give using their credit card or mobile wallet. If you prefer to avoid the crowds and shop online, then a quick visit to the Virtual Red Kettle makes giving easy 24/7. Visit salarmy.us/virtualkettle to give to this fun peer-to-peer campaign or join as a virtual bell ringer and use your personal and professional network to help raise funds from the comfort of work or home.

"What a fitting occasion to extend our heartfelt appreciation for the immense generosity of this donor, especially during a weekend dedicated to Thanksgiving celebrations!" said Major Rachel Stouder, Area Commander for The Salvation Army of Central Indiana. "Their kindness serves as a remarkable illustration of gifts that continue to make a lasting impact. Let's admit it: the joy of giving knows no bounds, and it's particularly exhilarating during a matching challenge! Whether you're actively participating as a bell ringer, hosting a virtual kettle and relishing the friendly competition, or you're a donor seeking to maximize the impact of your contribution, these bursts of energy and excitement propel us forward throughout the season."

The annual Red Kettle Campaign has a goal of raising \$3.6 million through the iconic Red Kettles located throughout central Indiana. Bells started ringing early this year, which means that holiday shoppers will have plenty of opportunities to donate before Christmas. Nov. 18 was the first day bell ringing at Walmart and Sam's Club stores and lo-



Photo provided by The Salvation Army

cal Kroger stores will begin hosting Red Kettles starting on Black Friday.

Shoppers looking for a Red Kettle during the \$45,000 match period will also be able to find bell ringers at JCPenney, Cabela's, Walgreens, Emagine Theaters, Needle's Fresh Market, Hobby Lobby, and Simon Malls. Anyone interested in volunteering to ring a bell this holiday season is invited to visit RegisterToRing.com to find a location, date, and time that works for their schedule.

Virtual Red Kettle: \$5,000 match

The Salvation Army recognizes that online holiday shopping is preferred by many, but that doesn't mean that local residents can't participate in the annual tradition of Red Kettles and bell ringing.

The 2023 Virtual Red Kettle Campaign has a goal of raising \$25,000 online through a peer-to-peer fundraising platform, which allows supporters to create their own Virtual Red Kettle with a personal fundraising goal. The public to take an active role in supporting the orga-

nization from the comfort of their own home or business.

The anonymous donor who is matching donations at physical Red Kettles has also offered a \$5,000 match for the online Virtual Red Kettle during the same dates. Anyone who donates to the Central Indiana Virtual Red Kettle Campaign now through Nov. 30 will have their donations automatically doubled until the \$5,000 limit is reached. This is an exciting opportunity and gives those who cannot get out to visit a Red Kettle a chance to still double their donation during this special week.

Become a virtual bell ringer, donate, or follow the campaign at salarmy.us/virtualkettle.

Every donation given to The Salvation Army through the annual Red Kettle Campaign provides help and hope to those in need, and all gifts stay right here in central Indiana. Visit SACentralIndiana.org to learn more about how you can help The Salvation Army ensure that they can *Love Beyond Christmas* and continue to help those in need in 2024.

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and motivate them to reach their full potential by creating an environment that encourages and reassures them to do so."

Congratulations to the September Husky Hero. Thank you, Susan Baber, for making an impactful difference in Hamilton Heights schools and being a true Husky Hero!

Do you know a Husky Hero? Nomination forms and information about this special recognition program for Hamilton Heights employees are available at bit.ly/hh-schuskyhero. The Husky Hero Recognition program is made possible through the Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation in partnership with Craig and Amber Bowen (FC Tucker). #hhedfoundation

Thanks for reading The Reporter!

Nobody rocks the giving like Westfield!

The Westfield community showed up big time to support Westfield Washington Schools' first RocksGiving event. Because of the efforts of volunteers and generous support from Coca-Cola, the Duke Energy Foundation, Riverview Health, Costco Wholesale, and Dreyer and Reinbold BMW North, 2,500 people came together to enjoy a holiday meal. (Photos by Rocks Media House / Westfield Washington Schools)



Nickel Plate Arts' annual holiday-exhibit-turned-gift-market will open tomorrow

The REPORTER

Nickel Plate Arts' *Gifted*, the annual holiday-exhibit-turned-gift-market and one-stop-shop for the arts enthusiasts on your holiday shopping list, officially opens for the season at noon this Friday, Nov. 24.

This annual pop-up shop offers Noblesville and surrounding communities a place to celebrate and support local artists by purchasing their unique, one-of-a-kind pieces as gifts.

The exhibit begins runs through Dec. 30 at the Judge Stone House, located at 107 S. 8th St. in downtown Noblesville on the Nickel Plate Arts campus. You can shop Wednesday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Special dates and times to shop at *Gifted* are Nov. 30 from 5 to 8 p.m. during the Noblesville Flower Market, Dec. 1 from 6 to 9 p.m. at

the exhibit's opening reception during the December First Friday event, and Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the December Second Saturday event.

Choose from a wide selection of holiday cards, ornaments, pottery, woodenware, jewelry, hand-knit items, home décor, holiday art, and more. All artwork will be for sale and ready for gift-giving.

The 2023 Winter Arts Guide is Here

The Nickel Plate Arts 2023 Winter Arts Guide includes a reveal and explanation of the new branding (to be implemented in 2024), a preview of the annual holiday exhibit, quick snippets of information about projects on the horizon, the stories behind upcoming showcase exhibits, details about upcoming local arts events, and more.

You can access the digi-

tal version of the 2023 Winter Arts Guide [here](#).

About Nickel Plate Arts

Nickel Plate Arts (soon to be Noblesville Creates) champions the arts as an essential element of the economic health and cultural vitality of Noblesville and central Indiana. As Noblesville's local arts agency, Nickel Plate Arts catalyzes opportunities for the arts and local creatives of all skill levels to thrive and lead in central Indiana. Nickel Plate Arts is also the Region 7 Arts Partner for the Indiana Arts Commission, serving the six counties at the center of the state. Nickel Plate Arts cultivates classes, events, programs, and services for art-lovers and artists of all backgrounds and experience levels. Start your creative journey with Nickel Plate Arts: they'll help you connect and flourish. Learn more at [NickelPlateArts.org](#).



Photos provided by Nickel Plate Arts

Choose from a wide selection of holiday cards, ornaments, pottery, woodenware, jewelry, hand-knit items, home décor, holiday art, and more. All artwork will be for sale and ready for gift-giving.

Kick off holiday season in Noblesville on Saturday

The REPORTER

The City of Noblesville and its community partners at Noblesville Chamber of Commerce, Noblesville Main Street and Noblesville Creates have numerous events for the upcoming holiday season in the downtown district, including Federal Hill Commons, the Historic Courthouse Square and Seminary Park.

"The City of Noblesville is a wonderful place to be during the holidays and these groups work together to create festive ways to expand the holiday experience and create memories for our residents and guests," Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen said.

Find gifts at Noblesville Creates

The holiday weekend kicks off with "Gifted," an exhibit-turned-gift-market featuring locally made art and crafts that make great

holiday gifts from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday at Noblesville Creates (formerly Nickel Plate Arts). Shop early for holiday cards, ornaments, gifts, and more at the Judge Stone House, 107 S. Eighth St. Choose from the wide selection of pottery, woodenware, jewelry, hand-knit items, home décor, holiday art, and more.

The exhibit will remain until Dec. 31 and is available Wednesday through Saturday. For information, visit [nickelplatearts.org/holidays](#).

Small Business Saturday

Downtown stores will be busy during Small Business Saturday. Noblesville Main Street is providing free gift wrapping inside the Lacy Building (former Kirk's Hardware space). People with the city will be around the Downtown Square handing out custom tote bags from noon to 2 p.m. (while supplies last) for those that spend at least \$50 at a downtown business.

Lighting of the Square

After you have visited all your favorite merchants on Small Business Saturday, join the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce and Hamilton County as they present the annual Lighting of the Square.

The program begins inside the Judicial Center atrium before moving outside for lighting of the Historic Courthouse Square. Gathering begins at 6 p.m. with the program starting at 6:30 p.m. Tens of thousands of twinkling lights will illuminate trees and buildings, ushering in the magic of Christmas.

For information about the tree lighting ceremony, call the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce at (317) 773-0086.

Final Flower Market

The Indiana Peony Festival will host its last Flower Market of 2023 from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30. The market will be in the East Alley and include festive holiday blooms and greenery, and exclusive discounts to participating retailers.

First Friday

The fun continues with First Friday – Deck the Downtown events on Dec. 1. Jump on the trolley to visit six amazing destinations throughout the evening. Midnight Madness shopping downtown from 5 p.m. to midnight, Lights Over Seminary, Ice Plaza and Holiday Lights Tour at Federal Hill Commons, Noblesville Creates First Friday and the Hamilton County Artists Association will all have wonderful events taking place that evening.

Noblesville Main Street will hold a Window Decorating Contest. Votes can be made for your favorite window via Main Street's social media pages.

Noblesville Youth Assistance will sell stockings that can be filled with treats and toys from participating businesses. For more information on Stuff Your Stocking, visit [youthassistance.org/noblesville-events](#).

Lights Over Seminary

Lights Over Seminary presented by the Noblesville Preservation Alliance and the city is a free, walkable, holiday lights display in Seminary Park. The opening night event is 5:30 to 7 p.m. with the official lighting taking place at 6 p.m. on Dec. 1. Enjoy carolers, hot chocolate, and a reading of "Twas' The Night Before Christmas" by Mayor Chris Jensen. Lights Over Seminary runs 5 to 11 p.m. nightly throughout December.

Winter Market

Noblesville Main Street will host its Winter Market at Holidays at the Hill from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2. The market includes many unique vendors and food trucks to shop from. For more information, visit [noblesvillemainstreet.org](#).

Holiday in Lights Parade

New this year, the city is putting a festive twist on a downtown tradition. The Holiday in Lights Parade will be 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2. The nighttime parade will begin at Harrison and 16th streets before heading west along Logan Street. The parade will end at Federal Hill Commons, where transportation will be available to take participants back to the staging area at Ivy Tech. Additional safety features have been added due to the later start time. To register for the parade, visit [cityofnoblesville.org/parade](#).

Holidays at the Hill

Noblesville Parks invites the community to join for Holidays at the Hill featuring the ice skating rink. The 56-foot by 96-foot ice rink is open 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. Starting on Christmas Even, hours will be extended to 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, except on Christmas Day, for enjoyment during Noblesville School's winter break. Additional special hours available by visiting [noblesvilleparks.org/402/Ice-Skating](#).

In addition to skating, Federal Hill will be adorned with a beautiful, walkable light display perfect for photo opportunities. Back by popular demand, families can reserve a unique, private 15-minute carriage ride through downtown Noblesville presented by Gaylor Electric. Reservations for carriage rides must be made in advance at [noblesvilleparks.org/373/Holidays-at-the-Hill](#).

For more information on holiday events, visit [cityofnoblesville.org/holidays](#).

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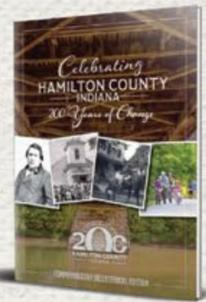
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Meijer Simply Give allows customers to support those in need this holiday season

The REPORTER

From Thanksgiving staples to last minute items, Meijer will not only have what customers need this holiday season, but also help feed those in need through its Simply Give hunger relief program.

Through Saturday, Nov. 25, Meijer will contribute one meal to its Simply Give food pantry partners for every purchase of any Meijer brand, Frederik's by Meijer, True Goodness by Meijer or Purple Cow food item.*

"Food insecurity remains at high levels – impacting nearly 45 million Americans – making programs like Simply Give even more important this time of year," said Melissa Conway, Director of Community Partnerships & Giving at Meijer. "Together,

we can feed our neighbors in need, while enjoying the good food and great prices we all love."

Since 2008, the Simply Give program has been feeding hungry families in the communities Meijer serves, stocking the shelves of hundreds of pantries each year. In 2023, alone, more than 400 food pantries participated in the Simply Give program. To date, the program has donated more than \$86 million to pantries across the Midwest.

"Meijer's Simply Give program is a testament to the values that bind us as a community and brings us together to help those in need," said Ben Hamlin, Director of Own Brand Foods at Meijer. "The holidays are a time to lend a helping hand and at Meijer, we are



grateful for the opportunity to support our food pantry partners and embrace the essence of Thanksgiving, not just as a day on the calendar, but as a shared experience that unites us all."

Customers interested in doing even more to support food insecurity in their communities can grab a \$10 Simply Give donation card in-store or as an add-on to their online Meijer pickup and home delivery orders all year long. The cards are then converted into Meijer food-only gift cards and

given to a local food pantry partner in the store's community.

*Exclusions include Meijer brand general merchandise, including drugs, pet, and consumables products, Fresh from Meijer, and Penny Smart items. One meal equates to 25 cents. Meal calculation is based on the approximate average cost of a meal from select food pantry partners across the Meijer footprint.

Learn more at MeijerCommunity.com/simply-give.

Letter to the Editor

Shaffer has no plan to stop talking about Carmel's debt

Dear Editor:

In one sentence at Monday's Carmel city council meeting, the unelected director of the Carmel Redevelopment Commission:

1. Insulted any citizen questioning Carmel's \$1.5 billion debt;
2. Ignored the No. 1 issue in this year's municipal elections;
3. Dismissed state law requiring the city to maintain current debt information for public viewing; and
4. Brushed off responsibility for the congestion, clutter, clamor, and irrational spending of borrowed funds.

He said verbosely:

"Some people like to go into that website (the Indiana Department of Local government Gateway Indiana site) and look at that number (total outstanding debt obligation) and shouting it from the rooftops (cq)."

This was one segment of a longwinded sentence the \$153,357-a-year director used to explain developer-backed bonds.

Director Henry Mestetsky lists no financial expertise in his official biography.

Later in the meeting city councilors tabled \$76 million more in borrowed principal for two Mestetsky proposals. Councilors expressed a desire to allow the newly elected councilors to consider Mestetsky's logic.

Is it possible to table the director?

Bill Shaffer
Carmel

Hamilton County SWCD secures \$70,900 Clean Water Indiana grant for invasive species education & restoration initiatives

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) has announced it has been awarded a \$70,900 Clean Water Indiana grant from the Indiana State Department of Agriculture.

The grant will empower the Hamilton County Invasives Partnership (HIP) to offer a variety of invasive species educational programs and trainings as well as a small grant program through which county residents can receive financial support to remove invasive species from their property.

The detailed program framework, including application procedures for small grants, training schedules, and educational resources, will be made available to the public in early 2024. Individuals, landowners, and community organizations should stay tuned for further announcements and opportunities to get involved.

"We work with so many landowners who want to do more to fight invasives on their properties, but resources are limited," said Claire Lane, SWCD Urban Conservationist and HIP



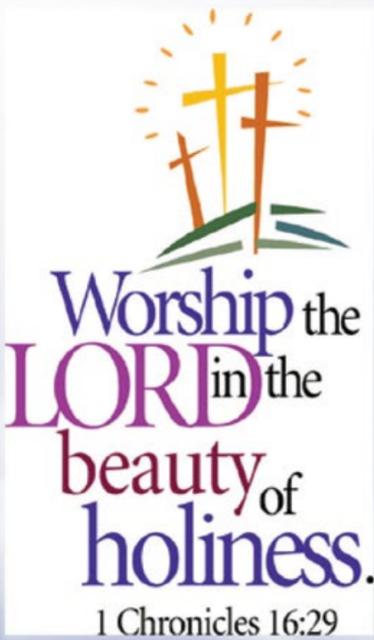
Coordinator. "This grant will allow us to provide the financial support that can get a lot of Hamilton County natural areas back on track toward ecological balance."

More information about the SWCD's programs, including the Hamilton County Invasives Partnership, can be found at hamiltonswcd.org.

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Happy Thanksgiving from Main Street Productions

Submitted by MSP

This Thanksgiving season, the people of Main Street Productions (MSP) and Basile Westfield Playhouse express their appreciation for everyone who contributed to the 2022-2023 season of shows at the Playhouse.

We are grateful for the recognition of last season's talented individuals at the annual Encore Association awards ceremony, which was held on Oct. 23 at the Newfields' Toby Theatre in Indianapolis. MSP garnered an impressive 18 awards.

It was another red-banner year of theatre for MSP. Congratulations to all the winners!

A huge thanks to our patrons, for attending and supporting our 2022-2023 season of shows.

For more information about MSP's current season, visit WestfieldPlayhouse.org.

MSP 2022-2023 Encore Association Winners

Best Production of a Drama Ka'Lena Cuevas August: Osage County	Best Set Decoration of a Drama Ian Marshall-Fisher & Pam Jensen August: Osage County
Best Director of a Drama Brent A. Wooldridge August: Osage County	Best Lighting Design for a Drama Eric Matters August: Osage County
Best Lead Actress in a Drama Molly Bellner August: Osage County	Best Light Board Operator for a Drama Aaron Ploof August: Osage County
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Best Major Supporting Actress in a Comedy Phoebe Aldridge The Curious Savage	Best Major Supporting Actor in a Musical Scott Fleshood The Spitfire Grill
Best Cameo in a Drama Rob Lawson August: Osage County	Best Sound Design for a Musical Rob Stokes The Spitfire Grill
Best Ensemble in a Comedy The Residents of the Cloisters The Curious Savage	Best Light Board Operator for a Musical James H. Williams The Spitfire Grill
Best Performer Under the Age of 18 in a Drama Tyler Acquaviva Mothers and Sons	Best Male Singer Scott Fleshood The Spitfire Grill
Best Set Design of a Drama Ron Roessler August: Osage County	Rising Star Awards Teddy Epstein & Rachel Bush

Proposals sought for Center's New Works visual arts commission

Winning artist gets \$2,500 & one-year public display of work

The REPORTER

Indiana-based visual artists are invited to submit proposals for a \$2,500 commission from the Center for the Performing Arts and a one-year display of the resulting work in the main lobby of the Palladium concert hall in Carmel, on view for tens of thousands of visitors.

The initiative is an extension of the Center's New Works performing arts commission project, now in its third year. The winning visual arts work will be unveiled June 1 in conjunction with the New Works Premiere Performances at the Tarkington theater.

The themes and subject matter of the proposed

visual work should align with the performing arts, the Center's mission – to engage and inspire the Indiana community through enriching arts and educational experiences – and one or more of the Center's Core Values: Integrity, Excellence, Innovation, Collaboration, and Inclusion.

Eligible media include but are not limited to oil, watercolor, acrylic, graphite, charcoal, pastels, photography, printmaking, textile, and mixed media. The work should be wall-based and constructed with stable and ready-to-hang materials. Proposed works may range in size and can be a single object or a grouping

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of multiple items, but the entire work must fit within an 80-by-40-inch wall space.

Proposals will be accepted through Jan. 5, and the winner will be announced in March. Details and application instructions are available at TheCenterPresents.org/NewWorksVisualArts.

Questions are welcome at NewWorks@TheCenterPresents.org.

New Works: An Arts Commission Project is an initiative by the Center for the Performing Arts to promote and sustain local artists and arts communities

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Todd Clevenger enters race for Hamilton County Auditor

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Submitted

Hamilton County Grant Administrator Todd Clevenger has officially entered the race to be the next Hamilton County Auditor, emphasizing his experience and readiness to step into the position. "The position of County Auditor can't rely upon on-the-job training," Clevenger said. "The position is too important and too complex. Based on my six years of experience working with the Auditor's Office, I am the only candidate ready to do the work on Day One."

The role of the Hamilton County Auditor, according to Clevenger, is to act as the county's Chief Financial Officer. "The mission of the office is to ensure Hamilton County's financial integrity; responsibly manage and spend tax dollars; and promote efficient, effective and accountable government," Clevenger said. "As your County Auditor, I will represent every citizen with transparency and integrity." Clevenger has worked for the county since March 2018. Prior to that, he served as a Legislative Chief of Staff, Nonprofit Admin-

istrator, and a Partner in a Marketing and Communications Consulting Firm. He holds an MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University and is a graduate of the National Associations of Counties High Performance Leadership Academy. He is currently the president of the Kiwanis Club of Cicero and serves on the boards of both CHAMP Camp and Arts for Learning Indiana. "Public service at the local level is extremely fulfilling, because I get to see the impact daily," Clevenger said. "It is inherently meaningful, because it is

directly related to building and improving our communities, as well as improving the lives of our family, friends, neighbors, and community members. Public service is my passion. I take the responsibility – and the honor of serving – very seriously." Clevenger and his wife, Sue, have lived in Hamilton County for almost 30 years, residing in both Carmel and Cicero. Their three sons graduated from Hamilton Heights High School. You can find out more or contact Todd Clevenger at Clevenger4Auditor.com.

across a range of disciplines. Each year, the project provides funding and technical assistance for the creation of three stage productions that debut at the New Works Premiere Performances. New Works is supported by the Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation. **About the Center for the Performing Arts** The mission of the non-profit Center for the Performing Arts is to engage and inspire the central Indiana community through enriching arts experiences. Its campus in Carmel includes the 1,500-seat Palladium concert hall, the 500-seat Tarkington proscenium theater, and the black-box Studio Theater.

The Center presents and hosts hundreds of events each year, including the Center Presents performance series, featuring the best in classical, jazz, pop, rock, country, comedy, and other genres. Educational and experiential programming for all ages includes children's concerts and camps, book clubs, lectures, and music classes. The Center is home to the affiliated Great American Songbook Foundation and provides space and support services for six resident arts companies. More information is available at TheCenterPresents.org.

Attorney General Todd Rokita & team obtain \$690K for Indiana in settlement with Morgan Stanley over data security incidents

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita announced on Tuesday that his team has obtained \$690,000 for Indiana as part of a multistate settlement with a global financial services corporation to resolve allegations of negligent internal data security practices. "We have taken this action because companies must be held accountable for protecting Hoosiers' data privacy in accordance with our laws," AG Rokita said. "Our team will continue standing up for hardworking families and defending their interests and rights as consumers."

Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC – better known simply as Morgan Stanley – allegedly compromised the personal information of its customers with a poorly executed plan of decommissioning its computer devices and a failure to erase unencrypted data in certain of those computer devices. As far back as 2015, Morgan Stanley failed to properly dispose of devices containing its customers' personal information by hiring a moving company with no experience in data destruction services. Morgan Stanley failed to properly monitor the outside firm's work – which involved decommissioning thousands of hard drives and servers containing sensitive information of millions of its cus-

tomers. The computer equipment, some of which contained customer data, was sold via internet auctions. Morgan Stanley learned of problems when a downstream purchaser discovered the data and called the company. In a second incident, a records reconciliation exercise undertaken by the company during a decommissioning process revealed that 42 servers, all potentially containing unencrypted customer information, were missing. During this process, the company learned that the local devices being



Rokita

decommissioned may have contained unencrypted data due to a manufacturer flaw in the encryption software. An investigation found that Morgan Stanley failed to maintain adequate vendor controls and hardware inventories – and that had these controls been in place, both data security events could have been prevented. Indiana is one of six states – which include Connecticut, Florida, New Jersey, New York, and Vermont – entering into agreements with Morgan Stanley. The company has agreed to

pay \$6.5 million in total and to adopt a series of provisions that better protects the personal information of its consumers going forward, including:

- Maintaining a comprehensive information security program that includes regular updates that are necessary to reasonably protect the privacy, security, and confidentiality of personal information;
- Maintaining an incident response plan that documents incidents and actions taken in relation to the incidents;
- Maintaining a written policy that governs the collection, use, retention, and disposal of consumers' personal information;

- Encrypting all personal information, whether stored or transmitted, between documents, databases, or elsewhere;
- Employing a manual process and automated tools to keep track of locations of all hardware that contains personal information;
- Maintaining a vendor risk assessment team to assess and monitor that their vendors comply with Morgan Stanley's data security requirements.

As part of their work protecting consumers from illicit business practices, cybersecurity threats, data privacy violations and ID theft, AG Rokita's team has now obtained nearly \$1 billion in settlements for Hoosiers.



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Eiteljorg Contemporary Art Fellowship exhibition redefines contemporary Native art

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Visitors will experience cutting-edge works of contemporary Native art in the new exhibition **UNSETTLE/Converge**, open at the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art now through Feb. 25.

Five groundbreaking Native artists from the U.S. and Canada were chosen for the prestigious **2023 Eiteljorg Contemporary Art Fellowship**. As part of the Fellowship initiative, **UNSETTLE/Converge** features examples of the Fellows' art, including innovative beadwork, assemblage, works on paper, photography, and sculpture.

As one of the leading institutions internationally presenting and supporting contemporary Native art, the Eiteljorg Museum has awarded a combined quarter of a million dollars to this year's five Fellows. It also has purchased more than \$100,000 of their artworks to add to its permanent collections.

The 2023 Fellows are an impressive group, and each has made an impact on the contemporary art world:

- The well-established career of invited artist **Ruth Cuthand** (Plains Cree) of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, includes works in print-making, painting, drawing, photography, and beadwork. Confronting the settler-colonial roots of Canada, her art

pays homage to the resiliency of Indigenous communities. Cuthand's recent body of work includes beaded depictions of various mental health conditions – as shown by brain scans – that embody the intergenerational trauma experienced by many First Nations communities.

- Natalie Ball** (Klamath Tribes [Klamath / Modoc]) of Chiloquin, Ore., is an elected official: a member of the Klamath Tribal Council. Her artistic practice draws upon her Native and African American heritage to create mixed-media assemblages that include quilt patterns, unconventional objects, and natural materials to investigate definitions of Native identity.

- Sean Chandler** (Aaniiih [Gros Ventre]) of Harlem, Mont., creates personal narrative mixed-media works on unstretched canvas about the subjects of U.S. settler colonialism and his experiences of growing up in eastern Montana. His career as an artist coincides with his academic roles as an educator and community college administrator: Chandler serves as president of Aaniiih Nakoda College on the Fort Belknap Agency in Montana.

- Mercedes Dorame** (Gabrielino Tongva) of Altadena, Calif., uses installation and photography to examine and revitalize her family's connection to their

ancestral land of Los Angeles. Utilizing natural materials, including fibers, shells or flora, her work in that region explores the roles of Gabrielino culture and ceremony, past and present.

- Raven Halfmoon** (Caddo Nation / Choctaw / Delaware) of Norman, Okla., continues her tribe's rich history with ceramics by creating large-scale stoneware sculptures that focus on Caddo culture and history, as well as her experience as a 21st century Native woman.

Selected last year for the 2023 Fellowship, these five artists join a prestigious community of Eiteljorg Fellows from 11 previous rounds. Cumulatively, the works by past Fellows in the museum's collections now comprise one of the best collections of contemporary Native art anywhere.

"Native art is having a moment; before many others, the Eiteljorg has recognized and celebrated contemporary Native art since 1999," said Curator of Native Art Dorene Red Cloud (Oglala Lakota), who is curating the Fellowship. "While the rest of the world has had to play catch-up, the Eiteljorg Contemporary Art Fellowship continues to lead in presentation and admiration for contemporary Native art."

Every other year since 1999, the Eiteljorg Fel-

lowship has helped bring contemporary Native art to the forefront, amplifying the voices of Native artists. This latest round of the Fellowship now includes a \$50,000 unrestricted grant to each artist – double the award of previous years. Each round, the museum purchases work from each artist, publishes an exhibit catalog, creates an exhibition, and hosts opportunities for the Fellows to engage with the broader public.

Building on the titles and themes of the two previous Fellowship rounds, *Blurring the Line* in 2019 and *Shifting Boundaries* in 2021, the 2023 round is titled **UNSETTLE/Converge** to convey how the parameters defining contemporary Native art have changed. By dismantling settler-colonial definitions, contemporary Native art is now being presented through Indigenous perspectives, putting Native voices and visions at the forefront.

In addition to the experiencing the exhibition, Eiteljorg Museum guests can learn more about the current and past Fellows on the website, contemporary-artfellowship.eiteljorg.org, and from the exhibit catalog featuring scholarly essays about each artist. The full-color **UNSETTLE/Converge** catalog is available for \$30 from the Frank and Katrina Basile Museum Store.

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The Noblesville Common Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

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

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Redevelopment Commission will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023, in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville. The Commission will begin the meeting with an Executive Session at 8:30 a.m. pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D), Purchase or Lease of Real Estate.

The Noblesville Common Council and the Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will hold a joint meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023, in Rooms A213-214 at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

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Boys Basketball

Millers beat Huskies in season opener

By **RICHIE HALL**
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ARCADIA — In the first game of the season for both teams, the Noblesville and Hamilton Heights boys basketball programs proved quite a bit about themselves.

The Millers showed off their considerable balance and solid mix of seniors and youth, both of which led to a 65-35 win for Noblesville Wednesday night at the Huskies' gym. Heights, meanwhile, showed a nice amount of grit and competitive spirit, battling the entire way despite being down three starters.

Of course, the Millers have quite a bit of grit and spirit as well. They proved that by breaking out of a tight first half to roll through the second half, outscoring the Huskies 44-23.

"It was a game in the first half, it really was," said Noblesville coach Scott McClelland. "That's a credit to them."

Will Smits scored the first points of the Millers' season with a putback, after which Heights' John Irion nailed a 3-pointer. That would be the Huskies' only lead of the game, as Noblesville skipped off on an 8-0 run. Four different players scored in that run, the first three of them seniors: Smits, Aaron Fine and Hunter Walston. Junior T.J. Davidson finished the run with a basket off a steal.

Two layins by Fine gave Noblesville a 16-8 lead after one. The second quarter was defensive, as the Millers outscored the Huskies 5-4 for a 21-12 lead. Sophomore Justin Curry, who played many varsity minutes last year as a freshman, helped out Noblesville with a 3-pointer.

"Justin's got a tremendous upside," said McClelland. "He's still only a sophomore. He's still got to keep taking shots that he works on. I think that's the biggest



Photos by Bob Cross

(Left) Noblesville's Aaron Fine scored 17 points for the Millers in their Wednesday win over Hamilton Heights. Fine is one of four seniors on Noblesville's team this year. At right is the Huskies' Simon Knott. (Right) Hamilton Heights' John Irion scored 15 points for the Huskies.

some versatility by following a 3-pointer with a dunk, his second of the game. Curry threw in his second triple of the game.

Fine scored 17 points to lead the Millers, while Walston added 13 points and Smits scored 10.

"Those guys have been three and four-year varsity players, and have started in many big games, so you expect that from them to a certain degree," said McClelland. "And I thought they really responded, really got our group going there."

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NOBLESVILLE 65, HAMILTON HEIGHTS 35

Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF	Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
T.J. Davidson	1-3	0-0	2	2	Rees Knapp	0-4	0-0	0	0
Aaron Fine	5-10	7-8	17	3	Dreydin Serna	1-4	1-2	3	3
Justin Curry	2-7	2-2	8	0	Tillman Etchison	2-5	7-8	11	3
Hunter Walston	6-9	0-0	13	1	John Irion	6-14	1-3	15	3
Will Smits	5-6	0-0	10	3	Simon Knott	1-1	0-0	2	2
Luke Etchison	2-2	0-0	4	1	Phoenix Vondersaar	0-0	0-0	0	0
Baron Walker	2-2	0-0	5	2	Carson Felger	1-1	0-0	2	0
Ryan Vctor	2-2	2-2	6	1	Isaiah Grimsey	0-1	0-0	0	0
Adam Fine	0-0	0-0	0	1	Aidan Unger	0-1	2-2	2	0
Luke Davis	0-0	0-0	0	0	Totals	11-31	11-15	35	11
Totals	25-41	11-12	65	14	Heights 3-point shooting (2-12)	Irion 2-7, Knapp 0-3, Serna 0-1, Etchison 0-1.			
Noblesville 3-point shooting (4-12) Curry 2-6, Walston 1-2, Walker 1-1, Aa. Fine 0-2, Davidson 0-1.					Heights rebounds (16) Serna 6, Knott 4, Vondersaar 3, Felger 1, Grimsey 1, Irion 1.				
Noblesville rebounds (13) Walston 4, Vctor 3, Smits 2, Aa. Fine 1, Curry 1, Etchison 1, Walker 1.									

Score by Quarters

Noblesville	16	5	24	20 - 65
Heights	8	4	11	12 - 35

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Boys Basketball

Golden Eagles off to strong start

The REPORTER

The Guerin Catholic boys basketball team opened its season with a 72-59 win over Park Tudor at the Eagles Nest.

The Golden Eagles, last year's Class 3A state runner-up, outscored the Panthers in all four periods. Guerin Catholic led 11-9 after one quarter, with ju-

nior Bryson Cardinal scored seven points and senior Robert Sorensen four. Cardinal continued to roll in the second period, pouring in 11 points and helping GC to a 30-24 lead at halftime.

Guerin's third quarter was its highest-scoring quarter, with the Golden Eagles putting in 22 points.

Sorensen added nine points, and he scored another six in the fourth quarter; he scored in all four periods of the game.

Sorensen led with 24 points, while Cardinal added 23. Senior Dylan Murans contributed 10 points. Guerin Catholic plays Saturday at Cardinal Ritter.

GUERIN CATHOLIC 72, PARK TUDOR 59

Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Robert Sorensen	7	9-11	24	3
Andy Caron	2	1-3	5	1
Malcolm Houze	0	2-4	2	3
Dylan Murans	4	2-2	10	3
Bryson Cardinal	8	7-10	23	5
Ryne Paris	1	2-2	4	1
Julian Melendez	0	0-0	0	1
Ben Grissom	0	0-0	0	1
Hayden Rogers	0	3-4	3	2
RJ Hill	0	1-2	1	0
Nik Balmuri	0	0-0	0	0
Asher Arkenau	0	0-0	0	0
Andrew Riethman	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	22	27-38	72	20

Score by Quarters

Park Tudor	9	15	16	19 - 59
Guerin Catholic	11	19	22	20 - 72

Guerin Catholic 3-pointers (1) Sorensen.

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Two more Millers announce intent to play at collegiate level



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TOP: Noblesville's Delaney Teachnor has committed to the Marian University women's track and field team. (Front row, from left) Jacki Teachnor (mother), Delaney Teachnor, and Dustin Teachnor (father). (Back row, from left) Marshall Davis (Noblesville Pole Vault Coach), Mia Teachnor (sister), and Jim Pearce (Noblesville Girls Track & Field Head Coach). **ABOVE:** Noblesville's Emily Knott has committed to the DePauw University women's swim team. (Front row, from left) Kristin Knott (mother), Emily Knott, and Dan Knott (father). (Back row, from left) Aleks Fansler (Noblesville Swimming & Diving Head Coach) and Allie Knott (sister).

Wrestling



Photo provided
 Trai Fitzgerald (left) and Carson Ney (right) both were undefeated in their weight classes for the Sheridan wrestling team last Saturday at Cloverdale.

Two Blackhawks go undefeated at Cloverdale Invite

The REPORTER

The Sheridan wrestling team began its season last Saturday at the Cloverdale Invitational.

The Blackhawks went 1-4 for the event. Sheridan beat Indianapolis KIPP Legacy 39-12, then fell to Covington 37-36 (on a tie-breaker), Shelbyville 65-12, South Putnam 54-18 and Cloverdale 54-30.

their weight classes with undefeated records. Trai Fitzgerald went 5-0 at 132 pounds, while Carson Ney also was 5-0 at 120 pounds. Ryker Ream was 4-1 at 165 pounds and Carsen Aleman went 3-2 at 285 pounds. Pablo Mendez (at 138) and Jackson Aleman (at 175) were both 2-3, while Isaac Sutton was 1-1 at 106 pounds before getting injured.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Nov. 24
GIRLS BASKETBALL
 Carmel at Hamilton Southeastern, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 25
BOYS BASKETBALL
 Fishers at La Porte, 1:30 p.m.
 Franklin Community at Noblesville, 1:30 p.m.
 Guerin Catholic at Cardinal Ritter, 7:30 p.m.
 Pike at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.
 Westfield at Kokomo, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
 Noblesville vs. Bolingbrook (Ill.), 4:45 p.m. at Brownsburg
 Guerin Catholic at Cardinal Ritter, 5:30 p.m.
 Fishers at Fort Wayne Snider, 7:30 p.m.
 Hamilton Southeastern vs. Columbia City, 6:30 p.m. at Brownsburg

SWIMMING/DIVING
 Westfield and Brownsburg at Fishers, noon

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Swimming

Fishers sweeps dual meet against Zionsville

The REPORTER

The Fishers swim teams swept a dual meet with Zionsville on Monday.

The Tigers girls won 107-79, with victories in nine of the 12 individual events. Emily Wolf (200 freestyle and butterfly) and Avery Stein (individual medley and breaststroke) were double winners.

Fishers' boys won their meet 120-65. Eduardo Sanchez (IM and breaststroke) and Alex Koo (50 free and butterfly) were double winners.

GIRLS MEET

Team score: Fishers 107, Zionsville 79.

200 medley relay: 1. Fishers "A" (Avery Stein, Polina Sopova, Emily Wolf, Emma Schwertfeger) 1:47.77.

200 freestyle: 1. Wolf 1:50.36, 3. Emma Schumacher 1:54.20, 5. Frankie Ramey 1:57.12.

200 individual medley: 1. Stein 2:04.71, 3. Mia Wilson 2:11.69, 4. Sopova 2:15.42.

50 freestyle: 1. Schwertfeger 24.58, 2. Claire Francis 25.15, 4.

Lily Ziino 25.93.
One-meter diving: 3. Elaine Van Trees 155.65, 5. Allison Irwin 127.20.

100 butterfly: 1. Wolf 56.51, 2. Wilson 59.63, 3. Ziino 1:01.51, 5. Lisa Bradford 1:03.01.

100 freestyle: 2. Francis 53.95, 3. Schwertfeger 54.00.

500 freestyle: 1. Schumacher 5:06.53, 3. Ramey 5:17.00, 5. Bradford 5:27.76.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Fishers "A" (Schwertfeger, Francis, Schumacher, Stein) 1:37.94, 3. Fishers "B" (Ziino, Wilson, Izzy Heuck, Ramey) 1:43.75.

100 backstroke: 4. Sophie Blue 1:06.70.

100 breaststroke: 1. Stein 1:04.38, 3. Sopova 1:09.35.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Fishers "A" (Francis, Ramey, Schumacher, Wolf) 3:33.97, 3. Fishers "B" (Wilson, Ziino, Heuck, Sopova) 3:46.68.

BOYS MEET

Team score: Fishers 120, Zionsville 65.

200 medley relay: Not

available.

200 freestyle: 1. Jonny Hines 1:42.73, 4. Tommy Johanneman 1:50.63, 5. Sean Harvey 1:50.80.

200 individual medley: 1. Eduardo Sanchez 1:55.20, 2. AJ Adams 1:59.67.

50 freestyle: 1. Alex Koo 21.75, 3. Hudson Lee 22.67, 4. Victor Herbert 23.33.

One-meter diving: 1. Jacob Schade 318.60, 2. Jack Roby 282.85, 3. Mason Lawson 275.60, 4. Kirby Danglade 249.70.

100 butterfly: 1. Koo 52.46, 2. Herbert 54.64, 4. George Kallas 56.97.

100 freestyle: 2. Hudson Lee 48.95, 4. Harvey 51.16, 5. Hagen Lee 52.38.

500 freestyle: 1. Adams 4:47.19, 2. Hines 4:56.19, 4. Caden Askren 5:01.93, 5. Brody Chop 5:03.83.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Fishers "A" (Koo, Herbert, Hines, Lee) 1:28.97.

100 backstroke: 1. Johanneman 55.10, 4. James Gropp 59.35, 5. Kallas 1:02.26.

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Irion scored 15 points for the Huskies, while senior Tillman Etchison scored 11. Heights was missing three starters, senior Sam Dawson and juniors Tyler Champion and

Landen Scheiber, a transfer from Avon.

"We're going to be deep once we get guys back," said Huskies coach Chad Ballenger. "I love the effort. We got to clean up stuff. We

are who we are."

Noblesville plays its first home game Saturday afternoon against Franklin Community. Heights travels to Clinton Central on Tuesday.

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

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