

THURSDAY, Nov. 30, 2023

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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Partly sunny morning. More clouds in the afternoon. Scattered later afternoon showers. Wind gusts to 30 mph.
Tonight: Scattered evening showers. Evening wind gust to 30 mph. Rainy overnight.
HIGH: 53 LOW: 42



Kiwanis Club of Cicero donates \$3,000 to Hamilton Heights Angel Tree Program

Submitted

Every child deserves to experience the joy of opening a present on Christmas morning. The Hamilton Heights Angel Tree Program helps provide gifts for those children who otherwise might not have anything to open on Christmas morning.

Since 2006, a tree has been put up in in each school and “angel tags” are created and placed on the trees by Honor Society and Angel Tree committee members. Each tag contains information about a child and lists ideas for gifts they would like to receive.

The Kiwanis Club of Cicero holds an annual “Angel Tree Roadblock,” and this year raised



a record amount from the generous citizens who call the community home.

“Because of the generosity of our community members, the Cicero Kiwanis raised \$3,000, allowing us to donate \$1,000 to each school’s Angel Tree program,” said Kathy Wilson, Board Member of the Kiwanis Club of Cicero.

The money raised by the Kiwanis Club of Cicero goes to cover the cost of purchasing presents for any tags left on the tree when the program closes.



Photo provided

(From left) Hamilton Heights Honor Society Member Hailey Hall, Hamilton Heights Honor Society President Isaac Kuhn, Hamilton Heights Special Education Instructional Assistant Lisa Badgley, and Kiwanis Club of Cicero Board Member Kathy Wilson.

Hiding place

My little sister skipped gaily into the house bursting with news of her exciting discovery. “Mama,” she exclaimed, “I’ve found a secret hiding place!”

It was one of those golden, early summer days, just perfect for making such discoveries. Hollyhocks bloomed in profusion along the house and halfway to the barnyard fence. The hummingbirds had found them and staked out their claim. The tardiness Robin had at last selected a building site and was busily constructing a nest in the old apple tree. Yes, it was a good day for discovery.

By some odd happenstance of nature there was one spot directly below our kitchen window where nothing grew. From the side or front it was not noticeable, but from mother’s vantage point a few feet above, she could see an almost perfect circle about 3 feet in diameter: a hiding place.

As the lazy days of summer drifted into autumn, Mother heard frequent reports, liberally sprinkled with all the superlatives a four-year-old could muster, about her most wonderful hiding place. But never once did she reveal its location.

That summer Mother, too, made a wonderful discovery: Each of us needs to find a secret hiding place known only to the eyes of God. When life is too much with us, when sorrow comes, or joy too deep for sharing, we need a place of retreat where we can be quiet and renew our spiritual forces. A few minutes alone in our spiritual “hiding place” can enable us to face the world again.



RAY ADLER
Ask Adler

Westfield will have its own YMCA

Groundbreaking on Ascension St. Vincent YMCA set for next Wednesday

The REPORTER

Leaders of Westfield and the YMCA of Greater Indianapolis will break ground on central Indiana’s 13th YMCA center at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 6.

The Ascension St. Vincent YMCA in Westfield will be built alongside the existing Westfield Washington School natatorium on 10 acres of land donated by the Wheeler family at the southwest corner of Wheeler Road and 181st Street.

The exact location of the groundbreaking is 874 Virginia Rose Ave.

The anticipated opening is scheduled for January 2025.

The 54,000 square-foot Ascension St. Vincent YMCA in Westfield will feature:

- Gymnasium for court sports
- Free weights and cardio equipment
- Cycle and yoga studios
- Indoor track
- Teaching kitchen
- Child watch and kids’ ad-



Rendering provided

The 54,000 square-foot facility is expected to open in January 2025.

- Community gathering spaces
- Chapel/reflection room
- Classrooms for collegiate partnerships
- STEM classroom

To date, \$20 million of the \$25 million fundraising goal has been raised. Transformative gifts for this new YMCA have already been committed from Ascension St. Vincent, the City

of Westfield, and the Hamilton County Commissioners.

“The incredible support for this center demonstrates how eager this community is to have access to a best-in-class YMCA that highlights the power of partnerships and collaboration,” said Gregg Hiland, President and CEO of the YMCA of Greater Indianapolis. “Westfield has established itself as a place where sports, healthy living, and

community come together, and we’re honored to enhance that unique identity and take a step closer to our vision of a healthier, more equitable, more connected community.”

Local dignitaries in attendance will include:

- Gregg Hiland, President and CEO of the YMCA of Greater Indianapolis

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Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard to deliver his final State of the City address Dec. 4

The REPORTER

OneZone Chamber of Commerce will once again play host to the Mayor’s State of the City address.

The final State of the City program with Mayor Jim Brainard promises to be a lively discussion of five main focal points of his 28 years in office. Surprise presentations, guest interviewers, and a larger venue all combine to make this fast-paced event one of the best.

In addition to a different format, there are other changes this year:

- It is taking place in the evening at 5 p.m. – not a luncheon.
- It is taking place at the Palladium – not the Ritz Charles.
- It is being ticketed through The Center for the Performing Arts – not OneZone Chamber of Commerce

Reserve your tickets now for Mayor Jim Brainard’s final State of the City at 5 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 4 at the Palladium at The Center for the Per-



Photo provided by City of Carmel

As his 28-year tenure at the helm of Carmel city government comes to a close, hear from Mayor Jim Brainard at his final State of the City address on Monday, Dec. 4.

forming Arts.

Box seat tickets are also available. Please email tickets@TheCenterPresents.org

or call (317) 843-3800 for more information about box seats.

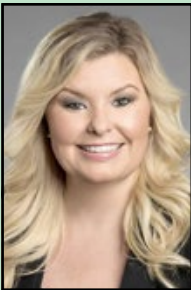
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with the city and OneZone to provide a special surprise outside after the formal program ends inside.

Westfield Chamber of Commerce names Courtney Albright as new president

The REPORTER

The Westfield Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Westfield Association (DWA) proudly announce the appointment of Courtney Albright as its new president. This decision comes after a thorough and extensive search, during which the Westfield Board of Directors overwhelmingly supported the recommendation of the Presidential Selection Committee.



Albright

Courtney Albright brings a wealth of experience to the role and has previously served as the Director of Partner and Member Engagement. Her exemplary leadership and dedication to the Chamber’s mission have positioned her as the ideal candidate to lead the organization into its next chapter.

Board Chairman Steve Rupp expressed confidence in Albright’s ability to excel in her new position.

“Courtney Albright has demonstrated to the Board of Directors during this past year that she not only possesses the skills and background for this next step in her career, but also the desire and passion,” Rupp said. “This year has been one of significant change and Albright has been asked to perform not only her job, but also the job of president since it was vacated earlier this year. We could not be happier that Albright is matriculating into this role and are confident she will be incredibly successful.”

Albright’s transition to the role of president comes with unanimous support from the Board of Directors, the existing staff, member partners, and various community stakeholders, including Downtown Westfield Association, Westfield Welcome, and incoming city officials.

As president, Albright will play a pivotal role in shaping the future of the Westfield Chamber of Commerce, fostering growth, and strengthening community partnerships.

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‘Tis the season to remember those in need

The need is growing, and more and more people stop by the pantries every week to pick up meals. As much as we hope this would not be the case, the reality of people’s situations dictates otherwise.

Thankfully, more people support our mission to provide meals to hungry neighbors, too. Each time we ask for help, neighbors step up. I am grateful that we live in a special place with generous caring neighbors, people who are never shy about helping those in need.



MARK HALL
The Feeding Team Feature

The most recent example was from a few weeks ago. We are excited to report the results from the **FeedingTeam.org** first “Choo Choo Chew” train bingo fundraising event. Almost 80 brave souls joined a dozen volunteers on Oct. 13 for a train ride from Noblesville’s Hobbs Station to Atlanta where we disembarked, feasted on a mega-sized charcuterie board, and spent the next 90 minutes playing Bingo for prize baskets valued up to \$800 donated for this inaugural event. Thank you to all the

sponsors, donors, volunteers, train staff, and riders who made the evening a great success. **FeedingTeam.org** raised over \$7,000 to purchase food for neighbors here in Hamilton County.

Now that the holiday season is in full swing let’s spend a few minutes reflecting on those in need in our county. We could write the next dozen columns describing examples of people who shop, donate and volunteer with us. Here is one current example:

A few weeks ago, we had the opportunity to speak at the Sheridan Kiwanis meeting. That evening, one of the members told the story of observing an older

woman shopping at a pantry as he watched. He described what he saw as this frail lady gingerly picked through a pantry, selected two cans of food, and slowly walked away clutching them tightly to her body as if they were precious to her survival, which they may have been. It’s not our place or purpose to know her story. We exist to be a food source to neighbors. Her story, and similar ones, happen behind the scenes every week at dozens of pantries right here in Hamilton County.

This holiday season, as we celebrate the blessings in our lives, as we make memories with family and friends, please take a moment and remember our neighbors that are less fortunate and those that are in need. In the spirit of the season, consider a selfless act of kindness to our neighbors. Thank you.

With over 47,000

food-challenged neighbors in Hamilton County, **FeedingTeam.org** is a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that provides outdoor 24/7/365 no-questions-asked free food pantries throughout the county.

The pantries exist to meet the food insecurity needs of gap families, neighbors who may not qualify for public assistance and could use a few meals before payday. The pantries serve as many food-challenged neighbors as possible, and our hearts are with those who, like my family, could not always make ends meet.

Thank you for supporting the pantries. We love serving with so many neighbors across Hamilton County. In future columns, we will share more stories about how your generosity served neighbors in times of need. The face of hunger in Hamilton County is not what you may think.

FeedingTeam.org
Facts
57 pantries
10,000 meals in Sept. 2023
Over 30 volunteer families

In practical terms, this straightforward way to help neighbors is having real impact on lives, families, and our communities. Thank you. A few meals can change the course of a person’s life. A can of green beans means so much more when you have nothing to feed your kids.

Would you like to get involved? Volunteer opportunities are available. We are evaluating new pantry locations. If you think you have a potential location, please contact us.

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



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YMCA

- Mitch Frazier, Chair of the Ascension St. Vincent YMCA in Westfield Steering Committee and CEO of AgriNovus
- Mark Heirbrandt,

- Hamilton County Commissioner
- Dr. Paul Kaiser, Superintendent Westfield Washington Schools
- Joe White, Vice

Chair of the YMCA of Greater Indianapolis Board of Directors and Executive Vice President & Partner at New City Development

ALBRIGHT

Albright shared her excitement about this new position.

“I’m genuinely thrilled and honored to step into the role of president at the Westfield Chamber of Commerce and DWA,” Albright said. “Westfield truly holds a special place in my heart. Thank you for trusting me with this vital responsibility. As I step into this new role, please know that your voice matters, and I’m here to champion it. Feel free to reach out as my door is always open. Together, let’s infuse Westfield with new energy and collective success. Our future is bright, and I’m excited to shape it

alongside each of you!”

The Westfield Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1981 and serves over 400 member businesses through its core values to support, unite, and lead. It is an integral part of the extreme growth Westfield has experienced making it the fastest-growing city in Indiana and one of the fastest-growing in the entire United States. The Chamber serves as a central voice for Westfield businesses and holds many events throughout the month along with the Young Professionals Council.

Albright will officially start her new position on Dec. 1.

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About the Westfield Chamber

The Westfield Washington Chamber of Commerce, Inc. is a 501(c)6 non-profit organization located at 116 E. Main St. Westfield is home to 911 businesses and more than 13,000 employees who work within its borders. The Chamber is positioned to provide visionary community leadership that supports, unites, and leads its members and the Westfield community. 2023 marks the organization’s 42nd anniversary. Visit WestfieldChamber-Indy.com for more information.

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Westfield in Lights returns to Grand Junction Plaza

The REPORTER

Westfield in Lights, presented by the Downtown Westfield Association, returns to Grand Junction Plaza from 3 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2.

The event, hosted by Westfield Welcome, features outdoor activities, carnival games with winter themes, food vendors, retail merchants, and live entertainment. This year's new addition is ice skating at Grand Junction Plaza.

“Grand Junction Plaza has become a popular community gathering space for many events, and we are thrilled to see it come to life for the holidays,” Mayor Andy Cook said.

A complete list of events is below.



Photo provided

Westfield in Lights

Most activities will take place at Grand Junction Plaza (225 S. Union St.), including free winter-themed games, caricature artists, food vendors, retail merchants, live llamas, and visits from Frosty the Snowman, Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer, and Mrs. Claus.

The event culminates with the traditional Tree Lighting Celebration beginning at 5:50 p.m. on the main stage. Mayor Cook and special guests will officially light the tree at 6 p.m., which kicks off the holiday season in Westfield.

Ice Ribbon at Grand Junction Plaza

The Ice Ribbon at Grand Junction Plaza will host two skate sessions during Westfield in Lights. Sessions are 90 minutes long and begin at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Reservations are required; the cost is \$10 for ages 10 and under and \$12 for ages 11 and above. Skate rental is included in the ticket price. Reserve your tickets at TheIceAtGrandJunction.com.

Free Shuttle & Parking

Due to the popularity of Westfield in Lights, a free trolley service will be operating during the event. The Holiday Trolley will pick up and drop off guests at Christ United Methodist Church (318 N. Union St.), Westfield Intermediate School (17710 Shamrock Blvd.), and Grand Junction Plaza (225 S. Union St.) from 3 to 7 p.m.

Public parking for the event is also available in the parking lot at the southwest corner of Poplar and Park streets and in designated on-street spots along Union and Mill streets.

Westfield Washington Historical Society

If you are unable to see Santa at Westfield in Lights, plan a visit to the Barker Cabin (130 Penn St.) from 1 to 5 p.m. on Dec. 9 or Dec. 16, hosted by the Westfield Washington Historical Society. The public is invited to enjoy the simple and rustic beauty of a one-room log home free of charge.

Letters to Santa

A Letters to Santa mailbox will be available with direct service to the North Pole located at Grand Junction Plaza (225 S. Union St.) beginning at Westfield in Lights on Saturday, Dec. 2 through Dec. 13.

Mailboxes are also located outside Westfield City Services (2728 E. 171st St.), Grand Park Events Center (19000 Grand Park Blvd.), and the Westfield Washington Township Office (1549 E. Greyhound Pass). Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope so Santa can reply promptly.

About Westfield Welcome

Westfield Welcome focuses on community engagement and hospitality for residents, businesses, and visitors. As a department of the City of Westfield, Westfield Welcome hosts more than 35 annual events and provides hundreds of volunteer opportunities yearly. Learn more at WestfieldWelcome.com.

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SYAP thanks community for support at Denim & Lace

The REPORTER

A sold-out crowd of 250 people gathered for Sheridan Youth Assistance Program's (SYAP) annual fundraising event, Denim and Lace, held on Sept. 15, at West Fork Whiskey Co. in Westfield.

It was a record-breaking year for Denim and Lace, raising a total of \$59,000 to support the youth in the Sheridan community.

Attendees enjoyed hors d'oeuvres by the Bountiful Board, dinner by Chuy's, and dessert by Handel's Ice Cream and Chef Karyn. Music was provided by DJ Micheal Moore and the



Photo provided by SYAP

It was another record-breaking year at SYAP's Denim & Lace fundraiser.

emcee for the program was State Police Officer John Perrine.

SYAP thanks the event sponsors for their support and all who attended and participated in the silent

auction and raffles. SYAP also thanks the fundraising committee who worked so hard to organize this great event.

If you missed the event this year, [click here](#) to

watch the video that tells just a little about what Youth Assistance has done for families in Sheridan this year.

[Click here](#) to learn more about SYAP.

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Enthusiasm goes a long way, baby



Photos provided by Charlie McMillan

Having read [Nik Roberts' exceptionally enthusiastic piece on the inside of the Hamilton County Courthouse](#), Charlie McMillan sent these photos to The Reporter. Recently, the Historic Courtroom at the courthouse was the site of a concert. That's right – classical guitarist Nolan Winters (seen above) performed as part of Legacy Keepers Music's Classical Guitar Series earlier this month. A second concert scheduled for this Saturday, Dec. 2 was canceled due to a conflict with the city's nighttime Christmas parade. For more information, go to Facebook.com/LegacyKeepersMusic.

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Visitors from across the region attend one of several large-scale golf events held annually at Pebble Brook Golf Club. Future events will enjoy enhanced and expanded amenities including new cart paths, the Pebble Brook Grill and state-of-the-art golf simulators.

Photo provided

Pebble Brook Golf Club to receive substantial upgrades & renovations for 2024 season

The REPORTER

Pebble Brook Golf Club, 3110 Westfield Road, Noblesville, will soon begin significant upgrades and renovations to its facilities in celebration of 50 years of ownership by the Palmer Family.

Upgrades will include new cart paths, a renovated kitchen and dining area within the Pebble Brook Grill restaurant, new irrigation systems, and state-of-the-art golf simulators. A groundbreaking ceremony will occur outside the course's clubhouse at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 1, followed by refreshments.

John Nichols, executive chairman of the Palmer Group overseeing Pebble

Brook Golf Club, said, "Mr. Eldon Palmer loved the game of golf and would be proud to see both the progress of Pebble Brook Golf Club and the game of golf as a whole."

Mr. Palmer purchased the course in the 1970s, then one 18-hole course surrounded by farm fields.

Today, the golf club has two 18-hole courses, a clubhouse, and an outdoor pavilion. Pebble Brook Golf Club hosts several tournaments and outings throughout the year, in addition to charity events, golf lessons and local high school golf teams.

"We emphasize a family-friendly atmosphere as a family-owned-and-oper-

ated course, so it's greatly encouraging to see the next generation of golfers grow and develop at Pebble Brook," Nichols said.

Throughout the years, the number of women's events and programs has also increased.

"We've seen more women enjoy the sport and our facilities, which is terrific and reinforces our belief that Pebble Brook Golf Club is for everyone," Nichols said.

About Pebble Brook Golf Club

Purchased by Indianapolis entrepreneur Eldon Palmer in the 1970s, Pebble Brook Golf Club has grown on the north side of Indianapolis as a

third-generation, family-owned-and-operated golf course, restaurant, and event venue. Spanning two courses and 36 holes, Pebble Brook Golf Club is enjoyed by people of all ages and walks of life throughout the region and beyond, bringing tourism to Hamilton County.

Get tickets now for Westfield Performing Arts Holiday Festival

The REPORTER

The Westfield Performing Arts Holiday Festival is coming up soon.

The annual music celebration will feature the talented band and choir programs, making it a perfect addition to your holiday traditions. The Holiday Festival will take place

at 7 p.m. on Dec. 8 and 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9 at the Westfield High School Auditorium, 18250 N. Union St.

Secure your tickets today at westfield.band/concerts. Make this holiday season truly unforgettable at the Westfield Performing Arts Holiday Festival.

Superintendent Hile to update Noblesville on State of the Schools

The REPORTER

Noblesville Schools Superintendent Dr. Daniel G. Hile will present the State of the Schools from 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 6 as part of the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce Holiday Luncheon.

The luncheon will be held at the Noblesville Schools Community Center, 1775 Field Drive.

Supt. Hile will discuss the current state of Nobles-

ville's public school system, including academic achievements, workforce development, school finances, construction, and future planning. Noblesville High School choir students will also perform a selection of holiday favorites.

Attendees can bring a toy or nonperishable food item to benefit the Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank and the Firefighters Annual Toy Drive.



Hile

Santa returns to Hamilton Town Center for the holidays

The REPORTER

Santa Claus will soon visit families as part of the Simon Santa Photo Experience at [Hamilton Town Center](#). Santa arrives on Friday, Dec. 1 and will be available until Christmas Eve.

The Santa Photo Experience launches on Friday, Dec. 1 and will be open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Reservations are encouraged and can be made by [clicking here](#).

Hamilton Town Center's Santa Photo Experience will take place near the dog park, across from CoHatch.

Hamilton Town Center will also host events with Santa this season including:

- **Pet Photos** – Hamilton Town Center is excited to host festive pet photo opportunities multiple times throughout the holiday season. Sessions will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and

from 4 to 7 p.m. on Dec. 5, 7, 12, and 14.

- **WRTV Toy Drive** – From noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9, Hamilton Town Center and participating Indianapolis Simon Centers will hold a special collection day event. Shoppers are encouraged to bring new, unwrapped toys or monetary donations. Collection bins will be located next to Ford's Garage and all donors will receive a free pretzel coupon from Ford's Garage.
- **Festive Happenings** – On Saturday, Dec. 2 and Dec. 9, shoppers can expect to find seasonal fun as the cross-off their shopping list including live reindeer, Caricature Artists, Holiday Llamas, Carolers and a Social Media Pop-Up Display with photographer. On Sunday, Dec. 10 experience live reindeer and other family-friendly activities.

This year, Hamilton Town Center has also welcomed a slew of brand-new retailers and entertainment experiences for shoppers to enjoy, including X-Golf, HopeAnchor & Crew, Cinaholics, Dry Goods, Ross Dress for Less, and Athleta.

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Spreading Christmas cheer all over HamCo



Reporter photos by Stu Clampitt

Nickel Plate Express Executive Director Emily Reynolds set aside her Grinchy and Scroogie ways and invited friends and family to ride the Reindeer Express. In some kind of “It’s a Christmas miracle” moment, even The Reporter was on the friends and family list – and no one loves news media anymore. It almost made our publisher smile a little. Almost. A little. (Left) Reporter sales prodigy Megan Potet and His Lairdship John Sampson pose with Santa. Santa is either in the middle, on the right, or someone spiked our hot cocoa and we’re seeing double. (Top right) Tim and Barb Campbell chat with a jolly old elf. We think Santa was going over his wish list for Campbell’s editorial cartoons in The Reporter. (Bottom right) Mrs. Claus made the rounds, spreading holiday cheer. She was even friendly when *someone* from The Reporter grilled her about whether the elves are really slaves. So yes, a grand time was had by all ... except maybe the elves ... who we suspect were contractually obligated to say they had fun. Ride the rails and have the fun through Dec. 23. Tickets are available at NickelPlateExpress.com.

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Directed by Lisa Jennings

Carmel Christkindlmarkt Concert
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Letter to the Editor — Help Center for the Performing Arts continue to make a difference

Dear Editor:

The Center for the Performing Arts is dedicated to sparking creativity, inspiring discovery, and fostering lifelong learning through the power of live performance. Today, I’m reaching out to share how YOU can join us in making a difference.

One of our proudest achievements this year was the launch of the Prism Project at the Center, a groundbreaking initiative that expanded our educational reach. Designed to provide an inclusive, four-week performing arts experience for individuals with disabilities ages 6 to 25, the inaugural Prism Project at the Center was nothing short of a resounding success, touching the lives of 25 children and young adults.

The Prism Project was presented in partnership with Kelly Fischer, Senior Lecturer at Ball State University, who has extensive experience in hosting similar programs across various organizations. Kelly and her son, Noah, have participated in the Center’s education programs for years. When she mentioned finding a new home for the Prism Project camp, we knew immediately it belonged at the Center.

Each week, participants were given a platform to express themselves, to learn, and just as importantly, to have fun and make friends. They took part in dance, drama, and music activities that not only encouraged their creativity but also enhanced their self-esteem and social skills.

The opportunities for continued programming such as the Prism Project are tremendous. Your tax-deductible gift makes these life-changing educational arts programs possible.

And now we have a match challenge, thanks to John C. and Marianne S. Hart of J.C. Hart Company. All new and increased gifts made by Dec. 31 will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$5,000. Whether it’s a one-time contribution or a recurring donation, it all supports the Center’s mission.

Many of our supporters make a **gift of stock**, a **grant from a Donor-Advised Fund**, or a **Qualified Charitable Distribution**.

Join other supporters in ensuring that every child, regardless of their abilities, can experience the transformative power of the arts. Donate today at thecenterpresents.org/donate. Thank you for your support.

With excitement for our shared future and impact,
Julia Shildmyer
Director of Education & Community Engagement
The Center for the Performing Arts

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Indianapolis Youth Symphony Orchestra wins The American Prize in Orchestral Performance

The REPORTER

The Indianapolis Youth Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Adam Bodony has been named the winner of The American Prize in Orchestral Performance, youth orchestra division, for 2023.

Indianapolis Youth Symphony Orchestra was selected from applications reviewed recently from across the United States.

The American Prize National Nonprofit Competitions in the Performing Arts is the nation’s most comprehensive series of contests in the performing arts. The American Prize is unique in scope and structure, designed to recognize and reward the best performing artists, directors, ensembles, and composers in the United States at professional, college/university, community and high school levels, based on submitted recordings.

Now in its 13th year, The American Prize was founded in 2010 and is awarded annually in many areas of the performing arts. Thousands of artists from all 50 states have derived benefit from their participation in the contests of The American Prize, representing literally hundreds of communities and arts organizations across the nation.

other winners in other divisions. Information about the 2024 season of contests is available at TheAmericanPrize.org.

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Click here to see the full list of the

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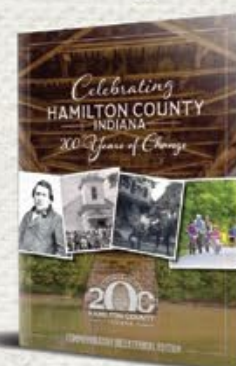
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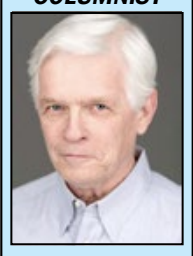
Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre concludes its 50th anniversary season with Irving Berlin's *White Christmas*.

Based on the eponymous 1954 film (which starred Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney, and Vera-Ellen), the stage version freely adapts the screenplay into a much tighter storyline, which includes a pared-down song list as well. The resulting show works just fine, albeit without the full-sized cast.

Eddie Curry directs, with choreography provided by Ron Morgan and musical direction by Terry Woods. The whole production has the feel of a '50s film, partially due to the costumes by Kathy Henry and the wig stylings by Andrew Elliot.

Elliott Litherland and Kenney Green-Tilford take the roles of army buddies Bob Wallace and Phil Davis, who have formed a very successful two-man stage team, while Deb Wims and Heather Patterson King play sisters Judy and Betty Haynes – also teamed up as performers. They all wind up in Pine Tree, Vt., to mount a show at a ski resort owned

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by the men's former commander, General Waverly – played by Jeff Stockberger.

The four leads provide most of the big numbers in the show, with well-polished performances. Carrie Neal adds

her many talents as Martha, the nosey former star who helps run the resort inn. Other featured performers include Logan Hill and Hallie Quinn as flirty dancers Rita and Rhoda, Brett Mutter as slow-moving stagehand Ezekiel, Matt Banic as slick army buddy Ralph Sheldrake, and Abby Kai Johnson as Waverly's granddaughter Susan.

This combination of talents results in a festive Christmas celebration – one that will be enjoyed by all ages. Tickets for this offering are very limited, but any availability is outlined on the Beef and Boards website.

Bottom line: a solid cast gives bright performances for this charming 1950s-era program. Lots of Irving Berlin favorites are included in the score.

White Christmas continues at Beef and Boards Dinner Theatre through Dec. 31.



Photo provided
Graham and Megan Poteet get into the spirit of Christmas thanks in part to Beef & Boards production of Irving Berlin's *White Christmas*.

Show times and reservation availability can be viewed at BeefAndBoards.com or by calling the box office at (317) 872-9664.

Note: As one B&B season ends, another is around the corner. The 2024 season kicks off with *Menopause the Musical* on Jan. 5, followed by a show that al-

ready has created quite a lot of “buzz” – *Beautiful – The Carol King Musical* – based on the life and works of this iconic 1970s star – which opens Feb. 8. Information about next season's lineup is available on the website.

Read more great play reviews from *A Seat on the Aisle* at asota.wordpress.com.

Imagine Noblesville to hold open caption & sensory-friendly film screenings

The REPORTER

Join Imagine Theatre in Noblesville this December for a variety of specialty screenings for guests.

Each month guests can watch some of the newest film releases with an enhanced experience. Open

Caption screenings provide subtitles for those with hearing impairments. Sensory Friendly Screenings provide modifications to the theatre atmosphere without modifying the film for those who experience sensory issues.

Open caption film screenings

Imagine Noblesville will hold open caption showings of some of the newest film releases on Sunday and Wednesday afternoons all month long. Guests who experience hearing impairments will be able to enjoy the movie-going experience with audio subtitles displayed on the big screen for all to see.

All open caption movies are shown in 2D. *Note: there are no modifications made to the film.

- “Wish”: Dec. 3 & 6
- “National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation”: Dec. 10 & 13
- “Wonka”: Dec. 17 & 20
- “Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom”: Dec. 24 & 27
- “The Color Purple”: Dec. 31 & Jan. 3

On-sale dates vary. Check the website or Imagine app for theatres and showtimes.

Sensory-friendly film screenings

Imagine Noblesville will hold a unique, sensory friendly screening twice a

month, with specific modifications made to ensure an enjoyable experience for individuals with sensory needs and their supporters. Their sensory-friendly programming makes going to the movies a more enjoyable experience for families, children, and teens with sensory needs.

All sensory friendly films will be shown in 2D. *Note there are no modifications made to the film.

What does sensory-friendly mean?

First, it means sensory-friendly experience (lights up a bit, sound down a bit). Second, if your child needs to get up, move, dance, sing ... no problem. Third, guests are welcome to bring a safe snack for any food allergies or food avoidance/restrictions.

- “Wish”: Dec. 2
- “Wonka”: Dec. 16

Films will be the first showing of the day. On-sale dates vary. [Check the website](#) or Imagine app for theatres and showtimes.

Imagine Noblesville is located at 13825 Norrell Road in the Hamilton Town Center.

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Meeting Notices

The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2023, in the second floor courtroom of the Historic Hamilton County Courthouse, 33. N. 9th St., Noblesville. Please enter using the west side entry doors.

The Hamilton County Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold its monthly Joint Capital and Construction and Board of Trustees meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 4, 2023, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.

The Sheridan Storm Water Board has scheduled its regular meeting for 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023, at the Sheridan Community Room.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 1, 2023, at the Hamilton County Highway Department 1700 S. 10th St., Noblesville. The Commissioners will meet in Executive Session at 8:30 a.m. for 1. Implementation of Security Systems IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(C); 2. Purchase or Lease of Real Estate IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D); 3. Discussion of Pending Litigation IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B); and 4. Discussion of Personnel IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7). Following the Executive Session will be a public meeting for discussion of highway projects and other county business, as necessary.

FISHERS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Ind. Code §§5-3-1 and 5-23 et. seq., the City of Fishers Board of Public Works & Safety ("Board") will hold a public hearing on Tuesday December 12, 2023, at the City Services Building, City Courtroom, 3 Municipal Drive, Fishers, Indiana at 9:00 a.m., to consider a recommendation to award a public-private agreement to Hagerman GM REC CENTER, LLC ("Hagerman GM") for Hagerman GM Hunt to design, build and transfer to the City the Fishers Community Center. The Board will hear and receive comments from all interested persons. Proposals and an explanation for the basis upon which the recommendation is being made are available for public inspection and copying during normal business hours at Fishers City Hall, Administrative Office, One Municipal Drive, Fishers, Indiana 46038.

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Share the holidays with ATI

The REPORTER

Join Actors Theatre of Indiana for five great nights with two stupendous guests in December. Come celebrate the holidays with ATI! Tickets are available at ATIstage.org. All performances are at The Studio Theater at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.

Wayne Powers

Dec. 13 & 14, 7:30 p.m.

Step up your holidays, and don't miss an unforgettable evening with ATI and Wayne Powers. Known as one of the last of the real "Saloon Singers," Powers is internationally acclaimed for his extensive work on stage, screen, recordings and his 20-year network TV career.

"Like the jazz greats before him – Sinatra, Eckstine, Prysock, Hartman – Powers understands that great singers are equal parts poets and performers, technicians, and thespians. As he's proven over the course of a long career, he's the complete package." – *Jazziz Magazine*



Gentry



Powers

For two special nights, Dec. 13 and 14, with his jazz trio, "The Great American Songbook" is Powers' playground.

"Perhaps the best interpreter of popular song and jazz since Sinatra himself." – Brett Dean, Leader Shout Section Big Band

Along with a swingin' 108th birthday tribute to Frank Sinatra, you can also expect some Hollywood stories, laughs, surprises and a generous helping of Christmas cheer.

"Frank Sinatra once told me, 'I don't care if my name lives on, I just

pray that the music lives on.' Wayne Powers answers Frank's prayer." – Tom Dressen, comedian who toured with Sinatra for 13 years

Katy Gentry

Dec. 15 & 16 at 7:30 p.m.,
Dec. 17 at 2:30 p.m.

Serenade in the joy of the holidays with the golden voice of Katy Gentry from Dec. 15 to 17. Known for her portrayal and celebration of the Judy Garland songbook, audiences will hear the Christmas classics infused with contemporary and religious favorites of her own.

Gentry will ring in the season with Special Guest and Indiana's own Piano Man, Eric Baker. From the Jazz Kitchen to his sellout Billy Joel tributes at Feinstein's, Baker will join the irreplaceable Greg Wolff on drums and Christian Starnes on bass.

With Gentry's signature storytelling flavor, come and gather around the piano for a beautiful evening of music you do not want to miss.

Laura Alerding announces run for Indiana House District 29

Submitted

Laura Alerding, Noblesville, has announced she will run for State Representative for the 29th District, which covers Noblesville Township and two precincts in Fishers.

Alerding currently serves on the Noblesville School Board. She has also owned a promotional and marketing business since 2004.

"I am happy to announce my candidacy for Indiana House Representative for the 29th District," Alerding said. "My conservative values make me passionate about protecting children from age-inappropriate material in schools

and public libraries, and protecting families, faith and freedom. I will bring the same tenacity and stamina to the state legislature as I have with my business and with my work on the Noblesville School Board, which includes navigating multiple challenges, listening and asking questions to solve problems, promoting transparency, and non-stop discussions for higher academic achievement."

Her focus in the state legislature will be on healthcare costs with a



Alerding

concentration on mental health issues, education with a focus on students reaching higher academic achievement, property tax relief for low- and fixed-income homeowners, and continuing to make Indiana an attractive, low-tax state for businesses that will have access to an ample and competent work force.

"Achieving greater academic outcomes for students has a direct correlation to the successful economic development of a community," Alerding said. "As a State Representative, I will accept the legislative challenges with courage and fortitude. As a conservative Republican, it is with profound grit and steadfast determination that I will work on issues facing the Noblesville community and two precincts in Fishers."

Alerding is a native Hoosier. She and her husband Jim have a combined family of six children, 18 grandchildren, and two great-grandsons. They enjoy spending time with family at sporting events, school activities, and special occasions.

Learn more about the candidate at Alerding-ForStateRep29.info.

Gov. Holcomb appoints Elise Nieshalla as Indiana's next state comptroller

By ASHLEY FOWLER
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The president of the Boone County Council will serve as Indiana's next state comptroller, Gov. Eric Holcomb announced Tuesday.

Elise Nieshalla will replace State Comptroller Tera Klutz, whose resignation is effective today.

"Elise ... has shared her financial expertise to help steer and shape the bright future of Boone County which gives me great confidence she'll do the same serving Hoosiers as our next State Comptroller," Gov.

Holcomb said in a release.

As the **state's chief financial officer**, Nieshalla will balance the state's checkbook, pay the state's bills and state employees, and distribute tax dollars.

"It is truly my privilege to receive Governor Holcomb's appointment to serve our great state and local units of government by upholding the highest standards of fiscal responsibility and offering tremendous Hoosier service," Nieshalla



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said in a release.

In addition to her role as Boone County Council president, Nieshalla is also the president of the Indiana County Councils Association and is the chairwoman of the Association of Indiana Counties' 2023 Legislative Committee.

"Congratulations to Elise Nieshalla for being selected as the new State Comptroller," Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch said. "As a former Auditor of the State

of Indiana, which is now called the State Comptroller, I know what is needed to successfully serve Hoosiers in the role. With her extensive fiscal experience and her appreciation for the state's strong financial position, I am confident Elise will do a wonderful job for Indiana."

Nieshalla earned a bachelor's degree from Oral Roberts University and a master's degree from Indiana University. She and her husband, Chris, live in Zionsville.

Nieshalla will be sworn in on Friday, Dec. 1.

Hoosier family to get free van in Fishers

The REPORTER

On Thursday, Dec. 7, the Muscular Dystrophy Family Foundation (MDFF) will give away a fully-funded wheelchair-accessible vehicle to a deserving Hoosier family living with muscular dystrophy.

The handing of the keys to the Bousum Family will occur from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 7 at Superior Van & Mobility, 13095 Parkside Drive, Fishers. MDFF has partnered with Superior Van & Mobility for years to be able to provide accessible vans.

Thanks to the generosity of the community, MDFF has chosen three families to receive their very own accessible van. While MDFF may not be able to find all three families a perfect van this calendar year, the organization will give them their van when the right one is found.

MDFF is paying the full cost for the accessible van for the Bousum Family, which comes to \$49,450. MDFF will pay for the chassis (the vehicle base frame that costs roughly \$30,000) for the other two accessible van recipients, and Vocational Rehabilitation will be involved and fund hand

controls, driver training and conversion costs to make the chassis wheelchair accessible. That will make 13 accessible vans given away over the past eight years.

"Consider this situation: you are stuck at home, wheelchair bound and your physical, spiritual, and mental life are spiraling downward," MDFF President Tim Doyle said. "Hope is lost and the outlook looks bleak. And then ... you are given a beautiful \$50,000 accessible wheelchair van for free and your whole world and outlook immediately changes for the better! That's what MDFF provided to different Hoosier families over the years. The result? Tears of joy and a sense of freedom that they never quite experienced before! Let's have them tell you about it – read their stories on our [website](http://web site)!"

Applications for MDFF's 2024 Accessible Van Giveaway Program open on Friday, Dec. 1, 2023. Requirements to apply to a van are: A) be diagnosed with muscular dystrophy or a neuromuscular disease (according to the applicable diseases listed on the national Muscular Dystrophy Association



website); B) reside in the state of Indiana; C) have a need for a mobility van; and D) have the financial resources to pay for insurance, plates, and maintenance of the vehicle.

MDFF also provides direct financial assistance in equipment and home modification needs. Examples of home and vehicle modifications funded in the past include widening home doorways, making home bathrooms handicapped accessible/and more usable, installation of home and van ramps, portable electric wheelchairs, seat elevators, support rails, power wheelchair lifts for vehicles, stair lifts, and body lifts for increased home mobility. The provision of such equipment, modifications, and repairs can greatly contribute to much-needed dignity, improved quality of life, and increased independence for

the individuals facing the progressive challenges of this disease as well as their families. Applications for this program are accepted year-round.

About MDFF

The Muscular Dystrophy Family Foundation uses the power of giving to increase the quality of life and independence of people with muscular dystrophy – and empower their families – through advocacy, education, and financial assistance. Learn more at MDFF.org.

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Spinner steps down as OCRA executive director

The REPORTER

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch announced on Tuesday the resignation of Denny Spinner, executive director of the **Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs** (OCRA).

Spinner's last day will be Friday, Dec. 1.

Spinner, former mayor of Huntingburg, Ind., was appointed to his position at OCRA in November 2020 by Lt. Gov. Crouch.

"Denny Spinner has been one of rural Indiana's greatest advocates during his tenure as OCRA's executive director," said Crouch, who also serves as Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "Hoosiers all across Indiana are grateful for his commitment, and I wish him well as he continues this mission in a new role."

Under Spinner's leadership, OCRA:

- Fueled community development around Indiana by helping communities build relevant and economically thriving places where Hoosiers want to live, work and play.
- Launched the Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program, Preserving Main Street Program, Indiana Connec-

tivity Program, and the Recovery Housing Program.

- Reestablished the Indiana Rural Affairs Working Group, carried out improvements to the agency's grant management system, and increased technical assistance and training opportunities provided by the Indiana Main Street team.
- Continued to be a leading resource and tool for rural and urban communities throughout Indiana.

Though Spinner is stepping down from his position, he will continue to be an advocate for rural Indiana as he becomes the new interim director of the Indiana University Center for Rural Engagement.

"It has been an honor to serve Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and with the outstanding staff at OCRA," Spinner said. "In working with rural communities these last few years, I saw the potential of rural Indiana being the state's next great economic frontier. I feel fortunate and excited to have the opportunity to continue this work with the Indiana University Center of Rural Engagement."

A search will begin immediately for Spinner's successor.

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December 31

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Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs announces solicitation for 2024 Non-Profit Partner

Non-profit organizations encouraged to apply by Dec. 15

The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA) is seeking applications for a non-profit organization to serve as its 2024 Non-Profit Partner (NPP). The program partners IDVA with an Indiana non-profit dedicated to enhancing the lives of Indiana's Veterans.

In the last two years IDVA and its partners have raised more than \$40,000 for programs that serve veterans.

"Through this program we've been able to team up with incredible organizations around the state, mak-

ing a real impact in their ability to serve the Indiana Veteran Community," IDVA Director Dennis Wimer said. "We are excited to be able to continue the partnership program in 2024 with a new organization dedicated to making Indiana the choice for veterans to live, work, and thrive."

As part of the partnership, IDVA and the NPP will plan the annual IDVA golf outing as well as other events throughout the year to raise funds for the non-profit's mission; raise awareness of state and federal benefits available to veterans; and foster com-

munity, camaraderie, and connection.

An eligible applicant is an organization that serves Indiana's Veterans and has 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. Additionally, the NPP24 must have the resources to serve as an active partner with IDVA including, but not limited to:

- Assisting with the planning of the golf outing and other events;
- Having personnel and/or volunteers to perform duties at each event;
- Leveraging other partnerships to enhance the participation in and help ensure the success of each event; and
- Utilizing all promotional avenues to promote and publicize each event.

To be considered as the NPP24, applicants must submit a complete NPP online application by 4 p.m. on Dec. 15. NPP funds must be used to enhance an organization's programs or services to Indiana's Veteran Community.

All applications, pro-

cedures and documentation should follow Indiana Code, Indiana Administrative Code, and Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs policies. Online applications are due by 4 p.m. on Dec. 15. IDVA will host a Live Q&A on YouTube at 11 a.m. on Dec. 6 to answer any questions about the program and the application process. The solicitation award notice will be sent in writing no later than Dec. 29.

More information and a link to the application can be found at [this link](#).

About the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs

The Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA) is a state agency dedicated to serving. Its mission is to Support, Serve, and Advocate for the Indiana Veterans Community. IDVA aims to make Indiana the choice for veterans to Live, Work and Thrive. For more information about IDVA and its services, visit [in.gov/dva](#).

Sens. Young & Braun honor Coach Bob Knight's life & legacy

The REPORTER

On Monday night, the United States Senate passed a resolution introduced by Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.) and Mike Braun (R-Ind.) honoring the life and legacy of Indiana basketball coach Robert Montgomery Knight.

The resolution celebrates Coach Knight's achievements during 29 years at Indiana University, including coaching 11 Big Ten Conference Championship teams, 24 teams to the NCAA tournament, and the last team to go undefeated and win the NCAA tournament during the 1975-76 season.

"Some of my best memories growing up in an IU family were watching games with my dad, from IU-Purdue nail-biters to Big Ten and NCAA

title runs," Sen. Young said. "Bob Knight was a basketball genius who made a tremendous impact on the players he coached, the IU community, and the entire state of Indiana. I'm proud to join with Senator Braun to pay tribute to the life and legacy of The General, who will be remembered on and off the court for generations to come."

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Knight embodied so many Hoosier values: perseverance, accountability, and above all hard work," Sen. Braun said. "Coach Knight will always be remembered by Hoosiers, and it was an honor to be able to commemorate his life and success with this Senate resolution with Senator Young."

[Click here](#) to read the full text of the resolution.



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Timmy Lee Haskett

October 3, 1947 – November 28, 2023



Timmy Lee “Tim” “The Bear” Haskett, 76, Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at his home. He was born on October 3, 1947, to Richard and Laura (Cook) Haskett in Noblesville.



Tim proudly served his country in the United States Navy. He worked as Automotive Operations Manager and consultant for several dealerships in the Indianapolis area and was a highly certified collision industry I-Car professional. Tim was an avid golfer, scoring a hole-in-one two different times! He hosted a radio program and loved the Chicago Bears and Indianapolis Colts. Tim loved watching his grand-

kids sporting events and loved spending time with his family. He was also involved in prison ministry programs.

Tim is survived by his wife, Peggy Haskett; daughters, Melissa (Bob) Stuart and Misty (Melvin) Cecil; son, Elijah (Wendy) Haskett; siblings, Lou Montgomery, Donna Lockridge, Roy Haskett, Vickie Hilton, and Tammy Dougherty; nine grandchildren, Jackson (Hannah) Stuart, Caleb Stuart, Charlotte Stuart, Lee (Amanda) Haskett, Arianna Brooks, Eva Helton, Madison Conger, Mason Conger, and Gavin Haskett; and five great-grandchildren, Kaiden Brooks, Leah Haskett, Quintin Helton, Benaiah Helton, and Jacob Reader.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon, with services at noon, on Monday, December 4, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to the funeral home to assist the family with funeral expenses.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Donald Wayne Newby II

d. November 27, 2023

Donald Wayne Newby II, 66, Noblesville, passed away on Monday, November 27, 2023.



Donald proudly served his country in the United States Air Force.

Private family burial will be at Cicero Cemetery in Cicero.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Kathie Jo Bowman

May 15, 1950 – November 26, 2023



Kathie Jo Bowman, 73, Cicero, passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 26, 2023, surrounded by her husband, children, and grandchildren.

Kathie was born on May 15, 1950, to Garth and Evelyn Ferguson. She attended Ben Davis High School where she met her best friend, Gregory P. Bowman. Kathie and Greg married on September 7, 1968. They were blessed with a son, Jeffery P. Bowman, and a daughter, Jennifer J. Bowman Gellinger. Kathie and Greg’s marriage was one of true love and devotion to each other and to their cherished family.

In the early 1970s, Kathie and Greg moved to Cicero and quickly fell in love with the welcoming community. They opened Pizza Heaven, helped establish the Little Husky Festival, and in recent years, devoted significant time to the Lights Over Morse Lake Festival. Kathie worked for over 30 years at Janus Developmental Services as the Director of Job Placement helping individuals with disabilities find employment within the community. Many of her clients, as well as their families, continue to feel the positive impact of Kathie’s tireless work ethic and kind soul. Her dedication to bettering the lives of those in the Cicero community will be tremendously missed.

Kathie’s commitment to family was remarkable. She loved being surrounded by her five sisters (Marcia, Ronda, Karen, Cheryl, and Shelia) and her brother (Troy), her husband, children, and precious grandchildren (Grace, Greta, and Bailey). Her greatest joy was their happiness. Family gatherings at her Cicero home were filled with laughter, love, and endless storytelling. She had a way of making people feel special when they were with her. Indeed, a smile and hug from Aunt Kathie was all it took to make any of her nieces and nephews feel good and blessed to be around her. The beautiful spirit of Kathie lives in the hearts of her entire family. They are forever grateful.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, December 1, 2023, at Hartley Funeral Homes Cicero Chapel, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero. (317) 984-3614. Condolences may be sent to hartleyfuneralhomes.com.

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TODAY’S BIBLE READING

Now Rebekah was listening as Isaac spoke to his son Esau. When Esau left for the open country to hunt game and bring it back, Rebekah said to her son Jacob, “Look, I overheard your father say to your brother Esau, ‘Bring me some game and prepare me some tasty food to eat, so that I may give you my blessing in the presence of the Lord before I die.’ Now, my son, listen carefully and do what I tell you: Go out to the flock and bring me two choice young goats, so I can prepare some tasty food for your father, just the way he likes it. Then take it to your father to eat, so that he may give you his blessing before he dies.”

Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, “But my brother Esau is a hairy man while I have smooth skin. What if my father touches me? I would appear to be tricking him and would bring down a curse on myself rather than a blessing.”

His mother said to him, “My son, let the curse fall on me. Just do what I say; go and get them for me.”

So he went and got them and brought them to his mother, and she prepared some tasty food, just the way his father liked it. Then Rebekah took the best clothes of Esau her older son, which she had in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob. She also covered his hands and the smooth part of his neck with the goatskins. Then she handed to her son Jacob the tasty food and the bread she had made.

Genesis 27:5-17 (NIV)

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Boys Basketball

Golden Eagles waste no time getting ahead, easily handle Muncie Central

By **RICHIE HALL**
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NOBLESVILLE — A hot start can lead to a winning finish.

That's what happened at the Eagles Nest on Tuesday. The Guerin Catholic boys basketball team got a tremendous effort from senior star Robert Sorensen, and that set the tone as the Golden Eagles cruised past Muncie Central 70-48.

Sorensen threw in three 3-pointers during the game's first four minutes, helping Class 3A No. 2/IBCA No. 14 Guerin Catholic to a 10-0 lead. Andy Caron made a free throw in that span as well.

"The last couple games, we hadn't found him early on, so we made a point to try and get him some touches early," said Golden Eagles coach Bobby Allen.

"Bryson Cardinal's been playing really well inside, so it opened up the perimeter for Rob and he was fortunate enough to make some shots."

"It felt good, but people got me open and people were passing on open shots," said Sorensen. "They were really the ones who were there getting me open, getting shots, so credit to my teammates."

A triple from the Bearcats' LJ Strange ended the run, and Muncie Central worked its way back into the quarter with five points from Demarkis Cole. But the quarter ended where it began: another 3 from Sorensen and GC led 19-8 after one.

Sorensen's fifth triple put the Golden Eagles up 24-10 with 6:38 left in the second quarter. Muncie Central cut into that lead with an 8-0 spurt, after which Dylan Murans took over. The 6-foot-8 senior pushed Guerin Catholic back up 29-18 with a three-point play, then another layin.

The Golden Eagles led 34-23 at halftime. They began the third quarter with a 6-0 run, as Cardinal made a layin and two free throws, then Andy Caron scored on a rebound basket.

"We have different guys who can score based on the matchups and everything, but now we also have to understand and recognize, we've got guys still not realizing how open they are," said Allen. "We got guys who are unselfish enough to play basketball the right way."

The Bearcats made one last run, a 9-0 spurt that included seven points for

GUERIN CATHOLIC 70, MUNCIE CENTRAL 48				
Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Robert Sorensen	9	3-3	27	0
Andy Caron	3	0-1	7	2
Malcolm Houze	1	0-0	3	1
Dylan Murans	3	4-5	10	3
Bryson Cardinal	4	0-0	10	3
Hayden Rodgers	1	0-0	2	2
Julian Melendez	1	1-2	3	2
Ben Grissom	0	2-4	2	0
Jake Grissom	1	0-0	3	2
Ryne Paris	0	3-4	3	2
Nik Balmuri	0	0-0	0	0
RJ Hill	0	0-0	0	0
Asher Arkenau	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	23	13-19	70	17
Score by Quarters				
Muncie Central	8	15	17	8-48
Guerin Catholic	19	15	16	20-70
Guerin Catholic 3-pointers (8) Sorensen 6, Houze, J. Grissom.				

Cole. But freshman Jake Grissom nailed a 3 and Cardinal followed that with a layin. Guerin's lead was now 45-32, and it stayed above double digits until the final buzzer.

The Golden Eagles ran away with the fourth quarter, outscoring Muncie Central 20-8. Eight different players scored, including a crowd-pleasing dunk from Caron.

"He had that dunk, which is fun," said Sorensen.

"I thought we were better in the second half limiting the amount of times that they went back on the run

to match what we did," said Allen.

Sorensen finished the game with 27 points, including six 3s. Murans and Cardinal both added 10 points.

"After Game 3, we're trying to work on the growth of our group," said Allen. "And right now, with Jack Cherry being hurt, a guy who's done so much for us over the past three years, we're trying to learn some new roles and guys are doing some new things."

Guerin Catholic is 3-0 and plays at the Eagles Nest again Saturday, taking on Hamilton Heights.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall
Guerin Catholic's Robert Sorensen scored 27 points, including six 3-pointers in the Golden Eagles 70-48 win over Muncie Central at the Eagles Nest.

Girls Basketball

Royals grind Millers for Hoosier Crossroads Conference win

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern girls basketball team held off a comeback from visiting Noblesville Wednesday, with the Class 4A No. 4 and IBCA No. 4 Royals getting a Hoosier Crossroads Conference victory, 71-69.

Southeastern jumped out to a 23-15 lead after one quarter. Maya Makalusky dominated the period with 12 points, including two 3-pointers. Antonette Green added two triples. Freshman C.C. Quigley kept the IBCA No. 14 Millers in it with seven points.

The Royals led 37-27 at halftime, with Makalusky scoring another eight points, making two more 3s. Noblesville's Ava Shoemaker hit a 3, which was a sign of things to come.

Shoemaker got hot in the third quarter, nailing four 3s and helping the

Millers to come back to tie the game at one point 37-37. The Royals surged ahead and led 55-49 after three periods, Stidham had eight points in the quarter.

Noblesville added 20 points in the fourth period, including nine from Reagan Wilson and eight from Meredith Tippner, but Southeastern was able to hang on for the win. Three different players (Makalusky, Kennedy Holman and Stidham) each scored five for HSE in the fourth.

Makalusky finished with 30 points, totaling six triples. She also collected six rebounds, with Kenley Johnson grabbing five. Holman earned a double-double with 11 assists and 10 points. Stidham scored 13 points.

Tippner scored 25 points, followed by Shoemaker



Reporter photo by Julie Brown
Hamilton Southeastern's Maya Makalusky (left) scored 30 points for the Royals during their 71-69 win over Noblesville Wednesday. Pictured at right is Noblesville's Kate Rollins.

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“We Field Champions: A Decade of Grand Park” documentary premieres GRINDS

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The City of Westfield and Legacy Sports Group has announced the premiere of the documentary “We Field Champions: A Decade of Grand Park.” The film offers a compelling journey through the evolution of the Grand Park Sports Campus over the last 10 years, showcasing the people and stories that have shaped its success.

Through a captivating blend of interviews, archival footage, and behind-the-scenes glimpses, “We Field Champions” provides an intimate look at the visionaries, athletes, and community members who have played pivotal roles in transforming Grand Park into a premier sports destination.

Director Cameron Sprinkle, the creative force behind the documentary, brought the months-long project to fruition.

“Grand Park is known for sports, but the Grand Park story is really about people,” Sprinkle said. “People who dreamed, doubted, preserved, and now have powerful human experiences in a wonderful place. It’s a great story, and I’m excited for people to see it.”

The film features exclusive interviews with key figures instrumental in Grand Park’s success, offering insights into this state-of-the-art sports campus’s challenges, triumphs, and enduring impact. Viewers can expect a rich tapestry of

narratives highlighting the intersection of sports, community, and ambition.

“As someone who has been part of Grand Park from its inception, it’s inspiring to see how far we’ve come,” Westfield Mayor Andy Cook said. “This documentary celebrates the passion and hard work that have turned Grand Park into a beacon for sports excellence while creating a vibrant sports tourism industry for our city.”

“We Field Champions” also delves into the initial opposition and skepticism about building the 400-acre park that hosted 3.5 million visits in 2022, along with the unique stories of athletes and community members whose lives have been touched by

Grand Park. Their personal experiences add depth to the narrative, showcasing the profound impact the sports campus has had on both individuals and the Westfield community.

Legacy Sports Group CEO William Knox is one of the forces behind the project.

“Grand Park is more than a sports facility; it’s a community that fosters growth, camaraderie, and a love for sports,” Knox said. “I’m thrilled to be part of a project that captures the essence of what makes Grand Park special.”

The documentary premiered in a special screening on Nov. 28 at the Grand Park Events Center.

Watch the official trailer [HERE](#).



Reporter photo by Julie Brown

Noblesville’s Reagan Wilson (right) was one of four players in double figures for the Millers. At left is Kennedy Holman, who had a double-double of 11 assists and 10 points for Southeastern.

Girls Basketball

Heights takes North Miami to school

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights girls basketball team came back from a 15-day break and immediately returned to its winning ways.

The Huskies, ranked No. 1 in the Class 3A Associated Press poll and No. 18 in the IBCA one-class poll, took care of North Miami 50-34 in a Wednesday away game. Heights outscored the Warriors in each quarter, although the first period was close with

the Huskies leading 14-12 after one.

Heights ran through the second quarter 14-3. Five different players scored, with Camryn Runner adding five points. Runner then added 12 points in the second half, including two 3s, to finish with a game-high 24 points and three triples.

Ella Hickok added 12 points.

The Huskies are 6-1 and host 2A No. 5 Bishop Luers on Saturday afternoon.

HAMILTON HEIGHTS 50, NORTH MIAMI 34				
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ella Hickok	4	2-3	12	4
Katie Brown	0	0-0	0	2
Camryn Runner	9	3-4	24	3
Kamryn Rhoton	0	1-2	1	2
Hadleigh Cherry	2	2-4	7	4
Kassidy Schakel	2	0-0	4	1
Kennedy Cherry	1	0-0	2	4
Totals	18	8-13	50	20
Score by Quarters				
Heights	14	14	13	9 – 50
North Miami	12	3	11	8 – 34
Heights 3-pointers (6) Runner 3, Hickok 2, H. Cherry.				

Wildcats beat ‘Hounds

The REPORTER

Carmel’s girls dropped a 79-45 game at Lawrence North on Tuesday.

The Wildcats, ranked No. 6 in both the Class 4A Associated Press and IBCA polls, outscored the Greyhounds in each quarter, leading 17-13 after one. Lawrence North then went

up 37-25 at halftime and outscored Carmel 42-20 in the second half.

Izzy Shepherd led the Greyhounds with 18 points, including three 3-pointers. Mackenzie Woods added 11 points.

Carmel is 4-4 and plays Saturday afternoon at Richmond.

LAWRENCE NORTH 79, CARMEL 45				
Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Keaton Gatlin	1	0-0	3	3
Izzy Shepherd	5	2-4	18	1
Mackenzie Woods	3	4-5	11	1
Lauren Perry	2	1-2	6	1
Taryn Fisher	0	0-0	0	1
Rilee McBride	0	0-0	0	0
Jamie Elliott	0	0-0	0	0
Megan Hamm	1	0-0	2	2
Ava Carter	1	0-0	3	0
Sydney Bonds	0	0-0	0	1
Brooke Batt	0	0-0	0	0
Tionna Bryant	1	0-0	2	0
Totals	14	7-11	45	10
Score by Quarters				
Carmel	13	12	11	9 – 45
Lawrence North	17	20	21	21 – 79
Carmel 3-pointers (7) Shepherd 3, Gatlin, Woods, Perry, Carter.				

Thanks for reading!

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 71, NOBLESVILLE 69				
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ava Shoemaker	6-9	0-0	17	4
Reagan Wilson	3-11	2-2	10	4
Meredith Tippner	10-18	5-11	25	3
Kate Rollins	0-3	0-2	0	0
C.C. Quigley	8-9	1-2	17	2
Brookelyn Grayson	0-0	0-0	0	0
Ally Hutchinson	0-1	0-0	0	0
Totals	27-51	8-17	69	13
Noblesville 3-point shooting (7-17) Shoemaker 5-7, Wilson 2-7, Rollins 0-2, Tippner 0-1.				
Noblesville rebounds (23) Wilson 5, Shoemaker 4, Tippner 4, Quigley 4, Hutchinson 2, Rollins 1, team 3.				
Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Maya Makalusky	11-17	2-2	30	4
Kennedy Holman	3-8	3-4	10	1
Zoe Lawless	0-1	0-0	0	0
Kayla Stidham	5-13	1-2	13	2
Addison Van Hoesen	4-6	0-0	8	4
Kayla Brinley	1-2	1-2	4	2
Antonette Green	2-2	0-0	6	1
Kenley Johnson	0-1	0-0	0	2
Totals	26-50	7-10	71	16
Southeastern 3-point shooting (12-23) Makalusky 6-10, Stidham 2-6, Green 2-2, Holman 1-4, Brinley 1-1.				
Southeastern rebounds (28) Makalusky 6, Brinley 5, Holman 4, Stidham 4, Van Hoesen 4, Green 1, team 4.				
Score by Quarters				
Noblesville	15	12	22	20 – 69
Southeastern	23	14	18	16 – 71

Wrestling

Southeastern splits dual meet: girls beat Avon, but boys fall

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern boys wrestling team dropped a back-and-forth dual meet with No. 20-ranked Avon Wednesday by the score of 39-36.

The Orioles won the first four matches to lead 21-0; junior Aidan Smalley went first and dropped a close decision at 120 before Avon won the next three by fall. The Royals fought back by winning the next five bouts, starting with a first-period fall for Chris Casler at 144.

Adam Gerstner took the 150-pound match, then Southeastern racked up three consecutive pins. Zach Lang (157), Antonio Ford (165) and Landon Hicks (175) all

delivered falls to give HSE a 27-21 lead. The Orioles won by fall at 190 to tie the meet at 27-27, but Evan Lawhead’s decision at 215 pushed the Royals back ahead 30-27.

Avon took over after that, getting falls at 285 and 106 to clinch the meet. Dinh Nguyen gave the Royals the final word with a pin at 113.

Southeastern will travel to Westfield Saturday for the

Shamrock Duals.

Southeastern’s girls wrestling team beat Avon 18-3 on Wednesday.

Lindsey Lannen dropped a hard-fought decision match, before Maria Mira, Omana Jacob and Kelli Crawford all pinned their opponents.

The Royals return to action Dec. 9 at the Lebanon Invitational.

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Two more Millers sign to college teams



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(ABOVE LEFT) Noblesville’s Kennedy Applegate has committed to the cross country and track and field teams at Taylor University. (Front row, from left) Molly Applegate (mother), Kennedy Applegate, and Kelly Applegate (father). (Back row) Ansley Applegate (sister). (ABOVE RIGHT) Noblesville’s Lauren Maresh has committed to the Marian University women’s soccer team. (Front row, from left) Ella Maresh (sister), Lauren Maresh, Anderson Maresh (brother [in memory]), Emily Maresh (mother). (Back row) Kristin Hetzel (Noblesville Girls Soccer Assistant Coach).

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Noblesville at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.
Seton Catholic at University, 7:30 p.m.
Sheridan at Clinton Prairie, 7:30 p.m.
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Guerin Catholic at Covenant Christian, 1:30 p.m.
Carmel at Richmond, 3:30 p.m.
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