



THE HAMILTON COUNTY REPORTER NEWSPAPER JANUARY 2024 YOUNG ARTIST OF THE MONTH: SIMONE BAKER (1ST PLACE)  
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# Dare to dream, young artists

**The REPORTER**

The tops of our first three pages are a little different thanks to some talented young artists at Sheridan Elementary School, a first-year art teacher, and a group of sponsors who jumped at the chance to support these young people.

In this edition we welcome our January 2024 Young Artist of the Month award winners: Simone Baker (Page 1), Cara Watts (Page 2) and Mylah Sevier (Page 3) from Miss Sweger's fifth-grade art class at Sheridan Elementary School. Their artwork will grace the pages of The Reporter in print and online all week long.

Young artists from local schools will be featured in the pages of The Hamilton County Reporter every month this year.

In addition to having their artwork at the top of the page in Hamilton County's Hometown Newspaper, each of these students received a framed certificate from The Reporter signed and presented by Editorial Cartoonist Tim Campbell. They each received a gift certificate from Hobby Lobby so their parents can take them to pick out more art supplies, and a gift certificate from Bien Mexicana, 150 S. Peru St, Cicero, to go celebrate a little.

Parents, you might want to go tomorrow when Bien is offering \$2 tacos for their first-ever Taco Tuesday.

Now let's talk about that art.

At the top of the front page of every newspaper is the name of the publication and some branding known as "the flag." It is also called the nameplate. Some people like to refer to it as the masthead. We have gone to great lengths to perfect ours, and while there may be another newspaper out there that would be willing to give that up to sup-



Reporter Editorial Cartoonist Tim Campbell (left) presents a check to Sheridan Elementary art teacher Madeline Sweger for her class. The winners of this month's student art contest are . . . 1st Place: Simone Baker (third from left); 2nd Place: Cara Watts (inset photo); and 3rd Place: Mylah Sevier. Congratulations to all, and thank you for gracing the pages of The Hamilton County Reporter with your art.

port young artists, we've never heard of it.

Late last year, when we explained to potential sponsors that we were willing to give our flag away to showcase student artwork, the support was incredible.

Gaylor Electric, Tom Wood Volkswagen Noblesville, and Adler Attorneys are the sponsors who showed us their commitment to local art students this month by opening their checkbooks so these kids can have the prizes they deserve.

Our sponsors even allowed us to write a check to the school, which will go to Miss Sweger's art class.

"This was a terrific opportunity for my students to unleash their inner artist and discover more about Hamilton County," Sweger said. "All of my students did a great job at combining both research and art to

## Sheridan Schools grateful for Hometown Partnership

**Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools**

Sheridan Elementary students, under the guidance of first-year art teacher Miss Madeline Sweger, said they were excited to participate in the newspaper banner contest sponsored by the Hamilton County Reporter.

The project that grew from the hometown paper's desire to get students involved with their local news source turned into a learning journey for Sheridan's third through fifth graders. Sweger explained that after receiving the prompt from the paper about the contest, she brainstormed with the students what Hamilton County has, adding, "For

some, it was the first time that they realized Hamilton County was more than Sheridan."

SES winners are 1st Place: Simone Baker, fifth grade; 2nd Place: Cara Watts, fifth grade; and 3rd Place: Mylah Sevier, fourth grade.

SES leadership expressed appreciation to the Reporter for allowing students to become involved in the community.

"We are fortunate to have a hometown paper that not only provides news to our community, but also wants to be a true partner in promoting SCS and the Sheridan community," Superintendent Dave Mundy said. "We are grateful for their outstanding coverage."

# About that 40-year gig . . .

*"I don't know how Taylor Swift does it."*

I never imagined hearing those words being said by my husband, Chuck.

A year ago, I'm not sure he would have known anything about Taylor Swift except that two of his granddaughters were going to see her on her Eras Tour. Emma Leonard would go to Los Angeles, and Abby Baker would go to Nashville. Chuck Leonard would have had a come-apart if he knew how much their tickets cost.

Chuck could not name one Taylor Swift song. That changed when Taylor started dating football player Travis Kelce of the Kansas City Chiefs. Travis was a **better man** than she had ever dated. Better than her **wildest dreams**. She would leave her **cruel summer**, put on her **cardigan**, and **begin again** with a new **lover** who is **fearless**. Football would never be the same. Swifties became instant fans, although they left a **blank space** when asked to explain a blitz or where the **red zone** is located.

Her appearance at games created an epic collision between music fans and football fans. Her fans swiftly began to follow the Chiefs and were obsessed with Taylor sightings in the important people suite during the KC Chiefs' games. The field between the goalposts seemed **enchanted** with a **lavender haze** whenever Taylor Swift was in the house.



JANET HART LEONARD  
From the Hart

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Photo provided  
Erick Oneal Fisher will play at Pasto Italiano in Westfield on Friday, Jan. 12.

# Saxy good time at Pasto Italiano

**By STU CLAMPITT**  
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Our friends at Pasto Italiano, 3150 E. State Road 32, Westfield, have a gift for finding exceptionally talented musicians who live right here in central Indiana. Every Wednesday owners Kent and Patsy offer customers music from Benito DiBartoli and every Friday they find a variety of musical artists to perform a plethora of genres.

For this Friday, Jan. 12, they've discovered a saxophonist you don't want to miss: Erick Oneal Fisher.

Fisher, a native of Michigan, recently moved to Noblesville. He is a self-taught sax player who told The Reporter he's been playing sax for over 20 years and playing woodwinds since elementary school.

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## A tribute letter to the late Soni Sheehan from the Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville

*Editor's note: Sondra Darlene Sheehan, known as Soni, passed away on Dec. 22, 2023, at the age of 83. Her first priorities were always her family and her devotion to volunteerism serving the youth of Hamilton County. In recognition of that work, the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville bears the name of both her and her husband. The following is a letter from that very club.*

To Our Dearest Soni,

It's hard to fathom a world without kind souls like yours that have made a profound impact on the lives of so many in our community. Over the course of the past five decades, you have been a pure example of selflessness while showing us all how to care without question. You have paved the way for so many of us to succeed by silently showing us the power of volunteerism and generosity.

As a proud member of the Boys & Girls Club Ladies Auxiliary, you spent an uncountable number of hours behind

the scenes ensuring that our UpTop Shop was always a magical, memorable experience. Thanks to your passion for this annual event, which allows all Club Kids to participate in the giving holiday season at a minimal cost, thousands of us know how to "pay it forward." You were able to bring the joy of giving directly into our hearts while letting us know that we were loved and always deserved the best.

Whether it was helping us build self-confidence through your fashion shows or teaching us the values of a solid work ethic through the UpTop Shop, you

were always in our corner. Whether we knew it or not, you were always looking out for us with a sense of intuition. Your natural ability and awareness for seeing a child in need is a characteristic that cannot be matched.

You embodied the mission of the Boys & Girls Club in your life while helping so many of us overcome difficult obstacles. Without a doubt, your compassion has ensured that Great Futures are possible for all – no matter the circumstance. You will be missed but never forgotten.

Your Friends,  
All Past, Present & Future Club Kids



Photo provided  
Tom & Soni Sheehan made it their life mission to serve the less-fortunate children of Hamilton County.

# January heats up in a flash with Menopause: The Musical at Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre

**The REPORTER**

The year isn't the only thing that's changing! *Menopause: The Musical*, the hilarious and fun celebration of women and "the change," has returned to Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre.

Written by Jeanie Linders, *Menopause: The Musical* is set in a department store, where four women with seemingly nothing in common but a black lace bra meet by chance at a lingerie sale.

Get ready to laugh along as the all-female cast makes fun of their woeful hot flashes, forgetfulness, mood swings, wrinkles, night sweats and chocolate binges. A sisterhood is created between these diverse women in this uplifting production which includes parodies from the '60s and '70s and '80s. It culminates with a salute to women who are experiencing "the change."

Millions of women of all ages and stages find their spirits lifted by the show's light-hearted look at menopause, recognizing it as the start of a new chapter in a woman's life.

The entire cast of *Menopause: The Musical* is making its Beef & Boards debut. The cast includes Enga Davis as the Professional Woman, Nancy Slusser as the Iowa Housewife, Melanie Souza as the Earth Mother, and



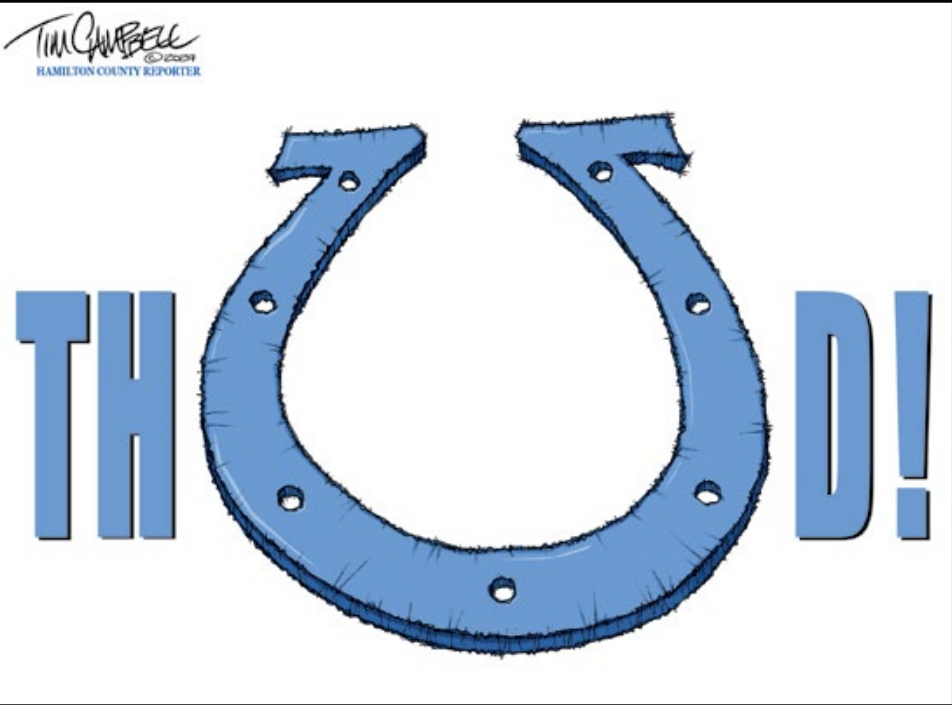
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Four women who seem to have nothing in common except a black lace bra realize they share a lot of the same experiences with "the change."

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THE HAMILTON COUNTY REPORTER NEWSPAPER JANUARY 2024 YOUNG ARTIST OF THE MONTH: CARA WATTS (2ND PLACE)  
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DREAM



(From left) Sheridan Community Schools Superintendent Dr. Dave Mundy, first-place winner Simone Baker, art teacher Miss Madeline Sweger, third-place winner Mylah Sevier, and Sheridan Elementary School Principal Valerie Roberts. Not pictured: second-place winner Cara Watts.

create new mastheads for the paper. Our three winners have always taken their time on projects, and it clearly showed in their efforts for the contest. As a first-year teacher, it is so awesome to have students that are so engaged and clearly put their hearts into it.”

When asked about Miss Sweger, Sheridan Elementary Principal Valerie Roberts told The Reporter, “Made-line brings great joy to our building! She gives 110 percent energy and excitement to all that she does. She not only is our K-5 art teacher,

but she has taken on a side project of sharing her passion of art therapy with some of our students. Her talents are well beyond her years of experience, and we are grateful to have her on our team.”

Hamilton County is home to exceptional artists, and we have community leaders who support the arts in an abundance of ways. There are more options for artists and art fans than we can possibly list. All that interest and commitment to the arts starts in our schools with the teachers who guide, nudge and encourage kids

to try new things and learn where their talents live.

We hope some of the young artists you see for the first time in The Reporter this year will grow into the artists and art leaders of the next generation.

Maybe one of this month’s winners will someday see their work featured in a gallery exhibit. When asked about their background in art, perhaps one will say to a journalist, “It all began in Miss Sweger’s art class with a contest in my hometown newspaper ...”

Dare to dream.

40-YEAR GIG

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Having spent 40 years working behind the scenes, Chuck Leonard is now enjoying his well-deserved much more than 15 minutes in the spotlight.

During a game, football fans watch anxiously to see if, after a tackle, Travis can get up and **shake it off**. If he gets hurt, there will be **bad blood** between Taylor and whoever harms the **prince** in her **love story**. Taylor is a firm believer in **karma**.

Taylor might sing, “I’ll leave **teardrops on my guitar** if the Chiefs don’t make the playoffs. **Would’ve, Could’ve, Should’ve**. My husband now knows **all too well** how it feels to have a full agenda of press interviews and places to be. As he keeps the scoreboard for the Colts for the final game of his 40-year side gig, never missing a Colts home game (over 400), he has toured the Indy news circuit for the past week. Three TV stations, WISH, WXIN, and WTHR, and two news publications, The Hamilton County Reporter and the Current in Noblesville, interviewed him.

Chuck may not be **bigger than the whole sky**, but for one week, since **New Year’s Day**, he knows what it is like to have so many fans cheering for him.

I am writing this on Friday before the Colts vs. Texans game on Saturday night. I am sure the Colts organization will say, “**Don’t go**” to Chuck, but as he says, “40 years is a good number. It’s better to leave five years too early than five minutes too late.”

It should be about **midnight** when he arrives home. I’ll keep the lights on, greet him at the back door, and tell him, “**You belong with me**.”

I know we will be watching from the living room of the Little House on the Alley next season, and I will tell him, “**You need to calm down**,” as he watches the Colts’ home games and the away ones. He never allowed himself to get excited while working the scoreboard.

**Don’t blame me**, Taylor Swift, if I borrow your words. Chuck Leonard will be, **forever and always**, the leading scorer for the Indianapolis Colts. I disagree with you. You see, Ms. Swift, it is I who has the better man, and Chuck and I have the best **love story**.

Thank you, Taylor Swift, for helping me write this week’s column. It’s been fun. Chuck has felt your pain and exhaustion ... well, a bit of it. You haven’t even lived for 40 years. In one year less than **seven**, you will turn 40. Chuck hopes you enjoy your career and all its gigs, as much as he has enjoyed his gig with the Colts. Never in his **wildest dreams** did he think he would be doing this for 40 years. His favorite color will never be **red**, but forever ... Colts blue.

Let’s cheer for Chuck Leonard as he puts up the final score for the Colts! Make it a win for Chuck!

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If you are not a Taylor Swift fan, please know that every word in **bold** print is a Taylor Swift song. I needed to have some fun this week. So many tears have been shed. Go Colts! Chuck Leonard ... you are a legend!

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MENOPAUSE

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Kimberly Vanbiesbrouck plays the Soap Star.

*Menopause: The Musical* is now on stage for 36 performances through Feb. 4 in the intimate space of Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre. Tickets range from \$55 to \$82 and include Chef Larry Stoops’ dinner buffet and select beverages.

To see the complete performance schedule and to purchase tickets online, visit [BeefAndBoards.com](http://BeefAndBoards.com). Tickets are also available by calling the Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre Box Office at (317) 872-9664 anytime between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday (from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays).

Discounts are available to groups of 20 or more. Call the Group Sales department at (317) 872-0503, or email [groups@beefandboards.com](mailto:groups@beefandboards.com) for details.

*Menopause: The Musical* is rated PG-13 for some adult content.

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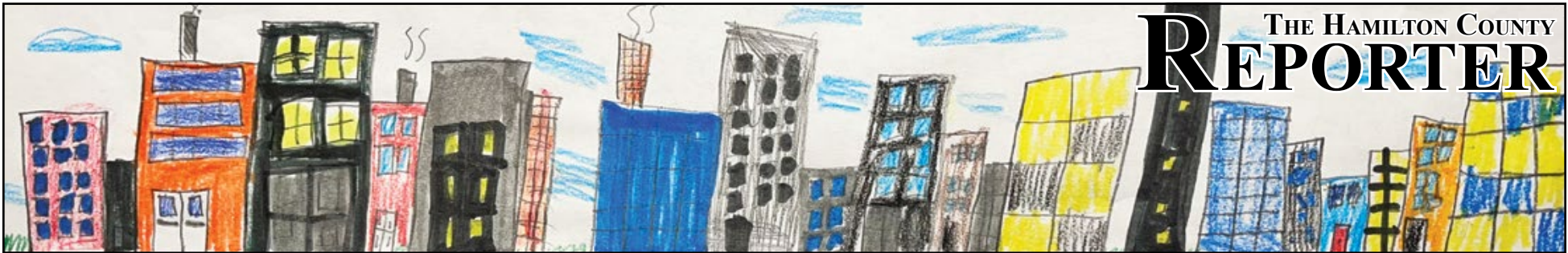
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# Westfield robotics is all about human connection

The REPORTER

Westfield Washington Schools recently received a \$50,000 grant from the Indiana Department of Education that will go to the robotics programs at the high school, middle school, and intermediate schools, each of which has an existing robotics team.

The Reporter spoke to instructors at each of the three schools about the programs, the students, and how this money will help.

“We’re really lucky that all of the elementary schools have a team,” Westfield Intermediate School Robotics Instructor Holly Foltz said. “When they get here to the intermediate school, we are just inundated. We usually get 200 kids apply for the team.”

Foltz told The Reporter having that many students apply is a challenge, but she said she feels very lucky to have so many elementary students and teams involved in Westfield because that allows for a strong program at the intermediate, middle, and high school levels.

“These kids are brilliant,” Foltz said. “This is the first year we’re really spreading our wings. VEX Robotics has suggested builds you can use. We use VEX competitions. But the past couple years we’ve really struggled with their suggested robot for competition. So I took some classes this summer to learn more about the design process and the kids have been designing their own robots this year. And it is just wild to see.”

Foltz said when she was in school the height of computer technology in schools involved a lab in which she recalls playing *The Oregon Trail*.

“It’s fascinating to me to watch these kids completely design these robots from scratch and then build them, test them, take them to competition at 10 and 11 years old,” Foltz said.

Of the \$50,000 in grant money, over \$10,000 will go to the six teams in the intermediate school, allowing for the purchase of updated “brains” (processors and motherboards) for student robots and allowing the school to more easily pay for competition fees.

Lori Miller told The Reporter the middle school has a small program with 22 students and one competition team.

“With this type of a grant, it’s going to be so helpful over time if we can continue it year after year to build up our program so we are on par with the high school and the intermediate school,” Miller said.

The intermediate school, by comparison, takes six teams to competitions.

High School Instructor Brian Ulkloss said he is proud of his students and their record of qualifying for state competition every year the program has existed.

“We have a variety of different students with different interests and backgrounds coming together to build our robot and be on our team,” Ulkloss said. “We’ve got opportunities that involve getting to do the hands-on building part. We’ve got kids that are re-



(Top) The 2022-2023 Westfield High School Robotics Team. (Above) The Westfield Intermediate Schools Robotics Team.

ally involved with the actual construction and putting things together. But not every kid is interested in doing that. 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 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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Members of the Hamilton Heights girls basketball team cordially invite the community to wear pink and come out in force in support of breast cancer survivors at the fourth annual Pink Out on Saturday, Jan. 19 at Hamilton Heights High School. Proceeds from this event will be donated to the IWIN Foundation. (From left) Lady Huskies varsity team players Kassidy Schakel, Ella Hickok, Camryn Runner, and Hadleigh Cherry.

## Put on your pink & help Heights fight breast cancer

The REPORTER

Put on your pink and plan to attend the fourth annual Breast Cancer Awareness Games at Hamilton Heights High School on Friday, Jan. 19 when the Huskies play the Lapel Bulldogs. Tip off for junior varsity starts at 6 p.m. followed by varsity play at 7:30 p.m.

The annual Pink Out campaign is something the Heights community always looks forward to – recognizing the survivors, remembering the fighters, bringing awareness about breast cancer, and raising money for those battling breast cancer, now the second leading cause of cancer among women.

Local breast cancer warriors in attendance will be recognized and honored for their fight between the JV and varsity games. The Chuck a Duck event returns by popular demand as part

of the half-time festivities. For the cost of \$5 for three ducks, fans will have the opportunity to chuck their way to a chance to win gift certificates donated by local businesses, including Big Dawgs, Delullo’s, and Piz-za House. The ducks can be purchased at the game through any player or player’s parent.

All proceeds from the event will be donated to the IWIN Foundation based in Indianapolis. IWIN has been supporting individuals statewide receiving treatment for breast cancer by relieving emotional, physical, and financial burdens and much more for over two decades. The basis of the IWIN Program is to give these courageous individuals the strength to endure treatment, empower them to continue their fight against breast cancer, and place them on the path to survivorship.

## Supporting the Arts

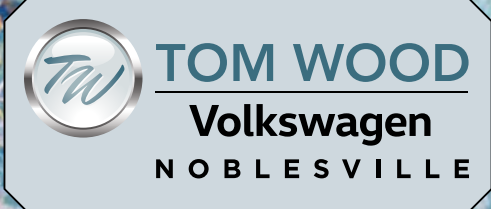
For one week each month this year, The Hamilton County Reporter is giving young artists at local schools the chance to design the banner at the top of the first three pages in Hamilton County’s Hometown Newspaper.

## This Week

Sheridan Elementary School winning art is on Pages 1, 2 & 3

Next month, winning artists from another Hamilton County school will be featured in the pages of The Hamilton County Reporter.

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# Worrell: we can do better

## Working together to rebuild a culture of true civility

By **STU CLAMPITT**  
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On Wednesday, Jan. 10, Carmel City Councilman Jeff Worrell is inviting the public to rebuild a culture of civility in Carmel and beyond.

“Civility: We Can Do Better” will be held at the Carmel Clay Public Library, 425 E Main St., Carmel at 6 p.m. Worrell will welcome author Alexandra (Lexi) Hudson, author of the best-selling book *The Soul of Civility*.

“We are going to begin the process of defining and exploring and hopefully to rebuild a culture of civility in Carmel,” Worrell told The Reporter. “I’m not saying we are uncivil, but I am saying we can do better. By defining what civility really is – and it’s not just a matter of being polite – but I believe if we really understood what civility is, we could still disagree. We can still have really tough conversations. We can even just frankly agree to disagree, but we can do it without the intent of punishment or harm or embarrassment or any of those negative connotations.”

This event will serve as a kickoff to Worrell’s long-term project of working to rebuild a culture of civility in Carmel. Hudson’s book will guide the group and provide real-time tools to make corrections and implement a cultural shift.

“As I reflect on the recent election and the current state of our republic, clearly, trust in government is at

an all-time low,” Worrell said. “I believe we have the power to reverse this trend and rebuild faith in our democratic institutions, starting at the local level.”

Worrell said he hopes to help people learn to disagree without the connotation of “I’m right and you’re wrong,” and to be able to disagree while still having respect for one another as human beings.

“I see it most frequently in social media, but we’ve had conversations about how this could be applied in our schools, in our churches, in neighborhoods, in HOAs, at the book club,” Worrell said. “Seeing everybody having just this automatic disposition that everybody is a human being that deserves my respect. Starting out from there, we can even see it in roundabouts or on the baseball diamond. It’s everywhere, and it starts with that basic beginning premise.”

Worrell said he has seen the growing lack of civility in all aspects of life.

“But the only thing I really can try and change or make an impact on is my local Carmel,” Worrell said.

According to Worrell, Hudson makes the point in her book that incivility has been around since the beginning of time.

“In politics you have the famous example of Tip O’Neill and Ronald Reagan being able to come from opposite ends of the political spectrum, disagree vehemently, had their colleagues mad at them if they didn’t toe the line, yet those two could get together after the day is over and have a cigar and a bourbon,” Worrell said. “That is be a great example because they respected each other, but it does occur everywhere, but we’ve always been fighting this.”

Worrell spoke about Hudson referring in her book to Ptah-Hotep, who lived from 2414 to 2375 B.C. *The Teachings of Ptah-Hotep* is considered by some scholars to be the oldest book in the world, first published circa 2388 B.C.

“As you go through [Hudson’s] book, there are so many quotes from just ancient authors talking about how to have a civil society how to get along with your neighbors, how to show respect,” Worrell said. “It’s probably naive of me to think that when I was growing up everything was unicorns and rainbows, but I think with the advent of social media, it’s gotten easier for my grandkids and maybe even for my children to think some acts of behavior are okay that didn’t used to be.”

Worrell said he invited Hudson to this event because her book resonated with him.

“I picked it up on a whim maybe having just come off of a campaign,” Worrell said. “I picked it up and just almost from page one it seemed to make absolute total sense as to what might be wrong and how we could fix it. So anytime I pick up a book that gives me some path forward, that’s the ‘why’ for me.”

At the Jan. 10 event, attendees can expect to get a basic understanding of civility and set the stage for more discussions and events in the future.

The layout of the talk will be to get the basics,” Worrell said. “To have Lexi [Hudson] describe what civility is, what it isn’t, and how is it different from manners or being polite. A lot of people, as I’ve been talking about this, mix those two terms up. So we will define it and then really get our arms about what it is and then we’re going to have some Q&A. I’m going to be armed with a possible plan, but we also want to get ideas from the people who obviously are interested in building a culture of civility.”

You can take a first step into a more civil world by attending “Civility: We Can Do Better” at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the Carmel Clay Public Library, 425 E. Main St., Carmel.

You can also keep reading The Reporter for updates as this project moves forward.

# Carmel invites public to MLK Day Celebration

## The REPORTER

Join the City of Carmel in commemorating the life and legacy of American Civil Rights Leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 11, a combination of speeches, dance performances, singing and spoken words will honor Dr. King’s life, legacy, and achievements. This free event will take place at the Tarkington Theater at the Center for the Performing Arts.

## Special Guests

- Mayor Sue Finkam
- Shamika Anderson – Area Director of Development, UNCF

- Bashiri Asad – singer, actor
- Gabi Bradley – dancer, choreographer
- Carmel Clay Public Library
- Carmel High School Choir – Ambassadors
- Carmel VFW Post 10003
- Blair Clark – Artistic Director
- Reverend George Davis – Carmel Police Chaplain
- Jeff Deherdt – musician
- Joe Filipow – musician
- Shandrea Funnnye – skit writer
- Ashhar Madni – Mayor’s Advisory Commission on Human Relations
- DeeDee Nwafo – actress
- Darnell Perkins – musician
- Morgan Rea – actress
- Chaya Reich – narrator
- Sari-Heart Foundation

# Fishers offers volunteer opportunities for MLK Day

## The REPORTER

The City of Fishers will hold its annual MLK Day celebration with a community-wide food drive, volunteer opportunities, and special activities that encourage residents to spread messages of hope and kindness during the National Day of Service.

**Community Food Drive**

With local food pantries experiencing an increase in demand and decrease in supply after the busy holiday season, the City of Fishers has partnered with Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County and Memory Ventures to replenish these resources.

On Monday, Jan. 15, food donations will be collected during a Pack the Snowplow event at several locations across the city, including all three Fishers Kroger stores, Holland Park, and Billerica Park, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A list of do-

nation needs is available at [ThisIsFishers.com/MLK](https://thisisfishers.com/MLK).

Food drive locations for the Pack the Snowplow event on Jan. 15 include:

- **Holland Park:** 1 Park Drive
- **Billerica Park:** 12690 Promise Road
- **Kroger:** 9799 E. 116th St.
- **Kroger:** 11700 Olio Road
- **Kroger:** 7272 Fishers Crossing Drive

**Volunteer Opportunities**

For residents looking to give back through volunteerism, opportunities are available throughout the weekend around Fishers, including onsite support to assist with the food drive, a Christmas Tree Mulch Spread, and more. Visit [VolunteerFishers.com](https://VolunteerFishers.com) to register to volunteer.

Learn more about Fishers’ MLK Day celebration and register for volunteer opportunities at [ThisIsFishers.com/MLK](https://ThisIsFishers.com/MLK).

# Carmel Symphony Orchestra brings circus to Palladium stage this month

## The REPORTER

The Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) will team up with magicians, strong-men acts, jugglers, and more for “Cirque Goes to the Symphony,” a Jan. 27 concert at the Palladium that will marry the captivating music of John Williams, Tchaikovsky, and others with the magic of the circus.

Show time is 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$67 and are available at [tinyurl.com/CirqueCSO](https://tinyurl.com/CirqueCSO). Shared boxes are available online and private box experiences with VIP hospitality for groups

of four or more are available by calling the CSO offices at (317) 843-3800.

In this thrilling program, six members from Cirque de la Symphonie, a touring group based in Athens, Ga., will perform magic, strong-man acts, ribbon dancing, juggling, spinning shapes, cyr wheel and hula-hoop artistry while the CSO’s new music director, David Commanday, leads the orchestra through music by Bizet, de Falla, Tchaikovsky, Glinka, Strauss, Rimsky-Korsakov, Sibelius, and John Williams.

“The idea was to bring a group to Carmel that would showcase lighter symphonic repertoire and be community and family friendly, as well as provide a great date night experience,” CSO Executive Director Anne Marie Chastain said. “The Palladium is a majestic theater, and bringing this kind of act to the stage really takes advantage of the show-stopping atmosphere of the hall.”

The repertoire for “Cirque Goes to the Symphony” will feature:

- Bizet, Carmel Suite

*No. 1 – Les Toreadors and Suite No. 2 – Danse Boheme*

- De Falla, Spanish Dance from *La Vida Breve*
- Offenbach, *Orpheus in the Underworld* Can-Can
- Tchaikovsky, Danse des petits cygnes from *Swan Lake*
- Kabalevsky, Comedians’ Gallop
- Rimsky-Korsakov, Dance of the Buffoons from *The Snow Maiden*
- Sibelius, *Finlandia*
- John Williams, March from *Raiders of the Lost Ark*

For more information, visit [CarmelSymphony.org](https://CarmelSymphony.org).

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Fisher has provided music at the 2022 Senior PGA Tournament in Benton Harbor, Mich., and various venues across both Michigan and Indiana. He also served on the board of the Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra. And now he lives in Hamilton County.

“Me and my fiancée were looking at school districts,” Fishers said. “One of the most important things for us is to make sure that our children were going somewhere where they could grow, be challenged in a great school system. And so that’s where it came about. Noblesville came out with one of the best school systems and we said, ‘okay, that works. What else is here?’ We were just looking for a place to start our journey together.”

With family in Indianapolis and great schools in Noblesville, Fisher looked around and found plenty of entertainment close by.

“There’s so much to do here,” Fisher said. “Everything is just minutes away, whether you’re going to Westfield or downtown Indianapolis. So everything is in great distance of each other. We love it.”

His next goal was to find places to play, and that’s when he discovered Patsy’s Pub, 17418 Carey Road, Suite C, Westfield, which is owned by the same people who run Pasto Italiano.

“I’ve been in this area for about a year now,” Fisher told The Reporter. “One of the things that was on my list is ‘I got to get to some

of these open mics and see what it’s all about.’ I went to one of their open mics, loved it. The crowd was great. I came back – I think it was the third time – when I met the owner.”

If you go to Pasto Italiano this Friday, you may hear a little David Sanborn, Gerald Albright, Al Green, perhaps some Hall & Oates and other artists from the ‘60s though today.

“I would say I’m not necessarily a jazz musician because everyone puts out that, hey, if you play the sax, you’re a jazz musician,” Fisher said. “I started out with gospel. I think R&B and pop is kind of my area that I’m in. And doing COVID is really where I picked up my jazz. Since there was a lot going on, you couldn’t go anywhere, I was like, ‘this is the area that I want to focus on.’”

Fisher said his love of music began in church.

“It actually started for me early in my background as a small child, five, six years old, hearing the saxophone in church, you know, playing gospel music,” Fisher said. “And it never left me. That was always there.”

You can hear Erick Oneal Fisher this Friday, Jan. 12, at Pasto Italiano. Call (317) 804-2051 to make your reservations.

If you have an event you’d like Fisher to play, you can reach him by phone at (317) 703-9719 or by email at [ErickOnealFisher@gmail.com](mailto:ErickOnealFisher@gmail.com). You can also look him up on Facebook and Instagram.

# The Hyperion Players to produce *Doubt – A Parable*

## The REPORTER

The Hyperion Players, with the support of The Farmers Bank, will present John Patrick Shanley’s *Doubt – A Parable*, recipient of the Pulitzer Prize for Drama and the Tony Award for Best Play, Jan. 25 to 28 at The Switch Theatre in Fishers.

In this brilliant and powerful drama, Sister Aloysius, a Bronx school principal, takes matters into her own hands when she suspects the young Father Flynn of improper relations with one of the male students.

“*Doubt – A Parable* challenges the audience to consider how we handle situations when we don’t have all the facts,” Director Daniel Maloy said. “John Patrick Shanley’s play

dives into deep meaning through evocative content, insightful dialogue, strong characters, and challenging themes. You may all leave feeling differently about the actions of these characters ... this means we have done our job well. We are excited to present this show to you.”

*Doubt – A Parable* is the second play of Hyperion’s second season, following September’s *Waiting for Godot*. Coming soon are Bess Wohl’s *Grand Horizons* and local playwright Brad Staggs’ *I Love My Zombie*. Hyperion incorporated as a nonprofit

in late 2021 and publicly launched in January 2022.

*Doubt – A Parable* is scheduled for only four performances:

- Thursday, Jan. 25 at 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 26, 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 27, 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Jan. 28, 2:30 p.m.

All performances will be at The Switch Theatre, 10029 E. 126th St., Fishers (located inside Ji-Eun Lee Music Academy).

The show will run 90 minutes with no intermission. Tickets cost \$12

and can be purchased at [hyperionplayers.com/tickets](https://hyperionplayers.com/tickets) or at the door.

This production is made possible with the generous support of The Farmers Bank. The Farmers Bank is locally owned and operated with 10 banking offices located in central Indiana providing retail, business, trust and asset management, investment, mortgage, and electronic banking services.

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# Sheridan Lions roam across the lands during December

Submitted by  
**Chuck Godby**  
*Sheridan Lions Club*

The Sheridan Lions Club members closed out a busy December by enjoying a Christmas dinner in Kirklin with their spouses.

The local Lions kicked off the month by teaming with Sheridan Youth Assistance, Mama's Cupboard, and Sunflower Pantry to pass out food and gift cards to more than 340 Sheridan residents.

They later enjoyed visits from Sheridan High School's girls basketball coach Jaidlin Bradshaw, who brought players along and shared both athletic and academic highlights from her team this season. The Lady Blackhawks are currently soaring high with a record of 12 wins and only three losses. The

Lions also heard from Sheridan Elementary Principal Valerie Roberts, who spoke of students' needs.

Staying true to their mission, the Lions created a fundraiser for the school that takes place during the current basketball season. The first fundraiser was held Dec. 14, and the second will take place this Saturday, Jan. 6, when the boys team hosts Rossville. The Lions Club will pay admission to the game in exchange for the donation of any of the following items: youth size socks, briefs, winter gloves and stocking caps.

Other donations accepted are Crayola crayons (24 pack), pink erasers, Expo markers (black chisel point), wide-ruled composition notebooks, Elmer's glue sticks, and gallon- or quart-sized Ziploc bags.



The Sheridan Lions lived their mission in December by helping the children of the community.

Photos provided by Sheridan Lions Club

## Noblesville, Carmel & Westfield Lions help Gleaners in December



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll

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), Krys Keller (WLC), and (NLCs) Jerry Baker, Dale Unger, Jeff Kozicki, Ron Williamson, Gary Hipes, Matt Best (CLC), and a Gleaners driver.

## New cartoon hits Reporter's pages

**The REPORTER**  
Beginning this week, readers of Your Hometown Newspaper will find a comedic addition to our pages with *Sour Grapes* from cartoonist Tim Jones. Jones is the creator, artist, and writer of the widely popular, self-syndicated comic strip *Sour Grapes* about Aesop, a miserable-flying dog, living in a strange, problematic and troubled world along with his odd family and pet cloud, Ominous. Originally from Attleboro, Mass., Jones lives with his wife and two daughters in Smithfield, R.I. He is a cartoonist, freelance illustrator, author, and comedian. He is also a member of the National Cartoonist Society and the Mid-South Cartoonist Association. He teaches cartooning, speaks at local schools and libraries, and appears at various events, Comic-Cons and book signings. Jones created *Sour Grapes* in 2014 and the strip found its way into print, starting in two newspapers in Rhode Island. Soon after, the strip continued its success and started to appear in more and more newspapers. Today, *Sour Grapes* continues to grow in popularity and can now be seen in multiple newspapers across the country, of which The Reporter is No. 42. *Turn to Page B6 to see the first edition of Sour Grapes to appear on our pages. Let us know what you think about the cartoon by emailing News@ReadTheReporter.com.*

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## My kids’ grandpa

I never thought of myself as someone who was going to have a stepparent. I grew up with a very solid and traditional family nucleus; I knew my parents would never divorce. It was never something that I had to worry about because I knew my parents loved each other and I saw it every day.

The one thing that I did not anticipate was losing my dad when he was young and seeing my mom alone at the age of 43.

I remember when my mom met Al. It was not a shock because I had signed her up for a dating site myself. She was too young, pretty, and had too much life left to live to not share it with someone. I remember being happy when she told me that she had met someone, but then also afraid because this was my mom and I wanted to protect her. She had already been through enough losing my dad that it was her turn to be happy again. I remember thinking that I had to reconcile with myself loyalty to my dad, but also be open to this new relationship.

Al entered our lives at a time that I was engaged to my now-husband and my sister was in high school. I remember liking how calm he was. I didn’t know him,



**MEGAN RATHZ**  
*When Nature Speaks*

but I saw how he treated my childhood dogs. He entered the picture when my mom had three senior labrador retrievers and had a gentleness with them that struck me. I saw him weep when it was their

time to be put down and I was so touched at how much he loved them. I saw that he would buy my mom flowers. I noticed that he made sure my sister’s car had enough air in the tires. I remember there was a day that he found old photographs of my dad that I didn’t even know existed but put them on a digital format for my sister and me.

I remember when I found out that I was pregnant and sharing the news with my family. I always wondered in the back of my mind how that was going to work when I had my own children where they have a grandfather, but still honoring my dad and making sure that they understand my own dad is in heaven. Al didn’t say he wanted to be like a grandpa to my kids, he just was their grandpa. My kids know he isn’t my dad. He allows us to honor my dad.

Al and I have a lot in common. We both share the interest of nature and

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## Can’t make it up

We often say in the office you can’t make these stories up.

One time a friend, who was to provide cooking services at the Strawtown Auction Mart, was unable to comply and asked me to fill in as the chicken and noodle chef.

If you have never been to the Strawtown Auction, it is a must see. Many people attended the Hamilton County Livestock Auction and Horse Sale. There is nothing like a late summer weather stroll through the Strawtown Flea Market where you can find almost anything from animals to estate sale items to flea market antiques, like a wooden Buck crosscut bow hand saw or a box of used fluorescent light bulbs.

Well, it was a particular Thursday night, and I was cooking with my apron and chef hat on when a gentleman sat at the counter and ordered a plate of chicken and dumplings. As it happened, he was the opposing party to a divorce I had handled some months prior. He was sure he recognized my face but just couldn’t place me. I never said a word.

The stories are great because people do seemingly crazy things. For instance, Notre Dame, supposedly a Catholic institution, gave notice that it intended to bring a drag performance to the campus on Nov. 3, 2023. Students would be asked to read essays on drag, write weekly



**RAY ADLER**  
*Ask Adler*

reflections, attend class discussions, and attend weekly screenings as well as symposiums on drag and performance.

In one case years ago, a witness was asked how much he had to drink and he indicated he had just one drink. When he was asked what it was, he replied, “I think it was a fifth of whiskey.”

“Isn’t it true you have rats in your trailer?” Answer: “No, that’s why I have the weasels.”

“Isn’t it true that you sat around the house in a pink tutu?” The answer was too graphic to print in a family newspaper.

“Were you lying then or are you lying now?” Answer: “I guess I’m lying now.”

In court, conversation, as court ended, went this way: “You take the Bible!” “No, you take the Bible!” And then it became heated. I guess it was better to give than to receive.

“Isn’t it dangerous to have that six-foot electric fence around your house?” Answer: “No, it is inside the moat.”

No, you can’t make the stories up because no one would believe it. We often say that a crazy story must be true because no one would tell it as truth if they were trying to lie because it’s unbelievable. Although sometimes, what with the pills, the marijuana, and the alcohol, the person actually doesn’t remember what happened.

# 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.



**MARK HALL**  
*The Timesheet*

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 conversations, 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 resi-

dents in Adams 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

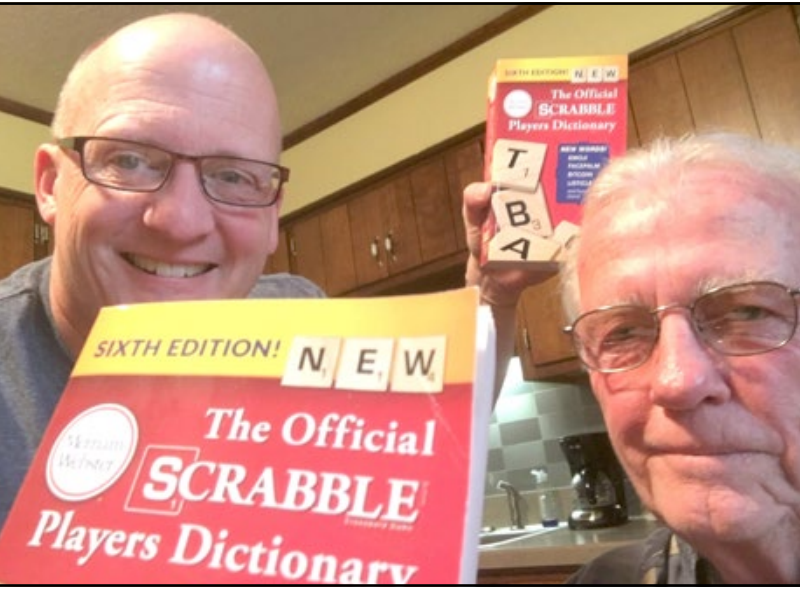
or struggling. This combination is common, but I felt it important for a check and balance to be in place and to be a part of oversight on RDC spending and tax decisions that have implications for county taxpayers.

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.

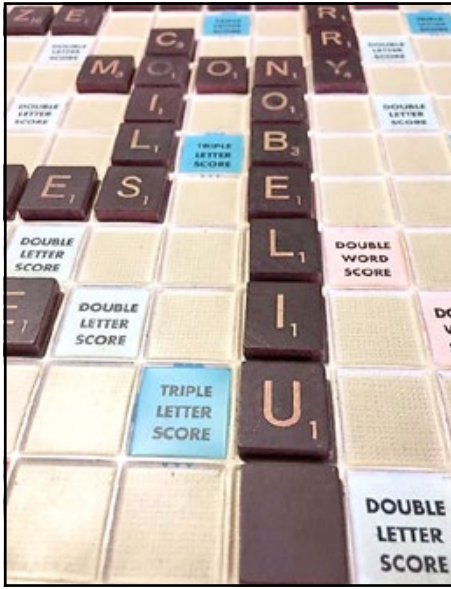
This is my timesheet. This is where my time went during month 12. There are quite a few projects in the queue for 2024, and while my job is primarily the financial oversight of the county budget, it is important to understand the Board of Commissioners’ priorities and balance them with the stewardship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



(Above left) Scott Saalman and Scrabblestein pose for a photo with the tools of their trade. (Above right) We are guessing it was Scrabblestein himself who put the smack down on Scott with this seven-letter beast!



Photos provided by Scott Saalman

## How to create a Scrabble monster

Just like Dr. Victor Frankenstein, I created a monster, though I call mine “Scrabblestein.”

I’m talking about my dad.

In 2011, I introduced Dad to Scrabble, my splendid addiction.

It was a weak moment. My usual competition was unavailable that fateful Sunday. I was in dire need of a game. I was irritable and itchy, like Ray Charles in the throes of heroin. That’s why I asked him to play, to get my Scrabble fix. It was selfish, I know. He didn’t have a prayer. It was the junkie in me.

Before that, the closest he had ever been to a Scrabble board was when he watched from the outer fringes of the kitchen table while my grandma, uncle, aunts, and I waged word war. I imagined his awe as he watched his cleverest relations, we wonderful word freaks with fidgety fingers, juxtapose our letters on the tile rack, lost in the silent alchemy of word creation, while striving to use all seven letters in one turn – a feat in Scrabble lingo called Bingo (a 50-point bonus).

We never asked Dad to



**SCOTT SAALMAN**  
*Scaramouch*

play. We loved the man, but not that much. No serious player wants to waste precious playing time teaching a newbie how to play Scrabble.

But on that aforementioned Sunday, I made an

exception.

The itchiness, remember?

Dad seemed pleased to be asked. Squaring off, he on one side of the deluxe rotating board and me on the other – what a mismatch in the making – was like Mike Tyson in the boxing ring with Don Knotts.

I schooled him, of course. I did so every game, weekend after weekend, month after month. I never let up, ever. I ran up the scores like those sadistic high school sports teams shamelessly scoring in triple digits to demonstrate their superiority over Podunk opponents.

My dad never gave up, ever. He started playing Scrabble on his computer, several games daily against Maven, the name of his computer opponent, gradually moving up in skill level. He needed a sparring partner, so he taught Mom to play. Mom!!! The Bride of

Scrabblestein!!!

Confident, he began asking me to play – a lot. Scrabble had its hooks in him. My god, I thought. What have I done?

I shared all my tips, even allowed him to replay his turn for a better score, all for the sake of his learning.

I taught him the sacredness of the two blank tiles. Never ever waste a blank on a weak, low-scoring word. A blank is a gift from the Scrabble gods. Hoard it until it helps you form a Bingo word.

He learned the importance of using the double- and triple-point squares to his advantage, making sure they weren’t left open for me to take advantage of.

He learned the art of scoring many more points with just a Q or Z or J versus using six lesser-valued letters for a single word.

He caught on that Scrabble is just as much about defense as it is about offense, and that math skills are as important as spelling skills. His turns became strategic, blocking my opportunities for a Bingo, shutting me down. I helped him play his first seven-letter word. It didn’t take long for him to create his own. Rarely will a game go by when he won’t achieve a Bingo. For a man who has never read a nov-

el in his life, my dad has a wealth of word knowledge. It helps that he has long been a daily practitioner of the newspaper crossword puzzle.

Our scores became closer until one day he beat me.

It was a hell freezes over moment in our father-son relationship.

Still, I wasn’t worried. I figured such a feat would be a rare repeat. It didn’t take long for his victory to morph into victories.

Today, it’s a toss-up on who will win. We play each other tightly, each patiently waiting for the other to crack in our father-son battle of wits. Seldom does a game end without it being a seesaw battle throughout. There’s no greater feeling than to chalk up a come-from-behind victory on the last turn with a seven-letter word. We’ve done that to each other more times than I can count. Neither of us gives up, ever. Just like me, it kills him to lose.

We both love the rattle-snake sound of a full bag of Scrabble tiles shaken at a game’s start, the gentle mixing of the alphabet, that audible elixir, then feel the first blindly drawn tile pinched between forefinger and thumb.

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# Mayor Sue Finkam & Carmel city officials take their oaths

# New year, new me?

## The REPORTER

The City of Carmel presented the 2024 Inauguration of Elected Officials on stage at the Palladium last Thursday evening in front of a large crowd.

U.S. Senator Todd Young, a Carmel High School graduate, administered the oaths after reliving memories of his childhood growing up in a very different Carmel. After the oaths, Mayor Sue Finkam delivered her first official address from the podium.

All of this was captured on video, which you can watch on the city's Facebook page.

Elected officials who took their oaths included:

- Mayor Sue Finkam
- Councilor Shannon
- Councilor Ryan Locke
- Councilor Anita Joshi
- Councilor Tony Green
- Councilor Teresa Ayers
- Councilor Adam Aasen
- Councilor Jeff Worrell
- Councilor Rich Taylor
- Councilor Matt Snyder
- City Judge Brian Pindexter
- City Clerk Jacob Quinn



After Carmel city officials took their oaths, Mayor Finkam addressed the crowd.

# With feet in your shoes and weight to lose, Sharon can help you beat those winter blues

*"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose."*

— Dr. Seuss, *"Oh, The Places You'll Go!"*



SHARON McMAHON  
Be Well

this type of encouragement can lead to yo-yo dieting and undermine our fitness goals. We are expected to indulge in holiday fare and then get to work to take it off, sometimes to the tune of spending quite a lot of money to do so.

Referring to the quote this week, let's use our *brains* to acknowledge that no advertisement, spokesperson, or magazine article can address our specific life situation. Overeating and a sedentary lifestyle are both behavior issues and very individual. A good personal trainer, nutrition consultant, or health care professional can work with you to get started in the direction that you want to go.

Yes, you do have *feet in your shoes* and you can begin any day, at any time, moving those feet to incorporate more action in your daily life. Walking ... who knew? And, finally, steering yourself in the direction you choose; vitally important. A

personal trainer or certified fitness consultant can work with you to determine *your* goals, not goals set for you by another person or a corporate entity! A realistic *direction* in which you can go to achieve that goal will take you there. Ultimately it is up to you to be the healthiest you possible in 2024 and beyond.

Remember that a total fitness package incorporates the "three-legged stool" utilizing aerobic activity (increasing the heartbeat) along with strength training and of course, flexibility. The seat of this three-legged stool is nutrition. Your body needs fuel on which to run. If your car's manufacturer recommends premium gas to run most efficiently, are you going to pump regular unleaded? Probably not. Think of your healthy lifestyle as an investment, a much greater investment than any automobile!

Finally, do your homework. If a group fitness class works best for you then sign up and actually attend! Sometimes making a connection with a class partner can be encouraging. If your

schedule or personal preference works best to hire a personal trainer, that might work best for you. In either case, be sure to ask about the class instructor's or personal trainer's qualifications – both experience and credentials.

Otherwise, pick up those light weights at least three times weekly, get outside in a safe area to begin a walking routine (check with your neighbors, form a "walking club") and incorporate stretching on a regular basis. Your activities should never leave you in pain or acute discomfort but should be challenging and invigorating. The endorphins will also encourage mental clarity and a feeling of well-being.

Next time I'll discuss one of my favorite topics: healthy (and yummy!) eating – so many options!

**Sharon McMahon, CNWC**

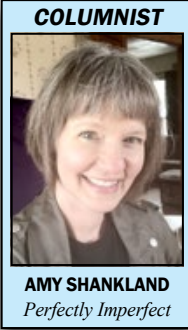
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# Bring joy to your workplace in 2024

As we move into this new year, I want to encourage you to think about something when it comes to your job.

Most people believe that happiness is something we arrive at versus create within ourselves. But folks, it's up to us to change and 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.

Imagine spending those hours at work we talked about last week being happy and productive, making a difference in others' lives, and showing the world just what an asset you are! There are surprisingly easy ways to do this, but they're not taught in most schools. It all starts with a simple focus on bringing joy to



AMY SHANKLAND  
Perfectly Imperfect

the workplace.

I've been bringing joy to my workplaces for over 35 years. I have an innate enthusiasm and extensive training on how to spread it to others for the improvement of companies. Right out of college, I consistently broke sales records as the advertising director for a central Indiana newspaper due to my joyful interactions with customers.

As a customer service representative for a biotechnology company in Indianapolis, I frequently won Employee of the Month thanks to going above and beyond for my coworkers and customers.

My formal training on bringing joy to others began when I took the Dale Carnegie Human Rela-

tions Course in 1995. I was instantly hooked on the course's principles. I moved on to become a graduate assistant for the class in 1996 and an instructor from 1998 to 2008.

I continued to "practice what I preached" to bring enthusiasm to my City of Noblesville teammates and the people we served, which was proven in 2009 when I received the City's Stake in the Ground award. The common council gives this award – which is literally a wooden stake – to a city employee who makes a positive difference for the community and the municipality in general.

I've been pretty good at my various positions through the years, but almost all my current or former bosses will tell you that I was hired for each of them, and I succeeded in them, due to my enthusiasm. Yes, I've done my jobs well, but I'm not a genius. And, YOU don't have to be a genius to

make a difference.

This series will give you quick, easy tips you can use starting today in whatever position you're in, whether you work in a factory, big box store, corporation, non-profit, etc. I'll share real-life stories to show how you can be a more joyful person.

I'll talk about how to spread that joy to your co-workers, customers, and those you network with. These stories come from my life and others and take place in non-profits, small companies, and global enterprises.

The series will also explain why it is so crucial for us to work on this joy almost every day. As 2024 begins, perhaps this can be a resolution we can keep in the new year!

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wasn't realistic for me because of my Muscular Dystrophy. So, I modified that. I made a promise to myself to exercise consistently in a way that works with my disability and doesn't leave me feeling beat up each time.

Through years of trial and error, I have figured out the workouts that work best for me. I've maintained my goal weight for a couple of years now, stayed healthy and my mental state is much better. Sure, I would love to look like I did in my 20s, but I'm 49 years old! Things are different, but I can strive to be healthy, which I think is ultimately more important than a low number on a scale anyway. I want to keep walking as long as I can, so taking care of myself the best I can is all I can do.

As we begin the new year each year, our minds are often in renewal mode.

In the past, I found that I had this magnified motivation to want to change so many things each year and would always start out with a bang! By the time the end of February rolled around, I would lose my momentum.

I also felt like in doing so, I would feel like what I was doing before wasn't good enough, that I wasn't trying hard enough. I don't think that was the case, I think our minds just get easily distracted by things like ... life.

I'm not saying I'm against goal setting. In fact, it's something that we do as a family each year. We all four write down our goals, and then on January 1 of the next year, we look and see how we did. This year, I was able to check off most of my goals from last year, which was a great feeling. I think it was because they were simple, more realistic goals – building on the foundation I worked to put in place over the previous year.

I want to be at a place in my life where maybe I need to strive to make myself grow and better in some ways, but less of the thought of "I need a total overhaul each year." I want the growth I make each year to have staying power, not just be fleeting. I think that is a waste of time and leaves us lacking confidence. Great things happen when we consistently keep promises to ourselves.

Take for example, a fitness goal. That would always be at the top of my list. I wanted to work out and build muscle because my muscles are so weak.

I would have this image of myself in my mind that

My best is just that: my best. It doesn't have to look like anyone else's best. Comparing our reality with someone else's reality isn't a good starting point. That is a trap that can take us to a dark place.

This year, I have a few goals in mind, but mostly it's a continuation of what I have started already. Continuing to build on my foundation. I think that in humbly, courageously following God's path for me and stepping way outside of my comfort zone over the past year, I feel less of a need to overhaul my life. Instead, I will continue to listen and pay attention to the nudges I get to keep moving forward.

Until next time ...

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# AL

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gardening. Al grows lots of vegetables and even breeds his own varieties of tomatoes. He's the first one on his hands and knees with my kids and loves to teach them about gardening. He's not afraid to get dirty and my kids love him. He collects random things. He enjoys going to antique stores. Al has a random assortment of many things, including a wide variety of ukuleles.

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 mem-

ber 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.*

# MONSTER

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Long gone is the cocky certainty that I will beat Dad at Scrabble. Too often, I catch myself playing too tentatively against him. I have only myself to blame. He is my creation. But you know what? I love the challenge this competitor, my wonderful monster, consistently brings to the table.

Scrabblestein won the last time we played. Now, it's my turn to win. I better give him a call, arrange a rematch.

*This column appears in Scott's new humor collection, Quietly Making Noise, available on Amazon. Contact Scott at [scottsualman@gmail.com](mailto:scottsualman@gmail.com).*

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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 liveliness 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.

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Lloyd “Bill” “Flip” Phlipot

December 16, 1941 – January 3, 2024



Lloyd “Bill” “Flip” Phlipot, 82, Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at The Restoracy of Carmel. He was born on December 16, 1941, to Lloyd “Red” and Anna Marie (Miller) Phlipot in Dayton, Ohio.

Bill lived most of his life in St. Mary’s, Ohio, graduating from Memorial High School in St. Mary’s, and then graduating from International Business College. He worked in sales and then became regional manager for Reynolds and Reynolds in Dayton, Ohio, for 36 years before retiring. After retirement, Bill was an appraiser for commercial real estate. He was a founding member of St. John Vianney Catholic Church and a charter member of the church. Bill was a volunteer chaplain at St. Vincent Hospital and IU Saxony in Fishers. He was a past member of Rotary Club and was involved in implementing the neighborhood watch program for Stony Ridge. Bill and Eileen moved several times over the years and have always treasured the friends they made. One of his greatest joys was taking his grandchildren to Disney World and the Grand Canyon.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Eileen Phlipot; daughters, Christina Burch and Caryn (Steven) Terry; son, Douglas (Amber) Phlipot; grandchildren, AnnaMarie (Jared) Slone, MaryClare Burch, EvelynRose Burch, Olivia Terry, Asher Phlipot, Gracie Phlipot, Sophia Phlipot, and Sadie Phlipot; sisters-in-law, Ruth (John) Cisco and Ginni Guarnieri; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, David Phlipot; and son-in-law, David Burch.

Memorial Mass will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 13, 2024, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 15176 Blessed Mother Blvd., Fishers, with Rev. Cole Daily officiating. Committal service will be in Ohio at a later date.


Memorial contributions may be made to St. John Vianney Catholic Church building fund, 15176 Blessed Mother Blvd., Fishers, IN 46037 ([sjvfishers.com](http://sjvfishers.com)); or Little Sisters of the Poor, 2345 W. 86th St., Indianapolis, IN 46260 ([littlesistersofthepoorindianapolis.org](http://littlesistersofthepoorindianapolis.org)); or St. Vincent De Paul Society, 1391 Greenfield Ave., Noblesville, IN 46060 ([svdnoblecause.com](http://svdnoblecause.com)).

Bill’s final wish in life was to help others, so he made the decision to donate his body to science through the Anatomical Education Program at the Indiana University School of Medicine. Bill always had such a big loving heart and will be dearly missed by all.

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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 Jeanne 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.

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Penny Jean Halsall

d. December 29, 2023



Penny Jean Halsall, 73, Cicero, passed away on December 29, 2023, at home with her family at her side. She was one of the beloved daughters of Dorothea and Lester Heisterberg in Merrillville, Ind.

She was the beloved wife, mother, and grammy to her family, who were her greatest joy and legacy. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Crown Point, Ind., and enjoyed teaching Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. She also worked as a real estate agent for many years and had a very rewarding career.

Penny is survived by her husband of 54 years, Thomas James Halsall; her son, Richard Harry Halsall and his wife K. Rachel Halsall; daughter, Amy Irene Halsall; sister, Pamela Kaye Shaffner; and her grandsons, Thomas James Halsall and Phoenix Michael Halsall. She will be deeply missed and mourned by all who had the joy of knowing her.


She was preceded in death by her parents, Dorothea Irene (Heiny) Heisterberg and Lester William Heisterberg as well as several aunts, uncles, and cousin.

Visitation took place on Thursday, January 4, 2024, at Hartley Funeral Home Cicero Chapel, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

You may send condolences at [hartleyfuneralhomes.com](http://hartleyfuneralhomes.com).

Judith Lynn Hawkins

April 26, 1945 – January 2, 2024



Judith Lynn Hawkins, 78, Arcadia, passed away on January 2, 2024, at IU Health Tipton Hospital in Tipton, Ind.

She was born on April 26, 1945, in East St. Louis, Ill., to William Bernard and Helen Ruth (Burcham) Strauss. She attended schools in East St. Louis and completed her education in Indiana. Her moving to Indiana happened because she met and married a young man who was serving his country in the U.S. Army nearby and was an Indiana resident.

Judi, as she was known was a kind, friendly lady with a sweet smile and easy laugh. Right away she fit in the Cicero and Arcadia small town communities.

She married John Raymond Hawkins on June 7, 1963, and they were blessed with a daughter, Robin (Rex) McKinney, and a son, Robert (Delisa) Hawkins. Early in her career she enjoyed working as a librarian in the Cicero Elementary School. She later became employed at Allison Transmission Company in Indianapolis where for several years she manufactured parts for large transmissions.

Her parents, William and Helen Strauss, and a sister, Sharon Strauss, preceded her in death.

Survivors include her husband, John Raymond Hawkins; daughter, Robin (Rex) McKinney of Cicero; a son, Robert (Delisa) Hawkins of Fairmount, Ind.; a sister, Connie Dunn; and a brother, Steve Strauss. Additional survivors include grandchildren, Ross, Austin, Trent, and Jay McKinney, and Faith Boyer, Hannah and Ethan Hawkins; and great-grandchildren, Lyndon, Hudson, Henry, Raelynn, Reagan, Ian, Rose, and Mackenzie McKinney.

Visitation and funeral services were held on Friday, January 5, 2024, at Hartley Funeral Home Cicero Chapel, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero, with burial following at Cicero Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959.

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Miriam Elenor Jordan

September 23, 1926 – January 1, 2024

Miriam Elenor Jordan, 97, Fishers, passed away on Monday, January 1, 2024, at Prairie Lakes Health Campus in Noblesville. She was born on September 23, 1926, to Herman and Olga (Holland) Holland in Kelley, Iowa.

Miriam was a homemaker and farmer's wife. In her younger years, she enjoyed bowling and golfing. Miriam loved flowers and gardening.

She is survived by her sons, Collin (Kathleen) Sprau and Craig (Joyce) Sprau; daughter, Colleen McPherson; sister, Elvera Salisbury; special friend, Sherry MacKellar; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.


The Jordan family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Home with Miriam's care.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, P.O. Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692 ([heart.org](http://heart.org)).

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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 and services on Saturday, January 6, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Pastor Neal Brown officiated. Burial followed 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.

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Irvin Lynn Lewis

June 30, 1938 – January 1, 2024



Irvin Lynn Lewis, 85, Westfield, passed away on Monday, January 1, 2024, at Riverview Health in Noblesville.

Irvin was born to Jess and Clara Lewis on June 30, 1938. He was the middle child of three children, older sister Barb and younger brother Dale. Irvin loved to laugh and have fun. He often came across as a jokester and had his share of idioms to share. His most often used was, "It is what it is."

He was a graduate of Wood High School Class of 1956. There he was a member of the school choir, which gave him the opportunities to be a part of a quartet. After high school, he traveled for a year to sing. One of the members got sick and had to leave the group.

Irvin had two boys from a high school relationship, David and Dennis Lewis. He left Indiana, went to California, then returned to Indiana, and reconnected with Mary Ann. They were married on March 4, 1967, and soon after they added a 10-year-old girl to their family and loved her as their own.

Irvin and Mary loved to spend time over the years traveling and camping, driving to their favorite music venue or visiting family. One year while driving home, the transmission went out on the truck, and he was handy enough to replace the transmission at the camp ground.

He loved to spend his time keeping busy with camping, fishing, fixing things (Mr. Fix It), woodworking, yard work, or card playing. Irvin was a resident of Indianapolis until 1971 when he moved from the south side to Westfield, and later to Noblesville in 2008.

He loved his job at Carmel Welding for over 40 years. He only got to spend a few years after retirement, shopping, dining out, and playing with his dog that he loved. He enjoyed eating out and getting a full meal. Irvin's health went on the decline just before June 2022, more so after his wife of 55 years entered into her own health problems. They enjoyed spending time with their grandchildren, and these visits meant the world to Irvin. He loved his family and people and would often say, "I love everybody."

So today we celebrate a life well lived to its fullest. Loving life, family, and having fun.

Irvin is survived by his sister, Barbara Cox; children, Beverlye (Scott) Norman, David (Joy) Lewis, and Dennis (Dawn) Lewis; grandchildren, Chad and Debbie Norman, Chelsie and Ryan Hufferd, Rosemarie and Joseph Ferguson, Jeffery and Heather Lewis, Jennifer and Eric Swope, Heather and Jeremy Ingalls, Jessica and Adam Becker, Lisa Evans, Nicholas Lewis, Nicole Lewis, Heather Summers, and Tara Kellet; great-grandchildren, Sophie, Carter, Steven, Jason, Abby, Tessa, Tamia, Dylan, Dominic, Damian, Domanic, Faith, Skylar, David, Corban, Clayton, Kaytlynn, William, Ezra, Sarah, Eddie, Abby, Jaylen, Charles, Gabriella, Nevaeh, Angel, Starr, Sophia, Aiden, and Lyla; and great-great grandchildren, Kalani, Javier, Khyson, and Elizabeth June.


He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, Dale Lewis.

Visitation and services were held on Friday, January 5, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Burial was at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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Donald Ray Portwood

May 16, 1938 – January 5, 2024



Donald Ray Portwood, 85, Cicero, passed away on January 5, 2024, at Riverview Hospital in Noblesville, with his family by his side.

He was born May 16, 1938, in Indianapolis to Clarence and Naomi Maxine (Downin) Portwood. He attended schools in Indianapolis and graduated from George Washington High School with the Class of 1956. He then honorably served his country in the United States Marine Corps.

Don, as he was fondly known, then served his community working in law enforcement. He first worked with the Cicero Police Department and then worked later years until retirement with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department.

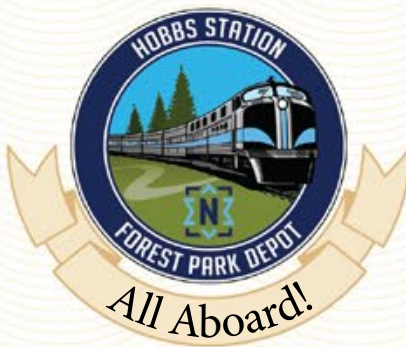
He was a member of the Hamilton County Fraternal Order of Police, Cicero Volunteer Fire Department, and the Cicero American Legion. Above all these accomplishments, Don was a man of faith and did all things unto the glory of God.

He married Karen Kay (Ferguson) Portwood on June 1, 1963, and they recently celebrated their 60th anniversary. They were blessed with two children, Donna Lynn (Jim) Hunter of Cicero and Daniel Ray Portwood (Michelle) of Arcadia.

Additional survivors include his sister, Norma Jean Boyle of Cicero; grandchildren, Tanner (Katie) Hartley, Drew (Alyssa) Hunter, Logan Portwood, and Cole Portwood, plus great-grandchildren: Kathryn, Adelyn, and Axel.

His parents and a brother, Jack Portwood preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 11, 2024, at Hartley Funeral Home Cicero Chapel, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero, with burial to follow at Cicero Cemetery. A time of visitation will be from 11 a.m. until time of the services. You may send condolences at [hartleyfuneralhomes.com](http://hartleyfuneralhomes.com).



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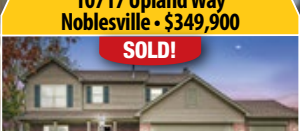
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The REPORTER

The Nickel Plate Express (NPX) has announced an upcoming Pirates and Princesses Express on Jan. 27. Guests are invited to embark on a whimsical journey filled with swashbuckling pirates and enchanting princesses, all aboard a vintage train. This enchanting experience is the perfect remedy to ward off the winter chill on a cold January afternoon. Partnering with Royal Events, a Tipton-based company specializing in creating magical experiences, NPX will bring to life a captivating world of pirates and princesses. Passengers will be delighted by the presence of Ariel, the beloved mermaid princess, as well as mischievous pirates. Each ticket for this extraordinary adventure in-



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day, Jan. 27 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Tickets for the event start at \$28 per person. For more information or to purchase tickets for this unforgettable experience, please visit [NickelPlateExpress.com](http://NickelPlateExpress.com). **About Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad** The Nickel Plate Express (NPX) is a program

of the Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad, a charitable nonprofit that operates the historic Arcadia Depot and offers entertainment and educational excursions on historic train equipment out of Forest Park in Noblesville. The 12.5 miles of Nickel Plate Track is owned by the Hoosier Heritage Port Authority.

By ADAM PINSKER  
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It's being called an event on the scale of eight Super Bowls in one day. Indiana is in the path of a total solar eclipse on April 8, plunging most of the state into darkness for several minutes just minutes after 3 p.m. Hamilton

County Emergency Management Director Shane Booker said officials had another meeting last Thursday to iron out details of how they will be ready.

"Right now, we're talking about planning and what it is that we can help to ensure that our communities are ready," Booker said.

Hundreds of thousands of eclipse watchers are expected to descend on central Indiana. Booker is urging those with doctor's appointments or other plans to postpone them.

"Some of the municipalities, cities, and towns are looking at establishing public safety corridors, to keep them open so those people who need to get to the hospital or other locations, that they are able to get them there," Booker said.

Hamilton County will have its emergency operations center open on the day of the eclipse, as will Indi-

ana's Department of Homeland Security.

Emergency Management and Preparedness Director Mary Moran said state officials have met with

most of Indiana's counties each month now for almost a year.

"To address health and safety issues, to deal with if there are overdoses in a crowd situation, if there is a bad actor who initiates some kind of event in a crowded setting," Moran said.

Those planning to drive anywhere to watch the solar eclipse are advised to pack plenty of food and water and have a full tank of gas because traffic could be at a standstill for hours.

"We're planning for trying to be prepared for eye injuries, trying to be prepared for the potential overload of communication cell towers, so we're planning and preparing back up means of communication," Moran said.

Officials are asking that employers allow their employees to work from home on the day of the eclipse and for schools to have e-learning days to minimize the number of commuters on the road.

For more information about eclipse-themed events going on in Hamilton County, go to [tinyurl.com/HamCoEclipse](http://tinyurl.com/HamCoEclipse).



Booker

Mayor Finkam hits the ground running



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Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam spent her first day in office – New Year's Day – visiting with city employees at the Carmel Fire Department and Carmel Utilities.

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# Nation’s best pickleballers come to Westfield’s Grand Park to show off their skills

By **RICHIE HALL**  
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**WESTFIELD** – People who had been hearing about pickleball but hadn’t gotten a chance to see it be played in person had an opportunity to get a look at the fast-growing sport last week.

The Grand Park Events Center hosted the APP (Association of Pickleball Players) U.S. Collegiate Championships and Midwest Open last week. The Collegiate Championships took place last Wednesday and Thursday, while the Midwest Open was played last Friday through Sunday and featured 500 of the top amateur pickleball players.

Tom Webb, the Chief Marketing Office of the APP said this is the first year the organization has run a collegiate event. It’s also the first-ever pickleball tournament hosted in Indiana.

“This is a great place for us to come,” said Webb. “Some very high-profile sports call this place home.”

In addition, a group of different companies and organizations from Hamilton County, Westfield and Indiana worked to bring the event here.

“We’re very lucky that we have an incredible group

of people who wanted to bring high-profile pickleball to Grand Park sports campus, which is why this is such a natural choice for us to bring the event here,” said Webb.

The collegiate tournament featured 26 teams. Indiana University and Butler University both had teams at the event, in addition to teams for all over the country, such as UCLA, Texas and Ohio State. There is both a team competition and an individual competition. (You can watch the college finals on CBS Sports Network at 9 p.m. Monday.)

One of the IU players, sophomore Jaden Sebastian, spoke to the Reporter in between matches. She is playing in the women’s doubles with her partner Mehvish Safdar. Sebastian began playing pickleball in 2020 and said she became more competitive after joining IU’s pickleball club this past fall.

“I played in nationals with my team and that was my first ever tournament,” said Sebastian. “So just getting more experience here and seeing a lot of the same teams has been a great experience.”

Sebastian said that her partner Safdar has played in other tournament and has



Reporter photo by Richie Hall  
**In addition to the Collegiate Championship, Grand Park also hosted the APP Midwest Open. Pictured here are the men’s doubles 50-plus 5.0 winners, Kent Lindeman of Carmel and Brian Cooke of Indianapolis.**

“a lot of experience. And I think that having a really great partner but also a really nice partner has been an amazing experience and I love her. She’s awesome.”

Sebastian is originally from Marion and noted this is her first time at Grand Park.

“I have never been here before, and the courts are beautiful,” said Sebastian. “It’s crazy how many courts there are.”

**All skills, all ages**  
The Midwest Open has events for players of different skill levels and age brackets; the age ranges are 6-34, 35-49, 50-59 and 60-plus. There were five different divisions: Men’s singles, women’s singles, men’s doubles, women’s doubles and mixed doubles.

The men’s 50-plus doubles at level 5.0 was won by

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## Boys Basketball



Photo by Dwight Casler  
**Sheridan freshman Trey Page had 25 points during the Blackhawks win at Tri-Central last Friday.**

## Sheridan secures two conference victories

### The REPORTER

The Sheridan boys basketball team put together two Hoosier Heartland Conference victories last week.

First, the Blackhawks had a tough fight at Tri-Central last Friday, but ultimately prevailed 64-57 in the second game of a conference girls-boys doubleheader. The ‘Hawks led 19-16 after one quarter, with freshman Trey Page hitting three 3s. Tri-Central came back in a defensive second period, outscoring Sheridan 9-5 for a 25-24 halftime lead.

The ‘Hawks got the lead back in the third quarter,

putting in 20 points and going up 44-38 by the end of the period. Page had eight points, while Damon Winston scored seven. The fourth quarter was close, but Sheridan stayed ahead thanks to its free-throw shooting, making 8 of 9 during the period. Caleb Wright hit all four of his attempts, while Page was 4 of 5.

Page led the scoring with 25 points, followed by Winston with 13 and Wright with 10. Tyler Garner led the rebounding with nine, while Winston collected

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## Girls Basketball

# Huskies beat Shamrocks in all-county game, finish division play this week

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**WESTFIELD** – The Hamilton Heights girls basketball team won a back-and-forth game at Westfield last Saturday afternoon.

The Huskies beat the Shamrocks 45-39, making one final run in the fourth quarter to pull away in the all-county game at CSI Gymnasium. Heights trailed 34-30 early in the final period before an 11-0 spurt that took up most of the quarter and led to the Huskies’ sixth consecutive win.

Heights led 8-4 in the first period before MaKayla Hatcher scored four points to tie it up at 8-8 by the end of the quarter. The second period saw seven lead changes before a Lindsey Van Dyke putback was the last word of the half. Westfield led 18-17 at



Reporter photos by Julie Brown  
**(Left) Westfield’s Reagan Lorenzen scored 16 points, including four 3-pointers, in the Shamrocks’ 59-52 win last Wednesday at Bishop Chatard. (Right) Ellie Kelleher scored 15 points, including 10 in the first half.**

the break.

The Huskies swiftly took the lead when the second half began. Camryn Runner, already with 10 first-half points, made a traditional three-point play before nailing a 3-pointer

to put Heights up 23-18. The ‘Rocks stayed around and used a 6-0 run to lead 30-27 late in the quarter. Lorenzen hit two free throws, while Sam Price and Ellie Kelleher both made baskets.

But Runner hit a 3 to end the period, and the score was 30-30 going into the fourth. Kelleher started strong with back-to-back layins and Westfield led 34-30.

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Photo by Dwight Casler  
**Sheridan’s Shelby Eaton scored six points in the Blackhawks’ girls win at Tri-Central last Friday. Also pictured is Kenzie Garner (12), who scored 25 points.**

## Blackhawks bust up two opponents in games on the road

### The REPORTER

The Sheridan girls basketball team put together two more solid defensive efforts last week, with the result being two more huge wins.

First, the Blackhawks sailed past Crawfordsville 60-20 in an away game last Tuesday. The ‘Hawks 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.

Kenzie Garner scored 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 traveled to Tri-Central last Friday for a Hoosier Heartland Conference girls-boys doubleheader and overwhelmed the Trojans 47-26. The Blackhawks outscored Tri-Central in all four quarters, leading 11-3 after the first period. Kenzie Garner hit two 3-pointers in that quarter.

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Boys Basketball

Eight straight for Millers

The REPORTER

Noblesville’s boys basketball team ran its win streak to eight after scoring a pair of easy wins last week.

First, the Millers took care of Pike 69-46 last Tuesday at The Mill. Noblesville 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.

The Millers 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 both collected five rebounds.

Noblesville traveled to Muncie Central last Saturday and cruised to a 66-39 victory over the Bearcats. The Millers outscored Muncie Central in each quarter, leading 16-8 after one period and 32-16 at halftime. A 23-point third quarter gave Noblesville a 55-27 advantage and clinched the win.

Fine scored 20 points for the Millers, followed by Walston’s 15 points. Walston and Will Smits both had five rebounds.

Noblesville is 10-1 and plays at Zionsville Friday as part of a Hoosier Crossroads Conference girls-boys doubleheader. The Millers return home on Saturday to play Connersville.

‘Rocks prevail over ‘Hounds

The REPORTER

The Westfield boys basketball team got a tough test from visiting Carmel last Saturday before the Shamrocks pulled away in the fourth quarter to win 44-31 at CSI Gymnasium and keep their record unbeaten for the season.

The Greyhounds scored the first five points of the game before Westfield blasted off on a 13-0 run that extended well into the second quarter. The Shamrocks maintained that lead into halftime going up 16-10 at the break.

Carmel’s 3-point shooting brought them back to a 23-20 lead in the third quarter, but Westfield finished the period with a 7-0 spurt to lead 27-23. The ‘Hounds were still within 32-27 in the fourth quarter before the Shamrocks finished the game on a 12-4 run.

Nic Book led Westfield with a double-double of 18 points and 10 rebounds. Charles Farrell scored 10 points and Durante Morton collected five rebounds.

Ryan Clevenger scored 10 points for Carmel, while Evan Harrell led the rebounds with seven.

Earlier games

Westfield hit the road last Friday to the southwest side of Muncie to face the Yorktown Tigers. It took very little time for the ‘Rocks to take control on the road and cruise to a 64-38 win.

Westfield had Yorktown in a hole early with a 13-7 margin through one quarter. The Shamrocks would keep rolling in the second, dou-

bling up the Tigers 12-6 for a halftime lead of 25-13.

Yorktown went toe-to-toe and took the third 17-16, but Westfield still held firm to a double-digit lead 41-30.

The fourth belonged solely to Westfield. The ‘Rocks shifted it into high gear with a 23-8 stronghold on the Tigers to pull away for a convincing 64-38 win. Charles Farrell led the ‘Rocks with 20 points, including four three-pointers. Trey Buchanan made three triples; he and Nic Book each had 11.

Meanwhile, Carmel picked up a solid win at Marion last Friday, beating the Giants 63-52 at Bill Green Arena.

The ‘Hounds led 17-11 after one quarter, then dominated the second period on their way to a 36-16 halftime lead. Marion came back with a 24-point third quarter, but Carmel held firm and kept a 51-40 lead going into the fourth period. Both teams scored 12 in the final quarter.

Clevenger had an outstanding game with 21 points, seven rebounds, five assists and four steals. Alex Couto made four 3-pointers while scoring 13 points. Harrell added 11 points and Ben Bremer drained three 3s for nine points. Mitchell Mulloy dished out four assists.

Next games

Westfield is 9-0 and hosts Hamilton Southeastern on Friday in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference girls-boys doubleheader. Carmel is 4-8 and welcomes Brownstown Central on Saturday.

in the fourth quarter, permitting only eight points to the Trojans. Meanwhile, Cardinal stepped up with another 10-point period to help Guerin get the win.

Cardinal finished with a double-double of 24 points and 12 rebounds. Robert Sorensen added 14 points and seven rebounds, while Dylan Murans scored 12 points.

The Guerin Catholic boys are 3-0 in CCC play and 10-4 overall. The Golden Eagles host Covenant Christian next Friday in another conference game, then play at Cathedral on Saturday.

Golden Eagles pull away to take down Bishop Chatard

The REPORTER

The Guerin Catholic boys basketball team went back and forth with Chatard before pulling away in the fourth quarter for a 56-52 victory last Friday in a Circle City Conference game at the Trojans’ gym.

The Trojans led GC 13-10 after the first period, but Guerin Catholic came back to lead 28-26 at halftime. Bryson Cardinal scored 10 points in the second quarter.

Chatard had control of the third quarter, pouring in 18 points to take a 44-40 lead. The Golden Eagles responded with solid defense

points during a high-scoring fourth quarter; nine different Fishers players scored during that period.

Hall totaled 26 points, scoring in each quarter. He was one of four players in double figures: Keenan Garner had 13 points, while Jason Gardner Jr. and Nathan Baker both put in 10 points.

The Tigers are unbeaten at 12-0 and host Brownsburg Friday in the second game of a Hoosier Crossroads Conference girls-boys doubleheader.

Royals cruise over Bears, fall in close game to warriors

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern boys basketball team has been playing at its best of late and that continued last Friday. The Royals were able to extend their winning streak to six games with a road victory at Lawrence Central, 79-63.

Fresh off of winning the Homestead Holiday Tournament in an eight-team field on Dec. 27 and 28, HSE seems to be clicking at the right time.

The Royals jumped out to a 20-15 lead over the host Bears and wouldn’t look back.

Southeastern spread its advantage even more with a 20-13 second quarter to lead at halftime by a 40-28 score.

HSE stayed steady in the third with another 20-point

frame to take a 60-42 score into the fourth.

A late 21-19 push by Lawrence Central in the fourth wouldn’t be enough for a comeback for the Bears, as the Royals would keep their distance in a 79-63 win.

Donovan Hamilton led all scorers with 23 points, while also grabbing five rebounds and adding three steals. Braeden Totton scored 22 on 8-of-9 shooting, including 3-for-4 from downtown. Nate Orr also had a solid night with 14 points, five boards and six assists.

A great shooting night at 65 percent overall, including 7-of-13 from three-point range, along with grabbing 27 rebounds to LC’s 19, were just a few factors that helped guide HSE to its eighth win. The win at LC helps surpass

last season’s win total of seven.

Last Saturday night, Hamilton Southeastern hosted Warren Central in a MIC vs. Hoosier Crossroads Conference battle. Points seemed hard to come by for the Royals in the first half, which made it tough to fully come back.

HSE was trying to sweep the weekend, but the Warriors had other things in mind. Warren Central held on for the slim road win over the host Royals, 46-42.

Warren took a 12-7 lead through one period and was able to pretty much replicate it in the second with an 11-7 advantage for a 23-14 halftime lead in a low-scoring game.

The Royals woke up their offense in the third, doubling

up the Warriors 16-8, closing the gap to a 31-30 deficit.

Warren Central found the way offensively in the fourth to outlast Southeastern 15-12 to hold on for the road win at Southeastern. The loss snaps a six-game winning streak for HSE.

Donovan Hamilton had another big game with a game-high 17 points, making 4-for-8 field goals and sinking 7-of-8 free throws. Braden Totten joined in double figures with 11 on 4-of-9 shooting.

Hamilton Southeastern (8-4) next plays at Westfield (9-0) on Friday in the second game of an HCC girls-boys varsity doubleheader. The girls game starts at 6 p.m., followed by the boys. The Royals then host Anderson Saturday.

Trailblazers get out ahead early, easily handle Scecina Crusaders

By RICHIE HALL

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CARMEL – It took all of 35 seconds for the University boys basketball team to set the tone for its game with Scecina last Thursday.

The Trailblazers scored six points during that short span of time, forcing a quick timeout by the Crusaders. University continued to roll from there, eventually beating Scecina 71-54 at the U Center.

Montgomery Holland scored the first two baskets of the game within seconds of each other, then another turnover led to a basket by Blake Gray. University didn’t let up after the timeout: Max McComb nailed a 3-pointer to put the ‘Blazers up 9-0.

“We got a style of play that we’re still trying to figure out,” said University coach Justin Blanding. “We’re small, so playing faster and pressuring the ball, that’s what we got to go to.”

Scecina got on the board with a layin by Adrian Hill, but baskets by Robert Russell and Blake Gray pushed the Trailblazers’ lead to 13-2. The Crusaders made a 7-0 run late in the period to get within 16-11 before University went on an 11-0 spurt that bridged the first and second quarters.

Faisal Mohamud and Ja-

len Scott opened the second period with back-to-back triples, and another 3 from Mohamud gave the ‘Blazers a 30-14 advantage. University led 35-18 before Scecina scored five points to cut it to 35-23 by halftime.

The Trailblazers made another quick start to begin the second half, thanks to two baskets from McComb and a Russell triple. University then led 42-23 and kept its lead around that margin for the remainder of the game. Blake Gray had nine points in the third quarter, with Bryce Gray scoring eight in the fourth, including a triple.

Blanding said his team’s defense was “very disciplined tonight. We haven’t been in the past, but we were disciplined. They stuck to the game plan. We’re starting to figure things out.”

Four University players reached double figures in scoring, beginning with Blake Gray’s 16 points. McComb had 15 points, then Bryce Gray and Holland both scored 11 points. Holland led the rebounds with six, Bryce Gray had six assists and five steals. Russell dished out four assists.

“Offensively, we want to make sure everybody’s touching the ball, everybody’s getting opportunities and just sharing the ball,” said Blanding.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall  
**University’s Blake Gray scored 16 points and was one of four Trailblazers in double figures during the teams’ 71-54 win over Scecina last Thursday at the U Center.**

Third-quarter takeover

University traveled to Covenant Christian last Saturday, where a dominant third quarter sent the Trailblazers to their third consecutive win, 54-45.

The first quarter finished in a 10-10 tie, and the Warriors edged ahead 26-25 at halftime. McComb and Holland led University’s balanced scoring, as each had seven points.

Covenant led 32-26 in the third quarter before the ‘Blazers went off on a 15-0 run. Holland and McComb nailed back-to-back 3s to tie the game, then Russell pushed University ahead with a traditional three-point play. Blake Gray scored to give

UHS a five-point lead, then a free throw and a triple from Bryce Gray finished the run. The Trailblazers led 41-32 at that point. The Warriors got the lead down to 45-42 with 6:30 left in the fourth quarter, but Bryce Gray drained a 3 to get University up by six, and the ‘Blazers made free throws to stay in front.

Bryce Gray totaled 12 points, followed by 11 for Holland and 10 each for McComb and Russell. McComb collected six rebounds, with Bryce Gray, Blake Gray and Holland all getting five.

University is 6-6 and hosts Muncie Burris Friday in a Pioneer Conference North game.

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two local players: Kent Lindeman of Carmel and Brian Cooke of Indianapolis. The two have been playing together since winning the U.S. Open tournament in the age 50 bracket last year.

“To have it grow and see all the people in central Indiana playing and coming out and playing tournaments is great,” said Lindeman.

“It’s so fun to see some young kids here,” said Cooke. “There’s some really young players playing the sport now. It’s such a wonderful community of just really great people that just want to help each other. It’s very friendly and competitive also. Great facility.”

The amateur tournament

was completely free for spectators, and a good way for pickleball players and those who are curious about the sport to see it at a high level.

“If you’ve played pickleball before and you’re thinking ‘I might want to elevate my game and come and see how they’re playing at a fairly high level in

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HEIGHTS

The Huskies then stormed back, pouring in 11 straight points over a six-minute span. Runner scored seven of those points with a layin, two free throws and another triple. Ella Hickok had the other four points.

“Our girls are bought into their role as well as any team I’ve ever coached,” said Heights coach Keegan Cherry. “And when you have a special player like Camryn Runner and everybody else is willing to check their ego and allow Camryn Runner to be Camryn Runner, she’s a special player. So, we were just

trying to get the basketball into her hands late and let her make plays.”

Runner finished the game with 31 points. Kelleher, Lorenzen and Van Dyke all scored 11 for Westfield.

“I think we took some bad shots that led to some looks for them in transition,” said ‘Rocks coach Kelsey Steele. “We missed some open looks. It doesn’t help us if we shoot 1 for 13 from the 3. If you shoot like that, you aren’t going to win a whole lot of basketball games. We got to be able to make open shots when we get them. We didn’t do that

and they did.”

Wednesday win

Westfield got a solid road victory last Wednesday, beating Bishop Chatard 59-52 at the Trojans’ gym.

The Shamrocks led 11-6 after one quarter and 26-20 at halftime. Ellie Kelleher scored 11 points in the first half, including two 3-pointers. Reagan Lorenzen also made a couple triples, both in the first quarter. Lorenzen followed that up with two more 3s in the third period, part of a 20-point quarter for Westfield.

Lorenzen finished with 16 points, scoring in each

quarter. Kelleher added 15 points. Lindsey Van Dyke helped out with 10 points, all in the second half, including two 3-pointers.

This week’s games

Heights is 16-2 and plays its remaining two Hoosier Conference East Division games this week, hosting Western on Tuesday and Tipton Saturday afternoon. Westfield is 12-6 and also hosts two home games; playing Hamilton Southeastern Friday in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference girls-boys doubleheader before welcoming Indian Creek Saturday afternoon.

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Girls Basketball

# Millers’ 2024 off to great start with massive win at Cathedral

The REPORTER

After nine days off following a pair of wins over Valparaiso and Fort Wayne Snider to claim the 2023 Noblesville Holiday Tournament championship on Dec. 28, the Noblesville Millers were anxious to get back on the court.

Noblesville’s first action of the new year was on the road at Cathedral. It wasn’t easy as the Irish were winners of five of their last seven heading into last Saturday’s matchup. The Millers would have a big offensive surge in the second half on the way to a 62-35 win.

The first quarter was back-and-forth and tied 11-11. That only gave Noblesville what they needed to distance themselves.

The Millers clamped down defensively in the second, holding the Irish to just four points and grabbing a double-digit lead at half-time, 26-15.

In the second half Noblesville took advantage of every opportunity possible. They forced numerous Cathedral turnovers and turned

steals into fast break points to push away from the host Irish.

Cathedral kept the third close at 15-10, but that ultimately meant Noblesville had almost doubled its lead at 47-25 with one quarter to go.

Noblesville got its point across with a big fourth quarter surge 21-10 to win going away, 62-35.

Reagan Wilson led all scorers with a game-high 15 points and also had four steals. Meredith Tippler notched another double-double with 14 points and 11 rebounds, while also adding four steals.

C.C. Quigley was solid with 13 points on 6-of-7 shooting and eight rebounds. Ava Shoemaker was back in the Miller lineup after missing the last four games, scoring eight points, and had three assists. Ally Hutchinson (seven) and Kate Rollins (five) also pitched in.

Defensively, the Millers forced 26 Cathedral turnovers, 17 of which were steals.

Noblesville (10-7) gets back to it at home on Tues-



Photo by Julie Brown

**Noblesville’s C.C. Quigley scored 13 points and pulled eight rebounds for the Millers in their win at Cathedral last Saturday.**

day when it hosts Mount Vernon (6-11). The Millers travel to Zionsville on Fri-

day for a Hoosier Crossroads Conference girls-boys doubleheader.



Photo by Joshua Herd

**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.**

## Wilson named Player of the Week

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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 Dec. 28, 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.



**(Left) Guerin Catholic’s Emery Cardinal scored 12 points in the first quarter, helping the Golden Eagles to a fast start against Park Tudor last Wednesday. Guerin Catholic eventually beat the Panthers 52-27. (Right) Kori Dues scored 14 points for the Golden Eagles.**



Photos by Mike Navarro

## Guerin Catholic splits two games

By **RICHIE HALL**  
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**NOBLESVILLE** – The Guerin Catholic girls basketball team split a pair of games last week.

First, the Golden Eagles hosted Park Tudor last Wednesday. Guerin Catholic got off to a fantastic start, which carried the Golden Eagles through to a 52-27 win over the Panthers at the Eagles Nest. Guerin Catholic allowed Park Tudor only two points in the opening quarter.

The Golden Eagles scored the first 19 points of the game. Emery Cardinal was dominant, pouring in 12

for the first 15 points. Annie Murphy, Reagan Haines and Kori Dues all scored baskets in that opening run as well.

“I think they came out with great energy and played really, really hard,” said GC coach Danielle Cardinal. “Our positive is being able to start like that, with the energy and the press and everything continues for us. So that was a huge positive for us. It was great to see, especially missing two major players.”

Lilly Harris got the Panthers on the board with a basket at the 1:46 mark. Guerin Catholic responded with a 3-pointer from Dues and a basket by Caroline Ford. As

a result, the Golden Eagles led 24-2 after one.

Murphy and Dana Dues both drained 3s during the second quarter, which finished with the Golden Eagles leading 34-8 at halftime. To their credit, Park Tudor continued to battle through the second half, but Guerin Catholic maintained at least a 20-point lead until the buzzer. The Golden Eagles got hot from long range again in the fourth quarter, with Murphy, Kori Dues and Lainey Rott all hitting 3s.

Nine different players scored at least one point for Guerin Catholic. Cardinal finished with 16 points,

while Kori Dues had 14.

“That’s a good day for us,” said Danielle Cardinal.

The Golden Eagles girls dropped a Circle City Conference game 61-27. The Trojans led 22-5 after one quarter and 43-15 at halftime, then allowed Guerin Catholic only two points in the third period.

Kori Dues had two 3-pointers on her way to eight points.

The Golden Eagles are 1-2 in CCC play and 7-10 overall, and host Roncalli Tuesday to continue conference action. Guerin Catholic hosts Lebanon Saturday afternoon.

## Tigers fall to Mother McAuley, rebound against North Central on Senior Night

The REPORTER

The Fishers girls basketball team got a chance to go up against one Chicago’s top teams last Thursday at the Grow the Game Showcase, which took place at Stevenson High School in Lincolnshire, Ill.

The Tigers played Mother McAuley in their game and gave the Mighty Macs a battle before falling 65-58. McAuley led 17-12 after

one quarter and were up 30-25 at halftime, then led 44-38 after three periods.

Talia Harris played an outstanding game for Fishers, totaling 29 points. Harris scored in every quarter, including 12 points in the fourth period to keep the Tigers close; she was named the Fishers Player of the Game afterwards. Morgan Roberts drained three 3-pointers on her way to 11

points and Allison Scheu scored 10.

**Senior Night victory**

Fishers returned to the Tiger Den last Saturday for its Senior Night game, which the Tigers won over North Central 60-47.

The Panthers led 17-13 after one quarter, but Fishers took over after that, outscoring North Central 37-21 over the next two periods. The Tigers held a 28-25 lead

at halftime and increased it to 50-38 after three quarters.

Harris scored 15 points, including 12 in the second half. Roberts made four 3-pointers on her way to 14 points, while Nevaeh Dickman and Scheu each had 10 points.

Fishers is 12-5 and hosts Brownsburg Friday as part of a Hoosier Crossroads Conference girls-boys doubleheader.

## University falls to Western, beats Covenant Christian

The REPORTER

The University girls hit the road last Tuesday night, dropping a 60-43 contest to 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 Turley 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 rebounded

with a 60-27 win at Covenant Christian last Saturday. The Trailblazers took care of business early, leading 15-5 after one quarter and 30-12 at halftime. A late 3-pointer from Keira Bright finished the third period and gave University a 47-20 lead and the ‘Blazers rolled through the fourth quarter, steadily increasing their lead.

Conyers was the first of four double-figure scorers with 19 points. Norvell had 15 points, Bright scored 12 and Turley contributed 10

points. Feeney had nine of University’s 40 rebounds, followed by Bright with eight, Turley and Conyers with seven each and Norvell with five.

The Trailblazers had 22 steals in the game, including seven from Turley and Conyers and five from Bright. Feeney blocked seven shots.

University is 8-7 and welcomes Shortridge on Thursday, then hosts the Pioneer Conference championship game Saturday.



Photo by Mike Kepner

**Hamilton Southeastern’s Zoe Lawless had five rebounds during the Royals’ win over Warren Central last Thursday.**

## With Makalusky’s lead scoring, Royals get two big victories

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern’s girls basketball team got a 65-54 home victory over Warren Central last Thursday.

Maya Makalusky scored 21 points to lead the Royals; she was a perfect 12 of 12 from the free-throw line and made three 3-pointers. Kayla Stidham drained four 3s on her way to 16 points, while Kennedy Holman had 10 points and led the rebounds with eight.

Makalusky collected six rebounds and dished out four assists, while Holman also handed out four assists. Zoe Lawless had five rebounds.

Southeastern took a trip to Fort Wayne last Saturday to play Carroll and scored an 82-62 victory over the Chargers.

The Royals led 21-17

after the first quarter, then dominated the second quarter to take a 47-26 halftime lead. Southeastern led 59-35 after three periods. Carroll scored 27 points in the fourth quarter, but the Royals had the game well in hand by then.

Makalusky once again led the scoring with 26 points, also getting six rebounds. Holman was outstanding in all facets of the game with 23 points, eight rebounds, seven steals and four assists. Stidham had 10 points and six rebounds, with Lawless also collecting six rebounds.

The Royals are 16-1 and play at Westfield Friday in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference girls-boys doubleheader. The girls game starts at 6 p.m. with the boys game to follow.



Swimming

Two-Tiger sweep: Fishers runs the table at HCC & Mudsock meets

The REPORTER

The Fishers swim teams swept the Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet, which took place last Thursday at the Indiana University Natatorium in downtown Indianapolis.

The Tigers girls team scored 449.5 points, just ahead of runner-up Zionsville's 408. Avery Stein led Fishers with two events wins, placing first in the individual medley and the breaststroke. The Tigers won four additional events, with Emily Wolf pacing the butterfly, Emma Schumacher taking the 500 free, and Fishers also winning the 200 and 400 freestyle relays.

Hamilton Southeastern placed third with 371 points. The Royals opened the meet with a victory in the medley relay, and Kiley Zoeller also placed first in the 50 free.

Noblesville finished fourth by scoring 371 points; Eryn McMahon won the diving event. Westfield scored 167.5 points to take seventh; the Shamrocks' 400 free relay took sixth, as did Kate Cassidy in the 500 free.

Fishers' boys team won going away, scoring 480 points to runner-up Zionsville's 324. The Tigers won seven events, including two double individual winners: Jonny Hines was first in the 200 and 500 freestyles, while Alex Koo won the 50 free and butterfly, the latter event being a 1-2 finish for Fishers. Victor Herbert was second in that event.

The Tigers also went 1-2 in diving, with Jack Roby winning and Jack Schade taking second. Eduardo Sanchez was first in the IM and Fishers also won the 400 free relay.

Southeastern picked up three wins while placing third as a team with 293 points. The Royals opened the meet with a medley relay victory, then Jihoon Jung was first in the backstroke and Collin Huston took the breaststroke.

Noblesville placed third as a team with 258.5 points. The Millers got two third-place finishes from Aiden Kless in diving and Anthony Mathis in the breaststroke. Westfield was eighth with 159 points; Bennett Morse took fourth in the 100 free.

**Mudsock sweep**  
Fishers followed up its HCC sweep by running the table at the Mudsock meet, which took place last Saturday at Southeastern.

In the girls meet, the Tigers won 108-78. Fish-



Photos provided

The Fishers boys and girls swim teams swept the Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet, which took place last Thursday at the Indiana University Natatorium in downtown Indianapolis. The Tigers followed that up by sweeping the Mudsock meet last Saturday at Hamilton Southeastern.

ers claimed eight of the 12 events, with Schumacher winning the 200 and 500 freestyles and Wolf triumphing in the butterfly and backstroke. Elaine Van Trees won the diving event, Stein took the breaststroke, and the Tigers were first in the 200 and 400 free relays.

Zoeller won the 50 and 100 freestyles for the Royals, with Audrey Crawford taking first in the IM. Southeastern also won the medley relay.

Fishers won the boys meet 119.5-66.5. The Tigers had eight outright wins, including two from Jonny Hines in the 200 and 100 freestyles, and two from Eduardo Sanchez in the IM and 500 free.

Hudson Lee was first in the 50 free, while Jack Roby won diving. Fishers also claimed the 200 and 400 free relays.

There was a tie in the backstroke event, so the Tigers and the Royals will split that one. Fishers' Tommy Johanneman and the HSE's Jacob Frey both finished that event in 54.84 seconds.

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five. Winston also blocked four shots. Trent DeCraene handed out five assists and Wright dished out four.

The Tri-Central game was the seventh away game in a row for the Blackhawks, so they were happy to get back to Larry Hobbs Hall last Saturday for an HHC contest with Rossville. Sheridan won that game 78-71.

The 'Hawks led 20-14 after one quarter, then held off a Hornets comeback in the second period to lead 37-36 at halftime. Sheridan remained steady in the second half, leading 58-55 after three quarters before

adding another 20 points in the fourth quarter to clinch the win.

DeCraene had a strong game, with 25 points and nine assists. Winston reached double-double status with 17 points and 12 rebounds, also blocking four shots for the second consecutive game. Page drained four 3s while scoring 17 points. Owen Bell had seven rebounds and Wright handed out five assists.

The Blackhawks are 3-2 in the conference and 7-4 overall. Sheridan hosts North Montgomery on Saturday.

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The Trojans tightened things up in the next two periods, but the 'Hawks still led 23-13 at halftime and 36-24 after three. Sheridan blasted away in the fourth quarter, outscoring Tri-Central 11-2.

Garner scored 25 points,

throwing in three 3s along the way. Cecilia Timme had seven points and Shelby Eaton scored six.

Sheridan is 4-1 in the conference and 13-3 overall and plays Thursday at Speedway.

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Carmel summarily dominates at Fishers dual meet

The REPORTER

The Carmel swim teams swept a dual meet at Fishers last Tuesday.

In the girls meet, the Greyhounds won every event in a 127-43 victory. Three Carmel swimmers got double individual victories: Lynsey Bowen in the 200 and 100 freestyles, Kayla Han in the individual medley and 400 free, and

Alex Shackell in the butterfly and backstroke.

The Greyhounds boys team won its meet 113.5-56.5. Gregg Enoch won the IM and 400 free, with Andrew Shackell placing first in the 50 free and butterfly. The Tigers got wins from Jonny Hines in the 200 free and Tommy Johanneman in the backstroke, and took the 200 free relay.

Heights girls win, boys fall at Oak Hill meet

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights swim teams split a dual meet at Oak Hill last Tuesday.

The Huskies girls won their meet 95-88. Heights placed first in 10 of the 12 events, with Teegan Madara leading a pair of 1-2 finishes. First, she won the butterfly with her sister Ayla Madara second, then later was first in the breaststroke, followed by Adi Amos as runner-up.

Sophia Hulén was a double individual winner in the 200 freestyle and the backstroke, while Amira Leer also won two events, the individ-

ual medley and 100 free. Campbell Lively-Mason was first in diving and Ayla Madara won the 500 free. The Huskies also claimed the medley and 400 free relays.

In the boys meet, Heights fell to Oak Hill 98-86. Nathan Cox and Ethan Swart finished 1-2 in diving, one of seven event wins for the Huskies. Aiden Clarke got a double victory in the IM and the 100 free. Other winners were Rowan Donald in the 50 free, Cameron Wheat in the butterfly, Gabe Roosa in the backstroke and the medley relay.

FISHERS

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
Request for Proposal documents for E-Rate eligible vendors to bid on  
**FCC FORM 470 - 240010298**  
**NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES**  
for the Hamilton Southeastern School Corporation are available on the district website (<https://www.hseschools.org/community/public-notices>). Hamilton Southeastern School Corporation is not responsible for documents distributed through any other means.  
**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:** prior to 2:00 pm local time (EST) February 7th, 2024  
**RECORDING OF PROPOSERS:** 2:00 pm local time (EST) February 7th, 2024  
**LOCATION:** HSE Administration Building - 13485 Cumberland Rd. Fishers, IN 46038  
Vendors shall submit bids according to the Instructions, Provisions and Specifications stated in the solicitation documents. Questions should be addressed via email to HSE's Director of Infrastructure Technologies, Tom Kouns ([tkouns@hse.k12.in.us](mailto:tkouns@hse.k12.in.us))  
**R3626** 1/5/24, 1/8/24, 1/12/24, 1/15/24

NOBLESVILLE

**Notice to Bidders**  
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Public Works and Safety for the City of Noblesville will receive sealed bids from those interested in purchasing the surplus property listed below from the City of Noblesville Parks Department pursuant to IC 5-22-22.5. The minimum bid amount that will be accepted is \$300,000 for the entire fleet as described below. Bids will be received at the Clerk's Office, 16 S. 10th Street (Noblesville City Hall), Noblesville, Indiana. Bids will be opened and read aloud by the Board of Public Works and Safety at 9:00 A.M. at their regular meeting on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, in the Council Chambers, Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana. Questions about the golf carts or requests to view the golf carts should be directed to Brandon Bennett, Director of Parks Department at [bbennett@noblesville.in.us](mailto:bbennett@noblesville.in.us) or by calling 317-776-6350.  

Make/Model/Year	Quantity
2016 Club Car Precedent Golf Car	45
2018 Club Car Precedent Golf Car	50

The golf carts shall be sold as one entire fleet and will not be divided or sold separately.  
Winning bidder is responsible for transportation of purchased golf carts and shall remove golf carts from Fox Prairie Golf Course and Forest Park Golf Course February to mid-March when the city's new fleet of carts is delivered, and not before.  
**R3638** 1/8/24, 1/15/24

COURT NOTICES

STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT I  
COUNTY OF HAMILTON ) ) SS:  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF ) CAUSE NO.: 29D01-2312-AD-001650  
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 Kreg Williams,*  
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court 1  
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**R3599** 1/1/24, 1/8/24, 1/15/24

STATE OF INDIANA )  
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )  
IN THE HAMILTON )  
CIRCUIT COURT )  
CASE NO. 29C01-2312-MI-11714 )  
IN RE NAME 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 Kreg Williams*  
Clerk of Hamilton County  
**R3587** 12/25/23, 1/1/23, 1/8/24

**29D02-2312-EU-000569**  
**IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT NO. 2**  
**CAUSE NO. 29D02-2312-EU-000569**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF BETTY L. SMITH, DECEASED**  
**NOTICE OF ADOPTION**  
Notice is hereby given that on December 29, 2023, Roger K. Smith was appointed personal representative of the estate of Betty L. Smith, deceased, who died on December 2, 2023.  
All persons having 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 29, 2023.  
*Kathy Kreg Williams*  
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court No. 2  
**R3637** 1/8/24, 1/15/24

STATE OF INDIANA )  
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )  
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY )  
CIRCUIT COURT )  
Cause No. 29C01-2311-MI-11158 )  
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF: )  
CHRISTINE CAPRI COLLINS )  
Petitioner )  
**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
Petitioner, MAGDALENA COLLINS, whose mailing address is: 9093 DEMAREST DR., FISHERS, IN 46038 in Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that MAGDALENA COLLINS has filed a petition in the Hamilton Circuit Court, requesting that name be changed to MAGDALENA VALENTINA RIOS.  
Notice is further given that a hearing will be held on said Petition on the March 8, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.  
*MAGDALENA COLLINS*  
Petitioner  
Date: November 30, 2023  
*Kathy Kreg Williams*  
Judicial Officer  
**R3643** 1/8/24, 1/15/24, 1/22/24

**NOTICE**  
Petro's Garage 23840 six points rd sheridan in 46069 765-434-8625  
3GCPKSE75CG205873 - 2012 chevrolet e1500 \$7,750  
ZAPM459L5F5200303 - 2015 vespa gts 300 \$2750  
Sale date is January 26th 9am  
**R3575** 1/8/24

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](mailto: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

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**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 1XKYD49X2N1J56657  
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 Orenge 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 Orenge- Portfolio Manager  
R3601 1/1/24, 1/8/24

**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS AND ALL OTHER PERSONS AFFECTED OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A PROPOSED LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF NOBLESVILLE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND THE CITY OF NOBLESVILLE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
Taxpayers of the City of Noblesville Redevelopment District ("Redevelopment District") and all other persons affected hereby are notified that on January 25, 2024, the Redevelopment Commission of the City of Noblesville, Indiana (the "Commission" and "City", respectively) will hold a public hearing upon a proposed lease (the "Lease") to be entered into between the City of Noblesville Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority"), as lessor, and the Commission, as lessee, with respect to the leasing of certain roads and real property as described in the Lease to enable the financing by the Authority of (1) the refinancing of certain bond anticipation notes of the Authority (the "2022 BANs") and (2) the Projects (as hereinafter defined) which are necessary in connection with the City's proposed construction and equipping of an Event Center in the City to provide athletic performances, including serving as the home court for an NBA G-League team, and entertainment events that contribute to the educational, recreational, economic and cultural development of the community. The Projects include (1) a parking garage (approximately 1,000 spaces); (2) sitework & utilities; (3) landscaping; (4) street lighting; (5) 141st Street Phase 1A (roadways & roundabouts); (6) perimeter road and private roads; and (7) foundation improvements, retaining wall, entry plaza bollards, screen wall, secured parking fence, secured parking entry gates and architectural features (collectively, the "Projects"). The Projects identified in (2) through (7) of the preceding sentence are each herein referred to as an SBT Project and, collectively, the SBT Projects. The proposed Lease will have a term no longer than twenty-five (25) years; provided, however, any lease rentals due in respect of SBT Projects will have a term no longer than twenty (20) years. The maximum annual lease rental to be paid by the Commission under the proposed Lease will not exceed \$17,000,000 in any one year; provided, however, for lease rentals which are in respect of SBT Projects such annual amount shall not exceed \$4,800,000. Lease rentals under the proposed Lease will be payable from (i) a special benefits tax levied by the Commission pursuant to Indiana Code 36-7-14-27 (the "District Tax") for any Projects which are designated under the Lease as SBT Projects, if any, and (ii) for any Projects which are not designated as SBT Projects and for the refinancing of the 2022 BANs, the Consolidated TIF Revenues (as herein defined), and, to the extent the Consolidated TIF Revenues and any other revenues legally available to the Commission for such purpose are not sufficient, the District Tax. The Consolidated TIF Revenues consist of tax increment revenues from the Noblesville Consolidated Economic Development Area (the "Consolidated TIF Revenues") pledged by the Commission under the Lease for the payment of lease rentals. The proposed Lease further provides for terms concerning the use, maintenance, repair, operating and utility costs, insurance, destruction of the premises, defaults, remedies, options to purchase and miscellaneous other matters. The public hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the Noblesville City Hall, Council Chambers, 16 South 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana. All interested parties will be provided the opportunity be heard at the hearing. After the public hearing, which may be adjourned from time to time, the Commission may adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of the proposed Lease on behalf of the City, if it finds that the service to be provided throughout the term of the proposed Lease will serve the public purposes of the City and it is in the best of interests of the City's residents and that the lease rental provided for is fair and reasonable. The proposed Lease is open to public inspection in the Controller's office of the Noblesville City Hall, 16 South 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana.  
Dated: December 28, 2023  
CITY OF NOBLESVILLE  
REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
R3631 1/8/24

**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS AND ALL OTHER PERSONS AFFECTED OF ADOPTION AND CONTENT OF DECLARATORY RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NOBLESVILLE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON DECLARATORY RESOLUTION**  
Taxpayers of the City of Noblesville Redevelopment District and all other persons affected hereby are notified that the City of Noblesville Redevelopment Commission (the "Commission"), at a meeting held on December 7, 2023, adopted Resolution No. 2023-18 (the "Declaratory Resolution") (i) connecting and consolidating the Existing Areas and Existing Allocation Areas (each as defined below) through certain roads and right of way as described therein (the "Enlarged Area") and (ii) approving certain amendments to the economic development and redevelopment plans for the Existing Areas in connection therewith (such plans, as so amended, collectively, the "Consolidated Plan"). As set forth in the Declaratory Resolution, the Existing Areas and Existing Allocation Areas as connected and consolidated with the Enlarged Area are designated as the Noblesville Consolidated Economic Development Area (the "Consolidated Area") and the Noblesville Consolidated Economic Development Area Allocation Area (the "Consolidated Allocation Area"), respectively.  
The Existing Areas consist of the following economic development and redevelopment areas in the City: (i) Noblesville Redevelopment Area (the "Noblesville Downtown Area"); (ii) Central 146th Street Economic Development Area (the "Central 146th Street Area"); (iii) Town Center Economic Development Sub-Area (the "Town Center Area"); (iv) Bergen-Tegler Economic Development Area (the "Bergen-Tegler Area"); (v) Stony Creek East Economic Development Area (the "Stoney Creek Area"); (vi) Noblesville Commerce Park Economic Development Area (the "Commerce Park Area"); (vii) Noblesville Corporate Campus West Economic Development Area (the "CCW Area"); (viii) Hazel Dell Economic Development Area (the "Hazel Dell Area"); and (ix) Noblesville Corporate Campus East Economic Development Area (the "CCE Area"), together with the Noblesville Downtown Area, the Central 146th Street Area, the Town Center Area, the Bergen-Tegler Area, the Stoney Creek Area, the Commerce Park Area, the CCW Area and the Hazel Dell Area, collectively, the "Existing Areas").  
The Existing Allocation Areas consist of the following allocation areas (as defined in the Indiana Code 36-7-14-39) within the Existing Areas for the purposes of capturing property tax increment: (i) within the Noblesville Downtown Area the Noblesville Redevelopment Area Allocation Area (the "Noblesville Downtown Allocation Area"); (ii) within the Central 146th Street Area the Central 146th Street Allocation Area (the "Central 146th Street Allocation Area"); (iii) within the Town Center Area the Town Center Area Allocation Area (the "Town Center Allocation Area"); (iv) within the Bergen-Tegler Area the Bergen-Tegler Area Allocation Area (the "Bergen-Tegler Allocation Area"); (v) within the Stoney Creek Area the Stoney Creek Area Allocation Area (the "Stoney Creek Allocation Area"); (vi) within the Commerce Park Area the Commerce Park Allocation Area (the "Commerce Park Allocation Area"); (vii) within the CCW Area the Corporate Campus West Allocation Area (the "CCW Allocation Area") and the SMC Allocation Area (the "SMC Allocation Area"); (viii) within the Hazel Dell Area the Hazel Dell Area Allocation Area (the "Hazel Dell Allocation Area"); and (ix) within the CCE Area the Corporate Campus East Allocation Area (the "CCE Allocation Area"), together with the Noblesville Downtown Allocation Area, the Central 146th Street Allocation Area, the Town Center Allocation Area, the Bergen-Tegler Allocation Area, the Stoney Creek Allocation Area, the Commerce Park Allocation Area, the CCW Allocation Area, the SMC Allocation Area and the Hazel Dell Allocation Area, collectively, the "Existing Allocation Areas").  
The Commission will use incremental real property taxes levied and collected in the Consolidated Area in accordance with Indiana Code 36-7-14 and Indiana Code 36-7-25 to finance roads, bridges, sidewalks, utility service, public safety service, municipal facilities, park improvements, parking and economic development projects, all in, serving or benefitting the Consolidated Area (collectively, the "Projects"). The Declaratory Resolution, the Consolidated Plan for the Consolidated Area, and supporting data including maps and plats describing the Consolidated Area and Consolidated Allocation Area, have been prepared and can be inspected at the office of the Secretary of the Commission, Noblesville City Hall, 16 S 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana 46060 (the "City Hall").  
Notice is further given that the Commission on January 25, 2024 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., Eastern Time, at the City Hall in the Council Chambers, will receive and hear remonstrances from persons interested in or affected by the proceedings pertaining to the proposed Projects and will determine the public utility and benefit of the proposed Projects. At the time fixed for hearing or at any time prior thereto any person interested in the proceedings may file a written remonstrance at the office of the Secretary of the Commission at the City Hall, if filed prior to the time fixed for the hearing or with the Secretary of the Commission if filed at the hearing. At such hearing, which may be adjourned from time to time, the Commission will hear all persons interested in the proceedings and all remonstrances that have been filed. After considering this evidence, the Commission will take final action by either confirming, modifying and confirming, or rescinding the Declaratory Resolutions.  
Dated this 28th day of December, 2023.  
CITY OF NOBLESVILLE  
REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
R3632 1/8/24

**HAMILTON COUNTY REPORTER**  
**Hamilton County's Hometown Newspaper**

— WESTFIELD —

**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

**LEGAL NOTICE OF EVIDENTIARY HEARING**  
**INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION CAUSE NO. 37389**  
**GCA 137**  
**APPLICATION OF WESTFIELD GAS, LLC, D/B/A CITIZENS GAS OF WESTFIELD FOR A CHANGE IN ITS GAS COST ADJUSTMENT CHARGE FOR THE PERIOD MARCH, APRIL, AND MAY 2024**  
Notice is hereby given that the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission will conduct a public Evidentiary Hearing in the above-captioned Cause in **Room 222 of the PNC Center, 101 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, commencing at 2:30 PM on February 13, 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 – Ann Pagonis, ALJ  
DATE: January 4, 2024  
R3634 1/8/24

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Please be advised that the Westfield-Washington Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana, or in a virtual format viewable at https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofWestfieldIN, for the purposes of holding a public hearing and reviewing and acting on the following petitions for the purpose of reviewing and acting on the following petitions:  
• 2312-VS-30; 15868 Nocturne Drive, Teresa Argawi by PJE Lawn Care & Landscaping, LLC requests to encroach eight (8) feet into the twenty (20) foot Minimum Rear Yard setback on 0.33 acres +/- to accommodate a swimming pool and deck in the Davis Planned Unit Development (PUD) District;  
• 2401-VS-01; Springmill Pointe Aldi, Aldi Inc. by SGA Design Group requests Variances of Development Standard to modify building and roofline modulation on a 20,000 SF +/- grocery store on 3.93 acres +/- in the Springmill Pointe PUD District;  
• 2401-VS-02; 2450 E 146th Street, Kite Realty requests a Variance of Development Standard to permit a trash enclosure within an Established Front Yard on 8.67 acres +/- in the SB-PD: Special Business/Planned Development District (Article 6.1(D)(2)(a));  
• 2401-VU-01; 216 Jersey Street, Dave Sobczak requests to make permanent an existing temporary variance of Use permitting a Professional Office use on 0.17 acres +/- in the MF-1: Multi-Family Low Density District (Article 13.2); and  
• 2401-VU-02 & 2401-VS-03; 229 Mill Street, Civil & Environmental Consultants request Variances of Use to permit a Sit-Down Restaurant and Specialty Restaurant and Variances of Development Standard to modify density, minimum living area, landscaping, architectural, and parking standards to accommodate a proposed mixed-use building on 0.32 acres +/- in the MF1: Multi-Family Low Density Zoning District (Articles 4.10(H)(1), 4.1(D), 4.1(F), 6.3, 6.8, 6.14(G)(1), and 13.2).  
Specific details regarding the cases may be obtained from the Westfield Community Development Department, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074 or by calling (317) 804-3170.  
Westfield-Washington Township Board of Zoning Appeals  
Westfield Community Development Department  
2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074  
www.westfield.in.gov  
R3636 1/8/24

— COUNTY —

**NOTICE**  
Hunter Ford 1430 n baldwin ave, marion, in, 46952 svc dpt  
1FTEX1EW6AFB23109 - 2010 ford f150 \$8500  
Sale date is January 26th 9am  
R3576 1/8/24

**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 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 1XKYD49X3PJ267074  
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 Orenge at (630) 718-4684 for additional information or to arrange an inspection of the Equipment.  
R3600 1/1/24, 1/8/24

**NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION**  
Pulse Analytics, LLC ("Company") voluntarily dissolved on December 29, 2023, does hereby publish notice of its dissolution and requests that persons with claims against the Company present them in accordance herewith: A claimant must submit its claim in writing to Tyler B. Droste, 20 NW Third Street, Suite 830, Evansville, IN 47708, and specify the following: claimant's name, address, amount of claim, and description of claimed services and dates thereof.  
A claim against the Company will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within two (2) years after the publication of this notice.  
Tyler B. Droste  
Gutwein Law  
Attorneys for Pulse Analytics, LLC  
R3633 1/8/24

**Public Notice**  
The Hamilton County Sheriff's Merit Board meets monthly in the main conference room of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office at 18100 Cumberland Rd, Noblesville, IN 46060. The meetings are held at 6:30pm on the fourth Wednesday of each month except for November and December.  
The Hamilton County Sheriff's Merit Board is a body established under Indiana Code 36-8-10-3, and County Ordinance.  
The 2024 meeting dates are listed below:  
• January 24th  
• February 28th  
• March 27th  
• April 24th  
• May 22nd  
• June 26th  
• July 24th  
• August 28th  
• September 25th  
• October 23rd  
• November 20th – Third Wednesday  
• December – No scheduled meeting  
Prior to the regular meeting on January 24, 2024, the Board will hold an executive session at 3:00pm to receive information about and interview prospective employees pursuant to L.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5).  
R3635 1/8/24

— 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. 29C01-2308-MF-007798 wherein *PNC Bank, National Association* was Plaintiff, and *David P. Antle, Cynthia L. Antle, Pleasant View Homeowner's Association, Inc. and MEB Loan Trust VI, U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee* 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 **22nd 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 NUMBER 79 IN PLEASANT VIEW, SECTION 2, A SUBDIVISION IN HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA. AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED NOVEMBER 12, 1997 AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 97-48758, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.**  
**More commonly known as 13010 Coyote Run, Fishers, IN 46038-8341**  
**Parcel No. 29-11-29-009-006.000-020**  
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.**  
R3627 1/8/24, 1/15/24, 1/22/24

**TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**  
**SHERIFF'S SALE NOTICE**  
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. 29D03-2001-MF-000196 wherein *Deutsche Bank National Trust Company As Trustee For IndyMac INDA Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-ARI, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-ARI* was Plaintiff, and *Ronald Sheppard, Nadine L. S. Sheppard, The United States of America, Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, AEL Financial LLC, State of Indiana, Department of Revenue and CIT Bank, National Association FKA Indymac Federal Bank, FSB., A Federally Chartered Savings Bank* were 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 **February 22, 2024**, at the hour of **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**, or as soon as thereafter as is possible, at Sheriff's Office at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.  
**Lot Numbered 1 and Block One "A" (1-A) in Sheppards Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 14, pages 83-85, Certificate of Revision dated November 18, 2002 and recorded December 2, 2002 as Instrument Number 200200091867, by Allan H. Weihe, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana and Certificated of Correction dated July 15, 2004 and recorded July 16, 2004 as Instrument Number 200400049929. Together with an undivided 1/24th interest in common area as disclosed in Warranty Deed recorded as Instrument Number 200000036374, which said undivided 1/24th interest shall run with the title to Lot 1.**  
**EXCEPTING from Block 1A real estate as set forth in Warranty Deed to the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, dated January 22, 2004 and recorded February 25, 2004 as Instrument Number 200400011579 and further described as follows:**  
**A part of the North Half of Section 1, Township 17 North, Range 5 East, Hamilton County, Indiana, and being that part of the grantors' land lying within the right-of-way lines depicted on the attached Right-of-Way parcel Plat marked EXHIBIT "B", described as follows:**  
**Beginning on the eastern line of White Pine Cove at a point North 20 degrees 13 minutes 38 seconds East 15.00 feet from the Northeast corner of Lot 3 in Said White Pine Cove, a subdivision in the Northeast Quarter of said Section 1, the plat of which is recorded in Instrument 8802379, Plat Book 15, page 50 in the Office of the Recorder of said county, which POINT OF BEGINNING is designated as point "41" on said parcel Plat; thence continuing North 20 degrees 13 minutes 38 seconds East 25.00 feet along said eastern line to the center line of 113th Street; thence along said center line Southeasterly 95.03 feet along an arc to the left and having a radius of 3.176.50 feet and subtended by a long chord having a bearing South 71 degrees 33 minutes 53 seconds East and a length of 95.02 feet to a point "9" designated on said Parcel Plat; thence South 72 degrees 25 minutes 19 seconds East 1.90 feet along said center line to the northwestern shore line of Thorpe Creek; thence South 27 degrees 06 minutes 29 seconds West 25.35 feet along said shore line to point "42" designated on said Parcel Plat; thence northwesterly 93.89 feet along an arc to the right and having radius of 3.201.50 feet and subtended by a long chord having a bearing of North 71 degrees 32 minutes 26 seconds West and a length of 93.88 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING and containing 0.055 acres, more or less, inclusive of the presently existing right-of-way which contains 0.020 acres, more or less for a net additional taking of 0.035 acres, more or less.**  
**Commonly known address: 14350 East 113th Street, Fishers, IN 46040**  
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  
**Township: Fall Creek**  
**Parcel No./Tax Id#: 29-15-01-015-001.000-020**

*J. Dustin Smith*  
Manley Deas Kochalski LLC  
P.O. Box 165028  
Columbus OH 43216-5028  
Telephone: 614-220-5611  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
**The Sheriffs Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein**  
R3628 1/8/24, 1/15/24, 1/22/24

**TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**  
**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**  
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D02-2201-MF-000674 wherein *U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of Yurt Series IV Trust* was Plaintiff, and *Eric Batchelder* was Defendant, 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 **22nd 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 NUMBER 20 IN NORTH WOOD HILLS, FIRST SECTION, A SUBDIVISION IN HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA. AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 38-39, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, STATE OF INDIANA**  
**More commonly known as: 5930 Buntz Lane Carmel, IN 46033**  
**Parcel No. 29-10-34-301-001.000-018**  
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.  
**"Subject to all liens, encumbrances and easements of record not otherwise extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause 29D02-2201-MF-000674 in the Circuit court of the County of HAMILTON, Indiana."**  
*Dennis J. Quakenbush II*  
Sheriff of Hamilton County  
Plaintiff Attorney  
Dennis V. Ferguson (8474-49)  
Joel F. Bomkamp (27410-49)  
Sottile and Barile, LLC  
7530 Lucerne Drive, Suite 210  
Middleburg Heights, OH 44130  
**Clay Township**  
The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street addressed published herein.  
**NOTICE**  
**SOTTILE AND BARILE LLC IS A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**  
R3629 1/8/24, 1/15/24, 1/22/24

**NOTICE**  
On January 8, 2024, Cicero Town Council will hold an Executive Session at 7:00 at Cicero Town Hall, 70 N Byron Street, Cicero, IN according to Indiana Code IC 5-14-1.5-6.1.(b)(2) (B) Initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing. As used in this clause, "litigation" includes any judicial action or administrative law proceeding under federal or state law.  
Also for discussion on 1/8/24, IC 5-14-1.5-6.1.(b)(2)(D) A real property transaction including: (i) a purchase; (ii) a lease as lessor; (iii) a lease as lessee; (iv) a transfer; (v) an exchange; or (vi) a sale; by the governing body up to the time a contract or option is executed by the parties. This clause does not affect a political subdivision's duty to comply with any other statute that governs the conduct of the real property transaction, including IC 36-1-10 or IC 36-1-11.  
R3623 1/4/24, 1/8/24

— CICERO —

**Notice**  
On January 8, 2024, Cicero Town Council will hold an Executive Session at 7:00 at Cicero Town Hall, 70 N Byron Street, Cicero, IN according to Indiana Code IC 5-14-1.5-6.1.(b)(2) (B) Initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing. As used in this clause, "litigation" includes any judicial action or administrative law proceeding under federal or state law.  
Also for discussion on 1/8/24, IC 5-14-1.5-6.1.(b)(2)(D) A real property transaction including: (i) a purchase; (ii) a lease as lessor; (iii) a lease as lessee; (iv) a transfer; (v) an exchange; or (vi) a sale; by the governing body up to the time a contract or option is executed by the parties. This clause does not affect a political subdivision's duty to comply with any other statute that governs the conduct of the real property transaction, including IC 36-1-10 or IC 36-1-11.  
R3623 1/4/24, 1/8/24

**NOTICE**  
Bullseye Towing 22271 us 31 n cicero in 46034 317-979-8446  
1G4HP52K75U169535 - 2005 buick le sabre \$2750  
5Y2SL63815Z464826 - 2005 pontiac vibe \$2750  
5B4MP67G283433130 - 2008 admiral 330 \$6250  
3GNFK12388G127613 - 2008 chevrolet avalanche \$2750  
1GCGK24U9YE361954 - 2000 chevrolet k2500 \$2750  
Sale date is January 26th 9am  
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**“The world needs ditch diggers too.”**  
– Stanley (like the power drill) Clamitt, 1990



