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Texy Mexy says “adios”

The parable of the hanky

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Texy Mexy, 818 Logan St., downtown Noblesville, permanently closed its doors last Thursday after five years of serving the public.

It all started with a farmers’ market stand. Restaurant owners Sophie and Gerry Abell spent nine years building clientele and branding before moving Texy Mexy into its brick-and-mortar location on the square. The Tex-Mex restaurant served its final taco on Dec. 28 when the Abells hosted a farewell fiesta thanking customers for their years of loyal patronage.

Born and raised in Texas, Sophie Abell had no plans of creating Texy Mexy when she first moved to Indiana “for love” 17 years ago. Then, after visiting her first farmers’ market, she knew that she wanted to sell her salsa and tamales made from decades-old family recipes. For the next nine years, Texy Mexy evolved as one tent became two tents, two workers became six, and a “sustainable” family restaurant was born.

In November 2018, with the help of principal architect and Noblesville Common Council president Darren Peterson, Texy Mexy became a place where Abell’s concept of sustainability and community found a home within the location’s historic brick walls. The surprise came when the walls began holding more than memories.



Photo provided by Nik Roberts / noble-pc.com
After five years in downtown Noblesville, the Abells served their final customers on Dec. 28.

“One day a lady thought it would be a good idea to put dollars in the walls between the bricks and then other people started shoving money in the holes until the walls started filling up,” said Abell. “So, we decided to donate the money to some of the non-profits in Noblesville as a way to give back to the community. It’s been the biggest blessing to be able to do that.”

With its hand-crafted Texan-inspired Mexican cuisine, the small neighborhood restaurant appealed to everyone from local residents to business professionals across the county.

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Recipes, stories & the Texy Mexy legacy

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Leading up to the closing of Texy Mexy, there were many questions for owners Sophie and Gerry Abell. Why are you closing? What’s next for you? Hey – can I get your recipe for [insert beloved dish here]? Reporter Shana Sloma spoke to Sophie Abell about the closing of the restaurant, and you can read all about it in today’s edition of The Reporter. As for those recipes . . . The day after the Texy Mexy doors closed the final time, Abell spoke to The Reporter about her next venture: a book that will both tell her story and share her recipes.

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Be Still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10

Stay with me on this story while I take you down a church aisle and into a pew to get to my thoughts this week.

I have trouble being still. I must have been born with a wiggle and worry gene.

My mother would say, “Janet Kay, be still,” as I squirmed in the church pew. She would make me a doll out of her hanky (handkerchief). That’s a talent I’ve never seen anyone else be able to do. I would watch her hands as she rolled the material, then folded it over, tucked, and pulled to make a head, arms, and legs. It was fascinating. I was focused and sat still.

Here’s the thing I am just now realizing. My mother taught me things growing up that she didn’t know would make such a difference many years later. She was trying to keep me from wiggling by giving me something else to focus on. This was an accidental lesson, as I call it.

What I focus on determines how I handle the issues and situations of my day. When I focus on what I can control and give what I can’t control over to God, I can be still. You might want to read that again. It has taken me a long time to realize the truth of those words. Oh, the beauty of remaining still when life gets a bit out of control.

I realize that the longer I focus on a worry, the larger it becomes. That worry follows me throughout my day. Yes, I will have a side of worry with my breakfast. I could walk faster if I didn’t have the weight of my worries on my shoulders.

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Every touchdown. Every extra point. Every time.

Chuck Leonard has manned the Colts scoreboard since they came to Indianapolis in 1984

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Ever since the Colts came to Indianapolis 39 years ago, there has been one constant presence with the team.

Chuck Leonard has been the scoreboard operator for the Colts ever since they played their first game back in 1984. Leonard estimates that he has presided over 400 games for the team. That run will come to an end soon, as Leonard is retiring from his scoreboard duties at the end of the season.

“Forty years is a long time,” said Leonard. “If you’ve done anything 40 years, you always think ‘Is it time to turn it over to somebody else?’ I think it is. It’ll be sad, because I really enjoyed it.”

Leonard said that his becoming the scoreboard operator was “a little bit of an accident. My brother-in-law, Jim Mathis, had a television syndication company and when the Hoosier Dome was under construction, he toured the facility and saw that when it opened, it only had one screen called a Diamond Vision.”

Mathis submitted a proposal

to have his company operate the Diamond Vision screen and the message boards in the arena. Part of the contract included operating the scoreboard.

“He didn’t know that was going to be a part of it, didn’t have anybody in his organization that knew much about football,” said Leonard. “He asked me, ‘Would you be interested in running the scoreboard at the Hoosier Dome?’”

Leonard said yes, of course, and a decades-long run began at both the Hoosier Dome (1984 to 2007) and the Colts’ present site at Lucas Oil Stadium (since 2008). Leonard has never missed a game since the Colts came to town.

Leonard began his scoreboard-operating duties at the same time he started another longtime position: he was the superintendent of Hamilton Southeastern Schools from 1984 until his retirement in 2001. Prior to that, Leonard worked for Lawrence Township Schools for 23 years in several positions.

On the level

Leonard said that when he operates the scoreboard, he is at the press box level and exactly on

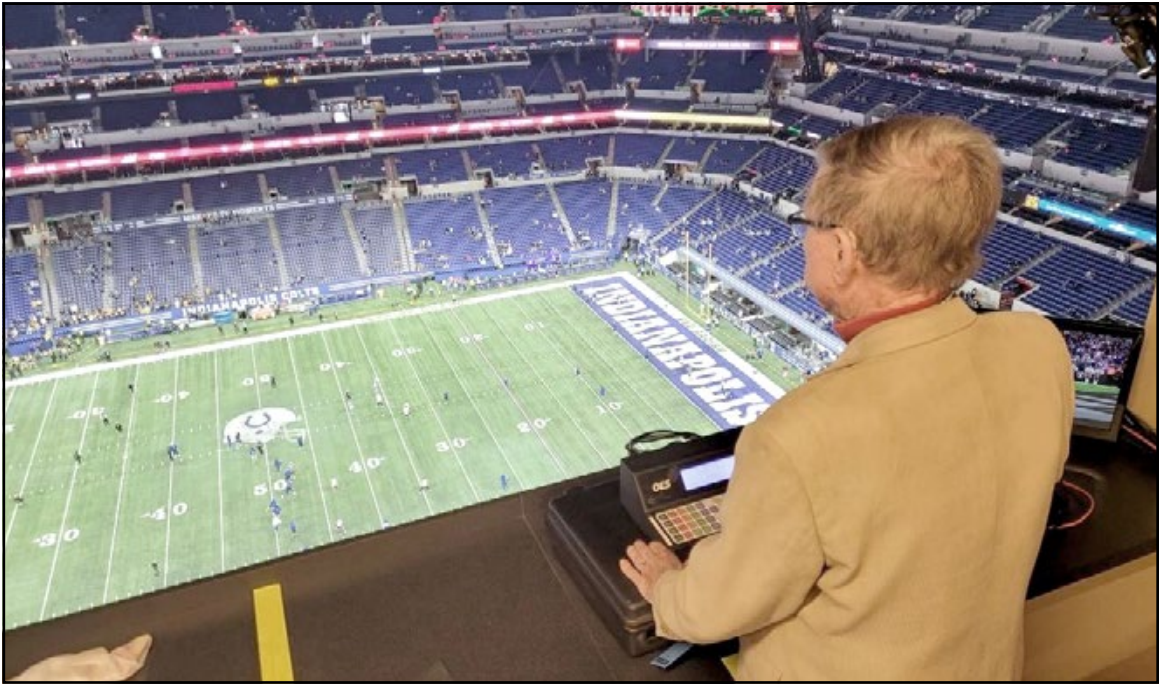


Photo provided by Janet Hart Leonard
Chuck Leonard has been a consistent presence for the Indianapolis Colts since they came to town in 1984, serving as the scoreboard operator for the team for all the team’s games – he has never missed one game since the team began playing in Indy.

the 50-yard line. He prefers that, since it’s the best view for him to see which yard line the referees will place the ball on.

“When the play ends, I need to know quickly what yard the next play’s going to be on,” said Leonard. He said that if the side officials are doing their job well, they’ll put their foot down at the spot where the ball’s going to go when it gets moved to the middle of the field.

The people most concerned about a correct scoreboard are the videographers for the Colts and their opponent that week. They swing their cameras over to the scoreboard before every play, so getting the information on the scoreboard quickly is also of the utmost importance.

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The Reporter: we’re the Energizer Bunny of local newspapers

Dear Readers,

The beginning of the new year is a time for change, reflections, and an almost mythological moment for potential change.

Ten years ago today the people who started The Reporter were scrambling like madmen to figure out what an online edition of a newspaper would look like. They were not 100 percent sure they should actually do it, but they had resolved to try it and, on Jan. 2, 2014, they put out their first electronic edition.

Want to see how far we’ve come? Ok, here’s a link to that first one: tinyurl.com/Reporter-2014-01-02.

You will note that it was heavy on sports. In fact, it was all sports with the exception on one obituary and two

short pieces on this new digital newspaper and how to get you some of that sweet pixel-news goodness.

Make no mistake about it. A digital newspaper laid out with the same design standards of a print one was a rather revolutionary idea for this area.

There were like 200,000 variations of The Reporter in the first few print years.

The Hamilton North Reporter. The Sheridan something-something. The Noblesville Reporter. Sometimes it was free. Sometimes



it cost 50 cents. Sometimes it apparently cost one-half a cent.

But lo, on the second day of the first month of the 2014th year of our Lord . . . Don Jellison, along with a son named Jeff and a sports editor like unto another son named Richie Hall, brought forth unto our county a new paperless newspaper, filled with stories of the people, submitted by the people, and edited for the people.

It was a paper conceived in liberty from the oppression of corporate agendas. Free from disconnected owners longing for the bygone era of overstuffed newsrooms filled with indentured servants toiling away for the greater glory of ink on tree bark.

No! This was a new era! A new news media! A light in a world of darkened devices, giving them reasons to power up and brighten readers’ lives before the rise of the morning sun.

In the beginning there were pixels. And the pixels were random and without form. And the Publisher said unto the pixels: Let there be *news*! And there was news – again, mostly about sports – and it was good.

“Hmmm,” mused the Publisher, “this is pretty good.”

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RECIPES

She also said she’s getting some help from The Reporter’s own Janet Hart Leonard.

“That’s the new direction that we’re heading after closing our restaurant,” Abell told The Reporter. “We’ve had lots of interest and when I checked in with our restaurant mentor, he suggested to go that route.”

Abell’s mentor is Toby Miles. Toby and wife Melanie own Rail Cafe & Market in Westfield.

“Since we announced we were closing about a month ago, the big question has been, ‘Can I have such and such recipe?’” Abell said. “We’re not going to open another restaurant. We’re aging out of that industry. I figured this was a new venture to get into.”

The book will be filled with recipes and will tell the story of Texy Mexy.

“We have a lot of personal stories that are super encouraging. Not only with our employees, but the experiences that customers have had. Fortunately, people have shared a lot of good things on how they’ve been impacted. So I would like to share that story and also to give credit to my mom and dad that are no longer with me. They are the inspiration for me pursuing what I’ve been doing.”

Abell said her mother taught her many of her recipes and her father worked in the hospitality industry.

“I would love to share the heritage and their story as well.”

Abell shared one of those stories with The Reporter.

In the chaotic early days of the restaurant, there was one gentleman who often came in.

“It was at the very begin-



Photo provided
Noblesville author and popular Reporter columnist Janet Hart Leonard (left) is helping Texy Mexy owner Sophie Abell (right) develop a recipe book of some of the restaurant’s dishes.

ning when we were just figuring everything out,” Abell said. “It was pretty much a train wreck, you know, trying to figure out how to run any busy restaurant. You try to figure it out and eventually we did. But he was always supportive. He would come in and just wait in the long lines for his food and he was very encouraging to us. Very supportive. He always had a kind of word.”

One night he was at the restaurant like any other. A few days later, this man’s wife and son came to Texy Mexy to tell Sohpie and Gerry Abell he had passed away.

The man’s wife continued to come to Texy Mexy regularly. When she moved to an assisted living facility, she had people bring her to the restaurant.

“Texy Mexy has been a place for her to like kind of feel his presence and remember him,” Abell said. “So that was her thing. She

always came in to kind of get connected with the husband she had just lost. When they had his celebration of life, they asked us to host it. We hosted that for the family and had a private event for them. That was very early on and that’s kind just one of many, many, many stories where people have had experiences and have shared things like that with us.”

Now, with the help of Janet Hart Leonard, Sophie Abell will begin working to tell those stories and share the recipes for the meal that brought people together at Texy Mexy.

“I actually have Janet’s book and she’s been a loyal customer and a loyal supporter,” Abell said. “She’s a sweet lady and very involved with supporting everything in downtown Noblesville. I contacted her because I knew that’s the person that can be an inspiration and kind of guide me along.”

Keep reading The Reporter for updates as Abell works on her book. When her stories and recipes are ready, we will let you know here to buy a copy.

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“Working downtown. this was our go-to spot for a great lunch or dinner,” said Noblesville Community Engagement Manager Aaron Head. “We will definitely miss it.”

Texy Mexy will be remembered for its food, but it is Abell’s impact on the community that resonates with her customers.

“A lot of business owners come to Noblesville to operate their businesses, but Sophie and Gerry are different because they really give back to the community,” Hamilton County Commissioner Mark Heibrandt said. “That’s what inspires me to be here and support them.”

Abell has chosen to sell the restaurant in its entirety because she wants to be “all in or all out,” but told The Reporter she did not sell her brand. She admits that while she is sad to close Texy Mexy, she and Gerry are making the right decision for their future.

“I still feel good, but running a restaurant is a lot of work,” Abell said. “At my age, I didn’t want to wait until it got to be



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too much. I want to be able to enjoy life later. And I still have things I want to do.”

Abell said she is ready to move on after accomplishing her goals in Texy Mexy’s 14-year evolution.

“Our mission was never to open up a restaurant and get wealthy,” Abell said. “Our goal was always to

provide a sustainable place for our employees so we could pay them a salary that would support their families and also provide a space where the community could come together and enjoy good food, drinks and each other. I think we were successful in doing both of those things.”



Reporter photo by Shana Sloma

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“Shooting a scoreboard lets them know what the situation was before that play ran,” said Leonard. “In order to be effective, the information has to get up on the scoreboard fast enough so they can swing their camera over. That can be a challenge sometimes, especially when a team is running a hurry-up offense, so it’s important to be quick and accurate to get the information up there to do their job.”

Leonard said that during the game, he is standing next to the Colts’ video director, Stewart Cramer.

“That’s the person that’s really concerned about speed and accuracy on the scoreboard,” said Leonard.

Mixed feelings

After all those years and hundreds of games and other events, Leonard will operate the scoreboard for the last time on Sunday, Jan. 7, when the Colts play the Texans. It’s a date that Leonard said he will approach with “mixed feelings,” since he

truly enjoyed the experience of running the scoreboard for each game. Leonard has been training a new scoreboard operator, Jon Glesing, to take his place once he retires.

“Now he’s with me and he splits the actual operation time, so he’ll be ready to take over next fall,” said Leonard.

At the same time, Leonard said that the Colts’ schedule “especially around Christmas,” makes it tough. Leonard spoke to the Reporter a few days before Christmas, when he and his wife Janet were enjoying a stay in Florida, a frequent destination for them due to family.

“It always makes it a challenge to get down here for Christmas, then get back down to Colts games,” said Leonard.

Leonard is also an avid golfer, so the prospect of Sundays in the fall being free for a trip to the course is appealing. “I love to play golf and there are nice Sun-



Photo provided by Janet Hart Leonard
Chuck Leonard (right) is shown here with Stewart Cramer, the video director for the Colts.

days when I could be down at the golf course and listen to the Colts on the radio,” he said.

He may be trading the scoreboard for more time on the fairway, but Leonard

will always have fond memories of his 40-year accidental career with the Colts.

“I’m very happy to have done it,” said Leonard. And the Colts and their fans were happy to have him.

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Emergency Management hires new planning section chief

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Emergency Management (HCEM) is a county public safety department that ensures the county is prepared for emergencies and disasters and provides coordination and support when they happen. HCEM insists that all communities should be prepared for many hazards, such as severe weather, chemical or hazardous materials incidents, floods, dam failures, earthquakes, and many more.

HCEM works with cities, towns, large corporations, non-profits, and other

groups to build plans on how they all work together when bad things happen. HCEM achieves this by working with stakeholders to build and maintain comprehensive plans.

HCEM recently announced the hiring of Greg Marcuson, retired Lieutenant Colonel, Indiana Army National Guard, as the Planning Section Chief. He has a distinguished public service background, serving as a police officer in



Marcuson

Elwood, Ind., for 10 years before moving to a full-time position in the Army National Guard.

Marcuson served his country for nearly 31 years with three combat tours in the Middle East. He was awarded the Legion of Merit Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and five Meritorious Service Medals. In addition to his public service, he comes to HCEM with a bachelor's degree in criminology from

Indiana State University and a master's degree in business administration from American Military University.

Marcuson will also serve as an on-call duty officer to respond to incidents in support of police, fire, and others, the chair of the planning subcommittee for the Local Emergency Planning Committee, and work to ensure Hamilton County is ready when disasters strike.

To learn more about Emergency Management and what you can do to prepare for emergencies and disasters, please visit hamiltoncounty.in.gov/em.

Carmel releases details & images of next phase of Monon Greenway widening

The REPORTER

The next phase of the expansion of the Monon Greenway through the urban core of Carmel will take shape next spring.

The city has released artistic renderings of the expanded trail, playgrounds, and public gathering spaces. This project will be flanked to the west by the Great American Songbook Museum and to the east by a redevelopment project envisioned to include a food hall.

The \$13 million project will widen the Greenway from 14 to 140 feet between Walnut Street and City Center Drive, which is immediately south of where the previous expansion occurred in the Midtown area.



Rendering provided by Rundell Ernstberger Associates

The money for the project is from the most recent bond issue with \$500,000 being contributed from the CRC

Urban Parks Fund, which will partially cover the cost of the playground.

City officials say they

expect to put this project out for bid in the spring of 2024 with an estimated completion by the end of 2025.

HANKY

Mom thought she was taking me to church to learn about God. She had no idea she was teaching me even more while sitting in the pew of that little Nazarene Church. I was learning who God could be in my life ... if I allowed Him.

The lesson of focus in the parable of the hanky.

It is when I take my focus off the issues at hand and focus on who God is in my life that I see things differently. I can rest and be still more easily when I see things from that perspective.

Watching my mother fold that hanky took my mind off just how long the preacher was preaching. No one knows the hardness of oak until they have sat on it while a long-winded preacher tries to save them from the consequences of their sins. I wasn't yet old enough to sin or understand what that meant.

Heaven forbid a wiggly, giggly three-year-old has to be taken out of the service just as the song leader sings the last stanza of "Softly and Tenderly." The congregation might need to pray for that child and the immediate consequences of her inability to control her wiggles and giggles.



Photo provided by Janet Hart Leonard

I was fortunate to have a mother who would give me a "good talking to" rather than what most kids would receive.

Back to that pew. I am back to learning the importance of not focusing on my worries but on what I can control. My mind, as well as my heart, can then learn to BE STILL.

The 23rd Psalm says, "He leads me beside still waters." Still waters have no turbulence. Did you know that one of the defini-

tions of the word STILL is that of having no turbulence? I find that interesting.

I am learning so much about the word, STILL. I love the feeling of being still, staying calm, and staying focused on the moment.

And that, my friends, is the word I have chosen as my 2024 WOTR (Word of the Year.) STILL

I'll keep one of my mother's hankies nearby as a reminder to be still. I love that Mom is still teaching

me all those many years later. I'm so thankful for having her as my mother and for the lessons she taught me, even the accidental ones. I'm also thankful for padded pews in church.

Here's to 2024 and its moments of stillness.

Happy New Year to all my readers!

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ENERGIZER

Thus was born The Hamilton County Reporter.

The day that first edition hit emails across the county, the skies opened up bringing snow and 30 mph winds to drift shut roads and cancel plans. The little sportspaper everyone planned on evolved into a real NEWSpaper.

Evolution is often change as a way to adapt to outside forces.

Canceling all the sports events in a winter storm helped start The Reporter on the path to grow into what it

is today: the largest legally defined newspaper in Hamilton County both in terms of content and number of subscribers.

Some of the leaps forward tended to happen at the beginning of new years.

January 1, 2017, former publisher Jeff Jellison brought on the media consultants from 4th Hawk Consulting to help with public notices and page design.

January 1, 2022, those consultants gathered a few friends and bought The Re-

porter from Jellison as he prepared to run for the office of coroner.

Those of you who have read this paper over the years know that one of the changes you saw in the last two years was in the sheer amount of news being covered. One reader told us he was a little frustrated that he used to be able to sit down with a cup of coffee and read the morning edition, but now he has to make two cups. Sorry about that. Or not. Either way, thanks for noticing.

People now compare us to the good old *Ledger*. Sometimes they tell us how much more they enjoy us than the *Star*.

Thanks for both of those compliments, but all we do is give you accurate, balanced, local news. And while we can't predict evolution, we're at least as curious as you are to see what this year brings.

Happy reading.
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Recreational, medicinal, or not at all?

Three out of four neighbors agree: marijuana is profitable

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After the November vote in Ohio, three of Indiana's four neighboring states now have legalized and decriminalized cannabis products for both recreational and medicinal use.

In November, the state legislature formed an interim study committee and members met to discuss important topics relevant to the future of our state, including cannabis legalization. No recommendation was given from the committee to move forward on the topic.

Stash Ventures LLC is a cannabis company based in Michigan with corporate offices in Fishers. Stash reached out to The Reporter to discuss what could happen if Indiana lawmakers vote for legalization in the near future.

Chief Legal and Strategy Officer Katie Wiley told The Reporter the state of Michigan is receiving \$3 billion in revenue 2023, with direct impact to the state around \$300 million.

Stash has a store on the north side of the Indiana-Michigan state line that has recorded \$2 million in revenue directly attributable to people with Indiana driver licenses.

"We have been very active in trying to progress legislation in the state of Indiana," Wiley said. "CEO Scott Moorehead and I have

been actively advocating to bring a regulated market to the state of Indiana. We've worked with political leaders one on one. We've met with caucus leaders. I've participated in three rounds of testimony at the Statehouse over the past two years, both on interim study commissions and then in response to last year's decriminalization bill."

Wiley said Stash Ventures commissioned a research study on public opinion of legalized cannabis a few years ago, which Wiley said demonstrated full support within the state on both sides of the aisle. The support she reported has not translated into legalization in Indiana, however.

"We've done a lot of work behind the scenes to try to influence the 13 cannabis-related bills that have appeared in the General Assembly last session," Wiley said. "That was more than any in prior years, obviously. But our goal is really to further the conversation. Even if there is disagreement or discourse, having an open dialogue as to what the concerns are, we are absolutely open to that conversation."

According to Wiley, Democrats in both chambers are more active in lawmaking related to this issue.

"The Republicans are coming a little bit slower, but they are doing a diligent job trying to get educated,"

Wiley said. "I would say that leadership in both the House and the Senate have been adverse [sic] to any kind of conversation around policymaking for legalized cannabis."

Wiley said the comment she makes most often to lawmakers is that cannabis is already here in the state of Indiana. It's just not regulated.

The particular type of regulation Stash is advocating for, however, would not include medicinal use.

"We've advocated to lawmakers to not go the medicinal first, then adult use route that other states have," Wiley said. "The one benefit of coming later in the list of states to legalize this is we can learn from what other states have done. And so what we have proposed in our regulatory environment is to go with an adult use-only policy, but to do the standards of the adult use testing at the medical level."

While Wiley did talk about the benefit to the millions of people who suffer from chronic pain, stress, anxiety, and PTSD who could be helped by cannabis products, the position she – and by extension Stash – is taking is that Indiana should not legalize for medicinal use first as other states did.

"Our job right in this policymaking phase, or after it's legal in the business phase, is to make sure that

we're keeping people safe so that it is tested, that it is free of chemical and micro-organisms and all of the other things that our local drug dealers frankly don't have to comply with," Wiley said. "We want responsible legislation that does have a conversation around safety. It does have a conversation around how and who can get their hands on it. We want to protect teens and children and would approve of a regulatory landscape that navigates advertising, tamper-free products, and all of those things. But none of that can happen until it's regulated."

The Reporter had to press a bit for clarity on this point.

If marijuana becomes legal and regulated in Indiana, but it is regulated for adult use and the law does not also contain a medicinal component, then the people who would derive health benefits from it will be forced to pay out-of-pocket rather than having insurance help.

"You're right," Wiley said. "This wouldn't be an insured product. I suppose that is something that they could deal with in the regulation if that is something that they wanted to provide."

If marijuana is legalized under the terms that Stash advocates for, then Hoosiers who need it for medical reasons would have to pay out-of-pocket for it.

Crider selected to serve as Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam's chief of staff

The REPORTER

Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam announced last Wednesday that former City of Carmel Director of Administration Jim Crider will serve as chief of staff in the Mayor's Office.

"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 our vision and priorities to ensure world-class public safety, increased transparency and effective and efficient delivery of government services so that Carmel will remain the best place to live, work, raise a family and retire in the country."

Crider served as the city's director of administration beginning in 2017 after his retirement from the U.S. Army at the rank of colonel following 29 years of active-duty service. He holds a master's degree in

human resource management from Troy University and a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Kentucky. He is also a graduate of the Center for Creative Leadership in Greensboro, N.C.

"I have been fortunate to serve the citizens of Carmel during a period where we have taken some truly unique and innovative steps," Crider said. "There is more work to be done and we have tremendous opportunities ahead. I am humbled to be asked to take a bigger leadership role and to help execute Mayor-elect Finkam's vision for our city that builds upon our past successes and never takes for granted the responsibility we have to better serve our fellow citizens."

Carmel residents interested in being considered for professional opportunities or appointment to boards and commissions are encouraged to apply at [ElevateCarmel.com](https://www.elevatecarmel.com).



Crider



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Buy tickets now for 2024 Westfield Lantern Awards

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The Westfield Lantern Awards is a time-honored tradition of the Westfield Chamber of Commerce. The signature community recognition event began in 1982.

The event celebrates the community of Westfield and is a semi-formal cocktail reception designed to bring the community together for an evening of fellowship while recognizing and honoring outstanding residents and businesses.

This year's Awards Ceremony will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 25 at the Prairie Waters Event Center in Westfield.

Award Night tickets available

There are Chamber Partner and Non-Partner tickets available. This event will sell out, so purchase your tickets as soon as possible. Tickets include three food stations, dessert station, and a complementary glass of wine. Cash bar will also be available.

Tickets are being held

for award winners and their families/company. A discounted price will be offered to individual award winners.

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Purchase your tickets today at [tinyurl.com/Lantern2024Tickets](https://www.tinyurl.com/Lantern2024Tickets).

Mayor Jim Brainard issues executive order supporting official definition of antisemitism

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Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard has signed a new executive order to formally adopt the elements that define antisemitism, which is a growing concern across cities and college campuses across the nation.

The definition comes from the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance and it reads as follows:

Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.

"It is important to take a strong stand against antisemitism, hatred and discrimination of any kind in our city, and I want everyone to know that we stand for freedom in Carmel and

we embrace our Jewish residents and visitors," Mayor Brainard said. "We will not tolerate and will certainly condemn any acts of antisemitism in our city."

The executive order defines contemporary examples of antisemitism in public life, the media, schools, the workplace, and in the religious sphere that could include:

- Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.
- Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective – such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the

media, economy, government, or other societal institutions.

- Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.
- Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).
- Accusing Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.
- Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged pri-

orities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.

- Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor.
- Applying double standards by requiring of it a behavior not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.
- Using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism to characterize Israel or Israelis.
- Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.
- Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel.

Mayor Brainard signed the executive order in late December.

Read the full executive order online at [tinyurl.com/5n7pdz5z](https://www.tinyurl.com/5n7pdz5z).



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Fishers ranked No. 2 safest city in America

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Fishers has been named the second safest city in America for 2024 by MoneyGeek in its annual analysis of 302 U.S. cities with populations of 100,000 or more.

With a crime cost per capita of \$296, Fishers is one of only two Midwest cities in the top eight. In its assessment of safest cities, MoneyGeek analyzed crime data from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and calculated each city's cost of crime, ranking cities based on the cost of crime per capita.

Earlier this year, Fishers was ranked No. 4 on

the list of America's Safest Suburbs of 2023 from SmartAsset, with a violent crime rate lower than 84 percent of other suburbs in the study.

"This recognition demonstrates our commitment to strive for the highest standards of quality of life and safety in our community," Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness said. "As a regional leader in law enforcement, Fishers Police takes protecting and serving to the next level through their collaboration with other law enforcement agencies, community engagement initiatives, and use of smart technology. I'm

incredibly proud of the work they have done for our community, from their role in developing the Indiana Gun Crimes Task Force to the work of our School Resource Officers in mentoring and keeping our kids safe."

"Fishers is at the top of this list because of the proactive work our officers do day in and day out to keep our city safe," Fishers Chief of Police Ed Gebhart said. "This continued success wouldn't be possible without the support we receive

from our community. We will continue to hold true to our policing values of protecting and serving our city, securing the future of our children, and supporting our officers to continue to achieve the highest standards."

Check out the full list on [MoneyGeek.com](https://www.moneygeek.com).



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His 2023 arts highlights

Despite trying to attain the best possible return on investment regarding a ridiculous number of streaming services that I pay for, I somehow managed to actually open a few books and also attend some live events in 2023.

- *The Summer My Sister Was Cleopatra Moon*, by Washington, D.C. novelist and memoirist Frances Park. Set during the U.S. bicentennial, *Cleopatra Moon* sizzles, launches, and sends the reader's heart soaring. American teen Marcy Moon narrates this coming-of-age story not through rose-colored glasses but instead through the tie-dyed tinted lenses limited to a time when the country was at its most red, white, and blue, providing enlightenment about a second-generation Korean American teen growing up in 1970s white suburbia.
- In *Strip: A Memoir*, Hannah Sward recounts being molested as a child, shares her past experiences as a stripper and prostitute, and details the role writing has played in her sobriety. It's a tough, tender tale – told with humility and humor.
- My favorite concert experience featured Allison Russell and her Rainbow Coalition band at The Ark in Ann Arbor last fall. Russell's two critically acclaimed solo albums, *Outside Child* (2021) and *The Returner* (2023), are loaded with love, liberation, and self-respect. Two favorite cuts: "Demons" and "Eve Was Black."
- *The Sand Bucket List: Lessons For Living Life and Facing Death*, by Brownsburg, Ind., resident Brad Fischer. Fischer is both a fearless and funny writer as he takes us on his cancer journey. Originally written for an audience of two – his daughters – this book ultimately proves beneficial to all of us.
- I finally got to see former pugilist turned singer-songwriter Paul Thorn live last winter in Louisville. What's not to love about a guy who has produced such wink-wink song titles as "I Don't Like Half The

Folks I Love," "It's a Good Day to Whup Somebody's Ass," "Pimps and Preachers," and "Joanie the Jehovah Witness Stripper"? Thorn delivered a knock-out performance in Derby City. I hope round two finds him in the Indy area soon.

- In the early 1990s, I personally met a musician I was unfamiliar with, Tori Amos, at a piano plant in West Baden, Ind. *Little Earthquakes* was just released. Amos visited to meet her newly delivered Bösendorfer piano, shipped from Austria. It was an ethereal experience seeing her in that big, dark, still piano plant (the workers were off for the weekend), straddling the bench in that bold way of hers and birthing sounds from the shiny, black Bösendorfer. Three of us were witnesses. The wood-scented factory air was thick with musical spirits that wafted and danced over us – around us! – through us! It was hypnotic. Thirty years later, in 2023, I saw her perform a full concert, my first, inside Indy's Murat Theatre. I'm happy to report that Tori Amos remains hypnotic after all these years.
- In NYC, I caught two memorable Broadway productions: David Byrne's pulsating musical *Here Lies Love*, and the stark, one-woman play *Prima Facie*, starring Tony winner and *Killing Eve* assassin Jodie Comer, arguably our finest living actress.
- Avant-garde, multi-media artist Laurie Anderson's *Four Talks* exhibit at the Hirshhorn Museum in Washington, D.C. was a glorious chalkboard explosion experience of white-lettered witticisms and profundities. Her imagery covered every inch of black room space, the walls, the floor, the ceiling. I could've spent an entire day deciphering her display.
- The Eiteljorg Museum's *We Remember* exhibit, featuring Mexico-born artist turned Hoosier transplant Fernando Lozano, paid tribute to those killed by COVID. Social commentator Lozano's use of death toll figures for each U.S.



Photos provided by Scott Saalman
(Top) Fernando Lozano at his *We Remember* exhibit at the Eiteljorg Museum. (Above) Posing with NYC-based jazz guitarist Jamie Fox after the *Harry Chapin At 80* show.

state proved sobering – and necessary (lest we forget).

- Thanks to the always dependable Center for The Performing in Arts in Carmel, I checked off another bucket list performer, Bruce Cockburn. Also there, I enjoyed my favorite musical family, The Chapins, during a *Harry Chapin At 80* retrospective.
- In *You Can Never Go Back to the Turtle Back Inn*, the poet and Vietnam War veteran Jim McGarrah recalls a time "fogged with tear gas, dazed by the perfume of napalm and doused with Agent Orange." His poem, "Agent Orange," features lush prose harbored within in a poetic hellscape: "Toucans and banyans, bamboo and vipers, elephants and tigers, a few fig trees with rhesus monkeys resting on limbs, the dense beauty of the coffee farms steaming after a Monsoon rain, the scent of breakfast pho rising into a diamond white sky and oh my god the orchids the orchids – disappearing as the planes dusted the white mist like burning snow across the jungle where my squad walked patrols, where mama-sans pregnant with a generation of dying babies tended the

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.

I stayed so I could do rehab/physical therapy while I was there, 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.

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 my mom were glad to have one another to talk to, too.

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.

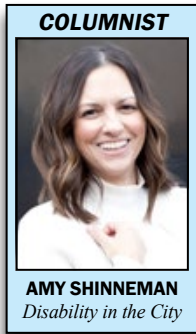
I remember being wheeled into my room still groggy from the anesthesia and pain meds I was on. I looked over and saw that my roommate was a young girl like me. I was about 8 at the time. I was so excited to see her. I can still remember her name and her kind smile. Her name was Jana. She had been there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

We had the best week despite all the pain I was in, and she was dealing with a

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, 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...

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Disability in the City

Infrastructure replacement will cause closure along short section of Main Street in Carmel

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Underground infrastructure replacement work will soon take place on West Main Street between Guilford Road and Old Meridian Street. This will result in the closure of a short section of West Main Street for up to eight weeks beginning on or after Monday, Jan. 15.

Access to residences and businesses in the area will remain open. Please follow signage in the area and use caution.

Modifications to the storm water collection system will take place within the right of way as well as installation of a new water main. Detour routes will take drivers on Guilford Road and Old Meridian Street to circumvent this work. A separate pedestrian and bicycle detour will be in place along Main Street for the duration of the road closure.

Reach out to Josh Kirsh at jkirsh@carmel.in.gov if you have additional questions.



Photo illustration provided by City of Carmel

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.

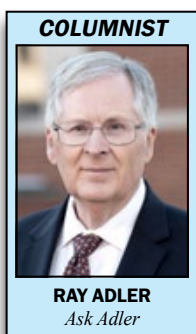
After a time Grandpa remarried. I remember him as an old man, still tall, wearing a long white beard. Mom probably got her height from his side of the family. He liked to tease, but I picture him as a quiet sort of person. I could be wrong, but I feel Mom inherited her quiet nature from him, too.

At an early age she was doing housework and living with her employers. McCorkle 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.

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.

18 or so years later, I arrived on the scene. I, Verna and Charlie, along with six children, were living in a small village called Sterling. Veedersburg was to the west, just across Coal Creek. Our house was the last one to the east on our road in Sterling. Across the road (North) was 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.



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Bring joy to your workplace in 2024

Most of us have heard of “The Great Resignation,” the record number of people who left their jobs in 2020-2022 due to unhappiness in the workplace. An article in *Forbes Magazine* from Jan. 20, 2014, titled “8 Common Causes of Workplace Demotivation” states that most people can’t say they truly love their jobs.

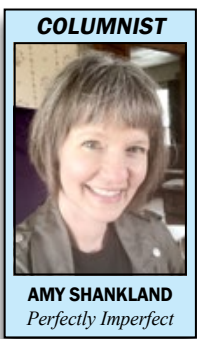
Studies show that 48 percent of employees worldwide don’t even like their jobs, more than 80 percent of U.S. workers feel stressed at the office, and only 30 percent feel “engaged and inspired” by their careers. What should really bother leaders and business owners is that 18 percent are actively disengaged – they’re present at work, but they hate every minute of it.

To examine some more depressing reality, let’s do a little math. We’ve all heard the saying that people spend more waking hours at work than they do with their family. According to a survey conducted by Gallup in the summer of 2014, the new average for most full-time workers has risen to 46-47 hours per week. That basically means workers are only getting one true day off instead of the normal two days off.

But wait, what if you’re one of the lucky ones whose full-time job is 40 hours a week? You still spend about 50 waking hours per week at work (factoring in the average half hour commute and one hour lunch break) vs. about 62 waking hours at home. That’s just a little less than half of our waking lives spent at work.

So, to put it simply: a lot of us are unhappy campers in our workplaces and we’re spending a big ol’ chunk of our lives there. To prevent all of us from wanting to leap off the top of the nearest cliff or tallest building, let’s examine how we can turn this picture around – and do it quickly.

The good news is that two of the biggest causes for the previously mentioned workplace demotivation are within our control – unpleasant co-workers and boredom. But wait, we can’t really change other people, right? True, but we can make certain we’re not one



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Perfectly Imperfect

of those unpleasant co-workers. And we can take easy steps to genuinely brighten everyone’s workday, even the Mr. and Mrs. Grumpy Butts of the world. And these steps not only reduce boredom, but they also kick it to the curb!

Being positive and joyful isn’t just a fluffly-cutesy-nice thing to do each day – it increases productivity and is super-important for any company or organization. Gallup research has shown for years that strong work friendships boost employee satisfaction by 50 percent and people with a best friend at work are seven times more likely to engage fully in their tasks.

We don’t have to have our “best buds in the world” at work, but we do need to be able to relax around our colleagues and enjoy their company.

Forbes also states in a more hopeful March 6, 2017, article “Millennials, Here’s Why You’re Dissatisfied at Work” that studies show a clear link between strong employee ties and a business’s overall output.

As team bonds strengthen, productivity and sales increase – 31 to 37 percent on average, according to the *Harvard Business Review*. This magazine also revealed in a January 2012 article that research proves when people work with a positive mindset, performance on nearly every level – productivity, creativity, engagement – improves.

Most people think that happiness is something we arrive at versus create within ourselves. But folks, it’s up to us to change to a more joyful mindset – and to spread that joy to others, whether we’re at an entry level, middle, or top position in a company or organization. We can make a huge difference by doing quick, simple stuff each day to improve our workplaces.

I look forward to sharing more with you in 2024! Happy Holidays to all my readers.

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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 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



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MARK HALL
The Feeding Team Feature

feelings about the other families whose children won’t eat because of their selfishness.

We first learned about this group of ladies this past spring. They appeared on video at several pantry locations, generally 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 asked for food, we’d give it to them and connect them with larger food sources designed to accommodate 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 to a pantry to help the next person 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 selected stocked pantries, a local supporter overheard their plans. This collection of neighbors leverages the power of a text message group to alert other members when a pantry is found to be well-stocked, thus, coordinating successive pickups to collect as much food as possible for the group. In some cases, they use the food personally. At other times it was paid forward to families in

need, and lastly, occasionally, they sold the food.

You might think that we’d be mad. Nope.

Our position is that feeding 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 group of ladies. Also, many of our pantry hosts now ask people to knock on their 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 “Happy New Year.” Remember, Grinches are unhappy because their hearts are two sizes too small.

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

With over 47,000 food-challenged neighbors in Hamilton County, FeedingTeam.org is a registered 501(c)(3) not-

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

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.

Many tough questions about medical aid in dying

One of my best friends, Jim, in South Bend died of an unusual intestinal cancer. This experience moved me to explore the issue of “medical aid in dying.” Is MAID ethical and moral?

Is it the right and justified choice for some individuals?

After a time unfortunately, Jim’s cancer progressed with a vengeance leaving him with extensive intestinal obstructions. Further chemo would be of little help, and further surgery was impossible. Toward the end, my friend couldn’t receive any real nutrition and could only tolerate water. He lost 65 pounds in 10 weeks and was essentially skin over bone.

Jim was Catholic and very religious. He was a splendid husband and father to his nine children. He worked hard, was responsible, and was a good citizen. He was a good man. The best.

When I last saw him, I told him that I envied both his courage and his faith.



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State of Our Health

Jim had no doubt that in passing, he was entering the next phase of his life and that he would be with God. Jim’s character and faith sustained him. His religious beliefs would not allow him to consider anything but a natural death. So, he never would have considered MAID. And of course, it’s not legal in Indiana.

Ten states and the District of Columbia have now legalized MAID. Oregon was first in 1994. The Oregon law has worked well and has served as the model for other states. Generally, these laws have a minimum patient age of 18, and the individual must have a terminal illness with a life expectancy of six months or less. The patient must be mentally competent and capable of making healthcare decisions without impaired judgement (including from depression).

These laws require two concurring physicians’ opinions concerning diagnosis, competence, and compliance with the law,

and the patient must be informed of other alternatives. There are safeguards against coercion. The prescription medications utilized are self-administered; this is not euthanasia.

New Mexico led the way in making changes to Oregon’s original law, including a shortened mandatory waiting period after the patient’s MAID request before receiving aid-in-dying prescriptions (from 15 days to 48 hours).

Although unmanageable symptoms despite optimal hospice care is a reason to utilize MAID, autonomy and maintaining dignity are the primary reasons MAID is chosen. These patients want control, without dependence on others for care.

My elegant 92-year-old dear friend, Kathryn, in Santa Fe, N.M., was a very intelligent, worldly, and gracious person. She and her husband enjoyed fascinating Foreign Service careers with the State Department. My wife and I loved our many dinners with wonderfully engaging conversation at her home.

When multiple medical problems, including mul-

tiorgan failure, caught up with Kathryn, she made a different decision from Jim’s – but a decision very much right for her. She chose MAID to die with dignity on her own terms surrounded by family and close friends.

MAID is controversial, but dynamic, in the medical community. The American Medical Association has now affirmed that physicians can provide MAID “according to the dictates of their conscience without violating their professional obligations.” The American Academy of Family Physicians recently changed its position to one of neutrality.

Although it will be a long time before Indiana considers MAID legislation, the majority of the Americans support MAID for terminal illness. Is MAID a slippery slope, an unconscionable act, or a caring act of compassion?

Difficult questions.
Richard D. Feldman, M.D. is an Indianapolis family physician and former Indiana State Health Commissioner who served in the administration of Governor Frank O’Bannon.

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Times were hard. World War I was calling the boys off to war. My oldest brother enlisted and served as an ambulance driver in France. The ambulance was a horse-drawn vehicle. On the home front our family came down with influenza, with only three of us escaping. Brother Lawrence (Jack) was 12. He could cut beans and fry potatoes. Owen would’ve been four or five and I was four years younger than Jack.

(In the margin, Mother wrote 1875 dad and 1880 mom 1900 Everett 1903 Rus 1905 Jack 1908 Leslie 1910 Ruth 1913 Owen 1917 Dorothy.)

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 time. Mom had mumps. Is it any wonder no one could remember

whether I had mumps on one side or on both sides! Measles made their rounds, too. I can’t put an age or date with that.

When my siblings Ruth 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.

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Sondra Darlene “Soni” Sheehan

August 27, 1940 – December 22, 2023



Sondra Darlene “Soni” Sheehan, 83, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, December 22, 2023, surrounded by her husband and family. Soni was born on August 27, 1940, to Charles and Mary (Ashcraft) Miller in Celina, Ohio.

In 1984, Soni married Thomas P. Sheehan, who forever referred to her as his “bride.” Together they created the Thomas P. and Sondra D. Sheehan Charitable Foundation dedicated to improving the lives of children facing debilitating medical challenges and the Timothy J. Sheehan Memorial Endowment Fund supporting various charitable organizations locally and throughout the United States.

Her primary love was building a life with her husband, caring for her family, and volunteering. Soni enjoyed playing cards (winning), traveling, attending theatrical productions, gardening, reading, and learning to play the piano. She was active with the Tom and Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville where she was honored as the 1997 Volunteer of the Year. For nearly 30 years, her passion was to participate in the annual UpTop Shop Christmas event. She also volunteered at St. Vincent De Paul Society in Noblesville and taught reading at a Charter School in Immokalee, Fla., where the students fondly referred to her as Grandma.

Soni was a member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Noblesville. She was forever mindful of others and loved doing small acts of kindness that were personal and heartfelt. Her quiet perceptive nature came with a finely tuned awareness for seeing people and their needs.

Soni is survived by her husband, Thomas P. Sheehan; children, Gary P. (Sheila) Sheehan, Tracey L. Sheehan (partner Pam Olerich), Eric M. Sheehan, Kenton L. Luedeke, and Todd W. (Cathy) Luedeke; grandchildren, Madison, Scott, Dylan (Hillary) Michelle (Brad), Jefa, Jaylee, and Liam; and her great-grandchildren, Paris, Astrid, Brentley, and Abigail.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her infant son, Scott Luedeke; sons, Kevin W. (Thomasina “Janie”) Sheehan and Timothy J. Sheehan; brother, Charles “Skip” Miller; and her first husband, Virgil “Bud” Luedeke.


Visitation will be from 4 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, January 8, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St., Noblesville. Burial procession will take place after Mass to Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery in Westfield where all are invited to attend. Following the committal, the family is hosting a reception at Harbour Trees Golf Club from 2 to 5 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Tom and Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville Endowment Fund, 1700 Conner St., Noblesville, IN 46060 (bgcnl.org); or St. Vincent De Paul Society, 1391 Greenfield Ave., Noblesville, IN 46060 (svdpnoblecause.com); or Prevail, Inc., Attn: Donations, 1100 S. 9th St., Suite 100, Noblesville, IN 46060 (prevailinc.org); or Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St., Noblesville, IN 46060 (ologn.org).

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Brenda Sue Richmond

November 26, 1956 – December 25, 2023



Brenda Sue Richmond, 67, Atlanta, passed away on Monday, December 25, 2023, at Riverview Health in Noblesville. She was born on November 26, 1956, to Lody and Beatrice (Strunk) Pryor in Noblesville.

Brenda was a homemaker and musician who loved her family and her dog, Zoey.

She is survived by her fiancé, Dick Stainbrook; children, Steven (Angie) Ginder, Shawn Stratton, and Adam Ginder; sisters, Kathy Hamelman, Patsy Whitmore, and Teresa Pryor; 15 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.


In addition to her parents, Brenda was preceded in death by her sisters, Shelby Jean Pryor and Dana Owens.

Visitation took place on Saturday, December 30, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Tony Pryor officiated. Graveside followed at Fairview Cemetery in Tipton.

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Michael Joseph Witka

October 10, 1949 – December 25, 2023



Michael Joseph Witka, 74, Noblesville, passed away on Monday, December 25, 2023, at IU Health University Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born on October 10, 1949, in La Porte, Ind.

Michael had a 30-year corporate insurance career, that allowed him to pursue his passion to serve Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis in business and risk management for 20-plus years. In addition to his servant leadership, he was a co-creator of the National Diocesan Risk Manager’s Forum. He was a devoted member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, a strong advocate of its school and a dedicated 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

Michael was an avid reader who enjoyed fishing, writing, and attending the theater. He spent over a decade coaching his children’s soccer teams. Later in life he took great pride in being a devoted, loving, and funny grandpa. Michael had the ability to be serious and hilarious at the same time.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Charlene Witka; daughters, Kelly (Colin) Thomas and Kimberly (Johnathan) Tekippe; son, Richard (Andi) Witka; grandchildren, Evan, Caitlin, Cecelia, Josephine, Lucas, Thomas, and Raymond; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph Witka; mother and stepfather, Frances (Jones) and Richard Thomas; brothers, Patrick, Daniel, and William Witka; and sister, Joann Byrd.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with a Rosary Service at 7 p.m. lead by the Knights of Columbus. Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St., Noblesville, with Rev. Clayton Thompson officiating. Burial will be at Our Lady of Peace Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St., Noblesville, IN 46060 (ologn.org/giving).

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and canvas will be supplied. You will follow Thacker’s instruction mixing paint, using brushes, and painting a Parke County-style covered bridge. For \$45 you will have an 11-by-14-inch painting ready for framing. Frame is not included. If interested, email thackerwalt@gmail.com or visit hcaa.org. Space is limited, so register now.

Michael Anthony Cook

September 28, 1964 – December 28, 2023



Michael Anthony Cook, 59, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, December 28, 2023, at Compassus Hospice in Indianapolis. He was born on September 28, 1964, to Harold and Doris Jean (Hodson) Cook in Noblesville.

Michael was a member of Refuge Christian Church and worked as a bakery clerk at Kroger. He loved country music and was an avid sports fan; his favorite baseball team was the Cincinnati Reds.

Michael is survived by his sister, Sharon Cook; sister/cousin, Kellie (Terry) Deppert; niece, Shelbie (Brandon) Taylor; great-nieces, Josephine and Carsen Taylor; and special family member, Christopher Peters.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his uncle and aunt, Russell and Shirley Ward, who raised Michael and Sharon; and his grandparents, Vern and Esther Cook, Mark and Georgia Hodson, and George Kelly.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with services at 1 p.m., on Saturday, January 6, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Rev. Stanley R. Sutton will officiate. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Refuge Christian Church, 11772 196th St., Noblesville, IN 46060 (refugechristianchurch.org); or American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 681405, Indianapolis, IN 46268 (cancer.org/about-us/local/indiana.html).

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Boys Basketball



(Left) Hunter Walston scored 17 points for Noblesville during the Millers’ 56-55 overtime victory over Crown Point last Wednesday in the championship game of the Noblesville Invitational. (Right) TJ Davidson scored eight points for the Millers in the championship game.

Reporter photos by Richie Hall

Toughness, togetherness & maybe a little bit of luck

Noblesville gets first Holiday Tourney win in nine years

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

The Millers had to work for that victory, as they edged out Crown Point 56-55 in overtime last 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 a minute left.

But Crown 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



Brewer

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 McClelland.

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 stopped Crown Point’s final attempt. “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 of aspects tonight throughout the course of the game. It’s a game I think we’re going to learn a lot from down the season.”

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Girls Basketball

Millers give primer on winning at their first holiday tournament

By RICHIE HALL
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NOBLESVILLE – The Noblesville girls basketball team hosted its inaugural holiday tournament last Thursday, and the Millers wanted to be the first-ever winners.

Noblesville did just that, beating two good teams to claim the championship. The Millers beat Valparaiso 65-56 in their first game, then held off a tough, persistent effort from Fort Wayne Snider 57-51 in the championship contest.

“We were excited,” said senior Reagan Wilson. “First time ever hosting the tournament and we knew we couldn’t host the first one and not win it.”

Noblesville only trailed for a few seconds of the championship. The Panthers scored the first basket of the game before C.C. Quigley and Wilson made jump shots to lead 4-2. A putback from Snider’s Jordyn Poole tied the game, but Wilson nailed back-to-back 3-pointers and the Millers never trailed again.

Wilson scored 12 points in the first quarter, a big part of Noblesville leading 18-9 at the end of the period. She then hit another 3 to open the second quarter, giving the Millers their largest lead of the game at 21-9.

“Recently in practice we’ve just been harping on playing with confidence,” said Wilson. The Iowa



(Above left) Noblesville’s Reagan Wilson played an outstanding two games at the Millers’ inaugural Holiday Tournament last Thursday. Wilson scored 29 points in Noblesville’s morning win over Valparaiso, then poured in another 30 points in its championship victory against Fort Wayne Snider. (Above right) Millers coach Donna Buckley credited Ally Hutchinson with making some “huge plays” during the game.



Photos by Joshua Herd

State commit also said that the Noblesville teammates trusting each other was also important.

That trust came into play as Snider ramped up its pressure during the second half. The Millers led 30-23 at halftime, then both teams scored 12 points in the third quarter. Meredith Tippner scored eight points in that quarter. The Panthers went on a 9-0 run to cut the lead to 34-31 at one point, but sophomore Ally Hutchinson stopped it with two free throws.

“I thought Ally Hutchinson made some huge plays for us,” said Millers coach Donna Buckley. “Obviously, Reagan and Tipp did their thing and were awesome.”

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Girls Wrestling



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The Hamilton Southeastern girls wrestling team won the Crawfordsville regional last Saturday. The Royals also had 11 wrestlers finish in the top four of their weight classes, qualifying them for the Muncie Central semi-state on Friday.

Royals win first regional tourney

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern girls wrestling team won its first regional championship last Saturday at Crawfordsville.

The Royals scored 125 team points, comfortably ahead of runner-up North Montgomery’s 108 points. Southeastern had 11 wrestlers place in the top four, which qualifies them for Friday’s semi-state at Muncie Central.

Four HSE wrestlers won their weight classes. EJ Shults was the champion at 110 pounds; she was followed by Kiarra Churchill who won the 115-pound championship match with a second-period pin. Ava Shaw won at 155 pounds, also claiming the title with a second-period fall. Fanta Sall won the 235-pound class.

The Royals had four runners-up at the regional: Lilliana Rodriguez (at 105), Omana Jacob at 140, Jayda Harris at 145 and Kelli Crawford at 170. Marinelli Rodriguez took third at 120 pounds. Maria Mira took fourth at 125 pounds and Sam Broyles was fourth at 130.

Sheridan had six place winners, including four who finished the top four and advance to semi-state. The Blackhawks scored 56 points and finished fifth as a team.

Claudia Headlee won the 190-pound championship, pinning her finals opponent in the first period. Adrianna Hamersly was third at 125, while Devyn Pewarski took third at 130. Avery Hayden finished fourth at 145 to



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Sheridan’s Claudia Headlee won the 190-pound division at the Crawfordsville regional.

earn a spot at Muncie Central. The ‘Hawks had two fifth-place finishers: Jessa Dunbar at 125 and Eva Todd at 140.

Carmel took seventh as a team with 32 points. The Greyhounds advanced two to semi-state: Grace Sharp was third at 115 and Josie Bellotti took fourth at 170. Alisha Calcuttawala placed fifth at 145.

Noblesville finished as the team runner-up at the Pendleton Heights regional last Saturday.

The Millers scored 101 points, second only to the host Arabians’ 139 points. Noblesville advanced eight wrestlers to the Muncie Central semi-state, led by two champions.

Kyra Tomlinson won the 130-pound division, taking the championship match with a first-period fall. Evangeline Howard was the 140-pound winner, getting a second-period pin in her final match.

Ruth Tobar placed second at 235 pounds. The Millers had three third-place

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Boys Basketball

‘Blazers have split success at Lebanon Holiday Classic

The REPORTER

University’s boys split a pair of games last Friday to place seventh in the 2023 Lebanon Holiday Classic.

The Trailblazers dropped a 57-49 contest to Indianapolis Metropolitan in the morning session before storming back to beat Faith Christian 91-80 in the afternoon.

University used a 33-point second quarter to break open a close game against Faith Christian. Blake Gray led the way with 27 points for the Blazers while coming up with a team high seven steals and handing out six assists. Montgomery Holland had 20 points and five rebounds while Blake Gray had 19 points, including 15 in the decisive second quarter. Robert Russell gave the Blazers four in double figures with a 12-point game.

The Trailblazers jumped out to an early 6-2 lead against the Eagles behind three pointers from Russell and Bryce Gray. The Eagles scored the next nine points to take an 11-6 lead before Holland tied the game on a rebound basket and a three-point play. University turned up the pressure and Bryce Gray put the Blazers on top 13-11 scoring after Holland came up with a steal. Bryce Gray then had a steal of his own and converted it into another three-point play. Max McComb had a steal and fed Russell for a bucket to complete University’s 12-0 run in 100 seconds and an 18-11 lead. The Blazers led 20-15 after the first.

University led 25-23 two minutes into the second quarter before Blake Gray ignited a 14-2 spurt with a three pointer from the left corner. Faisal Mohamud had a steal that led to Blake Gray’s three-point play. Blake Gray added another three-pointer from the left corner before coming up with a steal and converting yet another three-point play. Jackson Bledsoe finished the run with a bucket following a McComb steal. Russell scored the last seven points of the first half including a buzzer-beating three-pointer to send University to the locker room with a 53-30 advantage.

University’s lead reached 65-37 midway through the third quarter and the Blazers led 69-48 at the end of the third. McComb and Bryce Gray each had six points in the period.

University led 78-53 with 5:15 left in the game before Faith Christian mounted a furious rally cutting the lead to 81-72 with 2:09 left but the Eagles were not able to get closer than seven points the rest of the way as University made enough free throws to secure the win.

The morning session saw the Blazers struggle to

convert shots, making just 1 of 15 three-point shots. The teams were tied at 15 after the opening period, but University scored just two points in the second quarter to fall behind 24-17 at halftime.

The Pumas extended their lead to 44-32 early in the fourth quarter. University began to chip away pulling with 44-40 on a pair of Bryce Gray free throws with 4:54 left. Metropolitan got the lead back to either before University came back again, cutting the lead to 49-46 with 2:11 left on a McComb steal and basket. That was as close as the Blazers would get as the Pumas went 9 for 12 at the foul line in the fourth quarter.

McComb and Bryce Gray led University in scoring with 11 points each. Holland had 10 points, 11 rebounds and three blocked shots.

University stands 4-6 on the season. The Blazers will host Seccina Thursday night at The U Center, then play Saturday at Covenant Christian.

Opening game

University’s boys opened play in the tournament last Thursday with a 93-72 loss to a strong Evansville North squad.

McComb led University with 25 points and Bryce Gray and Blake Gray each added 11.

The contest was played at a fast pace with the teams combining for 50 points in the opening quarter. North jumped out to an early 8-2 lead before Bryce Gray hit a three pointer for the Trailblazers. The Huskies led 15-8 before University climbed back in the game. Cooper Cammack scored off an assist from Russell and McComb scored on a tip-in to pull University within 15-12. Brayden Huebner scored on a rebound for North before Bryce Gray hit a pair of three pointers to give University their only lead of the game at 18-17 and force a Huskies timeout with 2:35 left.

The Blazers were within 23-22 with 43 seconds left in the quarter after a Blake Gray foul shot. Cayden Gelhausen scored with five seconds left before Huebner came up with a steal and beat the halftime buzzer with a three pointer for a 28-22 advantage after one.

Blake Gray made an early three in the second stanza before North scored the next seven points for a 35-25 lead and the Huskies led 49-34 at halftime.

The Huskies size advantage continued to wear on the Blazers in the second half and they controlled the game until the final whistle.

McComb and Holland led University with six rebounds. Bryce Gray handed out six assists.

while Ben Bremer made three 3s while scoring 12 points. Ryan Clevenger added 10 points and handed out four assists. Max Winders led the rebounds with six and Couto collected five.

The Greyhounds played another game last Friday, falling to Louisville Trinity 48-34. Carmel led 11-10 after one quarter, but Trinity outscored the ‘Hounds in the other three periods, leading 18-16 at halftime and 26-18 after three quarters.

Harrell led Carmel with 11 points and nine rebounds.

The Greyhounds are 3-7 and play at Marion Friday and at Westfield Saturday.

Carmel sees mixed results at Loggan Memorial Invite

The REPORTER

Carmel split a pair of games last week in the Paul Loggan Memorial Invitational at North Central.

In their first game, the Greyhounds beat Evansville Harrison 60-46 last Thursday. The Warriors led 21-19 after one quarter, but Carmel used a strong second quarter to go up 36-28 at halftime. The ‘Hounds outscored Harrison 16-10 in the fourth quarter to finish the game.

Carmel had a tremendous game from 3-point range, making 11 of 19 attempts. Alex Couto nailed four triples on his way to a team-leading 15 points,



The Fishers boys basketball team won its inaugural Holiday Tournament last week. The Tigers defeated Chesterton 74-42 in Friday's championship game to claim the title.

Tigers win their first ever Holiday Tourney, remain unbeaten for season

By RICHIE HALL
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FISHERS – The Fishers boys basketball team hosted its first ever Holiday Tournament last week, and the Tigers will get to keep the trophy in their own gym.

Fishers played superb basketball in all three of its games, culminating with a 74-42 win over Chesterton in last Friday’s night championship. The Tigers recovered from an opening jolt by the Trojans, then sped away in the third quarter thanks to their solid depth. All 11 Fishers players that took to the floor scored at least one point.

“We just got a really deep roster, so after a while they just start to wear down,” said Tigers senior Keenan Garner. “We got so many people that can come in and play for us, so after a while they start to get tired and we still have bodies we can rotate in.”

Chesterton had Fishers down 10-4 early in the first quarter, but the Tigers skipped off on a 15-0 run and never trailed again. Taden Metzger made the first of many 3-pointers to begin the spurt, and another one of his triples finished the run and gave Fishers a 19-10 lead. In between, Garner scored five points, JonAnthony Hall made a pair of free throws and Justin Kirby

was good on a layin.

The Trojans battled back in the second quarter, at one point scoring seven unanswered points. That’s when Jason Gardner Jr. asserted himself, scoring eight points in the period to keep his team ahead. Hall helped out with an early and-1. As a result, Fishers led 30-25 at halftime.

The Tigers blasted through the third quarter, scoring 27 points. Metzger got red hot during the period, throwing in four more triples. One of those 3s came with 4.8 seconds left in the half, and while he was being fouled; Metzger made the free throw to complete the rare four-point play.

“We all play well off each other and my teammates know when to give me the ball when I’m open, and I know when to make them,” said Metzger.

Fishers continued to roll through the fourth quarter, with a quick 6-0 run getting the Tigers ahead 63-33. Hall made a dunk, Millen McCartney scored with a layin and Cooper Zachary added two free throws.

“Having depth is really hard because everybody wants to play the whole game,” said Fishers coach Garrett Winegar. “You have to not only have depth but have great kids that are bought into what we’re do-



Fishers’ Keenan Garner (left) and Taden Metzger (right) were named the tournament Co-MVPs.

ing, and that’s what we have. No matter the minutes they got, they’re coming in and they’re making the most of those minutes.”

Metzger’s six 3s and free throw gave him 19 points, while Garner finished with 14. McCartney finished with 10 points, including a pair of second-half triples.

In their semifinal game, Fishers beat Portage 62-45. The Indians led the Tigers 13-9 after one quarter before Fishers came back to lead 26-22 at halftime. Metzger nailed two 3s in the second period, totaling nine points in the quarter. After a tight third quarter, Fishers ran away in the fourth, outscoring Portage 21-6.

Garner led with 18 points, while Metzger threw

in 3s on his way to 12 points. The two seniors were named Co-MVPs at the end of the tournament.

The Tigers blasted through Bloomington North 94-48 last Thursday to win their opener. Fishers led 22-15 after one quarter and 48-29 at halftime, then completely dominated the third period by outscoring the Panthers 29-6.

Seven Tigers players reached double figures in scoring. Justin Kirby had 17 points, while Garner scored 15. Zachary and Gardner Jr. each had 12 points, Metzger (who made three 3-pointers) and Nathan Baker both added 11 and Hall scored 10.

Fishers is now 11-0 for the season and hosts Pike Friday.

Football

What watching HSE wide receiver Donovan Hamilton’s tape told Purdue coach Ryan Walters

By ANDREW CHERNOFF
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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 (tinyurl.com/5ry8cp3c) 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.

“You look at his tape from his junior year to senior

year, there was a big jump, so what that tells me is he has a high work ethic and knows what he wants to do, and he knew what his limitations were,” Walters said. “So you watch his senior film, like there is no wonder that he got the accolades he did after the season he had. I’m looking at his tape at the end of the year and looking at some of the other guys we were recruiting and that might have been committed, and I’m like, man, this kid is right in our backyard and one of the best in the class.”

Hamilton earned the Indiana Mr. Football wide receiver position award for his performance during this past season.

“So we were looking in the 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 have him in our locker room?

So we decided to offer him a scholarship. Brought him up to campus on an official visit, so he got a glimpse of what we are 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 recruit, according to 247Sports (tinyurl.com/2ckmdpsn).

Walters added that he’s “excited that he’ll (Hamilton) be here (Purdue) and be in the summertime.”

TOUGH

Noblesville trailed 8-7 in the first quarter before going on an 8-0 run. Aiden Brewer, Fine and Hunter Walston all made baskets, then TJ Davidson made two free throws. Crown Point scored seven straight points to tie the game at 15-15, but Davidson finished the period 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 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.

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 after 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 before traveling to Muncie Central on Saturday.

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Boys Basketball



The Hamilton Southeastern boys basketball team won the Homestead Tournament last week. The Royals beat Munster in double overtime in the championship game last Thursday.

HSE gets tournament trophy after double-overtime nailbiter

The REPORTER

There's no basketball team in the state of Indiana that worked harder to win a holiday tournament this week than Hamilton Southeastern's boys team.

The Royals played four games in two days to claim the Homestead Tournament, which finished up last Thursday. Actually, Southeastern played a little more than four games, as it needed double overtime to win a 57-56 championship over Munster.

"It was a battle, that's for sure," said HSE coach John Ashworth.

In a game that featured 16 lead changes and nine ties, the Royals and the Mustangs were even at 43-43 at the end of regulation. Both teams scored seven points in the first overtime.

"We had some guys really step up," said Ashworth.

The coach had praise for Michael Griffith, who reached double-double status with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

"Michael Griffith had an excellent tournament," said Ashworth. "He does a little bit of everything."

So does Donovan Hamilton, who scored 19 points, grabbed seven rebounds and made two blocks. Ashworth said Hamilton was great in all three phases of the game, as he scored, "rebounded exceptionally well and did a good job on the defensive end, getting deflections and steals."

Totten finished with 12 points. Nate Orr and Kam Anthony both had five rebounds, with Orr dishing out five assists.

Pool games

Southeastern began the tournament with a perfect day last Wednesday, winning both of its games in Pool "A."

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 the second half, outscoring the Knights 42-18.

Orr scored 19 points for Southeastern, hitting all four of his 3-point attempts. Hamilton reached double-double status with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Griffith contributed 10 points and five rebounds, while Maverick Young hit three triples on his way to 11 points. Totten also drained three 3s, scoring nine points.

The Royals took on Valparaiso in their second game and won easily, 61-45. This time it was HSE that got off to the hot start, as they led 16-5 after one quarter. Southeastern led 28-12 at halftime and cruised through the second half.

Hamilton put together another double-double performance with 26 points and 12 rebounds, and also had seven steals and three assists. Orr added 16 points, going 6-for-6 at the free-throw line and making two 3s. Orr collected

six rebounds, with Griffith and Anthony both pulling five rebounds. Griffith scored seven points and Anthony had five points.

The Royals beat the tournament host Homestead 48-38 to finish pool play last Thursday. Southeastern led 28-14 at halftime, which allowed the Royals to weather a third-quarter run by the Spartans.

"They're always a tough opponent that's going to play a lower tempo," said Ashworth. "You have to be ready to grind those games out and I thought our kids did a great job of finding a way to win close games. Winning at Homestead is always difficult, so it was a good win for us to have to knuckle down and play a closer game and a tougher game."

Hamilton had 17 points, eight rebounds and five assists, with Totten adding 16 points.

The Royals are 7-3 and winners of their last five games. They play Friday at Lawrence Central and host Warren Central on Saturday.

Golden Eagles go 50/50 at Ray Furney Holiday Classic

The REPORTER

Guerin Catholic finished with a split decision in the Ray Furney Holiday Classic at Lawrenceburg last week.

The Golden Eagles began play in the tournament last Friday by winning both of its games in Pool "A," first beating Bethesda Christian 70-58. A strong first quarter propelled Guerin Catholic to a 26-17 lead, which the Golden Eagles extended to a 44-28 halftime advantage. Guerin Catholic kept its lead around that margin in the second half.

Four GC players reached double digits. Robert Sorensen scored 20 points, hitting four 3-pointers along the way. Bryson Cardinal scored 13 points, in addition to getting six rebounds and handing out five assists. Dylan Murans and Malcolm Houze both scored 12 points, with Murans collecting five rebounds.

Guerin Catholic beat host Lawrenceburg 53-33 in its second pool game. The Golden Eagles led from the start, going up 17-6 after one quarter. Guerin Catholic extended its lead to 35-17 by halftime.

Andy Caron scored 14

points, followed by Sorensen with 13. Cardinal had six rebounds with Sorensen grabbing five. Houze dished out four assists.

Those wins advanced Guerin Catholic to the semifinals of the tournament last Friday. The Golden Eagles dropped their semifinal to Newport (Ky.) 69-52. Newport outscored GC in each of the four quarters, leading 27-16 at halftime.

Sorensen scored 19 points to lead Guerin Catholic and also collected five rebounds. Cardinal led the rebounding with six.

In the third-place game, the Golden Eagles dropped a 65-59 contest to Whiteland. Guerin Catholic led 14-13 after one quarter and 30-28 at halftime, but the Warriors scored 21 points in the third quarter to take a 49-42 lead, then held on in the fourth period.

Sorensen finished that game with 26 points and seven rebounds; he was named to the All-Tournament Team. Cardinal reached double-double status with 13 points and 11 rebounds, while Murans scored 10 points.

The Golden Eagles are 9-4 and play at Bishop Chatard Friday in a Circle City Conference game.

Blackhawks hand Alexandria defeat, win one of two at Morristown Holiday Classic tournament

The REPORTER

Sheridan's boys jumped back into action after an 11-day break by playing three games in two days last week.

First, the Blackhawks traveled to Alexandria last Wednesday and came home with a 71-59 victory. The 'Hawks 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 the third quarter, but the Blackhawks still were up 55-48 at the end of the period. DeCraene scored six points. Sheridan outscored Alexandria 16-11 in the fourth, with Wright throwing in a pair of 3s.

Four different 'Hawks reached double figures in scoring, led by Winston's 17 points. Wright scored 16 (including four 3s), DeCraene added 13 and Trey Page scored 11, making two triples.

Sheridan played two

games at the Morristown Holiday Classic last Thursday.

First, the Blackhawks fell to Bishop Chatard 85-60. The Trojans jumped out to a 29-15 lead after one quarter and were up 44-31 at halftime. Chatard then poured in another 23 points in the third period.

Three Sheridan players reached double figures in scoring. Tyler Garner and Winston both had 12 points, while Caleb Wright scored 11. Carson Wright led the rebounds with five.

The 'Hawks came back to win their afternoon game, taking care of Monroe Central 55-48. The Golden Bears had Sheridan down 25-16 at halftime, but the Blackhawks controlled the second half, outscoring Monroe Central 39-21.

Garner and Winston again led the scoring, and the rebounding as well. Garner had 17 points and eight rebounds, while Winston contributed 10 points and six rebounds. DeCraene handed out eight assists and Page dished out four.

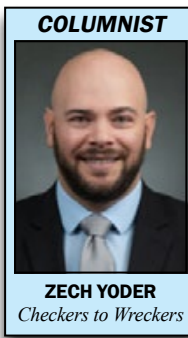
Sheridan is 5-4 and plays two Hoosier Heartland Conference games this week. The Blackhawks play at Tri-Central on Friday, then host Rossville on Saturday.

Can Shane van Gisbergen continue winning in NASCAR?

One of the biggest moments of the 2023 NASCAR season was Shane van Gisbergen's (SVG) shocking NASCAR Cup Series wins at the Chicago Street Race.

Prior to the Chicago Street Race, SVG had never been in a Cup car, and though it was generally acknowledged that SVG might be capable of running at the front in Chicago, very few believed he could actually win. His win at Chicago shook the Cup Series garage, and some drivers expressed embarrassment over the shellacking SVG put on the Cup Series regulars.

After the race, SVG, a three-time V-8 Supercar Champion, indicated that he was interested in racing in America. Shortly thereafter, rumors began spreading and by the end of the 2023 season, it was confirmed that SVG had signed with a development contract with Trackhouse Racing and would be running full-time in NASCAR for the 2024 season. In 2024, SVG will run the entire Xfinity Series schedule for Kaulig Racing as well as seven Cup Series



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racing with Trackhouse Racing: both Talladega races, Circuit of the Americas, the Spring Charlotte race, the Chicago Street Race, Watkins Glen, and the Fall race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

Trackhouse Racing is all in on SVG. As a brand, he is the biggest prospect in NASCAR since Chase Elliott entered the Truck Series in 2013. Sponsorship should not be an issue and we may see Red Bull re-enter NASCAR as SVG is a Red Bull athlete. The real question: what does success in America look like for SVG? Will he succeed in NASCAR?

At the outset, I believe it is important to contextualize his win in Chicago.

SVG had a massive tactical advantage. NASCAR had never competed on a street course; Chicago was the first. The Cup regulars had very little data or virtually no experience with racing on a street course.

Further, the weather played a significant factor. The race was delayed with heavy rains and the conditions of the track changed

from wet to dry throughout the duration of the race, circumstances that Cup drivers typically do not experience. These two factors played heavily into SVG's hand as he had experience with both street courses and wet to dry track conditions.

Finally, the NextGen car is similar to the V-8 Supercars SVG raced in Australia. I take nothing away from SVG, but he was put in the perfect position to achieve victory in Chicago, and he took full advantage, passing Justin Haley on a late restart.

To have success in NASCAR, SVG will need to master oval racing. In the past, few road racers found success in NASCAR. The last V-8 Supercar Champion to compete in NASCAR was Marcus Ambrose, who won two races (both at Watkins Glen) over seven years. To be fair to Ambrose, he was not in the best equipment, yet his performance on ovals with mediocre at best.

In the Xfinity Series, I do not anticipate that SVG will have immediate success. Though he does have some oval experience on dirt and has run sprint cars in Australia, he will be competing against drivers that have

competed on many more pavement ovals. This experience cannot be underestimated.

If Trackhouse takes its time with SVG and does not rush him into the Cup Series, I believe SVG will adapt and enjoy success in the Xfinity Series.

On the Cup side, SVG is in a strong position for the seven races he will run in 2024. Don't expect much from him at Charlotte or Las Vegas as these races are intended as learning experiences. However, I expect him to be fast at the road/street courses and Talladega. Again, he is in good equipment and has proven that he can beat the best on tracks he is used to running. I would not be shocked to see him win in the Cup Series this year.

So, what is the measure of success for SVG? I think a Cup Series Championship is a bit far-fetched but, given the inclusion of road races in the playoffs, a top-eight appearance is well within the realm of possibilities.

Only time will tell. He is in a great position to succeed.

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Heights finishes fifth at Ryder Realty Holiday Classic

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights split a pair of games on the first day of the Ryder Realty Holiday Classic at Switzerland County last Friday.

The Huskies dropped their first-round game to Christel House Academy 62-53. Heights led 17-15 after one quarter, but the Eagles came back to lead 33-24 at halftime. The Huskies made their own comeback in the third quarter to get within 43-40, but Christel

House scored 19 points in the fourth to clinch the win.

Sam Dawson made four 3-pointers on his way to 14 points. John Irion scored 12 points and pulled seven rebounds, while Tillman Etchison had 10 points and nine assists.

Heights rebounded in its consolation game, beating Trinity Lutheran 79-58. The Huskies led 44-30 at halftime and poured in another 25 points in the third quarter.

Etchison scored 22 points, followed by Dawson, who made another four 3s while scoring 18 points. Tyler Champion contributed 13 points. Dreydin Serna had seven rebounds, followed by five each for Carson Felger and Etchison. Phoenix Vondersaar dished out four assists.

Heights finished tournament play last Saturday by winning the fifth-place game 71-39 against Rising Sun. The Huskies outscored

the Shiners in each of the four quarters, leading 22-6 in the first quarter and 39-15 at halftime. Heights poured in another 24 points in the third period.

Eleven different players scored for the Huskies in the game. Champion was the leader with 18 points, while Rees Knapp contributed 13 points.

Heights is 5-6 and hosts Northwestern Friday in a Hoosier Conference East Division game.

finishers: Jordan Stevens at 120, Sophia Teitsman at 125 and Brooke Butler at 135. Tahira Gibson (at 125) and Eden Short (at 130) both placed fourth.

Hamilton Heights scored 65 points to tie for fifth as a team. The Huskies also had two champions and advanced five wrestlers to semi-state.

Kendall Moe was the winner at 100 pounds and Karma Collier was first at 190 pounds. Both wrestlers won their divisions with a first-period fall in the championship.

Aubrey Baber placed second at 115 pounds. Amelia Cordero-Ballenger was third at 170 and Morgan Moe finished fourth at 140.

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Girls Basketball

Huskies hit their stride, win twice at Huntington North Classic, now 15-2

The REPORTER
The Hamilton Heights girls basketball team picked up two solid wins last Saturday at the Huntington North Classic.
First, the Huskies beat Plymouth 59-24. Heights outscored the Pilgrims in all four quarters and never allowed them more than nine points in a period. The Huskies led 35-14 at halftime and ran away with the fourth quarter 9-2.
Camryn Runner scored 23 points, while Ella Hickok hit four 3-pointers on her

way to 14 points.
Heights kept the momentum going in its second game, sailing past Wawasee 52-26. The contest was tied at 9-9 after one quarter and the Huskies led 17-14 at halftime, but Heights dominated the second half, outscoring the Warriors 35-11.
Runner again led the scoring with 27 points, including 11 points in the third quarter. Hickok scored 10 points.
The Huskies are 15-2 and play Saturday afternoon at Westfield.

Southeastern has no trouble winning both games at Loggan Memorial Invitational

The REPORTER
Hamilton Southeastern's girls won both of their games in the Paul Loggan Memorial Invitational last week.
The Royals opened play last Thursday with a 59-41 win over Decatur Central. Southeastern led 18-9 after one quarter and 31-17 at halftime, then poured in another 17 points in the third period.
Maya Makalusky had a dominant game with 28 points (including three 3-pointers), six rebounds and four blocked shots. Kennedy Holman added 16 points and also collected six rebounds, dished out six assists and made four steals. Kayla Stidham handed out six assists and got three blocks, while Zoe Lawless had five rebounds.

The Royals returned to North Central last Friday and beat the Panthers 69-61. It was a back-and-forth game in the first half: Southeastern led 23-9 after one quarter, but North Central outscored the Royals 20-8 in the second period, cutting HSE's lead to 31-29 at halftime. The Royals put together another huge third quarter, scoring 27 points for a 58-42 lead and held on from there.
Makalusky earned a double-double of 27 points (including four 3s) and 11 rebounds. Holman had an outstanding game with 26 points, five assists and five steals. Van Hoesen pulled six rebounds.
Southeastern is 14-1 and hosts Warren Central on Thursday before traveling to Fort Wayne Carroll on Saturday.



Photo by Dwight Casler
Sheridan's Sadie Timme makes a shot during the Blackhawks' game with Alexandria during the championship game of the Alexandria Tournament last Thursday.

Sheridan places second in Alexandria Tournament

The REPORTER
The Sheridan girls basketball team finished second at the Alexandria Tournament last Thursday.
The Blackhawks won their semifinal game over Beech Grove 56-40. Sheridan led 14-8 after one quarter, then dominated the second period to take a 32-14 halftime lead. The Hornets cut into that advantage during the third quarter, but the 'Hawks led 42-30 going into the fourth and held on from there.
Kenzie Garner played an outstanding game, reaching double-double status with 26 points, 10 rebounds, five steals and four assists. Cecilia Timme added 16 points; both Cecilia Timme

and Sadie Timme collected seven rebounds each.
Sheridan fell to the host Tigers 54-37 in the championship. The 'Hawks gave Alexandria a battle, coming back from a 16-13 deficit in the first quarter to lead 28-27 at halftime. Kenzie Garner had eight points in the second period. But the Tigers' defense took over after that, allowing Sheridan just nine points in the second half.
Kenzie Garner had 14 points and nine rebounds, followed by six rebounds for Cecilia Timme.
Sheridan is 11-3 and plays Tuesday at Crawfordsville and Thursday at Tri-Central in a Hoosier Heartland Conference game.



(Above left) University's Keira Bright (3) scored 17 points for the Trailblazers during their win at Guerin Catholic last Thursday. Pictured at left is Caroline Ford (34), who scored 12 points for the Golden Eagles. (Above right) Guerin Catholic's Emery Cardinal scored six points.

'Blazers get moving quickly in win over Golden Eagles

The REPORTER
University defeated Guerin Catholic 56-45 in an all-county girls contest last Thursday afternoon at the Eagles Nest.
The Trailblazers used an 18-0 run in the second quarter to take a 30-15 halftime lead and led by double digits throughout the second half.
The Trailblazers had three players in double figures with senior Keira Bright leading the way with 17. Sophomore Leah Norvell had 15 points and sophomore Charlotte Conyers added 13. Freshman Caroline Ford had 12 to lead the Golden Eagles.
University jumped out to a 10-2 lead in the game behind two three pointers from Norvell, a Mack Feeney bucket and a steal and

lay-in by Bright. The Blazers led 12-7 at the end of the opening period.
Kori Dues hit two three pointers from the right corner in the first minute of the second quarter to put Guerin Catholic on top 13-12. Norvell answered with a lay-in to regain the lead for University and the Trailblazers never trailed again. Conyers continued the run with a steal and lay-in before Bright made a three from the left corner. Conyers scored on a rebound and Anyah Turley put University up 23-13 with 4:05 left in the half.
Conyers went coast to coast for a 25-13 lead forcing a GC timeout. Conyers made a three pointer and Feeney scored off a nice assist for a 30-13 lead with

1:33 left. Emery Cardinal added a basket for the Golden Eagles with two seconds left in the half to end their scoring drought.
Annie Murphy opened the second half with a three pointer from the right corner for Guerin Catholic before University scored the next seven when Bright scored off an inbound play, Norvell made a triple and Bright scored again for a 37-18 lead. University led 43-24 at the end of three on a driving bucket by Norvell.
Guerin Catholic chipped away throughout the fourth quarter, getting within 49-38 with 1:11 left on another Murphy three pointer. The Eagles were called for a technical foul for reaching across the baseline on the inbound. Bright made the en-

suing foul shots and added two more charity tosses five seconds later to put the lead back to 15 and the Blazers closed out the win.
Feeney stuffed the stat sheet for University finishing with 10 rebounds, seven steals, six assists, five blocked shots and five points. Norvell had nine rebounds and four assists. Conyers had seven rebounds and Bright four assists.
Dues and Murphy each had 10 points for GC.
University improved to 7-6 on the season and will travel to Western on Tuesday and Covenant Christian on Saturday. Guerin Catholic falls to 6-9 and will host Park Tudor Wednesday before playing a Circle City Conference game Friday at Bishop Chatard.

Shamrocks cruise past Elkhart, take third place at Lawrence North tourney

The REPORTER
Westfield finished third at the Lawrence North Tournament last Saturday.
The Shamrocks dropped their opening game to the host Wildcats 59-42. Westfield led 23-21 at halftime, but LN took over in the second half, outscoring the 'Rocks 38-19.
Reagan Lorenzen led Westfield with 14 points, scoring in each quarter. Ellie Kelleher added 11 points and Lindsey Van Dyke scored nine.
The 'Rocks won the third-place game by cruising past Elkhart 50-32. Van Dyke scored 10 points in the victory, while Kelleher contributed nine points and Aubrey Crockett scored eight. Nine different Westfield players scored.
"Every Lady Rock contributed in the victory with valuable minutes and energy from the entire bench," said Westfield coach Kelsey Steele. "Madeline



Photos by Joshua Herd
(Left) Reagan Lorenzen had 14 points for the Shamrocks in their game against the host Wildcats. (Right) Lindsey Van Dyke scored 10 points for Westfield in its win over Elkhart last Saturday in the third-place game of the Lawrence North Tournament.

Linville provided a great spark in the second half scoring a couple of buckets

down the stretch."
The Shamrocks are 11-5 and play at Bishop Chatard

on Wednesday, then host Hamilton Heights Saturday afternoon.

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Buckley was happy to see the younger players step up, noting that some of them were inexperienced coming into the season. But now it seems they are finding their way, and getting increased responsibility, especially since the team's third-leading scorer, Ava Shoemaker, is currently out with an injury.
"It's fun to see all of it come together," said Buckley. "Even without Ava, not

having her for four games has been a challenge, but to go out and do the things we did without her has been good. I'm looking forward to getting her back."
Snider continued to press in the fourth period, but Noblesville used bold and precise passing in that quarter to run down the clock and stay ahead. A layin by Tia Phenizy got the Panthers within 50-46, but Tippner answered

that with a jumper. Wilson stepped up from the free-throw line during the game's final minute, making all four attempts, and helped out on defense with a steal.
Wilson finished the game with 30 points, while Tippner scored 18 points. Quigley collected 10 rebounds and Tippner pulled nine. Tippner also dished out five assists and Quigley blocked two shots.

In the morning game, Noblesville led Valparaiso 15-6 after one quarter, and kept its lead around that margin for the remaining three quarters. Wilson totaled 29 points, with Tippner getting a double-double of 20 points and 12 rebounds, in addition to six assists and five steals. Quigley blocked two shots.
The Millers are 9-7 and play Saturday, Jan. 6 at Cathedral.

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Boys Wrestling

Millers win at North Montgomery Holiday Duals, HSE's Lang reaches 100th career victory

The REPORTER

The Noblesville boys wrestling team won the individual portion of the North Montgomery Holiday Duals, which took place last Saturday.

The Millers scored 178.5 team points and had nine place winners, including four runners-up: Josh Kauzlick at 126 pounds, Luke Chastain at 138, Gage Guley at 175 and Austin Hastings at 285. Cody Prater (106), Caleb Leeman (150) and Carter Richardson (165) all finished in third place. Cale Metzler took fourth at 215 and Evan Nicholls was fifth at 144.

Hamilton Heights was third in the individual tournament with 151.5 points. The Huskies had two champions among their eight place winners. Isaac Kuhn was the winner at 132 pounds, while Carson Fettig took first at 157.

Heights had three runners-up: Cooper Doucette at 113, Simon Kuhn at 150 and Michael Cain at 165. Rounding out the place winners were Jaylyn Pugh (fourth at 144), Alex Furst (fifth at 138) and Joey Sigler (sixth at 190).

Noblesville finished as team runner-up last Friday in that portion of the North Montgomery Holiday Duals.

The Millers reached the finals by going unbeaten in their pool, defeating Cen-

terville 70-12, North Montgomery 67-10 and Alexandria 56-22. Noblesville beat Rensselaer Central 39-32 in a tough semifinal, then lost in the championship match to New Haven 39-30.

The Millers had six unbeaten wrestlers for the tournament: Kauzlick at 126 pounds, Chastain at 138, Aidan Kincaide at 157, Richardson at 165/175, Guley at 175/190 and Hastings at 285.

Hamilton Heights placed fifth at the North Montgomery Duals. The Huskies were 2-1 in pool action, beating Greencastle 51-27 and Hanover Central 47-30 before falling to Harrison 45-34. Heights beat North Central 48-29 in the consolation semifinal, then got past Pendleton Heights 38-31 in the fifth-place match.

Four Huskies finished the day unbeaten: Doucette at 113/120, Isaac Kuhn at 132, Simon Kuhn at 150 and Fettig at 157.

Fishers placed fourth out of 31 teams at the Connersville Spartan Classic, which took place last Thursday and Friday.

The Tigers scored 193.5 team points. Other teams in the top four were champion Greenfield-Central (266), runner-up New Palestine (222) and third-place East Noble (221).

Fishers had one individual champion: Xavier Smith at 165 pounds. Smith won



Photos provided

(Left) Hamilton Southeastern's Zach Lang celebrated after winning his 100th career match while competing in the Mooresville Holiday Classic last Friday. Lang finished as the Mooresville champion at 157 pounds. (Right) Sheridan's Ryker Ream pins his opponent during the Eastern Classic last week. Ream had the Blackhawks' best record of the tournament, going 8-1 at 165 pounds.

his first two matches by fall, then beat Bishop Chatard's Kade Rickard by a 9-4 decision in the quarterfinals. Smith accelerated to the finish line, beating Greenfield's Mason Thompson in the semifinals with a 14-5 major decision, then cruised to victory in the championship bout with an 18-2 technical fall over East Noble's Dallas Plattner.

Other Tigers place winners were Chayce Yant (third at 126), Diego Carabano (fourth at 175), Owen Ingalls (fifth at 120), Teyon Leonard (fifth at 138), Will Hruskoci (sixth at 113), Stephen Breck (sixth at 150), Seth Lamb (eighth at 106) and Julian Burgett (eighth at 190).

Sheridan placed fourth out of 10 teams at the Eastern Classic, which took place last Friday and Saturday.

The Blackhawks wrestled in nine dual meets and finished with a 5-4 record. Sheridan beat Clinton Prairie 54-24, Fremont 45-18, Madison-Grant 42-21, Carroll 60-18 and Eastbrook 39-19. The Blackhawks lost to Northfield 59-24, Tri-Central 51-24, Eastern 39-30 and Tipton 60-24.

Ryker Ream was the Blackhawks' top finisher with an 8-1 record at 165 pounds. Eli Bales (at 157) and Zach Bales (at 175) both compiled 7-2 records while Alex Cravens was 6-3 at 150 pounds.

Three Hamilton County teams participated in the 52nd Boys Mooresville Holiday Classic last Friday and Saturday.

Hamilton Southeastern had the highest finish of county teams, placing sixth. The Royals had an individual champion in 157-pounder Zach Lang, who claimed his 100th career victory during the tournament. Lang went 5-0 to finish first, beating Carmel's Jairo Ojeda-Cortes in the final with a 7-1 decision.

Three other Southeastern wrestlers placed third in their classes: Nick Anderson at 126, Chris Casler at 144 and Evan Lawhead at 215. Matt Billet was fifth at 138. Carmel placed ninth as a team. Ojeda-Cortes

had the best result of the Greyhounds' seven place winners by finishing as the 157-pound runner-up. Also placing in the top eight were Caleb Mattingly (fifth at 132), Jackson Schmidt (sixth at 150), Adel Navarrete (sixth at 190), Carlo Federici (seventh at 106), Tamir Halevi (eighth at 113) and Alex Ryan (eighth at 175).

Guerin Catholic's Peter Nguyen was the runner-up at 126 pounds.

Westfield had two place winners at the Al Smith Classic, which took place last Friday and Saturday at Mishawaka.

Jake Saez finished seventh at 138 pounds, while Porter Temples was eighth at 120 pounds.



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Swimming

Carmel drains hopes of opponents at triple meet

By **RICHIE HALL**
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CARMEL – There was some nostalgia in the air during the Carmel swim team’s three-team meet with Zionsville and Homestead last 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, which starts on Feb. 1.

GIRLS MEET

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

Tiger boys win their division at North Central Panther Invitational, girls team places second

The REPORTER

The Fishers swim teams competed in the North Central Panther Invitational last 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 “A” (Avery Hannon, Avery Stein, Emily Wolf, Emma Schwertfeger) 1:48.01, 7. Fishers “B” (Sophie Blue, CJ Piotrowski, Mia 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.



Reporter photos by **Richie Hall**

(Top) Carmel’s Lewis Zhang checks his time after the boys 100 freestyle race at the Greyhounds’ meet with Zionsville and Homestead last Wednesday. Zhang had earlier won the 200 free. (Above) Alyssa Street competed in the girls breaststroke at the meet.

200 medley relay: 1. 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 Czarniecki 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. Mad-dy 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.

500 freestyle: 1. Czarniecki 5:11.16.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Carmel “A” (Lathrop, Floyd, Czarniecki, 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.

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 Moller 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.

100 breaststroke: 1. 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.

Fishers “A” (Koo, Herbert, Hines, Hu. Lee) 1:29.82, 5. Fishers “B” (Harvey, Upshaw, Ha. Lee, Qualls) 1:34.65, 9. Fishers “C” (Bluvshiteyn, McCoy, 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. Herbert 1:06.11, 7. Bluvshiteyn 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, Bluvshiteyn) 3:46.82.

—ARCADIA—

**Town of Arcadia
2024 Meeting Dates**
Arcadia Town Council Meetings for 2024 are held on the 1st and 3rd Monday's starting at 7 p.m. unless stated otherwise:
January 22nd 6 p.m.
February 5th
March 4th
March 18th
April 1st
April 15th
May 6th
May 20th
June 3rd
June 17th
July 1st
July 15th
August 5th
August 19th
September 16th
October 7th
October 21st
November 4th
November 18th
December 2nd
December 16th
Plan Commission meetings start at 7 p.m. unless stated otherwise:
January 22nd
April 8th
July 8th
October 14th
BZA meeting start at 6 p.m., they met in January and then after that on a needed basis:
January 8th 6 p.m.
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—COURT NOTICES—

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 1)
) SS:)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) CAUSE NO.: 29D01-2312-AD-001650)
IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF)
HAYLEY LAUREN BARNES, MINOR)

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The grandparents of Hayley Lauren Barnes, born on March 11, 2006, are notified that a petition for adoption of the child was filed in the office of the clerk of Hamilton Superior Court 1, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. This notice complies with Indiana Code 31-19-2.5(a)(3) and Indiana Code 31-19-4.5-1.5 but does not exhaustively set forth a person’s legal obligations under the Indiana adoption statutes. The grandparents of the child are being served with this notice because their rights to visitation may be impacted by the adoption. This notice is limited to the issue of grandparent visitation and may not be used to contest the adoption. If a grandparent desires to file for visitation, such action must be filed in the above-named court within fifteen (15) days. If a grandparent fails to timely file for visitation, the above-named court will hear and determine the Petition for Adoption and the grandparent will be precluded from subsequently pursuing a grandparent visitation case for the child. A person being served with this notice should consult the Indiana adoption and grandparent visitation statutes.

Kathy Kream Williams,
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court 1

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R3599

1/1/24, 1/8/24, 1/15/24

—FISHERS—

NOTICE

According to the lease by and between #4032: Antwan Alexander and TKG-StorageMart and its related parties, assigns and affiliates in order to perfect the Lien on the goods contained in their storage unit. The Manager has cut the lock on their unit and upon cursory inspection the unit was found to contain: King mattress and box spring, dining set, boxes, clothes, misc. items. Items will be sold online at www.storage treasures.com or otherwise disposed of on February 5th, 2024 at 11:00am, at the location listed below to satisfy owner’s lien in accordance with state statutes. StorageMart @0372 at 10415 Allisonville Rd. Fishers, IN, 46038 phone 317.558.9571 option 2.

R3595

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—WESTFIELD—

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the City of Westfield, Hamilton County, Indiana, that the City Council at their regular meeting place at Westfield City Hall at 130 Penn Street, in Westfield, IN at 7:00 PM, on the 8th day of January, 2024, will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year.

0101	General Fund	
	Major Budget Classification:	
	Services and Charges	\$3,223,127
	TOTAL for General Fund	\$3,223,127

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF). The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a certified copy of the action taken.

R3596

12/29/23, 1/1/24

LEGAL NOTICE OF EVIDENTIARY HEARING
INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION CAUSE NO. 45969
VERIFIED PETITION OF CITIZENS WASTEWATER OF WESTFIELD, LLC FOR ALL NECESSARY AUTHORITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE
ISSUANCE OF LONG-TERM DEBT SECURITIES IN AN AGGREGATE
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000,000

Notice is hereby given that the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission will conduct a public Evidentiary Hearing in the above-captioned Cause in Room 224 of the PNC Center, 101 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, commencing at 10:00 AM on January 23, 2024. This hearing is open to the public.

If an accommodation is required to allow an individual with a disability to participate, please contact the Office of the Executive Secretary of the IURC at 317.232.2701 or TDD 317. 232.8556 at least 48 hours in advance.

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
317.232.2701
BY: IURC – Kehinde Akinro, ALJ

DATE: December 22, 2023

R3597

1/1/24

LEGAL NOTICE OF EVIDENTIARY HEARING
INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION CAUSE NO. 45968
VERIFIED PETITION OF CITIZENS WATER OF WESTFIELD, LLC FOR ALL NECESSARY AUTHORITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE
ISSUANCE OF LONG-TERM DEBT SECURITIES IN AN AGGREGATE
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000,000

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INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
317.232.2701
BY: IURC – Kehinde Akinro, ALJ

DATE: December 22, 2023

R3598

1/1/24

—COUNTY—

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

Date: Tuesday, January 9, 2024
Address: 20739 CO-392, Greeley, CO 80631
Time: 11:30 AM Local Time

By virtue of default by
Five Rivers Leasing Inc
(Individually and collectively “Client”), under a Negotiable Promissory Note and Security Agreement(s), Security Agreement(s) Promissory Note(s), Lease Agreement(s) and related documents dated December 9, 2022 & May 26, 2021, payable to Commercial Credit Group Inc. (“CCG”), which obligation is secured by the property described below (the “Equipment”), CCG will sell at Public Auction, to the highest bidder, AS-IS, WHERE-IS, WITHOUT ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES, EXPRESS, IMPLIED OR STATUTORY, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR ANY WARRANTY OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, all of its right, title and interest to the following Equipment:

(1) 2021 Wabash DVHDHPC dry van trailer- s/n 1JJV532D3ML285250
(1) 2023 Kenworth T680NG Sleeper Tractor- s/n 1XKYD49X3JP267074

Terms:
Successful bidder must pay 25% of purchase price at time of sale via cash, certified or acceptable bank check, with the balance payable in good funds on the next business day, unless:

1. The bidder has pre-qualified by presenting CCG with a written non-contingent, lending commitment from a source and in a form acceptable to CCG in its sole discretion, in which case we will entertain bids up to the amount of such written commitment; or
2. The bidder has obtained from CCG written credit approval in advance of the scheduled public sale.

CCG reserves the right to bid at the sale. Contact Herb Orengo at (630) 718-4684 for additional information or to arrange an inspection of the Equipment.

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1/1/24, 1/8/24

—NOBLESVILLE—

NOTICE 7020 0640 0001 5082 7941

Date: 12/29/2023
To: Five Rivers Leasing, Inc.
14701 Cumberland Road- Suite 120
Noblesville, IN 46060

From:
Commercial Credit Group Inc. (“CCG”)
2135 City Gate Lane, Suite 440
Naperville, Illinois 60563

Name of Debtor(s):
Five Rivers Leasing Inc
(individually and collectively Debtor/Maker/Lessee the “Customer”)
RE: Negotiable Promissory Note and Security Agreement(s), Security Agreement(s), Promissory Note(s), Lease Agreement(s) and related documents dated December 28, 2021; May 26, 2021; December 07, 2021 and August 05, 2021 between the Customer and Commercial Credit Group Inc. as Secured Party / Holder / Lessor (“CCG”)
COLLATERAL:
(1) 2022 Wabash Dry Van Trailer- s/n 1JJV532D3NL323464
(1) 2022 Wabash DVHDHPC Dry Van Trailer- s/n 1JJV532DXNL323509
(1) 2016 Freightliner Cascadia Sleeper Tractor- s/n 1FUJGLD52GLGY2777
(1) 2022 Kenworth T680 Sleeper Tractor- s/n 1XKYD49X2NJ156657

We will sell all of our right, title and interest in and to the Collateral to the highest qualified bidder in public as follows:
Day and Date of Sale: Tuesday, January 9, 2024
Time: 11:30 AM Local Time
Place: TR Truck Sales
420 SR 39 Bypass
Martinsville, IN 46151

Terms:
(a) 25% of purchase price payable by certified or cashier’s check at the time of sale, with the balance payable in good funds by noon on the following business day, unless
(b) the bidder has pre-qualified by presenting CCG with a commitment for funding from a source and in a form acceptable to CCG in our sole discretion, in which case CCG will entertain bids up to the amount of such commitment, or
(c) the bidder has obtained credit approval from CCG in advance of the sale date.

All Debtor(s) and Guarantors are entitled to an accounting of the unpaid indebtedness secured by the property that we intend to sell for a charge of \$25.00. You may request an accounting by calling Herb Orengo at (630) 718-4684. CCG reserves the right to bid at the sale. Please contact the undersigned for additional description or to make inspection arrangements.

Sincerely,
Commercial Credit Group Inc.
By: Herb Orengo- Portfolio Manager
R3601

1/1/24, 1/8/24

— COURT NOTICES —

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 1)
) SS: CAUSE NO.: 29D01-2312-JT-1584
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
In the Matter of the Termination of the)
Parent-Child Relationship of INFANT)
FEMALE BEECH GROVE EMS,)
A SAFE HAVEN INFANT)
NOTICE TO UNNAMED PARENT
The unnamed putative parent of a female infant that was voluntarily surrendered on December 6, 2023, in Marion County, Indiana, and born on approximately November 1, 2023, or the person who claims to be a parent of the infant, is notified that a petition to terminate the parent-child relationship was filed in the office of the clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court 1, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060.
If the unnamed putative parent seeks to contest the petition to terminate the parent-child relationship of the infant, the unnamed putative parent must file a motion to contest the petition in accordance with IC 31-35-1.5-8 in the above named court within twenty-eight (28) days after the date of service of this notice. This notice may be served by publication.
If the unnamed putative parent does not file a motion to contest the adoption within twenty-eight (28) days after service of this notice, the above named court shall hear and determine the petition to terminate the parent-child relationship. The unnamed putative parent's consent is irrevocably implied and the unnamed putative parent loses the right to contest the petition to terminate the parent-child relationship or the validity of the unnamed putative parent's implied consent to the termination of the parent-child relationship. The unnamed putative parent loses the right to establish a biological relationship with the child in Indiana or any other jurisdiction.
Nothing anyone else says to the unnamed putative parent of the infant relieves the unnamed putative parent of his or her obligations under this notice.
Under Indiana law, a putative parent is a person who claims that he or she may be the father or mother of an infant who has been voluntarily surrendered but who has not yet been legally proven to be the child's father or mother.
This notice complies with IC 31-35-1.5-5 but does not exhaustively set forth the unnamed putative parent's legal obligations under the Indiana adoption statutes. A person being served with this notice should consult the Indiana adoption statutes."
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R3545 12/18/23, 12/25/23, 1/1/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2311-MI-010981)
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF)
MINOR:)
Madison Milan Pippins)
Name of Minor)
Shayla Humbles Irby)
Petitioner)
**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR)
CHANGE OF NAME**
Notice is hereby given that)
Petitioner, Shayla Humbles Irby,)
as a self-represented litigant filed a)
Verified Petition for Change of Name)
on November 18, 2023 to change the)
name of Madison Milan Pippins to)
Madison Milan Humbles.)
The Petition is schedule for hearing)
in the Hamilton Circuit Court, Room)
337 Court on April 12, 2024, at)
10:00 am which is more than thirty)
(30) days after the third notice of)
publication. Any person has the right)
to appear at the hearing and to file)
written objections on or before the)
hearing date.
Date: 11/18/2023
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk
R3547 12/18/23, 12/25/23, 1/1/24

29D01-2312-EU-000548
Sarah J. Randall, #26898-29
Church Church Hittle + Antrim
Two North Ninth Street
Noblesville, IN 46060
(317)773-2190; FAX (317) 773-5320
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Alice A. Bell was, on December 13, 2023, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of HENRY B. BELL, deceased, who died October 26, 2023.
All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana on December 13, 2023.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana
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29D03-2312-EU-000561
CHARLES R. GRAHN
CLARK, QUINN, MOSES, SCOTT & GRAHN, LLP ATTORNEYS AT LAW
320 NORTH MERIDIAN STREET, SUITE 1100
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204-2011
NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KATHRYN LOUISE CAMERON
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 15th , 2023, Michael S. Cameron was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Kathryn Louise Cameron, deceased, who died on the 2nd day of December, 2023. Such estate will be administered without court supervision.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated: December 15th, 2023 at Noblesville, Indiana.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court
R3569 12/25/23, 1/1/24

29D01-2311-EU-000530
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT 2)
CAUSE NO: 29D02-2311-ES-000504)
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
SUPERVISED ESTATE OF)
SANDRA RUTH HIGGINS,)
DECEASED.)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that ROBERT HIGGINS, was, on November 2, 2023, appointed personal representative of the estate of Sandra Ruth Higgins, deceased, who died on July 21, 2023.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated November 2, 2023.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of Superior Court for Hamilton County, Indiana
R3579 12/25/23, 1/1/24

29D03-2307-EU-000347
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
ESTATE NO. 29D03-2307-EU-000347
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JERRY L. MCCLINTOCK, DECEASED
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
Notice is hereby given that Ean McClintock was, on July 20, 2023 appointed personal representative of the estate of Jerry L. McClintock, deceased, who died on July 9, 2023.
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the same in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on July 20, 2023.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton County Superior Court, Indiana
Attorney for Estate
Ardeth Wilson
Wilson Law, LLC
932 Meridian Street
Anderson, Indiana 46016-1748
R3566 12/25/23, 1/1/24

29D01-2312-EU-000564
Sarah J. Randall, #26898-29
Church Church Hittle + Antrim
Two North Ninth Street
Noblesville, IN 46060
(317)773-2190; FAX (317) 773-5320
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Ellen Schminlc was, on December 19, 2023 appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of REBA MEZZANO, deceased, who died November 21, 2023.
All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will he forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana on December 19, 2023.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana
R3568 12/25/23, 1/1/24

29D02-2312-EU-000556
STATE OF INDIANA)
) IN THE HAMILTON)
) SUPERIOR COURT)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN RE THE UNSUPERVISED)
ESTATE OF)
GEORGE JACK SMOOT, Deceased.)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that on December 14, 2023, Sheryl J. Hill was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of George Jack Smoot, deceased, who died on November 27, 2023.
All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months from the date of Decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on December 14, 2023.
Kathy Kreag Williams
CLERK, Hamilton Superior Court
Jeanette C. Kassebaum
Attorney
P.O. Box 221
11614 Maple Street
Fishers, IN 46038
(317) 578-4550
R3578 12/25/23, 1/1/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
CASE NO. 29C01-2312-MI-11714)
INRENAME CHANGE OF NAME)
OF MINOR:)
WYATT WILLIAM HORNER)
NOTICE OF HEARING
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner EMILIA ANNE SEABOURNE filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name of Minor to change his name from WYATT WILLIAM HORNER to WYATT WILLIAM SEABOURNE.
The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on March 8, 2024 at 10:00 am, which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. The parties shall report to One Hamilton County Square, Suite 337, Noblesville, IN 46060.
Date: December 15, 2023
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of Hamilton County
R3587 12/25/23, 1/1/23, 1/8/24

— WESTFIELD —

PUBLIC NOTICE
Request for Proposal / Qualifications ("RFQP"). In accordance with IC 5-23-5, the City of Westfield, Indiana ("City"), invites any and all qualified parties to submit a statement of qualifications and a proposal, to develop, construct, and furnish the new Westfield Fire Department Station #84 project ("WFD Station #84 Project"), in Westfield, Indiana. The RFQP will be available on or after December 27, 2024, at the City of Westfield or can be obtained by emailing Deputy Chief James Roberts at jroberts@westfield.in.gov. or the City's Owner's Representative, Ken Alexander, at ken.alexander@braviseservices.com. Selection criteria and RFQP instructions are thoroughly defined in the RFQP. A schematic estimate is requested with the response packet but only to understand the capacity of the responder's preconstruction abilities. Responses are to be delivered in person or electronically by 10:00 am EST on January 18, 2024, to be considered. All responses will be reviewed thoroughly and scored fairly in accordance with Indiana Code. Additional information and a packet outlining submittal requirements will be available at the City of Westfield and may be requested.
R3564 12/25/23, 1/1/24

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed proposals for **Simon Moon Park - Phase One** will be received by the City of Westfield, Indiana, at the Westfield Public Works Building, 2706 E. 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana, 46074 until **2:00 p.m.**, local time, on **Tuesday, January 30, 2024**. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received later than the above time and date will be returned unopened. No conditional bids will be considered.
Project generally includes site grading and pond construction, HMA paving, sidewalks, aggregate trails, concrete boardwalks on helical piles, stormwater and ecological treatment system utilities, electric service, planting, and other site improvements, amenities, and furnishings.
Bids shall be properly and completely executed on the Proposal Form obtainable at the office of the Owner. Each bid shall be accompanied by Form 96 Contractor's Bid for Public Works, including Non-Collusion Affidavit as prescribed by the State Board of Accounts, completely filled out, signed, and notarized as required by the statutes of the State of Indiana, Section III of Part II of Form 96 titled "Contractor's Financial Statement," and acceptable bid security. The bid security shall be a certified check made payable to the Owner or satisfactory bond by an incorporated surety company in good standing and qualified to do business in the State of Indiana in an amount equal to 5% of the bid, said deposit being for the purpose of ensuring the execution of the contract for which bid is made. Any bid not accompanied by the above required items shall be deemed to be a non-responsive bid by the Owner.
No consideration for escalation on prices can be considered; therefore, contractors are advised to not include any such escalation clauses in their proposal for this project.
The Contractors to whom work is awarded shall be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price, and they shall be acceptable to the City of Westfield, Indiana.
No bidder may withdraw their proposal within a period of 60 days following the date set for receiving bids. The City of Westfield, Indiana reserves the right to retain the three lowest bid proposals for a period of not more than 90 days, and said proposal shall remain in full force and effect during said time. The City of Westfield, Indiana further reserves the right to waive informalities and to award the contract to the lowest and most responsible bidder or bidders, all to the advantage of the City of Westfield, Indiana, or to reject all Proposals.
The Contract Documents and drawings will be available to all interested parties from: Repro Graphix, 437 North Illinois Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or at eplanroom.reprographix.com.
Please direct all questions regarding this project to Chris McConnell, City of Westfield, Department of Public Works, 2706 E. 171st Street, Westfield, IN 46074, (317) 473-2917, cmcconnell@westfield.in.gov
By: Chris McConnell, City of Westfield
R3577 1/1/24, 1/8/24

— COUNTY —

LEPC LEGAL NOTICE
The Hamilton County Local Emergency Planning Committee will hold its meetings for the year 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Hamilton County EOC on the following dates: February 22, April 25, September 26, and November 14, and at such other times as shall be duly authorized by act of the committee or its chair. All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Follow-up emergency notices may be issued.
The Hamilton County Emergency Plan for Hazardous Materials Incidents, facility MSDS sheets, and chemical reports may be reviewed during regular business hours at the offices of the Hamilton County Emergency Management, 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN. Copies of documents may be obtained at these offices, and the committee may charge a fee for copying. For further information, please contact Pam Eldridge at (317) 770-3381.
R3582 1/1/24, 1/8/24, 1/15/24

NOTICE
Project: Hamilton County Special Projects 2024 Bid Package 1 - Generator at Community Corrections
Scope of work: Furnish and Installation of 800kW generator, relocating existing generator for temp usage then remove, installation of new generator pad.
Contractor Bids: Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, Indiana, during its January 8, 2024 regularly scheduled meeting will receive sealed bids for items as listed below. These sealed bids must be forwarded by registered mail or delivered in person to the Hamilton County Auditor, located in the basement of the historic courthouse at 33 North 9th Street, Suite L21, Noblesville, Indiana 46060 prior to 12:30 p.m. on January 8th, 2024. After 12:30 p.m. bids may be delivered to the Commissioners' Courtroom up to the time of the noticed bid opening. All bids will be opened and read aloud beginning on or after at 1:45 p.m. on Monday, January 8th, 2024.
Project Information: To request project documents (drawings, scope of work, etc.), please email HamiltonCountyBids@skender.com and access will be provided.
Subcontractor walkthrough: 12-28-23 at 11:00 am at 18102 Cumberland road, Noblesville, IN 46060. Contact Mitch Imler (317-417-2712) to schedule.
Questions: All questions and correspondence should be directed to HamiltonCountyBids@skender.com.
R3584 12/25/23, 1/1/24

NOTICE
Project: Hamilton County Special Projects 2024 Bid Package 2 - AHU replacement at 4H expo
Scope of Work: Replacing 6 AHU's at Hamilton County 4H Expo Center
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Project Information: To request project documents (drawings, scope of work, etc.), please email HamiltonCountyBids@skender.com and access will be provided.
Subcontractor Walkthrough: 12-28-23 at 2:00 PM at 2003 Pleasant St, Noblesville, IN 46060. Contact Mitch Imler (317-417-2712) to schedule.
R3585 12/25/23, 1/1/24

— SHERIDAN —

TOWN OF SHERIDAN
SHERIDAN, INDIANA
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed Bids for the Various Roadway Resurfacing and Repairs project will be received by the Town of Sheridan at the Sheridan Town Hall, 506 S. Main St., Sheridan, IN 46069, until **5:00 pm local time Thursday, January 25, 2024**. Any bids received later than the above time will be returned unopened. The Bids received on time will be publicly opened and read aloud at **6:00 pm on Thursday, January 25, 2024**, at the Sheridan Town Council Meeting.
DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Various roadways throughout the Town of Sheridan will be either resurfaced and repaired or reconstructed as part of the Community Crossings Matching Grant program. Work includes, but is not limited to, milling, overlaying, excavating, and replacing existing asphalt and subgrade, hauling and disposal of millings, asphalt patching, sidewalk replacement, curb replacement, storm system work, striping, and ADA curb ramp replacement.
BID DOCUMENTS: Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at Banning Engineering, Inc. Office, 853 Columbia Road, Plainfield, IN 46168. Copies of the documents are available for examining beginning at **10:00 am local time on Thursday, January 4, 2024**. Paper copies will be \$50.00. Payments shall be made by check, money order or cash payable to Banning Engineering, Inc. Electronic copies may be obtained at Banning Engineering 317-707-3700 or by emailing Banning@banning-eng.com. There is no fee for electronic copies.
INDIANA REQUIREMENTS: Bids shall be properly and completely executed on Bid Forms and in the order as identified and contained in the Contract Documents obtainable from the offices as stated above. Each bid shall be accompanied by a fully completed Form No. 96, including attachment of Contractor's Financial Statement as stipulated in Section III, E-Verify Certification Form and acceptable Bid Security. Any bid not accompanied by the above-required items shall be deemed a non-responsive bid. **Contractor must be INDOT prequalified.**
No Bidder may withdraw his bid within a period of 60 days following the date set for the receiving of bids. The Owner reserves the right to retain all bids for a period of not more than 60 days and said bid shall remain in full force and effect during said time. The Owner further reserves the right to waive informalities and to award the Contract to any Bidder, all to the advantage of the Owner or to reject all bids.
BID SECURITY: Each bid shall be accompanied by an acceptable certified check made payable to the Town of Sheridan or an acceptable bid bond in the amount equal to five (5%) percent of the total bid price executed by an incorporated surety company in good standing and qualified to do business in the State of Indiana and whose name appears on the most current Treasury Department Circular No. 570.
PRE-BID CONFERENCE: A virtual pre-bid conference will be held at **10:00 am local time on Tuesday, January 16, 2024**. Provisions will be made to meet virtually at the discretion of the Owner. Invitations will be sent out to all official plan holders before the conference. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is highly encouraged but is not mandatory. Final day for questions that will receive an answer is **Friday, January 19, 2024, at 12:00 pm local time**.
BONDS: A Performance Bond and Payment Bond each in the amount of 100 percent of the Contract price will be required from the Contractor to whom the work is awarded.
Owner: Town of Sheridan
Location: 506 S. Main St., Sheridan, IN 46069
R3583 1/1/24, 1/8/24

— FISHERS —

NOTICE
According to the lease by and between #1255: Derrick Williams and TKG-StorageMart and its related parties, assigns and affiliates in order to perfect the Lien on the goods contained in their storage unit. The Manager has cut the lock on their unit and upon cursory inspection the unit was found to contain: Sports equipment, wall art, boxes, ladder luggage, Christmas decorations, misc. items. Items will be sold online at www.storage treasures.com or otherwise disposed of on February 5th, 2024 at 11:00am, at the location listed below to satisfy owner's lien in accordance with state statutes. StorageMart @0372 at 10415 Allisonville Rd. Fishers, IN, 46038 phone 317.558.9571 option 2.
R3591 1/1/24

— SHERIFF SALES —

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D02-2309-MF-008458 wherein *Servion, Inc. was Plaintiff, and Sweet Briar Property Owners Association, Inc., P. Michael Voeltz, Suzanne Voeltz, Service Experts Heating & Air Conditioning LLC and State of Indiana were Defendants*, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the **1st day of February, 2024**, at the hour of **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.
LOT NUMBERED 218 IN SWEET BRIAR, SECTION 5, A SUBDIVISION IN THE TOWN OF FISHERS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED DECEMBER 7, 1998 AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 9870095 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.
More commonly known as 13081 Rawlings Ct, Fishers, IN 46038-8241
Parcel No. 29-11-29-014-022.000-020
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff
/s/ Barry T. Barnes
BARRY T. BARNES
Plaintiff Attorney
Attorney # 19657-49
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.
8415 Allison Pointe Boulevard, Suite 400
Indianapolis, IN 46250
(317) 237-2727
Fall Creek Township
The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street addressed published herein.
NOTICE
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR.
R3553 12/18/23, 12/25/23, 1/1/24

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D05-2303-MF-002724 wherein *PennyMac Loan Services, LLC was Plaintiff, and Rebecca McClimans and Brighton Knoll Community Association, Inc. were Defendants*, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the **1st day of February, 2024**, at the hour of **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.
Lot Numbered 109 in Brighton Knoll, Section 2, a subdivision in the City of Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded March 27, 2009 in Plat Cabinet 4, Slide 529, as Instrument No. 2009017426 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
More commonly known as 15421 Blair Ln, Noblesville, IN 46060-5577
Parcel No. 29-11-17-018-032.000-013
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff
/s/ Barry T. Barnes
BARRY T. BARNES
Plaintiff Attorney
Attorney # 19657-49
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.
8415 Allison Pointe Boulevard, Suite 400
Indianapolis, IN 46250
(317) 237-2727
Noblesville Township
The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street addressed published herein.
NOTICE
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R3554 12/18/23, 12/25/23, 1/1/24

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTEREST PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No.: 29D02-2212-MF-010131 wherein *THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS TRUSTEE FOR HOME EQUITY MORTGAGE TRUST SERIES 2005-1 HOME EQUITY MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-1, was Plaintiff, and Gena K. Clark, et al were the Defendants*, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the **1st day of February, 2024** at the hour of 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.
Building 6, Unit 963-207, In Lenox Tract Horizons} Properly Regime created by Declaration recorded as Instrument No. 9343099 on September 7,1993, as amended by Scrivener's Error Affidavit recorded on October 14,1993 as Instrument No. 9349956 and First Amendment to Declaration recorded On January 10,1994, as Instrument No. 9401515: and as supplemented by Supplemental Declaration recorded on October 14,1993 as Instrument No. 9349956, Amendment to Supplemental Declaration recorded on October 25,1993 as Instrument No.9351928, and Supplemental Declaration recorded on April 5,1994 as Instrument No. 9415677 as Instrument No. 9415877 and Supplemental Declaration recorded on May 17,1994 as Instrument No. 9422872 and Supplemental Declaration recorded on October 27,1994 as instrument No. 9444832 and Supplemental Declaration recorded on December 26,1994 as Instrument No. 9452431 and Supplemental Declaration recorded February 21,1995 as Instrument No. 9505770 and being recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana., together with 0056 % undivided interest appearing to such Unit In the common areas and limited areas in Lenox Tract Horizontal Property Regime, until such time as Supplemental Declarations are recorded annexing additional real estate to Lenox Tract, pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 21 of the Declaration. Upon the tiling and recording of a Supplemental Declaration annexing additional real estate of Lenox Tract Horizontal Property Regime, the Grantees undivided percentage interest in the common areas and limited areas shall be reduced and changed in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 8 and 21 of the Declaration. And together with the exclusive right to use Parking Space No. 93 and Garage No. N/A which right shall pass with the title to Building 6 and Unit 963-207.
Commonly known as: 963 Wickham Court, Carmel, In. 46032
Parcel No. 17-09-36-00-15-023.000
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County
Clay Township
963 Wickham Court; Unit 207, Carmel, IN 46032
Street Address
Phillip A. Norman #13734-64
Benjamin Pliskie #30407-45
PHILLIP A. NORMAN P.C.
December 08, 2023
Date
The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein.
R3556 12/18/23, 12/25/23, 1/1/24

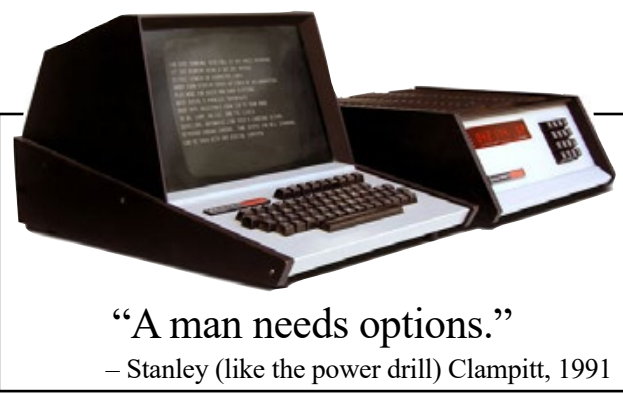
— FISHERS —

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF BRENTWOOD BROWNSBURG INC.
Notice is hereby given that BRENTWOOD BROWNSBURG INC. a corporation existing under the Indiana Business Corporation Law with its principal place of business located at 10200 Lantern Road, Fishers, IN 46037, is about to be voluntarily dissolved under and pursuant to Resolutions of its Board of Directors and Shareholders in accordance with the Indiana Business Corporation Law.
Any person or entity who desires to assert a claim against the corporation, must notify the corporation, in writing, at the above address. The notification must include the name of the claimant, the basis of the claim asserted and the amount of the claim. All claims against the corporation will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within two (2) years after the date of publication of this Notice.
R3590 1/1/24
NOTICE
According to the lease by and between #1269: Gabrielle March and TKG-StorageMart and its related parties, assigns and affiliates in order to perfect the Lien on the goods contained in their storage unit. The Manager has cut the lock on their unit and upon cursory inspection the unit was found to contain: Boxes, mattress, totes, computer, clothes, shoes, misc. items. Items will be sold online at www.storage treasures.com or otherwise disposed of on February 5th, 2024 at 11:00am, at the location listed below to satisfy owner's lien in accordance with state statutes. StorageMart @0372 at 10415 Allisonville Rd. Fishers, IN, 46038 phone 317.558.9571 option 2.
R3592 1/1/24

NOTICE
According to the lease by and between #1281: Chad Pate and TKG-StorageMart and its related parties, assigns and affiliates in order to perfect the Lien on the goods contained in their storage unit. The Manager has cut the lock on their unit and upon cursory inspection the unit was found to contain: Collectible toys, shoes, cooler, shelving, luggage, misc. items. Items will be sold online at www.storage treasures.com or otherwise disposed of on February 5th, 2024 at 11:00am, at the location listed below to satisfy owner's lien in accordance with state statutes. StorageMart @0372 at 10415 Allisonville Rd. Fishers, IN, 46038 phone 317.558.9571 option 2.
R3593 1/1/24

NOTICE
According to the lease by and between #1302: Emani Thomas and TKG-StorageMart and its related parties, assigns and affiliates in order to perfect the Lien on the goods contained in their storage unit. The Manager has cut the lock on their unit and upon cursory inspection the unit was found to contain: Shoes, totes, boxes, kid's toys, monitors, candles, misc. items. Items will be sold online at www.storage treasures.com or otherwise disposed of on February 5th, 2024 at 11:00am, at the location listed below to satisfy owner's lien in accordance with state statutes. StorageMart @0372 at 10415 Allisonville Rd. Fishers, IN, 46038 phone 317.558.9571 option 2.
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– Stanley (like the power drill) Clampitt, 1991

Almodovar, an All-American success

Noblesville's Lexie Almodovar named A-10 Conference Player of the Year

By **RICHIE HALL**
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The University of Dayton women's volleyball team was on its way to the Atlantic 10 Conference tournament when one of the Flyers' star players got some good news.

Lexie Almodovar, a Noblesville graduate, had been named the conference's Player of the Year. The Dayton team was soon on a plane to Davidson College to play in the tournament, and the Flyers celebrated by winning the tournament.

"My coach told me at the airport," said Almodovar. "I was really happy. It's something that I've worked towards during my time at Dayton. It's something that I wanted to accomplish, so I'm pretty happy."

Almodovar received another important honor two weeks ago by being named to the 2023 American Volleyball Coaches Association Division I All-America Honorable Mention team. She had already been named the AVCA Midwest Region Player of the Year and became the 18th Flyer to be named as an All-American.

"It was crazy," said Almodovar. "I definitely didn't really expect that, but that's something I've been working towards, so I was very happy. My team worked really hard this season to win a lot of matches. I look at that as more of a team thing for all of us."

Almodovar finished her redshirt junior season with incredible numbers. She hit 526 kills for the Flyers, including a season-high 32 during a five-set match with Marquette early in the season. Almodovar is listed as an outside hitter/libero and was able to switch between

the two well, averaging 2.61 digs per set for a season total of 313.

The Flyers had a sensational 2023 season, compiling a record of 32-3, including a perfect 18-0 mark in the conference. The success represented a big leap for the Flyers, who were 20-14 for the 2022 season.

"This year was about bouncing back and wiping the slate clean," said Almodovar. "I think we played with a fearless mentality. We felt like we didn't have anything to lose after last year. We're going to go out and do it together."

The Flyers glided into Belk Arena in Davidson, N.C. as the top seed at the A-10 tournament. Dayton won two four-set matches to claim the conference title, topping Saint Louis in the semifinals and beating Loyola Chicago in the championship, avenging a finals loss from 2022.

"I was just so relieved," said Almodovar. "I'm pretty sure I just dropped to the floor." She called the feeling of victory "overwhelming," saying that the team had been working since the off-season last summer to get back to the championship.

"I just felt very happy and very relieved that my teammates got to experience that and we got to show why we belong in the NCAA tournament as well," said Almodovar.

As a conference champion, Dayton received one of the 32 automatic bids into the tournament. The Flyers were ranked No. 19 in the nation going into the tournament; they had been ranked as high as 16th during the season.

Dayton played two matches at Washington State, first taking on Pep-



perdine in the first round. "That was a fun one," said Almodovar, who was part of a five-set win for the Flyers. Dayton came back from a set down to win, 15-11 in the fifth set.

"We were just able to stay in it longer and we were able to get ahead in the fifth set," said Almodovar. "A lot of the players on my team played really well."

The Flyers took on host Washington State in the second round. The 10th-ranked Cougars brought Dayton's season to end, beating the Flyers in four sets. All three of Dayton's losses were to ranked teams: Marquette was rated 12th, and No. 2 Louisville needed five sets to get past the Flyers in an early-season match.

"Even though we fell short, I think there's a lot of pride that comes with winning any matches in the tournament," said Almodovar.

Almodovar balanced playing volleyball with her

major of K-5 elementary education. She began student-teaching in the fall and will continue that into the spring semester. Almodovar is teaching second grade – "It's been a great experience," she said.

Almodovar said the balancing act "was difficult at times," and usually meant she had to come in late to practice almost every day. But everything worked out thanks to an understanding from Almodovar and her coaches to make her schedule work.

"Coaches are good at understanding about school comes first," said Almodovar. She has a good example in her mother, Jill (Lyon) Almodovar, who played college volleyball at Purdue Fort Wayne (then IPFW) and has been a decades-long teacher in Noblesville.

"She is the first person I go to for help," said Lexie Almodovar. "She is a great teacher, very respected in



Photos provided

Noblesville's Lexie Almodovar received two major honors after helping the University of Dayton volleyball team to an Atlantic 10 Conference championship. Almodovar was named the A-10's Player of the Year and was also selected as a Division I All-America Honorable Mention.

Noblesville. She helps me with ideas for class. She understands more than most the time commitment."

Almodovar will be back next season for her redshirt senior year. After that, it will be on to a career in teaching, although she mentioned an interest in coaching the sport that has given her so much, and that she has given her all to over the years.

"I would love to see if I could get into coaching," said Almodovar. "I think it would be really cool to coach college volleyball for a little bit."

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