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Noblesville Lions conduct eye screenings for 54 kids





The Noblesville Lions recently spent three days at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 16000 Cumberland Road, screening 54 students' eyesight. This is a major school project for the Lions, and Dale Unger is the current Committee Chairman. (Above left) Lions Steve Morgan, Steve Shaw, Dale Unger, and Duke Miller. Lion Gary Hipes was missing. (Above right) Lions Steve Shaw, Larry Jacobi, Duke Miller, and Dale Unger.

Photos provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll

Are you thinking about spring yet?

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Next month, Hamilton County Tourism and Hamilton County Invasives Partnership (HIP) will hold a Think Spring Art Showcase highlighting the beauty and diversity of Indiana's native plants. HIP will provide information about native plants, including details about its free invasives trade-out program.







Hamilton Co. Invasives Partnership

This free event will take "think spring" and start plan- environmental and economic

Even in winter, we can Invasive plants threaten the gion's native plants. Arts), Stephenson House, 107 landscaping in favor of plants learn about and celebrate the Saturday, Feb. 24.

that are non-native or invasive. beauty and value of the re-

This will be an educational place from 6 to 9 p.m. on Fring for garden refreshes. health of the county. This event open house to open the exhibday, Feb. 2 at Noblesville Cre- Native plants are often un- will bring artists and Hamilton it. After the event, the artwork ates (formerly Nickel Plate dervalued and overlooked in County residents together to will remain on display through

Carmel firefighters rescue two workers stuck in mud at home construction site

By GREGG MONTGOMERY

WISH-TV | wishtv.com

One worker tried to rescue another sinking in mud at a housing construction site Friday, and both ended up stuck.

Carmel Fire Department says it rescued both workers, who had no physical injuries.

The incident happened somewhere on the city's west side, the fire department said in a Facebook post on Friday afternoon.

"Contractors working on this new construction home were working in a very wet and muddy area, when one of them began sinking. The more he tried to escape the farther he sunk. A second worker came to his rescue, but unfortunately found himself in the same situation," the post said.

Firefighters used ladders over the mud to allow the workers to extract themselves from the mud. The fire department shared photos of their work.



Do you love books? What about chocolate? HNPL has the perfect competition for you

The REPORTER

Hamilton North Public Li-6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 8.

Everyone is encouraged to creation for judging (and tasting). The winner receives bragging rights and a \$25 gift card.

or decorator, that's okay," said Susan Sparks, president of the brary (HNPL) will hold its sec- HNPL Friends of the Library. ond annual Taste of Chocolate "It's especially fun to taste and Creation Contest and Tasting at vote for your favorite with your spare change."

This sweet event not only bring in his or her best chocolate delights the palate, proceeds from the voting will go to the HNPL Friends of the Library for the Summer Reading Program "If you're not a cook, baker, and other library programs.



No registration is required. the public. The library is located Admission is free and open to at 209 W. Brinton St., Cicero.

No kidding – goat yoga is where it's at

Editor's note: Enjoy this story from Trina Severson, who is filling in this week for Scott Saalman. He's probably out somewhere taking photos of dogs reading his latest



GUEST COLUMNIST

It was late fall and I'd been wanting to try

something new, something fun and social and active. And here, in a captivating post in my Facebook feed, was what I'd been searching for: Goat Yoga. I checked my calendar and registered.

When the day and time finally came, I arrived early. The host, surrounded by my soon-to-be pint-sized friends, waved me over. I stepped over the knee-high fence and joined the others in a grassy circle. I unrolled my exercise mat on the ground, sat down, and exhaled. I was about to experience Goat Yoga.

I'd been curious about this activity since discovering the trend a couple of years earlier. The idea is simple enough. Yoga, but in the company of goats. They mix among the humans, often climbing and balancing on guests during downward dog and cat poses. They frequently dole out playful headbutts, nibbles, and snuggles. I'd been careful to follow our host's advice to remove all dangling jewelry, secure loose clothing and place all valuables safely outside of the Goat Circle.

We began. I laid on my back and closed my eyes, breathing mindfully. This would be a challenge for me. Even in the serenity of traditional yoga spaces it's hard for me to find my center. Add in a wind advisory and a dozen sociable goats and there's little chance. Maybe a goat mixer with hors d'oeuvres and bluegrass music would be more my speed. But where would I find that?

I closed my eyes and strained to hear our instructor's voice over the howling wind. Was I still following along? Or was everyone else already up, standing tall in mountain poses as I lay on the ground taking deep belly breaths, dreaming of fried pickles and banjos? I peeked. No. We were all still in sync. A little goat grazing a few inches from my elbow gave me an encouraging look. I reached out to scratch her head.

As we rose into the Cobra Pose, I thought I heard a cry of distress. Had someone in class pulled a muscle? Was it a goat bleating? I couldn't tell, so I opened one eye and turned my head toward the sound. It was a big chicken, wandering the perimeter of the pen, pecking for food. All was well. I closed my eye and tried again to focus and bring my awareness inward.

Really, who was I kidding? (No pun intended.) I was just here for the goats. I find animals incredibly therapeutic, and these are stressful times. What if I became so focused on my yoga movements that I missed a chance to pet a goat?

I tried to stay the course as our instructor's calm voice prompted us through a meditative sequence. A big oak leaf thwacked

See Goat Yoga ... Page 2



Photo provided by Trina Severson Editor's note: Sure, they may make great yoga companions, but don't look them directly in their weird, rectangular eyes!

Existentialist crashes date night



Reporter photo

ACCURATE

On Wednesday, The Reporter met Steve & Melinda Johns at Bien Mexicana, 150 S. Peru St., Cicero, while they were enjoying food so good it has been featured on America's Best Restaurants. While they were a day late for Bien's new Taco Tuesday, they were right on time for date night ... or they would have been if a certain philosopher-turned-publisher hadn't roped Steve into a lengthy talk about Albert Camus, Fyodor Dostoevsky, and E. M. Cioran. That may sound a bit absurd, but sometimes everything is permitted. When a meeting is simply an accident, why take it all so seriously?

Making Neise Neise Scott Saalman The Ultimate Inessential Humor Column Collection "Scott's offbeat stories beat with a Midwestern heart, both hip and nostalgic, sweet and effortlessly hilarious. Crack this book open and have a good time." -frances Park, That Lonely Spell and The Summer My Sister Was Cleopatra Moon



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GOAT YOGA-

from Page 1

me in the cheek during the Bridge Pose and startled my eyes open. I took the opportunity to do a quick scan for goats, made brief happy eye contact with a little spotted billy named Rocky, and closed my eyes again.

As the class went on, the goats mingled about. A tiny one capered over and pressed its head against my calf during the Warrior Pose. A sweet little doe came by to see if maybe I had any food to share during the Eagle Pose. I was getting my money's worth. During the Tree Pose, I focused on Daisy Mae, who stood like a statue in front of me chewing her cud meditatively. She'd certainly found her center.

I've always liked goats, despite my earliest experience with one ending badly. I was a six-year-old city kid visiting the county fair's petting zoo. And I was very proud of my long pigtails and the bright red ribbons my mother had tied around them.

An inquisitive nanny goat named Gladys found them equally fascinating. I tried to handle the issue my own, but ultimately my dad needed to step in and save

me in the cheek during the me and my prized hair ac-Bridge Pose and startled my cessories from Gladys.

> Todav's Goat Yoga trend doesn't surprise me. Humans and goats go way back. They were the first animal we ever domesticated more than 10,000 years ago. They're so useful - dairy, meat, fiber, manure, weed control. Goats could even rival dogs as man's best friend. They can form social bonds with humans. They gaze at us like dogs do. They wag their tails when they're happy. Abraham Lincoln had two goats named Nanny and Nanko who pulled his sons through the White House hitched to carts and kitchen chairs. Social media is loaded with goat videos and memes. Google funny goat videos and the returns are endless. Dogs and cats should be concerned. I was hooked. I'd found my new favorite exercise routine.

So, while yoga under a blue October sky sounded wonderful in itself, adding goats to the equation was all the incentive I – and apparently countless others around the nation – needed to grab my water bottle and yoga mat and head for the farm. Namaste.





To help Hamilton County families affected by domestic violence and abuse, you can drop off the following items at

Tom Wood Volkswagen, 14701 Tom Wood Way, Noblesville:

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Central Ind. Dance Ensemble preparing to head to Spokane for Ballet Alliance Festival

Central Indiana Dance Ensemble (CIDE), located in Carmel, will take the first step on Feb. 13 toward The Ballet Alliance Festival in Spokane, Wash. Approximately 25 of CIDE's senior-level dancers will attend the festival during the first week of May.

CIDE offers education and dance training, with the goal to provide a nurturing environment where children are taught the principles of dance. CIDE is also the Resident Company of The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. CIDE is committed to providing cultural and educational enrichment to the Central Indiana Community by giving students the opportunity to perform and train with other pre-professional and professional dancers and teachers.

As part of its mission, CIDE is a member of The Ballet Alliance. Alliance member companies such as CIDE value rigorous training methods, and innovative choreography, which directly benefit the technical and artistic development of dancers.

Members of The Ballet Alliance hold an annual four-day festival where dancers take master classes from renowned instructors, participate in dance-related seminars, perform for their peers, and forge new relationships. During the festival, member dancers are seen by recruiters from world-class ballet schools, professional dance companies, and college and uniis common for dancers to be awarded scholarships to summer intensives, early acceptance to higher education dance programs, and



Photo provided

Mauro Villanueva's Morpheus was performed in 2021. It will be the first piece on which CIDE dancers' performance will be evaluated.

Artistic Directors.

Feb. 13, Ms. Susan Brookteach a Master Class and rehearse with the dancers.

Booker is the Artistic Ballet Theatre (ABT) William J. Gillespie School in California. She was the Director of the Preparatory Khachaturiana, a classical Dance Program at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts for several years and has taught in both southern California schools in the USA, Europe, and Texas and began her Canada, and Japan. Her students have won prestigious international dance competitions including the Prix de Lausanne and are dancing Clambake. Upon graduawith companies in the U.S., tion from high school, she South America and Europe.

professional contracts from ing Fellow and is dedicated to creating inclusive dance An evaluation process spaces through his work as precedes the festival. On co-director of The Joffrey Workshop. As a member er, Festival Artistic Director, of the Joffrey Ballet, he will evaluate the CIDE stu- danced ballets by world redents and dances and choose nowned choreographers. He a piece for them to perform has also worked for Barak in Washington. She will Ballet, Ballet San Antonio, The Jacksonville Symphony, and others. He sent the piece back in 2019. CIDE is Director of the American restaging the dancers again this year. It was performed in 2021, as well.

The second piece will be ballet piece choreographed by Lisa Slagle. She received her early dance training in professional dancing career at the age of 11 when she appeared as a solo dancer in the Elvis Presley movie, was offered a position with On Feb. 13, two piec- the Joffrey Ballet in New versity dance programs. It es of choreography will be York. Upon her retirement evaluated. The first is Mor- from dancing, she started pheus – a contemporary bal- teaching ballet in the Dallas let piece by choreographer area, and in 1999 became Mauro Villanueva, who is a the founding director of the 2022-2023 School of Amer- Ballet Academy of Texreceive apprenticeships or ican Ballet National Visit- as. Slagle was asked to be

on the Advisory Board for American Ballet Theatre's National Training Curriculum in 2007. For the next 12 years she taught with ABT as a Master Teacher for their various Summer Intensive workshops, and as an Artistic Coordinator for their Young Dancer Workshop in Dallas in 2018 and 2019.

Ashley Jacobs, Co-Artistic Director of CIDE, said she is excited as The Ballet Alliance Festival looms closer. As Jacobs, along with her students, wonder which of the pieces they will ultimately perform, they will continue their hard work in anticipation. This is an annual event that gives the students an opportunity to spread their wings to a larger audience, to meet and work with a broader range of dance professionals, and to possibly receive opportunities they've been dreaming of.

View photos and get additional information on The Ballet Alliance Festival at theballetalliance.org/festival.

To learn more about the Central Indiana Dance Ensemble, including their mission, history and upcoming shows, visit cidedance.org.

Westfield student makes University of Minnesota dean's list

The REPORTER

The University of Minnesota Duluth has announced its dean's list for fall semester 2023.

for a Bachelor of Science credits.

in Chemical Engineering in the Swenson College of Science & Engineering.

Students on the dean's list have achieved a grade Adam Bauer, freshman point average of 3.50 or from Westfield, made the higher while earning a mindean's list. He is studying imum of 12 letter-graded

Fishers student makes University of Wisconsin dean's list

The REPORTER

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh officials have quirement for dean's list is released the names of students who qualified for the To qualify, a student must dean's list and honor roll have been enrolled in a in fall 2023 across its three campuses (Fond du Lac,

Fishers made the dean's list.

Fox Cities and Oshkosh). Mackenzie Bennett of incomplete or non-reported The term grade-point cess is run.

average requirement for Honor Roll is 3.3; the re-3.75 out of a possible 4.0. minimum of 12 credits. There can be no individual grades below a "C" and no grades at the time the pro-



Portion of Middletown Avenue to close for tree removal

Effective Tuesday, Jan. 30 through Thursday, Feb. 1 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. each day, Middletown Avenue between Pennington Road and Mystic Road will be closed to all thru traffic for tree removal. Motorists should seek an alternative route. Your patience is appreciated as crews complete this tree removal.





Join a Town Hall Near You

Hamilton County: Carmel City Hall One Civic Square

Carmel, IN 46032 Thursday, January 25

4pm-6pm

Delaware County: Yorktown Town Hall 9312 W. Smith Street Yorktown, IN 47396 Friday, January 26 llam-lpm

Grant County: Fire Station 2

5051 E. 500 South Gas City, IN 46933

Saturday, January 27 11am-1pm



Please join to hear the recent updates on issues Congresswoman Spartz is working on, including:

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Noblesville Lions remember local seniors for Valentine's Day



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll At a recent Lions meeting, the Noblesville Lions spent time filling out cards as a Valentine gift for local seniors in nursing homes. Gesture was meant as a thanks and remembrance to those who may, or may not, hear from family at that time. The cards will be distributed sometime before

Feinstein's focuses on romance with upcoming February shows . . . and a little something different, too

Valentine's Day. (Above) Three members busy filling out cards were Lions John Terhune (front

The REPORTER

Looking to lead your love interest on a date night full of romantic music? Look no further than the stage at Feinstein's. Performed in the intimate setting of the Feinstein's are sure to help make your Valentine's Day perfect. Not necessarily looking for romance? Then there's something for you, too.

On Friday, Feb. 2, Feinstein's welcomes Ryan Ahlwardt. He is an Emmy-nominated host of central Indiana's most watched lifestyle show Indy Now on FOX 59, alumnus of the world-renowned vocal group Straight No Chaser, and a Hoosier singer-songwriter Bareilles, Jon McLaughlin, Take 6, and more.

Christine Andreas' "Two for the Road" is a very personal show taking the audience through Andreas' and her husband's personal scrapbook of 40 years making music on Broadway, the recording studio, in concert and in cabaret. And for this show, they add the wanderlust of travel.

This show is a great conversation between Andreas, her husband, and you. The setlist is the cream of the crop from Broadway, The American Songbook, and pop standards – from Gershwin to Billy Joel, Bacharach to Berlin.

Enjoy this show at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 9 and Saturday, Feb. 10.

On Friday, Feb. 16, and Saturday, Feb. 17, Anthony Nunziata sings romantic classics. He has planned an unforgettable evening of soaring arias, crossover hits, and Broadway classics for Valentine's Day.

Dubbed "America's new romantic singing sensation," Carnegie Hall headliner,

Brooklyn-born and Nashville-based singer, songwriter, and entertainer Anthony Nunziata is back by popular demand making an exclusive stop in Carmel for two nights only as he tours.

left), Steve Stage (back left), and Gene Beck (right).

This intimate concert lounge, these performers includes his signature take on classic love songs from Broadway, jazz, classic pop, Italian arias, and his timeless originals. The beloved Italian American tenor has planned a setlist that includes some of the most romantic music, including "Somewhere," "Some Enchanted Evening," "Can't they guide you on an eve-Help Falling in Love," and ning of stories and music. tunes from his critically acclaimed, award-winning The Love Album.

"I'm in the business of who has shared the stage and making people feel good, day with EMO KIDS and studio with such artists as making people happy," they present their Anti-Val-full band show will feature The Beach Boys, Barry Ma-Nunziata said. "I'm grateful entine's Day Party. Get tunes you'll sing along to nilow, Shania Twain, Sara I get to tell stories for a liv- ready to embrace your inner and maybe even a few you ing through lyrics and mu- emo with a night of dark sic. To make people laugh, vibes, heartbreak, and emo cry, feel something – there's hits. nothing like it."

"The Gift Is You" - which from the 2000s. Leave the he wrote honoring his mother's battle with breast cancer (she is now cancer-free) – is currently being used as an anthem for The Susan G. meant to be!" Come in ear-Komen Foundation. Learn more at AnthonyNunziata.

The romance doesn't end there. At 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 21, hear "One Voice: The Music of Manilow." Are you a "Fanilow?" The soaring choruses. The romantic despair. The key changes. Barry Manilow has touched people around the world, so by magician David Ranalli come celebrate the one who at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, wrote the songs with such Jan. 25. romantic, lush, and melodic melodies that shaped the ture Dueling Pianos presentsongbook of generations of music lovers. Who can deny the impact of songs like "This One's for You," "Mandy," "Weekend in - and they'll play it. It's a New England," "It's a Mir- lively, interactive show for acle," and so many others? the whole family. Join Don Farrell and the Terry Woods Orchestra as at Feinstein's on Satur-



Photo provided

See Indiana's own Ryan Ahlwardt live on Friday, Feb. 2 at Feinstein's in Carmel.

Not looking for a traditional Valentine's Day this year? Then spend the big

His original pop song stage with the top emo hits flowers and the chocolates at home and listen to music that is "live and energetic, just how these songs were ly on Feb. 14 to enjoy a DJ from 6 to 7:30 p.m. EMO KIDS will take the stage at 7:30 p.m.

Leading up to these evenings of romance and music, Feinstein's offers other evenings of fabulous entertainment for you. "DECEP-TION: An Evening of Magic & Lies" is a magic and mind reading show, hosted

Friday, Jan. 26 will feaed by Brittany Brumfield & Baby Grand Entertainment at 7:30 p.m. You pick the song, artist, genre, and era

Wrapping up the month

day, Jan. 27, Eric Baker & Friends present "The Piano Man: A Billy Joel Tribute." At 7:30 p.m., enjoy a night of songs and stories highlighting the hits and even some deep tracks. This haven't heard in years.

Tickets to all these EMO KIDS takes the shows can be purchased at feinsteinshc.com.

> Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael is located at 1 Carmichael Square, Carmel. Call Hotel Carmichael at (317) 688-1947. Consider having your corporate gatherings at Feinstein's. For groups of 10 tickets or more, email sales@hotelcarmichael.com.

Celebrate Shrove Tuesday with Bethel Lutheran Church

The REPORTER

Bethel Lutheran Church invites the community to celebrate Shrove Tuesday at a Pancake Dinner from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at the church, located at 20650 Cumberland Road, Noblesville.

Tuesday," Shrove Tues-

day is the day before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. It started thousands of years ago as a day to eat up sweets and fats before fasting began for the 40 days before Easter.

The dinner is offered as a gift to the community, Also known as "Fat though freewill offerings will be accepted.

Pedestrian dies after being hit by vehicle on State Road 19

By GREGG MONTGOMERY mation officer, told News WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A woman pedestrian died when a vehicle hit her of State Road 19 between Noblesville and Cicero, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office says.

the office's public infor-

8 by email that the crash happened on SR 19 just north of 216th Street.

SR 19 was closed in Friday night on a stretch the area sometime before 8:30 p.m. Friday. It remained closed at 9:40

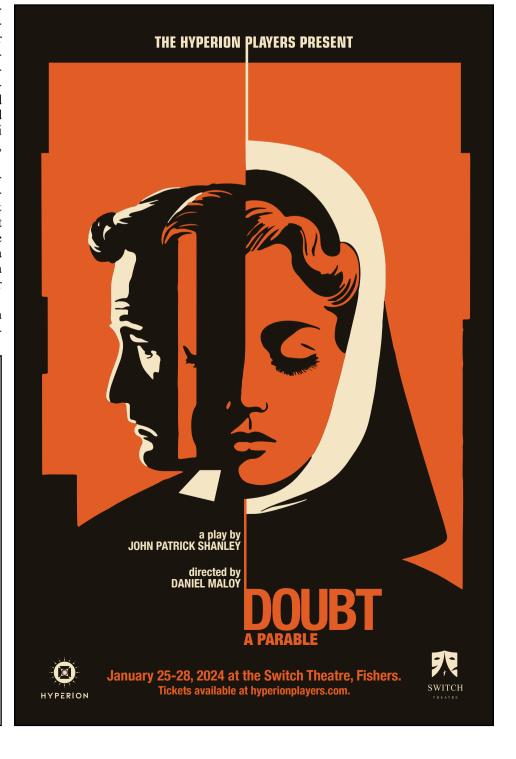
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Schools are really putting kids through the ringer these days

Grandpa: "Back in my day we had to go through a laundry wringer just to get to class ... and we liked it!"



Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools Check out one of these Rocks using the new "Squeeze Machine"! This is used for deep touch stimulation and produces a calming effect on hyperactive and autistic individuals. The device allows the user to control the amount of pressure, as well as the release of pressure. The Squeeze Machine was purchased for the Cross Categorical Program at Carey Ridge Elementary School thanks to funds awarded from a PTO grant.

Letter to the Editor –

Samaritan's Purse thanks Hamilton County for its contributions to last year's Operation Christmas Child

Dear Editor

Generosity throughout Hamilton County contributed to a successful shoebox gift collection season at drop-off locations for the Samaritan's Purse project **Operation Christmas Child**.

Across the U.S., the project collected 10 million shoebox gifts in 2023. Combined with those collected from partnering countries in 2023, the ministry is now sending over 11.3 million shoebox gifts to children worldwide, including many who are suffering from war, poverty, disease, and disaster.

Through shoeboxes – packed with fun toys, school supplies, and personal care items – Noblesville area volunteers brought joy to children in need around the world. Each gift-filled shoebox is a tangible expression of God's love, and it is often the first gift these children have ever received. Through the continued generosity of donors since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 220 million gift-filled

shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories.

Across Indiana, shoebox packers often shop for deals on shoebox items throughout the year, and many serve at a deeper level by becoming a year-round volunteer. Information about ways area participants can get involved year-round can also be found at **samaritanspurse.org/occ** or by calling (937) 374-0761.

Although local drop off locations for shoebox gifts are closed until Nov. 18 through 25, 2024, anyone can still be a part of this life-changing project by conveniently packing a shoebox gift online in just a few simple clicks at samaritanspurse.org/buildonline.

the world. Each gift-filled shoebox is a tangible expression of God's love, and it is often the first gift these children have they are loved and not forgotten.

These simple gifts, packed with love, send a message to children worldwide that they are loved and not forgotten.

Dolores BrownSamaritan's Purse
Marketing Coordinator,
Operation Christmas Child

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Thanks for reading!

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.

We meet at 15530 Herriman Blvd. in Noblesville. Our building is behind the doctor's office and at the stop sign.

At the **Stony Creek Church of Christ**, we assemble on Sundays and Wednesdays to seek a better understanding of Jesus and His ways. You are encouraged and invited to join us for those studies or call for a private study.



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Anderson Museum of Art & Art Education Association of Indiana to hold professional development event

The REPORTER

The Anderson Museum of Art (AMOA) announces a collaborative professional development opportunity with the Art Education Association of Indiana, Inc. The event, designed for art educators, offers a unique exploration of the connection between art materials, emotions, and cognition through the Studio Habits of Mind lens.

The event will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on March 7. Richardson, Hannah

Assistant Professor of Art Education and Pre-Art Therapy, will lead the session alongside Olivia Willard, a local artist and guest instructor at the Anderson Museum of Art. Participants are invited to embark on a sensory immersive journey, unveiling the cos-



mic tapestry of creativity and mental well-being.

This event is free for all art educators in Eastern Indiana, offering a valuable opportunity for professional growth and networking. The generous sponsorship by Anderson Community Schools enhances the accessibility of this enriching experience.

For additional details and to register, visit andersonart.org/aeai-workshop.

About Anderson Museum of Art

Located in the historic Carnegie Library building in downtown Anderson, the

is host to a variety of local, regional, and national art exhibitions.

In keeping with the mission statement - "To engage the community in the visual arts" - AMOA endeavors to be an integral part of the growing art community through a variety of means, including collaborations with other arts organizations, youth and adult art classes, youth summer camps, public art receptions and participation in various downtown activities.

The museum welcomes and invites our community

Anderson Museum of Art to visit the exhibitions and share in this beautiful building during any open gallery hours or as a venue for community events, weddings, receptions, birthday parties and much more. Also, with an in-house framing studio, AMOA has a variety of framing and repair options for artwork and memorabilia.

About the Art Education Association of Indiana, Inc.

Founded in 1950, AEAI is the professional organization dedicated to the promotion, advancement, and improvement of art education at all levels in the state of

Still time to get tickets for two incredible events at Anderson's Paramount Theatre

The REPORTER

Anderson's historic Paramount Theatre, 1124 Meridian St., has announced the addition of Arrival from Sweden: The Music of ABBA to its 2024 lineup. That makes two shows this month!

The Princess Bride: An Inconceivable **Evening with Cary Elwes** Friday, Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Join Cary Elwes (Westley) for a behind-the-scenes look at life on and off the set of the classic 1987 film, The Princess Bride.

After a screening of the iconic movie, Elwes will engage in a moderated discussion revealing never before shared secrets and tales of inconceivable antics. Journey back to the lands of Florin and Guilder in an adventure filled with fencing, fighting, torture, revenge, giants, monsters, chases, escapes, miracles, and of course, true love.

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BY PHONE

Arrival from Sweden: The Music of ABBA Sunday, Feb. 18 at 7 p.m.

Experience the Swedish group ABBA's timeless hits with ARRIVAL from Sweden - The Music of ABBA – the world's greatest ABBA show. With 30 years of global success, this 10- to 12-piece band delivers an unforgettable live show of hits like "Dancing Queen," "Mamma Mia," and "Waterloo" with astonishing accuracy and dazzling costumes.

Celebrated as the closest you can get to ABBA by the ABBA fan club and approved by ABBA and Universal, this is the truest ABBA experience you'll ever witness.

Tickets are on sale now (ranging from \$19 to \$150 for these shows) and can be purchased via andersonparamount.org/shows or by calling the box office at (765) 642-1234.

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Beck's & Indiana AgriNews announce 2024 Indiana Farm Family of the Year

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Beck's and Indiana AgriNews have announced the Muegge family as the 2024 Indiana Farm Family of the Year. Residing in Hancock County, the Muegge family represents the dedication and service the award represents in a farm family.

Bruce and Linda Muegge spearhead their family's cattle and grain operation, while their three children, Carli, Cari, and Chris, their spouses, and Bruce's mother are also vital contributors to the success of the family

Off the farm, Bruce and Linda have been active members of the Walnut Ridge Friends Meeting for 20 years, and Linda currently serves as the Monthly Meeting Clerk and Trustee. Bruce served on the Hancock County Co-Op Board for three years before its consolidation and on the Indiana Cutting Horse Associ- ty Foundation of Hancock tinues to evolve, the resilhas served as the Chamber Indiana Farm Bureau, Hannot," Beck's President Scott farm families make. Nomiof Commerce Board Director and President of the Morristown Chamber of



Photo provided by Beck's Hybrids

The Muegge family was recognized at the 2023 Indiana Farm Bureau Convention.

Commerce, Greenfield Area most important," Linda said. Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors and Treasurer of the Blue River Community Foundation, and the Hancock Community Foundation for 14 years.

All three of their children are heavily involved in different community organizations, including FFA, Indiana Farriers Association, Once Upon a Prom, Leadership Hancock County, Greenfield Area Chamber of Commerce, Communi-

"We've worked hard to instill that in our children and our grandchildren."

In 2021, the Muegge family hosted their first M5 Farm to Fork Market, a farmers' market dedicated to bringing together local ag/home producers of food, crafts, woodworking, and produce. Their mission is to drive local production and purchasing and bring people together once a month.

"While agriculture con-

hometown and Indiana agriculture that we are proud to recognize."

Beck's and Indiana AgriNews recognized the family at the 2023 Indiana Farm Bureau Convention held on Dec. 15 in Fort Wayne, Ind.

For the past 26 years, and Indiana Beck's AgriNews have honored one Indiana farm family for their work on the farm, service to their community, and the agricultural industry. The award aims to increase awareness of ation for three years. Linda County's Women's Fund, ience of farm families does the important contributions cock County District, and so Beck said. "The Muegge nations for the 2025 Indiana family represents an un- Farm Family will open in the



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GOP gubernatorial candidates criticize state's proposed disabled care cutbacks

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More than one of the Re-

publican candidates for governor on Thursday said the state shouldn't cut a Medicaid service for the disabled to fill a budget hole.

The comments came during a forum in Carmel in which, among other things, the candidates were asked about their plans to control medical costs.

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration last week said it plans to discontinue a program that reimburses parents and guardians of medically

is in response to last month's discovery that the state faces a billion-dollar Medicaid funding shortfall.

The brought dozens of families to the Statehouse to protest on Monday. The agency has said parents will for them and their families have the option to enroll in so that they can continue to a new program that pays a daily rate.

The forum featured the five major Republican gubernatorial candidates: Sen. Mike Braun, Lt. Gov Suzanne Crouch, former Attorney General Curtis Hill, former Indiana Secretary of

By GARRETT BERGQUIST complex children for care- Commerce Brad Chambers, verting individual students' on economic policies. giving expenses. The move and former Indiana Economic Development Corporation President Eric Doden.

> Not all the candidates directly addressed the FSSA announcement issue but those who did said the agency should not discontinue the program.

> > "I will continue to fight fulfill the dreams they dream and build the lives they want to build, and that is our responsibility," Crouch said.

> > The candidates offered similar views on a variety of social issues in particular.

> > All of them said they supported the idea of di-

school funding into education savings accounts which could then be used to pay for tuition at either a traditional public school, a charter IEDC's incentives don't get school, or a private school.

they would send National ing the jobs they promised. Guard soldiers to the southern border, shut down the in the global economy," Office of Inclusion, Equi- Chambers said. "We have ty and Opportunity, block a good product, and it's the any effort to speed up the decommissioning of coal power plants, and support efforts to require school board candidates to declare a party affiliation.

the candidates differed most ing small and medium-sized

Chambers said he considers growing the state's economy the governor's number-one job. He said the paid out unless companies All five candidates said can prove they are deliver-

> "It takes competition people and the universities and the location and we have the tools and we're investing them well."

Braun and Doden said the IEDC should place As in previous forums, greater emphasis on grow-

businesses in all 92 counties rather than focusing on landing large corporations.

Crouch said the best way to grow the economy is to eliminate the state income tax. Hill said he disagrees with the notion that economic development is the government's job in the first place.

The candidates also were asked about a bill to limit any emergency declaration by the governor to 30 days and require legislative approval for anything longer. The bill has already passed the Senate and is now in the House. All five candidates said they support the idea.

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Meeting Notices

The Adams Township Trustee and Board will meet to discuss the 2023 Annual Report at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2024, at the Adams Township Trustee's Office, 201 S. Main St., Sheridan.

The Commercial Committee of the Carmel Plan Commission will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024, in the Caucus Rooms on the second floor of Carmel City Hall,

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NOTICE

The Arcadia Board of Zoning appeals will hold a meeting on Monday, January 29th at 7 p.m. located at the Arcadia Town Hall 208 W. Main Street Arcadia, IN 46030

Senators Young & Braun introduce bill to collect more information on foreign ag land ownership

The REPORTER

U.S. Senators Young (R-Ind.) and Mike Braun (R-Ind.) have joined a bipartisan group of senators in introducing a bill to collect more information about foreign ownership of agricultural land in the United States.

This bill was prompt- Could Better Iden-Todd ed by a report by the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), released last week, titled, "Foreign Agricultural For-Investments in U.S. Agricultural Land: Enhancing Disclosure Efforts to Collect, Track, and Share Key Information

tify National Security Risks."

Under eign Investment (AFIDA) of 1978, foreign persons who acquire, dispose of, or hold an interest in U.S. agricultural land are required to disclose those transactions to the USDA.

Last week's **GAO** report found that the process complying with AFIDA is

nefarious foreign ownership of American agricultural land by foreign adversaries.

According to United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) data from December 2021, foreign investors own approximately 40.8 million acres of U.S. agricultural land. (Editor's note: That's an area roughly equal to the state of Wisconsin.) Foreign ownership of U.S. agricultural land increased modestly increased average increase of 0.8 million acres per year. However, since 2017, this number skyrocketed to an annual average of 2.9 million acres. Additionally, between 2010 and 2021, entities or individuals from China increased their ownership of U.S. agricultural land from 13,720 acres to 383,935 acres.

The AFIDA Improvethe following actions to improve the USDA's processes, drawn largely from recommendations from the GAO report:

1. Streamline CFIUS Data Sharing: Require USDA to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) to govern and CFIUS member agencies within one year of en-

2. Modernize the AFI-**DA Handbook:** Direct USDA to update the agency's handbook for officials to collect AFIDA data within one year of enactment. This handbook was last updated in 2006.

3. Implement Current but weren't." Law: Require USDA to develop and report to Congress a timeline to meet specific implementation benchmarks for an online AFIDA submission system and public da-



Young



Braun

der AFIDA. 5. Identify ill-equipped to fully combat Suspected Non-Filers: Direct USDA to better leverage Farm Service Agency data to identify individuals who have illegally not filed transactions with foreign persons

under AFIDA. 6. Collect Data from **Every Foreign Investor:** Require reporting for foreign persons with a minority stake in an agricultural land asset, including through ownership tiers or shell companies.

In addition to Senators from 2009 to 2015 at an Young and Braun, Senators Jon Tester (D-Mont.), Joni Ernst (R-Iowa), Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio), Roger Marshall (R-Kan.), John Fetterman (D-Pa.), Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.), Bill Hagerty (R-Tenn.), Eric Schmitt (R-Mo.), and Katie Britt (R-Ala.) also cosponsored the bill.

"This is an important naments Act of 2024 will take tional security issue on the minds of many Hoosiers, particularly in our Indiana agriculture community," Sen. Young said. "As we seek to counter the Chinese Communist Party's efforts to manipulate markets, this legislation will provide critical information and transparency to better protect our homeland."

"Many Americans are data sharing between USDA worried about adversarial foreign countries buying up American farmland and jeopardizing our food supply chain," Sen. Braun said. "This bipartisan bill will improve the USDA's system for collecting information on purchases of farmland by foreign nationals better identify transactions that should have been reported

> This bill is supported by the Agribusiness Council of Indiana, the Indiana Corn Growers Association, and the Indiana Soybean Alliance.

Click here to read the tabase. While Congress has full text of the bill.

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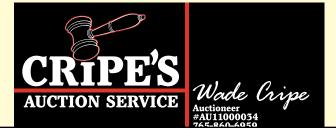
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Sheridan Public Library has full February calendar

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Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 11 a.m.: Discovery Time (18 to 36 months)

Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 at 11 months)

> **Preschool** Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23 at 11 Game Day

a.m.: Mindful Movements Owen)

a.m.: Story Time (ages 3 to

(ages 2 to 6) **Grades K-5**

Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 at 3-5 p.m.: Lego Club

Feb. 15 at 1 p.m.: Homeschool Event-Friendship

Grades 6-12

Feb. 8 at 4 p.m.: Friend-ners ship Rocks

a.m.: Baby Time (0 to 18 meschool Event-Friend-

Feb. 22 at 4 p.m.: TAB

Feb. 6 at 3 p.m.: Adult Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28 at 11 Bingo (sponsored by Robert

> Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28 at 11 a.m.: Needle Crafters

Feb. 8 at 6 p.m.: Parenting in the Cyber World presented by Hamilton County Health Department

Feb. 19 at 6 p.m.: Pin-

Feb. 21 at 5:30 p.m.: Feb. 15 at 1 p.m.: Ho- Sheridan Readers: The Last Train to London by Meg Waite Clayton

All Ages

p.m.: Take your Child to the Library Day

Feb. 9 at 6 p.m.: Bingo Night, Free Event

Feb. 10 at 9 a.m.: to 1 p.m.: Puzzle Swap

Feb. 14 at 6 p.m.: Family Science Night-Valentine Edition (Registration re-

Feb. 17 at 6 p.m.: Winter Concert Series presented by The Farmers Bank: Terra Hoskins with Matt Keyser

For more information on programming and services, Feb. 3 at 9 a.m.: to 1 please visit sheridan.lib.in.us.

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space may not allow for longer ones to appear in print.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

JACOB PREPARES TO MEET ESAU

Jacob also went on his way, and the angels of God met him. When Jacob saw them, he said, "This is the camp of God!" So he named that place Mahanaim.

Jacob sent messengers ahead of him to his brother Esau in the land of Seir, the country of Edom. He instructed them: "This is what you are to say to my lord Esau: 'Your servant Jacob says, I have been staying with Laban and have remained there till now. I have cattle and donkeys, sheep and goats, male and female servants. Now I am sending this message to my lord, that I may find favor in vour eves.

When the messengers returned to Jacob, they said, "We went to your brother Esau, and now he is coming to meet you, and four hundred men are with him.'

In great fear and distress Jacob divided the people who were with him into two groups, and the flocks and herds and camels as well. He thought, "If Esau comes and attacks one group, the group that is left may escape."

Genesis 32:1-8 (NIV)

USPS unveils first electric postal vehicle charging stations & electric delivery vehicles

Our postage costs just went up & electric vehicles went down to Georgia

The REPORTER

On Monday, the United States Postal Service (USPS), alongside White House officials, unveiled its first set of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at its South Atlanta, Ga., Sorting and Delivery Center (S&DC). Charging stations like these will be installed at hundreds of new S&DCs across the country throughout the year and will power what will be the nation's largest EV fleet.

USPS says electrification and modernization of the Postal Service's delivery fleet is part of the organization's \$40 billion investment

prove the USPS processing, transportation, and delivery networks.

"The we need to achieve in sustainability are an integral enable the electrification in outgrowth of the broader evidence here today." modernization efforts we have undertaken through America plan," Postmaster General Louis DeJoy said. "As we transform our operating processes and invest that will make up a portion in new automation, new technologies, and upgraded facilities and vehicles, tric delivery trucks will we will generate significant efficiencies that reduce expand to other locations

the support of Congress and the Biden Administration improvements through Inflation Reduction Act funding, which helped

At Monday's event, USPS also showcased new our 10-year Delivering for battery-powered and domestically manufactured commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) delivery vehicles of the Postal Service's EV fleet. Deployment of elecstart in Georgia and then our costs, slash our carbon across the country through-

strategy to upgrade and im- footprint, and minimize out the year. The vehicles waste. We are grateful for feature air conditioning and advanced safety technology and are designed to meet modern operational requirements.

The procurement of EVs and charging stations is enabled by the Postal Service's overall network modernization efforts - which allow more rapid EV deployment as well as its improving financial condition, which includes \$3 billion in congressional funding appropriated under the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).

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Basketball-

Noblesville comes from behind, takes two overtimes to topple Southeastern

By RICHIE HALL sports@readthereporter.com

NOBLESVILLE – The

Millers call it T-squared: toughness and togetherness. The Noblesville boys

basketball team needed both as it hosted Hamilton Southeastern Friday night at The Mill in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game. The Class 4A No. 5 Millers played the Royals from behind for the first three quarters, got on top in the fourth, then played two overtimes before finally getting a 57-50 victory.

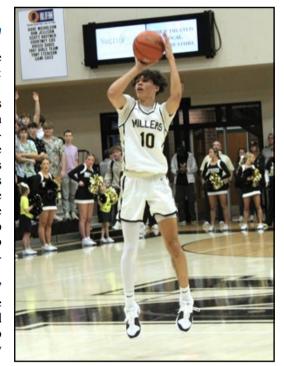
"You can't beat this," said Noblesville sophomore Baron Walker. "A packed gym like tonight was, two overtimes. You seriously can't beat that."

The Millers got their first lead of the game at the start of the fourth quarter, when Hunter Walston made a rebound basket. It was part of

a 9-0 Noblesville run that started at the end of the third quarter: Fine made two free throws with 4.3 seconds left, the Millers got the ball back, and Baron Walker drained a 3-pointer to get Noblesville within 35-34.

Fine scored Walston's after basket, and Noblesville led 38-35. The Millers were up 45-42 late in the quarter before Southeastern's Braeden Totten nailed a 3,

Walker sending the game to the first 3 for the extra period's first overtime.





Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(LEFT) Noblesville's Justin Curry had six rebounds for the Millers during their game with Hamilton Southeastern on Friday. Noblesville won 57-50 in double overtime. (RIGHT) Hamilton Southeastern's Donovan Hamilton scored 19 points for the Royals.

NOBLESVILLE 57, HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 50 (double overtime)

Southeastern

Nathaniel Orr

Braeden Totten

Michael Griffith

Jack Jacobs

Deion Miles

14 10

Maverick Young

Kameron Anthony

Donovan Hamilton 5-12

2-5

7-11

17-42

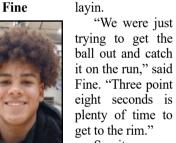
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Southeastern rebounds (32) Hamilton 8, Orr 8, Anthony 5, Totten 4,

Southeastern 3-point shooting (6-15) Totten 4-7, Hamilton 2-3,

the first OT until the last five seconds. Michael Griffith put

the Royals up by two with a reverse layup. Noblesville quickly called timeout with 3.8 seconds left, and that was just enough time for Fine to rush down the floor and make a layin.



to the second overtime. Fine hit a

Noblesville

Justin Curry

Aiden Brewer

Baron Walker

Aaron Fine

Hunter Walston

5-13

1-10

1-2

4-8

0-5

0-0

foul shots during the last 31.8 "Tough game," said Nobasket, and the Millers were blesville coach Scott Mc-

TJ Davidson Will Smits Ryan Vetor 19-51 13-25 Noblesville 3-point shooting (6-21) Walker 4-5, Curry 1-9, Fine 1-3, Davidson 0-2, Walston 0-2. Noblesville rebounds (27) Walston 7, Curry 6, Brewer 5, Fine 3, Vetor 3, Davidson 2, team 1. Score by Quarters Southeastern **Noblesville**

15 11 plenty of time to buzzer. TJ Davidson helped of praise for Southeastern. game where they wanted it." HSE a 13-9 lead. out by going 3-of-4 at the "They're good. They really The Royals led 8-2 early Noblesville tied So, it was on line, and Fine put in 3-of-4 are. They've won 11 games in the first quarter, with Totand (Donovan) Hamilton's

Jacobs 0-2, Orr 0-2, Young 0-1.

Griffith 3, Jacobs 1, team 3.

ten and Hamilton both maka terrific athlete. I just saw it ing 3s. A triple from Justin in the first half. They got the Curry got the Millers within tempo where they wanted it 10-9, but Totten hit another 3

game three different times in the second quarter, but six points from Hamilton, including a steal and dunk,

Neither team scored in able to stay in front until the Clelland, who had plenty and they got the pace of the to finish the quarter and give See Topple... Page 11

Guerin Catholic splits Lafayette Central Catholic doubleheader

The REPORTER

The Guerin Catholic basketball teams hosted Lafavette Central Catholic in a doubleheader Friday night for the annual Bishop's Cup

Knights 49-25. The teams

quarter, but LCC shut out 15 points. Guerin Catholic in the second quarter on its way to a its regular season with this 14-5 halftime lead.

In the girls game, the Dues hit three 3-points for Golden Eagles fell to the the Golden Eagles during that period. Dues totaled

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were tied at 5-5 after one five 3s for the game, scoring

Guerin Catholic finished game and will take a 9-13 The Knights led 35-18 record into Sectional 27 after three quarters; Kori play. The Golden Eagles play in the semifinals next Friday, taking on the winner of a first-round game between Heritage Christian and Herron that will be played on Tuesday.

> The Class 3A No. 3 Guerin Catholic boys took care of business over the Knights, winning 55-31. The Golden Eagles dominated the first half, leading 10-2 after one quarter and 25-5 at halftime. A 19-point

CENTRAL INDIANA STATISTICS FROM THE 16-COUNTY REGION

DECEMBER 2023

Sales Decreased

December pended home sales compared to this time last year

Months of Inventory

Increased

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12/22 vs. 12/23

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See Split . . . Page 11 Guerin Catholic's Ava Bills scored four points during the girls game.

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For Sale

12/22 vs. 12/23

Interest Rates

30-Year Fixed

6.875%

With an APR

of 7.037%

GIRLS GAME LAFAYETTE CENTRAL CATHOLIC 49, **GUERIN CATHOLIC 25 Guerin Catholic** FT Gianna Morelli Ava Bills **Emery Cardinal** Kori Dues Caroline Ford 0-0 Reagan Haines Mia Bair **Lucy Collins** Dana Dues Lainey Rott Totals 4-8 Score by Quarters 14 - 49Laf. Catholic **Guerin Catholic** 7 - 25Guerin Catholic 3-pointers (5): K. Dues 5.

Thanks for reading the

Huskies nearly fight off Blue Devils Split in close East Division matchup

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The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights boys gave Class 2A No. 1 Tipton all it could handle on Devils made a fourth-quar-Huskies 54-50 in a Hoosier Conference East Division

Heights gave its home crowd much to cheer about in the first quarter, jumping out to a 16-10 lead. Sam Dawson hit two 3s in the helping the Huskies to a 28- and host Frankton Thursday.

Heights

John Irion

Sam Dawson

Carson Felger

Totals

Tipton Heights

pion 0-3.

Tyler Champion Dreydin Serna

Tillman Etchison

Landen Scheiber

Phoenix Vondersaar 0-0

TIPTON 54, HAMILTON HEIGHTS 50

1-2

Score by Quarters

10

12

Heights 3-point shooting (6-14) Dawson 5-9, Etchison 1-2, Cham-

Heights rebounds (22) Champion 9, Etchison 4, Irion 4, Serna 3,

15

7-11

16

Tillman Etchison got going in the third quarter, scoring nine points. Etchison Friday night before the Blue and Tyler Champion's six kept Heights in front 43-34 ter comeback to get past the after three periods. But Tipton outscored the Huskies 20-7 in the fourth.

Etchison finished with 16 points, while Dawson totaled five 3s for 15 points. Champion scored 11 points. Etchison also had five assists.

Heights finished second first quarter, then nailed two in the East Division at 2-1. more in the second period, The Huskies are 8-9 overall



Photo by Bob Cross Hamilton Heights' Sam Dawson made five 3-pointers for the Huskies in their game with

"Those kids, we expect a with 19 points and eight rebounds, while Totten drained four 3s on his way to 18 points. Nathaniel Orr had eight rebounds and Kameron Anthony collected five. Hamilton also had five assists.

Noblesville is 3-2 in HCC play and 14-2 overall, and hosts 3A No. 3 Guerin Catholic this afternoon. Southeastern is 1-4 in the conference and 11-6 overall; the Royals return home tonight to host Pendleton Heights.

Photo by Mike Navarro

Guerin Catholic senior Dylan Murans scored 11 points for the Golden Eagles boys team during its win over Lafayette Central Catholic Friday at the Eagles Nest.

fourth quarter sealed the Murans scored 11. Andy game.

for Guerin Catholic, and two seniors led the scoring. Robert Sorensen had 3-pointers, while Dylan at 4A No. 5 Noblesville.

Caron and Bryson Cardinal It was Senior Night both collected six rebounds, and Murans blocked two shots.

The Golden Eagles are 21 points, including three 14-5 and play this afternoon

TOPPLE

Vondersaar 1, Dawson 1.

kept the Royals ahead 21- dle of the fourth quarter. 19 at halftime. Southeastern went on a run to start the third quarter, with Totten scoring five points. Griffith's basket gave the Royals their largest lead of the game at 28-21, and after a Fine basket, Hamilton hit a pair he's playing hard and he's of free throws to put HSE ahead 30-23.

That's when Walker got going. He made three 3s in the quarter, including the buzzer-beater to get Noblesville within one. Walker drained a fourth 3 in the mid-

20 - 54

McClelland said people will look at the four 3s, but lot from them," said McClelpointed out other things that Walker did to impact the game, including taking two charges.

"He's bringing energy, doing some things," said Mc-

The coach also pointed out the poise that his young

from missing games.

situation."

Tipton Friday.

land. "And I think it's getting to the point where everybody always expects it. But you have to keep in mind, they're still only 15, 16 years old and this is maybe the first or second time they've been in this

Fine finished with 25 points, followed by Walkplayers had, especially the er with 13. Walston had 10 sophomores Walker and Juspoints and seven rebounds. tin Curry, while the junior Curry collected six rebounds Davidson is coming back and Aiden Brewer had five.

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Hamilton led the Royals

GUERIN CATHOLIC 55

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|------------------------|---------|-------|------|-------|--|--|
| Guerin Catholic | FG | FT | TP | PF | | |
| Jack Cherry | 1-5 | 0-0 | 2 | 1 | | |
| Andy Caron | 1-5 | 0-0 | 2 | 0 | | |
| Nik Balmuri | 2-5 | 0-0 | 4 | 0 | | |
| Ben Grissom | 3-5 | 0-0 | 7 | 2 | | |
| Dylan Murans | 5-7 | 1-4 | 11 | 2 | | |
| Robert Sorensen | 6-12 | 6-6 | 21 | 0 | | |
| Bryson Cardinal | 1-5 | 2-4 | 4 | 3 | | |
| Jake Grissom | 1-2 | 0-0 | 2 | 2 | | |
| Malcolm Houze | 1-1 | 0-0 | 2 | 2 | | |
| Hayden Rodgers | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | | |
| Asher Arkenau | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Jack Toles | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Will Bach | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Totals | 21-47 | 9-14 | 55 | 13 | | |
| Score by Quarters | | | | | | |

Laf. Catholic **Guerin Catholic** 19 - 55Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting (4-20) Sorensen 3-8, B. Grissom 1-1, Caron 0-3, Balmuri 0-3, Cherry 0-2, Murans 0-1. J. Grissom

0-1, Cardinal 0-1. Guerin Catholic rebounds (32) Caron 6, Cardinal 6, Murans 5, Sorensen 4, Cherry 3, Balmuri 3, J. Grissom 2, Houze 1, Arkenau 1, team 1.



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Tyler Garner pulled five rebounds for the Sheridan boys during their game.

Sheridan's girls achieve Blackhawk Blowout, boys team falls by one point

The REPORTER

The Sheridan girls basketball game blasted through its regular-season and Hoosier Heartland Conference finale on Friday, beating Taylor 79-24 in the first game of a conference doubleheader at Larry Hobbs Hall.

The Blackhawks were in control from the beginning, leading 25-2 after one quarter and 53-8 at halftime. Kenzie Garner authored a triple-double, dishing out 17 assists and collecting 16 rebounds to go with 11 points. Sadie Timme earned a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds; she also dished out four assists.

Five Sheridan players reached double figures. Cecilia Timme had 16 points, the conference and 8-5 over-Mac Smith scored 11 and all and play tonight at Cove-Nova Cross added 10. Maka- nant Christian.

ley Terry and Cecilia Timme both had four rebounds.

The Sheridan girls finished conference play 6-2 and the regular season 17-5. They play Class 2A Sectional 43 host Park Tudor next Friday in the semifinals of that site.

Sheridan's boys dropped a tough game 46-45 in the second game of the doubleheader. Caleb Wright scored 10 points for the Blackhawks, with Damon Winston and Trey Page both scoring nine.

Winston pulled six rebounds, with Tyler Garner collecting five. Trent De-Craene handed out six as-

The 'Hawks are 3-3 in

GIRLS GAME SHERIDAN 79, TAYLOR 24 Sheridan **Nova Cross** Sadie Timme 4-7 Kenzie Garner Brielle Garner Cecilia Timme 11 Mac Smith 5-9 **Makaley Terry** 1-3 Makenzy Terry Kennedy Zachary Brianna Duke Totals 3-6 **Score by Quarters** 12 - 24**Taylor** 28 Sheridan 5 - 79Sheridan 3-point shooting (4-7) B. Garner 2-3, Makaley Terry 1-2, K. Garner 1-2. Sheridan rebounds (40) K. Garner 16, S. Timme 10, Makaley Terry 4, C. Timme 4, Smith 3, Cross 1, Zachary 1, B. Garner 1.



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Track & Field-

Sheridan's Mac Smith was one of five players in double figures for the Blackhawks girls team during its win over Taylor on Friday.

Tigers trade off wins in Franklin Central Friday doubleheader

The REPORTER

The Fishers basketball roads Conference doubleheader Friday at Franklin

the Class 4A No. 1 Tigers kept their unbeaten season rolling by cruising past the Flashes 65-40. The teams finished the first quarter tied at 15-15, but Fishers blasted through the second quarter, pouring in 23 points for a 38-24 halftime lead. Four different players had five points for the Tigers in that period. Fishers then outscored Franklin Central 27-16 in the second half.

JonAnthony Hall led the Tigers with 15 points. Taden Metzger made three 3-pointers for nine points, with Cooper Zachary and Jason Gardner Jr. both adding nine points.

The Fishers boys are 5-0 teams split a Hoosier Cross- in HCC play and 16-0 overall. The Tigers play tonight at Carmel.

In the girls game, Fish-The boys went first, and ers fell to Franklin Central 55-46. The Flashes jumped out to an 18-12 lead after one period. The Tigers cut that advantage to 31-29 by halftime, with Morgan Roberts scoring seven points in the second quarter. Franklin Central led 40-37 after three quarters and scored 15 more in the fourth to get the win.

> Nevaeh Dickman led Fishers with 10 points.

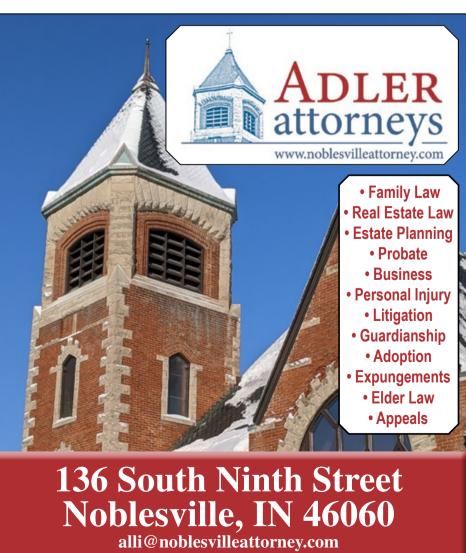
This was the regular-season finale for the girls, who finished HCC play 4-3 and are 16-6 overall. The Tigers play Carmel Tuesday night in the first round of Class 4A Sectional 8 at Hamilton Southeastern.

BOYS GAME FISHERS 65, FRANKLIN CENTRAL 40 Fishers Taden Metzger Millen McCartney Cooper Zachary JonAnthony Hall Keenan Garner Jason Gardner Jr. Justin Kirby Parker Perdue Nathan Baker Logan Sigler **Totals** Score by Quarters **Fishers** 14 - 65Franklin Central 15 Fishers 3-pointers (9) Metzger 3, McCartney, Zachary, Gardner, Hall, Sigler, Baker.

| GIRLS GAME | | | | | |
|--|-----|--------|--------|----------|--|
| FRANKLIN | CEN | TRAL 5 | 5, FIS | SHERS 46 | |
| Fishers | FG | FT | TP | PF | |
| Joirdyn Smith | 3 | 0-0 | 9 | 2 | |
| Talia Harris | 2 | 0-0 | 4 | 4 | |
| Kate Thomas | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Nevaeh Dickman | 2 | 5-6 | 10 | 2 | |
| Allison Scheu | 3 | 2-2 | 9 | 5 | |
| Morgan Roberts | 3 | 0-2 | 7 | 1 | |
| Natalie Thomas | 3 | 0-0 | 6 | 0 | |
| Alanna Anthony | 0 | 1-2 | 1 | 2 | |
| Makayla Triplett | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Olivia Brookshire | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Totals | 16 | 8-12 | 46 | 16 | |
| Score by Quarters | | | | | |
| Fishers | 12 | 17 | 8 | 9 – 46 | |
| Franklin Central | 18 | 13 | 9 | 15 – 55 | |
| Fishers 3-pointers (6) Smith 3, Roberts, Dickman, Scheu. | | | | | |

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Hannah Alexander earns Athlete of the Year status

The REPORTER

Noblesville's Hannah Alexander was named one of the USA Track and Field Indiana honored its 2023 Athletes of the Year on Jan. 6.

Alexander is a senior at Noblesville High School and is the returning IHSAA girls state champion in the discus. In 2023, Alexander earned three All American Titles at the USATF Junior Olympic National Championships in Eugene, Oregon. She placed sixth in the hammer throw, fourth in the shot put and second in the discus. Alexander's discus throw of 160 feet, 3 inches puts her as the No. 6 girls' discus thrower in Indiana high school history. This is the second year in a row Alexander has been named USATF Indiana Athlete of the Year.



Hamilton County's Hometown Newspaper

Carmel girls wrap up season with victory over Ben Davis

The REPORTER

The Carmel girls finished their season with a nice win, beating Ben Davis 70-61 Friday at the Eric Clark Activity Center.

The Greyhounds and Giants were tied at 15-15 after one quarter. Carmel ramped up its offense in the next two periods, leading 37-33 at halftime, then blasting through the third quarter to go up 61-40 by the end of the period. Izzy Shepherd had 10 points in the third. Ben Davis scored the 'Hounds held on for eastern.

the win.

Shepherd scored 23 points, including three 3-pointers. Taryn Fisher had 20 points and had a great night at the free-throw line, making 10 of 12. Mackenzie Woods dished out eight assists, while Shepherd and Fisher both handed out four. Megan Hamm led the rebounds with six, followed by five each for Jamie Elliott and Fisher.

Carmel is 11-11 and plays Fishers Tuesday in the first round of Class 4A Sec-21 points in the fourth, but tional 8 at Hamilton South-

| Odiffici | 10 | | | | | |
|---|-------|-------|----|---------|--|--|
| Keaton Gatlin | 2-3 | 0-1 | 4 | 2 | | |
| Izzy Shepherd | 8-14 | 4-6 | 23 | 1 | | |
| Mackenzie Woods | 1-4 | 1-2 | 3 | 5 | | |
| Lauren Perry | 4-7 | 0-1 | 11 | 0 | | |
| Taryn Fisher | 5-7 | 10-12 | 20 | 2 | | |
| Jamie Elliott | 1-2 | 0-0 | 3 | 2 | | |
| Megan Hamm | 2-6 | 2-4 | 6 | 1 | | |
| Rilee McBride | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Totals | 23-43 | 17-26 | 70 | 13 | | |
| Score by Quarters | | | | | | |
| Ben Davis | 15 | 18 | 7 | 21 – 61 | | |
| Carmel | 15 | 22 | 24 | 9 – 70 | | |
| Carmel 3-point shooting (7-16) Shepherd 3-7, Perry 3-5, Elliott | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |

1-1, Gatlin 0-1, Woods 0-1, Hamm 0-1. Carmel rebounds (28) Hamm 6, Elliott 5, Fisher 5, Woods 4, Perry

4, Gatlin 3, Shepherd 1.

'Blazers get cooking in second quarter to beat Anderson Prep

The REPORTER

A short-handed University boys team overcame a frigid first quarter shooting performance to score a 72-56 win over Anderson Preparatory Academy Friday night.

The win allowed University to close out a perfect 4-0 season in the Pioneer Academic Athletic Conference North division and was the Blazers 34th consecutive PAAC North win.

Sophomore Blake Gray led the Blazers with 22 points while junior Max McComb scored 21 points and had a team high 11 rebounds.

University shot just 3 of 18 in the first quarter, missing its first 10 three-point attempts. The Blazers fell behind 11-4 before Blake Gray hit a three pointer with 41 seconds left in the quarter to cut the Jets lead to 11-7 at the break.

The Blazers got the offense cooking in the second quarter outscoring the Jets 24-8. Zien Bland got it started scoring after Joe Rozembajgier pulled down

an offensive rebound and set up Bland. Gray hit another three pointer before Mc-Comb tied the score at 15 with his first three pointer. McComb's triple started a 17-2 Trailblazer run.

Robert Russell put University on top to stay with a rebound basket. Bland added a pair of foul shots before Blake Gray hit another three pointer. Bryce Gray drove the lane for a basket before stealing the ball and scoring on a lay in for a 26-17 lead. McComb split a pair of free throws before Blake Gray had another steal and lay-in to make it 29-17. After a Jets bucket with nine seconds left McComb drove the length of the floor to score with three seconds left to send the Blazers to the locker room up 31-19.

University came out hot in the third quarter stretching their lead to 49-33 with 3:26 left in the period. Bryce Gray made a three pointer before McComb hit three straight triples. The Jets went on a run to get within 53-45 at the end of the third quarter. McComb scored 11

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| University | FG | FT | TP | PF | |
|---|-------|-------|----|---------|--|
| Bryce Gray | 4-13 | 0-2 | 9 | 4 | |
| Blake Gray | 9-16 | 0-0 | 22 | 0 | |
| Zien Bland | 1-6 | 4-6 | 6 | 0 | |
| Max McComb | 8-16 | 1-2 | 21 | 2 | |
| Robert Russell | 4-12 | 6-6 | 14 | 2 | |
| Joe Rozembajgier | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | |
| D.J. Willis | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Totals | 26-64 | 11-16 | 72 | 10 | |
| Score by Quarters | | | | | |
| University | 7 | 24 | 22 | 19 – 72 | |
| Anderson Prep | 11 | 8 | 26 | 11 – 56 | |
| University 3-point shooting (9-32) McComb 4-11, Bl. Gray 4-8, Br. | | | | | |
| Gray 1-7, Russell 0-4, Bland 0-2. | | | | | |
| University rebounds 36) McComb 11, Bland 9, Russell 7, Rozem- | | | | | |
| | | | | | |

in the third quarter.

bajgier 4, Br. Gray 2, Bl. Gray 2, Willis 1.

Anderson Prep opened the fourth quarter with the ball, however the Jets were whistled for a technical for too many players on the court. Russell made the two technical foul shots and Bryce Gray made another three pointer to restore a 58-45 lead and University held at least a nine point lead the rest of the way. Blake Gray had 11 in the final stanza while Russell went a perfect four-for-four at the charity stripe.

Russell finished with 14

points and seven rebounds. Bryce Gray had nine points and Bland had six points and nine rebounds. Rozembajgier played solid minutes off the bench pulling down four rebounds.

University improves to 8-6 on the season while the Jets fall to 4-11. The Trailblazers host Bishop Chatard Tuesday night at The U Center. University's game with Indianapolis Lutheran, originally scheduled for tonight, has been rescheduled to Thursday, Feb. 8.

Thanks for reading!

Greyhounds get great road win at Ben Davis

The REPORTER

The Carmel boys basketball team got a tremendous road win on Friday, beating Ben Davis 39-36.

10 in the IBCA one-class poll, led 12-8 after the first quarter. The Greyhounds cut that lead to 17-16 by halftime. Both teams scored 11 points in the fourth. Ben night.

Davis led 36-35 late, but a Ryan Clevenger basket got Carmel in front, and the 'Hounds held on for the win.

Clevenger and Evan Har-The Giants, ranked No. rell both scored 12 points. Aiden Dickerson led the rebounds with nine, followed

> Carmel is 7-9 and hosts Class 4A No. 1 Fishers to-

by Harrell with seven.

CARMEL 39, BEN DAVIS 36 FG Carmel Alex Couto 4-9 Ryan Clevenger Aiden Dickerson 1-3 Quinn Murphy 4-14 Evan Harrell 0-2 Ben Bremer 0-0 Mitchell Mulloy 13-37 10-13 Totals Score by Quarters Carmel Ben Davis Carmel 3-point shooting (3-12) Couto 2-6, Clevenger 1-3, Bremer

Carmel rebounds (24) Dickerson 9, Harrell 7, Murphy 4, Couto 2,

Clevenger 1, Bremer 1.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Jan. 27 **BOYS BASKETBALL**

Guerin Catholic at Noblesville, 2:30 p.m. Fishers at Carmel, 7:30 p.m. Pendleton Heights at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m. Sheridan at Covenant Christian, 7:30 p.m. Victory College Prep at Westfield, 7:30 p.m. **BOYS WRESTLING SECTIONALS**

> Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Sheridan, Westfield at Frankfort, 9 a.m. Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Heights, Noblesville at Elwood, 9 a.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tipton at University, noon **GYMNASTICS**

Westfield at Shelbyville Invitational, 10 a.m. Noblesville at Western Invitational, noon

Tuesday, Jan. 30 **BOYS BASKETBALL**

Bishop Chatard at University, 7:30 p.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL

Sectional 8 at Hamilton Southeastern Westfield vs. Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m. Carmel vs. Fishers, 7:30 p.m. Sectional 24 at Yorktown Yorktown vs. Jay County, 7 p.m. Sectional 27 at Bishop Chatard Brebeuf Jesuit vs. Bishop Chatard, 6 p.m. Heritage Christian vs. Herron, 7:30 p.m. **GYMNASTICS**

New Palestine at Noblesville, 6 p.m.

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Westfield holds back Avon & cruises to conference win

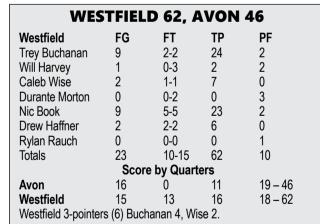
The REPORTER

Westfield used a second-quarter shutout to beat Avon 62-46 Friday in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game at CSI Gymnasium.

The Orioles led the Class 4A No. 3 Shamrocks 16-15 after one quarter. Westfield responded in a big way, holding Avon to zero points while scoring 13. That gave the 'Rocks are 28-16 halftime lead, and they cruised through the second half to victory.

Trey Buchanan scored 24 points, nailing four 3-pointers. Nic Book also had a big game, adding 23 points. That included a 5-of-5 effort from the free-throw line. Both Buchanan and Book scored in each quarter, with Buchanan getting nine in the third period.

Westfield is 4-1 in the conference and 13-1 overall. The Shamrocks host Victory College Prep tonight.





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Upcoming Broadcasts

Fri Jan 26 - Basketball 6:00 pm Taylor vs Sheridan | Girls/Boys Basketball | Bragg Sports Media

6:00 pm Hamilton Southeastern vs Noblesville | Boys JV | HCTV Sports 7:20 pm Bethesda Christian vs Covenant Christian | Boys Varsity | Indiana SRN 7:20 pm Lafayette CC vs Guerin Catholic | Boys Varsity | Indiana SRN 7:30 pm Hamilton Southeastern vs Noblesville | Boys Varsity | HCTV Sports

Sat Jan 27 - Boys Basketball

1:00 pm Guerin Catholic vs Noblesville | Junior Varsity | HCTV Sports 2:30 pm Guerin Catholic vs Noblesville | Varsity | HCTV Sports 7:20 pm Muncie Central vs Chatard | Varsity | Indiana SRN 7:20 pm Sheridan vs Covenant Christian | Varsity | Indiana SRN

Tues 30 - Girls Basketball Sectional 8 Begins at Hamilton Southeastern Streamed exclusively at www.IHSAAtv.org

Thu Feb 1 - Boys Basketball

7:20 pm Roncalli vs Chatard | Varsity | Indiana SRN 7:20 pm Noblesville vs Mt Vernon | Varsityl | Indiana SRN 7:30 pm Westfield vs Fishers | Varsity | Fishers Sports Network

















