





COUNSELING — from Page 1

Father Block was a huge help to me years ago when I struggled with taking care of my mother. He and I took a long walk circling the church on a warm spring morning. I left that conversation feeling lighter than I had in a long time. Perhaps you attend church and can talk to a priest or pastor as well.

The most important thing, whether you seek a counselor or someone religious, is to find someone you're comfortable with. Sometimes an individual just isn't a right fit for you.

If they're truly professional, they'll understand if you need to look elsewhere.

I've been so pleased to see our society be more accepting of people seeking therapy or other paths to healing their mental health. It's truly a game changer for both our personal and professional lives!

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Prevail invites you to “Go Orange” for Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

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**TAMI WANNINGER**  
Prevail, Inc.

Every February during Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (TDVAM), Prevail spotlights the real harm young people experience in unhealthy and abusive relationships.

We invite you to “Go Orange” with us to help us spread education about teen dating violence and promote the healthy and fun relationships young people deserve.

Dating violence is more common than you think, especially among teens and young adults.

- One in three teens experience abusive dating relationships by the time they leave high school.
- One in five kids aged 11 to 14 say their friends are victims of teen dating violence.

- Approximately 81 percent of parents did not know teen dating violence is an issue.
- Fifty-eight percent of parents state they are not able to identify warning signs.

Sadly, of teens in abusive relationships, only 32 percent have confided in their parents about their relationship.

As a caring adult in a youth's life, having conversations about healthy relationships is a significant protective factor against abusive relationships.

Here are some things you can do:

- Talk early and often.
- Help your child identify ways to practice self-love.
- Discuss safe ways to express love in a relationship.
- Talk about the key elements of a healthy relationship like respect, equality, trust, honesty, communication, and consent.
- Model examples of honest communication, conflict resolutions, safety, and respect.
- Look for opportunities to talk to your child in a no-pressure, private space with no distractions.
- Listen without judgment or accusations and be open to their ideas.
- Help your child recognize the warning signs of an unhealthy or abusive relationship.

| WARNING SIGNS               |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| UNHEALTHY RELATIONSHIP      | ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS  |
| Not communicating           | Communication in a hurtful or threatening way  |
| Being disrespectful         | Mistreating one another  |
| Not trusting                | Accusing the other of cheating when it's untrue  |
| Being dishonest             | Making you feel guilty or immature when you don't want to consent to sexual activity                                       |
| Trying to take control      | Being controlling  |
| Only spending time together | Constantly texting, looking through your phone, telling you who you can or can't follow or be friends with on social media |
| Pressured into activities   | Isolating their partner from others  |

Graphic provided

It can be tricky for young people to understand that relationships exist on a continuum from healthy to abusive, with unhealthy relationships somewhere in the middle. Unhealthy relationship behaviors and dating abuse can be hard to spot.

See some warning signs for unhealthy and abusive behaviors in teen dating relationships in the graphic above.

If you worry that a young person is experiencing dating violence, one of the first steps you can take is responding to what you are observing. Youth want connection and support, but it is important to not jump to conclusions. We suggest you approach the conversation from a supportive and non-judgmental place by listening, approaching them with curiosity, and asking open-ended and strategic questions. For example, “I noticed you haven't been hanging out with your friends much lately. I have

missed seeing them. Is everything okay?”

If they do report unhealthy or abuse behaviors, be supportive, validate their feelings, and believe them. It can be helpful to focus on the behaviors, not person or persons involved. You will want to talk about their safety in a non-judgmental, supportive way and decide on next steps together. Prevail is also a free and confidential resource for you and your teen.

It is important we discuss teen dating violence by providing the opportunity for young people to have open conversations with the adults in their life. As a community we must do better for our teens!

Go orange for Prevail on Feb. 8, 2024, to help us raise awareness for Teen Dating Violence.

*Tami R. Wanninger, MPA serves as the Executive Director for Prevail, Inc. Learn more about Prevail by visiting [prevailinc.org](http://prevailinc.org).*

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# County Councilman Mark Hall’s January Timesheet

Welcome to the Timesheet. This column is a report of work done on behalf of the people of Hamilton County. It’s to be informative, too – a place to learn about projects and how our county government works.

As your employee, it’s important to me that you know what is being worked on as transparently as possible in government. You hired me as your County Councilman, and my hope is that you’ll choose to be informed by regularly reading this column, getting involved, and by asking questions. Council meetings are at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the Judicial Center in downtown Noblesville. Meetings are also available to watch online for those unable to attend in person.

Here is where my time this past month has been spent.

January’s work involved normal county business, collaborating with Cicero and the northern parts of our county, and the Redevelopment Commission. Neighbors in Jackson Township are considering reorganizing into a new town. This could include the township along with one or more of the other municipalities (Cicero, Arcadia, and Atlanta). The residents’ information meeting was well attended and edu-



cational. Should two of the four governing authorities in Jackson Township agree to reorganize, and a majority of the voters approve, a new town would be created. Residents’ concerns include annexation, maintaining the present quality of life, and the continuity of government services. Meetings concerning water and wastewater utilities, the use of eminent domain, and constituent questions required many additional hours this month.

My committee assignments are now insurance, finance, and personnel along with now serving on the County Regional Development Commission. January’s personnel committee meeting was completed by an electronic poll of the members. Personnel requests are voted on as they occur, at the next regular council meeting. We did not have a Finance meeting in January. The RDC meeting was largely organizational and included electing officers, setting meeting dates, establishing agenda items, and approving funding for the first phase of design for a public safety training center.

In addition to the County Council public meetings, January’s work included attending a Board of Commissioners public meeting, meetings with Noblesville Mayor Jensen and Nobles-

ville Councilman Aaron Smith, attending a Noblesville City Council meeting, a Cicero Town Council meeting, a Jackson Township reorganization informational meeting, and a quarterly joint County and Cicero planning meeting.

Normal County business included another update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant construction. We were happy to hear that Phase I is on schedule and under budget. This month there were seven constituent service requests. Usually, requests require research with a county department, securing the correct answer and then following up with the taxpayer. January’s taxpayer questions included the HEPL budget, retiree drug benefits, county employment opportunities, the use of eminent domain, the county workforce housing project, and construction progress at Koteewi Park.

Of note this month was spending hours auditing our county appropriations that carried over from 2023; the council must approve these amounts. After reconciling the totals with the county financial data, I pulled three different vendors’ information and called them to verify that what we show is due to them is accurate with their records. Happily, each amount was accurate.

January included delving into the use of eminent domain. This is the right of a government or its agent to take private property for public use, with payment of

compensation. The council was asked to transfer our eminent domain authority to a city for their use in negotiating the purchase of a parcel of land. While being supportive of the project I voted against the transfer of the authority over the relatively quick timing of the request.

It was an honor to represent you at the Serve Noblesville Celebration, and at tours of the new Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Hamilton County Humane Society facility.

This is my timesheet. This is where my time went during month 13. There are quite a few projects in the queue for 2024, and while my job is primarily the financial oversight of the county budget, it is important to understand the Board of Commissioners’ priorities and balance them with the stewardship of taxpayer dollars. That is the job, and I am excited to do the people’s business.

As a taxpayer myself, and listening to so many of you, our employers, it’s important for the taxpayers to have access to all the information you want. I work for you and although you may not choose to do a deep dive into what your County Council does, it’s important that you can always do so.

Feel free to contact me at (317) 832-1104 or [mark.hall@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:mark.hall@hamiltoncounty.in.gov) with questions, feedback or if you would like to talk about county business.

## Indiana Bond Bank helps Noblesville purchase \$2.4M of city vehicles & equipment

### The REPORTER

Indiana Treasurer Daniel Elliott announced this week that the Indiana Bond Bank assisted the City of Noblesville with financing for essential equipment through its Hoosier Equipment Lease Purchase (HELP) Program.

The purchase of over \$2.4 million worth of essential equipment was closed in January 2024.

The equipment includes:

- 2024 Ford Interceptors (21)

- 2024 Chevy Traverse SUV (3)

- Chevy Silverado

*(The above vehicles include emergency equipment and graphics.)*

- Ambulance

- Tool Cat

- Kubota RTV 1100 (2)

- Club Car Utility Vehicles (2)

- ZTR Mower

- Fertilizer Spreader

- Mini Excavator

- Dodge Ram 3500 (4)

- Ford 550s (2)

- Asphalt Hot Box

The HELP program assists Indiana communities in acquiring essential equipment through a standardized and streamlined lease-pur-

chase process. The program provides standard term leases. Flexible repayment is available with competitive rates offered. The HELP program exempts entities from the need to bid financing. Since July 1, 2023, over \$18 million in essential equipment has been financed through the HELP program.

### About the Bond Bank

The Indiana Bond Bank (IBB) was established as a self-supporting quasi-government entity by the state legislature in 1984. A seven-member board oversees the Bond Bank, with the Treasurer serving as the chair of the board, the Public Finance Director of the Indiana Finance Authority is statutorily appointed, with the remaining five members being appointed by the Governor.

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# No Westfield Winter Market this week

**The REPORTER** Whiskey hosting a wedding. There will be no Westfield Winter Market this Saturday due to West Fork Feb. 10 Market. Be sure to check back next week for details on the Feb. 10 Market.

# Hear from eclipse expert at Westfield Chamber's February coffee event

**The REPORTER** The Westfield Chamber of Commerce invites you to learn from the experts about the once-in-a-lifetime experience of the total solar eclipse. The Chamber will welcome Mike Newberg as the February coffee speaker from 8 to 9 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 15 at The Bridgewater Club, 3535 E. 161st St. Newberg has been a stargazer his entire life and enjoys sharing the wonders of the night sky with others. It was this mutual passion he shares with CEO Greg McCauley that led to his involvement in launching **Grand Universe** over 10 years ago. Newberg started as GU's social media administrator and now serves as Vice President for Engagement. The Farmers Bank serves as Title Sponsor for this month's coffee. [Click here](#) to register for this event.



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# Judge Andrew Bloch to be honored with robing ceremony

## Appointment fills vacated Hamilton County Circuit Court seat

**The REPORTER** Judge Andrew Bloch will be honored with a robing ceremony at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 7 at the Historic Courthouse in Noblesville. Bloch was recently appointed to the Hamilton County Circuit Court bench by Governor Eric Holcomb, after serving as a magistrate judge in Hamilton County Circuit and Superior Courts since 2019. Judge Bloch fills the vacated seat of Judge Paul Felix, who was appointed to the Indiana Court of Appeals last summer. "I am grateful for the trust placed in me by Governor Holcomb," Judge Bloch said. "As I take on this new



Bloch

role, I am eager to contribute to the continued excellence of our legal system and to serve the good people of Hamilton County. I look forward to the journey ahead." Prior to his tenure as a magistrate, Judge Bloch worked as an attorney at Cross Pen-

namped Woolsey & Glazier, specializing in family law and appellate law. He is also an active member of the Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum. Judge Bloch is a proud alumnus of Xavier University, where he earned his undergraduate degree, and the Indiana University McKinney School of Law, where he obtained his Juris Doctor.

# Civic Theatre is set to take over Palladium with Ragtime musical

**The REPORTER** Next month's "Civic in Concert" will be the first time Civic Theatre takes the stage at the Palladium in Carmel. The people of Civic Theatre say they are excited to be able to present this unique format which, with minimal staging, focuses on the incredible music that is included in many Broadway shows. *Ragtime the Musical* will take the stage at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 2 and again 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 3. Based on the novel by E.L. Doctorow with music by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty, *Ragtime* is a terrific example of a glorious score that examines the complexities of immigration and racism in the early 20th century. *Ragtime* received four Tony Awards and five Drama Desk Awards in 1998. This piece will be presented with American Musical Theatre as a fundraiser to support the ongoing work of Civic Theatre.

**Synopsis** At the dawn of a new century, everything is changing... and anything is possible. Set in the volatile melting pot of turn-of-the-century New York, three distinctly American tales are woven together - that of a stifled upper-class wife, a determined Jewish immigrant, and a daring young Harlem musician - united by their courage, compassion, and belief in the promise of the future. Together,



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they confront history's timeless contradictions of wealth and poverty, freedom, and prejudice, hope and despair ... and what it means to live in America. [Click here](#) to get your tickets now.

# Local couple opens first Graze Craze charcuterie shop in Indiana

**Submitted** Hamilton County residents can now enjoy the convenience and creativity of graze-style eating with the opening of the first **Graze Craze** charcuterie store in the state. Husband-and-wife entrepreneurs Mark and Tamara Haubry opened the new location at 9520 Uptown Drive, Suite H, in the Uptown Shoppes, providing artfully arranged sweet and savory grazing boards in a 1,600-square-foot space. That's on 96th Street just west of the exit off Interstate 69. At Graze Craze, highly trained experts known as Grazologists skillfully design charcuterie arrangements that feature an assortment of fine ingredients perfect for grazing, like fresh fruits and vegetables, premium meats and cheeses, artisanal sweets, nuts, house-made jams and more. Graze Craze charcuterie boards offer something for every lifestyle, dietary preference or palate, and are available in a variety of size options to cater to any occasion, big or small. Tamara Haubry grew up in Indianapolis and studied marketing and communications at Indiana University. Mark Haubry attended Purdue University and built his



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career in operations, supply chain and technology consulting. The couple supports many Indianapolis charities and organizations and plans to grow their involvement in the local business community. "Our family enjoys grazing together on long weekends, holidays and special events." **- Tamara Haubry**

**graze craze**  
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long weekends, holidays and special events," Tamara said. "Graze Craze was the perfect path for us to take to follow our passion for building businesses and sharing something we love with the Indiana market." Graze Craze is a part of the United Franchise Group family of affiliated brands and consultants, whose members have access to a global network and more than three decades in franchising. The concept is managed within Big Flavor Brands, the food service division of UFG's Starpoint Brands. "We're thrilled to welcome Mark and Tamara to the Graze Craze family, where their business skills and understanding of the Indianapolis market are sure to make this a big success," Graze Craze President Cory Hibbard said. "We'll be with them every step of the way as they introduce this proven concept

to the busy Indianapolis community." Graze Craze charcuterie arrangements incorporate a variety of flavors. The **Vegegrazian** is impeccably designed with a medley of fresh fruits and vegetables for anyone embracing a plant-based lifestyle. Those with an undeniable sweet tooth can enjoy the **Sweet & Grazezy**, which is hand-crafted using an abundance of delectable desserts like chocolates and baked goods paired with sweet dips to accent the irresistible flavors. New to the Graze Craze menu is the **Brunch Board**, an innovative gourmet twist on any morning routine. Packed with breakfast meats, fresh fruits, eggs, pastries and more, this board is the perfect bagel-and-donut brunch alternative. Grazers can also tackle watch-party cravings with a seasonal **Game Day Board** featuring a feast of crowd-pleasing ingredients, like peppered salami, Italian prosciutto, goat cheese, cranberry walnut bread, raspberry jam, and chocolate bark, to name a few. The artisan-inspired charcuterie offerings at Graze Craze are available in different size options, from **Char-Cutie-Cups** and **Picnic Boxes** for nibbling to sharing-size boards with enough fresh food to feed a large party. The food displays are ideal for elevating work meetings, family gatherings, lavish events and more, while they also make for memorable gifts that impress. Graze Craze Indianapolis is open for pick-up, catering and free local delivery Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday by appointment only. For more information, call (317) 516-5351.

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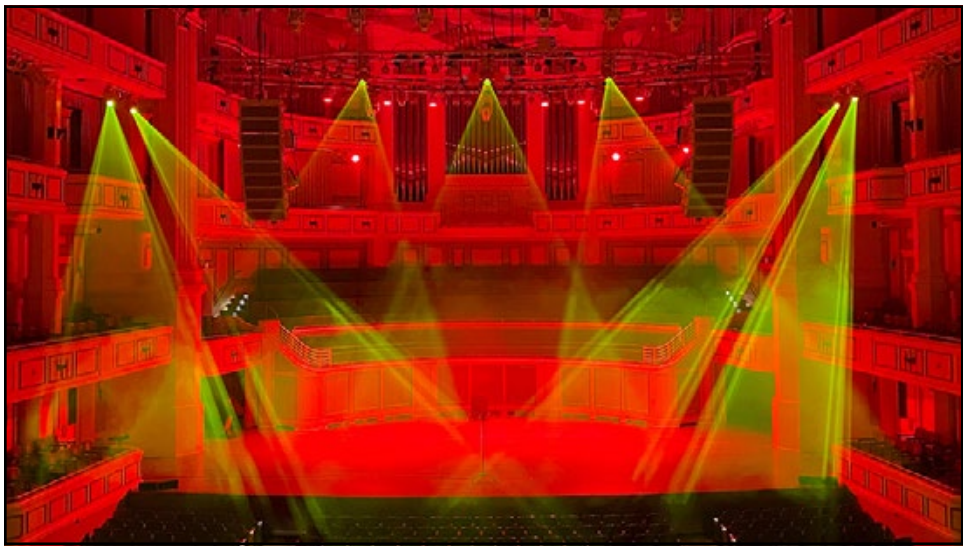
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# Let there be light!

## Palladium gets big sound & light upgrades

### The REPORTER

Everyone knows how quickly technology changes, and this year the Palladium concert hall in Carmel is undergoing a comprehensive upgrade of its sound and stage lighting systems to improve the concert experience for fans and artists alike.

A big step already taken is the replacement of incandescent lamps with LEDs, which are brighter, more durable, and more energy-efficient while offering superior color-mixing capabilities. A new state-of-the-art control console makes it faster and easier to change settings on the fly during a concert.

“There’s not always a lot of time to preprogram,” Lighting Director Nick Brown said. “You have to think quickly.”

The remote-controllable lights have quieter motors, and their cooling fans can be



**Lighting Director Nick Brown said thinking quickly is important to putting on a great light show.**

switched off for silent operation, particularly important during classical performances. The new equipment also includes floor lighting and an expanded set of gobos, the stencil-like screens that create designs and shapes on the walls.

“Many tours have their own lighting directors, so these upgrades will definitely improve the overall

experience for artists and their touring crews,” Brown said. “Audiences can look forward to a more immersive and vivid lighting experience and heightened capabilities for visual storytelling.”

If you’d like to enjoy the new lighting system at The Palladium, then grab tickets for a show at [TheCenterPresents.org](http://TheCenterPresents.org).

# Don’t stop now, Boomers! Your health is more important than ever before

*Editor’s note: This column was previously published in The Reporter on Dec. 1, 2022.*

“I intend to live forever or die trying.”

– Groucho Marx

Baby Boomers – the term assigned to the temporary increase in the birth rate after World War II, Baby Boomers were born between the years 1946 and 1964 and began turning 65 in 2011.

By 2030, one in five Americans will be a senior citizen. Exercise programs for adults 50 and older are becoming more available, as Baby Boomers usher in their retirement years by keeping physically active and fit. As a group, Boomers are the wealthiest, most active, and the most physically fit generation to date, with the tendency to think of themselves as different from those who came before them.

With Baby Boomers reaching retirement age, why should their fitness accomplishments be any different? I teach a fitness class twice weekly at an assisted living facility and I can share with you, dear readers, that I have been told many times by the folks participating in the class that they wish they had started “sooner” to incorporate exercise into their lives. While most of these participants are slightly older than us “Boomers”

they tell the tale to which we should all listen!

Fitness trainers and health professionals are developing programs to cater to the aging yet on-the-go generation with programs that include everything from mild, non-impact aerobics to strength training, to yoga as well as the more extreme triathlon training. This range of training programs can extend longevity and help Boomers maintain mobility while slowing the onset of age-related illnesses, including cognitive decline. The many benefits of regular exercise – weight maintenance, improved immune function and heart health, and enhanced flexibility and sleep – are even more important as one ages. Clearly, committing to a routine of physical activity is one of the healthiest decisions Boomers can make.

Here are some guidelines for baby Boomers before engaging a workout program for safety and effectiveness:

- Get medical clearance from your doctor before starting an exercise program, especially if there is a

pre-existing condition.

- Never continue an exercise activity if something feels wrong such as sharp pain, dizziness, or shortness of breath.

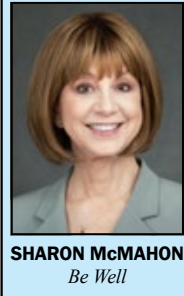
- Start slowly, especially if you’re just beginning an exercise regimen; it’s best to build up your fitness program a little at a time. Even breaking workouts into short increments several times a day is much better than doing nothing.

Fellow Boomers, don’t let a few gray hairs or those aches and pains cause you to give up of feeling better, looking better, and spending more time with your loved ones. And those of you who are the son or daughter of a Boomer, or those who have a special Boomer in your life ... encourage that person to live life fully and as actively as possible.

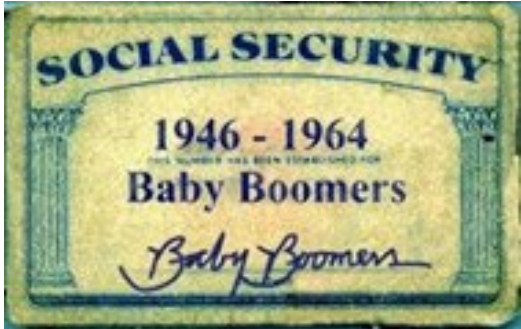
**Sharon McMahon, CNWC**

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**SHARON McMAHON**  
*Be Well*



# Step up & get down to raise money for Cherish

### The REPORTER

The United Women in Faith's (UWF) Lydia Circle will hold a Steppin' Up to Help line dancing fundraiser from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 20 in Celebration Hall (Door 2,7) at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St., Noblesville.

All are welcome. No experience necessary. Modified dances will be included for

all ages and abilities. Dancing not for you? You can still come and soak up the fun!

A free will offering will be collected for Cherish, a Noblesville non-profit that assists and protects children by removing barriers to in-

vestigation and treatment and provides regional leadership in combating child abuse and exploitation.

Bring cash or checks made out to United Women in Faith the night of the event.

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Letter to the Editor

## Role of precinct committeemen in successful elections

Dear Editor:

The Hamilton County Republican Party is seeking precinct committeemen to help lead a successful election in November 2024.

Precinct committeemen are the foundation of a strong party. Elections are won not at the national, state, or local level, but instead at the precinct level, one individual precinct at a time.

Precinct committeeman is an elected office just like any other local, county, or state official, and you are responsible for upholding the duties of the job. Those duties include registering voters, turning out the vote on Election Day, recruiting and training volunteers, and electing the leadership of the local Republican Party. These are the fundamentals that win elections and ensure a thriving, prosperous county that we all call home.

If you are interested in running for precinct committeeman, [file with the Hamilton County Election Office](#) by Feb. 9.

**Mario Massillamany**  
Hamilton County GOP Chair

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# Mark Hurt announces run for Fifth Congressional District seat

**Submitted**

Attorney Mark Hurt has filed as a candidate in the Republican primary for Indiana’s Fifth Congressional District.

“I have a strong interest and passion in serving the people of the Fifth District,” Hurt said. “Hoosier commonsense conservatism is needed in the nation’s capital to stop the staggering deficits and gross spending. Budgetary reforms, like zero-based budgeting, is needed so taxpayers can see where their hard-earned money is going and agencies must justify why a budget should be increased in the annual appropriations process.”

Hurt also stated a key will be to protect Social Security and Medicare for Americans while working to balance the budget and maintain limited government.

Hurt believes he is the right candidate for the time because of his unique combination of strong educational, political, and private sector business experience. Hurt noted he is the only candidate born and raised in the District. He says he is also the only candidate with extensive legislative experience in drafting laws, working in committees, and assisting in management of floor activities in the U.S. Congress in Washington, D.C., for Congressman Fred Grandy and Senator Dan Coats and working at the state level as



Photo provided  
**Mark Hurt announced his candidacy on Thursday with Indiana Secretary of State Diego Morales. Hurt was a deputy prosecuting attorney for the State of Indiana and operated private law practices in Noblesville and Kokomo for 25 years.**

a health care policy advisor for former Michigan Governor John Engler.

Hurt also says he believes his knowledge base in foreign policy and gritty small business experience make him a distinct, alternative voice who will fight for the people. While serving as one small brick in the wall of justice as a deputy prosecuting attorney in the state of Indiana, he saw firsthand the importance of earning the trust of the community and working with law enforcement officers to keep people safe. Additionally, he saw an immediate and pressing need for mental health reforms and health care reform targeted for those who work full or part time in a small business.

Hurt says he believes strongly in standing with Israel and opposes the advancements of weapons-grade uranium as Iran moves closer to having a nuclear weapon. He noted immediate action was needed to stop Houthi rebels and Iranian-backed militias who are killing innocent civilians, damaging shipping lanes and supply chains in the Middle East.

Another primary goal for Hurt is stopping the flow of criminals and illegal drugs into the United States – especially fentanyl – by cartels, which has killed many Americans. He says he believes strongly in a border – securing the U.S. Southern border, eliminating bureaucratic red tape, modernizing the work visa system, and stopping birthright citizenship for those who take advantage of citizenship laws through maternity hospitals and birth tourism.

Hurt says he is a strong believer in term limits, as well as passionately protecting life when the heart starts to beat at the front end of life until the heart stops beating at the end of life. He says a part of the problem facing the nation is career politicians when motives turn the equation from serving the people to serving one’s own career interests.

Hurt is a strong supporter of the Second Amendment.

All policy initiatives and recent interviews can be found at [MarkHurt.org](http://MarkHurt.org).

“We need a new generation of leaders, and the time for change is now,” Hurt said. He will appear as a candidate in the Republican primary on May 7, 2024.

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# These fashionistas just keep getting younger

Kindergartners at Maple Glen Elementary School in Westfield recently had an ABC fashion show to celebrate mastering the alphabet. Each student got to walk the red carpet, showcase their handmade alphabet vests, and parade around the school. Congratulations to these skilled readers! (Photos provided by Westfield Washington Schools)



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# Indiana Grown announces \$30K in grant funds for members interested in tradeshow exhibition

### The REPORTER

Indiana Grown announced on Thursday \$30,000 in available grant funding for Indiana Grown members who are interested in exhibiting at tradeshow. Grants will be awarded up for businesses with commercially ready products who want to expand.

Tradeshow offer vital exposure to unique customers and business-to-business clients, but barriers for members include the booth fee, travel expenses, set up costs and more. This grant was designed to alleviate some of those costs to ensure Hoosier businesses are highlighted and Indiana-made products can be enjoyed across the U.S. and globe.

“This new grant program will contribute to

the success and growth of Indiana Grown products and businesses,” said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, who also serves as Indiana’s Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development.

“Tradeshow are a great opportunity for businesses to reach new markets, but they can be expensive, especially for a small business. This grant will mitigate some of those expenses and worries.”

Indiana Grown members could be awarded grants in the sum of \$1,000, \$3,000 or \$5,000. This is a reimbursement grant; no up-front costs will be paid.

**Eligible Expenses**

- Booth space rental



Crouch

- Booth design, build, shipping, material handling, installation, and other trade show related fees
  - Trade show auxiliary service fees (trash, sampling, electrical, etc.)
- Eligibility**
- Must be an Indiana Grown Member
  - Must not be using any other grant or cost sharing program for this trade show, including Branded Program and IN-STEP
  - Must have a commercially ready product with existing sales
  - Must use funds to exhibit at trade show (must identify which trade show in application)

Must be a small business – **according to the U.S. Small Business Administration**

“Indiana Grown is beyond excited to open these grants for our members,” Indiana Grown Director Caroline Patrick said. “As our program enters our ninth year and members continue to grow and expand, we are thrilled to offer this opportunity to expand their products and businesses across the U.S. and the world.”

Indiana Grown members interested in applying for this grant, viewing scoring criteria and post-award requirements can find more information at [IndianaGrown.org](http://IndianaGrown.org) and any questions can be directed to [indianagrown@isd.a.in.gov](mailto:indianagrown@isd.a.in.gov).

# Attorney General Todd Rokita invites Hoosiers to visit IndianaUnclaimed.gov to celebrate National Unclaimed Property Day

### The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita invites Hoosiers to visit [IndianaUnclaimed.gov](http://IndianaUnclaimed.gov) or text CLAIM to 46220 to see what types of treasures await you on National Unclaimed Property Day.

“What’s yours is yours, and the government should not be holding onto it,” AG Rokita said. “Our office returned a record-breaking \$81 million to hardworking Hoosiers in 2023, and hundreds of millions is just waiting to be claimed.”

Indiana is the only state where the attorney general oversees unclaimed property.

Unclaimed property is any financial asset with no activity by its owner for an extended period of time.

Examples of potential unclaimed property consists of the following:

- Unclaimed wages or commissions
- Money orders



Rokita

- Safety deposit box contents
  - Savings and checking accounts
  - Refunds
  - Overpayments such as credit card balances, cell phone bills, and DMV payments
- Individuals and/or businesses have 25 years to claim money once it is reported to the Unclaimed Property Division.
- Money isn’t the only

thing waiting for you in the Unclaimed Property Division. There are also some tangible items received from dormant safe deposit boxes. After three years, the division typically liquidates those items through such means as eBay auctions.

Be sure to check [IndianaUnclaimed.gov](http://IndianaUnclaimed.gov) or text CLAIM to 46220 to search your name, family, or business. In addition to the website, you also may contact the Unclaimed Property Division at 1-866-462-5246 or [updmal@atg.in.gov](mailto:updmal@atg.in.gov).

## Obituary

Tim Kraft

April 10, 1941 – January 21, 2024

Tim Kraft, who managed the 1976 Iowa Caucus Campaign that played a pivotal role in Jimmy Carter’s successful run for the Democratic Party presidential nomination and later served as a top aide to President Carter, passed away January 21, 2024, at the age of 82.



Born in Noblesville, he graduated from Dartmouth with a B.A. in 1963. While pursuing graduate studies at Georgetown University, he was called to action by President Kennedy’s newly formed Peace Corps. After training in Las Cruces, Tim served two years in the Petén of Guatemala. Fluent in Spanish, upon leaving the Peace Corps he traveled through South America with some follow Peace Corps volunteers, a trip made on a shoestring budget in a VW van. Tim returned to the U.S. and found work as a Peace Corps recruiter. He said, “The job didn’t pay much but I got to go to college campuses and meet pretty girls.” The friendships he made in the Peace Corps lasted 60 years.

Tim got the political bug while working for U.S. Sen. Birch Bayh (D-Ind.). Following a job in the Office of Foreign Press Services at the Mexico Olympics in 1968, he worked in Washington, D.C., on various political consulting contracts. Tim came to New Mexico in 1970 to ski, hike, and camp, and he fell in love with the state. He talked then N.M. Democratic Party Chair Mike Anaya into hiring him to be Executive Director. With his organizational and fundraising skills, he served in that role from 1970 to 1974.

In 1975, fellow New Mexican Chris Brown introduced Tim to then Gov. Jimmy Carter, who was running for President. Carter hired Tim as his Iowa Caucus campaign manager. Carter came in second to uncommitted, but well ahead of other candidates. The publicity generated by his unexpected strong showing provided an essential burst of momentum to Carter’s campaign and put the Iowa caucuses on the political map. Tim went on to serve as National Field Director for the Carter-Mondale campaign.

After winning the 1976 election, President Carter asked Tim to serve as Appointments Secretary to the President. He went on to serve in another White House role: Assistant to the President for Personnel and Political Coordination. In 1979 he left the White House to serve as National Campaign Manager for the Carter-Mondale campaign. He met his wife-to-be, the former Molly Manuppelli, who worked in the White House Office of Personnel, and they married in 1981.

They moved to Albuquerque, where Tim started AvanC Ltd., an international consulting firm focusing on political strategy and management, public affairs, and intergovernmental relations. In the 1980s he consulted on presidential campaigns in Panama, Ecuador, and Costa Rica. Tim also enjoyed serving on election observation teams in seven countries. In New Mexico, Tim was a state and local lobbyist; he also worked on ballot proposition management in several states.

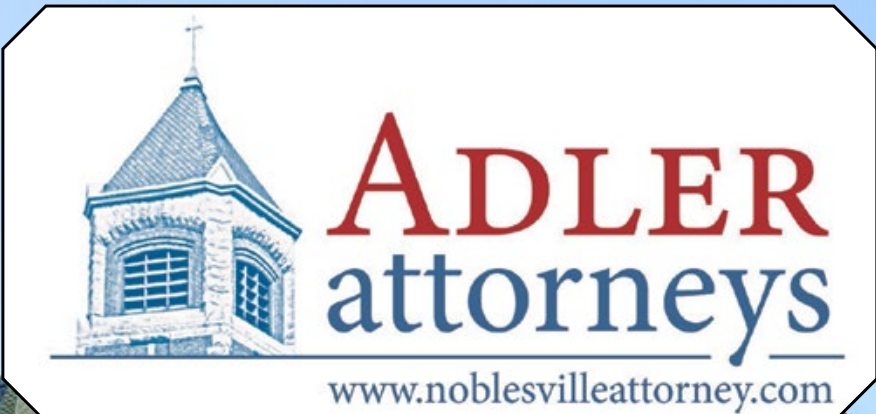
Tim’s retirement years were filled with travel, grandkids and keeping in touch with friends all over the country. Anyone who knew Tim knew he was an inveterate collector of all kinds of information. His manila folders were filled with articles he found interesting, ranging from book, art, and movie reviews, to quotations, poetry, restaurant and travel articles and, yes, college football statistics. He filled journals with an eclectic array of interests. When September rolled around, he was a captive of all college football games and loved discussing odds with friends. He kept in touch with fellow political junkies, Peace Corps volunteers, old high school and college friends, and a core group of Carter friends made during the Carter administration.

His grandchildren, Beau (6) and Sloane (3) brought him the most joy.

Tim was predeceased by his parents, Dr. Haldon and Mary Kraft, as well as a brother, Mike Kraft of Washington, D.C. Tim is survived by his wife, Molly, and son, Colt and daughter-in-law Josie, grandchildren Beau and Sloane of Seattle, Wash. He is also survived by brothers Jake and John Kraft of Tallahassee, Fla., and sister-in-law, Betsy Kraft of Washington, D.C.

The family wishes to thank all the kind messages received from friends. The many stories, anecdotes and remembrances shared before Tim’s passing meant the world to both Tim and Molly. Tim was fortunate to hear those sentiments while still with us, and we consider those messages a living tribute to his life. Finally, Tim said his epitaph should be a line from an old Joe Walsh song: “Life’s been good to me so far.”

Those wishing to make any donations in memory of Tim may do so with Roadrunner Food Bank in Albuquerque ([rfl.org](http://rfl.org)) or the National Parks Conservation Association ([npca.org](http://npca.org)).



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## Sandra "Sandy" Jean Tolley

October 15, 1949 – January 30, 2024



Sandra "Sandy" Jean Tolley, 74, Arcadia, passed away on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at IU Health Methodist Hospital. She was born in Lebanon, Ind., on October 15, 1949, to the late Herschel and Annabell June (Philbeck) Moore. On May 17, 1989, she married Lawrence "Bud" Tolley and shared 11 years of marriage. Sandy was a staple throughout the town of Arcadia. She attended Hamilton Heights High School and was a part of the graduating class of 1969. After graduating, Sandy attended cosmetology school and became a licensed beautician. She was a beautician for over 20 years.

Sandy had a loving soul and would donate time and cut hair at the Arcadia Children's Home. Sandy was also very involved in the children's lives and activities; she enjoyed coaching the boys' Little League teams and being a Cub Scout Leader. After the boys had grown and Sandy retired from being a beautician, she enjoyed bartending and would bartend at both the Eagles and Donovan's. She was a member of the Elevation Church, the Fraternal Order of the Noblesville Eagles, and Cicero Memorial Post VFW Post 8756 Auxiliary.

In her free time, she liked to travel, take motorcycle rides, walleye fishing with Bud, work on her koi pond, tend to her flowers, and be with her dogs Roscoe and Angel. Sandy was known by many in the community as a woman who always had open arms and would spend time giving advice, guidance, and a great ear for listening.

Sandy is survived by her two sons, Kane (Tammy) Hutchison and Nick Hutchison, both of Arcadia; mother, Annabell June Philbeck-Wilson of Lebanon; several step-siblings, stepchildren, adopted children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews and three special friends who have been by Sandy's side through thick and thin.

Sandy was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence "Bud" Tolley; father, Herschel E. "Bud" Moore; brothers, Terry Moore, Buddy Moore, and John Moore.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Sandy at 1 p.m. on Sunday, February 4, 2024, at Cicero American Legion Post 341, 50 Washington Ave., Cicero.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked for donations to be made to Hartley Funeral Home to assist with Sandy's arrangements.

The family has chosen cremation and has entrusted Hartley Funeral Homes with Sandy's care.

Online condolences can be given at [hartleyfuneral-home.com](http://hartleyfuneral-home.com).

## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

### JACOB PREPARES TO MEET ESAU

*He also instructed the second, the third and all the others who followed the herds: "You are to say the same thing to Esau when you meet him. And be sure to say, 'Your servant Jacob is coming behind us.'" For he thought, "I will pacify him with these gifts I am sending on ahead; later, when I see him, perhaps he will receive me." So Jacob's gifts went on ahead of him, but he himself spent the night in the camp.*

Genesis 32:19-21 (NIV)

## Sheila A. Bays

October 29, 1952 – January 30, 2024

Sheila A. Bays, 71, Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at Riverview Health in Noblesville. She was born on October 29, 1952, to Thomas Searcy Clary Sr. and B. Ann (Donour) Clary in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Sheila worked in billing/book-keeping for a hospital in Georgia. She married Joseph F. Bays in 2001. They worked together taking bowling tournament photos and school pictures.

Sheila and Joe also enjoyed flying R/C flyers with the Madison County R/C Flyers club. Sheila made new friends and enjoyed her time while she was at Riverwalk Memory Care.

She is survived by her son, Ken Huston; stepdaughter, Kirsten Diedrich; several grandchildren; brother, Thomas S. Clary Jr.; sister-in-law, Mary Bays; niece, Megan Clary; and nephew, Jonathan Bays.

In addition to her parents, Sheila was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Bays, in 2017.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m., with services at 7 p.m., on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Pastor Don Jennings II will officiate. Burial will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, February 9, 2024, at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60631 ([alz.org/indiana](http://alz.org/indiana)); or to Randall & Roberts Funeral Home to help the family with funeral expenses.

Condolences: [randallroberts.com](http://randallroberts.com)

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## Get free visit at The Joint Chiropractic in Fishers



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The Joint Chiropractic will open on Thursday, Feb. 8 in Fishers on 96th Street just off the exit from Interstate 69. For a limited time from Feb. 8 to March 8, new patients can claim a free initial visit by texting "FISHERS" to 56468. Get help with back pain, neck pain, headaches, sciatica, shoulder pain, knee pain, chronic injuries, and more. The Joint Chiropractic is open nights and weekends, and walk-ins are welcome. No insurance required; affordable personalized care plans available. Get quality chiropractic care by licensed professionals. For more information, call (317) 436-9766.

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The Hamilton Southeastern Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 5, 2024, at HSE Central Office, 13485 Cumberland Road, Fishers.

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 1 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 5, 2024, in the Board Room at the Noblesville Schools Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road, Noblesville.

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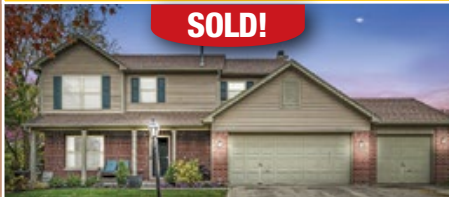
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Basketball



The Fishers boys basketball team clinched the Hoosier Crossroads Conference championship Thursday by beating Westfield 51-49 at the Tiger Den.

Tigers get best of Shamrocks, claim conference championship

By RICHIE HALL  
sports@readthereporter.com

FISHERS – They had to work for it, but the Fishers Tigers are Hoosier Crossroads Conference champions.

The Fishers boys basketball team clinched an outright HCC title Thursday night at the Tiger Den with an intense 51-49 victory over Westfield. Fishers is ranked No. 2 in Class 4A, while the Shamrocks are ranked No. 3, and a packed crowd came to see two of Indiana’s best battle it out.

“It was crazy, it was really loud,” said the Tigers’ Parker Perdue. The senior made the last big play of a game that featured many big plays, as Purdue grabbed a rebound with just a few seconds left to ensure Fishers would get the victory.

“There was just five seconds left, so I just knew I had to go get it,” said Perdue. “Just bring it and hold on to it so we could win the game.”

The Tigers blasted through the first part of the contest, leaping out to a 15-4 advantage midway through the first quarter. JonAnthony Hall opened the game with a 3-pointer. Durante Morton scored two layins to get Westfield up by 4-3.

After that, it was all Tigers for the next few minutes, as they ran off 12 straight points. Keenan Garner scored seven of those points, with Taden Metzger adding five; his 3-pointer got Fishers ahead by double digits.

Trey Buchanan helped bring Westfield back in the last part of the quarter, scoring 10 points. The ‘Rocks were within 22-18 after one period, then Buchanan nailed a 3 to get them within one. Fishers used a jumper by Jason Gardner Jr. and another triple from Metzger to get up 30-23, but a 9-0 Shamrocks put them up 32-30.



(Left) JonAnthony Hall scored seven points for Fishers, one of eight Tigers’ players to score during the game. (Right) Westfield’s Trey Buchanan scored 19 points.



Photos by Joshua Herd

“They’re such a great team,” said Fishers coach Garrett Winegar. “We knew they would make a run.”

Nic Book scored on a basket, Charles Farrell got a basket off a steal, and Drew Haffner drained a 3. Caleb Wise put Westfield on top, but Millen McCartney

ney had the last word, as his 3 got the Tigers ahead 33-32 at the break.

Both teams played tough and fast on defense in the third quarter, which ended with the Shamrocks ahead 44-42. Book began the period with a layin, and Westfield never trailed in the quarter, getting up by four points on two different occasions.

Buchanan opened the fourth quarter on a putback, and the Shamrocks led 46-42. But the Tigers allowed them only three points afterwards. Garner’s three-point play gave Fishers a 49-47 lead, then Buchanan answered that with a basket. But a layin by Cooper Zachary proved to be the game winner, and the Tigers were able to hold on.

Winegar said the key to that quarter was for Fishers to maintain its composure.

| FISHERS 51, WESTFIELD 49                            |    |     |    |    |
|---|----|-----|----|----|
| Westfield   | FG | FT  | TP | PF |
| Trey Buchanan                                       | 7  | 2-2 | 19 | 0  |
| Trey Harvey   | 0  | 0-0 | 0  | 1  |
| Caleb Wise  | 3  | 0-0 | 7  | 0  |
| Nic Book  | 4  | 2-4 | 10 | 2  |
| Durante Morton                                      | 3  | 0-0 | 6  | 4  |
| Charles Farrell                                     | 2  | 0-0 | 4  | 1  |
| Drew Haffner  | 1  | 0-0 | 3  | 0  |
| Carson Melvin                                       | 0  | 0-0 | 0  | 1  |
| Totals  | 20 | 4-6 | 49 | 9  |
| Westfield 3-pointers (5) Buchanan 3, Haffner, Wise. |    |     |    |    |

| Fishers  | FG | FT  | TP | PF |
|--|----|-----|----|----|
| Taden Metzger  | 3  | 0-0 | 8  | 1  |
| Millen McCartney   | 2  | 0-0 | 5  | 2  |
| Cooper Zachary   | 2  | 0-0 | 5  | 2  |
| JonAnthony Hall  | 2  | 2-2 | 7  | 1  |
| Keegan Garner  | 6  | 1-1 | 15 | 2  |
| Jason Gardner Jr.  | 2  | 0-0 | 4  | 1  |
| Justin Kirby   | 2  | 0-0 | 5  | 0  |
| Parker Perdue  | 1  | 0-0 | 2  | 1  |
| Nathan Baker   | 0  | 0-0 | 0  | 1  |
| Totals   | 20 | 3-3 | 51 | 11 |
| Fishers 3-pointers (8) Metzger 2, Garner 2, McCartney, Zachary, Kirby, Hall. |    |     |    |    |

| Score by Quarters |    |    |    |        |
|-------------------|----|----|----|--------|
| Westfield         | 18 | 14 | 12 | 5 – 49 |
| Fishers           | 22 | 11 | 9  | 9 – 51 |

“Just keep doing what we do,” said Winegar. “Keep chipping away. Eventually we got a couple stops, and that was what we really needed, to get some stops.”

Garner scored 15 points, one of eight Tigers players to score during the game. Buchanan had 19 points and three 3s, while Book totaled 10 points.

Fishers is now 6-0 in

HCC play. The Tigers have one more conference game (at Zionsville on Feb. 16), but all of the other HCC teams have at least two losses. Fishers is 17-1 overall and play Homewood-Flossmoor, Illinois’ No. 1 team at O’Fallon Ill. on Saturday.

The Shamrocks are 4-2 in the conference and 14-2 overall and host Harrison Tuesday.



Photo by Dwight Casler

Sheridan’s Tyler Garner makes a layin during the Blackhawks’ 87-39 win over Herron Tuesday. At right is Damon Winston.

Blackhawks rain down on Herron in massive win

The REPORTER

Sheridan stormed through the second quarter of its game with Herron Thursday, cruising to an 87-39 victory over the Achaeans at Larry Hobbs Hall.

The Blackhawks outscored Herron in all four quarters, leading 19-9 after the first period. Trey Page was dominant, scoring 11 points in the opening quarter.

Everybody stepped up in the second period, with seven different Sheridan players combining for 31 points. Caleb Wright had nine points, while Devon Hamilton scored seven off the bench. When the dust was settled, the ‘Hawks led 50-19. Sheridan kept its

foot on the gas in the third quarter, pouring in another 25 points; Page added seven more.

Page scored 20 points for the entire game, one of 11 Blackhawks to score. Wright finished with 16. Devon Hamilton added nine points.

Trent DeCraene did everything, dishing out 15 assists in addition to getting eight points and seven rebounds. Tyler Garner and Damon Winston each had seven rebounds. Wright handed out five assists, while Bell had four assists. Winston blocked two shots.

Sheridan is 9-6 and continues its homestand Wednesday by hosting Southmont.

| SHERIDAN 87, HERRON 39  |       |     |    |         |
|---|-------|-----|----|---------|
| Sheridan  | FG    | FT  | TP | PF      |
| Trent DeCraene  | 3-5   | 1-2 | 8  | 0       |
| Tyler Garner  | 4-5   | 0-0 | 8  | 2       |
| Trey Page   | 8-12  | 2-2 | 20 | 0       |
| Caleb Wright  | 7-11  | 0-0 | 16 | 1       |
| Damon Winston   | 3-7   | 2-2 | 8  | 2       |
| Carson Wright   | 3-5   | 0-0 | 6  | 0       |
| Owen Bell   | 0-1   | 2-2 | 2  | 1       |
| Devon Hamilton  | 4-4   | 1-1 | 9  | 0       |
| Nate Hinshaw  | 3-3   | 0-0 | 6  | 0       |
| Chance Spencer  | 1-1   | 0-0 | 2  | 0       |
| Brayden Whisman   | 1-1   | 0-0 | 2  | 0       |
| Jake Hall   | 0-0   | 0-0 | 0  | 0       |
| Totals  | 37-55 | 8-9 | 87 | 6       |
| Score by Quarters   |       |     |    |         |
| Herron  | 9     | 10  | 11 | 9 – 39  |
| Sheridan  | 19    | 31  | 25 | 12 – 87 |
| Sheridan 3-point shooting (5-13) Page 2-5, Cal. Wright 2-5, DeCraene 1-1, Bell 0-1, Winston 0-1.                            |       |     |    |         |
| Sheridan rebounds (31) DeCraene 7, Garner 7, Winston 7, Bell 3, Spencer 2, Car. Wright 2, Page 1, Cal. Wright 1, Hinshaw 1. |       |     |    |         |

Carmel takes down another No. 1-ranked team, Lawrence North

The REPORTER

Another night, another victory over a No. 1-ranked team.

Carmel delivered another first loss of the season Thursday at the Eric Clark Activity Center, as the Greyhounds defeated Class 4A No. 1 Lawrence North 42-35. This is the second consecutive victory over a top-ranked team for Carmel, as it beat Fishers last Saturday.

The ‘Hounds sprinted out to a 16-7 lead after the first quarter, with Alex Cou-to scoring 10 points and Evan Harrell adding six. Carmel maintained a 22-15 lead at halftime. Lawrence North scored the first 10 points of the third quarter to go up 25-22, but an 8-0 spurt put the Greyhounds up 30-25 at the end of three. Quinn Murphy opened the

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Basketball

Huskies get moving in third quarter, defeating Frankton

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights used a big third quarter to roll past Frankton 62-40 in a Thursday home game.

The Huskies led 14-10 after the first period. The Eagles cut that lead to 21-20 by halftime, but Heights outscored Frankton 25-7 in the third quarter to take con-

trol of the game.

Tillman Etchison and John Irion both scored 20 points, with Irion draining three 3-pointers and collecting four rebounds. Etchison dished out four assists.

The Huskies are 9-9 and host Winchester Saturday afternoon.

| HAMILTON HEIGHTS 62, FRANKTON 40   |       |      |    |       |
|--|-------|------|----|-------|
| Heights  | FG    | FT   | TP | PF    |
| Tyler Champion   | 2-7   | 0-0  | 5  | 2     |
| Dreydin Serna  | 1-1   | 1-2  | 3  | 5     |
| Tillman Etchison   | 9-10  | 2-3  | 20 | 3     |
| John Irion   | 6-10  | 5-6  | 20 | 2     |
| Sam Dawson   | 1-4   | 0-0  | 3  | 3     |
| Landen Scheiber  | 1-3   | 0-0  | 3  | 2     |
| Carson Felger  | 0-0   | 0-0  | 0  | 1     |
| Rees Knapp   | 3-3   | 0-0  | 6  | 1     |
| Isaiah Grimsey   | 1-1   | 0-0  | 2  | 1     |
| Aidan Unger  | 0-0   | 0-0  | 0  | 0     |
| Chris Nobbe  | 0-0   | 0-0  | 0  | 0     |
| Totals   | 24-39 | 8-11 | 62 | 20    |
| Score by Quarters  |       |      |    |       |
| Frankton   | 10    | 10   | 7  | 13-40 |
| Heights  | 14    | 7    | 25 | 16-62 |
| Heights 3-point shooting (6-14) Irion 3-4, Dawson 1-4, Champion 1-3, Scheiber 1-2, Etchison 0-1.         |       |      |    |       |
| Heights rebounds (17) Irion 4, Champion 3, Etchison 3, Felger 2, Serna 2, Scheiber 1, Knapp 1, Dawson 1. |       |      |    |       |

Millers come back from Mount Vernon with 57-26 victory

The REPORTER

Noblesville traveled to Mount Vernon Thursday and returned home with a 57-26 victory.

The game was all Millers at the beginning, as they led 16-3 after one quarter and 30-8 at halftime. Noblesville sailed through the third quarter, outscoring the Marauders 18-6 for a

48-14 lead.

Aaron Fine scored 21 points for the Millers; he and Will Smits each collected five rebounds. Justin Curry totaled 18 points, making all three of his 3-point attempts. Hunter Walston had five steals.

Noblesville is 16-2 and hosts Liberty Christian on Tuesday.

| NOBLESVILLE 57, MOUNT VERNON 26   |       |      |    |       |
|---|-------|------|----|-------|
| Noblesville   | FG    | FT   | TP | PF    |
| Aaron Fine  | 9-13  | 3-4  | 21 | 2     |
| Justin Curry  | 7-8   | 1-3  | 18 | 2     |
| Aiden Brewer  | 1-2   | 0-0  | 2  | 1     |
| Hunter Walston  | 1-5   | 0-0  | 2  | 2     |
| Baron Walker  | 1-3   | 2-2  | 4  | 2     |
| T.J. Davidson   | 2-5   | 0-0  | 5  | 2     |
| Luke Etchison   | 1-1   | 2-4  | 4  | 0     |
| Will Smits  | 0-0   | 0-0  | 0  | 3     |
| Ryan Vetur  | 0-0   | 1-2  | 1  | 1     |
| Adam Fine   | 0-2   | 0-0  | 0  | 0     |
| Max Miller  | 0-1   | 0-0  | 0  | 0     |
| Luke Davis  | 0-1   | 0-0  | 0  | 0     |
| Totals  | 22-41 | 9-15 | 57 | 15    |
| Score by Quarters   |       |      |    |       |
| Noblesville   | 16    | 14   | 18 | 9-57  |
| Mount Vernon  | 3     | 5    | 6  | 12-26 |
| Noblesville 3-point shooting (4-11) Curry 3-3, Davidson 1-3, Walston 0-1, Ad. Fine 0-1, Aa. Fine 0-1, Miller 0-1.     |       |      |    |       |
| Noblesville rebounds (23) Aa. Fine 5, Smits 5, Curry 3, Walston 3, Etchison 2, Vetur 2, Miller 1, Brewer 1, Walker 1. |       |      |    |       |

Royals get road win over Franklin Central

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern picked up a Hoosier Crossroads Conference win on the road Thursday, beating Franklin Central 58-46.

The Royals led 17-7 after one quarter, with Braeden Totten and Nathaniel Orr scoring the first 15 points for Southeastern. Jack Jacobs finished the quarter on a reverse layup from Orr, one of his four assists.

The Royals led 32-16 in the second quarter before the Flashes went on a 10-0 run, cutting HSE's lead to

32-26 by halftime. Franklin Central got within three points during the second half, but the Royals were able to hang on for the win, outscoring the Flashes 26-20 during the half.

Totten led the scoring with 20 points, including three 3-pointers, while Orr had 19 points. Donovan Hamilton collected six rebounds, with Orr pulling five. Michael Griffith dished out four assists.

Southeastern is 2-4 in the conference and 13-6 overall. The Royals host Carmel next Friday (Feb. 9).

| HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 58, FRANKLIN CENTRAL 46  |       |       |    |       |
|--|-------|-------|----|-------|
| Southeastern   | FG    | FT    | TP | PF    |
| Donovan Hamilton   | 2-5   | 2-2   | 6  | 1     |
| Nathaniel Orr  | 7-13  | 3-5   | 19 | 0     |
| Braeden Totten   | 6-11  | 5-6   | 20 | 0     |
| Michael Griffith   | 0-1   | 0-0   | 0  | 2     |
| Kameron Anthony  | 1-2   | 1-2   | 3  | 0     |
| Maverick Young   | 2-5   | 0-0   | 5  | 1     |
| Jack Jacobs  | 1-1   | 0-0   | 2  | 0     |
| Deion Miles  | 1-1   | 1-2   | 3  | 3     |
| Totals   | 20-39 | 12-17 | 58 | 7     |
| Score by Quarters  |       |       |    |       |
| Southeastern   | 17    | 15    | 11 | 15-58 |
| Franklin Central   | 7     | 19    | 7  | 13-46 |
| Southeastern 3-point shooting (6-12) Totten 3-5, Orr 2-3, Young 1-3, Hamilton 0-1.               |       |       |    |       |
| Southeastern rebounds (21) Hamilton 6, Orr 5, Totten 3, Griffith 2, Jacobs 1, Anthony 1, team 3. |       |       |    |       |

Swimming

Post-season begins with sectional prelims, several teams advance everyone to finals

The REPORTER

The IHSAA swimming post-season began on Thursday with the girls sectional preliminaries.

At Noblesville, Carmel began its quest for a record-extending 38th consecutive state championship by advancing all 27 of its swims into the "A" heat (championship heat) Saturday's sectional finals. The Greyhounds claimed the top seed in all 11 events.

Molly Sweeney is the first seed in the individual medley and breaststroke, while Alex Shackell earned the top seed in the butterfly and backstroke. Other Carmel top seeds are Lynsey Bowen in the 200 freestyle, Faith Gorey in the 50 free, Grace Dougherty in the 100 free and Alexandra Ward in the 500 free.

The host Millers sent 23 swims into the championship heat, with their other four qualifying for the "B" (consolation) heat. Maya McDonald had the top finish for the Millers, earning the second seed in the breaststroke. Noblesville's 200 free relay team of Olivia Motz, Mia Field, Katie Sutton and Kyra Blackwell took second as well.

Westfield advanced 17 swims to the "A" heat, with its other 10 swims reaching the "B" heat. The Shamrocks had two relays get second: Eliana Hill, Nora Sperry, Macy Brown and Maggie Alley in the medley relay and Kate Cassidy, Macy Brown, Isabella McNally and Greta Smith in the 400 free relay.

Guerin Catholic got its medley and 400 free relay into the "A" final, with the 200 free relay one of 11 swims reaching the "B" final. The Golden Eagles' medley relay team of Maggie Schlick, Katie Scott, Kalen Moe and Molly Deppen were seventh.

Positions 1-8 qualify for championship finals, positions 9-16 qualify for consolation finals, positions 17 and 18 are alternates.

AT CARMEL

200 medley relay: 1. Carmel (Kayla Barr, Molly Sweeney, Alex Shackell, Lillian Clark)

1:44.37, 2. Westfield (Eliana Hill, Nora Sperry, Macy Brown, Maggie Alley) 1:52.88, 3. Noblesville (Julia Santerre, Kyra Blackwell, Mallory Mehninger, Olivia Motz) 1:54.38, 7. Guerin Catholic (Maggie Schlick, Katie Scott, Kalen Moe, Molly Deppen) 2:09.09.

200 freestyle: 1. Lynsey Bowen (C) 1:50.39, 2. Alexandra Ward (C) 1:52.81, 3. Had-die Vohs (N) 1:53.50, 4. Alyssa Street (C) 1:55.93, 5. Kate Cassidy (W) 1:56.53, 6. Gracie Alley (W) 1:58.24, 7. Motz (N) 2:00.73, 9. Greta Smith (W) 2:05.33, 11. Bridget Keller (GC) 2:07.45, 12. Anna Miller (N) 2:09.15, 15. Kalen Moe (GC) 2:20.12.

200 individual medley: 1. Sweeney (C) 2:06.39, 2. Lucy Enoch (C) 2:07.46, 3. Barr (C) 2:08.22, 4. M. Alley (W) 2:15.84, 5. Alexandra Irvin (W) 2:16.21, 6. Mia Field (N) 2:17.55, 7. Hill (W) 2:19.93, 8. Blackwell (N) 2:21.03, 9. Emily Knott (N) 2:21.09, 10. Kara Van Woerkom (GC) 2:31.19, 16. Scott (GC) 2:45.01, 19. Deppen (GC) 2:48.42.

50 freestyle: 1. Faith Gorey (C) 24.00, 4. Priscilla Smith (C) 24.86, 5. Ellie Hayward (N) 25.14, 6. Madelyn Lathrop (C) 25.16, 7. Anna McKeown (W) 25.35, 8. Santerre (N) 25.68, 10. Ava Middleton (N) 26.22, 12. Bridget Mick (W) 26.66, 13. Isabella McNally (W) 27.45, 19. Moe (GC) 29.69, 22. Ellie Gove (GC) 30.25.

100 butterfly: 1. Shackell (C) 51.37, 2. Gorey (C) 56.26, 4. Vohs (N) 58.17, 5. E. Knott (N) 59.88, 6. Brooke Cummings (C) 1:00.23, 7. Sperry (W) 1:01.03, 8. Macy Brown (W) 1:02.77, 9. Katie Sutton (N) 1:03.92, 10. Alina Reuter (W) 1:06.28, 16. Deppen (GC) 1:13.59.

100 freestyle: 1. Grace Dougherty (C) 52.02, 2. Sophia Floyd (C) 52.69, 3. Addyson Czamecki (C) 53.35, 4. Maya McDonald (N) 53.86, 5. Hayward (N) 54.94, 6. M. Alley (W) 55.35, 7. Field (N) 55.51, 9. McKeown (W) 57.25, 12. Marie Rocca (W) 1:00.85, 16. Schlick (GC) 1:02.53, 18. Gove (GC) 1:06.93, 26. Ella Capofari (GC) 1:13.06.

500 freestyle: 1. Ward (C) 5:00.45, 2. Bowen (C) 5:00.95, 3. Street (C) 5:04.62, 4. Cassidy (W) 5:08.65, 5. G. Alley (W) 5:18.91, 6. Exley Tricker (N) 5:25.24, 7. Motz (N) 5:26.43,

8. Sutton (N) 5:33.79, 9. Keller (GC) 5:38.55, 11. Van Woerkom (GC) 5:46.24, 12. McNally (W) 5:48.11.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Carmel (Smith, Lathrop, Gorey, Dougherty) 1:38.10, 2. Westfield (M. Alley, McKeown, G. Alley, Cassidy) 1:42.27, 3. Noblesville (Middleton, Alli Knott, Mehninger, Kirsten McCormick) 1:45.56, 9. Guerin Catholic (Deppen, Gove, Keller, Van Woerkom) 1:56.91.

100 backstroke: 1. Shackell (C) 53.59, 2. Dougherty (C) 57.53, 4. Barr (C) 59.25, 5. Hill (W) 1:00.67, 6. Santerre (N) 1:00.94, 7. A. Knott (N) 1:03.90, 8. Mehninger (N) 1:04.67, 9. Smith (W) 1:04.77, 10. Macy Brown (W) 1:06.14, 12. Schlick (GC) 1:08.76.

100 breaststroke: 1. Sweeney (C) 1:01.76, 2. McDonald (N) 1:03.89, 3. Lucy Enoch (C) 1:05.58, 4. Czamecki (C) 1:07.50, 5. Tricker (N) 1:08.14, 6. Sperry (W) 1:08.52, 7. Blackwell (N) 1:09.86, 8. Irvin (W) 1:10.46, 9. Scott (GC) 1:14.64, 11. Rocca (W) 1:16.82, 17. Capofari (GC) 1:28.70.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Carmel (Ward, Sophia Floyd, Barr, Bowen) 3:35.05, 2. Noblesville (Motz, Field, Sutton, Blackwell) 3:50.72, 3. Westfield (Cassidy, Brown, McNally, Smith) 3:50.87, 8. Guerin Catholic (Schlick, Moe, Keller, Van Woerkom) 4:15.81.

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Over at the Hamilton Southeastern sectional, Fishers qualified all 27 of its swims into the championship heat. Emily Wolf earned a top seed in the butterfly and Avery Stein will be seeded first in the breaststroke.

The host Royals sent 25 swims into the "A" heat, with their other two swims qualifying for the "B" heat. Kiley Zoeller picked up two top seeds, in the 100 and 50 freestyles. Mia Henderson is the first seed in the 200 free, Audrey Crawford is the top seed in the IM and Naomi Haines earned the top seed in the breaststroke.

Hamilton Heights advanced 10 swims to the "A" heat, including a 1-2 finish from Teegan Madara and Ayla Madara in the 500 free. The Huskies also have six swims in the "B" heat.

AT HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN

200 medley relay: 1. Fishers (Avery Hannon, Polina Sopova, Mia Wilson, Lily Ziino) 1:49.08, 2. Hamilton Southeastern (Kelsey Graham, Audrey Crawford, Lacey Huston, Naomi Haines) 1:50.40, 3. Hamilton Heights (Amira Leer, Teegan Madara, Ayla Madara, Sophia Hulen) 1:50.70.

200 freestyle: 1. Mia Henderson (HSE) 1:55.70, 2. Claire Francis (F) 1:55.80, 3. A. Madara (HH) 1:55.81, 4. Emma Schumacher (F) 1:57.87, 5. Frankie Ramey (F) 1:58.77, 6. Meghan Voelker (HSE) 1:59.78, 7. Izzy Schmitt (HSE) 2:00.35, 13. Anna Monnin (HH) 2:17.79, 22. Juliana Springman (HH) 2:43.44.

200 individual medley: 1. Crawford (HSE) 2:06.52, 2. Avery Stein (F) 2:06.76, 3. T. Madara (HH) 2:09.61, 4. Julia Kiley (HSE) 2:11.12, 5. Hannon (F) 2:11.18, 6. Eloise Harrison (HSE) 2:12.23, 7. Wilson (F) 2:13.30, 8. Leer (HH) 2:13.63, 15. Adalynn Gould (HH) 2:42.17.

50 freestyle: 1. Kiley Zoeller (HSE) 24.05, 2. Emma Schwertfeger (F) 24.42, 3. Anna Irish (HSE) 24.47, 4. Payton Walker (HSE) 24.80, 5. Sopova (F) 25.15, 6. Hulen (HH) 25.26, 7. Ziino (F) 25.45, 14. Rachel England (HH) 29.12, 25. Hattie Graham (HH) 32.77.

100 butterfly: 1. Emily Wolf (F) 55.47, 2. Crawford (HSE) 56.55, 3. Huston (HSE) 58.63, 4. Ellason Miller (HSE) 59.52, 5. Lisa Bradford (F) 59.85, 7. Wilson (F) 1:00.27, 18. Shanna Hackett (HH) 1:24.58.

100 freestyle: 1. Zoeller (HSE) 52.37, 2. Henderson (HSE) 53.08, 3. Haines (HSE) 53.39, 4. Schwertfeger (F) 53.54, 5. Hulen (HH) 54.43, 6. Ramey (F) 55.20, 7. Ziino (F) 55.88, 13. England (HH) 1:05.02, 17. Allie Bushey (HH) 1:07.88.

500 freestyle: 1. T. Madara (HH) 5:03.82, 2. A. Madara (HH) 5:05.66, 3. Isabelle Heuck (F) 5:07.18, 4. Schumacher (F) 5:14.56, 5. Leer (HH) 5:15.24, 6. Francis (F) 5:17.91, 7. Voelker (HSE) 5:23.72, 9. Huston (HSE) 5:30.95, 10. Sophia Croy (HSE) 5:36.87.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Southeastern (Harrison, Walker, Irish, Miller) 1:39.80,

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