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During the ribbon cutting, a check for \$12,000 was presented to the Hamilton County Executive Director's Group to put on a four-part Nonprofit Learning Series in 2024 in partnership with Hedges nonprofit consulting firm.

Community First Bank cuts the ribbon at Fishers Banking Center

The REPORTER

In partnership with the customers in the area. OneZone Chamber of Comcenter on Thursday.

CFB is uniquely commitmerce, Community First Bank ted to keeping outstanding of Indiana (CFB) celebrated customer service, local deits grand opening and cut the cision-making, and relationribbon for its newest banking ship-building at its core. Since cited to be opening our first we serve, so it is incumbent The bank moved its Ham- 2003, the bank's rapid growth in Fishers and our fifth new ties thrive in any way we can," ilton County Loan Production has been attributed to sincere office in the surrounding area Blume said. Office to this space in June appreciation for its distinct since 2019," President and

suite of banking services to that is locally owned, locally their communities' best interest at heart.

its founding in Kokomo in full-service banking facility on us to help our communi-2023 and now offers its full approach to banking – a bank CEO Robb Blume said.

In keeping with tradition governed and staffed with ex- with all CFB grand openings, perienced bankers that have the bank presented a major community donation.

"Our bank will only be as "We are tremendously ex-successful as the communities

See CFB...Page 2

Heights recognizes seven students as Coffee Bean Award winners

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights High School recognizes the following students as Coffee Bean Award recipients for the month of January. They include Brinley Flaherty, Cameron Hazelwood, Griffin Jones, Simon Kuhn, Kendall Moe, Margaret Pache, and Elyse Hurley.

The name and award, inspired by The Coffee Bean, a book written by Jon Gordon and Damon West, delivers a simple, yet powerful message on positive change. All students nominated receive a certificate of recognition. At the end of the month, the names of the students who were nominated during the month are included in a drawing where the first five to seven names drawn are called down to the office to enioy a hot chocolate or coffee and a donut.

The monthly award objective is to encourage more acts of kindness, positivity, school



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Hamilton Heights High School January Coffee Bean Award recipients: (from left) Cameron Hazelwood, Brinley Flaherty, Griffin Jones, Margaret Pache, Simon Kuhn, Elyse Hurley, and Kendall Moe. Congratulations!

sense of community at the high nominate students. Nomination hhschuskies.org/domain/82.

spirit, and help foster a closer school. Students and staff can forms can be downloaded at

Fishers elementary students spread kindness through "blessing bags"

By JEREMY JENKINS

WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A teacher at Southeastern Elementary School in Fishers recently asked her students about "generosity" and things you can do to show it.

One student, Hudson Kurdziel, shared that his family made "blessing bags." He brought an example of the bags to class and explained the items. A couple of students asked if they could make bags to take home, too. The idea took off from there and became a class project.

Kurdziel, says the family has for a long time.

"Ever since I had a friend pass away and their family started the project," she ex- frigerated) plained.

Leeanne's friend, Brian Hayhow, was born with a critical heart defect. On April 17, frigerated) 2015, Brian passed away at the age of 37. Each year on Brian's birthday, which has be- paste come a tradition known as "Be Day," his family and friends get together and put together bags of supplies to drop off at

Hudson's mother, Leanne area homeless shelters.

The bags contain items been putting the bags together that were related to food, health, and things to keep warm such as:

- Cheese sticks (non-re- cracker kits
 - Chapstick First aid kits
- Protein shakes (non-re-
- Fruit bars
- Toothbrush and tooth-
- Gloves • Dental floss

Blankets

Hand warmers

- Bottled water
- Wipes
- · Food containers for left-

Tuna/chicken

Leanne and Hudson want the generosity to spread far beyond the classroom. They have organized an Amazon wish list of items that people can purchase for bags that they will put together and drop off.

Anyone interested in helping them with their goal can click here to view their Amazon wish list.

Going mano a mano with a Cubano

The year ended with a near-miss cooking catastrophe.

Fortunately, the Cubanos turned out fine, but there was a trio of little fires – figuratively speaking - to contend with during the process of appeasing the tastebuds of our New Year's Eve company.



In the kitchen, figurative fires are preferred to literal fires since there are no actual flames to quell. At least, I had that going for me on New Year's Eve 2023 - no need to stop, drop and roll.

All guests were familial so there wasn't any real pressure. If food complaints were aired, I was prepared to accept our guests' critiques in a healthy, non-defensive manner. Pfft. Who am I kidding? I planned to respond, "Shut up and eat your s*&\$ on a shingle!" Say that five times quickly. What a great tongue twister, if not an apron slogan!

I never aspired to be a professional chef. A culinary arts career seemed too intimidating. What Anthony Bourdain wrote in Kitchen Confidential: Adventures in the Culinary Underbelly was warning enough: "You really, really, really want to be a chef? If you've been working in another line of business, have been accustomed to working eight-to-nine-hour days, weekends and evenings off, holidays with the family, regular sex with your significant other; if you are used to being treated with some modicum of dignity, spoken to and interacted with as a human being, seen as an equal – a sensitive, multidimensional entity with hopes, dreams, aspirations and opinions, the sort of qualities you'd expect of most working persons – then maybe you should reconsider what you'll be facing when you graduate from whatever six-month course put this nonsense in your head to start with.'

See Cubano . . . Page 2



Photo provided

You can see Terra Hoskins next Saturday, Feb. 17 at the Sheridan Public Library, 103 W. 1st St.

Sheridan library's winter concert series continues with Terra Hoskins

The REPORTER

The Winter Concert Series is in its second year at Sheridan Public Library, this time presented by The Farmers Bank.

The first concert in this year's series featured Breana Faith on Jan. 20.

The next show will feature Terra Hoskins, who will be playing with Mike Reardon from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 17. The third show with Kortney & Steve will be March 16.

Tickets are \$5 and you can get them at library, 103 W. 1st St., Sheridan, in advance or on the day of each performance.

This series is appropriate for all ages. Seating is limited and all proceeds go to Friends of the Sheridan Public Library to

directly support library programs. 'We're charging the \$5 just to offset cost a little bit," Sheridan Public Library Programming Director Wynn Zetterberg said. "We have the Farmers Bank as our presenting sponsor, but these are a little bit different

than some of the other concerts we'll do." The library presented two winter concerts in 2023, and they were popular enough to expand that to three this year. After the winter series ends in March, Zetterberg told The Reporter there will be several spring and summer monthly concerts as well.

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Photos provided by Nik Roberts / noble-pc.com (Above) Joe Baker (left) and Darcy Stair are ready to help you build a better future at CFB's new Fishers Banking Center.

A check for \$12,000 was presented to the Hamilton County Executive Director's Group, led by Lauren Guynn with the Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County, to put on a four-part Nonprofit Learning Series in 2024 in partnership with Hedges nonprofit consulting firm.

'These funds will be used to put on meaningful, requested programming for this group of dedicated Executive Directors," Blume said. "They work tirelessly each day to advance their we're thrilled to come alongside them with these resources. Topics will include building corporate partnerships, building and evaluating programs, creating competitive grant proposals, activating board committees, protect-



ing organizations from fraud, of Indiana (CFB) was charand more."

Crosspoint Blvd., Suite 100. The lobby is staffed with local bankers from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday, and there is also a 24/7 walk-up

> About CFB Community First Bank Equal Housing Lender.

tered in 2003 in Kokomo. The Fishers banking The locally owned and oporganizations' missions and center's address is 9998 erated bank currently has branches in Fishers, Indianapolis, Kokomo, Noblesville, and Westfield. Bank mission: We partner with you to build a better future. Learn more at CFBIndiana.com. MEMBER FDIC,

CUBANO

Cuban sandwiches (or messier one makes a kitch-Cubanos) now and then, en, the tastier the meal. A thanks to inspiration from a favorite food-themed motion picture, Chef, starring precision spice measuring is Jon Favreau, John Leguizamo, Scarlett Johansson, and Sofia Vergara (the latalive who can make Scarlett Johansson look homely). Cuban sandwiches are featured throughout this food truck movie.

For our year-end meal, I marinated a pork loin with orange juice, pickle juice, lime juice, brown sugar, salt, garlic cloves and olive oil (as guided by Southern Living) and refrigerated it for 10 hours, then slow cooked it five hours via crockpot. The pork loin's tastiness makes or breaks a Cuban sandwich.

this double-pork concoction) sizzled on the griddle. ham, vellow mustard, Swiss cheese, and French bread (its crust lathered in butter). There should've been pickles ... but more on that catastrophe shortly.

I don't consider myself Dec. 31. to be a good cook. My wife tells me otherwise, know-

thorough house cleaning is as therapeutic for her as for me. We are simpatico in this yin and yang way.

While creating the Cuter being the only actress banos, I cluttered all available kitchen surfaces with tornadic zeal and listened to loud Latin-based grooves streaming from New Orlebreezy, fun, heart-warming ans' WWOZ (these call letters are the reason God invented radio). Most notable. the always ear worthy Pete Rodriquez singing I like it like that ... I like it like that ... I like it like that ...

Naturally, the mere thought of Cuba conjured Hemingway, who famously said "courage is grace under pressure," likely basing this machismo theory on personal experiences involving Thin slices of black for- war, bullfighting, multiple est ham (the other pork in divorces, and/or moiito

When you get down Then the panini press put to it, a Cubano is nothing the big squeeze on the loin, more than a glorified ham sandwich. It's a high-maintenance meal that doesn't require any sort of courage to make. Still, I had to demonstrate "grace under fire" while making them last

Three unexpected things happened: 1) I accidening it will encourage me to tally dropped the pickle spend even more time with jar, which shattered on the recipes so that she can do floor, thus losing a key inother things. In return, she gredient. 2) While picking obligingly cleans the messy up wasted pickles, sweepaftermath, fully aware of ing shards of glass into a speaker.

But I do aspire to make my diehard belief that the dustpan, and soaking up green juice with a mop, I witnessed water dripping from the ceiling due to an overflowing, upstairs commode. Hurdling cats, rushing upstairs, I soon found myself in a crazed state jabbing at the toilet contents with a plunger (think Captain Ahab attempting to harpoon his elusive whale), eventually eradicating the beastly clog. 3) I returned to our permanently pickle-scented kitchen, only to hear my under-the-weather son request a ride to urgent care. I drove him there, but not before serving the Cubanos (sans pickles) to our

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I'm unsure if our company enjoyed their meal, too suspicious perhaps that I hadn't washed my hands between thwarting the great toilet flood incident and putting the finishing touches on their Cuban sandwiches. Later, though, my wife praised me for my grace exuded during the Cuban Sandwich Crisis moment.

guests on time.

For a cook, I'm a pretty good mop and plunger guy.

If you're wondering, "Well, Scott, did you? Did you wash your hands?", I can only reply, "Shut up and eat your s*&\$ on a shingle!"

Scott's latest humor column collection, "Quietly Making Noise," is available on Amazon. Contact scottsaalman@gmail.com to request him as a guest





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My best friend is a Kindergartener

By MAELEI CASLER

Sheridan High School Student

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

As a senior in high school, I am often asked about my future plans. I will be attending Purdue University to achieve a Bachelor's degree in Special Education: Mild and Intense Intervention (K-6). To prepare myself for this journey to college, I attend school part time and have an internship at Monon Trail Elementary School (MTES) in the Life Skills classrooms.

At MTES, I have learned about many different disabilities, genetic conditions, and other learning factors. Some of the conditions I have learned about are Down Syndrome, Guillain-Barre Syndrome, Autism, and Cerebral Palsy. Additionally, I have been a babysitter for three years and really enjoy it. I have babysat for multiple kids aged 0 to 12, but one kid stands out: my best

friend Ian, a five-year-old boy with Cerebral Palsy.

Mayo Clinic defines Cerebral Palsy (CP) as "a congenital disorder of movement, muscle tone, or posture." Common symptoms of Cerebral Palsy are floppy or rigid limbs, swallowing problems, lack of muscle coordination, learning disabilities, and drooling. Every person with Cerebral Palsy experiences different combinations of symptoms, and no two people are the same. Some people with CP can walk unassisted while others may need help or use a wheelchair. Some people with CP can talk, while other people can't.

Ian uses a wheelchair, walks with assistance, and walks with a gait trainer. Ian cannot talk verbally but uses an augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) device. Despite these challenges, he is one of the happiest kids I know, and I enjoy every moment with him. I have learned so many things about Cerebral Palsy that will be super helpful when I become a teacher.

Ian loves to be outdoors



and go on walks. He is a super outgoing kid and we always stop to wave at people on our walks. He also loves going to the store, especially Target. He always says hi to the cashier and sometimes asks, "how is your day?"

I am so grateful that Ian has become a part of my life favorite activities is danc-

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adults can thrive

at home, making

her an ally of CI-

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as a place where

older adults and

those of any age

with a disability

ing to music from the movie *Frozen 2*, which is just us spinning around in circles while I loudly and dramatically reenact the characters singing. He thinks it is the funniest thing ever! Since I started taking care of Ian, I have felt so much more joy in my life. Ian and I as he shows me to live with are always laughing and joy each day. One of Ian's I wouldn't trade it for the

Fishers student makes honor list at Minnesota State

The Academic High Honor and Honor lists (dean's lists) for the past fall semester at Minnesota State University, Mankato have been announced by Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs David Hood.

Jacob Talty of Fishers made the Honor List.

Among 3,995 students, a

total of 1,227 students qualified for the High Honor List by achieving a 4.0 straight "A" average, while 2,768 students earned a 3.5 to 3.99 average to qualify for the Honor List.

To qualify for academic honors, undergraduate students must be enrolled for at least 12 credit hours for the semester.

15 Shamrocks on their way to becoming EMTs

The REPORTER

Westfield High School EMS class students recently took their Psychomotor Exam for the state of Indiana. Those listed below passed their exams and are now preparing to take their written exam for the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technician. Once they receive their NREMT certification and turn 18, they will be allowed to practice as an EMT in the State of Indiana.

Great job Rocks! Keep

up the great work! • Corwyn Barrows

- Ella Crites
- Kyla Deckard
- Marissa Healy
- Manreet Kaur • Taylor McBride
- Noah Milligan
- Zachary Mueller
- · Benjamin Pham • Brooke Pulice
- Ryan Purciful
- Michael Quirke
- Jack Snyder • Mason Warzynski
- Kara Wyatt

CICOA to present Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam with Outstanding Woman of Service Award

The REPORTER

Next week, CICOA Aging & In-Home Solutions will award Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam with its Outstanding Woman of Service Award for her commitment to protect affordable neighborhoods in the city and her advocacy for making Carmel a place where older adults can thrive at home.

The desire of most older adults is to live independently in their own homes as they age. Called "aging in place," this often requires careful planning and consideration of home and community supports as older adults find

they need more care at home. Rising housing costs also have a significant impact on the oldest age groups. Without access to safe, affordable housing, seniors are at increased risk for homeless-

ness, isolation, and physical flourish. and mental health challenges.

Among her priorities in office, Finkam has named building greater collaboration between community leaders, residents, and businesses to address community needs. She envi-



Finkam

The Outstanding Woman of Service Award will be presented to Mayor Finkam at CICOA's Galentine's

sions Carmel as a Day Event, set for 6:15 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at PrimeLife Enrichment, 1078 3rd Ave. SW, Carmel. The event honors women of service and is a fundraiser to provide food-insecure seniors in central Indiana with access to healthy, nutritious meals.

> The CICOA Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation established in 1992 to fund and support the mission of CICOA Aging & In-Home Solutions. Learn more at cicoa.org.



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Find ways to give at Carmel library's Volunteer Fair

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The Carmel Clay Public Library (CCPL) will host its first Volunteer Fair from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24.

Adults and teens seeking volunteer opportunities will be able to speak with representatives from over two dozen local organizations. Participating organizations include the Center for the Performing Arts, Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation, Hamilton County.

"Many of our library patrons have told us that

they're looking for ways to give back to the community," CCPL Adult Services Manager Sara O'Sha said. "When we began reaching out to area organizations, they were excited to be part of this event to connect with potential volunteers."

The Volunteer Fair will take place at the Main Library at 425 E. Main St. Registration is not required.

More details about the and the Humane Society for event, including a list of participating organizations, can be found at carmelclaylibrary.org/events.

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Beautiful musical shares the music & magic of Carole King

Tony & Grammy Award-winning show based on inspiring true story

The REPORTER

Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre celebrates the incredible true story of the life and musical legacy of the girl who became King with the hit Beautiful: The Carole King Musical, now on stage.

Long before she was hit-maker Carole King, she was Carole Klein – a spunky young songwriter from Brooklyn with a unique voice. From the chart-topping hits she wrote for the biggest acts in music to her own life-changing, trailblazing success with Tapestry, Beautiful: The Carole King Musical takes you back to where it all began and to the hits that have become the soundtrack of a generation.

Carole King is American songwriting royalty, writing such unforgettable classics as "You've Got a Friend," "One Fine Day," "So Far Away," "Take Good Care of My Baby," "Up on the Roof," "You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling," "Will You Love Me Tomorrow," and "(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman." Beauti*ful* is the inspiring Tony- and Grammy Award-winning tale about the woman behind the music.

Devon Perry makes her Beef & Boards debut in the role of Carole King, with Elliott Litherland (White



Photo by Renzulli Photography

Carole King (Devon Perry) finds her own voice during a studio recording of "(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman."

Christmas, Beauty and the & Boards' 2024 Season and tual husband Gerry Goffin. in the intimate space of Beef Julia Viktrup (The Sound of Music, A Beef & Boards Christmas), plays Carole's mother, Genie; with Devan Mathias (*Grumpy Old Men*, Mary Poppins) as Carole's best friend Cyntha Weil, and Kyle Southern (Escape to Margaritaville) as Barry Mann, Cynthia's songwriting boyfriend. The show is directed by Heather Patterson King and choreographed by Kenney Green-Tilford.

Beast) as Carole's song- is on stage for 55 perforwriting partner and even- mances through March 30 & Boards Dinner Theatre. Tickets range from \$55 to \$82 and include Chef Larry Stoops' dinner buffet and select beverages.

To see the complete performance schedule and to purchase tickets online, visit BeefAndBoards.com. Tickets are also available by Dinner Theatre Box Office at (317) 872-9664 between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday

a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays). Discounts are available to groups of 20 or more. Call the Group Sales department at (317) 872-0503, or email groups@beefandboards. com for details.

production of This Beautiful: The Carole King Musical is licensed by Music Theatre International and sponsored in part by Current Publishing.

Beef & Boards Dincalling the Beef & Boards ner Theatre, Indiana's only professional year-round dinner theatre, has been serving up exceptional en-Beautiful headlines Beef through Sunday (from 10 tertainment since 1973.

Yonkers cast is fully committed to staging a play with depth & charm

Neil Simon's semi-autobiographical Lost in Yonkers opened on Broadway in 1991, going on to win the Pulitzer Prize for Drama and the Tony Award. It certainly is one of the most popular

of Simon's plays, in terms man brings forth a fine underof number of productions standing of the script's workmounted, and Main Street Productions in Westfield takes its turn with a worthy rendition.

Being one of the playwright's most serious plays, Lost in Yonkers deals with

the abrupt changes COLUMNIST in the lives of two 1940s era teenage boys who, after the death of their mother, are brought into the Yonkers home of their strict grandmother KEN KLINGENMEIER

and their mentally challenged aunt. Director Jen Otterings, having played the part of Grandma Kurnitz in her stage career. The themes of family, life's obstacles, and coping

all come through with sharp

The energetic cast is led by Lisa Warner Lowe as Grandma Kurnitz and Becca Bartley as her child-like daughter, Bella. Both acmances and their scenes to-Ms. Lowe transforms physically in her characterization becoming an embattled old woman with much grief in her past. Ms. Bartley is stunning as the overly-excitable Bella, turning in a faultless and wonderfully

poignant performance. stage artists. Veteran actor Thom Johnson is at his best and delivers one of his most complete characters as Uncle Louie, the shady "bagman" who shows up during the boys' stay. Matt McKee han- I have has to do with the dic-



Photo by Rob Slaven / IndyGhostLight.com

Finley Eyers as Arty and Drake Lockwood as Jay.

dles the boys' father Eddie's complex situation with a solid performance. And Maggie Meier makes the most of her short stage-time as the vocally afflicted Aunt Gert.

Drake Lockwood and tresses give stirring perfor- Finley Eyers are impressive as the boys – Jay and Arty gether crackle with emotion. Kurnitz, respectively. Each has their own moment in the spotlight and they both do very well with that. Especially noteworthy are the times when they share the stage alone - moving the action along with confident stage presences.

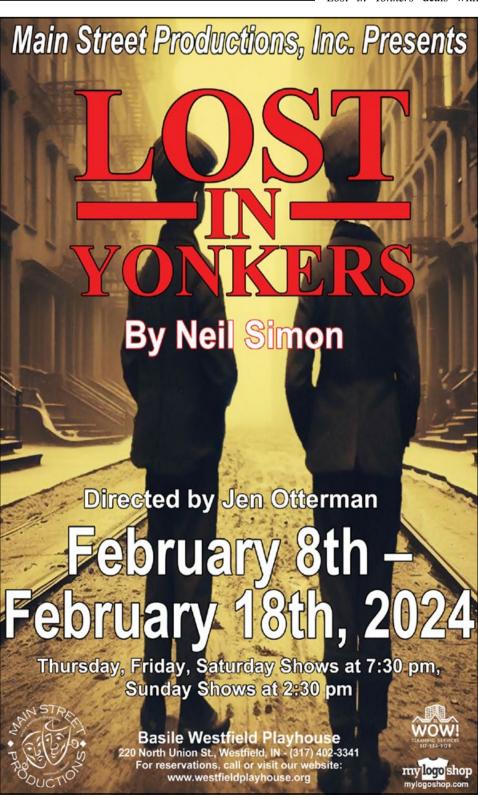
The show is played on These two ladies are a remarkable set designed supported by a fine group of by Ian Marshall-Fisher, and costumes by Linda Finley Grow add to the feel of the early war years. Lights and sound by Eric Matters and Eric Dixon are spot-on.

The only note of concern

tion of some of the actors. They all have developed a good and proper New York accent, but at times the precision of their words is lost in mumbles. I hope this will be addressed as the words are so important here and in any staging.

Bottom line: This is a terrific community theatre show. It tells an emotional story, with dashes of comedy, and the practitioners here are totally committed to the endeavor. The performances by the two leading ladies are remarkable.

Main Street Productions' Lost in Yonkers runs at the Basile Westfield Playhouse through Feb. 18. Curtain times are 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets may be purchased at WestfieldPlayhouse.org.







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Total solar eclipse less than two months away

County gets ready for hundreds of thousands of visitors

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The Total Solar Eclipse will take place in Hamilton County at 3:06 p.m. on Monday, April 8.

Each community in Hamilton County is within the path of totality for more than three minutes, which will draw hundreds of thousands of visitors. The sky will begin to change at 1:50 p.m., with totality at 3:06 p.m. The sky will return to normal at 4:23 p.m.

- Duration by community: • Arcadia: 3 minutes, 4 seconds
- Atlanta: 2 minutes, 55 seconds
- Carmel: 3 minutes, 29 seconds
- Cicero: 3 minutes, 15 seconds
- Fishers: 3 minutes, 38 seconds
- Noblesville: 3 minutes, 27 seconds • Sheridan: 2 minutes, 50 seconds
- Westfield: 3 minutes, 18 seconds

enced a total eclipse in more than 800 years. Unlike in August 2017, Ham- Dean Koontz ilton County will experience totality, meaning it will be night in the middle

To learn more about how to stay

Hamilton County has not experiof the day.

engaged and safe during this once in a lifetime experience, visit VisitHamiltonCounty.com/Eclipse.

From bedding to boots, don't kick off 2024 with these flawed products

AG Rokita alerts Hoosiers of recalled items sold in January

The REPORTER

Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers of important consumer protection concerns for products recalled as we celebrate the new year.

"January should be full Home of hope and positivity – not anxiety or concern about your purchased products," AG Rokita said. "Do not allow a flawed product to put your family in danger. items immediately and pursue resolution from the manufacturer."

According to the Con-

sumer Product Safety Commission, the followconsumer products were recalled in January:

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If you recently purchased a recalled product, stop using it and check its recall notice. Then follow the notice's instructions. including where to return the product, how to get the announced on Friday it reproduct fixed, how to dispose of the product, how to receive a refund for the 147 street trees. product, or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.

To view recalls issued prior to January, visit

New at Sheridan Public Library

The REPORTER

Here are some of the new items that can be found at the Sheridan Public Li-

Fiction

1. Bad Weather Friend –

2. Crazy Lady of Pearl Street - Trevanian

3. Crosshairs – James

4. First Lie Wins – Ash-

ley Elston

than Kellerman

6. Last Night – Luanne

7. Missing Persons – Amy Clipston James Patterson

8. Smallest Man – Fran- Dani Pettrey

ces Quin 9. Starling House – Alix Lauraine Snelling

10. Women - Kristin Hannah

E. Harrow

Non-Fiction

1. Guinness World Records 2024

Children's

1. Firefighter Flo – Andrea Zimmerman

2. Girl vs. Squirrel -Hayley Barrett 3. I Was Born a Baby -

Meg Fleming 4. One, Two, Grandpa

Loves You – Shelly Becker **Inspirational Fiction**

1. Amish Blast Investi-

5. Ghost Orchid – Jona- gation – Debby Giusti

2. Breaking New Ground Amy Clipston

3. Foundation of Love –

4. One Wrong Move -

5. Season of Harvest -

Young Adult

1. If Only I Had Told Her – Laura Nowlin

Noblesville receives \$106K grant to fund tree planting

The REPORTER

The City of Noblesville ceived the 2023 Inflation Reduction Act Grant to plant

The grant, which is \$106,150 in federal funds administered through the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, is part of a grant awarded to the Division of Forestry from the USDA Forest Service. The Noblesville Tree Board assisted City of Noblesville Urban Forester John Easley with the grant application.

'We are committed to urban forestry in Noblesville and are grateful for this grant that will allow us to plant new street trees in our community," Easley said. "The opportunity to plant new trees enhances the quality of life for residents and impacts the overall environment by providing various benefits throughout the tree's lifespan. We would like to thank the USDA Forest Service, Natural Resources, Division this grant for tree planting."

Each year, the city plants approximately 175 new street trees within the right through this grant.

of way and on city properties, in addition to the trees that the Parks & Recreation Department plants along the trails and at the parks. In addition to the grant

planting, the city will plant an additional 150 street trees this spring as part of its annual operations and budget.

The areas in Noblesville that will benefit from this grant are 9th and 10th streets between Cherry Street and Christian Avenue, Conner Street between 16th and 10th streets, and Christian Avenue between the 10th Street roundabout and Setser Street. Part of the objectives of this Inflation Reduction Act grant is to improve tree canopy coverage in older areas of communities.

The trees planted will be from a list of IDNR-approved native Indiana trees that will most likely survive in the unique micro-climate along city streets. The city recognizes that the diversity of species planted is important, Division of Forestry, and and the city will install a vathe Indiana Department of riety of tree species. The actual species of trees installed of Forestry, for awarding us will vary depending on the availability of trees from this list; however, maple trees are prohibited from being funded

Merchants Bank strengthens mortgage department with new loan originators ditions to the Merchants ly two decades of loan process.

The REPORTER

Merchants Bank announced on Thursday the hiring of Benjamin Parker and Matthew Holmes as the bank's newest Mortgage Loan Originators. Parker and Holmes have joined the Merchants Mortgage division at the company's headquarters in Carmel.

In their new capacities, Federal Housing Parker and Holmes will Administration consult with clients and (FHA) and Veterprospects regarding their ans Affairs (VA) home borrowing needs, offering various mortgage loan products. Their strong backgrounds within the residential mortgage industry will be critical assets to customers as Americans are navigating an ever-changing home buying market.

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mortgage lendexperience. He most recently served as a residential mortgage banker at Star Financial Bank Indianapolis where he originated conventional, efficiently developing and main-

mortgages while taining external relationships with clients. He also served as a residential mortgage loan pro- Mortgage serving the India-

cessor at Spire Financial napolis area. Parker brings a wealth LLC, a division of V.I.P. of knowledge to his role at Mortgage, Inc., where he come two proven profesmanaged all aspects of the sionals as the newest ad-



Parker



within Indiana at Carto joining Merchants, he was most recently an

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outside loan officer for Movement

"We are excited to wel-

Mortgage team," Merchants Mortgage President Jerry Koors said. "They both are equipped with a wealth of mortgage knowledge and industry expertise that will add to the success of our mortgage department and strengthen our commitment to serving our clients at the highest level."

Parker earned his masrington Mortgage ter's degree in business ad-Holdings, Peoples ministration at Texas State Bank and First In- University after receiving ternet Bank. Prior his bachelor's degree in restaurant resort management at Colorado State University. Holmes attended Ball State University and earned his bachelor's degrees in both marketing and management.

To learn more about Merchants Bank, visit MerchantsBankOfIndiana.com.

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News

Spartz talks with Tipton voters at Friday town hall





Rep. Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) held another in-person town hall on Friday in Tipton County. "It's always refreshing to hear directly about the issues important to my district," Rep. Spartz said. "I hope more of my colleagues will start doing town halls to see the frustration of the people on the ground with Washington, D.C."

Lopez is lone Republican running for Indiana House District 39

Submitted

Experienced business executive, civic leader, and Carmel resident Danny Lopez has officially secured the Republican nomination as a candidate for State Representative in House District 39.

Having declared his candidacy after Rep. Jerry Torr's retirement announcement, Lopez will run unopposed in the Republican Primary to be held on May 7.

County families care about and find solutions to our most pressing challenges, and our message is resonating across the district," Lopez said. "I am

humbled by the your Republican nominee Holcomb



in the private and Lopez public sectors. He support our campaign has has held leadership positions received, I'm honored to be in the Daniels, Pence, and administrations for House District 39, and and was State Director for "I'm running for State I look forward to meeting Indiana Senator Dan Coats. Representative to tackle the with every single voter in He has served on the boards

this district over of directors of a long list of the next several impactful not-for-profit orgamonths." nizations.

Lopez, a senior

with

He and his wife Sofia live in Carmel with their two children, Daniel and Alexandra.

Indiana's 39th District is located entirely within Hamilton County and includes portions of Carmel and Westfield. Lopez will face Democrat Matt McNally in the November general

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GUEST COLUMNIST

Epcon announces new homes in Fishers

Submitted by Epcon Communities

Epcon Communities has announced additional home sites as Epcon grows in the Hamilto County market.

The Courtyards of Fishers has broken ground on its first homes, and new phases have been released at The Courtyards of Westfield and The Courtyards of Carmel.

"Indianapolis is a newer market for Epcon, our unique courtvard homes are in demand, and we're thrilled to announce several new opportunities," said Robyn Crawford, regional president for Epcon Communities in Indianapolis. "We have introductory pricing opportunities available at The Courtyards of Fishers for a limited time and new homesites released in our Carmel and Westfield loca-

The Courtyards of Fishers offers four home designs ranging from 1,500 to 4,000 square feet. Starting from the mid-\$400,000s, the community will have 50 home sites and a pavilion. The model and first homes have recently broken ground with expected completion in March and June, respectively.

also been released at The Courtyards of Westfield, which offers four home designs ranging from 1,500 to 4,000 square feet. Starting from the mid-\$400,000s, the community will have 22 it **EpconIndianapolis.com**.

home sites in the new phase. Amenities include a clubhouse, fitness center, pool, bocce and pickleball courts, and walking trails.

The Courtyards of Car- honor of serving mel offers seven home designs ranging from 1,500 to 4,000 square feet. Starting from the low-\$500,000s, the community will have 42 home sites in the final phase. Amenities include a clubhouse, fitness center, pool, bocce and pickleball courts, walking trails and community garden. This is the final opportunity for The Courtyards of Carmel, which includes Epcon's Celebration Series homes that are unique to this community.

Since 1986, Epcon has built homes with smart, innovative designs and the most desirable of modern amenities. Epcon builds luxury ranch homes with private courtyards that are popular with buyers aged 55 and over. Epcon communities offer low maintenance living with many communities offering amenities like clubhouses, pools, pickleball courts, walking trails, fitness centers, and more based on the size and the location of the community.

More than 35,000 fam-New home sites have ilies and individuals call an Epcon community "home," making Epcon one of the top lifestyle-rich home developers in the country year

For more information, vis-

Indiana Community Cares grant pilot program will save lives, look to Noblesville for proof

I have the as the mayor of my hometown, Noblesville, Ind., ninth-largest city in the state. Our community has seen significant growth and development in recent years, in-

cluding how our police and fire departments serve the needs of our community.

As a mayor, my top priority is keeping our community safe, and investment in public safety is critical to this end goal. Over 50 percent of our operating budget is for public safety, which includes our NobleACT program.

In 2020, my first year as Mayor of Noblesville and navigating a global pandemic, the City of Noblesville launched the NobleACT program, a proactive and sustainable mental health collaboration aimed at strengthening community-based responses through a partnership with the police and fire departments and area service providers.

Since its inception, the NobleACT program has responded to over 6,000 calls for help to appropriately address issues like housing, mental health epiaging and premature birth, and addiction issues specialist on staff and K-9 therapy dogs Luna, Carbon, and Sadie.

Together, we've reduced the number of repeat calls some residents needing support while connecting them with a full spectrum of resources that meet their longterm needs.

This unique approach empowers police officers, community paramedics, and a crisis intervention specialist to recognize the interhealth and public safety that diverts those in crisis away from the criminal justice system towards more appropriate resources designed to meet their needs.

This approach worked in my community, and I believe it can and should be implemented in cities, towns, and counties across the state, with each community tailoring the program to meet the community's priorities and unique circumstances.

We are now working sodes, challenges with state lawmakers to pass associated with legislation that will empower more local governments to use the NobleACT model to address similar challenges with the help of a in their communities, just as crisis intervention Noblesville has prioritized the mental health of our first responders and community through NobleACT.

To this end, Senators Scott Baldwin, Michael Crider, and Ed Charbonto emergency services from neau authored Senate Bill 10 (SB 10), the community cares initiative grant pilot program. The Senate unanimously passed the bill and now heads to the House for consideration. I look forward to working with the House Sponsors Chairman Barrett and Representatives Baird and King to help get sectionality between public this bill across the finish and to Governor Holcomb's

> The community cares initiative grant program will ultimately empower eligible local units to apply for an annual grant to fund the critical infrastructure needed to start or build these customized response teams in rural and urban communities. The goal is that the program's success will ultimately pay for itself by cutting costs through alternative forms of intervention and assistance.

It's time to move beyond erasing the stigma around issues such as mental health and addiction and implement the future of public health and safety services. The program introduced in SB 10 will do just that, and I'm grateful for the leadership of the Senators and Representatives working to get this across the finish line. In addition to the authors previously referenced, 32 Senators have co-authored SB 10, demonstrating the broad interest and support from districts across

We have proven its success in Noblesville, and we hope to see it implemented statewide and eventually nationwide.

Proactive public health and safety services that save lives should be a priority for all communities, with a focus on putting concepts and ideas into action. I look forward to seeing success across other communities and having our state leaders' support to prioritize mental health initiatives through SB 10. This bill is a substantial step forward in investing in our people and the future of integrated public health and safety.

Chris Jensen serves as the mayor of Noblesville.







From stigma to support: Hope Academy collaborates with Indy Fuel & Anthem for mental health advocacy

more than 30 years working in mental health, I've learned one of the most difficult aspects for people

when destigmatizing substance use disorder is feeling seen. This is why founding Hope Academy 18 olescents between the ages years ago, alongside other industry leaders, has been

moments of my career. Hope Academy is one of nine accredited recovery schools in the country and the only one in Indiana, making our services critically important to young Hoosiers in pursuit of sobriety and their high school education. We specialize in serving high school students coming to us from many communities throughout the state. At Hope Academy, students not only receive help with their academics, but they also receive mental health support and addiction recovery tools alongside their peers who may be struggling with a

one of the most rewarding

GUEST COLUMNIST RACHELLE GARDNER

programs have diminished significantly in Indiana, the entire country. A recent study by UCLA research-

drug overdoses each week County stands out as one of the most fatal counties, being named a "hotspot county" by The White House. This alarming statistic makes it clear our programming is critically important now more than ever.

Hope Academy is in a unique position to fill the gaps and holistically support students while offering long-term recovery options. When a person is struggling with addiction, there is almost always a mental health aspect at play. As such, it is crucial to look at these students through a whole health lens versus addressing a standalone symptom.

treatment emy students and Anthem mental health and wellness. Blue Cross and Blue Shield mental health professionals came together with players throughout from the Indy Fuel to host 'Hockey Talks,' a mental health initiative that helps adolescents break down ers from 2020 to barriers and stigmas sur-2022 revealed an rounding issues that evprogram helps students of 14 and 18 are dying from feel safe and understood and fosters much-needed in the United States. Marion awareness in the community. Players offer guidance to local students on how to navigate mental health issues, such as participating in hobbies, maintaining balance throughout life, proper sleep and nutrition, as well as supportive social circles.

Hope Academy students learned to be forthcoming about their experiences and challenges, and hearing the Indy Fuel players relate to them on the same level made our students feel seen and heard in a way they might not otherwise see possible. Put simply, by coming together for 'Hockey Talks,' we are beginning to normal-

Regardless of whether you are a professional athlete or a high school student, we are all humans who struggle. If we continue to have genuine community conversations such as 'Hockey Talks' with health partners like Anthem, we can help average of 22 ad- eryday teenagers face. The normalize and destigmatize these struggles, especially for our youth.

Rachelle Gardner is Hope Academy's Executive Director and one of the school's founders. She began her career as an addiction's counselor, and previously served as director of adolescent services at Fairbanks Recovery Center and as the board chair for the Association of Recovery Schools. Rachelle holds a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from Indiana University, and a master's degree in organizational management. She is also a licensed clinical addiction counselor in Indiana. With over 30 years of experience in the field, she is passionate about helping adolescents affected by drug and alcohol abuse



William "Tom" Thomas Fennell April 20, 1938 – February 7, 2024

William "Tom" Thomas Fennell, 85, Noblesville, passed away while surrounded by his fami-



away while surrounded by his family on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at Harbour Manor Care Center. He was born in New Market, Tenn., on April 20, 1938, to the late Clayton and Agnes (Stallsworth) Fennell.

On September 4, 1960, he married Sandra "Sandy" Kay (Kakasuleff) Fennell, and they shared 57 years of marriage before Sandy's

passing in December of 2017.

Tom attended Lincoln High School and graduated with the Class of 1954. Tom spent his career working in retail. He started in entry-level positions and worked up to executive management at Danners Incorporation, where he retired after 35 years. Tom was devoted to his faith and attended the Emanuel Lutheran Church in Arcadia, where he served as the Financial Secretary for several years. Tom also spent time in his youth sponsoring and working with the Junior Achievement organization, which helped the youth get acclimated to business environments to better them for the workforce. During his free time, Tom enjoyed gardening, woodworking, and collecting pocket knives. He and Sandy loved to go antiquing and spending time outdoors. Tom loved his family and enjoyed all the time he was able to spend with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren – to them he was the "Coolest Pa."

Tom is survived by his children, Gregg (Amanda) Fennell of Fishers, Tanya Runyan of Noblesville, and Trina Fennell of Arcadia; grandchild, Kayleigh (Bruce) Weisman of Lebanon, Tenn., Emily (Michael) Weiss of Carmel, Erin Runyan of Nora, Ind., Sarah Hiatt of Arcadia, Joe Hiatt of Carmel; great-grandchildren, Annabelle Weisman, and Max and Charlie Weiss; sisters, Wanda Knipp of Pershing, Ind., Darlene (James) Gray of Cambridge City, Ind., and Alice (Paul) Good of Oro Valley, Ariz.

Tom was preceded in death by his wife, Sandra "Sandy" Fennell; parents, Clayton Fennell & Agnes Rusk; and brothers & sisters, Margie Vore, Barbara Brandon, Roger Fennell, Carl Fennell, and Judy Scholl.

The funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at Emanuel Lutheran, 355 Shafer St., Arcadia, with Pastor Peter Scaer officiating. Burial will follow in the Emanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Arcadia.

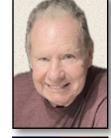
A time for visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at Hartley Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Emanuel Lutheran Church.

Online condolences can be given at hartleyfuneral-homes.com.

Donald L. Forkner November 20, 1944 – February 8, 2024

Donald L. Forkner, 79, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at his home. He was born on November 20, 1944, to Williard and Nancy Elizabeth (Ehman) Forkner in Noblesville.





Donald proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He retired after 31 years as a fabricating machine specialist for Allison Transmission. Donald enjoyed woodworking, fishing, camping, and boating. He had a questionable euchre game. Donald was a member of the Noblesville American Legion and the Local 933 UAW Chapter in Indianapolis. He loved going out to eat and

spending time with his family.

Donald is survived by his wife, Ruth Forkner; four daughters, Angela (Charles) Parsley, Cathy Kollath, Laurie (Brad) Leffler, and Dawn (Jason) Dudgeon; nine grandchil-

dren, Shawna (Jason), Morgan (Robert), Stephen (Kristin), Jackie (Jonny), Seth (Janina), Logan, Blake, Jake, and Sam; eight great-grandchildren; and 29 nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his two sisters, Wanda Gullion and Ellen M. Stoops.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with services at 1 p.m., on Saturday, February 17, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Burial will be held at a later date at Marion National Cemetery in Marion.

Memorial contributions may be made to Indy Honor Flight, P.O. Box 10, Plainfield, IN 46168 (indyhonorflight. org); or Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038 (hamiltonhumane.com).

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send obituaries to obits@ReadTheReporter.com.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

DINAH AND THE SHECHEMITES

Now Dinah, the daughter Leah had borne to Jacob, went out to visit the women of the land. When Shechem son of Hamor the Hivite, the ruler of that area, saw her, he took her and raped her. His heart was drawn to Dinah daughter of Jacob; he loved the young woman and spoke tenderly to her. And Shechem said to his father Hamor, "Get me this girl as my wife."

When Jacob heard that his daughter Dinah had been defiled, his sons were in the fields with his livestock; so he did nothing about it until they came home.

Then Shechem's father Hamor went out to talk with Jacob. Meanwhile, Jacob's sons had come in from the fields as soon as they heard what had happened. They were shocked and furious, because Shechem had done an outrageous thing in Israel by sleeping with Jacob's daughter—a thing that should not be done.

But Hamor said to them, "My son Shechem has his heart set on your daughter. Please give her to him as his wife. Intermarry with us; give us your daughters and take our daughters for yourselves. You can settle among us; the land is open to you. Live in it, trade in it, and acquire property in it."

Genesis 34:1-10 (NIV)

Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Carmel Plan Commission meeting set for 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2024, has been canceled due to lack of an agenda.

Send Meeting Notices to: News@ReadTheReporter.com Council will meet in an executive session at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024, in Room A213 at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(4)(I), Interviews and negotiations with industrial or commercial prospects or agents of industrial or commercial prospects by a governing body of a political subdivision.

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A regular meeting will follow at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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State Girls Swimming

Carmel sends all 25 swims to finals; Fishers, HSE, Millers also move several on

Carmel's Shackell sets new backstroke record; Huskies, Rocks advance two swims

By RICHIE HALL

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INDIANAPOLIS Carmel swim coach Chris Plumb summed it up best after Friday's girls state swimming preliminaries: "The most exciting thing about this group is that everybody who swam today is swimming tomorrow."

The Grevhounds had 25 swims at the state prelims, and all 25 advanced to Saturday's state finals, which take place this afternoon at the IU Natatorium. With 19 of those swims in the "A" Final, or championship heat, and the other six in the "B" Final (consolation heat), Carmel has put itself in a solid position as it looks to continue its historic streak.

"That's super cool to get 100 percent back," said Plumb. "It's not an easy meet, there's a lot going on. I felt good about their performances and we had some people maybe on the outside who moved up. And the cool thing is we got a lot of 'A' Finals and that's going to score some points to win this meet."

Of course, the 'Hounds don't wait until the finals to make history. Junior Alex Shackell rewrote the record book Friday night by setting a new state record in the butterfly event. Shackell broke her own mark by swimming that event in 50.57 seconds; her old time of 50.89 seconds won her the state championship last year.

Shackell is the top seed in the butterfly for the finals, as well as the backstroke,

which she finished in 52.00 seconds for the prelims. Junior Lynsey Bowen also earned two top seeds, first in the 200 freestyle (1 minute, 46.40 seconds) and in the 500 free (4:44.85). Bowen leads a 1-2-3 Greyhounds march into the 500 finals today, with Alyssa Street the second seed and Alexandra Ward the third seed.

Sophomore Molly Sweeney took the first seed in the individual medley (1:57.05) and the breaststroke (1:00.42). Carmel is also top-seeded in the medley relay (1:41.25) and the 400 free relay (3:24.93).

Freshman Faith Gorey stepped up in the 50 free, where she won a swimoff to earn a place in the "A" Final. Gorey and New Prairie senior Emma Tulacz tied for eighth in the prelims, which necessitated the swimoff. Gorey easily won that race to get into the championship heat.

Fishers had a solid evening at the meet, sending eight swims into the "A" Final and seven more in the "B" Final for a total of 15 advancing swims.

The Tigers were led by freshman Emily Wolf, who qualified third in both the butterfly and backstroke events. Senior Avery Stein was third in the IM and breaststroke, while Emma Schumacher finished fifth in the 500 free. Fishers also sent all three relays into the championship heat.

"The girls did a really good job of getting up and racing," said Tigers assistant coach Alec Haley. "We had



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Noblesville senior Maya McDonald shares a laugh with Millers coach Aleks Fansler after qualifying

for the "A" Final in the breaststroke.

Carmel freshman Faith Gorey won a swimoff to qualify for the "A" Final of the 50 freestyle. Gorey's 50 free performance is one of 19 "A" Finals that the Greyhounds earned after Friday's state swimming prelims.

some swims move up into some scoring heats and they got their hand on the wall when they needed to."

Hamilton Southeastern had five swims reach the

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Hamilton Southeastern's Meghan Voelker, Kelsey Graham and Eloise Harrison cheer for the Royals' medley relay team at the beginning of the meet.

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Carmel sophomore Priscilla Smith improved her

time in the 50 free from the sectional final to the

state prelims, qualifying 11th and reaching the

"B" Final. The Greyhounds advanced all 25 of

their swims to Saturday's finals.

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"A" Final and another four qualify for the "B" Final. Senior Audrey Crawford took second in the IM and butterfly, while Kiley Zoeller was fifth in the 50 free. The Royals advanced their medley and 400 free relays to the "A" Final as well.

"I'm really proud of how they swam and how they competed," said Southeastern coach Christian Hanselmann. "There are some ups and downs and that's just how meets go. Proud of them for getting back up and keeping on and fighting through some adversity and just looking forward to tomorrow."

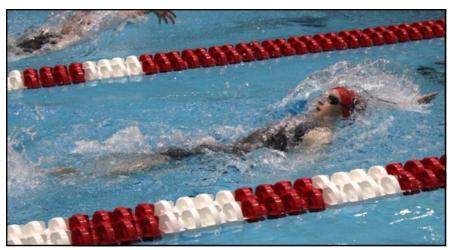
Noblesville has six swims coming back for the finals. Senior Maya Mc-Donald made the "A" Final in the breaststroke, qualifying third in 1:02.46.

The Millers' other five swims are all in the "B" Finals. Sophomore Haddie Vohs made it back in the 200 free and butterfly events, and Noblesville qualified all three relays to the consols.

Hamilton Heights and Westfield both had two swims make the "B" Final. Both of those Huskies swims will be in the 500 free, with senior Teegan Madara qualifying ninth and her sister, freshman Ayla Madara, qualifying 13th.

Also in the 500 free, Westfield sophomore Kate Cassidy placed 14th and will swim in the consolation of that event. The Shamrocks' 200 free relay placed 16th, getting it into the "B" Final there.

Championship Saturday begins with the diving prelims at 9 a.m., with the semifinals to follow. Swimat 1 p.m.







Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(TOP LEFT) Westfield sophomore Kate Cassidy qualified 14th in the 500 freestyle and will swim in the "B" Final today. (TOP RIGHT) Hamilton Heights freshman Ayla Madara swam in the 200 and 500 freestyle races at the prelims. She qualified for the "B" Final of the 500 free after finishing 13th. (ABOVE LEFT) Fishers junior Mia Wilson took 13th in the individual medley to reach the "B" Final. (ABOVE RIGHT) Hamilton Southeastern sophomore Naomi Haines warms down after finishing 15th in the backstroke and advancing to the "B" Final.

Positions 1-8 qualify for Hulen) 1:50.17. "A" Final (championship heat), positions 9-16 qualify heat), positions 17 and 18 are alternates.

200 medley relay: 1. Carmel (Grace Dougherty, Molly Sweeney, Alex Shackell, Lillian Clark) 1:41.25, 2. Hamilton Southeastern (Naomi Haines, Julia Kiley, Audrey Crawford, Kiley Zoeller) 1:42.29, 4. Fishers (Avery Hannon, Polina Sopova, Emily Wolf, Emma Schwertfeger) 1:44.32, 10. Noblesville (Haddie Vohs, Maya McDonald, Emily Knott, Exley ming and diving finals begin Tricker) 1:46.62, 20. Hamilton Heights (Amira Leer, Teegan

Madara, Ayla Madara, Sophia

200 freestyle: 1. Lynsey Bowen (C) 1:46.40, 7. Alyssa for "B" Final (consolation Street (C), 8. Alexandra Ward (C) 1:50.69, 9. Emma Schumacher (F) 1:50.86, 13. Vohs (N) 1:52.36, 15. Claire Francis (F) 1:52.69, 19. Mia Henderson (HSE) 1:54.04, 21. A. Madara (HH) 1:54.83.

200 individual medley: 1. Sweeney (C) 1:57.05, 2. Crawford (HSE) 2:00.49, 3. Avery Stein (F) 2:01.59, 4. Lucy Enoch (C) 2:02.35, 6. Kayla Barr (C) 2:04.34, 13. Mia Wilson (F) 2:07.17, 17. T. Madara (HH) 2:08.37.

50 freestyle: 5. Zoeller

(C) 23.93, 11. Priscilla Smith 4:48.71, 3. Ward (C) 4:51.56, (C) 24.07, T13. Madelyn Lathrop (C) 24.15, 18. Schwertfeger (F) 24.27.

100 butterfly: 1. Shackell (C) 50.57, new state record, 2. Crawford (HSE) 53.71, 3. Wolf (F) 53.88, 4. Gorey (C) 54.47, 14. Vohs (N) 57.53, 24. Ellason Miller (HSE) 58.89, 27. Lisa Bradford (F) 59.75

100 freestyle: 4. Dougherty (C) 50.21, 9. Addyson Czarnecki (C) 51.31, 10. Sophia Floyd (C) 51.45, 11. Zoeller (HSE) 51.58, 16. Schwertfeger (F) 52.66, 18. Henderson (HSE) 52.99, 19. Haines (HSE) 53.11.

500 freestyle: 1. Bow-

5. Schumacher (F) 4:57.33, 9. 57.60. T. Madara (HH) 5:01.96, 12. Izzy Heuck (F) 5:04.81, 13. A. Madara (HH) 5:05.22, 14. Kate

Leer (HH) 5:12.68. 200 freestyle relay: 3. Fishers (Stein, Francis, Frankie Ramey, Schwertfeger) 1:35.24, 10. Noblesville (Ellie Hayward, Julia Santerre, Mia Field, Mc-Donald) 1:39.22, 16. Westfield (Anna McKeown, Alexandra Ir-

Cassidy (Westfield) 5:06.28,

15. Francis (F) 5:07.08, 20.

100 backstroke: 1. Shackell (C) 52.00, 3. Wolf (F) 54.91, 8. Dougherty (C) 55.90, 14.

vin, Maggie Alley, Nora Sperry)

1:39.90, Southeastern DQ.

(HSE) 56.81, 20. Hannon (F)

breaststroke: 1. Sweeney (C) 1:00.42, 3, Mc-Donald (N) 1:02.46, 4. Stein (F) 1:03.04, 5. Enoch (C) 1:03.3, 10. Czarnecki (C) 1:03.91, 11. Eloise Harrison (HSE) 1:04.67, 13. Kiley (HSE) 1:05.11, 16. Sopova (F) 1:05.91.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Carmel (Bowen, Floyd, Ward, Barr) 3:24.93, 3. Fishers (Stein, Schumacher, Francis, Wolf) 3:27.40, 5. Southeastern (Crawford, Henderson, Kiley, Zoeller) 3:27.64, 15. Noblesville (Vohs, Knott, Hayward, Tricker) 3:35.95, 18. Heights (Hulen, Leer, T. Madara, A. Madara) 3:37.66.

Basketball-

Top-ranked Tigers hold off Cathedral at home

The REPORTER

Fishers has the advantage of closing out the regular season with three of its last four games at home bein a few weeks.

The Tigers tangled with another tough opponent last night and were able to come out victorious, holding off the visiting No. 7 Cathedral Irish, 56-51.

Balanced scoring got Fishers started in the first Fishers with a team-high with a 19-14 lead through one quarter.

their rankings mean something. An 11-11 second kept also added nine. the Irish within striking disfive at halftime, 30-25.

the third (15-15), the Tigers and Irish would still be separated by five 45-40 through

For the third quarter in a fore the Class 4A Sectional row the two tied in the quar-8 tournament at Noblesville ter (11-11) and that would still be enough to fend off the Irish, giving Fishers a five-point home win over Cathedral.

Three Tigers reached double-figures in a pretty balanced offensive attack.

Keenan Garner paced 14. Jason Gardner Jr. was steady with 11 and right be-The two showed why hind with 10 was JonAnthony Hall. Millen McCartney

Fishers (19-1) gets just a tance, but Fishers still led by couple days rest before welcoming in No. 2 Lawrence Matching scores again in North (18-1) on Tuesday.

(HSE) 23.56, 8. Faith Gorey en (C) 4:44.85, 2. Street (C) Barr (C) 56.69, 15. Haines www.noblesvilleattorney.com • Family Law Real Estate Law Estate Planning Probate Business Personal Injury Litigation Guardianship Adoption Expungements • Elder Law Appeals 136 South Ninth Street Noblesville, IN 46060 alli@noblesvilleattorney.com (317) 773-1974

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FISHERS 56, CATHEDRAL 51 **Fishers** 2 0-0 Taden Metzger 3 Millen McCartney 1-2 Cooper Zachary JonAnthony Hall Keenan Garner Jason Gardner Jr. Justin Kirby Parker Perdue 0-0 Nathan Baker 0-0 3 17 **Totals** 4-10 Score by Quarters Cathedral 15 11 - 51**Fishers** 19 15 11 - 56Fishers 3-pointers (2) McCartney 2.

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(ABOVE LEFT) Hamilton Southeastern's Braeden Totten scored 12 points for the Royals during their Friday win over Carmel. At right is the Greyhounds' Ben Bremer, who scored six points. (ABOVE RIGHT) Carmel's Evan Harrell scored 11 points for Carmel. He is being guarded by Southeastern's Kameron Anthony, who was a perfect 4-for-4 from the field on Friday.

Royals build slow & steady to overpower Greyhounds

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern won an all-county contest with Carmel on Friday, 45-39 at the Royals' gym.

The Royals jumped out to an 11-7 lead during the first quarter, including five points for Braeden Totten. The Greyhounds cut that advantage to 14-12 by the end of the period; Evan Harrell scored six points for Carmel. Southeastern led 27-25 at halftime, with Donovan Hamilton hitting two 3-pointers for the Royals and Alex Couto making a pair of triples for the 'Hounds.

The game slowed down to its lead, going up 35-31 at the end of the third. The Royals scored another 10 in the fourth to clinch the win.

	HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 45, CARMEL 39									
	Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF	Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
	Alex Couto	3-10	0-0	9	1	Donovan Hamilton	4-12	1-5	11	1
	Ryan Clevenger	2-8	0-0	5	4	Nathaniel Orr	2-13	1-2	5	1
	Aidan Dickerson	0-0	0-0	0	2	Braeden Totten	5-6	2-2	12	0
	Ben Bremer	2-6	0-0	6	4	Michael Griffith	3-4	1-2	7	1
	Evan Harrell	3-5	5-7	11	0	Kameron Anthony	4-4	0-0	8	3
	Mitchell Mulloy	3-5	0-0	6	2	Maverick Young	0-3	0-0	0	0
	Quinn Murphy	0-1	0-0	0	0	Deion Miles	0-0	0-0	0	0
	Max Winders	1-2	0-0	2	1	Jack Jacobs	1-1	0-0	2	0
	Totals	14-37	5-7	39	14	Totals	19-43	5-11	45	6
Carmel 3-point shooting (6-21) Couto 3-9,						Southeastern 3-point shooting (2-8) Hamilton 2-3,				
Bremer 2-6, Clevenger 1-5, Murphy 0-1. Carmel rebounds (20) Mulloy 5, Couto 4, Harrell					Orr 0-2, Young 0-2, Totten 0-1.					
					Southeastern rebounds (29) Orr 7, Hamilton 6,					
4, Clevenger 3, Murphy 2, Bremer 1, Winders 1.					Griffith 6, Totten 4, Anthony 3, Miles 1.					

Carmel	12	13	6
Southeastern	14	13	8
Totten finished the game	lowed by	Hamilto	on and M

in the third quarter, but with 12 points, while Ham-chael Griffith with six each. Southeastern was able to add ilton scored 11. Kamer- Orr handed out four assists, on Anthony went 4-for-4 Totten made four steals and from the field to score eight Hamilton blocked three points. Nathaniel Orr led the rebounds with seven, fol-

2023-24 GIRLS BASKETBALL STATE TOURNAMENT

Sat Feb 10 - Hamilton County Schools

1:00 pm Woodlan vs Hamilton Heights (at Lapel)

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shots.

Score by Quarters

Harrell scored 11 points

for Carmel, with Couto making three 3s for nine points. Mitchell Mulloy had five rebounds.

8 - 39

10 - 45

The Royals are 14-6 and play at Southport tonight. The Greyhounds are 9-10 and play Tuesday at Brebeuf

Westfield takes control, easily halting Huskies

The REPORTER

CSI Gymnasium.

The Class 4A No. 4 Shamrocks were in control from the start, leading 27-10 after the first quarter. 11 points to lead Heights. Nic Book dominated that Landen Scheiber had four opening period with 10 points, while Durante Morton scored six. Westfield hosts University on Tuesled 49-27 at halftime, then outscored the Huskies 17-4 in the third quarter, with Book adding another seven

Book finished Westfield picked up a 23 points to lead all scorhome victory over Hamil- ers. Charles Farrell had 12 ton Heights 86-37 Friday at points, including five in the second quarter. Will Harvey made three 3-pointers for nine points.

Sam Dawson scored assists.

Westfield is 16-2 and day. The Huskies are 9-11 and travel to Twin Lakes next Friday for the thirdplace game of the Hoosier Conference tournament.

· 							
WESTFIELD	B 6 ,	HAMILT	ON F	IEIGHTS 37			
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF			
Landen Scheiber	0	0-0	0	1			
Tyler Champion	3	0-0	8	0			
Tillman Etchison	3	2-3	8	1			
John Irion	1	0-0	3	3			
Sam Dawson	4	0-0	11	0			
Rees Knapp	1	0-0	3	3 0			
Carson Felger	0	0-0	0				
Phoenix Vondersaa	1	0-0	2	1			
Hayden Spicer	0	0-0	0	0			
Aidan Unger	1	0-0	2	1			
Chris Nobbe	0	0-0	0	0			
Totals	14	2-3	37	10			
Heights 3-pointers (7) Da	wson 3, Cham	oion 2, k	(napp, Irion.			
Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF			
Trey Buchanan	3	0-0	8	0			
Will Harvey	3	0-0	9	2			
Charles Farrell	5	1-1	12	1			
Durante Morton	4	0-0	8	1			
Nic Book	11	1-2	23	1			
Drew Haffner	2	0-0	6	1			
Carsen Melvin	2	1-1	5 2	2			
Rylan Rauch	1	0-0		1			
Brock Detamore	2	0-0	6	1			
Jalen Malone	1	0-0	2	0			
Brody Sutton	0	0-0	0	0			
Logan Sumpter	2	0-0	5	0			
Totals	36	3-4	86	10			
Westfield 3-pointers (11) Harvey 3, Buchanan 2, Haffner 2, Deta-							
more 2, Farrell, Sumpter.							
	Score by Quarters						
Heights	10	17	4	6 – 37			
Westfield	27	22	17	20 – 86			

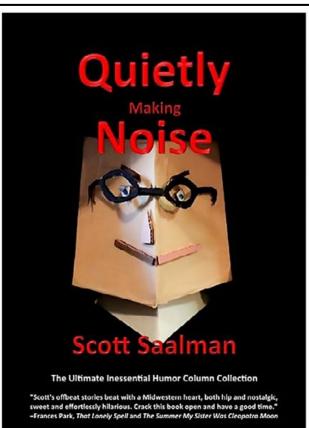




Photos by Dwight Casler

(ABOVE LEFT) Sheridan's Trent DeCraene reached double-double status with 11 assists and 10 points during the Blackhawks' Hoosier Heartland Conference win over Carroll on Friday. (ABOVE RIGHT) Damon Winston had 10 rebounds and nine points for Sheridan.

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Blackhawks fight hard to beat Carroll Cougars

The REPORTER

Sheridan picked up a hard-fought Hoosier Heartland Conference victory on Friday, beating Carroll 75-72 at Larry Hobbs Hall.

The Cougars led 18-17 after one quarter. Tyler Garner kept the Blackhawks in the game with 11 points in the opening period. Carroll edged its lead up slightly in the second period to go up 34-31 at halftime.

But Sheridan came back, outscoring the Cougars 19-11 in the third quarter for a 50-45 lead. Six different 'Hawks players scored, including five points from Caleb Wright. 27-25 in the fourth quarter, but Trey Page poured in 13 points to help clinch the victory; Page made two 3-pointfree-throw line.

SHERIDAN 75, CARROLL 72							
Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF			
Trent DeCraene	3-9	4-6	10	2			
Tyler Garner	8-8	0-0	17	3			
Trey Page	5-12	5-6	17	1			
Caleb Wright	7-15	3-4	18	4			
Damon Winston	4-6	1-2	9	0			
Owen Bell	0-1	0-0	0	1			
Devon Hamilton	1-1	2-2	4	0			
Carson Wright	0-0	0-0	0	1			
Totals	28-52	15-20	75	12			
Score by Quarters							

Carroll 25 - 75Sheridan Sheridan 3-point shooting (4-19) Page 2-7, Cal. Wright 1-7, Garner 1-1, DeCraene 0-2, Winston 0-2.

Sheridan rebounds (32) Winston 10, Garner 8, DeCraene 5, Page 4, Car. Wright 2, Hamilton 2, Bell 1.

Blackhawks Four Carroll outscored Sheridan reached double figures in scoring. Wright totaled 18 points, with Garner and Page both adding 17. DeCraene finished with a double-douers and went 5 of 6 from the ble of 11 assists and 10

lected 10 rebounds to go with nine points and two blocked shots.

Sheridan is 4-3 in conference play and 11-6 overall. The Blackhawks host Delphi on Tuesday for their last points. Damon Winston col- HHC game of the season.

No. 3 Noblesville stages major comeback in win at Brownsburg

The REPORTER

Noblesville hit the road on Friday night for yet another big contest in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference. The biggest challenge of the night wouldn't be their Bulldog opponents. The Millers were without the services of senior point sidelined with an illness.

Facing a double-digit deficit in the second half, Noblesville was able to mount a comeback for a big road win at Brownsburg, 61-57.

The Bulldogs took advantage of playing on their home court, taking control in the first with a 21-15

time, edging out the Millers 13-11, going to halftime with a 34-26 cushion.

Keeping the trend in the third, the Bulldogs pushed the lead even more with a 18-13 third to lead by a baker's dozen through three, 52-39.

Things clicked immeguard Aaron Fine, who was diately for the Millers on both ends of the floor. Defensively, Noblesville held Brownsburg to just five points in the final frame and would score 22 them-

Down by 16 early in the fourth, the Millers were able to catch every break possible to come back for an HCC road win.

Brownsburg would wid- with a team-high 21 points 11. The double-digit trio en the gap a little at half- with four rebounds and also combined for 8-of-16 game of conference play.

NOBLESVILLE 61, BROWNSBURG 57

Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF				
Hunter Walston	4-11	11-14	21	4				
Justin Curry	5-12	0-0	13	0				
Aiden Brewer	0-0	1-2	1	2				
Baron Walker	2-8	0-2	5	4				
TJ Davidson	4-5	0-0	11	5				
Will Smits	2-2	1-2	5	1				
Ryan Vetor	1-1	2-2	5	0				
Adam Fine	0-0	0-0	0	1				
Totals	18-39	15-22	61	17				
Score by Quarters								
Noblesville	15	11	13	22 – 61				
Brownsburg	21	13	18	5 – 57				
Noblesville 3-point shooting (10-20) Curry 3-8, Davidson 3-4,								
Walston 2-4, Walker 1-3, Vetor 1-1.								
Noblesville rebounds (17) Walston 4, Smits 4, Walker 3, Curry 2,								

three steals. Justin Curry had 13 to go with three assists and three steals. TJ Hunter Walston led Davidson chipped in with

Vetor 2, Fine 1, Brewer 1.

from three-point range.

Noblesville (18-2, 4-2 HCC) is off until Friday when it hosts Avon (11-8, 1-4 HCC) for the final

Bethesda Christian gets best of 'Blazers

The REPORTER

University's six-year reign as boys basketball champions of the Pioneer Academic Athletic Conference (PAAC) is over. Bethesda Christian dethroned the Trailblazers 62-52 in a contest that featured huge momentum swings and a half-court buzzer-beater.

Bethesda Christian scored the first 14 points of the game before University rallied to take a 23-21 halftime lead. The Patriots regained the lead in the third quarter, survived a Bryce Gray half court bomb at the third quarter buzzer and pulled away in the fourth quarter making 9 of 11 foul shots to hold University at

The Patriots Sam Mlagan scored seven of his game high 25 points in helping his team to that 14-0 lead. Max McComb got the Trailblazers on the board with an old fashioned three-point play with 1:26 left in the opening period. Cooper Cammack and McComb each added a pair of foul shots to let University close the gap to 16-7 at the end of the opening quarter.

University slowly chipped away in the second quarter. McComb opened with a three pointer and added another basket to cut the lead to 17-12. After another Mlagan score, Bryce Gray found Montgomery Holland for a lay-in and another threepoint play. Cammack set up McComb for a three pointer with 2:40 left and University was within 19-18. Blake Gray found McComb for a three pointer to give the Blazers their first lead at 21-19 with 1:57 left.

University

Bryce Gray

Blake Gray

Zien Bland Faisal Mohamud

University

Bethesda

Totals

Max McComb

Robert Russell

Jackson Bledsoe

Cooper Cammack

Montgomery Holland

University took a 23-21 lead to the halftime locker room after Bryce Gray's scored on a drive to the rim with five seconds left.

The Patriots regained the lead 38 seconds into the second half on a Mlagan triple to ignite an 8-0 Bethesda Christian run that gave the hosts a lead they never relinquished. Bryce Gray pulled University within 34-30. The Patriots led 39-30 when Bryce Gray pulled up at the halfcourt line and made a buzzer-beating three-pointer to give University some momentum heading into the final quarter.

Bethesda Christian was up to the task, scoring the first five point of the fourth quarter and University got no closer than seven the rest of the game.

McComb finished with 19 points, 16 in the first half, to lead University. Bryce Gray scored 12 of his 14 in the second half. Cammack had a team-high six rebounds.

The PAAC championship was the first for Bethesda Christian. The Patriots are coached by 2013 University graduate Jonathan Grubaums. Bethesda Christian. ranked 11th in Class 1A holds a 13-7 record and have won eight games in a row and 10 of 11.

University falls to 10-9 on the season and will play a pair of road games against Class 4A opponents next week. The Blazers travel to fourth ranked Westfield for an all-county matchup on Tuesday and play at Decatur Central on Saturday afternoon - gametime has been changed to 1:30 p.m. for the matinee.

What's next for the Clash?

For those expecting to watch the Busch Light Clash at the Los Angeles Coliseum on Sunday night, I hope you set your DVRs to FS1 on Saturday, too.

In a decision that has never occurred in NA-

SCAR, and will likely never be repeated, NASCAR scrubbed the qualifying races on Saturday night and moved the Clash to Saturday. The entire event was nearly canceled due to the severe weather event that hit Southern California on Sunday and Monday.

To NASCAR's credit, the Clash went off without a hitch (at least from my perspective) and the event was entertaining. Although time restrictions on Saturday prevented NASCAR from completing the qualifying races, the three-minute sprint qualifying heats were stirring a late restart. Ultimately, the cold. To attract enough at-



pionship 4 contender Christopher Bell missing the Ryan Blaney only getting in because he was the 2023

series champion.

Denny Hamlin won by taking the lead in the final laps after Ty Gibbs, who was dominant for most of the race, slid up the racetrack during a late restart. As anticipated, the race was physical and had a lot of "bumping" and "banging," especially deeper in the Clash at the LA Coliseum like to see the Clash go back field. There were extended periods of green-flag racing, and the constant lap traffic now is where does it go? made it challenging for whoever as leading the race.

As mentioned above, Ty Gibbs was the class of the field but struggled on restarts and let Hamlin sneak by on Canada in February? Too

and resulted in big event was as I had expected tendance, it's going to need names like Cham- and nothing more. The actual racing was (and will continue to be) mediocre. The track is simply not big enough to 150-lap feature, handle 23 Cup cars. The reand 2023 Cup sult is bumper cars instead Series Champion of a legitimate race. If you were paying attention, much of the contact occurred in a chain-reaction fashion. Entertaining, maybe, but it did not highlight the exceptional skills possessed by NA-SCAR Cup drivers.

> The three-year contract with the LA Coliseum has ended and every indication is that NASCAR is not planning on renewing its contract and will not hold the next season.

The big question right I've heard speculation about going international, either Mexico or Canada.

Realistically, I don't think it can go to Canada. to be somewhere warm. So, Mexico? Not a good idea. First, the logistics of a NASCAR race in Mexico would be a significant economic burden on the teams. Second, I don't think a NA-SCAR race in Mexico will do much to build its American fanbase. And if NA-SCAR wants to expand its fanbase in America, Mexico is the wrong place to start.

I would love to see NA-SCAR take the Clash to one of America's iconic short tracks. There are several in Florida: New Smyrna? Five

More than that, I would to Daytona. A simple 25-lap shootout, exclusively for those drivers who won a pole in the previous season. Focus on the racing. That is what makes Daytona great.

Zech Yoder is a local resident, an attorney at Adler Attorneys in Noblesville, and a lifelong race fan.

Three-day schedule announced for 2024 Brickyard Weekend

Friday tickets complimentary with purchase of Saturday or Sunday ticket

Submitted by IMS

NASCAR Cup and Xfinity Series return to Indianapolis Motor Speedway for Brickyard Weekend on July 19-21, fans can enjoy three days of on-track action on the famed 2.5-mile oval.

Practice for both the NASCAR Cup Series Brickyard 400 presented by PPG and the NASCAR Xfinity Series Pennzoil 250 presented by Advance Auto Parts will be held on the afternoon of Friday, July 19.

Qualifying sessions for both races will be run Saturday, July 20, followed by the Pennzoil 250 presented by Advance Auto Parts at 3:30 p.m. ET. The Brickyard 400 presented by PPG will start at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 21.

"With the return to the oval and celebration of NASCAR's 30th anniversary at IMS, it's only fitting

that fans can enjoy three When the stars of the days of on-track action," IMS President J. Douglas Boles said. "As a thank you to our fans who have tickets to Saturday's Pennzoil 250 presented by Advance Auto Parts or Sunday's Brickyard 400 presented by PPG, they can add Friday to their Brickyard Weekend plans for no additional cost. And - as always - 15 and - sion adult ticketholder. under are free!"

Tickets for Friday's practice sessions are \$25. However, if fans also purchase a ticket for either Saturday or Sunday, a complimentary Friday ticket will ed to IMS accounts. be added to all orders upon checkout at **IMS.com**.

Tickets for Saturday start at \$35, with Sunday tickets for the Brickyard 400 presented by PPG starting at yard 400 took place Aug. \$40. Kids 15 and under are 6, 1994, with racing legend admitted free when accompanied by a General Admis-



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Fans who previously purchased a Saturday or Sunday ticket for Brickyard Weekend will receive complimentary Friday ticket(s). Friday ticket(s) will be add-

NASCAR celebrates 30 years at the Racing Capital of the World in 2024 with

the return to the oval at IMS. The inaugural Brickand Hoosier icon Jeff Gordon capturing the first of his

five Brickyard 400 victories. The inaugural event was the first race other than the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge to be held at IMS since 1916. From 1994 to 2020, the race was held on the 2.5-mile oval before shifting to the 14-turn, 2.439-mile road course over the last three years as part of a tripleheader weekend with the NTT INDYCAR SERIES.

Visit **IMS.com** for ticket information for Brickyard Weekend on July 19-21.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

McComb 3, Holland 3, Bl. Gray 1, Bland 1, Russell 1, Mohamud 1.

BETHESDA CHRISTIAN 62, UNIVERSITY 52

1-4

6-9

1-4

1-5

0-3

2-6

0-0

4-5

1-3

0-0

2-3

Score by Quarters

University 3-point shooting (7-23) McComb 3-4, Br. Gray 2-7, Mohamud 1-5, Bl. Gray 1-3, Russell 0-2, Bland 0-1, Holland 0-1. University rebounds (22) Cammack 6, Br. Gray 3, Bledsoe 3,

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19 - 52

23 - 62

Saturday, Feb. 10

BOYS BASKETBALL Hamilton Southeastern at Southport, 2:30 p.m.

Sheridan at Cowan, 7:30 p.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL REGIONALS

At Marion

Noblesville vs. Fort Wayne Snider, 4 p.m.

At Lapel Hamilton Heights vs. Woodlan, 1 p.m. At Southwestern Shelbyville Sheridan vs. Northeastern, 4 p.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING Diving state prelims and semifinals, 9 a.m. at IU Natatorium Swimming and diving state finals, 1 p.m. at IU Natatorium

GYMNASTICS Fishers at Bloomington North Invitational, 10 a.m. Noblesville at Connersville Invitational, 10 a.m. Westfield at Logansport, 10 a.m.

WRESTLING Semi-state at New Castle, 9 a.m.

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