



THE HAMILTON COUNTY REPORTER NEWSPAPER JANUARY 2024 YOUNG ARTIST OF THE MONTH: SIMONE BAKER (1ST PLACE)
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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Wind gusts to 40 mph in the morning. Mostly cloudy with a few flurries.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy. A few late evening and overnight snow showers. A dusting possible.
HIGH: 35 LOW: 30



Hamilton County honors Surveyor Kenton Ward for his 50 years of service

The REPORTER

Hamilton County is celebrating 125 employees for their service to the community. Each year the Board of Commissioners and Human Resources Department recognize and honor employees for long and meritorious service by presenting service awards at the end of each five years of employment.

Each recipient will be given a service pin with the number of years on it.

"Our goal is to bring to the citizens and taxpayers of Hamilton County the most responsive governmental services possible," Human Resources Director Sheena Randall said. "Employing top quality people, providing them with meaningful work, and retaining their services helps serve the public efficiently and effectively."

County Surveyor Kenton Ward tops this year's list of employees with the most longevity. He started working for the county his freshman year of college and has been employed for 50 years – 46 of which have been



County Surveyor Kenton Ward (second from left) was honored at Monday's meeting of the Hamilton County Commissioners. Also pictured from left are Commissioners Christine Altman, Steve Dillinger, and President Mark Heirbrandt.

as the County Surveyor.

"I love the work we do here," Ward said. "That's why I have stayed so long. It's rewarding to take a problem situation and design a solution to fix the

issue, constructing it, and seeing it work to benefit the public. I have enjoyed being a part of the growth of the county and serving the ever-increasing number of residents."

"The county offers great benefits too," Randall added. "Such as health insurance, paid holidays, and a 37.5-hour work week."

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Ridiculousness, part 2: the games we played

Ah, being a kid in the '80s and '90s was quite the experience. Every generation remembers their childhood games differently. It's either a "They don't make them like they used to!" or a "How are we still alive?" mentality. I prefer the funnier of the two (the latter).



COLUMNIST

TIM RATHZ
Forty-something in Fishers

So, back by popular demand, I present Ridiculous Stuff from the '80s and '90s that we could never do now, part 2: the games we played. Before you start in on me, yes, I do realize none of these games were invented in the '80s or '90s, but they were my reality. So, there.

Red Rover

"Red rover, red rover – send Tim right over!" This was one of the last phrases I ever wanted to hear in grade school. If you've never had the pleasure of playing Red Rover, let me explain it. There are two parallel lines of several children holding hands. They are facing each other and there is probably a good 20-ish yards in between the lines. Once your name is called during the death chant I began this paragraph with, you are to let go of the hands you are holding and run as fast as you can between two arms on the other side. If you break through, you and the two unfortunate souls you just injured go back to the other side. If you don't, you must stay on the side you just ran to. There are only two possible outcomes to each round. Either you win by breaking two people's arms, or you lose by being clotheslined and wake up in the school infirmary. Either way, it's tuition well spent.

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Heights Alumni Games set for Jan. 20

The REPORTER

Calling all former Hamilton Heights boys basketball team players, managers, cheerleaders, and coaches to participate in the Hamilton Heights Alumni Boys Basketball game and related festivities on Saturday, Jan. 20.

The afternoon "fun"-raiser and evening recognition is designed to connect the sport's rich past with current players and fans as part of this year's Winter Homecoming Festivities.

The afternoon kicks off with an Alumni Boys Basketball game followed by the Huskies vs. Maconaquah Braves on home court. At halftime there will be special celebration recognizing former boys basketball team players, managers, cheerleaders, and coaches in attendance along with the Winter

Homecoming Court and crowning of the King and Queen.

All Hamilton Heights alumni who completed at least one full varsity season are encouraged to join in the Alumni Boys Basketball game. Tip-off is set for 3 p.m. Cost to participate is \$10 and includes a commemorative T-shirt, meal from DeLullo's following the alumni games, and admission to the varsity basketball game against the Maconaquah Braves. Admission to the alumni game is free for spectators, but donations will be accepted at the door.

Bonus! Hamilton Heights will sell its updated Basketball Record Book and Commemorative Gym Floor plaques while they last. Proceeds from the alumni game benefit the Hamilton Heights Boys Basketball Program. Details and registration information can be



Photo provided

Hamilton Heights High School Athletic Center will come alive with an afternoon and evening of exciting boys basketball action on Saturday, Jan. 20.

found [here](#).

Wear your orange and come

out in force to help cheer the Huskies to a victory!

Noblesville Creates offering workshops for 11th Comic Book in a Day Challenge

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Creates 11th annual Comic Book in Day Challenge, presented by Browning Day and sponsored by Blick Art Materials and McInnis Construction, is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20 at the Ignite Studio at the Fishers Library. In-person and virtual options are available.

During the event, artists of all ages and skill levels will have the opportunity to craft a comic book entirely from scratch in just an eight-hour timeframe. Noblesville Creates' Featured Artists, including Jackie Crofts, Stuart Sayger, Gavin Smith, and additional staff, will actively engage with attendees throughout the day, working alongside them while offering guidance, answering questions, and providing coaching.

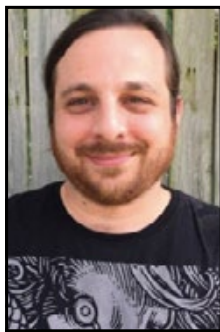
Crofts is the artist of the coming-of-age crime comic *Nutmeg* and other self-published



Crofts



Sayger



Smith

works. Sayger is an internationally renowned comic book artist who has produced interiors and covers for Lego Bionicle, DC Comics, IDW, Dynamite, his own book, *Shiver in the Dark*, and many others. Smith has worked on *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* (IDW), *Star Trek: Resurgence* (IDW), *Dead Legends* (A Wave Blue World), *Heavy Metal Magazine*, *The Accelerators* (Blue Juice Comics), and *The Good Fight* illustrating a story by Mark Waid, among many other titles.

Throughout the day-long challenge, participants can mingle with other artists and compete for prizes. However, signing up for the challenge isn't the only way to enjoy the event. Everyone is welcome to swing by at any time during the day to check out the action, meet and shop for cool artwork from our Featured Artists, and have a go at some fun comic-themed art activities.

The artwork produced during the challenge will be showcased in an exhibit at Ignite Studio and featured in a

printed comic book.

After registering, participants will be included in Noblesville Creates' contact list to receive event updates. The registration fee covers the 'Comic Book in a Day' compilation, containing each participant's creation. Drawing supplies will be available for anyone who requires them during the event.

If the registration fee for this challenge is a barrier for your participation, please contact Noblesville Creates for options by calling (317) 452-3690 or by email at info@noblesvillecreates.org.

Prior to the day of the event, Noblesville Creates is offering a series of workshops to prepare for the challenge and/or to celebrate your love of comics. These workshops are free and will be held at the Hamilton East Public Library in Fishers from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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Hamilton County 4-H Youth Educator Kathleen Bohde is ready for a new year in 4-H.

Don't be left in the cold . . . there's still time to enroll in 4-H

The REPORTER

Jan. 15 is the target date for Indiana youth in grades 3 through 12 to enroll online in.4honline.com for 2024. Youth in grades K-2 may also enroll in Hamilton County Mini 4-H.

4-H prepares young people to be leaders in their community and around the world through hands-on experiences alongside their peers and caring adults. Youth can learn life skills such as cooperation, leadership, decision-making, responsibility, and more in the areas of Science, Healthy Living, and Citizenship. A great opportunity to develop a hobby, experience camp, and make new friends, 4-H is family oriented and promotes family togetherness.

If you are interested in 4-H but have some questions, want to enroll but don't know how, or just want to pick up the NEW handbook, come to the Purdue Extension Hamilton County office on the 4-H Fairgrounds at 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville, or call (317) 776-0854 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Information is also available at puext.in/hamco4h.



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SERVICE

This year, seven employees will celebrate 35 years of service with the county, six will mark 30 years, and 12 will observe 25 years. Another 14 employees will be honored for reaching the 20-year milestone with 22 marking 15 years, 30 celebrating 10 years, and 32 reaching five years of employment.

5 Year Service Pins

- Todd Clevenger
- Angela Bennett
- Olivia Jessee
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- Caitlin Crawley
- Tabitha Harden
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- Beth Garrison
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- April Werner
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- Allen Henricks
- Nathan Brown
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- Jeffery Frolick
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- Crystal Condellone

10 Year Service Pins

- Caleb Pyle
- Ryan Musson
- Joseph Pyle
- Scott Dykes
- Reuben Arvin
- Shane Booker
- Robert Deckard
- Jill Taxter

- Paula Elliott
- Daniel Weiss
- Lee Schwartz
- Mark Heirbrandt
- Melisa Phillips
- Diana Schildmeier
- Alexander Thompson
- Matthew Layton
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- Allison Barlow
- Phil Henson
- Thomas King
- Jeffrey Burk
- Autumn Miller
- Christopher Rairdon
- Ryan Scherer
- Ashley Horning
- Ottina Jensvold
- Kevin Crask
- Claire Chamberlain
- Jonathan Carder
- Eric Lord
- Daniel DeYoung
- Karen Carey

- Claire Lane
- Monica Greer
- Sheila Douglas
- Kristin Grinstead
- 15 Year Service Pins
- Michael Maloof
- Lisa Scherer
- Sadie Eldridge
- Jane Whitton
- Peter Acker
- Jessup Hutsen
- William Houston
- Brandi Tarner
- Jennifer Goodnight
- Christopher Murray
- Daniel Popiela
- Steve Shew
- Amanda Rasnake
- Patrick McLoughlin
- Kevin Hale
- Sara Franklin
- Stacia Robbins
- Haley Wise
- Deborah Waterman

- Nicole King
- Georgia Marshall
- Dan Papineau
- 20 Year Service Pins
- Claire Reel
- Dorothy Carlson
- Kimberly Garmon
- Tammy Gleber
- Bradley Davis
- Amber Riggs
- Jeffrey Leap
- Dennis Quakenbush II
- William Dailey
- Kevin Benson
- Danielle Rush
- Jennifer Juarez
- Maggie Herrington
- Charisse Beck
- 25 Year Service Pins
- Vicki Purpura
- Tisha Brooks
- David Lucas
- Charles Miller
- Amanda Smith

- Joshua Ireland
- Gregory Lockhart
- Melvin Tracey
- Christopher Russell
- Susan Benton
- Felicia Smock
- Linda Burdett
- 30 Year Service Pins
- Dixiana Packard
- Janice VanMetre
- Thomas Battles
- Suzanne Mills
- Charles Swift
- Steve Fesmire
- 35 Year Service Pins
- Jerolyn Ogle
- Nancy Fletcher
- Teresa Thomas
- Dawn Coverdale
- Robert Davis
- William Hughes
- Jon Robison
- 50 Year Service Pin
- Kenton Ward

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GAMES

Toy guns

Whether you played cops and robbers or pretended to be Rambo, if you were a kid in the ‘80s and ‘90s, you probably had a toy gun. And if you go back far enough, they didn’t even have an orange tip. Yep, that’s right, they looked just like the real thing. Nothing says childhood innocence like a realistic Smith and Wesson.

Lawn darts

Speaking of dangerous toys, try this foot-piercing game out for size. Take a giant, pointed, metal tipped dart and fling it into a hoop half a backyard away, with the other team standing right next to it. Add a few Hamm’s Lights and some kids and

dogs running around, and you have yourself an ‘80s summer party. Think of it as cornhole with sharper beanbags and fewer toes.

Dodgeball

The ultimate game of “find the weakest and most vulnerable kid you can and whip a slightly heavier-than-it-should-be ball at their head. While my description may be crude, yet accurate, I still loved this game. So, I’m done talking smack about it.

Slip and Slides

The waterslide you can put in your backyard! This sounds like the most amazing idea since the Trapper Keeper. Add a baby pool and it’s an entire water park right there at your house.

I remember how excited I was to try it for the first time. After all, the kids in the commercials for it were all having a blast! I hooked the garden hose up to it, and I was all set. I started from WAY back, so I could get a lightning-fast leap. I ran as fast as I could, did my best flying Superman impression, and started on my glorious journey down the hose water landing strip. I very suddenly realized my yard was apparently not as flat and smooth as I thought it was. And the Slip and Slide certainly didn’t mask it. If you’ve ever veered just a little too far to the side on the interstate and hit the rumble strips, this is what was

happening to my chest and stomach. I was smacking every bump, blade of grass, ant and rock underneath that giant yellow torture device. By the time I came to a screeching halt only halfway through the slide, I felt like I just went 10 rounds with Tyson. Maybe next time I’ll just play on the swings. Speaking of swings ...

Metal Playgrounds

I have a lot of memories from my playground in the backyard. It was fully equipped with a swing, a slide, still rings, and monkey bars. I especially remember the fact that it was metal. Therefore, in July and August, it was the perfect storm of pain. Being

that summer in Indiana can reach temperatures just shy of lava, I would wear shorts when I went outside to play. Well, if I’m already outside I might as well go down my beloved slide. No need to check the temperature of the slide itself. I’m sure it’s fine. Also, no need to worry about the fact that it smells like burning flesh as my hands sizzle all the way up the ladder. The breeze as I fly down the slide will surely cool them down. As I triumphantly start my descent, I’m sure the “sneakers on a basketball court” sound my legs are making from the friction on the slide itself is nothing to worry about. AAARRRRGGGHHH!!! I’m

pretty sure there are still bits of my burned-up thighs stuck to that slide to this day, wherever it is. Just thinking about it makes me need to cool down. Where’s that Slip and Slide?

Every generation will continue to improve the games they play, but us old geezers will still think the good ol’ days were always the best. You know, those good ol’ days we barely survived?

The moral of the story is ... maybe new ideas are a good thing. The new ideas that keep us out of the hospital, anyway.

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COMIC

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Comic Book in a Day Workshops
Learn the Basics of Comic Books:
Story & Art

Artists and comic book enthusiasts of all ages can discover the basic building blocks that make comic books such a unique medium. This workshop will focus on how to develop a sequential story, with some tips and tricks to make your own comics even better. The presenter is Erik Lundorf, who is a professional comic artist known for creating murals, and educational comics, as well as telling comic stories. In the summer of 2023, he released his first graphic novel titled *Revealed!*

The workshop will take place from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 11. [Click here](#) to register.

What Makes Telling Stories
in Comic Books Great

At a glance, comic books can seem to be just pictures and words, but comic-lovers know that they are so much more than the sum of their parts. Whether you are a long-time comic book fan or brand new to this genre, this workshop will open

your eyes to some great storytelling techniques and maybe even point you toward some great new titles. The instructor is Bill Wilkison, who is a professional artist, educator, historical interpreter, actor, and clown.

The workshop will take place from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 16. [Click here](#) to register.

Next Level Comic Book Creating

Are you feeling confident about your comic book knowledge? Are you looking for a new creative challenge? This workshop will give you pro-level tips on taking your own original comic books or comics-inspired art to the next level. The presenter is Stuart Sayger, who is an internationally renowned comic book artist, who has produced interiors and covers for Lego Bionicle, DC Comics, IDW, Dynamite, his own book, *Shiver in the Dark*, and many others. He is an engaging teacher and will be a Featured Artist during the Comic Book in a Day event.

The workshop will take place from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 18. [Click](#)

[here](#) to register.

Additional information on the work-


shops can be found by [clicking here](#). Registration for the challenge can be found by [clicking here](#).

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County announces opioid settlement grant opportunities

Innovative community-driven programs sought to address substance use disorders

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners, in collaboration with the Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs (HCCOAO), has opened a Request for Funding (RFF) for the National Opioid Settlement Grant Program. This initiative aims to provide support for evidence-based prevention, treatment, recovery, harm reduction, and other services related to substance use disorders.

The State of Indiana will receive \$507 million as a part of the \$26 billion national settlement with Cardinal Health, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen – the nation's three major pharmaceutical distributors – and Johnson & Johnson, which manufactured and marketed opioids. Hamilton County will receive a total of \$10,261,773.96 in annual allocations through 2038.

County Commissioner

Mark Heirbrandt emphasized the importance of community collaboration, stating, "We're hopeful these grant dollars will allow us to break out of the ineffective silos we've been working in for so long and encourage our community to work collaboratively toward a community-driven response to substance use disorders."

The HCCOAO and its nine-member Board of Directors will oversee the community grant award process. Executive Director Monica Greer offered these tips to interested applicants:

"The settlement is giving us some freedom to choose new ideas without



Heirbrandt



Greer

the similar restraints we're accustomed to, so we encourage organizations to bring forth innovative proposals that will make a lasting impact. We look forward to reviewing proposals that demonstrate a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, as well as a sustainable impact beyond the funding period."

There will be two rounds of funding. Submissions for the first round are due at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 23. Awards will be announced on Friday, March 22. Projects must run from Monday, April 1, 2024, through Monday, March 31, 2025. Proposals for the second round of funding will be due at

4:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 23. Awards will be announced Friday, Sept. 20. Projects must run from Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2024, through Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2025.

The HCCOAO Board will evaluate proposals based on the criteria outlined in the RFF, with final funding decisions made by the Board of Commissioners. Award recipients do not need to be located in Hamilton County, but all services funded by the grants must be provided in Hamilton County. All award recipients are required to submit quarterly program outcome reports until project completion. Funding will be distributed on a reimbursement basis.

Interested organizations should submit proposals to Monica Greer at monica.greer@hamiltoncounty.in.gov. The subject line of the email should read "Hamilton County Opioid Settlement RFF."

Changing all the lyrics and the conversation at Beef & Boards

By VERONIQUE DUPREY
A Seat on the Aisle

I celebrated Epiphany at Beef and Boards this year, attending *Menopause: The Musical*, the first offering of their 51st season, described as "a hilarious and fun celebration of women and 'the change,'" a GFour Production.

It was my first time seeing this amusing musical. Nothing much happens in terms of plot: four menopausal women of diverse backgrounds come to Bloomingdale's in New York City, and after fighting over lingerie sale items, strike up conversations (well, burst into song and dance – this *is* a musical, after all) about their current stage of life and its symptoms, becoming fast friends over a half-day.

The elegant set of multiple doors, entries either to bathroom stalls or dressing rooms, and simple accessory racks or other set pieces rolled in take us seamlessly to the different floors of Bloomingdale's, with an elevator announcement clarifying for us where we are and what is found there.

The show, written in 2001 by Jeannie Linders, parodies popular songs of the '60s, '70s, and '80s, with lyrics now describing one aspect or the other of menopause: "Stayin' Awake" for "Stayin' Alive," "My Thighs" for "My Guy," etc. Interestingly, it has a permanent home at Harrah's in Las Vegas, and has been touring nationally and abroad since its beginning, reaching nearly 17 million people so far, no doubt including many menopausal women – a large group of the population – and perhaps helping their partners understand what is happening to them. I found it amusing and am certain it would have been even funnier if I had myself entered this stage of life and experienced the hot flashes, night sweats, memory lapses and the rest.

Enga Davis as the Professional Woman, Nancy



Photo provided

(Clockwise from top) Enga Davis, Kimberly Vanbiesbrouck, Melanie Souza, and Nancy Slusser form the cast of *Menopause: The Musical*.

Slusser as the Iowa Housewife, Melanie Souza as Earth Mother, and Kimberly Vanbiesbrouck as the Soap Star, all excellently cast, are a joy to watch, with contagious enthusiasm and energy, and nice vocal variety. I especially enjoyed Davis' rich tone, even if overtaken a few times by the soundtrack, and Souza's comedic talents. Appropriate choreography added to the fun factor, reminiscent of the original songs.

Bottom line: Beef and Boards succeeds again with a well-oiled machine of a show, gently making fun of that part of women's lives that is not often spoken of in public, and one of the best entertainment values in town; the swai fish on the buffet is particularly delicious, as is the zuccotto dessert. Take your mother, your partner, or your girlfriends for a light and fun evening, and go home with a new appreciation for "the change"! Recommended. PG-13 for sexual content.

Menopause: The Musical runs until Feb. 4; see BeefAndBoards.com for times and availability, and consider a VIP package which entitles you to significant savings throughout the season! Next up will be *Beautiful, the Carole King Musical*, which from the preview looks very promising.

Read more great play reviews from *A Seat on the Aisle* at asota.wordpress.com.

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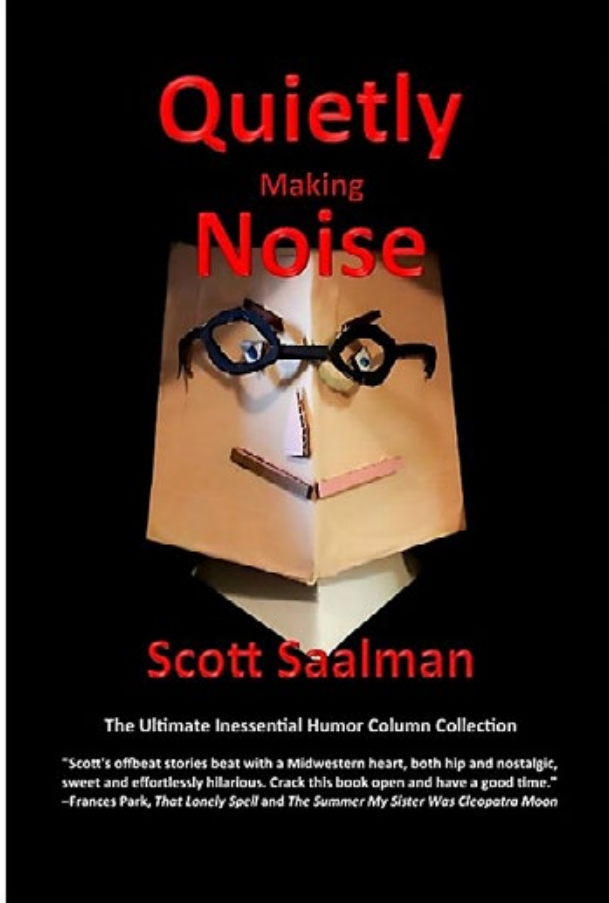
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OneZone Chamber of Commerce announces First Farmers Bank and Trust as the Chamber's newest Leadership Investor.

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"At First Farmers Bank and Trust, we are thrilled to stand as a steadfast partner in Hamilton County," said Edward Zlaty, First Farmers Bank and Trust Vice President of Business Development. "Our commitment to this vibrant community remains unwavering, and we eagerly anticipate our continued collaboration with the OneZone Chamber in 2024 and beyond. As dedicated members of Hamilton County, we are devoted to serving and supporting the needs of this community. Our ongoing partnership with the OneZone Chamber reinforces our pledge to contribute positively to the growth and prosperity of Hamilton County. We are honored to serve you and remain committed to providing exceptional service and support to all members of the Hamilton County Community. Thank you for entrusting us with your financial needs. Together, let's con-

tinue building a thriving and prosperous community."

"We are excited to welcome First Farmers Bank and Trust as a new Leadership Investor," OneZone Chamber President and CEO Jack Russell said. "First Farmers Bank and Trust is a strong community partner who believes in our mission of helping businesses and communities thrive."

OneZone Chamber of Commerce serves over 1,300 businesses in the Carmel and Fishers areas. Learn more at OneZoneChamber.com.



Zlaty



Russell

CCHA Law names two new partners

The REPORTER
Church Church Hittle and Antrim (CCHA Law) has announced that Chandler Lawson Flynn and Emily J. Schmale have been named Partners.

Flynn is a partner in the firm's School and Education Law practice group. Licensed to practice law in Indiana and Tennessee, she is an enthusiastic, assertive, and service-minded individual with a proven record of generating and building relationships, managing projects from inception to disposition, demonstrating exceptional communication skills, and making critical decisions that best serve her clients.

"From her first day with CCHA, Chandler has been a vital member of our firm," Managing Partner Alex Pinegar said. "As she transitions to partnership, I have no doubt that Chandler's leadership and client service will help to ensure that CCHA continues to have the preeminent School Law practice in Indiana."

Schmale is a partner in the firm's Family Law practice group. Paired with a background in business litigation, this equips her to address a spectrum of client needs, ranging from custody arrangements to complex dis-

puted asset division. Additionally, she is a licensed mediator, which enables her to focus on creative problem solving for families.

"We are also very pleased to welcome Emily to our partnership," Pinegar said. "Since she joined the firm, she has only strengthened our already strong Family Law practice. Emily is an excellent litigator. But Emily also really cares for her clients and she sees and treats them as real people with real problems – not just as another file."



Flynn



Schmale

American Red Cross: emergency blood shortage may delay medical procedures

The REPORTER
The American Red Cross is experiencing an emergency blood shortage as the nation faces the lowest number of people giving blood in 20 years.

The Red Cross blood supply has fallen to critically low levels across the country, and blood donors are urged to make a donation appointment to help alleviate the shortage and help ensure lifesaving medical procedures are not put on hold.

Over the last 20 years, the number of people donating blood to the Red Cross has fallen by about 40 percent. When fewer people donate blood, even small disruptions to blood donations – such as the nearly 7,000-unit shortfall in blood donations the Red Cross experienced between Christmas and New Year's Day alone – can have a huge impact on the availability of blood products and dramatic consequences for those in need of emergency blood transfusion. Blood products are currently going to hospitals faster than blood donations are coming in, and in recent weeks, the Red Cross has had to limit distributions of type O blood products – among the most transfused blood types – to hospitals.

"One of the most distressing situations for a doctor is to have a hospital full of patients and an empty blood bank without any blood on the shelves. Doctors often can't operate without blood available to make surgeries, medical procedures, and treatments possible," said Dr. Eric Gehrie, executive physician director for the Red Cross. "More challenges lie ahead as the potential for severe winter weather and seasonal illness may compound the dire blood supply situation. Donors of all types – especially those with type O blood and those giving platelets – are urged to give now."

Don't wait – to make an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

The Red Cross and the National Football League (NFL) are partnering this January, during National Blood Donor Month, to urge individuals to give blood or platelets and help tackle the emergency blood shortage. Those who come to give blood, platelets or plasma in January will automatically be entered for a chance to win a trip for two to Super Bowl LVIII in Las Vegas. For details, visit RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl.

Upcoming Blood Donation Opportunities

Jan. 18, 2 to 6 p.m.: IU Health Saxony Hospital, 13100 E. 136th St. Fishers

Jan. 20, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Roy G. Holland Park, 1 Park Drive, Fishers

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Heirbrandt elected president of Hamilton County Commissioners

The REPORTER

Mark Heirbrandt has been elected president of the Hamilton County Commissioners. He replaces Christine Altman in the role. Steve Dillinger will serve as Vice President. Election of officers is an annual practice at the first meeting of each year.

Since taking office in 2013, Heirbrandt has helped orchestrate a number of transformative projects including improvements along State Road 37, Lowe's Way, and Bakers Corner. He was also instrumental in bringing the historic Bell Ford Covered Bridge to Hamilton Coun-

ty, the only post-truss constructed covered bridge in the world.

With 25 years of experience in the water and energy-efficiency sector, Heirbrandt has spearheaded a



Heirbrandt

number of energy-saving initiatives like the solar project for the Hamilton County Jail Complex. The award-winning project is expected to generate an estimated \$12.5 million in energy savings over the next 25 years. Other green initiatives include implementation of LED lighting,

building automation controls, and HVAC improvements to all county buildings as well as a natural gas purchase plan and the adoption of compressed natural gas vehicles.

Heirbrandt has been named "County Commissioner of the Year" by both the Indiana County Commissioners (ICC) and the Association of Indiana Counties (AIC). He was recently recognized, along with his fellow commissioners, with an award from the ICC for exceptional

teamwork on a water availability study and a Leadership and Impact Award from the Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County. In total, the commissioners have received six statewide awards in the past year, highlighting their outstanding service and accomplishments.

Heirbrandt and his wife, Gina, have called Hamilton County home for over three decades. They are proud parents to Blake and twins Ethan and Evan, and they are active members of the Catholic community, belonging to Saint Maria Goretti Catholic Parish in Westfield.

Sen. Braun makes statement on \$1.6T spending agreement

The REPORTER

Senator Mike Braun released the following statement on Monday about the \$1.6 trillion spending agreement negotiated by Congressional leaders.

"We're spending a trillion dollars more than we take in every six months, with our debt spiraling out of control

and families still paying for Biden's spending spree with everything they buy," Sen.

Braun. "This \$1.6 trillion proposal will just continue Washington's spending addiction and do nothing to stop the emergency on our southern border that has brought millions of illegal aliens into our country."



Braun

Rep. Spartz provides update on debt commission proposal

The REPORTER

Based on discussions with members of the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House, Rep. Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) introduced on Tuesday another version of the fiscal commission bill, the Debt Commission Act of 2024, to move the needle on the country's fiscal situation before the

next debt ceiling increase at the end of 2024.

"The federal government has been mismanaging our finances for a while now, with our fiscal problems reaching catastrophic proportions," Rep. Spartz said. "We either start now and put some thought into how we get out of this sit-

uation with the least amount of pain or have a major fiscal crisis in a few years drastically affecting the lives of many Americans."

[Click here](#) to see a copy of the Fiscal Commission Act of 2023, and [click here](#) to read the legislative text for the Debt Commission Act of 2024.



Spartz

State Rep. Jeter authors bill supporting Jewish students on college campuses, K-12 classrooms

The REPORTER

State Rep. Chris Jeter (R-Fishers) recently filed legislation to target antisemitism and better protect Hoosier Jewish students on college campuses and K-12 classrooms.

According to Jeter, [House Bill 1002](#) would define antisemitism in state law to ensure that K-12 schools and universities do not include the concept in teaching materials or resources.

Under the bill, antisemitism would be defined as "a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism

are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities."

Jeter said the definition was already adopted by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, the U.S. Department of State, and the United States Department of Education.

"This is a simple bill that clearly defines antisemitism to ensure it doesn't wind up in Hoosier classrooms or on campuses," Rep. Jeter said. "Sadly, across the nation,

we're seeing the unfortunate and ugly treatment of Jewish students, and we have to stand up to make sure that Jewish students feel safe and welcome here."

Jeter said he authored the legislation after having conversations with members of the Jewish Community Relations Council who expressed concerns about antisemitic concepts being taught in Hoosier classrooms. According to the Anti-Defamation League, [reports of antisemitic events](#) have increased by nearly 400 percent since

the Israel-Hamas war began in October 2023.

House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers) said HB 1002 is a top House Republican priority bill and will be fast-tracked out the House, which unanimously passed [similar legislation last year](#).

[House Bill 1002](#) is assigned to the House Education Committee for consideration. For more information, or to watch session and committees live, visit [iga.in.gov](#).

State Rep. Chris Jeter (R-Fishers) represents House District 88, which includes portions of Hamilton, Hancock, Madison and Marion counties.



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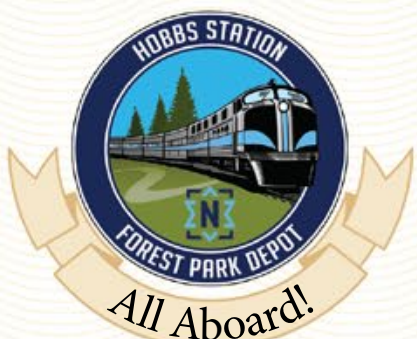
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Join us for a 75-minute train ride filled with laughter, connections, and a vibrant atmosphere. You'll be greeted with a warm welcome and a chance to mingle with other amazing individuals who are also embracing their single status. Enjoy a cocktail or two as you make new friends while chugging along the rails.

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Easter Express

A farmer has misplaced some eggs and is pretty sure they are somewhere on the Nickel Plate Express! Come share in a little rail adventure as you roll through Hamilton County's northern countryside to see the trees in bloom while enjoying a snack and a springtime story.

March 23, 24 and 30

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TODAY’S BIBLE READING

“Agreed,” said Laban. “Let it be as you have said.” That same day he removed all the male goats that were streaked or spotted, and all the speckled or spotted female goats (all that had white on them) and all the dark-colored lambs, and he placed them in the care of his sons. Then he put a three-day journey between himself and Jacob, while Jacob continued to tend the rest of Laban’s flocks.

Jacob, however, took fresh-cut branches from poplar, almond and plane trees and made white stripes on them by peeling the bark and exposing the white inner wood of the branches. Then he placed the peeled branches in all the watering troughs, so that they would be directly in front of the flocks when they came to drink. When the flocks were in heat and came to drink, they mated in front of the branches. And they bore young that were streaked or speckled or spotted. Jacob set apart the young of the flock by themselves, but made the rest face the streaked and dark-colored animals that belonged to Laban. Thus he made separate flocks for himself and did not put them with Laban’s animals. Whenever the stronger females were in heat, Jacob would place the branches in the troughs in front of the animals so they would mate near the branches, but if the animals were weak, he would not place them there. So the weak animals went to Laban and the strong ones to Jacob. In this way the man grew exceedingly prosperous and came to own large flocks, and female and male servants, and camels and donkeys.

Genesis 30:34-43 (NIV)

Meeting Notices

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5(a) The Hamilton County Health Board will hold its quarterly meeting a 8 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024, at the Hamilton County Health Department, 18030 Foundation Drive, Suite A, Noblesville. The purpose of this meeting is for discussion of health department issues.

The Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Board will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024, at Osprey Pointe Pavilion, 19777 Morse Park Lane, Noblesville.

The Noblesville Housing Authority will hold its annual meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2024, at its office located at 320 Kings Lane, Noblesville.

The Noblesville Housing Authority Board of Commissioners will meet in an Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. on March 26, 2024, to discuss a job performance evaluation with respect to specific employees. No other subject matter will be discussed, and no final action shall be taken at the Executive Session.

The Hamilton County Plan Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2024, has been canceled due to a lack of petitions for consideration.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2024.

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

The first two meetings will take place at 5 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 15, 2024, and at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024, both at The Pavilion at the NPD AMP, 10 Municipal Drive, Fishers.

The third meeting will take place at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 2023, at Hub & Spoke, 8100 E. 106th St., Suite 150, Fishers.

The fourth and fifth meetings will take place at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 19, 2024, and at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 22, 2024, both at HSE Central Office, 13485 Cumberland Road, Fishers.

Cathy Janene Palmer
July 21, 1944 – December 28, 2023

Dr. Cathy Janene Palmer HSSP passed away on Thursday, December 28, 2023. She was born on July 21, 1944, in Noblesville to the late Bill & Mary Jean (Mosbaugh) Hosier. On March 6, 1965, Cathy married Dennis Lynn Palmer. They enjoyed 48 years together until Dennis’ passing on July 4, 2013.

Cathy graduated Salutatorian from Walnut Grove High School in 1962. She then continued her education at Ball State University in Muncie. She received her undergraduate degree in English and Psychology in 1965. She was an active member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority and continued serving after graduation as an Alumni Advisor to the sorority chapters in and out of Indiana. After college graduation, Cathy taught English at Daleville H.S. She then went on to teach at a high school in Plymouth, Mich., and then returned to Tipton H.S. to teach English and be their counselor. In 1972, she received her master’s degree with a Major in Psychology and a minor in English. From 1972 to 1975, she was an Assistant Professor, Dept. of Psychology and University Counseling Center at Ball State University. From 1975 to 1995 she was the System administrator and Director of Pupil Personal Services for Muncie Schools. She was in charge of their Counselors, Psychologists, At risk programs, evaluation testing, and wrote grants. She continued her education and received her Doctorate in Psychology from Ball State, she then went on to receive her clinical Health Services Provider (HSPP) license. From 1994 to 2019, Cathy was the clinical Psychologist and sole proprietor at her private practice in Muncie, Ind. During this period, she also served as a Medical Associate at IU Health, Ball Memorial Hospital Dept. of Psychiatry.

Cathy thoroughly enjoyed the holidays, birthdays, vacations, and camping with her husband, her sister, her sister’s children, all the family on the Palmer side, and her nieces and nephews. She loved to be outdoors. She enjoyed planting flowers, gardening, and feeding and watching birds. She loved and cared for her dog, Ginger, and the cats that found her front door. Cathy loved and cherished her own family and extended family. She spent many weekends at the lakes, mushroom hunting, playing cards, sporting events, and wedding celebrations and new babies with her extended family.

Cathy is survived by her sister, Christine Hosier (John) Law, their children, Tosha (Chris) Luchtefeld and Ryan (Alexis) Law, and their children, Marc, Aaron Luchtefeld, and Jackson, Harper Law. Her secretary at her practice, who was more like a daughter and forever friend, Jessica Powers Brown, and her children, Brantley and Taylor.

Cathy was preceded in death by her parents, Bill & Mary Jean Hosier, and husband, Dennis Palmer.

A celebration of life is planned for 4 to 7 p.m. on January 12, 2024, at Hartley Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero.

In lieu of flowers, please come and share good memories with her family and friends. A private graveside burial with immediate family is planned at a later date.

Online condolences can be given at hartleyfuneralhomes.com.

— 2024 MEETING DATES —

| NOBLESVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 2024 Regular Monthly Board Meetings | | | |
| 320 Kings Lane, Noblesville | | | |
| 6 p.m. on last Tuesday of each month | | | |
| Feb. 27 | July 30 | Aug. 27 | Sept. 24 |
| March 26 | Aug. 27 | Sept. 24 | Oct. 29 |
| April 30 | Sept. 24 | Oct. 29 | Nov. 26 |
| May 28 | Oct. 29 | Nov. 26 | |
| June 25 | Nov. 26 | | |
| No meeting scheduled for December 2024 | | | |

Wanda Lou Singleton
September 14, 1937 – January 4, 2024

Wanda Lou Singleton, 86, passed away peacefully on Thursday morning, January 4, 2024, at her home in Sheridan. Born on September 14, 1937, in Noblesville, she was the daughter of the late Bernard and Flavia (Rector) Stafford.

She attended Sheridan High School and was a member of the Hills Baptist Church.

For 29 years, Wanda worked on the assembly line for Western Electric. It was during her tenure with the company that the production of cell phones was starting to take shape. Even though she had a hand in some of the first production model cell phones, Wanda was clearly not a fan. It was at the insistence of her family that she finally gave into peer pressure and reluctantly adopted the new technology. Wanda gave retirement a brief shot after leaving Western Electric, but that wasn’t the life for her. For a short time, she owned and operated Singleton’s Special Moments flower shop in Westfield, before hiring on with IMMI to work on their production line.

Retirement never did suit Wanda. She and her husband Ron tried the snowbird lifestyle – once – and to be honest, she hated it. It was too far away from the grandkids, and too far away from the place that made her the happiest, back home in Sheridan. She loved being close to her friends and family and never tired of all the things that make living in a small town so wonderful. While many take being independent for granted, Wanda felt fortunate being able to live in her own home, doing the things she enjoyed with those she loved most, in the town she was proud to call home.

Wanda enjoyed life on her terms. She was a word search addict and a lover of Thomas Kinkade’s artwork. She was also a huge Ricky Van Shelton fan. She and her husband enjoyed traveling to his concerts whenever the opportunity presented itself. Wanda couldn’t get enough of sports (mostly football and basketball) and loved the associated statistics. She loved her Indianapolis Colts, but when it came to the Pacers, she took things to a whole new level. She kept a lifetime of meticulous handwritten journals, with every detail of every game, laid out in such a fashion that most coaches and scouts could look at them and think, “how’d she catch all that?” And if that wasn’t enough to keep her busy, she kept even more journals with detailed notes on the weather and her daily activities. She could fondly look back through her writings and recall a lifetime of memories on every page.

Her lighthearted nature, infectious laugh, and happy fun-loving personality will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Wanda is survived by her son, Danny B. Singleton (Sherrie) of Monon; daughter, Beverly J. Condry (Calvin D.) of Tipton; stepdaughter, Roni Jo Baker of Alabama; three grandchildren, Jason Condry, Brittany Schutter (Brad), and Marika Singleton; six great-grandchildren, Hailley, Brooklyn, Blake, Cohen, Brinley, and Pryor; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bernard and Flavia (Rector) Stafford; sons, Charles Kent Singleton, and Audie J. Quick; grandchild, Marshall Condry; brothers, Wib Stafford and Pete Stafford; sisters, Barbara Burtron and Mary Grace Holmes-Pickett; her beloved dog, Ashley Honeydew; and by her loving husband, Charles Ronald “Ron” Singleton, on November 18, 2014. She and Ron were married on July 18, 1959.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan, with visitation from noon until the time of service. Burial will follow at Spencer Cemetery in Sheridan. Reverend VJ Stover will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the Tipton County Humane Society.

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Girls Basketball

Millers cruise past Mount Vernon; Tippner joins the 1,000-point club

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE — On Tuesday night at The Mill, the Millers couldn't have been more anxious to be playing on their home floor.

Junior Meredith Tippner was able to become the 11th all-time in Noblesville girls basketball history to score 1,000 points as the Millers cruised right past Mount Vernon, 58-34.

"I think it's just knowing that you have this great community surrounding you and the people who have gotten you to this place," said an ecstatic Tippner.

The Millers jumped out on a mission to get the early big lead of 15-0 and did so thanks in big part to Tippner scoring 10.

"Outside of a game or two, we've played really well all season. We've just played really good teams," Noblesville head coach Donna Buckley stated.

Leading 16-8 through one quarter, Noblesville and Mt. Vernon matched in the second to set up the halftime score for a comfortable lead of 32-16.

"It's fun to see our kids on the other side and finally be able to reap the benefits of their hard work," Buckley continued.

The lead stretched to 23 after three at 47-24. Three C.C. Quigley field goals down low and another couple from Tippner, complimented by Ava Shoemaker's second triple distanced the Millers from the Marauders even more.

Later on in the game, it became a moment to pause for celebration. The clock stopped a couple of minutes into the fourth quarter

when Tippner reached the 1,000-point mark.

"Whether it's your parents or trainers, your coaches and especially the girls that got me here tonight. The first thing we said when we got in the locker room was we had 19 assists. That's what is going to win us the game. I scored that last one off an assist and I can't do without the other people around me," Tippner continued.

The Millers would keep their lead above 20, thanks to their suffocating defensive pressure in a 58-34 home win. That heavy pressure forced 25 Mount Vernon turnovers, 17 of those being Noblesville steals.

"She's done that playing with Ashlynn (Shade), who was on pace to score 2,000. And Reagan is a kid who's going to score 1,300-1,400 points. So, she's been surrounded by a lot of other kids who can score," said a proud Buckley.

"It's a testament to this entire team, but just a kid who can find ways to score. Whether that's offensive rebounds or defense turning things into points. She's just a tremendous asset to our program the last three years," Buckley continued on Tippner.

Tippner joins teammate Reagan Wilson in the 1,000-point club. Those two are part of a group of seven during Buckley's 16 seasons who've accomplished the same feat. Prior to this season, Ashlynn Shade, Emily Kiser, Alexis Shannon, current junior varsity head coach Katelyn O'Reilly and Chey Arvin.

Tippner led all scorers with a game-high 24, grabbed nine rebounds and



Photo provided
Noblesville's Meredith Tippner became the latest member of the Millers' 1,000-point club on Tuesday, achieving that goal at Noblesville's game with Mount Vernon. Tippner is pictured with Millers coach Donna Buckley.

also had six steals. Ava

Shoemaker had 12 points, five rebounds and dished out five assists. Reagan Wilson scored 11, but more importantly had six assists and four steals herself. C.C. Quigley chipped in with 11 and also snagged a handful

of boards.

Noblesville (11-7) has now won four in a row. The Millers hit the road on Friday night in HCC action as the first game at 6 p.m. in the girls-boys varsity doubleheader at Class 4A No. 14 Zionsville (15-4).

Huskies chase down Panthers in home game

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights girls basketball team picked up a Hoosier Conference East Division win on Tuesday, sailing past Western 65-35 in a home game.

The Class 3A No. 2 Huskies outscored the Panthers in each quarter of the game, leading 19-11 after one period and 33-21 at halftime. Hadleigh Cherry was red-hot in the first quarter, draining three 3-pointers. Katie Brown made two 3s in the first period and a third triple

in the second.

Heights accelerated through the second half, outscoring Western 32-14. Camryn Runner had nine points by halftime, and she put in another 15 in the second half for a game-high 24 points. Brown finished the game with five 3s and scored 18 points in all. Cherry finished with 10 points.

The Huskies are 2-0 in the East and finish division play on Saturday afternoon by hosting Tipton. Heights is now 17-2 overall.

HAMILTON HEIGHTS 65, WESTERN 35

| Heights | FG | FT | TP | PF |
|------------------------------------------------------|----|-------|----|---------|
| Ella Hickok | 2 | 5-6 | 9 | 3 |
| Katie Brown | 6 | 1-3 | 18 | 2 |
| Camryn Runner | 8 | 7-7 | 24 | 3 |
| Kassidy Schakel | 1 | 0-0 | 2 | 1 |
| Hadleigh Cherry | 3 | 1-2 | 10 | 2 |
| Kennedy Cherry | 0 | 2-2 | 2 | 3 |
| Taylor Harley | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kamryn Rhoton | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Presley Cherry | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 20 | 16-20 | 65 | 14 |
| Score by Quarters | | | | |
| Western | 11 | 10 | 8 | 6 - 35 |
| Heights | 19 | 14 | 11 | 21 - 65 |
| Heights 3-pointers (9) Brown 5, H. Cherry 3, Runner. | | | | |

'Hounds outdo Columbus North on the road

The REPORTER

The Carmel girls basketball team picked up a road victory at Columbus North Tuesday by the score of 57-43.

The Greyhounds got off to a good start, leading 14-5

after one quarter. Carmel led 26-18 at halftime, then poured in 19 points in the third period to lead 45-31. Both teams scored 12 points in the fourth quarter.

Lauren Perry led the Greyhounds' scoring with

17 points, followed by Izzy Shepherd with 12 points. Keaton Gatlin and Taryn Fisher both had nine points, Megan Hamm scored seven

and Mackenzie Woods added three.

Carmel is 8-9 and plays another road game next Tuesday at Fishers.

Attention Heights alumni!

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Hamilton Heights High School will host an alumni boys' basketball game at 3 p.m. on Jan. 20 in the Hamilton Heights High School Gymnasium.

All alumni that graduated from Hamilton Heights and completed at least one full varsity season are encouraged to attend. The cost to participate is \$10 and includes a commemorative T-shirt, a meal from DeLullo's following the alumni games and admission to that evening's varsity basketball contest against Maconaquah.

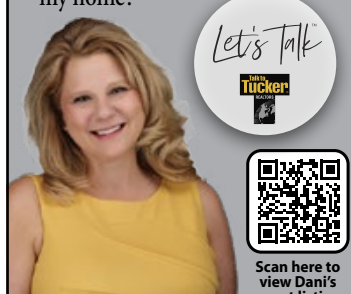
Admission to the Alumni game is free for spectators but donations will be accepted at the door. All proceeds go toward the Hamilton Heights Boys Basketball Program.

The Huskies will also be selling their up-to-date Basketball Record Book and Commemorative Gym Floor plaques, for anyone that is interested.

For more information or to obtain a registration form, contact Heights boys basketball coach Chad Ballenger at cballenger@hh-schuskies.org.

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Girls Basketball



Photo provided
Guerin Catholic's Annie Murphy made two 3-pointers for the Golden Eagles during their Tuesday game with Roncalli.

Guerin Catholic drops conference matchup, hosts Lebanon Saturday

The REPORTER including two 3-pointers from Annie Murphy. But a 14-4 fourth quarter clinched the game for the Royals. Murphy, Ava Bills and Emery Cardinal all scored eight points for Guerin Catholic.

The Golden Eagles are 1-3 in the conference and 7-11 overall. They host Lebanon Saturday afternoon.

| RONCALLI 62, GUERIN CATHOLIC 36 | | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------|----|------|----|---------|
| Guerin Catholic | FG | FT | TP | PF |
| Annie Murphy | 2 | 1-1 | 8 | 2 |
| Reagan Haines | 2 | 0-0 | 4 | 2 |
| Ava Bills | 3 | 2-4 | 8 | 4 |
| Emery Cardinal | 6 | 2-6 | 8 | 3 |
| Kori Dues | 2 | 0-0 | 6 | 3 |
| Caroline Ford | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lillian Behrle | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mia Bair | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lainey Rott | 1 | 0-1 | 2 | 0 |
| Totals | 16 | 5-12 | 36 | 14 |
| Score by Quarters | | | | |
| Roncalli | 12 | 20 | 16 | 14 - 62 |
| Guerin Catholic | 8 | 8 | 16 | 4 - 36 |
| Guerin Catholic 3-pointers (4) Murphy 2, Dues 2. | | | | |

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IBCA girls basketball poll – Week of Jan. 7

| Rank | School | Points | Record |
|------|----------------------------|--------|--------|
| 1 | Hamilton Southeastern (10) | 391 | 16-1 |
| 2 | Columbia City (2) | 361 | 15-2 |
| 3 | Center Grove (1) | 342 | 17-1 |
| 4 | Lawrence Central (5) | 336 | 19-1 |
| 5 | Fort Wayne Snider | 306 | 15-2 |
| 6 | Homestead | 294 | 15-2 |
| 7 | Jennings County | 261 | 15-3 |
| 8 | Lawrence North | 256 | 14-3 |
| 9 | Franklin Community | 247 | 15-2 |
| 10 | Northridge | 191 | 18-2 |
| 11 | South Bend Washington | 172 | 13-4 |
| 12 | Zionsville | 166 | 15-3 |
| 13 | Lake Central | 164 | 16-3 |
| 14 | Norwell | 122 | 14-4 |
| 15 | Fishers | 110 | 12-5 |
| 16 | Hamilton Heights | 108 | 16-2 |
| 17 | Bedford North Lawrence | 103 | 14-4 |
| 18 | Rensselaer Central | 76 | 17-0 |
| 19 | Noblesville | 58 | 10-7 |
| 20 | Indian Creek | 32 | 14-4 |

First place votes are in parentheses.

Other schools receiving votes, with records
Benton Central (17-3), Caston (17-0), Eastern Hancock (16-1), Evansville Memorial (12-3), Franklin Central (8-7), Gibson Southern (14-4), Greensburg (13-3), Lanesville (17-1), North Knox (17-1), Plainfield (14-4), Silver Creek (11-4), South Knox (15-1), Warsaw (9-7).

IBCA boys basketball poll – Week of Jan. 7

| Rank | School | Points | Record |
|------|---------------------|--------|--------|
| 1 | Lawrence North (15) | 433 | 10-0 |
| 2 | Fishers (7) | 425 | 12-0 |
| 3 | Westfield | 385 | 9-0 |
| 4 | Cathedral | 383 | 10-0 |
| 5 | Noblesville | 334 | 10-1 |
| 6 | Crispus Attucks | 317 | 10-3 |
| 7 | Ben Davis | 289 | 8-2 |
| 8 | Greenfield-Central | 277 | 11-0 |
| 9 | Lake Central | 256 | 11-0 |
| 10 | Kokomo | 255 | 11-3 |
| 11 | Richmond | 247 | 14-0 |
| 12 | Brownstown Central | 141 | 10-4 |
| 13 | Penn | 106 | 7-2 |
| T14 | South Bend Riley | 99 | 12-3 |
| T14 | Wapahani | 99 | 11-0 |
| 16 | Anderson | 78 | 8-2 |
| T17 | Brebeuf Jesuit | 57 | 7-3 |
| T17 | Tipton | 57 | 12-0 |
| 19 | Guerin Catholic | 49 | 10-4 |
| 20 | Franklin Community | 45 | 10-1 |

First place votes are in parentheses.

Other schools receiving votes, with records
Avon (10-3), Bedford North Lawrence (7-2), Brownsburg (7-6), Center Grove (7-4), Danville (11-1), Delta (10-2), Evansville Harrison (9-2), Evansville Memorial (6-4), Fort Wayne Bishop Luers (9-1), Fort Wayne North Side (9-4), Fort Wayne Wayne (8-3), Heritage Hills (12-1), Indian Creek (11-1), Jeffersonville (7-6), Lafayette Jefferson (10-2), New Palestine (8-2), North Central (Indianapolis) (6-3), North Posey (8-2), Northridge (10-2), Providence (10-2), Southridge (10-1), Valparaiso (11-3), Warren Central (6-5), Evansville Christian School (10-1).

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Swimming



(LEFT) Noblesville's Maya McDonald (right) talks with Mia Field after winning the butterfly event at the Millers' Tuesday swim meet against North Central and University. (RIGHT) University's Neiman Kumler placed second in the 50 and 100 freestyle races.



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

Millers race past Panthers & Trailblazers at home meet

By **RICHIE HALL**
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NOBLESVILLE – Noblesville swim coach Aleks Fansler has a really fun “problem,” if you can call it that.

The coach was talking after the Millers competed in a three-team meet with North Central and University at the Noblesville pool. The Millers won all parts of the meet, with both the boys and girls teams getting close victories over a competitive Panthers squad.

“I think the season’s been really fun,” said Fansler. “I think what’s fun about it is, we’ve got more depth than I think maybe we’ve ever had, especially on the girls’ side.”

As a result, Fansler has been putting in a “completely different lineup” at every meet Noblesville has competed in this season.

“It’s made my job a little hard at times with conference lineups, because I didn’t know where to put everybody,” said Fansler. “But it makes it fun too, because when we go to different meets, kids are swimming totally different things and we’re still competing at a really high level and we’re winning a lot of dual meets right now, so it’s

a lot of fun for the kids as well.”

The Millers have several senior leaders on the team this year. For the girls, that includes Maya McDonald (a state medalist in the breaststroke last year) Emily Knott and Mia Field. McDonald picked up two individual wins on Tuesday, taking the 50 freestyle and the butterfly races.

The boys team also features a nice number of seniors, including Graham Kulp, Mason Snyder, Zak Armstrong, Shepard Huff, Caleb Mathis, Sean Halvorsen and Mark Berger.

Halvorsen placed first in the individual medley, while Snyder won the 500 free. Fansler said this year’s seniors “wanted to take a step in that leadership position and put a lot emphasis on it.”

In the girls meet, junior Exley Tricker won the 200 and 500 freestyles, while sophomore Haddie Vohs was first in the IM and backstroke. Noblesville also won the medley relay, which consisted of junior Julia Santerre, Tricker, Vohs and McDonald.

Noblesville’s boys got two additional wins, from junior Aiden Kless in diving and sophomore Lane Monger in the breaststroke.

University senior Neiman Kumler had the best finish for the Trailblazers, as he took second in the boys 50 and 100 freestyle events.

GIRLS MEET

Team scores: Noblesville 90, University 4; Noblesville 56, North Central 46; North Central 90, University 4.

200 medley relay: 1. Noblesville “A” (Julia Santerre, Exley Tricker, Haddie Vohs, Maya McDonald) 1:52.83, 3. Noblesville “B” (Mallory Mehringer, Kyra Blackwell, Katie Sutton, Emily Knott) 2:00.43.

200 freestyle: 1. Tricker (N) 2:03.87, 4. Olivia Motz (N) 2:08.92, 5. Evie King (U) 2:33.82.

200 individual medley: 1. Vohs (N) 2:16.27, 3. Blackwell (N) 2:25.18.

50 freestyle: 1. McDonald (N) 25.63, 3. Knott (N) 26.10, 5. Nia Williams (U) 29.94.

One-meter diving: 2. Eryn McMahon (N) 204.85, 4. Gracie Obremski (N) 85.30.

100 butterfly: 1. McDonald (N) 1:03.37, 3. Ellie Hayward (N) 1:06.34.

100 freestyle: 2. Mia Field (N) 57.63, 4. Kirsten McCormick (N) 1:03.15, 5. Williams (U) 1:07.59.

500 freestyle: 1. Tricker (N) 5:34.94, 2. Sutton (N) 5:44.01.

200 freestyle relay: 2. Noblesville “A” (Hayward, Motz, Field, Vohs) 1:43.97.

100 backstroke: 1. Vohs (N) 1:04.47, 4. McCormick (N) 1:11.88.

100 breaststroke: 2. Hayward (N) 1:13.48, 4. Motz (N) 1:19.17, 5. King (U) 1:45.22.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Noblesville “A” (Knott, Motz, Tricker, McDonald) 3:47.79, 3. Noblesville “B” (Blackwell, Santerre, Sutton, Hayward) 3:58.08.

BOYS MEET

Team scores: Noblesville 85, University 16; Noblesville 53, North Central 49; North Central 83, University 14.

200 medley relay: 2. Noblesville “A” (Graham Kulp, Mason Snyder, Zak Armstrong, Liam Hayward) 1:41.82, 3. Noblesville “B” (Shepard Huff, Josh Naas, Anthony Mathis, Lane Monger) 1:45.63.

200 freestyle: 2. Kulp (N) 1:50.33, 3. Oliver Mark (N) 1:58.88, 5. Zach Sullivan (U) 2:15.26.

200 individual medley: 1. Sean Halvorsen (N) 2:04.05, 2. Armstrong (N) 2:05.41, 5. Gabe Pryor (U) 2:35.32.

50 freestyle: 2. Neiman Kumler (U) 22.22, 3. Naas (N) 23.81, 5. Huff (N) 24.31.

One-meter diving: 1. Aiden Kless (N) 278.40, 2. Colton Suhan (N) 208.30, 4. K.J. Gordon (N) 55.05.

100 butterfly: 2. Kulp (N) 54.66, 4. Caleb Mathis (N) 1:02.84, 5. Cael Head (U) 1:17.30.

100 freestyle: 2. Kumler (U) 48.76, 3. Halvorsen (N) 51.14, 4. Monger (N) 51.78.

500 freestyle: 1. Snyder (N) 5:08.90, 3. Naas (N) 5:14.51, 5. Owen Ascoti (U) 7:05.33.

200 freestyle relay: 2. Noblesville “A” (Liam Hayward, Snyder, Halvorsen, Kulp) 1:31.91, 3. Noblesville “B” (Naas, Huff, Mark Berger, C. Mathis) 1:37.07.

100 backstroke: 3. Hayward (N) 59.62, 4. C. Mathis (N) 1:08.06, 5. Pryor (U) 1:15.11.

100 breaststroke: 1. Monger (N) 1:05.16, 2. Armstrong (N) 1:06.23, 5. George Lynch (N) 1:30.01.

400 freestyle relay: 2. Noblesville “A” (Halvorsen, Snyder, A. Mathis, Armstrong) 3:22.74, 3. Noblesville “B” (Berger, Brayden Wright, Oliver Mark, C. Mathis) 3:37.88.

100 butterfly: 1. Wheat, 2. Clarke.

100 freestyle: 2. Donald, 5. Owen Eshelman.

500 freestyle: 2. Martin, 5. Isaiah Heuer.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Heights “A” (Donald, Martin, Swart, Wheat).

100 backstroke: 1. Roosa, 5. Eshelman.

100 breaststroke: 1. VanHaaren, 5. Max Bowman.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Heights “A” (Clarke, VanHaaren, R. Bowman, Donald), 3. Heights “B” (Roosa, M. Bowman, Heuer, Eshelman).

Heights splits dual meet with Western

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights swim teams split a dual meet Tuesday with Western.

The Huskies’ girls team won 101-74. Heights took 10 of the 12 events, including double individual wins from Anna Monnin (200 and 500 freestyles) and Teegan Madara (individual medley and butterfly). Other first-place finishers were Amira Leer (50 free), Campbell Lively-Mason (diving), Sophia Hulen (100 free) and Ayla Madara (breaststroke), along with the medley and 400 free relay teams.

The Heights boys lost 115-71, winning four events. Individual winners were Aiden Clarke in the IM, Ethan Swart in diving and Owen VanHaaren in the breaststroke. Heights also won the medley relay.

GIRLS MEET

Team scores: Hamilton Heights 101, Western 74.

200 medley relay: 1. Heights “A” (Amira Leer, Teegan Madara, Ayla Madara, Sophia Hulen) 1:57.62, 3. Heights “B” (Adalynn Gould, Adisynn Amos, Shanna Hackett, Rachel England) 2:23.00.

200 freestyle: 1. Anna Monnin 2:18.73, 5. Mary Bowman 2:39.66.

200 individual medley: 1. T. Madara 2:15.34, 2. A. Madara 2:18.26.

50 freestyle: 1. Leer 26.55, 3. England 29.51, 5. Hattison Graham 31.91.

One-meter diving: 1. Campbell Lively-Mason 229.85.

100 butterfly: 1. T. Madara 1:01.44, 4. Gould 1:17.98.

100 freestyle: 1. Hulen 56.72,

4. Amos 1:08.00.

500 freestyle: 1. Monnin 6:19.67, 4. Juliana Springman 7:06.58.

200 freestyle relay: 2. Heights “A” (Hulen, Gould, Monnin, England) 1:54.31.

100 backstroke: 2. Gould 1:15.66, 4. Hackett 1:21.24, 5. Allie Bushey 1:25.94.

100 breaststroke: 1. A. Madara 1:12.24, 2. Leer 1:15.63, 3. Amos 1:22.25.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Heights “A” (Hulen, Leer, T. Madara, A. Madara) 3:53.29, 3. Heights “B” (England, Monnin, Amos, Bowman) 4:34.09.

BOYS MEET

Team scores: Western 115, Hamilton Heights 71.

200 medley relay: 1. Heights “A” (Gabe Roosa, Owen VanHaaren, Aiden Clarke, Cameron Wheat) 1:48.16.

200 freestyle: 4. VanHaaren 2:06.21, 5. Cole Martin 2:08.38.

200 individual medley: 1. Clarke 2:08.84, 3. Roosa 2:22.97, 4. Rudy Bowman 2:23.76.

50 freestyle: 3. Rowan Donald 24.72, 5. Blake Blackhurst 25.30.

One-meter diving: 1. Ethan Swart 359.00, 2. Nathan Cox 333.75.

100 butterfly: 2. Clarke 56.03, 5. Blackhurst 1:04.20.

100 freestyle: 2. Wheat 51.82, 4. Donald 54.27.

500 freestyle: 3. Bowman 5:39.53, 4. Martin 5:50.12.

200 freestyle relay: 2. Heights “A” (Donald, Blackhurst, Martin, Wheat) 1:39.13.

100 backstroke: 3. Roosa 1:02.35, 5. Eshelman 1:26.55.

100 breaststroke: 1. VanHaaren 1:09.91, 5. Isaiah Heuer 1:28.89.

400 freestyle relay: 2. Heights “A” (Wheat, Clarke, Donald, VanHaaren 3:42.14.

Heights swept a dual

meet with Northwestern last Saturday, with the girls winning 113-58 and the boys victorious 93-92.

Results follow; complete times were not available.

GIRLS MEET

Team score: Hamilton Heights 113, Northwestern 58.

200 medley relay: 1. Heights “A” (Sophia Hulen, Teegan Madara, Ayla Madara, Rachel England), 3. Heights “B” (Allie Bushey, Adisynn Amos, Shanna Hackett, Juliana Springman).

200 freestyle: 1. England, 2. Bushey, 4. Springman.

200 individual medley: 1. A. Madara, 3. Adalynn Gould.

50 freestyle: 1. Hulen, 2. A. Madara, 4. Anna Monnin.

One-meter diving: 2. Campbell Lively-Mason.

100 butterfly: 1. T. Madara, 3. Hackett.

100 freestyle: 1. England, 2. Amos.

500 freestyle: 1. Hulen, 2. Monnin, 4. Springman.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Heights (England, Amos, Monnin, Gould).

100 backstroke: 2. Gould, 3. Bushey, 4. Hackett.

100 breaststroke: 1. T. Madara, 2. Amos.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Heights (Hulen, Monnin, T. Madara, Gould).

BOYS MEET

Team score: Hamilton Heights 93, Northwestern 92.

200 medley relay: 1. Heights “A” (Gabe Roosa, Owen VanHaaren, Aiden Clarke, Cameron Wheat).

200 freestyle: 1. Clarke, 4. Martin.

200 individual medley: 2. VanHaaren, 5. Rudy Bowman.

50 freestyle: 2. Wheat, 3. Rowan Donald.

One-meter diving: 1. Nathan Cox, 2. Ethan Swart.

Both Westfield teams fall to Zionsville in last weekend’s meet

The REPORTER

The Westfield swim teams were swept by Zionsville in a dual meet last Saturday.

The Shamrocks girls fell 135-50 while the boys lost 121-62. The boys got two event wins, from Ben Morse in the butterfly and Zach Welch in the 500 free. The girls’ 200 free relay team of Maggie Alley, Kate Cassidy, Macy Brown and Gracie Alley also won.

Results follow for the overall top five in each individual event and the top three in relays.

GIRLS MEET

Team scores: Zionsville 135, Westfield 50.

200 medley: 3. Westfield “A” (Kiarra Thomas, Marie Rocca, Nora Sperry, Anna McKeown) 1:57.81.

200 freestyle: 2. Maggie Alley 2:07.25.

200 individual medley: 3. Kate Cassidy 2:23.44, 4. Macy Brown 2:31.09.

50 freestyle: 3. Bridget Mick 27.54.

One-meter diving: 4. Gabriele Lippert 111.80.

100 butterfly: 2. Gracie Alley 1:02.82, 5. Alex Irvin 1:11.61.

100 freestyle: 3. Ellana Morse 1:03.74, 5. Ava Brandau 1:10.26.

500 freestyle: 2. Sperry 5:36.70, 5. Greta Smith 5:50.13.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Westfield “A” (M. Alley, Cassidy, Brown, G. Alley) 1:46.70.

100 breaststroke: 2. Ellie Hill 1:15.13.

BOYS MEET

Team scores: Zionsville 121, Westfield 62.

200 medley relay: 2. Westfield “A” (Ben Morse, Garreth Thomas, Luca Barbosa, Griffin Barents Froman) 1:44.53.

200 freestyle: 4. Locke Taylor 2:03.15.

200 individual medley: 4. Ethan Braasch 2:17.90.

50 freestyle: 3. Barbosa 24.07, 5. JP Mikels 29.04.

One-meter diving: 1. Noah Flynn 159.20, 3. Aiden Sullivan 123.45.

100 butterfly: 1. Morse 55.33, 4. Will Chambley 58.03.

100 freestyle: 5. Zeke MacLain 1:04.02.

500 freestyle: 1. Zach Welch 5:10.95, 3. Sagan Blansette 5:18.30.

100 backstroke: 3. Barents Froman 59.97.

100 breaststroke: 2. Thomas 1:03.84, 4. Jackson Burgess 1:16.48.

400 freestyle relay: 3. Westfield “A” (Chambley, Braasch, Henry Pham, Owen Hudson) 3:42.31.

Read the Reporter on Thursday for an update on this past weekend's wrestling results.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Jan. 10

BOYS WRESTLING

Hamilton Southeastern at Bishop Chatard, 6:30 p.m.
Westfield at Carmel, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 11

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Sheridan at Speedway, 7 p.m.
Shortridge at University, 7 p.m.

SWIMMING/DIVING

Hoosier Conference diving meet, 5 p.m. at West Lafayette
Carmel at Pike, 6 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at Westfield, 6 p.m.
Noblesville at Zionsville, 6 p.m.

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