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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Partly sunny.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy.
Rain, possibly mixed with snow, begins after 4 a.m.
HIGH: 38 LOW: 32



The Farmers Bank announces \$15K scholarship endowment for Westfield Education Foundation

The REPORTER

On Wednesday, The Farmers Bank commemorated the grand opening of its new Westfield Financial Center and announced a new local scholarship through the Westfield Education Foundation (WEF).

The ceremony, held Wednesday afternoon near the corner of Spring Mill Road and State Road 32, brought together key figures from the bank, including members of the Board of Directors with more than 50 bank representatives from Hamilton, Clinton, and Boone counties in attendance.

Leading his first ribbon cutting as Mayor, newly installed Westfield Mayor Scott Willis was joined by City Council members, business community leaders, and new Westfield Chamber President Courtney Albright. The event showcased The Farmers Bank's commitment to becoming an integral part of the Westfield community.

At the ceremony, Farmers Bank CEO Chris Cook announced the establishment of a new endowment with the WEF. This endowment will support graduating high school seniors pursuing business and accounting degrees, with the first \$1,000 scholarship set to be awarded at Westfield High School's senior night scholarship ceremony in May. Applications will be available later this month through the Foundation. Notably, The Farmers Bank be-



At the ribbon cutting, representatives from The Farmers bank presented the Westfield Education Foundation with a \$15,000 endowment for a new scholarship.

comes the first financial institution to offer such a scholarship through the school's foundation, reinforcing its dedication to fostering education and community development.

Steve Latour, Director of the Westfield Financial Center said, "The Farmers Bank is wasting no time supporting Westfield residents and the organizations that make our community stronger. As a community bank, we have great enthusiasm for community engagement. Not only are we announcing this new endowment, we are also the title sponsor of the 2024 Westfield Winter Market."

The market takes place each Saturday through March from 9 a.m. to noon at West Fork Whiskey. The bank is also the title sponsor for the upcoming Westfield Lantern Award Ceremony hosted by the Westfield Chamber.

During Wednesday's ribbon-cutting ceremony, CEO Chris Cook also remarked on the bank's commitment to sustainability, with the installation of a cutting-edge Smartflower in front of the Westfield Financial Center entrance. As the first of its kind in the State of Indiana, this solar-powered marvel contributes directly to the bank's

energy needs, supplying power for lights and other equipment. The Smartflower underscores The Farmers Bank's commitment to environmental responsibility and innovation. This spring, the bank plans to host local schools field trips inviting students and faculty to tour the new facility and learn about the solar-powered technology.

It was also noted during the ceremony that the bank has installed Video ATMs in its drive-up lanes, allowing customers to see and speak with a Farmers Bank staff member and process

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Linda the scapegoat

My older sister had a playmate named Ponteen when she was very small. Ponteen lived in the corner of the kitchen along with a broom and mop.

I always had real friends. I didn't have time for make-believe ones. Little Sister had to amuse herself when the two older ones were in school. She was very good at it and invented a whole tribe of playmates. She had a bird, too. Its name was Fi-ji.

Then there was one of the playmates. She was a scapegoat, too. 'Linda' took the blame for lots of things. Oh, she was handy to have around! We didn't have enough chairs for Linda and her cohorts, so rather often, especially at supper time, we would have to shoo them out of the kitchen so the rest of us could eat.

After a long time, these playmates were phased out. When Mother realized she hadn't heard Linda mentioned for days and days, she asked Little Sister about Linda. The reply was a bit surprising: Linda had moved to California! However, Linda had good transportation. On several occasions when her services were needed, she made a quick trip back to Indiana.

Mother had never heard the bird's name in any other connection until one Christmas, Little Sister, Daddy, and she went to Florida. They had Christmas dinner with a cousin who had a dog named Fi-ji. He was spoiled as much as Sister's bird!

Did Fi-ji go to California with Linda? You have to get an answer from Little Sister. Only she knew all the details.



COLUMNIST

RAY ADLER
Ask Adler

Spaulding named November Husky Hero

The REPORTER

Erin Spaulding has been named the Husky Hero for the month of November.

Spaulding began her journey Hamilton Heights as an Instructional Assistant in January 2020 shortly after she moved from Texas to Indiana. The following year she became a kindergarten teacher.

"Erin works hard to differentiate the needs of her kindergarten students utilizing evidenced-based practices with consistent routines to help her students' meet success in the classroom," said Hamilton Heights Elementary School Principal Julie Griffey, who saw right away that Spaulding is amazing with kids. "She is a great educator and colleague!"

"To be nominated just goes to show that what I do everyday matters!" Spaulding said upon learning she was nominated for this award. "These

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Erin Spaulding, HHES Kindergarten Teacher, was selected as the Husky Hero for the month of November. (From left) Craig Bowen (FC Tucker), baby Laken Bowen, Erin Spaulding, HHES Principal Julie Griffey, and HHEF President/HHSC Integration Coach Melissa Martin.

On the other side

We have all experienced difficult seasons in our lives. Seasons when living in the moment, we think, how am I ever going to get through this? It's unbearable. There is just no way!

Then, somehow, we get to the other side of that difficult season and look back on it, often in awe that we were able to survive. It boggles the mind.

I live with a rare form of Muscular Dystrophy called Bethlem Myopathy that took 44 years to finally diagnose. I have always been affected and suffered from muscle weakness and difficulty walking but have only had a name for my disability for about five years now. During those 44 years, I was determined to find answers for what caused my weakness and physical difficulties.

Getting to the other side of that search, I have had some time to reflect on that time in limbo and so much uncertainty. At times, the pain and frustration of not knowing consumed me, and no one around me truly understood my emotional struggle. It was difficult in many ways for my whole family.

Now that I've reached the other side, I often find myself reflecting on what those 44 years taught me. I really, wholeheartedly, believe that was exactly how my story was supposed to go. It was all part of my life's plan. I think about it a lot. There is so much to reflect on and see from this new perspective.

The kindness of others during that time is something that keeps surfacing in my mind, and recently memories of hair washing of all things!

Hear me out.

I would spend a week or maybe a little longer in the hospital after each of my many surgeries. I always came out of surgery with a cast, sometimes on both legs. I couldn't get out of my bed to shower or do other things until I was a few days into my recovery, plus I couldn't get my casts wet so it made bathing tricky.

One of the things my mom would do for me, along with the nurses, was to find a way to wash my hair because that just makes everything feel better, right?! So, they would maneuver me to where my head would hang off the edge of the bed and they would wash

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COLUMNIST

AMY SHINNEMAN
Disability in the City

Cicero Christian Church encourages you to help rebuild statewide blood supply

The REPORTER

Cicero Christian Church is helping to celebrate National Blood Donor Month on Thursday, Jan. 25 in the church gym, located at 1715 Stringtown Pike. The blood drive will take place from 1:30 to 7 p.m.

National Blood Donor month is a time to honor the selflessness of blood donors and raise awareness about

the critical need for blood donations. In the United States, nearly 7 million people selflessly give blood every year, serving as a lifeline for countless individuals in need.

One in seven patients entering a hospital requires the availability of blood for various medical reasons. This includes trauma victims, patients battling sickle cell disease or Thalassemia, as well

as those who require organ or bone marrow transplants. Additionally, a staggering 25 percent of all blood donations are used for cancer patients, and blood transfusions are essential in one out of every 83 newborn deliveries in America today.

The need for blood is urgent and constant. Every two seconds, someone in our country requires blood, and on

any given day, an average of 42,000 blood components are used by patients. That amounts to more than 15 million red blood cells, platelets, and plasma transfused last year alone. Despite this high demand, only 3 percent of all Americans choose to donate blood.

If you can join in commemorating National Blood Donor Month please sign up at [this link](#).



THE HAMILTON COUNTY REPORTER NEWSPAPER JANUARY 2024 YOUNG ARTIST OF THE MONTH: CARA WATTS (2ND PLACE)
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Photo provided
Mayor Scott Willis cut the ribbon Wednesday at The Farmers Bank’s Westfield Financial Center.

transactions as if they were standing inside the bank. The technology is still relatively new to the area. The Farmers Bank is one of the first in Westfield to offer this option to customers who may not be able to leave their vehicle but need assistance with their transaction. The Farmers Bank looks forward to being an integral part of Westfield’s growth and success, supporting local businesses and contributing to the thriving community.

The Westfield Financial Center is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday. The drive-up ATM is available 24/7. To learn more about how the Farmers Bank can help you or your business, please contact Financial Center Director Steve Latour at latour@thefarmersbank.com. For additional information and Center hours, please visit TheFarmers-Bank.com.

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THE OTHER SIDE

my hair over a small bucket of water. It wasn’t pretty, but it got the job done. Once, after I came home and was recovering when I was a teenager, my mom had to be out of town. My sweet aunt volunteered to come over and wash my hair for me, while also maintaining my privacy and dignity that was at risk when needing help with bathing.

Now, I look back on these moments as such beautiful acts of kindness. People holding me up, helping me through. That’s how I got through it.

Along the same lines of my hospital stays, another memory is that every time I would be in the hospital, my classmates would make me cards and send get well wishes. “Get well soon, we miss you!” I loved receiving those messages from my classmates. It gave me something to look forward to when I would be away from my peers. It helped me feel like I wasn’t missing out as much. It was kindness. When I would return to school, the big thing was that they would all take turns signing my casts.

I could go on about how others’ kindness touched and shaped my life over those 44 years when I was in the thick of uncertainty. How blessed I was that I was never truly alone. I didn’t appreciate it enough in the moment, as is frequently the case in life. We are too caught up in other details to really appreciate what is happening around us, for us.

On the other side of the search, it’s not that things aren’t still difficult. They are. I live with a progressive muscle disease that slowly robs me of my physical abilities. However, being able to look at things on the other side of that difficult season of searching has truly changed things for me. I’m so grateful for this viewpoint, and for all the kindness shown to me along the way.

Until next time ...

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

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HERO

kids are like family to me and to know that I have impacted them in more ways than academics is just a blessing. It’s motivating to know that it doesn’t go unnoticed. It’s such an awesome feeling to know that you are doing a good job.”

“Erin is an amazing kindergarten teacher that goes above and beyond for her students,” Sarah Pettijohn said. “I have the privilege of being able to work alongside Erin in the afternoons as an IA for a sweet little kindergartner that has Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA). Erin does such a fantastic job loving and teaching her students and making them all feel special and making sure they are always following the ‘Husky Way!’ Erin is so deserving of this award.”

For Spaulding, the kids are her motivation. “The hugs, smiles, and

of the impact. It definitely goes to show that what I do and what we all do here at Hamilton Heights matters.”

Do you know a Husky Hero? Nomination forms and information about this special recognition program for Hamilton Heights

employees are available at bit.ly/hhschuskyhero. The Husky Hero Recognition program is made possible through the Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation in partnership with Craig and Amber Bowen (FC Tucker). #hhedfoundation

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Health Department hosts workshop for professionals who work with youth

Prevention tools for mental health & substance abuse disorders top agenda

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Health Department is inviting those who work with youth to a special workshop designed to provide valuable prevention tools – namely for mental health issues and substance abuse disorders.

The workshop is specifically tailored for educators, faith-based leaders, non-profit agencies, after-school program lead-

ers, and therapists.

“The workshop is designed to equip those on the front lines with effective strategies to make a lasting impact,” said Jim Ginder, Health Education Specialist with the Hamilton County Health Department. “It’s a unique opportunity for professionals to



Ginder

come together, share insights, and gain practical tools to address the challenges faced by today’s youth.”

The workshop is free and scheduled to take place from 5 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 20 at Ivy Tech Community College in Noblesville. A box lunch will be provided.

Space is limited to 100 people, so participants are encouraged to register early at tinyurl.com/prevention-workshop.

“We’re committed to empowering professionals with the tools they need to create a positive impact on the well-being of our youth,” Ginder added. “I encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity to learn and collaborate for the betterment of our community.”



Noblesville First UMC’s GriefShare program starts Jan. 28

The REPORTER

Have you lost a loved one or know someone that will find it difficult to face each new day?

Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St., announces its next GriefShare program, which is open to everyone in the community.

The winter session will meet from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sundays beginning Jan. 28. Participants are invited to join anytime during the 13 weeks of meetings. A one-time registration fee of \$20 is appreciated, but scholarships are available.

GriefShare is a 13-week non-denominational Christ-centered program focusing on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally

respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was seen on the DVD. Daily work in the GriefShare workbook also helps one look thoughtfully at their grief experience and helps in the healing process. GriefShare is led by caring people who have experienced grief and have successfully rebuilt their lives. They understand how you feel because they’ve been in the same place. They will walk with you through grief toward healing and hope for the future.

To learn more about GriefShare, visit noblesvillefirst.com, email Coleen Albright at coleen.albright58@gmail.com, or call the church office at (317) 773-2500.

Fishers Parks invites residents to make their own “I have a dream” yard signs

The REPORTER

Attention Fishers residents ... Come to the Fishers Parks HQ to create your unique “I have a dream” yard sign to commemorate Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

This passive activity of-

fers up space in the Fishers Parks Maker Labs, 8100 E. 106th St., to customize your free yard sign with provided supplies. Drop in anytime between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Jan. 11 and 12, leading up to the city’s annual MLK Day food

drives and days of service. Signs will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. All materials are provided at no cost.

The City of Fishers’ 2024 Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration will offer residents several ways to give

back in the community and celebrate the messages of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a community-wide food drive and volunteer opportunities throughout the city. Learn more about the city-wide celebration at thisisfishers.com/MLKday.

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Bien brings back Taco Tuesday



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Bien Mexicana, 150 S. Peru St., Cicero, is not open on Tuesdays ... until now! The first-ever Taco Tuesday was a standing-room only event with lines often back up to the door. With \$2 tacos from a place featured on America's Best Restaurants, what else would you expect? Taco Tuesdays are officially a weekly event at Bien now, though we do not know when the next \$2 taco night will be. Bien also had a variety of interesting desserts and they still have the Reporter Colada, which is not listed on the menu, but which you can get if you are in the know.

Westfield Mayor Scott Willis announces appointments to boards, commissions, committees

The REPORTER

Westfield Mayor Scott Willis and the City Council have recently announced new appointments and re-appointments to the various city boards, commissions, and committees.

These appointments and re-appointments were made after careful consideration of the applications and interviews submitted by more than 75 residents who expressed their interest in serving the city.

These boards, commissions, and committees serve as a vital link between city government and the community. They provide valuable insights and recommendations on various matters, including planning, zoning, development, and public safety.

The individuals bring diverse backgrounds, skills, and experiences to the table. They volunteer their time and expertise to the betterment of the community, and their dedication is deeply appreciated.

The City of Westfield is grateful for their commitment to serve and looks forward to their contributions in shaping the future of the city.

Mayoral Reappointments

- Advisory Plan Commission: Robert Horkay and Andre Maue

- Board of Zoning Appeals: Jeff Boller

- Civilian Fire Merit Board: Eric Lohe

- Community Development Corporation: Jim Ake

- Hamilton County Tourism Commission: William Knox

- Redevelopment Commission: Joe Plankis

- Westfield Building Corporation: Ron Moore

- Westfield Economic Development Commission: Chuck Lehman

- Westfield Economic Development Commission: Sam

New Mayoral Appointments

- Advisory Plan Commission: Billy Bunkowfst and Omar Khan

- Alcohol/Liquor Licensing Committee: Sam

Frain and Jerry Rosenberger

- Audit Committee: Kelly Kemper

- Board of Public Works and Safety: Nick Barbknecht and Randy Graham

- Board of Zoning Appeals: Billy Bunkowfst and Larry Clarino

- Civilian Fire Merit Board: Laura Crum

- Community Development Corporation: Mark Keen and Chris White

- Redevelopment Authority: Roger Dycus, Tyler Enyart, and Derek Rochester

- Redevelopment Commission: Larry Kemper and Brian Pawlowski

- Riverfront License Committee: Larry Clarino

- Westfield Building Corporation: Leo Dierkman and Brian Simons

- Westfield Economic Development Commission:

Michael Stiehl

City Council Reappointments

- Advisory Plan Commission: Victory McCarty

New City Council Appointments

- Advisory Plan Commission: Chris Woodward and Ryan Mooney

- Audit Committee: Kurt Wanninger

- Board of Zoning Appeals: Jake Plummer

- Civilian Merit Board: Sam Mishelow

- Redevelopment Commission: Brian Tomamichel

- Riverfront License Review Committee: Sam Frain

- Façade Improvement Grant Committee: Cathy Boone Black

- Audit Committee: Kurt Beier, CPA

- Westfield Economic Development Commission: Clark Cutshaw

Sen. Young moves Indianapolis office to Hamilton County

The REPORTER

Effective today, the Indianapolis office of U.S. Senator Todd Young has moved to 310 E. 96th St., Suite 350, Indianapolis, IN 46240. (The office exists in Carmel.)



Young

The office located at 251 [office-locations](http://www.young-senate.gov/contact/office-locations).

N. Illinois St., Indianapolis, permanently closed at 5 p.m. Wednesday. A list of Senator Young's office addresses and phone numbers can be found online at [young-senate.gov/contact/](http://www.young-senate.gov/contact/)

Letter to the Editor

Bill Shaffer calls for “financial vaccine” to stop spread of “Carmel virus”

Dear Editor:

The New Year brings news of the spreading Carmel virus.

After paying the 2023 interest and principal due, Carmel's neighboring cities show a marked copying of the Carmel borrow-and-spend debt mania.

Comparing data submitted by the cities to the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance, Fishers' debt increased to \$1.1 billion from \$541 million in 2020.

Over the same span, Noblesville's debt increased from \$284 million to \$526 million, Westfield's from \$185 million to \$234 million, and Zionsville's from \$70 million to \$94 million.

“Typhoid Mary” Carmel went from \$1.3 billion to \$1.4 billion over the same span.

The only cure (a sort of financial vaccine) is the slowdown in revenues and buying at par due to stagnation and inflation.

Common sense and fiscal responsibility don't seem adequate to the task.

Bill Shaffer
Carmel

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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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Take a journey on Route 66 with Actors Theatre of Indiana

The REPORTER

Actors Theatre of Indiana (ATI) is ready to return to the stage next month with *Route 66*. From Feb. 2 to 18, you'll be sure to 'get your kicks' with this smash coast-to-coast hit musical.

Take a dollop of *Grease*, mix in some *Pump Boys and Dinettes*, and add a generous dose of *Forever Plaid* and you've got the high-octane fun of *Route 66*. Beginning with the sounds of 1950s Chicago and traveling along the 'Main Street of America' to the California coast with the surf music of the 1960s, this exciting musical revue features 34 of the greatest 'Rock 'n' Road' hits of the 20th century.

Created by Roger Bean, you'll hear songs such as "Dead Man's Curve," "King of the Road," "Six Days on the Road," "Little GTO," "Fun, Fun, Fun,"

and many more.

"A toe-tapping, hand-clapping, laugh-out-loud treat!" – *The Wichita Eagle*

"Bright, sassy and bursting with nonstop energy!" – *San Antonio Express News*

"Fast-paced, energetic and fun!" – *Aisle Say*, San Francisco

"Route 66 is like *Forever Plaid* on high-octane fuel!" – *Milwaukee Metro*

Directed by ATI Co-Founder Cynthia Collins, *Route 66* features ATI favorites Brett Mutter, Craig Underwood, Kieran Danaan, and Eric Olson.

All performances will be held at The Studio Theatre at The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. Purchase your tickets at ati-stage.org or by calling The Center for the Performing Arts Fifth Third Bank Box Office at (317) 843-3800.

Noblesville School Board ready for another year

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees approved a new slate of officers at Tuesday's annual reorganization meeting.

Christi Crosser was named president, Stephanie Lambert will serve as vice president, and Laura Alerding is now secretary. Dr. Joe Forgey and Misti Ray will serve as general board members.

The board also made the following committee appointments:

- **Christi Crosser:** High Ability, Science Review

- **Stephanie Lambert:** Noblesville Redevelopment, Noblesville Schools Education Foundation, Technology

- **Laura Alerding:** Enrollment Management, Parks Board, Safe Schools

- **Dr. Joe Forgey:** Athletic Review, Indiana School



Photo provided by Noblesville Schools
(From left) Misti Ray, Laura Alerding, Dr. Joe Forgey, Stephanie Lambert, and Christi Crosser.

Board Association Legislative, Science Review, Wellness

- **Misti Ray:** Attendance Review, Noblesville Youth Sports Alliance, Safe

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Noblesville's Mia Reinhard makes Dean's List at Northern Illinois

The REPORTER

Northern Illinois University has announced its fall 2023 Dean's List.

Mia Reinhard of Noblesville, who is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Sport Management, is

a graduate of Hamilton Southeastern High School.

To earn this distinction, students must meet a minimum semester grade-point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale in the College of Engineering and En-

gineering Technology or a minimum of 3.75 on a 4.0 scale in the colleges of Business, Education, Health and Human Sciences, Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Visual and Performing Arts.

11 local students earn academic recognition at UW-Madison

The REPORTER

The University of Wisconsin-Madison has recognized students named to the Dean's List, Dean's Honor List, and the Honor Roll for the fall semester of the 2023-2024 academic year.

Eleven students are from Hamilton County. They include:

- **Joe Augustine of Fishers**, College of Letters and Science, Dean's List

- **Sam Balanoff of Carmel**, College of Agricultural & Life Science, Dean's List

- **Jaclyn Copeland of Carmel**, College of Letters

and Science, Dean's List

- **Lauren Kennedy of Carmel**, School of Education, Dean's List

- **Emma Langsford of Fishers**, College of Letters and Science, Dean's List

- **Jack Macias of Carmel**, College of Engineering, Dean's Honor List

- **Madeline Maurer of Carmel**, School of Pharmacy, Honor Roll

- **Avery Muckridge of Carmel**, College of Letters and Science, Dean's List

- **Drake Stallworth of Fishers**, Col of Agricultural & Life Science, Dean's List

- **Bill Weas of Carmel**, School of Business, Dean's List

- **Elyse Wiener of Carmel**, College of Agricultural & Life Science, Dean's List

Students who achieve at a high level academically are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester. Each university school or college sets its own GPA requirements for students to be eligible to receive the distinction.

Florida man from Noblesville has millions seized in cryptocurrency case

By **KODY FISHER**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Hamilton County man Maximiliano Pilipis is in federal custody in Florida.

As of Tuesday night, I-Team 8 didn't know what specific charges he faces, but, in November, the government seized more than \$9 million from two separate bank accounts.

Court filings allege Pilipis illegally operated a cryptocurrency exchange company in the small Caribbean country of Dominica.

Professor Frank Emmert at the IU McKinney School of Law said, "We have been very active in pursuing offshore business, and this is a case in a long, long, list of cases."

Emmert analyzed the 20-page court filing that seized the money from Pilipis. He

told I-Team 8 the seizure boiled down to Pilipis not registering his company with a government agency called FinCEN.

"It stands for the Financial Crimes and Enforcement Network," Emmert. "Their job primarily, but not exclusively, is to prevent money laundering and tax evasion basically. The Treasury wants to make sure that, on the one hand, our businesses and our citizens pay their taxes, our residents pay their taxes properly, and, on the other hand, that money is not used for crime. For example, terrorist financing or anything like that."

The federal court filing to seize the money has several diagrams in it that detail how Pilipis moved cryptocurrency around from account to account. The filing said the transactions are

money laundering because the money he was moving came from his business that was operating illegally.

Emmert said he would need to analyze official criminal charges to determine if Pilipis laundered money.

"Did he do any money laundering himself?" Emmert said. "Did he funnel funds to whatever organization for illegal purposes? We don't know that, but he made it possible for others to do that, for people who were actually registering their wallets and trading through his exchange, and that's really what he's in trouble for right now."

Pilipis was scheduled on Friday to be in federal court in Florida. I-Team 8 will follow the hearing to find out what charges Pilipis could face.

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The REPORTER

The City of Fishers welcomed new and returning city councilors for the start of their term on Jan. 1. These city councilors are dedicated individuals who come with a wealth of experience and deep-rooted commitment to represent the interests and wellbeing of Fishers residents.

Not sure which city councilor represents your district? Take a look at the city's district map [here](#).

All residents are welcome to attend City Council meetings. The next City Council meeting takes place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 16 at Launch Fishers, 12175 Visionary Way. Meetings are live streamed for residents to tune in at home. View the agenda, meeting minutes, and recorded meetings at fishersin.gov/agenda-center.

Cecilia Coble

Cecilia Coble is City Council President, representing the city at-large. She has a heavy presence in the community, as she is also co-chair for the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability, an appointed member for the Fishers Arts and Culture Commission, a founding member of the Fifty Club of Fishers, and so much more.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

Pete Peterson

Pete Peterson is City Council Vice President and represents the South East District (1). He is the Director of Business Development at RQAW. Peterson is also a Founding Board Member of Launch Fishers, the Treasurer of the Hamilton County Republican Party, President of Geist United Opposition (GUO), and more.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

John P. DeLucia

John P. DeLucia represents the North Central District (3) and has been a Fishers resident for nearly 30 years. He is the Chief Lending Officer at Citizens State Bank. DeLucia is a mentor with Youth Mentoring Initiative (YMI), a board member of the Fifty Club of



Coble



Peterson



DeLucia



DeReamer



Ditlevson



Stoller



Stuart



Weingardt



Zimmerman

Fishers, and an active member of Fishers Century Club and Fishers Knights of Columbus.

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Brad DeReamer

Brad DeReamer represents the North East District (6). DeReamer is an Indiana National Guard veteran and happily retired.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

Tiffanie Ditlevson

Tiffanie Ditlevson represents the city at-large and has been a Fishers resident for 16 years. Ditlevson is a real estate professional and is affiliated with many organizations across the area, including American Legion, Veterans of Foreign War, and Hamilton County Republican Women.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

Selina Stoller

Selina Stoller represents the North West District (2) and has lived in Fishers since 2000. She is an investment banker. Stoller is a current member of Toastmasters, Precinct Committeeman Fishers, Plan Commission and more.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

Bill Stuart

Bill Stuart represents the South West District (5). He has 40 years of experience in the Government Affairs industry. Stuart is a past member of the Fishers Fire Merit Board, Fishers Planning Commission, and past president of the Delaware Pointe HOA.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

John Weingardt

John Weingardt represents the South Central District (4). He has been a Fishers resident for 19 years. Weingardt currently serves on the Board of Advocates at the University of Indianapolis and as Treasurer for the Hamilton South-eastern Schools Foundation.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

Todd Zimmerman

Todd Zimmerman represents the city at-large. He is currently a Commercial Insurance Advisor and a coach for HSE basketball and baseball. Zimmerman is a past Board Member of the Youth Mentoring Initiative (YMI) and Chaplain for Fishers Police and Fire Departments.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

Braun & Crouch both exceed signature threshold to appear on gubernatorial ballot

The REPORTER

As of Wednesday, at least two of Indiana's Republican gubernatorial candidates have met the statutory signature requirement to appear on the ballot.

U.S. Senator Mike Braun's campaign submitted over 14,500 signatures, and current Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch's campaign submitted more than 9,000 signatures.

"I am incredibly thankful to set a Hoosier record for signatures submitted, with 14,500 signatures, which is more than triple the required signatures to run for Governor," Braun said. "From

our strong grassroots team, who secured signatures in all 92 counties, to the robust fundraising operation, along



Braun



Crouch

with the endorsement of former President Donald Trump, it's clear that we are building something special that will result in conservative policies that will improve the lives of Hoosiers."

"The support of so many Hoosiers is humbling and encouraging," Crouch said. "Our campaign has the boldest ideas, the most miles traveled, and clearly will have the necessary resources to fight all the way through to the primary election."

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Shonkwiler running for House District 29 seat

Submitted

Noblesville Republican Alaina Shonkwiler has declared her candidacy for Indiana State Representative in House District 29, an area that encompasses Noblesville within Hamilton County.

The announcement follows the decision of current State Rep. Chuck Goodrich to vacate the position, opening the door for Shonkwiler to bring her dedication and experience to the Statehouse.

A lifelong resident of Noblesville, Shonkwiler expressed her commitment to the community, stating, “I have spent my life in Nobles-

ville, and this community is where Jason and I chose to raise our family.”

As she files for candidacy, Shonkwiler emphasizes her deep roots in the district and her passion for preserving and enhancing the quality of life for its residents.

Drawing on her extensive background, Shonkwiler brings a wealth of experience to the race. Currently serving as a Manager in Government Advisory with Katz, Sapper & Miller, she leverages years of expertise in local government and economic development to contribute to the thriving communities she represents. A graduate

of Noblesville High School, Shonkwiler has a proven track record, having previously held roles with the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce, City of Noblesville, and Noblesville Schools.

In her statement, Shonkwiler outlined her key priorities for the campaign, focusing on issues that resonate with the constituents of House District 29.

“As I seek your vote to be our next State Representative, I will be the passionate conservative fighter we need,” Shonkwiler said. Her agenda includes a commitment to keeping communities safe, advocating for

transparency and parental involvement in education, protecting conservative freedoms, and ensuring economic opportunities that continue to make the region a desirable destination for families and businesses alike.

Married to Jason Shonkwiler, a Noblesville Police Department Sergeant and current School Resource Officer at Noblesville High School, Alaina and her family are deeply embedded in the local community. The couple has two children, Hannah and Kyle, and together, they are dedicated to contributing to the growth and prosperity of Noblesville.



Photo provided

Steve Nation files for re-election to Hamilton County Council

Submitted

Steve Nation, current Hamilton County Councilor, announces his candidacy for re-election.

Nation has spent the last 45 years dedicated to protecting and serving the community. Before his first term on the County Council, he served in the position of Prosecuting Attorney for Hamilton County for four terms and as Hamilton County Superior Court Judge for four terms.

Nation is seeking re-election to the council because, although several projects have been accomplished in his first term, there is more work to be done. Thanks in part to Nation’s leadership on the council, which is the fiscal body of the county, Hamilton County is the only county in the state to earn a AAA bond rating, which reduces the cost to taxpayers when building. The county also has a \$50 million rainy day fund to ensure county services are still available to citizens, even in times of recession. Nation reflects on his first term on the council as “Results promised and results delivered.”

The decision to seek re-election was guided by his desire to finalize three major projects.

“If the people of Ham-

ilton County permit me to continue to serve, we will deliver on the county’s comprehensive response to behavioral health with an Assessment Center – which will enable more accurate diagnoses and treatment plans, the creation of a domestic violence shelter in the county, and the River Road Public Safety Training Facility,” Nation said.

Collaboration has been a central pillar of Nation’s leadership. His ability to work with council members, commissioners, mayors, trustees, government officials, law enforcement, firefighters, and business and community leaders has been instrumental in the county’s success.

Nation’s impact extends far into the community. The conception of Hamilton County’s Youth Assistance Programs started with him. One of the dreams of this program was to not only help individuals overcome obstacles, but for each child to reach his or her highest potential. The youth assistance program needed to have one more component added to it to truly be a comprehensive program; thus, in 2021, Nation also helped found and launch the Pursuit Institute. This initiative provides state-of-the-art opportunities and talent pipe-



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lines that drive Hamilton County’s economy, keeping school funding within the county.

Among his numerous awards, in 2017, Nation was awarded “Person of the Year” from the International Association of Truancy and Dropout Prevention, and in 2018, was granted the prestigious Sagamore of the

Wabash Award presented by Governor Eric Holcomb.

Nation lives in Noblesville with his wife of 40 years. They have two children and one grandson. Nation currently serves as Board President for Indiana Fallen Heroes Foundation and Secretary of the Noblesville Elementary Football League.

Dillinger announces re-election campaign for Hamilton County Commissioner

Submitted

Steve Dillinger, current Hamilton County Commissioner, announces his candidacy for re-election as Commissioner. With a proven track record of dedicated service to the community, he is committed to continuing his work in shaping Hamilton County’s future.

His dedication to the betterment of the county is exemplified by his many accolades:

- “2019 Outstanding Commissioner of the Year” by the Association of Indiana Commissioners
- “Distinguished Public Service Career of Hamilton County” by Congresswoman Susan Brooks, appearing in the Congressional Record on Jan. 17, 2020
- An honorary Associate of Science degree in College and Community Service by Ivy Tech Community College in the Spring of 2023

Recently, the Hamilton County Commissioners team received the Indiana County Commissioners Award for Outstanding Team Effort for their water availability study. In addition, they were honored with the Outstanding Leadership and Impact Award from the Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton

County, highlighting their significant contributions to the community. Along with his fellow commissioners, their leadership has earned six statewide awards, reflecting their remarkable achievements in serving the community.

Under Dillinger’s leadership, Hamilton County has experienced remarkable growth, with a 400 percent increase in population during his time in office. His proactive approach to planning and development has enabled the county to “stay ahead of the curve,” ensuring that the needs of the growing population are met.

Key accomplishments during his tenure include:

- Attracting Ivy Tech to Noblesville
- State Road 37 improvements
- Construction of the Lowes Way ramp connection
- County-wide zoning, increasing County Parks by more than 1,000 acres, and turning 146th and 236th streets into major thoroughfares
- Development of a new government and judicial center
- Establishment of a public safety campus

Dillinger’s commitment to infrastructure improve-



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ment has resulted in a network of safe and efficient roads, bridges, and streets, fostering direct and effective interconnectivity for residents. His focus on accommodating growth and population through proactive planning has been instrumental in Hamilton County’s success.

In addition to his public service, Dillinger has been an active member of the community, serving on various boards and with many organizations. Some of these include the No. 1-rated Indianapolis Airport Authority Board for 22 years – of which he is currently serving as Vice President – and the county’s solid waste, drainage, and finance boards. Previously, he served on the Old National Bank Advisory Board of Directors and M & I Bank’s Advisory Board of Directors.

As the longest-serving Commissioner in Indiana,

Dillinger has laid the foundation for the thriving, No. 1 community that Hamilton County is today. His commitment to the well-being of residents, alongside his extensive leadership experience, makes him a strong candidate to continue serving the county effectively.

Professionally, Dillinger owned and operated S. C. Dillinger & Associates Insurance Agency, providing insurance and financial expertise across the state for over three decades. He is a member of the Green Valley Church of Christ and the local Chambers of Commerce, and he has coached the Noblesville Grinders’ elementary football travel team for 25 years. He was elected as an inaugural inductee into the Elementary Football Hall of Fame in 2010. He resides in Noblesville with his wife and cherishes spending time with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

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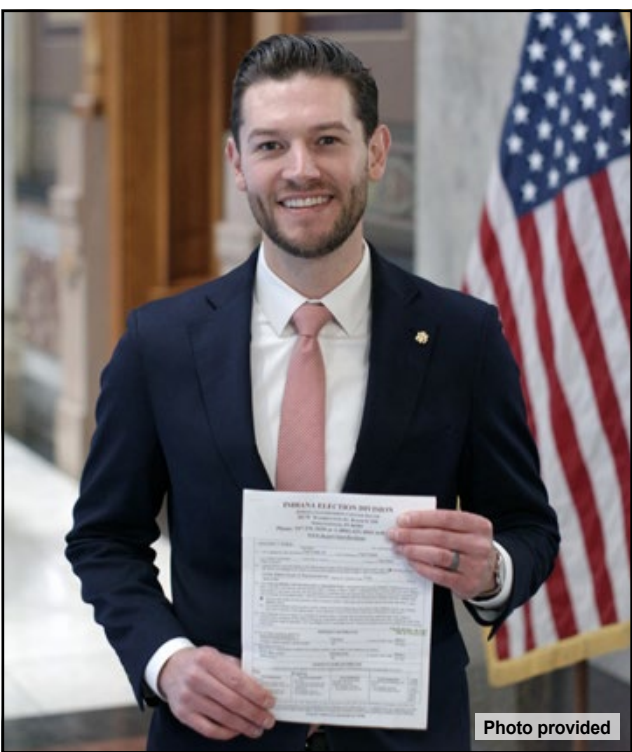
Matt McNally files to run in Indiana House District 39 race

Submitted
On Wednesday, Matt McNally filed to run for State Representative in Indiana House District 39.
McNally retired from the military in 2022 after 22 years of service as a pilot in both the Navy and the Air National Guard. He is a veteran of Afghanistan and is working to curb Indiana's epidemic of veteran suicide.
He was the chief of operations for Combined Joint Interagency Task Force 435 while in Afghanistan. CJI-ATF 435's mission was to train, advise and assist the Afghan National Army and Afghan Justice Sector to develop Rule of Law-based investigation, prosecution and detention of insurgent

and terror-related threats while conducting U.S. Law of Armed Conflict detainee operations.
McNally is an airline pilot, and currently serves as the Senior Vice Commander of VFW post 10003 in Carmel. This is his second time running for House District 39, losing narrowly in 2022.
"I'm excited to continue my service to the community," McNally said. "Twenty years of single-party rule has given us the highest rates of veteran suicide in the region, the lowest paid teachers, and one of the highest rates of infant mortality in the country. It's time we prioritize what matters to Hoosiers: good jobs, healthy families, good education, and a great future



for our children." McNally and his wife Brooke have two children and live in Westfield.



Max Engling wants to be your next Congressman

Submitted
On Wednesday, Max Engling filed to run as a Republican in Indiana's 5th Congressional District.
"I am a Christian conservative, excited to run for Congress at a time when Washington, D.C., clearly needs to be turned in a new direction," Engling said. "The Constitution states this job is a 'representational' position and I take that seriously. I am dedicated to listening to all Hoosiers across the 5th District as I seek to gain their support, and if given the responsibility, to work relentlessly for our shared conservative values in the Nation's Capital. Please visit MaxForIndiana.com to learn more about me and how I plan to serve."

Danny Lopez files to run in Indiana House District 39 race

Submitted
Experienced business executive, civic leader, and Carmel resident Danny Lopez has officially filed as a candidate for Indiana House District 39.
Lopez will be on the ballot in the Republican primary on May 7.
"Since launching my campaign in October, the outpouring of support has been tremendous because voters in Carmel and Westfield are hungry for the hopeful, forward-thinking, solutions-oriented vision we are casting," Lopez said. "I am running to address the biggest challenges our communities face. I look forward to speaking with voters and earning their trust in

the months ahead, and I'm excited and ready to serve."
Lopez's campaign is co-chaired by leading Hamilton County Republicans Sue Finkam, Mayor of Carmel, and Scott Willis, Mayor of Westfield.
Lopez, a senior executive with Pacers Sports & Entertainment, has enjoyed a 20-year career as a leader in the private and public sectors. He has held leadership positions in the Daniels, Pence, and Holcomb administrations and was state Director for Indiana Senator Dan Coats. Lopez has also served on the boards of directors of a long list of impactful not-for-profit organizations.
He and his wife, Sofia, live in Carmel with their



two children, Daniel and Alexandra.
Indiana's 39th District is located entirely within Hamilton County, including portions of Carmel and Westfield. It is being vacated with the upcoming retirement of Rep. Jerry Torr.
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Then the Lord said to Jacob, "Go back to the land of your fathers and to your relatives, and I will be with you."

Genesis 31:1-3 (NIV)

Nancy Jane Mills

April 14, 1940 – January 9, 2024

Nancy Jane Mills, 83, Fishers, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at River-view Health in Noblesville. She was born on April 14, 1940, to Gerald and Betty (Lively) Hunter in Noblesville.



Nancy was an active member of Noblesville First United Methodist Church and enjoyed serving in the Sunshine Friends Ministry. She loved sewing, quilting and was passionate about her crafts and paintings. Over the years, she enjoyed being outdoors with boating and camping with her family. In her younger years, she liked to skate at the Rainbow Roller Rink where she first met her husband, Kenneth. Most of all Nancy loved spending time with her daughter, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter Kristina Wilson; grandchildren, Monica (Ryan) Duffey, Michelle (Michael) Schwomeyer, and Michael (Christine) DeFord; great-grandchildren, Noah Harless, Ryan Duffey, Charlie Harless, Chase DeFord, and Pierce DeFord; sister-in-law, Verona Cook; and several nieces.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded by death by her husband, Kenneth G. Mills; and brother, Robert (Bob) Hunter.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, January 15, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St., Noblesville, IN 46060.

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— 2024 MEETING DATES —

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Feb. 8	Aug. 8
March 14	Sept. 12
April 11	Oct. 10
May 9	Nov. 14
June 13	Dec. 12

Benjamin R. Needham

September 8, 1945 – January 9, 2024

Benjamin R. Needham, 78, Indianapolis, passed away on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at his home with his loving family by his side. He was born on September 8, 1945, to Raymond and Justine (Williams) Needham in Marion, Ind.



Ben was a 1963 graduate of Marion High School and proudly served his country in the United States Navy as a Navy Corpsman during the Vietnam War. He was a third-generation funeral director and owner of Needham & Son Funeral Home (now Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Home) and Grant Memorial Park, retiring in 1998. In Marion, Ben served as President of the PAL Club Board, and a board member of Carey Industries and the Marion Chamber of Commerce. He was a life member of the VFW and the DAV (Disabled American Veterans).

Ben was an avid golfer and loved boating. He enjoyed watching basketball and football, and he was a fair-weather fan of whoever has the best record.

Most of all, Ben was a loving family man that loved spending time with his wife, children and their spouses, grandchildren, and his many dogs throughout the years. He loved attending his children and grandchildren's sports and school activities and was always the loudest voice in the crowd.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Nancy Needham; daughters, Kara (Rich) Riddell, Jackie Needham, and Vicki (Eric) McDaniel; son, Jim (Sarah) Needham; eight grandchildren, Madison (Trevor) Jones, Daniel Riddell, Luke Smith, Eli Smith, Morgan McDaniel, Isaac McDaniel, Grace Needham, and Lucy Needham; brother-in-law, Merrill Ritter; brother- and sister-in-law, Steve & Joyce Bell; nieces and nephews, Wendy Coglianesse, Jake Ritter, Justin Bell, Ashley Malfait, and Corbin Bell; as well as several great-nieces and great-nephews, cousins, and other loving family members.

In addition to his parents, Ben was preceded in death by his sister, Nanette Needham Ritter.

Visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m., with services at 3 p.m., on Saturday, January 20, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Private family burial will be at Crown Hill National Cemetery in Indianapolis.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675 (support.woundedwarriorproject.org); or you may donate blood in Ben's honor.

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Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Firefighter Merit Commission meeting scheduled for 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2024, has been canceled.

The Noblesville Plan Commission meeting scheduled for 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024, has been canceled.

Paul Richard Kercheval

May 13, 1947 – January 5, 2024

Paul Richard Kercheval, 77, Kirklin, Ind., passed away on Friday evening, January 5, 2024, at Majestic Care of Sheridan. Born May 13, 1947 in Frankfort, Ind., he was the son of the late Everett W. and Lucille (Payne) Kercheval.



He attended Kirklin High School and worked for Mallory Controls in Frankfort. As his health began to fail, he retired from the company after many years of faithful service.

Paul was a member of the Kirklin Wesleyan Church, and in later years, he began attending the Kirklin Church of God. His beautiful singing voice led him to take an active role within the congregation; he was often called upon to be song leader during services. Paul was also asked on many occasions to perform as a featured singer during Sunday service. He was always excited and humbled to be asked.

Paul enjoyed the outdoors and loved taking care of his yard. Although he liked cruising around on his riding mower, he still enjoyed doing the trim work, as long as he was able, with his old trusty push mower. In his younger days, Paul loved to go fishing, but as his age started to catch up to him, he came to appreciate taking drives around town and out through the country.

His gentle spirit and strong faith helped guide him through his long-term battles with both Parkinson's and cancer. It also gave him the strength to be a caregiver to his aging parents, as well as his sister Mary. Family was very important to Paul. He always looked forward to reunions and other occasions where everybody would come together.

Paul is survived by two sisters-in-law, Wanda L. Kercheval of Kirklin and Leesa M. Kercheval of Sheridan; three nieces, Brenda D. Kehr (David) of Jacksonville, Fla., Melinda D. "Mindi" Jobe (Kenny) of Kirklin, and Melissa J. Stevens (Bob) of Kirklin; eight nephews, Bruce A. Kercheval (Judy) of Monticello, Rodger L. Kercheval of Kirklin, Jason Kercheval (Christine) of Sheridan, Danial J. Kercheval of Indianapolis, Kevin L. Kercheval (Melea) of Michigantown, Kyle D. Kercheval (Denise) of Sheridan, Kent E. Kercheval (Tamme) of Sheridan, and Karl N. Kercheval (Jessica) of Michigantown; as well as many great nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Everett W. and Lucille (Payne) Kercheval; sisters, M. Rebecca Kercheval and Mary E. Kercheval-Carlile; brothers, James E. Kercheval, Morris T. Kercheval, and David L. Kercheval; nephews, Larry J. Kercheval, Rodney L. Kercheval, and Craig Gilhousen; and by his feline furbabies, Mitts, KitKat, and Blackie.

Services will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, January 14, 2024, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan, with visitation from 3 p.m. until the time of service. Paul's nephew, Pastor Karl Kercheval will be officiating.

Graveside rites will be given 2 p.m. on Monday afternoon, January 15, 2024, at Oak Hill Cemetery in Kirklin.

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

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PENDING

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Wrestling

Greyhounds hold the line over Shamrocks in Senior Night meet

By RICHIE HALL

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CARMEL – The Carmel and Westfield boys wrestling teams met Wednesday at the Eric Clark Activity Center for what could be a sectional preview.

Both teams compete in the Frankfort sectional, which takes place on Jan. 27, two weeks from Saturday. And both coaches already had the sectional on their minds after their dual, which the Greyhounds won 37-28 in their Senior Night meet.

“This is a good tool to get us ready for the sectional,” said Carmel coach Ed Pendoski.

The ‘Hounds won the first five matches, starting at 190 pounds. Adel Navarette (at 190) and Carlo Federici (at 106) won decisions, Will Massey (215) and Tamir Halevi (113) pinned their opponents, and Killian Miller won at 285 by injury default.

Carmel thus led 24-0. The Shamrocks cut that lead to 24-22 by winning five matches in a row, starting with a decision from Porter Temples at 120. Hank Temples’ decision at 144 got the ‘Rocks within two. In between, Carter Niccum (126) and Chase Camire (138) were winners by fall, with Alic Washman getting a major decision win at 132 pounds.



Westfield coach Tom Griffin called the meet “great preparation for the sectional.”

“As we look to the sectional, some of the matchups we will definitely have rematches against, which would be nice to see,” said Griffin.

Jackson Schmidt kept the Greyhounds in front by taking the 150-pound match with a major decision, then Jairo Ojeda-Cortez won at 157 by getting a pin with

just seconds left in the second period. That put Carmel up 34-22, and a hard-fought decision from Drew VanBibber at 165 clinched the meet for the Greyhounds.



Reporter photos by Julie Brown

(Left) Carmel’s Jairo Ojeda-Coretz won the 157-pound match for the Greyhounds during their dual meet with Westfield on Wednesday. (Above) Hank Temples was the winner at 144 pounds for the Shamrocks.

CARMEL 37, WESTFIELD 28

Meet started at 190 pounds

190: Adel Navarette (C) def. Riley Davison (W) by decision, 6-3
215: Will Massey (C) def. Alex Arambales (W) by fall, 2:19
285: Killian Miller (C) def. Aiden Padgett (W) by injury default
106: Carlo Federici (C) def. Keegan Carson (W) by decision, 5-2
113: Tamir Halevi (C) def. Abe O’Neill (W) by fall, 0:37
120: Porter Temples (W) def. Jake Gardner (C) by decision, 4-1
126: Carter Niccum (W) def. Tyler Elliott (C) by fall, 2:38

132: Alic Washman (W) def. Ethan Hurwitz (C) by major decision, 19-7
138: Chase Camire (W) def. Eli Penquite (C) by fall, 3:57
144: Hank Temples (W) def. Drew Gonzalez (C) by decision, 9-4
150: Jackson Schmidt (C) def. Graydon Staley (W) by major decision, 15-5
157: Jairo Ojeda-Cortez (C) def. Eli Turner (W) by fall, 3:56
165: Drew VanBibber (C) def. Hunter Lancaster (W) by decision, 7-6
175: Hunter Jones (W) def. Alex Ryan (C) by fall, 2:47

Westfield’s Hunter Jones wrapped up the match with a pin at 175.

“It’s a good, tough dual meet,” said Pendoski. “To win eight matches is good,

and then go back to the practice room tomorrow.”

Carmel has one more dual meet before the sectional, traveling to Hamilton Southeastern next Wednesday.

Westfield heads to Franklin Central on Saturday for the Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet, then hosts Harrison next Wednesday.

Wrestling roundup: Southeastern wins third consecutive Loggan Memorial Tournament, Millers runner up at Fendley Hall of Fame

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern boys wrestling team won its third consecutive Paul Loggan Memorial Tournament at North Central last Saturday.

The Royals went 5-0 in team duals. Southeastern beat East Central 49-15, Rushville 72-0 and North Central 51-18 in its first three rounds, then edged out Westfield 34-28, with Evan Lawhead clinching the victory for the Royals. Southeastern then beat Lebanon 52-9 to complete the undefeated day.

Five different Royals were undefeated for the event: Tyler Jackson at 113, Nick Anderson at 126, Zach Lang at 157, Lawhead at 215 and Nate Ingalls at 285.

The Shamrocks went 4-1 for the tournament. Westfield beat North Central 57-15, East Central 43-27, Rushville 76-3 and Lebanon 55-13. Porter Temples was 5-0 at 120, Chase Camire went 4-0 at 132 and Eli Turner was 3-0 at 157.

Noblesville finished as runner-up to host Zionsville at the Mike Fendley Hall of Fame Classic last Saturday.

The Millers got past Fishers 43-27 in their first meet in pool play, then blasted through Lawrence North 60-19 and Richmond 84-0

in their next two matches. That put Noblesville in the championship match against the Eagles, and Zionsville scored a very close 37-35 victory.

Four Millers were unbeaten with 4-0 records for the event. Caleb Leeman was perfect at 150 pounds, while Austin Hastings went undefeated at 285 pounds. Josh Kauzlick won three matches at 126 before winning his Zionsville match at 132, and Carter Richardson took the Fishers match at 157, then won three more at 165.

As for the Tigers, they placed fifth in the tournament. After its loss to Noblesville, Fishers beat Richmond 81-0. The Tigers then wrestled to a 36-36 tie over Lawrence North, but lost a tiebreaker based on match wins (the Wildcats had eight victories to Fishers’ six.) Fishers beat Western Boone 58-21 in the fifth-place bout.

Seth Lamb went 4-0 at 106 pounds, while Xavier Smith was 3-0 at 165. Chayce Yant also went unbeaten, winning three matches at 120 and another at 126.

Sheridan competed in the Tipton Invitational last Saturday, going 2-3.

The Blackhawks won duals over Northwestern

66-3 and Pendleton Heights 40-24, while losing to Indianapolis Lutheran 42-36, Crawfordsville 75-6 and Tipton 51-25. Alex Cravens went undefeated at 150 pounds for Sheridan with a 5-0 record, winning four matches by pin.

Hamilton Heights finished ninth in the IHSWCA 2024 Team State Duals, which took place last Saturday at Jay County.

The Huskies were edged out by New Prairie 39-34 in their first-round match. After receiving a bye in the consolation bracket, Heights took care of Wawasee 50-28 to move to the ninth-place match, where the Huskies beat Maconaquah 40-36.

Six Heights wrestlers went undefeated for the tournament. Kendall Moe won all three of her matches at 106, as did Isaac Kuhn at 132. Jaylyn Pugh had one win at 138 and two at 144, while Alex Furst had two 138-pound victories and another at 144. Michael Cain picked up two wins at 165 and one more at 157, while Carson Fetting had two 157-pounds wins and one at 150.

Fishers was a 46-21 winner over Pendleton Heights in a Tuesday dual meet.

The Tigers got victories by fall from Seth Lamb (at 106), Will Hruskoci (at 113), Owen Ingalls (at 120) and Camden Funk (at 157). Chayce Yant was the 126-pound winner by a 15-0 technical fall.

Zeke Kramer won the 145-pound bout with an 11-2 major decision, and Diego Carabona was a 14-3 major-decision winner at 175. Fishers had three decision victories: Teyon Leonard won 3-2 at 138 pounds, Julian Burgett was a 5-2 winner at 190 and Walid Oumammar won 6-1 at 285 pounds.

In another Tuesday dual, Sheridan’s boys fell to Lebanon 69-11.

Alex Cravens won at 150 pounds with a 15-0 technical fall, while Owen Trietsch was the 285-pound winner by fall.

Sheridan’s girls won 24-18. AJ Hamersley (at 125), Devyn Pewarski (at 130) and Avery Hayden (at 145) all won by fall, with Claudia Headlee (at 190) winning by forfeit.



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Sheridan’s Alex Cravens finished undefeated at 150 pounds at the Tipton Invitational last Saturday.

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Wrestling

Royals lay out Bishop Chatard

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern got a solid boys wrestling victory on Wednesday, beating Bishop Chatard 51-24.

De Shawn Ternoir opened the meet with a first-period pin at 190 pounds. Evan Lawhead took a 5-1 decision at 215 over the Trojans' highly-ranked Andrew Troy, then Nate Ingalls won at 285 with a third-period fall, making the score 15-0.

Will Lakes kept things going with a first-period pin at 106, then Dihn Nguyen received a forfeit at 113. Aidan Smalley took an 11-6 decision at 120, then Nick Anderson won by fall at 126. Parker Culp scored a techni-

cal fall at 132. At that point the score was 41-0, clinching the meet for the Royals.

Chatard got on the board by winning the 138-pound match by fall, and then got a pin at 144. Chris Casler bumped up to 150 pounds and scored an 8-0 major decision win over the Trojans' Gabriel McNamee, making the score 45-12.

Chatard won at 157 before Southeastern's Zach Lang got a pin at 165. The Trojans took the 175-pound match by fall to complete the dual.

The Royals are 15-5 for the season and are back in action Saturday at the Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet at Franklin Central.

Basketball

Noblesville's Reagan Wilson nominated for this year's McDonald's All-American Games

The REPORTER

Noblesville senior Reagan Wilson is one of the 10 girls basketball players from Indiana that has been nominated from the Midwest for the 2024 McDonald's All-American Games.

Wilson is an Iowa State

commit and is currently the Millers' leading scorer, averaging 17.2 points per game. She recently won the Francis- can Health/IBCA Player of the Week award for District 2 Girls after a 30-point effort against Fort Wayne Snider in the Noblesville Tournament.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

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.

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

Three Hamilton County girls wrestlers headed to state finals this weekend

The REPORTER

Three Hamilton County girls wrestlers will travel to Kokomo's Memorial Gym on Friday for the Indiana High School Girls Wrestling state finals.

The event begins at 11 a.m. and features 14 weight classes with 16 wrestlers from across the state. Hamilton Heights' Kendall Moe will be one of the first ones on the mat, as she wrestles in the 100-pound weight class. Moe will take on Sydney Stoller of Tri-County in the first round.

Noblesville's Kyra Tomlinson will wrestle at 130 pounds. She will face off against East Noble's Hadleigh Eling in a first-round match. At 190 pounds, Sheridan's Claudia Headlee wrestles against Columbia City's Michela Clifford in the first round.

Here are the complete brackets for all three weight classes, courtesy of trackwrestling.com.

100 pounds
Madisyn Mikels, Portage (13-1) vs. Aniah Delgado, Victory College Prep (17-7)
Brylee Wilkinson, Sullivan (10-6) vs. Angelina Clay, Lakeland (20-5)
Kendall Moe, Hamilton

Heights (23-3) vs. Sydney Stoller, Tri-County (16-5)
Madison Henderson, Blackford (18-8) vs. Kaydie Epley, Mooresville (14-2)
Aaliyah Brown, Center Grove (14-2) vs. Eva Smith, Eastern (8-9)
Jada Taher, Merrillville (15-6) vs. Victoria Duenas Zelay, North Central (16-6)
Kyleigh Honaker, East Noble (16-6) vs. Avellee Reynolds, Franklin Community (24-5)
Ryanna Benson, Warren Central (14-6) vs. Kirsten Cortez, Lake Central (19-1)
130 pounds
Ella Gahl, Northfield (26-0) vs. Abbie Gilbert, Hagerstown (13-9)
Marcy Zagal, Logansport (9-8) vs. Madison Whitted, Mooresville (25-3)
Kyra Tomlinson, Noblesville (18-1) vs. Hadleigh Eling, East Noble (11-7)
Aurora Roberts, Greencastle (11-5) vs. Joslyn Barnett, Attica (22-6)
Lilly Culbreth, Kankakee Valley (17-3) vs. Kayci Woods, Whiteland (11-17)
Lindsey Pugh, North Miami (21-10) vs. Ezra Wagner, New Palestine (29-6)
Hannah Seitzinger, Indian Creek (19-0) vs. Michelle Perez-Ahuatl, Lafayette Jefferson



Photo provided
Hamilton Heights' Kendall Moe (third from right) is one of three Hamilton County wrestlers competing in the Indiana High School Girls Wrestling state finals Friday at Kokomo's Memorial Gym.

(16-6)
Sophia Shea, North Montgomery (18-13) vs. Aubrey Troutner, Huntington North (29-2)
190 pounds
Michela Clifford, Columbia City (29-0) vs. Claudia Headlee, Sheridan (8-5)
Janiya Howard, South Bend Riley (20-4) vs. Jaiah Oneal, Brownsburg (19-8)
Jazmine Hollins-Rowie, Warren Central (19-2) vs. Amber Handshoe, Prairie Heights (16-6)
Trista Powers, Terre Haute South (15-3) vs. Kateriawi Stephens, South Newton (5-2)
Gabby Safeukui, Penn (15-3) vs. Monica McMahon, Columbus East (12-4)
Raegan Jackson, Daleville (11-3) vs. Liberty Reeves, Beech Grove (19-7)
Hannah West, Mount Vernon Posey (16-0) vs. Jordan Quesada, Lafayette Jefferson (18-10)
Mercedes Tellechea, Southport (27-8) vs. Chloe Linn, Western (11-7)

Basketball

Two NHS students among 'Rising Stars' NBA All-Star 2024 host committee announces 24 statewide legacy grant honorees

The REPORTER

Two Noblesville High School students are among the 24 members of the Class of 2024 that have been honored as Indianapolis NBA All-Star Rising Stars in association with the NBA All-Star Legacy Grants, it was announced Thursday by the Indianapolis NBA All-Star

2024 Host Committee.

This award includes a \$2,400 scholarship for each Rising Star payable to the college, university, or post-secondary institution they attend after high school graduation. The two NHS students are Megan Broviak (A Kid Again) and Kathy (Zee) Melinger of Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville.

Megan Broviak was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) in March of 2015 and relapsed in September 2018. She has now been off treatment for three years. Despite missing almost an entire year, Megan loves school and works hard to maintain her high GPA, which is currently 4.2.

"Megan hasn't let her diagnosis stop her," said her nominator.

Her goal for her future is to become a pediatric oncologist. She is extremely determined and driven to be able to give back to future patients like she was helped.

Megan stands out at Noblesville High School. She is a National Honor Society inductee, marching band section leader, band council president, and a member of the Tri-M honor society.

She is an active volunteer in her community and has held multiple part-time jobs over the last few years.

Since age nine, Zee Melinger has been an engaged and inspiring member of the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville. Patient, kind, dependable, honest, aware, em-

pathetic, and caring are only some of the words their nominator used to describe Zee.

"From their first day, Zee made positive impressions on both club staff, their peers, and younger members with their capacity for giving, sharing, and teaching others," said their nominator. "Zee hasn't ever once balked at a challenge while at the same time being true to their strengths."

Zee has always been intrigued by the outdoors and displays their determination for learning by exploring the field of Science and Nature and jumps at any chance to introduce nature and what it offers to younger members.

In addition to their dedication to the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville, Zee spends much of their time volunteering in their community through various activities like helping disabled children learn to swim safely at the Carmel Monon Community Center, assisting teachers and students with woodworking using tools at Makers Playground, helping kids learn fundamentals of bows and arrows at Koteewi Archery range, and is a counselor in training at Camp Crosser.

Zee is a member of Noblesville Girls Rugby team, member of the Noblesville High School Gay-Straight Alliance Club, and a long-time member in Keystone Club.

When NBA All-Star was

originally scheduled to be held in 2021, NBA All-Star Host Committee committed to completing 21 Legacy Grant projects and recognizing 21 deserving Rising Stars. Since moving to 2024, Legacy Grants of up to \$50,000 have been awarded to three additional organizations, bringing the total Legacy Grant projects to 24.

In addition, each of the now 24 Legacy Grantees nominated high school-aged Rising Stars for their project. From those nominees, the Indianapolis NBA All-Star Legacy Committee, a subcommittee of the Host Committee, selected one Rising Star for each of the 24 Legacy Grants to receive this honor and scholarship.

"Recognizing 21 Rising Stars in 2021 for leadership in their schools and communities was extraordinary," said Rick Fuson, NBA All-Star Board of Directors and Pacers Sports & Entertainment CEO. "We are honored to recognize 24 additional students as they are both a testament to their schools, selves, and communities and to the commitment of our Legacy Grantees to serving the youth in their communities."

The NBA All-Star Legacy Grants focus on youth-serving nonprofit organizations across Indiana. The initiative provided 24 grants up to \$50,000 for brick-and mortar projects focused on health and wellness or education with an estimated impact on 90,000 youth statewide.

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7:20 pm City Alliance Championship | Indiana SRN

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6:00 pm Evansville Harrison Warrior Classic | Indiana SRN
7:20 pm Covenant Christian vs Guerin | Indiana SRN

Sat Jan 13 - Boys Basketball
10:00 am Evansville Harrison Warrior Classic | Indiana SRN
6:00 pm Connersville vs Noblesville | Junior Varsity | HCTV Sports
7:30 pm North Montgomery vs Sheridan | Bragg Sports Media
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Tues Jan 16 - Girls Basketball
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