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Reporter publisher ventures straight into the Lions' Den



Reporter photo by Stu Clappitt

Two hundred Lions from across Indiana gathered for their 35th Mid-Winter Conference last Saturday at the Crown Plaza Indianapolis – Airport hotel. A dinner was held Friday evening, with the main event on Saturday complete with seminars, a luncheon, and a keynote speaker. Seminars addressed topics such as decoding the “alphabet soup” of Lions acronyms and abbreviations, when to ask for help, how to partner with other community organizations, grant writing, how to grow Lions membership around the world, and planning for the upcoming Lions International Convention in Melbourne, Australia. It was great to see so many caring people together in one place to learn more about serving their communities. If you’d like to find out about what it means to be a Lion, go to LionsClubs.org and click “Join.” There you can search for your local club.



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The sky will begin to change around 1:50 p.m. with totality at 3:06 p.m.

ARCADIA	3m4s
ATLANTA	2m55s
CARMEL	3m29s
CICERO	3m15s
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NOBLESVILLE	3m27s
SHERIDAN	2m50s
WESTFIELD	3m18s

Local saxophonist/music teacher to release debut album next month

By SHANA SLOMA
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After two years of collaborative creativity, Parma Recordings will release local saxophonist Cecily Terhune's solo debut album *Boon Bestowed* on Feb. 9.

Inspired by author Joseph Campbell's monomyth theory, the hero's journey, the musical anthology demonstrates the dynamic range and pitch of Terhune's horn on her melodic quest. The 22-track compilation depicts seven stylized movements by multiple contemporary composers including an original piece co-written with saxophonist Katie Madonna Lee.

Born and raised on north side of Indianapolis, Terhune has a bachelor's degree and artist diploma in music performance from Ball State University. She toured internationally with Ball State Jazz Lab Ensemble. She also completed her master's degree in music performance from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music followed by several years dedicated to teaching.

Though Terhune has achieved global recognition for her performances, she remains committed to providing artistic growth within her community.

She privately teaches Carmel and Noblesville high school students at their respective schools

during the student's scheduled band class. This one-on-one teaching opportunity provides the student with individualized training without compromising time after school.

Although performance is at the root of Terhune's career success, she credits educating students with positively influencing her music.

"I really enjoy teaching," Terhune said. "It's a good experience for everyone. I think it also makes me a better player."

The album spotlights the artist's use of the four major saxophones: soprano, tenor, alto, and bass. Through the diverse and dynamic sounds of the sax, *Boon Bestowed* showcases Terhune's artistry and feminist themes she spent two years creating.

According to Terhune, the album's composition utilizes themes from Campbell's book *The Hero with a Thousand Faces* from a feminist perspective.

"I used feminine pronouns in the liner notes, so it is supposed to be the 'heroine's journey,'" Terhune said. "It is a feminist take on Campbell's work."

Terhune is a member of the Committee for Gender Equity with the North American Saxophone Alliance. *Boon Bestowed* incorporates Terhune's musical prowess and melodic vision of the heroine's journey.

Parma Recordings Publicity Coordinator Kacie Brown



Photo provided

Terhune teaches students at both Carmel and Noblesville high schools during their scheduled band classes.

shares her thoughts on the culmination of *Boon Bestowed*'s lyrical narrative.

"We get the chance to see inside Cecily and Katie's minds a bit on *Boon Bestowed* as they musically illustrate the gifts

these four women shared and continue to share," Brown said. "They use different saxophones, techniques, tone colors and more, to depict these women's legacies with the finesse and subtlety of visual artists."

Words of affirmation

You're meant for this.

How do you say I love you without saying I love you? A simple text. Words that hug the heart.

And so, while I was at the Hope*Story Conference this week, I sent my husband a simple text: *Thank you for making this possible.*

You see, my husband believes in me. He has always encouraged me to write. He spoke at my book launch in June of 2022. He told those who were there that he loved watching someone so passionate about what they were doing. He said I was good at what I was doing ... writing. He said he was proud of me. Just when I thought I couldn't love that man any more than I did ... I loved him even more.

My husband is an expert at giving words of appreciation and affirmation.


Guess what? My love language is words of affirmation. I tell him that making me feel loved is easy, wrapping me in "atta girl" compliments.

Ten years ago, on a snowy February Sunday afternoon, Chuck and I stood before three ministers (yes, three) and said our vows. Being close to the winter of our lives, we knew that every day we had to love each other mattered even more.

Scott Leonard sang the song "I Cross My Heart." There are lyrics that say, *I'll give all I've got to give to make all your dreams come true.* I had no idea those words would be so true.

The thing is that Chuck Leonard believes in me. He sees much more in me than I see in myself. He understands the 3:43 mornings when I have to get up because the voices won't be silenced until I write.

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COLUMNIST

JANET HART LEONARD

From the Hart

Two golden ages overlap on stage in production about 1973 interview

The REPORTER

What would you ask a living legend?

Clerical Error Productions' first show of 2024 combines the golden age of Hollywood and the golden age of television with *Call Me Kate: Katharine Hepburn Tells It Like It Is*.


Inspired by her 1973 TV interview with Dick Cavett, the play recreates a live television broadcast, capturing the Hollywood legend at her wittiest and most reflective. The second act includes a brief Q&A to allow the audience to become part of the show and ask

the star about her fascinating life, famous loves, and an esteemed career that spanned six decades.

The play will stage at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 23 and Saturday, Feb. 24, and in a 2:30 p.m. matinee on Sunday, Feb. 25. All performances will be at The Brick Room, 942 Maple Ave., Noblesville.

Call Me Kate: Katharine Hepburn Tells It Like It Is was written by Kate Duffy, who also plays the title role. Blake Mellencamp appears as interviewer Dick Cavett, and Jon Lindley directs.


A Mass Ave. and IndyFringe favorite since 2018, Clerical Er-



ClericalError
Productions

ror Productions is an Indianapolis based 501(c)(3) nonprofit theatre company specializing in original comedy, vaudeville, and production assistance.

Tickets for *Call Me Kate: Katharine Hepburn Tells It Like It Is* will be available on the Clerical Error Productions website, clericalerrorproductions.com, and The Brick Room website thebrickroomcomedyclub.godaddysites.com.



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Photo provided by HSE Schools
(From left) Interim Superintendent Dr. Matt Kegley, HSE Food Services Director Karen Ogden, and HSEF Executive Director Justin Himisey.

Sheridan Library names members to sit on board



Photo provided by Sheridan Public Library
The Sheridan Public Library Board recently elected new officers and members for 2024. (Seated) Executive Director Kim Riley and Secretary Floyd Barker. (Standing, from left) Board member Barb Hybarger, President Loretta Sutherland, Vice President Ruth Gerbig, Board member Alicia Burnell, and Board member Kathy Bray. Not pictured: Treasurer Laura Glunt.

Food for thought: community clears HSE student lunch debt

The REPORTER
More than 1,200 Hamilton Southeastern students with outstanding balances have been notified their meal accounts have been paid in full.

This action was made possible in part by a large donation from the Food for Thought Community Fund, created by a local community member who is dedicated to supporting insecurity needs for students and families within HSE Schools.

The debt, \$25,107.18, was paid for students qualifying for the National School Lunch Program (Free and Reduced Benefits).

“Hamilton Southeastern Education Foundation is thrilled to be able to help alleviate this burden from families,” HSEF Executive Director Justin Himisey said. “This is the second time HSEF has been able to eliminate debt for students who are a part of free- and reduced-price benefits.”

The Food for Thought Community Fund was established in 2021 and is managed by the Hamilton Southeastern Education Foundation (HSEF).

The fund also supports Fishers Youth Assistance Program’s Snack Attack and Summer Meals for HSE students. Himisey added that these efforts would not be possible without many generous donors and the support of the greater community.

“We are thankful for every donation, big or small we receive,” HSE Schools Director of Food Services Karen Ogden said. “We also would be remiss to not acknowledge the kindness of HSE families who have ‘paid it forward’ by contributing the remaining balance of their graduating student’s meal account to helping others.”

If you are interested in donating to the Food for Thought Community Fund or to learn more about this initiative, please visit HSEFoundation.org/FoodforThought.



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Saturday, January 27
11am-1pm



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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 Center.

The chapter's framed 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



Photo provided
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.



Photo provided
Secretary Suzanne Lyon

Mother Chapter is Theta Delta from Tipton and the Grandmother Chapter is 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 Arnola and Judy were honored with lifetime memberships.

Members enjoyed their annual dinner at Ulen Country Club in July with spe-



Photo provided
The serving line at the lasagna dinner fundraiser.

cial 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-

ing, several members enjoyed the annual Christmas party held at the home of 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.

Sheridan recognizes four 'Rising Stars'

The REPORTER

Four Sheridan High School (SHS) students were recognized at the January school board meeting for their Indiana Association of School Principals (IASP) Rising Stars designation.

SHS selected Liberty Coyle-Paddack, Leah Fredriks, Isaiah Garrett, and Mackenzie Smith for the award based on their academic excellence.

The IASP Rising Stars program was created to give schools an opportunity to recognize outstanding students during their junior year, in an effort to increase "visibility and scholarship opportunities."

SHS Principal Rick Davis



expressed his appreciation to IASP for the opportunity to recognize these exceptional students.

"We are proud of the accomplishments of Liberty, Leah, Isaiah, and Mackenzie and are excited for their bright futures," Davis said.

School board members added their praise for the students during the meeting on Monday night.

"We applaud these students for their hard work and dedication," Superintendent Dr. Dave Mundy said. "I also want to express gratitude for

our teachers and staff who create world-class learning for our students every day, showing how a small school can provide big opportunities."

Learn more about the Rising Stars program at iasp.org/students/academic-all-stars.

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February 10
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Lonely Hearts Club Express
Join us for a 75-minute train ride filled with laughter, connections, and a vibrant atmosphere. You'll be greeted with a warm welcome and a chance to mingle with other amazing individuals who are also embracing their single status. Enjoy a cocktail or two as you make new friends while chugging along the rails.
February 14
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March 23, 24 and 30
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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 been elected president of the Hamilton County Council. Sue Maki will serve as Vice President. This is the first time in the history of the Hamilton County Council that two women have held both leadership positions.

“It’s an honor to serve alongside Sue, making history for our council,” Massillamany said. “Thank you to the Council for entrusting us to lead, charting a course where diversity in

leadership is not just celebrated but woven into the fabric of progress.”

Massillamany was elected to the Hamilton County Council in 2011. She represents District 2 which includes Delaware and Fall Creek townships. She works in professional services and is a Senior Director at RGP, a worldwide consulting firm specializing in Finance, Accounting, Governance, Risk & Compliance, Information Management, Human Capital, and Corporate

Advisory.

Maki was elected to the Hamilton County Council in 2020 and took office Jan. 1, 2021. She is an At-Large member. 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



Massillamany



Maki

to working with President Massillamany to continue improvements in communication and collaboration with the Commissioners and other government entities,” Maki said.

Invest Hamilton County launches labor market forecast through 2030

The REPORTER

Invest Hamilton County, in coordination with over a dozen corporate, civic, education, and philanthropic partners, has produced a labor market forecast for the state’s fastest growing county going out to the year 2030.

Talent InSight 2030 is a comprehensive forecasting project that measures the county’s population, occupation, educational demographics and commuting patterns to establish long-term demand forecasts for multiple subsets of high demand employment.

“Hamilton County is a destination for high-wage, highly educated talent from across the country,” Invest Hamilton County President & CEO Mike Thibideau said. “We also possess dynamic communities, led by visionary individuals that have seen job growth explode over the past multiple decades.”

Talent InSight 2030 was compiled by bringing together the economic development goals of Hamilton County’s cities, growth projections of school corporations, projected home building plans for local builders and a diverse array of private and governmental data sources such as Lightcast, ESRI, the U.S. Census Bureau, Bureau of Labor Statistics, IN Department of Education, and STATS Indiana.

Other notable data insights through the year 2030 include:

- Hamilton County’s prime age labor force participation (ages 25 to 54) will increase, as opposed to a significant decline nationally.
- Over 62 percent of

county residents possess a bachelor’s degree or higher education, an 8 percent increase since 2010. Only one of the top 20 posted occupations (Registered Nurses) in 2023 required that equivalent level of education.



Thibideau

Healthcare and Social Services, and Accommodations and Food Service will be the three fastest growing industry sectors, collectively adding nearly 10,000 jobs.

- Restaurants and Other Eating Places represent the largest four-digit sector growth with over 2,000 positions added, with Full Service Restaurants expected to add over 1,300 jobs.

- Home Health and Personal Care Aides is projected to be the county’s largest growing occupation, followed by Cooks and Fast Food Counter Workers.

- The three largest occupations for Hamilton County Residents are Office and Administrative Support, Sales and Related, and Business and Financial Operations.

- In 2026, Hamilton County will be importing 2,000 more workers than it exports, representing a 15,000-person net shift in commuting patterns since 2015, even when excluding



hybrid and remote working trends. In 2022, over 95,000 workers commuted into Hamilton County for work on a daily basis.

“This project is intended to provide a tool that our local leaders, education stakeholders and business community can use to forecast how our community will continue to grow and change through the rest of this decade,” Thibideau said. “Invest Hamilton County, as a regional workforce development leader, will also be using this data as a backbone for pathway creation, training programs, and strategic community impact.”

Invest Hamilton County will host a State of the Workforce luncheon on March 19 at the Bridgewater Club. Thibideau and a national speaker from Lightcast, leaders in labor market analytics, will dive into the data learned from the *Talent InSight 2030* project and how it compares to national trends.

Thibideau will also spend time in 2024 delivering presentations on this data to diverse associations and boards. If you would like to have a presentation scheduled, please reach out to Director of Programs Jill

Doyle at jdoyle@investhamiltoncounty.com.

This project was made possible with support from Hamilton County government, City of Noblesville, City of Fishers, Duke Energy, Hamilton County Community Foundation, MIBOR, Hamilton County Tourism, OneZone Chamber of Commerce, Noblesville Chamber of Commerce, and Westfield Chamber of Commerce.

About Invest Hamilton County

The Hamilton County Economic Development Corporation (dba Invest Hamilton County) is an economic development organization focused on talent attraction, retention, development, and quality of life initiatives throughout Hamilton County. Invest Hamilton County works with diverse and dynamic stakeholders from throughout the community to help local residents, businesses, and communities address barriers to economic vitality, and build systems that provide every person in the county a path to live the best life they are capable of living. For more information, visit investhamiltoncounty.com.



Meet Westfield Mayor Scott Willis

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, and strategically growing the city.

As a decorated U.S. Marine Colonel, successful businessman, and 19-year Westfield resident, Willis has brought a new and unique voice to the community. He has served the community in various capacities, such as Westfield City Councilor, Westfield Washington Public Library board member, Student Impact board member, Westfield YMCA steering committee member, the President’s Council for Purdue University, past Chairman of the Westfield GOP Club, and is involved in several Veteran organizations including the VFW, American Legion, and Marine Corps League. He

also serves on the Board of Directors for the Marine Foundation and Operation Job Ready Veterans, a non-profit organization that supports veterans transitioning 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 at 11:45 a.m.

Discounted Partner Tickets and Non-Partner Tickets are available. Corporate Reserved Tables (seating for eight) are also available. Reserve your tickets or corporate table at tinyurl.com/WestfieldChamberLunch02-22-24.

AFFIRM

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He has held me when my heart was breaking. He saw my pain and wrapped me up by loving me well. His words of reassurance softened my hurt.

Yes, this is one of those schmaltzy columns I am known for, but I didn’t want to wait for Valentine’s Day or our anniversary, February 23. I don’t believe words should wait to be said. Read that again.

I truly believe that the people we love, the people that matter in our lives, need to hear words of affirmation ... and not just on special occasions.

Send the text. Write a love letter. Mail a thank you note. Tell someone what you appreciate about them.

Words matter. Words cost nothing, yet they can be treasured for years to come.

Who in your life needs to see or hear words of affirmation? I have a challenge for my readers. For one week, every day, SEND ... WRITE ... MAIL ... TELL someone in your life why they matter to you.

The value of your words isn’t measurable, but the

heart that is spoken to by your words will be filled up and overflowing.

Need help? Call the good Dr. Leonard. He’s got just the right words.

Thank you, Chuck, for believing in me. I’m not the only one in this marriage with the gift of words. Your words love me well.

Janet Hart Leonard can be contacted at janethartleonard@gmail.com or followed on Facebook or Instagram (@janethartleonard). Visit janethartleonard.com.

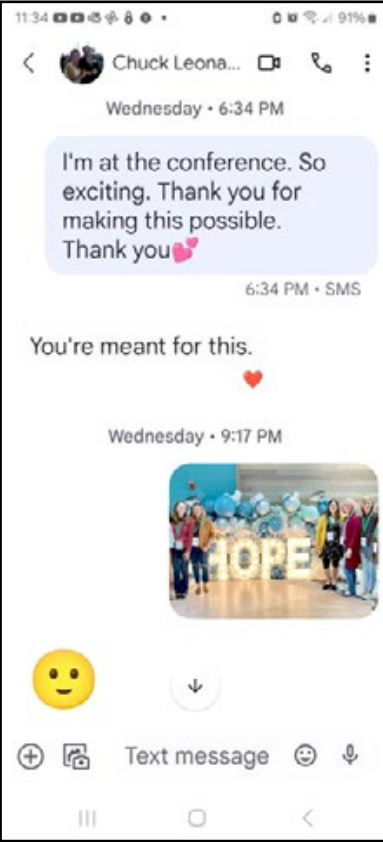


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FCCLA Foodies Rock is a fully functioning food-service operation that is student-centered and fostered through the Westfield High School Culinary Arts program. Members are highly trained in customer service, hospitality, culinary techniques, food safety and sanitation.

Foodies Rock holds a Food Permit by the Hamilton County Board of Health. Advisors Nikki Heflin and Bryan Ferreira are ServSafe Manager certified, and they will follow the National Restaurant Association’s Guidelines for food preparation.

Chef Heflin and Chef Ferreira each have over 20 years of industry experience, and love guiding their students in making both the optics and cuisine for your event out of this world.



Learn more about what Foodies Rock can offer by going to tinyurl.com/WhatsFoodiesRock.

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Noblesville Lions give dictionaries to Hazel Dell Elementary students



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll
Last 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.

Bloch appointed Hamilton Circuit Court judge

The REPORTER
Andrew Bloch has been appointed judge of the Hamilton Circuit Court.
Earlier this month, 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 magis-

trate 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.



Bloch

Hamilton County Health Department to hold internet safety webinar for parents

The REPORTER
The Hamilton County Health Department, in collaboration with the Hamilton County 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 determine the right age for social media use, and how to best balance online and offline activities," Ginder said. "Understanding these risks allows parents to effectively guide their children."

Detective Larry Bendzen is currently assigned to the Hamilton County Metro Child Exploitation Task Force where he investigates people attempting to 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 necessity," Bendzen said. "The digital world poses unique challenges, and our responsibility as parents and guardians is to equip our kids with the knowledge and tools to navigate it safely."
The webinar is free to all parents. Those interested in attending can register at tinyurl.com/childrens-health-webinars.



Ginder



Bendzen

Carmel well represented at Hoosier Champions of Diversity Awards



Photo provided by City of Carmel
The City of Carmel was a proud sponsor and attendee of the 17th annual Champions of Diversity Awards hosted by *Indiana Minority Business Review Magazine*, *Minority Business Review*, and the *Indianapolis Recorder*. This annual event recognizes outstanding Hoosier individuals, companies and organizations for their passion and dedication to the promotion and advocacy of equity and inclusion in Indiana. (Standing, from left) Kelvin Okamoto, Mayor's Advisory Commission on Human Relations; Dee Thornton, Mayor's Advisory Commission on Human Relations; Don Thornton, spouse of Dee Thornton. (Seated, from left) Ramu Chinthala, Carmel-Visakhapatnam Sister City Committee; Raju Chinthala, Mayor's Advisory Commission on Human Relations and Carmel-Visakhapatnam Sister City Committee; Pavan Varma, Carmel-Visakhapatnam Sister City Committee; Mike Hollibaugh, City of Carmel; Kate Lustig, City of Carmel, Asian American Alliance, Inc., Board Member; Matthew Broadnax, Carmel Police Department; and Sonya Broadnax, spouse of Matthew Broadnax. See the complete list of 2024 award recipients at indianapolisrecorder.com/champions-of-diversity-2024.

Dance club teams up with dance team!



Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools
The Westfield Middle School Dance Club was recently invited to perform with the Westfield High Dance team at a boys varsity basketball game. The WMS club meets once a month after school and the WHS has auditions in the fall and spring. The high school dance team performs at football and basketball games. You can catch the WHS Dance Team's next performance on Thursday, Feb. 22 before the varsity boys basketball game.



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.

'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., on Jan. 13.
According to Turn the Page Owner Jamie Degler, the book signing and author presentation drew approximately 75 people, including newly-elected Westfield Mayor Scott Willis.
The Reporter first wrote about Hay in November 2020. Hay is a lifetime music lover who went on a quest to memorize as much of the music he loved as possible when he began 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 tinyurl.com/MattHaySoundtrack.
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 the first time."
For more information about Turn the Page, visit the bookstore in person at 149 N. Walnut St., Westfield, or online at turnthepagewestfield.com. You can also call (317) 804-2363.

State Rep. Jeter's bill supporting Hoosier Jewish students advances unanimously

The REPORTER
The Indiana House of Representatives last Thursday unanimously advanced State Rep. Chris Jeter's (R-Fishers) bill to clearly define antisemitism for Indiana's public education institutions, which he said ensures the concept doesn't wind up in Hoosier classrooms or campuses.
Jeter said he authored the legislation after having conversations with several Jewish organizations over concerns about antisemitic concepts being taught in Indiana classrooms. According to the Anti-Defamation League, reports of antisemitic events have increased by nearly 360 percent since the Israel-Hamas war began in October 2023.
"This bill is a reflection of our Hoosier standards and what we value when it comes to teaching our students," Jeter said. "Our Jewish students need to feel safe and come in our schools, and this builds on Indiana's long history of supporting Jewish communities both at home and abroad by targeting antisemitism in K-12 classrooms and on college campuses. I look forward to having further discussions and conversation to get this legislation through the Senate this year."



Jeter

Democrats come together to talk about county's future



The Noblesville Democratic Committee met last Wednesday 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.

Reporter photo by Stu Clampitt

Heart Hike returns to Ritchey Woods Nature Preserve in Fishers

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 heart shapes in nature. Stick around after your hike to warm up by the campfire at the Ritchey Woods shelter.

During your short, self-led 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 heart-shaped tree trunk, birds forming their wings into a heart shape, and more.

This event is free and will run from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10. No registration required. All are welcome.

Ritchey Woods Nature Preserve is located at 10410 Hague Road, Fishers. Learn more at playfishers.com/466/Heart-Hike.

About American Heart Month
The federally designated event reinforces the importance of heart health and the need for more research, with a reminder to get families, 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 Heart Month.

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Local Lions Clubs assist Gleaners

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Last Thursday, the Noblesville and Carmel Lions Clubs assisted Gleaners in distributing food to needy customers. This was done at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds in Noblesville. This is a monthly event. The following Noblesville Lions helped: Steve Shaw, Gary Hipes, Joe Connerly, Jeff Kozicki, and Josh Kozicki. From the Carmel Lions: Bill Wrin, Matt Best, and Bob Yunker.

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Westfield farmer Larry Hopkins elected to national sheep board

The REPORTER

At its annual meeting last week, the American Sheep Industry Association elected three new members to its executive board.

Representing Region III was Westfield sheep producer Larry Hopkins. Region III consists of the Great Lake states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio.

“The American sheep industry is facing many challenges but also has some unique opportunities on the horizon,” Hopkins said. “Demands for a product with environmental sustainability, the rapidly growing need for solar farm grazing and a new-found consumer demand for American lamb coming out of the COVID years are all exciting developments for the sheep industry. I look forward to helping guide the association through these challenges.”

Hopkins runs a purebred sheep and wool operation nestled on the border between Zionsville and Westfield called Little Eagle Creek Valley Farm and has been raising sheep for over 25 years. He has previously served as president

of the Indiana Sheep Association for four years and was elected to two terms on the Indiana Sheep and Wool Council which oversees the state check-off program.

Among many other volunteer positions in the sheep world, Hopkins has also served as a breed manager for several years during the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Ky.

A partner in his family dairy farm managed by his brother and life-long member of Indiana Farm Bureau, Hopkins recently retired from the State of Indiana where he managed operations during three separate administrations over 19 years for the Office of Attorney General.

About the Indiana Sheep Association

ISA is one of the oldest livestock organizations in Indiana. It was originally founded as the Indiana Wool Growers Association in 1876 to encourage local shepherds to come together to share ideas and expertise, to promote lamb and wool in the state, and to educate communities about the value of sheep and the sheep industry.



Photo provided by City of Carmel

Carmel invites kids with special needs to Sensory Skate Nights, Jan. 23 & Feb. 25

The REPORTER

Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Sensory Processing Disorder, or any type of special need and their family members are welcome to take part in Sensory Skate Nights in Carmel.

An annual tradition at The Ice at Carter Green (sponsored by Allied Solutions), the City of Carmel and the Carmel Advisory Committee on Disability will open the ice for a special, sensory-friendly skate session. Walkers and wheelchairs are allowed on the ice during this time. There is no charge to skate.

The first Sensory Skate Night will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. this Tuesday, Jan. 23. The second night is set for Sunday, Feb. 25 at the same time.

The Ice at Carter Green is located at 10 Carter Green, Carmel. Visit TheIceatCarterGreen.com to learn more.

Noblesville Schools breaks ground on expansion project



Photos provided by Noblesville Schools

Noblesville Schools broke ground last Friday on a major academic expansion that will add much-needed new space in support of the district’s nationally recognized STEM and performing arts programs. The addition will include up to 22 new classrooms, welding and construction labs, enlarged performing arts spaces, an additional café area, a makerspace, room for large group meetings, storage, and more. The project is funded through a bond with no increase to the tax rate and no use of referendum or classroom dollars. Learn more at tinyurl.com/NHSexpansions. (TOP LEFT) NHS students representing STEM and performing arts participated in the groundbreaking. The freshman and sophomore students will get to take advantage of the new facilities later in their high school careers. (From left) Ashley Owens, Addie Iverson, Nadia Dyakanoff, Blake Conner, Austin Horne, and Gavin Frossard. (TOP RIGHT) NHS Music Department Chair and Director of Bands Eric Thornbury discusses the project with school board member Dr. Joe Forgey. (ABOVE LEFT) Superintendent Dan Hile shares the project vision and details with guests. (ABOVE RIGHT, from left) School Board members Joe Forgey, Misti Ray, Laura Alerding, Stephanie Lambert, and Christi Crosser.

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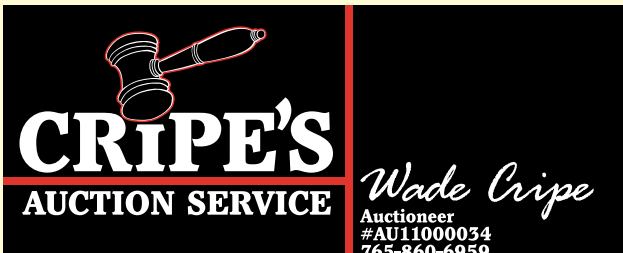
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All about Axolotls

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

Axolotls are Mexican amphibians, falling under the salamander category, and they live in two lakes, including Lake Xochimilco and Lake Chalco in Mexico.

The Axolotl is a species scientists are apprehensive about going extinct soon; they estimate that there are only about 50 to 1,000 left in the wild. That number is greatly decreasing and is too fast for humans to be sure that they can help stabilize their numbers.

They are one of the only animals who don't grow out of their baby stages. From the baby stage, they still have their feathery gills, webbed feet, dorsal fin, and a tail. This is a stage in which nothing further progresses in the growing cycle, also known as neoteny.

Like other amphibians, Axolotls can lose a limb and be able to grow them back, which can take different amounts of time depending on what they lose. Most injuries take around 40 to 50 days to grow back.

Their scientific name is the *Ambystoma Mexicanum*; however, their normal name comes from a god known as Aztec, the god of fire and lightning. Aztec would also disguise himself as an amphibian, which is where the name corresponds to the Axolotls.

Axolotls were brought to Paris in 1864 to be bred and kept as pets for people. In the wild, they are a brown-tannish color but

once they were bred for pets they mutated and now are mainly seen as a shade of pink. Many different places in the U.S. have banned owning an Axolotl as a pet, in fear of them escaping and breeding with other salamanders of a different species and being poached from the wild.

The Axolotl's numbers are decreasing so fast due to the increase in population sizes in Mexico, the increase in tourism and residential housing, and the space they use to build the home of the species. Another factor behind the decrease in their population numbers includes the agricultural and industrial pollution in the lakes they live in. The introduction of Tilapia and other invasive species have caused a decrease in their population as they tend to hunt and eat newborn salamanders.

Scientists are trying to create a new chain of islands to help take out some of the pollution, and in turn, help the Axolotl as well as other animals. This chain of islands is made of water plants, logs, and mud.

Axolotls reach the reproduction stage at one year old, and males will perform a dance known as the "hula" for the female. The female will show she accepts him by nudging him with her nose. A female Axolotl can lay up to 1,000 eggs, with the average being approximately 300. They lay them on plants and rocks on the lake floor to keep them safe from predators. The eggs will take about two weeks to hatch and immediately are off learning how to survive without parental care.



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What happens in Vegas ... write about it

...anyway it was 2012 and I was eating an \$18 enchilada covered with green sauce – the enchilada was covered, not me – in the MGM Grand when the bartender asked, “Are you here for the convention?”

Earlier, a taxi driver asked the same. “Are you here for the convention?” Taxi Driver asked, then added, “Beautiful women come to the magician convention.”

“Why do beautiful women want to be seen in half so badly?” I asked Taxi Driver. He was silent the rest of the drive.

To the bartender, I replied, “You mean the magician convention?” It was cool that another person had assumed I was a magician, what with my David Copperfield good looks. (OK, so I look more like something a magician pulls from a hat – no, not the cute bunny, but the lint maybe ... or the pellets the bunny leaves behind ... or Danny DeVito, if that's possible.)

“I mean the limo driver convention,” the bartender said. I noticed he didn't mention that beautiful women flock to the limo driver convention.

“Dude, you mean there's a convention for limo drivers?” asked Rod, an old surfer type beside me, his words barely passing for words due to his tequila-marinated tongue.

“There's a convention

for everything here,” the bartender said. “There's even a convention for people who manage conventions.”

Rod believed what the MGM Grand needed was a surf shop. He was hoping to pitch that idea to someone representing MGM, which, at that moment, by virtue of being an MGM guest, was me.

Last I checked, Vegas was not connected to an ocean, though there was a pirate ship battle happening up the Strip at Treasure Island, and beyond that, gondolas floated in a canal through the Venetian. I couldn't dash Rod's hopes, though, since anything seemed possible among the high rollers, shiny shoes, long legs, and soap opera hair of Las Vegas – or as the funny Southwest flight attendant called our destination, “Lost Wages.”

My ego was bruised when the bartender assumed I was a limo driver, not someone who required one. Still, I did feel like a magician when I made a portion of the bartender's tip disappear before his very eyes.

Entering my guestroom, I was reminded of that Motel 6 catchphrase, “We'll keep the light on for you,” only at the MGM the catchphrase must be, “We'll keep the toilet running for you.” My toilet would not stop running – and I had yet to even flush it. “Engineering” sent a man to replace the toilet tank's guts.

It did the trick ... until the next night. Nothing robs my sleep like a toilet on the run. Vegas knew this. It doesn't want you to sleep. Sleepers seldom spend.

I called “Engineering” again. They seemed baffled by the baffle. Knowing that David Copperfield was performing onsite, I suggested they send him up to at least create the illusion of a toilet not running. “Engineering” wasn't amused. I guess you need a rim-shot to get a laugh in Vegas. I'm sure there's an app for that. Where's Shecky Greene when you need him?

What's not magical about Vegas are the homeless on the Strip's pedestrian bridges and sidewalks who wait for the coin to tingle in their cups – though I suspect coins are an insult to the down-and-out who are within earshot of slot machine chatter. Cardboard signs that once read HUNGRY, HOMELESS, NEED MONEY FOR FOOD have been reworded with cynical phrases like, WHY LIE? I NEED A BEER.

Along the Strip, I passed through a gauntlet of desperate hawkers who made snapping noises and pushed cards at me. Being from Indiana, I don't like to hurt people's feelings, so I graciously stuffed the cards in my pockets, assuming I was being gifted with discounts for steaks or Cirque du Soleil. The cards were similar in size to the Topps trading cards of my youth. When I finally stopped to examine

a new batch, I saw not baseball players with names like Bench, Perez, and Rose but girls with names like Tawny, Marnee, and Desiree.

It would be an understatement to say the girls lacked uniforms.

I don't recall my baseball cards having players' phone numbers on them either. And where was the bubblegum? The long dormant altar boy within me wanted to erupt from my skin and shout to the neon night, “We don't do this in Indiana.”

I panicked. I couldn't just drop the cards on the sidewalk, for surely, I'd be arrested for littering and have to show up in court to face the humiliating evidence – “Your fingerprints are all over them.” With my pants' pockets bulging with skin cards, I returned to the MGM. The song playing in the elevator was – I kid you not – Foreigner's “Dirty White Boy.”

In my room, I couldn't even throw the cards away in the trash can – for what would housecleaning think? I pondered calling Desiree just to come and take the cards away. I ended up ditching my collection at the airport before takeoff for home, proving once again that what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas – unless you're foolish enough to write about it.

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

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 hap-

pens 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.

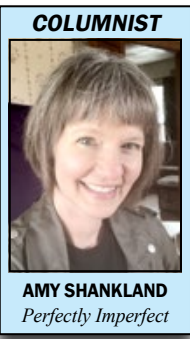
When I taught the Dale Carnegie course on people skills, we talked about the different ways we can be enthusiastic. There is such a thing as quiet enthusiasm, and it is downright beautiful.

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?

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Be Well

“Honey this may be the best fried chicken yet!” – Bruce

Dear Readers – lest I neglect the major portion of our population who enjoy their beef, poultry, and pork entrees, please allow me

to tag on to my last column which, among many other suggestions for healthy eating, extols the benefits of adopting vegetarian cuisine.

Let's find common ground! You will note the quote above by my meat-loving hubby who enjoys his fried chicken above most other food items. He also says my meatloaf is the best ever! As a vegetarian myself I take his word

for it.

The gentleman quoted above has nearly 50 years in the food industry with much of that involving expertise in evaluating and selling meat products. Yes, we

have made a marriage work for 44 years out of respect for one another's dietary preferences. Dinner is always interesting. And we usually agree on dessert!

So – let's talk about the most popular beef/poultry/pork items as we all want to make the healthiest choices for ourselves and our families. I believe most of us are aware that meat items found in our local grocery centers did not originate on

“Old McDonald's Farm” in a bucolic setting. Frankly, much of consumers' choices today began life in a more factory-oriented or industrial farming environment, as that is the most cost-effective method for consumers.

Moving on beyond that information, let's focus on what consumers should know when purchasing meat items. First of all, it is important to use your senses of touch, smell, and sight. Always make certain that the meat is firm to the touch. It should also be cold to the touch and have no odor.* Here are some more specific details:

- Pork should have a pinkish-red color, with any fat white in color, with no dark spots. Avoid choosing meat that is pale in color.
- Beef should be bright

cherry color. If beef is in a sealed bag, the color is typically a darker purplish-red. Once exposed to air, it will turn a bright red.

• Poultry should never be tinged with a grayish color but should always be pinkish.

Most manufacturers use fillers, either water-based or oil based, and are added to raw meat and poultry cuts adding weight to the finished product. Some cuts have added solution up to 25 percent of volume! For instance, enzyme-tenderizing solutions are often added to raw beef cuts from no-roll carcasses (i.e., a carcass that did not grade as prime or choice) or raw poultry cuts from mature birds to reduce

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Rep. Spartz invites constituents to town hall this week in Carmel



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Congresswoman Victoria Spartz invites her Hamilton County constituents to a town hall in Carmel next week. Everyone is welcome to ask questions of the Congresswoman from 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 25 at Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square. This is the first in a series of town halls Rep. Spartz plans to give around the Fifth District in 2024.

Thanks for reading The Reporter!

Off to the races: the 2024 legislative session

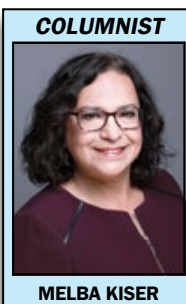
Grasping for independence

This year the legislative session is scheduled to end on March 14. Approximately 250 Senate bills and 425 House bills are proposed for this session. Undoubtedly, most of these bills will not be assigned to a committee or pass the bill's first reading.

It is impossible to cover all the bills affecting our education system in this short space, so I will mention a few that I believe should be passed and some that should not see the light of day.

First is HB 1072, Student Immunizations, authored by Rep. Cash. This bill prohibits the requirement of an immunization shot for a student enrolled in a health profession education program. The bill also states that a student does not have to provide information regarding the student's religious objection.

Second, is HB 1221, Material that is obscene or



harmful to minors, authored by Rep. Abbott. There has been much discussion and debate about what is considered "obscene" and what material is "educational."

This bill looks to better define the terms and further clarify the education and criminal laws.

Third is SB 6, Reading Proficiency, authored by Sen. Raatz and Sen. Rogers. This bill addresses students in grades 4 through 8 who did not pass the reading skills evaluation approved by the state board of education. It would require a school to provide additional support to students who are at risk of not being proficient in reading.

On bills that should not be taken up, the most problematic is HB 1017, K-12 Curriculum, authored by Rep. Smith. This bill proposes that schools should not provide instruction concerning any president who

owned slaves, colonialism, or Christopher Columbus. Why wouldn't we want to teach our children the facts of the past so that we can continue to learn from our mistakes and "form a more perfect Union"?

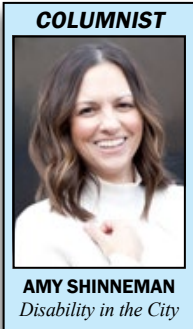
SB 195, Age for compulsory school attendance, authored by Sen. Taylor, would mandate that any child who is 5 years of age on Aug. 1 of a school year must attend school. The current law states that a child must be 7 years of age. Do we want our children to be instructed by others at such an early age? Children do not have to be in a school environment to be learning.

The last bill I wish to discuss will be controversial due to the strong beliefs on all sides of the matter. HB 1037, Minimum teacher salaries, is authored by Rep. Klinker. This bill would require a school corporation to submit a report to the Department of Education as to why it cannot meet a minimum salary of \$60,000

a year for each full-time teacher. The current requirement for such a report is a minimum salary of \$40,000. In addition, the report must include cost savings measures taken by the school to meet this minimum requirement and it must do so starting June of 2025.

Regarding HB 1037 I want to state that in no way am I saying that teachers do not deserve better pay. Teachers provide a tremendous service in the education of our children. The problem with this bill is that it pushes the minimum by too much too fast. There are also concerns regarding the measures school corporations will take in their cost savings efforts.

I would encourage our parents, grandparents, and taxpayers to familiarize themselves with the current slate of legislation and let their elected officials know where they stand. To see what bills are proposed this session go to iga.in.gov and click on "Legislation" in top navigation.



Independence. It's a word that can take on so many different meanings.

Something you will hear when listening to the current fight within the disability community is that we are fighting for our independence in many different areas. Why? Because independence is important to living a confident and fulfilling life. There are many ways in which our independence can be taken away from us. There is also always someone who would be grateful to have independence in areas we take for granted.

For me, I am fighting to keep walking, which of course provides a great deal of independence. It's something many take for granted.

Each day, I sit up in my bed independently, and I'm grateful. Every single day. I thank God that I still have this ability. I swing my feet down to the ground and take a deep breath. I pray that I will be able to stay on my feet without falling, and I give thanks for the continued ability to walk, even if it is laborious.

Then, the intense focus begins.

Every single step, focused. When walking, if I take my focus off every step, even for a second, my right foot will catch, and I will trip and fall. When I fall, I'm likely not getting up on my own. At least not without crawling to the nearest surface where I may have a slim chance of hoisting myself up, depending on how badly I was injured in the fall. Luckily for me, most falls result in a few hours of rest, icing, and some soreness for a few days, although I have fractured my foot and my knee in the past from falls, and dealt with concussions.

I am not trying to be a hero by continuing to walk. I have nothing to prove to anyone, and there is also no shame in accepting the help of an assistive device. At this point in my life, I am an ambulatory wheelchair user. A common misconception is that those who use wheelchairs cannot walk at all. Of course, that is sometimes the case, but certainly not always. For me, I can still walk short distances in areas I am familiar with, where I can grab onto certain things for support.

There is a lot of men-

tal planning that must go into each day. I don't mean only planning daily activities, but rather planning how I will get out of certain chairs, or from one place to another. Are there stairs, is there a railing, or a curb? Mentally assessing the pathway. Is it crowded? Even the slightest bump from someone can easily send me to the ground. Constantly planning my next move before it happens. It can be a lot of internal stress.

If you were with me, you would never know all those thoughts are going through my mind! But they are constantly. Going out independently in public is something I must give a lot of extra thought to.

Driving. So much independence comes from being able to drive. Many living with neuromuscular disease do not have this opportunity. Again, I'm grateful. I often talk about how, in the water where I exercise, I don't feel disabled. I feel free. That's how I feel when driving too.

Adapting to stay as independent as I can is my goal. It's important for those of us living with disabilities. So much of what happens because of our disabilities is out of our control. I can choose to focus on areas where I've lost independence, or I can choose to focus on all the things I can still do. Sitting around feeling sorry for ourselves is a dead end. We are only wasting time when we do that. It's very easy to fall into that trap.

Accepting that my independence may start to look a little different is something that I need to continue to work to embrace. Even typing that sentence makes me a little uncomfortable because I know it's not going to be an easy thing to do. Having a lifelong disability, I'm very aware of what lack of independence, physically speaking, looks and feels like. Take time to stop and appreciate even the smallest things you can do and be grateful. All these things are a gift.

Until next time ...

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

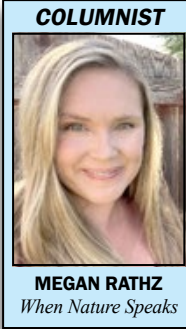
Love is worth it, don't give up on your puppy

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.

We were in our house for less than a week before arranging to meet Stella. I've learned about 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 trial run, that she was in fact home for life, she got really comfortable. She had the nerve 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.

Fast forward about eight 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 was to be furious at Lucy. Once I had a minute to calm down, I remembered she was just a puppy. Even though she's big enough and 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 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 hard to have a puppy. There are days our lives would be easier if we never got Lucy. It's the truth. Having two young children and trying to potty train a puppy in the middle of winter wasn't easy.

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-old and four-year-old to act 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-year-old 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 Master Gardener mother.

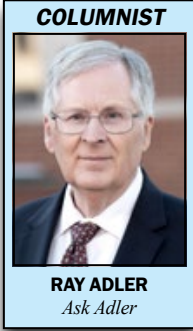
Mom's dog story

Here's Mom's story about our dogs.

Many years ago before there were any children to keep me company, Dad bought me a pup. I forgot where we went — seems it may have been near Portland — and I chose the cutest little ball of black and white fur you ever saw.

This puppy's father was a Madison Avenue show dog. The mother was a purebred Border Collie farm dog. As befitted such a fancy parentage, I gave her a fancy name: Beulah Rebecca. Dad paid an exorbitant price (for our income and the times), but she proved to be worth every penny.

We didn't have the wherewithal to pay for breeding purposes, so let nature take its course. There was certainly no neighborhood dog as good as Becky. But not to worry. At the appropriate time a male ap-



peared. He was handsome, well-groomed, and looked very much like Becky. Later a large litter of black and white puppies arrived.

Well, this scenario was repeated several times. The father was never seen. We never learned where his home was.

The strange thing was Becky would allow no other male around. Sometimes the lowly animals set a good example for humans.

As Becky grew older, we decided enough was enough. A trip to the vet; no more visits from the Prince. Becky lived to a ripe old age, always good company, a good helpful farm dog, and very protective. We missed her when she was gone.

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the toughness of connective tissue in the cut.¹

Antibiotic use in livestock has long been a controversial topic as it regards human health effects. There is much information available from accredited institutions, and if this is something of interest to you, I

suggest that you do your own research to make the best dietary decisions for you and your family.

In the meantime, dear carnivores, omnivores, vegetarians, and vegans, just make sure that you have a balanced eating plan which incorporates adequate

amounts of protein, carbohydrates, vitamins, and minerals to give you optimum health results.

*Seafood items will be addressed in a future column.

¹Food Standards and Labeling Policy Book (fsis.usda.gov)

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Sharon McMahon, CNWC
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Indiana Peony Festival calling on vendors & artists

The REPORTER

Are you ready for the 2024 Indiana Peony Festival (IPF)? The operation is in full swing, and your help is needed in preparing for spring. This year's festival will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 18 at Seminary Park in Noblesville.

Are you interested in being a vendor at this year's festival, or is there a local small business you'd like to see participate in IPF this year?

Submit your vendor application at indianapeony-festival.com/vendor. Applications are now open to new vendors, and space is limited. The submission window closes Friday, Feb. 16.

IPF needs artists to help style the festival. The IPF is hosting a T-shirt and Poster Design contest. One graphic will be used for both the 2024 Festival poster and T-shirt. The winning design will receive \$1,000 a grand prize.

Peruse the mood board and dream up your best design that men, women, and children will love and wear all year long. Designs do not necessarily need to incorporate the IPF 2024 logo, but final products from the IPF will include the logo in some way.

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Questions I want to ask God

“God, why is there so much suffering and evil in the world?”

All of us probably have questions of a spiritual nature that we would like to ask God.

We can't answer every conceivable question because God has not revealed some things (Deuteronomy 29:29). However, we can have comfort in the knowledge that He has given us all the essential information that we need (2 Peter 1:3). The only source for this information is in the Bible (2 Timothy 3:16,17). The question for this article is: God, why is there so much suffering and evil in the world?

The problem of human suffering poses a great philosophical dilemma for many people. As a Christian I believe that God is all-knowing, all-powerful, and all-loving. The unbeliever and skeptic argue. If God does not know about pain and suffering, He is not all-knowing. If He knows but is unable to stop the suffering, He is not all-powerful. If He knows and can stop it, but won't, He is not all-loving. If He is not all-knowing, all-powerful, and all-loving, He is not God.

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Think on These Things

What can we say in answer to this challenge?

All people suffer. “Man, who is born of a woman, is few of days and full of trouble (Job 14:1). Some suffer for doing evil; that is, they bring it upon themselves (1 Peter 4:15). Some suffer for doing good (1 Peter 4:16, 2 Timothy 3:12, John 15:18,19). Good men often receive ill-treatment from those who cannot abide their goodness. Some suffer as the result of the sins and foolishness of others. Some suffer in a “no fault” manner (John 9:1-3).

The main point to remember: Don't blame God for suffering – blame man and Satan! When God finished His creation, everything was “very good” (Genesis 1:31). The whole of creation was complete and perfect. Pestilence, disease, and human death were unknown. Man existed in an idyllic paradise of happiness and beauty.

But in Genesis 3:16, 17 there is the first mention of suffering. What happened between these two references? Satan and sin. Man, not God, bears the responsibility for the existence

of evil and suffering in the world. Man was created with the freedom of choice. Much of the pain in the world comes from man's freedom of choice. When man chose evil, the result was pain and suffering (Genesis 3:16-19).

Does the existence of choice and the resulting suffering negate the benevolence or power of God? God created a world ruled by natural laws established at creation. If man violates one of those laws or places himself in the “line of fire” he's going to suffer. Not because of what God has done, but as a result of what he, the man, has done. Consider the law of gravity – a good thing. But, if I step off the balcony of a five-story building, I'm going to have a rude reception when I hit the pavement.

Instead of blaming God when tragedies such as natural disasters strike, we need to turn to Him for strength, and let tragedies, of whatever nature, remind us that this world was never intended to be a final home (Hebrews 11:13-16).

Good can come from suffering (2 Corinthians 4:16-18). It discourages evil and punishes evildoers (Proverbs 13:15). It reminds us of the vanity and brevity of life (Ecclesiastes

7:2). It strengthens the faith of Christians (1 Peter 1:6-9). It keeps the world from becoming too attractive to us (1 Peter 2:11-12; Hebrews 11:13-16). It helps make us more sympathetic and useful to others (2 Corinthians 1:3-4; Romans 12:15).

Only the feeble and foolish would deny the existence of evil in this world. However, such is not the fault of God or evidence of some frailty or cruelty on the part of God. Why is there evil in the world? Look in the mirror.

Write or call and let us know what you think. Would you like more information or a personal study of this issue? I would love to accommodate your request. Do you have questions or disagreements? We will be happy to study God's Word with you and help you find the “peace that passes understanding” (Philippians 4:7).

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Conner Prairie nominated for best open air museum

The REPORTER

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 open to the

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public until Monday, Feb. 12. Vote by going to tinyurl.com/Vote4ConnerPrairie.

Conner Prairie was chosen as a candidate for Best Open Air Museum by a panel

of industry experts and editors at USA Today 10Best Readers' Choice Awards.

So Many Unanswered Questions!



Dad, why is the sky blue? Why is it dark at night? Why can't I have cake for breakfast?" If you have children you have likely faced these or similar questions from inquiring young minds. Do you always have logical truthful answers? Even as adults we often face questions of life that are problematic to answer.

We will never find all the answers for all the questions, but God has given me all that I need to live a pleasant peaceful life. I find that information in the Bible. We invite you to join us for Bible Study and Worship as we seek a better understanding of God's answer book.

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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.

Beautiful musical shares the music & magic of Carole King

The REPORTER
Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre celebrates the life and musical legacy of the girl who became King with *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*, opening Feb. 8.
Carole King is American songwriting royalty, writing such unforgettable classics as “You’ve Got a Friend,” “One Fine Day,” “So Far Away,” “Take Good Care of My Baby,” “Up on the Roof,” “You’ve Lost That Lovin’ Feeling,” “Will You Love Me Tomorrow,” and “Natural Woman.” *Beautiful* is the inspiring Tony- and Grammy Award-winning tale about the woman behind the music!
Before she was hit-maker Carole King, she was Carole Klein – a spunky young songwriter from Brooklyn with a unique voice. From the chart-topping hits she wrote for the biggest acts in music to her own life-changing, trailblazing success with Tapestry, *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* takes you back to where it all began and to the hits that have become the soundtrack of a generation.
Devon Perry makes her Beef & Boards debut in the role of Carole King, with Elliott Litherland (*White Christmas, Beauty and the Beast*) as Carole’s songwriting partner and even-



Photo provided
Devon Perry makes her Beef & Boards debut in the role of Carole King.

tual husband Gerry Goffin. Julia Viktrup (*The Sound of Music, A Beef & Boards Christmas*), plays Carole’s mother, Genie; with Devan Mathias (*Grumpy Old Men, Mary Poppins*) as Carole’s best friend Cynthia Weil, and Kyle Southern (*Escape to Margaritaville*) as Barry Mann, Cynthia’s songwriting boyfriend. The show is directed by Heather Patterson King and choreographed by Kenney Green-Tilford.
Beautiful headlines Beef & Boards’ 2024 Season and is on stage for 55 performances through March 30 in the intimate space of Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre. Tickets range from \$55 to \$82 and include Chef Larry Stoops’ dinner buffet and select beverages.
To see the complete performance schedule and to purchase tickets online, visit BeefAndBoards.com. Tickets are also available by calling the Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre Box Office at (317) 872-9664 between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday (from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays). Discounts are available to groups of 20 or more. Call the Group Sales department at (317) 872-0503, or email groups@beefandboards.com for details.
This production of *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* is licensed by Music Theatre International and sponsored in part by Current Publishing.
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Basketball



The Hamilton Heights girls basketball team took down previously unbeaten Rensselaer Central last Saturday in the Hoosier Conference championship game. The Huskies beat the Bombers 54-32.



Westfield's Durante Morton made critical free throws down the stretch for the Shamrocks, helping them clinch a 58-54 Hoosier Crossroads Conference win over Noblesville last Wednesday at The Mill. Pictured for the Millers is Ryan Vetur.

Huskies go nuclear, win their first Hoosier Conference championship

By RICHIE HALL
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ARCADIA – A spectacular defensive third quarter propelled the Hamilton Heights girls basketball team to a first-ever Hoosier Conference championship last Saturday.

The Huskies hosted Rensselaer Central for the conference title in a clash between the top two teams in Class 3A. Heights was ranked No. 2 and the Bombers were No. 1, but the Huskies blasted through Rensselaer to win 54-32. The Bombers were the last undefeated girls team in Indiana before the game.

The first half was a tight one. Rensselaer led 9-7 at the end of one, then used back-to-back 3-pointers from Taylor Van Meter to go up 17-15.

Camryn Runner tied the game with a layin, then a Hadleigh Cherry free throw pushed Heights into the lead. Ella Hickok stepped up with

a layin at the buzzer, and the Huskies led 20-18 at half-time.

Neither team scored in the third quarter until the 4:30 mark, when Hickok made a floater. The floodgates opened after that for the Huskies, as they poured in 13 more points. Katie Brown and Hickok both nailed 3s, and suddenly Heights had a double-digit lead.

Runner then took over. She made a three-point play with 2:09 to go, made a layin, then hit two free throws with 37 seconds left. The Huskies now led 35-17. The Bombers made a free throw with 15 seconds to go in the third, but that would be their only point during the quarter.

“We had a really good week of practice,” said Cherry. “Our girls were bought in on the scouts, so we had our personnel. But our girls just made plays. All the credit



Katie Brown scored 13 points for the Huskies, including three 3-pointers.

Heights graduate Austin Etherington named to Basketball Hall of Fame

The Hamilton County Basketball Hall of Fame welcomed its newest member last Saturday. Austin Etherington, a 2011 Hamilton Heights graduate, was formally inducted in between the Huskies’ girls game with Rensselaer Central and the boys game with Maconaquah.

Etherington scored 1,073 points during his Huskies career and was named as an Indiana All-Star. He went on to play

college basketball at Indiana University for three years (redshirting his sophomore year), then played for two years at Butler University.

“It’s awesome,” said Etherington. “It’s fun. He noted that Hamilton County has “a lot of good basketball players, so it’s an honor to be a part of this.”

Etherington lives in Fort Wayne with his wife and daughter, and works in medical equipment sales. He is pictured with Hamil-



ton County Basketball Hall of Fame board members Don Morgan (left) and Arnie Cooper.

Westfield takes down conference rival Noblesville

By RICHIE HALL
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NOBLESVILLE – There was a sectional-like atmosphere at The Mill last Wednesday, as two of Indiana’s best high school boys basketball teams met up for a Hoosier Crossroads Conference clash.

Westfield took on Noblesville in a game that was postponed; it was originally supposed to be played on Dec. 15. But it was worth the wait for the Shamrocks, as they emerged victorious over the Millers 58-54.

It was a true game of runs, especially in the first half. The teams traded 3-pointers for most of the first quarter, with Trey Buchanan and Will Harvey hitting triples for Westfield and Justin Curry and Aaron Fine answering with 3s for Noblesville.

A basket by Caleb Wise and a score off a steal by Harvey with seconds left in the quarter gave the ‘Rocks a 10-6 lead, then Nic Book opened the second period with a basket. The Millers went on a 10-0 run to jump ahead 16-12; Hunter Walston and Fine both nailed 3s to finish the spurt.

Buchanan hit a triple, then Drew Haffner’s three-point play got Westfield ahead 18-16. But Fine made two layins to finish the quarter and put Noblesville up 20-18 at the break.

Baron Walker began the second half with a 3, and that helped the Millers to a 28-22 lead early in the third.

But a 6-0 run brought the Shamrocks back to even at 28-28, then Wise and Buchanan made layins to end the quarter and give Westfield a 35-32 lead.

Book took over in the fourth quarter. With the score tied at 36-36, the senior from New Zealand hit back-to-back jump shots to get the Shamrocks ahead 40-36. Westfield never trailed again, turning those baskets into a 15-6 run. Book made a layin and Buchanan was good on two free throws to put the ‘Rocks up 51-42, the largest lead of the game.

Shamrocks coach Shane Sumpter credited his team with responding well after the Millers “threw their big punch there” during the second half, “and I thought Nic was really good down the stretch.”

“I have trust in my teammates and they have trust in me,” said Book. “So whoever gets the ball, I’m happy with that as long as we get the open shot.”

Noblesville made things interesting by scoring five fast points off a Curry 3 and a Walker basket from a steal. But Westfield sealed the win from the free-throw line; Durante Morton hit 3 of 4 during a 20-second span, then Buchanan and Harvey both added two more to clinch the game.

“We were just fortunate to make some plays down the stretch,” said Sumpter. “Duranter hit some key free throws.”



Nic Book had a double-double for Westfield, scoring 13 points and pulling 10 rebounds.

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Basketball

‘Hounds pummel Pike, keep it going to beat Brownsburg

By **RICHIE HALL**
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CARMEL – The young Carmel pups are beginning to grow up.

The Greyhounds’ boys basketball team took a big step last Friday night at the Eric Clark Activity Center when it hosted Pike. Carmel got off to a fantastic start and carried that momentum to a 72-42 victory over the Red Devils.

The victory was a sure sign for ‘Hounds coach Ryan Osborn that the team is getting better, and he gives his players the credit.

“They come in every day and the things that traditionally we try to do well, we’re trying to do well with this team too,” said Osborn. “And they continue to come in every day and compete.”

Carmel had no problem competing against Pike. The Greyhounds poured in the first 16 points of the game, with Evan Harrell scoring seven of them, including a 3-pointer. Ryan Clevenger then drilled a 3 to give Carmel a 16-0 lead.

Terrencio Davis scored with 41 seconds in the quarter to get Pike on the board. The Greyhounds led 17-2 at the end of the period, then blasted through the second quarter by scoring 26 points.

Quinn Murphy made a three-point play for Carmel’s first points of the period. Harrell added five more points, then Alex Couto



Photos by Joshua Herd
Carmel’s Evan Harrell (15) and Ben Bremer (13) both scored 16 points for the Greyhounds during their win over Pike last Friday at the Eric Clark Activity Center.

nailed two 3s. His second triple started an 11-0 run that took the Greyhounds to halftime up 43-15. Ben Bremer also hit two 3s during that run, with Mitchell Mulloy scoring on a layin.

Carmel continued to cruise through the third quarter, which ended with the ‘Hounds ahead 57-29. Bremer, Couto and Clevenger all made 3s, and a Bremer layin finished the period. In the fourth quarter, Harrell scored consecutive baskets on a putback and off a steal, and that gave Carmel its largest lead at 67-32. Sophomore Jamichael Fountain also hit a 3 in the fourth.

Bremer and Harrell finished with 16 points each, while Clevenger scored 10. Bremer totaled three triples, and Couto’s three 3s gave him nine points. Harrell led the rebounds with seven, while Aiden Dickerson collected six. Bremer also had four assists.

“Consistency in the lineup has helped,” said Osborn. “It’s a team game. I think the more reps you can get as a unit, the more crisp you are and the more you trust each other, and that shows on both ends of the floor.”

Carmel carried that momentum to Brownsburg last Saturday, where the Grey-

hounds scored a 41-39 victory over the Bulldogs on the road.

Carmel led 12-10 after one quarter, with Brownsburg coming back to tie the game by halftime at 20-20. The Bulldogs edged ahead 30-29 after three periods, but the Greyhounds outscored them 12-9 in the fourth quarter.

Clevenger had another nice game with 14 points and four assists. Harrell contributed 11 points and Couto made another three 3s for nine points. Dickerson led the rebounds with eight.

Carmel is 6-9 and plays Friday at Ben Davis before hosting Fishers on Saturday.

University girls fight hard, fall to Bethesda Christian & Lapel

The REPORTER

University’s girls rallied from a nine-point third quarter deficit to take a 34-32 fourth quarter lead, however Bethesda Christian closed last Thursday’s 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 Conyers led the Blazers with 11 points and a career high-tying eight rebounds.

University trailed 25-16 early in the third quarter. Three baskets by Conyers and a three pointer by Leah Norvell pulled the Blazers within 27-25 before the Patriots scored the last basket off the quarter.

Baskets by Norvell and Conyers 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 and University could get no closer than five the rest of the game.

University’s girls held a 12-point fourth quarter lead against Lapel but the Bulldogs rallied for a 50-42 victory last Saturday, the 100th win in Lapel coach Zach Newby’s career.

The Trailblazers methodically built a lead in the second and third quarters, breaking away from an 11-11 tie early in the second by scoring ten straight points. Turley converted an offensive rebound into a bucket to start the run. Keira Bright made two foul shots before Conyers scored three

straight baskets, the last with 23 seconds remaining in the half. Lapel’s AnnaLee Stow scored with six seconds left to bring Lapel within 21-13 at halftime.

Baskets by Meg Rohloff, Bright and Norvell put University up 27-17. Roloff added another two points before a three pointer from the left corner by Norvell gave the Blazers a 32-21 lead with three minutes left in the third quarter. Baskets by Turley and Conyers gave University their largest lead of the game at 36-23 with 1:29 left. After Tipton scored six straight points, Conyers made a three pointer with four seconds left for a 39-29 lead entering the final period.

Conyers scored 45 seconds into the final period off a nifty pass from Bright and the Blazers led 41-29.

Lapel outscored University 21-1 the rest of the game. Lapel tied the contest at 42 with 2:20 left on a basket by Snow then Laniah Wills stole the ball and drove for a lay-in with 2:04 left.

Conyers led University in scoring with 15 points. Turley had nine points with Norvell adding eight points and five rebounds. Bright had six points, five rebounds, five assists and three steals. Mack Feeney had team highs with seven rebounds and three blocked shots.

Lapel improved to 18-4 with the win. University is 9-10. The Trailblazers close the regular season with three games next week, travelling to Heritage Christian on Tuesday and Tri-West on Thursday before hosting Tipton Saturday at noon.

Golden Eagles clip Blackhawks’ wings

The REPORTER

The Guerin Catholic girls basketball team got a career night from Ava Bills last Tuesday, and that helped the Golden Eagles to a big win at Sheridan.

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

“We were double-teaming her, trying to do everything we could and she could still score the ball,” said GC coach Danielle 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 Cardinal.

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 third.

Bills finished the game with 26 points, making four triples.

“I was pretty motivated,” said Bills. “I think we went into the game expecting a win and the first half went a little slow for us. I wanted to take control and look to score more.”

Reagan Haines scored six points. Gianna Morelli



Bills

returned to action after missing some games with an injury.

“It’s a new dynamic,” said Cardinal. “We had to learn how to play without her. Now we have to figure out how to get everything rolling 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 standing instead of being more active 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.”

Conference win

The Blackhawks got back on the winning track

Blowout: Millers snuff out Flashes

By **CRAIG ADKINS**
For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE – Last Wednesday night’s loss to Westfield was still fresh on the minds of the Noblesville Millers as they took the court last Friday night against another Hoosier Crossroads Conference opponent in Franklin Central.

The Millers took out their frustrations on the visiting Flashes and did it in a pretty convincing fashion with a 61-31 victory.

Noblesville got off to a hot start offensively, but it was defense that kept Franklin Central fully in check in the first quarter. Holding the Flashes down with a 17-3 first quarter and just three made free throws, the visitors would also be without a made field goal in the first

eight minutes.

“We challenged the guys on our toughness after Westfield. Not that we didn’t play hard. We played really hard against Westfield, but there were multiple plays we felt like we could have made,” said Noblesville varsity assistant Jake Hoffman.

Hoffman filled in extremely well on Friday night for head coach Scott McClelland, who was sidelined at home with a case of the flu.

The Millers responded in a big way last night after just their second loss on Wednesday. Franklin Central spent more time at the free throw line in the second, but more importantly, finally made their first field goal with 2:37 left in the first half.

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Photo by Bob Cross

Hamilton Heights’ Dreydin Serna scored 12 points for the Huskies during their game with Maconaquah last Saturday.

Huskies drop home game to Maconaquah

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights boys basketball team dropped a home game to Maconaquah 62-54 last Saturday.

The Braves led 20-10 after one quarter. The Huskies battled to climb back in the other three periods, getting within 35-26 at halftime and 49-42 after three quarters.

“In the second half, we got it to three, so we did a great job climbing back and just couldn’t get over the hump,” said Heights coach Chad Ballenger.

John Irion scored 17 points for the Huskies, followed by Dreydin Serna with 12 and Tillman Etchison with

10. Irion and Tyler Champion both had six rebounds, while Etchison dished out five assists.

The Braves’ Josiah Ball finished with 30 points; he is one of the top scorers in the state.

“We just lost him at times,” said Ballenger. “We spent a pretty good chunk this week on wanting to control him, and I just thought we gave him too many easy looks.”

Heights is 7-8 and plays at Hagerstown on Tuesday, then hosts Tipton on Friday in a game that will decide the Hoosier Conference East Division champion.

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goes to our locker room. They’re the ones that made the plays.”

Heights cruised through the fourth period, outscoring Rensselaer 19-14. Cassidy Schakel hit two early layins, then Runner added eight more points in the game’s final 5:56, including all six of her free-throw attempts.

“We made shots in the

second half that we missed in the first half and we were able to spurt ahead and maintain our lead,” said Cherry.

Runner finished with 24 points. Brown totaled three 3s for 13 points and Hickok scored 10.

Hamilton Heights is now 19-2. The Huskies host Heritage Christian on Thursday to finish the regular season.

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Buchanan totaled 17 points for the ‘Rocks, including three 3s, while Harvey scored 14. Book reached double-double status with 13 points and 10 rebounds.

Fine led all scorers with 22 points. Curry also had three 3s while scoring 13 points. Walston led the rebounds with seven, followed by Curry and Will

Smits with five each.

“I just felt like they won the toughness plays tonight,” said Noblesville coach Scott McClelland. “We gave up a couple of offensive rebounds on free throws. I thought our half-court defense in the first half was pretty good, we just gave up some transition baskets.”

Basketball

HSE boys stop Mount Vernon, girls fall to Center Grove at home

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern's basketball teams were in action again last Saturday. The Royals boys traveled to Mount Vernon, where they pulled out a tough 48-44 victory. Southeastern led 12-9 after the first quarter, but the Marauders came back in the second to lead 21-17 at halftime. The Royals blasted through the third period, outscoring Mount Vernon 18-6 for a 35-27 lead. The Marauders got within three points during the final minute of the game, but HSE made free throws and got rebounds, and that was enough for the win. Nathaniel Orr led the Royals with 19 points and eight rebounds, and also made 8 of 9 free throws. Donovan Hamilton added 12 points and four rebounds, blocking two shots as well. Southeastern's boys are

11-5 and play at Noblesville Friday for a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game, then host Pendleton Heights on Saturday. * * * Hamilton Southeastern's girls dropped a home game 74-58 to Center Grove last Saturday. The Trojans jumped out to a 15-9 lead after one quarter, which they extended to 23-9 early in the second period. The Royals came back to cut that advantage to 27-21 by halftime; Maya Makalusky helped out with a buzzer-beating 3-pointer. Center Grove continued to roll in the second half, pouring in 21 points in the third quarter and 26 more in the fourth. Makalusky finished the game with 32 points. Kennedy Holman scored nine. Southeastern's girls are 18-3 and finish the regular season Tuesday by hosting Pike.



Reporter photo by Julie Brown
Maya Makalusky scored 32 points for the Hamilton Southeastern girls during their Saturday game with Center Grove.

Southeastern sweeps HCC doubleheader

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern basketball teams had a nice evening in their home gym last Friday, as the Royals swept a Hoosier Crossroads Conference doubleheader with Zionsville. Southeastern's girls went first, and they clinched an undefeated HCC championship by winning a hard-fought game 76-72. The Eagles led 64-54 in the fourth quarter, but the Royals made a 13-3 run to tie the game at 67-67, then surged ahead to get the victory. Maya Makalusky had a tremendous night, scoring 37 points. That included six 3-pointers. Kennedy Holman did it all, pouring in 19 points, dishing out six assists, making five steals

and blocking two shots. Makalusky and Kinley Johnson both had four rebounds. The boys game was also a tough one, but Southeastern prevailed 42-35 for its first HCC win of the season. Zionsville led 10-9 at the end of the first quarter. The Royals went on an 11-2 run to take their largest lead of the game at 20-12 late in the second quarter. The Eagles cut that lead to 20-15 at halftime, then got within 27-25 after three quarters. Southeastern clinched the game with a 15-point fourth quarter. Donovan Hamilton led the way with 18 points and six rebounds, while Nathaniel Orr added 15 points, including a pair of 3-pointers.

Fishers boys & girls team up to take down Avon, boys then win over Fort Wayne Carroll

The REPORTER

The Fishers basketball teams cruised to a Hoosier Crossroads Conference doubleheader sweep last Friday at Avon. The Tigers girls used a strong start to beat the Orioles 66-50. Fishers jumped out to a 22-12 lead by the end of the first quarter; Talia Harris scored eight points and Nevaeh Dickman had seven. The Tigers led 36-21 at halftime and 58-34 after the third quarter, during which Harris scored another eight points. Harris finished with 20 points while Dickman contributed 17 points. Allison Scheu had 16 points and joined Harris and Dickman in scoring in each quarter. Fishers' boys had an equally easy time, as they took care of Avon 70-38. The Tigers outscored the Orioles in each period, leading 18-12 after one and 32-22 at halftime. Keenan Garner scored 15 points in the first half. Fishers rocketed through the third quarter, pouring in 22 points and leading 54-29 at the end of the period. Milten McCartney provided the finishing touches in the fourth quarter with eight points, including two 3-pointers. Garner totaled 22 points, scoring in each quarter. Justin Kirby came off the bench

to add 11 points and McCartney finished with 10 for the Tigers. The Fishers boys won again last Saturday, beating Fort Wayne Carroll 66-50 at the Tiger Den. The Chargers had the Tigers down 15-14 after one quarter, but Fishers came back with a solid defensive second period, holding Carroll to eight points. The Tigers led 33-23 at halftime; Garner had 11 first-half points. The Chargers cut Fishers' advantage to 43-39 after three periods, but the Tigers ran away with the fourth quarter by scoring 23 points. Garner had another 11 in the second half, giving him a total of 22 points. JonAnthony Hall also had a tremendous game, scoring 20 points. That included nine in the fourth quarter; both he and Garner scored in every period. The Fishers girls are 4-2 in the conference and 15-5 overall and play Tuesday at Lawrence North, then travel to Franklin Central Friday to finish the HCC and regular season. The Fishers boys are unbeaten at 15-0 overall (4-0 HCC) and also play at Franklin Central on Friday, another doubleheader. The Tigers then head to Carmel on Saturday.

Noblesville girls win big on Senior Day

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE – Senior Day is a time when the seniors are thanked for their years of dedication to the program. Last Saturday, Noblesville girls basketball honored the student trainer, four managers and two players that gave their all for the last four years. A somewhat close game for three quarters, the Millers were able to make a big fourth quarter push to get a victory on Senior Day over Franklin Central, 64-48. It would be the underclass players that stepped up. Noblesville was able to fend off the visiting Flashes for a 23-19 lead after one. Sophomore C.C. Quigley (10 points) and junior Meredith Tippner (6) got the Millers going offensively in the first. "They did a pretty good job on our guards. You could tell they wanted to take away our perimeter game. But, our big kids said ok," said Noblesville head coach Donna Buckley. Noblesville's lead grew to halftime lead of 39-29 for more cushion. The Flashes showed grit and had it under 10 after three quarters for a 48-40 score, but that didn't last long. Franklin Central's goal was to keep Noblesville getting a perimeter game going.

That would only force them to excel at everything else they're good at. "You've got to pick what you want to take away. We've got big kids that are really good and guards that are as good as anyone's, so you have to decide how you want to play us," Buckley continued. But, in the fourth, the defensive pressure and signature trap finally got to Franklin Central. Numerous turnovers turned into steals and fast break points and opportunities for Noblesville. The youth of the Flashes became obvious as they began to have no answers for the Miller offense. Miss Basketball and all-state candidate Reagan Wilson scored eight in the fourth that aided Noblesville to the Hoosier Crossroads Conference win on Senior Day, 64-48. The Millers are finding lately that balancing out the offense is a key that helps guide them to wins. Quigley had six field goals and went 6-for-9 at the foul line for a career-high 18 points, while also reeling in seven rebounds. Tippner tied for game-high honors with 18 and 13 boards. The junior also had six assists and four steals. Reagan Wilson had a solid afternoon with 13. The Iowa State commit also had three each as far as rebounds, assists and steals. Fellow senior Ava Shoemaker added nine with four rebounds and a handful of steals. Kate Rollins chipped in with six. Defensively, Noblesville forced 28 Franklin Central turnovers with 17 of those resulting in steals. Buckley's two senior players will have a long-lasting impression on the girls basketball program. Reagan Wilson (98) and Ava Shoemaker (75) have played their fair share of games in the past four seasons, going 80-21 against the state's toughest schedule and they're not done yet. "There are so many little kids in our program that want to be them, that when I hand numbers 22 or 13 to them, they are going to lose it. What those two have done for our program, the time with the youth is just unbelievable," stated a grateful Buckley. "They've won 80 games playing the hardest schedule for four years and won a state championship. Doing everything and been great ambassadors of the game. I've just been the luckiest person in the world for four years, I mean genuinely," said Buckley. Noblesville (13-8) closes out the regular season on Thursday at Pendleton Heights (14-7). * * * Noblesville hosted former Hoosier Crossroads Conference opponent Harrison last Tuesday. The Raiders

have been in the North Central Conference since 2014 but have 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 four to trail just 20-16 after one. The Raiders would 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 halftime. The second half was a different story for both 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. Tippner led the Millers with 20 points and a career-high 18 rebounds. Tippner also sank 4-for-4 from the foul line. Shoemaker was right behind with 19 points, grabbing five boards, four assists and eight steals. Wilson came on strong in the second half to finish with 17, three assists and six steals. Noblesville outrebounded Harrison 42-23.

Guerin Catholic falls to Brebeuf Jesuit in Circle City Conference doubleheader

The REPORTER

Guerin Catholic had a tough night at Brebeuf Jesuit last Friday, as the Braves swept the Golden Eagles in both games of a Circle City Conference doubleheader. In the girls game, Brebeuf won 55-31. The Braves led 14-10 after one quarter, Kori Dues helped keep Guerin Catholic in it with two 3-pointers. Brebeuf outscored GC 11-2 in the second period for a 26-12 halftime lead, then poured in another 20 points in the third quarter. Dues finished the game with three 3s and 11 points. Annie Murphy scored seven.



(ABOVE) Reagan Haines had five points for Guerin Catholic's girls team in the first game of the Circle City Conference doubleheader. (RIGHT) Guerin Catholic's Bryson Cardinal scored 15 points for the Golden Eagles boys team during its game last Friday with Brebeuf Jesuit.



Photos by Mike Navarro

en Eagles played even with Brebeuf in the second quarter, but still trailed 26-20 at halftime. Guerin Catholic cut the Braves' lead to 38-36 after three periods before the Braves ran away in the fourth. Four GC players reached double figures. Bryson Cardinal scored 15 points, with Robert So-

rensen adding 12. Dylan Murans had 11 points and Jack Cherry scored 10. Cardinal led the rebounds with eight, while Murans pulled seven rebounds and also blocked two shots. Both teams finished conference play with this game. Guerin Catholic's girls completed their conference schedule with a 1-4

record and are 9-12 overall. They finish the regular season Friday by hosting Lafayette Central Catholic in another doubleheader. The Guerin Catholic boys ended the CCC season 4-1 and are 12-5 overall. They return to the Eagles Nest on Tuesday to host Liberty Christian before hosting LCC on Friday.

Rocks boys & girls fall, but boys rebound over Tri-West

The REPORTER

The Westfield boys basketball team was handed its first loss of the season last Friday, as the Shamrocks fell to Brownsburg 62-56 in part of a Hoosier Crossroads Conference doubleheader. The Bulldogs led 10-7 after one quarter and 23-20 at halftime, then extended their lead to 34-26 after three periods. Westfield tried to come back, pouring in 30 points in the fourth quarter, but Brownsburg scored 28, which was enough to keep the lead. Trey Buchanan took over the game in the fourth quarter. He scored 24 points, including four 3-pointers. Buchanan totaled 33 points for the evening, making two 3s in the first half for a total of six. Will Harvey had eight points, including a pair of triples. Westfield's girls were also dealt a tough defeat in the first game of the doubleheader, as Brownsburg won the girls game 59-57 in overtime. The Shamrocks led 16-10 after one quarter, with four different players (Ellie Kelleher, Aubrey Crockett, Reagan Lorenzen and Lindsey Van Dyke) hitting a 3-pointer. The Bulldogs cut the lead to 23-21 at halftime, then went up 38-36 after three quarters.

Westfield closed the gap in the fourth quarter, getting even with Brownsburg at 52-52 by the end of regulation. Kelleher scored 16 points in that period, including four 3s. But the Bulldogs won when Avery Gordon made a buzzer-beating putback; she scored 41 points for the game. Kelleher finished the game with 31 points, including six triples. The Shamrocks girls finished conference play 3-4 and are 12-9 overall; they play their regular-season finale Tuesday at Ben Davis. * * * Westfield's boys had a huge rebound win last Saturday, sailing past Tri-West 68-27 in an away game. The 'Rocks were in control from the start, leading 23-2 after one quarter. Westfield steadily increased its lead throughout the game, going up 39-14 at halftime and 55-22 after three periods. Nic Book scored 21 points, while Caleb Wise made three 3s on his way to 10 points. The Shamrocks are 3-1 in the conference and 12-1 overall. Westfield plays two home games this week, taking on Avon Friday in an HCC contest, then hosting Victory College Prep on Saturday.

Swimming

Royals fall in competitive dual meet against Zionsville

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FISHERS – The Hamilton Southeastern swim teams wrapped up their regular season last 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 get to choose what everyone swims and it’s a good envi-



(Above left) Hamilton Southeastern’s Eloise Harrison was one of the seniors honored by the Royals during their dual meet with Zionsville last 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 help the Royals’ win the boys 200 free relay.



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

ronment. 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. Kiley swam on

all three relays; she joined Eloise Harrison, Meghan Voelker and Crawford to win the 200 freestyle relay, and later teamed with Voelker, Crawford and Zoeller for first place in the 400 free relay.

Kiley also won an individual event, leading a 1-2 finish in the breaststroke.

Harrison took second in that 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 a blue ribbon in the medley relay, then later teamed with Nolan Pugh

and Xander Goss to claim the 200 free relay. Robison and Jung completed the sweep by winning the 400 free relay with Camden Bailey and Jack Waren.

Jung picked up an individual victory in the butterfly event. Gavin Tucker and Dryden Moore went 1-2 in diving.

Southeastern travels to Noblesville Saturday to compete in the reserve championships. The varsity is now preparing for the post-season – the Royals host the girls sectional on Feb. 1 and 3, while the boys travel to Fishers for the boys sectional on Feb. 15 and 17.

Westfield teams sweep dual meet at Avon

The REPORTER

The Westfield swim teams swept a dual meet last Thursday at Avon.

The Shamrocks girls team won 112-71 and claimed six events. Individ-

ual winners were Kate Cassidy in the 200 freestyle, Gracie Alley was first in the 500 free, Ellie Hill took the backstroke and Nora Spery won the breaststroke. Westfield won the medley

relay, which consisted of Hill, Alex Irvin, Maggie Alley and Sperry, then later placed first in the 200 free relay. Cassidy, Irvin, Anna McKeown and Maggie Alley won that race.

Westfield’s boys were 107-78 winners, taking home eight event wins. The ‘Rocks led off with Griffin Barents Froman, Will Chambley, Garreth Thomas and Ben Morse

finishing first in the medley relay.

Thomas picked up two more event wins, pacing the individual medley and butterfly. Morse also had a double-victory night, tying

for first in the 50 free before winning the 100 free. Other winners were Noah Flynn in diving, Zach Welch in the 500 free and Chambley in the breaststroke.

Heights takes second place at Hoosier Conference meet

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights boys swim team finished second at the Hoosier Conference meet, which took place last Saturday at West Lafayette.

The Huskies scored 358 points, behind only Western’s 471 points. Heights won two events, starting with Aiden Clarke’s victory in the butterfly. Clarke also placed second in the

500 freestyle. The Huskies also got runner-up finishes from Rudy Bowman in the 200 free, Gabe Roosa in the backstroke, and the 200 freestyle relay team of Cole Martin, Rowan Donald, Blake Blackhurst and Cameron Wheat.

Heights’ Nathan Cox and Ethan Swart dominated the conference diving meet, which took place earlier this month. Cox won by setting

a new conference record of 624.15 points. Swart was the runner-up; his total of 617.00 points was above the old record of 555.10 points, which was set by Swart at the 2023 meet.

Team scores: Western 471, Hamilton Heights 358, West Lafayette 348, Northwestern 317, Rensselaer Central 191, Twin Lakes 152, Lafayette Central Catholic 137, Benton Central 76, Tipton 25.

200 medley relay: 3. Heights (Gabe Roosa, Owen VanHaaren, Aiden Clarke, Cameron Wheat) 1:43.76.

200 freestyle: 2. Rudy Bowman 1:55.21, 10. Cole Martin 2:06.17, 19. Isaiah Heuer 2:24.92.

200 individual medley: 6. Roosa 2:14.71, 7. VanHaaren 2:16.51.

50 freestyle: 5. Wheat 23.64, 9. Rowan Donald 24.52, 10. Blake Blackhurst 24.58.

One-meter diving: 1. Nathan Cox 624.15, new conference record, 2. Ethan Swart 617.00, over old conference record.

100 butterfly: 1. Clarke 54.69, 4. Wheat 56.06, 6. Blackhurst 1:01.32.

100 freestyle: 4. Donald 53.92, 10. Max Bowman 59.92, 15. Isaac Correll 1:02.38.

500 freestyle: 2. Clarke 4:59.83, 4. R. Bowman 5:26.73, 12. Martin 5:50.30.

200 freestyle relay: 2. Heights (Martin, Donald, Blackhurst, Wheat) 1:37.31.

100 backstroke: 2. Roosa 59.26, 17. Owen Eshelman 1:21.16, 18. Owen Semester 1:21.19.

100 breaststroke: 4. VanHaaren 1:06.88, 13. M. Bowman 1:16.05, 22. Heuer 1:24.93.

400 freestyle relay: 3. Heights (Clarke, R. Bowman, VanHaaren, Donald) 3:32.77.

Wrestling

Southeastern & Fishers finish seasons with victories, Westfield prevails on Senior Night, Sheridan places sixth at conference meet

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern boys wrestling team finished the regular season with an all-county win last Wednesday, beating Carmel 45-26.

The result was a reversal of when the two teams met in December at the Shamrock Duals, where the Greyhounds won. This time, the Royals never trailed, taking the first match when Nick Anderson won at 126 pounds by fall.

Carmel’s Caleb Mattingly tied the match at 6-6 after getting a pin at 132. But Southeastern took the lead for good when Matt Billet (at 138) and Chris Casler (at 144) won two decisions to push the Royals ahead 12-6.

Jackson Schmidt’s major decision at 150 cut HSE’s lead to 12-10. But the Royals ripped through three consecutive falls (Zach Lang at 157, Antonio Ford at 165 and Landon Hicks at 175), picked up a decision victory from De Shawn Ternoir at 190, then got a third-period pin from Evan

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 45, CARMEL 26	
Meet started at 126 pounds	
126: Nick Anderson (HSE) def. Tyler Elliott (C) by fall, 5:17	175: Landon Hicks (HSE) def. Alex Ryan (C) by fall, 5:06
132: Caleb Mattingly (C) def. Parker Culp (HSE) by fall, 3:37	190: De Shawn Ternoir (HSE) def. Adel Navaratte (C) by decision, 7-2
138: Matt Billet (HSE) def. Elijah Penquite (C) by decision, 7-5	215: Evan Lawhead (HSE) def. Will Massey (C) by fall, 5:41
144: Chris Casler (HSE) def. Drew Gonzalez (C) by decision, 4-0	285: Killian Miller (C) def. Nate Ingalls (HSE) by fall, 3:33
150: Jackson Schmidt (C) def. Cohen Davis (HSE) by major decision, 11-3	106: Carlo Federici (C) def. Will Lakes (HSE) by major decision, 15-4
157: Zach Lang (HSE) def. Jairo Ojeda (C) by fall, 5:19	113: Tamir Halevi (C) def. Xander Huynh (HSE) by fall, 0:53
165: Antonio Ford (HSE) def. Drew VanBibber (C) by fall, 0:54	120: Tyler Jackson (HSE) def. Ben Gardner (C) by fall, 4:39

Lawhead at 215. That made the score 39-10 and clinched the dual win for the Royals.

Carmel battled to the end, with Killian Miller getting a fall at 285, Carlo Federici winning the 106-pound match by major decision, and Tamir Halevi got a 53-second pin at 113. Tyler Jackson gave Southeastern the last word, winning by fall at 120 pounds.

The dual was the regular-season finale for both the ‘Hounds and the Royals, but they will see each other again when they compete in the Frankfort sectional on Saturday.

Fishers also finished the regular season with a

dual-meet victory, beating North Central 38-18 at the Tiger Den in its Senior Night meet last Wednesday.

The Tigers won eight of the 14 matches against the Panthers, but four of those matches were by pin. Fishers wrestlers getting falls were Mason Quarles at 113, Camden Funk at 157, Xavier Smith at 165 and Julian Burgett at 190. Aiden Lamb won by technical fall at 132.

Teyon Leonard won a 3-1 decision in overtime to claim the 138-pound match. Zeke Kramer also won a close match, taking the 144-pound bout in a 3-2 decision. Walid Oumammar won at 285 in a 1-0 decision. North Central won all six

of its matches by decision, so the Tigers got 20 bonus points, making all the difference.

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

The Shamrocks had many victories between the varsity and junior varsity teams. Winners were: Keegan Carson, Abe O’Neill, Porter Temples, Carter Niccum, Chase Camire, Riley Davison, Alex Aramboles, Aiden Padgett, Alic Washburn, Carter VanHorn, Ben Spencer, Gavin Hum-burg, Alex Wilson, Aaron Bennett, Max Brown, Jon Stryker, Sam Travis, Sam Adeflorian, Pierce Malin and Pierce Glodowski.

Sheridan placed sixth at the Hoosier Heartland Conference wrestling meet, which took place last Saturday at Clinton Central.

The Blackhawks scored 138 team points; Rossville



Photo provided

Sheridan’s Alex Cravens (150 pounds), Ryker Ream (165) and Zach Bales (175) all placed second in their respective weight classes at the Hoosier Heartland Conference wrestling meet last Saturday at Clinton Central.

won the meet with 218.5 points. Sheridan had three wrestlers finish as runners-up in their respective weight classes: Alex Cravens took second at 150 pounds, Ryker Ream was the 165 runner-up and Zach Bales placed second at 175.

Carson Aleman was third at 285, while Pablo Mendez took fourth at 138

and Eli Bales was fifth at 157. Six other Blackhawks finished sixth: Aiden Todd (120), Caleb Alexander (126), Trai Fitzgerald (132), Hayden Alexander (144), Jaden Dunbar (195) and Timmy Vyner (215).

Sheridan, Westfield and Fishers all will compete at the Frankfort sectional on Saturday.

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MILLERS

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“Seeing on film what we talk about everyday was just our message. How do you respond from failure? Failure can be a good thing and I feel like that really motivated our guys for tonight, especially when your head coach isn’t here. That’s a whole another burden in itself to come together,” continued Hoffman.

Franklin Central outscored the Millers 10-7 in the second, but Noblesville was still able to keep the lead in double digits at 24-13 at halftime.

“Obviously, whenever you guard the way we guarded tonight, it makes everything a lot easier. The way we guarded early, I felt like our offense was easy. We took some quick shots and there’s a fine line of trusting our defense and we kept getting stops in the second. We played too fast and didn’t have great shot selection and it allowed them to have a run,” stated Hoffman.

The Flashes started the third on a 7-4 run to get it under 10 at 28-20, but that only fueled the Millers. Noblesville had a burst of energy and decided to run. Numerous fast break layups sandwiched a Baron Walker three and before Franklin Central could blink, the scoreboard read 39-23.

“The third quarter we kind of settled back into getting stops. I thought our execution against their press was huge. We decided that we were going to attack it and that’s what we did,” said Hoffman.

A 21-10 third quarter helped increase the lead to 45-23. Hunter Walston would score eight of his points in the frame, most of them on fast breaks. Aaron

Fine also added six and Baron Walker five in the third to distance the Millers from the Flashes.

Keeping its foot on the gas, Noblesville continued to pour it on in the fourth on its way to a 61-31 rout of Franklin Central.

“We did a good job of sharing it. It didn’t really matter what we ran offensively, we had a great mindset to just attack and that made it really, really easy,” stated Hoffman.

Balance is just the way this Miller team operates. It doesn’t matter who scores and how much. Playing basketball as a team and together is what has helped produce 13 wins in 15 games thus far.

“It was great togetherness and just trusting the next guy. Certain guys probably didn’t play as well as they could have either offensively, but I thought we did a great job of having an attack for somebody else mindset. That’s a heck of a win for our guys and hopefully we can keep building on it,” said Hoffman.

Baron Walker led all scorers with a game-high 15 points and four rebounds. Walker also knocked down three from outside 5-for-9 overall. Hunter Walston had 13 points and grabbed four boards, shooting 6-of-9. Aaron Fine scored nine, snagged seven rebounds and dished out six assists. Justin Curry and Ryan Vctor each scored seven, with Aiden Brewer adding six with five rebounds.

Noblesville (13-2, 2-2 HCC) is off until Friday when it hosts Hamilton Southeastern in HCC play. The Millers then welcome Guerin Catholic on Saturday.

COURT NOTICES

29D03-2401-EU-000011
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPREME COURT STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED)
ADMINISTRATION OF THE)
ESTATE OF)
HERTA LINA BAADE,)
DECEASED)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.
In the matter of HERTA LINA BAADE deceased.
Notice is hereby given that on 1/04/24, DEANN L. FARTHING was appointed personal representative of the estate of HERTA LINA BAADE deceased, who died on the 18th day of November, 2023.
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent’s death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Hamilton County, Indiana, this January 5, 2024.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton County Superior Court Probate Division
Robinson Farthing Spandau Williams
DeAnn Farthing, #29909-49
8500 Keystone Crossing #470
Indianapolis, IN 46240
Phone:(317)587-7820
Email: dlf@YourIndyAttorneys.com
R3679 1/15/24, 1/22/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2306-MI-5105
INRENAME CHANGE OF NAME OF MINOR:
SEVEN TRUE REIGNBEAUX MARTIN
NOTICE OF HEARING
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner KAMEKIA MARTIN, pro se, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name of Minor to change her name from SEVEN TRUE REIGNBEAUX MARTIN to REIGNBEAUX SEVEN TRUE MARTIN.
The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on April 12, 2024 at 10:00 am, which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. The parties shall report to One Hamilton County Square, Suite 337, Noblesville, IN 46060.
Date: January 9, 2024
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk of Hamilton County
R3685 1/15/24, 1/22/24, 1/29/24

29D02-2401-EU-000004
Attorney:
Gary M. Timpe #24692-49
Timpe Legal Services, LLC
4801 Northwestern Drive
Zionsville, IN 46077
(317) 217-1660
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Hamilton Superior Court, Probate Division
In the matter of the Estate of Mildred June Sullivan, deceased.
Cause Number 29D02-2401-EU-000004
Notice is hereby given that Sandra Sullivan was on January 6, 2024 appointed Personal Representatives of the Estate of Mildred June Sullivan, deceased.
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent’s death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, January 6, 2024.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court Probate Division
R3700 1/22/24, 1/29/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2311-MI-010985
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:)
EVA KHALIL)
Petitioner)
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
EVA KHALIL, whose mailing address is: 3576 SEMINOLE DR., CARMEL, IN 46032 in Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that EVA KHALIL has filed a petition in the Hamilton Circuit Court, requesting that name be changed to EVA BASTOUROS.
Notice is further given that a hearing will be held on said Petition on the March 8, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.
EVA KHALIL
Petitioner
Date: November 19, 2023
Kathy Kregg Williams
Judicial Officer
R3696 1/22/24, 1/29/24, 2/5/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2401-MI-228
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:)
YIXU HUANG)
NOTICE OF HEARING
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, YIXU HUANG, pro se, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name to change his name from YIXU HUANG to CLAIRE YIXU HUANG.
The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on April 12, 2024 at 10:00 am, which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date.
The parties shall report to One Hamilton County Square, Suite 337, Noblesville, IN 46060.
Date: January 12, 2024
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
R3698 1/22/24, 1/29/24, 2/5/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2306-MI-5624
IN RE NAME CHANGE OF:)
STEPHEN MICHAEL SANDERS)
NOTICE OF HEARING
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, STEPHEN MICHAEL SANDERS, pro se, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name to change his name from STEPHEN MICHAEL SANDERS to STEPHEN PEACEFUL.
The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on May 10, 2024 at 10:00 am, which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date.
The parties shall report to One Hamilton County Square, Suite 337, Noblesville, IN 46060.
Date: January 10, 2024
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
R3699 1/22/24, 1/29/24, 2/5/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2309-MI-00876
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF)
MINOR:)
Orum Pina Matos)
Name of Minor)
Angela Pina)
Petitioner)
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner Angela Pina as a self-represented litigant, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on to change the name of Orum Pina Matos to Autumn Matos.
The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on May 10, 2024 at 10:00 am. which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date.
Date: October 16, 2023
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk of Hamilton County
R3680 1/15/24, 1/22/24, 1/29/24

29D02-2312-EU-000572
Webster & Garino, LLC
209 E. 175th Street, Suite A
Westfield, IN 46074
317-565-1818
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Cause Number:
29D02-2312-EU-000572
In the Marion County Superior Court, Indiana. Notice is hereby given that Pamela Fosnight was

appointed the 6th day of Jannaat , 2023J, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate

of Lorita R. Thistlethwaite, deceased, who died on November 9, 2023.

All persons who have claims against the estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the Office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent’s death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana this 6th day of January, 2024.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton County Superior Court
R3682 1/15/24, 1/22/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2311-MI-11000
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:)
Victor Giovanni Laughner)
Petitioner)
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Petitioner, Victor Giovanni Laughner, whose mailing address is: 12024 Bodley Place, Fishers, IN 46037 in Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Victor Giovanni Laughner has filed a petition in the Hamilton Circuit Court, requesting that name be changed to Aster Olivia Giovanni Laughner.
Notice is further given that a hearing will be held on said Petition on the March 8, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.
Victor Giovanni Laughner
Petitioner
Date: November 27, 2023
Kathy Kregg Williams
Judicial Officer
R3686 1/15/24, 1/22/24, 1/29/24

29D03-2312-EU-000570
Hamilton Superior Court 3
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR)
COURT 3)
Cause No. 29D03-2312-EU-000570
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
INTESTATE ESTATE OF)
RICHY D. WILLIAMSON,)
DECEASED.)
George R. Slater, Attorney
SLATER LAW OFFICE LLC
600 E. Carmel Drive, Suite 128
Carmel, IN 46032
317-571-9600
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court 3 of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Erin R. Williamson was on Dec.29th, 2023, appointed personal representative of the Estate of Richey D. Williamson, deceased.
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent’s death, whichever is earlier, or said claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on December 29, 2023.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R3702 1/22/24, 1/29/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2311-MI-010984
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:)
REFAT KHALIL)
Petitioner)
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
REFAT KHALIL, whose mailing address is: 3576 SEMINOLE DR., CARMEL, IN 46032 in Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that REFAT KHALIL has filed a petition in the Hamilton Circuit Court, requesting that name be changed to REFAT BASTOUROS.
Notice is further given that a hearing will be held on said Petition on the March 8, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.
REFAT KHALIL
Petitioner
Date: November 19, 2023
Kathy Kregg Williams
Judicial Officer
R3697 1/22/24, 1/29/24, 2/5/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT)
Cause No. 29D02-2401-MI-000318
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF)
ESTEBAN CRUZ RODRIGUEZ,)
AN ADULT.)
Jason Jackson, Attorney
NOTICE
To all interested persons.
You are notified that a Petition to Change Name has been filed by Esteban Cruz Rodriguez within 7 days last past to change the name of Esteban Cruz Rodriguez to Melani Yilini Rodriguez. The petition was filed with the Hamilton Superior Court Room 2 on January 11, 2024 and it will be heard on March 26, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing of said Petition and/or file objections thereto.
The named Petitioner is represented by Jason Jackson, Jackson Law Office, 499 South 9th Street, Noblesville, IN 46060.
Dated: 1/16/2024
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
R3710 1/22/24, 1/29/24, 2/5/24

SHERIFF SALES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D02-2303-MF-002659 wherein *JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association* was Plaintiff, and *Todd Pfligenstofer and Fox Run of Fishers Homeowners Association, Inc.* were Defendants, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the **7th day of March, 2024, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.
LOT NUMBER 98 IN FOX RUN, SECTION THREE, AN ADDITION IN FISHERS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JULY 25, 1994 AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 94-32751, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.
More commonly known as 10254 Red Tail Dr, Fishers, IN 46037-9260
Parcel No. 29-15-08-020-008,000-020
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff

/s/ BARRY T. BARNES
BARRY T. BARNES
Plaintiff Attorney
Attorney # 19657-49
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.
8415 Allison Pointe Boulevard, Suite 400
Indianapolis, IN 46250
(317) 237-2727
Fall Creek Township
The Sheriff’s Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street addressed published herein.
NOTICE
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR.
R3717 1/22/24, 1/29/24, 2/5/24

NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D05-2303-MF-002136 wherein *U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association* as successor Trustee to *U.S. Bank National Association* as Trustee successor in interest to *Wachovia Bank National Association* as trustee for *GSMPs 2004-1* was Plaintiff and *James A. Grimes, Jennifer L. Grimes, Onemain Financial Group LLC, United States of America Department of Housing and Urban Development* and *State of Indiana* were Defendants, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the **7th day of March, 2024, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.
PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST IN HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SAID HALF QUARTER SECTION; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 11 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE THEREOF 844.98 FEET TO A POINT WHICH LIES SOUTH 89 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 11 SECONDS EAST 475.99 FEET (481.2 FEET BY DEED) FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SAID HALF QUARTER SECTION; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 00 MINUTES 02 SECONDS WEST 811.80 (818.5 FEET BY DEED) TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 44 SECONDS WEST 70.10 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST 275.38 FEET (275.6 FEET BY DEED) TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 46 SECONDS EAST 930.16 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF THE SAID HALF QUARTER SECTION, SAID POINT LIES SOUTH 00 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 16 SECONDS WEST 1091.58 FEET FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SAID HALF QUARTER SECTION; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 16 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE SAID HALF QUARTER SECTION 20.090 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST 563.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 46 SECONDS EAST 269.53 FEET TO A POINT WHICH BEARS NORTH 88 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 44 SECONDS EAST FROM THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 44 SECONDS WEST 297.06 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.
More commonly known as 25290 Mount Pleasant Rd, Cicero, IN 46034-9473
Parcel No. 29-03-30-000-006,001-008
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff

/s/ MATTHEW S. LOVE
MATTHEW S. LOVE
Plaintiff Attorney
Attorney # 18762-29
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.
8415 Allison Pointe Boulevard, Suite 400
Indianapolis, IN 46250
(317) 237-2727
Jackson Township
The Sheriff’s Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street addressed published herein.
NOTICE
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR.
R3718 1/22/24, 1/29/24, 2/5/24

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
SHERIFF’S SALE NOTICE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D03-2309-MF-009206 wherein *Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for NovaStar Mortgage Funding Trust, Series 2007-1 NovaStar Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-1* was Plaintiff, and *Timothy Coverdale, AKA Timothy W. Coverdale and Connie T. Miller* were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the **March 7, 2024, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**, or as soon as thereafter as is possible, at Sheriff’s Office at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.
Lot Numbered 276,277 and 278 in Washington Glass Co.’s Addition in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Deed Record B, Page 65, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Commonly known address: 989 Pearl Street, Cicero, IN 46034
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County
Township: Jackson
Parcel No./Tax Id#: 29-06-01-406-014,000-011
J. Dustin Smith
Manley Deas Kochalski LLC
P.O. Box 165028
Columbus OH 43216-5028
Telephone: 614-220-5611
Attorney for Plaintiff
The Sheriff’s Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein
R3719 1/22/24, 1/29/24, 2/5/24

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D02-2310-PL-009473, wherein *The Maples of Carmel Condominium Owners’ Association, Inc.* was Plaintiff, and *Dean S. Porch, Jr., and Robert H. Newman* were the Defendants, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose a public sale to the highest bidder, on the **7th day of March, 2024** between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. of said day, at the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office, 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana:
Unit 32 in Phase 16 in Maples of Carmel Horizontal Property Regime, as per plat thereof, recorded November 9, 1984, in Plat Book 11, pages 92-93, as Instrument No. 84-15351 and as established by declaration recorded November 28, 1983, in Miscellaneous Record 176, page 625 as Instrument No. 83-15019 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana. Together with an undivided percentage interest in common areas and facilities as set out in said Declaration and any subsequent amendments thereto.
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.
Gregory A. Chandler, Attorney #27057-49
EADS MURRAY & PUGH P.C.
Date: January 5, 2024
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County
Clay Township
Street Address: **3006 Silver Maple Court Carmel, IN 46033**
The Sheriff’s Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address herein.
This is a communication from a debt collector. This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
R3720 1/22/24, 1/29/24, 2/5/24

COURT NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 29C01-2401-MI-000330
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF HOLLY LYNN CLIFF,
AN ADULT.
Notice To All Interested Persons
You are notified that a Petition to Change Name has been filed by Holly Lynn Cliff within 7 days last past to change their name to Holly Ann Kaur. The Petition will be heard on April 12, 2024 at 10:00 o’clock A. M. in the Hamilton Circuit Court, Hamilton County Government And Judicial Center, Noblesville, Indiana. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and/or file objections thereto.
Dated: January 16, 2024
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
R3716 1/22/24, 1/29/24, 2/5/24

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FISHERS

NOTICE
Innovative Engineering & Consulting, Inc (3961 Perry Boulevard, Whitestown, IN 46075) is submitting a Notice of Intent to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management to comply with the requirements of the Construction Stormwater General Permit to discharge storm water from construction activities associated with Don Hinds Ford – Service Building and Parking Lot Addition located at 12610 Ford Dr, Fishers, IN 46038. Run-off from the project site will discharge to Shoemaker Ditch. Questions or comments should be directed to Jerry Kittle at Innovative Engineering & Consulting, Inc.
R3706 1/22/24

COUNTY

Meeting Date Change
The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District has changed its scheduled February 26, 2024 board meeting to Friday, February 23, 2024. The meeting is being held in the Commissioners’ Courtroom, in the Government and Judicial Center, Noblesville, IN at 12:00 pm.
R3707 1/22/24

Public Notice
The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hamilton County Airport Authority on February 14, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. has been rescheduled. The Hamilton County Airport Authority will meet on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. in the Commissioner’s Courtroom in Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center located at One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, IN
R3708 1/22/24

HAMILTON COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE
Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Redevelopment Commission will meet on Friday, January 26, 2024 in the Commissioners Courtroom located in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. The meeting may be viewed via Teams by using the following: Meeting ID: 238 912 051 904
Passcode: piZu8r
R3709 1/22/24

PUBLIC NOTICE
PURSUANT TO IC 5-14-1.5-3.5(a) THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD AT THEIR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON FEBRUARY 12, 2024 AT 12:00 PM WILL MEET VIRTUALLY THROUGH TEAMS. THE MEETING MAY BE ACCESSED VIRTUALLY BY MEETING ID: 271 441 684 665, PASSCODE: i75nvy.
HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD.
ATTEST: LYNETTE MOSBAUGH
R3712 1/22/24

PUBLIC NOTICE
PURSUANT TO IC 5-14-1.5-3.5(a) THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD AT THEIR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON FEBRUARY 23, 2024 AT 9:00 AM WILL MEET VIRTUALLY THROUGH TEAMS. THE MEETING MAY BE ACCESSED VIRTUALLY BY MEETING ID: 239 301 947 436, PASSCODE: 5fEa7N.
HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD.
ATTEST: LYNETTE MOSBAUGH
R3713 1/22/24

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF HAMILTON COUNTY
Pursuant to IC 5-3-1-2(b) Notice is hereby given that the Hamilton County Council of Hamilton County, Indiana will meet Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom at their regular meeting place of One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. Purpose of the meeting is for consideration of transfer of funds, 144 Amendments, Reduction of funds and to consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year. The Council will hold a public hearing concerning the additional appropriations. Any person having concerns or questions concerning said appropriations shall be heard at the public hearing.

1000 General Fund	1000 Personnel	128,000
	2000 Supplies	4,000
	3000 Other Services & Charges	13,000
	4000 Capital Outlays	57,000
	Total General Fund	202,000
1122 Project Income	3000 Other Services & Charges	20,000
1235 LIT Dedicated to Public Safety	3000 Other Services & Charges	556,800

R3714 1/22/24

WESTFIELD

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for the City of Westfield, Hamilton County, Indiana, Case No. 22-05-3141P
The Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) solicits technical information or comments on proposed flood hazard determinations for the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for your community. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. The FIRM and, if applicable, the FIS report have been revised to reflect these flood hazard determinations through issuance of a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), in accordance with Title 44, Part 65 of the Code of Federal Regulations. These determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to adopt or show evidence of having in effect to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. For more information on the proposed flood hazard determinations and information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, please visit FEMA’s website at https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE_Status/bfe_main.asp , or call the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).
R3711 1/22/24, 1/29/24

COURT NOTICES

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2311-MI-11158)
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:)
CHRISTINE CAPRI COLLINS)
Petitioner)
**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR)
CHANGE OF NAME**)
Petitioner, CHRISTINE CAPRI)
COLLINS, whose mailing address is:)
9093 DEMAREST DR.. FISHERS, IN)
46038 in Hamilton County, Indiana,)
hereby gives notice that CHRISTINE)
CAPRI COLLINS has filed a petition)
in the Hamilton Circuit Court,)
requesting that name be changed to)
CHRISTINE CAPRI RIOS.)
Notice is further given that a hearing)
will be held on said Petition on the)
March 8, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.)
CHRISTINE CAPRI COLLINS)
Petitioner)
Date: November 30, 2023)
Kathy Kreag Williams)
Judicial Officer)
R3642 1/8/24, 1/15/24, 1/22/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2312-MI-12293)
IN RE THE MATTER OF:)
Najely Fernanda Sandoval)
Petitioner)
**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR)
CHANGE OF NAME**)
Najely Fernanda Sandoval, whose)
mailing address is: 15249 High)
Timber Ln, Noblesville, Indiana)
46060 in Hamilton County, Indiana,)
hereby gives notice that Najely)
Fernanda Sandoval has filed a petition)
in the Hamilton County Circuit Court)
requesting that their name be changed)
to Nelly Fernanda Sandoval.)
Notice is further given that a hearing)
will be held on said Petition on the)
April 12, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.)
Najely Fernanda Sandoval)
Petitioner)
Date: November 30, 2023)
Kathy Kreag Williams)
Judicial Officer)
R3644 1/8/24, 1/15/24, 1/22/24

29D02-2303-EU-000113)
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
SUPERIOR COURT)
CAUSE NO: 29D02-2303-EU-000113)
IN RE THE UNSUPERVISED)
ESTATE OF MARY D.)
PIELEMEIER,)
DECEASED)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION)
In re the Estate of Mary D.)
Pielemeier)
In the Superior Court of Hamilton)
County)
Notice is hereby given that Thomas)
F. Pielemeier, on March 13, 2023 was)
appointed Personal Representative)
of the Estate of the above-named)
Decedent, who died on February 23,)
2022.)
All persons who have claims against)
this Estate, whether or not now due,)
must file the claim in the office of)
the clerk of this court within three)
(3) months from the date of the first)
publication of this notice or within)
nine (9) months of Decedent's death)
whichever is earlier or the claims will)
be forever barred.)
Dated March 13, 2023 at)
Noblesville, Indiana.)
Kathy Kreag Williams)
Clerk of the Superior Court #2)
for Hamilton County, Indiana)
R3662 1/15/24, 1/22/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2311-MI-011276)
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:)
KRISTINE K. BORDEN)
Petitioner)
**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR)
CHANGE OF NAME**)
Petitioner, KRISTINE KATHERINE)
BORDEN, whose mailing address is:)
915 Bristol Rd., Indianapolis, IN)
46280 in Hamilton County, Indiana,)
hereby gives notice that KRISTINE)
KATHERINE BORDEN has filed a)
petition in the Hamilton Circuit Court,)
requesting that name be changed to)
KRISTINE KATHERINE GARCIA .)
Notice is further given that a hearing)
will be held on said Petition on the)
April 12, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.)
KRISTINE KATHERINE BORDEN)
Petitioner)
Date: December 4, 2023)
Kathy Kreag Williams)
Judicial Officer)
R3666 1/15/24, 1/22/24, 1/29/24

29D01-2401-EU-000014)
Isaac C. Peterson, #38311-49)
Church Church Hittle + Antrim)
Two North Ninth Street)
Noblesville, IN 46060)
(317)773-2190; FAX (317) 773-5320)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION)
In the Superior Court of Hamilton)
County, Indiana.)
Notice is hereby given that Patrick)
Beadle was, on January 9, 2024,)
appointed Personal Representative of)
the Estate of Michael Warren Wilson,)
deceased, who died November 27,)
2023.)
All persons who have claims against)
this Estate, whether or not now due,)
must file the claim in the office of)
the Clerk of this Court within three)
(3) months from the date of the first)
publication of this Notice, or within)
nine (9) months after the decedent's)
death, whichever is earlier, or the)
claims will be forever barred.)
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana on)
January 9, 2024.)
Kathy Kreag Williams)
Clerk of the Superior Court of)
Hamilton County, Indiana)
R3674 1/15/24, 1/22/24

29D02-2401-EU-000007)
ATTORNEY:)
Jennifer M. Hess)
Hess Hess & Donnellson, LLP)
540 N. Rangeline Rd.)
Carmel, IN 46032)
(317) 844-1377)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION)
In the Hamilton County Superior)
Court)
In the Matter of the Estate of Joyce)
Ann Karmann, Deceased.)
Cause Number 29D02-2401-)
EU-000007)
Notice is hereby given that Kristen)
Wu and Kerry D. Karmann were on)
January 6, 2024, appointed Co-Personal)
Representatives of the Estate of Joyce)
Ann Karmann, Deceased, who died on)
or about July 30, 2023.)
All persons having claims against this)
estate, whether or not now due, must)
file the claim in the office of the Clerk)
of this Court within three (3) months)
from the date of the first publication of)
this notice, or within nine (9) months)
after the decedent's death, whichever)
is earlier, or the claims will be forever)
barred.)
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this)
January 6, 2024.)
Kathy Kreag Williams)
Clerk of the Hamilton County)
R3677 1/15/24, 1/22/24

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COUNTY

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, Indiana, during its regularly scheduled meeting in the Commissioners' Courtroom will receive sealed bids for items as listed below. These sealed bids must be forwarded by registered mail or delivered in person to the Hamilton County Auditor, located in the basement of the Courthouse at 33 North 9th Street, Suite L21, Noblesville, Indiana 46060 prior to 12:30 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2024. After 12:30 p.m. they can be delivered to the Auditor in the Hamilton County Commissioners Courtroom up to the time of the noticed bid opening. All bids will be opened and read aloud beginning at 1:50 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2024. All items bid are for the use of the Hamilton County Highway Department and participating municipalities (category 8). All quantities are estimated based on the projected usage, and the purchased amount will be more or less depending on the actual need. Unless otherwise stated, all bid prices and awards shall be valid March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025. Bids will be received in the following categories:
1. Aggregates
2. Bituminous Mixtures
3. Liquid Asphalts
4. Drainage Pipe
5. Timber Bridge Components
6. Gasoline / Fuel & Lubricants
7. N/A
8. Pavement Traffic Markings
9. Fertilization and Weed Control, 9a
10. Tree / Stump Removal
11. Traffic Signal Maintenance
12. Mowing

All materials and supplies, unless otherwise specified shall be in compliance with the appropriate section(s) of the latest version of the INDOT Standard Specifications or Hamilton County Specifications 2002 on file in the Auditor's Office. Specifications on file in the Auditor's Office supersede State Highway Specifications. Bid packages and specifications can be obtained at the Hamilton County Highway Office located at 1700 South 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana. It is mandatory that all of the above-mentioned materials and supplies meet specifications on file in the Auditor's Office and all applicable laws and regulations.
The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to accept more than one bidder or reject any and/or all bids, or any part thereof. The Board of County Commissioners also reserves the right to accept bids on a line-item basis. Hamilton County reserves the right to award on the basis of geographical location or on the basis of past performances. In compliance with IC 5-22-17-4, upon request of the vendor and approval of the Board of Commissioners, awards may be extended for a year beginning March 1, 2025.
Sealed bids shall be submitted on prescribed forms (HC Form 06/03), which are obtainable from said Auditor. **CATEGORY NAME AND ITEM NUMBER SHOULD BE CLEARLY INDICATED ON OUTSIDE ENVELOPE CONTAINING BID. Separate categories shall be bid in separate envelopes.** When specifically required in the specifications a bid is to be accompanied by a **BIDDERS BOND, OR BY A CERTIFIED CHECK** in the sum equal to the amount specified, made payable to Hamilton County Board of Commissioners, conditioned that such bidder will, if successful, be required to furnish a performance bond or suppliers bond in the same amount and enter into a contract agreeing to furnish such materials and supplies, in the event that they are ordered at any time during the specified time period ending February 28, 2025.
Bidders for Categories 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 shall complete and return the **Employment Eligibility Verification Form**.
Bidders shall affix identifying bid tabs to the following items of each proposal:
A) Bid form 06/03 B) Non-Collusion Affidavit C) Bid Bond or certified check (if required) D) Bid Proposal, with Summary sheets if applicable E) Employment Eligibility Verification Form (for Categories 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12) F) Receipt of Addendum(s) if applicable.
Bonds or checks are required for each of the following categories:
Category 1a. Stone Aggregates \$5,000.00
Category 2. Bituminous Mixtures \$15,000.00
Category 3. Liquid Asphalts \$25,000.00
Category 5. Treated Timber Structures \$5,000.00
Category 8. Pavement Traffic Markings \$10,000.00
Bradley Davis
Director -Hamilton County Highway
Dated: December 11, 2023
R3640 1/15/24, 1/22/24

NOBLESVILLE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Notice is hereby given that SEALED BIDS will be received:
BY AND AT: Noblesville Schools
Educational Services Center
ATTN: Mr. David Hortemiller
18025 River Road
Noblesville, IN 46062
FOR: **Educational Services Center Interior Renovation**
UNTIL: **Bids are due 1:00 PM, local time, Tuesday, February 6, 2024**
PROJECT LOCATION: Noblesville Educational Services Center
18025 River Road
Noblesville, Indiana 46062
RECEIPT OF BIDS: Bids received after the designated day and time listed below will be returned unopened. Any postal/courier service is the agent of the Bidder. Bids are to be submitted on the Bid Form as provided in the Project Manual and on Indiana State Board of Accounts Form No. 96 (revised 2013) as required by the statutes of the State of Indiana. Bidders shall also submit financial data and a properly signed Affidavit of Non-Collusion as required by Form No. 96. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, marked with the name and address of the bidder, and clearly identified as follows:
Educational Services Center Interior Renovation
BID OPENING: Each bid will be opened in public and read aloud in the Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road, Noblesville, IN 46062, by the Owner on **Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 1:00 PM local time**. Deliver Bid in a sealed envelope showing the project name and Bidder's name and address.
PRE-BID MEETING: A pre-bid meeting for interested parties will be held on **Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 1:00 PM at Noblesville Educational Services Center**. The meeting will include an opportunity to tour the facility. To arrange site visits after this meeting, contact Roy Wallace, email: roy_wallace@nobl.k12.in.us, phone: (317) 716-3505.
CONTRACT TYPE:
Project will be constructed under a Single Prime Contract with bids received on a lump sum basis. Each proposal shall include all labor, material, and services necessary to complete the project in full accordance with the Construction Drawings and Project Manual. Prime bidders and their subcontractors must be certified and in compliance with the Indiana General Assembly's House Enrollment Act #1019.
Where trade names, brand names, or manufacturer's names are used in the Project Manual, it is for the purpose of establishing kind and quality and not for the purpose of limiting competition. Bidders may offer items or materials equal in quality and having the same durability and efficiency if the Bidder first receives written approval from the Architect/Engineer prior to the date and time of the Bid Opening and complying with requirements indicated in Document 00 21 00, "Instructions to Bidders." The Bidder shall identify such substitutions by name, kind, and type with the Bid.
A contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, complying with the conditions of the Instructions to Bidders and Advertisements for Public Bids. The Owner, however, reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and waive any informalities, discrepancies, omissions, variances, or irregularities in bids received in its sole discretion. If a contract is awarded, it will be to the "lowest responsible and responsive bidder" in accordance with Indiana's Public Work Projects Act, Indiana Code 36-1-12. The bidder agrees to hold open its bid for a minimum of sixty (60) days from the date of the bid opening.
BID DOCUMENTS:
Interested Prime Bidders may obtain electronic Bidding Documents at no cost from Eastern Engineering, http://distribution.easternengineering.com. All other bidders may purchase electronic or printed sets directly from Eastern Engineering, 9901 Allisonville Road, Fishers, IN 46038, 1-866-884-4115.
Any questions concerning this project shall be directed to CSO Architects, 317-848-7800. Contact Taylor Pietruch, tpietruch@csoine.net or Brad Krohn, bkrohn@csoine.net.
BID DOCUMENTS - REVIEW:
Construction will be in accordance with the bid documents, which may be viewed at the following locations, as well as local plan rooms:
CSO Architects Eastern Engineering
8831 Keystone Crossing 9901 Allisonville Road
Indianapolis, Indiana 46240 Fishers, IN 46038
317-848-7800 866-884-4115
BID SECURITY: Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security for five percent (5%) of the base bid in the form of a certified check or a bid bond. Bid bonds shall be executed by the bidder and a surety company qualified to do business in the State of Indiana. The check or bid bond shall be made payable to Noblesville Schools. Should a successful bidder withdraw the bid, or fail to execute a satisfactory Contract, the Owner may then declare the Bid deposit forfeited as liquidated damages.
PERFORMANCE BOND AND LABOR AND MATERIAL PAYMENT BOND:
The successful bidder shall, upon acceptance of his bid, be required to procure and pay for a 100% Performance Bond/Labor and Material Payment Bond in the amount equal to the contract price, and such bond shall comply with all laws of the State of Indiana governing public contracts let by governmental units.
David Hortemiller
Chief Financial Officer
Noblesville Schools
R3663 1/22/24, 1/29/24

CARMEL

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
CITY OF CARMEL
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Public Works and Safety for the City of Carmel, Hamilton County, Indiana, will receive sealed bids, until 10:00 a.m., local time, on Wednesday, February 7th, 2024 at the office of the Clerk, One Civic Square, 3rd Floor, Carmel, Indiana, 46032, for the following project:
24-STR-01 VAULT INSTALLATION
The scope of work for this project includes (but is not limited to) removing current vault at Veteran's Memorial Reflecting Pond and installing new concrete vault as specified.
All bids are to be sealed with the word "BPW- VAULT INSTALLATION" on the lower left hand corner of the envelope. Bids will be opened and read aloud at 10:00 A.M. on February 7th, 2024 at the Board of Public Works meeting on the 2nd floor of Carmel City Hall, One Civic Square, Carmel, IN. All persons interested in bidding shall register a contact name and address with the Street Department to ensure that all changes or questions and answers are available for review by all interested parties.
The specifications are set forth in detailed documents on file at the Carmel Street Department, 3400 W. 131st Street, Carmel, IN 46074.
Questions regarding this solicitation must be written and delivered to the Carmel Street Department. All responses will be written and made available with the specifications at the Street Department. Please call the Street Department to confirm whether or not any such written questions and/or responses exist.
The submitted proposal must be in compliance with IC 36-1-9 et seq.
The Board of Public Works reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
Matt Higginbotham
Street Commissioner
R3641 1/15/24, 1/22/24

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SHERIFF SALES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29C01-2308-MF-007798 wherein PNC Bank, National Association was Plaintiff, and David P. Antle, Cynthia L. Antle, Pleasant View Homeowner's Association, Inc. and MEB Loan Trust VI, U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee were Defendants, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the **22nd day of February, 2024**, at the hour of **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.
LOT NUMBER 79 IN PLEASANT VIEW, SECTION 2, A SUBDIVISION IN HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA. AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED NOVEMBER 12,1997 AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 97-48758, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.
More commonly known as 13010 Coyote Run, Fishers, IN 46038-8341
Parcel No. 29-11-29-009-006.000-020
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff
/s/ BARRY T. BARNES
BARRY T. BARNES
Plaintiff Attorney
Attorney # 19657-49
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.
8415 Allison Pointe Boulevard, Suite 400
Indianapolis, IN 46250
(317) 237-2727
Fall Creek
Township
The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street addressed published herein.
NOTICE
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR.
R3627 1/8/24, 1/15/24, 1/22/24

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
SHERIFF'S SALE NOTICE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D03-2001-MF-000196 wherein Deutsche Bank National Trust Company As Trustee For IndyMac INDA Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-ARI, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-ARI was Plaintiff, and Ronald Sheppard, Nadine L. S. Sheppard, The United States of America, Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, AEL Financial LLC, State of Indiana, Department of Revenue and CIT Bank, National Association FKA Indymac Federal Bank, FSB., A Federally Chartered Savings Bank were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the **February 22, 2024**, at the hour of **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**, or as soon as thereafter as is possible, at Sheriff's Office at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.
Lot Numbered 1 and Block One "A" (1-A) in Sheppards Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 14, pages 83-85, Certificate of Revision dated November 18,2002 and recorded December 2, 2002 as Instrument Number 200200091867, by Allan H. Weihe, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana and Certificated of Correction dated July 15, 2004 and recorded July 16, 2004 as Instrument Number 200400049929. Together with an undivided 1/24th interest in common area as disclosed in Warranty Deed recorded as Instrument Number 200000036374, which said undivided 1/24th interest shall run with the title to Lot 1.
EXCEPTING from Block 1A real estate as set forth in Warranty Deed to the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, dated January 22,2004 and recorded February 25, 2004 as Instrument Number 200400011579 and further described as follows:
A part of the North Half of Section 1, Township 17 North, Range 5 East, Hamilton County, Indiana, and being that part of the grantors' land lying within the right-of-way lines depicted on the attached Right-of-Way parcel Plat marked EXHIBIT "B", described as follows:
Beginning on the eastern line of White Pine Cove at a point North 20 degrees 13 minutes 38 seconds East 15.00 feet from the Northeast corner of Lot 3 in Said White Pine Cove, a subdivision in the Northeast Quarter of said Section 1, the plat of which is recorded in Instrument 8802379, Plat Book 15, page 50 in the Office of the Recorder of said county, which POINT OF BEGINNING is designated as point "41" on said parcel Plat; thence continuing North 20 degrees 13 minutes 38 seconds East 25.00 feet along said eastern line to the center line of 113th Street; thence along said center line Southeasterly 95.03 feet along an arc to the left and having a radius of 3,176.50 feet and subtended by a long chord having a bearing South 71 degrees 33 minutes 53 seconds East and a length of 95.02 feet to a point "9" designated on said Parcel Plat; thence South 72 degrees 25 minutes 19 seconds East 1.90 feet along said center line to the northwestern shore line of Thorpe Creek; thence South 27 degrees 06 minutes 29 seconds West 25.35 feet along said shore line to point "42" designated on said Parcel Plat; thence northwesterly 93.89 feet along an arc to the right and having radius of 3,201.50 feet and subtended by a long chord having a bearing of North 71 degrees 32 minutes 26 seconds West and a length of 93.88 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING and containing 0.055 acres, more or less, inclusive of the presently existing right-of-way which contains 0.020 acres, more or less for a net additional taking of 0.035 acres, more or less.
Commonly known address: 14350 East 113th Street, Fishers, IN 46040
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County
Township: Fall Creek
Parcel No./Tax Id#: 29-15-01-015-001.000-020
J. Dustin Smith
Manley Deas Kochalski LLC
P.O. Box 165028
Columbus OH 43216-5028
Telephone: 614-220-5611
Attorney for Plaintiff
The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein
R3628 1/8/24, 1/15/24, 1/22/24

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D02-2201-MF-000674 wherein U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of Yurt Series IV Trust was Plaintiff, and Eric Batchelder was Defendant, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the **22nd day of February, 2024**, at the hour of **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.
LOT NUMBER 20 IN NORTH WOOD HILLS, FIRST SECTION, A SUBDIVISION IN HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 38-39, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, STATE OF INDIANA
More commonly known as: 5930 Buntly Lane Carmel, IN 46033
Parcel No. 29-10-34-301-001.000-018
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.
"Subject to all liens, encumbrances and easements of record not otherwise extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause 29D02-2201-MF-000674 in the Circuit court of the County of HAMILTON, Indiana."
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County
Plaintiff Attorney
Dennis V. Ferguson (8474-49)
Joel F. Bomkamp (27410-49)
Sottile and Barile, LLC
7530 Lucerne Drive, Suite 210
Middleburg Heights, OH 44130
Clay Township
The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street addressed published herein.
NOTICE
SOTTILE AND BARILE LLC IS A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
R3629 1/8/24, 1/15/24, 1/22/24

WESTFIELD

PUBLIC NOTICE
Please be advised that the Westfield-Washington Township Advisory Plan Commission will meet at 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 5, 2024 at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana, or in a virtual format viewable at https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofWestfieldIN, for the purposes of holding a public hearing and reviewing and acting on the following petitions:
• 2306-PUD-07; Claiborne Farms (Kimblick) - Phase II PUD; generally located southwest of the intersection at Towne Rd. and W 156th St.; Pulte Homes of Indiana, LLC by Nelson & Frankenberger, LLC requests a change of zoning for 16 acres +/- from the AG-SF1: Agriculture / Single-family Rural District to the Claiborne Farms (Kimblick) - Phase II PUD District.
• 2401-PUD-01; Urban Apples PUD Amendment III; Generally located at 18326 Spring Mill Rd.; Urban Apples LLC requests an amendment to the Urban Apples Planned Unit Development (PUD) Ordinance (Ord. 21-34) to permit the desired on-site signage for the 24 acres +/- property.
• 2402-PUD-02; Ravinia PUD; Generally located at 16939 Eagletown Road; Platinum Properties Management Company, LLC by Nelson & Frankenberger, LLC requests a change of zoning for 80 acres +/- from the AG-SF1: Agriculture / Single-family Rural District to the Ravinia Planned Unit Development (PUD) District
• 2402-PUD-03; Grand Millennium PUD Amendment III; Generally located at 298 David Brown Dr.; 31/32 Investors LLC requests a PUD Amendment to add an additional 23.14 acres +/- to the Grand Millennium Planned Unit Development (PUD) District.
• 2402-PUD-04; Winterburg PUD; Generally located southwest of the intersection at 193rd St. and Casey Rd.; Platinum Properties Management Company, LLC by Nelson & Frankenberger, LLC request a change of zoning for 206 acres +/- from the AG-SF1: Agriculture / Single-family Rural District to the Winterburg Planned Unit Development (PUD) District
Specific details regarding the requests may be obtained from the Westfield Community Development Department, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074 or by calling (317) 804-3170.
Written suggestions or objections relative to the requests may be filed with the Secretary of the Commission at the Westfield Community Development Department, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074 or before the hearing will be considered. Oral comments concerning the proposals will be heard at the aforementioned public hearing. In the case of a virtual meeting, written comments concerning the proposals can be provided before and during the aforementioned public hearing by emailing planners@westfield.in.gov. Such hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
Westfield-Washington Township Advisory Plan Commission
Westfield Community Development Department
2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074
www.westfield.in.gov
R3704 1/22/24

— FISHERS —

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that SEALED BIDS will be received:

BY AND AT: Wurster Construction
C/O Hamilton Southeastern Schools
13485 Cumberland Road
Fishers, IN 46038 Attn: Mr. Matt Rapp

FOR A NEW: HSE Addition and Renovations to Fishers Elementary
11442 Lantern Road
Fishers, IN 46038

UNTIL: 2:00 P.M., local time, Thursday, February 15, 2024.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Work includes a New Addition and Renovations to the existing Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) Fishers Elementary School located at 11442 Lantern Road in Fishers, IN 46038.

RECEIPT OF BIDS: Bids received by mail or other carrier must be addressed to: Wurster Construction, c/o Mr. Matt Rapp, Director of Facilities and Maintenance, Hamilton Southeastern Schools, 13485 Cumberland Road, Fishers, IN 46038 and received on or before 2:00 pm, Thursday, February 15, 2024 to be valid. Bids received after the designated day and time listed above will be returned unopened. Any postal/courier service is the agent of the Bidder.

BID OPENING: Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 2:00 PM local time at the HSE Administration Building located at 13485 Cumberland Road, Fishers, IN 46038.

PRE-BID MEETING: A pre-bid meeting for interested parties will be held on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 3:00 PM local time. The meeting will be held at HSE Fishers Elementary School, located at 11442 Lantern Road, Fishers, IN 46038. All interested bidders are encouraged to attend.

CONTRACT TYPE: The project(s) will be constructed utilizing the Construction Manager as Constructor (CMc) delivery method for public work. The Construction Manager will contract with multiple First Tier Subcontractors for the Bid items listed below, with bids received on a lump-sum basis for each bid item. Each proposal shall include all labor, equipment, and materials necessary to complete the project in strict accordance with the Construction Drawings, Project Schedule, Project Manual and Technical Specifications.

The Construction Manager will receive sealed Bids for the below listed Bid Packages:

Bid Package #01: General Trades-(Includes Concrete)-Work Bid Package #02: Demolition Work
Bid Package #04: Masonry Work Bid Package #05: Steel Work
Bid Package #07: Roofing Work
Bid Package #07A: Metal Panels Work
Bid Package #08: Aluminum Window/Door and Glazing Work
Bid Package #09: Metal Stud, Drywall, Insulation and Acoustical Ceilings Work
Bid Package #09A: Flooring and Tile Work
Bid Package #09B: Painting, Wallcovering and Staining Work
Bid Package #11: Kitchen Equipment Work
Bid Package #21: Fire Protection Work
Bid Package #22: Plumbing
Bid Package #23: Mechanical, HVAC Ductwork and Temperature Controls Work
Bid Package #26: Electrical, Fire Alarm, Communications and Technology Work
Bid Package #31: Earthwork and Utilities Work
Bid Package #32: Landscaping Work
Bid Package #32A: Paving & Stone Work Bid Package #32B: Fencing Work

SUBCONTRACTOR PREQUALIFICATION: All subcontractors must be pre-qualified prior to submission of the bid. Pre-qualification forms can be obtained by contacting Phil Schmitt, Wurster Construction, 317-841-1000, pschmitt@wcci.com. The completed pre-qualification forms with attachments shall be submitted to Phil Schmitt by 5:00pm Wednesday, January 31, 2024. Completed forms may be emailed to Phil Schmitt or a hard copy delivered to Wurster Construction's office (8463 Castlewood Drive) in a sealed envelope. Pre-qualified subcontractors will be notified of approval by 5:00pm on February 2, 2024.

Documents Prepared by:
CSO Architects
8831 Keystone Crossing
Indianapolis, In 46204
Context Design
5825 Lawton Loop E Drive Indianapolis, In 46216
R.E. Dimond and Associates 732 North Capital Avenue Indianapolis, IN 46204
Paul I. Cripe, Inc.
9339 Priority Way West Drive, #100
Indianapolis, IN 46240

Construction Manager as Constructor (CMc):
Wurster Construction 8463 Castlewood Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46250

BID DOCUMENTS: Interested Prime Bidders may purchase Bidding Documents at Eastern Engineering. Documents will be available on or after January 19, 2024. Documents are available electronically by contacting:
Phil Schmitt, Wurster Construction pschmitt@wcci.com
Documents will also be available from Eastern Engineering: <http://distribution.easternengineering.com/View/Default.aspx>
Contact at Eastern Engineering is:
Sean Keefe
Email: sean.keefe@easternengineering.com / Office: (317) 598-0661 ext. 313
Any questions concerning bidding this project, project completion, scheduling, project administration, etc. shall be directed to:
Phil Schmitt, Wurster Construction pschmitt@wcci.com

BID DOCUMENTS - REVIEW: Construction will be in accordance with the bid documents, which may be viewed at the following locations, as well as local plan rooms:

- Hamilton Southeastern Schools 13485 Cumberland Road
Fishers, IN 46038
- Wurster Construction
8463 Castlewood Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46250

BID SECURITY: Bids are required to include a Bid Security or Bid Bond or Certified Check.

PERFORMANCE BOND AND PAYMENT BOND: A Performance Bond and Payment Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Amount may be required of the successful bidder. Bidders will provide a cost for this bond on the bid form.

E-VERIFY AND BACKGROUND CHECKS: The Contractor and subcontractors shall fully comply with all the E-Verify requirements set forth in Ind. Code 22-5-1.7. <https://www.uscis.gov/e-verify> and background checks.

SAFETY: All Contractors shall comply with OSHA and IOSHA rules and regulations regarding Safety for this project. Contractor safety manuals will be evaluated during the prequalification phase.

TAXES, PERMITS, INSPECTIONS: All Bids shall be submitted without inclusion in the bid price for the amounts, if any, of Indiana State Gross Retail and Use Tax (generally called the "Sales Tax") for materials and properties that are to be purchased by the Bidder that will become a permanent part of the Project. Owner will provide a tax-exempt form.

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— ARCADIA —

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
TOWN OF ARCADIA
ARCADIA, INDIANA

2023 CCMG ROUND 2 STREET IMPROVEMENTS

General Notice
Town of Arcadia (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

2023 CCMG Round 2 Street Improvements
Project #H23154

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the **Town of Arcadia Town Hall** located at **208 W. Main St. Arcadia, IN 46030-0578**, until **Monday, February 5, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.** local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work:

Scope of Work includes milling and resurfacing of portions of W. North Street, E. Hamilton and E. Broadway Avenues as well as constructing accessible curb ramps.

Bids are requested for the following Contract: **2023 CCMG Round 2 Street Improvements. Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be as shown in the Bid Form.**

Obtaining the Bidding Documents
The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Commonwealth Engineers, Inc., 7256 Company Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46237. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of **8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below. Prospective Bidders may also examine the drawings via the Web-based service of Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. at www.commonwealthengineers.com.

The Contract Documents, Specifications and Drawings will be provided via the web-based service of Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. at www.commonwealthengineers.com. The plan holder will receive an email link to the PDF downloadable documents upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **One Hundred Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$150.00) plus 7% sales tax, per project division desired.**

One set of printed Contract Documents, Specifications and Drawings may be obtained upon payment of an additional non-refundable fee of **Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) plus 7% sales tax, per project division desired**, via the web-based service of Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. at www.commonwealthengineers.com. Requests for Contract Documents and Specifications and Drawings must also include a return street address; post office box numbers are not acceptable.

Contract Documents will not be sold separate from the web-based service (i.e. All plan holders will be required to purchase through the web-based service). Partial sets of Contract Documents, Specifications and Drawings are not available. Questions pertaining to this project shall be submitted directly to Jeff Lashlee at Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. via <https://login.procore.com>. Additional questions concerning access to the website may be directed to Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. at (317) 888-1177.

All addenda, which may be issued for this Project, will be issued to each plan holder via email. For those whom also purchase printed Contract Documents, printed addenda will be provided as well. All plan holders shall note, the printed documents are provided as a courtesy and do not preclude the plan holder from relying upon the web/email based materials (i.e. delays in mail delivery will not be considered relevant due to all contract document holders access to materials via web/email).

No refunds will be issued for this project.

The OWNER reserves the right to reject any bid, or all bids, or to accept any bid or bids, or to make such combination of bids as may seem desirable, and to waive any and all informalities in bidding. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of bids or authorized postponement thereof. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. NO bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for at least sixty (60) days.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Pre-bid Conference
A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on Monday, January 29, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at Arcadia Town Hall, 208 W. Main Street, Arcadia, IN 46030. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required.

Instructions to Bidders
For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:
Owner: Town of Arcadia
By: **Rich Versprille**
Title: **Council President**
Date: **January 22, 2024**

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Submit Public Notices To: PublicNotices@ReadTheReporter.com

— NOBLESVILLE —

CITY OF NOBLESVILLE
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received:

By / At: City of Noblesville, Indiana
Office of the Clerk
16 S. 10th Street
Noblesville, Indiana 46060

Project: 2024 Right-of-way Landscaping Contract
Until: 9:00 A.M., local time, Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Receipt of Bids: bids received after the stated time will be returned unopened. Bids are to be submitted on the Bid form as provided in the Project Manual and on Indiana State Board of Accounts Form No. 96 (revised 2013) as required by statutes of the State of Indiana. Bidders shall submit financial data, statement of experience, proposed plan for performing the work and the equipment the Bidder has available for the performance of the Work, along with a properly signed Affidavit of Non-Collusion as required by form No. 96. Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelope, marked with the name and address of the Bidder, and clearly identified:

SEALED BID: 2024 Right-of-way Landscaping Contract

Bid Opening: Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud by the City of Noblesville at the Council Chambers, Noblesville, Indiana 46060, at 9:00 AM, local time, Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Pre-Bid Meeting: Not applicable

The Work: The Work shall be completed by qualified Contractor(s) and Subcontractor(s) for the Project all as required by the Bidding Documents which have been assembled into a bound Project Manual and consists of:

Base bid for which proposals are to be received is for the right-of-way landscaping maintenance of all City roadway landscaping beds including City parking lots, City Hall and the Public Safety Building.

Contract Award: Any Bid may be withdrawn prior to the deadline for receipt of Bids, but no Bidder shall withdraw its bid within sixty (60) days after the opening of the Bids. If the contract is awarded, it will be to the "lowest responsible and responsive bidder" in accordance with Indiana Code 36-1-12-1 et seq. the Owner, however, reserves the right to reject and/or cancel any and all Bids, solicitations and/or offers in whole or in part as specified in the solicitation when it is not in the best interests of the Owner, and waive any informalities, discrepancies, omissions, variances, or irregularities in bids received in its sole discretion. The Bid Bonds and certified checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon selection of the successful Bidder, execution of the Agreement, and provision of the required Performance and Payment Bonds and Certificate of Insurance.

Bid Documents: copies of the Specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained on or after January 12, 2024. Interested Bidders may obtain electronic Bidding Documents by sending an email to ruggley@noblesville.in.us requesting instructions to download project documents.

Submit all bid questions in writing to City of Noblesville – Street Department prior to 12:00 PM, local time on February 7, 2024. Questions will only be accepted from firms on the official Plan Holders list. A written response will be emailed to the address on the official Plan Holders list that is required to be completed at the time the plans are purchased. No questions will be answered by telephone. The contact person for questions is:

Patty Johnson, Street Commissioner
City of Noblesville – Street Department
Email: pjohnson@noblesville.in.us

Bid Documents – Review:
Work will be in accordance with the Bidding Documents, which may be viewed at the following location:

City of Noblesville Street Department
1575 Pleasant Street
Noblesville, IN 46060

Bidders shall assure that they have obtained complete sets of Bidding Documents and the project Manual and shall assume the risk of any errors or omissions in Bids prepared in reliance on incomplete sets of Bidding Documents or Project Manual. Bids must be submitted on forms contained in the Project Manual and must contain the names of every person or company interested therein.

Bid Security:
Each Bid shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a Bid Bond as provided in the Project Manual in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total Bid amount, including alternates with a satisfactory corporate surety qualified to do business in the State of Indiana or by a certified check made payable to the City of Noblesville, on a solvent bank in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the total Bid including alternates. The Bid Bond or certified check shall be security that the successful Bidder will, within ten (10) calendar days or such other time specified by the Owner from the acceptance of the Bid, execute the Agreement and provide the required Payment and Performance Bonds, included in the Project Manual and Certificate of Insurance.

Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond:
A Performance Bond with good and sufficient surety as required by the Owner on the Form provided in the Project Manual, shall be required of the successful Bidder in an amount equal to at least one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the Agreement. The surety of the Performance bond may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner's final settlement with the Contractor.

The Contractor shall provide a Payment Bond with a good and sufficient surety as required by the Owner on Form provided in the Project Manual, in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum. The Payment Bond is binding on the Contractor, its subcontractors, and their successors and assigns for the payment of all indebtedness to a person for labor and services performed, material furnished, or services rendered. The Payment Bond must state that it is for the benefit of the subcontractors, laborers, material suppliers, and those performing services. The surety of the Payment Bond may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner's final settlement with the Contractor.

All out-of-state bidder corporations must have a Certificate of Authority to do business in the State. Applications forms may be obtained by contacting the Secretary of State, State of Indiana, Statehouse, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

CITY OF NOBLESVILLE
Street Department
Patty Johnson, Street Commissioner

R3670 1/15/24, 1/22/24

— WESTFIELD —

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Notice is hereby given that WESTFIELD WASHINGTON SCHOOLS ("School"), is requesting proposals from responsible offerors to provide construction manager as constructor ("CMC") services for construction, reconstruction, alteration, and renovation of a leased building. CMC Services will include: (1) Preconstruction phase services, including advice during the preconstruction phase; (2) Consultation, collaboration, project construction management, and other services regarding construction during and after design/construction phases; (3) Development of construction schedule, estimated cost of construction, and analysis of qualifications of 1st tier subcontractors; (4) a guarantee of the cost of the project & the project schedule.

The proposals will be received until January 31, 2024 by 3:00 PM EST Proposals must be delivered to Brian Tomamichel, WESTFIELD WASHINGTON SCHOOLS, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B, Westfield, IN 46074 and via tomamichelb@wws.k12.in.us All proposals received after such time will not be considered and returned to the submitter unopened.

CMC Services will be performed under a CMC Contract with the Owner. The form of the contract is set forth in the RFP. The offeror must submit a financial statement, a statement of experience, a proposed plan or plans for performing the CMC Services, and the resources, labor, technology, materials, supplies, and equipment the offeror has available for the performance of CMC Services. The financial statement must be submitted on SBOA Form 96 (<https://forms.in.gov/Download.aspx?id=6422>).

Evidence of financial responsibility ("officer security") in the amount of 1% of the offeror's total contract price must be payable to WESTFIELD WASHINGTON SCHOOLS in the form of an irrevocable letter of credit, certified check, cashier's check, or a bond acquired from an IN DOI registered surety. Should a successful offeror within ten (10) days after written notice of contract award withdraw its proposal, fail to provide required bonds, or execute a satisfactory contract, the Owner may then declare that officer security forfeited as liquidated damages, not as a penalty.

Discussions may be conducted with, and best and final offers obtained from, responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award. If School later determines to proceed with the project, School may enter into negotiations with the offeror whose proposal has been selected by an evaluation committee considering: (1) the responses to the RFP; (2) any interviews with selected offerors; and (3) evaluation of fees.

A CMC Contract may be made with an offeror whose proposals are determined to be advantageous to School, taking into consideration price and other evaluation factors set forth in the RFP. The RFP includes the criteria, process, and procedures including consideration of qualifications and fees, by which: an offeror will be evaluated; a CMC will be selected; and a CMC contract will be awarded.

The RFP documents for the CMC Services are on file with School and may also be examined at <https://www.wws.k12.in.us/>

All offerors must comply with applicable laws including but not limited to requirements of Ind. Code § 5-16-6; 5-16-13; 5-32; and 36-1-12 and as outlined in the RFP. Offerors must also be able to meet all requirements found in applicable CMC, public contract, and public work project statutes.

Prior to approval and execution of the CMC Contract, the responsible offeror who submits proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award must furnish satisfactory evidence showing evidence of financial responsibility and it can faithfully perform the contract and all obligations arising hereunder.

School expects to award the contract for CMC Services at its February 13, 2024 board meeting to the responsible offeror(s) whose proposal is determined in writing to be the most advantageous to School, taking into consideration price and the other evaluation factors set forth in the RFP. School reserves the right to hold proposals, including any alternates, for up to 60 days from the date of the opening. School reserves in its sole discretion the right to cancel the solicitation, reject any and all proposals in whole or part, delay the opening, ask for new proposals, is not obligated to accept the lowest or any other proposal, and may waive any irregularities, discrepancies, omissions, variances or informalities in the request for proposal procedure.

A meeting for discussion of the CMC Services, reviewing the scope of work, project specifications and drawings, RFP documents, qualifying requirements, and other important matters will be virtually and/or held at WESTFIELD WASHINGTON SCHOOLS, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B, Westfield, IN 46074 on January 24, 2024 at 10:00 AM EST. Immediately following the meeting, an opportunity to tour the project site(s) will be offered. All prospective offerors are asked to attend this important meeting. Offerors will be responsible for complying with items discussed at the meeting.

Questions regarding the contract(s) or requests for fair and equal treatment, can be directed in writing to Brian Tomamichel <tomamichelb@wws.k12.in.us>

R3668 1/15/24, 1/22/24

DISSOLUTION NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT SMRS LLC, located at 2611 Elva Drive, Kokomo, IN 46902, and TRILL & COMPANY LLC, located at 2335 W. Sycamore St., Kokomo, IN 46901, are voluntarily dissolved as of January 18, 2024, and that its members are now engaged in winding up and settling the affairs of the limited liability companies under Indiana Code 23-189. Any claims against SMRS LLC or TRILL & COMPANY LLC shall be sent to Webster & Garino LLC, 209 E. 175th St., Suite A, Westfield, IN 46074. Any claim against SMRS LLC or TRILL & COMPANY LLC will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced not more than two (2) years after the publication of this notice.

R3705 1/22/24

— NOBLESVILLE —

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of School Trustees of Noblesville Schools will receive sealed bids for the East Middle School – AHU Replacement 2024 project at 10:00 AM (local time) on Wednesday, February 7, 2024. Sealed bids will be received at the Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road Noblesville, IN 46060. Bids will be publicly opened immediately after. Bids shall be delivered in a sealed envelope labeled to indicate the following:

Addressed to:

Noblesville Schools - Educational Services Center
Attn: Mr. David Hortemiller
18025 River Road
Noblesville, IN 46060
Attn: Bid for East Middle School – AHU Replacement 2024

The name and return address of the Bidder

The work associated with this project consists of the removal of three existing AHU's, and the installation of two new AHU's, associated ductwork and piping for installation starting March, 2024, and to be completed by July 12, 2024, in accordance with the Plans and Specifications prepared by R.E. Dimond and Associates, Inc. 732 North Capitol Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46204. The two AHU's have been pre-purchased by the Owner.

Copies of the Bid documents may be obtained on or after Wednesday, January 17, 2024, from the Eastern Engineering plan room at <http://distribution.easternengineering.com> per the options and prices listed on the Order page. All charges for bidding documents are non-refundable.

A Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 1:00 PM local time**, Noblesville East Middle School, 1625 Field Drive, Noblesville IN, 46060.

All questions, or requests for equal, shall be directed in writing via email to:

Bill Eisler
R.E. Dimond and Associates, INC.
317-634-4672
Bill.eisler@redimond.com

CONTRACT TYPE:
Project will be constructed under a Single Prime Contract with bids received on a lump sum basis. Each proposal shall include all labor, material, and services necessary to complete the project in full accordance with the Construction Drawings and Project Manual. Prime bidders and their subcontractors must be certified and in compliance with the Indiana General Assembly's House Enrollment Act #1019.

A contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, complying with the conditions of the Instructions to Bidders and Advertisements for Public Bids. The Owner, however, reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and waive any informalities, discrepancies, omissions, variances, or irregularities in bids received in its sole discretion. If a contract is awarded, it will be to the "lowest responsible and responsive bidder" in accordance with Indiana's Public Work Projects Act, Indiana Code 36-1-12. The bidder agrees to hold open its bid for a minimum of sixty (60) days from the date of the bid opening.

BID SECURITY: Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security for five percent (5%) of the base bid in the form of a certified check or a bid bond. Bid bonds shall be executed by the bidder and a surety company qualified to do business in the State of Indiana. The check or bid bond shall be made payable to Noblesville Schools. Should a successful Bidder withdraw the bid, or fail to execute a satisfactory Contract, the Owner may then declare the Bid deposit forfeited as liquidated damages.

PERFORMANCE BOND AND LABOR AND MATERIAL PAYMENT BOND:
The successful bidder shall, upon acceptance of his bid, be required to procure and pay for a 100% Performance Bond/Labor and Material Payment Bond in the amount equal to the contract price, and such bond shall comply with all laws of the State of Indiana governing public contracts let by governmental units.

R3667 1/22/24, 1/29/24

CITY OF NOBLESVILLE
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received:

By / At: City of Noblesville, Indiana
Office of the Clerk
16 S. 10th Street
Noblesville, Indiana 46060

Project: 2024 Right-of-way Mowing Contract
Until: 9:00 A.M., local time, Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Receipt of Bids: bids received after the stated time will be returned unopened. Bids are to be submitted on the Bid form as provided in the Project Manual and on Indiana State Board of Accounts Form No. 96 (revised 2013) as required by statutes of the State of Indiana. Bidders shall submit financial data, statement of experience, proposed plan for performing the work and the equipment the Bidder has available for the performance of the Work, along with a properly signed Affidavit of Non-Collusion as required by form No. 96. Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelope, marked with the name and address of the Bidder, and clearly identified:

SEALED BID: 2024 Right-of-way Mowing Contract

Bid Opening: Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud by the city of Noblesville at the Council Chambers, Noblesville, Indiana 46060, at 9:00 AM, local time, Tuesday, February 13, 2024.

Pre-Bid Meeting: Not applicable

The Work: The Work shall be completed by qualified Contractor(s) and Subcontractor(s) for the Project all as required by the Bidding Documents which have been assembled into a bound Project Manual and consists of:

Base bid for which proposals are to be received is for the mowing of all City road right-of-way including several parcels owned by the City not within the right-of-way.

Contract Award: Any Bid may be withdrawn prior to the deadline for receipt of Bids, but no Bidder shall withdraw its bid within sixty (60) days after the opening of the Bids. If the contract is awarded, it will be to the "lowest responsible and responsive bidder" in accordance with Indiana Code 36-1-12-1 et seq. The Owner, however, reserves the right to reject and/or cancel any and all Bids, solicitations and/or offers in whole or in part as specified in the solicitation when it is not in the best interests of the Owner, and waive any informalities, discrepancies, omissions, variances, or irregularities in bids received in its sole discretion. The Bid Bonds and certified checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon selection of the successful Bidder, execution of the Agreement, and provision of the required Performance and Payment Bonds and Certificate of Insurance.

Bid Documents: copies of the Specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained on or after February January 12, 2024. Interested Bidders may obtain electronic Bidding Documents by sending an email to ruggley@noblesville.in.us requesting instructions to download project documents.

Submit all bid questions in writing to City of Noblesville – Street Department prior to 12:00 PM, local time on February 7, 2024. Questions will only be accepted from firms on the official Plan Holders list. A written response will be emailed to the address on the official Plan Holders list that is required to be completed at the time the plans are acquired. No questions will be answered by telephone. The contact person for questions is:

Patty Johnson, Street Commissioner
City of Noblesville – Street Department
Email: pjohnson@noblesville.in.us

Bid Documents – Review:
Work will be in accordance with the Bidding Documents, which may be viewed at the following location:

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1575 Pleasant Street
Noblesville, IN 46060

Bidders shall assure that they have obtained complete sets of Bidding Documents and the project Manual and shall assume the risk of any errors or omissions in Bids prepared in reliance on incomplete sets of Bidding Documents or Project Manual. Bids must be submitted on forms contained in the Project Manual and must contain the names of every person or company interested therein.

Bid Security:
Each Bid shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a Bid Bond as provided in the Project Manual in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total Bid amount, including alternates with a satisfactory corporate surety qualified to do business in the State of Indiana or by a certified check made payable to the City of Noblesville, on a solvent bank in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the total Bid including alternates. The Bid Bond or certified check shall be security that the successful Bidder will, within ten (10) calendar days or such other time specified by the Owner from the acceptance of the Bid, execute the Agreement and provide the required Payment and Performance Bonds, included in the Project Manual and Certificate of Insurance.

Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond:
A Performance Bond with good and sufficient surety as required by the Owner on the Form provided in the Project Manual, shall be required of the successful Bidder in an amount equal to at least one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the Agreement. The surety of the Performance bond may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner's final settlement with the Contractor.

The Contractor shall provide a Payment Bond with a good and sufficient surety as required by the Owner on Form provided in the Project Manual, in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum. The Payment Bond is binding on the Contractor, its subcontractors, and their successors and assigns for the payment of all indebtedness to a person for labor and services performed, material furnished, or services rendered. The Payment Bond must state that it is for the benefit of the subcontractors, laborers, material suppliers, and those performing services. The surety of the Payment Bond may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner's final settlement with the Contractor.

All out-of-state bidder corporations must have a Certificate of Authority to do business in the State. Applications forms may be obtained by contacting the Secretary of State, State of Indiana, Statehouse, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

CITY OF NOBLESVILLE
Street Department
Patty Johnson, Street Commissioner

R3669 1/15/24, 1/22/24

— WESTFIELD —

Westfield City Council

Notice is hereby given that the Westfield City Council, being the governing body of the City of Westfield, will conduct a public hearing on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana, and in a virtual format viewable at <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofWestfieldIN>, to receive and hear remonstrances and objections from all persons interested in or affected by the proposed 100% voluntary annexations.

• Ord. 24-140; 709 E. 191st Street, 931 E. 191st Street, & 18642 Tomlinson Road; The proposed voluntary annexation consists of three (3) parcels approximately 4.32 acres +/- . The area to be annexed is generally located on the south side of 191st Street, west of Tomlinson Road, east of Grand Park Blvd., and adjacent to the existing corporate limits along all boundaries of the parcels. The Hamilton County tax identification numbers are Parcel No. 08-05-25-00-00-060.000, Parcel No. 08-05-25-00-00-059.000, and Parcel No. 08-05-25-00-00-057.001.

The properties will be annexed into the City of Westfield Corporate limits. Written remonstrances against the proposed annexations may be filed at any time before 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2024, at the offices of the Community Development Department, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana.

At the public hearing, the City Council will hear any person who has filed a written remonstrance during this filing period, and receive and hear any remonstrances or objections from persons interested in or affected by the voluntary annexations.

At the public hearing, the City Council will also determine whether the proposed voluntary annexations are reasonable and appropriate when considered in relation to the Ordinance and whether the Ordinance, as amended, conforms to the Westfield-Washington Comprehensive Plan.

A more detailed description of the areas under consideration for 100% voluntary annexation may be reviewed at the Community Development Department at 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana, or by calling (317) 804-3170.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2024.

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Fishers Express White 11U team gearing up for tournament play

The REPORTER

The Fishers Express White 11U team held its second practice the weekend of Jan. 13 and 14. On March 3, the team will start an indoor league at Mojo Up Sports Complex, 16289 Boden Road, Noblesville.

Tournament play will begin after Spring Break, the weekend of April 12, in the Grand Park Spring Shootout.

Read The Reporter throughout the spring season for updates on youth baseball.

Coaches

- Chris Farr, Assistant Coach
- Matt Holle, Assistant Coach
- Collin McGrady, Assistant Coach
- Kyle Slade, Head Coach
- Rich Torres, Assistant Coach

Players

- #3 Luke Olson
- #5 Will Salde
- #7 Will Farr
- #9 Evan Oliver
- #10 Ryland Torres
- #11 Keaton Kinnaman
- #19 Cade Fuller
- #23 Christian Ward
- #24 CJ Branock
- #28 Henry McGrady
- #99 Houston Holle



Basketball



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 last Tuesday. Pictured at left is the Greyhounds' Rilee McBride.

Tigers beat 'Hounds 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. Carmel stayed in it thanks to five points each from Woods and Jamie Elliott, and the teams were tied 20-20 at halftime.

The Tigers used balanced scoring to pull 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 stop at the Tiger Den was the first of three road games for Carmel last week. The 'Hounds played

at Pike last Friday, where they won 49-39.

The teams were tied 13-13 after one quarter, then the Red Devils inched ahead 22-21 by halftime. The Greyhounds responded with a 14-6 third period and added another 14 points in the fourth to seal the win.

Keaton Gatlin made three 3-pointers on her way to 13 points. Taryn Fisher scored nine points. Woods led the Carmel rebounding with five.

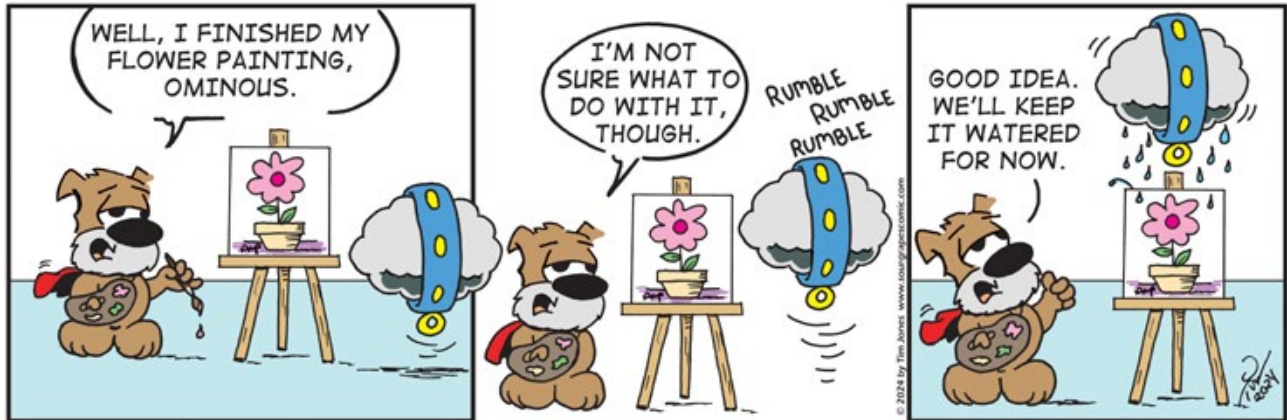
The Greyhounds played at Homestead last Saturday, falling 54-35. The Spartans led 28-19 at halftime, then used a 22-point third quarter to lead 50-25 at the end of the period.

Shepherd led Carmel with 14 points, while Jamie Elliott scored 12. Gatlin, Perry, Fisher and Sydney Bonds all had four rebounds.

Carmel is 9-11 and plays two games at home next week to finish the regular season. The 'Hounds welcome Cathedral on Tuesday and Ben Davis on Friday.

SOUR GRAPES

by Tim Jones



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