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PARADE

providing additional portable light stands to better illuminate the roadway and sidewalks along the route.

“I’m excited to have the parade downtown this year with a new spin on it being a nighttime event,” Jensen

said. “Our historic downtown will look beautiful lit up along the route while featuring storefronts, our Courthouse Square, and decorated homes. It’s truly going to be a magical experience for parade goers and participants.”

The Noblesville Fire Department will have donation boxes on the Courthouse Square during the parade for those wanting to make donations to its 46th Annual Food and Toy Drive to help approximately 100 fami-

lies. The fire department is accepting canned goods, non-perishable food items, and new, unwrapped toys until Friday, Dec. 8. For more information on how you can donate, contact the fire department at (317) 776-6336.

LIONS

“The Westfield Lions Clubhouse has been a community resource in Westfield since 1958 and has played a pivotal role in the Club’s activities,” the Lions said. “The Clubhouse typically is in use over 150 times per year for 4-H meetings, club events and meetings, re-

unions, wedding receptions and other events. Several local churches started with services in the building. Recently, the clubhouse has been used as a polling location on Election Day.”

Before forming their new 501(c)(3), the Westfield Lions were not able to

accept donations to the club itself but did so on behalf of the various community projects they support.

“Since their beginning in 1933, the Westfield Lions Club has served Westfield and Hamilton County through various projects, financial donations and com-

munity support activities,” the Lions told The Reporter. “The club was one of the first groups to sponsor a three-day county agricultural show, the forerunner of the Hamilton County 4-H Fair. Many Lions to this day still play various roles in the fair. They also sponsored the first fish fry ever held in the county which continues today as a fundraising project.”

Generous contributions from the Westfield Lions Club continue to be made to such Lions projects as Lions Club International Foundation, Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Indiana Lions Eye and Tissue Bank, Indiana Lions for Leader Dog, Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Westfield Fire and Police departments and various Veterans, Women’s, Homeless and Those in Need programs. Several members assist Lions’ projects at the Speedway and Indiana State Fair.

The Club assists local students with eye care, honors the top 10 high school seniors scholastically and recognizes outstanding senior male and female athletes. The club also supports Hoosier Girls State, Scouting programs, the Lester L. Tudor Scholarship, the Florence S. Benson Community Award, and Scholarship, Trade, Vocational and Culinary Scholarships.

If you’d like to help the Westfield Lions continue their good work, you can email info@westfieldlions-foundation.org or call (317) 372-3444.

It is the season of giving, so please consider giving a little something to an organization that consistently gives so much to so many others.

FLAPPING

I sold only one book at my Books-A-Million book signing. The nice man who bought my book was Captain Garland C. Shewmaker, who just happened to be at the store promoting and signing his own book. He walked over to my table and bought my book; I walked over to his table and bought his book, *How To Be A River Pilot*. Considering the public disinterest in my book, river pilot didn’t sound like a bad occupation. Unfortunately, *How To Be A River Pilot* cost \$8.95, a buck more than what Captain Shewmaker paid for my book. I’m the only writer to lose money at his own book signing.

At my Barnes & Noble book signing, I wasn’t exactly the main attraction. I was actually the opening act for an all-octogenarian-female-accordion band. Not exactly life in the fast lane, though I did manage to sell one book to Ronald Clair Roat, who, yes as a matter of fact, was hawking another one of his fine Stuart Mallory mysteries, *High Walk*. Since Ron purchased my book, I bought *High Walk*, along with his first published book, *Close Softly The Doors*, tripling what he paid for my book. Notice a trend here?

I set up a booth at a local humane society adoption. Note to future writers: people go to these events to adopt dogs and cats, not buy books. Ultimately, I pondered offering my book up for adoption, even paying for the neutering if needed.

My first book signing took place not at Barnes & Noble but at Noble’s IGA where my mom worked. I quickly learned a humbling lesson that I’m sure all great authors have learned: you can’t compete with canned goods. Many shoppers, who for years headed left upon entering the store, saw me and suddenly started their shopping on the right side, heading counterclockwise. A few people practically scaled the checkout counters straight ahead just to avoid

me. Others pretended not to see me at all – the invisible book man. It was karma for all those times I resorted to similar creative avoidances when going into stores and seeing old ladies selling raffle tickets for quilts. One young man walked up to me and said, “Excuse me, sir, but can you tell me where the batteries are?” I pointed the man toward Aisle 5. I will never sell as many books as, say, John Grisham, but I bet I sell more AA batteries.

Okay, so I’m not exactly the shrewdest book seller out there.

Desperate to sell books, it would have been foolish not to help the Tell City Public Library. To increase the chance of drawing a crowd, I asked them to re-bill the event as a “public reading” rather than a book signing, even though the latter description wasn’t risk-free either. Tell City wasn’t exactly a hot bed for public readings.

TELL CITY WIFE: *Honey, it says here in the paper that there will be a public reading at the library Saturday. Want to go?*

TELL CITY HUSBAND: *Who in their right mind wants to go watch someone read something?*

TELL CITY WIFE: *Well, he does read aloud so the audience can hear the words.*

TELL CITY HUSBAND: *Oh.*

I’m happy to report that several people actually showed up for my public reading – all wives. I didn’t sell many books, but I did hear laughter when I read my columns – a form of compensation that I have learned to value more than coin and currency.

It was ironic that the very library that once ejected me (rightfully so) for laughing actually invited me back to make people laugh.

Had no one laughed, I did have a backup plan. The night before, I practiced my armpit noises ... just in case.

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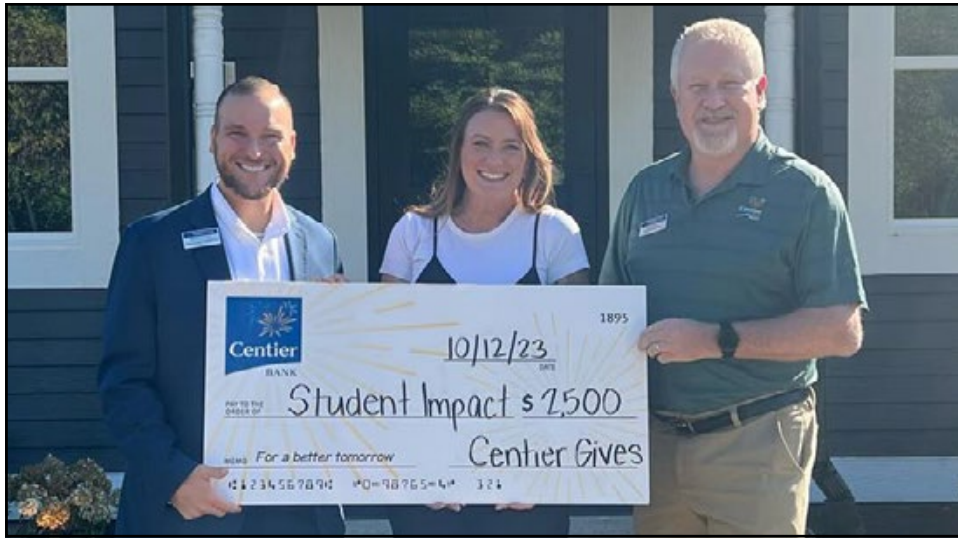
Centier Bank donates \$2,500 to Student Impact of Westfield

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Centier Bank recently made a \$2,500 sponsorship to Student Impact, an after-school program and peer group that helps students build relationships through love and acceptance in a safe and consistent environment.

Student Impact is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit serving students in fifth through 12th grades in Westfield Washington Township. Its mission is to provide a safe place for students to build meaningful relationships through love and acceptance. The donation will help develop programs and events that best serve students throughout the year.

Student Impact Executive Program Director Brittany Delph said that last year, 718 students came through the organization, each having the opportunity to get plugged into any of the more than 10 programs, such as a basketball league, a student-operated podcast, a merchandise shop, and a café. Students also receive a hot meal with fresh



(From left) Ben Studebaker, Regional Sales Manager at Centier Bank; Brittany Delph, Executive Program Director of Student Impact; and David Taylor, Centier Bank's Westfield Branch Manager.

fruits and vegetables daily Monday through Thursday, as well as weekly breakfast times, quarterly events summer camps, and weekly youth groups.

"Annual sponsors provide our organization the ability to develop programs and events that best serve our students throughout the year," Delph said. "We're so thankful that Centier Bank

understands and actively supports our future leaders!"

Centier Bank's Westfield Branch Manager David Taylor and the Greater Indianapolis Regional Sales Manager Ben Studebaker presented the check to Delph.

"Centier Bank is a purpose-driven community bank that is committed to enriching lives in our communities for an even better tomorrow,"

Taylor said. "Helping enrich lives of today's students through an organization like Student Impact will lay a strong foundation for these young peoples' bright futures, and we're happy to call ourselves their partner."

For more information about Student Impact, go to TheRockWestfield.org. For more information about Centier Bank, go to Centier.com.

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Westfield Fire moves to new HQ

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The Westfield Fire Department Headquarters, Station 81, has officially relocated to its new location at 17001 Ditch Road. Business hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The WFD team is work-

ing to organize an open house event, scheduled to take place in spring 2024, to showcase the new facilities and foster stronger connections with the community. Stay tuned for further details on the upcoming open house date.

Eat at Jim Dandy, help Cicero Fire Department

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The Cicero Fire Department Community Organization invites the public to "Dine to Donate" this Saturday.

From 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2, patrons of Noblesville Jim Dandy, 2301 Conner St., can help

raise money for the Cicero Fire Department simply by enjoying a good meal.

The Community Organization will receive 15 percent of sales during this time. Money raise will go toward the purchase of new equipment for the fire department.

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Westfield officers complete IMPD's Leadership Academy



Photo provided by City of Westfield

The Westfield Police Department has announced the successful completion of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department Leadership Academy by Sgt. Matt Ford (left) and Sgt. Devin Cornwell (right). This distinguished four-week leadership program is characterized by its rigorous curriculum, and the commendable dedication demonstrated by both individuals throughout the course is genuinely noteworthy. Congratulations to Sgt. Ford and Sgt. Cornwell on attaining this significant achievement. Your commitment to excellence and leadership is a source of inspiration to everyone in Westfield.

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Sunday Service on Dec. 24th 9:00 a.m.
Dec. 24th The Service of Lessons and Carols 7:00 p.m.

Candlelight 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Celebration 10:00 am

"For to us a child is born..." Isaiah 9:6

Not your ordinary community theater ‘Christmas Carol’ play

Thursday night found Mrs. K and me at the Basile Westfield Playhouse for opening night of Daniel Sullivan's 1991 play, *Inspecting Carol*. Director Kelly Keller writes that he looked for something "different and interesting" to produce as a Christmas show and he surely found it in this mad-cap crowd-pleaser.

Tanya Haas sharply leads the way as overwrought theatre director Zorah Bloch, ensconced in rehearsals for her company's annual production of *A Christmas Carol*. Informed that the theatre group is in financial straits by managing director Kevin Emery (an ideally anxious Jim Gryga), a wannabe auditioner named Wayne Wellacre (an aptly amateurish Jeff Haber) is mistaken to be a National Endowment for the Arts "inspector" who has come to evaluate the troupe for grant giving purposes. All manner of mayhem breaks loose with attempts to please him.

Add in Scott Prill's well-played Larry Vauxhall, an undisciplined performer who once decided to offer his Scrooge role entirely in Spanish (as a protest), and



Photo by Rob Slaven / IndyGhostLight.com
Jeff Haber as Wayne Wellacre (left) encounters Scott Prill as Larry Vauxhall.



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who eggs on the mis-labeled un-theatrical Wayne to add socially aware lines of dialogue to the Dickens classic. The story goes off the rails and on into havoc soon after. Solid performances by the many other cast members fill the stage with a large account of jokes, pratfalls, silly attitudes, and zany characters. Of note are Jennifer Poynter as stage manager M.J., Trevor Brown as Phil, Brad Burns as Sidney, Cathie Morgan as Sidney's wife Dorothy, and Malcolm Marshall as Walter.

On the critiquing side, I feel that many of these ac-

tors could apply better projection skills to send their voices out, especially in the earlier scenes; and better enunciation should be stressed as well.

Bottom line: Although the show is uneven at times in its energies, it is well-paced with many very good characterizations. Much of the humor landed correctly for the opening night crowd and was well appreciated.

Main Street Productions' *Inspecting Carol* runs at the Basile Westfield Playhouse through Dec. 10. Curtain times are Thursday/Friday/Saturday at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at WestfieldPlayhouse.org.

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



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Park friends gather here

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The Cicero Friends of the Park got together for a holiday dinner early this week to both plan events for next year and relax a little after all their hard work.

You may not realize it, but these people do an amazing job all year round. Look at the 2024 event list to the right and you'll get some small idea of how much these volunteers do

Cicero Friends of the Park 2024 Events

Feb. 21: Bingo Night at Red Bridge – 6 p.m.
March 16: Spring Marketplace, Red Bridge
May 5: Hamilton Heights HS Jazz Band Concert at Red Bridge – 6 p.m.
June 1: Kids Go Fishing at Red Bridge – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
June 9: Hamilton County Community Band Concert at Red Bridge – 6 p.m.
July 3: Bingo at Lights Over Morse Lake Festival – 5 to 7 p.m.
July 6: Rain Barrel Silent Auction Ends at LOML Festival – 4 p.m.
July 14: Concert on the Pier – 6 p.m. (rain date July 21)
Aug. 11: Atlanta Music Hall Band Concert at Red Bridge – 6 p.m.
Sept. 2: Red Bridge Park Car Show/Craft Fair – 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sept. 15: Spaghetti Fundraiser for Cicero Police, Fire & Public Safety & Jeep Cruise-In
Oct. 25 & 26: Haunted Trail at Red Bridge Park
Nov. 13: Bingo Night at Red Bridge – 6 p.m.

for Cicero. but The Reporter is thankful Thanksgiving is over, for this group all year round.

Letter to the Editor

Shaffer concludes Center for the Performing Arts has enough money

<p>Dear Editor:</p> <p>I was inspired by the Nov. 30 letter to The Reporter soliciting money for the Center for the Performing Arts ("Help Center for the Performing Arts continue to make a difference").</p> <p>I consulted the donor's online GuideStar website to examine the Center's latest tax exemption compliance filing and learned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Center took in \$11.6 million of which \$2.5 million was in ticket sales and \$5.3 million in government grants;• It paid \$675,000 for an artistic director;• It paid \$239,555 for a CEO. <p>Then I consulted the Carmel city controller's "accounts payable" website where</p>	<p>I learned that last year taxpayers paid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$2.25 million in direct grants;• \$1.5 million in utility bills• \$1.2 million in Energy Center. <p>Finally, I checked the state's Gateway Indiana website to learn Carmel taxpayers forked over:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$2.6 million in debt service payment on the two Center bonds;• \$1.2 million more in debt service for the Energy Center that provides air conditioning and heat for the Center among other civic boondoggles. <p>I concluded the Center had enough of my money already.</p> <p>Bill Shaffer Carmel</p>
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Sheridan First Christian Church knows this time of year can be difficult


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Sheridan First Christian Church will hold a “Blue Christmas” service at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10. The church is located at 107 W. Third St.

The Blue Christmas service recognizes that not everyone is cheery in the Christmas season and may be feeling “blue” due to life’s

difficulties and pain as the result of the death of a loved one, separation, divorce, job loss, or health issues. This is a quiet reflective service that respects where people are and welcomes them to the possibility of healing and hope.

For more information, please call the church office at (317) 758-4569.



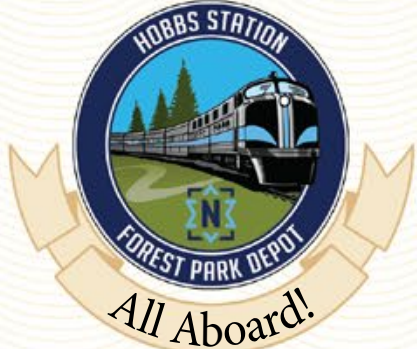
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Veterans don't “need” Medicare, but may want it

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SYLVIA GORDON
Make Sense of Medicare

If you have healthcare through the VA, you don't need Medicare. You may want it so you can easily go outside the VA and avoid the famous wait times. You may want private Medicare Advantage (MA) plans because they offer extra benefits that can be very attractive. With special MA-only plans, vets continue to receive their Rx coverage through the VA and have options to see doctor and hospitals outside the VA with their private insurance.

When my father-in-law turned 65, he said he only wanted to use the VA. He said something to the effect of, “I served three combat tours and earned my healthcare and I want to use it!” I had to explain that the nearest VA hospital is in Indianapolis. “Not a long drive,” he was quick to answer. Yes, but think ahead when you are not a healthy 65-year-old. Consider driving on the highway when you are old-

er and sicker and traffic has gotten only worse. Would you rather see a primary care doctor right here in Noblesville five minutes from your house or drive on Interstate 465 for an hour?

The benefit of many Medicare Advantage plans built for the military retiree is the \$0 monthly premium. If you don't use it, you are not being charged a monthly fee by the insurance company. But you must enroll in and pay for Medicare Part B. For most people in 2023, that is about \$165 per month. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has announced that the Part B monthly premium will increase to \$174.70 in 2024.

If veterans turning 65 don't opt to enroll into Medicare when they first become eligible, there will be a late penalty if they later want Medicare. For every year that you wait, a 10 per-

cent per month lifetime penalty accrues. If you wait until you are 68 and decide that the VA really is a long drive away, your Medicare Part B will cost an extra 30 percent per month. It is an important decision to make when you are first eligible for Medicare, usually at age 65.

Even the VA's own website say that the government “highly recommends” enrolling in Medicare. Not because Medicare is needed for VA care – Medicare doesn't work inside the VA – but because the VA has different eligibility groups. The lowest two groups are not guaranteed VA coverage and it could be canceled.

Special Medicare Advantage plans designed for military retirees are not available in all areas, but where they are available, they have many attractive benefits that are often easier to access than the VA. If you do sign up for Medicare, you can later cancel it if you find that the VA really is serving your needs better.

For my father-in-law, as he aged, his driving became

perilous. We'd offer to drive him to the VA but he hated inconveniencing his family for his doctor visits. (And let's be honest, it is an inconvenience to drive almost an hour down to Indy when our family doctor is a half-mile away). He ended up using his private insurance primarily and the VA only for his medications.

When he was in his late 70s, he exclusively used his private insurance. Had he waited until his late 70s to enroll into Medicare, he would have had a steep Medicare Part B late penalty tacked on monthly. This is why Vets and their families need to have this discussion when the veteran is first eligible for Medicare, usually at age 65. There is no right answer, but you have choices to make that impact your healthcare.

Sylvia Gordon is co-founder of The Medicare Family, headquartered in Noblesville, where she educates thousands on Medicare and Social Security in all 50 states. You can learn more at TheMedicareFamily.com.

What basketball means to me

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KENZIE GARNER
Sheridan High School Student

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

Basketball to me is more than just a game where you try to score more points than the other team. To me, basketball is my everything, and without it I don't know what I would do.

Basketball has changed my life in so many different ways, by building relationships with new people,

learning to not take things for granted, and taking steps toward my future in college.

Throughout my basketball career, I have had to overcome many obstacles and fears. I used to not be able to play in front of people because it made me so nervous that I would go sit with my parents and cry. Now even with the sidelines full, I don't get nervous; instead, I just go out and play to the best of my ability.

Through dealing with

these fears, I have made many new friends. Some of my best relationships I have had are through my AAU team, and I still talk to these people even though I don't play with them at this time. I love catching up with them and hearing their stories of how their lives have been. I have also been able to make many relationships with college coaches, and this is one thing I am very grateful for because they are there to help you and guide you through your college experience. They want you to succeed, and that is something I will really cherish.

One thing I learned the hard way is you shouldn't take things for granted. Sometimes you won't even see it coming, and everything could be taken away from you.

For me, this happened my freshman year during basketball season. I had three stress fractures in my lower back; these stress fractures caused pain to shoot up my back and sometimes down my legs when I would bend or move my back in a certain way. I thought that it was just muscle, but as we were going to more doctors and getting their opinions, I knew I had to be wrong. When I learned that I had three stress fractures, I started crying immediately because I knew it would take a long time to recover and come back to basketball.

I started off with a physical therapist in Carmel, but that didn't do much to help my back at all. So that's when my parents and I decided to move to a new spot called Pro X at Grand Park in Westfield. When I first got there, I was very nervous but my trainer, Nick, was a very nice and supportive guy. He knew the thing I wanted most was to get back on the court, so he helped me every step of the way. The only thing I had to do was be honest if my back was hurting and do the exercises to the best of my ability.

Almost two months into my training while going two to three times a week, Nick

informed me that I was able to play in a basketball game, and that was the happiest I had ever been. I did have only a certain amount of time that I could play, but it was the best news I had heard in a long time. If it wasn't for all my doctors and therapists, I wouldn't have gotten to where I am now with no back pain.

I think that basketball has helped me take steps toward my future in college, but it has also been sort of terrifying. I talked to many college coaches while playing AAU this past year, and while talking to them I have learned many things regarding not only basketball but also college. I knew that I wanted to go to college but I didn't know how to approach it. That is why I am grateful for basketball because it has allowed me to take college visits and see what college life is about. I have been able to walk around campus, look at the dorms and apartments, and check out the facilities I would be using.

I am very happy and grateful for those opportunities because they have allowed me to decide and see what I do and do not like about college. It really helps me narrow down my decision, and I finally made my decision and decided to attend Ferris State University in Michigan. This college felt like home: it is a small college town and I like the athletic and academic features of the school.

I am very grateful for all the opportunities that basketball has brought me and am thankful for all of the people who have helped me along the way. Basketball has and will continue to be a big part of my life and I can't wait to share it with others. Basketball doesn't have to just be a sport you play for fun: you can take it to the next level and compete.

I am so happy for basketball to be in my life and help me make relationships, learn many life lessons, and help me shape my future.



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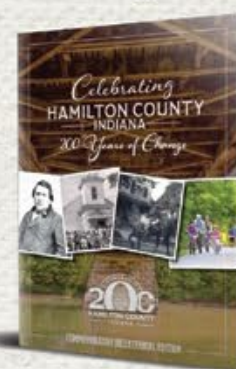
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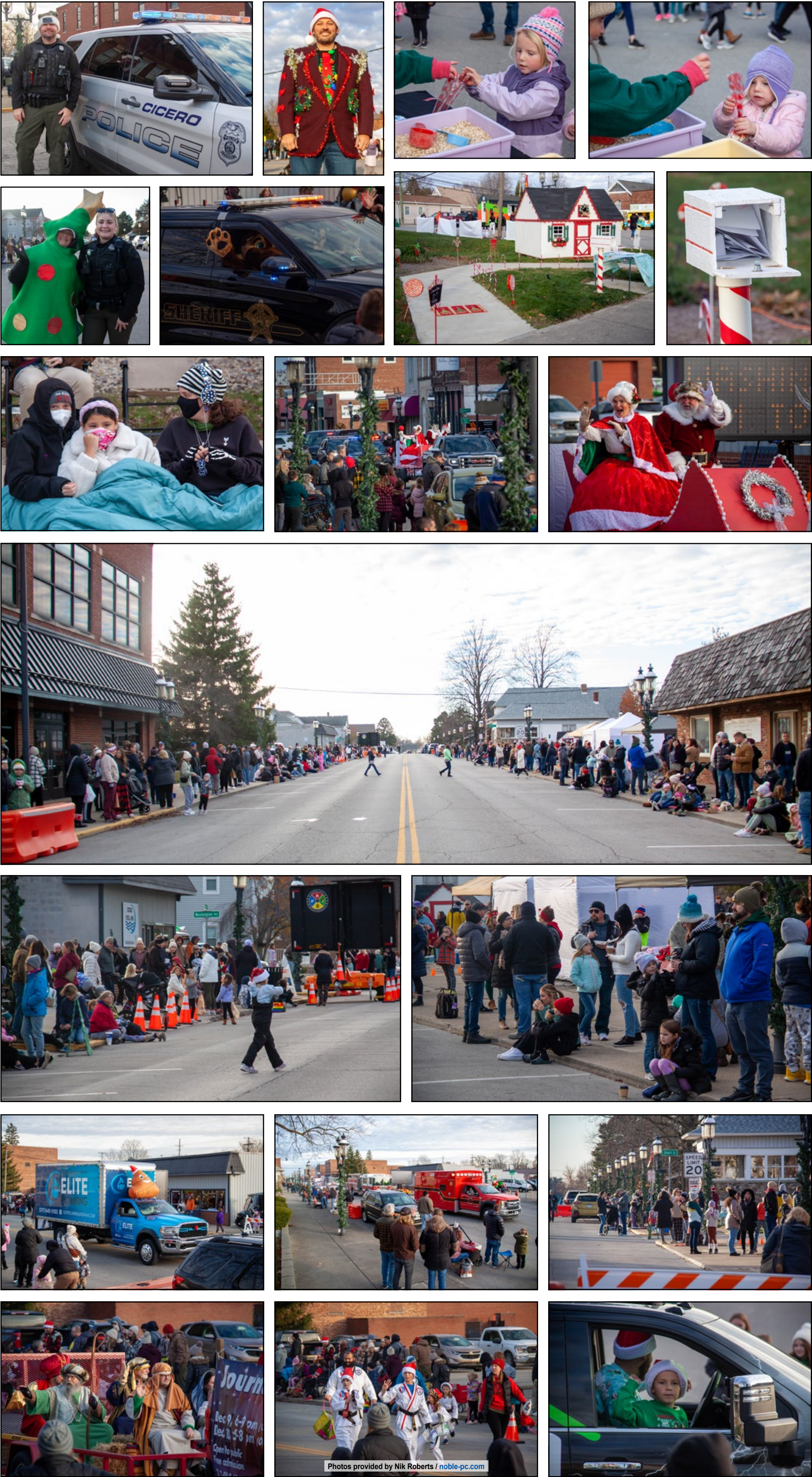
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Commissioner Heirbrandt enjoyed the support of many friends at his re-election campaign announcement.

County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt announces his re-election campaign

The REPORTER

Thursday night, surrounded by a crowd of supporters, current Hamilton County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt announced his campaign for re-election. “Connecting with Hamilton County residents has always been my most valued part of serving,” Heirbrandt said. “I look forward to doing just that in the coming months to continue understanding the ever-changing needs of our county.” Heirbrandt, who took office as Commissioner in 2013, has consistently spearheaded transformative county projects that have had a profound impact on the constituents and visitors of Hamilton County. Among these transformative projects, a few notable ones include: State Road 37 improvements; Ivy Tech Community College’s collaboration with the City

of Noblesville, the State, Noblesville Schools and County to bring Post-Secondary Education to Hamilton County; Lowe’s Way; a AAA Bond Rating; Bakers Corner; leadership in the wake of the Noblesville School shooting; and the historic Bell Ford Covered Bridge, the only post-truss constructed covered bridge in the world. Heirbrandt’s passion to serve extends past his duty as commissioner by being an active member of numerous boards and organizations, including the Humane Society, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the City of Westfield Public Safety Merit Board, and the Big Cicero Regional Drainage Board. His contributions to these organizations have earned him accolades such as the Advocate of the Year by the Humane Society for Hamilton County and the

Exceptional Leadership and Service Award from the Hamilton County Leadership Academy. He is also the current President of the Indiana County Commissioners (ICC). Heirbrandt’s list of accomplishments includes being awarded County Commissioner of the Year by both the Indiana County Commissioners (ICC) and the Association of Indiana Counties (AIC). Just this week, the entire Hamilton County Commissioners team received the Indiana County Commissioners Award for Outstanding Team Effort for their water availability study. In addition, they were honored with the Outstanding Leadership and Impact Award from the Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County, highlighting their significant contributions to the community. Along with his fellow com-

missioners, their leadership has earned six statewide awards, reflecting their remarkable achievements in serving the community. Heirbrandt and his wife, Gina, have called Hamilton County home for over three decades. They are proud parents to Blake and twins Ethan and Evan, and they are active members of the Catholic community, belonging to Saint Maria Goretti Catholic Parish in Westfield. County Commissioners in Indiana are responsible for a wide range of crucial tasks, including overseeing county budgets, managing county properties, providing essential public services such as roads and bridges, public safety, and social services. Commissioner Heirbrandt’s commitment to these responsibilities has made a significant difference in the lives of Hamilton County residents.

Elise Nieshalla sworn in as Indiana’s next State Comptroller

The REPORTER

Hoosiers from around the state gathered at the Statehouse Friday to join Elise Nieshalla as she was sworn in as Indiana’s next State Comptroller. Governor Eric J. Holcomb provided opening remarks followed by Honorable Geoffrey Slaughter, who administered the oath of office.

“Having the privilege of serving several years on fiscal side of local government, I’m eager to continue building upon those relationships with our state leaders in pursuit of continued efficient and effective delivery of services with a big Hoosier heart,” Comptroller Nieshalla said.

Prior to her appointment on Tuesday, Comptroller Nieshalla was serving as President of the Boone County Council, President of the Indiana County Councils Association, and Chairwoman of the Association of Indiana Counties 2023 Legislative Committee.

As a hard-working entrepreneur and economic development professional, Comptroller Nieshalla has also worked 22 years in real estate overseeing property acquisitions and business management for a variety of investments. From managing and appropriating millions within her local county budget to reviewing revenue projections and planning for future needs, Comptroller Nieshalla has

a proven portfolio herself showing her commitment to the highest standards of fiscal stewardship of hard-earned tax dollars.

“Today, I took the oath of office and placed my hand on the book that is the rock-solid foundation of my life,” said Nieshalla, who was accompanied by many family members during Friday’s ceremony. “It is truly only by God’s amazing grace that I have this honor to serve you.

“With great gratitude to the Almighty for the justice, public order and liberty perpetuated by our state government, as established by our Constitution, I take my oath to serve faithfully.”

Comptroller Nieshalla has four primary responsibilities, including accounting for all state funds; overseeing and disbursing county, city, town, and school tax distributions; paying the state’s bills and over 30,000 state employees; and administering Indiana’s Deferred Compensation Plan (known as Hoosier START).

For more information about Comptroller Nieshalla and her office, visit [in.gov/comptroller](https://www.in.gov/comptroller).

Elise Nieshalla is the 58th Indiana State Comptroller to serve as the state’s Chief Financial Officer. She was appointed by Gov. Eric Holcomb on Nov. 28. Follow Indiana State Comptroller Elise Nieshalla on Facebook or on Twitter @IndianaComp.



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Noblesville Post Office hosting online job fair to fill immediate openings

The REPORTER

The United States Postal Service will host an [online virtual job fair](#) at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 5 to fill immediate openings for City Carrier Assistants, Rural Carrier Associates, and Assistant Rural Carriers at the Noblesville Post Office.

To attend this virtual job fair, please [click here](#).

USPS personnel will lead the lead the online job fair and provide detailed information about the positions and answer questions. Applications accepted online only at [usps.com/careers](#).

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Time: a key element of investing

Who knows where the time goes? We've reached the end of another year, so it's appropriate to reflect on the nature of time and how it affects us. And time certainly is a key element in the pursuit of your financial goals.

As an investor, time can be your greatest ally. If you hold some investments for the long term, you could achieve an impressive cumulative growth in value. Furthermore, if you keep adding shares to these investments, possibly through a dividend reinvestment plan, you could attain "growth on growth" through the power of compounding. Of course, when you own equity investments, you will experience market fluctuations, but in general, the longer you hold these investments, the more you can reduce the effects of market volatility.

But you also need to

consider aspects of time in these contexts:

Checking progress on achieving goals

When you establish a goal, such as saving for a child's education or your own retirement, you know the end date of when you'll need the money, but it's also important to mark your progress along the way. So, each year, see how far along you are in meeting your goal. If you're falling behind, you may need to adjust your investment mix.

Choosing an appropriate strategy

The time needed to achieve a goal should drive your investment strategy for that goal. For example, when you are saving for a retirement that won't happen for three or four decades, you will need to invest for growth by placing a reasonable percentage of equities and equity-based

investments in your portfolio, based on your comfort with the various types of risk, including interest rate risk, credit risk and market risk. You will experience some bumps along the way – keep in mind that the value of investments will fluctuate and the loss of some or all principal is possible – but you likely have time to overcome the "down" periods. On the other hand, when you are saving for a short-term goal, such as a vacation or a new car or a wedding, you'll want a set amount of money available precisely when you need it. In this case, you may need to sacrifice some growth potential for investments whose principal value won't fluctuate, such as certificates of deposit (CDs) and bonds.

Keep in mind, though, that when you're investing for long- and short-term goals, it doesn't have to be just one strategy or the other. You can save for retirement with primarily growth vehicles but still have room in your portfolio for short-

er-term instruments. And even when you're specifically investing for some short-term goal, you can't forget about your need to save and invest for retirement.

And here's one final point about the relationship between time and investing: Your risk tolerance can, and probably will, change over the years. As you near retirement, you may feel the need to adjust your portfolio toward a more conservative approach. That's because you may want to consolidate any gains you might have achieved while also recognizing that you simply have less time to bounce back from down markets. Still, even in retirement, you'll need some growth potential in your portfolio to help you stay ahead of inflation.

When you invest, one of your biggest considerations is time – so use it wisely.

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Attorney General Rokita & team crack down on fraudsters targeting financially strapped homeowners

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita announced on Thursday two separate legal actions against defendants accused of trying to defraud financially distressed Hoosier homeowners.

"We have made it clear through these enforcement actions that our office will do everything in our power to protect vulnerable Hoosier homeowners," AG Rokita said. "Scammers who seek to use real estate to illegally profit from homeowners in distress should take note that they will be held accountable under the law."

In the first matter, Rokita and his team are suing a St. Joseph County man and affiliated entities over allegations they swindled a senior

citizen out of the title to her home.

Under the guise of helping the woman avoid a tax sale, Steven Kollar and others allegedly sought multiple loans using the consumer's home as collateral – receiving more than \$100,000 in loan proceeds while paying nothing to the consumer, who was left homeless.

Kollar allegedly carried out his scheme in part through companies with which he is affiliated, including American Realty Investments LLC.

In the second matter, Attorney General Rokita and his team are suing two individuals – Leland Baptist of Indianapolis and



Rokita

Silipa Tupuola of Brownsburg – over allegations they and their affiliated companies engaged in a foreclosure rescue scam in which they solicited consumers in financial distress under the promise of helping them to save their homes.

In actuality, Defendant Baptist allegedly engaged in a scheme in which he obtained title to the properties and attempted to rent or resell them on contract to other victims.

In one transaction, Baptist allegedly obtained title to a property at 1130 N. Bauman St., Indianapolis, from a financially distressed consumer and then "assigned" his rights to defendant Tupuola, who had no titled interest in the property. Tupuola then entered into an agreement to sell the property to an unsuspecting couple who paid him more than \$30,000 before discovering from an attorney that they had been scammed.

The companies through which Baptist allegedly operated such schemes include

Lee-Chandler Enterprises LLC, Lee Chandler LLC and 1130 N. Bauman Land Trust. Defendant Tupuola operated Blitz Investment Group LLC.

In each case, Rokita and his team are seeking consumer restitution for the victims, civil penalties and costs of the investigations to be assessed to the defendants.

Rokita thanked members of his Homeowner Protection Unit in investigating these cases and filing the resultant legal actions.

The mission of the Homeowner Protection Unit is to protect the rights of all individuals involved in the housing market, including tenants, homeowners, and aspiring homeowners, by investigating and redressing deceptive acts in connection with mortgage lending and violations of relevant state and federal laws.

Hoosiers are encouraged to contact the Office of the Indiana Attorney General about any suspected scams or scam attempts. Consumers can file a complaint by visiting [indianaconsumer.com](#) or calling 1-800-382-5516.


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The Carmel Plan Commission will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.	Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7) For discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute, the Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet in an executive session to discuss personnel at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023. A regular meeting will follow at 9 a.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.
The Noblesville Common Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023, in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.	The Noblesville Police Merit Commission meeting scheduled for 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2023, has been changed to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023, in Room A214 at City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.
The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will meet for a work session to discuss strategic planning at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023, in the Community Room at the Westfield Washington Schools Administration Center, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Westfield.	

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New at Sheridan Public Library

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

- Fiction**
- 1. Alex Cross Must Die – James Patterson
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 - 3. Drug of Choice – Michael Crichton
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 - 2. Explosive Christmas Showdown – Darlene L. Turner
 - 3. Just Once – Karen Kingsbury
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- Movies**
- 1. Sound of Freedom

Salmonella outbreak from precut cantaloupe making Hoosiers sick

By GREGG MONTGOMERY
WISH-TV | [wishTV.com](#)

Two people from Indiana have gotten sick because of a nationwide salmonella outbreak linked to cantaloupe.

A total of 117 people in 34 states have gotten sick because of the outbreak that started in October.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is concerned about

this outbreak because it is causing severe illnesses. More than half of the people who have gotten sick are hospitalized and people in long-term care facilities and childcare centers have gotten sick.

The CDC previously reported that Malichita and Rudy brand whole cantaloupes have been recalled and many precut cantaloupe products have also been recalled.

New recalls include cantaloupe products from **Kwik Trip, Bix Produce, and Kroger, Sprouts Farmers Market, and Trader Joe’s.**

The CDC is advising people to not eat precut cantaloupes if you don’t know whether Malichita or Rudy brand whole cantaloupes were used to make the product.

Most people who get sick from salmonella have

symptoms that include diarrhea, fever, and stomach cramps. Symptoms usually start six hours to six days after swallowing the bacteria.

Most people recover without treatment in four to seven days.

Some people, especially children younger than 5 and adults 65 and older may experience more severe illnesses that require medical treatment or hospitalization.

Zionsville Meadows expands services with new Memory Care Neighborhood

The REPORTER

Zionsville Meadows opened a Memory Care Neighborhood at the community on Friday.

The senior healthcare community offers a variety of care options including Short-Term Rehabilitation, Long-Term Care, Respite Care, Hospice Care and Outpatient Therapy. The

addition of a Memory Care Neighborhood is a testament to the community’s ongoing dedication to serving its community.

Zionsville Meadows is managed by American Senior Communities (ASC) and located at 675 S. Ford Road. ASC’s Memory Care Neighborhoods aim to provide a safe and en-

riching environment for those living with Alzheimer’s or other forms of dementia. Residents and families can expect personalized care plans and a compassionate approach to ensure comfort and well-being.

“We’re excited to enhance our services and cater to the specific needs

of individuals requiring memory care support,” Zionsville Meadows Executive Director Dana Huffman said. “This expansion reaffirms our commitment to ensuring the highest quality of care for our community members.”

Learn more about Zionsville Meadows at [ASCCare.com/ZVM](#).

TODAY’S BIBLE READING

After Isaac finished blessing him, and Jacob had scarcely left his father’s presence, his brother Esau came in from hunting. He too prepared some tasty food and brought it to his father. Then he said to him, “My father, please sit up and eat some of my game, so that you may give me your blessing.”

His father Isaac asked him, “Who are you?”

“I am your son,” he answered, “your firstborn, Esau.”

Isaac trembled violently and said, “Who was it, then, that hunted game and brought it to me? I ate it just before you came and I blessed him—and indeed he will be blessed!”

When Esau heard his father’s words, he burst out with a loud and bitter cry and said to his father, “Bless me—me too, my father!”

But he said, “Your brother came deceitfully and took your blessing.”

Genesis 27:30-35 (NIV)



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Stunning 5BR, 4.5BA in Essex of Noblesville, custom designed with in-laws quarters on main level, kitchen with quartz, butler's pantry, premium lot w/pond view, walk-out basement, 3-car garage plus storage, a must-see to appreciate all this home has to offer. **BLC#21949379**

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Welcome to this lovely 4BR, 2.5BA home, kitchen with center island and newer SS appliances, spacious family room with gas fireplace, park-like backyard with maintenance-free deck, auto-retractable awning, paver patio, basketball court and cute she shed. **BLC#21949680**

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This open concept condo is move-in ready, 2 BR, 2 BA family room with gas fireplace, eat-in kitchen with granite counters, breakfast bar, tile floor, pantry, appliances stay, main BR ensuite with walk-in tile shower, large 2-car garage, patio with retractable awning. **BLC#21945183**

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Boys Basketball

University beats Seton Catholic for 31st straight PAAC North victory

The REPORTER

University opened Pioneer Academic Athletic Conference North Division play with a 64-55 win over Seton Catholic at The U Center on Friday.

Zien Bland led five Trailblazers in double figures with 15 points as University won their 31st consecutive PAAC North contest. Montgomery Holland had 11 points while Bryce Gray, Max McComb and Robert Russell had 10 points each as the Blazers gave head coach Justin Bland his first win at the helm of the University boys.

A 27-point barrage in the second quarter gave the Trailblazers a 15-point half-time lead. University survived a third quarter surge by Seton Catholic that saw the Cardinals pull within two points before rebuilding the lead to 10 early in the fourth quarter. Seton Catholic got no closer than eight points in the last 7:30 of the game.

Making his first career start Holland sparked University to an early 5-2 lead with a driving basket and a

three-pointer from the left wing. Seton Catholic built a 15-10 lead late in the opening stanza before Russell's basket made it 15-12 at the end of the quarter.

University scored the first 10 points of the second quarter to take a lead it never relinquished. Bland tied the game with a three from the right corner before Blake Gray's layin off a Russell steal put the Blazers up 17-15. Bland hit another three and Cooper Cammack scored for a 22-15 lead.

The Cardinals pulled within 22-20 before University scored the next 14 points. Two three pointers from Holland and one each from Bryce Gray, McComb and Blake Gray sparked the run. University led 39-24 at halftime.

Seton's Mason Harvey got hot in the third quarter, scoring nine of his game-high 19 points including a pair of three pointers. An old fashioned three point play by Harvey pulled the Cardinal's within 46-44 with 1:42 left in the quarter. Bland answered

UNIVERSITY 64, SETON CATHOLIC 55				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Bryce Gray	4-11	1-4	10	4
Montgomery Holland	4-7	0-1	11	4
Max McComb	3-8	1-2	10	2
Robert Russell	5-11	0-0	10	0
Cooper Cammack	1-3	0-1	2	3
Jackson Bledsoe	0-1	0-0	0	1
Blake Gray	3-6	0-0	8	0
Zien Bland	5-7	1-1	13	0
Jalen Scott	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	25-54	3-9	64	14
Score by Quarters				
Seton Catholic	15	9	20	11-55
University	12	27	12	13-64
University 3-point shooting (11-24) McComb 3-6, Holland 3-4, Bl. Gray 2-4, Bland 2-2, Br. Gray 1-5, Russell 0-3.				
University rebounds (25) McComb 5, Russell 5, Bland 4, Holland 4, Cammack 3, Bl. Gray 2, Br. Gray 1, Bledsoe 1.				

for University with his own three point play before Russell scored in the waning seconds to put University up 51-44.

The Blazers opened the fourth quarter with McComb draining a three pointer from the left corner for a 10-point lead at 54-44. Bland, McComb and Bryce and Blake Gray each had fourth quarter baskets to help University hold off the Cardinals down

the stretch.

Eight different Trailblazers handed out assists, led by Bryce Gray's four. Bryce Gray had four of the Blazers' 10 steals.

University is 1-1 on the season, Seton Catholic falls to 2-2.

The Trailblazers are right back in action Saturday night as they travel to Greenwood Christian and play the Class 1A No. 5 Cougars.

Carmel gets first win of season, Sheridan & Southeastern fall

The REPORTER

Carmel picked up its first win of the season Friday night, winning an away game at Lawrence Central 52-46.

The Greyhounds steadily built their lead during the first half, holding a 12-8 advantage after one quarter and a 29-16 lead at halftime. The Bears chipped away during the second half, but Carmel was able to hold on for the victory.

Three Greyhounds reached double figures, led by Alex Couto's 19 points and four 3-pointers. Evan Harrell put together a double-double of 13 points and 10 rebounds, while Ryan Clevenger added 10 points. The 'Hounds outrebounded LC 29-15; Mitchell Mulloy pulled 10 rebounds and Jamichael Fountain collected five rebounds.

Carmel is 1-1 and plays its home opener tonight,

hosting Plainfield.

Hamilton Southeastern dropped its Hoosier Crossroads Conference opener on Friday, falling to Avon 49-36 at the Orioles' gym.

The Royals led 13-6 after one quarter, but Avon came back in the second period, cutting Southeastern's lead to 20-19 by halftime. The Orioles then outscored the Royals 11-3 in the third quarter and added another 19 points in the fourth.

Braeden Totten led Southeastern with 15 points, while Donovan Hamilton had seven rebounds and two blocked shots. Kam Anthony also made two blocks.

The Royals are 1-2 and host Marion tonight.

Sheridan opened its boys basketball season Friday by falling to Clinton Prairie 57-51 in a Hoosier Heartland

CARMEL 52, LAWRENCE CENTRAL 46				
Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Alex Couto	6-10	3-3	19	2
Ryan Clevenger	3-9	3-5	10	3
Jamichael Fountain	1-4	0-0	3	3
Evan Harrell	4-9	5-8	13	2
Mitchell Mulloy	0-0	4-4	4	4
Julian Vogt	0-1	3-4	3	0
Aiden Dickerson	0-0	0-0	0	0
Jack Perry	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	14-33	18-24	52	14
Score by Quarters				
Carmel	12	17	12	11-52
Lawrence Central	8	8	14	16-46
Carmel 3-point shooting (6-13) Couto 4-7, Fountain 1-4, Clevenger 1-2.				
Carmel rebounds (29) Harrell 10, Mulloy 10, Fountain 5, Couto 3, Clevenger 1.				

Conference game on the road.

The Gophers blasted through the first quarter to lead 15-2 by the end of the period. The Blackhawks chipped away at Prairie's advantage over the next three quarters, but the Gophers were able to stay ahead.

Freshman Trey Page led the scoring in his first-ever

varsity game with 14 points, making three 3-pointers along the way. Damon Winston added 13 points and Trent DeCraene scored 12. Tyler Garner collected eight rebounds, with Winston grabbing five. DeCraene dished out seven assists.

Sheridan plays its home opener tonight against Anderson Prep Academy.

CLINTON PRAIRIE 57, SHERIDAN 51				
Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Trent DeCraene	5-11	0-2	12	2
Tyler Garner	1-4	2-2	4	1
Trey Page	4-10	3-3	14	3
Evan Krupp	0-0	0-0	0	0
Caleb Wright	3-7	2-2	8	5
Damon Winston	5-10	1-1	13	5
Carson Wright	0-2	0-0	0	2
Nate Hinshaw	0-1	0-0	0	0
Totals	18-45	8-10	51	18
Score by Quarters				
Clinton Prairie	15	19	12	11-57
Sheridan	2	21	15	13-51
Sheridan 3-point shooting (7-19) Page 3-7, DeCraene 2-5, Winston 2-5, Cal. Wright 0-1, Car. Wright 0-1.				
Sheridan rebounds (21) Garner 8, Winston 5, Page 3, DeCraene 2, Cal. Wright 2, Car. Wright 1.				

New Castle's fast start spells fate for Huskies

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On Friday night, the Hamilton Heights Huskies were looking to keep winning following Tuesday night's 26-point win at Clinton Central.

Unfortunately for Heights, New Castle had other plans and burst out from the opening tip on a mission. The visiting Trojans got off to a 20-9 lead through one. That made it a difficult hill for the Huskies to climb, in a 51-37 home loss.

Heights was able to keep scoring to a minimum in the second, out-scoring the Trojans 7-2 and trailed just 22-

16 at halftime.

New Castle took the third 14-12, pushing the lead to 36-28 heading into the fourth.

A 15-9 fourth would help the Trojans claim a double-digit road win in Arcadia on Friday night, 51-37.

Tillman Etchison led the Huskies with a team-high 15 points and five rebounds. Junior Dreydin Serna had nine and grabbed four boards.

Hamilton Heights (1-2) hits the road tonight for an all-county matchup in Noblesville at Class 3A No. 2 Guerin Catholic (3-0).

NEW CASTLE 51, HAMILTON HEIGHTS 37				
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Rees Knapp	2-5	0-0	5	4
Dreydin Serna	4-10	0-2	9	2
Tillman Etchison	6-20	3-4	15	4
John Irion	2-9	1-2	6	2
Simon Knott	1-2	0-0	2	1
Carson Felger	0-2	0-0	0	2
Phoenix Vondersaar	0-0	0-0	0	2
Caleb Grimsey	0-0	0-0	0	2
Aidan Unger	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	15-48	4-8	37	20
Score by Quarters				
New Castle	20	2	14	15-51
Heights	9	7	12	9-37
Heights 3-point shooting (3-19) Serna 1-5, Irion 1-4, Knapp 1-2, Etchison 0-6, Felger 0-2.				
Heights rebounds (26) Knapp 5, Felger 5, Etchison 5, Serna 4, Grimsey 3, Vondersaar 2, Irion 2.				

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 2
BOYS BASKETBALL

Anderson Prep Academy at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.
Marion at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.
Mount Vernon at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.
Plainfield at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.
University at Greenwood Christian, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS WRESTLING

Guerin Catholic at Elwood Super Duals, 8:30 a.m.
Hamilton Heights at Howard County Super 6, 9 a.m.
Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville at Westfield Shamrock Duals, 9:30 a.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Fishers vs. La Lumiere, 11 a.m. at Evansville North
Roncalli at University, noon
Bishop Luers at Hamilton Heights, 1:30 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at Covenant Christian, 1:30 p.m.
Carmel at Richmond, 3:30 p.m.
Fort Wayne Northrop at Noblesville, 4:30 p.m.
Warsaw at Westfield, 5:30 p.m.

Fishers vs. Gibson Southern, 6 p.m. at Evansville North

GIRLS WRESTLING

Carmel at Ben Davis Invitational, 9 a.m.

SWIMMING/DIVING

Brownsburg at Hamilton Southeastern, 9 a.m.
Hamilton Heights at Western Diving Invitational, 10 a.m.
Noblesville Invitational, 10 a.m.
University at Muncie Burris (with New Castle), noon

Tuesday, Dec. 5
BOYS BASKETBALL

Cardinal Ritter at University, 7:30 p.m.
Faith Christian at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS WRESTLING

Western Boone at Guerin Catholic, 6 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Hamilton Heights at Northwestern, 7:30 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Pendleton Heights, 7:30 p.m.
Westfield at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING/DIVING

Lawrence North at Noblesville, 5:30 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at North Central (with Eastern Hancock), 6 p.m.
Southeastern and Westfield at Franklin Central, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 6
BOYS WRESTLING

Hamilton Heights at Bishop Chatard, 6 p.m.
Fishers at Carmel, 6:30 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Zionsville, 6:30 p.m.
Westfield at Warren Central, 6:30 p.m.

GIRLS WRESTLING

Lebanon at Carmel, 6:30 p.m.

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MUCH

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Zionsville (1-1, 0-1 HCC) gets its first loss in two outings and plays at Lawrence Central next Friday.

The Eagles' lone double-digit scorer was Maguire Mitchell with 22.

Westfield (3-0, 1-0 HCC) also gets a break until they hit the road next Thursday for an all-county matchup with Class 3A No. 2 Guerin

Catholic (3-0). Guerin hosts Hamilton Heights (1-2) tonight.

The Shamrocks had five in double figures. Senior transfer Nic Book had a team-high 12 points on six field goals. Will Harvey and Charles Farrell both had 11 with Trey Buchanan and Durante Morton each pitching in with 10.

CLAW

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Garner scored 22 points, with Hall adding 16 and Metzger scoring 11. Fine had 24 points for Noblesville, while Curry scored 11.

"They just completely took us out of our offense," said Millers coach Scott McClelland. "We talked all week that our offense had to help our defense. The first

half, for the most part, it did. The second half, it didn't and that ultimately is the difference in the game."

Fishers is 4-0 and hosts Mount Vernon tonight, while Noblesville is 2-1 and plays next Friday at Carmel.

Thank you for reading The Reporter!

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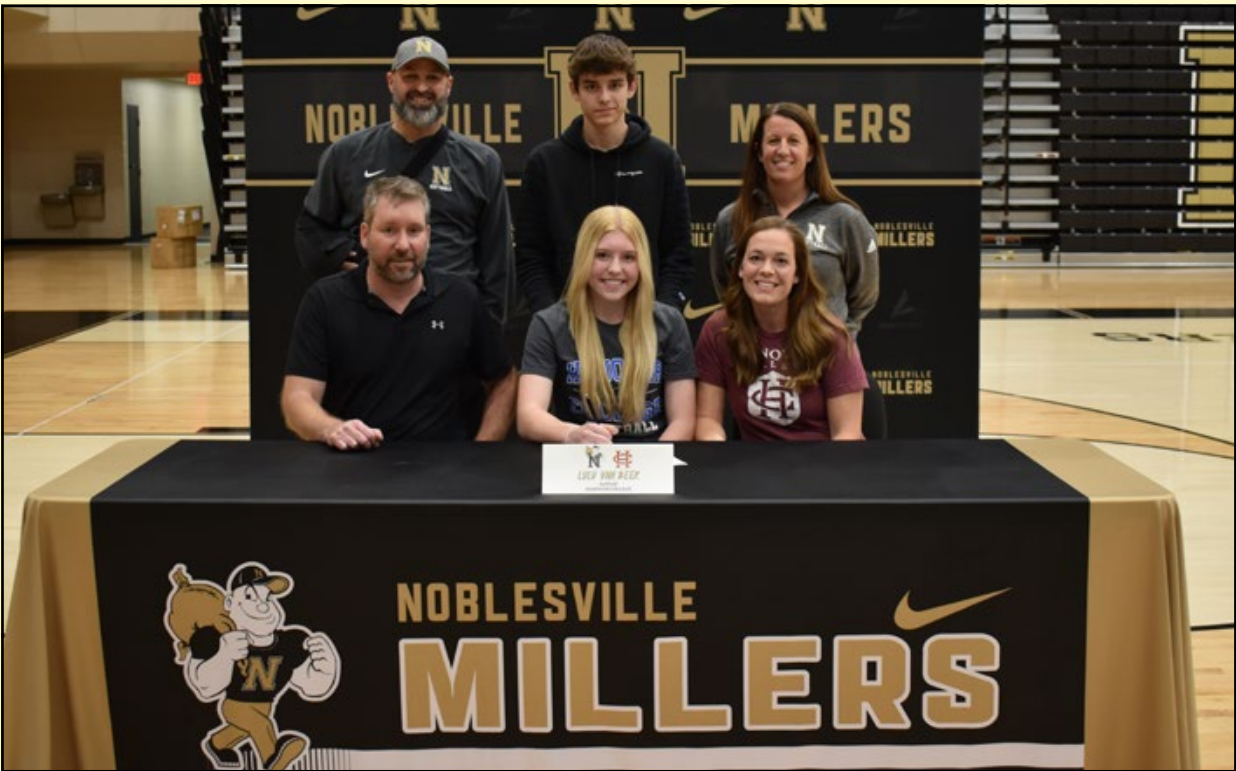
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Two Miller softball players each sign to college teams



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(TOP) Noblesville's Lulu Van Beek has committed to play softball at Hanover College. (Front row, from left) David Van Beek (father), Lulu Van Beek, and Dori Van Beek (mother). (Back row, from left) Deke Bullard (Noblesville Softball Head Coach), Devin Van Beek (brother), and Jen Thompson (Noblesville Softball Assistant Coach). (ABOVE) Noblesville's Mackenzie Harvey has committed to play softball at Earlham College. (Front row, from left) Caryn Harvey (mother), Mackenzie Harvey, and Josh Harvey (father). (Back row, from left) Jen Thompson (Noblesville Softball Assistant Coach), Abby Harvey (sister), and Deke Bullard (Noblesville Softball Head Coach).

Season recap & rating

With the Formula 1 completing its final race of the season in Abu Dhabi last Sunday, the (major) motorsports season has come a close. I provide a brief wrap-up and rating for each championship below:



Arrow McLaren had a great deal of hype. Unfortunately, it could not turn the hype into victories.

Best Moment: Josef Newgarden winning his first Indianapolis 500.

Driver to Watch: Although

not full-time during his rookie season, Marcus Armstrong was impressive. He notched five top 10s in 12 total starts, running only the road/street races in 2023. Look for him to have opportunities to win in 2024. However, he is not my driver to watch. The biggest IndyCar debut in years is Kyle Larson, who will be running the Indianapolis 500. One of the best all-around drivers in motorsports, all eyes will be on Kyle Larson come May. He is fast in everything he drives and has a shot at winning his first Indianapolis 500.

Team to Watch: Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing. After a difficult start to the 2023 season, and an absolute disastrous Indianapolis 500, RLL made significant progress with Christian Lundgaard winning his first career INDYCAR race and Graham Rahal nearly winning the Fall Indy road course race. If they continue their progress into 2024 and fix the problems they had at Indy, RLL make a push to the front of the field.

Formula 1

Overall: What can I say? Max Verstappen had the greatest single season in the history of Formula 1. Most wins (19); most podiums (21); most consecutive wins (10); most points (575); most laps led (739); highest win percentage (86.4 percent). Max has proven that he is the best Formula 1 driver in the world. Will he do it again? I sure hope not! Max's dominance made the season quite boring. Two years ago, the FIA set out to make the racing more competitive and Red Bull completely torn down the FIA's plan. I think the other team will catch Red Bull, but it may not happen before the regulations change in 2026.

Best Moment: Max Verstappen's record setting 10th consecutive win at the Italian Grand Prix.

Driver to Watch: Lando Norris. Lando is quick and consistent but does not have a Formula 1 win. Given his talent and race craft, he should be a multiple race winner. If McLaren ups its game in 2024, Lando will be on the top step of the podium.

Team to Watch: McLaren. McLaren had an awful start to the 2023 season, even missing valuable time due to testing. They made significant gains toward the end of the year with Lando Norris winning a pole at the Sao Paulo GP Sprint. Zac Brown has proven to be a resourceful leader and righted the ship when he arrived at McLaren in 2018. He is one step away from turning McLaren back into a top-tier team. I would not doubt him and McLaren in 2024.

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NASCAR Cup Series (A-)

Overall: Much like last year, the introduction of the NextGen Car has given new life to the Cup Series and has tightened the competitive advantage to the top-tier teams. There were 15 different winners over 36 races, and eight different race organizations made the Cup Series playoffs. The racing on intermediate tracks continued to impress and featured wheel-to-wheel action and last lap passes for the wins. The superspeedway racing package was improved, though there is still work to be done. The short track racing package continued to suffer, and NASCAR still has a great deal of work in order to get short track racing back to what it was before the NextGen Car. Ryan Blaney was exceptional in the Playoffs and deserved to win his first Cup Championship.

Best Moment: Shane Van Gisbergen winning on the Street of Chicago.

Driver to Watch: My driver to watch next year is Ty Gibbs. In his rookie season, Ty barely missed making the playoffs. He was extremely consistent the second half of the year and showed speed in qualifying and during the race. I believe he wins a race next year and makes it out of the first round of the Playoffs.

Organization to Watch:

Spire Motorsports. A team that we have grown use to running at the back made tremendous strides this season. Corey Lajoie finished inside the top 25 in points, ahead of drivers from top-level organizations. Spire has made significant financial investments over the last twelve months. They may not win next year, but I wouldn't be surprised to see Corey running inside the top 10 consistently.

NTT INDYCAR Series (B)

Overall: The INDYCAR Series put on a great show last year. Certainly, the highlight of the year was Josef Newgarden, the Oval King, winning his first Indianapolis 500 and celebrating on the front stretch grandstands with the fans. It is always awesome when an American wins the Indy 500 but Josef, a two-time series champion and fan favorite, was spectacular. The other story was Alex Palou. After a disappointing 2022 season, Palou put an utter beat-down on the rest of the field for two-thirds of the season, winning five times and never finishing outside of the top 10. I was disappointed by the performance of Andretti Autosport, which appeared to have speed but could not finish out races. Likewise, Arrow McLaren was lackluster. With the addition of Alexander Rossi,



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