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GRANDPA AL *from Page 1*



Photo provided by Megan Rathz

Al is a phenomenally talented painter. He’s had no formal training and has won many awards for this God-given talent. He teaches my own kids how to be artistic and how to paint. He is also a photographer and has a way of capturing ordinary things that most people wouldn’t give a second glance to in the most remarkable way.

Al never wants to be the center of attention. He’s always the one behind the camera. Al has a quiet presence that you have to get to know to see his humor. I remember a family member once asking if the ham we were about to eat was gluten free and he said, “I didn’t know the pig personally.” He is dry, subtle, and to know him is to love him.

No, Al isn’t my dad, but he is a grandfather to

my children, and he is my friend. He also happens to be one of my favorite people. He has never tried to be my dad. He never acts annoyed or threatened when we reminisce about my dad. He was a missing piece of our family that has added so much to all our lives. The biggest thing we have in common is how much we both love my mom.

I dedicate today’s column to the man who is always behind the camera, but never in the spotlight. Thanks for showing up the way you do for all of us, for loving my mom, and for being my friend. Happy birthday, Al.

*Megan Rathz is a wife, mother, and teacher. She says everything she has ever learned in life came from her Master Gardener mother.*

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ROBOT *from Page 1*

We try and find a role for every kid to find their space on the team.”

Some of his students gravitate toward computer-aided design of new parts that cannot be purchased off the shelf. Some focus entirely on programming, and some work on the marketing side, focusing in social media, promotional photos, and community outreach.

At the high school level, there are also mentoring opportunities for students.

“Our kids are mentoring the younger kids to sort of show them what the, the robotics is all about and how the engineering process works and that sort of thing,” Ulkloss said.

In the middle school, Miller said she has students who are not at all interested in the competitions.

“Several are here for the camaraderie,” Miller said. “They’re here to help with the building. I will say I was really pleasantly surprised to see the number of girls that came on our first day for our program and they’re still here. Girls and coding typically is not something that you see in large amounts. I give credit to intermediate school for that, for sending them over and getting them



Photos provided

all excited to continue.”

Foltz said the intermediate school tried to have a roughly equal number of boys and girls in their 200-student program because she knows it becomes more of a male program at higher levels.

“I think it helps to have some female coaches too,” Foltz said. “We really try and encourage the girls to stick with it.”

While the high school program has students who focus on one aspect or another, at the intermediate level Foltz said they have students try a little of everything to help them find out where their interests and skills are.

According to Ulkloss, the high school team has 25 members, only one of which is a female student.

“We’ve been discussing ways to hopefully try and encourage more young ladies to get involved,” Ulkloss said. “We’ve been trying to recruit through the women in STEM club. Right now we have only one girl out of our 25 members that are on a team here. But we’re hoping to try and expand that.”

Ulkloss said he is very proud of how many students from Westfield robotics have continued that interest after high school. Several have gone to Purdue and other colleges where they continue to study robotic and mentor younger teams.

“Really what the goal is, is to get the kids inspired and get them reaching out and mentoring others,” Ulkloss said. “I think we’ve done very well in that regard.”

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He now uses materials and techniques that he couldn’t even imagine using when he was in college.

His interest in art has given his family members the freedom to create their own work, and he has always encouraged them to try different things. His daughter Laura spent 10 years helping him photograph weddings. His daughter Ashley is a music teacher. His daughter Lindsay incorporated painting in her wedding. He says he can see the same characteristics and freedom to create in his grandkids.

Rouse is currently working on paintings for a sports-

themed show in July and August at Four Day Ray, and a future goal of his is to collaborate with some jazz musicians to “conduct” a painting in a live setting. He says he loves that he can do what he does, especially because in 2015, he was declared legally blind and regaining his vision and being able to create art is a joy. Anything else is icing on the cake.

Join FAC at the Collaboration Hub at Hamilton County Community Foundation at 11810 Technology Drive in Fishers to meet Mark Rouse and his talented family, see a collection of their work, and meet other

residents who are interested in art and the artists who create art in the community.

Second Friday – FAC’s free, public, all-ages reception – will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on Jan. 12. During the reception, there will be live music from David & Pamela Ackerman, light refreshments, and a special musical performance by Rouse’s grandson, Cam DeVore, at 6:30 p.m. Additionally, FAC board member Pat Grabill will lead an interview with the artists around 6:45 p.m. All are welcome and wanted in the FAC Hub Gallery.

The gallery is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through

Thursday. Friday gallery visits are by appointment only by contacting Fishers Arts Council directly.

**About Fishers Arts Council**

Fishers Arts Council is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization whose mission is to support, advocate, and cultivate visual and performing arts opportunities that educate and/or enhance the lives of those who live, work, and visit Fishers. Visit the art gallery space at the Collaboration Hub at Hamilton County Community Foundation, 11810 Technology Drive, Fishers, online at [FishersArtsCouncil.org](http://FishersArtsCouncil.org), or call (317) 537-1670.

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# County Councilman Mark Hall’s December Timesheet

Welcome to the Timesheet. This column is a report of work done on behalf of the people of Hamilton County. It’s to be informative, too – a place to learn about projects and how our county government works. Happy New Year.

As your employee, it’s important to me that you know what is being worked on as transparently as possible in government. You hired me as your County Councilman, and my hope is that you’ll choose to be informed by regularly reading this column, getting involved, and by asking questions. Council meetings are at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the Judicial Center in downtown Noblesville. January’s meeting has been moved to 7 p.m. on the 10th of the month. Meetings are also available to watch online for those unable to attend in person.

Here is where my time this past month has been spent.

December’s work was heavily weighted towards serving Cicero and the northern parts of our county. Citizens remonstrating against a potential large residential neighborhood led to hours of meetings listening to neighbors and the Jackson Township Planning Commission as they sought developer information and resident feedback on the project. Water and wastewater utilities conver-



sations, research, and a fair amount of analysis along with supporting constituents’ questions about the county utility district required many more hours.

This month, our in-person personnel committee meeting was canceled. Without a meeting, personnel requests are voted on as they occur, at the next regular council meeting. The highway committee meeting was also canceled with requests being addressed at the full council meeting.

In addition to the County Council public meetings, December’s work included attending a Board of Commissioners public meeting, a Council Caucus meeting, meeting with Dave Hyatt, the CEO of Riverview Health, attending a Noblesville City Council meeting, two Cicero Town Council meetings, a Jackson Township Planning meeting, and a Cicero Utilities planning meeting.

The month included three constituents service requests. Usually, requests require research with a county department, securing the correct answer and then following up with the taxpayer. December’s taxpayer questions were regarding the Hazardous Waste budget, the expansion of the county utility district, and county aquifers. I also fielded several questions about annexation and how residents in Ad-

ams and Jackson townships could be affected by being annexed.

As a council, in addition to the normal county operations financial oversight, we are investing time and continue to work on the expansion of the judicial center, attainable housing initiatives, ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) spend management, a domestic violence center, a new 911 Communications center, county participation in CIRDA (Central Indiana Regional Development Authority), a pedestrian bridge to connect a Fishers and a Carmel park, highway projects, board appointments, updating utility services to the north and planning for the services that will be needed to accommodate our growing county population.

Of note this month was working to complete board appointments, council committee assignments, and collaborating with Cicero officials on options for local utility projects. My 2024 responsibilities have changed and include serving on the personnel, insurance, and finance committees. Additionally, I volunteered to be the council’s second appointment to the Regional Development Commission (RDC). The RDC, in part influences where county TIF district dollars get invested. Last month the RDC created a Community Development Corporation (CDC), a private, nonprofit organization that supports and revitalizes communities, especially those that are impoverished

or struggling. This combination is common, but I felt it important for a check and balance to be in place and to be a part of oversight on RDC spending and tax decisions that have implications for county taxpayers.

It was an honor to represent you at the Hamilton County Senior Center’s 2024 officer swearing-in ceremony, at the Hamilton County Tourism updated facility open house, at the annual Shop for Kids Christmas gift event, at the County’s Bicentennial Bash, and at a meeting with Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen.

This is my timesheet. This is where my time went during month 12. There are quite a few projects in the queue for 2024, and while my job is primarily the financial oversight of the county budget, it is important to understand the Board of Commissioners’ priorities and balance them with the stewardship of taxpayer dollars. That is the job, and I am excited to do the people’s business.

As a taxpayer myself, and listening to so many of you, our employers, it’s important for the taxpayers to have access to all the information you want. I work for you and although you may not choose to do a deep dive into what your County Council does, it’s important that you can always do so.

Feel free to contact me at (317) 832-1104 or [mark.hall@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:mark.hall@hamiltoncounty.in.gov) with questions, feedback or if you would like to talk about county business.

## Come see ‘wonderful’ world of fraud at Westfield Chamber’s January coffee

### The REPORTER

The Westfield Chamber of Commerce will welcome Justin Van Zuiden as the January coffee speaker from 8 to 9 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 18.

Van Zuiden is the Fraud Manager at Community First Bank of Indiana. He joined the bank’s fraud department in 2021 and has a diverse background in the areas of customer service, quality assurance, and industrial inspection, giving him a unique approach to problem solving and innovation within his role. He is always striving for excellence in customer service and continually developing resources and providing education on the current fraud landscape.

Van Zuiden will review



Van Zuiden

the best ways to combat financial fraud and identity theft. He will discuss common fraud scams and schemes along with giving security tips for prevention and peace of mind. Learn what steps to take if you think you have been a victim of identity theft or fraud.

Recently, Van Zuiden completed his Anti-Money Laundering and Fraud Professional Certification with the American Bankers Association. This advanced level professional certification demonstrates proven knowledge in regulatory requirements, detection, prevention and reporting, and understanding of existing and emerging money laundering and fraud risks.

[Click here](#) to register.

## Fishers Arts Council invites public to annual meeting on Jan. 11

### The REPORTER

Fishers Arts Council (FAC) will hold its annual meeting from 7 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 11 in the Fishers Parks Maker Lab 4, located at in the Hub & Spoke building at 8100 E. 106th St., Suite 150, Fishers.

The public is welcome to attend this meeting, which will review FAC’s 2024 budget, elect new officers to join the board, and



vote on executive committee positions.

If you wish to attend, please notify FAC Executive Director Les Reinhardt by sending an email to [info@FishersArtsCouncil.org](mailto:info@FishersArtsCouncil.org) by Wednesday, Jan. 10.

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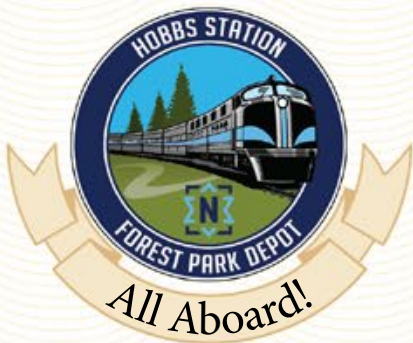
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# Noblesville, Carmel & Westfield Lions help Gleaners in December



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On Dec. 21, three local Lions Clubs handed out food to over 100 families. This was done at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds in Noblesville. This is a monthly activity of the local Lions Clubs. (From left) Steve Shaw (NLC), Lane Sims (CLC), Kryss Keller (WLC), and (NLCs) Jerry Baker, Dale Unger, Jeff Kozicki, Ron Williamson, Gary Hipes, Matt Best (CLC), and a Gleaners driver.

## Sogility unveils technology driven training app

### The REPORTER

Sogility recently announced the launch of the **Sogility Growth Indicator (SGI) Training App**, which will monitor player development and performance through data generated from technology-driven training.

Since 2020, Sogility has made it a priority to enhance soccer skills and physical development while building confidence through world-class technology and individualized data monitoring. The Sogility Growth Indicator (SGI) – a revolutionary tool designed for both trainers and players, will ensure a seamless journey toward improvement and success.

“We are extremely excited to get this training tool

out to our members,” Sogility CEO Jimmy Carson said. “It has been a long process and one that we think will aid in player development, being able to monitor the process of players over time.”

During each session, the app conducts assessments tailored to individual strengths and areas for improvement. This valuable data is seamlessly integrated into a personal database, forming a comprehensive record of a soccer journey.

Imagine a FIFA Rating system, not just as a measure of current standing, but as a dynamic reflection of growth and progress. No longer just a number; it’s a testament to dedication and



hard work.

With the SGI, training becomes an intelligent and efficient process, minimizing physical strain while maximizing results.

The SGI Training App is currently only available for

Sogility members, but improvements to the app may open it up to those training all around the world.

For more information on the app, email [sam@sogility.net](mailto:sam@sogility.net) or visit [sogility.net/sgi-training-app](http://sogility.net/sgi-training-app).

## Indiana FSSA awarding \$1.7M in child care grants to Hamilton County

### The REPORTER

Governor Eric J. Holcomb announced on Dec. 28 the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration’s (FSSA) Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning is awarding \$18.1 million in employer-sponsored child care grants to 64 businesses, community groups, and school corporations across the state.

In Hamilton County, these four school systems and organizations will receive approximately \$1.7 million in grants:

- Hamilton Southeastern Schools (\$750,000)
- Advancing Noblesville Chamber Foundation (\$749,600)
- Hamilton County Economic Development Corporation (\$119,780)
- Sheridan Community Schools (\$86,100)

The initiative, part of Gov. Holcomb’s 2023 Next Level Agenda, is mobilizing employers and communities to create or expand child care offerings that address the needs of working Hoosiers.

“We wanted those who know first-hand the critical needs of their employees, and those who are best positioned to partner in their communities, to create child care solutions for their workforce, and they deliv-

ered,” Gov. Holcomb said. “This effort harnesses the combined efforts of businesses, community groups, and schools that want to support working Hoosiers’ careers and our youngest learners across the state.”

Thirty-three employers say they plan to provide on-site child care to their employees, and 13 say they will offer child care tuition benefits to their workers. The remaining awardees plan to support child care for their employees in a variety of other ways, such as reserving seats at partner child care centers. The full list of allowable uses and details can be found [here](#).

**This round of awardees** will receive 72 percent of available funding from the \$25 million fund. Round two awardees – which will be announced in early 2024 – will receive the remaining funds.

Thirty large employers with 1,000 or more employees will receive up to \$750,000 each. Twenty-five mid-sized employers with between 100 and 999 employees will receive up to \$350,000. And nine small employers with between 20 and 99 employees will receive up to \$50,000.

“I look forward to seeing all the inventive approaches to child care come to life



in communities across the state, and partnering with more businesses, community groups and schools on this important, collaborative effort to support children, their families and the state’s economy,” OECOSL Director Courtney Penn said. “Birth to age 5 are the most critical in a person’s life, and now more of our next generation will receive early education that is crucial to their brain and social development.”

The program, a partnership with the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, uses a portion of the state’s remaining federal relief funds from the COVID-19 pandemic and is part of the state’s broader efforts to strengthen the early care and education sector, providing support for today’s workforce and investing in tomorrow’s.

The program is also supported by the Indiana Manufacturers Association.

## Indiana’s rank as a growth state is declining, index finds

By **PHIL SANCHEZ**  
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Indiana was the No. 27 growth state in the United States during 2023, backsliding 13 spots from its 2022 ranking in the U-Haul’s Growth Index.

**The index released Tuesday** analyzed one-way customer moves in 2023.

One-way U-Haul customers arriving in Indiana in 2023 fell 4 percent over the 2022 total. At the same time, departures fell almost 3 percent as overall moving traffic slowed.

Do-it-yourself movers arriving in Indiana accounted for 50 percent of all one-way U-Haul traffic in and out of the Hoosier state.

Indiana’s top growth city is Noblesville. Other notable net-gain markets include Kokomo, Jefferson-

ville, Bloomington, Lafayette, Elkhart, Plainfield, and Whitestown. Carmel, South Bend, Greenwood, and Columbus were among the break-even markets.

The U-Haul Growth Index was compiled according to the net gain of one-way U-Haul trucks, trailers and U-Box moving containers arriving in a city or state, versus departing from that city or state, in a calendar year. Migration trends data was compiled from more than 2.5 million one-way U-Haul customer transactions that happened annually across the U.S. and Canada.

Texas, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee accounted for the top five growth states.

California ranked 50th for the fourth year in a row with the largest net loss of one-way U-Haul customers.

### 2023 U-Haul Growth States

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|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Texas (1)                    | 26. Wisconsin (16)     |
| 2. Florida (2)                  | 27. Indiana (14)       |
| 3. North Carolina (4)           | 28. Missouri (15)      |
| 4. South Carolina (3)           | 29. Kentucky (26)      |
| 5. Tennessee (6)                | 30. West Virginia (25) |
| 6. Idaho (10)                   | 31. Maine (29)         |
| 7. Washington (23)              | 32. North Dakota (37)  |
| 8. Arizona (7)                  | 33. Kansas (39)        |
| 9. Colorado (11)                | 34. Alaska (41)        |
| 10. Virginia (5)                | 35. Nebraska (32)      |
| 11. Nevada (13)                 | 36. Rhode Island (40)  |
| 12. Vermont (30)                | 37. Oregon (22)        |
| 13. Utah (12)                   | 38. Pennsylvania (24)  |
| 14. Wyoming (33)                | 39. Mississippi (34)   |
| 15. Delaware (27)               | 40. New Hampshire (38) |
| 16. New Mexico (19)             | 41. Oklahoma (42)      |
| 17. Arkansas (43)               | 42. Connecticut (28)   |
| 18. Georgia (8)                 | 43. New York (46)      |
| 19. South Dakota (31)           | 44. Maryland (44)      |
| 20. Minnesota (17)              | 45. Louisiana (35)     |
| 21. Montana (18)                | 46. Michigan (48)      |
| 22. Alabama (20)                | 47. New Jersey (45)    |
| 23. Ohio (9)                    | 48. Illinois (49)      |
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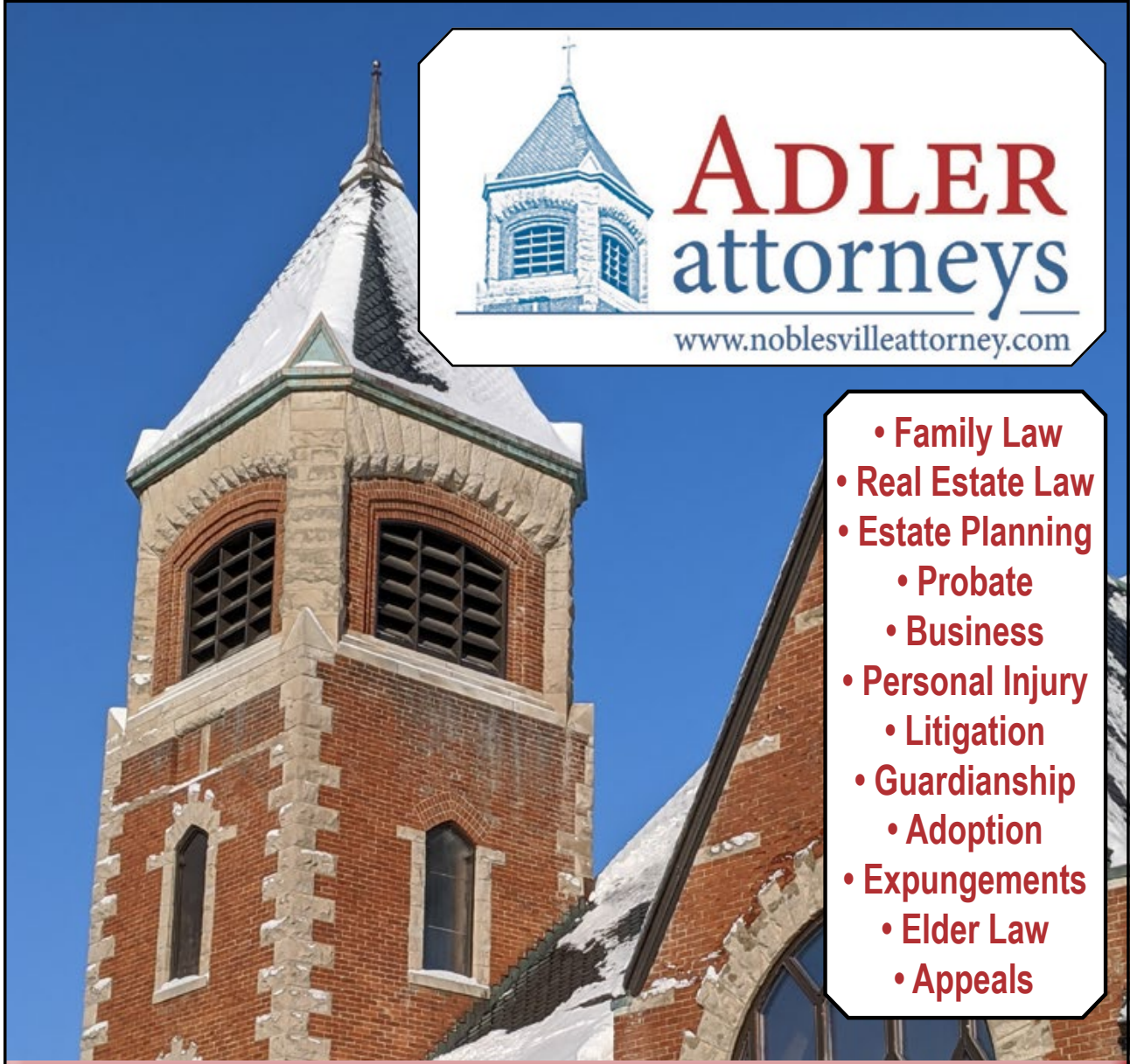
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# OneZone welcomes state legislators to January Eggs & Issues

**The REPORTER**

OneZone Chamber is kicking off the new year with the first installment of Eggs & Issues, a monthly morning program dedicated to exploring crucial advocacy topics that shape the Hamilton County community.

The January edition promises to be an informative and engaging session, as OneZone will welcome distinguished guests from Hamilton County’s State-house delegation.

Eggs & Issues is an established, premier platform for fostering informed discussions and facilitating a direct dialogue between community leaders and

legislators. This upcoming event, scheduled for 8 to 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 12 at The Bridgewater Club, will provide an exclusive opportunity for business leaders to hear directly from local legislators about their priorities and receive essential updates from the State-house.

The event will feature insights from each legislator, shedding light on the key issues they are championing and the initiatives they are actively working on. Attendees can expect valuable information that directly impacts the local community, as well as an opportunity to engage in a Q&A session.

“We extend our sincere appreciation to our presenting sponsor, Church Church



Hittle + Antrim, for their steadfast support,” OneZone CEO Jack Russell said. “Their commitment to community development and advocacy aligns seamlessly with the goals of Eggs & Issues, and we are privileged to have them as our leading partner for this event.”

Furthermore, OneZone expresses its gratitude to these supporting sponsors, whose generosity plays a crucial role in the success of



Russell

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Their dedication to community engagement and commitment to fostering meaningful dialogue make them integral contributors to the continued success of Eggs & Issues. For more information about Eggs & Issues, please visit [OneZoneChamber.com](http://OneZoneChamber.com) or call (317) 436-4653.

## Want some New Year’s financial resolutions?

Now that we’ve reached 2024, you might be thinking about your goals and hopes for the new year. But in addition to whatever personal resolutions you might make – volunteering, going to the gym more, learning a new language, and others – why not make some financial resolutions, too?

Here are a few to consider:

- **Boost your retirement savings.** If you can afford

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it, try to increase your contributions to your IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. The more you put away in these accounts, the greater your chances of reaching your retirement goals. At a minimum, contribute enough to your 401(k) to earn your employer’s match, if one is offered. And whenever your salary goes up, consider raising the amount you put in to your 401(k).

- **Reduce your debts.**

good progress.

- **Avoid emotional decisions.** Too many people overreact to events in the financial markets because they let their emotions get the better of them. If the market is temporarily down, it doesn’t mean you need to sell investments to “cut your losses” – especially if these investments still have good fundamentals and are still appropriate for your portfolio. It can be hard to ignore market volatility, but you’ll be better off if you focus on the long term and continue following an investment strategy that’s designed to meet your needs.
- **Review your goals.** Over time, your goals may have changed. For example, while you once might have wanted to retire early, and planned for it, you may now find that you’d like to work a few more years. If that’s the case, you may also need to adjust your financial and investment strategies.
- **Revisit your estate plans.** If you’ve married, divorced, remarried, or added children to your family within the past few years, you may need to review the account titling and beneficiary designations on your 401(k) and other retirement assets, along with your estate-planning documents, such as your will or living trust. You might also need to revise these documents in other ways.

It’s not always easy to reduce your debts – but it’s worth the effort. The lower your debt load, the greater your monthly cash flow. So, look for ways to consolidate debts or find other, possibly more productive, ways of using credit. If you truly can’t afford something that’s nonessential, don’t go into debt for it. “Live within your means” is an old piece of advice, but it’s just as valid now as ever.

- **Build an emergency fund.** If you suddenly needed a major home or car repair, or received a large medical bill not fully covered by insurance, would you have the funds available? If not, you might be forced to dip into your retirement accounts or other long-term investments. To avoid this possibility, try to build an emergency fund containing several months’ worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account that’s separate from the ones you use to meet your daily expenses. It can take a while to build such a fund, but if you make it a priority and contribute regular amounts each month, you can make

Of course, you may not be able to tackle all these resolutions at one time, but if you can work at them throughout the year, you can potentially brighten your financial outlook in 2024 – and beyond.

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**Mable Charlene Haughey**

December 5, 1940 – December 25, 2023



Mable Charlene Haughey, 83, passed away on Christmas morning, December 25, 2023, at her home in Sheridan. Born on December 5, 1940, in Clinton County, Ind., she was the daughter of the late Claude Vinton Burtron, Sr. and Gladys A. (Honeas) Burtron.

She attended Sheridan High School and participated as a yell leader (as it was called in those days). She was a member of the Boxley United Methodist Church. After the closure of the church in Boxley, Charlene moved her membership to the Sheridan First United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the Red Hat Society.

Charlene worked for a number of Sheridan businesses throughout the years, including Pickett's Dime Store, Ben Franklin, and BIMCO. She also worked for a short time at Firestone in Noblesville. The career path that fit her the best, however, was when she became a caregiver. Whether it was taking care of patients in the nursing home, or in their own homes as a private duty nurse, there was nobody who cared for them more than Charlene. It takes a special person to be in that line of work, and Charlene fit the bill.

When it came to her home and family, there was a way to do things, and a definite order to which they needed to be done. Charlene and Tad chose to raise their children in a very strict but loving household. This would provide a wonderful foundation and example for their children and their families. Charlene always insisted on a clean house; to call her a clean-a-holic would be an understatement. She was also well known for her cooking. Charlene loved fixing meals and did so for just about any occasion, big or small. She loved family gatherings, but one of her favorite times was when the friends and neighbors would gather down at the house, the men would play music, the wives would listen, and Charlene was in the thick of things, making sure everyone was getting plenty to eat.

Charlene had her favorite shows and programs. Among the top of the list were *Survivor* and Indianapolis Colts games. Elvis and Donna Summer were some of her favorite musical artists, and she was an avid bird watcher. Toward the very bottom of her "favorites" list were Indiana winters. She and her husband Tad lived the snowbird lifestyle for many years.

Charlene is survived by two sons, Allen Dale Haughey of Sheridan and Mitchell David Haughey (Lisa) of Sheridan; two daughters, Deborah May Haughey of Lebanon and Monica Wood (Darryl) of Sheridan; 11 grandchildren, Amber Charlene Carey (Toby), Colett Pearl Berak (Paul), Jeremiah Allen Haughey (Brenda), Lorinda Kay, Ryan Neil Dobbs, Corey Lee Haughey (Stephanie), Michael David Haughey, Briana Renee Barnes (Austin), Jeffrey Allen Haughey, Carrie Kelm (Robert), and Katie Hilt; 25 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; two brothers, Carl E. Burtron (Elaine) of Sheridan and Rick L. Burtron (Jean Ann) of Lebanon; six sisters, Phyllis A. Litteral of Strawtown, Carolyn Biddle of Sheridan, Isabelle B. Cummins (Wesley) of Middletown, Sandra K. Spencer of Sheridan, Janet Wallace (Randy) of Bedford, and Tina Burtron-Stephens (Ken) of Sheridan; two sisters-in-law, Wilma Newby of Sheridan and Jeannie Shelburn of Lebanon; and many, many, many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Claude Vinton Burtron, Sr. and Gladys A. (Honeas) Burtron; brothers, Robert L. Burtron (Barbara), Thomas C. Burtron, and Claude V. Burtron (Libby); sisters, Kathy Jo Burtron and Mary Lou Pickett; brothers-in-law, James Haughey, Robert Haughey, and Bill Spencer; sisters-in-law, Miriam "Mic" Hillock, Margaret Ann Bailey, Janet Handley, Pauline Davis, and Pat Pauley; and by her husband, Tad Haughey on March 8, 2008. She and Tad were married on June 8, 1957.

Visitation and services were held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan. Burial followed at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Rev. Mike Bullick officiated.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to either the Parkinson's Foundation, or to the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences: [kerchevalfuneralhome.com](http://kerchevalfuneralhome.com)

**Donald Joe "Sunset" Carson**

December 18, 1944 – January 1, 2024



Donald Joe "Sunset" Carson, 79, Cicero, passed away on Monday, January 1, 2024, at his home. He was born on December 18, 1944, to the late James L. and Joan E. (Ridge) Carson in Tipton.

Don was in law enforcement for 25 years where he served under the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and retired from the Noblesville Police Department. He was a member of Omega Christian Church and the Hamilton County FOP #103. Don enjoyed watching NASCAR and IndyCar racing, the Indianapolis Colts, and old westerns.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce F. Carson; daughters, Deborah S. (Peter) Hilger and Angela K. Holloway; sister, Nancy Voss; granddaughter, Lindsey N. (Zachary) McWhorter; grandson, Austin B. Holloway; and his great-grandson, Owen Wayne McWhorter.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., with services at 2 p.m., on Saturday, January 6, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Pastor Neal Brown will officiate. Burial will follow at Cicero Cemetery in Cicero.

The family would like to thank AseraCare of Carmel for their loving care of Don.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 681405, Indianapolis, IN 46268-1405 ([cancer.org/about-us/local/indiana.html](http://cancer.org/about-us/local/indiana.html)); or Omega Christian Church, 12763 E. 281st St., Arcadia, IN 46030.

Condolences: [randallroberts.com](http://randallroberts.com)

**Malcolm Alan Mitchell**

July 5, 1957 – December 28, 2023



Malcolm Alan Mitchell, 66, Westfield, passed away on Thursday, December 28, 2023. He was born on July 5, 1957, in Kokomo, Ind., son of Malcolm Mitchell and Bonita V. (Gentry) Skinner.

Alan was a graduate of Westfield High School. He was proud to be an employee of Federal Express. His career with FedEx began in August of 1987 and he retired 35 years later in 2022.

Alan loved spending time with his family and the lifestyles of visiting the beach in Florida and Las Vegas. He enjoyed all sports, especially baseball and football, watching his children and later his grandchildren playing sports. He looked forward to the almost weekly special time with his grandson, Ryan, going to Jay's pitching lessons, and to practice hitting. He enjoyed keeping baseball stats, and supporting Makenzie, Megan, and Emma in their swimming events, and horseback riding.

In addition to his parents, Alan was preceded in death by his daughter, Rachel Lynn Mitchell.

Survivors include his loving wife of 45 years, Marcie (Mishler) Mitchell; children, Kristen (Jeff) Gater, April Mitchell, Julie (Cole) Way, and Chad Mitchell; four grandchildren, Makenzie Gater, Megan Gater, Emma Gater, and Ryan Mitchell; and brother, David Skinner.

Family and friends will gather at 10 a.m. on January 10, 2024, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church, 14596 Oak Ridge Road, Carmel, where the Memorial Mass will begin at noon.

In memory of Alan, donations may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 11550 N. Meridian St., Carmel, IN 46032. Envelopes will be available at the service.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family with arrangements.

Condolences: [bussellfamilyfunerals.com](http://bussellfamilyfunerals.com)

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**TODAY'S BIBLE READING**

*During wheat harvest, Reuben went out into the fields and found some mandrake plants, which he brought to his mother Leah. Rachel said to Leah, "Please give me some of your son's mandrakes."*

*But she said to her, "Wasn't it enough that you took away my husband? Will you take my son's mandrakes too?"*

*"Very well," Rachel said, "he can sleep with you tonight in return for your son's mandrakes."*

*So when Jacob came in from the fields that evening, Leah went out to meet him. "You must sleep with me," she said. "I have hired you with my son's mandrakes." So he slept with her that night.*

*God listened to Leah, and she became pregnant and bore Jacob a fifth son. Then Leah said, "God has rewarded me for giving my servant to my husband." So she named him Issachar.*

*Leah conceived again and bore Jacob a sixth son. Then Leah said, "God has presented me with a precious gift. This time my husband will treat me with honor, because I have borne him six sons." So she named him Zebulun.*

*Some time later she gave birth to a daughter and named her Dinah.*

*Then God remembered Rachel; he listened to her and enabled her to conceive. She became pregnant and gave birth to a son and said, "God has taken away my disgrace." She named him Joseph, and said, "May the Lord add to me another son."*

*Genesis 30:14-24 (NIV)*

**Meeting Notices**

The Cicero Stormwater Utility Board will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024, at Cicero Town Hall, 70 N. Byron St., Cicero.

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners have canceled the Friday, Jan. 5, 2024, highway meeting.

The Sheridan Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 8, 2024, at the library, located at 103 W. 1st St., Sheridan. The annual Board of Finance meeting will immediately follow.

The Hamilton Southeastern Schools Board of Trustees will meet in four executive sessions pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1-b(1)(5) To receive information about and interview prospective employees.

The meetings will take place at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024; 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2024; 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 5, 2024; and at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2024. All meetings will be held at HSE Central Office, 13485 Cumberland Road, Fishers.

The Hamilton East Public Library Board of Trustees Building and Grounds Committee will meet at 9 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 8, 2024, at the Fishers Library, 5 Municipal Drive, Fishers.

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**16698 Birdbrook Rd. Noblesville • \$589,900**  
**PENDING**

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

**11256 Winding Wood Ct. Indianapolis • \$239,900**  
**SOLD!**

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

**18865 Wimbley Way Noblesville • \$289,900**  
**PENDING**

This 3BR, 2BA ranch is located in family friendly Fairfield Farms, huge great room w/doors leading to covered patio & fenced backyard, kitchen w/pantry, dining area & all appliances stay, new windows, water softener & HVAC in 2020, Fence, roof & gutters 2021. **BLC#21949582**

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**SOLD!**

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

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2024 MEETING NOTICES

The Reporter brings you these meeting schedules for various boards, commissions, committees, and councils across Hamilton County. More schedules will appear in upcoming editons of the newspaper. Thank you to everyone who has sent meeting schedules to help us keep the public informed.

— COUNTY —

Hamilton County Schedule of Meeting Dates for 2024	
Plan Commission	Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals
Jan. 17, 2024	Jan. 24, 2024
Feb. 21, 2024	Feb. 28, 2024
March 20, 2024 – historic courtroom	March 27, 2024 – historic courtroom
April 17, 2024 – historic courtroom	April 24, 2024 – historic courtroom
May 15, 2024	May 22, 2024
June 19, 2024	June 26, 2024
July 17, 2024	July 24, 2024
Aug. 21, 2024	Aug. 28, 2024
Sept. 18, 2024 – historic courtroom	Sept. 25, 2024 – historic courtroom
Oct. 16, 2024 – historic courtroom	Oct. 23, 2024 – historic courtroom
Nov. 20, 2024	Nov. 13, 2024 – historic courtroom
Dec. 18, 2024	Dec. 11, 2024 – historic courtroom
Plan Commission meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.	
The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.	
Meeting locations and dates are adjusted as necessary in March and April as well as September, October, November and December because of elections and legal holidays. Meeting times will remain the same.	
Scheduled meetings will be canceled in the event no petitions have been processed for presentation to the board(s).	
Project submission dates are no less than 30 calendar days prior to the date of the hearing.	

— TRI-COUNTY SEWER UTILITY —

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility 2024 TriCo Meetings 7236 Mayflower Park Drive Zionsville, IN 46077 BOARD OF TRUSTEES	TriCo Regional Sewer Utility 2024 TriCo Meetings 7236 Mayflower Park Drive Zionsville, IN 46077 CAPITAL & CONSTRUCTION JOINT BOARD MEETING
2nd Monday of Each Month @ 6:00 PM	1st Monday of Each Month @ 4:30 PM
January 8	January 2 (Tuesday)
February 12	February 5
March 11	March 4
April 8 (Eclipse)	April 1
May 13	May 6
June 10	June 3
July 8	July 1
August 12	August 5
September 9	September 3 (Tuesday)
October 14	October 7
November 11	November 4
December 9	December 2

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility 2024 TriCo Meetings 7236 Mayflower Park Drive Zionsville, IN 46077 PERSONNEL & BENEFITS JOINT BOARD MEETING	TriCo Regional Sewer Utility 2024 TriCo Meetings 7236 Mayflower Park Drive Zionsville, IN 46077 BUDGET & FINANCE JOINT BOARD MEETING
4th Wednesday of Each Month @ 7:30 AM	4th Friday of Each Month @ 7:30 AM
January 24	January 26
February 28	February 23
March 27	March 22
April 24	April 26
May 22	May 24
June 26	June 28
July 24	July 26
August 28	August 23
September 25	September 27
October 23	October 25
November 27	November 22
December 26 (Thursday)	December 27

— HEPL —

Hamilton East Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Dates for 2024
January 25 6:15 pm Fishers Library
February 22 6:15 pm Noblesville Library
March 28 6:15 pm Fishers Library
April 25 6:15 pm Noblesville Library
May 23 6:15 pm Fishers Library
June 27 6:15 pm Noblesville Library
July 25 6:15 pm Fishers Library
August 22 6:15 pm Noblesville Library
September 26 6:15 pm Fishers Library
October 24 6:15 pm Noblesville Library
November 21 6:15 pm Fishers Library
December 19 6:15 pm Noblesville Library
Fishers Library 5 Municipal Dr, Fishers, IN 46038
Noblesville Library 1 Library Plaza Noblesville, IN 46060

— HNPL —

HAMILTON NORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY 2024 Regular Monthly Board Meetings
209 W. Brinton St., Cicero, IN 46034 6:30 p.m., the third Thursday of each month
Jan 18
Feb 15
March 21
April 18
May 16
June 20
July 18
Aug 15
Sept 19
Oct 17
Nov 21
Dec 19

— 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.



**PUBLIC NOTICE DEADLINE**

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— SHERIDAN —

Town of Sheridan
The 2024 meeting schedule for the Sheridan Town Council and the various Boards, Commissions and Committees for the Town of Sheridan are as follows: All meetings will be held at the Sheridan Community Center located at 300 East 6th Street, Sheridan, IN 46069 unless otherwise noted. Notice of any special meetings or executive sessions will be given in the proper time frame.
<b>Town Council</b> 1st Tuesday at 6:00 pm., except in May and November. In those months, the meetings will be the 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm.
<b>Park Board</b> First Tuesday at 5:00 pm., except in May and November. In those months, the meetings will be the 1st Thursday at 5:00 pm.
<b>Plan Commission</b> Third Thursday at 6:30 pm.
<b>Board of Zoning Appeals</b> Third Thursday at 5:30 pm.
<b>Economic Development</b> Meets at the Sheridan Historical Society, located at 315 South Main Street, Sheridan, IN 46069 at 6:30 pm. Monday, March 18, 2024, Monday, June 17, 2024, Monday, September 16, 2024, & Monday, December 16, 2024.
<b>Redevelopment Commission</b> 4th Tuesday at 6:00 pm.
<b>Storm Water</b> 1st Monday at 7:00 pm.
<b>Public Works</b> Meets as needed.
<b>Metropolitan Board of Police Commissioners</b> 1st Monday at 6:00 pm.

— NOBLESVILLE —

Noblesville Parks & Recreation Board	City of Noblesville Firefighter Merit Commission
The Park Board meets monthly at the Forest Park Lodge at 6:00 pm. The dates for 2024 are listed below.	The City of Noblesville Firefighter Merit Commission will meet on the following dates in 2024. Meetings will be held at 4:00 p.m. in the City Courtroom, 135 S. 9th Street.
January 10, 2024	January 17, 2024
February 7, 2024	February 21, 2024
March 6, 2024	March 20, 2024
April 10, 2024	April 17, 2024
May 1, 2024	May 15, 2024
June 5, 2024	June 19, 2024
July 10, 2024	July 17, 2024
August 7, 2024	August 21, 2024
September 4, 2024	September 18, 2024
October 2, 2024	October 16, 2024
November 6, 2024	November 20, 2024
December 4, 2024	December 18, 2024

City of Noblesville Plan Commission	City of Noblesville Redevelopment Commission
The City of Noblesville Plan Commission will meet on the following dates in 2024. Regular meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Council chambers at City Hall, 16 South 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana.	The Noblesville Redevelopment Commission will meet on the following dates in 2024. Meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the Council chambers at City Hall, 16 S. 10th Street.
January 16, 2024	January 25, 2024
February 20, 2024	February 15, 2024
March 18, 2024	March 14, 2024
April 15, 2024	April 11, 2024
May 20, 2024	May 16, 2024
June 17, 2024	June 13, 2024
July 15, 2024	July 11, 2024
August 19, 2024	August 15, 2024
September 16, 2024	September 12, 2024
October 28, 2024	October 17, 2024
November 18, 2024	November 14, 2024
December 9, 2024	December 5, 2024

Noblesville Police Merit Commission
City Council Chambers Noblesville City Hall 16 South 10th Street Noblesville, IN 46060 Third Wednesday of the Month at 5:00pm
Projected Meeting Dates for 2024
January 17, 2024
February 21, 2024
March 20, 2024
April 17, 2024
May 15, 2024
June 19, 2024
July 17, 2024
August 21, 2024
September 18, 2024
October 16, 2024
November 20, 2024
December 18, 2024

City of Noblesville Roads Council Committee
The City of Noblesville Roads Council Committee will meet on the following dates in 2024. Meetings will be held in room A213 at City Hall, 16 S. 10th Street, Noblesville, IN at 8:00 a.m., except where noted.
January 12, 2024
February 2, 2024
March 1, 2024
April 12, 2024
May 3, 2024
June 7, 2024
July 12, 2024
August 2, 2024
September 6, 2024
October 4, 2024
November 1, 2024
December 6, 2024 (in the Council conference room)

City of Noblesville Common Council Finance Committee
The City of Noblesville Common Council Finance Committee will meet on the following dates in 2024. Meetings will be held in room A213 at City Hall, 16 S. 10th Street, Noblesville, IN at 8:15 a.m., unless noted otherwise.
January 4, 2024
January 18, 2024
February 8, 2024 - Mayor's office conference room #2
February 22, 2024
March 7, 2024
March 21, 2024
April 4, 2024
April 18, 2024
May 9, 2024
May 23, 2024
June 6, 2024
June 20, 2024
July 3, 2024
July 18, 2024
August 8, 2024
August 22, 2024
September 5, 2024
September 19, 2024
October 10, 2024
October 24, 2024
November 7, 2024
November 21, 2024
November 27, 2024 - A214
December 12, 2024

2024 Noblesville Tree Board Committee Meeting Dates
1/8/2024
2/12/2024
4/9/2024**
6/10/2024
8/12/2024
10/14/2024
Tree Board committee meetings to be held at Noblesville Street Dept. upstairs Conference Room at 3pm.
** Tuesday meeting

2024 Noblesville Tree Board Meeting Dates

2/5/2024
4/1/2024
6/3/2024
8/5/2024
10/7/2024
12/2/2024
All Tree Board meetings to be held at City Hall Conference Room A213 at 5pm.
Note that there will not be tree board meetings in these months:
January
March
May
July
September
November

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— WESTFIELD —

WESTFIELD-WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP ADVISORY PLAN COMMISSION 2024 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS	
FIRST APC MEETING	SECOND APC MEETING
Monday 7:00 PM	Monday 7:00 PM
Location	Westfield City Hall 130 Penn Street
Westfield City Services Center 2728 East 171st Street	
MEETING MONTH	
JANUARY	01/17/24
FEBRUARY	02/05/24
MARCH	03/04/24
APRIL	04/01/24
MAY	05/08/24
JUNE	06/03/24
JULY	07/01/24
AUGUST	08/05/24
SEPTEMBER	09/03/24
OCTOBER	10/07/24
NOVEMBER	11/06/24
DECEMBER	12/02/24
JANUARY	01/15/25
* Dates in red are scheduled for a different day due to a conflict.	
The City of Westfield, Indiana advises the public to check the latest meeting details at: <a href="http://www.westfield.in.gov">www.westfield.in.gov</a> .	

WESTFIELD-WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS 2024 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS	
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING	
Tuesday 7:00 PM Westfield City Hall 130 Penn Street	
MEETING MONTH	
JANUARY	01/23/24
FEBRUARY	02/13/24
MARCH	03/12/24
APRIL	04/09/24
MAY	05/14/24
JUNE	06/11/24
JULY	07/09/24
AUGUST	08/13/24
SEPTEMBER	09/16/24
OCTOBER	10/08/24
NOVEMBER	11/12/24
DECEMBER	12/10/24
JANUARY	01/14/25
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WESTFIELD-WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PLAT COMMITTEE 2024 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS	
FIRST PLAT COMMITTEE MEETING	SECOND PLAT COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday 11:00 AM	Monday 11:00 AM
MEETING MONTH	Westfield City Services Center 2728 East 171st Street
JANUARY	no meeting
FEBRUARY	02/12/24
MARCH	03/11/24
APRIL	04/08/24
MAY	05/13/24
JUNE	06/10/24
JULY	07/08/24
AUGUST	08/12/24
SEPTEMBER	09/09/24
OCTOBER	10/14/24
NOVEMBER	11/11/24
DECEMBER	12/02/24
JANUARY	no meeting
* Dates in red are scheduled for a different day due to a conflict.	
The City of Westfield, Indiana advises the public to check the latest meeting details at: <a href="http://www.westfield.in.gov">www.westfield.in.gov</a> .	

WESTFIELD-WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PLAT COMMITTEE 2024 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS	
FIRST PLAT COMMITTEE MEETING	SECOND PLAT COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday 11:00 AM	Monday 11:00 AM
MEETING MONTH	Westfield City Services Center 2728 East 171st Street
JANUARY	no meeting
FEBRUARY	02/12/24
MARCH	03/11/24
APRIL	04/08/24
MAY	05/13/24
JUNE	06/10/24
JULY	07/08/24
AUGUST	08/12/24
SEPTEMBER	09/09/24
OCTOBER	10/14/24
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### Boys Basketball

# Rocks get rolling in second half, crush Mount Vernon

By RICHIE HALL

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**WESTFIELD** — The Westfield boys basketball team started the new year with a big finish.

The Class 4A No. 2 Shamrocks trailed Mount Vernon after three quarters Tuesday at CSI Gymnasium, but blasted through the fourth period to win 41-30. Westfield only allowed the Marauders two points in that final quarter.

“We have great defenders,” said Shamrocks junior Durante Morton. “Charles Farrell, we put him on the best guy every day. He just shows up. We guard at Westfield. That’s what we pride ourselves in every day.”

The game was tied at 6-6 at the end of the first quarter, with Morton scoring four of Westfield’s points. Mount Vernon steadily built a lead in the second period, going up 19-12 at halftime.

“Tough game,” said Shamrocks coach Shane Sumpter. “It’s one of the few that we’ve been in a situation like that.”

The ‘Rocks needed a good start in the second half, and they did just that with a 9-0 run. Nic Book got Westfield’s first basket, then Caleb Wise hit a 3-pointer. Trey Buchanan tied the game with a layin, then Charles Farrell put the Shamrocks in front with a dunk.

The Marauders answered that with a 9-2 run to go up 28-23 with 37.7 seconds left in the third quarter. Carson Melvin got the final points of the period with a layin, and Westfield was within three going into the fourth.

Melvin’s basket turned out to be the start of a 16-0 run. He scored the first basket of the fourth quarter, then Book made a dunk to put the ‘Rocks in front for good. A Farrell basket and two more scores from Book pushed Westfield ahead 35-28.

“The difference in the game was the first three minutes of the third quarter and the first two or three minutes of that fourth quarter. We were able to get a run,” said Sumpter. “Once we got that five to six, seven point lead, we were in control.”

With under two minutes



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

**Westfield’s Nic Book and Durante Morton led the way for the Shamrocks Tuesday in their comeback win over Mount Vernon. Book scored 14 points, while Morton scored eight and made a key play in the fourth quarter to keep the ball in Westfield’s hands.**



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

**Charles Farrell scored six points for the Shamrocks.**

left, Morton grabbed a loose ball while airborne and going out of bounds. He called timeout before he landed, thus keeping the ball in Westfield’s hands.

“I knew we had timeouts,” said Morton. “We

were in the huddle talking about a timeout. I think we had two or three, one full, two 30s. Just call a quick timeout, get our guys together, get a really good shot with two minutes left in the game.”

Book made his second dunk of the game and then hit two free throws to put the game out of reach. The

Marauders scored with under 30 seconds left to avoid being shut out in the quarter, but Morton finished the game with two more free throws.

Book scored 14 points, 10 of those in the fourth quarter.

Westfield is still unbeaten at 7-0 and plays at Yorktown on Friday.

# Noblesville earns sixth win in a row by beating Pike

**The REPORTER**

Noblesville cruised to its sixth consecutive victory on Tuesday, beating Pike 69-46 at The Mill.

The Class 4A No. 5 Millers led 15-11 after one quarter and 33-24 at halftime. Aaron Fine scored 15 of those points, with Baron Walker adding eight; both made two 3-pointers. Noblesville pulled away further in the third quarter by outscoring the Red Devils

24-9 for a 57-33 lead. Hunter Walston had seven points in the period.

Fine was the first of four double-digit scorers for the Millers, with 24 points. Walker and Justin Curry both had 13 points and Walston scored 11; all three of them drained three 3s. Curry and Walston each had five rebounds.

Noblesville is 9-1 and plays Saturday at Muncie Central.

### NOBLESVILLE 69, PIKE 46

Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Hunter Walston	4	0-0	11	0
Justin Curry	5	0-0	13	2
Aiden Brewer	1	0-0	2	3
Baron Walker	5	0-0	13	2
Aaron Fine	10	2-4	24	4
Luke Etchison	1	1-2	3	3
Ryan Vctor	1	1-2	3	1
Adam Fine	0	0-0	0	2
Max Miller	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	27	4-8	69	17

### Score by Quarters

Pike	11	13	9	13 – 46
Noblesville	15	18	24	12 – 69

Noblesville 3-pointers (11) Walston 3, Curry 3, Walker 3, Aa. Fine 2.

# IBCA boys basketball poll – Week of Dec. 31

Rank	School	Points	Record
1	Lawrence North (16)	432	9-0
2	<b>Fishers (6)</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>11-0</b>
3	<b>Westfield</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>6-0</b>
4	Cathedral	382	6-0
5	<b>Noblesville</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>8-1</b>
6	Crispus Attucks	307	9-3
7	Ben Davis	275	6-2
8	Greenfield-Central	241	10-0
9	Kokomo	239	10-3
10	Lake Central	235	9-0
11	Brownstown Central	167	9-3
12	Richmond	153	12-0
13	Penn	138	6-1
14	South Bend Riley	88	11-3
15	Fort Wayne North Side	81	9-3
16	Anderson	75	5-2
17	Brebeuf Jesuit	71	7-2
18	<b>Guerin Catholic</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>9-4</b>
19	Wapahani	67	10-0
20	North Central	59	6-2

First place votes are in parentheses.

### Other schools receiving votes, with records

Barr-Reeve (8-1), Brownsburg (6-5), Center Grove (6-4), Chesterton (6-4), Danville (9-0), Delta (10-1), Evansville Harrison (7-2), Fort Wayne Bishop Luers (8-1), Fort Wayne Blackhawk Christian (8-3), Fort Wayne Wayne (7-2), Franklin Community (9-1), **Hamilton Southeastern (7-3)**, Heritage Hills (10-1), Jeffersonville (6-5), Manchester (8-2), Mt. Vernon (Fortville) (6-4), New Albany (7-2), New Palestine (7-2), North Posey (7-2), Northridge (10-1), Plainfield (8-3), Southwestern (Hanover) (10-1), Tipton (10-0), Valparaiso (9-3), Warren Central (5-4), 21st Century Charter School – Gary (6-4).

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### WESTFIELD 41, MOUNT VERNON 30

Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Trey Buchanan	1	0-0	2	1
Charles Farrell	3	0-0	6	2
Caleb Wise	3	0-0	7	0
Durante Morton	3	2-2	8	3
Nic Book	6	2-2	14	3
Will Harvey	0	0-0	0	2
Drew Haffner	0	0-0	0	0
Carson Melvin	2	0-0	4	0
Totals	18	4-4	41	11

### Score by Quarters

Mount Vernon	6	13	9	2 – 41
Westfield	6	6	13	16 – 30

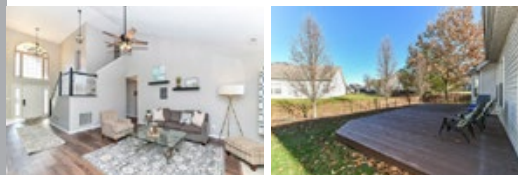
Westfield 3-pointer: Wise.

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Girls Basketball

Tigers never let Red Devils lead, now going to Chicago

The REPORTER

The Fishers girls basketball team proved that sharing is caring at Pike on Tuesday.

The Tigers used outstanding balanced scoring to beat the Red Devils 77-57. Fishers outscored Pike in all four quarters, leading 18-12 after one period. Talia Harris was dominant, scoring 12 points in the opening quarter. The Tigers went up 44-32 by halftime; Allison Scheu took over the game by scoring 10 points in the

second quarter.

It was Nevaeh Dickman's turn in the third period, as she added 10 points in that quarter, helping Fishers lead 62-44 going into the fourth. Harris and Dickman both scored six in the fourth quarter to close out the win.

Harris finished with 23 points in the game, while Dickman scored 20. Scheu totaled 15 points.

The Tigers are 11-4 and take a trip to Chicago on Thursday for an afternoon game with Mother McAuley.

FISHERS 77, PIKE 57				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Talia Harris	9	4-4	23	2
Morgan Roberts	3	0-0	8	0
Kate Thomas	1	1-2	3	2
Nevaeh Dickman	8	4-5	20	2
Allison Scheu	4	7-8	15	3
Alanna Anthony	1	0-0	2	0
Olivia Brookshire	0	0-0	0	0
Natalie Thomas	2	2-4	6	2
Totals	28	18-23	77	11
Score by Quarters				
Fishers	18	26	18	15-77
Pike	12	20	12	13-57
Fishers 3-pointers (3) Roberts 2, Harris.				

Sheridan slams Crawfordsville, takes on conference rival Tri-Central on Friday

The REPORTER

The Sheridan girls basketball team put together yet another solid defensive effort on Tuesday, sailing past Crawfordsville 60-20 in an away game.

The Blackhawks were relentless in the first half, leading 22-6 after one quarter and 44-8 at halftime. Both teams scored 10 points in the third quarter, but Sheridan only allowed Crawfordsville two points in the fourth quarter. This is the sixth time this season the 'Hawks have allowed a team 20 points or less in a game.

21 points, collected six rebounds, dished out six assists and blocked three shots. Shelby Eaton added 11 points. Sadie Timme had six points, five rebounds and two assists, while Cecilia Timme and Nova Cross both scored five. Cecilia Timme and Brielle Garner both handed out four assists.

Rounding out the scoring were Kennedy Zachary and Brielle Garner with four points each, then Mac Smith and Makaley Terry both had two points.

Sheridan is 12-3 and travels to Tri-Central on Friday for a Hoosier Heartland Conference game.

University falls in road game at Western

The REPORTER

The University girls hit the road Tuesday night, dropping a 60-43 contest to Class 3A No. 6 Western.

Leah Norvell led University with 20 points, 19 in the first half. Charlotte Conyers came off the bench to score ten points and Anyah Jordan added nine.

The Trailblazers never led in the game, though they tied the score at 12 at the end of the first period on a Mack Feeney rebound basket with four seconds left. The game was tied again at 14 and at 16 both times on baskets

by Norvell. Western took a timeout and came out and scored six points in 45 seconds, forcing two University turnovers. The Panthers led the rest of the way.

Conyers had a team-high seven rebounds with Feeney pulling down six missed shots and Norvell five.

Mackenzie York led Western with 18 points. The Panthers are 14-1.

University falls to 7-7 on the season. The Trailblazers are next in action Saturday at Covenant Christian in the middle game of a triple-header. The boys junior

WESTERN 60, UNIVERSITY 43				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Meg Rohloff	0-1	0-0	0	1
Keira Bright	0-5	0-0	0	3
Anyah Turley	4-9	0-0	9	2
Leah Norvell	8-15	1-2	20	2
Mack Feeney	2-4	0-0	4	3
Charlotte Conyers	3-15	4-6	10	3
Totals	17-49	5-8	43	14
Score by Quarters				
University	12	11	7	13-43
Western	12	16	17	15-60
University 3-point shooting (4-17) Norvell 3-6, Turley 1-2, Conyers 0-7, Bright 0-2.				
University rebounds (25) Conyers 7, Feeney 6, Norvell 5, Turley 4, Bright 3.				

varsity game begins at 4:30 p.m. to be followed by the girls varsity and boys varsity contests.

IBCA girls basketball poll – Week of Dec. 31

Rank	School	Points	Record
1	Hamilton Southeastern (10)	382	14-1
2	Columbia City (2)	355	14-2
3	Center Grove	338	16-1
4	Lawrence Central (8)	322	18-1
5	Homestead	292	12-2
6	Fort Wayne Snider	288	14-2
7	Jennings County	281	14-2
8	Lawrence North	263	13-3
9	Northridge	244	17-1
10	Franklin Community	213	14-2
11	Bedford North Lawrence	202	14-2
12	South Bend Washington	163	11-3
13	Lake Central	141	13-3
14	Fishers	124	10-4
15	Zionsville	123	13-3
16	Norwell	98	12-4
17	Hamilton Heights	90	15-2
18	Rensselaer Central	59	15-0
T19	Indian Creek	53	13-4
T19	Noblesville	53	9-7

First place votes are in parentheses.

**Other schools receiving votes, with records**

Benton Central (16-2), Caston (15-0), Eastbrook (13-1), Evansville Memorial (11-3), Fort Wayne Northrop (10-3), Franklin Central (7-7), Gibson Southern (11-4), Greensburg (12-3), Lanesville (15-1), Mooresville (14-3), North Knox (16-1), Orleans (13-1), South Knox (14-1), Westfield (11-5).

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Noblesville's Reagan Wilson was named the IBCA/Franciscan Health Player of the Week for girls District 2 after helping the Millers to win their Invitation last Thursday.

# Reagan Wilson earns Player of the Week status

The REPORTER

Noblesville senior Reagan Wilson is among the six players that have been selected as the IBCA/Franciscan Health Player of the Week for Dec. 25-Dec. 30 in the recognition program coordinated by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association.

Wilson, receiving the honor for girls District 2, helped the Noblesville Millers to a pair of nice wins in the Noblesville holiday tournament last

week. In the opening game on Thursday, Noblesville knocked off Valparaiso, 65-56. Wilson, a 5-7 point guard, scored 29 points and was 4 of 9 from deep in the outing. She added four rebounds, two assists, and five steals in the win. Later that evening, the Millers battled a tough Fort Wayne Snider squad, escaping with a 57-51 success. Wilson shot it even better, scoring 30 points, burying 4 of 7 shots from long range, and making all six of her

free throw attempts in the matchup. The Iowa State University commit chipped in three rebounds and three steals at the defensive end of the floor as well.

This is the 16th season for the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association Player of the Week program, and the fourth season it is being presented by Franciscan Health, a corporate sponsor of the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association. Wilson joins Hamilton Southeastern's Maya Makalusky

as a Player of the Week winner from Hamilton County this 2023-24 season.

Player of the Week winners are chosen each week from each of the IHSAA's three districts. Girls' winners will be chosen through the Monday following the IHSAA Girls State Finals. Boys' winners will be chosen through the Monday following the IHSAA Boys State Finals.

# Tyrese Haliburton named Eastern Conference Player of the Week

The REPORTER

The NBA announced Tuesday that Indiana Pacers guard Tyrese Haliburton was named Eastern Conference Player of the Week for games played from Dec. 25 to 31.

Haliburton guided the Pacers to a 3-0 record during the week and led Indiana with averages of 25.3 points, 4.7 rebounds and 17.7 assists per game – best among all players in the NBA – during the team's three wins at Houston, at Chicago and vs. New York.

Haliburton finished with 21 points, 20 assists and zero turnovers in the road win at Chicago Dec. 28. He became only the sec-

ond player in NBA history to record 20 or more points, 20 or more assists and zero turnovers in one game. On Dec. 30, Haliburton scored 22 points and tied the Pacers' franchise record with a career-high 23 assists in a win over the Knicks. He joined Magic Johnson and John Stockton as the only players in league history to record 20 or more points and 20 or more assists in consecutive games.

Haliburton has posted nine straight double-doubles – the longest streak in his NBA career – and has recorded more double-doubles than any other guard in the NBA this season with 24. He continues to lead all

players in the NBA this season in assists with an average of 12.7 per game.

This honor marks the second Player of the Week award of Haliburton's career and his first this season. He shares honors with Oklahoma City's Shai Gilgeous-Alexander, who was named Western Conference Player of the Week.

The Pacers have won four straight games – matching their longest winning streak this season – to improve their record to 18-14 overall this season. Indiana will tip off a five-game homestand as the Pacers host the Milwaukee Bucks at Gainbridge Fieldhouse Wednesday at 7 p.m.

# SPORTS SCHEDULE

<b>Wednesday, Jan. 3</b> <b>BOYS WRESTLING</b> Zionsville at Westfield, 6:30 p.m. <b>GIRLS BASKETBALL</b> Park Tudor at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m. Westfield at Bishop Chatard, 7:30 p.m. <b>SWIMMING/DIVING</b> Oak Hill at Hamilton Heights, 6 p.m.
<b>Thursday, Jan. 4</b> <b>BOYS BASKETBALL</b> Seccina at University, 7:30 p.m. <b>GIRLS BASKETBALL</b> Fishers at Chicago Mother McAuley, 12:30 p.m. Sheridan at Tri-Central, 7 p.m. Carmel at Lawrence Central, 7:30 p.m. Warren Central at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m. <b>SWIMMING/DIVING</b> Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet, 6 p.m. at IU Natatorium
<b>Friday, Jan. 5</b> <b>BOYS BASKETBALL</b> Carmel at Marion, 7:30 p.m. Hamilton Southeastern at Lawrence Central, 7:30 p.m. Northwestern at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m. Pike at Fishers, 7:30 p.m. Sheridan at Tri-Central, 7:30 p.m. Westfield at Yorktown, 7:30 p.m. Guerin Catholic at Bishop Chatard, 8 p.m. <b>GIRLS BASKETBALL</b> Guerin Catholic at Bishop Chatard, 6 p.m. Harrison at University, 7 p.m. <b>GIRLS WRESTLING</b> Semi-state at Muncie Central, 11 a.m.
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