

THURSDAY, DEC. 28, 2023

ARCADIA | ATLANTA | CICERO | SHERIDAN CARMEL | FISHERS | NOBLESVILLE | WESTFIELD



Today: Spotty showers, mixed with snow at times. Little or no accumulation expected. Tonight: Rain and snow showers. Little or no accumulation. **HIGH**: 41 LOW: 34



What watching Southeastern wide receiver Donovan Hamilton's tape told Purdue coach Ryan Walters

By ANDREW CHERNOFF WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The Purdue University football team is hoping that its 2024 signing class will help lead to success next fall.

Last week, head coach Ryan Walters announced the addition of 25 new Boilermakers on National Signing Day, which was Dec. 20.

One of those players was Hamilton Southeastern High School wide receiver Donovan Hamilton.

Hamilton, listed on Purdue's website as 6 feet 4 inches tall and 205 pounds, found a lot of success during his senior season at HSE. He had 47 receptions for 934 yards and 11 receiving touchdowns.

his junior year to senior year, there was a big jump, so what that tells me is he has a high wants to do, and he knew what of the best in the class." his limitations were," Walters he got the accolades he did after during this past season.



the season he had. I'm looking at his tape at the end of the year "You look at his tape from and looking at some of the other guys we were recruiting and that might have been committed, and I'm like, man, this kid work ethic and knows what he is right in our backyard and one

said. "So you watch his senior Mr. Football wide receiver posifilm, like there is no wonder that tion award for his performance a scholarship. Brought him up here (Purdue) and be in the sum-

"So we were looking in the he got a glimpse of what we are transfer portal for a bigger wide out target," Walters said. "I'm like, this kid, in three years, we would be dying to have, so why are we waiting? Why are we thinking about whether or not to bring him to our campus and recruit, according to 247Sports. Hamilton earned the Indiana have him in our locker room?

to campus on an official visit, so mertime."

and how he fits. It was an easy, organic transition from being recruited to having like a real relationship and comes from a great family."

Hamilton was a three-star

Walters added that he's "ex-So we decided to offer him cited that he'll (Hamilton) be

Living with a saint

My own mother wrote about growing older:

Soon I will have my 85th birthday. It has been nearly two years since this thought occurred to me: I spent several years of my life living with a saint. Then I wondered why it took me so long to realize



it. For several years I tried to write a poem honoring my mother, Verna. I never could do it. My attempts were unworthy. Now I know why. It is difficult to describe a saint.

My mother was born May 3, 1880. She had one brother, a year or two older. There were two younger sisters. When Mom was eight years old, her mother died. Grandpa Wilson, a farmer, did the best he could with his little brood. Eight-year-old Verna was often left to do a little housework and get dinner on the table. For protection she had a dog.

Verna's brother Ben had to help with any kind of work a 10-year-old could do. One day when he was chopping wood, Verna was nearby watching. Alas, she stood too close; a chip blinded her left eye. From that time she could see only daylight and darkness with that eye.

I don't remember ever hearing her complain about it. Sometimes she would cover that eye with her hand when she was reading. Mom could sew but made only everyday clothes. She did a very nice job of that. It was many years before I realized why we had a dressmaker. Shortly before my 65th birthday, I lost sight in my left eye. That gave me a lot more understanding of mom's vision problems.

After a time Grandpa remarried. I remember him as an old man, still tall, wearing a long white beard. Mom probably got her height from his side of the family. He liked to tease, but I picture him as a quiet sort of person. I could be wrong, but I feel Mom inherited her quiet nature from him, too.

At an early age she was doing housework and living with her employers. Mc-Corkle was one employer name I remember. Also one year she taught school. She never said much about that, feeling that she was inadequate because she had no formal teachers' training.

Christmas is over, recycle your tree Disposal options for suburbanite Hamilton County residents

The REPORTER

Carmel According to the City of

Fishers According to the This Is Carmel Utilities website, the Fishers website and the city's website, the city's free Christmas dawn to dusk now through Feb. 1, 2024. Live Christmas trees will be accepted for recycling at the following locations:

nied by a parent or guardian.



city's residential trash program includes pickup of one live Tree Recycling program will run Christmas tree per home. Republic Services will collect the tree on the regular service day during the first two weeks of January.

• Trees must be cut in sections four feet or less. If the tree section is longer than four feet, it will not fit into the cage at the parking lot) top of the truck.

ments, tinsel and stands.

accepted.

Visit Hamilton County website, a free Holiday Tree Recycling Day will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 1, 2024, in the Central Park Westermeier Commons parking lot, 920 Central Park Drive West. This event is presented by Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR).

decoration-free tree and enjoy a warming beverage on CCPR. Your tree will be recycled into mulch and put to good use in the community. Volunteers under 16 years old must be accompa-

· Brooks School Park (parking lot, gated area)

· Cumberland Park (first

• Roy G. Holland Memorial • Remove all tree bags, orna- Park (parking lot, gated area)

• Artificial trees will not be trees only. Please ensure that all lights, decorations, and tinsel Additionally, according to the are removed, and do not place the tree inside a plastic bag.

Noblesville

While the City of Noblesville website has no information about Christmas tree collection or recycling this year, details about next year are available. If you'd like to plan that far ahead, Christmas tree collection will Come by the to drop off your begin on Dec. 26, 2024, and run through Jan. 10, 2025.

> That information can be found online at this link and in PDF format at this link.

Regarding this year, according to Noblesville Press Secre-

Recycling is for bare, live tary Robert Herrington, Republic Services will collect Christmas trees from Tuesday, Dec. 26 until Friday, Jan. 10. Trees will be collected on the same day and in the same location as residents' trash/recycle collection. Please note that trees must be cut into sections of no more than four feet per section and placed inside the trash cart so that the automated arm of the trucks will be able to place them in the truck. Trees lying on the ground besides trash containers will not be collected.

The Noblesville Street Department will pick up whatever does not get picked up by Republic. Call (317) 776-6348 with any questions.

Westfield

According to the Guest Services FAQ PDF available at this link, city resident can dispose of their Christmas trees in the following manner:

• Ray's will pick up one Christmas tree per household at no additional charge to the customer. This service is available through Friday, Jan. 12. Trees must be cut down into four sections in order to be accepted.

• Whenever a holiday falls on a regular schedule collection day, the collection schedule for that day as well as the rest of the week will be delayed one day. Under this circumstance, Saturday collection is acceptable.

Verna was only 19 when she and Charles E. Howard were married in the parsonage at Wingate, Ind. It was December 21, 1899. They went back to her home for a wedding dinner and were snowbound. Their new home was a little west of Veedersburg on a 15-acre plot of ground. When they got there, Charlie picked her up and carried her into their little log cabin.

See Saint . . . Page 2

COLUMNIST

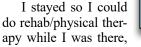
AMY SHINNEMAN

Disability in the City

The best roommate

Growing up, I had many hospital stays.

After my extensive foot and ankle surgeries, I would usually have to stay for about a week. At the time, they didn't send you home as quickly as they do now.



and learn to walk with my crutches, or whatever it was that I needed to do. They taught me how to go up and down stairs with them and things like that. Because of my weak arm muscles, using crutches was hard for me, and balancing on one foot was hard too because of my muscle weakness. However, they pushed me to keep walking, and I'm glad they did. Over time, I learned to master the crutches, and got to be pretty fast on them, getting better with each surgery.

In the '70s and '80s, private rooms weren't very common. I could always count on having a roommate. Sometimes they were good, sometimes not so good.

Once I was paired with a woman who screamed constantly. That was awful and scary for a little girl. Or the roommates that would fall asleep with their TV blaring for hours. However, one time I hit the jackpot.

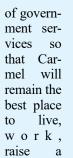
I remember being wheeled into my room still groggy from the anesthesia and pain meds I was on. I looked over and saw that my roommate was a young girl like me. I was about 8 at the time. I was so excited to see her. I can still remember her name and her kind smile. Her name was Jana. She had been there for a while, and had been through a few different roommates, so I think she was as excited to see me as I was her!

Carmel Mayor-elect Sue Finkam announces Jim Crider will serve as her chief of staff

The REPORTER

Carmel Mayor-elect Sue ment ser-Finkam announced Wednesday that current City of Carmel Director of Administration mel Jim Crider will serve as chief of staff in the Mayor's Office starting Jan. 1.

"We are fortunate to have some incredible talent already serving the citizens of Carmel and no one is more qualified to lead on day one than Jim Crider," Finkam said. "Jim is a servant leader and understands 2017 after his retirement from the our vision and priorities to ensure world-class public safety, increased transparency and ef-



Finkam family and retire in the country."

Crider has served as the city's director of administration since U.S. Army at the rank of colonel following 29 years of active-duty service. He holds a master's fective and efficient delivery degree in human resource man-



Crider

tucky. He is also a graduate of the Center for Creative Leadership in Greensboro, N.C.

of

serve the citizens of Carmel during a period where we have taken some truly unique and innovative steps," Crider said. apply at ElevateCarmel.com.

agement "There is more work to be from Troy done and we have tremendous opportunities ahead. I am hum-University and a bled to be asked to take a bigbachelor's ger leadership role and to help execute Mayor-elect Finkam's degree in political vision for our city that builds science upon our past successes and never takes for granted the refrom the University sponsibility we have to better serve our fellow citizens." Ken-

Finkam will officially begin her duties as mayor on Jan. 1.

Carmel residents interested "I have been fortunate to in being considered for professional opportunities or appointment to boards and commissions are encouraged to

News & Opinion

а

ROOMMATE-

2

We had the best week despite all the pain I was in, and she was dealing with a hard situation, too. We made the most of it. We played games, ate our meals together and watched the Miss America pageant that was on one evening. One of the best hospital stay perks was having my own television and remote on the bed to control it!

When it was time for me to head home a week later, we had to say goodbye. She lived several hours from me, and I knew in my heart it would probably be the last time I would see her. We exchanged addresses and were pen pals for a couple of years, but eventually that stopped. All these years later, I remember her vividly. She was a light for me, and I think her mom and one another to talk to, too.

Often in life, we have those, "I can't choose my roommate" type of moments. Moments where we can't control a situation we are in.

from Page 1 and we must make the most of it. Having a disability is kind of like a constant, being stuck with a difficult roommate type of situation. You can either let it consume you, and constantly make you upset, or you can make the most of it. Making the most of it definitely requires humble courage. It's daunting and exhausting, but if you try to see the good in it, it makes it a whole lot better.

If you too are stuck in a "bad roommate" situation in your life, I hope you can do your best to see the good in it somehow. It really does make a difference in our quality of life. It's not the easy thing to do, but it's the best thing for us. Until next time...

Amy Shinneman is a former National Ambassador my mom were glad to have for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, disability blogger, wife, and mom of two boys. You can find her blog at humblycourageous.com and reach her on Instagram ashinneman.

FARMERS NATIONAL COMPANY

We are pleased to introduce our new

Real Estate Agent and Farm Manager!

Carmel earns national honors for excellence in financial reporting, releases 2022 report

The REPORTER

The City of Carmel has again been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada demonstrating for its annual **comprehen**sive financial report for the fiscal year ending Dec. closure" to clear-31, 2022.

In a news release issued Dec. 26, 2023, the association said the Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplish-

and its management. The report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes constructive Brainard

"spirit of full disly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report. "Our City Controller's of-

leadership

fice, under the Bingman

his gratitude for of Ann Bingman, has been many others who played a ment by a government working diligently to man- part in achieving this hon-

SAINT

and Charlie, along with six children, were living in a small village called Sterling. Veedersburg was to the west, wrote 1875 dad and 1880 just across Coal Creek. Our mom 1900 Everett 1903 house was the last one to the Rus 1905 Jack 1908 Leslie east on our road in Sterling. 1910 Ruth 1913 Owen 1917 Across the road (North) was *Dorothy.*) Chambersburg but most people just called it "Sterling."

Can you imagine a seventh child being given a name meaning "Gift of God"? My folks did that and made me feel as wanted as each of the other children. Times were hard. World War I was calling the boys off to war. My oldest brother enlisted and served as an time. Mom had mumps. Is it ambulance driver in France. any wonder no one could The ambulance was a horsedrawn vehicle. On the home mumps on one side or on front our family came down with influenza, with only three of us escaping. Brother Lawrence (Jack) was 12. He

18 or so years later, I ar- could cut beans and fry porived on the scene. I. Verna tatoes. Owen would've been four or five and I was four years younger than Jack.

accounting for

multiple budgets

and many com-

plicated fund-

ing and revenue

streams," May-

or Jim Brainard

said. "I congrat-

ulate Ann and

her staff for do-

ing this task and

diligently caring

money, investing

wisely and keep-

ing our residents

In addition,

Brain-

expressed

informed."

Mayor

ard

for

taxpayers'

(In the margin, Mother

There were many deaths caused by the flu, but some way we all survived on beans and fried potatoes!

Then while I was still in the baby or toddler stage, we had a round of mumps. I don't know how many had them at the same time. I had mumps, whooping cough, and erysipelas all at the same remember whether I had both sides! Measles made their rounds, too. I can't put an age or date with that.

When my siblings Ruth

age finances and or, including the Carmel City Council, Executive Department Directors and longtime financial consultant Curt Coonrod and his staff – who worked in collaboration to ensure excellence in the city's financial reporting.

Bingman, who serves as Carmel City Controller, said the honor should give residents of Carmel a level of comfort and assurance that the city has a strong financial reporting system in place, one that passes the scrutiny of both an external audit and the prestigious Certificate of Achievement process.

Click here to read Carmel's 2022 financial report.

from Page 1

and Leslie were growing up, it seemed that every Sunday afternoon a bunch of their friends dropped in. They cracked nuts and made two batches of candy. Fudge and divinity. Two of their friends, a brother and sister, often came after supper and the four of them studied around the dining room table.

When Ruth was a junior, she got sick. For eight or nine months she was in bed. Day and night we cared for her. The rest of us could go to her door, but not enter her room. The doctor came often. When Dr. gave up he said she would not live over the weekend, but she did. There was a long convalescence. Ruth was out of school for years. Then she finished her junior year (the last six weeks). The following year, 1932, was my freshman year and Ruth and Owen graduated.

Phone: (317) 385-2738 **Tipton**, Indiana PHitchings@FarmersNational.com www.FarmersNational.com/PaytonHitchings

Contact your local professional!

Payton Hitchings

Real Estate Agent & Farm Manager



www.FarmersNational.com

Real Estate Sales • Farm and Ranch Management • Energy Management • Appraisals Insurance • Consultations • Forestry Management • Hunting Lease Network • FNC Ag Stock





Once you take charge, there's NO GOING BACK **ID.4 Electric SUV**

\$499/mo* - Sign Then Drive lease

0\$ Down Payment / \$0 Security Deposit / \$0 First Month's Payment / \$0 Due at Signing

*Excludes tax, title, license, options and dealer fees. For highly qualified customers through Volkswagen Credit. Limited inventory available. 39 month lease / 10,000 mi/yr 2023 ID.4 Pro RWD - N12547

TOM WOOD Volkswagen NOBLESVILLE

14701 Tom Wood Way Noblesville, IN 46060 • 317.853.4552

Next To The New Costco 146th St

TomWoodVolkswagenNoblesville.com



Proud Partner of Prevail. Inc.

To help Hamilton County families affected by domestic violence and abuse, you can drop off the following items at Tom Wood Volkswagen, 14701 Tom Wood Way, Noblesville:

for Victims of Crime & Abuse Individually packaged snacks • Lysol • Hand Sanitizer • Disinfecting wipes



Thank you to every individual, organization and business that celebrated Hamilton County's 200th Anniversary throughout 2023.

A special thank you goes to all of our **BICENTENNIAL PARTNERS**









HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD of COMMISSIONERS

HAMCO HISTORY CLUB

American Structurepoint Beck's Hybrids The Center for the Performing Arts The Hamilton County Reporter Hamilton County Community Foundation Riverview Health Spencer Farm and Winery Towne Post Network

HISTORIAN

Current Publishing | Church, Church, Hittle & Antrim | Gaylor Electric

HAMCO HISTORY CLUB ____

GamifyTHAT! Hamilton County Extension Homemakers Nickel Plate Arts

Randall and Roberts Funeral Homes Spring Valley Storage

STUDENT

Hamilton County Veterans Corporation | Rowland Printing

Our celebration would not have been possible without our **Bicentennial Commission**

Kathy Williams, Co-Chair Kent Ward, Co-Chair David Heighway, Hamilton County Historian Brenda Myers, Hamilton County Tourism, Advisor Ron Stone, Adams Township Deborah Gangstad, Clay Township Rick Fain, Delaware Township Suzanna Hobson, Fall Creek Township Nicole Duncan, Jackson Township Dottie Young, Noblesville Township Danielle Tolan, Washington Township Diane Nevitt, Wayne Township Jamie Rulon, White River Township Jessica Layman, Bicentennial Coordinator

Thanks also to our valuable volunteer committees _

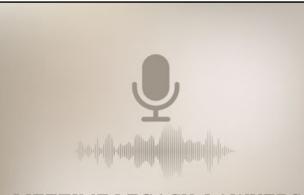
Book | Communications | Content Review | Event Management

News





Live Music At Pasto Italiano Benito DiBartoli Every Wednesday (1/2 Price Bottles of Wine On Wednesdays, **Friday December 29 Tony Burton Reservations Recommended** 317-804-2051 3150 East State Rd. 32. Westfield



LIFETIME LEGACY LAWYERS Podcast

https://lifetimelegacylawyers.com

Tipton's exiting mayor is recovering from heart attack

By GREGG MONTGOMERY WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Tipton Mayor Tom Dolezal had a heart attack on Monday morning and underwent successful surgery, he reported in a news release issued Tuesday.

"He is currently recovering and is progressing well," the release said. "All department heads have addressed by IU Health, pendent candidate.

notified, been and city services continue to operate seamlessly during this time." The Democratic mayor,

who took office in 2020, said he and his family received prayers

Dolezal and support from the com- November's race featuring munity. His condition was a Republican and an inde-

the release said. hospital in Tip-

The mayor is based on records from his time in the U.S. Army. Dolezal was

not a candidate in

Kegan Schmicker, the IU Health has a Republican, was elected in November as the next mayor of the city of 5,200 residents. Schmicker wrote in his late 50s, Tuesday on social media, "Let's keep Mayor Dolezal and his family in our thoughts as he recovers from this."

Schmicker will be sworn in at 2:15 p.m. today during a ceremony at Tipton City Hall.

Deadline extended for New Works arts commission

The REPORTER

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

The deadline for submissions has been extended one week to Friday, Jan. 12, 2024.

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

The themes and subject matter of the proposed visual work should align with the performing arts, the Center's mission - to engage and inspire the Indiana community through enriching arts and educational experiences -

and one or more of the Center's Core Values: Integrity, Excellence, Innovation, Collaboration, and Inclusion.

Eligible media include but are not limited to oil, watercolor, acrylic, graphite, charcoal, pastels, photography, printmaking, textile, and mixed media. The work should be wall-based and constructed with stable and materials. ready-to-hang Proposed works may range in size and can be a single object or a grouping of multiple items, but the entire work must fit within an 80-by-40-inch wall space.

Proposals will be accepted through Jan. 12, and the winner will be announced in March. Details and application instructions are available at TheCenterPresents. org/NewWorksVisualArts. Ouestions are welcome at NewWorks@TheCenter-Presents.org. New Works: An Arts

Commission Project is an initiative by the Center for



AN ARTS COMMISSION PROJECT

mote and sustain local art- the 1,500-seat Palladium ists and arts communities across a range of disciplines. Each year, the project provides funding and technical assistance for the creation of three stage productions that debut at the New Works Premiere Performances. New Works is supported by the Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation.

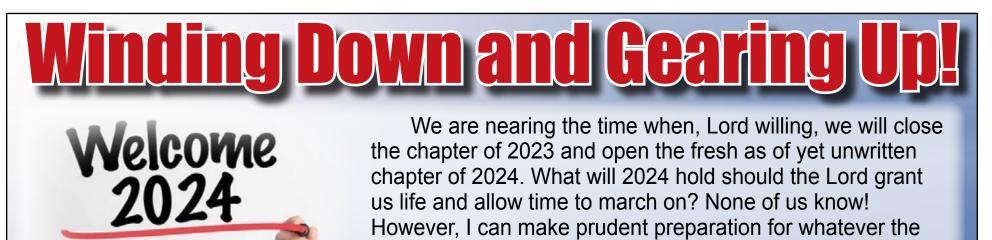
About the Center for the **Performing** Arts

The mission of the nonprofit Center for the Performing Arts is to engage and inspire the central Indiana community through enriching arts experiences. Its the Performing Arts to pro- campus in Carmel includes

concert hall, the 500-seat Tarkington proscenium theater, and the black-box Studio Theater.

The Center presents and hosts hundreds of events each year, including the Center Presents performance series, featuring the best in classical, jazz, pop, rock, country, comedy, and other genres. Educational and experiential programming for all ages includes children's concerts and camps, book clubs, lectures, and music classes.

More information is available at **TheCenter-**Presents.org.





year may hold through Jesus, God's only Son. It would be a privilege and honor to help you prepare for whatever 2024 holds. We would love to help you get to know

Jesus better and through Him prepare for an unknown future. Jesus in the Way, the Truth and the Life and no one comes to the Father but through him (John 14:6).

At the Stony Creek Church of Christ, we love visitors. So, why not accept our invitation and visit at one of our services. We'd love to help you know Jesus or know Him better. Nothing would give us greater joy or profitable labor than helping you to know Jesus better and prepare for the year to come. We meet at 15530 Herriman Blvd. in Noblesville. Our building is behind the doctor's office and at the stop sign.

At the Stony Creek Church of Christ, we assemble on Sundays and Wednesdays to seek a better understanding of Jesus and His ways. You are encouraged and invited to join us for those studies or call for a private study.



Stony Creek Church of Christ

"First Century Christianity in the Twenty First Century" 15530 Herriman Blvd., Noblesville (317) 219-5852 Sunday Bible Study 10:00 am Sunday Worship 11:00 am Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

Opinion

Grinch gang plagues pantries *In the season of giving, enter the Grinches*

The more trips around the sun I take, the more grace I need from other people. It's simple really: forgiveness for a mistake, forgiveness for a misunderstanding, and sometimes even forgiveness for

not listening with the intent pantry locations, generally of understanding. Not coincidentally, the more grace I need, the more I try to give it to other people. Asking for forgiveness creates a spirit more likely to forgive others, especially when they acknowledge what they have done is wrong, they apologize, and ask for forgiveness.

The FeedingTeam.org food distribution model, "Take What You Need, Give What You Can," relies on the goodness, giving nature, and respect of our neighbors. Our mission is to always have a meal available for any neighbor in need. Our anonymous, no-questions-asked approach respects the dignity of any pantry shopper. The model is susceptible to neighbors with bad intentions, those that operate out of fear and those that don't care about others. FeedingTeam.org pantries are designed to provide a few meals for many people, not many meals for a few people.

Enter the Grinch. Better stated in this case, several Grinches. These are organized, headlamp wearing, group text thread managing, large bag carrying neighbors whose behavior reveals that they don't care about the needs of others. They game the system and let "it's free" override any



MARK HALL this past spring. The Feeding Team Feat

They appeared on video at several between 2 and 4 a.m., sporting headband headlights, carrying bags and grabbing as much food as they can in as little time as possible. We even have these ladies on video checking storage locks at the FeedingTeam.

org office. Truth be told, if they with larger food sources larger needs. Feeding people trumps bad behavior. We have learned over the years that for every individual who abuses the system, far greater numbers of people respect the model, benefit from it, use it the right way, and often, when they are able to do so, contribute py New Year." Remember, to a pantry to help the next Grinches are unhappy beperson in need.

Recently, this latest group of Grinches slipped up. As they were staging in a local BP gas station before running a route of their memories with family and selected stocked pantries, a local supporter overheard ment and remember our their plans. This collection neighbors who are less forof neighbors leverages the tunate and those who are in power of a text message need. In the spirit of the seagroup to alert other members when a pantry is found of kindness to our neighto be well-stocked, thus, coordinating successive pickups to collect as much food as possible for the group. In some cases, they use the in Hamilton County, Feedfood personally. At other ingTeam.org is a registered times it was paid forward to 501(c)(3)

about families in need, and lastly, the other families occasionally, they sold the food.

> You might think that we'd be mad. Nope.

Our position is that feedfirst ing people trumps bad behavior. We are disappointed that some select few people abuse the privilege afforded them through the generosity of others. To address these challenges, we implemented more varied and unpredictable food deployment schedules that will combat this behavior in the future. We have incorporated higher food distribution in outlying pantry locations. We have made it difficult to abuse the concentration of pantries abused by this asked for food, we'd give group of ladies. Also, many it to them and connect them of our pantry hosts now ask people to knock on their designed to accommodate door to receive a controlled amount of food. We remain undeterred in our mission.

> I tell you this experience so if one day, you happen across a Grinch abusing the charity of others, you will give them some grace, offer them a kind word, and maybe even a hearty "Hapcause their hearts are two sizes too small.

> This holiday season, as we celebrate the blessings in our lives, as we make friends, please take a moson, consider a selfless act bors. Thank you.

> 47,000 With over food-challenged neighbors not-for-profit



organization that provides outdoor 24/7/365 no-questions-asked free food pantries throughout the county.

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

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

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

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

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





American Ban

or Freedon



Year-End Special

7 Month

Certificate of Deposit **

6.00%

*Special Rate - Available for a limited time only

*CD Annual Percentage Yield (APY) is current as of this issue and subject to change at any time.**CD APY assumes that interest remains on deposit until maturity. Minimum deposit of \$1,000.00 to open this account. Minimum balance requirement of \$1,000.00 to earn interest. A penalty will be imposed for early withdrawal. Fees may reduce earnings. Contact your local branch to learn more.

APPLIES TO NEW DEPOSITS ONLY.

American Bank of Freedom. Member FDIC.

Stop by or call your local branch today to learn more! 14611 N. Gray Road Westfield, IN 46062 (463) 622-2930 Member FDIC www.americanbankoffreedom.bank



Westfield Chamber Calendar of Events

JANUARY

Westfield Lantern Awards 6 to 9 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 25 Location: Prairie Waters Event Center

Click here to see a full list of events by the Westfield Chamber of Commerce and its partners.



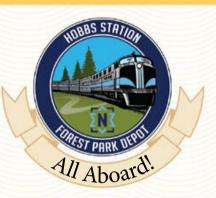
ENJOY THE RICH HISTORY **OF RAIL TRAVEL!**

Sit back and enjoy the sights, sounds and experience of a ride in our 1950s Santa Fe equipment.

The Nickel Plate Express operates on 12.5 miles of the former Nickel Plate Road between Noblesville and Atlanta.

Excursions board out of Noblesville at 825 Forest Park Drive.

NickelPlateExpress.com



Pirates & Princesses

Prepare to set sail on an enchanting journey as the historic Nickel Plate Express presents the Pirate and Princess Train Ride. This thrilling 75-minute adventure promises an unforgettable experience filled with encounters with swashbuckling pirates and elegant princesses. Dust off your finest costumes and join us for a truly magical

Letter to the Editor

Noblesville reader thankful for postal employee's quick action

Dear Editor:

in the Noblesville Post Office along with about eight or 10 other patrons. The atmosphere was in the usual pre-Christmas jovial spirit. And as usual, Brady, a postal employee, was in his amicable mood receiving the customers.

and Brady immediately turned ashen. for Brady, his stern demeanor, and

In a very authoritative voice, Brady quick action. He followed a very efpatron wearing a firearm, totally exposed, on his hip. The man immediately challenged Brady, but Brady became more forceful in tone and actions. After sneering at Brady, the man finally left.

There was a distinct possibility of Another patron entered the lobby a very grim outcome had it not been

Last Friday, Dec. 22, 2023, I was demanded the man leave due to the fective procedure and kept everyone calm and safe.

Brady should be commended for being an exemplary employee.

I hope this brings positive recognition to Brady. Events could have taken a very bad turn had Brady not stopped the fellow in his tracks.

Charlie Johnson Noblesville

Letters to the Editor do not reflect the opinions of The Reporter, its publisher or its staff. You can submit your own Letter to the Editor by email to **News@ReadTheReporter.com**. Please include your phone number and city of residence. The Reporter will publish one letter per person per week.

BBB offers these six tips on gift returns & exchanges

store has a return policy can save on shipping fees by

tar store.

Submitted

Holiday returns aren't easy. Stores are not legally required to accept exchanges or give refunds unless the merchandise was defective or misrepresented. While most retailers do offer refund and exchange programs, policies vary greatly from one store to another. Be sure to double-check policies this holiday season, even if you are familiar with the brand, as stores can change their policies whenever they want.

following tips The should help to make your holiday returns run more smoothly:

Get to know store policies. Before you make a purchase, find out if the returned. In some cases, you

and, if so, how it works. Understand that many retailers change their policies for the holiday season. If the store allows returns or exchanges, find out if you need to pay a restocking fee. Ask the seller if they offer cash refunds, exchanges, or only store credit. Store policies are usually posted at the checkout counter or printed on the back of receipts.

Understand online store return policies. If you are shopping online, search for the seller's return policy and read it through before clicking "buy." Find out if they accept returns or exchanges and who pays for the shipping when an item is

TriCo Regional Sewer Util-

ty will hold its monthly Joint

Board of Trustees and Capital &

Construction Committee meeting

at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 2

2024, at the TriCo Office, 7236

Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.

Meeting Notices

The Adams Township Board and Trustee will meet to discuss encumbrance of money for cost sharing at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 29, 2023, at the Adams Township Trustee's Office, 201 S. Main St., Sheridan.

product's warranty. Most electronics and home appliances come with warranties that are to be fulfilled by the manufacturer, not the

returning an online purchase

to the local brick-and-mor-

Get the details on a

retailer. Find out how the store handles returns and repairs if an item stops working or needs replacement parts. Will the retailer ship the item to the manufacturer for you? Or will you need to deal with the manufacturer directly? Knowing the answers will leave you well-prepared for any future issues.

Keep your receipt and packaging. Most stores will only accept returns and exchanges if you can present the item with its receipt and original packaging. Always include a gift receipt with items you give and hold on to any gift receipts you receive.

Bring your ID. Many

stores ask to see your ID when you return an item to avoid holiday return scams. Sometimes retailers require you to bring your ID and the original form of payment. If this is the policy of the store where your gift is from, you may need the assistance of the gift-giver in order to be reimbursed.

Make returns in a timely fashion. Almost all return policies are valid during a specific time period. Some stores modify their return period during the holidays, so don't risk missing your chance to make your return. Take the item back to the store without delay.

For more information and to learn how to protect yourself, Google "BBB 10 Steps to Avoid Scams." If you spot a scam, whether you have lost money or not, report it to BBB's Scam Tracker at BBB.org/Scam-Tracker and the FTC at ReportFraud.ftc.gov. Your story can help protect consumers from similar scams.

6



DLER attorneys www.noblesvilleattorney.com • Family Law Real Estate Law • Estate Planning • Probate Business Personal Injury Litigation Guardianship Adoption Expungements • Elder Law Appeals **136 South Ninth Street** Noblesville, IN 46060

alli@noblesvilleattorney.com (317) 773-1974

RENTAL SPACE AVAILABLE AT THE HISTORIC ADLER BUILDING Please call Kim Watson 317-773-1974 for details

News

Get ready for 2024 Geist Half **Marathon Race Series in Fishers**

The REPORTER

The City of Fishers has announced the return of the 16th annual Geist Half Marathon, 10K & 5K, presented by Meijer, on Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024.

Operated by the City of Fishers in partnership with Vision Event Management, the family-friendly race showcases the beauty of Geist Reservoir with stunning water views, tree covered trails, and scenic waterfront bridges. With three race distances to choose from, the race series is accessible for all ages and abilities. All race participants receive a race shirt, medal, and access to the post-race party.

New in 2024, the city will bring back the popular 10K race and reimagine the VIP and after-party experience. The revamped VIP Perks package includes reserved parking, signature apparel exclusively for VIPs, private gear check, an extra drink ticket, and access to the Recovery Zone after the race. This new VIP experience will be integrated into the public post-race party, with VIP participants receiving an additional drink ticket while they celebrate alongside family and friends.



VIP registration is avail- Fishers and Race Director and fitness enthusiasts alike able for an additional \$49.

open at GeistHalf.com on Sunday, Dec. 31 for a two-day New Year's promo before prices increase on Jan. 2. During the promo, registration will be the guaranteed lowest price for 2024 – \$24.99 for the 5K, \$31.99 for the 10K, and \$52.99 for the half marathon. Virtual registration is also available.

to establish the footprint of last year's race under our the Geist Half Marathon as feet, bringing back the 10K Central Indiana's most scenic race series in the early fall," said Ginny Zimmerman, Culture of Health 5K is a great opportunity

of the Geist Half Marathon Public registration will Race Series. "Our team is grateful to the community of previous board members, race organizers, and past participants who have equipped us with insight to maximize our planning efforts. The course has historically been the right combination of challenging and beautiful, capturing panoramic views of the water along tree-covered "I'm thrilled to continue trails. With the success of was an easy decision to provide more distance options to participants. The Ambassador for the City of for first-timers, families,

to embrace a healthy sense of community and accomplishment. We're most looking forward to engaging with the community and finding more unique ways to put Fishers, Indiana, on the map for active living."

The city is recruiting hundreds of other community volunteers to help host this large-scale event. From packet pickup and runner services to on-course entertainment and course marshals, numerous volunteer opportunities are available. Register to volunteer at VolunteerFishers.com.

To learn more about the event and register for the race, visit GeistHalf.com.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING **JACOB'S CHILDREN**

When the Lord saw that Leah was not loved. he enabled her to conceive, but Rachel remained childless. Leah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Reuben, for she said, "It is because the Lord has seen my misery. Surely my husband will love me now."

She conceived again, and when she gave birth to a son she said, "Because the Lord heard that I am not loved, he gave me this one too." So she named him Simeon.

Again she conceived, and when she gave birth to a son she said, "Now at last my husband will become attached to me, because I have borne him three sons." So he was named Levi.

She conceived again, and when she gave birth to a son she said, "This time I will praise the Lord." So she named him Judah. Then she stopped having children.

Genesis 29:31-35 (NIV)



Lane restriction on bridge on Cyntheanne Road

As of Wednesday, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Cyntheanne Road between Strawtown Avenue and 226th Street will be under lane restrictions for drilling in the area. The estimated project completion date is Monday, Jan. 1, 2024.

Be sure to use caution when driving in this area.





Contact Information

Email News@ReadTheReporter.com

> Web Address ReadTheReporter.com

Publisher Stu Clampitt 765-365-2316

Subscription Inquiries Subscribe@ReadTheReporter.com 765-585-9519

uneral Homes 317-773-2584

1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville 1150 Logan Street, Noblesville 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers

Advertising & Public Notices Ads@ReadTheReporter.com 765-365-2316

Sports Editor Richie Hall Sports@ReadTheReporter.com Twitter: @Richie Hall

> **Mailing Address** 136 S. 9th St., Suite 12 Noblesville, IN 46060

Our family has been serving Hamilton County since 1953





NOBLESVILLE YOUTH SPORTS ALLIANCE

ONE COMMUNITY 6500+ KIDS 17 PROGRAMS

www.noblesvillesports.com @noblesvillesports

HAMILTON COUNTY SPORTS

Sports Editor Richie Hall | Sports@ReadTheReporter.com | Twitter @Richie Hall NOBLESVILLE, CARMEL, WESTFIELD, SHERIDAN, HAMILTON HEIGHTS, FISHERS, UNIVERSITY, GUERIN CATHOLIC, HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN

Boys Basketball-Toughness, togetherness & maybe a little luck

Tight Noblesville team gets first Holiday Tourney win in nine years

By RICHIE HALL sports@readthereporter.com

NOBLESVILLE – For the first time in nine years, the Noblesville boys basketball team won its own Holiday Tournament.

The Class 4A No. 5 Millers had to work for that vic-

tory, as they edged out Crown Point 56-55 in overtime Wednesday night at The Mill. Both teams held a lead in the fourth quarter, with the Bulldogs up 48-47 before Noblesville scored five straight points

to get up 52-48 with under stopped Crown Point's final a minute left. But Crown attempt. Point roared back to tie the game at 52-52 on a 3-pointer by Kingston Rhodes.

"They had a really game plan and they did some really good things, took us out of some stuff," said Millers coach Scott McClelland. "We were fortunate."

Noblesville scored first in the overtime, with Aiden Brewer putting the Millers ahead with a perfect inside layin. Noblesville held firm

in the face of CP's insistent defense, passing well before the Millers found the shot they wanted.

"I thought Aiden Brewer really played well tonight and made some plays for us and just was tough down the stretch," said McClel-

> The Bulldogs jumped ahead 55-54 after Mason Darrell drained a 3. Noblesville again played patient, and found Adam Fine for the winning basket, another inside layin. The Millers' defense then

"I really feel that our toughness and togetherness really came through and led us to victory," said Brewer.

McClelland said his team found a way to win, "so that's the positive. But I think we were lucky in a lot



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Hunter Walston scored 17 points for Noblesville during the Millers' 56-55 overtime victory over Crown Point Wednesday in the championship game of the Noblesville Invitational.

on an 8-0 run. Aiden Brew- throws. Crown Point scored er, Fine and Hunter Walston seven straight points to tie

with a 3-pointer.

That was the start of a 10-0 spurt to put the Millers up 25-15 early in the second. Justin Curry turned a steal into a dunk, Brewer scored again and Fine drained a 3-pointer. Noblesville also led 27-17 before the Bulldogs finished the half with a 6-0 run; Dikembe Shaw made consecutive rebound baskets to bring

the first quarter before going Davidson made two free vidson finished the period Crown Point within 27-23 at the break.

The Bulldogs moved ahead 35-34 after Shaw nailed a 3, then hit another triple at the buzzer to lead 43-39 after three quarters. Walston took over the game in the fourth quarter by scoring 12 points, including consecutive layins for a 51-48 lead.

See Tough ... Page 9





Brewer



TJ Davidson scored eight points for the Millers in the championship game.

The Dani Robinson difference

- What's the market value of my home?
- What is my process for buying a home?
- Who should I call for home repairs/remodeling?
- · How do I learn about building a new home?
- Who should I call to refinance my home?
- Who should I call when I have someone who wants to buy my home?

1978 1914

⊉₪



Robinson

12632 ROCKY MOUNTAIN

NOBLESVILLE 54, MCCUTCHEO

Noblesville	FG	FT	ТР	PF		
Hunter Walston	4-5	1-1	10	2		
Justin Curry	4-9	2-3	11	0		
Will Smits	0-0	0-0	0	0		
TJ Davidson	4-7	0-0	9	1		
Aaron Fine	3-7	5-6	13	2		
Aiden Brewer	1-1	1-1	3	1		
Baron Walker	0-4	4-4	4	2		
Ryan Vetor	0-3	0-0	0	2		
Luke Etchison	2-2	0-0	4	0		
Adam Fine	0-2	0-0	0	0		
Max Miller	0-1	0-0	0	0		
Luke Davis	0-1	0-0	0	1		
Totals	18-42	13-15	54	11		
Score by Quarters						
McCutcheon	8	6	2	9 – 25		
Noblesville	22	7	20	5 – 54		
Noblesville 3-point shooting (5-23) Aa, Fine 2-4, Curry 1-6, David-						

Noblesville 3-point shooting (5-23) Aa. Fine 2-4, Curry 1-6, Davidson 1-3, Walston 1-2, Walker 0-3, Vetor 0-2, Ad. Fine 0-1, Miller 0-1. Davis 0-1

Noblesville rebounds (27) Aa. Fine 6, Brewer 4, Vetor 4, Walker 3, Davidson 2, Etchison 2, Walston 2, Curry 1, Davis 1, Smits 1, team 1.

NOBLESVILLE 56, CROWN POINT 55 (overtime)

Noblesville	FG		FT		ТР	PF
Hunter Walston	8-13		0-1		17	2
Justin Curry	3-7		1-2		8	2
Will Smits	0-0		0-0		0	0
TJ Davidson	2-2		2-2		8	3
Aaron Fine	7-11		0-0		15	4
Aiden Brewer	4-7		0-0		8	0
Baron Walker	0-0		0-0		0	0
Luke Etchison	0-0		0-0		0	0
Ryan Vetor	0-0		0-0		0	1
Totals	24-40		3-5		56	12
Score by Quarters						
Crown Point	15	8		20	9	3 – 55
Noblesville	18	9		12	13	5 – 56
Noblesville 3-point shooting (5-10) Davidson 2-2, Curry 1-3,						
Walston 1-3, Fine 1-2.						
Noblesville rebounds (15) Curry 5, Walston 5, Davidson 2, Walker						

2, Fine 1.

New flooring, fresh paint, and ready to move in. Wonderful two-story entrance opens to a sitting/office room. Open concept kitchen and great room for entertaining family and friends. Bonus of a main floor primary bedroom just steps from the laundry room. Upper level features a common bathroom and 2 bedrooms. Fully fenced backyard with a deck allows for a great space to entertain. This home has it all and is just waiting for you to make it your own. Welcome Home!

Millik-Fishers IN, 46037

2,070 Sq Ft \$374,900

317.407.6969 DaniR@talktotucker.com DaniRobinsonHomes.com F.C. TUCKER C

loshua Herd Photographer joshuaherdphotography.com



pecializes in senior portraits, ramily portraits, events/sports

317-670-4645 · jhjphotos@yahoo.com

Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Boys Basketball-

HSE wins two in Homestead Holiday TOUGH Tournament, finishes pool play today

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern boys basketball team had a perfect day at the Homestead Holiday Tournament on Wednesday, winning both of its games in Pool "A" to start the tournament.

The Royals made a huge second-half comeback in their first game to beat Mishawaka Marian 64-54. Southeastern got down 20-5 after one quarter and still trailed 36-22 at halftime. The Royals turned things around in paraiso in their second game bounds, with Griffith and

the Knights 42-18.

points for Southeastern, hit- led 16-5 after one quarting all four of his 3-point ter. Southeastern led 28attempts. Donovan Hamil- 12 at halftime and cruised ton reached double-double through the second half. status with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Michael Griffith another double-double percontributed 10 points and five rebounds, while Maverick Young hit three triples on his way to 11 points. assists. Orr added 16 points, Braeden Totten also drained three 3s, scoring nine points. throw line and making two

The Royals took on Val-

the second half, outscoring and won easily, 61-45. This Kam Anthony both pulltime it was HSE that got Nate Orr scored 19 off to the hot start, as they

> Hamilton put together formance with 26 points and 12 rebounds, and also had seven steals and three going 6-for-6 at the free-3s. Orr collected six re-

Blackhawks back in the saddle, hand Alexandria certain defeat

The REPORTER

Sheridan's boys jumped back into action after an 11day break with a 71-59 victory Wednesday at Alexandria.

The Blackhawks led 18-14 after one quarter; Damon Winston had a solid period with nine points. Winston added another six in the second quarter, part of a 25-point outburst for Sheridan that saw six different players score. Trent DeCraene, Trey Page and Caleb Wright all contributed five points as the 'Hawks soared to a 43-32 halftime lead.

The Tigers cut into Sheridan's lead slightly in reached double figures in the third quarter, but the scoring, led by Winston's Blackhawks still were up 17 points. Wright scored 55-48 at the end of the pe- 16 (including four 3s), Deriod. DeCraene scored six Craene added 13 and Trey points. Sheridan outscored Page scored 11, making

SHERIDAN 71, ALEXANDRIA 59						
Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF		
Trent DeCraene	5	2-2	13	2		
Tyler Garner	2	1-2	5	3		
Trey Page	4	1-2	11	2		
Caleb Wright	6	0-0	16	5		
Damon Winston	8	0-0	17	2		
Owen Bell	1	2-2	5	3		
Carson Wright	2	0-0	4	1		
Totals	27	6-8	71	18		
Score by Quarters						
Sheridan	18	25	12	16 – 71		
Alexandria	14	18	16	11 – 59		
Sheridan 3-pointers (9) Cal. Wright 4, Page 2, DeCraene, Bell, Winston.						

Alexandria 16-11 in the two triples. fourth, with Wright throwing in a pair of 3s.

Sheridan is 3-3 and plays at the Morristown Classic to-Four different 'Hawks day. The Blackhawks take on Bishop Chatard at 1 p.m. and Monroe Central at 5:30 p.m.

> Thanks for reading!

ing five rebounds. Griffith scored seven points and An-

thony had five points. The Royals are 5-3 for the season. Southeastern finishes pool play this morning by taking on Homestead at 11:45 a.m., and will play another game later that afternoon.

Walston scored 17 points, while Fine had 15 points. Curry, Davidson and Brewer all added eight points. Curry and Walston both pulled five rebounds, while Fine handed out four assists.

Noblesville easily won its first-round game, beating McCutcheon 54-25 in a morning contest. The Millers took care of business early, leading 22-8 affrom Page 8

ter one quarter. Noblesville led 29-14 at halftime, then blasted through the period by outscoring the Mavericks 20-2.

Fine scored 13 points, followed by Curry with 11 and Walston with 10. Fine collected six rebounds and Walston dished out four assists.

The Millers are 8-1 and play another home game Tuesday against Pike.







Help with Federal Agencies

I can help you when dealing with federal agencies, including:

- Social Security issues
- Medicare claims
- Veterans benefits
- Passport assistance
- IRS questions



US Flag Requests

Obtain commemorative flags flown over the US Capitol from my office.



Military Academy Nominations

High school students in our district may contact my office to request a nomination to attend one of our nation's service academies.

US Capitol and White House Tour Requests

My office can help arrange tours throughout our nation's capital.

West District Office: (317) 848-0201 East District Office: (765) 639-0671 www.spartz.house.gov

SPORTS SCHEDULE *Swimming*

10

Thursday, Dec. 28 **BOYS BASKETBALL**

Carmel vs. Evansville Harrison, 5 p.m. at North Central Fishers Tournament

Game 1: Lawrence Central vs. Chesterton, 10:30 a.m. Game 2: Jeffersonville vs. South Bend Riley, 12:15 p.m. Game 3: Evansville Bosse vs. Portage, 2 p.m. Game 4: Fishers vs. Bloomington North, 3:45 p.m.

Consolation Game 1: Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2, 5:30 p.m. Consolation Game 2: Loser Game 3 vs. Loser Game 4, 7:15 p.m.

Homestead Tournament Hamilton Southeastern vs. Homestead, 11:30 a.m. Placement game, 4 or 5:30 p.m. Morristown Classic

Sheridan vs. Bishop Chatard, 1 p.m. Sheridan vs. Monroe Central, 5:30 p.m. **BOYS WRESTLING**

Fishers at Connersville Invitational, 8:30 a.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL

Hamilton Southeastern vs. Decatur Central, 10 a.m. at North Central University at Guerin Catholic, 3:30 p.m. Noblesville Holiday Tournament Noblesville vs. Valparaiso, 10 a.m. Norwell at Fort Wayne Snider, 11:45 a.m. Consolation game, 6 p.m. Championship game, 7:45 p.m. Alexandria Tournament Tri-Central vs. Alexandria, 10 a.m. Sheridan vs. Beech Grove, noon Consolation game, 4 p.m. Championship game, 6 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 29 **BOYS BASKETBALL**

Hamilton Heights vs. Christel House Academy, 11 a.m. at Switzerland County Tournament (Heights to play a second game Friday, dependent on result of first game) Carmel vs. Louisville Trinity, 11:45 a.m. at North Central **Fishers** Tournament Semifinal 1: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, 10:30 a.m. Semifinal 2: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, 12:15 p.m. Seventh-place game: Consolation Game losers, 2 p.m. Fifth-place game: Consolation Game winners, 3:45 p.m. Third-place game: Semifinal losers, 5:30 p.m. Championship game: Semifinal winners, 7:15 p.m. Ray Furney Holiday Classic, Lawrenceburg Guerin Catholic vs. Bethesda Christian, 3 p.m. Guerin Catholic vs. Lawrenceburg, 7 p.m. **BOYS WRESTLING** Fishers at Connersville Invitational, 8:30 a.m. Carmel, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Southeastern at Mooresville Holiday Classic, 9 a.m. Hamilton Heights, Noblesville at North Montgomery Duals, 9 a.m. Sheridan at Eastern Classic, 9 a.m. Westfield at Mishawaka Invitational, 9 a.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL Hamilton Southeastern at North Central, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 30 **BOYS BASKETBALL**

Guerin Catholic at Ray Furney Holiday Classic, Lawrenceburg, opponents and times TBD Hamilton Heights at Switzerland County Tournament, opponents and times TBD **BOYS WRESTLING**

Carmel, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Southeastern at

Carmel drains hopes of opponents at triple meet

By RICHIE HALL sports@readthereporter.com

CARMEL – There was some nostalgia in the air during the Carmel swim team's three-team meet with Zionsville and Homestead on Wednesday.

The Greyhounds defeated both of their opponents in the triple-dual format, with the girls sweeping all 11 events and the boys winning nine races. Carmel coach Chris Plumb called it a "special day for us," as it was the last home dual meet in the Greyhounds' current pool. Carmel is presently building a new natatorium, which is expected to be open by next season.

Plumb said the team "was excited to compete and I felt like they had a great energy" as they said farewell to dual-meet competition at the pool that has housed the Greyhounds since 1998. Carmel will host a boys swimming sectional in February.

"We had alumni and people coming in and a lot of incredible memories and a lot of hard work," said Plumb. "We're excited to get into our new pool, but we're very appreciative of this pool and all that it did for us."

Carmel's girls were led by Alex Shackell, who picked up individual victories in the butterfly and backstroke events, and Molly Sweeney, a winner in the individual medley and 100 freestyle. In the boys meet, Gregg Enoch was first in the IM and backstroke, while Andrew Shackell was first in the 50 free and butterfly.

The Greyhounds' next meet is Tuesday at Fishers, and they finish the regular season Jan. 11 at Pike. The Carmel girls travel to Noblesville for their sectional,



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Carmel's Lewis Zhang checks his time after the boys 100 freestyle race at the Greyhounds' meet with Zionsville and Homestead on Wednesday. Zhang had earlier won the 200 free.

which starts on Feb. 1.

GIRLS MEET

Team scores: Carmel 122, Zionsville 47; Carmel 129, Homestead 40; Zionsville 115, Homestead 55.

Carmel "A" (Kayla Han, Molly Sweeney, Alex Shackell, Grace Dougherty) 1:42.85, 3. Carmel "B" (Kayla Barr, Lucy Enoch, Faith Gorey, Lexie Ward) 1:48.28.

200 freestyle: 1. Ward 1:52.77, 2. Alyssa Street 1:53.97, 3. Sophia Floyd 1:56.23, 5. Addy Czarnecki 1:59.45.

200 individual medley: 1. Sweeney 1:59.74, 2. Han 2:00.94, 3. Enoch 2:08.67, 4. Barr 2:09.90.

50 freestyle: 1. Dougherty 24.25, 2. Gorey 24.37, 3. Priscilla Smith 24.40, 5. Maddy Lathrop 25.77.

100 butterfly: 1. Shackell 51.51, 4. Ward 1:00.30, 5. Brooke Cummings 1:02.41.

100 freestyle: 1. Sweeney 52.55, 2. Dougherty 53.83, 3. Savannah Irizarry

54.28, 5. Emma Kou 56.77. freestyle: 500 Czarnecki 5:11.16.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Carmel "A" (Lathrop, Floyd, Czarnecki, Street) 1:41.11.

100 backstroke: 1. Shackell 53.89, 2. Han 58.03, 4. Barr 58.89, 5. Floyd 1:01.87. 100 breaststroke: 1. Enoch 1:05.40, 3. Street

1:08.15, 4. Irizarry 1:08.36, 5. Gorey 1:09.00.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall Alyssa Street competed in the girls breaststroke at the meet.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Carmel "B" (Lynsey Bowen, Sweeney, Gorey, Dougherty) 3:35.56, 3. Carmel "D" (Smith, Samantha Powers, Natalie Powers, Kou) 3:52.08.

BOYS MEET

Team scores: Carmel 118.5, Zionsville 51.5; Carmel 137, Homestead 21; Zionsville 135, Homestead 24.

200 medley relay: 1. Carmel "A" (Gregg Enoch, Brandon Malicki, Andrew Shackell, Michael Gorey) 1;35.36, 3. Carmel "B" (Anderson Kopp, Trent Allen, Emile Haig, Landon Holmes) 1:38.42.

200 freestyle: 1. Lewis Zhang 1:42.95, 3. Ethan Zhang 1:44.36, 4. Carter Hadley 1:48.14, 5. William Lathrop 1:48.78.

200 individual medley: 1. Enoch 1:56.10, 2. Allen 1:57.36, 3. Brian Qian 1:57.99, 4. Cory Han 2:02.34. 50 freestyle: 1. Shackell 21.59, 2. Malicki 21.82, T3. Gorey 22.55.

100 butterfly: 1. Shackell 51.30, 2. Haig 53.16, 3. Carson Szotek 54.52, 4. Luke Pugh 55.16, 5. Ethan Johnson 55.80.

100 freestyle: 2. L. Zhang 48.22, 3. Kopp 48.54, 4. Eddy Zhu 49.93, 5. Lathrop 50.01.

500 freestyle: 1. Austin Bruford 4:56.88, 2. Noah Moeller 5:02.46.

200 freestyle relay: 2. Carmel "A" (Pugh, Lathrop, James Porterfield, Szotek) 1:33.53, 3. Carmel "B" (Lukas Biller, Zhu, Colin Cammack, Han) 1:33.63.

100 backstroke: 1. Enoch 53.46, 2. Kopp 54.31, 3. Hadley 54.43, 5. Szotek 55.13.

breaststroke: 100 Malicki 57.68, 3. Allen 1:02.21, 4. Qian 1:02.68.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Carmel "A" (Shackell, Gorey, L. Zhang, Kopp) 3:12.97, 3. Carmel "C" (Jude Bearden, Conner Fletchall, Aiden Jent, Johnson) 3:33.20.

200 medley relay:

Mooresville Holiday Classic, 9 a.m. Hamilton Heights, Noblesville at North Montgomery Duals, 9 a.m. Sheridan at Eastern Classic, 9 a.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL Lawrence North Wildcat Invitational

Westfield vs. Lawrence North, 10 a.m. Elkhart vs. Eastern Hancock, 11:45 a.m. Consolation game, 5 p.m. Championship game, 6:45 p.m.

Huntington North Classic Hamilton Heights vs. Plymouth, 11:45 a.m. Hamilton Heights vs. Wawasee. 6 p.m.

GIRLS WRESTLING

Regional at Crawfordsville, 9 a.m. (Carmel) Regional at Pendleton Heights, 9 a.m. (Hamilton Heights, Noblesville) SWIMMING/DIVING Hamilton Heights and West Lafayette at Harrison (diving only), TBA

Tuesday, Jan. 2

BOYS BASKETBALL Mount Vernon at Westfield, 7:30 p.m. Pike at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL Fishers at Pike, 7:30 p.m. Sheridan at Crawfordsville, 7:30 p.m. University at Western, 7:30 p.m. SWIMMING/DIVING Carmel at Fishers, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 3 **BOYS WRESTLING**

Zionsville at Westfield, 6:30 p.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL Park Tudor at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m. Westfield at Bishop Chatard, 7:30 p.m. SWIMMING/DIVING Oak Hill at Hamilton Heights, 6 p.m.

Please email schedule changes or corrections to sports@readthereporter.com.

Panther Invitational, girls team places second

Tiger boys win their division at North Central

The REPORTER

The Fishers swim teams competed in the North Central Panther Invitational on Wednesday.

The Tigers boys won their division, scoring 1,075 points and winning seven of the 12 events. Jonny Hines took first place in the 200 and 500 freestyles, with Eduardo Sanchez triumphing in the individual medley and backstroke. Jack Roby was first in diving, and Fishers also won the medley and 200 free relays.

In the girls meet, the Tigers placed second with 823 points. Fishers picked up six event victories, including two from Emily Wolf in the butterfly and backstroke. Emma Schumacher won the 500 free, Avery Stein was first in the breaststroke, and the Tigers also won the medley and 200 free relays.

Results are listed below, including all individual swimmers and the top three Fishers relays.

GIRLS MEET

Team scores: Fort Wayne Carroll 1108, Fishers 863, Franklin Community 603, North Central 505.

200 medley relay: 1. Fishers (Avery Han-"A" non. Avery Stein, Emily Wolf, Emma Schwertfeger) 1:48.01, 7. Fishers "B" (So-

Wilson, Lily Ziino) 1:57.63, 11. Fishers "C" (Caroline Uliczny, Aly Freeman, Hannah Brown, Natalie Vinton) 2:05.39.

200 freestyle: 2. Emma Schumacher 1:55.76, 4. Frankie Ramey 1:56.86, 9. Lisa Bradford 2:05.77, 16. Lilah Becker 2:32.11. 18. Avary McEwen 2:40.52, 19. Ava Driskell 3:06.34.

200 individual medley: Claire Francis 2:12.71, 7. Polina Sopova 2:16.13, Wilson 2:17.31, 13. Izzy 8. Heuck 2:21.21, 16. Brown 2:29.28, 21. Khushdeep Kaur 3:22.69.

50 freestyle: 2. Schwertfeger 25.07, 12. Uliczny 27.13, 13. Vinton 28.08, 17. Audrey Kixmiller 29.50, 18. Freeman 30.88, 19. Alex Clark 31.43.

One-meter diving: 3. Elaine Van Trees 149.55, 5. Grace VanOverwalle 113.85.

100 butterfly: 1. Wolf 56.57, 2. Stein 58.14, 5. Wilson 1:01.06, 6. Sopova 1:02.12, 12. Ziino 1:04.20, 16. Hannah Brown 1:12.30.

100 freestyle: 3. Francis 55.43, 4. Schwertfeger 55.83, 11. Blue 59.13, 13. Piotrowski 59.42, 15. Uliczny 1:00.15, 19. Becker 1:08.93.

500 freestyle: 1. Schumacher 5:08.95, 5. Bradford 5:31.09, 6. Heuck 5:31.17, 11. Anna Chitty 6:00.46, 17. Kaur 7:44.60.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Fishers "A" (Schwertfeger, Francis, Schumacher, Stein) 1:39.29, 4. Fishers "B" (Ra-

phie Blue, CJ Piotrowski, Mia 1:43.56, 8. Fishers "C" (Pi-Vinton, Uliczny, otrowski, Bradford) 1:51.04. 100 backstroke: 1. Wolf

57.92, 6. Hannon 1:02.96, 10. Ziino 1:05.65, 11. Blue 1:06.29. 17. Kixmiller 1:17.09. 18. Clark 1:18.75.

100 breaststroke: Stein 1:05.70, 4. Ra-1. mey 1:10.72, 8. Piotrowski 1:13.93, 14. Vinton 1:18.53, 17. Freeman 1:23.30, 18. Chitty 1:27.26

400 freestyle relay: 2. Fishers "A" (Francis, Schumacher, Ramey, Wolf) 3:34.79, 6. Fishers "B" (Heuck, Wilson, Blue, Sopova) 3:48.60, 11. Fishers "C" (Becker, Clark, Kixmiller, Bradford) 4:24.39.

BOYS MEET

Team scores: Fishers 1075, Fort Wayne Carroll 741, Franklin Community 626, North Central 540.

200 medley relay: 1. Fishers "A" (Tommy Johanneman, Eduardo Sanchez, Alex Koo, Hudson Lee) 1:38.67, 5. Fishers "B" (names not available) 1:42.25, 8. Fishers "C" (James Gropp, Allon Bluvshteyn, Diego Kitazuka, Santiago Castro) 1:49.33.

200 freestyle: 1. Jonny Hines 1:42.28, 5. Sean Harvey 1:53.00, 10. Brody Chop 1:56.26, 13. Caleb McCoy 2:07.47, 17. Caleb Randall 2:16.73

200 individual medley: Sanchez 1:57.41, 6. Kitazuka 2:08.51, 7. Caden Askren 2:09.46, 8. Qwinton Upshaw 10.09, 9. Gropp 2:10.23. 2: 50 freestyle: 2. Hu. Lee

mey, Ziino, Heuck, Sopova) 22.46, 3. Koo 22.56, 5. Jo-

hanneman 22.95, 8. Hagen Lee 23.80, 12. Ethan Mai 24.70, 17. Isaiah Christian 28.69.

One-meter diving: 1. Jack Roby 310.40, 2. Jacob Schade 288.45, 3. Mason Lawson 263.75, 4. Kirby Danglade 230.70.

100 butterfly: 3. Victor Herbert 54.40, 4. George Kallas 55.38, 5. Koo 55.78, 7. Kitazuka 56.40.

100 freestyle: 3. Hu. Lee 50.29, 7. Ha. Lee 52.75, 8. Harvey 53.34, 12. Castro 55.26, 13. Trenton Qualls 55.65, 16. Ken Smith 1:00.86. 500 freestyle: 1. Hines

4:39.88, 3. Johanneman 4:57.92, 4. Askren 4:58.91, 5. Chop 4:59.8514. Caleb Mc-Coy 5:47.45, 16. Mai 6:17.45.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Fishers "A" (Koo, Herbert, Hines, Hu. Lee) 1:29.82, 5. Fishers "B" (Harvey, Upshaw, Ha. Lee, Qualls) 1:34.65, 9. Fishers "C" (Bluvshteyn, Mc-Coy, Mai, Chop) 1:43.11.

100 backstroke: 1. Sanchez 53.21, 4. Kallas 57.49m 9. Gropp 59.57, 12. Castro 1:02.55, 15. Smith 1:14.76, 16. Randall 1:22.13.

100 breaststroke: 3. Upshaw 1:03.81, 6. Herbet 1:06.11, 7. Bluvshteyn 1:06.23, 12. Qualls 1:15.01, 13. Dylan Geesaman 1:16.99, 14. Christian 1:25.38.

400 freestyle relay: 2. Fishers "A" (Sanchez, Harvey, Johanneman, Hines) 3:18.40, 6. Fishers "B" (Chop, Askren, Castro, Kallas) 3:36.54, 9. Fishers "C" (Gropp, McCoy, Kitazuka, Bluvshteyn) 3:46.82.

