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Massillamany & Maki now lead County Council

First time two women have held positions of president & vice president

The REPORTER

Amy Massillamany has leadership been elected president of the is not just Hamilton County Council. celebrated Sue Maki will serve as Vice but woven President. This is the first time into in the history of the Hamilton County Council that two progress." women have held both leadership positions.

"It's an honor to serve was electalongside Sue, making histo- ed to the Hamilton County Accounting, Governance, Risk ry for our council," Massilla- Council in 2011. She rep- & Compliance, Information many said. "Thank you to the resents District 2 which in- Management, Human Capital, Council for entrusting us to cludes Delaware and Fall and Corporate Advisory.

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Mas sillamany

Massillamany lead, charting a course where Creek townships. She works



Maki

in Finance,

in profes- Hamilton County Council in 2020 and took office Jan. 1, 2021. She is an At-Large memis a Senior ber. She served as Manager of Environmental Initiatives & **Education for Carmel Utilities** for 15 years before retiring in June 2021 to devote more time to her County Council role.

"I am looking forward to working with President Massillamany to continue improvements in communication and collaboration with the Commissioners and other gov-Maki was elected to the ernment entities," Maki said.

Must love dogs

If you're a dog person, you understand dog people and get it. If you're not, you don't. You've either experienced the relationship with a dog and know what it means to be loved by them and the feeling of the empty space once you lose them, or you don't.



Much like there are dog people, there are also cat people. Occasionally, people will cross over and identify as both, but generally speaking, I think most people fall into one category or the other.

My husband and I both happen to be dog people. We both grew up with dogs and have never known a home without one. Last year, I shared about the loss of our beloved Newfoundland dog named Stella. I also shared the story about getting our new dog, Lucy, and how she became part of our family.

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'Soundtrack of Silence' packs the playhouse

The REPORTER

Thanks to Turn the Page Books, 149 N. Walnut St., Westfield, local author Matt Hay's new book, Soundtrack of Silence: Love, Loss, and a Playlist for Life, took center stage at Basile Westfield Playhouse, 220 N. Union St., last Saturday after-

According to Turn the Page Owner Jamie Degler, the book signing and author presentation drew approximately 75 people, including newly-elected Westfield Mayor the first time." Scott Willis.

wrote about Hay in No- Page, visit the bookvember 2020. Hay is store in person at 149 a lifetime music lover N. Walnut St., Westwho went on a quest to field, or online at turnmemorize as much of thepagewestfield.com. the music he loved as You can also call (317) possible when he began 804-2363.

going deaf. For the last 20 years, Hay has lived with an auditory brainstem implant (ABI).

You can read our original article about Hay's journey, how he has adapted to the ABI technology, how his love of music led him to compose a soundtrack for his life at this link.

MacMillan Publishing calls Hay's book, "An inspiring memoir of a young man who discovered he was going completely deaf just at the moment he'd fallen in love for

For more infor-The Reporter first mation about Turn the



Photo provided by John Sampson

Westfield Mayor Scott Willis and author Matt Hay took a moment during the book signing to pose for this photo.

Bloch appointed Hamilton Circuit Court judge

The REPORTER

Andrew Bloch has been appointed judge of the Hamilton Circuit Court.

Last week, Bloch filed paperwork and announced his campaign for the seat in the May Republican primary election. The seat has been vacant since Judge Paul Felix was appointed to the Indiana Court of Appeals last summer.



Since 2019. Bloch has served as a senior magistrate in the Hamilton Circuit and Superior Courts. Before that, Bloch 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 with his wife, Nicole, and their basset, Bernard.

Lions learn from Leader Dog & its human, too!



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll

At the Noblesville Lions Club meeting on Jan. 10, the Lions were entertained by Patricia Bingham and Connie Bowman, along with Sky, a Leader Dog. Bingham spoke about the formation of the of the Indiana Leader Dog Foundation here in Indiana. Bowman gave the Lions her insight into her training along with her dog, Sky. (From left) Patricia Bingham, Connie Bowman, Sky, and Noblesville Lions Club Vice President Jeff Kozicki.



Westfield Green Together volunteers 780 hours in 2023

The REPORTER

profit organization dedicated to environmental stewardship and community engagement, recently announced it contributed 780 volunteer hours to the City of Westfield in 2023.

demonstrates the organization's commitment to enhancing Westfield's natural beauty and sustainability.

The hardworking volunteers of Westfield Green Together invested 318 hours in Westfield parks and public spaces, focus-

Westfield Green To- species and planting native gether, a 501(c)(3) non-trees, shrubs, and perennials. Notable areas impacted include Asa Bales Park, Raymond Worth Park, Mc-Gregor Park, and the Midland Trace trail.

In addition, the organization devoted 443 This dedicated effort hours to the creation and maintenance of vegetable gardens at three Westfield elementary schools: Maple Glen, Monon Trail, and Washington Woods. These gardens serve as valuable educational tools for students, with the produce being donated to the

ing on removing invasive Culinary Arts Program at Westfield High School. The ongoing commitment to the Sharing Garden, located behind the Wandering Peacock Art Studio on Jersey Street, has provided both produce and educational opportunities to the local community, with any surplus donated to Open Doors Food Pantry.

Beyond these impactful initiatives, Westfield Green Together invested the remaining volunteer hours in educational outreach throughout the community.

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GREEN

The organization believes in the power of education to inspire positive change and sustainability.

"We want our community to be aware of the significant work that Westfield Green Together quietly does behind the scenes to improve sustainability and natural habitats in Westfield," said Sarah Gillim, President at Westfield Green Together. "Our volunteers' dedication has made a substantial impact, and we invite everyone to join us in supporting these crucial efforts in 2024."

As Westfield Green Together looks ahead to the new year, the organization calls upon the support of the community and stakeholders to ensure the continued success of their projects. By supporting Westfield Green Together, individuals and businesses contribute to the preservation and enhancement of parks and natural spaces throughout Westfield.

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"We are looking forward to continuing to partner with outstanding organizations like Westfield Green Together to advance beautification efforts within our city," Mayor Scott Willis

For more information about Westfield Green Together and opportunities to get involved, please visit wgtogether.org or follow Westfield Green Together on Facebook.

About Westfield Green Together

Westfield Green Together is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Westfield and dedicated to environmental stewardship, engagement, community and the improvement of sustainability and natural habitats in the Westfield community. The organization focuses on volunteer-driven initiatives that enhance the local environment and contribute to a healthier, more sustainable future.



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Dogs





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(Left) The dog ate my couch. (Right) Lucy on the new couch since she ate the other one.

arranging to meet Stella. I've learned after losing pets over the years that the amount of time you wait to get another pet after loss has no indication of the loss felt.

Lucy came to our home the week before Christmas. We drove up to the same shelter as our other dog, Elsa, and she was on her best behavior. We were foolish enough to think that maybe we actually got the first good puppy that has ever existed. She was so low key, not destructive, and eager to please.

The honeymoon phase did not last long. Once Lucy realized that the ink was dried on the adoption papers and that this was not a tri-

Theta Alpha Upsilon Chapter

Saturday, February 10, 2024 at 4 p.m.

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for less than a week before home for life, she got realnerve to actually behave like a puppy.

Seemingly overnight, this reserved and well-behaved, docile, and incredibly respectful puppy became the stereotypical puppy. My husband and I knew we jinxed ourselves. We knew it was too good to be true.

months and Lucy seemed to be calming down. I decided we should try to let her out of her crate for a short period of time to see how she would do. Well, I came home to a hole in one of our couches. My initial reaction hard to have a puppy. There was to be furious at Lucy. Once I had a minute to calm down, I remembered It's the truth. Having two

We were in our house al run, that she was in fact she was just a puppy. Even though she's big enough and ly comfortable. She had the looks like a full-sized dog, I can't expect her to behave like a senior Newfoundland. She's no different than an oversized toddler that I'm expecting to behave like a seasoned dog.

> I am constantly telling myself as a mother of two small children that this is just a season of life. I know Fast forward about eight that before I know it, they will be grown up and this season will be different. The truth is the same for our dogs, too. We just always think they're going to be there, but they won't be.

Sometimes it's really are days our lives would be easier if we never got Lucy. young children and trying to potty train a puppy in the middle of winter wasn't

I reflect back to when Stella was a puppy. I would joke and often say that I loved her but didn't think I really enjoyed her until she was a couple years old and just acted like a normal dog. I don't expect my two-year-

like older children.

I know there will come a day when Lucy is calmer and well-behaved. It takes time and a lot of patience. Even though it's chaotic, the reality is I don't want to wish a second away. The kids will grow up, Lucy will calm down, our house will be quieter. But for today, I'll take the happy chaos.

If I have any advice for anyone in the trenches with a new puppy, it is to hang on and not give up. It's so much easier without them, but life is so much better with them. Don't expect your puppy to behave like your 10-yearold dog when they're only 8 months old. You wouldn't expect that of your child, so don't expect it of your puppy.

Nature has a way of teaching us things. It has a way of driving us crazy and adding such beauty to our family. Don't give up on your family because if you're like me and call yourself a dog person, they are family.

Megan Rathz is a wife, mother, and teacher. She says everything she has ever learned in life came from her old and four-year-old to act Master Gardener mother.



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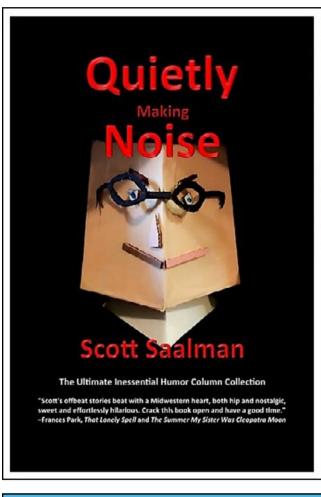


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Conner Prairie nominated for best open air museum

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Conner Prairie has been nominated for Best Open Air Museum by USA Today 10Best Readers' Choice Awards. The 10Best Readers' Choice Awards highlight top-notch attractions and business, providing readers with trusted recommendations.

Voting is now open to the public until Monday, Feb. 12. Click here to vote.

sen as a candidate for Best el of industry experts and ed- Readers' Choice Awards.



Conner Prairie was cho- Open Air Museum by a pan- itors at USA Today 10Best

FireStarter marketing firm embarks on next chapter under new leadership

The REPORTER

FireStarter, LLC an- ful difference in nounces Dawn Bonnell, the lives of otha former partner and content strategist, will lead the Carmel-based firm into its next chapter as Starter, it was owner and president following the inauguration of its was the founder and former CEO, Sue Finkam, as mayor of evate the work of Carmel. The transition took our mission-driven clients," place on Jan. 1.

Bonnell is award-winning marketer expectations as a marketing with an impressive track record of helping organizations resonate with their target audiences through authentic and actionable marketing. Having served under Finkam's mentorship for the past 15 years and alongside many of FireStarter's accomplished marketers for the better Starter, Bonnell served as part of the last decade, she a senior marketing spebrings invaluable market- cialist at Indiana Donor ing and leadership experi- Network, where she deence to the helm, where she veloped and implemented

make a meaning-

"Shortly after marketing launching Fireclear that Dawn ideal choice to help el-

Finkam said. "In the years an since, she's only exceeded strategist who's also deeply passionate about helping others. I'm confident the FireStarter team is in the best possible hands, and I'm excited to witness their continued excellence in delivering impactful results for our clients and their missions."

Before joining Firewill continue to help clients brand standards, managed



ical device manufacturers, family-owned businesses, and organizations across the organ donation and transplantation industry.

> "At FireStarter, the role of president is more than just a job title," Bonnell said. "Every day, our clients pour their hearts and souls into their work. I feel immense responsibility that we are as committed to them as they are to doing good in the world. As we embark on our next chapter, I'm excited to work alongside my phenomenal team to ensure our clients continue to grow and do great things."

> Under Bonnell's leadership, FireStarter will remain a certified women-owned business. To learn more about FireStarter and its success in helping organizations fulfill their missions during times of great change, turnover or growth, visit firestarterllc.com.



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Phi Beta Psi, Theta Alpha Alpha Chapter of Sheridan had a productive 2023

Submitted by **Tina Vawter**

Phi Beta Psi

Sheridan's Theta Alpha Alpha chapter of Phi Beta Psi's year in review shows just how much this philanthropic organization accomplished in 2023.

The chapter held a community Euchre Night in March, co-sponsored the Community Pork Loin Dinner with the Sheridan Lions Club in April, and hosted the annual Lasagna Dinner in September. All proceeds from these events went toward the chapter's annual scholarship to a local senior and benevolence to the community.

Phi Beta Psi provided 12 \$100 Kroger gift cards in 2023 to help those in the community dealing with cancer. These cards can be used for medications, fuel to and from treatments or appointments, or groceries as needed. All recipients were most grateful for the gift cards.

Guest speakers throughout the year included:

• Superintendent Dr. Dave Mundy, who provided a State of the Sheridan Schools message and shared his journey with throat cancer and the importance of teens receiving the HPV vaccine as a preventative.

 Suzanne Lyon, member and former cardiac nurse, shared important information for Heart Health month. Examples of different types of pacemakers and defibrillators were explained and passed around for all to see.

· Calvin Roberson, Director of Operations, Office of Outreach at the IU Simon Cancer Center in Indianapolis spoke and shared information about the work of caring for individual cancer patients, as well as the global work of the Cancer Cen-

charter is now located in the community room at the Sheridan Public Library. Members felt it would best serve their chapter and community by being displayed in a public setting, such as the library, which is used by many local organizations.

Theta Alpha Alpha celebrated its 68th anniversary. The chapter was born when Edna Purl, from Tipton, got together with friends to create it. Theta Alpha Alpha's Mother Chapter is Theta ing, several members en-Delta from Tipton and the joyed the annual Christmas Grandmother Chapter is party held at the home of Delta from Arcadia.

Arnola Pickett is the last Charter member, and Judy VanMeter has the most years in Theta Alpha Alpha (62 of the 68 years without ever going inactive!). Both



Judy VanMeter and Arnola Pickett were recognized for their many decades of service to the organization, being awarded Lifetime Memberships.



Photo provided The annual dinner was held at the Ulen Country Club in July.



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Photo provided **Secretary Suzanne Lyon**

The chapter's framed Arnola and Judy were honored with lifetime member-

> Members enjoyed their annual dinner at Ulen Country Club in July with special thanks to hostess, Judy VanMeter. Pam Drury and Sarah Godby attended the 100th-year celebration for the Delta Chapter in Cicero, and Suzanne Lyon and Sarah Godby attended the State Convention in Muncie.

> For the December meet-Judy VanMeter. An Italian dinner was served along with Judy's signature red velvet cake for dessert. Members enjoyed a trivia game and gift exchange before ending the evening.



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The serving line at the lasagna dinner fundraiser.

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Noblesville Creates thanks community for contributions to this Saturday's Comic Book in a Day Challenge

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The Noblesville Creates 11th annual Comic Book in Day Challenge, presented by Browning Day, will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. this Saturday, Jan. 20 in the Ignite Studio at the Hamilton East Public Library -Fishers. Noblesville Creates is immensely grateful for the event's sponsors and supporters, and how community-centered the event is.

Noblesville Creates thanks Hamilton East Public Library in Fishers for its incredible partnership in co-hosting the event, providing the space at the Ignite Studio, and the help of library staff for the Challenge, Four Day Ray Brewing in

for each of the participants, and Blick Art Materials and McInnis Construction for providing supplies for participants.

Registration is still open for the event; however, anyone is welcome to stop by throughout the day to check out the Challenge, meet and shop for artwork from the Featured Artists, and participate in some fun comic-themed art activities.

During the event, artists fering guidance, answering of all ages and skill levels will have the opportunity to craft a comic book entirely from scratch in just an eighthour timeframe. Noblesville Creates' Featured Artists, including Jackie Crofts, Stuart Sayger, Gavin Smith, and comic book artist who has Fishers for providing lunch additional staff, will active-produced interiors and cov-



coaching.



Sayger



alongside them while ofquestions, and providing Crofts is the artist of the

coming-of-age crime comic Nutmeg and other self-published works. Sayger is an internationally renowned

ly engage with attendees ers for Lego Bionicle, DC throughout the day, working Comics, IDW, Dynamite, his own book, Shiver in the Dark, and many others. Smith has worked on *Teen*age Mutant Ninja Turtles (IDW), Star Trek: Resurgence (IDW), Dead Legends (A Wave Blue World), Heavy Metal Magazine, The Accelerators (Blue Juice Comics), and The Good Fight illustrating a story by Mark Waid, among many other titles.

> This year, the Featured Artists will create an exclusive print featuring their artwork that will be autographed and given to each of the Challenge artists. Copies of the exclusive print will be for sale to visitors who stop by the library throughout the included in the registration iting this link.



Photo provided

Budding artists will find the guidance they need at the Comic Book in a Day Challenge this Saturday.

day of the Challenge. The fee for participants. Copies the proceeds going to help cover the cost of the event.

The artwork produced during the Challenge will be showcased in an exhibit at Ignite Studio and featured in a printed comic book, the cost of which is

copies will cost \$10, with of the two-volume printed comic book from this year and years past will also be available for purchase prices vary.

> Registration for the Challenge can be found by clicking here. You can find the full event details by vis-

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana needs mentors

By HANNA MORDOH

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January is National Mentoring Month and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana needs more mentors.

The organization supports children between 8 and 18 years old in Marion, Hamilton, and Johnson counties and says it has more than 1,000 kids waiting to be matched with a mentor.

Darcy Palmer Shultz, CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana, joined Daybreak on Monday to talk about volunteer opportunities and the current need for mentors.

tors right now in central Indiana," Palmer Shultz said.

She says children who are paired with a Big see change and improvement in their lives.

"We see the impact in develop socially emotionally, they engage more academically and they also tend they have additional people Jan. 26. in their lives who let them know that they care," Palmer Shultz said.

According to its website, "Big Brothers Big Sis-

ters of Central Indiana shows up for kids in our community - creating and supporting one-to-one mentoring friendships that help them pursue their dreams. By building up a support system with parents, mentors, and community partners, young people feel empowered to achieve their biggest possi-

To be a mentor, you must be 19 years or older, reside or work in or around Marion, Hamilton, or Johnson County, and commit to mentoring a young person for 4-6 hours per month for at least one

ble futures."

"We are fortunate to a year. But Big Brothers, Big serve over 1,000 kids in a Sisters does quite a bit to make year, but we also have more it easier for everyone," Palmer ing a big where we'll honor than 1,000 waiting for men- Shultz said. "We train you, we our bigs and littles of the give you activities and tickets and lots of opportunities to do in your mentoring time. So there's a lot of support from our team to make it as easy as possible too."

The organization has two a lot of different areas kids upcoming events to encourage people to learn more about mentoring.

The first is Coffee, Colto stay out of trouble when lab, & Convo on Friday,

> "The event recognizes various members of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, the nine historically African American fraternities and

sororities, and their impact on Big Brothers Big Sisters," Palmer Shultz said.

There will be a guest appearance via Zoom from Artis Stevens, CEO and President of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America.

The Biggest Social is on Tuesday, Jan. 30. Organizers say it is one of the largest annual events that invites bigs, supporters, and the public to recognize the premiere of the 2024 matches of the year, celebrate the 2024 Changemaker award winners, and honor all the bigs who make the organization possible.

"It is kind of a communi-"We ask you to sign up for ty-wide event for anyone in central Indiana interested in learning more about becomyear and just have some fun and share more about getting involved," Palmer Shultz said.

> Click here to apply to be a mentor. The organization suggests prospective mentors follow these steps:

1. Watch the video and then choose whether you're ready to "Apply to Be a Big" or if you need to "Learn More" through a call with a BBBS team member.

2. Complete the form, and a BBBS staff member will be in contact with in one to two business days.

CCHA Law expands its collegiate sports law practice

The REPORTER

Church Church Hittle + Antrim (CCHA Law) welcomes Paia LaPalombara.

With a distinguished phasized by her career marked by significant contributions to of the NCAA collegiate athletics, LaPa- Division I Stulombara brings a wealth of dent-Athlete Reexperience and expertise. instatement Com-She will work in CCHA's mittee, a member Sports Law and Higher Education sections and Board of Directors Infracassist the firm's clients in navigating the complex landscape of NCAA compliance and regulatory issues.

As a member of CCHA, the firm to provide clients advocacy, and a deep understanding of the evolving challenges faced by college athletics and higher education. Her diverse skill set, cultivated through National Office, uniquely positions her to approach and NCAA policy. NCAA compliance and

regulatory issues from

multiple perspectives.

SWITCH

LaPalombara's national reputation in college athletics is emroles as Vice Chair

of the NCAA Division I tions Process Committee, and service on the National Association for Athletics Compliance (NAAC) Board

of Directors. LaPalombara's LaPalombara will play a fessional journey includes crucial role in assisting leadership roles on several prominent NCAA comwith strategic guidance, mittees, demonstrating her commitment to staying at the forefront of industry trends. She has a proven track record in managing public relations, open records requests, and media extensive experience at an statements associated with NCAA Division I Power 5 NCAA infractions and instiuniversity and the NCAA tutional and student-athlete crises, aligning with state reviews

Her comprehensive expertise encompasses a wide

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By DANIEL SHOCK A Seat on the Aisle

The year is 1962. The place is Chicago. The story is a dark exploration of the broken lives of a single mother, Sue Barker (Christine Zavakos), and the people closest to her.

As William Inge's play Natural Affection opens, Sue and her live-in boyfriend, Bernie (Alex Oberheide), initially seem happy and in love. But we soon start to see the stresses they face. Sue, with her well-paying job, pays the bills, leaving Bernie feeling angry and emasculated. They are anticipating the return of Sue's teenage son, Donnie (Zach Hoover).

We also meet their nextdoor neighbors, Vince and Claire (Ronn Johnstone and Diana O'Halloran). Claire is lonely and feels neglected, and Vince is hiding some very secret pain. When Donnie arrives, we start to see the seeds of rage that have been planted in the young man.

This combination of pain and desire, both spoken and unspoken, leads our characters toward an unexpected and explosive conclusion.

Director Chris Saunders has assembled a first-rate group of actors to bring this story to life. Somehow, I am unfamiliar with all the cast members in this production, yet every single one of them delivers a fantastic performance. They seemed to be plucked right off the set of Mad Men. Christine Zavakos is heartbreaking as Sue, the single mom. Her character is in a tough spot trying to hold on to the good things in her life while also trying to embrace her son. As Sue's boyfriend Bernie, Alex



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(From left) Zach Hoover as Donnie Barker, Ronn Johnstone as Vince Brinkman, Alex Oberheide as Bernie Slovenk, and Diana O'Halloran as Claire Brinkman.

Oberheide skillfully makes this man sympathetic, even as he seems caught between what the expectations for a man used to be and what they are becoming.

Ronn Johnstone as Vince is impeccable. His Vince is on the verge of something ... but can't quite make it where he wants to go. As Vince's wife Claire, Diana O'Halloran is everything you would want the character to be – she is tempting, she is needy, and she is tragic. Zach Hoover as Donnie is the spark that ultimately burns everything down. Zach manages to switch from being soft and gentle to frightening at terrifying speed.

who fill the minor roles a show, but this one did it. are also wonderful: Wendy Brown, Tim Leonard, Garrett Row, and Haley Glickman 13-year-old son, and he enplay a few different char- joyed it and got quite a lot acters - each distinct and a out of it. But I'm sure this is good fit. None of these charnot for all 13-year-olds. The acters are innocent. But you production is recommend-

forgive all of them. If they had been born 10 to 15 years later, their lives would surely have been very different. Bravo to the cast for connecting with the material so well!

The technical aspects of the show are well done: the set by Chyna Mayer is well designed, the lighting by Tim Dick is effective, and all of the sound cues by Aidan Sturgeon are very efficient at setting the mood and the time and place. The costumes by Stephen Hollenbeck are gorgeous. The colors, the fabrics, and most notably the fit are all perfect. Again, they could have all come from the set of Mad Men.

I was blown away by this performance. I am rare-Finally, the four actors ly left gasping at the end of There is a content warning for this show. I brought my do feel like you could almost ed for ages 16 and up. As

with all material, know your child and you will be fine.

This production of Natural Affection is wonderfully directed by Chris Saunders and produced by the American Lives Theatre. It will run through Jan. 21 at Basile Theatre, 719 E. St. Clair St., Indianapolis. I should also mention that the program states that the role of Sue will be played at some performances by a different actress: Carrie Ann Schlatter. I AM familiar with Ms. Schlatter's work and the show will be every bit as good with her in the role. I would not let that be a factor in deciding to see the show. Remaining shows are: Friday, Jan. 19 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Jan. 21 at 3 p.m.

For tickets, please call the box office at (317) 210-4639 or purchase them online at americanlivestheatre.org/tickets-events.

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

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Assistant Athletic Direc- provide immediate value to LaPalombara resides in tor for Compliance at The Ohio State University. Her role involved overseeing the Department of Athletics' investigatory function, managing a consistent caseload of investigations, and developing best practices that became templates for departments university-wide.

LaPalombara's specialization in NIL is highlighted by her business acumen and background in intellectual property. She played a pivotal role in guiding the NIL program at one of the largest athletic departments in the country, demonstrating creativity and direct communication to garner stakeholder support. Her elite student-athlete advocacy extends to the development of Ohio State's first Elite Student-Athlete Program, offering tailored support for athletes with professional aspirations.

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State Rep. Garcia Wilburn announces her plans for re-election to House District 32

Submitted

State Representative Dr. Victoria Garcia Wilburn, an occupational therapist, researcher, professor, and mother of three, said on Monday she intends to seek re-election to House District eration 32 in 2024.

"On the heels of Dr. Martin Luther King weekend, it was my honor to file for my '24 re-election campaign," Garcia Wilburn said. "I know I have done the work to show the constituents of House District 32 that I will be a representative for every person in our district and uphold our a tireless advocate for equicommunity values. People over politics is a common theme for me in the Statehouse and on the campaign trail. I am excited to talk to voters about my record over the next 10 months."

Garcia Wilburn was born in a working class neighborhood in the Chica-



was raised in a union family. She earned a bachelor's degree in occupational therapy as a first-gencollege student. She went on to earn both

her Master's and Doctorate in health science, while working part time and raising her three young children. For the past 19 years, Garcia Wilburn and her family have made Indiana their home.

Garcia Wilburn has been ty and access to mental and is a powerhouse and an exbehavioral health service. She serves on the Indiana Behavioral Health Commission and on the Indiana Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs. Her leadership is widely recognized, receiving various awards from Indiana University, the Central Indiana Junior Achievement award, and the American Occupational Therapy Award, amongst

2022, Rep. Garcia Wilburn ready to get to work motihas accomplished several vating voters to re-elect Rep. legislative goals in the Indiana Statehouse.

"During my time in the has been a passionate, ac-



Garcia Wilburn

to work on many issues important to Hoosiers, but my 2023 legislation to support the mental health of first responders throughout the state remains

one of my proudest accomplishments," Garcia Wilburn said. "Supporting our police, fire, EMS and other first responders is a critical issue to me and something I will continue to work on if re-elected."

"Rep. Garcia Wilburn tremely successful member who has gotten bills passed and garnered bipartisan support," said Catherine Torzewski, Rep. Garcia Wilburn's campaign manager. Torzewski was most recently campaign manager for Howard Stevenson's At-Large Fisher's City Council race. "She is here for her constituents and consistently puts them first in her work in the District. We have put together Since being elected in an impressive team and are Garcia Wilburn in 2024."

"Rep. Garcia Wilburn

House, I have cessible State Representabeen privileged tive committed to serving everyone who lives in the 32nd District," said Dayna Colbert, Hamilton County Democratic Party Chair. "Rep. Garcia Wilburn won her first election by getting out and connecting with voters in Hamilton County. Now, with voters having two years of experiencing her work and her commitment to solving their problems, I am confident they will choose to send her back to the Statehouse."

Rep. Garcia Wilburn and her husband, Chris, a retired police officer, are the parents of three school-aged children.

'When I was first elected to represent the 32nd District, I made a promise to always make my family proud by working to inspire unity over division," Garcia Wilburn said. "That will continue to be one of the driving values of our campaign – we want everyone The REPORTER in the 32nd District to join our team. All are welcome and we can't wait to get to

Anyone interested in learning more about Rep. Garcia Wilburn can find her online at WilburnForIndiana.com.

Sen. Braun introduces bill to name mastodon America's national fossil

The REPORTER

U.S. Senators Mike Braun (R-Ind.) and Gary the spirit of exploration, re-Peters (D-Mich.) have in-

troduced a bill to name a U.S. National Fossil, the mastodon.

Mastodon fossils are frequently found in Indiana and Michigan.

The mastodon lived more than 13,000 years ago in the Pleistocene era, try.' predominantly on land that would eventually become the United States of America. A fully grown mastodon was

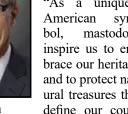
over 10 feet tall, weighed more than 11 tons, and was preceded by pair of 16-footlong tusks. Unlike its distant cousin the mammoth, the mastodon was found exclusively in the United States, with its bones being un-

earthed in every state across

the continental U.S.

"Mastodons embody silience, and strength that

> exemplifies our great nation," Sen. Braun said. "As a uniquely American symbol, mastodons inspire us to embrace our heritage and to protect natural treasures that define our coun-



Braun

The National Fossil Act: • Section 1 designates the bill as the National Fossil Act.

• Section 2 establishes findings on the role of the Mastodon in American pub-

 Section 3 designates the Mastodon as the national fossil under Title 36 U.S. Code and makes necessary conforming amendments.

Westfield Democrats kickoff New Year & 2024 elections

After coming within 23 votes of electing the first Democrat in Westfield in 2023, the Westfield Democrats Club has started 2024 by supporting candidates stepping forward to run for public office.

Join the Westfield Dem- in the Meridian Room.

ocrats for their 2024 kickoff event, "Happy Blue Year" and hear from Dr. Jennifer McCormick, Democratic candidate for Indiana Governor. The event will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 19 at SpringHill Suites, 19317 Westmore Lane, Westfield,







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Paul Albert Brown

December 31, 1921 - January 11, 2024

Paul Albert Brown, 102, Cicero, passed away on Jan-





uary 11, 2024, after a brief illness. He was born on December 31, 1921, in Indianapolis to Paul and Blanche (Dunn) Brown.

He attended Indianapolis schools, graduating from Shortridge High School and then furthering his education he graduated from Butler University-Jordon College of Music. He then enlisted in the United States Army prior to World War II. Paul was TEC 3, Signal Corps, 3187th Signal Service Battalion, serving in England, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He achieved Rifle Expert and

three Bronze Stars.

to his deployment and they were married 66 years.

After serving his country honorably, he returned home to finish his bachelor's degree in music education. Following graduation, he became the orchestra and dance band director at Broad Ripple High School where he taught for

Paul was preceded in death by his wife Natalie, and his parents Blanche and Paul E. Brown.

He is survived by his twin daughters, Nancy Keys and Patty Creech; granddaughter, Angela Keys; grandson, Paul Creech; four grandchildren, two granddaughters, and five

A time of visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on January 19, 2024, at Hartley Funeral Home Cicero Chapel, 209 Jackson St., Cicero. A private burial will take place at Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Butler University, Jordan College of the Arts, Dean's Priority Needs Fund at give.butler.edu. You may send condolences at hartleyfuneralhomes.com.

Bill Bruce Huff February 16, 1937 - January 10, 2024

Bill Bruce Huff was born on February 16, 1937, in Noblesville and passed away at his home in Spokane, Wash. on January 10, 2024.

He was preceded in death by his parents, J. Estle and Marrion Huff; and his oldest sister, Jean Hammer.

He is survived by his loving wife Linda; his brothers, Phil Huff of Tipton and Dave Huff of Noblesville; his sister, Jane Huff of Helena, Mont., and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of his life will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on February 3, 2024, at Hennessey Funeral Home, 2203 N. Division St., Spokane, Wash.

Wayne Francis Hunter March 19, 1926 - January 10, 2024

Wayne Francis Hunter, 97, Atlanta, passed away on January 10, 2024, at The Waters of Tipton, Ind.



He was born on March 19, 1926, in Atlanta to Raymond and Nettie (Tudor) Hunter. He grew up on a farm near Atlanta, attended local schools, and graduated from Arcadia High School. Being on a farm, he assisted with the chores that included taking care of the beef cattle and chickens and often

mending fences. His family remembered that every summer the women of the family would prepare food baskets for lunch and spend the day at the Indiana State Fair.

Wayne was first married to Rosalie (Nightenhelser) Hunter, and they were blessed with four children.

Wayne worked 34 years at Firestone Rubber Company Paul married Natalie (Ratliff) Brown May 6, 1943, prior in Noblesville, and also continued farming. A son, Brian, relayed that his father was not very mechanically minded, but (Brian) liked to work on motorcycles and dirt bikes. Wayne became interested and they started working together. To their surprise their little hobby became profitable.

Wayne married Donna Marie (Haskell) Hunter on August 10, 1971, and she passed away on December 10, 2022. Wayne liked country music and he and his wife liked to travel to Branson, Mo., to enjoy the shows that were performed there.

In addition to his wife, Donna, he was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Ted Hunter; his siblings, Charles Hunter, Lee Hunter, Joyce Moon, Martha Forsythe, Evelyn Hunter, Marjorie Hunter, and Marie Hunter; and a granddaughter, Harley Hunter.

Surviving him are daughters, Beverly Poindexter of Cicero, Bec Hunter-Barnett of Cicero, and Cindy Cooper of Whitestown; sons, Jerry Hunter of Omega and Brian Hunter of Atlanta; a sister, Viola (Hunter Koker) Jones of Kempton, Ind.; 15 grandchildren, Nick, Tracy, Wendy, Cory, Jamie, Dustin, Brittany, Lonnie, Rebecca, Cliffton, Teagan, Kade, Casey, Axle, and Christian; plus several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at Hartley Funeral Home Cicero Chapel, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero, with burial to follow at Arcadia Cemetery. A time of visitation will be from noon until time of the services. Rev. Jody Brown will officiate.

You may send condolences at hartleyfuneralhomes.com.

Accuracy Matters

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING JACOB FLEES FROM LABAN

Then Rachel and Leah replied, "Do we still have any share in the inheritance of our father's estate? Does he not regard us as foreigners? Not only has he sold us, but he has used up what was paid for us. Surely all the wealth that God took away from our father belongs to us and our children. So do whatever God has told you."

Then Jacob put his children and his wives on camels, and he drove all his livestock ahead of him, along with all the goods he had accumulated in Paddan Aram, to go to his father Isaac in the land of Canaan.

When Laban had gone to shear his sheep, Rachel stole her father's household gods. Moreover, Jacob deceived Laban the Aramean by not telling him he was running away. So he fled with all he had, crossed the Euphrates River, and headed for the hill country of Gilead.

Genesis 31:14-21 (NIV)

Meeting Notices

The Atlanta New Earth Festival committee will meet on the second Monday of each month immediately following the council meeting at Atlanta Town Hall, 105 E. Main St.

The Atlanta Town Council meetings will be held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6 p.m. at Atlanta Town Hall, 105 E. Main St. Atlanta

The Cicero Town Council will hold an Executive Session at 7 p.m. or Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024, at Cicero Town Hall, 70 N. Byron St., Cicero, according to Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D) A real property transaction including: (i) a purchase; (ii) a lease as lessor; (iii) a lease as lessee; (iv) a transfer; (v) an exchange; or (vi) a sale; by the governing body up to the time a contract or option is executed by the parties. This clause does not affect a political subdivision's duty to comply with any other statute that governs the conduct of the real property transaction, including IC 36-1-10 or IC 36-1-11.

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Girls Basketball-

Golden Eagles clip Blackhawks' wings in hard-fought game

Bills

The REPORTER

win at Sheridan.

Guerin Catholic won a close game 40-37 over the Blackhawks at Larry Hobbs Sheridan led 13-11 after one quarter, with Garner Kenzie scoring seven

ing her, trying to do everything we could and she could still score the ball," Cardinal. "And they just play super hard."

Bills also had a solid opening period, with nine points.

"They gave us a run for our money, and thankfully Ava just shot lights out and played really, really well for us tonight," said Cardi- ing instead of being more

The 'Hawks led 22-18 at halftime and held a 31-28 lead after three quarters. But the Golden Eagles took over in the fourth period, outscoring Sheridan 12-6. Meanwhile, Bills had a tremendous second half, scoring six points in both the third and fourth quarters, including two 3s in the City Conference double-

with 26 points, making four for a Hoosier Heartland

The Guerin Catholic ed," said Bills. "I think we girls basketball team got a went into the game expectcareer night from Ava Bills ing a win and the first half on Tuesday, and that helped went a little slow for us. I the Golden Eagles to a big wanted to take control and

look to score more."

Reagan Haines scored six points. Gianna Morelli returned to action after missing some games with an injury.

"It's a new dynamic,"

"We were double-team- Cardinal. "We had to learn how to play without her. Now we have to figure out how to get everything rollsaid GC coach Danielle ing with her. But it's awesome to see her out there and we look forward to continuing her conditioning and getting more and more minutes."

Garner finished with 19 points, while Nova Cross scored seven.

"We did a lot of standactive in the second half and that really hurt us," said Sheridan coach Jaidlin Bradshaw. "We're hoping to be more active going forward and not get stagnant when we are in those tough, close-game situations."

The Golden Eagles are 9-11 and play Friday at Brebeuf Jesuit in a Circle header. Sheridan is 14-4 Bills finished the game and hosts Delphi on Friday





Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(ABOVE LEFT) Carmel's Mackenzie Woods had 13 points to lead the 'Hounds. Pictured at left is Fishers' Morgan Roberts. (ABOVE RIGHT) Fishers' Talia Harris scored 20 points, including 11 in the second quarter, to lead the Tigers to a 44-37 all-county win over Carmel on Tuesday. Pictured at left is the Greyhounds' Rilee McBride.

Fishers bests Carmel after fighting like cats & dogs

The REPORTER

The Fishers girls basketball team got down early, but rebounded quickly to beat Carmel 44-37 Tuesday night in an all-county game at the Tiger Den.

The Greyhounds went up 7-0 during the first three minutes of the game. Mackenzie Woods got the first basket, followed by a score from Izzy Shepherd, then Woods hit a 3-pointer.

Talia Harris got the Tigers on the board with a 3, and Fishers worked its way back to get within 8-7 by the end of the first quarter. Harris completely took over in the second period, pouring in 11 points. Woods and Jamie Elliott, and the teams were tied 20-20 at halftime.

anced scoring to pull to Pike.

slightly ahead by the end of the third quarter, when they led 34-31. Five different players got points during that quarter, including four each from Nevaeh Dickman and Allison Scheu. Meanwhile, Shepherd nailed two 3s for the

'Hounds in the third. Fishers outscored Carmel 10-6 in the fourth to clinch the win. Harris had four of those points; she led all scorers with 20 points. Scheu finished with 10.

Woods had 13 points for the Greyhounds, including three 3-pointers.

Shepherd scored 12 points. The Tigers improved to 14-5 after winning their fi-Carmel stayed in it thanks nal home game of the seato five points each from son. Fishers plays at Avon Saturday in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game. Carmel is 8-10 and The Tigers used bal- also plays Friday, traveling

		-			
Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF	
Keaton Gatlin	1-8	0-0	3	3	
Izzy Shepherd	4-14	1-2	12	3	
Mackenzie Woods	5-13	1-2	13	2	
Lauren Perry	0-3	0-0	0	2	
Taryn Fisher	2-9	0-0	4	1	
Jamie Elliott	2-3	0-0	5	0	
Megan Hamm	0-2	0-0	0	1	
Rilee McBride	0-0	0-0	0	0	
Totals	14-52	2-4	37	12	
Carmel 3-point shooting (7-28) Shepherd 3-10, Woods 2-7, Gatlin					
1-7, Elliott 1-2, Perry 0-2.					

FISHERS 44, CARMEL 37

Fishers FG Talia Harris Morgan Roberts 0-6 Kate Thomas Nevaeh Dickman 4-6 Allison Scheu Alanna Anthony Olivia Brookshire 0-0 Natalie Thomas 17-41 Fishers 3-point shooting (2-14) Harris 2-6, Roberts 0-4, Dickman

Score by Quarters 6 - 37Carmel **Fishers**

0-1, Scheu 0-1, Anthony 0-1, Brookshire 0-1.

GUERIN CA	ATHO	LIC 40,	SHE	RIDAN 37
Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Annie Murphy	1	0-0	3	1
Gianna Morelli	0	2-2	2	1
Ava Bills	9	4-4	26	3
Emery Cardinal	1	0-2	2	3 3 0 3
Kori Dues	0	0-0	0	0
Reagan Haines	1	3-3	6	
Lillian Behrle	0	0-0	0	0
Caroline Ford	0	1-2	1	1
Totals	12	10-13	40	12
Guerin Catholic 3-p	ointers (5) Bills 4, Mu	ırphy.	
Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Cecilia Timme	0	3-4	3	4
Kenzie Garner	8 3	3-4	19	4
Nova Cross		1-2	7	2
Brielle Garner	2 2	0-0	4	1
Sadie Timme		0-0	4	2
Mac Smith	0	0-0	0	0
Makenzy Terry	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	15	7-10	37	13
Sheridan 3-pointers	s: none.			
	Sco	re by Quarte	ers	
Guerin Catholic	11	7	10	12 - 40

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Lawrence North jumps ahead early, keeping Royals at bay

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The Hamilton Southeastern girls basketball team lost a battle between two Class 4A top 10 teams on Tuesday, as the No. 1 Royals fell at No. 8 Lawrence North 69-65.

The Wildcats jumped out to a 16-6 lead after one quarter. Southeastern slowly made up ground on Lawrence North during the remainder of the game, cutting its lead to 49-43 after three periods, but the Wildcats were able to stay ahead for the win.

Kayla Stidham scored 28 points to lead the Royals, making three 3-pointers and also collecting seven rebounds. Maya Makalusky scored 28 points and pulled five rebounds. Kennedy



Photo by Joshua Herd Hamilton Southeastern's Kayla Stidham scored 28 points for the Royals

during their Tuesday game at Lawrence North. Holman dished out nine as-

Southeastern is 17-2 and part of a Hoosier Crossroads

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HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 65 Southeastern Maya Makalusky Kennedy Holman 2-8 Zoe Lawless Kayla Stidham Addison Van Hoesen 1-2 Antonette Green Kinley Johnson Kayla Brinley 2 Totals 16-22 Score by Quarters **Lawrence North** 20 - 6916 15 Southeastern 22 - 65Southeastern 3-point shooting (5-18) Stidham 3-8, Makalusky Southeastern rebounds (21) Stidham 7, Makalusky 5, Holman 4,

Thanks for reading The Reporter!

Van Hoesen 2, Johnson 1, Brinley 1, Lawless 1.

Second-half surge pushes Millers past Harrison

The REPORTER

Tuesday night, Noblesville hosted former Hoosier Crossroads Conference opponent Harrison. The Raiders have been in the North Central Conference since 2014 but have a different story for both been back on the Millers' schedule for the fourth season in a row now.

Noblesville's trademark suffocating trap defense forced Harrison into 27 turnovers (18 Miller steals) as they pulled away in the second half for a 67-38 home court win.

A quick 7-0 start and an early lead that grew to 11-2, forced the Raiders to burn two timeouts. Harrison fought back to trail by

continue ways to keep up with the Millers in the second. But a couple of short runs later, Noblesville held onto a 31-24 lead at half-

The second half was squads. Noblesville pushed its lead to double digits at 49-34 through three.

The Millers kept up the defensive pressure and offensive intensity for an 18-4 fourth quarter to win going away, 67-38.

Meredith Tippner led the Millers with 20 points and a career-high 18 rebounds. Tippner also sank 4-for-4 from the foul line. Ava Shoemaker was right behind with 19 points, four to trail just 20-16 after grabbing five boards, four and six steals. Noblesville assists and eight steals. outrebounded The Raiders would Reagan Wilson came on 42-23.

NOBLESVILLE 67, HARRISON 38				
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ava Shoemaker	8-23	1-1	19	4
Reagan Wilson	7-18	0-0	17	2
Meredith Tippner	8-18	4-4	20	4
Kate Rollins	0-2	0-0	0	1
C.C. Quigley	2-4	1-2	5	5
Ally Hutchinson	0-1	0-0	0	1
Brookelyn Grayson	2-3	0-0	6	0
Bri Gray	0-1	0-2	0	2
Ellie Motz	0-0	0-0	0	0
Addy Horvath	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	27-70	6-9	67	19
Score by Quarters				
Harrison	16	8	10	4 – 38
Noblesville	20	11	18	18 – 67
Noblesville 3-point shooting (7-28) Wilson 3-9, Shoemaker 2-13,				
Grayson 2-3, Tippner 0-2, Rollins 0-1.				

Noblesville rebounds (42) Tippner 18, Hutchinson 5, Shoemaker 5, Rollins 4, Quigley 4, Wilson 2, Grayson 1, team 3.

strong in the second half to finish with 17, three assists hosts Franklin Central on Harrison

Noblesville (12-8) next Saturday for its final HCC action with the junior varsity tipoff set for 11 a.m.

'You're my boy, Blue!': Grand Park looking for umpires this spring

By SCOTT SANDER WISH-TV | wishtv.com

While central Indiana shivers in a deep freeze, thoughts of spring and summer needs are already warming up in Westfield, and the city's signature attraction,

Grand Park, needs people to

call balls and strikes. "We're looking for more umpires!" exclaimed Derek Whitfield when he joined us on WISH-TV's Daybreak. Whitfield represents **United Umpires**, the organization

for baseball at Grand Park.

Whitfield says the need than ever before.

He says the role of the

umpire is not a simple matter of making the right call. "This day and age, every game that is being officiated is videoed at some point, no the lower levels, the 9U behind the backstop that is recording the game or if it's being live streamed on TV,

have," he said.

Whitefield says recruits for officials at all levels has will get support through-"exploded" in recent years, out the process of learning with more games happening the job and starting to call games, including on-field placements that will give them a sense of the pressures they will face both on the diamond and from the stands.

"We work guys out at matter if it's the mom that's and 10U (age) levels, and you get to figure out pretty quickly if they're able to handle those games. Beumpires are under the spot- cause those parents at that that trains and hires officials light more than they ever age, I tell you, they love

their babies," he said.

Umpires United is reaching out beyond the typical channels to recruit new officials. One way is by offering opportunities to high school athletes. Whitfield says he visits Westfield Schools each week to reach out to work with young prospects.

The group is also starting a new partnership with **Protect the Game to help** military veterans and their families get trained and work the plate and bases at little or no cost. A series of **clinics** starts this month.

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IBCA girls basketball poll - Week of Jan. 14

Rank 1	School Hamilton Southeastern (12)	Points 390	Record 17-1
2	Lawrence Central (6)	363	20-1
<u>2</u> 3	Columbia City (1)	344	16-2
4	Fort Wayne Snider	331	16-2
5	Center Grove (1)	322	19-1
5 6 Γ7	Jennings County	279	17-3
Γ7	Franklin Community	249	17-2
Γ7	Homestead	249	16-3
9	Lawrence North	238	14-4
10	Northridge	202	18-2
11	South Bend Washington	176	14-4
Γ12	Hamilton Heights	145	18-2
Γ12	Norwell	145	16-4
14	Lake Central	139	17-3
15	Zionsville	117	16-4
16	Fishers	111	13-5
17	Bedford North Lawrence	96	16-4
18	Rensselaer Central	73	18-0
19	Noblesville	40	11-8
20	Indian Creek	32	15-4

First place votes are in parentheses.

Other schools receiving votes, with records Eastern Hancock (18-1), Evansville Memorial (15-3), Franklin Central (10-7), Franklin County (12-6), Gibson Southern (16-4), Greensburg (15-3), Lake Station Edison (12-5), Lanesville (19-1), Marquette Catholic (17-2), North Knox (18-1), Orleans (17-1), Plainfield (14-5), South Knox (18-1), Warsaw (10-7).

IBCA boys basketball poll - Week of Jan. 14

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Rank 1	School Lawrence North (18)	Points 417	Record 14-0
2	Fishers (3)	401	13-0
3	Westfield	376	10-0
4	Noblesville	336	12-1
5	Cathedral	306	10-1
6	Crispus Attucks	297	10-3
7	Greenfield-Central	288	13-0
8	Lake Central	261	12-0
9	Kokomo	246	12-3
10	Richmond	240	16-0
11	Ben Davis	226	9-3
12	Brownstown Central	160	12-4
13	Tipton	124	14-0
14	South Bend Riley	113	14-3
15	Penn	78	8-3
16	Guerin Catholic	77	12-4
17	Evansville Harrison	61	11-2
18	Anderson	50	9-3
19	Brebeuf Jesuit	43	7-4
20	Wapahani	35	12-1
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Avon (10-4), Bedford North Lawrence (9-2), Brownsburg (8-7),

Center Grove (9-4), Concord (10-2), Crown Point (8-3), Danville (13-1), Delta (12-3), East Chicago Central (12-4), Evansville Memo-

rial (8-4), Fort Wayne Bishop Luers (10-1), Fort Wayne Blackhawk Christian (11-4), Fort Wayne Wayne (9-3), Franklin Central (8-7), Franklin Community (10-2), Heritage Hills (13-2), Jeffersonville (9-

6), Manchester (11-2), Merrillville (7-4), New Palestine (9-2), North Central (Indianapolis) (8-4), North Posey (10-2), Northridge (10-3), NorthWood (9-3), Park Tudor (9-3), Plainfield (10-4), Seymour (11-

NBA All-Star 2024 host committee announces statewide basketball Knockout Tournament

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The NBA All-Star 2024 out Competition to encourage Hoosiers' participation ahead of NBA All-Star 2024 and celebrates the love of basketball in Indiana.

"Since the very beginning, we've committed to making NBA All-Star 2024 the most community- and fan-centric NBA All-Star ever," said Rick Fuson, NBA All-Star Board of Directors and Pacers Sports & Entertainment CEO. "Through the Knockout Competition, we can include fans throughout the state, not just in Indianapolis, in NBA All-Star 2024 and we can continue working toward our commitment.

All 92 counties in Indiana are represented in the competition, which will take place during select high school boys and girls basketball games across the state. The winner of each competition will receive a limited-edition NBA All-Star basketball, two tickets to NBA Crossover during NBA All-Star 2024, as well as an invitation to a final Knockout competition during All-Star weekend at Bicentennial Unity Plaza.

Indiana Fever guards Host Committee announced Grace Berger and Lex- scheduled to attend the foltoday a statewide Knock- ie Hull will also represent lowing games: NBA All-Star 2024 and will be attending select games tle at Evansville Mater Dei throughout the state leading up to NBA All-Star 2024.

"It is a great fit to have Grace and Lexie promoting and engaging in our 92-county knockout competition as at Heritage Christian part of the lead up to NBA All-Star weekend. We cannot wait to see fans across the state compete in this oneof-a-kind knockout tournament and we appreciate their commitment to growing the game throughout our state,"

Dr. Allison Barber.

Berger and Hull are

• Tuesday, Jan. 23: Cas-

• Thursday, Jan. 25: Angola at Warsaw

• Friday, Jan. 26: Greenwood at Perry Meridian

• Friday, Feb. 9: Roncalli

Saturday, Feb. 10: Lawrence Central at Ben

• Tuesday, Feb. 13: Indiana Math and Science North at Eminence

Additional information about the competition can said Indiana Fever President be found at nba.com/pac-

3), Valparaiso (11-3), Warren Central (8-6), Warsaw Community anapolis/knockout. (8-2), Yorktown (8-5), Evansville Christian School (11-1). HAMILTON

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Wed Jan 17 - Boys Basketball **Upcoming Broadcasts** 6:00 pm Westfield vs Noblesville | Junior Varsity | HCTV Sports

7:30 pm Westfield vs Noblesville | Varsity | HCTV Sports

Thu Jan 18 - Girls & Boys Swimming, Diving

5:45 pm Zionsville vs Hamilton Southeastern |

Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving | Southeastern Sports Network

Fri Jan 19 - Boys & Girls Basketball

5:45 pm Zionsville vs Hamilton Southeastern | Girls Varsity | SSN 6:00 pm Franklin Central vs Noblesville | JV Boys | HCTV Sports 6:30 pm Delphi vs Sheridan | Girls/Boys Dblhdr | Bragg Sports Media 7:15 pm Zionsville vs Hamilton Southeastern | Boys Varsity | SSN 7:20 pm Traders Pt vs Central Christian | Varsity Boys | Indiana SRN 7:30 pm Franklin Central vs Noblesville | Varsity Boys | HCTV Sports

Sat Jan 20 - Girls Basketball

11:00 am Franklin Central vs Noblesville | Junior Varsity | HCTV Sports 12:30 pm Franklin Central vs Noblesville | Varsity | HCTV Sports

Boys Basketball

5:50 pm City Alliance Semi-Finals 1 & 2 | Indiana SRN

7:20 pm Hamilton Southeastern vs Mt Vernon | Varsity | Indiana SRN





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North Central at Fishers, 6:30 p.m. Please email schedule changes or corrections to sports@readthereporter.com.

Wednesday, Jan. 17

BOYS BASKETBALL

Westfield at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS WRESTLING

Carmel at Hamilton Southeastern, 6:30 p.m.

Harrison at Westfield, 6:30 p.m.

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Thanks for reading!

