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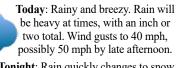
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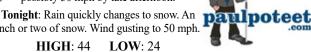




TODAY'S WEATHER



inch or two of snow. Wind gusting to 50 mph.





COLUMNIST

Sister Cities come together, right now, over art contests

The REPORTER

The Carmel Cortona Sister City Organization has announced the winners of two exceptional contests that not only have showcased the remarkable talent of the community but also have forged cultural and artistic connections between Carmel and Sister City Cortona, Italy.

These contests, one on an international stage and the other a response to a request from Cortona, have enriched the artistic landscape of both cities.

Sister Cities International sponsors Young Artist and Author's Showcase (YAAS) winners. The YAAS contest theme this year was "Piece by Peace: Food Security in My Community."

All local winners submitted their works for the international competition. The Carmel Cortona Sister City Organization said that the International Sister City Organization selected one of these entries, a poignant poem authored by Sara





(LEFT) Sara Standish was selected as a Grand Prize Winner for her poem called 'A Rumbling Stomach." (RIGHT) The winners of the Luca Signorelli Art Contest: (from left) Ismail Kheiri, Ella Lipnik, and Megan Xia.

Winner in her category. Her yaas-winners. words not only resonated with the judges but also shed light on a pressing global issue, emphasizing the power of art and tona honored its local Italian literature to raise awareness.

Luca Signorelli **Art Contest**

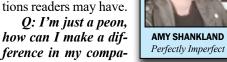
This year, the City of Cor-Renaissance artist, Luca Signo-To view all the winning relli, on the 500th anniversary Standish titled "A Rumbling entries, including Standish's of his death. One aspect of this

Stomach," as the Grand Prize poem, visit yaas2024.org/2023- celebration was a contest in which Cortona students were requested to submit artwork in the style and technique of Senor Signorelli. The city of Cortona requested that Carmel teens also submit their artwork.

See Art . . . Page 2

Some Joy to Your Workplace Q&A in 2024

Before we kick off the "Bringing Joy to Your Workplace" Series, I thought it would be good to address some potential real-life "what the heck?" questions readers may have.



A: Oh, cool – I've been a peon at work lots of times! I was once a lowly customer service representative at biotechnology company, but that didn't stop me from doing little things here and there to brighten peoples' days. And when I say little, I mean it – maybe five minutes here and there, which added up to a lot – and helped me win Employee of the Month many times. Stick with me, and you won't be a peon for long.

Q: Yeah, but I'm about to retire ... or I'm just a part-time worker. Why should I bother with this stuff?

A: Let's say you're about to retire and have done things the same way your whole life – and done them well. Good for you! But why not teach those you'll be leaving behind how to be even better at their jobs? Why not leave a legacy for everyone to remember in the years to come?

Can't you just hear the conversation now around the water cooler: "Wow, that Joe Schmoe was great before, but he really knocked our socks off right before he left. I sure miss him."

And part-time workers? Trust me, if you start using even half of the tips in this series, you'll be seen as an incredibly valuable team member. You won't be part-time for

long – unless you want to stay that way. Q: But I work from home. How can I do anything to spread joy to my work place? I'm not there most of the time.

A: I've worked from home a time or two as well. In fact, I work from home for my day job right now! But I still see team members and clients at various events or for team meetings. And most of the time if you're working from home, you're still interacting with these people virtually or on the phone.

Many ideas in this series can be done without ever seeing someone in person. You'll become so awesome that people will look forward to your next email, phone call, FaceTime session, etc.

Q: My job is okay, and it pays the bills. Why should I bother to do this stuff?

A: If you really think about it, wouldn't it make more sense to spend half of your waking hours going beyond "okay"? This is your life, people. You only get one. Even if you believe in reincarnation, isn't it better to have a bunch of kick-butt, "what a ride that

See Joy Q&A ... Page 2

Who said you can't go back?









Photos provided by Westfield Washington Schools

Maple Glen Elementary School in Westfield celebrated National Fourth Graders Day on Monday by dressing up like fourth graders. In honor of this crazy cool group of kids, Maple Glen shared some crazy cool stats about the fourth-grade class: 133 students at Maple Glen; nine languages are spoken; with all schools combined, the WWS fourth-grade class is the largest grade in the district; and, if they graduated today, the Class of 2032 would total 828 students.

Still time to experience winter in Carmel at The Ice at Carter Green

The REPORTER

The Christkindlmarkt may have concluded its season, but the winter fun continues at The utes long unless otherwise noted Ice at Carter Green, sponsored on the skate session calendar. by Allied Solutions.

Beginning today through Feb. 29, the hours are as follows:

- Monday to Wednesday: Closed but available for private
 - Thursdays: 4 to 8 p.m. • Fridays: 3:30 to 9 p.m.
- 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Jan. 15: Open for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. • Feb. 19: Open for Presi-
- dents' Day, 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. **Skating Session Costs**
- Youth / Adult Admission & Skate Rental (Ages 11+) \$15
- No Skate Rental (Ages 11+) \$11 Children Admission & Skate Rental (Ages 10 & under)

Skate Rental (Ages 10 & under)

Skating sessions are 90 min-

Special Events

The Festival of Ice will take place Jan. 19 to 21, featuring professional ice-carving demonstrations, a carving competition, speed carving and the annual Carmel Fire Department chili cook-off.

Complimentary hot choc-· Saturdays and Sundays: olate courtesy of 1832 Brew Espresso Bar and Metronet: 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 19 on Main Street, and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20 at Carter Green.

Extended hours and activities: Saturday, Jan. 20 at Carter Green activities, food and drink the Hometown Heroes compevendors and a DJ will be on site • Youth / Adult Admission to celebrate the launch of the latest Palladiscope show, "Frost."

The Carmel Winter Games are set for Feb. 9 and 10. The ers will square off for a day of • Children Admission No Games take center stage on the



Photo provided by City of Carmel

ice with non-skating competitions featuring human hungry hippo, human curling, and ice trike relays.

• Friday, Feb. 9: Cheer on tition between various City of Carmel departments.

Saturday, Feb. 10: Teams from the community consisting of family, friends and co-workcompetitive winter fun.

Enjoy Sensory

Days on Jan. 23 and Feb. 25 from 5 to 7 p.m. These sensory-friendly events are especially designed for children with Sensory Processing Disorder, or any type of special need. These sessions are free. This on Disability.

Join Kiwanis Club of Sheridan for scholarship dinner

The REPORTER

On Friday, Jan. 19, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Sheridan will hold a fundraising dinner from 5 to 7 pm. at the Sheridan High

cafeteria, School 24185 Hinesley Road.

The dinner will consist of pulled baked beans. coleslaw, macaroni & cheese, des-



The dinner will be served before the basketball game with Delphi.

The goal of the fundraiser is to raise money for the scholarship the Kiwanis Club will be giving to Sheridan High School seniors this spring.

Presale tickets are \$8 and can be pur-Autism Spectrum Disorder, chased at The Farmer's Bank in Sheridan, Chef Karyn, and the Sheridan Historical

"This is a great opportunity to support event is brought to you by the the Blackhawks and the Kiwanis Scholar-Carmel Advisory Committee ship Fund," said Brian Bragg, President of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Sheridan.

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Joy Q&A-

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was!" lives instead of "yeah, you'll like the latter and be that was okay" ones?

this, prove me wrong. Do a couple of things differently fore" and "after." I think nue.info.

glad you took a little time to If you're still not buying make a difference.

Amy Shankland is a writer and fundraising prothanks to this series in the fessional living in Noblesfuture. See how they ele-ville with her husband John, vate your workplace from two sons, two dogs and a "okay" to "awesome." Do cat. You can reach her via a comparison of the "be- email at amys@greenave-





Thanks for reading!

ART-

from Page 1







(From left) Arienne's Silken Glare by Ella Lipnik, Tradition by Megan Xia, Watertide in Tuscany by Ismail Kheiri.

Consequently, the Car- Place: Watertide in Tuscany mel-Cortona organization held a contest sponsored by Joe's Butcher Shop and the City of Carmel and invited all teens to submit artwork, using the same parameters. Independent judges were asked to select the winning artwork.

The winners are: • Ella Lipnik – First of the originals and one ren-Place: Arienne's Silken dering on display in the chil-Glare

• Megan Xia - Second Place: *Tradition*

The creators of these stunning works of art were presented with cash prizes during Carmel's International Arts Festival. The community to join in celebrating 40 pieces by Signorelli that the artistic achievements of these talented individuals. The Carmel Clay Public

dren's section of the library. These three art pieces were also exhibited in gnorelli and his work to the

Library currently has two

Etrusca (MAEC) in Cortona, Italy, along with works from Cortona students and Signorelli's original works of art. The exhibition in Cortona included more than were on loan from prestigious international museums and private collections.

In response to the artwork submitted by Carmel, the Cortona students created a touching video that explains the significance of Si-

eo, they included the Carmel students' artwork. Click here to watch the video on YouTube.

The Carmel Cortona Sister City Organization continues to foster cultural exchange and artistic collaboration between the two cities, strengthening the bond of friendship and understanding.

For more information about the contests, winners, or upcoming events, please cortonacarmel@ gmail.com.

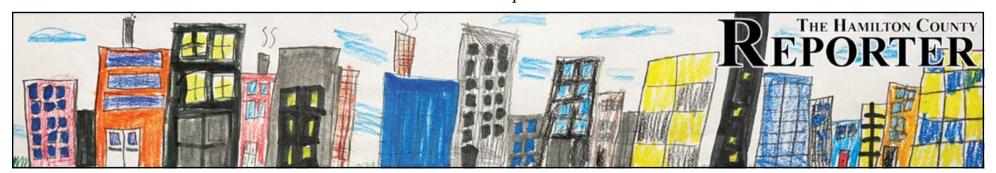


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From the desk of Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood

Update No. 120

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you had a great break. We are happy to see our students staff back on campus and look forward to supporting their success for the remainder of the year.

January is School Board Recognition Month. I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to our Board of Trustees for their service, dedication, and deep investment in our district's children. These individuals are invaluable assets to our school district bringing with them a diverse blend of knowledge, expertise, and unwavering commitment to their role. They provide a local voice for our community's education decisions. They are tasked

achieve its goals. Throughout the month we will be sharing individ-

with setting the vision and

goals for the district and

adopting policies that give

the district direction to



ual board spotthe toughest volunteer roles in Dr. Kevin Ca-

Cooper, Julie Davis, Ben Lehman, and Gretchen Pennington, for your advocacy, to shape a better tomorrow at Hamilton Heights every single day!

has been named a 2024 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar. He is one of only five students representing Hamilton County schools to earn this award which provides a full-ride scholarship to continue his education at the collegiate level at any public or private school in Indiana! Lilly Endowment Community Scholars are rison, Lily Schuler, Malloknown for their community involvement, academic achievement, character, and leadership. Congratulations!

lights on each of to Chad Ballenger, Hamilthese five every- ton Heights Boys Basketball day citizens do- Head Coach, who reached ing extraordinary his 300th career win last work in one of month! Congratulations!

Ten Hamilton Heights any school dis- High School freshmen were trict. Thank you, among the 30 graduates of the Hamilton County A Chance vanaugh, Arnie to Serve (ACTS) Class of 2023. This leadership program, created and sponsored by the Purdue Extension/ vision, and voice in helping Hamilton County, offers freshman the opportunity to participate in five, day-long training sessions their first semester of high school. Grad-Senior Tquan Spencer uates then get to apply those skills coupled with real-time learning experiences by serving as a member of a local

board for one year. Lori Watson, our freshman guidance counselor, serves as the School Coordinator for the program. This month Corbin Carlson, Jolie Garcia, Hattison Graham, Ayla Madara, Taylor Morry Williams, Aiden Serna, Harley Stetnish, and Caleb Sullivan begin their year of board service for the following organizations: Family

I want to give a shout out Youth Alliance, Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation, Our Town Cicero, and Relay for Life. A winwin for our community!

Congratulations to these aspiring leaders of tomorrow who are getting a jump start today. Learn more about this exciting youth leadership program here.

The fifth annual Hickory Classic is set for Jan. 24 at the Hoosier Gym in Knightstown. Our eighth-grade boys and girls will bring their best game against the Tipton Blue Devils for a fun evening of Hoosier Hysteria. Tickets are available online only **here**.

As a reminder Monday, Jan. 15 is a Flex Day and school will not be in session unless there is a weather event that causes a school cancellation before then.

I look forward to all the new semester holds for our school community. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in making Hamilton Heights a great place to learn, teach, and grow!

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Raising a teen? You can gain insight from experts

Therapist.

The REPORTER

The Chris Center will Positive offer its Parent Education with Your Teen, featur-Series beginning on Jan. 24. This free series of public events will feature several behavioral health experts and will help parents and caregivers gain insight into raising adolescents.

If you're navigating how best to raise, support, and talk with your teen, you can learn tips, tools and ways to create patterns of healthy communication with your child.

The Parent Education Series consists of four specific talks on the following

• Jan. 24 at 6:30 p.m.: The Impact of Screen Time and Social Media on Mental Health, featuring Dr. Sarah Henning, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist.

• Feb. 21 at 6:30 p.m.: Managing Childhood Anxiety – a Family Process, featuring Dr. Kelly McManus, M.D., Board-Certified Pediatrician.

• April 24 at 6:30 p.m.: Neurodiversity: Exactly What This World Needs, featuring Dr. Sarah Henning, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist.

• May 1 at 6:30 p.m.: Communication ing Leslie Oleck, a Mental Health NP and Family Therapist and Elizabeth Bonham,

All talks will take place at the Carmel Clay Public Library, 425 E. Main St., Carmel.

Ph.D. Child and Adolescent

Although each talk is free, registration is required. Please go to ChrisCenter-Paws.com/ParentEducationSeries to register, learn more about each event, and read more about each speaker.

About The Chris Center

The Chris Center's mission is to promote the mental and emotional wellbeing of teenagers in central Indiana by connecting them with nature and the healing power of human-animal interaction. The Chris Center's vision includes bringing the first care farm for teen wellness to central Indiana. The idea behind a care farm is that mental and emotional wellbeing can be improved by connecting to nature, interacting with animals and participating in farm activities.

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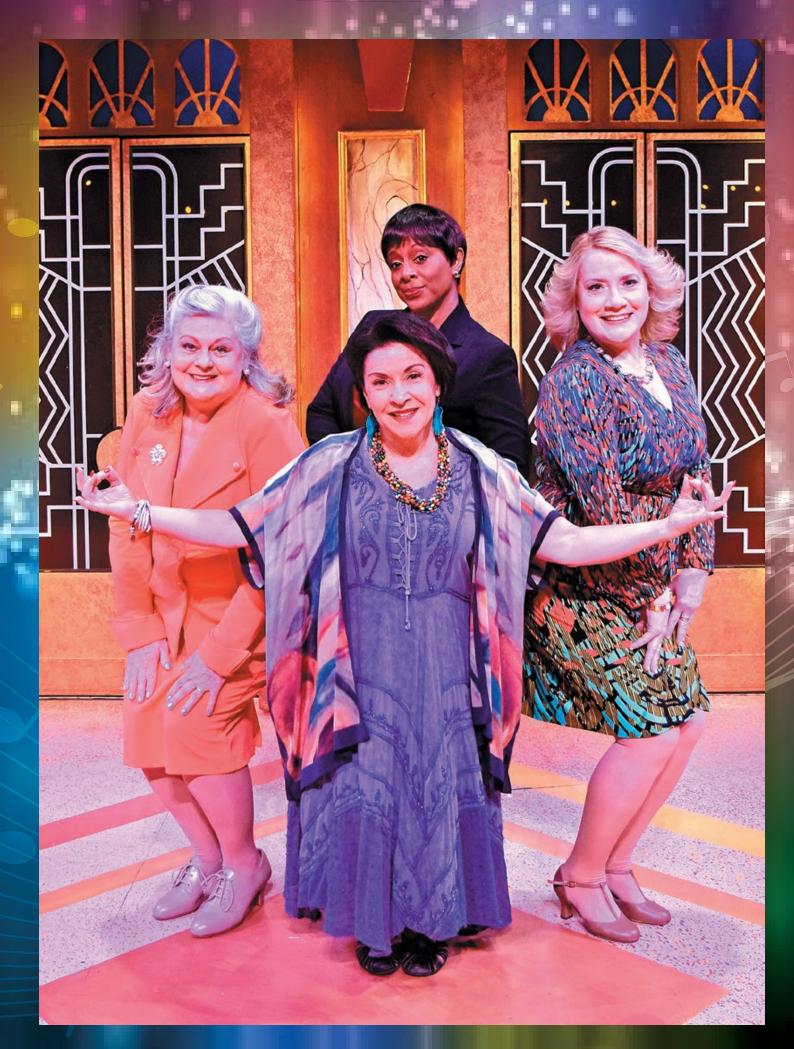


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Hear 'hidden gems' of bad Broadway shows at Feinstein's

The REPORTER

Come hear the best songs from the worst shows on Broadway during an evening to benefit Civic

On Wednesday, Jan. 24 at 6 and 8:30 p.m., Ghost Light Cabaret will present Hidden Gems at Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael in Carmel.

celebratory

glass of bubbly, along \$25 per bottle. with a gourmet charcuterie familiar faces. The bar at show. Feinstein's will be open to

board at your table, and, of fun? Bid for an opportunicourse, an exciting cabaret ty to sing with the cast of performance of musical Ghost Light Cabaret (and theatre hidden gems, per- Brent Marty) for Marformed by some of Civic's ty-oke at the end of the

Featured shows will inpurchase additional liba- clude Chess, Bring It On. tions. There will also be a Young Frankenstein, Mack Wine Pull, including wine & Mabel, Seesaw, Catch valued at a minimum of Me If You Can, The Bak-

er's Wife, Merrily We Roll Want to join in on the Along, and more. The 13 shows featured in this cabaret had a combined total of 2,081 performance on Broadway. In comparison, The Phantom of the Opera had 13,981 performances before closing in 2023.

The final day to purchase tickets is Friday, Jan. 19. So get them now before you run out of time.

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Noblesville sees decrease in home prices to end 2023, average county home prices keep climbing

Submitted by F.C. Tucker

December's residential real estate market saw inventory continue to decrease and prices increasing slightly across the 16-county central Indiana area as the year came to a close.

According to F.C. Tucker Company, part of the companies:

- · Available housing inventory decreased 2.4 percent compared to December
- · Compared to December 2022, the average home sale price for the 16-county central Indiana region increased 1.1 percent to \$323,309. The year-to-date home sale price also increased slightly, up 5.4 percent to \$334,280.
- Pended home sales decreased, down 6.1 percent compared to this time last

Noblesville and Hamilton County's residential real estate markets were quieter to end 2023.

In **Hamilton County** in

• Pended home sales decreased 12.9 percent compared to December 2022.

- · Available housing inventory decreased slightly, to-date home sale prices down 5 percent compared to increased, up 5.4 percent this time last year.
- The average sale price \$339,575.
- In Noblesville in De-
- Howard Hanna family of creased, down 32.2 percent compared to December region at \$515,220.
 - price also decreased, down the market 10 days, or 50 0.6 percent to \$412,008.
 - Noblesville homes spent 5.9 percent more time on the market than this time last year, selling in 36 days on average.
 - In December 2023, 1,882 central Indiana homes were purchased, down 6.1 percent from the 2,004 sold in December 2022.
 - Boone County had the greatest increase in pended home sales in December 2023, up 13.8 percent compared to this time last year.
 - Jennings County and Putnam County pended sales had the greatest decrease with both counties seeing a 33.3 percent decrease in homes sold compared to December 2022.

overall:

- Putnam County reincreased 3.7 percent to corded the highest average year-to-date home sale price increase at 32 percent.
 - Hamilton County had • Closed home sales de- the highest average year-todate home sale price in the
 - Homes sold in 30 days • The average home sale on average, remaining on percent, longer than in 2022. Decatur County homes sold 8.3 percent faster than this time last year, and Jennings County homes sold 3.4 percent faster. Homes in all other central Indiana counties remained on the market longer compared to this time last year.

Central Indiana experienced a 2.4 percent decrease in overall available home inventory in December 2023, compared to December 2022, with 97 fewer homes available for sale.

• Jennings County had the largest inventory in-

Central Indiana year- compared to December

• Hancock County experienced the largest decrease in inventory – down 34.8 percent compared to this time last year.

"As expected, the central Indiana residential real estate market slowed during the December holiday season," F.C. Tucker Company President Jim Litten said. "However, in 2024, it's likely we'll see a decrease in interest rates and continued low unemployment which could result in an uptick in central Indiana's real estate market and more homes available for sale at various price points."

Of the pended home sales in the region last month, four were priced \$2,000,000 or higher; 25 were priced \$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999; 198 were priced \$500,000 to \$999,999; 588 were priced



Don't miss Westfield Winter Market Saturday at West Fork Whiskey

The REPORTER

The Winter Market will run from 9 a.m. to noon this Saturday, Jan. 6 at West Fork Whiskey, 10 E. 191st St. The Market runs weekly through Saturday, March 9 with no Market on Feb. 3.

Stop by for baked treats, fresh produce, meat, cheese, dog treats, honey, fresh flowers, handcrafted items and so much more. The market is free and open to the public.

The presenting sponsor is The Farmers Bank, and •LINKxLOU the host sponsor is West Fork Whiskey.

Jan. 13 Vendors

vendors that have confirmed their participation for this Saturday. This list is subject to change without notice. Alcomy LLC

- Angelo's Italian Market
- · Baked, A Cookie Company,
- · Becky the Bakester
- BricksMadeBetter Coconut Rose Designs
- Creolicious Bakery

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Big Mac getting bigger & saucier for limited time

By DAJA STOWE WISH-TV | wishtv.com

You know what's better than a Big Mac a Double Big Mac!

Yes, you read that correctly! The Big Mac is about to get bigger and saucier, but only for a limited time.

McDonald's announced Tuesday the company will offer a spin on the legendary Big Mac by adding double the portions of a fan favorite with four 100 percent allbeef patties and more Big Mac sauce. It's topped with pickles, crisp shredded lettuce, finely chopped on-



Photo provided by McDonald's

ions, and a slice of American cheese sandwiched between a sesame seed

The Double Big Mac will be making its way to participating McDonald's restaurants nationwide, starting Jan. 24.

Fentanyl overdose death count starting to flatline

By DANIELLE ZULKOSKY WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The number of drug overdoses due to fentanyl is flatlining in Hamilton

County Coroner Jeff Jellison said the numbers have stopped increasing dramatically over the last two to three years, but it will take a lot of compassion and work to get that number to zero.

Jellison said the last three years have seen drug overdose numbers in the mid to high 30s.

Last year saw confirmed overfentanyl dose deaths, but officials are still processing four pending toxicology reports, so last year will likely be around that range but could end around 40.

"For the overdose deaths, you are beginning to see those (numbers) flatline, but, looking at hospital admission for those overdoses, I am not so sure that flatline exists," Jellison said.

Jellison credits the low death count, compared to other Indiana counties, to the many resources in Hamilton County.

this county, you're only a five-minute ambulance ride away from a hospital, which is a good thing because the sooner we can get



emergency room the better," Jellison said.

The coroner notes the rural areas in Indiana do not have the same luxuries.

"So what I'm hearing from my peers is 'It's there

and it's hurting us," Jellison said. "And there are people in our community that are unfortunately dying because of fentanyl no matter the efforts of our first responders."

This decrease is in line with national numbers. Dr. Rahul Gupta, the director of National Drug Control Policy, said the nation is finally seeing a flatline after overdose deaths suddenly in-'In most places in creased from 2019 to 2021.

The doctor said, "2024 is the year the president feels we need to double and triple down on our efforts to make sure we are saving every an overdose victim into an American life that we can."

Gupta and Jellison said working to decrease overdose deaths is important to save more American lives.

Gupta said, "When we went to medical school we didn't know what causes addiction. Today we know addiction is a disease. (A disease) we can treat and we can address and help somebody. It is not somebody's moral failing."

Jellison said, "Let's be a little bit more compassionate in our thinking that these are people."

Gupta says the Biden administration is addressing the global supply of fentanyl by securing a commitment from China for accountability for bad actors all while securing the southern border with technology and staff.

Generally, both experts agree that much of this decrease in overdose deaths comes from the increase in the availability of naloxone nationwide.

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Celebrate National Popcorn Day at Emagine Noblesville

Submitted by Emagine Theatres

Jan. 19, guests can get their fill of popcorn at discounted prices at Emagine. Enjoy Hollywood's favorite snack while you watch a movie at Emagine Noblesville, located in the Hamilton Town ditional fee. (Fifty percent Center at 13825 Norell Road.

No matter the size, all freshly popped classic mov-

are 50 percent off on Jan. For one day only, Friday, 19. (Fifty percent discount does not qualify for refillable bucket fill-ups.) Guests can choose to upgrade their popcorn to Emagine's gourmet caramel, cheddar, or OlivEpop flavors for an addiscount does not qualify for upgrade fees.)

Emagine will also offer

ie-style popcorn buckets its 2024 Refillable Popcorn Buckets at a 20 percent discount on Jan. 19. These buckets give Emagine guests the ability to pay only \$3 for Emagine Loyalty Members and \$2 for Emagine Extras Members to fill up their bucket with classic popcorn anytime they visit Emagine in 2024. Additional fees will apply for gourmet popcorn upgrades.

Parlor Doughnuts bringing its famous layered treats to Fishers

The REPORTER

Parlor Doughnuts will soon hold the grand opening of a new location in Fishers in early February, located at 13588 Bent Grass Lane, Unit 107. That's near the intersection of State Road 37 and 135th Street. This marks the ninth Parlor Doughnuts location in Indiana.

Parlor Doughnuts is a popular doughnut and coffee shop founded in Evansville in 2019. The company got its start after founder Darrick Hayden spent years traveling the country with his son's band, where finding the best doughnuts and coffee became the cure for late nights on the road. Today, Parlor proudly serves customers across the country at 35 shops in 12 states.

The new Fishers location will feature 24 flavors of the Vegan, keto-friendly and gluten-friendly options are kitchen will serve artisanal breakfast items, including bacon, egg, and cheese sandacai bowls. Patrons can also enjoy milkshakes crafted with any doughnut flavor and a full coffee bar with housemade brews and cold brews, specialty lattes and teas.

The location is proudly veteran-owned and operated by Marissa and Wesley



duo who own two additional Parlor Doughnuts locations in Indiana. Their Valparaiso location opened in 2022, and the Munster location opened in 2023.

"We're thrilled to bring Famous Layered Doughnut. Parlor Doughnuts' products, brand, and mission to Fishers, an area we believe available. In addition, the appreciates delicious food, tasty coffee, and top-notch customer service," Marissa Barnes said. "We believe wiches, breakfast tacos, and Fishers is a perfect community for a Parlor Doughnuts location, where friends and families can come together, eat delicious doughnuts, drink high-quality coffee and make great memories."

Regarding the new location, Wesley Barnes said, "We've witnessed how Par-Barnes, a husband-and-wife lor Doughnuts can create a fun gathering space tight-knit communities where relationships are made and connections are built. We look forward to introducing Parlor

Doughnuts to the Fishers and Northern Indianapolis community."

Parlor Doughnuts plans to hire 20 new team members and up to three salaried manager positions, which includes benefits, upon opening the new location. Anyone interested in applying can click here or contact Marissa Barnes at parlordoughnutsfishers@ gmail.com.

Starting Friday, Feb. 9, Parlor Doughnuts Fishers will be open Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Fallacies of the school district consolidation debate in Indiana

By CHRIS LAGONI & **TERRY SPRADLIN**

Guest Columnists

Consolidation of Indiana school districts has resurfaced as a topic in policy discussions because of the release of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce's Indiana Prosperity 2035 Plan.

Not all agree with this proposal. The Indiana School Boards Association and the Indiana Small and Rural Schools Association believe that local control should prevail. From our perspective, there is nothing wrong with school consolidation or re-organization if it is initiated by the people in the communities affected.

Previous reviews of the topic have failed to consider key aspects of Indiana's school funding and policy landscape. These fallacies continue in the current policy debate.

We have been repeatedly told that Indiana is a state that funds students, not schools. Indiana funds students to attend a variety of schools, including small private schools, small charter schools, and small public schools. For certain, Indiana's policy of student-based funding has fueled the creation of more charter schools and private schools, both with student enrollments smaller than even our smallest school corporations.

Today, there are approximately 105 charter schools in the state with an average student enrollment of 436 students. Conversely, there are only five school corporations in the state with enrollment below 500 students. Indiana's approach is to have the state carry more and more varied and individual expenses for education, not to consolidate them.

school corporations currently operate 32 early college high schools that enable students to complete the Indiana College Core (30 college credit hours transferable to any Indiana public college or university) or an associate degree while

and Technical Education school community as the anthough they do not have access to large vocational high schools. It is not perfect, but Indiana's small and rural schools strive to deliver a robust curriculum with Dual Credit, Advanced Placeopportunities.

Nearly every year, communities. schools in rural areas close because of declining population. But Indiana's school choice policies have allowed many of these schools to immediately re-open as charter schools, negating the savings for taxpayers.

Parents wanted the conand did not want their local schools to close. That is clear. Any conversation nificant reasons these disabout school consolidation that does not also attempt to reconcile Indiana's school choice policies only considers half the issue.

If the impetus for change is to create larger high schools with more robust curricular offerings, the proposed solution to consolidate just the district offices misses the mark. Eliminating a superintendent position or a few positions in a central office does not make a bigger high school with more robust course offerings. While central office staff reductions may result in savings, they may very well be offset by the new larger school corporation debt, and another commuadding central office positions to help manage more schools and educational programs for more students.

Perhaps the idea of consolidation is simply flawed altogether. Central to any effective economic development initiative is a goal solidations should remain to attract employers and a local decision. Any state jobs that are high-wage mandate forcing consolida-Indiana's small and rural and high demand. Schools tion would be contrary to are the largest employer in all other school choice polmany small towns and rural icies because it pushes less communities, and the elimination of the good-paying, essential jobs that small schools provide could cripple the local economy. Parents choose small schools for their children because still in high school. Many they value safety, smaller Indiana small and rural high class sizes, and low taxes. the Executive Director of schools are leaders in Career Or they identify with the the Indiana Small and Ru-

programming, including on- chor institution of their comline course offerings, even munity. These are close-knit communities where parents and staff know one another personally. If their school district is eliminated, and school closures ensue, these communities suffer.

Let us offer alternatives ment, and career education the Indiana General Assembly could implement to help

First, provide state grants for planning or feasibility studies for school districts and communities wanting to examine consolidation. The last time Indiana provided planning grants from the Indiana Department of Education, there was a consolidavenience of the school that tion of two school districts was closest to their home (Turkey Run and Rockville into Parke Heritage).

> Secondly, one of the sigcussions have fallen apart in the past has been the effect the consolidation will have on local tax rates. Consolidation of districts may impose a higher tax rate on some residents of the new district. In addition, closing a building, expanding another, adding miles of bus routes, and/or planning for a future building could also impact tax rates.

> About 10 years ago, the Indiana General Assembly forgave \$92 million in charter school debt for closed schools. A similar approach could be taken to help communities wanting to consolidate. School districts carry nity may not want to inherit the duty of paying for debt obligations previously incurred. Elimination of debt obligations would help facilitate additional consolidations.

> Our belief is that conschool choice for rural communities. This is why any conversation about school consolidation must also be part of the school choice policy conversation if one is needed at all.

> Chris Lagoni serves as ral Schools Association, and Terry Spradlin serves as the Executive Director of the Indiana School Boards Association.



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Improving Indiana's K-12 literacy skills

Lilly Endowment Inc. takes first step, it's on Hoosiers everywhere to take the baton

Education for all children is an inalienable right. Further, a quality education is foundational to an individual's ability to thrive.

While our Indiana K-12 educators accomplish

a great deal with limited resources, few would debate that the lack of necessary resources dedicated to foundational reading skills is one of the most critical obstacles Indiana's K-12 learners face every day.

Last week, Lilly Endowment Inc. acknowledged that by awarding more than \$20 million in grants to 28 colleges and universities across Indiana through its initiative, Advancing the Science of Reading in Indiana (ASRI). The grants will support the next generation of teachers in significantly improving the reading abilities of Indiana's K-12 students. The grants are a part of a \$111 million investment by Lilly Endowment Inc. and the state of Indiana Indiana Secretary of Edaimed at supporting early literacy for students. This is unequivocally a step in the right direction, yet it is the responsibility of Hoosiers everywhere to contribute to solving the issue of literacy among K-12 students in Indiana.

Reading is the foundation of success for our students in and beyond the classroom, most notably in our communities and in



reading is associated with increased school dropout, depression, low self-esteem and incarceration, among other negative outcomes. Evidence shows that third grade is the

most pivotal year for literacy development in K-12. Third grade students' results from the Indiana Reading Evaluation and Determination, or IREAD-3, ultimately measure and predict a child's ability to learn through reading moving forward IREAD pass rates in Indiana peaked in the 2012-13 school year, with 91.4 percent of third graders passing the assessment. In 2021-2022, the rate was 81.6 percent – a nearly 10 percent drop in 10 years.

The decline is indicative of data that shows that 18.4 percent, or one in five, of Indiana's third grade students are not reading proficiently by the end of third grade.

In response to that data, ucation, Dr. Katie Jenner, announced the state's goal to have 95 percent of third graders pass IREAD-3 by 2027. A pledge that aligns with the mission of the Lilly Endowment Inc.'s investment in colleges and universities, such as Ball State, Indiana, and Purdue Universities, and WGU Indiana. The ASRI grants awarded to 28 colleges and

the workforce. In fact, poor See Literacy... Page 8



Request for Proposal documents for E-Rate eligible vendors to bid or FCC FORM 470 - 240010298

NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES

for the Hamilton Southeastern School Corporation are available on the district vebsite (https://www.hseschools.org/community/public-notices). Hamilton outheastern School Corporation is not responsible for documents distributed

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: prior to 2:00 pm local time (EST) February RECORDING OF PROPOSERS: 2:00 pm local time (EST) February 7th,

LOCATION: HSE Administration Building - 13485 Cumberland Rd. Fishers,

Vendors shall submit bids according to the Instructions, Provisions and Specifications stated in the solicitation documents. Questions should be addressed via email to HSE's Director of Infrastructure Technologies, Tom Kouns (tkouns@ hse.k12.in.us) 1/5/24, 1/8/24, 1/12/24, 1/15/2

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD IN THE MATTER OF Loma Industrial Park Drain NOTICE

To Whom It May Concern and: Ossip Family Real Estate LLC Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage Board on the Loma Industrial Park Drain on January 22, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. in Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County quare, Noblesville, Indiana, and which construction and maintenance reports of the Surveyor and the Schedule of Assessments made by the Drainage Board have een filed and are available for public inspection in the office of the Hamilton

Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD IN THE MATTER OF George Beam Drain NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage Board on the George Beam Drain on January 22, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. in Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square. Noblesville, Indiana. The purpose of the hearing is for the Board to increase the amount of the maximum unencumbered amount of the maintenance fund for the George Beam Drain to be increased from four (4) times the estimated annual cost of periodic maintenance of the drain to eight (8) times the estimated annual cost of periodic maintenance. The Board will not consider an increase in annual maintenance assessments at the meeting. The previously established Schedule of Assessments made by the Drainage Board have been previously approved and are available for public inspection in the office of the Hamilton County Surveyor.

Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh

1/12/24 , 1/15/24

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD IN THE MATTER OF Woodhaven Drain NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage Board on the Woodhaven Drain on January 22, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. in Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. The purpose of the hearing is for the Board to increase the amount of the maximum unencumbered amount of the maintenance fund for the Woodhaven Drain to be increased from four (4) times the estimated annual cost of periodic maintenance of the drain to eight (8) times the estimated annual cost of periodic maintenance. The Board will not consider an increase in annual maintenance assessments at the meeting. The previously established Schedule of Assessments made by the Drainage Board have been previously approved and are vailable for public inspection in the office of the Hamilton County Surveyor. Hamilton County Drainage Board

Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD IN THE MATTER OF

Ream Creek Drain NOTICE Conner, Jeffrey C & Christin C Cottingham, Benjamin S To Whom It May Concern and:

Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage Board on the Ream Creek Drain on January 22, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. in Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. The purpose of the hearing is for the Board to increase the amount of the maximum unencumbered amount of the maintenance fund for the Ream Creek Drain to be increased from four (4) times the estimated annual cost of periodic maintenance of the drain to eight (8) times the estimated annual cost of periodic maintenance. The Board will not consider an increase in annual maintenance assessments at the meeting. The previously established Schedule of Assessments made by the Drainage Board have been previously approved and are available for public inspection in the office of the Hamilton County Surveyor.

Hamilton County Drainage Board

Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD IN THE MATTER OF

Mud Creek/Sand Creek Drainage Area, George Burk Arm Abbott Commons Section 1 Reconstruction NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage Board concerning the reconstruction of the Mud Creek/Sand Creek Drainage Area, George Burk Arm, Abbott Commons Section 1 Reconstruction on January 22, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. in Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. Construction and naintenance reports of the Surveyor and the Schedule of Assessments proposed by the Drainage Board have been filed and are available for public inspection in he office of the Hamilton County Surveyor.

Hamilton County Drainage Board

Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD IN THE MATTER OF Morrow-Follett Drain, R. J. Follett Arm Monon Square Vacation Station 0+00 to Station 6+00 NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that a petition to vacate has been received by the Hamilton County Surveyor for the Morrow-Follett Drain, R. J. Follett Årm, Monon Square Vacation across Parcel 16-09-25-00-00-014.004 owned by Village Housing Corporation and Parcels 16-09-25-00-00-014.000 and 16-09-25-00-00-014.002 owned by Carmel Midtown Community Development Corporation Station 0+00 to Station 6+00) and that a hearing is scheduled for January 22,

Objections to the VACATION of the drain must be filed in writing not less than

ive (5) days before the date of the hearing.

The Board will consider whether the drain performs the function for which it was designed and constructed; whether the expense of maintenance outweighs the benefits to be derived therefrom, and whether the abandonment thereof will not be

Hamilton County Drainage Board

Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh

1/12/24 1/15/24

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD IN THE MATTER OF Beaver & Brooks Drain 106th & Hoosier Road Roundabout Partial Vacation

Station 0+00 to Station 0+70 NOTICE is hereby given that a petition to vacate has been received by the Hamilton County Surveyor for the Beaver & Brooks Drain, 106th & Hoosier

Road Roundabout Partial Vacation across Road Right-of-Way owned by the City of Fishers (Station 0+00 to Station 0+70) and that a hearing is scheduled for January 22, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. on that request.

Objections to the VACATION of the drain must be filed in writing not less than

five (5) days before the date of the hearing.

The Board will consider whether the drain performs the function for which it was designed and constructed; whether the expense of maintenance outweighs the penefits to be derived therefrom, and whether the abandonment thereof will not be

detrimental to the public welfare.

Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh

1/12/24 , 1/15/24

THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD ON FEBRUARY 26, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED. THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD WILL MEET ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER COMMISSIONER'S COURT

HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD. ATTEST: LYNETTE MOSBAUGH

1/12/24 . 1/15/24

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD IN THE MATTER OF Thomas Pierce Drain, Revised Report

Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage Board on the Thomas Pierce Drain on January 22, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. in Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square. Noblesville, Indiana. The purpose of the hearing is for the Board to increase the amount of the maximum unencumbered amount of the maintenance fund for the Thomas Pierce Drain to be increased from four (4) times the estimated annual cost of periodic maintenance of the drain to eight (8) times the estimated annual cost of periodic maintenance. The Board will not consider an increase in annual maintenance assessments at the meeting. The previously established Schedule of Assessments made by the Drainage Board have been previously approved and are available for public inspection in the office of the Hamilton County Surveyor. Hamilton County Drainage Board

Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD IN THE MATTER OF

Moffitt & Williamson Drain NOTICE

To Whom It May Concern and:

Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh

Crowley, Kendall Luck, Dennis H & Constance A Chrisp, Madolin Y Toomey, Christopher Mazzoni, Sara

Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage Board on the Moffitt & Williamson Drain on January 22, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. in Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. The purpose of the hearing is for the Board to ncrease the amount of the maximum unencumbered amount of the maintenance fund for the Moffitt & Williamson Drain to be increased from four (4) times the estimated annual cost of periodic maintenance of the drain to eight (8) times the estimated annual cost of periodic maintenance. The Board will not consider an increase in annual maintenance assessments at the meeting. The previously established Schedule of Assessments made by the Drainage Board have been previously approved and are available for public inspection in the office of the Hamilton County Surveyor.

Hamilton County Drainage Board

State Rep. Garcia Wilburn announces 2024 "Economic Freedom Agenda"

The REPORTER

State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn recently announced her Economic Freedom Agenda, a suite of policies that seeks to help individuals and families balance their budgets more

"It's an honor to hear your challenges and concerns as the state representative for House District 32," Garcia Wilburn said. "It's my goal to be responsive to your needs, and right now, the cost of living is making it hard for residents of House District 32 to thrive. That's

nomic Freedom Agenda will help Hoosiers housing expenses and childcare concerns - these are serious problems that require serious solutions."

Highlights Garcia Wilburn from the Economic Freedom Agenda include:

1. Building power for working people

• Raise minimum wage

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February 10

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while chugging along the rails.

February 14

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countryside to see the trees in bloom while

enjoying a snack and a springtime story.

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• Reform last year's HEA 1002 into a bill that sets



· Protect projments (PLAs)

ect labor agree-• Make union

dues tax-deduct-

· Crack down

on worker misclassification. (Misclassification allows employers to pay full-time employees as casual labor or to pay them in cash. The workers still get a 1099 on which they must pay taxes, but the employer doesn't pay their part of the taxes. It also cuts into the unemployment benefits available for workers and lowers the employer's unemployment insurance costs.)

2. Cutting homeowners and renters a better deal

 \$250 property tax credit for all homeowners

• Over 65 deduction for seniors

· Increase renter's deduction

Stop utilities from making customers bear the cost of doing business and keep utility bills for Hoosiers down

· Fair housing protections (fair appraisals and mortgages and curbing predatory investors hurting neighborhoods)

3. Setting up Hoosier families for success through childcare and early learning

· Child and dependent care income tax credit

• Establish a statewide pre-K program · Increase before and af-

ter school care funding 4. Making good on promises to retirees and keeping

Hoosiers insured Guarantee a 13th

up young people check and cost-of-living with good-paying adjustment for PRF and TRF retirees

· Protect Medicaid and increase reimbursement rates for healthcare profes-

"Whether you're relying on childcare for a Mother's Day Out or because you work fulltime, it is simply too expensive," Garcia Wilburn said. "Increasing the affordability and accessibility of high-quality childcare is a top priority for me. Childcare is an engine that keeps our economy running - but right now, that engine is struggling to keep up with demand. Creating a child and dependent care income tax credit and increasing before- and after-school care funding will help bring down the cost for parents."

Garcia Wilburn continued, "Additionally, a top concern for our community is rising property taxes. I support sending homeowners a \$250 property tax credit that is paid for by the state surplus not local government or schools. It's important to me that we get real relief to homeowners while not hurting the public school systems that deliver such great results for our kids, and paying for the relief with state dollars is the best way to do that."

Garcia Wilburn is not offering any of these policies as filed legislation due to House rules, and instead will look to opportunities throughout the legislative session to cast votes in favor of them. Garcia Wilburn will soon announce her filed legislation for the 2024 legislative session.

LITERACY

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universities across the state givers, make time to read each prepares educators in literacy instruction using Science of Reading (SoR) strategies, which focus on phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. The grants also provide stipends for professional development for instructional faculty and academic leaders to train with new materials, learn from national experts and observe SoR practices in schools.

The Science of Reading is revolutionary, and it is clear to me that equipping Indiana's educators with these methods is the most effective way to increase literacy development in the classroom. But it shouldn't be and can't be the only measure taken towards eliminating the devastating impact of illiteracy has on our children, communities, and the workforce.

As a mother of three children and lifelong Hoosier, I'm calling on fellow parents and all of Indiana to join the Lilly Endowment Inc. and our state leaders in contributing to helping our K-12 learners excel in reading.

will disrupt and create a with your kids for 20 minmodel curriculum for how utes every evening, and challenge them to read signs and labels at the grocery store or around your community. Encourage children to help their fellow classmates who are struggling with reading in the classroom. In our communities, advocate to create opportunities for outof-classroom development, such as after-school reading workshops or elementary-age book clubs.

Join Lilly Endowment Inc. and state leaders and invest your time and energy in this mission to improve foundational reading skills of Indiana children. Together, we can build on the foundation created by these grants and initiatives and watch as our K-12 learners across the state become successful Hoosiers in our communities and workforce.

Alison Bell has more than 20 years of higher education leadership experience and is the Regional Vice President of Western Governors University, overseeing Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, and Kentucky. WGU current-Volunteer to tutor at ly has more than 168,000 school or your local literacy students and more than program. Parents and care- 349,000 alumni nationwide.



Bloch announces bid for **Hamilton Circuit Court**

has announced his campaign for Hamilton Circuit Court in the May 2024 Republican primary. A vacancy has existed since Judge Paul Felix was appointed to the Indiana Court of Appeals last summer.

With over four years of judicial experience in magistrate in 2019, Bloch Hamilton County, Bloch currently serves as a senior magistrate in the Hamilton Circuit and Superior Courts, where he hears domestic, civil, and criminal cases. He was honored by the Indiana State Bar Association in 2023 for his work in domestic relations in the Indiana judiciary.

Andrew "Drew" Bloch it is a wonderful place to serve others," Bloch said. "My experience as a Magistrate Judge has prepared me for this next step. I look forward to continuing my service to our community as the next Hamilton Circuit Court Judge."

Before being appointed worked in private practice for 15 years, focusing on domestic relations and litigation throughout central Indiana.

Bloch received an undergraduate degree from Xavier University and a law degree from Indiana University McKinney School of Law. He resides in Westfield "Hamilton County is a with his wife, Nicole, and wonderful place to live and their basset, Bernard.



Sen. Braun & colleagues introduce bipartisan bill to reveal health care prices for Americans

The REPORTER

U.S. Senator Mike Braun (R-Ind.) and Chairman of the they're buying," Sen. Braun Health, Education, Labor, and

Pensions Committee Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) with Chuck Senator Grassley (R-Iowa), Senator Tina Smith (D-Minn.), and Senator John Hickenlooper (D-Colo.) have introduced a major

bill to reveal health care prices for Americans: the Health Care PRICE Transparency Act 2.0.

When Americans go to the hospital, they often don't know what services will cost before they pay them. This forces patients to rely on their insurance to pay as much as possible and negotiate rates with providers and robs patients of the ability to shop around for a better deal.

transparency in agreements between insurance and providers. There are many examples of employer-sponsored insurance plans reviewing the claims data for their employees and discovering egregious payment disparities and wasteful practices.

Now, Congress is pulling back the curtain.

The Health Care PRICE Transparency Act 2.0 will finally introduce true transparency into health care pricing by requiring all negotiated rates and cash prices between plans and providers to be accessible. The bill requires actual prices for 300 shoppable services be published, with all services by 2025.

To enforce these new transparency measures, the bill will increase maximum annual penalties to \$10,000,000.

same procedure can be 20 times more expensive in plans the right to access, one hospital than in another and there's no other industry counter data.

where consumers are in the dark on the price of what said. "Knowing what health

> care services cost will lower health care prices because Americans can shop around and get the best deal rather than relying on insurers to negotiate with providers which drives the

price up for everything. The Health Care PRICE Transparency Act 2.0 will pull the curtain back and put the power back in the hands of the American people, introducing real market competition into the health care industry and bringing down prices."

The PRICE Transparency Act will do the following: • Impose data sharing

Require machine-read-There's also a lack of able files of all negotiated rates and cash prices between plans and providers, not estimates. - Expand price transpar-

> ency requirements to clinical diagnostic labs, imaging centers, and ambulatory surgical centers.

- Require pricing data standards including all billing codes for services.

- Require actual prices for 300 shoppable services with all services by 2025.

- Require attestation by executives that all prices are accurate and complete.

Increase maximum annual penalties to \$10,000,000 (includes specific minimum and maximum penalties according to number of hospital beds in the facility).

· Prevent pre-emption of state price transparency laws, except for ERISA group health plans.

• Codify the Transparen-"It's wrong that the cy in Coverage (TIC) rule.

• Provide group health audit, and review claims en-

Gutrich running to represent Indiana House District 24

has filed to run for Indiana State Representative in District 24. He is a corporate executive leader and small business owner with a procommunity.

Gutrich is driven by a vision to serve the 24th District as a representative who brings a business-focused, results-driven approach to public office. His extensive experience in corporate leadership equips him with the skills necessary to navigate complex legislative issues, drive economic growth, and promote a business-friendly environment in the district.

"As your state representative, I will first and foremost serve," Gutrich said. "I have been fortunate to gain broad experiences and perspectives through my upbringing, career, and raising a family in Hamilton Coun-humility, as Indiana House industry giants like Coty, and I will work hard to Representative for the 24th ca-Cola and Samsung, and accurately represent the true District, I will be entrusted extensive experience in Indiana. voice of Indiana's fastest to cast 'your' vote, not 'my' agriculture, having served one of the best places in the on in our communities that well-prepared to represent country to live, raise a fami-comprise the 24th District, the 24th District. ly, start a business, or build yet so much more to do. I a career."

campaign on the themes of: Republican Bill Gutrich Fiscal Responsibility and Lower Taxes, Excellence in Education and Parent Empowerment, Smart Development, and Public Safety.

"I believe in a limited, found commitment to his fiscally responsible, and citizen responsive state government, applying smart budgeting principles to keep taxation low," he said. "The legislature should be truly empowered only by the people and working only for the people of Indiana."

> Gutrich said his overarching goal is to be the voice of the people, not just a legislator making decisions on their behalf. He recognizes the importance of understanding the district's needs. His vision aligns with the district's values, emphasizing affordability, strong erations to come." schools, and the preservation of great Midwest values.



all my ability to assure Indiana's 24th District remains the very best for future gen-

With a strong business background in lead-"I believe deeply with ing major partnerships for

Gutrich and his wife, believe our future is incred- Janet, moved to Hamilton candidate at GutrichForIn-Gutrich will focus his ibly bright. I will work with County in 1996 to pursue diana.com.

their careers and raise their three children, Eric, Emily, and Alexander. He also plays an active role in his community as HOA President for the Woodshire Neighborhood in Westfield, and as a former board member of the Ronald McDonald House of

Indiana State Represengrowing area. I will work to vote," Gutrich said. "We with Indiana-based industry tative District 24 includes assure that we continue to be have much to reflect proudly leader Elanco, Gutrich is Westfield, Sheridan, and portions of west Carmel and eastern Boone County.

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High school students in our district may contact my office to request a nomination to attend one of our nation's service academies.



US Capitol and White House Tour Requests

My office can help arrange tours throughout our nation's capital.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING **JACOB FLEES FROM LABAN**

So Jacob sent word to Rachel and Leah to come out to the fields where his flocks were. He said to them, "I see that your father's attitude toward me is not what it was before, but the God of my father has been with me. You know that I've worked for your father with all my strength, yet your father has cheated me by changing my wages ten times. However, God has not allowed him to harm me. If he said, 'The speckled ones will be your wages, then all the flocks gave birth to speckled young; and if he said, 'The streaked ones will be your wages,' then all the flocks bore streaked young. So God has taken away your father's livestock

Genesis 31:4-9 (NIV)

Kevin D. Bonnet February 3, 1960 - January 5, 2024

and has given them to me.

Kevin D. Bonnet, 63, Pendleton, Ind., passed away peacefully at his residency on January 5, 2024. He was born on February 3, 1960, in Indianapolis to Donald and Sylvia (Mythen) Bonnet.

Kevin was the sole proprietor of Dalton Construction for over 25 years and part owner of Big Squeeze Distillery.

Kevin is survived by his mother, Sylvia Mythen of Corydon, Ind.; his brothers, Gary (Rhonda) Bonnet of Bor-

den, Ind., Eric (Susan) Bonnet of Lanesville, Ind., and Brian (Sherry) Bonnet of Lanesville, Ind.; his close friends, Richard and Cathy Cunningham of Noblesville; his girlfriend, Laura Henney of Pendleton; his ex-wife, Pamela Bonnet of Indianapolis; five grandchildren; and six nieces and two nephews. He is preceded in death by his father, Donald Bonnet.

At Kevin's request, a cremation will take place and a Celebration of Kevin's Life will be held at a later date. Cremation Services have been entrusted to Seals Funeral Home.

Meeting Notices

The Hamilton East Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 5 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 22, 2024, in the Wayne Meeting Room at the Noblesville Library, 1 Library Plaza, Noblesville.

The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2024, in the Commissioners' Courtroom on the first floor of the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

Duke Energy offers tips to save energy & money as temperatures plunge

The REPORTER

The new year is bringing in a blast of cold weather, and Duke Energy is offering tips to stay warm while managing energy use.

Money-saving tips to combat the cold

- Heating can account for the biggest part of a home's energy bill, so managing your home's thermostat is one of the best ways to control energy usage and cost. Set your thermostat to the lowest setting that is comfortable for you.
- One of the easiest things customers can do for heating efficiency is to change air filters regularly. A dirty air filter makes a heating system work harder, which uses more energy and can increase costs. Also, have heating systems checked regularly by a qualified heating and air conditioning contractor to maintain efficiency and peak performance.
- Leave drapes or blinds open during sunny winter days to allow the sun's rays to warm the house but close

late your home.

- One of the best energy-saving habits you can do each year is to check windows, doors, and vents for air leaks. Caulking, sealing and weatherstripping leaks can save 10 to 20 percent in heating costs.
- Replace standard bulbs with light emitting diodes (LED). LEDs are more efficient than regular bulbs, while giving off the same amount of light. Replacing just six of your most frequently used bulbs with LEDs can save up to allows customers to adjust \$480 over the lifetime of
- in a clockwise direction in available for customers the winter, which pushes who need flexibility with warm air back down into the room. (Most fans have a switch that allows you to reverse the motor.) While fans move air and make people more comfortable, they do not provide heat, so remember to turn the fan off when you leave the

to 120 degrees or less. Water heating is typically the second biggest user of energy in your home.

Ways to manage winter heating bills

Duke Energy offers free programs and tools to help customers better manage and understand their monthly energy expenses:

- Budget Billing gives customers better control over their energy spending by establishing predictable monthly payments.
- Pick your Due Date the date their bill is due.
- Interest-free Install-Operate ceiling fans ment Payment Plans are paying a bill.
 - Usage Alerts notify customers how much energy they are using and how much it costs in time to adjust before the end of a billing cycle.

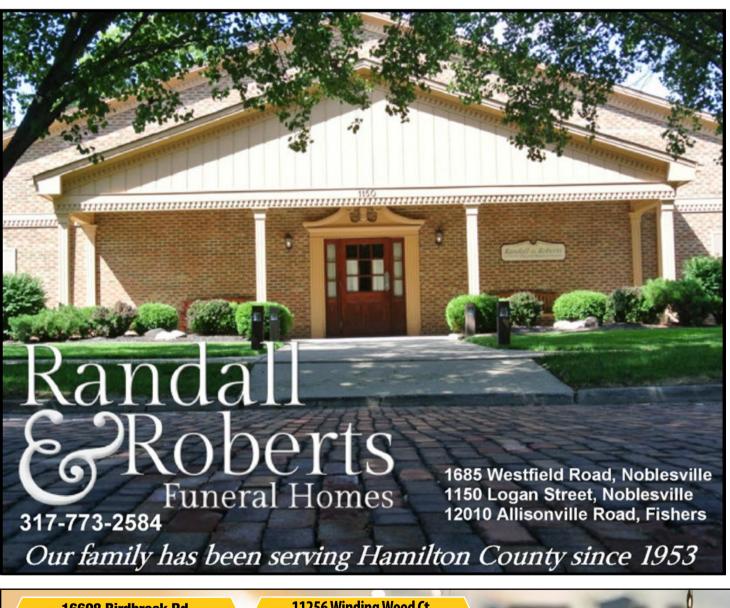
For customers who qualify, Duke Energy's partnerships with commu-• Manage water heat- nity and state agencies can

them at night to help insuing. Set your water heater help them access state and federal assistance, includ-

- Low-income Energy Assistance Programs (LIHEAP): Provides a onetime payment to help eligible Indiana households pay their energy bills during winter months.
- Weatherization Program: Helps income-qualified customers save energy and reduce expenses through conservation measures like weatherstripping and HVAC repairs or replacements.
- In addition, Duke Energy's Share the Light **Fund** assists qualifying customers struggling to pay their energy bills. The program is funded through contributions from Duke Energy shareholders, customers, and employees.

With the colder than normal temperatures, it also a good time to check on friends, neighbors and family members who may be elderly to ensure they have what they need to stay

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Swimming

Team spirit carries Shamrocks to victory on Senior Night

By RICHIE HALL

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WESTFIELD – Thursday was Senior Night for the Westfield swim teams, so it was time for a little fun – at least for the seniors.

Shamrocks coach Darrick Thomas explained that the team allows the seniors to put together the meet lineup, "so it's an unusual lineup in a lot of ways," said the coach.

The unusual lineup didn't affect the team, though, as Westfield still swept the meet against Guerin Catholic. The Shamrocks girls won 132-50, while the boys were 133-50

"Team spirit was outstanding, so it's always good to have a great atmosphere to send our upperclassmen, our seniors out on," said Thomas.

Westfield's girls won 10 of the 12 events, including a double victory for Gracie Alley in the individual medley and the 100 freestyle. Other winners were Macy Brown in the 200 free, Nora Sperry in the 50 free, Kate Cassidy in the butterfly, Ellie Hill in the 500 free and Maggie Alley in the backstroke. The 'Rocks swept all three relays

Guerin Catholic got wins from Anna Ososki in diving and Katie Scott in the breast-

In the boys meet, Westfield placed first in 11 events. Eight different Shamrocks won individual races: Garreth Thomas (IM), Ben Morse (50 free), Noah Flynn (diving), Luca Barbosa (butterfly), Zach Welch (100 free), Will Chambley (500 free), Henry Pham (backstroke) and Griffin Barents Froman (breaststroke). Westfield also swept all three relays.

Sam Holl won the 200 free for Guerin Catholic.

"I thought my kids did great tonight," said Golden Eagles coach Abby Maroney. "They've been battling a

lot of illness. They've been working pretty hard. We just came off Christmas break training. We had a lot of big drops tonight and I'm extremely proud of how they performed."

GIRLS MEET

Team score: Westfield 132. Guerin Catholic 50.

200 medley relay: 1. Westfield "A" (Maggie Alley, Nora Sperry, Gracie Alley, Alex Irvin) 1:58.13, 2. Westfield "B" (Ellie Hill, Marie Rocca, Macy Brown, Kate Cassidy) 2:02.32, 3. Guerin Catholic "A" (Ellie Gove, Katie Scott, Molly Deppen, Ella Capofari)

200 freestyle: 1. Macy Brown (W) 2:07.99, 2. Bella McNally (W) 2:11.80, 3. Greta Smith (W) 2:11.82, 4. Bridget Keller (GC) 2:15.08, 5. Maggie Naas (W) 2:26.11.

200 individual medley: 1. G. Alley (W) 2:19.24, 2. Kara Van Woerkom (GC) 2:29.51, 3. Anna McKeown (W) 2:41.87, 4. Ava DeCraene (W) 2:44.36, 5. Izzy McCulloch (W)

50 freestyle: 1. Sperry (W) 26.38, 2. Irvin (W) 26.88, 3. Deppen (GC) 30.16, 4. Scott (GC) 33.60.

One-meter diving: 1. Anna Ososki (GC) 169.90, 2. Alexis Ball (W) 166.60, 3. Gabriele Lippert (W)

100 butterfly: 1. Cassidy (W) 1:05.60, 2. Van Woerkom (GC) 1:10.78, 3. Charlotte Willhite (W) 1:19.08, 4. Brianna Howard (W) 1:22.59, 5. Gove (GC) 1:27.30.

100 freestyle: 1. G. Alley (W) 59.33, 2. Irvin (W) 1:00.03, 3. Hill (W) 1:02.27, 4. Keller (GC) 1:04.54, 5. Willhite (W) 1:08.05.

500 freestyle: 1. Hill (W) 5:56.96, 2. Alina Reuter (W) 6:06.98, 3. Maggie Schlick (GC) 6:12.10, 4. Eliana Colin (W) 6:43.97, 5. Deppen (GC) 6:50.46.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Westfield "B" (G. Alley, Sperry, Smith, M. Alley) 1:47.65. 2. Westfield "A" (Reuter, Rocca, Natalie Khazal, Irvin) 1:53.94, 3. Guerin Catholic "A" (Gove, Schlick, Keller, Van Woerkom) 2:00.07.

100 backstroke: 1. M. Alley (W) 1:06.57, 2. Schlick (GC) 1:13.79, 3. Khazal (W) 1:17.03, 4. DeCraene (W) 1:17.35, 5. Gove (GC) 1:22.00.

100 breaststroke: 1. Scott (GC) 1:17.16, 2, Naas (W) 1:25.01, 3, McKeown (W) 1:27.44, 4. Kalen Moe (GC) 1:29.47, 5. Dani Montgomery (W)

400 freestyle relay: 1. Westfield "B" (Sperry, Smith, McNally, Cassidy) 3:59.73. 2. Westfield "D" (M. Alley, Rocca, McKeown, Brown) 4:06.59, 3. Guerin Catholic "A" (Schlick, Moe, Keller, Van Woerkom) 4:23.37.



Reporter photos by Julie Brown

(Above) Westfield's Luca Barbosa was one of eight individual winners for the Shamrocks boys during their Senior Night meet with Guerin Catholic on Thursday. Barbosa was first in the butterfly. (Below) Guerin Catholic's Katie Scott won the breaststroke event in the girls meet.

BOYS MEET

Team score: Westfield 133, Guerin Catholic 50.

200 medley relay: 1. Westfield (Griffin Barents Froman, Ethan Braasch, Owen Hudson, Luca Barbosa) 1:49.26, 2. Westfield "C" (Sagan Blansette, Jackson Burgess, Will Chambley, Aiden Willig) 1:57.23, 3. Westfield "B" (Harrison Barents Froman, John Obusek, Bryce Pittman, Locke Taylor) 1:59.26.

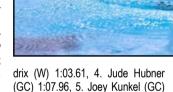
200 freestyle: 1. Sam Holl (GC) 1:59.54, 2. Taylor (W) 2:06.31, 3. H. Barents Froman (W) 2:06.94, 4. Obusek (W) 2:17.29, 5. Adam Jurewicz (GC) 2:34.70.

200 individual medley: 1. Garreth Thomas (W) 2:01.22, 2. Drew Wilhite (GC) 2:05.90, 3. Silas Hendrix (W) 2:18.29, 4. Taylor (W) 2:22.52, 5. Lucas Morse (GC) 2:37.55.

50 freestyle: 1. Ben Morse (W) 22.54. 2. Will Ladine (GC) 23.51, 3. Braasch (W) 25.89, 4. Ethan Nimri (GC) 26.30, 5. Hudson (W) 26.78.

One-meter diving: 1. Noah Flynn (W) 203.20, 2. Aiden Sullivan (W) 136.05, 3. Eli Ponds (W) 87.40.

100 butterfly: 1. Barbosa (W) 56.75, 2. Holl (GC) 59.74, 3. Hen-



100 freestyle: 1. Zach Welch (W) 50.48, 2. Thomas (W) 51.33, 3. Ladine (GC) 51.34, 4. Will Chambley (W) 54.55. 5. A. Jurewicz (GC) 59.17.

500 freestyle: 1. Chambley (W) 5:02.63, 2. Wilhite (GC) 5:10.00, 3. Blansette (W) 5:16.61, 4. Burgess (W) 5:47.29, 5. Charlie Jurewicz (GC)

200 freestyle relay: 1. Westfield "B" (Thomas, Hendrix, B. Morse, Welch) 1:36.04, 2. Guerin Catholic "A" (A. Jurewicz, Holl, Ladine, Wilhite)

1:41.92, 3. Westfield "A" (Obusek, Blansette, Henry Pham, Pittman)

100 backstroke: 1. Pham (W) 1:07.16, 2. Blansette (W) 1:08.08, 3. Esteban Roussel (W) 1:11.29, 4, L. Morse (GC) 1:12.58, 5. Kunkel (GC)

100 breaststroke: 1. G. Barents Froman (W) 1:04.57, 2. Welch (W) 1:05.96, 3. Braasch (GC) 1:07.24, 4. Isaiah Gaskill (GC) 1:24.18, 5, Jacob Gaskill (GC) 1:40.07. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Westfield

"B" (Thomas, G. Barents Froman, Welch, Chambley) 3:32.89, 2. Guerin Catholic "A" (C. Jurewicz, Holl, Ladine, Wilhite) 3:33.05, 3. Westfield "A" (Barbosa, Hudson, Braasch, B.

Zionsville sweeps Millers in dual meet

The REPORTER

Noblesville was swept by Zionsville Thursday in a swimming dual meet.

The Millers dropped the girls meet 142-44. Eryn McMahon won the diving

In the boys meet, Noblesville lost 119-66 but won three events. Liam Hayward was first in the 50 freestyle, Aiden Kless won diving and Graham Kulp was first in the 500 free.

Here are results for Noblesville's top five in the individual events and top three in the relays.

GIRLS MEET

Team score: Zionsville 142, No-

200 freestyle: 3. Maya McDonald 2:05.84, 5. Kyra Blackwell 2:12.13. 200 individual medley: 4. Olivia

50 freestyle: 4. Katie Sutton

One-meter diving: 1. Eryn Mc-Mahon 224.55, 5. Gracie Obremski

100 butterfly: 4. Motz 1:07.96, 5.

Mallory Mehringer 1:09.35. 100 freestyle: 4. Anna Miller

1:02.43, 5. Alli Knott 1:02.81. 500 freestyle: 2. Haddie Vohs

5:26.35, 5. Ellie Hayward 5:47.84. 200 freestyle relay: 2. Noblesville "A" (McDonald, Vohs, Emily Knott,

Hayward) 1:42.87, 3. Noblesville "B"

(Julia Santerre, Exley Tricker, Blackwell, Mia Field) 1:47.38.

100 backstroke: 4. Tricker 1:05.64, 5. A. Knott 1:07.05.

100 breaststroke: 4. Santerre 1:22.28, 5. Kirsten McCormick

400 freestyle relay: 3. Noblesville "A" (Vohs, Sutton, Blackwell, Miller) 3:59.14.

BOYS MEET Team score: Zionsville 119, No-

200 medley relay: 3. Noblesville "A" (Zak Armstrong, Lane Monger, Josh Naas, Shepard Huff) 1:48.61.

200 freestyle: 3. Armstrong Drew Setmeyer 200 individual medley: 3. Naas

2:06.41, 4. Mason Snyder 2:07.37.

50 freestyle: 1. Liam Hayward 23.54, 5. Monger 23.93.

One-meter diving: 1. Aiden Kless 233.35, 2. Colton Suhan 193.00, 4. K.J. Gordon 88.20

100 butterfly: 3. Sean Halverson 57.45, 5. Mark Berger 1:05.59. 100 freestyle: 3. Oliver Mark

52.57, 5. Caleb Mathis 55.83. 500 freestyle: 1. Graham Kulp

4:59.27, 3. Anthony Mathis 5:20.09. 200 freestyle relay: 2. Noblesville "A" (Hayward, Halvorsen, Armstrong, Kulp) 1:32.31.

100 backstroke: 2. Naas 58.69, 3. A. Mathis 1:00.08, 4. Connor Pearson 1:01.90.

100 breaststroke: 4. Mark 1:13.08, 5. Darian Teitsma 1:13.28. 400 freestyle relay: 2. Noblesville "A" (Kulp, Berger, A. Mathis, Snyder) 3:24.92.

Carmel takes down Pike

The REPORTER

The Carmel swim teams swept a dual meet Thursday at Pike.

The Greyhounds girls team won every event in their 138-44 victory over the Red Devils. Hannah Mc-Nally placed first in the 200 free and breaststroke, while Lily Clark was the winner in the 50 and 100 freestyles.

Carmel's boys beat Pike 127-54, taking 10 of the 12 events. Reilly Sweeney finished first in the 200

and 500 freestyles. Here are results for Carmel's top five in the individual events and top three in the relays.

GIRLS MEET Team score: Carmel 138,

200 medley relay: 1. Carmel "A" (Lily Clark, Payton Clark, Samantha Powers, Whitney Fung)

1:54.19, 3. Carmel "B" (Avery Aiello, Laura Russo, Julianna Ng, Tiffany Neff) 2:06.59.

200 freestyle: 1. Hannah Mc-Nally 2:00.76, 3. Madison Conley 2:07.79, 4. Neff 2:11.97, 5. Kennedie Baldwin 2:19.53

200 individual medley: 1. Savannah Irizarry 2:09.53, 2. P. Clark 2:23.49, 3. Ng 2:30.29, 4. Sydney Ladine 2:36.69, 5. Christine Hu 2:37.58

50 freestyle: 1. L. Clark 25.56, 2. Powers 26.60, 3. Ava Justin 28.55, 5. Kelsey Baldauf 29.73.

One-meter diving: 1. Helena Gibson 229.25, 2. Melania Munson 228.00, 3. Eva Lissa Gibson 195.40.

100 butterfly: 1. Irizarry 59.83, 2. Powers 1:01.68, 3. Fung 1:03.15, 4. Cadence Fernandez 1:10.57, 5. Russo 1:11.19.

100 freestyle: 1. L. Clark 56.82, 2. Aiello 59.78, 3. Gracie Benning 1:00.54, 4. Sophia Pei 1:00.75, 5. Ng 1:02.52.

500 freestyle: 1. Conley 5:31.78, 4. Addy Lehman 5:57.66. 200 freestyle: 1. Carmel "A"

(L. Clark, P. Clark, McNally, Irizarry) 1:43.96, 3. Carmel "B" (Conley, Aiello, Benning, Lehman) 1:51.75.

100 backstroke: 1. McNally 1:03.49, 2. Fung 1:05.20, 3. Aiello 1:08.53, 4. Baldwin 1:10.34, 5. Olivia Pangemanan 1:10.57.

100 breaststroke: 1. P. Clark 1:11.24, 3. Hilary Ma 1:19.05, 4. Hu 1:25.14, 5. Alex Hopwood 1:30.02. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Carmel

"A" (Fung, McNally, Irizarry, Powers) 3:46.54, 3. Carmel "B" (Conley, Benning, Neff, Pangemanan) 4:02.34

BOYS MEET Team score: Carmel 127,

Pike 54. 200 medley relay: 1. Carmel "A" (Bryce Lowe, Jack Street, Conner Fletchall, James Porterfield)

1:49.01, 3. Carmel "B" (Larry Kong, Donald Zhao, Kacper Sadek, Aiden Jent) 1:50.07 200 freestyle: 1. Reilly Sweeney 1:52.07, 2. Jude Bearden

1:54.78, 3. Alex Herron 2:06.45. 200 individual medley: 1. Kong 2:12.16, 2. Zhao 2:16.76, 4.

Shayan Amin 2:25.56.

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50 freestyle: 1. Zach Pettee 24.09, 2. Alex Bergsma 24.36, 3. Porterfield 24.39, 4. Fletchall 24.81, 5. A. Jent 25.95.

One-meter diving: 1. Zachary Larson 166.20. 100 butterfly: 1. Lowe 58.38,

2. Shrey Aggarwal 59.22, 3. Pettee 1:00.87, 5. Logan Jent 1:03.38. 100 freestyle: 1. Porterfield 52.36, 2. Bearden 52.54, 4. Street

55.44, 5. Sebastian Rizik 58.35. 500 freestyle: 1. Sweeney 5:05.41, 2. Bergsma 5:11.06.

200 freestyle relay: 2. Carmel "A" (Bearden, Bergsma, Fletchall, Sho Shirayanagi) 1:35.14, 3. Carmel "B" (Street, Zhao, Sweeney, A. Jent) 1:36.38.

100 backstroke: 2. Lowe 1:00.80, 3. Alex Harrell 1:01.75, 4. Alex Cheng 1:02.07, 5. Fletchall 1:04.28.

100 breaststroke: 1. Street 1:08.63, 2. Kong 1:09.47, 3. Zhao 1:10.29, 4. Sadek 1:10.68.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Carmel "B" (Sweeney, A. Jent, Kong, Shirayanagi) 3:29.13, 3. Carmel "A" (Porterfield, Bergsma, Bearden, Lowe) 3:31.41.

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came home with a solid win, as the Class 2A Blackhawks drove past the 3A Sparkplugs 61-42.

Sheridan got out to a good start, leading 16-7 after the first quarter. The 'Hawks cruised their way to halftime with a 29-15 lead, then went up 45-25 after 14-3 and host Guerin Caththree quarters.

Kenzie Garner had an-Sheridan traveled to other outstanding game, Speedway on Tuesday and earning a double-double of 25 points and 15 rebounds. Garner also had five assists, four steals and two blocked shots. Cecilia Timme contributed 14 points and dished out eight assists. Sadie Timme pulled nine re-

> The Blackhawks are olic Tuesday.

Sheridan Nova Cross

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Sadie Timme	2-7	0-2	4	1					
Mac Smith	1-2	0-0	2	1					
Kenzie Garner	9-22	2-2	25	0					
Cecilia Timme	7-14	0-2	14	3					
Brielle Garner	3-5	0-0	6	0					
Makenzy Terry	1-3	0-0	2	1					
Kennedy Zachary	0-0	0-0	0	0					
Totals	26-60	3-7	61	8					
Score by Quarters									
Sheridan	16	13	16	16 - 6					
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Sheridan 3-pointers (6-11) K. Garner 5-9, Cross 1-1, B. Garner 0-1. Sheridan rebounds (38) K. Garner 15, S. Timme 9, B. Garner 4, C. Timme 4, Terry 3, Cross 2, Smith 1.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Jan. 12 **BOYS BASKETBALL**

Brownsburg at Fishers, 7:30 p.m. Covenant Christian at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m. Hamilton Southeastern at Westfield, 7:30 p.m. Lapel at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m. Muncie Burris at University, 7:30 p.m. Noblesville at Zionsville, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Brownsburg at Fishers, 6 p.m. Hamilton Southeastern at Westfield, 6 p.m. Noblesville at Zionsville, 6 p.m.

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Sheridan shocks Westfield gymnastics Speedway 61-42 keeps making history

The REPORTER

When Westfield started a gymnastics team last season, it made history right out of the gate.

Gymnastics

The Shamrocks team qualified for the regional tournament during its inaugural year, an outstanding result. Westfield is back for its second year of gymnastics and is once again making history right away.

The 'Rocks competed in a dual meet with Columbus East last Saturday to being their season. Westfield won 101.60-93.50; the Shamrocks' score is a new school

"We learned from last year what will help us score better," said Lynn Moskovitz, who returns as head coach for the Shamrocks. Moskovitz said Westfield is "not only learning new skills, but also learning skills that would score better in high school gymnas-

The 'Rocks have several returners from last season. Senior Elianna Reynolds is back; she had the highest all-around score at Columbus East with a 34.60 and won two events: the floor exercise with an 8.95 and the uneven bars with a 7.95. Reynolds has committed to Trine University, where she will be part of the acrobatics and tumbling program.

Westfield has two more seniors on its roster: Heidi Burke, who is back for another year and Sara Borek, a new member of the team. Juniors Isa Galan and Layla Ryan are both returning gymnasts, with another junior, Blair Watts, joining the team. Sophomore Madelyn Doran is another returner, with freshman Avery Mason a newcomer.

"We've coaching staff, so we have two assistant coaches now,"

said Moskovitz. The Shamrocks' best event in their meet last week

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was the floor, where they totaled 26.35 points. After Reynolds' first-place finish, Galan was second with 8.85, followed by Mason with an

Westfield also had a strong vault performance with a 26.25. Doran was the runner-up with an 8.80, Reynolds third with an 8.75, and Mason and Galan tied for fourth with 8.7s. Reynolds also scored an 8.95 on the balance beam.

"We start our standards every day of doing our best and we'll just see where that leads," said Moskovitz. The coach said doing that reinforces to the gymnasts that "they are capable of doing good things," and they apply that to each and every practice.

Westfield's next meet is Tuesday against New Palestine at the Gymnastics Company, which is located on the south side of Indianapolis. The Shamrocks travel to Huntington North for a three-team meet with HN and Logansport on Monday, Jan. 22, then travel to Noblesville on Thursday, Jan. 25. Moskovitz said it will be nice to compete at Noblesville so the Shamrocks can have their fans come to the

Results from the meet with Columbus East now follow.

Team score: Westfield 101.60, Columbus East 93.50.

All-around scores: 2. Elianna Reynolds 34.60, 3. Isa Galan 34.00, 5. Avery Mason 31.15, 6. Madelyn Doran 30.45, 7. Sara Borek 29.30.

Vault: 2. Doran 8.80, 3. Reynolds 8.75, T4. Mason 8.70; Galan 8.70, 6. Heidi Burke 8.50, 8. Borek Uneven bars: 1. Reynolds

7.95, T3. Galan 7.65; Mason 7.65, 6. Doran 6.55, 7. Borek 6.45. Balance beam: 2. Reynolds

Photo provided

The Westfield gymnastics team opened its season at Columbus East, winning a dual meet over the Olympians. The Shamrocks finished with a team score of 101.60, setting a new school record.

8.95, 3. Galan 8.80, 4. Borek 8.00, 6. Burke 6.80, 7. Doran 6.70, 8. Mason

Floor exercise: 1. Reynolds 8.95, 2. Galan 8.85, 3. Mason 8.55, 4. Doran 8.40, 5. Burke 8.25, 8. Borek 7.05.

Floor exercise reserve: 1. Blair Watts 7.80.

The Noblesville gymnastics team also began its season last Saturday, participating in the Logansport

The team of Valorey Bittles and Emmy Leckrone finished eighth overall with a score of 30.65. Both gymnasts competed in two rotations - Leckrone scored an 8.45 in the vault and a 7.55 on the bars, while Bittles scored a 7.85 on the floor and a 6.80 on beam.

Ethan Rivers and Kylie Lotridge placed ninth with a 29.60; Lotridge scored 8.40 on floor and 8.20 on bars, with Rivers scoring 7.95 on vault and 5.05 on beam. Lydia Blackwell scored a 7.85 on vault; she and Lilly Martin teamed for an 18.10 score.

The Millers have nine gymnasts on their roster. Alayna Lotridge is a senior, Rivers is a junior and Kylie Lotridge is a sophomore. The others are all freshmen: Bittles, Blackwell, Chloe Harris, Leckrone, Martin and Alina Skryabnev.

Noblesville is back in action Saturday at the Franklin Central Invitational. Fishers will open its season at that tournament as well.

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'Blazers bounce back to beat Shortridge on Senior Night

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University's girls celebrated Senior Night with a come from behind 49-40 victory over Shortridge.

The Trailblazers trailed 19-18 at halftime after being behind by as many as eight points in the second quarter. University took their first lead at 20-19 in the third quarter when Mack Feeney beat the defense down the floor on an inbound play and scored off a long pass from

senior Keira Bright. After the Blue Devils tied the contest at 22, Anyah Turley scored to put University ahead for good at 24-22. The Blazers eventually pushed their lead to 34-26 on you Lee scored her first caa Charlotte Conyers steal and reer basket to cap the Unibasket. University led 36-32 versity scoring. after the third with Feeney nyers five in the period.

gave the Blazers a 41-33

UNIVERSITY 49, SHORTRIDGE 40

	University	FG	FT	TP	PF		
	Meg Rohloff	0-3	0-0	0	2		
	Keira Bright	0-12	2-2	2	2		
	Anyah Turley	4-7	1-2	10	5		
	Leah Norvell	2-10	0-2	6	1		
	Mack Feeney	4-10	3-6	11	3		
	Charlotte Conyers	7-22	2-4	18	1		
	Anya Hicks	0-0	0-0	0	0		
	Jiyou Lee	1-1	0-0	2	1		
	Totals	18-65	8-16	49	15		
University 3-point shooting (5-18) Conyers 2-8, Norvell 2-4, Tur							
	1-1, Bright 0-5.						

University rebounds (43) Norvell 10, Feeney 10, Bright 7, Conyers 7, Rohloff 5, Turley 3, Lee 1.

advantage. After a Shortridge three pointer, Conyers made a field goal and Turley scored five straight points for a 47-36 lead. Senior Ji-Conyers had 18 points

scoring six points and Co- off the bench. Feeney posted a double-double with Fourth quarter baskets 11 points and 10 rebounds by Feeney and Conyers while Turley added 10 points. Bright handed out

eight assists.

University improves to 9-7 on the season. Shortridge is 10-7.

The Trailblazers are back in action Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m. when they host Bethesda Christian in the Pioneer Academic Athletic Conference championship game. The Blazers will be going for their third consecutive PAAC title and fifth in the past six years.

Tues Jan 16 - Girls Basketball

5:55 pm **Carmel** vs **Fishers** | Junior Varsity | Fishers Sports Network 6:00 pm Harrison vs Noblesville | Junior Varsity | HCTV Sports

6:00 pm Connersville vs **Noblesville** | Junior Varsity | HCTV Sports

7:30 pm Connersville vs **Noblesville** | Varsity Boys | HCTV Sports

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