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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mainly morning showers.
Thunder possible. Wind gusting to 35 mph.
Wind and rain chances decrease in the early
afternoon. Late morning high of 59.
Temps fall through the 50s in the afternoon.
Tonight: Partly to mostly cloudy.
HIGH: 59 LOW: 33



Sheridan kids fill the pantry to support Mama's Cupboard

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Sheridan Elementary School recently wrapped up its annual "Fill the Pantry" project, a heartwarming initiative aimed at supporting Mama's Cupboard, a local food pantry.

Principal Valerie Roberts expressed her enthusiasm for the project.

"Each year our school tries to complete one caring hearts project during the holiday season, and this year we kept those efforts right at home," Roberts said. "The needs in our community are great, so we wanted to give back locally and help our own families."

The initiative saw the entire school community coming together to collect much-needed supplies for Mama's Cupboard, a local organization dedicated to assisting those facing food insecurity. Roberts emphasized the importance of instilling a sense of community and empathy in the students, teaching them the value of giving back to those in need.



Photo provided by Sheridan Community Schools

Kindness Club sponsor Amy Lents poses with club members and Mama's Cupboard Executive Director Maleana Wittbrod. (From left) Amy Lents, Lyndi Brogan, Maleana Wittbrod, Cylas Fausset, Noel Roberts, Jackson Bernard, Casey Southerland, Bristol Carrico, and Kylah Rose.

One of the highlights of the project was the involvement of the fifth-grade Kindness Squad, a group organized by

Mrs. Amy Lents, the school counselor. The Kindness Squad played a crucial role in loading and delivering the

collected supplies to Mama's Cupboard.

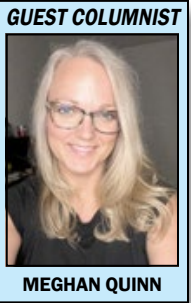
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I love you with a song

In the first days of the pandemic lockdown in 2020, my sister Emily reached out to our immediate family members with a request – she asked each of all five of us sisters to come up with an individual list of our 10 favorite songs. Her plan was to create a master playlist made up of her children's favorite people's favorite songs to use around their home during their days of quarantine, a time that left us all unsure of when we would get to see one another again.

I loved this playlist idea from the moment she mentioned it, but I did not expect it to connect us in the ways that it did in the following days and weeks, as my sister updated our group chat with which songs were her children's favorites, sharing photos of what activities and silliness they were enjoying while listening, their guesses as to which favorite songs belonged to whom. She shared the resulting playlist with the rest of us, and everyone began listening and enjoying, doing the same. I have long asserted that laughter and music are two of the best ways to connect people, one to another, and this activity for our family proved an excellent example of this.

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MEGHAN QUINN

CSO is popping up fresh Christmas spirit

By STU CLAMPITT
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Paul Langford is a singer, keyboardist, producer, arranger and – most importantly for Hamilton County – a conductor who will be at the helm for "Holiday Pops!" with Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) this weekend.

Another way to say this would be "Paul Langford, a singer who lost his voice, will be leading a symphony that lost its conductor."

Langford told The Reporter that while he feels perfectly healthy and is assured by medical professionals that he is not ill, he's had laryngitis for nearly three weeks. His doctors are reportedly stumped.

"The last time I got sick was probably 15 years ago," Langford said. "It's so strange."

While Langford has a rich set of musical skills, not being able to sing for weeks has been a challenge for him that this writer finds difficult to imagine.

"I had some singing concerts scheduled last week," Langford said. "At the last minute, I had to

hire somebody to come learn my whole show and sing for me. I just played piano, and they stood up and sang for me. It was so strange."

Langford told The Reporter it was a "maddening" experience.

"I've been working on that show for a year with my duo partner and the last minute I was like, 'We've got to hire somebody or cancel or cut half the songs,'" Langford said. "This guy was a real trooper and learned the whole show in three days. It all went great. It was just strange to prepare something for a year and then do half of it."

This Sunday, Dec. 10, Langford is not doing half of anything – he's going all in to make CSO proud by bringing his decades of musical experience and countless shows conducting to the Palladium. At 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday he will bring holiday joy to everyone who attends what is sure to be an exceptional performance.

Langford will be joined by Tony-honored singer Ben Davis, former Disney Channel star Amelia Wray, the Indiana Ballet Conservatory, and the Second



Photo provided

Guest conductor Paul Langford is excited to be at the helm for CSO's Christmas show this weekend at the Palladium.

Presbyterian Choir to perform holiday favorites.

Langford has been preparing for this CSO show for nearly a month, even before he knew he would be conducting this weekend.

"I was writing arrangements for this show," Langford said. "I found out that the maestro had resigned the position, Janna Hymes. I really like Janna. She and I have a good relationship. I've worked with her before, and I've been writing arrange-

ments for CSO for a number of years. But when I found out that she resigned, I just sent a quick message to the executive director and said, 'You know, I found out that Janna resigned and I'm wondering, do you need a maestro for the Christmas shows?'"

According to Langford, stepping into the guest conductor role at CSO was a joy, thanks to the level of talent he will be sharing the stage with.

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Carmel Christkindlmarkt announces winners of first Kulturecke Docent Scholarship Competition

The REPORTER

The Carmel Christkindlmarkt staff have announced the winners of the first Kulturecke Docent Scholarship Program, sponsored by the Indiana German Heritage Society.

The participants were asked to submit an essay answering the prompt, "German immigrants have made significant contributions to culture and traditions in the State of Indiana. In 500 words, describe a German cultural tradition that you see alive in the state today, and why you think it has remained an impactful part of Hoosier living history."

Amy Cooke won first place and received a \$1,000 scholarship. She attends Fishers High School, Class of 2025. Megan Munson won second place and received a \$500 scholarship. Munson attends Carmel High School, Class of 2026, and is also a former Christkind. Camille Short won third place and received a \$250 scholarship. She attends Center Grove High School, Class of 2024.



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(From left) Travis Jerde, Indiana German Heritage Society Representative; Megan Munson, second place winner; Amy Cooke, first place winner; and Camille Short, third place winner.

As part of their roles as docents, these winners are present in the Kulturecke to share facts about German holiday traditions and help guests navigate and enjoy the space.

"We are thrilled to offer this

new scholarship program this year, and we are very pleased with our three winners," Carmel Christkindlmarkt CEO Maria Murphy said. "We hope our guests enjoy meeting them in the Kulturecke this year, and we

can't wait to continue this program in the future."

The docents are on site at the Market during select times. For a full look at the Market's 2023 schedule, please carmelchristkindlmarkt.com/schedule.

Student Impact's leader to step down after 14 years of service

The REPORTER

Student Impact of Westfield, a faith-based, non-profit organization whose mission is to build relationships through love and acceptance in a safe and consistent environment, announced Thursday that longtime Executive Director Danyele Easterhaus will step down from her role.

Easterhaus, a fixture of the Westfield community, has served as Student Impact's Executive Director since 2010. Student Impact's Executive Program Director, Brittany Delph, will assume the role of Acting Director beginning Jan. 1, 2024.

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Easterhaus

Sandra Moreira to serve as next executive director of The Chris Center

Submitted

The Chris Center (TCC) announced Dec. 1 that founder and Executive Director Nancy Elbert will retire at the end of year.

Elbert devoted herself to bringing to life her vision for a stronger, more resilient community of youth through nature and animals.

"I'm so excited about the direction The Chris Center is going," Elbert said. "I once was told that surrounding yourself with good people is the ingredient for success. I couldn't be prouder of what we've accomplished together. Our board members are passionate, dedicated professionals who see the need within our community. The partnerships we've

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Moreira



Elbert

POPPING

“Everybody on that stage is a master of their instrument and everybody spent their life becoming great at it,” Langford said. “So even without knowing the people individually, the assumption is with a professional orchestra, it’s a whole stage full of people that are great at what they do. Somebody has to wave the baton, but the talent and the experience is already there.”

There is a fair bit more involved with conducting an orchestra than simply waving the baton, but Langford’s humor and humility were not lost on The Reporter. Still, we did ask him to give our readers a little insight into what it is like to stand at the helm of a group like CSO.

“It’s amazing that it

comes together so quickly,” Langford said. “I started studying conducting in 1984. I was 18 years old and now I’m 57 years old. Every nuance of the conducting gesture is supposed to communicate to the singer or the player or the ensemble. Every little movement means something. It’s this unspoken language.”

That language is a



little different for each conductor.

“I don’t get up on the podium and explain all my gestures to them,” Langford said. “I just start conducting and they watch and follow. It’s really remarkable. It’s musical sign language. They’re all dealing with the challenges of their instrument all in real time.”

Langford said he tries to be clear and easy to follow while instilling confidence and making music. He spoke highly of



both the musicians at CSO and the venue they get to perform in.

“I know you might get weary of people saying this, but the Palladium is a spectacular venue,” Langford said. “Carmel is so fortunate to have that space in which

the symphony can perform. As a visitor – somebody that’s not there all the time – walking in that room is spectacular.”

You can enjoy that spectacular venue, watch a conductor who has talents ranging across the musical

spectrum, and get into the spirit of the holidays with CSO at 3 or 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10. There are still some seating options for tomorrow’s performance available starting at \$35. Get your tickets online at [this link](#).

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SONG

I come from a large family filled with music and musicians. I can play guitar, bass, saxophone, and piano (all very mediocrely). I grew up singing in choirs and was a singer/guitarist in a local cover band in college. My childhood memories of our family gatherings all include music, of my aunts taking turns playing my grand-

mother’s baby grand piano while we all sang together during holidays, of all of us going caroling in the small town where we grew up together, of evenings spent with our extended family around campfires while the music of guitar chords filled the crisp fall air with family favorites.

As a result, it should not

have come as a surprise how much this musical endeavor at the onset of the pandemic ended up meaning to me. The process of choosing 10 favorite songs proved grueling. My sister refused to accept any more than 10, no matter how insistently we pleaded.

My sister Cameron’s list came first, impeccably organized, as if she had it saved on her phone somewhere in her Notes waiting for this exact request to come at any time. My sister Isabel’s list trickled in, doubled back, changed, argued with itself, and I can’t be sure if it ever really came to full fruition, though I know we ended up with some version of some of her favorite songs. My sister Paige’s list came later, without warning, context, or comment. My sister Emily’s list never came, even though the entire thing was her idea in the first place, and all requests for her to provide a list were met with digital silence.

My list? I sat down and curated it over the course of several hours, editing, changing, rationalizing with

myself, before sending a list with a detailed explanation of each choice, explanations I doubt any of my sisters even read but instead probably rolled their eyes at. And if you happen to know us, then all of this will sound as though it went exactly as one would expect it to go.

I am a person who still has my entire historical collection of compact discs alphabetized by genre, all 435 of them, in one of those heavy, gigantic carrying cases from the late 1990s. I have thousands of songs in my digital music database. And I found out in attempting to make a top 10 list that my favorites change and are fluid, according to where I am in my life, what I’m doing, who I am spending time with.

Eventually, I reached out to my own friends and some extended family members for their pandemic song lists, as well. One of them, almost four years later, still has not completed his list, as he sends the songs to me one at a time when he hears them “out in the wild,” as he says. I think he’s made it to

Meghan’s List

“Harmony Hall” by Vampire Weekend
“7” by Prince
“Soul to Squeeze” by Red Hot Chili Peppers
“Still Remains” by Stone Temple Pilots
“Baby, I’m Amazed” by Paul McCartney
“Warm Love” by Van Morrison
“Ants Marching” by Dave Matthews Band
“Avril 14th” by Aphex Twin
“River Flows in You” by Yiruma
“On Eagle’s Wings” by the Vincennes, Indiana retired St. John’s Folk Band

six songs so far.

These lists have changed over the years, and people have reached out and updated me with their changes over time. As it turns out, top 10 lists are an excellent and surprisingly intimate glimpse into other people. Additionally, the myriad ways people go about curating and sharing their lists prove interesting, a study into human behavior and thought.

For instance, should you just choose songs that are the ones you purely enjoy listening to? Or should you choose songs that have distinct meanings, tied to a time or place in your life that was important to you? Do you choose songs that make you nostalgic or move you to tears? Or do you choose

songs that you love to dance to the most or sing along to in the car? There are so many unexpected variables to consider in this process.

Art and music have always been touchstones for me. And this playlist proved a deep connection to my family, an unexpected and beautiful way we all reached for one another during a troubled time. To this day, the moment I hear the beginning notes of one of my loved ones’ favorite songs, I smile to myself and feel them reaching out across the miles of our busy lives, shortening the distance between us momentarily to say, “I love you with a song.”

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Rabbi Schusterman helps Fishers kick off Chanukah celebration



The Indiana Jewish Discovery Center (IJDC) and Rabbi Schusterman welcomed the Fishers community to a Chanukah Celebration on Thursday evening at Holland Memorial Park, with Mayor Scott Fadness giving a special greeting. The event began with an outdoor menorah lighting followed by an indoor program, complete with a juggling magic show from Krembo K, crafts, and a light dinner, as well as jelly doughnuts and latkes. Learn more about IJDC at [INJewishDiscovery.org](https://www.injewishdiscovery.org).

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Sheridan Elementary Kindness Club members help deliver food.

The "Fill the Pantry" project serves as a shining example of how a school community can come together to make a real and tangible difference in the lives of local families. By focusing their efforts on supporting Mama's Cupboard, Sheridan Elementary School not only addressed the immediate needs of their community but also set an inspiring precedent for future acts of kindness.

As the holiday season approaches, Sheridan Elementary School's "Fill the Pantry" project serves as a reminder that, even in challenging times, the spirit of giving can bring joy and relief to those who need it most. The initiative not only filled Mama's Cupboard with essential supplies but also filled the hearts of the entire school community with the warmth that comes from helping others.

For more information about Mama's Cupboard and to donate, visit [MamasCupboard.org](https://www.MamasCupboard.org).

IMPACT

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In September 2023, Student Impact (SI) unveiled its expansion, which more than doubled its capacity, after five months of construction and a two-year fundraising campaign led by Easterhaus. During the 2022-23 school year, Student Impact served more than 700 students, and numbers are expected to grow exponentially with the larger space and capacity. In addition, Student Impact's extremely popular basketball program serves approximately 400 students per year.

"I'm proud of all SI has accomplished in the last 14 years," Easterhaus said. "We have given students a safe space to thrive and grow, and now it's time for me to begin serving my community in different ways. As a staff, we have been planning this transition for more than 18 months, and I am more than confident this team will take our organization to new heights. I want to thank my family, my team, and our great community members for their constant support. I look forward to continuing to serve Westfield in new roles for many years to come."

"Danyeale has dedicated her life to the kids of this community and providing a safe place for them to build healthy relationships," SI Board President Eric Douthit said. "I have had the privilege to work alongside Danyeale, serving on the SI board of directors for several years, and I have seen first-hand the enormous impact she has on the students she serves. I look forward to seeing how she continues to serve this community."

Easterhaus will now move into the role of President of the Student Impact Emeritus Board, which is made up of previous board

members and serves as counsel to the current board of directors and staff. She will assume this role on Jan. 1, 2024.

If you would like more information about Student Impact, visit [TheRockWestfield.org](https://www.TheRockWestfield.org).



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Whether you're a kid or a pup, everyone loves Santa!



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Every Thursday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. through Dec. 21, The Yard at Fishers District welcomes families for its Holiday Open House and photos with Santa. Bring your own camera and take a free picture with Santa. The evening includes free hot cocoa, Santa meet & greets, carolers, and carriage rides. (Top left) This past Thursday focused on people bringing their pets to meet Santa, and none other than K9 Luna of the Noblesville Police Department was there to put in a good word with the big man! (We're sure Luna is on the nice list.) (Top right & above) Reporter columnists Tim & Megan Rathz's kids Mary & Pat got to meet Santa, too! Learn more about the Holiday Open House at tinyurl.com/MeetSantaAtTheYard.

'Tis the season to give

Many hungry families in Hamilton County urgently need your help

Submitted
"Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but look what they can do when they stick together." – Unknown

According to the Hamilton County Harvest (HCH) Food Bank, approximately 24,270 people live in Hamilton County, and a sizeable percentage of working adults are not earning enough to afford essential resources for their families. Food pantries and children's meal programs primarily rely on food banks and donations to supply the food they distribute to people in need. It is because of you, HCH's wonderful supporters, that the food bank can provide food and hope for neighbors.

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But hunger still exists in Hamilton County. HCH Food Bank needs your help. If you'd like to help fill the barrel and **host a food drive**, HCH can help.



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- Dec. 24th Candlelight** 11:00 p.m.
- Christmas Day Celebration** 10:00 am

The King Will come!

Carmel Christkindlmarkt again voted America's best holiday market

The REPORTER

The Carmel Christkindlmarkt has been voted Best Holiday Market in the USA Today's 10Best competition for the fourth time. Candidates from across the United States were selected by a panel of experts and 10Best editors, and the public was then invited to vote for their favorite market. The Carmel Christkindlmarkt has claimed top place in 2019, 2021, 2022, and now 2023. "Every year, we are honored and humbled by the support people have for our Market," Carmel Christkindlmarkt CEO Maria Murphy said. "We work tirelessly to make sure our Market is as authentic and magical as possible for our visitors, and we are thrilled to be a part of so many fami-

lies' holiday traditions." Voting took place throughout late November and early December, and participants could vote every day, once per day. The full list of winners for 2023 includes:

1. Carmel Christkindlmarkt
2. Bethlehem Christkindlmarkt
3. European Christmas Market
4. Denver Christkindlmarkt
5. Old World Christmas Market
6. Downtown Holiday Market
7. Savannah Christmas Market
8. Christkindlmarkt Chicago
9. Christmas Village in Philadelphia
10. Kerstmarkt

The Carmel Christkindlmarkt will remain open through Dec. 24, and it will close for the 2023 season beginning Dec. 25. For a full list of hours and the schedule, please visit carmelchristkindlmarkt.com.

All aboard! Hop on the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Christmas Express

The REPORTER

On Tuesday, Dec. 12 and Wednesday, Dec. 13, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) Community Foundation will help save Christmas for 48 local children. Santa's little helpers shopped for gifts at Target and collected warm winter coats. HCSO staff filled personalized stockings and wrapped the presents. The next step will involve the Hamilton County Sheriff's Christmas Express. Santa Claus, Deputy Justice (mascot), patrol deputies, correctional officers, and family members will load large red bags full of toys into police vehicles. The jolly group will then hand deliver the gifts on the front doorsteps of the participating families. A special thank you goes to the HCSO Citizens Acad-

emy Alumni Association, Target, Hamilton County Youth Assistance Program, and many contributions from the community for helping to make this event possible each year. The HSCO Community Foundation's is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and its goals include:

- Providing financial aid and help for those in need in our community, particularly children.
- Supporting the hard-working employees at the Sheriff's Office.
- Building stronger relationships between deputies, corrections officers, and staff with all members of the community.

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Pollution in Australia is causing endangerment of native jewel beetles

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

The jewel beetle family Buprestidae is home to many species of shiny, hard-shelled beetles. Buprestidae is one of the largest families of beetles, with around 15,500 species present today and almost 100 fossil species that have been discovered. This family of beetles is found worldwide, and their hard outer shell, known as an elytra, is commonly used in countries in Asia for decorations and jewelry. While Buprestidae is found worldwide, there is one species in Australia that has concerned environmentalists and entomologists alike. Entomologists, who are

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SOLOMON ARTERBURN
Sheridan High School Student

interested in the behaviors and lives of insects, were confused by what they saw in these creatures. The common Australian jewel beetle, *Julodimorpha bakewelli*, acted strangely while on beer bottles in Australia, exhibiting behaviors that mirrored their mating rituals with others of the same species. They even go as far as staying on the bottles while being eaten by other insects, starving to death, or dying of thirst. Many people are perplexed by the activities of the small beetle, notably two entomologists on a field trip in August and September of 1981. The pair, David Rentz and Darryl Gwynne, were about to discover something quite interesting. While passing through a polluted part of Western Australia, they noticed multiple members of the species *Julodi-*

morpha bakewelli attempting to mate with different beer bottles along the side of the road. At the time, these particular bottles, 375 mL and covered in small dimples near the bottom, were referred to as a 'stubbie.' The pair was soon entranced by this sighting. They attempted to shake the beetles off, but the insects held firm. Surveying their surroundings, Rentz and Gwynne spotted more beetles on more stubbies. Being scientists, the team quickly decided to experiment with this. They found four empty bottles and set them near each other. In under 30 minutes, the bottles had attracted six male jewel beetles. Rentz and Gwynne soon understood what the problem was. The jewel beetles had fallen for what is called an 'evolutionary trap.' This is when human influence causes animals to make mistakes leading to endangerment and even extinction. Female *Julodimorpha*

bakewelli are much larger than males, and like the females, the bottles they were attempting to mate with are a caramel color with many small dimples along their back. The naive jewel beetles were confusing the beer bottles with the larger female jewel beetles and attempting to mate with them. The endangerment of these Australian jewel beetles has a traceable cause: humans throwing beer bottles into the wilderness. For every easily identifiable problem that our environment faces, there are countless more that we cannot even begin to understand. How could anyone foresee beetles trying to mate with trash? The legacy of the Australian jewel beetle is a well-needed reminder – it shows the delicate balance between nature and humans and calls for a collective effort to address pollution and preserve the only environment we have.

Carmel Street Department earns Clean Air Champion award for new soy-based biodiesel truck program

The REPORTER

The Carmel Street Department's dedication to lowering emissions by adding B20 soy-fueled trucks to its fleet of vehicles has earned it the honor of being a "Clean Air Champion for Biodiesel" by Greater Indiana Clean Cities, Inc. The award was presented on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at the 2023 Indiana Environmental Conference and Winter Technical Meeting. The award recognizes the Street Department's work with the B20 Club of Indiana and Al Warren Oil Company to initiate a successful B20 pilot program to lower emissions and boost the performance of the Department's vehicles.

Photo provided by City of Carmel
(From left) Street Department Supervisor James Rundle, Fleet Manager Jason Armes, Indiana Soybean Alliance Market Development Project Manager Chris Weldon, and Street Department Foreman Shaun Privett.

"During the last two years, we have attended several trainings and conferences on the benefits of B20," said Jason Armes, fleet manager for the Street Department. "After much consideration, we decided to start a pilot program here at the street department. We then became members of the B20 Club of Indiana and got

the ball rolling." This past summer, the Street Department acquired six 2023 Ford F250 trucks with diesel engines to begin the pilot program. At that time, a partnership was established with Al Warren Oil Company to provide the City with the B20 blend at the Street Department.

The Street Department also partnered with GPS provider, Geotab, to produce the formula to track the emissions output of these trucks and compare them with regular diesel and 87 octane gasoline. Over time, the city will be able to provide the data to show the benefits of using a biodiesel product.

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County sends Bicentennial off in style

The ultimate celebration of Hamilton County's 200th birthday took place last Sunday at Ivy Tech Hamilton County in Noblesville. The family-friendly Bicentennial Bash celebrated all the county has to offer at the year-end event, which included live music from Andy Schomburg and Emily Ann Thompson, a short film by Adam Grubb Media, an art show in partnership with Nickel Plate Arts, and free giveaways and door prizes. Duke Energy Indiana President Stan Pinegar expressed gratitude for the honor of being a lead sponsor of Hamilton County's Bicentennial celebration and recognized the accomplishments of the Bicentennial Commission and its role in making the celebration memorable for years to come. Established by the County Commissioners, the Bicentennial Commission partnered with the Hamilton County Historical Society, Hamilton County Tourism, and Duke Energy throughout the year. Learn more at HamCoTurns200.com. (Photos provided by Hamilton County Bicentennial Commission / Jessica Layman)



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Community News

See Santa in Cicero

Santa is coming to the Hamilton North Public Library in Cicero!

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Carmel Music Academy opens for showing of *The Nutcracker*

The REPORTER

Carmel Music Academy and a handful of the Academy's students and staff took the stage with an outstanding Holiday Performance to open up for Central Indiana Academy of Dance's production of *The Nutcracker* this past weekend, Dec. 1, 2, and 3. Performers dazzled audiences each performance with holiday classics including "Winter Wonderland," "Do You Want To Build A Snowman?," "Carol of the Bells," "Let it Snow," and more.

Jon E. Gee, bassist for John Mellencamp, and his wife, Mrs. Gee, the directors of Carmel Music Academy, have known since the beginning that the student performers would provide more than spectacular entertainment to *The Nutcracker* audiences.

Carmel Music Academy students who took part in the show included seven vocalists, six drummers, two pianists, two guitarists, and one bassist. Each performer included is a student who takes private lessons in their instrument of choice with one of the



Photos provided by Carmel Music Academy

Academy's respected instructors. The passion Carmel Music Academy students have for music and performing came to life as they rehearsed in every additional practice and shined even brighter when they finally got to take the stage.

About Carmel Music Academy

Carmel Music Academy offers piano, guitar, bass, drums, ukulele, banjo, violin, and viola lessons to students of all ages. The Academy provides music lessons to students across the Indianapolis area including Carmel, Zionsville, Noblesville, Westfield, Fishers, Sheridan, Lebanon, and Avon. They have numerous accomplishments and accolades, including five consecutive years of being awarded as the Best of Carmel presented by Carmel Award Program, the latest being 2023.

Whoville Hideaway at the HC, a holiday activation

This year, they're stealing Christmas back . . .

The REPORTER

An immersive Whoville Hideaway awaits this holiday season inside the HC Tavern + Kitchen, 9709 E. 116th St., Fishers. The iconic holiday movies come to life on the second floor four-seasons patio of the restaurant complete with The Grinch-themed appetizers and drinks, larger than life decor, festive photo ops, and signature moments from the fictional town. Your heart may grow three sizes, but no one can steal Christmas from the Whoville Hideaway. Not even

the Grinch...

Whoville Hideaway is open 4 p.m. to close for guests aged 21 and over Saturdays through Tuesdays through Dec. 26 (closed on Christmas Day). This event is first come, first served; reservations are not available within the holiday activation.

Rhythm + Brunch
Sunday, Dec. 31,
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Rhythm + Brunch returns to The HC Tavern + Kitchen for the final date of 2023. Don't miss the fun complete with flavorful

dishes, colorful cocktails, and the electronic sounds of DJ MetroGnome. Ring in the new year with an elevated take on classic brunch favorites with an interactive Bloody Mary Bar Cart or a celebratory Mimosa package. It's a Rhythm + Brunch vibe the last Sunday of the month at the HC. Reservations are strongly recommended.

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Fishers employer offers solution to help lower healthcare costs

Indiana healthcare costs must come down. According to the RAND 4.0 study conducted last year, **Indiana has the seventh highest hospital costs in the nation.** There is no reason our healthcare prices should be higher than all our neighboring states of Illinois, Kentucky, Ohio, and Michigan. Hoosier patients and the employers paying for their medical care are bearing the brunt of these costs due to practices that are unfair and irresponsible. Thankfully, Indiana legislators have shown some courage in recent years to try and inject competition and transparency back into the healthcare marketplace to lower costs across the state. Last year, the state legislature recognized the issues facing our healthcare system and began to rein in costs through free market solutions. Legislation was passed outlawing the most predatory practice going on within hospitals today called “dishonest billing.” Patients who received care at a doc-



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tor’s office were able to be billed using the same forms as if they received the care on a hospital campus, routinely the most expensive place to receive medical care. In my business, I know my customers would immediately begin looking elsewhere if I began shipping product via flatbed truck but charged them air freight rates. Not an exact comparison, but dishonest billing is dishonest billing, and thanks to our legislative leadership, such revenue-generating tactics can no longer be used to increase margins. This is good for consumers and it is good for employers. Our employees are the greatest asset of our business, and their healthcare is important to me. As I learn more about why healthcare costs so much, I am discovering additional areas where progress is needed. This coming year, it is my hope that the General Assembly will look at eliminating Indiana’s Any Willing Provider (AWP) laws. These are

laws mandating that health plans accept all legally licensed providers into their networks, regardless of performance or patient safety records. While the idea behind AWP laws is to provide more choices for consumers seeking medical care, these laws actually prevent competition between healthcare systems to provide the best service possible and have become counterproductive. By requiring health plans to accept any provider willing to join their network, providers are disincentivized from negotiating reasonable terms for inclusion. Guaranteed entry for providing the bare minimum is causing Hoosiers to pay higher prices for lower quality medical services. The cost of sacrificing quality under the false pretense of higher accessibility is then passed on to employers. The economics of healthcare are difficult enough to understand, but these laws appear to undermine the ability of health plans to perform quality and patient safety checks on providers, potentially exposing patients to substandard care. Our local media has reported that half of Indiana

hospitals **ranked “C” or lower in national rankings** on patient safety, and **20 hospitals** incurred Medicare penalties in 2022 due to confirmed, preventable patient harm. A glance at the state’s reporting on hospital medical errors shows that we cannot continue putting people at risk by promoting quantity over quality. Hoosiers, along with the **80%** of large private and public employers who self-fund their health plans, can no longer afford financial burden. Employers must lead the way on this issue and let our legislators know how important a full repeal of existing AWP laws would allow the private market to function as intended by promoting competition and negotiation. This would lead to more reasonable medical service prices and enable health plans to focus on quality and safety. Indiana legislators should embrace a more market-driven approach to healthcare and repeal AWP laws to reduce costs by unleashing the power of competition and choice. *Brandon Reeve of Fishers is the CEO/Owner of Applied Fabricators, Inc.*

Indiana Department of Insurance warns Hoosiers to be cautious of discount offers for insurance plans

The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Insurance (IDOI) is issuing a warning to Hoosiers seeking health insurance coverage through the Federal Marketplace. The department advises caution regarding websites offering rewards like debit or cash cards in exchange for signing up through them. These “lead generating” websites collect users’ personal information and may provide inaccurate information about insurance coverage. The department urges Indiana residents to exercise skepticism regarding third-party websites promoting marketplace health plans and incentives. “Consumers should verify information directly through official marketplace resources before entering any personal details or selecting a plan,” IDOI Chief Deputy Commissioner of Compliance Alexandria Peck said. If you suspect fraud, contact the Indiana Attorney General’s office at [in.gov/attorney-general/consumer-protection-division](https://www.in.gov/attorney-general/consumer-protection-division). “If you need assistance, an Indiana Navigator can as-

sist you with the process of signing up for marketplace coverage or you can contact an insurance agent,” Peck said. You may work with an Indiana Navigator in any county in Indiana free of charge. [Click here](#) to find a navigator in your area. IDOI provides a **Marketplace Insurance Providers Map** to help you determine what insurance providers are in your county. Hoosiers may be entitled to enhanced financial assistance and subsidies via the **American Rescue Plan and the Inflation Reduction Act**. Visit [Healthcare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) to learn about the different types of plans offered through the marketplace. **Important dates** • **Dec. 15:** Last day to enroll in or change plans and pay the first month’s premium for coverage to start Jan. 1, 2024. • **Jan. 15, 2024:** Last day to enroll in or change a 2024 health plan *and* pay the first month’s premium for coverage to start Feb. 1, 2024. After Jan. 15, 2024, you can enroll in or change plans only if you qualify for a **Special Enrollment Period**.

Gleaners gets refrigerated food truck thanks to Darden Restaurants grant

The REPORTER

Darden Restaurants has helped Feeding America once again provide 10 member food banks with a 26-foot refrigerated truck, which can transport up to 12,000 pounds of food at a time to fight hunger in their community. This effort is supporting individuals and communities throughout the holiday season and beyond. One of those trucks went to Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana, which also received \$20,000 to use for food and other needs. Made possible through a \$2 million grant from the Darden Restaurants, Inc. Foundation and support from partners Penske Truck Leasing and the Lineage Foundation, these trucks are now part of mobile food pantry programs at food banks with the greatest need. “All of us at Darden have a shared purpose to nourish and delight everyone we serve, and our commitment to service extends beyond our restaurants into our communities,” Darden Restaurants President and CEO Rick Cardenas said. “As a restaurant company, we are able to make a meaningful difference in the fight against hunger. Through our long-standing partnership with Feeding America and our legacy Harvest food donation program, we can help individuals and families gain access to nutritious food.”



Photo provided

This refrigerated food truck can haul up to 12,000 pounds of food at one time.

The need

Across the nation, food banks are experiencing increased demand driven by grocery prices that remain high and the end of several pandemic-era benefits such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) emergency allotments. Feeding America estimates that more than 34 million people in the United States face hunger, and communities of color continue to be impacted at a disproportionately higher rate. “In the face of persistently high grocery prices and the expiration of vital pandemic-era support, food banks are a lifeline for millions,” Feeding America CEO Claire Babiniaux-Fontenot said. “We’re grateful to team up with

Darden, Penske, and Linage again to continue our work to close the hunger gap, and these trucks will expand our food banks’ ability to deliver food where it’s needed most.” **Responding to the need** Darden and the Darden Foundation have partnered with Feeding America for 13 years to address food insecurity. Since January 2021, Darden and its partners have helped add 35 trucks, along with money for operating expenses, for 35 food banks located in 18 different states.

In addition, Darden’s restaurants have participated in the Harvest food donation program for 20 years. Each week, team members prepare unserved, nutritious food like pasta, steak, chicken, vegetables and soup for donation to a local nonprofit – rather than disposing of it. Over two decades, the scale of Darden’s 1,900-plus locations have provided more than 136 million pounds of food for those who need it, amounting to 113 million meals. Learn how you can help at [Gleaners.org](https://www.gleaners.org).

Meeting Notices

- The Carmel Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a special Hearing Officer meeting at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023, in the Caucus Rooms on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.
- The Hamilton County Airport Authority will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2023, in Conference Room 1A at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

— JACKSON TOWNSHIP —

Legal Notice
Board of zoning appeals
The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on December 21st, at 7:00 PM at the Cicero Town Hall building located at 70 North Byron Street, Cicero Indiana 46034, in order to hear the following petitions:
Docket No. BZA-1223-68-AG
A Land Use Variance Application has been submitted regarding the property located at 22800 Cammack Road, Cicero IN, 46034 to allow a Wildlife Rescue Facility in the “AG” district; Whereas a Wildlife Rescue Facility is not listed as a Permitted Use or Special Exception Use in the “AG” district.
Project Address: 22800 Cammack Road, Cicero IN, 46034
Legal Descriptions: Acreage 10.88 Section 4, Township 19, Range 4
Parcel numbers: 03-06-04-52-00-004.002
The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Planning Commission, 331 E. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034.
Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Comments may be mailed to Cicero/Jackson Planning Commission at P.O. Box 650 Cicero, IN 46034. Comments may also be dropped off in the Cicero Utilities payment drop box located at 331 E. Jackson St. Cicero, IN. Comments may also be emailed to fzawadzki@townofcicero.in.gov Comments must be received by 3:00 pm on the date of the hearing. Written comments will be read aloud during the public hearing and entered into the record of the Hearing.
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December 31

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Congress must stop FDA from harming Hoosiers’ health

It’s been said that knowledge is power, and that’s especially true when it comes to taking prescription medications. When patients fully understand their medications and how to take them, they can take charge of their health and focus on the finer things in life like their families, careers, and interests.

However, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is poised to limit access to critical information about prescriptions, which will undoubtedly put the health of many Hoosiers at risk.

Our Senator Mike Braun has built a reputation as someone who courageously goes to bat for Indiana, especially when big government puts us at risk. As he finishes his final term in Congress, I am hopeful he will continue to lead his colleagues in D.C. by protecting our access to medication information.

Here’s the problem: the FDA is proposing a new rule that would shift patient



DONNA SCHAI BLEY
State Representative

medication – the printed pamphlets attached to prescriptions sharing critical drug details and directions – to a digital format. Under this rule, Hoosiers will be given a link at the pharmacy to a website that they must open at home to learn about their prescriptions. So instead of providing patients with important details of their prescriptions at the outset, the moment when they can easily look at the paper and ask their pharmacist questions, the FDA is essentially telling them to “just Google it.”

This demonstrates once again how out of touch the federal bureaucracy is with the average American in places like Indiana. Hoosiers already have to juggle online links ad nauseam, from restaurant menus to job applications. To create new hoops to jump through just to learn what foods they should avoid with their prescriptions, for instance, makes little practical sense and all but ensures people

won’t access it.

Did the FDA even consider Hoosiers in farm country where broadband is scarce or elderly people who don’t have technology when they drafted this rule? It seems unlikely. They are attempting to impose a one-size-fits-all policy on all of us, even though many people likely prefer a printed sheet they can easily grab if they want to learn more about their prescriptions.

As a workaround, the FDA included a provision in the rule that requires patients to ask their pharmacist to print the information at the counter upon request. But again, this shows how out of touch the FDA has become. Many people at the pharmacy are in a rush, and I can speak for myself in saying that I would likely forget to ask my pharmacist for the printed information. Not to mention, shifting the burden of printing this information from pharmaceutical companies to local pharmacies will put a significant strain on pharmacists who are already overworked and add new financial obligations that many pharmacies will

struggle to meet. Is Indiana ready for even more pharmacy closures?

Right now, there are a number of obstacles between Hoosiers and their health. Our state was ranked **40th in the nation** for overall health, drug overdose deaths **are on the rise**, and fentanyl is **pouring across our borders** and into the hands of innocent children. Why would the FDA add a new health risk, rather than taking steps to keep people safe?

Senator Braun and Congressional leaders can help put a stop to this, and he’s the best champion we have for patient health. He understands that Hoosiers deserve access to health information. In fact, he’s sponsored **several pieces of legislation** to promote transparency in our health-care system.

We urgently need him to stand with us again and push back against the FDA’s flawed rule. There’s no time to waste.

State Rep. Donna Schai-bley (R-Carmel) represents House District 24, which includes portions of Boone and Hamilton counties.

Sen. Mike Braun helps introduce banking regulator transparency bill

The REPORTER

Senators Mike Braun (R-Ind.), Bill Hagerty (R-La.), and Roger Marshall (R-Kan.) introduced the Banking Regulator International Reporting Act on Thursday to increase transparency and Congressional oversight between U.S. banking regulators and certain influential international NGOs by requiring an annual report from regulators on their interactions with those international NGOs.

“Congress and the American people deserve to know what happens behind closed-door meetings between U.S. regulators and international NGOs,” Sen. Braun said. “The Banking Regulator International Reporting Act increases transparency and congressional oversight on these interactions to limit their influence on U.S. banking policy.”

The Banking Regulator International Reporting Act:

- Requires an annual report from the Federal

Reserve System, Office of the Comptroller of Currency, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, National Credit Union Administration, the Federal Housing Finance Administration, and the Securities and Exchange Commission on their interactions with international NGOs including the Financial Stability Board, the Bank for International Settlements, the Network of Central Banks and Supervisors for Greening the Financial System, and the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision.

- The report would include documentation of meeting contents, policy objectives of the organization, and the disclosure of an international NGO’s funding sources.
- The report would be presented by each regulator annually to the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee and the House Financial Services Committee.

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Melvin Allen McCorkle

June 12, 1960 – December 1, 2023



Melvin Allen McCorkle, 63, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Westfield on Friday afternoon, December 1, 2023. Born on June 12, 1960, in Noblesville, he was the son of the late Loren E. “Mac” McCorkle and Alverta Jane “Janie” (Favors) McCorkle-Cooper.

After graduating from Sheridan High School with the Class of 1980, Melvin proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps.

Many of the residents of Boone and Hamilton counties probably remember when the more rural areas were served by independent waste and trash haulers. Melvin had one of those routes, providing top-notch service for many years. He later explored a brief career change in southern Indiana; he farmed around the Mt. Vernon area for several years and had the time of his life doing it. In addition to farming, he also worked as a stocker for Meijer until his health started to decline.

Melvin loved pitching horseshoes and managed to bring home a trophy or two over the years. He made many great memories and friendships during his years pitching with the Sheridan Horseshoe League.

Melvin was a collector of both Native American memorabilia, including dream catchers and anything having to do with eagles, and Coca-Cola collectables of all kinds. He liked his oldies music and never tired of watching action movies, but when NASCAR season kicked into gear, that’s where his attention would focus. He was a Dale Earnhardt, Sr. fan through and through, and watching races was just never the same after he was gone.

Melvin is survived by his brother, Darel McCorkle (Debbie) of Kokomo; many nieces and nephews; and by his feline furbaby, Thunder. He really loved that cat.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Loren E. “Mac” McCorkle and Alverta Jane “Janie” (Favors) McCorkle-Cooper; his maternal and paternal grandparents; as well as several aunts and uncles.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 10, 2023, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan. Graveside services are being planned for a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the American Lung Association, or to Kercheval Funeral Home, P.O. Box 42, Sheridan, IN 46069, to help defray funeral costs. Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com

Steven R. Alexander

December 22, 1943 – December 8, 2023



Steve Alexander, 79, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, December 8, 2023, at IU Health Saxony Fishers in Fishers. He was born on December 22, 1943, to William and Marthann (Johnson) Alexander in Boxley, Ind.

For 36 years, Steve worked for Delco-Remy and owned and operated Alexander’s Auto and Radiator Repair since 1978.

He is survived by his sons, Kyle (Yvonne) Alexander and Matthew Alexander; brother, Michael (Kim) Alexander; many nieces and nephews; three grandchildren, Morgan (Dustin) Scott, Dalton Alexander, and Logan (Sara-Beth) McCormick; and two great-grandchildren, Gunner McCormick and Oaklee Scott.

In addition to his parents, Steve was preceded in death by his daughter, Michelle Lorinne McCormick; and his brothers, John Alexander and Richard Alexander.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. An additional visitation will be held from noon to 2 p.m. on Friday, December 15, 2023, with services at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Marian Virginia Arthur (aka Boom)

July 18, 1927 – December 4, 2023



Marian Virginia Arthur, 96, Westfield, passed away peacefully on Monday morning, December 4, 2023, at Maple Park Village in Westfield. She was born on July 18, 1927, the third of four daughters to the late Orville Wilber Millikan and Edna Gail (Barker) Millikan. Marian graduated from Sheridan High School in 1945.

Following high school graduation, she worked as a secretary until she married Paul Eugene Arthur in 1947. She remained at home while raising two sons. She returned to work at Curtis Manufacturing when the boys were in high school. Marian was a gifted seamstress, and it was not unusual for her to decide late on Saturday night she wanted a new dress for Sunday morning. She made many prom dresses, wedding dresses, curtains, drapes, tablecloths, placemats, and also reupholstered furniture. When grandchildren started arriving her focus turned to children’s clothing. She always wanted a little girl, so when her first granddaughter was born, her sewing machine was cranking out dresses almost daily. She babysat for her 3-year-old granddaughter one weekend and when her parents came to pick her up, Marian had made her 17 pairs of pajamas.

Marian was active at Westfield Methodist Church, sang in the choir, taught Sunday School, and participated on many committees. She loved live music, loved to dance including tap dancing, square dancing, the Charleston, and participated in many talent shows. She sang with the Sweet Adelines for many years and always made the costumes for the national competitions. She acted in community theater plays at The Belfry in Noblesville.

Marian was an amazing cook. She hosted the family Thanksgiving dinner, preparing all the food for over 40 people and managed to keep the pans and the kitchen spotless as she cooked. And naturally, she made new placemats for the holiday meal.

After her sons graduated from high school, she moved to Champaign, Ill., when her husband was transferred. She hosted foreign exchange students and professors from the University of Illinois. She worked as a custom drapery seamstress. She also began competing in Marathons around age 45 and enjoyed jogging until the age of 72, acquiring the nickname “Jogging Grandma” by her grandchildren. She retired to Venice, Fla., for several years loving the Florida sun until returning to Westfield in 2006, shortly after great-grandchildren began to be born. It was her first great-grandchild that called her Boom, which became her new nickname that the entire family and friends began to call her. Marian was always active, but what she loved most were her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. According to her, her grandchildren were perfect.

Always full of life, she was witty and loved to pull pranks and play jokes on unsuspecting friends and family. She knew how to deliver a line and probably could have been a great comedian. She was still making us laugh until she was no longer able to communicate. She will be missed dearly.

Boom is survived by two sons, Alan Gene (Jennifer) Arthur and P. Douglas Arthur; six grandchildren, Allison (Rocky) Lehman, Zachary Arthur, Alexis (Josh) Lowry, Zane Arthur, Wade (Jazmin) Arthur, and Brandon Arthur; 13 great-grandchildren; Sela, Miles, Leo, Liam, Elliott, Ania, Lucy, Melody, Dominic, Eryn, Harrison, Remington, and Brazzus; sister, Annabelle Tschiemer; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Orville and Edna Millikan; sisters, Harriett Garrett and Orpha Sparks; and her ex-husband, Paul Arthur.

Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m., followed by a Celebration of Boom’s life at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at the HeartPointe Church in Hortonville, 445 E. 206th St., Sheridan.

Many thanks to Sanders Glen, Maple Park Village, and Heart to Heart Hospice for the TLC and keeping Marian comfortable during her last days.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to HeartPointe Church or a charity of your choice.

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TODAY’S BIBLE READING

When Rebekah was told what her older son Esau had said, she sent for her younger son Jacob and said to him, “Your brother Esau is planning to avenge himself by killing you. Now then, my son, do what I say: Flee at once to my brother Laban in Haran. Stay with him for a while until your brother’s fury subsides. When your brother is no longer angry with you and forgets what you did to him, I’ll send word for you to come back from there. Why should I lose both of you in one day?”

Then Rebekah said to Isaac, “I’m disgusted with living because of these Hittite women. If Jacob takes a wife from among the women of this land, from Hittite women like these, my life will not be worth living.”

Genesis 27:42-46 (NIV)

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.

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2. Devil You Know – Freida McFadden
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Jim Wafford gets recognition he deserves

He may be behind the scenes, but everyone knows his importance to high school sports

By **RICHIE HALL**
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Jim Wafford had one word after being inducted into the Hamilton County Basketball Hall of Fame on Friday night.

“Humbling,” he said. Wafford, the owner of Logan Street Signs and Banners and [HCTV](#), was formally inducted into the Hall of Fame during halftime of the Noblesville-Fishers girls basketball game, which took place at The Mill, a gym where almost every basketball game, you can see Wafford and his broadcasting crew calling the action.

“We created Hamilton County TV to help these student-athletes,” said Wafford. What is now HCTV began in the summer of 2011. The primary content back then was local talk shows, public domain TV shows and movies.

HCTV began broadcasting basketball in the fall of 2012, with a Noblesville junior varsity/varsity girls basketball game. Wafford said at the time, HCTV was the only commercial broadcaster showing regular-season girls sports. HCTV has broadcast close to 800

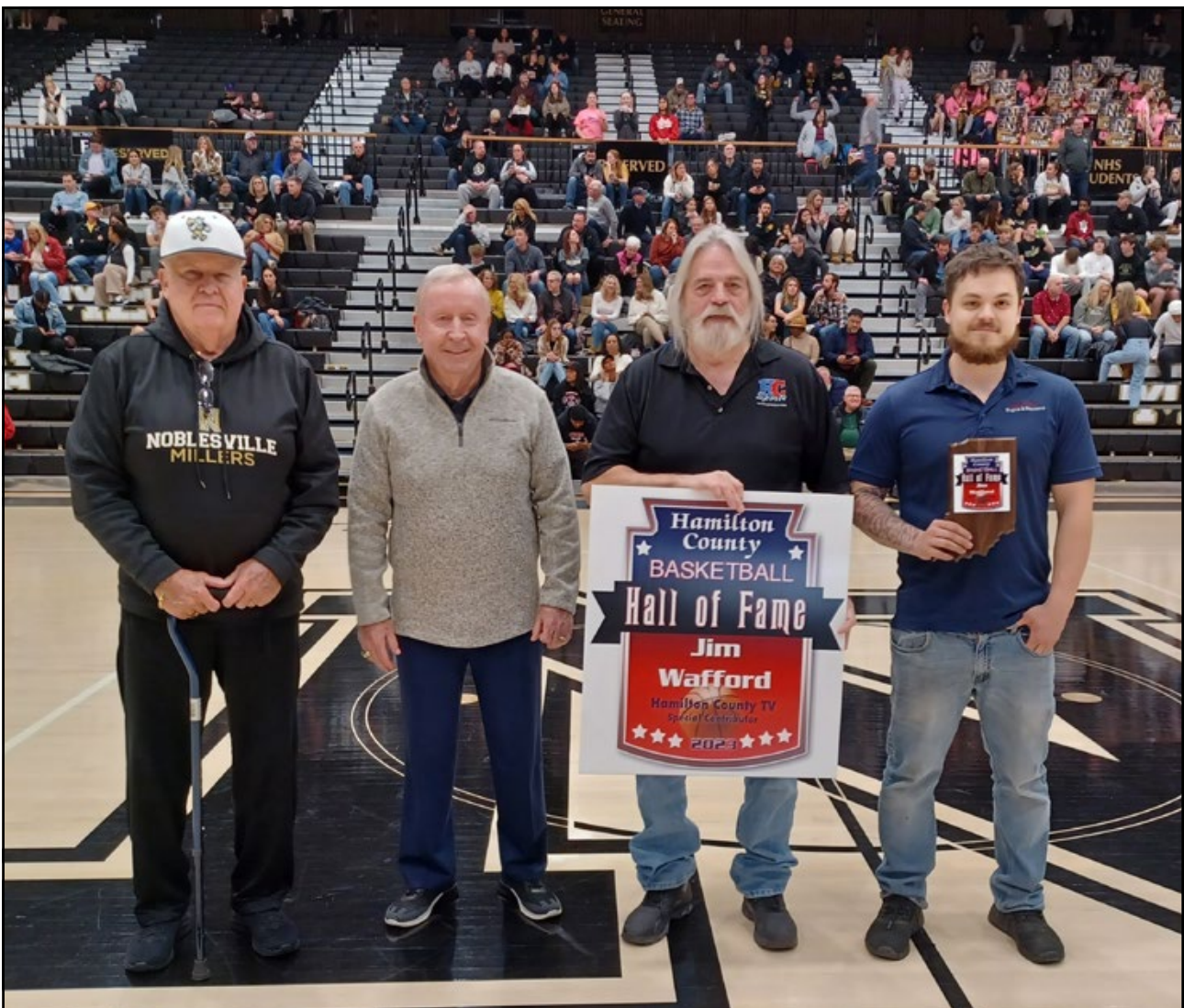
basketball games, boys and girls, JV and varsity.

As broadcast technology evolved, so did HCTV. The channel added a YouTube channel in 2014. HCTV joined the IHSAA’s television network in 2016 as the organization’s first affiliate. Then in 2018, HCTV welcomed Indiana SRN’s broadcasts to its channel.

HCTV added a Roku and Amazon Fire channel in 2019, then joined forces with the Bragg Sports Network, adding that to its channel to highlight Sheridan athletics. Also, HCTV mentored three local high schools in starting their own channels: Fishers Sports Network, Southeastern Sports Network and Husky Sports (Hamilton Heights). The content of all three networks is available on HCTV.

While sports are a very important part of HCTV, the channel also is known for broadcasting other important events. HCTV shows the annual Hamilton County 4-H Fair, community events such as parades, the annual Boys & Girls Club Bed Race, city and county council meetings.

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Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Jim Wafford, owner of Hamilton County Television, was inducted into the Hamilton County Basketball Hall of Fame Friday night during halftime of the Noblesville-Fishers girls game. Pictured are Hall of Fame committee members Ron Fleming and Dave Nicholson, Jim Wafford and his son Will Wafford.

Girls Basketball



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(ABOVE LEFT) Fishers’ Talia Harris (center) scored 24 points, one of four Tigers players in double figures during their win over Noblesville on Friday. Also pictured are Allison Scheu (left) and Kate Thomas (right). (ABOVE RIGHT) Noblesville’s Ava Shoemaker scored 15 points, including three 3-pointers.

Tigers get the ball moving to beat the Millers

By **RICHIE HALL**
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NOBLESVILLE — Anyone who thinks efficiency is boring needs to watch the Fishers girls basketball team.

The Tigers put on a clinic in making the most of opportunities during their Hoosier Crossroads Conference game at The Mill in Noblesville. Fishers used

hot shooting to score a 79-65 victory over the Millers.

The Tigers made 27 baskets in 40 attempts, which comes out to 68 percent. Fishers coach Lauren Votaw credited that performance to moving the ball well.

“We’ve talked about, that ball has to get moving,” said Votaw. “We struggled a little bit with it this year, with it just sticking and overdrubbling a little bit.

And so we weren’t getting really quality looks off of free passes.”

In their Friday game, Votaw said the Tigers “were able to move the basketball and move ourselves, and so we were creating good looks for people, and I think that’s what made the difference.”

Noblesville led 2-0 after Kate Rollins scored the first basket of the game, but Joirdyn Smith sent in a 3-point-

er, and Fishers never trailed again. The Tigers steadily made their way to a 25-17 lead after the first quarter; Smith threw in three triples, while Kate Thomas and Talia Harris both scored six points.

“I think we all played very well as a team,” said Harris. The senior said Fishers knew it would be a tough game, so the Tigers “played as hard as we can” to get win.

Freshman Alanna An-

thony came off the bench to make a traditional three-point play during the second quarter, and that gave Fishers its first 10-point lead of the game at 35-25. The Millers cut it down to 41-36 by halftime, with Reagan Wilson scoring nine points in the second period.

“Reagan Wilson’s a darn good basketball player,” said Votaw. “She was very good, especially in the first half. I was proud of the way our kids adjusted in the second half to try to take some of that away.”

A 3 by Wilson got Noblesville within 43-41 early in the third quarter. Fishers responded with an 11-2 spurt; Harris began the run with a jumper, then Smith made her fourth 3-pointer of the game. Allison Scheu’s and-1, followed by a Thomas

layin pushed the Tigers lead into double digits once more.

Fishers’ largest lead of the game was 62-47 in the third quarter, this after a Harris basket and a 3 from Morgan Roberts. The Millers went on an 8-0 run after that, with Ava Shoemaker nailing a triple and Meredith Tippner making a layin. Tippner’s basket was the last of the third quarter, which finished with the Tigers up 62-52.

Shoemaker opened the fourth quarter with a 3, and the Millers were within seven. But they would get no closer. Consecutive baskets from Scheu and Harris put the Tigers ahead 70-57. A Wilson 3 got Noblesville within 70-62, but the Tigers used free throws to finish the game.

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Boys Basketball

Blackhawks beat Bulldogs to claim first conference victory

The REPORTER

Sheridan's boys picked up their first Hoosier Heartland Conference victory of the season Friday, and they did so with authority over Clinton Central 63-48 in an away game.

The Blackhawks soared through the first quarter for a 21-9 lead. Trent DeCraene scored 10 points, including two 3-pointers. Damon Winston also hit two 3s.

Sheridan led 30-18 at halftime, then held a 45-35 advantage after three periods. Tyler Garner helped out in that quarter with six points. Caleb Wright took

over in the fourth period, scoring seven points, while Winston added another six.

DeCraene finished the game with 19 points, while Winston scored 18. Winston totaled four 3s and DeCraene made three triples. Garner added 11 points. Winston led the rebounds with nine, followed by Carson Wright with seven and Garner with six. DeCraene handed out five assists and Winston made three blocked shots.

Sheridan is 1-1 in conference play and 3-1 overall. The Blackhawks travel to Eastern next Friday to continue HHC competition.

SHERIDAN 63, CLINTON CENTRAL 48				
Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Trent DeCraene	6-10	4-5	19	2
Tyler Garner	5-11	1-1	11	2
Caleb Wright	2-8	3-4	7	5
Damon Winston	6-11	2-3	18	2
Carson Wright	1-2	1-4	3	3
Owen Bell	1-3	2-4	5	1
Evan Krupp	0-2	0-0	0	1
Chance Spencer	0-1	0-0	0	0
Nate Hinshaw	0-2	0-0	0	1
Totals	21-50	13-21	63	17
Score by Quarters				
Clinton Central	9	9	17	13-48
Sheridan	21	9	15	18-63
Sheridan 3-point shooting (8-24) Winston 4-8, DeCraene 3-5, Bell 1-3, Cal. Wright 0-4, Garner 0-2, Spencer 0-1, Hinshaw 0-1. Sheridan rebounds (33) Winston 9, Car. Wright 7, Garner 6, Cal. Wright 4, DeCraene 3, Bell 3, Krupp 1.				



Photo by Dwight Casler
Sheridan's Damon Winston made four 3-pointers for the Blackhawks during their Hoosier Heartland Conference win Friday at Clinton Central.

Noblesville pulls away from Carmel

The REPORTER

Noblesville's boys finished strong at Carmel on Friday night, pulling away in the second half to win 59-34 at the Eric Clark Activity Center.

The Millers cruised through the first quarter, which finished with Noblesville leading 16-5. Aaron Fine led the way, pouring in 11 points. The Greyhounds stormed back in the second period, scoring the first 11 points of the quarter to tie it at 16-16 before the Millers took a 24-22 halftime lead. Mitchell Mulloy stepped up for Carmel in the second with eight points, while Alex Couto scored five.

Noblesville opened the second half with its own 9-0 run. The spurt included two 3-pointers from Justin Curry. Fine added five points, including a traditional three-point play to finish the run. The Millers led 42-28 after three, then poured in another 17 in the fourth quarter.

"I thought we played really well in the second half," said Noblesville coach Scott McClelland. "Aaron had a really nice game tonight."

McClelland also praised

Curry for his second-half play, including his defense.

"I challenged him at halftime, he really responded," said McClelland.

Fine finished with 18 points, while Curry scored 12 on four 3-pointers. Fine also delivered seven assists and pulled five rebounds. Hunter Walston hit a pair of fourth-quarter 3s and collected five rebounds. He and Will Smits both scored eight points. Aiden Brewer had two blocked shots.

"We just got contributions from everybody tonight," said McClelland. "I thought we got huge contributions from Will Smits and Luke Etchison. Baron Walker came in and provided a nice spark. Hunter Walston played a lot better, did what he could do in the second half."

Mulloy and Evan Harrell both scored eight points, with Harrell getting six rebounds.

Noblesville is 3-1 and plays Crispus Attucks this afternoon at the Forum Tipoff Classic at the Southport Fieldhouse. The game starts at 5:20 p.m. Carmel is 2-2 and travels to Crown Point tonight for a 7 p.m. game.

NOBLESVILLE 59, CARMEL 34				
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Hunter Walston	3-5	0-0	8	3
Justin Curry	4-9	0-0	12	2
Will Smits	4-4	0-0	8	2
TJ Davidson	2-3	0-0	5	2
Aaron Fine	6-12	5-5	18	1
Luke Etchison	1-1	0-0	2	2
Baron Walker	1-3	0-0	2	2
Ryan Vctor	1-1	0-0	2	3
Aiden Brewer	1-2	0-0	2	1
Adam Fine	0-0	0-0	0	1
Luke Davis	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	23-40	5-5	59	19
Noblesville 3-point shooting (8-14) Curry 4-8, Walston 2-3, Aa. Fine 1-2, Davidson 1-1. Noblesville rebounds (20) Aa. Fine 5, Walston 5, Curry 3, Davidson 2, Smits 2, Brewer 1, Walker 1, team 1.				
Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Alex Couto	2-9	0-0	5	0
Ryan Clevenger	2-8	0-0	4	3
Jamichael Fountain	0-0	2-2	2	1
Evan Harrell	0-3	8-8	8	3
Mitchell Mulloy	2-6	4-5	8	1
Aiden Dickerson	0-1	0-0	0	2
Max Winders	0-0	1-2	1	0
Julian Vogt	2-4	0-0	4	0
Jamie Whack	0-0	0-0	0	0
Zach Michaelis	0-1	2-2	2	0
Ben Bremer	0-0	0-0	0	0
Jack Perry	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	8-32	17-19	34	11
Carmel 3-point shooting (1-17) Couto 1-7, Mulloy 0-3, Harrell 0-2, Vogt 0-2, Clevenger 0-1, Dickerson 0-1, Michaelis 0-1. Carmel rebounds (15) Harrell 6, Vogt 4, Couto 2, Clevenger 1, Fountain 1, Mulloy 1.				
Score by Quarters				
Noblesville	16	8	18	17-59
Carmel	5	17	6	6-34

HCTV

Wafford is also the owner of Logan Street Signs & Banners, which owns HCTV. In the early days, "my sign shop covered 100 percent of the cost to create the channel, buy equipment and broadcast the games."

"The past six years, we have gained great community-minded company sponsors," said Wafford. "The public has supported us by watching our broadcast."

Wafford said that in 2012, "we were excited to break the ceiling of 1,000 viewers for the year. The

past four years, we have exceeded 450,000 each year" over all platforms.

"I've been in this community for 32 years," said Wafford. "People supported our sign shop and they supported our trophy shop, and then the overwhelming response to the Internet TV is just amazing."

HCTV covers all things Hamilton County, and occasionally heads on the road to cover games. The first-ever out of county trip was in 2015, when Wafford and crew traveled to Kokomo to

cover the Noblesville girls in the basketball regional.

"There was a snowstorm that morning," said Wafford. "My crew of Perry Williams, Brad Silbert, William Wafford and I jumped in our 4x4 pickup (with our plow attached) and traveled to Kokomo to broadcast the game."

"He's one of those guys that's behind the scenes," said Williams. "But man, he does a lot for Noblesville athletics in every sport, boys, girls, wrestling. He did a wrestling match last

night. So, he's just a great guy and serves our community well."

HCTV's work has also gotten notice around the state. Wafford said the channel has received recognition from the IHSAA, noting that it is "one of the few commercial broadcasters that is hired to produce semi-state and state championships throughout the year" for tennis, golf, basketball and soccer.

Wafford said the most fun thing about broadcasting the games is getting smiles from the student-athletes, their families and friends.

"We have created a platform that enables recognition for the student-athletes from their friends and families that may not have the opportunity to see them play live," said Wafford. "The fans can watch "Live or Later."

MOVE

Harris was the first of four Fishers players in double figures, scoring 24 points on 9-of-11 shooting. Smith had 16 points, Scheu scored 12 and Thomas added 11 points and pulled six rebounds. Harris had six assists and five rebounds, while Smith dished out four assists.

"This is one of the best shooting games I've had," said Harris, who also said she's put in "a lot of hard work, and I can tell it's paying off. The rest of my teammates work just as hard as me, and it's all going to pay off eventually."

Wilson scored 23 points and Shoemaker had 15, both made three 3s. C.C. Quigley contributed 11 points. Tippner collected nine rebounds.

The Tigers are 2-1 in HCC play and 8-3 overall, and host Pendleton Heights on Monday. The Millers are 2-2 in conference play and 5-5 overall, and host Plainfield tonight.

FISHERS 79, NOBLESVILLE 65				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Joordyn Smith	4-5	4-4	16	2
Talia Harris	9-11	6-8	24	1
Kate Thomas	5-8	1-2	11	1
Nevaeh Dickman	0-3	3-4	3	4
Allison Scheu	4-5	3-4	12	4
Morgan Roberts	3-6	0-0	8	1
Olivia Brookshire	0-0	0-0	0	0
Alanna Anthony	1-1	1-1	3	1
Natalie Thomas	1-1	0-0	2	0
Totals	27-40	18-23	79	14
Fishers 3-point shooting (7-12) Smith 4-5, Roberts 2-4, Scheu 1-1, Harris 0-1, Dickman 0-1. Fishers rebounds (25) Thomas 6, Harris 5, Roberts 4, Scheu 4, Dickman 2, Smith 1, Anthony 1, team 2.				
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ava Shoemaker	4-9	4-4	15	3
Reagan Wilson	8-21	4-5	23	4
Meredith Tippner	3-13	3-7	9	4
Kate Rollins	3-7	0-0	7	3
C.C. Quigley	3-6	5-7	11	2
Ally Hutchinson	0-0	0-0	0	1
Brookelyn Grayson	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	21-56	16-23	65	17
Noblesville 3-point shooting (7-18) Wilson 3-10, Shoemaker 3-6, Rollins 1-2. Noblesville rebounds (25) Tippner 9, Shoemaker 3, Wilson 3, Grayson 2, Rollins 2, Hutchinson 1, Quigley 1, team 4.				
Score by Quarters				
Fishers	25	16	21	17-79
Noblesville	17	19	16	13-65

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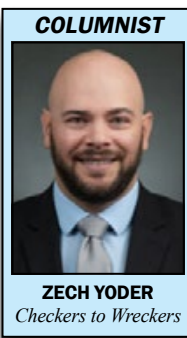
Four local motorsport events to look forward to in 2024

With the conclusion of the 2023 racing season, let's look ahead to a few local racing events in 2024.

High Limit Sprint Car Series – Kokomo Speedway

The High Limits Sprint Car Series, the brainchild of Kyle Larson and Brad Sweet, will enter its third year in 2024. The High Limit Series competes during the week (rather than on weekends) and pays big money in order to attract big-name talent from around the racing world.

The High Limits Series will race at Kokomo Speedway on Tuesday, May 14, 2024. Originally scheduled for the beginning of May 2023, the event was postponed and run in early August. Justin Peck held off Kyle Larson and Corey Day for the win.



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In terms of characteristics, Kokomo Speedway is considered a “bull ring” as it is only 0.25 miles in length. The racing is close, and drivers must show precise throttle control. Given the growth on the High Limits Series, this event should attract even more talent for 2024.

NASCAR Brickyard 400 – Indianapolis Motor Speedway

For the first time in four years, the NASCAR Cup Series will run the oval at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. The last three years the event was run on the IMS Road Course, and in 2020, the Brickyard 400 was run without spectators due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

There has been much anticipation about this race as the NextGen Cars seems well suited for the oval. Pri-

or to 2020, attendance and TV rating at the Brickyard 400 had declined as the Gen 5 car failed to put a compelling racing product on the track.

The Brickyard 400 weekend will be from July 19 to 22 and will feature a 250-mile Xfinity race on Saturday, July 21, followed by the 400-mile Cup Series race on Sunday, July 22.

NASCAR Truck Series – Indianapolis Raceway Park

To coincide with the Brickyard Weekend at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the Craftsman Truck Series will run at Indianapolis Raceway Park on Friday, July 19, 2024.

For those of you who might not be aware, Indianapolis Raceway Park is a tremendous facility and a premier short track. Over the years, it was put on great NASCAR races, particularly in the Trucks and Xfinity Series. Though not likely, hopefully someday,

the Xfinity Series returns to IRP for a race.

I highly recommend attending the Truck Series event during the Brickyard Weekend

Indiana Midget Week – Various Location

I couldn't pick just one track, so I will pick the entire week. Indiana Midget Week returns to Indiana June 4 to 9, 2024. If you like Midget racing, you can catch a different race on every night of the week from Tuesday through Sunday.

The USAC Midget Nationals will be at Circle City Raceway in Indianapolis on Tuesday, June 4 and Kokomo Speedway on Sunday, June 9. For all the details of Indiana Midget Week, visit usacracing.com.

Attending races at local short tracks is a great way to support local drivers and local short tracks.

Zech Yoder is a local resident, an attorney at Adler Attorneys in Noblesville, and a lifelong race fan.

Girls Basketball

Royals beat Avon for 10th season win

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern's girls won their 10th game of the season Friday, taking care of Avon 72-59 in a home Hoosier Crossroads Conference contest.

It was a close game for the first three quarters, although the Class 4A No. 2 Royals outscored the Orioles in all four periods. Southeastern led 19-18 after one quarter and 31-19 at halftime. The Royals began to pull away in the third quarter, which finished with HSE ahead 49-44. The Royals scored 23 points

in the fourth to clinch the game.

Maya Makalusky scored 31 points, with Kayla Stidham adding 18 points, including three 3-pointers. Makalusky drained two 3s. Kennedy Holman had eight points, eight assists and seven rebounds, with Stidham also collecting seven rebounds. Kenley Johnson had five rebounds.

Southeastern is 4-0 in conference play and 10-1 overall. The Royals' next game is Saturday, Dec. 16, when they travel to Fishers for the Mudsock game.

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 72, AVON 59				
Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Maya Makalusky	11-19	7-10	31	2
Kayla Stidham	4-12	7-7	18	1
Kennedy Holman	4-7	0-4	8	2
Zoe Lawless	3-3	0-1	6	1
Kayla Brinley	2-3	0-0	5	0
Kenley Johnson	1-3	0-0	2	3
Antonette Green	1-3	0-0	2	3
Addison Van Hoesen	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	26-50	14-22	72	13
Score by Quarters				
Avon	18	11	15	15 – 59
Southeastern	19	12	18	23 – 72
Southeastern 3-point shooting (6-15) Stidham 3-5, Makalusky 2-8, Brinley 1-1, Green 0-1.				
Southeastern rebounds (34) Stidham 7, Holman 7, Johnson 5, Makalusky 4, Green 4, Van Hoesen 4, Lawless 2, Brinley 1.				

Girls Basketball

‘Blazers up for conference championship following Friday’s win over Muncie Burris

The REPORTER

The University girls will play for the Pioneer Academic Athletic Conference championship in January following their 55-38 win Friday night over Muncie Burris at historic Ball Gymnasium.

Hannah Grubbs and Keira Bright led the way for the Trailblazers, who won the PAAC North Division championship for the seventh consecutive season. Grubbs scored 23 points on 11 of 15 shooting, pulled down a game-high 15 rebounds and added six blocked shots. Bright had 19 points, including a trio of three pointers and had six rebounds and five steals.

University was in control throughout the game, leading by as many as 33 points before Burris closed the game on an 18-2 run.

Grubbs opened the scoring with a layin from the right block just 15 seconds

into the game. After University forced a five-second violation on the ensuing inbound play Leah Norvell fed Grubbs for another bucket. The Blazers scored the last 11 points of the period and led 20-3 after the opening stanza. Grubbs had eight points in the quarter and Bright had seven.

The Trailblazers controlled the second period as well, leading by as many as 23 points before taking a commanding 34-13 lead to the locker room. Grubbs and Bright each had six points in the quarter.

University extended their lead to 51-20 after three quarters as Grubbs scored another seven points in the period.

Mack Feeney had six points, six rebounds and three blocked shots. Norvell handed out a game-high six assists to go with her five points.

University will host the

UNIVERSITY 55, MUNCIE BURRIS 37				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Hannah Grubbs	11-15	1-2	23	2
Keira Bright	8-13	0-0	19	1
Samantha Purdie	0-1	0-0	0	0
Leah Norvell	2-14	0-0	5	2
Mack Feeney	3-7	0-0	6	3
Jayda Dawn	0-3	0-0	0	0
Charlotte Conyers	1-9	0-0	2	3
Jiyou Lee	0-0	0-0	0	1
Naaima Mahmood	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	25-62	1-2	55	13
Score by Quarters				
University	20	14	17	4 – 55
Muncie Burris	3	10	6	18 – 37
University 3-point shooting (4-14) Bright 3-5, Norvell 1-6, Dawn 0-2, Conyers 0-1.				
University rebounds (42) Grubbs 15, Feeney 10, Bright 6, Conyers 4, Purdie 3, Norvell 3, Mahmood 1.				

PAAC South division champion on Saturday January 13 at 2:00 p.m. at The U Center. Indianapolis Shortridge can clinch the South division championship with a win Saturday against Bethesda Christian. The Patriots can clinch the South with wins

over Shortridge and Park Tudor (January 9).

University is now 4-3 on the season, Burris falls to 0-9.

The Trailblazers are next in action Wednesday evening when they host Mooresville Christian at The U Center. Tip is at 6 p.m.



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Shamrocks fall to Eagles

The REPORTER

The Westfield girls basketball team dropped a tough Hoosier Crossroads Conference game at Zionsville on Friday, 50-48 in overtime.

Stats will appear in a later edition. The Shamrocks are 1-1 in HCC play and 7-2 overall, and travel to Avon Tuesday for another conference game.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 9	
BOYS BASKETBALL	
Guerin Catholic vs. Heritage Hills, 3:40 p.m. at Southport	
Noblesville vs. Crispus Attucks, 5:20 p.m. at Southport	
Hamilton Heights at Muncie Central, 5:30 p.m.	
Carmel at Crown Point, 7 p.m.	
Westfield at Bethesda Christian, 7:30 p.m.	
University at Liberty Christian, 8 p.m.	
Fishers vs. Kokomo, 8:30 p.m. at Southport	
BOYS WRESTLING	
Sheridan at Frankfort Duals, 8:30 a.m.	
Carmel at Perry Meridian Falcon Duals, 9 a.m.	
Guerin Catholic at Columbus North Duals, 9 a.m.	
Hamilton Heights at Union County Super Six, 9 a.m.	
Hamilton Southeastern at Clinton Prairie Invitational, 9 a.m.	
Noblesville at Roncalli Duals, 9 a.m.	
Westfield at Columbus North Duals, 9 a.m.	
Fishers at Calumet Invitational, 9:30 a.m.	
GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Peru at Guerin Catholic, 1 p.m.	
Fort Wayne Snider at Carmel, 1:30 p.m.	
Hamilton Heights at Concordia Lutheran, 1:30 p.m.	
Plainfield at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.	
GIRLS WRESTLING	
Carmel, Hamilton Heights, Noblesville at Lebanon Invitational, 9 a.m.	
SWIMMING/DIVING	
Guerin Catholic at Hamilton Heights Husky Invitational - Diving, 9 a.m.	
- Swimming, noon	
University at Clinton Central Invitational, 9 a.m.	
Carmel, Hamilton Southeastern, Westfield at Fishers Tiger Claw Diving Invitational, 10:30 a.m.	
Monday, Dec. 11	
GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Pendleton Heights at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.	
BOYS WRESTLING	
Fishers at Westfield, 6:30 p.m.	
SWIMMING/DIVING	
Hamilton Southeastern at Carmel, 6 p.m.	
Tuesday, Dec. 12	
BOYS BASKETBALL	
Guerin Catholic at Pendleton Heights, 7:30 p.m.	
BOYS WRESTLING	
Sheridan at Guerin Catholic, 6 p.m.	
Noblesville at Hamilton Southeastern, 6:30 p.m.	
GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Hamilton Heights at Kokomo, 7:30 p.m.	
Westfield at Avon, 7:30 p.m.	
Wednesday, Dec. 13	
GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Seton Catholic at University, 6 p.m.	
Guerin Catholic at Perry Meridian, 7:30 p.m.	
Sheridan at Tipton, 7:30 p.m.	
Thursday, Dec. 14	
BOYS WRESTLING	
Carmel at Kokomo, 6:30 p.m.	
Noblesville at Westfield, 6:30 p.m.	
GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Bethesda Christian at Sheridan, 6 p.m.	
University at Bishop Chatard, 7:30 p.m.	
West Lafayette at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.	
SWIMMING/DIVING	
University and International at Clinton Central, 6 p.m.	
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