

# FRIDAY, JAN. 19, 2024

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**TODAY'S WEATHER** Today: Morning snow. Final totals of 1 to 3 inches. Scattered snow showers in the afternoon. Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Scattered snow showers or flurries. **HIGH**: 16 **LOW**: 3



# **Democrats come together** to talk about county's future



Reporter photo by Stu Clampitt

The Noblesville Democratic Committee met Wednesday night to talk about the upcoming elections, to talk with The Reporter about how they can more effectively get their message in Hamilton County's Hometown Newspaper, and to hear from one of the candidates hoping to become the new Hamilton County Party Chair. Jocelyn Vare, one of two candidates for that seat, visited the Noblesville Democrats Wednesday night. The next Noblesville Democratic Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at the Noblesville Community Center, 372 S. 8th St.

# Noblesville Lions give dictionaries to Hazel Dell Elementary students



# Final "Joy to Your Workplace" Q&A

Before we officially start the Bringing Joy to Your Workplace Series next week, I wanted to address some final, potential real-life "what the heck?" questions readers may have.



Q: I don't have the time or the money for this stuff. I can barely do my regular duties!

How do you expect me to do the things you suggest in this series?

A: I hear you. I've been there. Some of my closest family members and friends are probably thinking the same thing. Trust me when I tell you that most of the tips shared in this series will take barely any time and effort and are free or low cost.

You want to do things that increase the productivity of your company, not take away from it. You want to be happier in your workplace and make others happier, not increase stress levels. Read this column each week, do a couple of steps here and there, and you'll find that they make it easier to do your tasks!

And when I say a couple of steps, I mean it. You don't have to do everything in this series to start turning things around in your workplace. I talk more about this in the final question, which just happens to be next.

Q: I'm not outgoing like you. How can I spread joy?

A: I love my introverted family members, friends, and co-workers. I truly (really!) have some introverted tendencies myself. I recognize that not everyone is super-duper energetic and enthusiastic like me. That's okay. The world needs all types of people. Joyful people can be bouncy, funny, sorta loud, and outgoing. But they can also be calm, wise, kinda quiet, and introspective. Or a mix of all these traits.

When I taught the Dale Carnegie course on people skills, we talked about the different ways we can be enthusiastic. There is such a thing as quiet enthusiasm, and it is downright beautiful.

You don't have to do everything in this series to bring joy to your workplace. Even the more subdued, quiet, "under the radar" tactics can bring about noticeable changes for all. Hopefully I've helped you understand just what a big deal this joy stuff is and that it can be easy to spread it around and elevate our workplaces to incredible new levels. Let's get started on this journey, shall we? Amy Shankland is a writer and fundraising professional living in Noblesville with her husband John, two sons, two dogs and a cat. You can reach her via email at amys@ greenavenue.info.

On Wednesday, the Noblesville Lions Club gave out dictionaries to third and fourth graders at Hazel Dell Elementary School. The club gave out 216 dictionaries to nine classes. These are special dictionaries that carry information about our country and is almost part of a civics lessons. (Above) Lion Steve Shaw and Lion Duke Miller with Mr. Seago's fourth-grade math class.

# **Carmel's Festival** of Ice starts today

*Enjoy three days of weekend ice* festivities, including Carmel Fire Department Chili Cook-Off

#### The **REPORTER**

Top ice carvers from around the country will be in Carmel this weekend, Jan. 19 to 21, for demonstrations, the People's Choice sculpture competition and, of course, the fan favorite: speed carving.

The Festival of Ice weekend will this evening in the Carmel Arts & Design District, where carvers create incredible ice masterpieces from 4 to 8 p.m. Visitors can enjoy a complimentary hot chocolate at 111 W. Main Street, Suite 130, courtesy of 1832 Brew Espresso Bar and Metronet.

Main Street carving locations include:

- Agave Bar & Grill
- All Things Carmel
- Anthony's Chophouse
- Bub's Burgers & Ice Cream
- Carmel Arts Council Gallery
- Fayrouz Grill
- Hamilton County Tourism
- Muldoon's
- Petos
- Savor
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- Woodys Library Restaurant

On Saturday, Jan. 20 the ice carving begins at Carter Green from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Watch sculpting professionals create unique ice masterpieces then participate in the People's Choice sculpture voting from noon to 5 p.m.

See Festival of Ice ... Page 2

# These aren't your your parents' Legos



Photos provided by Westfield Washington Schools This Saturday, Jan. 20, Westfield High School will play host to the FIRST Lego League Challenge State Championship. Come cheer on the Westfield Washington Public Library FLL Challenge Team when they compete to earn the state championship title. This year's theme is Masterpiece where teams will build Lego robots and conduct research projects to solve scientific and real-world communication and art challenges. Westfield's elementary school FIRST Lego League Explore teams, mentored by students on SHAM-ROCK-BOTICS, will display their creations at the Explore Festival during the event, which begins at 8:30 a.m. Click here for more information. Good luck, Shamrocks!

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## 2 **FESTIVAL OF ICE**

Are you a fan of chili? Taste-test and vote for your Lexington, Ky. favorite Carmel Fire Department's chili during the cookoff from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. In addition, N.C. complimentary hot chocolate, courtesy of 1832 Brew Espresso Bar and Metronet, will be handed out during the cook-off.

#### **Speed Carving**

On Sunday, Jan. 21 the competition kicks into high gear as the ice carvers return for the grand finale speed carving competition from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The People's Choice sculpture competition winners will also be announced at the end of the event.

The professional Festival of Ice sculptors and assistants include:

• Titus Arensberg - Lexington, Ky.

Newark, Ohio

• Tim Calloway - New- Lexington, Ky. land, N.C.

• Zachary Crossman -

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more Lake, Mich.

• Jim Houser – Huntington, Ind.

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Along with the Festi-• Aaron Costic - Nebo, val of Ice, The Ice at Carter Green rink will be open for skating all weekend so lace up your skates and enjoy the sculptures as you glide on the ice. Click here to purchase tickets.

> Visit TheIceatCarter-Green.com for more information on the festival and other upcoming events.

#### **Palladiscope update**

The launch for the newest Palladiscope show, • Kyle Price - Win- Frost, has been rescheduled due to this weekend's impending weather conditions. The first showing of Frost will debut at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27 and will run nightly every half hour until 9 p.m.



Photo provided by City of Carmel

Taste-test and vote for your favorite chili during CFD's Saturday cook-off.





Photo provided by City of Carmel Sunday's Speed Carving competition will feature carvers from across the U.S.

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# Meet Westfield's new mayor

# Submitted by Westfield Chamber

The Westfield Chamber invites business leaders, residents, and guests to attend the February Luncheon featuring Mayor Scott Willis. The luncheon is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 22 at Prairie Waters Event Center.

On Nov. 7, 2023, Willis was elected to his first term as Westfield's mayor.

Mayor Willis' deep passion and vision for Westfield is displayed through his community-focused work. He is committed to diversifying Westfield's tax base, identifying new businesses and jobs, being fiscally responsible and transparent,

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the city.

As a decorated U.S. ty, past Chairman Marine Colonel, successful of the Westfield businessman, and 19-year GOP Club, and Westfield resident, Willis has brought a new and several Veteran unique voice to the com- organizations inmunity. He has served the cluding the VFW, community in various ca- American pacities, such as Westfield City Councilor, Westfield Washington Public Library He also serves on the Board board member, Student of Directors for the Marine Impact board member, Foundation and Opera-Westfield YMCA steering tion Job Ready Veterans, a committee member, the non-profit organization that and strategically growing President's Council for supports veterans transi-



Willis

Purdue Universiis involved in Legion, and Marine Corps League.



tioning from the military to corporate America. Willis and his

wife, Stacey, have three children and enjoy family vacations, Purdue sports, and volunteering in the community.

Mayor Willis has hit the ground running - literally and figuratively - since officially taking office on Jan. 1. He is looking forward to discussing future developments in the city and initiatives focused on local businesses. He will also share his vision for the revitalization of Downtown Westfield. This is a great opportunity to hear directly from the mayor himself and learn more about his plans for the city.

The event will kick off at 11 a.m. with the opportunity to network with other attendees and businesses. You will also have the opportunity meet with different company's display tables. Guests will then enjoy a delicious lunch. Remarks will begin The REPORTER at 11:45 a.m.

Discounted Tickets and Non-Partner for outstanding academic Tickets are available. Corporate Reserved Tables semester of the 2023-24 ac-(seating for eight) are also available. Click here to retable.

# 11 local students make Saint Mary's College dean's list

#### The **REPORTER**

The following students have been named to the Saint Mary's College Dean's List for the Fall 2023 semester.

• Carmel: Grace Leber, Delaney McNamara, Savannah Paulson, Jada Reitmeier, and Eleanor York

Fishers: Madelyn Grace Rightley, and Hollie than a C.

Williams Noblesville: Annalise Weinschrott and Sarah

Whitten To earn this academic honor at Saint Mary's, a student must achieve a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.6 on a 4.0 scale, have a minimum of 12 graded credit hours, no incom-Atwell, Phoenix McClellan, pletes, and no grades lower

# Franklin College bestows art awards

#### The REPORTER

The Franklin College Art Department held the annual Franklin College Student Art Exhibit and Opening Reception on Dec. 4, 2023.

The event celebrated the work of Franklin College students completed during the fall semester. Awards were presented and select ton, who received the Award pieces of artwork were of Merit for Design.

available for purchase.

Students who received awards include:

· Katie Brown of Noblesville, who received the Award of Merit for Advanced Ceramics, as well as the Award of Excellence for Art History.

• Meghan Moses of Tip-

# Two local students make Bucknell dean's list

Bucknell University Partner has released the dean's list achievement during the fall ademic year.

serve your seat or corporate County students made the higher on a scale of 4.0 to redean's list:

• Ava Aguilar, Class of 2025, is studying political science.

• Jack Goheen, Class of 2026, currently has an undeclared major.

A student must earn a Locally, two Hamilton grade-point average of 3.5 or ceive dean's list recognition.





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# Indiana House fast-tracks antisemitism bill, HB 1002

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The author of legislation to prohibit antisemitism in education on Tuesday said skyrocketing antisemitic attacks make the bill more urgent than ever.

The Indiana House of Representatives on Tuesday advanced a bill to prohibit religious discrimination, including antisemitism, in education. Bill author Rep. Chris Jeter, a Republican from Fishers, said antisemitic incidents following the Oct. 7 Hamas attacks in Israel, which left roughly 1,200 dead, demonstrate the need to root out antisemitism.

"It's just something that we want to make very clear that we're not going to allow to be taught in our schools, K through 12 and higher ed," he said, "and we're going to maintain solidarity with our Jewish community and our Jewish students and make sure they feel safe."

The Anti-Defamation League's annual tally of antisemitic incidents recorded nearly 3,700 such instances in 2022, a record. The organization has logged nearly

calendar year other than 2022.

Jeter's measure incorporates into state law the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's working defini-

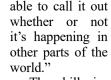
tion of antisemitism, which among other el similar to that leveled things includes "requiring of (Israel) a behavior not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation" and "drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis."

Maliha Zafar, the executive would have helped alleviate director of the Indiana Muslim Advocacy Network, said that wording doesn't provide a clear enough distinction between antisemitism and legitimate criticism of the Israeli government. She said students and faculty on university campuses already have faced disciplinary action for taking part but I think we hit a really in protests over Israel's actions in Gaza since the Oct. definition," Jeter said. 7 attacks.

happening around the among the first to leave the world," Zafar said. "If there chamber this session. It now 3,300 incidents in the three are injustices happening heads to the Senate for conmonths since Oct. 7, more in one place, we should be sideration.



Jeter



The bill includes language that states antisemitism does not include "criticism of Isra-

against any other country."

Rep. Cherrish Pryor (D-Indianapolis) on Tuesday tried unsuccessfully to strip out the qualifier at the end of that phrase to more explicitly exclude criticism of Israel. Peace activists such as Zafar said that amendment her concerns.

> Jeter said he recognizes the concerns activists such as Zafar have but he believes the amendment Cherrish put forward Tuesday afternoon would have gone too far. He said his bill is not intended to suppress free speech.

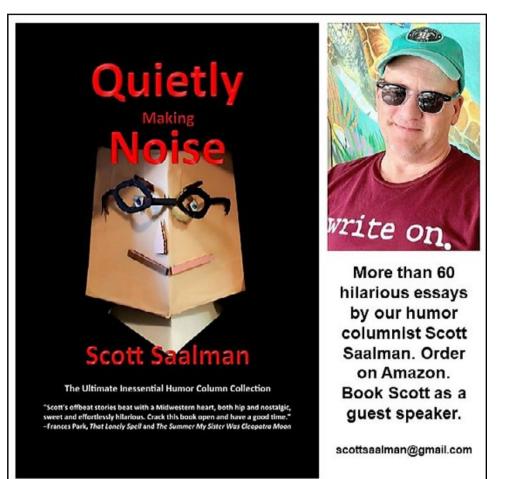
> "No definition is perfect, good spot using a universal

The bill passed the "This relies on what's House on Tuesday. It is



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# State Rep. Garcia Wilburn makes statement on passage of HB 1002

#### The REPORTER

On Wednesday, State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D-Fishers) voted for House Bill 1002, a bill aimed at defining antisemitism and preventing it in K-12 and college classrooms, on its final passage is a reason why out of the Indiana House of *Representatives.* 

She issued the following statement upon its passage:

I am hopeful that House Bill 1002 is the first step in addressing hate in all of its forms. I know firsthand how delicate of a needle this is to thread.

for the first time, we often share the similarities of our faith, often sharing the same value of loving our neighbor as ourselves. This when we do have differences, we

Garcia Wilburn are able to be respectful and they almost always target kind nonetheless.

My son spent the first three years of his life at the able group, it also rises for Bureau of Jewish Education learning and singing and Jewish hate crimes have risplaying with his peers and en, Muslim, Black and Asian surprising us in his small hate has risen, too. This is As I have met with voice with the Jewish bless- why I continue to urge the

panel because they knew how important it was to me.

hate one of us,

and hate all of us. When hate is on the rise for one vulnerother vulnerable groups. As countless of my constitu- ing before a meal. I have General Assembly to pur-

I recognize that in some people, hate permeates and fills their heart, and when they target and

address all hate crimes. We have been called to this



ents this summer, I cannot been an invited guest in my sue legislation that would help but think of them: all walks of life, young, old, Jewish, Catholic, Muslim, Protestant, Evangelical. And why would I know their faith? Because my had to leave a bit early to this legislative body, set an faith is important to me and attend my church service, example of being our brothwhen I encounter people they rearranged the entire ers' and sisters' keepers.

district mosques and was welcomed with kindness, most evidently the compas- building to represent our sion they had for me and my constituents, and when one faith. When I told leaders I suffers, we all do. Let us,

# Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council applauds passage of House Bill 1002 in Indiana House

#### Submitted

The Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) commends Thursday's 83-0 passage of House Bill 1002 in the Indiana House of Representatives as a significant step toward combatting antisemitism in Indiana.

garnered in the Indiana House reflects a shared commitment to addressing this pressing issue and providing for a safe, inclusive environment for Jewish Hoosiers.

HB 1002, which will locaust Remembrance Al-

the culmination of extensive Israel. Many of these incicollaboration and advocacy by JCRC alongside dedicated partners and supporters. JCRC expresses its appreciation to the legislature for this legislation and its steadfast dedication to combat- ry America and in our own ting antisemitism.

"We must define an-The bipartisan support tisemitism if we are to to be who they are," JCRC antisemitism," counter JCRC Executive Director ner Rich said. "It is uncon-Jacob Markey said. "This legislation provides a universal definition that will values." align Indiana with a widely accepted standard."

add the International Ho- ti-Defamation League, an- to pass HB 1002 without tisemitic incidents have ris- delay. Doing so will send a liance Working Definition en over 350 percent in the powerful message that anof Antisemitism into the months following the Oct. tisemitism has no place in Indiana education code, is 7, 2023, terrorist attack in society.

dents are occurring in K-12 classrooms and on college campuses, with some administrators and professors turning a blind eye.

"Sadly, in 21st centustate, Jewish students are being targeted and are afraid Board President Jamie Ratscionable and antithetical to our deeply held Hoosier

JCRC urges Senators to recognize the urgency of According to the An- addressing antisemitism and

**Theta Alpha Upsilon Chapter** Saturday, February 10, 2024 at 4 p.m. First Christian Church, 16377 Herriman Blvd., Noblesville

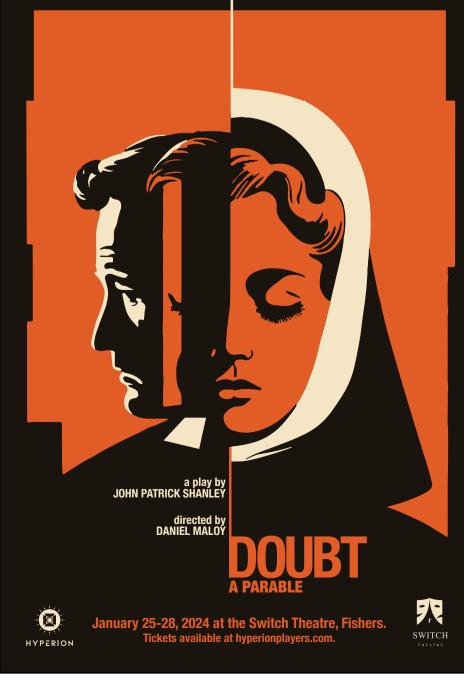
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# Learn about April 8 total solar eclipse at Carmel Planetarium

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With only about two and half months to go until the Total Solar Eclipse, the Carmel High School Planetarium Club invites you to come learn all you can about eclipses. Get answers to questions like:

• What is a Total Solar Eclipse?

• Why do we have eclipses on Earth?

• What will we see in central Indiana on April 8, 2024?

• How can I safety view the eclipse?

• Why do people get so excited about Total Solar Eclipses?

Get the answers to these questions at the Planetari- for the show. um.

take place at 7 p.m. on Keith Turner at (317) 846-Thursday, Feb. 8 in the 7721 ext. 7446. You can etarium. Enter through the *@CCSPlanetarium*.

THE PLANETARIUM CARMEL тне сня Planetarium AND main entrance of the school

on Main Street, walk past the Dale Graham Auditorium, and turn right. Doors will open 30 minutes before show time. No one will be admitted after the program begins. Children aged 12 years and younger should be accompanied by an adult. Recommended for children aged 5 and up.

Click here to buy tickets

Click here to learn more The presentation will or call Planetarium Director



Photo provided Carmel High School Plan- also follow along on X at This photograph of the August 2017 eclipse was taken by Planetarium Director Keith Turner.

# Hamilton County Health Department to hold internet safety webinar for parents

#### The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Bendzen is currently as-Health Department, in col- signed to the Hamilton laboration with the Ham- County Metro Child Ex-

County ilton Sheriff's Office, will hold a free Internet Safety webinar for parents at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 24. Experts will address common online risks and provide practical guidance.

Health Education Specialist Jim Ginder said it's important for parents to be aware of online risks.

"We will discuss how to protect your child's privacy on social media, how to

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social media use, and how to best balance online and offline activities," Ginder all parents. Those intersaid. "Understanding these risks allows parents to effectively guide their children."

ploitation Task Force where he investigates people attempting to

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solicit sexual exploitative material with children or traffic in child pornography. "Ensuring

online safety for children is not just a priority - it's an absolute necessi-

unique



Ginder

determine the right age for edge and tools to navigate it safely.'

with the knowl-

The webinar is free to ested in attending can register at tinyurl.com/childrens-health-webinars.

# Heart Hike returns Feb. 10 to **Ritchey Woods Nature Preserve**

#### The REPORTER

Just before Valentine's Day and in the midst of American Heart Month, the Heart Hike at Ritchey Woods is set for Feb. 10.

Get outside and take this annual community hike with your neighbors while finding images on the nature preserve's trails that show around after your hike to heart shape, and more.

warm up by the campfire at the Ritchey Woods shelter.

During your short, selfled hike, choose your trail through the nature preserve property and look for images of hearts that are naturally occurring in nature that we've placed along the walking trails, like a heartshaped tree trunk, birds

This event is free and need for more research, with will run from 9 to 11 a.m. a reminder to get families, on Saturday, Feb. 10. No registration required. All are welcome.

Ritchey Woods Nature Preserve is located at 10410 Hague Road, Fishers.

#### About American Heart Month

The federally designated heart shapes in nature. Stick forming their wings into a event reinforces the importance of heart health and the Heart Month.

friends and communities involved. It's a tradition that's over half a century strong. The first proclamation was issued by President Lyndon B. Johnson in February 1964, nine years after he had a heart attack. Since then, the president has annually declared February American



**Equity Accreditation Plus** and collect information on individuals' social needs. Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield's Medic-This data enables Anthem aid health plan in Indiana to develop personalized recently earned the Nationservices and supports to combat health inequities, al Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) Health leveraging partnerships with Equity Accreditation Plus, community-based organi-

zations (CBOs) to help improve the health outcomes of individuals. Anthem is advancing

its health equity mission through various innovative programs including:

• A dedicated team communities to improve of associates who are exhealth outcomes and reduce perts in health-related social needs including employment, education, housing, food, and transportation that help members navigate barriers to improved health by collaborating with CBOs. • The Social Determinants of Health Case Management program which provides interventions that address the social needs and risks of members tailored to their unique needs and circumstances. • Community health workers who identify and engage key members impacted by physical and behavioral health conditions given their geography, demographics, race, or ethnicity to address their ongoing health needs through a personalized whole health approach. "Racial and ethnic disamong the first Medicaid parities have hindered quality healthcare progression for many Americans," NCQA President Margaret E. O'Kane said. "Organizations earning the Health Equity Accreditation Plus like Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Indiana are leading the way in bridging this gap, and NCQA salutes their commitment."

ty," Bendzen said. "The digital world poses challenges, and our responsibility as parents and guardians is to equip our kids

Bendzen

Anthem Blue Cross and

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earns NCQA Health

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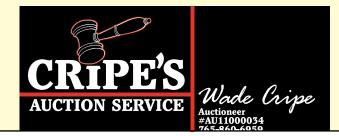
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"NCQA's Health Equity Accreditation Plus recognizes our unwavering dedication to eliminating health disparities and helping ensure access to high-quality care for everyone," said Dr. Kimberly Roop, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield's Medicaid President in Indiana. "This milestone positions Anthem at the forefront of advancing health equity through our innovative programs that provide access to individualized care to improve the whole health of our members."

a recognition of Anthem's

leadership in developing

solutions to enhance access to equitable, high-quality

healthcare. It further under-

scores Anthem's commit-

ment to eliminating health disparities in underserved

overall treatment costs.

NCQA Health Equity Accreditation Plus builds upon the Health Equity Accreditation designation Anthem received last year, when they were recognized plans in the nation to create a strategic framework that prioritizes health equity based on race, ethnicity, language, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

The new Health Equity Accreditation Plus goes a step further by acknowledging Anthem's data-driven approach to help identify



# **Republican Fifth District** candidate Max Engling signs **U.S. Term Limits Pledge**

#### Submitted by Max for Indiana

Conservative Republican Max Engling formally signed the U.S. Term Limits pledge, stating that as a Member of Congress, he is committed to cosponsoring and supporting the U.S. Term Limits Amendment tinued, to the Constitution in Congress.

Engling said too many politicians will only step down if they're forced, ad that this pledge is a step in the right direction, ensuring fresh voices that represent the people are in positions of responsibility.

Upon signing the pledge, Engling said, "Washington is broken because we keep sending more of the same type of people to Washington, D.C. I believe Congress



"Like President Trump,

I think we need to change for a local HVAC business, the direction of Washington and that bold action requires people who aren't making a career out of Recession, Engling worked serving in Congress."

supportive family as the on campaigns in Indiana, second oldest of eight children, learning early what it meant to work hard. He baled hay, detasseled corn, maintained a campground, licans secure a majority in and ran the quality control Congress, he eagerly anlab as the youngest hire at swered the call to serve,



Engling

Here in central Indiana, he earned a bachelor's degree at IUPUI while working full-time construction in and waiting tables. After gradu-

ating, he worked but was soon drawn to public service.

Following the Great hard as a volunteer with Engling grew up in a the Republican Party and making the case for limited government and fiscal responsibility.

After helping Repuban industry-leading fabri- and started as an intern on ana.com.

cation business. Capitol Hill, eventually rising through the ranks to become the Director of Member Services for the Speaker of the House. In that role, he was the Speaker's delegate with the entire Republican Conference and worked directly with every Republican Representative to guide them and their staff on how to best listen, communicate, and work effectively for their constituents.

> Engling met his wife, Kelcey, in Muncie, Ind., and they were married in Cicero; together they have four beautiful children. He earned his master's degree in defense and strategic studies from the Naval War College in Newport, R.I.

Learn more about the candidate at MaxForIndi-



# GOP Women invite you to first meeting of 2024 in Noblesville

#### The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Republican Women invite vou to their first meeting of 2024, which will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 22 at the Noblesville Community Center, 836 Division St.

The evening will begin with a light dinner of salad with the fixings along with an update from County Elections Administrator Beth Sheller. After that, attendees will spend as much time as they have available (or until 9 p.m.) socializing with each other.

Future meetings will be scheduled for the second Monday of each month. Please visit hamcogopwomen.org for updates.

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Please feel free to reach out to Emily Pearson with any questions at EmilyPearson317@gmail.com.

# Attorney General Todd Rokita reunites hardworking Hoosiers with a record breaking \$81 million in 2023

#### The REPORTER

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year by returning over \$81 million to our hardworking Hoosiers who deserve to have their money re-

turned," AG Rokita said. Rokita's "My office is committed returned eral Todd Rokita invites to serving the people of In- \$81 million in diana and protecting their unclaimed propindividual liberty. Getting erty to its rightful unclaimed property back owners in 2023. in the hands of its rightful Since taking ofowner is crucial."

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# **Reading bill moves ahead** despite retention concerns

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Sponsors of a reading proficiency bill on Wednesday said their measure would only hold students back after all other options had been exhausted.

State lawmakers vowed quick action in the fall after the Indiana Department of Education revealed one in five Indiana third graders can't read at grade level. That action began to take shape on Wednesday when a Senate committee approved a bill containing several provisions meant to fix the problem.

Senate Bill 1, indicating it is the top legislative priority for Senate Republicans.

Under the proposal, Indiana students would take their first reading assessment in second grade instead of third grade. Indiana Secretary of Education Dr. Katie Jenner told lawmakers about 60 percent of all schools in Indiana already have begun doing this and gotten overwhelmingly positive feedback from teachers and parents alike. If a stu-

schools would be required to offer summer reading intervention programs. Students would take the test include reading intervenagain during and, if necessary, at the end of third grade.

A student who failed the IREAD test three times would be held back for one year. The legislation includes exceptions for students with intellectual disabilities or individualized education programs and for students who are English language learners. Students could not be held back for more than one year.

Jenner said the bill is The bill is designated modeled after legislation used in Mississippi, where reading scores went from 50th in the country to 29th over the past decade.

> Testifying remotely, Dr. Kymyona Burk, who as Mississippi's state literacy director led the implementation of the literacy program, said more than three quarters of Mississippi students now pass the reading that rises to 85 percent with retests. She said the key is

By GARRETT BERGQUIST dent failed the IREAD test, involving students, parents that's the bad part, but those and teachers. If a student is social and emotional piecheld back, Burk said their repeated third grade must tions that weren't provided the first time in order to be successful. She told the committee students who were held back showed significant and consistent improvements by sixth grade compared to their peers who barely passed the reading test and thus, were not held back.

Much of the afternoon's testimony centered on the efficacy and appropriateness of holding students back. Fortville Elementary School Principal Dr. Vince Edwards said in his experience, retention did not produce the kind of benefits other types of intervention did, and data on retention reinforced his findings. He said studies he has seen that support retention don't do a good enough job of separating out other potential causes of improvement.

"If we're doing all these test the first time, a figure things and we're saying, 'Well, we've had positive gains and that includes reearly, targeted intervention tention,' it's hard to say that

es, which again, have been studied greatly for a long time, always hang there," Edwards said.

Indiana PTA President Rachel Burke said her daughter failed the IREAD test multiple times due to special needs, including a rare form of epilepsy. She said her daughter, who is now a junior in high school and currently fourth in her class of 820, would have been seriously harmed had she been held back a year.

Bill author Sen. Linda Rodgers, R-Granger, said she doesn't want her bill thought of as a retention bill.

"Any child who is retained will have multiple opportunities to pass the IREAD and they will be provided with remediation," Burke said. "What really isn't good is to move that student on without foundational reading skills."

The bill passed out of committee on a party-line vote, with Democrats citing the retention language as the primary reason for their "no" votes.

# Brad Chambers releases plan to prepare every Hoosier student for successful future

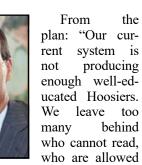
#### The REPORTER

Republican gubernato- Hoosier students rial candidate and former Indiana Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers released on Thursday his plan to transform Indiana's education system.

It would require all students to pass IREAD 3 before moving beyond third grade, ensure funding truly follows the student to give parents ample choice in their children's education, make clear career pathways available to students beginning in seventh grade, and individualize instruction the future. Now is the time using digital technologies,

"To prepare for the future and our state for continued economic success, we must rethink and redesign our education system, ensuring parents are front and center,"

backward-looking instead of forward-looking, preventing our students from achieving their maximum potential in an economy of piration."



Chambers to receive a high Chambers said. "For far too school degree without fullong our system has been ly earning it or who simply drop out altogether. Our state's economic future depends on addressing these issues with urgency and as-

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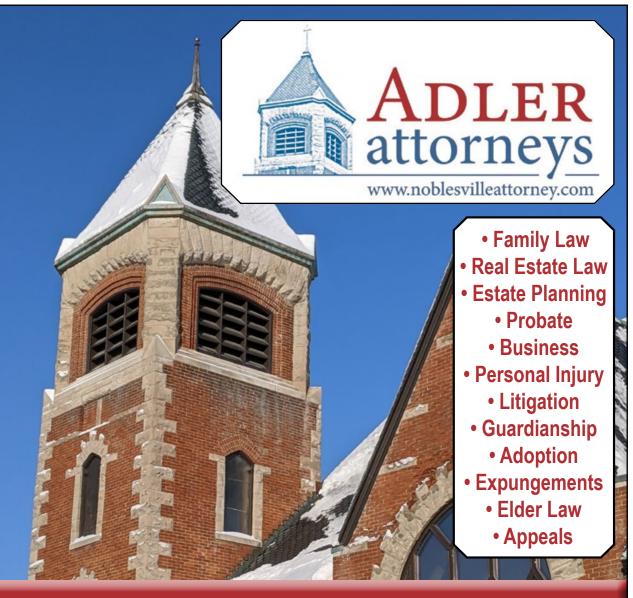
· Increases focus on skill-based learning

· Combats chronic student absenteeism by ensuring parental and community engagement

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# Attorney General Rokita alerts Hoosiers of recalled items sold in December

#### The **REPORTER**

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers of important consumer protection concerns for products recalled during the holiday season.

"Christmas may have passed, but our children's gifts could still be dangerous," AG Rokita said. "As a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or friend, you should not have to worry if a product you purchased for your precious little one could cause harm. Do not allow a flawed product to put your family in danger. Please stop using recalled items immediately and pursue resolution from the manufacturer."

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following consumer products were recalled in December:

• High-Powered Magnetic Balls Recalled Due to Ingestion Hazard sold exclusively on Walmart. com and through JoyBuy.

• Litti City and Litti Pritti Dress-up Playsets and Prextex Slime Eggs Recalled Due to Violations of Federal Phthalates and Lead Content Bans imported by Perch, Amusty, replacement product. and Bingo Deals.

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to Risk of Suffocation, Entrapment and Laceration Hazards; Violation of the Federal Safety Standards sold exclusively on Amazon.com.

• Room & Board Recalls Griffin Duo Bunk Beds Due to Risk of Collapse, Fall and Injury Hazards sold exclusively at Room & Board.

• Polaris Industries Recalls RZR 200 Youth Off-Road Recreational Vehicles (ROVs) Due to Crash Hazard and Risk of Serious Injury

• Vornado Expands Recall to Include Additional 1.75 Million Steamfast Travel Steam Irons Due to Fire, Burn and Shock Hazards

There are many more items that need to be double checked before using regularly.

If you recently purchased a recalled product, stop using it and check its recall notice. Then follow the notice's instructions, including where to return the product, how to get the product fixed, how to dispose of the product, how to receive a refund for the product, or what steps must be taken to receive a

To view recalls issued · Brandline Recalls prior to December, visit



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

#### The REPORTER

The Winter Market will run from 9 a.m. to noon this Saturday, Jan. 20 at West Fork Whiskey, 10 E. 191st St. The Market runs weekly through Saturday, March 9 with no Market on Feb. 3.

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

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

#### Jan. 20 Vendors

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

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### Roberta "Bobbie" Shelton d. January 11, 2024

Roberta "Bobbie" Shelton, 68, passed away on Thurs-



day, January 11, 2024, at home surrounded by loved ones after a brave battle with ALS. Bobbie was born in Tipton to the late Charles ("Chuck") and Rachel (Mayfield) Ross.

Bobbie grew up in Cicero and attended Hamilton Heights High School. She spent several years as a special education instructor, and she also worked in landscaping, most recently manag-

ing a small company in Fishers. She was a passionate and dedicated member of East Union Christian Church.

Bobbie was married for 50 years to the love of her life, John Shelton. They had three children, Landi, Zac, and Levi; and one grandchild, Grant "little one" Grace. She unconditionally and unselfishly loved her family and supported them in their many endeavors over the years.

Bobbie took pride in taking care of her many trees, flowers, ponds, and miniature horses. She cherished antiques and her extensive collection of primitive dolls. She loved to spend time visiting antique stores and going to small town festivals. Bobbie was an avid shopper who had a flair for creative and interesting outfits which always had to match. She enjoyed cooking family meals, holiday traditions, and a good inspirational quote. Most of all Bobbie loved time with her whole family. Even in the last several months while she battled ALS, Bobbie was more worried about taking care of her family and friends than she was about herself. She truly was the best wife, mother, and friend. Bobbie brought many laughs, comfort, and love to everyone she met and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Bobbie is survived by her husband, John Shelton (Cicero); three children, Landi (Cicero), Zac (Noblesville), and Levi (Portland, Ore.); one grandchild, Grant; a sister, Teri (Terry) Dunn (Arcadia); a brother, Denny Ross (Cicero); and several nieces, nephews, in-laws, and extended family.

Bobbie was preceded in death by her parents, Chuck and Rachel Ross.

The funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Monday, January 22, 2024, at Hartley Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero, with Mark Knapp officiating. A time of visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, January 22, 2024, at Hartley Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Gleason Foundation and/or East Union Christian Church.

Online condolences can be given at hartleyfuneralhomes.com.

For all those who knew Bobbie, feel free to wear your favorite Bobbie-inspired outfit.

#### **Meeting Notices**

The Hamilton Southeastern Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2024, in the board room at HSE Central Office, 13485 Cumberland Road, Fishers

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will meet for a work session at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 23 2024, in the Board Conference Room at the Westfield Washington Schools Administration Center, 19500 Tomlinon Road, Westfield.

### TODAY'S BIBLE READING LABAN PURSUES JACOB

You didn't even let me kiss my grandchildren and my daughters goodbye. You have done a foolish thing. I have the power to harm you; but last night the God of your father said to me, 'Be careful not to say anything to Jacob, either good or bad.' Now you have gone off because you longed to return to your father's household. But why did you steal my gods?"

Jacob answered Laban, "I was afraid, because I thought you would take your daughters away from me by force. But if you find anyone who has your gods, that person shall not live. In the presence of our relatives, see for yourself whether there is anything of yours here with me; and if so, take it." Now Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen the gods.

So Laban went into Jacob's tent and into Leah's tent and into the tent of the two female servants, but he found nothing. After he came out of Leah's tent, he entered Rachel's tent. Now Rachel had taken the household gods and put them inside her camel's saddle and was sitting on them. Laban searched through everything in the tent but found nothing.

Rachel said to her father, "Don't be angry, my lord, that I cannot stand up in your presence; I'm having my period." So he searched but could not find the household gods.

Jacob was angry and took Laban to task. "What is my crime?" he asked Laban. "How have I wronged you that you hunt me down? Now that you have searched through all my goods, what have you found that belongs to your household? Put it here in front of your relatives and mine, and let them judge between the two of us.

*Genesis* 31:28-37 (NIV)





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### Swimming

# Royals fall in competitive dual meet against Zionsville

#### By RICHIE HALL sports@readthereporter.com

FISHERS – The Hamilton Southeastern swim teams wrapped up their regular season Thursday by hosting Zionsville in a dual meet.

The Eagles swept the Royals in both divisions. Zionsville's girls won 100-86, while the Eagles boys won 100-85, but it was still a competitive dual. Southeastern won five events in both competitions, including all the relay races.

Royals coach Christian Hanselmann said he was "really happy" with how his team swam. It was Senior Night for HSE, and there was plenty of spirit at the pool.

"Really, tonight's more about celebrating the seniors," said Hanselmann. "One thing that I do with them is I give them some leeway to wire the lineup for this meet, so it's fun. They swims and it's a good environment. I'm happy with the energy that people brought to the meet today."

Southeastern shined in the relays. The girls team opened the meet by winning the medley relay; the swimmers were Naomi Haines, Julia Kiley, Audrey Crawford and Kiley Zoeller. Ki-

help the Royals' win the boys 200 free relay. she joined Eloise Harrison, der Goss to claim the 200 Meghan Voelker and Craw- free relay. Robison and Jung ford to win the 200 freestyle completed the sweep by relay, and later teamed with Voelker, Crawford and Zoeller for first place in the 400 Jack Waren. free relay.

get to choose what everyone vidual event, leading a 1-2 fly event. Gavin Tucker and finish in the breaststroke. Dryden Moore went 1-2 in Harrison took second in that diving. event. Crawford finished first in the butterfly.

As for the boys, Derek Robison and Jihoon Jung swam on all three first-place relays. They joined Jacob Frey and Collin Huston for the reserve championships. a blue ribbon in the med-

winning the 400 free relay with Camden Bailey and

Jung picked up an indi-Kiley also won an indi- vidual victory in the butter-

The Royals divers will compete tonight at the Warren Central Diving Invitational. Southeastern travels to Noblesville next Saturday, Jan. 27, to compete in The varsity is now preparley relay, then later teamed ing for the post-season – the ley swam on all three relays; with Nolan Pugh and Xan- Royals host the girls sec-

tional on Feb. 1 and 3, while the boys sectional on Feb. 15 and 17.

(Above left) Hamilton Southeastern's Eloise Harrison was one of the seniors honored by the Royals during their dual meet

with Zionsville on Thursday. Harrison was part of Southeastern's winning girls medley relay and placed second in the

breaststroke. (Above right) Southeastern's Nolan Pugh placed second in the 500 freestyle, then made a quick turnaround to

#### **GIRLS MEET**

Team score: Zionsville 100, Hamilton Southeastern 86.

**200 medley relay:** 1. Southeastern "A" (Naomi Haines, Julia Kiley, Audrey Crawford, Kiley Zoeller) 1:45.47, 3. Southeastern "B" (Eloise Harrison, Elise Herman, Lacey Huston, Anna Irish) 1:56.05.

freestyle: 2. 200 Mia Henderson 1:57.84, 3. Zoeller 1:58.76, 5. Meghan Voelker 2:01.52.

200 individual medthe boys travel to Fishers for ley: 3. Haines 2:19.60, 5. Jocelyn Graham 2:26.46. 50 freestyle: 2. Harrison 25.87, 3. Ellason Miller 25.94.

> One-meter diving: 3. Zoe Rehm 160.40, 5. Adriana Salgado 142.70. 100 butterfly: 1. Crawford 56.87, 4. Voelker 1:02.85.

> 100 freestyle: 2. Zoeller 52.87, 3. Henderson 55.27, 5. Ella Chesterfield 58.33.

500 freestyle: 5. Huston 5:40.52.

200 freestyle relay: Southeastern "A" (Ki-1. ley, Harrison, Voelker,

Crawford) 1:40.73, 3. Southeastern "B" (Henderson, Payton Walker, Irish, Herman) 1:44.72.

100 backstroke: 3. Izzy Schmitt 1:05.27, 5. Juli Goss 1:06.68.

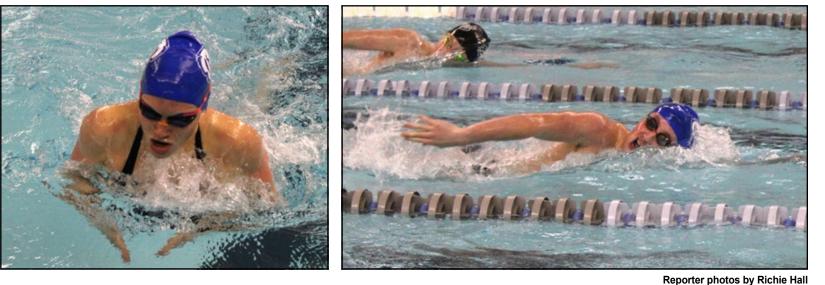
100 breaststroke: 1. Kiley 1:06.44, 2. Harrison 1:07.06, 4. Herman 1:14.08.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Southeastern "A" (Voelker, Crawford, Kiley, Zoeller) 3:38.72

#### **BOYS MEET**

Team score: Zionsville 100, Hamilton Southeastern 85.

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# Westfield teams sweep dual meet at Avon

#### The REPORTER

teams swept a dual meet Thursday at Avon.

The Shamrocks girls team won 112-71 and claimed six events. Individual winners were Kate Cassidy in the 200 freestyle, Gracie Alley was first in the 500 free, Ellie Hill took the backstroke and Nora Sperry won the breaststroke. Westfield won the medley relay, which consisted of Hill, Alex Irvin, Maggie Alley and Sperry, then later relay. Cassidy, Irvin, Anna stroke. McKeown and Maggie Alley won that race.

Westfield's boys were field 112, Avon 71. 107-78 winners, taking

The Westfield swim The 'Rocks led off with Alex Irvin, Maggie Alley, finishing first in the medley relay.

Thomas picked up two butterfly. Morse also had a double-victory night, tying for first in the 50 free be- Cassidy 2:01.87, 3. Grafore winning the 100 free. cie Alley 2:04.27, 5. Bella Other winners were Noah McNally 2:10.38. Flynn in diving, Zach Welch in the 500 free and ley: 2. Irvin 2:19.18, 3. placed first in the 200 free Chambley in the breast-

#### **GIRLS MEET**

200 medley relay: 1.

home eight event wins. Westfield "A" (Ellie Hill, Griffin Barents Froman, Nora Sperry) 1:57.41, Will Chambley, Garreth 2. Westfield "B" (Greta Thomas and Ben Morse Smith, Marie Rocca, Alina Reuter, Ellana Morse) 2:09.57, 3. Westfield "C" (Jenna McConaha, more event wins, pacing Charlotte Willhite, Ava the individual medley and DeCraene, Maggie Naas) 2:14.76.

M. Alley 2:19.54, 4. Hill 2:23.81.

50 freestyle: 2. Anna Team score: West- McKeown 26.62, 4. Bridget Mick 28.01, 5. Morse 29.23.

One-meter diving: 3. Cherf) 2:08.96. Gabriele Lippert 127.30.

100 butterfly: 2. M. Alley 1:06.46, 3. Macy Brown 1:07.19, 4. Reuter 1:10.21.

freestyle: 2. 100 Sperry 58.07, 4. Smith 1:01.29, 5. Rocca 1:02.69.

200 freestyle: 1. Kate Alley 5:21.81, 2. Cassidy 5:27.74, 5. McNally 5:57.15.

200 freestyle relay: 200 individual med- 1. Westfield "A" (Cassidy, Irvin, McKeown, M. Alley) 1:47.71, 2. Westfield "B" (G. Alley, Mc-Nally, Brown, Morse) 1:54.27, 3. Westfield "C" (Natalie Khazal, Naas, Éliana Colon, Georja

100 backstroke: 1. Hill 1:06.16, 2. Brown Morse 22.51, 4. Locke 1:08.23, 4. Smith 1:08.81. 100 breaststroke: 1. Sperry 1:12.06, 2. Ir-

1:20.73.

400 freestyle relay: 2. Westfield "A" (G. Alley, 500 freestyle: 1. G. Smith, Cassidy, McNally) 3:59.61.

#### **BOYS MEET**

Team score: Westfield 107, Avon 78.

**200 medley relay:** 1. Westfield "A" (Griffin Barents Froman, Will Chambley, Garreth Thomas, Ben Morse) 1:44.11, 2. Westfield "B" (Harrison Barents Froman, Sagan Blansette, Zach Welch) 1:49.32, 3. Westfield "C" (Jackson Burgess, Ethan Braasch, Owen Hudson, Silas Hendrix) 1:54.14.

200 freestyle: 3. Welch 1:51.26, 4. Luca Barbosa 1:54.72, 5. Blansette 1:58.93.

200 individual medley: 1. Thomas 2:03.93, Chambley 2:06.20, Barbosa, 3. G. Barents Froman Morse) 3:22.59.

Taylor 24.29, 5. Henry Pham 24.47. One-meter diving:

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2:10.60.

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vin 1:15.38, 4. Rocca 1. Noah Flynn 237.40, 2. Aiden Sullivan 136.25.

100 butterfly: 1. Thomas 55.45, 2. Barbosa 57.49, 5. Hudson 1:00.95.

100 freestyle: 1. Morse 49.58, 4. Taylor 54.01, 5. Pham 54.95.

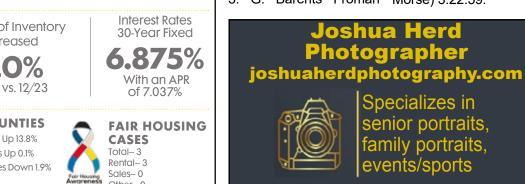
500 freestyle: 1. Welch 5:00.88, 4. Blansette 5:19.10. 5. Hudson 5:32.72.

200 freestyle relay: 3. Westfield "A" (G. Barents Froman, Barbosa, Taylor, Pham) 1:36.37.

100 backstroke: 2. G. Barents Froman 1:02.02, 3. H. Barents Froman 1:04.49, 5. Burgess 1:08.36.

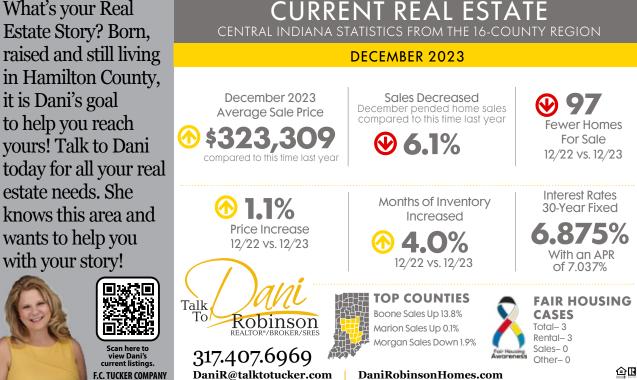
100 breaststroke: 1. Chambley 1:04.25, 2. Braasch 1:08.34, 3. Esteban Roussel 1:09.66.

400 freestyle relay: 2. Westfield "A" (Welch, Thomas,



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Sports

# Millers get their state championship rings





Photos by Joshua Herd The Noblesville boys soccer team was presented its state championship rings on Wednesday during halftime of the Millers' boys basketball game with Westfield. Noblesville won its third consecutive Class 3A state title last fall.

# Noblesville gymnastics finish second at Bloomington South Invitational

#### **The REPORTER**

The Noblesville gymthe Bloomington South Invitational on Monday.

second place with a team score of 92.00 points. Valorey Bittles finished third in the all-around with a score of 30.775, with Kylie Lotridge placing fourth by Leckrone totaled a 29.45.

In the individual events, Bittles took third in the uneven bars (7.35), with Lotridge placing sixth (6.975). Lotridge was third in the vault (8.75), while nior varsity floor event with follows: Leckrone 7.90, Leckrone took fourth (8.70). a 5.275, followed by Chloe Lotridge 7.90, Bittles 7.85. scored a 5.275 on floor and Lotridge finished fourth in Harris in second place On balance beam, Lotridge a 5.175 on beam.

nastics team competed at and Bittles took sixth (8.075).

The Millers finished in Ethan Rivers 8.15 and Lydia Blackwell 8.00. Alina Skryabnev scored 7.45 on floor, with Rivers posting a 5.15 and Blackwell scoring a 5.05. Alayna Lotridge 8.725. She had the Millers' scored a 6.90 on bars, with top all-around score with a scoring 30.70. Emmerson Leckrone scoring 5.825. On 31.55, followed by Bittles the balance beam, scores with 30.275 and Leckrone were Bittles 6.80, Kylie Lotridge 6.775, Leckrone 6.75, Skryabnev 4.55 and Leckrone posting an 8.55 Rivers 4.475.

Lilly Martin won the ju-

the floor exercise (8.20), (4.35). Ethan Rivers took scored 7.20, Bittles 6.625 Leckrone was fifth (8.175) third in the JV bars (3.175). \* \* \*

Noblesville competed in Other vault scores were the Franklin Central Invitational last Saturday, placing sixth as a team with a score of 92.525.

> Lotridge finished seventh in the vault with an with 30.00. All three had strong vault scores, with and Bittles scoring an 8.225.

Floor scores were as

and Leckrone 6.50. On bars, Lotridge scored 7.725, Bittles 7.575 and Leckrone 7.00.

Rivers posted a 7.25 on beam, Alina Skryabnev scored 7.20 on floor and Alayna Lotridge scored 6.75 on bars.

Fishers opened its gymnastics season at Franklin Central. Stephanie Mack totaled a score of 28.775, including a ninth-place finish in the vault with an 8.60. Other scores were 7.95 on floor, 7.15 on balance beam and 5.075 on bars.

Senior Sherline Lopez



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# Westfield wrestlers take down Harrison

#### The REPORTER

The Westfield varsity wrestling team beat Harrison 39-26 on Wednesday in its Senior Night meet.

The Shamrocks had many Camire, Riley Davison, Alex Stryker, Sam Travis, Sam

ty and junior varsity teams. Alic Washburn, Carter Van-Winners were: Keegan Car- Horn, Ben Spencer, Gavin son, Abe O'Neill, Porter Tem- Humburg, Alex Wilson, Aar- Frankfort next Saturday, ples, Carter Niccum, Chase on Bennett, Max Brown, Jon Jan. 27 to compete in the

victories between the varsi- Aramboles, Aiden Padgett, Adeflorian, Pierce Malin and Pierce Glodowski.

> Westfield travels to sectional.

# Girls Basketball-**University falls to Bethesda Christian**

#### The REPORTER

University's girls ralthird quarter deficit to take a 34-32 fourth quarter lead; however, Bethesda Christian closed the game on a 16-3 run to post a 48-37 win, their second triumph over University in six days.

Making her first career start, sophomore Charlotte Convers led the Blazers with 11 points and a career high-tying eight rebounds.

early in the third quarter. no closer than five the rest

#### Three baskets by Conyers and a three pointer by Leah lied from a nine-point Norvell pulled the Blazers within 27-25 before the Patriots scored the last basket off the quarter.

Baskets by Norvell and Convers tied the game at 29. Bethesda took a 32-29 lead before two foul shots by Anyah Turley cut the margin to one. Keira Bright put University on top 34-32 with a three pointer from the left wing with 5:42 left. The Patriots scored the next 10 points University trailed 25-16 and University could get of the game.

BETHESDA C	HRIST	IAN 4	8, UNI	VERSITY 3	37
University	FG	FT	TP	PF	
Meg Rohloff	2-3	0-0	5	0	
Keira Bright	3-12	0-0	8	3	
Charlotte Conyers	5-14	1-2	11	2	
Leah Norvell	3-6	0-0	7	1	
Mack Feeney	2-2	0-0	4	2	
Anyah Turley	0-6	2-2	2	3	
Totals	15-43	3-4	37	11	
Score by Quarters					
University	7	9	9	12 – 37	
Bethesda Christian 7		14	8	19 – 48	
University 3-point shooting (4-17) Bright 2-7, Norvell 1-3, Rohloff					
1-1, Conyers 0-5, Turley 0-1.					
University rebounds (23) Conyers 8, Turley 4, Rohloff 3, Bright 3,					
Feeney 3, Norvell 2.					

Goss 1:00.08.

5:44.48.

100 freestyle: 3. Jack

500 freestyle: 2. Nolan

200 freestyle relay: 1.

Waren 50.79, 5. Kasey Bos-

Pugh 5:11.11, 4. Stivers

Southeastern "A" (Robison,

Jung, Pugh, Goss) 1:31.97.

season record and will host University has a 9-9 Lapel at noon Saturday.

# MEET

**200 medley relay:** 1. **200 individual med**-Southeastern "A" (Jacob **ley:** 2. Robison 2:04.99, 4. Frey, Collin Huston, Derek Robison, Jihoon Jung) 1:37.06, 3. Southeastern "B" (Xander Goss, Jagger Chan, Alden Sealls, Camden Bailey) 1:47.22.

200 freestyle: 3. Chan 2:00.53, 5. Luke Cochran 2:06.63.

200 individual med- 53.27, 4. Sealls 58.35, 5. Tristan Stivers 2:15.26, 5. Chan 2:19.65.

50 freestyle: 2. Bailey tock 57.03. 23.66, 5. Frey 24.55.

**One-meter diving:** 1. Gavin Tucker 268.05, 2. Dryden Moore 175.80, 4. Joey Justice 115.85.

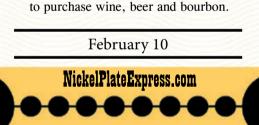
100 butterfly: 1. Jung

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100 backstroke: 2. Huston 59.82, 4. Pugh 1:01.10. 100 breaststroke: 3. Waren 1:07.11, 5. Bailey

1:10.06. 400 freestyle relay:

1. Southeastern "A" (Robison, Bailey, Jung, Waren) 3:19.99, 3. Southeastern "B" (Goss, Sealls, Huston, Chan) 3:34.96.



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#### Sports

# Congressional resolution introduced in support of U.S. bid for the 2027 Women's World Cup

#### The REPORTER

Congress announced they will introduce a bipartisan, bicameral concurrent resolution in support of the United States Soccer Federation's bid for the 2027 FIFA Women's World Cup, which would be

States and Mexico.

• The full text of the Senate Concurrent Resolution can be read **here**.

House Concurrent Resolution can be read **here**.

U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.), Chris Murphy (D-Conn.), Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.), Shelley Moore Capito (R-W. Va.), and Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), along with U.S. Representatives Darin La-Hood (R-III.-16), Rick Larsen (D-Wash.-2), Don Bacon (R-Neb.-2), and Kathy Castor (D-Fla.-14), are leading the resolution, which highlights the New Heights Bid Committee's efforts to bring the 2027 FIFA Women's World Cup to the United States and Mexico and the positive impact hosting the tournament would have on the United States.

"Women's soccer is one of the fastest growing sports in the world, and no country is better positioned to showcase the sport than the United States," the members said in a joint statement. "The Women's FIFA World Cup is poised to break attendance records, generate economic growth and tourism, and lead to further development in women's soccer and youth sports. With state-of-the-art infrastructure and a plethora of successful bid for the up- from Lilly Endowment, Inc. potential host cities, holding coming 2026 FIFA Men's enabled the Host Commit-

We look forward to working The Co-Chairs of the with the White House, rel-Congressional Soccer Cau- evant federal agencies, and cus and other members of our state and local partners to support the ef-

forts of the U.S. Soccer Federation to bring the 2027 Women's FIFA World Cup to the United States."

Soccer rethe most popular sports in the

world and in the hosted jointly by the United United States, and the women's game continues to see exponential growth. The FIFA Women's World Cup is an international soccer • The full text of the competition featuring the Fédération Internationale de Football Association's (FIFA) women's national teams. The United States Women's National Team omy in Indianapolis and (USWNT) is the most successful Women's National Team in the World, winning Host Committee announced four Women's World Cups in 1991, 1999, 2015, and 2019. The United States previously hosted the Women's World Cup in 1999 and 2003, which are both considered successes and catalysts for increased interest in women's soccer across North America.

> The Congressional Soccer Caucus is an organiza- more. tion consisting of Members of Congress to promote, educate, and raise awareness on issues both domestic and international pertaining to sport. The Soccer Caucus coordinates a variety of briefings and events focused on creating awareness of how sports like soccer can not only amaze visitors to be leveraged to transform communities and ensure that children reach their full potential.

In 2018, the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives agreed to a resolution in support of the U.S. Soccer Federation's the tournament in the United World Cup, which will be tee to create The Tip Off;

# NBA All-Star 2024 host committee announces arts initiatives in Indianapolis

#### The REPORTER

NBA All-Star 2024 in Indianapolis is less than 30 days away, and the NBA All-Star 2024 Host Committee, alongside partners at Indy Arts Council, GANG-GANG, and Indiana Humanities, announced today mains one of a series of arts and culture immersive experiences and interactive exhibits for fans coming downtown for February's event. During a press conference at the Indianapolis Artsgarden, the Host Committee outlined the NBA All-Star footprint for downtown Indianapolis, Indy's Home Court, and discussed the significant impacts NBA All-Star 2024 is having on the creative econacross the state.

> Additionally, the Indy The Tip Off, a first-ever NBA All-Star opening ceremony at Bicentennial Unity Plaza on the evening of Thursday, Feb. 15. More details will be announced at a later date, but The Tip Off will mark the formal start of NBA All-Star 2024 and include music, notable personalities and officials, and

> "There is incredible excitement around NBA All-Star 2024 because fans know there will truly be something for everyone downtown, and, working with our partners, we have created an experience at Indy's Home Court that will the downtown but leave a lasting legacy on our city and state economies," said Rick Fuson, Pacers Sports & Entertainment CEO and Chairman of the NBA All-Star 2024 Board of Directors.

A \$1.5 million grant



Photo provided

GANGGANG, with curators Deonna Craig, Kia Davis, and Alan Mills will turn the 19,000 square feet of the Indianapolis Artsgarden into BUTTER at Indy's Home Court.

create public art experiences throughout Indy's Home Court.

The Indy Arts Council, GANGGANG, and the Indiana Humanities have led the curation of the activations as part of their work on the Host Committee, and the result ensures Indy's Home Court will be alive with energy and creativity for all downtown visitors during NBA All-Star 2024. Together, the partners will bring to life a combination of light-based public art installations, sculptures celebrating Indiana's basketball tradition, large-scale storefront murals, graffiti art, designed to promote equity interactive pieces, and the return of Indiana's equitable fine art fair - BUTTER at Indy's Home Court. In addition to the visual arts installations, fans will be treated committee has developed to 24 DJs throughout Indy's Home Court, photo stations, and unique experiences in key fan zones like Georgia integrating an unprece-

"Sports and arts have said Mali Simone Bacon,

sic, and culinary talent; and all who visit Indy's Home Court. We're also excited for the ongoing impact some of these artworks will have through our Sidewalk Galleries program with the City of Indianapolis."

NBA All-Star 2024 is, uniquely, the intersection of sports, arts, culture, and fashion, a global celebration of the game of basketball, and a way to highlight Indiana's diverse and thriving creative talent. Elements like the arts and culture experiences unveiled at the press conference will not only give fans an experience unlike any previous NBA All-Star, but they are also and drive investment into Indy's creative economy that will have lasting, sustainable impacts.

"The Arts & Culture incredible activations to residents and welcome visitors to downtown, Street and Bicentennial Uni- dented number of artists into NBA All-Star 2024,"

ence in Indianapolis."

Led by Mali Simone

ington Street, to show-

case local brands. Plaid &

an-owned business, will take over the location formerly occupied by Pearings at Washington and Meridian, while the former Rock Bottom site next door will be converted into The Suite featuring the Henderson Bar, food from the International Marketplace, music curated by Chreece Presents: Nap City The Basement, comedy by Made Man Improv, and retail curated by Cargo Streetwear Boutique.

Finally, GANGGANG, with curators Deonna Craig, Kia Davis, and Alan Mills will turn the 19,000 square feet of the Indianapolis Artsgarden into BUTTER at Indy's Home Court. Programming will include a full exhibition alongside the Creative Summit at Indy's Home Court. Serving as a new model for economic justice in the arts, BUTTER maintains its commitment to sell or loan 100 percent of the artwork, giving 100 percent of the proceeds to artists.

Led by the Indy Arts Council, with support from

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States would set a new stan- hosted in the United States, leverage vacant retail space always been great team- GANGGANG Co-Founddard for quality and security. Mexico, and Canada.

to showcase local arts, mu-



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



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mates in Indianapolis, and we're going to see that on full display during NBA lead creative direction and All-Star 2024," said Julie production for what will be Goodman, Indy Arts Council President & CEO. "Indy Arts Council is honored to partner with GANGGANG, Bacon and Alan Bacon at Indiana Humanities, and the GANGGANG, the Host Arts & Culture Committee Committee has created a to center Indy's incredible Cultural Corridor in Indy's creative talent. Our team's Home Court, along Washfocus has been on largescale public art activations that will inspire and engage Pearls Coffee, a local wom-

ty Plaza.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Jan. 19 **BOYS BASKETBALL** Delphi at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m. Fishers at Avon, 7:30 p.m. Franklin Central at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m. Guerin Catholic at Brebeuf Jesuit, 7:30 p.m. Pike at Carmel, 7:30 p.m. Westfield at Brownsburg, 7:30 p.m. Zionsville at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m. **GIRLS BASKETBALL** Delphi at Sheridan, 6 p.m. Guerin Catholic at Brebeuf Jesuit, 6 p.m. Westfield at Brownsburg, 6 p.m. Zionsville at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m. Carmel at Pike, 7:30 p.m. Hoosier Conference championship game: Rensselaer

Central at Hamilton Heights, 8 p.m. SWIMMING/DIVING

Carmel, Hamilton Southeastern, Westfield at Warren Central Warrior Diving Invitational, 6 p.m. Fishers Tigers College Event Classic, 6:30 p.m.

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partners Joanna Nixon and er and Executive Director. London Heist, other art acti-"GANGGANG is thrilled to vations fans will experience during NBA All-Star 2024 include: a once in a lifetime experi-

• Six light-based public art installations, including three experiences by Indianapolis artists

• Two temporary murals by Indianapolis artists Jingo de la Rosa and Jonathan Southern will adorn the east and west facades of the Indianapolis Artsgarden.

• Sidewalk galleries: large-scale murals by Indy artists will decorate storefronts along the streets of Indy's Home Court, immersing visitors to the downtown in diverse artwork seemingly at every turn.

· Fifteen of Indianapolis' most fascinating street and graffiti artists will create new masterpieces on the Pennsylvania and Delaware rail underpasses, just north of South Street.

• Hoosier Historia: a group of 24 diverse artists from across the state will bring to life their interpretations of some of the most memorable and iconic people, moments, and places in Indiana basketball history on 6-foot basketball sculptures.

NBA All-Star 2024 takes place in downtown Indianapolis Thursday, Feb. 15 through Sunday, Feb. 18. Indianapolis last hosted the event in 1985.

