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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Cloudy, with a few flurries or snow showers. Wind gusts to 40 mph.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a few flurries. Wind gusts to 30 mph.
HIGH: 26 LOW: 4



Westfield's new leaders, all new to their offices



On Thursday, Jan. 4, all Westfield City Councilors and Clerk-Treasurer Marla Ailor were sworn in, and Mayor Scott Willis was sworn in on Friday, Jan. 5. To learn more about your city councilor or determine your district, [click here](#).



Photo provided by Scott Saalman
"Hey, Scott, whaddya gonna do without me?" Ah, Tony, fuhgeddaboutit.

The Sopranos turns 25: whaddya gonna do?

In 2019 re-watched *The Sopranos*. All 86 episodes. My biggest binge. Just like last decade when it aired, I couldn't get enough Tony Soprano. I knew I was in way too deep the second time around when:

- My body ached from too much reclining.
- Waking, I'd automatically hear the theme song in my head, "Well, you woke up this morning, got yourself a gun..." I don't even own a gun.
- I frequently felt a curved lower lip frown form on my face, à la Silvio Dante.
- I wondered what I would look like with Paulie Walnuts' silver wing hairstyle.
- I said "whaddya gonna do?" a lot, even when the situation at hand wasn't hopeless enough to merit such response.



Bryenne: "Scott, the toilet is still running."
Scott: "Whaddya gonna do?"
Bryenne: "Well, you could do what you normally do, jiggle the damn handle."
Scott: "I'm watching *The Sopranos*. Just shoot the toilet with my gun. That'll fix it."
Bryenne: "You don't own a gun."
Scott: "Whaddya gonna do?"
For three weeks, instead of writing a column and missing deadlines, I watched more episodes. When I finally did write, guess what the subject was? Yep. You're reading it now.
The Sopranos remains the best series ever made. I enjoyed it even more viewing it a second time. During the final episode, I recalled the frustration I felt in 2007 when the TV screen abruptly cut to black and left viewers in the dark over what was about to go down – if anything – during the tense final scene at Holsten's diner.
Was Tony shot? Or was this a happily-ever-after ending (if there even was such a thing for a gangster)?
Final episode spoiler alert:

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We all know the real heroes are the kids who can make this shot

The REPORTER

Mad Ants fans assemble!

See the Pacers G League affiliate team the Indiana Mad Ants as they take on the Westchester Knicks on Saturday, Jan. 27 for Marvel Super Hero Night featuring Ant-Man at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and tipoff is at 6 p.m. [Tickets start at \\$10](#).

This game is a Family "Antertainment" Night which will include games, face painting, and Marvel characters for the kids right on the floor and accessible during the game.

As shared by the City of Noblesville last year, the city will be the home of the Mad Ants once construction is complete on the new facility. This sea-



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son the team will play its home games at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in downtown Indianapolis.

Support Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank

The special Ant-Man jerseys worn by all the Mad Ants players during the game will be available for auction before and after the game and all proceeds will benefit Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank.

Watch for updates on how to bid and win the Ant Man jerseys.

Hamilton County, come out for this fun family night and to celebrate a new partnership for the city of Noblesville. [Click here](#) to get your tickets.



Photo provided
In addition to the Mad Ants vs. Knicks game, kids can enjoy Family "Antertainment" Night activities.

Secretary of State upgrades county elections with \$92K



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Indiana Secretary of State Diego Morales presented a check worth \$92,243.60 to Hamilton County election officials to make improvements to the local elections process. Morales said he believes each county knows best when it comes to their individual needs to run smooth and secure elections. County officials say they plan to use the grant funding for Wi-Fi hotspots, secure ballot transport bags, and secure storage for voting equipment. (From left) Hamilton County Clerk Kathy Williams, Secretary Morales, and Hamilton County Elections Administrator Beth Sheller.

County Health Department to offer monthly webinars on children's health

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Health Department will hold a series of free monthly webinars focused on children's health in 2024. The webinars, led by experts in the field, aim to provide valuable information and resources to parents and caregivers in the community.

The webinars will cover a range of topics crucial to children's well-being, addressing issues such as internet safety, dental health, poison prevention, mental health awareness, and more. Each session will take place from 6 to 7 p.m.

- Scheduled webinars:
- Jan. 24: Internet Safety Class for Parents
 - Feb. 28: Children's Dental Health Month
 - March 27: Poison Prevention Month
 - April 24: Drug Take Back Events
 - May 22: Mental Health Awareness Month
 - June 26: CPR Instruction for Children
 - July 24: Back to School Immunizations



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Health Department Administrator Jason LeMaster said the webinars are designed to foster a healthier community. "Our goal is to empower parents and caregivers with the knowledge they need to ensure the well-being of our children," LeMaster said. "These webinars provide a platform for valuable discussions and insights from experts in the field."
Health Education Specialist Jim Ginder added, "We believe that informed parents and caregivers contribute significantly to the overall health of our community. These webinars designed to address common concerns and provide practical guidance."
All webinars will be hosted virtually. Registration details can be found at tinyurl.com/childrens-health-webinars.



THE HAMILTON COUNTY REPORTER NEWSPAPER JANUARY 2024 YOUNG ARTIST OF THE MONTH: CARA WATTS (2ND PLACE)
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Today: restaurant ends 10-year run in Westfield

By DYLAN HODGES
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Rail Cafe & Market and **Cone + Crumb**, located at 3400 Nancy St., Westfield, will close their doors for the last time today, Jan. 13. The announcement follows an expansion of hours to include dinner service less than a month ago.

In a statement, the owners shared that their last day of cafe and dinner service will be on Friday, Jan. 12, with the market remaining open on Saturday, Jan. 13, from 9 a.m. until sold out. Due to an overwhelming

number of orders, they will no longer accept online orders, and customers are encouraged to call for carry-out orders, though wait times may be longer.

The closure marks the end of a decade-long journey for Rail & Cone + Crumb, during which they express pride in the growth of their establishment. Looking ahead, the owners reflect on the constant demands of the restaurant business and the need to reset their priorities, redirecting their energy towards family and personal well-being.

As the owners bid fare-

well to the community they served for the past 10 years, they express gratitude for the support and acknowledge the difficulty of the decision. They highlight the honor of working with a dedicated team and building lasting connections within the industry.

The closure comes as a surprising turn for fans who witnessed the reopening of Rail Cafe & Market by Melanie and Toby Miles in the summer of 2022, following the closure of their previous venture in October 2020. The new establishment aimed to provide practical perks, including a larger kitchen, with a cafe-style breakfast and lunch service on one side and a gourmet market on the other.

Rail & Cone + Crumb will officially lock its doors on Saturday, Jan. 13, concluding a chapter in the owners' journey and leaving behind memories of a beloved community spot.

The text of the original post sharing details of the closure can be found below:

As we enter the new year and take a look back at the last 10 years of Rail & Cone + Crumb we couldn't be prouder of our little market

becoming what it is today.

As we look to the past, it also makes us look to our future. Not only what our business looks like, but looking ahead to what we want the next 10 years to look like in our family. Those who know business, especially restaurants, know the constant demands and what it's like to devote yourself fully to it. While we have devoted countless hours to our business, it's time we reset and devote that same energy into family and personal well being.

Next week will be our last week with you all. Rail & Cone + Crumb will lock

its doors for the last time on Saturday, January 13th.

It has been our honor to serve such an amazing community for the last 10 years and to work with the best team in the industry. We've met some amazing people and forged some bonds that will last a lifetime. This was an incredibly hard decision for us but we believe it's the right one for us and our family. We thank you and our team for a great decade!

We will post more later with details and hours for next week.

Rail Instagram @rail_westfield

SOPRANOS

- With only about five minutes left in the final episode, mob boss Tony, wife Carmela, and son Anthony Jr. sit at a booth, snack on onion rings, and await Meadow.
- Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'" plays from a jukebox. Nothing bad can happen when a song that exudes this much optimism is the soundtrack. *The Sopra-*

nos is going to have a happy ending, I think.

- A table of Boy Scouts sits nearby. No one is going to get whacked in front a trio of innocent Boy Scouts, I think. But then I recall that the Boy Scout motto is "Be Prepared," causing me to wonder, "Are we actually being foretold that Tony has let his guard down and is not 'prepared' for what's about to happen to him?"
- Every time the bell above the door announces someone's arrival, Tony glances up, as if he's on edge.
- A guy in a Members Only jacket enters. He sits at the counter and occasionally glances Tony's way, like he's calculating a future bullet's trajectory. There's way too much emphasis on Members Only Guy, I think.

Still, Journey plays on.

- Members Only Guy prematurely rises and heads to the men's room, conjuring in my mind the restaurant scene in *The Godfather* when Michael Corleone rises from his table to retrieve a handgun taped behind a toilet tank. He returns and shoots the two gangsters at his table. Members Only Guy is going to pull a Corleone on Tony, I think. But no one can get whacked during "Don't Stop Believin'," I remind myself.
- Tension rises as Meadow attempts to parallel park. She hurries across the street. She reaches the diner's entrance and is about to be the eighth person to enter since Tony has arrived. The bell rings. Tony glances up just as Steve Perry sings "Don't stop..." The TV screen abruptly goes black. All is silent as the credits roll.

Originally, I felt abandoned by the show's makers

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mind while re-watching *The Sopranos*, it became easier to imagine Tony's demise at Holsten's: Members Only Guy returns from the restroom. It is a clean, calculated shot to the temple. No one else is hurt. Members Only Guy drops the gun, brushes by a stunned Meadow, and disappears among the "street light people" on a dark Jersey night. The last words Tony hears: Don't Stop. The odor of his final breath: onions.

Yes, Tony Soprano swims with the fishes. I have stopped believing otherwise.

But whaddya gonna do other than probably watch the entire series a third time?

This story is one of over 60 in Scott's new humor column collection, "Quietly Making Noise," available on Amazon. Contact him if you would like a speaker at a meeting or event at scottsaaalman@gmail.com.



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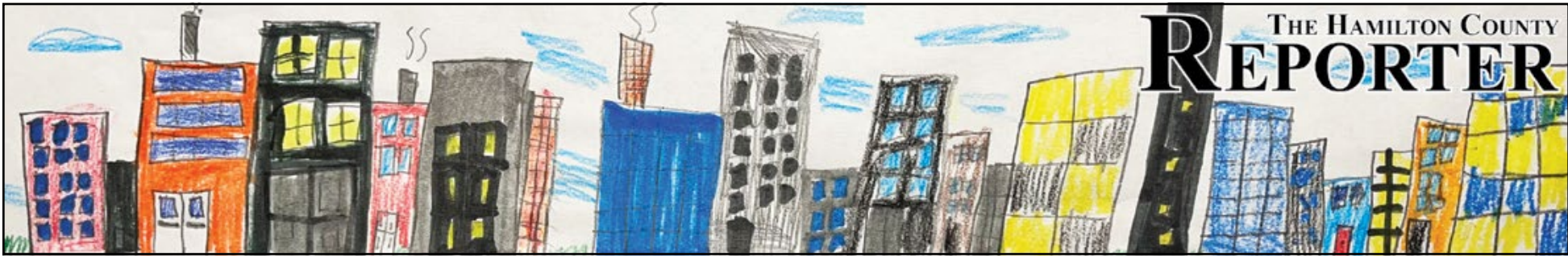
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Enjoy best of art, shopping & music today at *Meet Me on Main* in Carmel

The REPORTER

Come to the Carmel Arts & Design District from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Saturday, Jan. 13 for Allied Solutions' Meet Me on Main. Make your way to Main Street and Range Line Road for an evening of art, shopping, music, and more.

Live music

- Joel DeLashmit – Indiana Artisan
- Benito DeBartoli – CCA Gallery
- Kassey King – Sub Zero Nitrogen Ice Cream

Play Bingo for prizes

Pick up a BINGO card at The Olive Mill for your chance to win a \$250 gift basket. Get your BINGO card stamped by 7:30 p.m. and drop it off at The Olive Mill.

Special Gallery Exhibits

Each month, our local galleries and businesses will be featuring special events to enhance your experience. Be sure to stop into each one.

- Art on Main Gallery & Gifts: Refresh your home for the new year with original art from more than 20 Indiana Artisans.
- CCA Gallery: Stop by the Sidewalk Sale with discounts on handmade art and

receive a free mug with any purchase of \$100 or more.

- Indiana Artisan: January's artist demonstration features three artists who will be painting while musician Joel DeLashmit plays in the gallery.
- Carmel Arts Council Children's Gallery: Make a marshmallow snowman and a winter-themed mural.

Special offers

- Kernels Gourmet Popcorn, 254 Veterans Way, Suite F: Pop in to Kernels for \$1 off a medium bag of gourmet popcorn with six flavors to choose from including Oreo, Cheese and Kernels' Mix.

- All Things Carmel, 110 W. Main Street, Suite 104: Warm up at All Things Carmel with complimentary hot chocolate and coffee from Just Love Coffee Cafe.

- Naturspire at the Indiana Design Center, 200 S. Range Line Road, #120B: Discover the joy of creating your own unique moss art masterpiece at a DIY Moss Art Class. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced artist, the expert instructors will guide you through the process step by step.

A map of the gallery



locations and more information about Meet Me on Main activities can be found at CarmelArtsAndDesign.com.

Public parking is available in the Carmel Lions Club lot (141 E. Main St.), Sophia Square parking garage (entrance off 1st Ave. NW), Indiana Design Center parking garage (200 S. Range Line Road) or on-street. [Click here](#) to download the Arts & Design District parking map.

About the Carmel Arts & Design District

The Carmel Arts &

Design District is the Midwest's premier arts and design destination. Home to more than 200 businesses, including art galleries, restaurants, antique dealers, design showrooms, boutiques and creative service providers, the Carmel Arts & Design District promises to stimulate the senses. The Indiana Design Center is housed in the Carmel Arts & Design District. In addition, hundreds have taken advantage of the wide variety of housing opportunities and call the Carmel Arts & Design District home.



NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS Board Highlights

Jan. 9, 2024 Meeting

Submitted by Noblesville Schools

The school board has responsibility for major district functions including school district governance and oversight, setting school policies, approving funding, strategic planning, and hiring and evaluating the superintendent.

- The board approved a new slate of officers at their annual January reorganization meeting with Christi Crosser named president, Stephanie Lambert serving as vice president and Laura Alerding as secretary. Dr. Joe Forgey and Misti Ray will serve as general board members.
- Board member [committee appointments](#) were made.
- Administrative and treasurer appointments were made.
- Legal counsel and other annual agreements were approved.
- Summer kindergarten programming was approved.
- The Board of Finance made appointments and provided annual reporting.

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We don't need no stinkin' meat

Meatballs can still be tasty, even when meatless

"If more of us valued food and cheer and song above hoarded gold, it would be a merrier world." – J.R.R. Tolkien

This week's topic relates more to the "food" aspect of Tolkien's quote that the "cheer and song" – although those are important to everyone's lives as well! In particular, I am addressing this week the food choices we make based on the nutritional value of those choices.

True confession here ... if you happen to run into me in the grocery store, chances are I will be surreptitiously glancing at the items in your cart. I suppose it is just a professional hazard of mine as I am both confounded and amazed often times at what I observe in others' grocery carts!

Appearing most of the time are the processed, packaged foods which are so convenient to prepare ... and so unhealthy when eaten on a frequent basis. We are advertised-to, marketed, and frankly bombarded with these "tasty and quick options" for meal preparation. I also note that the snack aisles appear to grow every week with a plethora of yummy, salty snacks! In

particular, I am concerned about children who are frequently offered these items.

Federal health statistics show that 12.3 percent of Americans 20 and older have diabetes, either diagnosed or undiagnosed. About 37 percent have pre-diabetes, a condition marked by higher-than-normal blood sugar. That's up from 27 percent a decade ago.

An analysis of 16 studies involving almost 900,000 people worldwide, published in the most recent issue of the journal *Diabetologia*, shows pre-diabetes not only sets the stage for diabetes but increases the risk of cancer by 15 percent. Children are being diagnosed pre-diabetic at an alarming rate in recent years.

In referring back to the quote at the beginning, however, my point this week is also the monetary cost of food. Although the price of produce and healthy foods can fluctuate depending on season of the year, etc., the price of highly processed food is significant regardless of the season! "Convenience" comes not only at a cost to our health, but a budget hit as well. And I am

Quinoa Meatless Balls

Ingredients

1 ½ cup cooked quinoa

4 eggs

½ tsp sea salt

1/3 cup chives

1 onion

1/3 cup parmesan cheese

3 cloves garlic

1 ¾ cup whole grain bread crumbs

1 T. extra virgin olive oil

Directions

Combine all ingredients in bowl and mix. Mold mixture into "meatballs." Oil skillet with extra virgin olive oil. Brown "meatballs" in a skillet for 10 minutes.

sure you have noticed the rate hikes in all food items during the pandemic.

An example I will give is the cost of a simple baked potato with salsa, grated parmesan or spices vs. a box of "instant" mashed potatoes. There are many other examples of which you readers are aware, so I won't use space here to cover those.

You don't need a cookbook these days to come up with healthy and simple recipes using nutritional items – the internet has you covered! If you have any doubt of the nutritional value of the shelf-stable, processed foods, the labels will tell you most of what you need to know. If you suffer from high blood pressure, always read the labels for sodium content of that item.

So – who do I think I am,

right ... do I ever eat processed foods? Of course – in moderation, which is the key to most anything. Potato chips – once in a while. Frozen entrees – not often, but a bean burrito sure heats up quickly in the microwave when a person is in a hurry!

Whether you live alone, are feeding a family, or you are somewhere in between, try to stick to the "80-20" rule ... with whole, natural (organic when possible) and unprocessed food items as your go-to menu items.

I have included here one of my favorite and simple recipes. Pair this with a healthy salad which includes kale as well as your favorite lettuce and a light salad dressing. *Bon appétit!*

Wishing you all a healthy, happy, and productive New Year!

Sharon McMahon, CNWC
The opinions expressed in this article are not intended to replace advice of your personal physician or licensed health professional. Please consult your physician for any issues you may have related to nutrition or fitness activity.

This column is brought to readers by Sheridan High School dual-credit program students and Human Services teacher Abby Williams.

Everyone has their favorite music artist, but in my opinion, there is only one band that could ever claim the honor of truly creating the most wonderful music in the world.

In January 2016, the world grieved the loss of the best of the best in the music industry; the metaphorical death of the greatest song artists of all time left a gaping hole in the hearts of millions across the globe.

This was the fateful time One Direction went on a break ... never to return.

One particularly traumatized girl, **Olivia** by name, reportedly said, "When I turned **18**, this became the **Story of My Life**. I have **No Control** over anything anymore, and everything I adore, all the **Perfect** parts of my life, always seem to slip away. It's the **Little Things** in life that bring me joy, but now all those happy times are **History**."

This heartbreaking confession is a snapshot of all the distress 1D fans have felt ever since this devastating loss.

With an impressively successful five-year-run, this boy band released five different, yet all equally amazing, albums, reaching a shocking release of one album every year!

After their debut, their fan base exploded exponentially, representing every continent on the planet and garnering worldwide

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attention. People all across the world stayed **Up All Night** listening to their hit songs, and even older fans felt rejuvenated to **Live While We're Young** and step out of their comfort zones. Worldwide tours, media interviews, and mobs of crazed, starstruck fans marked the highs of One Direction's career in the spotlight.

Unfortunately, **You & I** both know that it didn't last. After four years together, and releasing their fourth album titled the same, the oldest member, Zayn Malik, left the band. This was the beginning of the end. The others carried on for another year, even releasing their fifth, and final, album, but ultimately went their separate ways. The public was told that they were going on hiatus, which is just a fancy term for a break, and would reconvene after 18 months. That never happened.

To this day, even when Directioners tried to bring them back **One Way or Another**, we still mourn their absence. All we have left are their songs, YouTube videos, and our **Midnight Memories**.

As their 15-year anniversary draws closer, 1D fans hope against hope that they might come back together after all this time. A few of the members have hinted at a possible reunion at some point in time, and this milestone marks the perfect time for such a historic event.

No matter what happens, true Directioners know that no matter how many times the **Night Changes**, **Nobody Compares** to One Direction.

Gunslingers, saloon girls

and the rootinest tootinest

dancing north of Indy

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Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre (GHDT) will present the wildly entertaining production of *The Wild Wild West* at The Florence black-box theatre, 329 Gradle Drive, Carmel.

The play will stage at 5 p.m. on Saturdays and 3 p.m. on Sundays, Feb. 10 to 25.

First premiering in 2019 and back by popular demand, GHDT will once again bring the American Old West into the black-box cabaret setting for a fun theatrical experience giving a nod to the Western movies of old Hollywood in its return of *The Wild Wild West*. Complete with cowboys, gunslingers, bandits, townsfolk, lawmen, and saloon girls, this interactive performance will feature renowned music from popular TV and movie Westerns with costumes of yesteryear.

Be sure to bring your



Photos by Lydia Moody
Abigail Lessaris (left) and Camden Lancaster.

loot as this is an annual fund-raising event for GHDT. Please attend for an entertaining and unforgettable experience.

Ticket prices are \$40 for adults; \$26 for students (sold on-line only). Seating is limited. Purchase tickets at ghdtwildwildwest.eventbrite.com.

GHDT is the resident professional dance company at The Tarkington at The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.

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Carmel just couldn't wait until Monday to celebrate MLK's life



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The City of Carmel celebrated its sixth annual commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Thursday evening at the Tarkington Theater. This year's event featured musical performances, narration about Dr. King's life, an interpretive dance, and a brief skit. Thank you to the Mayor's Advisory Commission on Human Relations and all who contributed, participated, and attended. (Front row, from left) Marissa Barrett, City of Carmel Event Specialist; Mayor Sue Finkam; Morgan Webster, actress; Blair Clark, Artistic Director; Erica Thompson, narrator; Chaya Reich, narrator. (Back row, top left) Kyle Barker, Director of the Carmel Ambassadors choir. (Pictured at back right) Musicians Darnell Perkins and Joe Filipow; Bashiri Asad, singer and actor; Jeff DeHerdt, musician.

Donate to Fishers' community-wide food drive for MLK Day all weekend long

The REPORTER

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

Community Food Drive

With local food pantries experiencing an increase in demand and decrease in supply after the busy holiday season, the city has partnered with Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County and Memory Ventures to replenish these resources. On Monday, Jan. 15, food donations will be collected at several locations across the city, including all three Fishers Kroger stores, Holland Park, and Billerica Park, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Residents can also order donations online and have them delivered directly to the collection site through an [Amazon Wish List](#). A list of donation needs is available at [ThisIsFishers.com/MLK](#).

If you are unable to donate on Monday, food drive donation bins are available around the city throughout the weekend at the Hamilton East Public Library (5 Municipal Drive), Fishers YMCA (9012 126th St.), Fishers City Services Building (3 Municipal Drive),

and Fishers Parks Headquarters (8100 E. 106th St., Suite 150).

Food drive locations for Monday, Jan. 15 include:

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

Volunteer opportunities

For residents looking to give back through volunteerism, opportunities are available around Fishers, including onsite support to assist with the food drive, kindness rock painting event, and more. Visit [VolunteerFishers.com](#) to register to volunteer.

Special activities

During the celebration on Monday, visit Holland Park and Billerica Park for kindness rock painting from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Decorate your rock with an inspiring message of love and kindness to brighten someone's day. All supplies will be provided free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis. Please bring a donation for the food pantry.

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



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Mayor Scott Fadness with his sons at Kroger during last year's community food drive.

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Tickets are available for these upcoming arts and education events at The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. Just go to TheCenterPresents.org or call (317) 843-3800.

Center Presents Performances

Alan Cumming and Ari Shapiro: Och & Oy! A Considered Cabaret
8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3
The Palladium
Tickets from \$55

Alan Cumming (*Cabaret*, *The Good Wife*) and Ari Shapiro (Pink Martini, NPR's *All Things Considered*) are both known for transporting audiences to other worlds through their stories. Now, they're joining forces *in song*. Witness the Palladium debut of their new evening of tunes and tall tales, with musical direction by Henry Koperski. "We're

both storytellers who try to help audiences better understand themselves and the world around them," Shapiro said. "This show lets us explore those shared ideals on stage together, through stories and songs."

Mariachi Herencia de México: Herederos
8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9
The Palladium
Tickets from \$35

Telamon Passport Series
The history of mariachi music is rooted in cities such as Guadalajara and Mexico City, but as the ever-evolving genre spread, it reached Chicago and birthed the Mariachi Herencia de México. Emerging from a student music program in the Chicago Public Schools, the energetic, virtuosic group scored a Latin Grammy nomination with its 2017 debut release and has continued to top the streaming charts with a



Photo by Rudi Bezhev

Bulgaria's national orchestra makes its Palladium debut with an all-Beethoven program on Feb. 23.

string of albums, most recently 2022's *Herederos*. The 13-piece band consists

of five violins, three trumpets, three guitars (including the Mexican vihuela),

one bass and one harp, with the musicians doubling as singers.

Richard Marx
8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17
The Palladium
Tickets from \$35
Katz, Sapper & Miller Pop/Rock Series

With more than 30 million albums sold worldwide, Richard Marx returns for an intimate solo acoustic performance. Marx made history as the only male artist to reach the *Billboard* Top 5 with his first seven singles, including "Hold on to the Nights," "Don't Mean Nothing," "Satisfied" and "Right Here Waiting." Overall, he has scored 14 No. 1 singles as a performer and as a songwriter/producer. His most recent release is *Songwriter*, a collection of five pop songs, five rock songs, five country songs and five ballads, written in collaboration with artists including Keith Urban, Chris Daughtry and Burt Bacharach.

Sofia Philharmonic Orchestra

8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23
The Palladium
Tickets from \$35
Printing Partners Classical Series

Bulgaria's national orchestra makes its Palladium debut with an all-Beethoven program featuring the Coriolan Overture, the Piano Concerto No. 5 and the Symphony No. 7. The Sofia Philharmonic Orchestra's repertoire comprises works from the entire historically available range of music – from classical to contemporary opuses, including premiere performances of numerous works by Bulgarian composers. Since 2017, Nayden Todorov has served as its general director. The expert-led Classics in Context discussion at 7:15 p.m. is free to all ticket holders.

Aretha's Gold: Classic Albums Live Tribute to Aretha Franklin

8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24
The Palladium
Tickets from \$35
Hoosier Village & The Barrington of Carmel Songbook Series

Juno Award-winning Canadian R&B singer Divine Brown recreates the magic of "The Queen of Soul" in this note-for-note, cut-by-cut performance of Aretha Franklin's 1969 greatest hits album, *Aretha's Gold*.

Classic Albums Live is a Toronto-based touring concert series that specializes in performances of classic rock and pop albums, focusing not on costumes or interpretations, but rather on faithful renditions of the recordings performed by top musicians. *Aretha's Gold* included such hits as "Respect," "Chain of Fools," "Think" and "(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman."

Other February events include:

Songwriting: Melody and Lyrics
Feb. 6-March 5;
performance March 7
The Palladium
Cost: \$150 for five sessions and final performance

Aimed at seasoned writers and fresh voices alike, this course explores the elements of songwriting and provides opportunities for participants to co-write and collaborate with other musicians. Each session will include instruction, songwriting breakout sessions, peer/instructor feedback and an opportunity to share work. The course will culminate with a "songwriters in the round" performance in which each participant will share a song and a personal story about the work.

Peanut Butter & Jam: Kid Kazooey
10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10

The Palladium
Tickets: \$10 per child, includes two free adult admissions with each order

Kid Kazooey wants to play music with you and your kids! *It's Time to Have Band Practice* is a program exploring the fundamentals of music by playing music together. Rhythm, dance, and dynamics are shared in a highly interactive program with a seasoned performer. Designed for children aged 1 to 7, Peanut Butter & Jam sessions encourage kids to become engaged in the arts.

Child & Adult Music Class: Teddy Bear's Picnic

9:30 a.m. or 10:45 a.m.
Fridays, Feb. 23-March 29
The Palladium
Cost: \$72 for all six sessions

Toddlers and their favorite stuffed animals can enjoy a musical romp through the woods with songs about bears, sunshine, numbers, and letters. Led by musician/educator Michelle Marti and presented in partnership with Westfield Veterinary Care, the program is designed for children aged 18 months to 5 years.

Live at the Center: Peyton Womock Band
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28
Online and at the Studio Theater

Livestream: Free (pay-what-you-can, no minimum)
On-site: \$10 (pay-what-you-can, \$10 minimum)

Saxophonist Peyton Womock is known for innovative interpretations as well as original compositions that cross genres from smooth jazz and funk to hip hop and pop. His videos on Twitter, YouTube and Instagram have attracted more than a million impressions, and he also brings a unique perspective on music technology through his Indiana University studies in Informatics with a cognate in music. A collection of original compositions, *Saint*, is available on Spotify and Apple Music. *Live at the Center* is a monthly concert and livestream series featuring original music by Indiana-based artists.

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Connect to your place in the world through Historical Societies

Submitted by Hamilton County Bicentennial Commission

Even though the Bicentennial year is over, history is still being celebrated and made. The [Bicentennial website](#) will stay up for a few more months, and in the meantime, you can check out all the historical societies the county has to offer.

Places are kind of like people. They can be related to one another – sharing a border on a map – but no one place is truly like another one. Westfield is not just like Carmel. Noblesville is different from Cicero. This fact is just one way historical societies can be so fascinating.

Hamilton County is home to six historical societies and several other treasure troves of local history, and each destination offers its own unique stories to tell about a particular city, town, or site.

Getting in touch with your own historical society can help you access all this local history and develop a richer relationship with your place in the world.

“What I think is fun about history is learning stories about normal, everyday people,” said Jessica Layman, president of the Hamilton County Historical Society and the county’s Bicentennial Coordinator. “Connecting someone from our past to your everyday life is so interesting.”

For example, in a photo from Wayne Township, two boys stand in front of a beat-up school bus holding foxes they must have caught or hunted. Through the image, you can begin to wonder about these boys’ lives and how they were different from today’s kids. What were their chores on what was likely a farm? What did they study and what tools did they use in the classroom? How did they catch those foxes?

By exploring these questions and ideas, we get out of our own worlds and into someone else’s.

“There’s always something new to learn. Because I do a lot of genealogy in my day job, it’s not just who married who. It’s also questions like, what were these people reading in the newspaper when their kids were born?”

Layman is also a genealogy and local history librarian at Hamilton East Public Library.

Consider what made headlines during World War I compared to during our global pandemic. How do world events shape how we raise our children and who we are here in Hamilton County?

Knowing some history also allows you to look at your built environment through a more multifaceted lens. When you know how the landscape has changed over time – from forests to neighborhoods or farmland to highways – you see your home in a new way.

“It can lead to really interesting conversations as you just drive around your community, noticing things like where Carmel City Center is there used to be rows of corn,” Layman said.

And there are other things to love about history.

“There is so much cool stuff happening in Hamilton County that if you aren’t thinking about history already, it might not be at



Photo courtesy Dottie Young

the front of your brain,” Layman said. Plus, with so many new people moving into the county, they might not know where to look for history-related information.

Your local historical society offers opportunities to educate yourself year-round. Each society is hyper-local, with a personality and focus reflecting its community and the experience of living there.

Stop by your local historical society. Layman offers a little insight into each one:

Hamilton County Historical Society

Located on the historic courthouse square in Noblesville, the Hamilton County Historical Society runs a museum inside the Sheriff’s Residence and Jail. Admission is free, with donations welcomed. There, find county history, history of law enforcement and some Noblesville history. The Hamilton County Historical Society also runs the Santa House each winter. You can become a member to help support the museum and get the newsletter. [Visit here.](#)

Sheridan Historical Society

Some people come to the Sheridan Historical Society just as much to visit with one another, maybe work on a puzzle together, as they do to learn about history. It’s almost like a community club, located right on Main Street in Sheridan where revitalization is taking a front seat. [Visit here.](#)

Westfield Washington Historical Society

Services through the Westfield Washington Historical Society include monthly meetings, public and charitable education programs, and other events to encourage and celebrate local history. The organization manages a historical museum and recently completed the restoration of the Barker Family Log Cabin next to its property, which they share with Westfield City Hall. The group works to engage schools as they expand their footprint. [Visit here.](#)

Carmel Clay Historical Society

The Carmel Clay Historical Society will soon move from its longtime home inside the historic 1883 Monon Railroad Depot into the under-construction Carmel Clay History Museum. The 10,000 square-foot building will include space for galleries and exhibits, community meeting space, public restrooms, archives, a gift shop and a rooftop event area. The historical society offers education and engagement opportunities to the entire community. [Visit here.](#)

Fishers Historical Society

The Fishers Historical

Society is a newer organization with the purpose of recording the history and maintaining the heritage of Fishers. It is working to evaluate the kinds of things to collect and share to serve the bustling city Fishers has become. [Visit here.](#)

Arcadia Historical Society

It’s hard to believe that in 1900, more people lived in small towns like Atlanta than in Carmel. To learn how a town can grow bigger and smaller over time, schedule a visit to the historic train depot in Arcadia, which used to have all the amenities of a bustling city. [Visit here.](#)

Other places to learn about local history:

- [Taylor Center of Natural History](#)
- [Conner Prairie](#)
- Your local library.

[Hamilton East Public Library](#) has staff with expertise to help you find just what you need.

All the historical organizations in Hamilton County are working to share information more readily, so if someone is looking to get

involved, get in touch with your local group and then keep an eye out for related events and programming.

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Sen. Braun introduces “Dillon’s Law” to promote epinephrine use

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On Wednesday, U.S. Senators Mike Braun (R-Ind.) and Gary Peters (D-Mich.) introduced a bill encouraging states to train individuals to carry and administer epinephrine to someone suffering a severe allergic reaction. This bill is inspired by Dillon Mueller, a young man who passed away in

2014 at the age of 18 after being stung by a bee and subsequently falling into a coma due to anaphylaxis. He was unable to receive epinephrine in a timely manner, ultimately leading to his death. Coined “Dillon’s Law,” this bill would support and educate on the use of epinephrine across the nation.

“Dillon’s Law is a piece of common-sense legislation that can prevent hundreds of tragic and avoidable deaths every year,” Sen. Braun said. “Training people on how to provide lifesaving care



Braun

and guaranteeing that good Samaritans are protected from the threat of civil litigation is vital. Legislation like this has worked in Indiana, and I believe it can work on a national level as well.”

Specifically, Dillon’s Law:

- Creates a grant preference under an existing federal grant program for states that allow trained individuals to carry and administer Epinephrine to an individual suffering from a severe allergic reaction.
- Provides a civil liability protection law for

trained individuals to another person reasonably believed to be having an anaphylactic reaction. This legislation is endorsed by the and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA), Food Allergy Research and Education (FARE), the Elijah-Alavi Foundation, and the Dillon Mueller Memorial Fund.

Sen. Braun’s bill to improve health & welfare of federal working dogs passes U.S. Senate

The REPORTER

The Working Dog Health and Welfare Act – introduced by Senator Mike Braun (R-Ind.) and Senator Kyrsten Sinema (I-Ariz.) – has passed the U.S. Senate. The bill will support the safe and humane treatment of federal working dogs. This bill is the first bill to pass the U.S. Senate in 2024. “Working dogs” are used for the detection of explosives, narcotics, and missing

persons, as well as serving in patrol and navigation capacities. This legislation includes programs that detect abuse and neglect of these animals, as well as ensuring emergency medical care, exercise, food and water, rest and off-duty time, and medical needs after retirement. “Federal working dogs, who work diligently alongside their human companions, risk their lives daily to

ensure the safety of Americans,” Sen. Braun said. “As both a leader in the Senate for animal welfare and a dog owner, I am proud that this bipartisan legislation to ensure these animals are protected has passed the Senate.” There are nearly 5,500 working dogs served in the federal government within 64 programs at eight departments and three independent agencies. Officials from

these programs identified that the most common job for federal working dogs is the detection of explosives, narcotics, and missing persons. Federal working dogs also serve in patrol, navigation, and other specialty capacities. In October 2022, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) cited 18 issues pertaining to the treatment of federal working dogs including lack of pro-

grams that detect abuse and the mistreatment of these animals in a report entitled “Working Dogs: Federal Agencies Need to Better Address Health and Welfare.” In addition, there is a lack of regulation pertaining to emergency medical care, exercise, food and water, rest and off-duty time which are critical to the well-being of federal working dogs. The Working Dog Health and Welfare Act

would ensure that federal agencies implement GAO’s working dog recommendations for existing working dog programs within 180 days of enactment. It would also require new working dog programs to proactively implement GAO’s recommendations. Finally, the bill requires agencies to submit a report to Congress on the steps taken to implement GAO’s recommendations.

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JACOB FLEES FROM LABAN

"In breeding season I once had a dream in which I looked up and saw that the male goats mating with the flock were streaked, speckled or spotted. The angel of God said to me in the dream, 'Jacob.' I answered, 'Here I am.' And he said, 'Look up and see that all the male goats mating with the flock are streaked, speckled or spotted, for I have seen all that Laban has been doing to you. I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed a pillar and where you made a vow to me. Now leave this land at once and go back to your native land.'"

Genesis 31:10-13 (NIV)

Meeting Notices

The regular meeting of the Carmel Board of Zoning Appeals scheduled for Monday, Jan. 22, 2024, has been canceled due to lack of an agenda.

The Hamilton Southeastern Schools Board of Trustees executive session meeting set for Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024, has been canceled.

The Carmel Redevelopment Commission will meet in an executive session at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2024. The purpose of the Executive Session is to discuss pending litigation in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B); and/or to discuss the purchase or lease of real property in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D); and/or to receive information about and interview prospective employees in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(5).

A regular meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

— 2024 MEETING DATES —

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN SCHOOLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2024 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

All meetings will be held at the HSE Administration Center, 13845 Cumberland Road, Fishers.

	BOARD MEETINGS	WORK SESSIONS
	2nd & 4th Wednesdays	As needed
	6:00 P.M.	7:30 to 9:30 A.M.
JANUARY	Jan. 10, 24	Jan. 16
FEBRUARY	Feb. 14	Feb. 20
MARCH	March 13, 17*	March 19
APRIL	April 10, 24*	April 16
MAY	May 8	May 14
JUNE	June 12, 26*	June 18
JULY	July 10, 24	July 16
AUGUST	Aug. 14, 28*	Aug. 20
SEPTEMBER	Sept. 11, 25	Sept. 17
OCTOBER	Oct. 9, 23	Oct. 1 (due to fall break)
NOVEMBER	Nov. 13	Nov. 19
DECEMBER	Dec. 11	Dec. 3 (due to holiday break)
JANUARY 2025	Jan. 8, 22	Jan. 14

* Indicates the meeting will be held if needed.

Special meetings and/or any change in date, time or location of a meeting will be announced as required by law.

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Infrastructure replacement will cause closure along short section of Main Street in Carmel

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Underground infrastructure replacement work will soon take place on West Main Street between Guilford Road and Old Meridian Street. This will result in the closure of a short section of

West Main Street for up to eight weeks beginning on or after Monday, Jan. 15.

Access to residences and businesses in the area will remain open. Please follow signage in the area and use caution.

Modifications to the storm water collection system will take place within the right of way as well as installation of a new water main. Detour routes will take drivers on Guilford Road and Old Meridian Street to circum-

vent this work. A separate pedestrian and bicycle detour will be in place along Main Street for the duration of the road closure.

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Basketball



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The Westfield basketball teams honored cancer survivors in between games during their doubleheader with Hamilton Southeastern on Friday.

'Rocks & Royals split doubleheader

Westfield teams both recognize cancer survivors during Pink Out Night

By RICHIE HALL

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WESTFIELD — The Westfield basketball teams hosted Hamilton Southeastern Friday for the annual Hoosier Crossroads Conference doubleheader between the two teams.

The occasion has become a special one, as it is also the annual Pink Out night to show support for cancer patients and survivors, including a ceremony that took place between the games to honor survivors and their loved ones.

As for the basketball, the girls went first, and the Class 4A No. 1 Royals had a solid start which helped them win over the Shamrocks 64-37. In the boys game, 4A No. 3 Westfield put on a defensive clinic to beat Southeastern 42-27 and stay unbeaten for the season.

Defensive tenacity

Maya Makalusky led the first-quarter charge for the Royals, pouring in 12 points to help Southeastern take a 23-8 lead. Kennedy Holman added six points and Kinley Johnson scored five.

"I thought defensively we were really pretty efficient tonight," said HSE coach Brian Satterfield. "Just trying to get up there, pressure them a little bit. I thought our defense helped create some offense for us at times. We did a good job of moving the basketball early, got some shots and then just kept the defensive tenacity up."

The 'Rocks played even with the Royals in the second quarter, with four different Westfield players getting points, including four from Ellie Kelleher.

The Royals led 31-18 at halftime, then took fur-

ther control in the third quarter with a 10-2 run that put HSE ahead 43-22. Zoe Lawless started the run with a three-point play and Holman contributed four points.

Meg Hamilton gave the Shamrocks a spark with four points in the quarter, but another 8-0 run gave the Royals a 51-26 lead at the end of three. Kayla Brinley nailed a 3-pointer and put in a rebound basket, then Holman turned a steal into an and-1, giving her nine for the period.

Southeastern added 13 more points in the fourth quarter to finish the game. Lawless scored four points, while Makalusky had three more to give her a game-high 24 points; she scored in all four quarters. Holman totaled 17 points.

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Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Hamilton Southeastern's Antonette Green plays defense for the Royals during their girls basketball win.

Girls Wrestling

Two state champions! Heights' Kendall Moe & Noblesville's Kyra Tomlinson bring it home

The REPORTER

Two Hamilton County girls wrestlers are state champions after their performances at the Indiana High School Girls Wrestling state finals, which took place Friday at Kokomo's Memorial Gymnasium.

Hamilton Heights' Kendall Moe ripped her way through the 100-pound bracket, winning all four of her matches by fall. None of Moe's four opponents were able to get past the second period when wrestling her. The sophomore began her state journey by pinning Tri-County's Sydney Stoller in 1 minute, 28 seconds. Moe then took care of Mooresville's Kaydie Epley with a fall at 1:54, or with six seconds left in the first period, in a quarterfinal match.

Moe's next two opponents made it to the second

period, but both matches still ended with pins. In the semifinals, Moe took care of Portage's Madisyn Mickels in 2:44, then beat East Noble's Kyleigh Honaker in 3:10 to secure the championship. Moe finished her season with a 27-3 record.

Noblesville's Kyra Tomlinson claimed the state championship at 130 pounds, winning the Millers' first-ever wrestling state title. The senior got pins in her first two victories, first beating East Noble's Hadleigh Eling with a second-period fall (2:24). Tomlinson beat Attica's Joslyn Barnett in the quarterfinals, getting the pin 13 seconds into the third period (4:13).

The toughest match came in the semifinals, where Tomlinson went up against unbeaten Ella Gahl from Northfield. Tomlinson used a third-period take-

down to get a lead in the back-and-forth match, ultimately winning 5-4. In the championship, Tomlinson beat Huntington North's Aubrey Troutner in a 19-10 major decision.

Tomlinson completed her season at 26-6. She is Noblesville's first-ever four-time state place winner.

"She is a trailblazer for women's wrestling," said Noblesville coach Michael Weimer.

Sheridan's Claudia Headlee competed at state in the 190-pound bracket, but lost her first-round match to Columbia City's Michela Clifford in a first-round fall (1:39). Headlee finished her season 4-6.



Photo provided

Noblesville's Kyra Tomlinson won the 130-pound state championship at the Indiana High School Girls Wrestling state finals, which took place Friday at Kokomo's Memorial Gymnasium. Pictured: Millers head coach Michael Weimer, Kyra Tomlinson, Noblesville assistant coaches Andy Fleenor and Alex Bowers.

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Basketball



(Left) Fishers freshman Cooper Zachary had seven points for the Tigers boys team during their win over Brownsburg on Friday. (Right) Fishers’ Nevaeh Dickman scored five points during the Tigers’ victory in the girls game.



Photos by Joshua Herd

Tigers keep Bulldogs down in conference doubleheader

The REPORTER

The Fishers basketball teams swept a Hoosier Crossroads Conference doubleheader with Brownsburg Friday at the Tiger Den.

The Tigers girls went first, and won a hard-fought game 40-38 over the Bulldogs. Fishers led 19-7 after one quarter; five different players scored. That included six points each for Talia Harris and Allison Scheu,

who made two 3-pointers.

Fishers led 25-13 at halftime and withstood a second-half comeback by Brownsburg. The Bulldogs got within 34-29 after three quarters, but the Tigers held on for the win.

Harris finished the game with 20 points.

In the boys game, Fishers cruised past Brownsburg 60-45. The Bulldogs had the Class 4A No. 1 Tigers down

12-10 in the first quarter, but Fishers blasted back in the second period, outscoring Brownsburg 16-3 for a 26-15 halftime lead. Keenan Garner had 13 points in the first half.

The Tigers held a 40-31 advantage after three periods, with six different players scoring. Fishers added 20 points in the fourth, including a 6-of-6 effort from the free-

throw line by Justin Kirby.

Garner scored 21 points, while Kirby had 10 points.

Fishers’ girls are 3-2 in conference play and 13-5 overall and host Carmel on Tuesday. The Tigers’ boys team is 3-0 in the HCC and still perfect for the season at 12-0, playing another conference game next Friday at Avon.

GIRLS GAME FISHERS 40, BROWNSBURG 38				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Talia Harris	7	5-8	20	2
Morgan Roberts	2	0-0	4	0
Kate Thomas	2	1-2	5	2
Nevaeh Dickman	2	1-1	5	2
Allison Scheu	2	0-0	6	4
Alanna Anthony	0	0-0	0	1
Olivia Brookshire	0	0-0	0	1
Natalie Thomas	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	15	7-11	40	12
Score by Quarters				
Brownsburg	7	6	16	9 – 38
Fishers	19	6	9	6 – 40
Fishers 3-pointers (3) Scheu 2, Harris.				

BOYS GAME FISHERS 60, BROWNSBURG 45				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Taden Metzger	2	2-2	8	2
Millen McCartney	0	0-0	0	0
Cooper Zachary	3	1-1	7	2
JonAnthony Hall	3	0-0	6	5
Keenan Garner	9	3-3	21	3
Jason Gardner Jr.	1	2-4	4	3
Justin Kirby	2	6-6	10	1
Parker Perdue	0	0-0	0	1
Nathan Baker	1	2-2	4	1
Logan Sigler	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	21	16-18	60	18
Score by Quarters				
Brownsburg	12	3	16	14 – 45
Fishers	10	16	14	20 – 60
Fishers 3-pointers (2) Metzger 2.				

Trailblazers bust Muncie Burris, set to play for 7th consecutive PAAC championship

The REPORTER

University's boys will play for a seventh consecutive Pioneer Academic Athletic Conference championship after their 80-41 win over Muncie Burris Friday night at The U Center.

The win improved the Trailblazers to 3-0 in the PAAC North Division and was University's 33rd consecutive PAAC North win. The Blazers will play at the PAAC South champion on Feb. 10.

Blake Gray led four Trailblazers in double figures with 17 points. Max McComb had 14 while Zien Bland scored 11 and Bryce Gray 10.

Muncie Burris took a 5-2 lead in the first minute of the game before McComb tied the score with a three pointer from the right corner. Blake Gray put University up 7-5 converting a steal into an easy bucket before the Owls tied the score at 7-7. Blake Gray scored on a rebound to put University ahead for good at 9-7.

The Trailblazers closed the quarter on a 16-1 run and led 23-8 after the opening period. Blake Gray had six and McComb five in the quarter.

Bland had seven points in the second quarter and McComb six as University led by as many as 18 before taking a 40-23 lead at halftime.

The Blazers outscored the Owls 25-12 in the third quarter to take a 65-35 lead. Blake Gray had nine points in the quarter with Bland and Montgomery Holland adding four each. University led 70-35 on a Robert Russell foul shot with 5:56 on the clock and the remainder of the game was played with a running clock.

Russell had team highs with seven rebounds and six assists. Holland led with six steals, two blocked shots and added five rebounds.

University improves to 7-6 on the season. The next game for University is Jan. 26 at Anderson Prep Academy.

UNIVERSITY 80, MUNCIE BURRIS 41				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Bryce Gray	4-8	0-0	10	2
Blake Gray	8-10	0-0	17	1
Max McComb	5-9	0-0	14	3
Robert Russell	1-5	4-6	6	2
Montgomery Holland	3-5	0-2	6	1
Jackson Bledsoe	3-4	0-0	6	2
Zien Bland	4-5	2-3	11	0
Faisal Mohamud	3-6	0-0	8	0
Cooper Cammack	1-3	0-0	2	2
David Walz	0-0	0-0	0	0
D.J. Willis	0-1	0-0	0	0
Joe Rozembajgier	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	32-56	6-11	80	13
Score by Quarters				
Muncie Burris	8	15	12	6 – 41
University	23	17	25	15 – 80
University 3-point shooting (10-27) McComb 4-8, Br. Gray 2-5, Mohamud 2-5, Bl. Gray 1-3, Bland 1-2, Russell 0-2, Bledsoe 0-1, Willis 0-1.				
University rebounds (26) Russell 7, Cammack 6, Holland 5, Bl. Gray 4, Bland 2, McComb 1, Willis 1.				

Husky winning streak snapped by Lapel

The REPORTER

On Friday night, the Lapel Bulldogs paid a visit to Arcadia for its annual matchup with Hamilton Heights. The Huskies were riding a three-game winning streak that helped even their record at 6-6

Consistency throughout for Lapel was something that Heights unfortunately wasn't able to keep up with fully. Four Huskies reached double figures, but that wouldn't be enough in a 77-63 loss to the Bulldogs.

The Huskies trailed after one just 19-14, but the Bulldogs were able to stretch it to nine at halftime for a 36-27 score.

Heights was able to score 18 in both the third and fourth periods, but that

seemed to only fuel Lapel. The visitors edged the Huskies 19-18 for a 55-45 double-digit deficit heading to the fourth.

Lapel was able to outlast Hamilton Heights in the final quarter to push away for a 77-63 road win.

John Irion led Heights with 16 on 6-of-9 field goals. Dreydin Serna was right behind with 14, making 7-for-10 from the floor, while Tyler Champion had 11 points and four assists and Tillman Etchison added 10, making five of nine and had five assists.

Hamilton Heights (6-7) had won three in a row and five of its last seven. The Huskies head to Western Boone tonight to face the Stars.

LAPEL 77, HAMILTON HEIGHTS 63				
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Tyler Champion	4-14	0-0	11	4
Dreydin Serna	7-10	0-0	14	3
Tillman Etchison	5-9	0-0	10	2
John Irion	6-9	3-3	16	3
Sam Dawson	1-6	0-0	3	2
Phoenix Vondersaar	0-0	0-0	0	0
Landen Scheiber	3-8	2-2	9	3
Carson Felger	0-1	0-0	0	1
Isaiah Grimsey	0-0	0-0	0	0
Rees Knapp	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	26-57	5-5	63	19
Score by Quarters				
Lapel	19	17	19	22 – 77
Heights	14	13	18	18 – 63
Heights 3-point shooting (6-24) Champion 3-11, Dawson 1-5, Scheiber 1-3, Irion 1-3, Felger 0-1, Etchison 0-1.				
Heights rebounds (12) Champion 3, Etchison 3, Grimsey 2, Scheiber 1, Knapp 1, Felger 1, Dawson 1.				

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Lindsey Van Dyke also got points in each period, finishing with 12. She had a solid performance from the free-throw line, going 7 of 8. Kelleher had eight points.

“We gave up too many points in the first, we gave up too many points in the third,” said Westfield coach Kelsey Steele. “They came out and jumped on us and scored 23 early. And then when you shoot and only make one 3 on the night, it’s going to be a long night.”

Being everywhere

Defense was also the name of the boys’ game. Westfield did get some early offense from Caleb Wise, as he nailed two 3s in the first

quarter. Charles Farrell made a triple, and the Shamrocks were up 9-2; they would keep their lead around that margin for the entire game.

“I’d like to think that you’re a little looser, a little free when you have a 10 or 12-point lead,” said Westfield coach Shane Sumpter. “But our guys have been in some pressure situations before where we’ve had to make plays down the stretch to win. I feel like we’ve been everywhere.”

A layin by Carsen Melvin with 1.4 seconds left in the first quarter gave Westfield a 13-6 lead, then Wise began the second quarter with his third 3 of the game. Deion Miles scored

four points for Southeastern in the second quarter, but Melvin’s and-1 proved to be the final points of the half, which finished with the ‘Rocks ahead 23-15.

Westfield’s defense never allowed the Royals to go on any runs during the game. Meanwhile, the Shamrocks put together a 12-0 run in the second half, with Drew Haffner scoring off a steal to end the third quarter, then opening the fourth with a 3. Westfield led 38-20 at that point and stayed comfortably in front for the entire quarter.

Wise led the Shamrocks with nine points. Nic Book collected 10 rebounds and blocked two shots, while Trey Buchanan handed

out five assists. Miles was Southeastern’s leader with eight points, with Michael Griffith pulling six rebounds.

Next games

Southeastern’s girls clinched at least a share of the HCC championship with the win, moving to 6-0 in the conference. The Royals are 17-1 overall and play at Lawrence North on Tuesday. Westfield is 3-3 in the conference and 12-7 overall and host Indian Creek this afternoon.

Westfield’s boys are 2-0 in conference play and 10-0 overall and play another HCC contest Wednesday at Noblesville. Southeastern is 0-3 in the conference and 8-5 overall and host Anderson tonight.

GIRLS GAME HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 64, WESTFIELD 37				
Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Maya Makalusky	9	5-7	24	0
Kennedy Holman	7	3-3	17	1
Zoe Lawless	2	3-3	7	3
Kayla Stidham	2	0-0	5	3
Addison Van Hoesen	0	0-0	0	2
Kayla Brinley	2	1-2	6	0
Antonette Green	0	0-0	0	0
Kenley Johnson	2	1-2	5	4
Abigale Brown	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	24	13-17	64	13
Southeastern 3-pointers (3) Makalusky, Brinley, Stidham.				
Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ellie Kelleher	3	2-2	8	2
Aubrey Crockett	1	0-2	2	4
Kiarra Loveless	1	1-1	3	3
Reagan Lorenzen	3	0-0	7	3
Lindsey Van Dyke	2	7-8	11	0
Sam Price	0	0-0	0	0
Meg Hamilton	1	2-2	4	1
MaKayla Hatcher	1	0-0	2	2
Madeline Linville	0	0-0	0	0
Mia Crask	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	12	12-15	37	15
Westfield 3-pointer: Lorenzen.				
Score by Quarters				
Southeastern	23	8	20	13 – 64
Westfield	8	10	8	11 – 37

BOYS GAME WESTFIELD 42, HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 27				
Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Donovan Hamilton	3	1-2	7	2
Nate Orr	0	0-0	0	1
Braeden Totten	1	0-0	2	2
Michael Griffith	0	3-4	3	4
Kam Anthony	1	1-2	3	1
Jack Jacobs	2	0-1	4	1
Deion Miles	4	0-0	8	1
Maverick Young	0	0-0	0	2
Lucas Weemer	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	11	5-9	27	14
Southeastern 3-pointers: none.				
Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Charles Farrell	1	0-0	3	1
Trey Buchanan	2	0-0	5	2
Caleb Wise	3	0-0	9	2
Nic Book	0	1-2	1	4
Durante Morton	2	2-2	6	1
Will Harvey	2	1-2	6	1
Carsen Melvin	3	1-4	7	2
Drew Haffner	2	0-0	5	0
Totals	15	5-10	42	13
Westfield 3-pointers (7) Wise 3, Farrell, Buchanan, Harvey, Haffner.				
Score by Quarters				
Southeastern	6	9	5	7 – 27
Westfield	13	10	12	7 – 42

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Boys Basketball

No. 6 Guerin holds off Covenant Christian in low-scoring battle

The REPORTER

Last night, Covenant Christian traveled to Noblesville to face Guerin Catholic in a key Circle City Conference tilt.

A fast start got the Golden Eagles off on the right foot to where they were able to hold on throughout the night for a 44-34 league win over the Warriors.

Guerin Catholic jumped out shooting hot, doubling up Covenant 18-9 in the first and never looked back from that point.

The Warriors bounced back in the second to outscore Guerin Catholic 8-7, but would still trail the hosts 25-17 at the break.

Defense would steal the show for the Golden Eagles in the third. Guerin Catholic would double up Covenant 10-5 to move its lead to a baker's dozen 35-22.

Covenant Christian put some offense on the board in the fourth with a 12-9 advantage, but that wouldn't be enough as Guerin Catholic would outlast the Warriors, 44-34.

Forcing 12 CC turnovers to only eight of their own, Guerin Catholic not only held the Warriors to



Guerin Catholic's Dylan Murans scored six points for the Golden Eagles during their Circle City Conference win over Covenant Christian on Friday.

Photo by Mike Navarro

34 points, but no opposing player scored more than six. Three Covenant players finished with six. Quite the tip of the cap to the Golden Eagles on defense. Bryson Cardinal led all scorers with 17 points on 7-of-11 shooting and nine rebounds. Robert Sorensen joined him in double digits with 11 points, five boards and four assists. Class 3A No. 6 Guerin Catholic (11-4) hits the road at Class 4A No. 4 Cathedral (10-0) tonight.

GUERIN CATHOLIC 44, COVENANT CHRISTIAN 34				
Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jack Cherry	1-2	0-0	2	0
Robert Sorensen	4-15	2-2	11	1
Andy Caron	0-2	0-0	0	1
Dylan Murans	3-6	0-1	6	3
Bryson Cardinal	7-11	3-5	17	1
Ryne Paris	1-1	0-0	3	2
Malcolm Houze	1-2	0-0	2	0
Hayden Rodgers	0-0	0-0	0	0
Jake Grissom	0-0	0-0	0	3
Ben Grissom	1-1	0-0	3	0
Asher Arkenau	0-0	0-0	0	0
Nik Balmuri	0-1	0-0	0	0
Julian Melendez	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	18-41	5-8	44	11
Score by Quarters				
Covenant Christian	9	8	5	12 - 34
Guerin Catholic	18	7	10	9 - 44
Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting (3-12) Sorensen 1-7, B. Grissom 1-1, Paris 1-1, Caron 0-1, Houze 0-1, Murans 0-1.				
Guerin Catholic rebounds (26) Cardinal 9, Sorensen 5, Caron 3, Murans 3, Houze 2, Balmuri 1, team 3.				

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New year, new opportunities for INDYCAR drivers

Turning the calendar to January means the Indianapolis 500 is less than four months away, and the INDYCAR season begins at St. Petersburg in less than two months.

A season ago, INDYCAR was dominated by 2021 Series Champion Alex Palou, who finished every race of the 2023 season inside the Top 10 and won a series high five races.

The oval master, Josef Newgarden, managed a last-lap pass and captured his first Indianapolis 500 and nearly swept the oval-track races but ended up drifting high and hitting the wall at Worldwide Technology Raceway in late August, ending his chance at the season sweep.

The INDYCAR driver lineup for 2024 has seen significant changes and questions still exist for several teams:

A.J. Foyt Racing
It was recently confirmed that Santino Ferrucci would return to A.J. Foyt Racing for 2024. Along Ferrucci is series sophomore Sting Ray Robb, who moves to Foyt from Dale Coyne Racing and will replace Benjamin Pedersen.

Andretti
The Andretti race team will add Marcus Ericsson to its driver line-up. Ericsson replaces Romain Grosjean, who had another disappointing year in 2023. Colton Herta and Kyle Kirkwood remain with Andretti. How-

ever, Devlin DeFrancesco loses his ride for 2024 as Andretti will only run three full-time teams for the upcoming season.

Arrow McLaren
After added Alexander Rossi in 2023, Arrow McLaren has replaced Felix Rosenqvist with up-and-comer David Malukas. Rossi and Malukas will be accompanied by Pato O'Ward, who surprisingly went winless in 2023.

Chip Ganassi Racing
Chip Ganassi will field a massive five-car team in 2024, led by defending series champion, Alex Palou, and six-time champion, Scott Dixon. 2023 rookie, Marcus Armstrong will move into a full-time roll with Ganassi and will make his Indianapolis 500 debut. Fellow Swedish driver Linus Lundqvist will replace Marcus Ericsson, and Kyffin Simpson will field a new, full-time team for Ganassi.

Ed Carpenter Racing
After a tumultuous 2023 season and the departure of Noblesville native Conor Daly, Rinus VeeKay returns and will be accompanied by Ed Carpenter and Christian Rasmussen, who will be dividing the 17-race season.

Juncos Hollinger Racing
Ex-Andretti driver Romain Grosjean shifts gears and will take over Callum Ilott's ride at Juncos Hollinger Racing. Argentinian driver Austin Canapino remains

with Juncos and will attempt to build on a solid 2023 rookie campaign.

Meyer Shank Racing
Felix Rosenqvist will attempt to bounce back after Arrow-McLaren decided not to renew his contract. He is paired with rookie Tom Blomqvist, who ran several races in 2023 for the injured Simon Pagenaud, who is not returning to INDYCAR in 2024.

Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing
Both Graham Rahal and Christian Lundgaard return for 2024. They will be joined by Pietro Fittipaldi, grandson of Indianapolis 500 Champion and Formula 1 Champion, Emerson Fittipaldi who spent the last several years as a reserve driver for the Haas Formula 1 team.

Team Penske
Team Penske is the only

INDYCAR returning all its drivers from 2023. Josef Newgarden, Scott McLaughlin, and Will Power look to improve on a (some-what) subpar 2023 performance.

Aside from some uncertainty in the team field cars on a partial schedule, Dale Coyne Racing is the only full-time team not to have its driver lineup set. It is unclear at this point who will fill the final two full-time sets in INDYCAR for the 2024 season.

As the season get under way, check back in for updates on who will be filling the remaining seats, and which teams plan on bringing additional cars to the 2024 Indianapolis 500.

Zech Yoder is a local resident, an attorney at Adler Attorneys in Noblesville, and a lifelong race fan.

Heights graduate Caleb Small hired as Northwestern H.S. football coach

The REPORTER

Caleb Small, a 2008 Hamilton Heights graduate, has been hired as the new head football coach of Northwestern High School.

This will be Small's first head coaching job, after he spent several years as the offensive coordinator at Ben Davis High School, the 2023 Class 6A state champion. Small had been with the Giants since 2018, helping them to four sectional and regional titles in addition to last year's state title.

"It's really exciting," Small said in an interview with the Reporter. "I think there's a lot to be said about the Northwestern community and the people that are involved in Northwestern athletics. It seemed like a great fit when I got to meet the administrators. I look forward to building a culture of excellence and being the best program that we can be year in and year out."

Small has already built up his own record of excellence over the past 15 years. He was a three-sport athlete for the Huskies, playing football, basketball and baseball. Small graduated from Marian University in 2013, where he was a part of the 2012 national championship football team and also played baseball.

Small began his pro-

fessional career at Noblesville High School, where he was a business teacher and coached baseball under head coach Justin Keever. Small helped the Millers to their 2014 Class 4A baseball state title.

In addition, Small was a member of the Noblesville football coaching staff, serving as an offensive assistant under coach Lance Scheib. When Jason Simmons took over the head coaching job in 2015, Small became the Millers' offensive coordinator. Simmons became the Ben Davis head coach in 2018, and Small followed him to Ben Davis, where he taught physical education in addition to his offensive coordinator duties.

Small will also be the strength coordinator at Northwestern. In a statement on X, formerly known as Twitter Friday, the Northwestern athletic department had this to say:

"With an impressive track record of success, a passion for the game, and a proven ability to inspire and lead, Coach Small brings experience and expertise that will undoubtedly elevate our football program to new heights. Join us in welcoming Caleb Small as we embark on an exciting journey towards excellence on and off the field."



Small

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Jan. 13	
BOYS BASKETBALL	
Anderson at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.	
Brownstown Central at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.	
Connersville at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.	
Guerin Catholic at Cathedral, 7:30 p.m.	
Hamilton Heights at Western Boone, 7:30 p.m.	
North Montgomery at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.	
BOYS WRESTLING	
Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet, 8:30 a.m. at Franklin Central	
Circle City Conference meet, 9 a.m. at Bishop Chatard	
Sheridan at Tri-Central Duals, 9 a.m.	
Hoosier Conference meet, 9:30 a.m. at Western	
GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Pioneer Conference championship game: Bethesda Christian at University, 1 p.m.	
Indian Creek at Westfield, 1:30 p.m.	
Lebanon at Guerin Catholic, 2:30 p.m.	
Tipton at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.	
GYMNASTICS	
Fishers, Noblesville at Franklin Central Invitational, 11 a.m.	
SWIMMING/DIVING	
Noblesville at Brownsburg, 9 a.m.	
Hoosier Conference swimming meet, noon at Purdue Aquatics Center	
Monday, Jan. 15	
GYMNASTICS	
Noblesville at Bloomington South, noon	
Tuesday, Jan. 16	
BOYS WRESTLING	
Speedway at Guerin Catholic, 6 p.m.	
GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Carmel at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.	
Guerin Catholic at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.	
Hamilton Southeastern at Lawrence North, 7:30 p.m.	
Harrison at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.	
GYMNASTICS	
Westfield vs. New Palestine, 6 p.m. at The Gymnastics Company	
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