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Serendipity brings new start

Embracing both sorrow & hope

Reporter exclusive: Linda Purl & Patrick Duffy talk about Carmel show & more

By STU CLAMPITT
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In the middle of the pandemic, television and Broadway actress and singer Linda Purl began a friendship with actor Patrick Duffy. Texts became phone calls, then Facetime calls, then hours of Zoom calls each day as that friendship blossomed into something far deeper.

The Reporter spoke to both Purl and Duffy about Purl's upcoming March 7 show at Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael, and about the series of serendipitous events that brought it all together.

"*This Could Be the Start* is the name of the last album that I got to do with Tedd Firth, my amazing music director, who I know has played Carmel a fair amount with others," Purl told The Reporter. "The title of the album and the songs are loosely thematically connected. That came about because we started to work on the album before the pandemic."

Purl said the pandemic changed many things, including the focus and theme of her album several times.

"Coming out of it seemed to be a kind of reset button, certainly for me and I think for Tedd as well," Purl said. "So we were almost starting from a clean slate or a new chapter, kind of emerging gently back into the world as it continued to reopen. We could again begin to do things like go to restaurants or hang out with friends or perform because live performance was off the table for almost two years. So it seemed like a starting point and that song seemed to capture that fresh start."

Not only was the album and now the show named for new starts from the changes before,



Patrick Duffy and Linda Purl spoke to The Reporter about music, life, love, and fate.

during, and after the pandemic, but so too was Purl and Duffy's relationship a new thing that came from that time.

"The potential of creating such value out of something that potentially could be so negative is a reoccurring theme in both of our lives," Duffy said. "We actually knew of each other for the last 50 years. I passed up a chance to play her husband on a TV show that she was the star of in 1978."

They had a series of near misses every decade or two where they almost worked together, but did not. Not long before the pandemic, they met at a celebrity event and began a conversation about a mutual friend who was not in attendance.

Then came the pandemic. Each had projects canceled. Each retired to their respective

homes in different states, but they kept communicating.

"In the course of about four months of COVID lockdown, we started from 'are you still washing your vegetables' to 'I found this poem, let me read it to you' to her saying, 'listen to this piece of music,'" Duffy said. "And finally, we were Zooming for two to three hours every single night for over two months. And it got to the point where it was inevitable that we needed to see if this relationship was what we both thought and hoped it was. So I jumped in my car and I drove for 23 hours from Oregon to Colorado, ended up in her driveway with a suitcase and said, 'here I am.'"

When asked about that marathon drive, Duffy explained that he drove most on if in one stretch.

"It was epic," Duffy said. "I drove 22 and a half hours, but then I pulled over just before I got to her house and put on a clean pair of clothes and gargled, combed my hair, and drove up the driveway so I make a good impression. I didn't want her to turn me around and have to drive 23 hours back right away!"

Both Purl and Duffy told The Reporter they feel like this relationship was inevitable and that it could only have happened when it did.

"We talk about this a lot, that it took us literally 45 years to make this connection," Duffy said. "But I think we both needed to take 45 years to become the kind of people that appreciate and feel the way we feel

You can embrace both sorrow and hope.

The fireplace was warm and glowing. My Pecan Praline Latte was deliciously sweet. My heart was sad. Life was, again, going in a direction that hurt my heart.

I sat in my usual comfy chair at Debbie's Daughters Bakery and began writing. I had no idea where my thoughts would take me. I just knew I had to write.

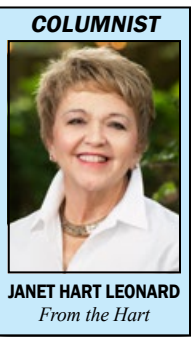
I'm beginning to think that my fingertips are where my tears fall. When I am asked why I write, I tell people that I can't not write. I hope that makes sense. It's how I process my thoughts.

I had worship music playing in my earbuds as I wrote. Anne Wilson's song "Strong" seems to be my theme song. Why does life try to break me ... so many times?

I brought along my favorite devotional book by Lysa TerKeurst, *You're Going to Make It*. I read her words, "Sometimes, the miracle He offers us does not change our circumstances or bring us the answers we desperately want, but He promises to remain near to us and continue working in us. And that is a divine miracle I'm so very thankful for."

Oh, the miracle of the presence of God.

It was then that I wrote the words you read at the beginning of this column. *You can embrace both sorrow and hope.*



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During the eclipse, only call for real emergencies

The 2024 Total Solar Eclipse will be a busy day for many in its viewing path. To ensure the safety of Hamilton County residents and visitors, county leaders ask that the following instructions related to emergency communication be heeded.

In an emergency

It is estimated that Hamilton County will welcome over 600,000 guests for on Monday, April 8. In preparation for this event, public safety officials are identifying emergent and non-emergent calls.

Emergency situations may include but are not limited to:

- Medical assistance
- Car accidents with entrapment or injuries occur
- Physical or verbal disturbances
- Wrong way drivers

During heavy emergency request periods, lower priority calls may have a longer response time.

Non-emergency situations may include but are not limited to:

- Requesting a VIN check
- Possession of a lost or found animal
- Minor property damage crashes occur
- Submitting a noise complaint

For these non-emergency situations, please call the non-emergency line at (317) 773-1282.

Additional public safety information related to the Total Solar Eclipse can be found at tinyurl.com/HamCoSolarEclipse.

Westfield third grader qualifies for national academic competition

By SHANA SLOMA
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A Westfield Washinton Schools (WWS) third grader has qualified for the 2024 International Academic Competitions (IA) Middle and Elementary School National Championships set for May 23 to 27 in Orlando, Fla.

Anant Kamath, 9, a student at Shamrock Springs Elementary School, qualified for the IA National Championships and the International Geography Bee after competing in both the Science and Geography divisions of the IA Competitions online regional championships.

Anant also competed in the IA Competitions Indiana Winter Regional Finals, a

buzzer-based regional competition, held at Westfield Middle School on Feb. 3. There he solidified his place in the Nationals with a first-place win in Science and a fourth-place win in Geography.

Although the two regional competitions utilize a different competition format, it is only necessary to achieve one top 50th percentile win to qualify for the National and International Championships. By competing both ways, his regional ranking is determined by his greatest win, but it will have no direct impact on his position at Nationals.

The Reporter spoke to Anant's mother, Surbhi Jagotta, who said that Anant chose to compete in both formats in order to better prepare men-

tally for the challenges presented at the National Championships.

"You have 30 questions in three to four rounds. It is a buzzer format, and everyone is answering very quickly," Jagotta said. "It can be very stressful."

This is not Anant's first IA Nationals. In 2023, he also qualified for Nationals after competing in the IA Regional competition. Competing against approximately 200 other students in a multi-round buzzer format, he was dismissed just short of the quarterfinals. This year he returns with prior experience and a regional gold medal.

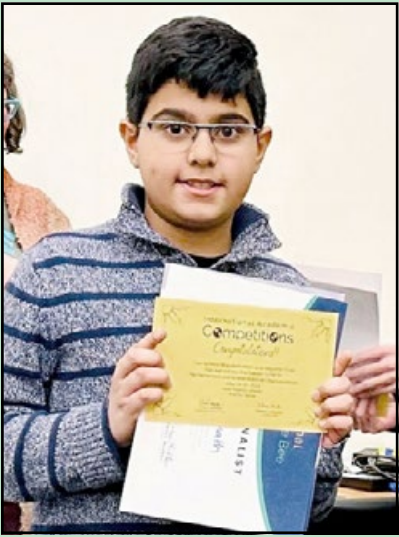


Photo provided
Anant Kamath competed in the IA Competitions Indiana Winter Regional Finals on Feb. 3.

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Epic quest for healing hits the stage this weekend

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Appearance versus reality and how we let ourselves be defined through the eyes of others is taking center stage in the Carmel Community Players (CCP) production of *Violet*, a musical coming to The Switch Theatre, 10029 E. 126th St., Suite D, Fishers, March 1 to 10.

The Reporter spoke with CCP Director Kathleen Horrigan about the play, its lessons, and why she wanted to bring this story to local audiences.

"It's based on a short story," Horrigan said. "There is a woman, Violet, who was accidentally hit in the head with an axe that when she was a young girl. She has a scar on her face that never healed properly. She feels like her whole life people have

Get Your Tickets

When: March 1-10. Thursday, Friday and Saturday shows at 7:30 p.m. Sunday shows at 2:30 p.m.

Where: The Switch Theatre, 10029 E. 126th St., Suite D, Fishers

Cost: \$20 for all patrons. \$5 discount on Thursdays

Where to buy: Go to carmelplayers.org/tickets or call (317) 815-9387 for tickets.

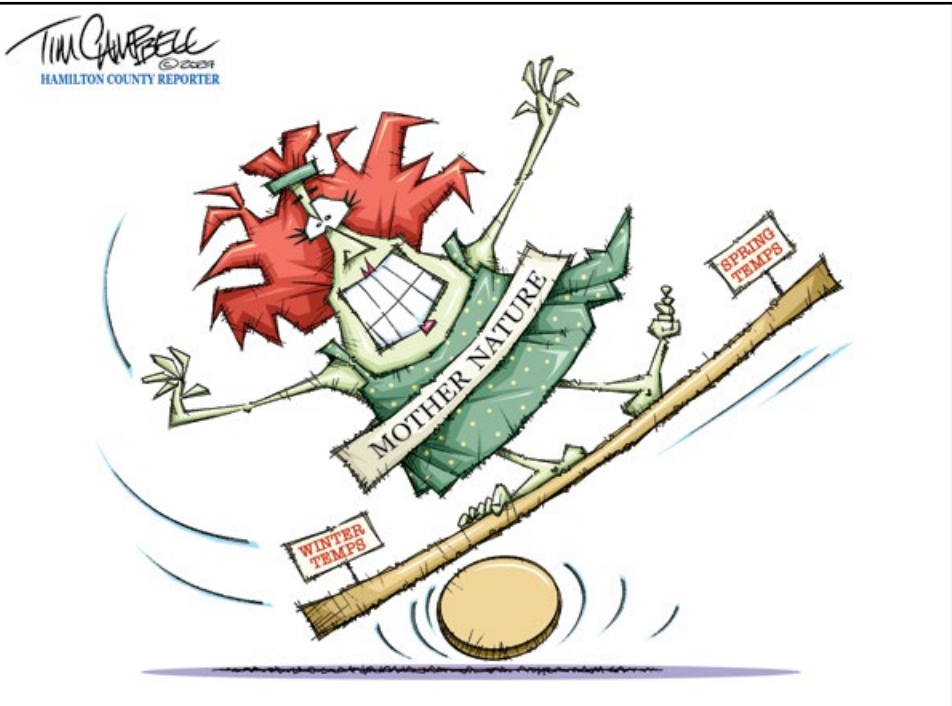
felt repulsed by looking at her and it has affected her."

People made fun of her in the town. Her peers made fun of her growing up. In the play, Violet is on a mission to get the scar healed by a televangelist she saw heal people on television. She believes he will heal her, and she'll finally become beautiful.

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Photo by Rob Slaven / IndyGhostLight.com
(From left) See Onis Dean as Flick, Sarah Marone-Sowers as Violet, and Dom Piedmonte as Monty in *Violet* at The Switch Theatre.



Westfield Lions fill snack bags for Student Impact

Two hundred bags filled for hungry kids

Submitted by Jeff Larrison
Westfield Lions Club

After the Westfield Lions Club had Brittany Delph, the Executive Director of Student Impact, speak at their November program night meeting, the Club's board of directors voted to provide assistance to this worthwhile organization.

The Lions' initial support was in the form of a \$1,500 donation to Student Impact's "G.I.R.L.S Group," a program targeted specifically to help empower girls and develop their confidence, leadership skills, and strong self-images.

Westfield Student Impact was established in 1999 and its mission is to "build relationships through love and acceptance in a safe and consistent environment." As part of that safe environment, students who go to Student Impact's building, "The Rock," are provided a meal and snack bag each day. Wanting to do more for this amazing organization, the Li-



Photo provided by Westfield Lions Club
In addition to a \$1,500 donation, the Westfield Lions put together 200 snack bags for the kids in the Student Impact organization.

ons decided to look for a way to help Student Impact meet this need for resources for the meals and snack bags.

At the Lions' business meeting on Feb. 15, the members put together 200 snack bags that were then delivered to Student Impact. The Lions Club motto is "We Serve" and the Lions Club has a long history of assisting with the youth in Westfield, including providing numerous scholarships to high school seniors each year, assisting the school nurses with

eye exams for students, providing dictionaries to every third grader, and numerous other contributions.

"Student Impact shares that same passion for our Westfield students, and providing this small service is something we are proud to do," Lion Carrie Larrison said.

For more information on Student Impact and how you can support them, go to therockwestfield.org.

Learn more about the Westfield Lions Club at westfieldlions.org.

Westfield H.S. culinary teacher Nikki Heflin earns best-in-the-nation status



Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools
Westfield High School culinary instructor Nikki Heflin was named National Teacher of the Year by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. This prestigious recognition is a testament to her unwavering dedication, passion, and outstanding contributions to the field of Family and Consumer Sciences. Heflin will be honored at the June national conference in Minneapolis, Minn.

Noblesville & Carmel Lions assist with Gleaners' mobile pantry



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll
On Feb. 15, the Noblesville and Carmel Lions assisted Gleaners in serving over 120 families with food from the mobile pantry. The Carmel Lions and Noblesville Lions are proud to assist Gleaners with this important monthly project in Hamilton County. (Above) Noblesville Lions included Mark Bachar, Ron Williamson, Jeff Kozicki, Joe Arrowood, Ed Shea, Terry Dawson, Steve Shaw, and Joe Connerley. Carmel Lions included Bill Ryan and Bob Yunker.

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Hamilton County Harvest benefits from TikTok/Kroger partnership

Submitted
TikTok influencer @Ugh_Madison gained national attention for a recent surprise visit to an Indianapolis Kroger store. She put on an apron and went to work, spending several hours on the job, performing different tasks before being recognized. Madison then entertained her subscribers with a TikTok post that followed her day as a Kroger volunteer, also captivating *Business Insider*.
Kroger then reached out to be Madison’s first brand partnership, inviting the influencer to its Marketplace store in Fishers to see what it’s really like to work at Kroger. During her job shadow day, Madison

arranged flowers, bagged groceries, and decorated cakes. In her post after that visit, Madison called it “the best day ever.”
This is the first-of-its-kind collaboration for Kroger and an influencer, and the innovative partnership made it possible for Madison to gain experience she had not anticipated in Kroger philanthropy. Kroger pledged to support local hunger relief based on views of Madison’s posts.
Last Wednesday, Madison joined members of the Kroger team for a \$4,000 donation to fund hunger relief in Hamilton County.
Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank received the donation at Kroger Mar-



Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank Executive Director Anita Hagen (second from left) accepts Kroger’s \$4,000 donation to the food bank thanks to the volunteerism of TikTok influencer @Ugh_Madison.

ketplace, 11700 Olivo Road, Fishers.
The donation in Fishers supports Kroger’s Zero Hunger | Zero Waste hunger relief plan, a commitment to Kroger communities around the country. Since its inception in 2017, Zero Hunger | Zero Waste has given more than \$1.3 billion to hunger relief, which includes 582 million pounds of surplus fresh food rescued and donated for a total of 3 billion meals directed to communities.

Heights salutes its bus drivers

The REPORTER
Feb. 22 was School Bus Driver Appreciation Day. In their honor, Hamilton Heights is spotlighting the valuable contributions its drivers and transportation department make to the district.
From bus and student safety to route planning and maintenance, it takes good communication and a strong, coordinated effort between Heights personnel, parents, police, and highway departments to provide Heights’ roughly 1,200 bus riders safe and timely travel.
In addition to daily routes, drivers also cover athletic event trips, educational field trips, and other school-sponsored activities. With a fleet of some 40 school buses, Heights’ bus drivers bring over 360 combined years of safe driving experience to the district. They are friends and neighbors who live and work in the community. They are also the first people Heights students and parents see in the morning and the last they see in the afternoon. Some of Heights drivers have been driving for Heights for more than 30 years.

For example, Linda Hodgkin has some 35 years of experience driving a school bus for Heights. Hodgkin, who subbed for two years before a full-time driver job became available, only planned to drive while her own kids were in school. Soon one of her grandsons will be riding the bus to school.
“Driving a bus is a good job,” Hodgkin said. “Oh, you will have some rough days. But the good ones outweigh the rougher ones by far.”
For Hodgkin, it’s all the people that she meets that help make her job one she really enjoys.
Kim Brown, who was let go from her corporate job after 30 years and has been a Heights bus driver for six years, agrees.
“Heights provided training and it was close to home,” said Brown, whose husband, Jody, has been driving for Heights for eight years. “I wanted something that wasn’t so many hours. The best part of the job is the hugs I get along with getting to watch the kids grow from year to year.”



(LEFT) Rodney Cummings has been driving a Hamilton Heights school bus for 20 years. He loves his job, and it shows. (CENTER) Barrie Summers and her daughter Devon. Summers is one of the newest members of the Hamilton Heights transportation team. For Summers, the job offers the flexibility she needs as a parent. (RIGHT) Driving a bus for Hamilton Heights allows Linda Bragg the opportunity to earn supplemental income and provide a needed service to the school.

Brown said the most difficult part is driving and having discipline problems you can’t see or do anything about. This is where parents can help make a difference in terms of behavior, manners, and respect. These positive behaviors carry on to the bus and at school helping to make students’ school days healthier, happier, and more successful.
Rodney Cummings, who has been driving for Heights for 20 years, says it’s the kids and the people he works with that he likes best about his job.
“Being a bus driver is more than a job,” explained Cummings, who loves his job, and it shows. “It’s an adventure. It truly is an adventure. Day in day out. You never know what you’re going to get from the kids. They’re full of totally different personalities on a daily basis. And for the most part, it’s always a positive experience. So, if you want your summers off and you want an adventure – this is the job and the place for you!”
Linda Bragg, a driver for Hamilton Heights for nine years, said it’s a secondary job that allows her to still clean houses – something she has been doing for over for over 25 years. For her and the other drivers, it’s a role that you earn through training, lots of testing and hard work – to earn their CDL, hired for the privilege to drive a school bus, and accept the responsibility to get students to and from school and events safely.
A highlight of the day for Bragg is when the kids



show that they care and appreciate her.
“Another plus is the beautiful sunrise and scenery most days bring,” she added.
Barrie Summers is one of the district’s newest drivers. She chose to pursue this position because it allows her to maintain a healthy and consistent balance between working and being a full-time single parent, and to be off during the summer. For her, the best aspect of her work is the daily interaction with the students while transporting them to their destinations safely.
“Making an effort to ensure each student begins and ends their school day by way of a pleasant bus ride is very fulfilling,” Summers said. “School bus driving is much more than simply providing transportation. It is about connecting with students on an individual level, and allowing them to feel seen, heard, and secure by the driver during the bus ride.”
“We have a really great transportation team,” Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood said. “I want to recognize and thank our incredible bus drivers who provide safe transportation to school and home and to and from events. That’s about 940 miles daily to deliver its passengers to their school or home destinations. Our drivers are good stewards, role models and an important link in the education chain at Heights.”

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Noblesville Schools listed among the top employers in the nation by *Forbes* magazine

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Noblesville Schools announced last Wednesday it has been named one of America's Best Midsize Employers by *Forbes* magazine. The district was rated No. 18 in the national ranking, the highest of any organization in Indiana.

"Our staff is exceptional and we're proud to be recognized for our unique culture of caring, innovation and excellence," Superintendent Dr. Dan Hile said. "We place a high value on employee recognitions, professional development, community service, staff celebrations, competi-

tive compensation and benefits, mentor networks, and safety and mental well-being. Noblesville Schools is a great place to be and we appreciate this prestigious honor."

Noblesville Schools is the largest employer in Noblesville with approximately 1,800 employees. In addition to educators, the district depends on many other types of employees to serve students including facility personnel, social workers, technology staff, food services, bus drivers, secretaries, human resources, finance professionals, and more.



Hile



NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS Board Highlights

Feb. 20, 2024 Meeting

Submitted by Noblesville Schools

The school board has responsibility for major district functions including school district governance and oversight, setting school policies, approving funding, strategic planning, and hiring and evaluating the superintendent.

- The board recognized NHS teacher Joe Akers and several of his journalism students for their accomplishments in state competition.
- North Elementary presented on their unified field day program, which enhances relationships between students with special needs and their general education peers.
- The board approved changes to the architectural design of restrooms in the new NHS academic expansion. The final design creates separate areas for girls and boys, while allowing for enhanced restroom supervision and safety. Laura Alerding voted against the measure.
- The board unanimously approved moving forward with renovation plans at the Noblesville Schools Educational Services Center to address the need for additional office space.
- The board decided to start future board meetings at 6 p.m., rather than 7 p.m., to better accommodate families and community members. Misti Ray and Laura Alerding voted against the measure, stating they believed a 7 p.m. start time better accommodates families and community members.

Visit the school board area of the [Noblesville Schools website](#) for meeting agendas, minutes, videos and more.

NEW START

towards each other. And it's like you said, it's definitely more than friendship now."

Likewise, Purl and Duffy both said that her latest album and the show that came from it were an outgrowth of all that came before.

"The quote is, 'you think you can sing? Okay, go sing.'" Duffy said. "Well, she thinks she can sing, but then she can back it up. She's got the technique and she is an exemplary actress. You can't match that with too many of the new singers in terms of performance nowadays, which is why the Great American Songbook that Linda does is so appropriate."

Duffy compared the show to the kind of music Tony Bennett, Dean Martin, and Frank Sinatra would sing.

"They had it forwards and backwards," Duffy said. "They could do five club dates a week and perform for a couple of hours each night, a lot of times un-miked. You combine all of that, then it's well worth your price of admission to come and see somebody that carries that cultural baggage on stage with them every single night. And that's what Linda does."

Purl interjected, "Oh dear. It's terrifying now. I feel like I have a big high

bar to jump over."

After a moment of laughter she continued, "Patrick mentioned the Great American Songbook, and that is what Tedd and I do. We do it in a jazz feel. But I think for me, all roads really lead to Michael Feinstein and what he's done. He has - I'm going to say single-handedly - led the charge of bringing the Great American Songbook into the 21st century."

Purl said that while she is a singer, she sees herself as an actress first, so all the songs in this performance feel like miniature one-act plays to her.

"There's an arc," she said. "There's a character arc with a beginning, middle, and an end. And each song then becomes a kind of spiritual discipline. And so many of those songs were written in an era from writers, lyricists, and composers, who had gone through so much. They had escaped pogroms, they had lost their families. And then just collectively, there was so much healing - psychological healing work that was going on. People were in the process of rebuilding, in often cases, shattered lives. I think all of that momentum and balm is, again, collectively in that body of work."

Duffy agreed that each song is a story, especially

when they are sung by Purl.

"I have not seen anybody - and our relationship notwithstanding - I've not seen anybody that connects so directly to an audience," Duffy said. "I know it's part of her theatrical training that she's not just a brilliant singer, but she knows how to take the words of the song and interpret them as an actress, as well as a singer, and invite the audience to experience the meaning of each of those songs as they come out of her. It really is a theatrical performance with music. It's one of the most remarkable sets of performance that I've been witness to. And again, I realize that people say, 'well, that's because you're in love with her.' But even if I weren't in love with her, I would still buy a ticket."

The music itself is a huge part of the show, but Purl also credits Micheal Feinstein with not only preserving that period of music history, but also bringing it to new generations.

"Michael has created these venues across the country and, of course, performed so brilliantly, oftentimes with Tedd," Purl said. "So those of us who are fortunate to be able to have a career in cabaret are really under Michael's wings for the space that he's created."

One song audiences can

expect to hear in this show ties in to The Reporter's ongoing promotion of the upcoming eclipse on April 8: "Blue Moon," a song Purl has an interesting connection to.

"When the full moon comes out, I have made a habit of howling at the moon," Purl said. "Somewhere along the line, I was informed by a Native American Elder that my spirit animal was Wolf, and I took it to heart. So I do howl at the moon."

"Which makes for an awkward moment every once in a while," Duffy laughed and said. "I must say that all of a sudden she blasts out a howl at the moon."

"So we had to put in a howl at the end of that song," Purl said. "We're also dog lovers, so it was inevitable."

It seems many things were inevitable in their story.

You can see and hear Linda Purl on March 7 at Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael, 1 Carmichael Square, Carmel. Get tickets online at [tinyurl.com/PurlAtFeinsteins](#) or by calling (317) 688-1700.

Be sure to read *The Reporter* on Wednesday, Feb. 28 for an exclusive about Duffy and Purl's work fighting food insecurity.

EMBRACE

Hope's answer does not always come packaged like I think it will. My prayers have not always been answered as I "hoped" them to be. So, I have learned to see my "hope" as good things will come from the hard times.

Hard times have changed me. They've changed the way I write. Time and time again, I have seen the hand of God bring good things after the hurt, the sorrow, and the pain. It's called Redemption - the compensation of hurting. One of the other definitions of Redemption is - to make it worthwhile. I love that!

I wiped a tear that had sneaked out of my eye and trickled down my cheek while I read in my Bible app.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and

your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

Did you know that one of the definitions of "transcend" is to rise above the negative, beyond ordinary limits? Read that and take the time to process what that means. Beyond ordinary limits. That's a WOW for me.

I am a scripture nerd. I love reading it and looking up what the words mean. To me, it brings power to the scriptures. Then, the scripture brings strength to me. I hope that makes sense.

The Psalms are my usual "go-to" for strength. David, who wrote many of them, had a very messy life.

I wish you could see my kitchen table at times. It's messy. It's kind of like my life. When I finish a column or a chapter of my book, *Soft Words for Hard Times*, the mess makes me smile. It feels good because I know the words that have come from it. Words of Redemption.

As I finished my latte, I sat back and smiled. I will focus on hope, knowing that goodness will come from these hard times. How do I know that? Because I've seen the hand of God time after time in my life.

I am reminded of another go-to scripture.

"So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what He has promised. For in just a very little while..." Hebrews 10:35-37

I never know what "for in just a little while" means, but I know it will be worth it. I've seen Redemption so many times.

I put my laptop in my pink backpack and said a quick prayer before I left. I'll return to that comfy chair at



Photo provided by Janet Hart Leonard

Debbie's Daughters Bakery for another latte. There will be more sorrow, but more importantly, there will be more hope. Always, more hope. And with hope comes joy.

Stay tuned for the joy. Janet Hart Leonard can be contacted at [janet-hartleonard@gmail.com](#) or followed on Facebook or Instagram (@janethartleonard). Visit [janethartleonard.com](#).

EPIC QUEST

Horrigan told The Reporter she wanted to direct this play both because of the story itself and because of a local connection.

"Ben Davis is a Broadway actor," Horrigan said. "I performed with him way back in the '90s at Civic Theatre, and he was in the Broadway cast for Violet. I kind of picked up on it because I was as a friend of Ben. And I was thrilled to be able to try to bring the story [to Hamilton County] because it's very different. It's like there's so many places that Violet visits along the way and so everything is kind of imagined, even her scar."

Audiences will not see Violet's scar, except in the reactions of other characters. Likewise, most of the scenery is representational

rather staged.

"We have projections that say where they are because they're on the bus and you couldn't bring a bus onto a stage," Horrigan said. "There are four different bus rides that she goes on, so a lot of it is representational."

This play has two people playing Violet, one in the present and one in flashback. The present, in this story, is 1964.

"The Vietnam War is up and running," Horrigan said. "There's a Black soldier and a White soldier that she meets on the bus. And so the White soldier is a little bit younger and cocky and has a physical attraction to her after a night of drinking. But the Black soldier has his heart for her."

Violet struggles through this journey across the coun-

try with her own wounded spirit and how she sees herself in the reactions of others to her physical scar, which has become the scar in her soul.

"It's about the internal scars," Horrigan said. "I look at it like the soldiers that have that come back after they have been burned or have lost a limb. It's like what they're experiencing inwardly while they feel like they are not who they used to be. And that's kind of her journey as well. She still feels like the scar is affecting her soul. The whole journey is inward. She is scarred inside as well as outwardly."

You can journey with Violet through the musical story of her question for healing March 1 to 10 at The Switch Theatre, 10029 E. 126th St., Suite D, Fishers.

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Cast

Violet: Sarah Marone-Sowers
Flick: Onis Dean
Monty: Dom Piedmonte
Young Violet: Kenzi Stewart
Father: Darrin Gowan
Old Lady: Christine Sanserino
Preacher: Scott Fleshood
Virgil: Lawrence Wunderlich
Music Hall Singer: Chloe Vann
Lulu Buffington: Damaris Burgin
Leroy Evans: Jay Becker

Go to [carmelplayers.org/tickets](#) or call (317) 815-9387 for tickets.

Note: Because of the time period this play is set in and the racial tensions of that era, there may be one racial epithet in this play. Horrigan is appealing to the publishing company for permission to change that one word in the script, but at press time she had not yet received such permission.



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Donate to Ross Dress for Less & help local kids thrive

10th annual in-store fundraiser to support Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville

The REPORTER

Every year, over three million young people are served by Boys & Girls Clubs across the country. To show its continued support in preparing today's youth for a brighter tomorrow, Ross Stores, Inc. is partnering with Boys & Girls Clubs of America with a three-week program called, "Help Local Kids Thrive." Through March 3, customers in Noblesville can make a monetary contribution at their local Ross Dress for Less store during checkout to be donated to the Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Clubs of the Noblesville. "This year is special," said Matt Young, Group Senior Vice President, Ross

Stores. "It marks our 10th annual in-store fundraiser to benefit local Boys & Girls Clubs. The funds raised will directly help kids at Clubs nationwide by supporting Power Hour, a homework tutoring program, nationally sponsored by Ross. We are proud of our strong, long-standing partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs and look forward to coming together with our customers and associates to 'Help Local Kids Thrive.'" Power Hour provides local youth with a dedicated 60 minutes of one-on-one homework help, small group tutoring, and reading assistance each day. In addition to finishing their homework, Club Kids in Power Hour have the



opportunity to participate in fun, educational activities that earn them rewards. The Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville averages about 67 Power Hour participants per day and had a record high of 102 participants this past December. Last year, 94 percent of Club parents reported that their children's homework was completed more often and their academic performance improved because of Power Hour. The ultimate goal of this program is to see kids graduate high school and find success in life after their education. "We have enjoyed working alongside Ross employees throughout this fundraising campaign," BGCN

Donor Relations Associate Emily Crump said. "Seeing the employees' eagerness to invest in our local kids' futures has been inspiring! Because we want to ensure all local youth can access resources like Power Hour, the Club only charges a \$60 annual youth membership fee for services that cost the organization approximately \$1,000. Our team is very grateful for faithful partners like Ross that help us meet the needs of our community's kids." Noblesville Ross locations can be found at Hamilton Town Center at 13920 Hoard Drive and at Stoney Creek Commons at 17090 Mercantile Blvd.

Mayor Finkam launches Carmel Housing Task Force

The REPORTER

Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam announced last Tuesday the launch of the Carmel Housing Task Force, a team of local leaders, experts, and Carmel citizens established to study the state of housing in the city. Designed to ensure the housing needs of all Carmel residents and support workforce needs of the business community, the task force's findings will inform the city's future housing strategy. The task force will hold its official kick-off meeting at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 23 in the City Council Chambers. "I am incredibly excited for the official launch of the Carmel Housing Task Force," Mayor Finkam said. "Throughout the campaign, I heard concerns about apartments, lack of single-family homes available to buy and housing affordability. This community-wide effort will better define the challenges we face and catalyze opportunities for an action-oriented policy to ensure the

long-term sustainability of diverse housing options for future generations. I am so grateful for the time and commitment of our task force members and look forward to the public's participation and input." Composed of nine members, the task force will spend the next several months learning from residents about the housing needs of the community and from industry experts about best practices to support them. Their meetings will focus on several critical topics outlined below. All topics will include data and trends from both the City of Carmel and the greater Indianapolis region. • Current housing inventory and market conditions • Population, demographics, and workforce trends • Housing options and housing best practices with input from experts

• Construction and development trends • Examination of trends and neighborhood programs of Carmel peer communities The task force will submit its report to the Mayor not later than July 31, 2024, with general findings and recommendations available to the community shortly thereafter. The public will be invited to provide input throughout the process at a series of meetings in City Hall on the dates below from 7:30 to 9 a.m. according to the following timeline. All task force meetings will be livestreamed as well as open to the public. • March 21: Population, demographic and workforce trends • April 25: Single-family housing market review and trends • May 23: Multi-family housing market review and trends • June 27: Housing-for-

all approaches; peer city review • July 25: Draft report All Task Force members serve at the pleasure of the Mayor, and currently include: • Adam Aasen, Carmel City Council • Dave Bowers, Carmel Redevelopment Commission • Barbara Eden, Carmel resident • Todd Fenoglio, Carmel Clay Schools • Matt Kaercher, Merchants Capital • Chris Pryor, MIBOR • Jack Russell, OneZone Chamber of Commerce • Aletta Sanders, HAND, Incorporated • Christine Zoccola, Carmel Plan Commission The public is strongly encouraged to participate in this important first step to ensure the housing needs of all Carmel residents are met and that the city implements viable and sustainable development plans to address these needs throughout all phases of life.

Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam selects Mary Jo Rothenbush to serve as Executive Assistant

The REPORTER

Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam has announced that Mary Jo Rothenbush is serving as Executive Assistant, effective Feb. 19. A life-long resident of central Indiana and a seasoned administrative professional with extensive experience in municipal government and health care, Rothenbush will serve as a key liaison between the Mayor's Office and the community and support all calendar scheduling and

appearances at community and civic events. "I am thrilled to have someone of Mary Jo's caliber and experience on my core team," Finkam said. "The role she will play in my administration cannot be overstated, and our executive team is looking forward to working with her. The City of Carmel is lucky to have her on board."

Rothenbush's prior experience includes serving for eight years as Executive Assistant to the Mayor of Lawrence and as the Blue Star Banner Coordinator, a quality-of-life program honoring active-duty men and women and their families, where she was responsible for planning and hosting events with military dignitaries and

coordinating sponsorships with local businesses. Prior to her public service, Rothenbush spent nearly 30 years in administrative roles within the healthcare industry, including at Community Hospital North. "I'm honored for the opportunity to serve in Mayor Finkam's administration, and work with the City of Carmel's citizens and communities," Rothenbush said. "I'm excited for what the future holds."

COMPETE

When The Reporter asked Jagotta how Anant first became aware of the online competition site, she said that she originally discovered the IA Competitions website two years during an online search. Jagotta said that Anant has a strong thirst for knowledge and is often bored after school. According to Jagotta, she and Anant's father, Subu Kamath, had been creating math worksheets for Anant because he wanted to be challenged. She then began searching the internet for ways to challenge her son. Jagotta said once she found the IA Competitions website and

suggested for Anant to try one of the tests, he enjoyed it so much that he wanted to try more of them. IA Competitions was founded by 19-day Jeopardy! winner David Madden in 2010. Through regional, national, and international competition, children K-12 can academically challenge themselves in multiple subjects and formats. The organization seeks to enrich children and foster a love of learning. Jagotta told The Reporter that Anant loves learning especially about all things related to science. "He loved reading

about animals and talking about animal facts when he was little. He used to watch a lot of educational videos," Jagotta said. "He's had that interest in learning about science since the beginning." Jagotta shared with The Reporter Anant's perspective on the importance of science. "Science is everything. From the trees to the buildings and everything in between," Anant said. "From the forests to the civilizations, everywhere you have science." Not only is Anant a science-loving academic athlete, but he is also part of

the Shamrock Springs robotics team. His talents go beyond the school setting. He takes piano lessons at Bach to Rock in Carmel and is the pianist in a four-person band. While Anant continues preparing for his return to the Nationals, Jagotta said that he is looking forward to finishing the school year and enjoying summer break. "He wants to come back to get his yearbook. Also, the third and fourth grades are getting free passes to the U.S. National Parks this summer," Jagotta said. "Anant is really excited see the parks."

Get tickets now for Sheriff's Chaplaincy Prayer Breakfast

The REPORTER

The third annual Chaplaincy Prayer Breakfast will take place on April 24. Join the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office at the Mill Top Banquet and Conference Center, 802 Mulberry St., Noblesville, to celebrate the many accomplishments of the Chaplaincy and look forward to big things in the future. The doors open at 7 a.m. and breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m. Last year, Senior Chaplain Mark Fidler oversaw 175 community volunteers and added a new Staff

Chaplain, Daniel Hester. They answered 2,575 requests from inmates, provided many educational classes, and administered eight baptisms. Additionally, the Chaplaincy helped lead the annual Sheriff's Chaplaincy Conference and the National Day of Prayer events at the historic Hamilton County Courthouse and the Indiana Statehouse. Tickets are \$35 per person and can purchased at square.link/u/Biy6k9dW. Tables of 10 people cost \$300 and can be reserved at square.link/u/BLGiQJtq.

Shawn Keen appointed new Westfield police chief

The REPORTER

Westfield Mayor Scott Willis announced last Tuesday the appointment of Shawn Keen as the next Westfield Chief of Police. Keen will assume the role on April 8 and brings more than 25 years of experience with the Terre Haute Police Department. "Chief Keen is well respected by his peers around the State of Indiana," Mayor Willis said. "His leadership skills and experience will serve the Westfield Police Department and community extremely well. We are looking forward to the number of ways that Chief Keen can advance Westfield through our administration." Keen most recently served as the police chief for Terre Haute and has served in various roles during his 26-year tenure, including in the uniform patrol division, assistant chief to the criminal investigation division, and served on the Special Response Team for more than 17 years. He has

also been a member of the department's honor guard for more than 18 years. He is a graduate of the 259th Session of the FBI National Academy and the Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police Executive Leadership Academy. "I am honored and excited to become the police chief of the fastest growing city in Indiana," Keen said. "My commitment is to foster safety, trust, and collaboration within the department and the community. Together, with the dedicated men and women of the Westfield Police Department, we will continue to prioritize the well-being of our community and uphold the highest standards of law enforcement excellence." Keen is an active member of the FBI National Academy Associates and both the International and Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police. Chief Keen and his wife Shelly have two children: Kelsey and Brendon.



Keen



Willis

Registration now open for 2024 Carmel Arts Festival

The REPORTER

Registration is now open for the 27th annual Carmel International Arts Festival (CIAF). The festival will take place Sept. 28 and 29, 2024, in Carmel. This major festival brings more than 100 talented artists from around the country and around the world. They have an amazing opportunity to share their work with nearly 30,000 people in a two-day event in the Carmel Arts & Design District. Artists specialize in nine different media, including glass, 2D, 3D, paint, jewelry, photography, fiber, ceramics and wood.

along the two main arteries of the Arts & Design District: Main Street and Range Line Road. The community is presented with the finest samplings to purchase and take home. Each artist goes through a juried process to ensure their art is unique, not mass produced, and the highest of quality. The artwork is judged at the festival and awards are issued to the artists.



This year promises to be bigger and better than ever. "I'm really looking forward to another fantastic year!" CIAF President Jill Gilmer said. "The talent we had last year surpassed my expectations. We have extended our footprint, which should allow us to have roughly 150 artists, a few small stages for musicians to entertain our patrons in addition to our Main Stage and West Stage, a wine garden, more ethnic food, and an interactive youth area that has doubled in size! I hope you will join us for an amazing weekend. It is free to come, family friendly, and dogs are welcome, too!" Artist booths are set up

The festival is a juried exhibition with prizes totaling \$7,000. Annually, festival goers enjoy an admission-free opportunity to view and purchase art and mingle with artists. Applications are now open to artists interested in being a part of CIAF. Friday, May 31 is the deadline for submitting the application. There are specific rules for artists. Sign up and review requirements at tinyurl.com/48v8u9te. Selected artists will be notified on Sunday, June 30 that they have been chosen. Artists can visit carmel-artsfestival.org to learn more about the festival.

Thanks for reading!

Hamilton County enlists help of machine learning to update maps

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Geographic Information System (GIS) Office has launched a groundbreaking initiative that will help better map the county.

For the first time ever, its annual update will integrate machine learning (AI) into land cover data layers, providing county departments and local governments with more detailed information from which to do their work.

GIS Director Joan Keene emphasized the project's pioneering nature.

"This project will be transformative, enhancing data accuracy and supporting informed decision-making across the county," Keene said.

The 2024 Orthophotography, Lidar, and Basemap Update Project will:

- Offer ultra-high-resolution imagery crucial for urban planning and emergency services
- Provide detailed elevation data essential for 3D modeling and flood risk analysis

- Utilize advanced AI to automate mapping of land cover features
- Introduce 3D hydrography data for enhanced water resource management

"The use of AI will help us better map changes in both man-made infrastructure and the natural environment," Keene said. "Plus, it will provide unprecedented detail for those in emergency management and community planning while also aiding in flood risk analysis and precision agriculture."

The project, initiated in January, will start delivering maps in May. When complete, the data will also be shared with county officials, city partners, and relevant stakeholders as well as the Indiana Geographic Information Office (IGIO) and the Indiana Geographic Information Council (IGIC).

To this end, a series of informational webinars will be scheduled to educate GIS users in local government on the nuances of the new geospatial data products and ensure their effective utilization.



Duke Energy supports Hamilton County first responders with \$10K preparedness grant

The REPORTER

First responders across Indiana, including local police, fire, and emergency management agencies (EMAs), will benefit from more than \$200,000 in grants from the Duke Energy Foundation. The funding will help public safety agencies increase their response capabilities during severe weather and other emergencies through advanced preparation, planning, equipment and training.

Locally, \$10,000 was awarded to Hamilton County EMA to enhance community outreach and preparedness education.

"Preparing local communities to respond to severe weather impacts is key to keeping our region resilient," said Mark LaBarr, government and community relations manager at Duke Energy. "As the spring and summer storm season approaches, these grant funds will help enhance the Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency's community outreach programs and preparedness education to keep families stay safe when severe weather strikes."

During major emergencies and natural disasters, local emergency management agencies play a critical role in providing information, resources and support that Duke Energy relies on to speed power restoration for its customers.

"When severe weather strikes, we rely on strong partnerships with local emergency management and law enforcement agencies to effectively respond and restore power in affected communities," Duke Energy Indiana President Stan Pinegar said. "These grants will help give first responders the tools and training they need to respond to any emergency."

About the Duke Energy Foundation
The Duke Energy Foundation provides philanthropic support to meet the needs of communities where Duke Energy customers live and work. The Foundation contributes more than \$2 million annually in charitable gifts to Indiana and is funded by Duke Energy shareholder dollars. More information about the Foundation and its Powerful Communities program can be found at duke-energy.com/Foundation.



LaBarr



Pinegar

HSE Schools prepares to hire new superintendent

By GREGG MONTGOMERY
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Hamilton Southeastern Schools leaders later this month are expected to appoint a new leader who retired in 2023 from a Marion County school district.

Patrick Mapes retired in spring 2023 from Perry Township Schools in Indianapolis as the district struggled with finding enough bus drivers and the elimination of the Perry Township School Choice program, which had frustrated families. The district switched to intradistrict school transfers, which required transfer students to provide their own transportation.

Mapes began at Perry Township Schools in fall 2016 after serving as an

associate superintendent in the district. He visited News 8's *Daybreak* in August 2022 to talk in advance of a new school year.

A news release issued Thursday afternoon from Fishers-headquartered Hamilton Southeastern Schools said, "Prior to leading Perry Township Schools, Mr. Mapes was chairman of the Indiana Education Employment Relations Board and spent nearly 15 years serving in various capacities, including superintendent, within Delaware Community Schools in Muncie, Indiana. He was also the assistant superintendent of public instruction



Mapes

leads HSE, Mr. Mapes will also continue to serve the state as an appointee to the Indiana State Board of Education, which oversees K-12 education policymaking in Indiana."

Last Friday morning, the Hamilton Southeastern School Board met to approve a short four-day contract so Mapes can spend time with students, teachers, and other stakeholders as he prepares to take the helm of

our district.

At 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 28, the board will have a special meeting at the Hamilton Southeastern Administration Building, 13485 Cumberland Road, to consider approval of a contract for Mapes.

The news release did not provide any details about the contract.

According to Indiana Department of Education figures posted online, Hamilton Southeastern Schools has more than 21,000 students, and Perry Township has more than 16,000 students.

Mapes' wife, Jacinda, and their children say they plan to move from their house on the south side of Indianapolis to a home in the Hamilton Southeastern Schools district.

Help WYAP make summer camps better

The REPORTER

One of the connections that the Westfield Youth Assistance Program (WYAP) provides for youth is enrolling them in a variety of summer camps. Kids will learn new skills, meet new friends, and make memo-

ries that will last a lifetime. When they return, they are so excited to share stories of all their summer adventures.

WYAP strives to continue to connect youth with these camps, and your help is needed. Attending summer camp requires many

supplies like reusable water bottles, sunscreen, and bug spray. WYAP has made an Amazon Wishlist for summer camp supply needs, and your help in fulfilling these needs would be much appreciated.

WYAP is looking to col-

lect all of supplies by Thursday, March 28.

Browse the Amazon Wishlist at [tinyurl.com/mryst62n](https://www.tinyurl.com/mryst62n).

Thank you for your generosity and for helping make summer unforgettable for Westfield youth.

Fishers Arts & Culture Commission awards \$60K in grants to support arts community

11 local organizations awarded in grant program's fourth year

The REPORTER

The Fishers Arts & Culture Commission (FACC) announced last Wednesday the grantees for its 2024 Fishers Arts & Culture Grant program, with 11 local organizations awarded \$60,000 in funding.

The grant program supports local nonprofits and organizations that uplift the arts community within Fishers. This year's grant cycle featured record high funding requests, awarding an additional \$10,000 compared to 2023.

This is the fourth year for the grant program, which was launched in 2021. Funding for the grant program is allocated from the City of Fishers' annual budget. Since the program's launch more than \$202,000 in grants have been awarded to 35 local organizations, funding public art installations, community events, and cultural celebrations throughout Fishers.

"One meaningful way the City of Fishers builds community and vibrancy is through the arts," said Jocelyn Vare, chair of the Fishers Arts & Culture Commission.

"This year's grant recipients will provide unique experiences that demonstrate the talent and creativity of Fishers. Residents can look forward to enjoying new visual art, a showcase of Black artists, interactive music, a new art and tech event, and much more in 2024. These arts experiences will be an amazing complement to the grand opening of the Fishers Art Center in the new Fishers Municipal Center later this year."

Recipients of the 2024 Fishers Arts & Culture Commission Grant Program include:

- 31Svn Dance Academy (\$4,000) to host five hip-hop dance workshops, including free classes and panel discussions open to the public.
- Academy of Dance Arts (\$7,000) for continued development of the Academy's Dance Ability studio classes and public performance for youth with developmental or intellectual disabilities.
- Brandon Meeks Music (\$7,000) to perform the Harmony in Motion: Jazz Improve Workshop Series, including live public perfor-



mances, education sessions, and interactive workshops.

- Emerging Pearls Foundation (\$7,000) to host the third annual Art, Culture, and Appetizers event showcasing Black artists in dance, applied arts, spoke word, hair-art, and more at Hub & Spoke in June 2024.
- Fishers Arts Council (\$5,710) to host monthly Second Friday gallery receptions at the FAC Gallery at the Hub located at the Hamilton County Community Foundation, along with musical groups at the Spark!Fishers Art & Car Show in June and Harvest Fest in September.
- Forward Motion (\$5,040) to host a curated, two concert event entitled Perspective that shares themes of the rotating exhibits of the Ignite Studio at Hamilton East Public Library Fishers.
- Hidden World (\$6,000) to create two unique musi-

cal compositions that can be accessed virtually along the Nickel Plate Trail.

- High Frequency Arts (\$5,000) to host a new event called AI: The Intersection of Art & Tech, including interactive film, augmented reality displays, and tech-inspired fashion apparel at Hub & Spoke in June.
- Ignite Studio at Hamilton East Public Library (\$3,750) to install a 75-square-foot mural as you enter the Ignite Studio at the Hamilton East Public Library.
- Lantern Islamic Theater Company (\$7,000) to produce six theater productions and acting competitions at the Alhuda Foundation.
- Noblesville Creates (\$2,500) to host Comic Book in A Day at the Hamilton East Public Library Fishers in January 2025.

For more information, visit fishersin.gov/grants.

Democrats elect Jocelyn Vare as chairperson

Former Fishers City Council member focused on growth & strengthening party

The REPORTER

On Saturday, Feb. 17, the Hamilton County Democratic Party elected former Fishers City Councilor Jocelyn Vare to serve as its chairperson.

Precinct chairs and vice chairs were called to an election to select a chair to finish outgoing Chair Dayna Colbert's term. Colbert resigned to focus on her role as Executive Director for the Indiana Democratic Party.

"Congratulations to Jocelyn Vare on becoming the next Hamilton County Chair," Colbert said. "Jocelyn knows how important the upcoming election is and has spent the last few years as an important voice in the Fishers community for fairness and growth. She helped pave the way for past, current and future candidates. Democrats are uniting for 2024 and are ready to bring balance to Hoosier politics."

Vare brings a variety of experience from her

time as Fishers City Councilor, her leadership in the communications and business world, and her commitment to the Hamilton County community.

"My goal continues to be strengthening Hamilton County Democrats – candidates and voters – to achieve a healthy political balance here for the first time," Vare said. "This goal is shared by a skyrocketing number of Democratic volunteers who devote time and effort to serve as the backbone of our growing party. There are more Democratic voters in Hamilton County than ever before. Our candidates are strong and ready to lead."

Vare's first priority is supporting Democratic candidates in the upcoming election.

"Voters in Hamilton



Vare

County will have important choices on their ballot this November and the Hamilton County Democratic Party will make sure that all voters are informed with the facts and prepared to use their voices," Vare said. "When Hamilton County citizens pledge to never skip a vote, their voices make Indiana a better place to live."

Prior to her election as chair, Vare served as an at-large member of Fishers City Council and the first Democrat ever elected to Fishers municipal office. Vare ran for Indiana State Senate in 2022, earning over 16,000 votes from Fishers residents. A Hamilton County resident for over 25 years, she is a mom of two adult children, a local small business owner, a volunteer, and a champion for the community.

Vare is a member of the

current class of Hoosier Women Forward, a statewide leadership training program designed to empower Democratic women to become more active participants in politics and leaders in their communities. She is a graduate of Fishers City Government Academy, Hamilton County Leadership Academy, Ball State's Economic Development Course and Community Development Course. She is the chairperson of the Fishers Arts + Culture Commission and has been an advocate for its diverse creative community. In 2021, she was recognized as an Impact Award nominee, one of 30 alumni designated in the Hamilton County Leadership Academy's 30-year history.

Vare's term began immediately upon election on Feb. 17 and will continue until March 2025.

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Nick Birk nets \$110K off Tim Duncan

Every trading card collector’s dream comes true right here in Hamilton County

By **STU CLAMPITT**
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Last Thursday night, NBA hall of famer Tim Duncan made Nick Birk \$110,000 richer.

Twenty-five years ago, at eight years old, Nick Birk opened a random pack of basketball trading cards and found a Tim Duncan card printed on foil. It was an odd-looking thing and was labeled as a limited run numbered one of one.

Nick’s father, Mike Birk, told The Reporter that Nick put it in a plastic case because it was so strange and looked like it might be too easy to damage.

The card stayed in that case for decades. It got moved from house to house a few times. There were a few moments in Duncan’s career when Nick and his dad thought maybe they should figure out how much it was worth.

No one could tell them if it was worth anything.

“We had tried to sell it,” Mike told The Reporter. “The Spurs won five NBA championships. Then Tim Duncan retired. Then Tim Duncan went into the Hall of Fame. At each one of those times, Nick and I are talking, I’m saying, ‘Nick, if we’re going to sell this thing, we need to find out what it’s worth.’ And we could never find the value.”

The Birks put the card on eBay on three separate occasions looking for a minimum bid of \$600.

“We couldn’t get a nibble,” Mike said. “So, we’re thinking this thing is a gimmick.”

Nick’s older brother, Chris, took the card to a little shop called Indy Card Exchange, 7035 E. 96th St., Suite P, Indianapolis, and showed it to the owner, Andy Albert.

And this is where things



Photos provided
(Above) Nick (left) and Chris Birk pose with the 1998 Metal Universe Gem Masters Tim Duncan card seconds after the auction closed and someone out in the ether agreed to pay \$120,000 for it. (Right) This 1998 Tim Duncan card grew up to be a \$110,000 windfall for Nick Birk last Thursday.

got interesting.

“This shop owner knows what the heck it is, and he’s just excited to see it,” Mike said. “And he’s not excited for himself. He’s excited for this story of an eight-year-old kid owning a card for 25 years. He’s excited for us to know that, hey, we’re going to make this kid some money.”

And that kid did indeed just make some money. When the auction ended near midnight Thursday evening, the winning bid netted Nick \$110,000.

Andy Albert has been buying, selling, and trading cards since he was 10 years old. He bought Indy Card Exchange from the previous owner 12 years ago, after being one of the original owner’s best customers for a long time.

Albert says he’s seen things like this happen on very rare occasions, but never with a story as good as this one.

“It’s such a unicorn!” Albert told The Reporter. “To find a card like this and

to see what the return value is now – compared to what it would have been – has happened maybe three times in my lifetime. But this one – the backstory is even more special.”

The idea that an eight-year-old kid had the foresight to put the card in plastic and it then survived 25 years, finally to be graded at 7 out of 10 on the Professional Sports Authenticator (PSA) scale is what impresses Albert the most.

“It literally blows me away every time I think about it,” Albert said. “It’s one of the most iconic stories in the trading card industry. It’s similar to somebody who’s 85 years old who found their Mickey Mantle Tops rookie from 1952 and it’s in mint condition. For something from the 90s to be worth this much and be sitting in Nick’s box and sitting on a shelf and kicked around in a big screw-down case for the last 25 years to be discovered as Tim Duncan’s Holy Grail card just, it’s – I don’t know. I don’t

even know how to describe it. Words don’t describe it. It’s unfounded, honestly.”

Mike Birk told The Reporter the story of the card is great, but the thing that he is most amazed by is how Albert handled the situation.

“Knowing that we had tried to sell it three different times for \$600, this guy could have looked at us and said, ‘Hey, you know, you’ve got a great card here, it’s probably worth some money. I need to get it graded and authenticated and put it on an auction. I don’t know what I’m going to get out of it. But hey, kid, here’s five grand,’” Mike said. “And we’d have been happy. He didn’t do that.”

Albert told the Birks he needed to get the card authenticated and graded. Then it would need to be entered into an auction. He did all that at his own expense, telling Nick Birk that he could pay Albert back at the end of the process after the check came in from the auction.

“This guy got excited for us, and he was excited to be

part of our story,” Mike said. “He took the right steps to get the card where it needed to be to get graded and put it in the right auction. He paid to put it in the auction. I just want him to get a few props. And to me, that’s the bigger story.”

Albert told The Reporter it’s about more than cards and money to him.

“I’ve got a strong faith and I’ve got a business that I’ve built on integrity,” Albert said. “It’s built on integrity and trust, which is tough in this industry because a lot of it is just straight about money. ‘How much more can I make?’ But God’s blessed us beyond what we could possibly imagine these last 12 years, and I would never want to do it any other way. And I was so, so happy to see them [the Birk family] be able to come out on top like that.”

The night of the auction was rife with excitement and doubts and hopes and more for the Birk family as they watched the clock tick down. The auction was set

up with time extensions if bids came in during the last few minutes, and with bid increment changes as the price went up and the clock counted down.

“Again, this is a phenomenal once-in-a-lifetime experience that you just never think you’re going to be part of,” Mike said. “And it happened because my older son first took the card in for his younger brother and found the right guy to make it happen for us.”

If you have any collectible cards you like to sell, trade, or just find out if they might be worth somewhere between \$1 and \$100,000, stop by Indy Card Exchange, 7035 E. 96th St., Suite P, Indianapolis, and ask for Andy Albert. The shop is open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends.

You can also visit the shop online at Indy-CardExchange.com.

Who knows? Maybe you have the next unicorn sitting in a box in your own closet.



Back in time: Nicholas Barker descendant visits Westfield cabin

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For Robert and Malinda Ferguson, a recent drive to Chicago from their home in Roanoke, La., turned out to be more than just a road trip – it was a step back into the past.

As a direct descendant of Nicholas and Fannie Barker, Ferguson said he couldn’t drive to Chicago and be so close without visiting Westfield and the Barker Cabin that now stands next to City Hall.

“The Barker Cabin comes alive every time Nicholas and Fannie Barker’s descendants visit the cabin,” Westfield Washington Historical Society President Jeff Beals said. “This week was a meaningful experience for the family and the historical society, with history being preserved and passed on.”

In 1835, Nicholas Barker moved his wife Fannie and their large family from North Carolina to Westfield, where they settled on property northwest of what is now State Road 32 and Grassy Branch Road. That cabin was eventually used as a barn, then encased in a newer barn. Developers reached out to the Westfield Washington Historical Society in January of 2020 about the presence and history of the cabin. With only two weeks to act, members of the historical society worked tirelessly to salvage all they could of the cabin. Despite delays due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the

rebuilt cabin celebrated its grand opening on June 3, 2023, in conjunction with the Hamilton County Bicentennial month for Washington Township.

Though this was 62-year-old Ferguson’s first visit to central Indiana, his family roots run deep in the city, and he was welcomed by distant cousins from the Barker, Carey, and Osborne families.

Ferguson came fully prepared with genealogy records, land maps, and photographs of his ancestors, all leading back from his mother Wanda Marie Low through her father, Asa Zenas Low, to her great-grandfather, Zenas Carey Barker, to his grandfather, Nicholas Barker.

Ferguson’s aunt, Dorothy Grimsley, 94, did much of the research, which Ferguson trusts without a doubt.

“You have to be careful,” Ferguson said. “Too many people start adding names, but you can’t do ‘pretty sure.’ If you can’t go back without making a guess, you gotta stop. Some things need not be found.”

Nicholas and Fannie Barker’s gravesites are among the unbound. Cousins, on the other hand, are as plentiful and intertwined as the branches of the tulip poplar and white oak trees from which the Barker Cabin was originally built.

Rebecca Barker Brock and her husband Lonnie were at the cabin on President’s Day when the Fergusons stopped by. Brock traces the line of her father,

Clarence Barker, Jr., back to Nicholas Barker’s brother, Simeon.

Steve Osborne, who also stopped by that day, said that Fannie Low Barker was sister to his third great-grandfather, Elihu Osborne.

Barbara Day, also in attendance, traces her connection to the Barkers through her grandmother, Myra Carey Overman, sister to Olive Carey who married Russell Barker.

“The Fergusons are a delightful couple, and it was such a pleasure to spend a couple hours in the Barker Cabin listening to them share their ancestral connection to Westfield,” Day said.

Malinda Ferguson also understands the importance of family heritage, her maiden name, Broussard, being one of the most common surnames in Louisiana.

“You have to respect what our ancestors had to go through for daily life,” she said. “Seeing the cabin gives us a connection to the place.”

Born one of 12 children to Nelson and Wanda Ferguson in Welsh, La., Ferguson said he is the only one of his line who is still employed in agriculture. He grows rice, grazes 400 head of Brahman cattle, and raises crawfish on 3,000 acres about 70 miles from the Gulf Coast.

After leaving Westfield, the Fergusons planned to drive to Sugar Grove, Ky., to visit another family cabin on Robert’s father’s side of the family. Before they left, Beals presented Ferguson with a portion of an original log from the cabin, along



Reporter photos by Amy Adams
(Above, from left) Malinda and Robert Ferguson, Barbara Day, Steve Osborne, Rebecca Barker Brock, and her granddaughter Gwenna Day can all trace their roots back to Fannie and Nicholas Barker, who are pictured above the cabin mantle. (Below) Westfield Washington Historical Society President Jeff Beals (left) presents Robert Ferguson with a piece of log and a peg from the original cabin.

with a wooden peg, so that he could take a piece of his heritage with him.

“I want to come back,” Ferguson said.

When the Fergusons make it back to Westfield, they hope to bring Robert’s aunt Dorothy and their two grandchildren, the next generation of Barker descendants.

The Barker Cabin is located at 136 Penn St. To learn more, visit wwhs.us/barker-log-cabin or follow the Westfield Washington Historical Society and Museum at [Facebook.com/WestfieldHistory](https://www.facebook.com/WestfieldHistory).



Sheltered ignorance

There are times in your life when you realize how uneducated you really are on a particular subject.

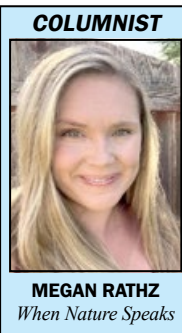
I work as a teacher in an elementary school in Indianapolis. One day during a staff service project, our principal, who came from an inner-city school in Indianapolis with a high poverty rate, was explaining what we would be doing that day for our project. We would be assembling birthday cake kits to be distributed at a food pantry on the east side of Indianapolis.

In the kit was a disposable cake pan, a box of cake mix, icing, candles, a birthday banner, and a can of soda. This seemed strange to me initially because I ignorantly, and arrogantly, thought to myself that someone in need of food would likely not be concerned with a birthday cake, but more so with actual food. You know, because I have all the answers, right?

My sheltered self settled in as my principal began our meeting with basic questions and facts about food insecurity in Indiana and Marion County. You know, those little statistics like one in seven Indiana residents are considered food insecure and 25 percent of Marion County residents need some sort of assistance to be adequately fed. The same statistics also state that nearly one in five children in Marion County face food insecurity.

My principal questioned the staff in a way to get a sense initially for how informed we were about this topic. She asked all of us what someone in need of food does to get what they need and to make sure their family eats. In a matter of minutes, I realized that this was such a staggering crisis. I was in part ashamed of myself for not being better educated on the subject. Why? I was simply uneducated.

She asked us what one must do in order to go to a food pantry. I sat there in a room full of adults, many like myself with similar



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MEGAN RATHZ
When Nature Speaks



Photo provided

backgrounds, and it was crickets. I realized at this exact moment how truly sheltered I am and how my ignorance needs to be turned into education and that I need to make sure I am helping with this crisis and heightening my awareness.

More importantly, I need to make sure my children are also aware of this. The same children of mine that swing open our pantry door at will and have never had to question where their next meal or snack is coming from.

The staff began to make an assembly line and put birthday cake kits together. I thought about my own children as I was assembling a kit and selecting blue and pink icing for the kits. I thought about what little boy or girl would be celebrating their birthday with the kit I was putting together.

In the months since, I have not only continued my education on the Marion County statistics, but have also started to really understand that this, too, impacts Hamilton County greatly. I grew up thinking that Hamilton County is filled with residents who have money, and in all honesty, I never thought about the fact that people in my own neighborhood might be hungry.

Reporter Columnist and Co-Founder of The Feeding Team, Mark Hall, has really heightened my awareness of food insecurity in Hamilton County. The statistics are staggering and sad to me. You have to start somewhere and for me it began that day assembling birthday cake kits for people I will likely never meet.

The Maya Angelou quote, “When you know better, you do better” has played through my mind many times since that service project. I know better now and am trying to do better by educating myself and making sure my children grow up knowing about this crisis and do something to help. I am having conversations

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My name is Mary McBride. I am 28 years old. I live here in Hamilton County where I grew up.

After graduating high school in 2014, my boyfriend Justin and I got married. We had big plans. I would work and put him through drafting school. When he graduated and found work, we’d start our family. I always wanted four kids, two girls and two boys. Justin preferred just two, one of each.

Circumstances dictated a different path for our family. Life happened.

By 2018, our second daughter was born, and Justin’s progress towards a degree and a job was still over a year away. My dad got sick and, being the only daughter around, it fell to me to help my mother care for him.

We never planned to be hungry. We never planned to bottom out. It just happened. Looking back on our life together, it’s clear that we made some poor choices.

First, we couldn’t afford tuition, so Justin and I both took jobs. We planned to save money so he could go back to school the following year and we’d be back on track. Then the bank repossessed our car. We moved in with my folks but the strain on our marriage was growing with each week. We rented a small two-bedroom place up north. My parents would try to help us with



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MARK HALL
The Feeding Team Feature

costs, and I am so grateful for all that they did. We knew that we had to make it on our own.

The same week that Justin took a job in Oklahoma, I found out that we were pregnant with our third child. Now we are really in a jam, Justin’s out of state, I’m working, and my retired parents are on a fixed income and can’t help.

We didn’t plan to be here, and we certainly don’t want to be here. Then I found out that our soon-to-be family of five makes too much money to qualify for public assistance. We are literally on our own.

Boom! Then comes the pandemic. Fortunately, Justin’s job was what they call “essential” meaning he kept his job. I, however, wasn’t so lucky.

I can remember people telling me, “Mary, hold on, it will get better.” As much as I’d like to believe that, I’d see what was in the cupboard. Justin was sending home all that he could, and it just wasn’t enough to get the family to a place of stability. We were food challenged.

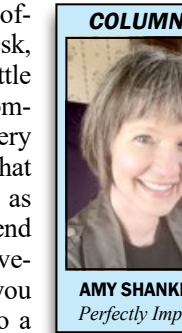
The next two years were very tough. I took work where I could. My father passed away. I learned about food pantries at churches and was fortunate to meet the wonderful people at the Good Samaritan Network. I don’t know what we would

How did I get here?

If you have an office, cubicle, desk, corner, or some little world inside your company that is your very own, you can make that space as uplifting as possible. If you spend a lot of time in a vehicle for your job, you can transform it into a pleasant atmosphere. It makes a big difference in your mood and energy.

Keep your area organized and decluttered. A good feng shui practice is to make certain 50 percent of your desk or workspace is clear. An atmosphere of chaos makes it difficult to be productive.

Face a door or other opening if possible. However,



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Perfectly Imperfect

er, you may not have that option. Perhaps you’re in a cubicle or you have shared desk space. You can still take some steps to brighten up your environment.

I recommend reading through *Cube Chic* by Kelley L. Moore, available on Amazon. This fun book can help you transform those three gray walls into something you’ll look forward to working in.

Sarah Ban Breathnach, author of the *New York Times* bestseller *Simple*

have done if it wasn’t for their support.

Fast forward to 2024, we are back on track, Justin works as a supervisor for a large manufacturing company here in town, and we volunteer providing meals to people in need.

I’m telling my story to inform and enlighten people who live in Hamilton County. Hunger is real, the struggle is real, and my family depended on the generosity of others to get us through. I never wanted to be there but if my story helps someone else, wonderful.

This story is a composite of several people’s stories. To protect their anonymity, we blended several stories together to illustrate the point. There are food-challenged neighbors in Hamilton County. Hunger is real in our neck of the woods.

Feeding Team provides a way and a place for those in need to get food for their family. While each pantry really is just a big wooden yellow box, it means so much more for donors and for families in need. You are welcome to join us as together we fight to eliminate hunger in Hamilton County.

With over 47,000 food-challenged neighbors in Hamilton County, **FeedingTeam.org** is a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that provides outdoor 24/7/365 no-questions-asked free food pantries throughout the county.

The pantries exist to meet the food insecurity needs of

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58 pantries
10,000 meals in Dec. 2023
Over 30 volunteer families

gap families, neighbors who may not qualify for public assistance and could use a few meals before payday. The pantries serve as many food-challenged neighbors as possible, and our hearts are with those who, like my family, could not always make ends meet.

Thank you for supporting the pantries. We love serving with so many neighbors across Hamilton County. In future columns, we will share more stories about how your generosity served neighbors in times of need. The face of hunger in Hamilton County is not what you may think.

In practical terms, this straightforward way to help neighbors is having real impact on lives, families, and our communities. Thank you. A few meals can change the course of a person’s life. A can of green beans means so much more when you have nothing to feed your kids.

Would you like to get involved? Volunteer opportunities are available. We are evaluating new pantry locations. If you think you have a potential location, please contact us.

Mark and Lisa Hall are the Founders of Feeding Team. They may be reached at lisa@feedingteam.org and mark@feedingteam.org or by calling (317) 832-1123.

They purify the air, which is important to battle the typical office indoor air pollution. Gardening Know How says they can even help reduce stress. Make certain to select varieties that don’t require a lot of care, such as spider plants, philodendrons, and peace lilies.

What if all you have as far as your own personal space at work is a locker? You can have fun with that as well. This is where Pinterest comes in handy! Even HGTV and BuzzFeed have guidance on sprucing up a locker.

What if your “office” is a vehicle? **AllTrucking.com** estimates are that there are 3.5 million truck drivers in the United States today. Many salespersons and people who drive for Uber, Lyft, and other ride sharing services spend a lot of time in their cars.

My husband is a salesman and travels throughout central Indiana each day. He is convinced that keeping his car decluttered, organized, and even fragrant thanks to air fresheners helps him stay positive for himself as well as his customers.

It’s important to make your workspace come alive for yourself, your coworkers, and potentially your customers. Take small steps to start your transformation. Perhaps the first month you focus on the top of your desk. The following month you can work on creating a better system for filing papers. Then you can eventually move on to the fun stuff like finding art, photographs, or other decor.

Sketch out or write down how you want your workspace to look and feel, map out a plan to achieve that goal in six months or even a year, and think of the peace and joy you’ll feel whenever you’re in or around it every day. It’s worth it.

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These three comedians walk into a school in Westfield . . .



Photo provided by Nik Roberts / noble-pc.com

What do you get when you put three gifted, nationally known comedians and lots of people in the Westfield High School auditorium? A great night of meeting local neighbors and lots and lots of laughter! CrossRoads Church at Westfield held its eighth annual free Pizza and Punchlines Comedy Event on Saturday, Feb. 17, with free pizza for all and outstanding comics from across the county. This event is part of CrossRoads Church at Westfield’s effort to meet, know, enjoy, and serve their local neighbors, called “For Our Neighbor.” Find out more about the many ways that CrossRoads Church at Westfield is serving local neighbors at ForOurNeighbor.Life. (Above, from left) Leon “the Jokerster” Purley, June Colson, and Taylor Mason headlined the Pizza & Punchlines event.

There’s no tiptoeing around it: you CAN dance if you want to

“Oh do you-do you-do you-wanna dance?” – *The Beach Boys’ “Today” album, 1965*

I often hear people say “I don’t dance,” and if you are one of those, please bear with me and read on!

Dancing is possible (and therapeutic) for *everyone*. Movement to music is not only a physical workout but soothing to the mind and emotions. If music makes you want to move, then indeed you are a dancer.

The Cambridge dictionary defines “dancing” as the activity of moving the body and feet to music. While that is a basic definition, dancing is also an art form, a release, an expression of joy. The words “dance” and “dancing” come from an old German word “danson,” which means “to stretch.”¹ Those of you who tell me they read my column regularly will recognize my affinity for stretching and flexibility!

To dance is to move, generally with music which appeals to our senses.

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SHARON McMAHON
Be Well

Dancing does not require a partner at all! Although my husband and I have been dancing for many years and enjoy our swing and cha-cha, I enjoy dancing alone at home through my house listening

to everything from Beach Boys to Motown to Mel-lencamp. Classical music encourages slow, graceful movements while Queen and ABBA can accelerate the pace! For those who wish to dance without a specific dance partner, line dancing has gained much popularity the last few years and is great for both an aerobic workout as well as increasing coordination and balance.

I grew up in a home with dancers. My parents were excellent dancers and my dad taught me to swing dance at an early age. Combine that with *American Bandstand* and I was hooked.

Additionally, as a grade school student I walked (a short distance “back then”) to the high school at the end of the day to take my weekly baton twirling lesson. I of-

ten arrived a little early and would plop my small body into one of the booths in the NHS “canteen” to wait for my baton teacher. The high school students would show up, turn on the juke box and dance. Think 1958-59 for music references! I was mesmerized and decided I would dance whenever I could. After ballgame “sock hops” at NHS show-cased high school students dancing the Twist, Jerk, Watusi, Swim and of course the “slow dances” that no doubt caused the teacher chaperones to cringe.

I am still dancing and you can too, whether you are 8 or 80+! Dancing tap is great fun and can be learned at any age. Dancing will give you more confidence, enable you to increase your coordination and flexibility, and give you a great outlet for stress.

If you think you cannot dance because you are compromised in your mobility, fear not. Dance is movement and using your upper body movements will gain you much of the effects as noted above. I have taught “chair dancing” in one of my senior classes and they love it. Select your favorite tunes. If you do not wish


to dance in public, dance alone, you will reap the benefits physically, mental-ly, and even emotionally.

So many types of dance – ballroom, square, line, two-step, and other country dances, ballet, tap, clog-ging, polka, and many more are fun and beneficial to your wellbeing. Free form dancing can be done with a partner or anytime the mood moves you. Belly dancing is the oldest form of dance, originating in India thousands of years ago. Hawaiians have been using the hula to tell their ancestral stories for thousands of years as well.

There are many dance classes and studios in our community and a partner is not necessary to take advantage of what is offered.

Let’s dance!
¹ Compiled from “The Wonderful World of DANCE” by Arnold L. Haskell
Sharon McMahon, CNWC
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AMY SHINNEMAN
Disability in the City

O p e n l y talking about and sharing my disability and all that comes with it is fairly new to me.

In fact, if you knew me growing up you may even be surprised that I am being so open. I used to be the

exact opposite, and except for a select few people, I just didn’t talk about my disability, or the struggles that it causes.

Part of that was because growing up, even though I was disabled, I didn’t have a diagnosis. So, it was hard to talk about something when I didn’t even know what I was talking about. A frequently asked question growing up was, “What is wrong with you?”

That question immediately sent me into a panic. It was hard reliving the fact that I didn’t know what was “wrong” every time someone would ask me. I felt so embarrassed when I would say “Well, I don’t really know.” People would look at me like I had lost my mind, and some would even question me saying, “What do you mean you don’t know?”

That happened hundreds of times before I was diagnosed, and I carried a lot of shame around for many years because of that. Until I was officially diagnosed five years ago, I just didn’t speak of my disability too much.

It was like the script flipped when I was diagnosed. I had this nudging to share more of my story. I felt like I finally knew all of me and I felt more confident to share. As I got involved with the Muscular Dystrophy Association, I felt like I had a purpose to start sharing my story to reach others who may be feeling alone. I started out serving as MDA’s Indiana state ambassador. I would go where fundraisers were being presented to different partners of the MDA with the executive director. He would introduce the fundraiser and goals, and then I did what was called the “mission moment.”

That’s the part where I connected my story to MDA’s mission. He and I would brainstorm ideas of ways we could help and make connections to reach others. He suggested I could

start doing some videos they could share to reach families and individuals living with muscular dystrophy. When he first brought up the idea of making videos, I was intimidated by it.

I really couldn’t see myself doing that! He encouraged me to do so, and as time went on, I stumbled my way through it. I guess you could say I have gotten more comfortable with it.

Sometimes, we just need that one person to push us outside of our comfort zone.

I will never forget the first message I got from someone from a different country who had run across one of my videos. It said, “I just looked at your page. Thanks for letting so many available information on growing up with a physical disability. As a parent of a child with a physical disability, has given me one more good prospect to go ahead with HOPE. You are beautiful by the way. May your path ahead be always bright and full of joys.”

If I was still questioning being vulnerable and sharing my story to help others, after reading that, I would no longer question why I was doing what I was doing. Through sharing my experience of living with a disability to help others, I had given ONE person HOPE! I get emotional when I think about the many after that who have sent very similar messages. They felt hopeless, and finding someone who has walked a similar path gives them hope. I longed for that growing up.

Sometimes I don’t feel worthy of some of the messages I receive. However, to me, it just solidifies that by walking humbly courageously, and opening myself up with a mission of reaching others who are feeling alone, I am on the path meant for me. There is purpose in the struggle. I have been blessed by being vulnerable.

Until next time ...
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How I Broke This, Episode 5: Johnny “Hiccups” Strombolini

PODCAST INTRODUCTION: Ineptitude ... Failure ... Inanity ... Stupidity ... MURDER! ... MURDER!! ... MURDER!!! This is *How I Broke This*.

SFX | CARTOONISH BROKEN SPRING: Boing.

GUY: I’m Guy Razz, host of *How I Broke This*. Not to be confused with that other podcast by that other guy, Guy Raz, called *How I Built This*. Welcome to my narrative journey about business ineptitude and the failed leaders who failed to learn from their failures. Listen as my guests reveal what led to their crushed entrepreneurial spirits – and hopefully, they’ll reference a murder or two to boost my podcast’s dismal ratings.

Voice Over: MURDER! ... MURDER!! ... MURDER!!!

GUY: Today I talk with octogenarian hit man Johnny “Hiccups” Strombolini. Welcome, Johnny Hiccups. Finally! I have a murderer on this show! Podcast listeners love murder!

JOHNNY: Thanks, Guy. There’s another reason I’m here today, too, but we’ll get to that later.

GUY: Let me guess, you have a tell-all memoir about MURDER! MURDER!! MURDER!!! to promote?

JOHNNY: No, nothing to promote, Guy. Anyway, as you know, I was hesitant to be on *How I Broke This* until you agreed upfront to use that voice changer thingy to disguise my identity.

GUY: Oh crap ...

JOHNNY: Wait. You didn’t change my voice yet?

GUY: I forgot to download the software.

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Scaramouch

JOHNNY: Are you freaking kidding me?

GUY: You probably shouldn’t be talking. Hold on. There ... it’s downloaded. Now say something—

JOHNNY: I’m a hit man for god’s sake!

GUY: Oops! You still sound like you.

JOHNNY: My anonymity is crucial, you titanic turd! (hiccup)

GUY: Did you just hiccup?

JOHNNY: (hiccup) (hiccup)

GUY: Here, drink water.

JOHNNY: Water (hiccup) doesn’t (hiccup) work for me (hiccup).

GUY: Hold your breath then.

JOHNNY: Howzabout I make you hold (hiccup) your breath (hiccup) if know what I mean (hiccup).

GUY: Do you want me to scare you? I hear that cures hiccups.

JOHNNY: How are you going to scare me if I tell you to scare me? (hiccup) (hiccup) (hiccup)

GUY: I think the voice changing tool is activated now ...

JOHNNY: I thought you were a professional podcaster!

GUY: Your voice sounds like Darth Vader’s now. Excellent. It’s working! How old are you, Johnny Hiccups?

JOHNNY: 82.

GUY: Your peers nicknamed you Johnny Hiccups. Why?

JOHNNY: I hiccup uncontrollably during stressful situations.

GUY: You mean, just like when I fumbled with the voice enhancer software?

JOHNNY: Psychosomat-

ics, the shrinks call it.

GUY: Anxiety triggers hiccups?

JOHNNY: Not ideal for a hit man.

GUY: Still, it makes for a cool nickname. How long have hiccups plagued you?

JOHNNY: It started during my first contract killing. November 22. 1963. Dallas, Texas. I’ll never forget where I was that day.

GUY: Wait a minute! Do you mean—

JOHNNY: You’re thinking it, not me.

GUY: You shot—

JOHNNY: I was supposed to. I was standing near some guy who was filming the motorcade—

GUY: Zapruder?

JOHNNY: But just before I blew into my blowgun, I started to hiccup. Two guys from the Trench Coat Committee emerged from the crowd and whisked me away.

GUY: CIA?

JOHNNY: You said it, not me. The TCC worried that my hiccups had been recorded by that guy’s home movie camera. Hiccups are like audible fingerprints.

GUY: But the Zapruder film didn’t have sound.

JOHNNY: Let’s just say *it didn’t have sound* after the Trench Coat Committee took care of it. It was a high-profile hit that ended up being a not-so-promising debut for me as a hit man.

GUY: But now here you are on my podcast 60 years later revealing this bombshell of a story. How many have you whacked? Even if you bumped off only one person a year, that would make a major bump to my podcast ratings. Finally! This podcast has hit payday! So just how many people have you murdered, Johnny Hiccups?

JOHNNY: This is so embarrassing, Guy—

SHELTER

with my children and making sure that they understand what a privilege it is to always have food and not wonder from where their next meal is coming.

Oh, and why would people who are hungry care about a birthday cake? Well, that is because their children have birthdays just like mine, and they, too, want

to feel special and have a cake on their birthday. And shame on me for even questioning the need of someone else. And why a can of soda you may ask? Well, when you have nothing else in your pantry, a can of soda mixed with cake mix will serve as a substitute for eggs, oil, and water. Apparently this is one of the num-

ber one requested things at the food pantry where these kits were donated.

The real question isn’t why would someone in need care about a birthday cake; the real question is what business is it of mine and why should their children feel any less special than mine on their birthday with something as simple as a cake?

from Page A8

I encourage you to look into The Feeding Team and find a pantry near your home. Check your pantry. Talk to your kids. Educate yourself. Go to feedinteam.org.

Megan Rathz is a wife, mother, and teacher. She says everything she has ever learned in life came from her Master Gardener mother.

Vulnerability brings blessings

O p e n l y talking about and sharing my disability and all that comes with it is fairly new to me.

In fact, if you knew me growing up you may even be surprised that I am being so open. I used to be the

exact opposite, and except for a select few people, I just didn’t talk about my disability, or the struggles that it causes.

Part of that was because growing up, even though I was disabled, I didn’t have a diagnosis. So, it was hard to talk about something when I didn’t even know what I was talking about. A frequently asked question growing up was, “What is wrong with you?”

That question immediately sent me into a panic. It was hard reliving the fact that I didn’t know what was “wrong” every time someone would ask me. I felt so embarrassed when I would say “Well, I don’t really know.” People would look at me like I had lost my mind, and some would even question me saying, “What do you mean you don’t know?”

That happened hundreds of times before I was diagnosed, and I carried a lot of shame around for many years because of that. Until I was officially diagnosed five years ago, I just didn’t speak of my disability too much.

It was like the script flipped when I was diagnosed. I had this nudging to share more of my story. I felt like I finally knew all of me and I felt more confident to share. As I got involved with the Muscular Dystrophy Association, I felt like I had a purpose to start sharing my story to reach others who may be feeling alone. I started out serving as MDA’s Indiana state ambassador. I would go where fundraisers were being presented to different partners of the MDA with the executive director. He would introduce the fundraiser and goals, and then I did what was called the “mission moment.”

That’s the part where I connected my story to MDA’s mission. He and I would brainstorm ideas of ways we could help and make connections to reach others. He suggested I could

COLUMNIST



RAY ADLER
Ask Adler

Mother told this story of the day the aroma of freshly baked bread filled our kitchen. Its heady smell greets anyone who opens our door. Does anything smell better?

Once upon a time I (Mom) did not care much for homemade bread – or baker’s bread either for that matter. I even wondered why my mother-in-law baked round loaves. Why not the usual rectangles?

When I was 35 or so, Grandma Theresa Adler broke her right arm. That was drastic. Grandma was a non-cooker; he didn’t like nor have the time to eat out. I filled the gap by keeping them supplied with freshly pared potatoes, carrots, etc. Grandma used her left hand and got along rather well.

Verna was five that fall and stayed with Grandma two or three evenings each week. Grandma taught her to scrape carrots and do small kitchen chores.

But Grandma missed the homemade bread. That was his mainstay. Grandma couldn’t knead the dough. Verna was too small.

That fall Grandpa had already taken the wheat to Geneva flour mill. There he exchanged it for the winter’s supply of flour. One morning he brought me a 25-pound sack of the white stuff.

I baked pies, cakes, cookies, doughnuts – too many. But yeast bread! Never! Biscuits, pancakes, yes. Bread, no. I didn’t like it, I didn’t have time. You know the excuses one can find to not do what one does not wish to do.

Grandpa did not ask me to bake bread and I knew he enjoyed the pies. The flour was just a gift he knew I could use.

But Grandpa worked hard and didn’t ask for much.

One day I bought some yeast.

The children wanted plenty of crust. Round loaves were the answer.

And the aroma. Does anything smell better! Even my initial attempts were edible.

Grandpa soon brought me the second bag of flour.

DHA/10/29/86 (Verna was five so this happened fall of 1952.)

— Good news from Stony Creek Church of Christ —

Questions I want to ask God

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

“Why is there suffering?” Rest assured there is a day coming when suffering will CEASE and evil will be JUDGED – a day when injustices will be made right. Often people will ask: “If God has the power to eradicate evil and suffering, why doesn’t He do it?” The answer is that because He hasn’t done it yet doesn’t mean He won’t do it. Who am I to question His timing? Criticizing God for not doing it yet is like reading half a novel and then criticizing the author for not tying up the loose ends of the plot. In fact, the Bible says that the day will come when sickness and pain will be eradicated, and people will be held accountable for the evil they’ve committed. So, what’s holding Him up? One answer is that some of you are. God is actually delaying the consummation of history in anticipation that some of you will still put your trust in Him and spend eternity in heaven. He’s delaying everything out of His love for you. 2 Peter 3:9 says: “The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” To me, that’s evidence of a loving God, that



JOHN A. SMITH
Think on These Things

He would care that much you. Our suffering will PALE in COMPARISON to what God has in store for His followers. I don’t want to minimize pain and suffering, yet it helps if we take a long-term perspective. Look at this verse, and remember they were written by the apostle Paul, who suffered through beatings and stoning and shipwrecks and imprisonments and rejection and hunger and thirst and homelessness and far more pain that most of us will ever have to endure. These are his words: 2 Corinthians 4:17: “For our light and momentary troubles” — wait a second: light and momentary troubles? Romans 8:18: “I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.” Think of it this way. Let’s say that on the first day of 2005, you had a terrible day. You had a painful root canal at the dentist. You crashed your car. Your stock portfolio took a nosedive. Your spouse got sick. A friend betrayed you. From start to finish, it was like the title of that children’s book: *Alexander & the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*. But then every other day of the year was just plain ter-

rific. A friend wins the lottery and gives you \$25 million. You get promoted at work to your dream job. *Time* magazine puts your color photo on its cover as “The Person of the Year.” You have your first child and he’s healthy and strong. Your marriage is idyllic, your health is fabulous, and you have a three-month vacation in Tahiti. Then next New Year’s Day someone asks, “So, how was your 2005?” You’d say, “It was great; it was wonderful!” They might say, “But didn’t it start out bad? Didn’t you go through a lot of trouble that first day?” You’d think for a moment and say, “You’re right. It was a bad day, no denying it. It was difficult at the time. But when I look at the totality of the year, when I put everything in context, it’s been a great year. The 364 terrific days far outweigh the one bad day. It just sort of fades away.” The same will be true in heaven. That’s not to deny the reality of your pain in this life. It might be terrible. It might be chronic. It might go on for all 72 of your years. But in heaven, after 54,484,545 days of pure bliss – and with an infinite more to come – if someone asked, “So, how has your existence been?” you’d instantly react by saying, “It has been wonderful! Words can’t describe the joy and the delight and the fulfillment!” And if they said, “But didn’t you have a tough time before you got here,” you’d probably think back and say, “Well, yes, it’s true that those days were painful, I can’t deny that. But when I put them into context, in light of all God’s outpouring of goodness to me, those bad days aren’t even worth comparing with the eternity of blessings and joy that I’ve

experienced.” Evil, suffering, and injustice are a reality in this world. What we do with them and allow them to do to us will make all the difference. In Luke 12:6-7 Jesus affirms that God is concerned about sparrows and even more deeply concerned for you and me. Faced with the reality of human suffering, we should stay focused on spiritual and eternal things. Let’s commit to allowing such things to make us better not bitter. We will worry less about the temporary suffering we face in this life if we have the eternal perspective that the apostle Paul possessed (2 Corinthians 4:17,18). “17 For our momentary light affliction is producing for us an incomparable eternal weight of glory. 18 So we do not focus on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.” How can I make this hope and promise a reality in my life? Stayed tuned. *Write or call and let us know what you think. Would you like more information or a personal study of this issue? I would love to accommodate your request. Do you have questions or disagreements? We will be happy to study God’s Word with you and help you find the “peace that passes understanding” (Philippians 4:7). We hope you will accept our offer to visit and investigate. We meet at 15530 Herriman Blvd. in Noblesville. Our phone number is (317) 219-5852. We meet for Sunday morning Bible Study at 10 a.m. and have classes for all ages. Worship begins at 11 a.m. and we have a Bible Study Wednesdays at 7 p.m. A warm welcome awaits!*

The NESST’s Whiskey & Wine event set to make The Cooper House the toast of the town

The REPORTER

The NESST, 917 Conner St., Noblesville, will hold a fundraiser called “Whiskey & Wine” to benefit The Cooper House, a local non-profit organization dedicated to providing support and resources to families in need. This charitable tasting event is set to take place from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12 at the NESST restaurant in the heart of Noblesville. Attendees can look forward to a delightful evening filled with hors d’oeuvres and over 50 wines to taste, as well as a bourbon tasting for those with a penchant for spirits. The event will also feature live music and a si-

lent auction where guests can bid on a variety of exciting items, with all proceeds going towards supporting The Cooper House’s mission. This event promises to be a delightful opportunity for members of the community to come together, enjoy some fantastic drinks, and support a worthy cause. Tickets for “Whiskey & Wine” are available for purchase now at thenesstofnoblesville.com. Space is limited, so be sure to secure your spot early so that you don’t miss out on this great opportunity to support The Cooper House and the community. Learn more about The Cooper House at TheCooperHouseIndiana.com.

Obituary

Margaret Ann (Stahl) Tomlin
January 6, 1939 – February 24, 2024

Margaret Ann (Stahl) Tomlin, 85, Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, February 24, 2024, at Wellbrooke of Westfield. She was born on January 6, 1939, to C. Edgar & Esther (Harr) Stahl in Indianapolis. Margaret graduated from Broad Ripple High School in 1956, then completed her bachelor’s degree at DePauw University in 1960. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Noblesville and was a member of Rebekah’s Circle and the Elderberry Bible Study at the Church. She was also a member of PEO Chapter EH, Harbourites Home Extension Club, and N.E. Hamilton County Newcomers Club. Margaret enjoyed traveling, reading, quilting, and was known as a great cook. She also volunteered at Riverview Hospital. Margaret is survived by her daughter, Jeanne Tomlin; son, Russ (Karen Nystrom) Tomlin; Karen’s children, Flynn & Grace Makuch; grandchildren, Alice Lawson & Clara Lawson; sister, Gretchen (George) Dickison; nephews, Jeff Dickison & Greg Dickison; and great-nieces, Page Dickison & Courtney Dickison. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Philip A. Tomlin. Services will be held at noon on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Door County Land Trust, P.O. Box 65, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235; or Lewy Body Dementia Association, 912 Killian Hill Road SW, Lilburn, GA 30047. Condolences: randallroberts.com



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Harold "Hal" Van Dyke Hatch Jr.

October 26, 1942 – February 18, 2024

Harold "Hal" Van Dyke Hatch Jr., 81, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, February 18, 2024. Hal was born on October 26, 1942, in Oak Park, Ill. In 1965, he married Virginia Kaye Yucell, and one month later, was drafted by the Army and served in artillery. He took a European discharge, traveling for three months with Kaye. They returned to Angola, Ind., where he graduated from Tri State University with a B.S. in 1969.

Hal worked for Montgomery Ward and then ran his own computer company, INSOFT, in the Noblesville area. After retiring, Hal cared for his grandchildren for several years. Hal enjoyed traveling to St. Maarten with his wife and family for 27 years.

Hal was preceded in death by his parents, Harold V. Hatch Sr. and Mary Elizabeth Hatch.

Hal is survived by his wife of 58 years, Virginia Kaye; children, Jennifer (Mark) Wysong, Leslie (Brent) Crandall, and Kevin (Janell) Hatch; grandchildren, Dylan Hatch, Tiffany Waddell, Dakota Crandall, Trevor Hatch, Terron Lamm, Chase Crandall, Daniel Wysong, and Anastasia Hatch; great-grandchildren, Linkin Waddell and Yunalesca McNeil; and his sister, Gayle Popken.

Visitation and services with military honors were held on Monday, February 26, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Grace Church Food Pantry, 5504 E. 146th St., Noblesville, IN 46062 (gracechurch.us).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Glenna Marie Farr Rice

February 20, 1934 – February 17, 2024

Glenna Marie Farr Rice, 89, Noblesville, passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 17, 2024, at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis after a battle with cancer. She was born on February 20, 1934, to Floyd and Mabel (West) Farr in Stinesville, Ind.

Glenna graduated from Fishers High School in 1952. She married Ralph E. Rice Jr. on September 23, 1956. Glenna worked as Head Cook at Fall Creek Elementary School for 25 years. She was an avid sports fan and especially enjoyed IU basketball. Most of all, Glenna loved the Lord Jesus Christ and her family.

She is survived by her daughter, Deborah Marks (fiancé Brian); son, Rick (Michelle) Rice; six grandchildren, Matthew (Jessica) Marks, Erik (Allyson) Marks, Matthew (Kayla) Onkst, Nicholas (Maria) Marks, Evan (Aubree) Rice, and Ashley (Zachery) Lockwood; six great-grandchildren, Hayden Marks, Hannah Marks, Evelyn Marks, Clark Onkst, Austin Lockwood, and Hazel Rice; and her sister, Doris (Dave) Russell.

In addition to her parents, Glenna was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Emerson Rice Jr.; brothers, Floyd Farr Jr. and Dallas Farr; sister, Rosemary Curnutt; and her son-in-law, Brian Marks.

Visitation and services were held on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Pastor Andrew Smiley officiated. Burial was at Highland Cemetery in Fishers.

Memorial contributions may be made to White River Christian Church, 1685 N. 10th St., Noblesville, IN 46060 (wrcc.org).

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Adah Eileen Stalker McVey

April 2, 1948 – February 15, 2024

Adah Eileen Stalker McVey, 75, Butlerville, Ind., passed away on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at Majestic Care of North Vernon. She was born on April 2, 1948, to the late Floyd Lowell and Mary May (Reppert) Stalker in Noblesville.

Eileen lived in Westfield until 1977 and moved to North Vernon, Ind., and then Butlerville, Ind. She married James Robert McVey on December 31, 1977, at Jackson Park Church of God in Anderson, Ind. Eileen was a homemaker, beautician, clerk typist, certified medical assistant. She worked in a factory, on computers, and served as a day hostess of a restaurant.

Eileen was involved in the Home Ec Club and the Jennings County Community Choir. She assisted with delivery of produce to people, assisted her mother with cooking at the Lions Club, and was a greeter at Westfield Friends Church.

Eileen enjoyed photography, music, flowers, nature walks, her pets, and her family. Her favorite memories were of all the places she worked, learning together at home, school, church, and community. Eileen was faithful, cherished living in Westfield and on the farm, eating meals together and going to church together, and taking her best friend and mother shopping.

Eileen's greatest life lessons were having a solid basic Christian work ethic leading to her successes in life, being honest, loyal to family and close friends, her family protection and safety, and working as a family unit. She stayed nightly with an elderly lady and cared for small farm animals. Eileen enjoyed family gatherings, farm life, and spending time sharing and talking with older people. She treasured her family upbringing and church youth groups.

Eileen's family, the direct descendants of Ezra Stalker, are celebrating, along with others in Washington Township, Hamilton County, Ind., 200 years (from the 1800s to 2023). The family settled in the former wilderness area to help establish the town of Westfield. Eileen's great-great-grandfather, David (Elvira) Stalker's family, along with others, purchased government land and pioneered building the Westfield area so they could change to today's lifestyle living. Several family members continue to reside in Hamilton County, where others have relocated to Texas, Kansas, and other Indiana cities.

Eileen is survived by her husband, James Robert McVey; brother, Floyd David (Maxine) Stalker; sister, Mary Frances (Howard) Lee; brother, Steven Lee (Brenda) Stalker; niece, Karen Lee; as well as several other nieces and nephews.

Private family services will be held. Burial will be at Summit Lawn Cemetery in Westfield.

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Joan McVey

November 22, 1934 – February 16, 2024

Joan McVey, 89, Westfield, passed away on Friday, February 16, 2024, at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville. She was born on November 22, 1934, to Harry and Thelma (Fosnight) Ballard in Westfield.

Joan lived her entire life in Westfield. She worked as a special needs bus aide for Carmel Schools.

Joan is survived by her sons, Randy & wife Mindy Holliday and Mark Holliday; daughter, Tammy & husband Dennis King; sister, Wanda Camp; eight grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sons, Timothy Holliday and Jay Holliday; sisters, Betty Wildoner and Patricia Stiles; brothers, Richard Ballard and Gene Ballard; partner, Harold Mikesell; grandson, Timothy Carter; and her granddaughter, Monica Patterson.

Visitation and services were held on Thursday, February 22, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Rev. Stanley R. Sutton officiated. Inurnment will be at Eagle Creek Cemetery in Westfield at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038 (hamiltonhumane.com).

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Avery Joseph "Joe" Smith

March 3, 1953 – February 6, 2024

Avery Joseph "Joe" Smith, 70, Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis. He was born on March 3, 1953, to Avery and Corinne (Mann) Smith in Greenfield, Ind.

Joe was a teacher for many years. He was an avid reader and handyman who loved helping with projects. Joe enjoyed wood carving, making knives, riding ATVs, and traveling. Most of all he loved his children and grandchildren.

Joe is survived by his wife, Karol Smith; sons, Colin (Leana) Smith, Cameron (Cristal) Smith, and Trent (Emily) VanEmon; daughters, Betsy (Wes) Federico and Lauren VanEmon; siblings, Benita Smith, Charles Smith, Mary Rose Sipf, and Joann Smith; grandchildren, Connor, Noah, Eli, Ellie, Jacob, Caleb, Evan, Gia, Madison, and the newest grandchild, Olivia; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Carson Smith; and his sisters, Jean Jones and Sarah Hornick.

Private family services will be held.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the oncology patient assistant fund at Community Health Network Foundation, 7330 Shadeland Station, Suite 150, Indianapolis, IN 46256 (ecomunity.com/give).

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Cynthia Louise Reynolds

April 27, 1955 – February 22, 2024

Cynthia Louise Reynolds, 68, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, February 22, 2024, at Hamilton Trace of Fishers. She was born on April 27, 1955, to the late Bill and Norma (Shenefield) Shipley in Marion, Ohio.

Cindy owned Quilt Expressions and enjoyed quilting, gardening, flowers, and reading. She was a member of Fishers United Methodist Church and was the #1 Grandma.

Cindy is survived by her husband, Gary Reynolds; sons, Rich (Danny) Spaulding and Dan (Kara) Spaulding; stepdaughters, Angela (Eric) Hungate and Tereasa (Rodney) Morpew; grandsons, Seth (Alyssa) Hungate, Chance (Kaitlin) Morpew, and Ethan, Dylan, and Logan Spaulding; granddaughters, Victoria (Gio) Menale, Alyson (Ben) DiRuzza, Taylor Graham, Elise (Jeremy) Hodges, Skyler Sandman, and Lacey (Josh) Jarvis; 11 great-grandchildren; sister, Connie Higgins; brothers, Doug (Debbie) Shipley and Russ (Carol) Shipley; brother-in-law, Larry (Patti) Reynolds; sister-in-law, Mary (Dave) Lawson; several nieces and nephews; caregiver and friend, Holly Garber; and her dog, Coffee.

A public funeral service (with no visitation prior) will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, March 1, 2024, at Fishers United Methodist Church, 9691 E. 116th St., Fishers. Rev. Mark Elcessor will officiate. Also, a celebration and fellowship for all will follow the service at the church with Cindy's favorite sweets.

Memorial contributions may be made to Fishers United Methodist Church Food Pantry, 9691 E. 116th St., Fishers, IN 46037 (fishersumc.org).

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Marjorie "Jean" Anderson

December 4, 1928 – February 19, 2024

Marjorie "Jean" Anderson, 95, Noblesville (formerly Carmel), passed away on February 19, 2024, in Noblesville. She was born December 4, 1928, to Edith Rachel (Camp) and William H. Wyant in Lapel, Ind.

Jean graduated from Lapel High School in 1947, attended Taylor University and graduated from Indiana University School of Nursing.

She worked as a registered nurse at Indiana University Medical Center, Methodist Hospital, and finished her career as a school nurse at Carmel Clay Schools.

Jean is survived by her husband of 70 years, Myrnest H. Anderson; daughter, Charone Leshner (John) of Venice, Fla.; son, James Anderson (Sue) of Lapeer, Mich.; four grandchildren, Kristen Anderson (Benito LaRosa), Jessica Anderson (Casey Canaday), Jennifer Goldsberry (Aaron), and Joseph Leshner; three great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Joan Everitt of Lapel, Ind., and Rachel Martin (Harold) of Campbellsburg, Ind.

Jean was formerly a member of Carmel United Methodist Church where she was a member of the WSCS, taught Sunday school classes and served on a variety of committees. More recently, she was an associate member at Christ United Methodist Church in Venice, Fla., and member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Carmel.

Visitation will begin at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27 with the Funeral Service to follow at 2 p.m. at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with Rev. Brian White officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Alzheimer's Association, Attn: Donor Services, 225 N. Michigan Ave., 17th Floor, Chicago, IL 60601 (tinyurl.com/mrffbbduc) or Operation Classroom, 2705 Shallowford Dr., Valparaiso, IN 46383 (tinyurl.com/fszm2zfn).

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Roy Edward "Ed" Conner

September 16, 1938 – February 21, 2024

Roy Edward "Ed" Conner died peacefully on February 21, 2024. He was born in 1938 in his grandmother's front bedroom in Kokomo, Ind. A graduate of Cathedral High School in Indianapolis, he also attended Purdue University in Indianapolis and Metropolitan College in Kansas City, Mo.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Marilyn (Stetzel) Conner; his sons, Tim (Beanie) and Kevin; and two grandchildren, Molly and Fritz Conner. He is also survived by his brothers, Mike and Pat.

Roy was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Chrystal Conner; sister, Mary; and brothers, Stan, Greg, and Jeff.

He was employed by the Union Carbide Corporation for 33 years at the Speedway, Ind., facility. He helped to start up a new Union Carbide facility in Kansas City, Mo. After transferring back to the Speedway facility, he was assigned to the engineering department of research and development, where he began work on a project to provide heat protection to the ailerons of NASA's Space Shuttle program.

Roy had a quick wit and a tremendous sense of humor. An avid sportsman, he enjoyed hunting and fishing. As a teenager, he was a member of the Allison Transmission's rifle and pistol team. After school at the age of 13, he hunted small game and traded the game to Preston's Grocery store at 21st and Ritter for whatever kitchen supplies his mother needed.

He was active in scouting in Kansas City and Noblesville and was instrumental in starting Boy Scout Troop 106 in Noblesville. He coached little league baseball and was a reserve deputy with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department for 20 years, retiring with the rank of Captain. He served for Sheriff's Larry Cook, Bob Chandler, Dan Stevens, and Joe Cook.

Roy was a member of Our Lady of Grace Church, Gray Friends Church, and loved working in his yard.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hamilton County Community Foundation.

The visitation and memorial service were held on Saturday, February 24, 2024, at Harley Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero. Interment took place at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Online condolences can be given at hartleyfuneralhomes.com.

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The Hamilton County Reporter does not charge families for publishing obituary notices in our pages. Every obituary appearing in online editions Wednesday through Saturday also appears in our Monday print editions. In order to continue to offer this as a community service, we ask that obituaries not exceed 600 words. The limitations of space may not allow for longer ones to appear in print.

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Fishers Fire names officers of the year & hands out awards

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Fishers Department of Fire and Emergency Services has announced the award recipients from the 2023 Awards Ceremony held on Feb. 17 at Heartland Church in Fishers.

This annual ceremony honors the men and women of the department for their bravery, dedication, and outstanding service as firefighters, EMS, community risk reduction, and support staff.

Community Risk Reduction Specialist Ashley Heckly emceed the afternoon event with Fishers City Councilor Cecilia Coble presenting the Oath of Office to recently promoted officers, and department Chaplain Gary Stump offering Invocation and Benediction. The department's Honor Guard presented colors, supported by the music of the Indianapolis Public Safety Pipes and Drums.

Chief's Medal

- Captain Neil Sullivan
- FF Ron Stolz

Roy Holland Officer of the Year

- Lt. Danny Ebbert

Firefighter of the Year

- FF Kevin Brolsma

Rookie of the Year

- FF Chris Jessee

Jeannie Clark EMS Provider of the Year

- FF/Paramedic Joe Goad

Recent Promotions and Badge Pinning

- Battalion Chief Michael Zajdel
- Battalion Chief Adam Lee
- Battalion Chief Hugo Wans
- Lt. Chad Mohr
- Lt. John Hinton

Retirees

- FF Travis Sichting
- EMS Division Chief Steve Davison
- Lt. David Gillespie
- FF William Crew

20 Year Service Award

- Lt. Marty Devine
- Lt. Leann Foster
- FF Seth Johnson
- Captain Todd Rielage

Fishers Fire Foundation Scholarship Award

- Annelise Hiner
- McKinley Underhill

Newly Certified Paramedics

- Thomas Ford
- Kurt Globerger
- Andrew Thomas
- Quinton Camp

Civilian of the Year

- James Knowles from the Fishers De-

partment of Public Works

Public Service Award

- Lt. William Ortiz

Safety and Training Award

- FF Greg Morlen
- FF Matt Rambo

Pear Leadership Commendation

- A Shift: FF Seth Johnson
- B Shift: FF Matt Rambo
- C Shift: FF Michael Schroll

Meritorious Unit Commendation

- #1: C Shift, Engine 394, Medic 394, EDO 309
- #2: B Shift, Engine 393, Ladder 393, Medic 391, Medic 394, Safety 309, Battalion 309, Tac 391, EDO 309
- #3: B Shift, Engine 392, Ladder 392, Medic 394

The presentation was livestreamed at heartlandchurch.com/live, and you can rewatch the ceremony at that link.

State Sen. Baldwin welcomes students to Statehouse

The REPORTER

State Sen. Scott Baldwin (R-Noblesville) welcomed the following local students to the Statehouse who served as Senate pages in January.

- Penelope Cisneros, Indianapolis, attends Creekside Middle School.
- Addy Gray, Carmel, attends Clay Middle School (pictured with State Sen. R. Michael Young).
- Sydney Hilleke, Noblesville, attends Noblesville

High School (not pictured).

- Anika Veerapaneni, Carmel, attends Clay Middle School.
- Mia Smith, Carmel, attends Clay Middle School (pictured with State Sen. R. Michael Young).

Pages spend a day at the Statehouse touring the historic building, observing debates from the Senate floor, and interacting with their state senator.

"I always look forward to meeting young Hoosiers



Photos provided

State Sen. Baldwin welcomed (from left) Penelope Cisneros, Anika Veerapaneni, Mia Smith, and Addy Gray (pictured with State Sen. Michael Young).

at the Statehouse," Baldwin said. "The Senate Page Program is a great opportunity for our youth to learn about

state legislation and the role legislators play in it."

Students in grades six through 12 participate in

the page program on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays during the legislative session. Groups serve on

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Swimming

Greyhounds make history at state to secure 10th consecutive team title

By **RICHIE HALL**
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INDIANAPOLIS — Carmel senior Gregg Enoch was powering to the finish, well ahead of the other swimmers in the 400 free-style relay as the IHSAA boys state swimming and diving meet reached its conclusion.

It was a symbolic image of the meet, as the Greyhounds outdistanced the other teams by a margin of historic proportions on their way to a 10th consecutive state championship.

Carmel dominated last Saturday's state swimming finals at the IU Natatorium in Indianapolis. The 'Hounds rang up 409 points, the second-highest total in state meet history. Only Carmel's 2018 state champion team netted a higher total, with that squad scoring 417 points.

But it was the margin of victory that re-wrote the record books. The Greyhounds outscored runner-up Penn by 244 points, by far the highest-ever distance between the champion team and the runner-up. Carmel set the old record in 2003; that team outscored South Bend Riley by 226 points.

"I think today was just all about the strength of our team and we did a great job last night," said Greyhounds coach Chris Plumb. The 31-time state champion coach has said before that the state meet is won in the Friday night preliminaries, and Carmel did its job that night, getting 20 swims into the "A" Final, or championship heat.

"I think it just speaks to the depth, the hard work of

the whole entire team," said Plumb. "The top guys bringing guys up to make sure that they set the standard to swim at this level, understand what it takes to score in an 'A' Final. To have 20 'A' Final swims is really what makes that score happen. That's not easy to do."

The Greyhounds swept all three relays, opening with a victory in the medley relay. Juniors Anderson Kopp, Andrew Shackell and Michael Gorey teamed with senior Brandon Malicki to win that race in 1 minute, 29.39 seconds.

Shackell, Malicki, Gorey and Enoch combined for a victory in the 200 free relay, clocking in at 1:22.02; the 'Hounds dropped two and a half seconds off their prelims time. Finally, Carmel put the exclamation point on the meet with a 400 free relay win. Sophomore Lewis Zhang, freshman William Allen, junior Ethan Zhang and Enoch paced that race in 3:02.79, nearly four seconds ahead of second-place Bloomington South.

"Our relays definitely stepped up today, which is great," said Plumb. "To have three relay wins at this competition is never easy. I felt really good about all our relay performances."

Enoch also claimed a pair of individual titles, winning the individual medley in 1:45.06, where he led a 1-2 finish with Gorey. Later, Enoch cruised to victory in the 500 free, taking that race in 4:19.55. Enoch was the runner-up in the 500 free his sophomore and junior seasons, and in the individual

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Reporter photo by Richie Hall
The Carmel boys swim team won its 10th consecutive state championship last Saturday at the IU Natatorium. The Greyhounds scored 409 points, won five events and put together the largest winning margin in IHSAA state meet history, outdistancing runner-up Penn by 244 points.

Diving

Pair of Heights divers do it again

Swart repeats as state champ, Cox is runner up once more

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INDIANAPOLIS — It was fun last year, so why not do it again this year?

Hamilton Heights senior divers Ethan Swart and Nathan Cox made history by finishing first and second last year at the IHSAA state diving finals. The duo repeated that feat this year, making it the first time that one school went 1-2 in diving at consecutive state meets.

Swart repeated as state champion with a score of 585.75 points. He led after the first round and the semifinals, finishing up with three high-point dives. Swart scored 66.00 on his 10th dive, a back two and a half somersault in the tuck position, then totaled 63.00 points for his final dive, a forward three and a half somersault.

"I knew what I needed

to do it and I just walked in and did it," said Swart. His score is the fourth-highest state championship total in IHSAA history.

Cox was in a battle for second place, and had to bounce back after a tough ninth dive. He did so splendidly, scoring a 62.40 on his 10th dive (forward one and a half somersault, two twists), then totaled a 67.50 on his final dive, a forward three and a half somersault.

"After that happened, I just knew I got to doing the best I can," said Cox. "I didn't give up, but it was just kind of out of reach."

Both divers are off to Division I programs next year, with Swart heading to Auburn University and Cox committed to Virginia Tech. They have set a new standard for the Heights diving program.

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Reporter photo by Richie Hall
Hamilton Heights divers Ethan Swart (right) and Nathan Cox (left) repeated their 1-2 performance at the state meet last Saturday at the IU Natatorium. Swart won the state championship for the second year in a row, while Cox was again the runner-up. They are pictured with Huskies diving coach Steve Hoefler.

Boys State Swim Finals Results

Team scores (top five and all county): 1. Carmel 409, 2. Penn 165, 3. Fishers 158, 4. Zionsville 150, 5. Bloomington South 123, 10. Hamilton Southeastern 82, 17. Hamilton Heights 37, 21. University 25, 30. Noblesville 14, T38. Westfield 8.

200 medley relay
"A" Final: 1. Carmel (Anderson Kopp, Brandon Malicki, Andrew Shackell, Michael Gorey) 1:29.39, 8. Hamilton Southeastern (Jacob Frey, Collin Huston, Ji-hoon Jung, Derek Robison) 1:34.09.

200 freestyle
"A" Final: 1. Walker Mattice (Z) 1:36.86, 2. Lewis Zhang (C) 1:38.84, 4. Jonathan Hines (F) 1:39.53, 5. Ethan Zhang (C) 1:40.76.
"B" Final: 11. William Lathrop (C) 1:42.56.

200 individual medley
"A" Final: 1. Gregg Enoch (C) 1:45.06, 2. Gorey (C) 1:49.08, 4. Brian Qian (C) 1:49.76, 5. Jung (HSE) 1:50.38, 8. Luis Sanchez (F) 1:52.50.
"B" Final: 15. Graham Kulp (N) 1:54.57.

50 freestyle
"A" Final: 1. Matthew Klinge (Harrison) 19.45, 3. Shackell (C) 20.43, 5. Malicki (C) 20.52, 6. Neiman Kumlir (U) 20.97, 8. William Allen (C) 21.43.
"B" Final: 9. Alex Koo (F) 21.10.

One-meter diving
Finals: 1. Ethan Swart (HH) 585.75, 2. Nathan Cox (SH) 563.35, 5. Jacob Schade (F) 495.70, 7. Aiden Kless (N) 466.15.

100 butterfly
"A" Final: 1. Klinge (Harrison) 47.67, 3. Shackell (C) 48.26, 5. Jung (HSE) 49.77, 8. Emile Haig (C) 50.84.

"B" Final: 12. Qian (C) 50.62, 16. Robison (HSE) 51.60.

100 freestyle
"A" Final: 1. Mattice (Z) 44.26, 5. Koo (F) 46.13, 7. Kumlir (U) 46.27.
"B" Final: 9. Allen (C) 46.68, 13. Bennett Morse (W) 47.13, 14. E. Zhang (C) 47.15, 15. Carter Hadley (C) 47.18.

500 freestyle
"A" Final: 1. Enoch (C) 4:19.55, 2. Hines (F) 4:24.23, 3. L. Zhang (C) 4:26.79, 4. Kopp (C) 4:26.95, 6. Anthony Adams Jr. (F) 4:33.96, 8. Sanchez (F) 4:40.51.
"B" Final: 10. Jack Warren (HSE) 4:41.38.

200 freestyle relay
"A" Final: 1. Carmel (Shackell, Malicki, Gorey, Enoch) 1:22.02, 5. Fishers (Koo, Hudson Lee, Victor Herbert, Hines) 1:25.30.

100 backstroke
"A" Final: 1. Henry Lyness (Center Grove) 48.06, 3. Kopp (C) 49.04, 6. Carson Szotek (C) 51.07.
"B" Final: 14. Hadley (C) 52.35.

100 breaststroke
"A" Final: 1. Christopher Bartmess (South Bend Riley) 53.78, 2. Malicki (C) 55.12, 5. Collin Huston (HSE) 55.92, 6. Gorey (C) 55.95.

400 freestyle relay
"A" Final: 1. Carmel (L. Zhang, Allen, E. Zhang, Enoch) 3:02.79, 6. Fishers (Sanchez, Lee, Thomas Johanneman, Hines) 3:08.46.
"B" Final: 12. Southeastern (Jung, Robison, Camden Bailey, Warren) 3:12.06, 15. Westfield (Zach Welch, Garreth Thomas, Luca Barbosa, Morse) 3:13.14.

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Gymnastics

Westfield team, Noblesville's Bittles, GC's Barnett will compete at regional

The REPORTER

For the second consecutive year, the Westfield gymnastics team is moving on to the regional round.

The Shamrocks placed third at the Lafayette Jefferson sectional last Saturday. Westfield totaled 99.425 points; Northwestern was the team champion with 104.45 and Harrison the runner-up with 104.05. The top three teams at each of the six sectionals across the state qualify for the regional.

Elianna Reynolds led the way for the 'Rocks, placing sixth in the all-around with a 34.675. Reynolds finished in the top 10 in each of the different events, placing sixth in the uneven bars and floor exercise and tying for sixth on the vault. Her best score came in the floor exercise, where she posted a 9.10.

Guerin Catholic's Lyrric Barnett advanced to the regional as an individual in two events. Barnett placed third on the vault with an 8.775 and fourth on the floor by scoring 9.25. The top six gymnasts in each event move on to the next round.

Westfield and GC's Barnett will compete at the Valparaiso regional on Saturday. Results now follow.

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Team scores: Northwestern 104.45, Harrison 104.05, Westfield 99.425, Lafayette Jefferson 98.775, Logansport 92.375, Western 91.75, North Montgomery 87.1, Southmont 80.5, West Lafayette 66.375, McCutcheon 63.05, Guerin Catholic 62.075, Faith Christian 55.125, Crawfordsville 54.125, Kokomo 34.925, Benton Central 32.20, North Putnam 30.575, Caston 29.235.

All-around scores: 6. Elianna Reynolds (W) 34.675,

11. Lyrric Barnett (GC) 33.775, 13. Isa Galan (W) 32.575, 29. Harleigh Abbott (GC) 28.30.

Vault: 3. Barnett (GC) 8.775, T6. Reynolds (W) 8.70; Doran (W) 8.70, T10. Galan (W) 8.65, T29. Heidi Burke (W) 8.175, T31. Abbott (GC) 8.10.

Uneven bars: 6. Reynolds (W) 8.125, 13. Galan (W) 7.675, 15. Barnett (GC) 7.50, 20. Mason (W) 7.05, T30. Sara Borek (W) 6.425, 34. Abbott (GC) 5.75.

Balance beam: 9. Reynolds (W) 8.75, T14. Barnett (GC) 8.25, 19. Borek (W) 7.925, T26. Galan (W) 7.45, 33. Abbott (GC) 7.00, 34. Mason (W) 6.80.

Floor exercise: 4. Barnett (GC) 9.25, 6. Reynolds (W) 9.10, 9. Galan (W) 8.80, 19. Madie Doran (W) 8.50, T20. Avery Mason 8.45, 36. Abbott (GC) 7.45.

Noblesville placed eighth as a team at the Franklin Central sectional, which took place last Friday at the Gymnastics Company, located near Franklin Central.

The Millers scored 96.40 as a team. Noblesville did have a gymnast advance to the regional: Valorey Bittles placed sixth on the balance beam with an 8.80, qualifying her for the Franklin Central regional, which takes place this Friday.

Noblesville scores now follow:

All-around scores: 14. Valorey Bittles 32.95, 15. Kylie Lotridge 32.875, 28. Emmerson Leckrone 30.575.

Vault: T16. Bittles 8.55, T26. K. Lotridge 8.30, T30. Leckrone 8.25, T42. Lydia Blackwell 7.80.

Uneven bars: T10. K. Lotridge 8.125, T27. Bittles 7.25; Leckrone 7.25, T34. Alayna Lotridge 6.675.

Balance beam: 6. Bittles 8.80, 26. K. Lotridge 7.975, 37. Leckrone 7.175, 40. Alina Skryabnev 6.975.

Floor exercise: 21. K. Lotridge 8.475, 25. Bittles 8.35, 37. Leckrone 7.90, 41. Skryabnev 7.75.

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medley his junior year, so he was happy to finally reach the top spot on the podium.

"It feels amazing to be on top," said Enoch, who is committed to the University of Louisville. He was also happy to do his part to add on to the Carmel legacy, one that has won 10 state titles in 10 years.

"I have a great connection with those guys that started the tradition, with Drew Kibler, Jake Mitchell, Wyatt Davis," said Enoch. "Big Carmel names. Aaron Shackell, right? The names that we've seen in the past 10 years." Enoch said he was "doing my duty to add on to it. This team, these future guys, these underclassmen will do the same."

Three Greyhounds swimmers finished as runners-up

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"It's crazy what we've done the past two years," said Swart. "It's something that's unheard of from Hamilton Heights. We're not really a big school, so you don't hear much from them. But when you hear two divers going to state and two divers going 1 and 2 two years in a row, it's crazy to think about, because it just doesn't happen very often."

"I agree," said Cox. "It's something to look back on and say 'Wow, this is crazy.' This makes history at Hamilton Heights and everyone's so proud of us. It's nice having that publicity."

Schade fifth, Kless seventh

Hamilton County had a good diving day, with Fishers junior Jacob Schade placing fifth and Noblesville junior Aiden Kless placing seventh. Both won state medals for the second year in a row.

Schade scored 495.70

points, improving his state score from last year by 20 points. In addition to having a good meet for himself, Schade also wanted to make sure he contributed to the Tigers' team score.

"This year I really thought more about the impact on the team," said Schade. He said his performance "isn't just for me, it's for everybody, for the coaches, for the swimmers, for my teammates who weren't able to make it here today." Schade said that approach "makes it so much more fulfilling in doing my best" and helping his teammates achieve their goals "as well as mine."

Kless finished with a score of 466.15 points, but he felt like he "underperformed. Last year I got fifth at state and I think I just got too in my head."

Still, Kless scored 50 points better from his state score last year. Both he and Schade will be back next year.

Swimming

Young swimmers, senior veterans step up for Hamilton County teams at state meet

By RICHIE HALL
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INDIANAPOLIS – A mix of young swimmers and senior veterans provided some solid moments for the other Hamilton County schools at last weekend's IHSAA state meet.

Fishers placed third at the meet, marking the Tigers' fifth consecutive finish in the top five. Fishers totaled 158 points, just behind runner-up Penn's 165 points.

The Tigers had nine swims in last Saturday's finals, with eight of them in the "A" Final and earning state medals. Junior Jonathan Hines led the way with four podium finishes, including a runner-up result in the 500 freestyle.

"I think I could be a little bit better in the future, but I'm pretty happy with where I was in the 500," said Hines.

The junior also finished fourth in the 200 free and was part of Fishers' two top-eight relays. Hines joined freshman Alex Koo and juniors Hudson Lee and Victor Herbert to place fifth in the 200 free relay, then was part of an all-juniors 400 free relay team that placed sixth, along with Luis Sanchez, Lee and Thomas Johanneman.

The Tigers' best event was the 500 free. After

Hines' finish, two more juniors placed in the top eight: Anthony Adams Jr. was sixth and Sanchez finished eighth. Sanchez also had a multiple medal day, as he placed eighth in the individual medley. Koo finished fifth in the 100 free and junior Jacob Schade was fifth in diving (see related story).

Royals back in the top 10

Hamilton Southeastern got back in the top 10 for the first time since 2021. The Royals scored 82 points to finish in 10th place.

Southeastern had four top eight swims. Junior Jihoon Jung made the podium three times, first as part of the Royals' eighth-place medley relay team. It was an all-junior squad, also featuring Jacob Frey, Collin Huston and Derek Robison.

Later, Jung picked up fifth-place medals in both the IM and the butterfly. Huston would go on to finish fifth in the breaststroke as well.

"I feel like I swam pretty well," said Huston. He called it a "good feeling" to have the Royals be back in the top 10. Jung agreed, saying that the Southeast-



Kulp

ern program is "definitely on the rise."

"It's really good seeing all of our progress really pay off," said Jung. "We're just constantly improving, so I'm really excited for how next year is going to go."

Kumler makes history

University senior Neiman Kumler made some history for the Trailblazers, becoming the first ever medal winner at a state meet.

Kumler placed sixth in the 50 free, then came back to take seventh in the 100 free. That turned into 25 team points for University, good for 21st place.

"I just feel really good, especially coming out of the sectional last week and I had put myself in a pretty good spot," said Kumler, who will swim for the University of Illinois-Chicago next year. "I just knew I needed to move up a few places and it was great to do that."

Kulp places for Millers

Noblesville scored 14 points, putting the Millers in 30th place as a team. Junior Aiden Kless took seventh in diving (see related story), while senior Graham Kulp moved up a

Snapshots from state swim prelims



Reporter photos by Richie Hall
(ABOVE LEFT) University's Neiman Kumler (left) and coach Kyle Truitt watch results come in for the 50 free. Kumler qualified for the "A" Final in that race and the 100 free. (TOP RIGHT) Carmel's William Allen made the "A" Final of the 50 freestyle at last Friday's state swim prelims and also swam on the Greyhounds' 200 freestyle relay. (ABOVE RIGHT) Anthony Adams Jr. (shown here in the individual medley) was one of three Fishers swimmers to make the "A" heat of the 500 free.



Reporter photos by Richie Hall
(ABOVE) Hamilton Southeastern's Jack Warren had "a heck of a 500 free," said Royals coach Christian Hanselmann. Warren qualified for the "B" Final in that event. (TOP RIGHT) Westfield's Bennett Morse reached the "B" Final of the 100 free, and also helped the Shamrocks' 400 free relay qualify for the "B" heat in that event. (BELOW) Noblesville's Anthony Mathis competed in the breaststroke at state. (BELOW RIGHT) Guerin Catholic's Drew Wilhite swam in the 50 free and backstroke for the Golden Eagles.



Basketball

‘Hounds carry through on momentum for big finish to regular season

By **RICHIE HALL**
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CARMEL – As the regular season draws to a close this week, it’s safe to call the Carmel boys basketball team the Turnaround Hounds.

Carmel finished regular season play on a winning note last Tuesday, beating Crispus Attucks 49-37 at the Eric Clark Activity Center. The Greyhounds got out to a fast start against the Tigers, and the momentum from the opening quarter carried Carmel through to its third consecutive victory and an 8-1 record over its last nine games. The ‘Hounds were 4-9 less than six weeks ago but finished the regular season at 12-10.

“They’ve grown up a lot,” said Carmel coach Ryan Osborn. “And give them credit because it wasn’t easy.” The Greyhounds played the No. 1-ranked schedule according to the Sagarin ratings, and Osborn said “there wasn’t a night to take off.”

“They never stopped being hungry,” said Osborn. “That’s hard to do when you’ve got a losing record and you’re looking at the schedule and you got all these really good highly-ranked teams coming. They embraced the challenge and proud of them for how hard they played up to this point.”

Carmel never trailed



Reporter photos by Julie Brown
(ABOVE LEFT) Carmel’s Alex Couto scored 20 points, including six 3-pointers, for the Greyhounds during their win over No. 7 Crispus Attucks last Tuesday at the Eric Clark Activity Center. **(ABOVE RIGHT)** Ryan Clevenger had 13 points and nine rebounds for Carmel.

against Attucks. Ben Bremer opened the scoring with a 3-pointer, beginning a 19-4 quarter for the Greyhounds. Alex Couto drained two 3s during the period, Quinn Murphy had one, and Evan Harrell took over the game with a personal 7-0 run – he hit a triple as well.

“This group is super dedicated to defense,” said Couto. “No one cares how much you put up whatever night as long as we’re getting defensive stops and we’re sharing the ball on offense.”

Carmel stayed in front for the entirety of the next three quarters. The Tigers got within 23-15 late in the second quarter, but Harrell made a layin to keep the Greyhounds’ lead at double digits going into halftime at 25-15.

Couto sent in his third 3 of the game to start the third quarter, which helped give Carmel a cushion as Attucks went on an 8-0 run, which Couto ended by draining another triple. The Tigers got as close as 31-27 late in the third and were still within

35-29 going into the fourth quarter.

The Greyhounds started the fourth with a 7-0 run, a Clevenger layin followed by a 3 and a layin from Couto. Carmel kept its lead in double figures after that.

Couto finished the game with 20 points, including six 3-pointers. Harrell scored 13 and pulled nine rebounds. Clevenger and Bremer both dished out five assists.

Carmel takes on Fishers Tuesday in the first round of Class 4A Sectional 8 at Noblesville.



Photos by Joshua Herd
(TOP) Deion Miles scored eight points for Southeastern. **(ABOVE)** Hamilton Southeastern’s Maverick Young made three 3-pointers on his way to 12 points during the Royals’ game at Lawrence North last Tuesday.

Royals fall in final two games of regular season

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern dropped its last two games of the regular season last week.

The Royals fell to Lawrence North 70-53 in a road game last Tuesday. The Wildcats led 15-10 after one quarter and 25-21 at halftime, then pulled away in the third quarter by outscoring Southeastern 21-12. Lawrence North clinched the game with a 24-point fourth quarter.

Maverick Young led the Royals with 12 points, including three 3-pointers. Donovan Hamilton scored 11 points and pulled four rebounds. Michael Grifith and Kameron Anthony both had four rebounds as well. Braeden Totten and Deion Miles both had eight points.

Southeastern dropped

its regular-season finale on Thursday, falling at home to North Central 66-47.

The Panthers jumped out to a 16-5 lead after one quarter, extending it to 29-14 by halftime. The Royals got their offense going with 20 points in the third period, keeping them within 47-34 going into the fourth quarter, but North Central outscored Southeastern 19-13 in the fourth.

Hamilton scored 21 points for the Royals. Grifith led the rebounds with six, while Totten had five.

Southeastern finished the regular season 15-7 and plays at Class 4A Sectional 8 in Noblesville this week. The Royals will take on the winner of Tuesday’s first-round game between Carmel and Fishers in the Friday semifinals at approximately 7:30 p.m.



Reporter photos by Richie Hall
(ABOVE) University senior Robert Russell scored seven points during the Trailblazers’ game with Phelan Academy last Thursday at the U Center. The ‘Blazers won 82-67. **(RIGHT)** Senior Bryce Gray takes the ball to the basket.

University ends regular season on top in victory over Phelan Academy

By **RICHIE HALL**
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CARMEL – University finished its regular season on a winning note, as the Trailblazers beat Phelan Academy 82-67 last Thursday night at the U Center.

It was University’s Senior Night game, so there was a large crowd to cheer on the ‘Blazers. Emotions can run high at a Senior Night contest, but after a shaky first quarter, University settled in and took care of business.

“Senior Night to me is always a little tricky with the emotion and things like that,” said ‘Blazers coach Justin Blanding. “As coaches, it’s tough for us because we change a lot of things. We got down early and then we fought back.”

The Falcons got University down 6-0 to start the game. Appropriately,

a senior scored the Trailblazers’ first points, with Robert Russell making an and-1 two and a half minutes into the first quarter. Another senior, Bryce Gray, tied the game at 10-10 with a 3-pointer.

Junior Max McComb hit a 3 to put the ‘Blazers in front 13-12, their first lead of the game. Derek Callahan’s putback moved Phelan ahead 14-13 before Montgomery Holland tied it up at with a free throw.

That was the last point of the first quarter, but the senior Holland stepped up to open the second quarter, nailing a 3. Gray made a layin, and University led 19-14. The ‘Blazers stayed in front from that point forward, outscoring the Falcons 21-11 in the second period for a 35-25 halftime lead. An 8-0 run helped things out, with Cooper Cammack scoring six of

those points.

“We want to play fast, but at the same time, we got to be disciplined in the half court,” said Blanding. The coach said his team was “trying some new things defensively” as it gets ready for the sectional tournament next week.

“For the most part, we executed pretty well,” said Blanding.

University kept its offense at a high level in the second half, scoring 22 points in the third quarter and 25 more in the fourth. McComb was dominant in the fourth quarter, pouring in 12 points, including a 6-of-6 effort from the free-throw line. McComb made both his free-throw attempts in the second quarter, so he finished a perfect 8-of-8 on his way to 24 points.

McComb reached double-double status by collecting 11 rebounds. So did

Cammack, as he totaled 14 rebounds and 13 points. Gray added 14 points and dished out eight assists. The Trailblazers had an astounding 14 blocked shots: McComb made five blocks, Holland had four and Cammack made two. Holland had nine points and six rebounds.

“It’s definitely a collective effort,” said Blanding. “We’ve been on everybody. The last three or four games we haven’t been very efficient on the defensive end, rebounding and things like that. So, we wanted to make it a point to do that tonight because in a tournament, if you don’t rebound, you’re not going to win.”

University finished the regular season 11-12. The Trailblazers travel to Class 2A Sectional 43 at Sheridan next week, taking on the host Blackhawks in the first semifinal at 6 p.m. Friday.

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Basketball

Golden Eagles overcome ‘Blazers in big 4th quarter

Guerin Catholic Coach Bobby Allen secures 100th career win

The REPORTER

Guerin Catholic pulled away in the fourth quarter to defeat University 62-44 last Tuesday in an all-county game to give coach Bobby Allen his 100th career victory at Guerin Catholic.

The Golden Eagles led just 40-37 after three quarters but outscored University 22-7 over the final eight minutes behind a trio of three pointers from Robert Sorensen and six points from Bryson Cardinal.

The Trailblazers led for the first 15 minutes of the contest, building a pair of seven-point leads at 10-3 and 19-12, before Guerin Catholic ended the half on a 13-2 run. The Golden Eagles tied the game at 21 with 55 seconds left in the half on Dylan Murans dunk. Cardinal scored with 45 seconds left in the half and Sorensen added a fast break basket with three seconds left to put the Eagles up 25-21 at halftime.

A Cardinal basket off a Jack Cherry assist followed by a Cherry three pointer from the left corner stretched the GC run to 18-2 early in the third quarter and a 30-21 lead. University climbed back in the game on an old fashioned three-point play by Bryce Gray followed by a steal and layin by Gray. Cooper Cammack got the Blazers within 30-28 before Sorensen canned a three pointer from the left wing to stem the University run.

The Blazers got with-in 40-37 at the end of three quarters after a Robert Russell corner three pointer. Sorensen opened the fourth quarter with a three ball from the top of the key. Cammack scored off a Bryce Gray assist to cut the lead to 43-39 but University would not make another field goal for over four minutes of play.

The Golden Eagles had an 18-3 run opening the fourth quarter. Andy Caron had an offensive rebound basket, one of 10 rebounds, for a 45-39 lead before Sorensen added another three pointer. Cardinal scored and Cherry added a three for a 53-40 lead. Cardinal scored again and Sorensen made another

three before Max McComb got University on the board with 2:42 left.

Cardinal put together a double-double of 21 points and 10 rebounds. Sorensen scored 14 points and Cherry dished out 10 assists.

Gray scored 13 points for the Trailblazers and handed out four assists. Cammack pulled six rebounds and Russell collected five. Montgomery Holland blocked three shots and McComb had two blocks.

Guerin Catholic finishes the regular season with a 17-7 record. The Golden Eagles, state runner-up last season, will host Sectional 27 and begin play Tuesday against Herron at 6 p.m.

Huskies put a lid on regular season with solid win over Rensselaer Central

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights split its last two games of the regular season.

Last Tuesday, the Huskies dropped a close game on the road at Rushville, by the score of 40-37. Heights led 10-8 after one quarter and 20-16 at halftime. Tillman Etchison scored five points in the opening period, with Dreydin Serna adding six in the second. Heights led 32-29 after three quarters, with John Irion scoring seven points, but the Lions outscored the Huskies 11-5 in the fourth to get the win.

Serna scored 12 points, with Irion totaling 11 and Etchison adding 10 points. Irion collected eight rebounds while Etchison pulled five. Landen Scheiber made five steals and Tyler Champion dished out four assists.

Heights finished its regular season with a 67-55 win at Rensselaer Central last Friday. The Huskies

got off to a great start, leading 22-12 after one quarter. Sam Dawson scored nine points in the first period, including a pair of 3-pointers, with Serna adding six. Heights led 38-25 at halftime; Rees Knapp came off the bench to score seven points.

Dawson got going again in the third quarter, pouring in nine points and helping the Huskies to a 55-37 lead. Dawson hit one 3 in the third quarter and drained a fourth triple in the fourth period, finishing the game with 21 points.

Etchison contributed 16 points, scoring in every quarter. Serna had 10 points.

Heights completed the regular season with a 10-13 record. The Huskies compete at Class 3A Sectional 24 at New Castle this week; they play a semifinal game Friday against the winner of Tuesday’s first-round game between Centerville and Yorktown.

Heights sixth-grade girls win Husky Invitational

Submitted by Laurie Prater
HHMS Sixth Grade Girls Basketball Coach

The sixth-grade Lady Huskies basketball team won the Championship at the 2024 Husky Invitational on Feb. 17. The season started off slow with a few big losses, but the girls worked hard physically and mentally to improve, and Saturday showcased it!

“Each player has a hand in the win,” explained Coach Laurie Prater. “The girls have worked extremely hard this season. They have not only grown individually but also grown as a team. The energy and aggression on the floor were outstanding on Saturday. The Lady Huskies started the day off strong with a huge win against the Tipton Blue Devils. The final score was 31-13.

“After a brief celebration in the locker room the



Hamilton Heights Middle School sixth-grade girls basketball team won the 2024 Husky Invite. The team is pictured with their spirit-filled cheer squad.

girls knew their job wasn’t done and began to prepare for the championship game against the Frankton Eagles,” Coach Prater continued. “Earlier in the season Frankton had defeated the Huskies but the girls were determined to not allow that to happen again. The

Huskies started out strong and took the lead quick and never let up. The final score of the Championship game was 23-14. Special thanks to the 6th grade cheerleaders for being so supportive and for doing such an amazing job cheering on the Huskies!”

“This has been a great group of girls to coach,” added Coach Prater. “We have come a long way this season and each and every girl has improved! It’s been fun seeing them grow and we are excited to continue to watch as they continue to play.”

Shamrocks cruise to big win over Pike to finish regular season

The REPORTER

Westfield cruised to victory in its regular-season finale, beating Pike 72-46 last Thursday at CSI Gymnasium.

The Shamrocks outscored the Red Devils in all four quarters, leading 18-10 after one. Durante Morton had six points in the opening period. Westfield led 32-16 at halftime, then extended that advantage to 49-30 after three quarters. Will Harvey made two 3-pointers in the third.

The Shamrocks sprinted to the finish line with 23 points in the fourth quarter. Drew Haffner helped out with seven points. Nine

different Westfield players scored during the game.

Four Shamrocks reached double figures. Trey Buchanan led the way with 16 points, including four triples. Nic Book added 15 points; he and Buchanan scored in every quarter. Harvey totaled three 3s on his way to 11 points and Morton finished with 10 points.

Westfield completed the regular season at 19-2, which is the best regular-season record in school history. The ‘Rocks will play in Sectional 8 this week, taking on the winner of Tuesday’s Noblesville-Zionsville game in the first Friday semifinal at 6 p.m.

Heights seventh-grade girls win 2024 MIC Championship

Submitted by Diane Handy
HHMS Seventh Grade Girls Basketball Head Coach

The seventh grade Lady Huskies Basketball team brought home the 2024 Mid-Indiana Conference (MIC) Championship. Early in the season the players demonstrated they had the potential for great things.

“Throughout the season we have worked on communication, feedback, mistakes, resolutions, humility, and solutions,” explained Diane Handy, head coach of the team. “What made the MIC Championship win so special is the girls played with their heart, grit, and refusal to give up. They won with a team-focused approach.”

“We started off with playing the Kokomo Wildcats for the MIC Tourney on Wednesday, Feb. 14,” continued Coach Handy. “All players were able to contribute to this game on the court with points being scored by eight of the players, offensive plays being disrupted, and a passing game that was accurate. The Huskies won 38-11. They moved to semifinals on Saturday, Feb. 17, playing the Logansport Berries with the goal of making it to the final game against either the Tipton Blue Devils or Western Panthers. Again, all players were instrumental in the win with their baskets,



The Hamilton Heights Middle School seventh Grade Girls Basketball team are this year’s MIC Champs. (Back row) Coach Maddie Herr, Hallie Sheller, Annie Sheller, Reagan Van Kirk, Stella Taylor, Kaylee Smith, Skyler Worthman, Kaitlyn Schakel, and Coach Diane Handy. (Front row) Meredith Robinson, Evie Millsaps, and Gabbi Lowe.

their ability to block out and rebound, and their drive. The Huskies won 40-15.

“The championship game had our team facing a defensively aggressive team,” explained Coach Handy. “At half time, the ladies were down by three points and were not playing to their ability. However, they came out after half time ready, as a team, together. In the third quarter they turned the game by playing a team-focused approach. They played together, remembered each other’s strengths, and ended the

quarter trailing the Panther’s by five points. In this moment, during a timeout in the fourth quarter, we decided to make a defensive switch, which we believe gave our girls the confidence and the edge to come out on top. The team then saw the court, saw one another, and together they scored 14 points total while holding the Panthers to three points! Huskies take the hard-fought win 38-32!”

Coach Handy said each player contributed to the MIC Championship win in her own way and should be proud of the part they played

in this important win.

“The seventh grade Lady Huskies will continue to build upon their success with continued team reflection and having fun,” she added. “While we continue to learn from our mistakes, we will also continue to celebrate our victories and support one another through the challenges. The ladies now know they have what it takes to beat a tough team when they work together and support one another. The unity they showed will carry them to more victories on and off the court.”

Millers’ massive win finishes regular season

The REPORTER

Noblesville finished its regular season last Tuesday with a 61-19 win over Mississinewa at The Mill.

The Millers led 16-6 after one quarter, then breezed through the second quarter to take a 37-10 halftime lead. Noblesville outscored the Indians 16-2 in the third period.

Aaron Fine led the Mill-

ers with 15 points, while Hunter Walston added 13 points. Ten different Noblesville players scored during the game. Baron Walker collected four rebounds and Will Smits blocked two shots.

The Millers are 20-2 and host Sectional 8 next week, playing Zionsville in the opening game at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Tigers lead by halftime & never fall behind

The REPORTER

Fishers completed its regular season last Tuesday with a big win over North Central, beating the Panthers 69-48 at Tiger Arena.

North Central led the Tigers 14-12 after one quarter, but Fishers came back to take a 29-26 lead by halftime. The Tigers then blasted through the third quarter, outscoring the Panthers 21-7, with seven different players scoring at least one point in that period. Taden

Metzger had seven points in the third.

A 19-point fourth quarter sealed the victory for Fishers, including seven points from Keenan Garner, who finished the game with 15 points. Millen McCartney scored 10 points, while Metzger and Justin Kirby both had nine.

The Tigers finished the regular season 22-1. They will play Carmel Tuesday in the first round of Sectional 8 at Noblesville.

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Daytona rained down historic win for Byron & the #24 team

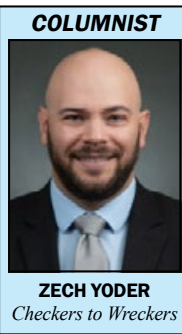
N A S C A R fans had to wait an extra day to watch the 2024 Daytona 500 as heavy rains washed out nearly the entire Daytona 500 weekend.

Both the Xfinity Series race scheduled for Saturday and the Cup Series race scheduled for Sunday were moved to Monday afternoon and evening. Even the Craftsman Truck Series race was in jeopardy of being washed out but ended up running late Friday night.

The crown jewel of stock car racing, the Daytona 500 began with a packed crowd, despite the move to Monday, and Dwayne “the Rock” Johnson gave the command to start engines. There was action early when Brad Keselowski (my Daytona pick) shoved John Hunter Nemechek into Harrison Burton, sending Burton into the tri-oval infield and back onto the track, collecting several cars in the wreck.

After the initial wreck, things calmed down and the drivers began playing the fuel strategy game, conserving fuel in hopes of spending the least amount of time refueling on pit road during green flag pitstops. The fuel strategy dominated much of the race as drivers were content riding in the draft. Speeds actually slowed by about 20 mph on the track and even the lead cars were using only 50 percent throttle. Fuel strategy has always been a part of racing at Daytona, but the NextGen car seems to amplify the problem. To the average viewer, the two-by-two pack of cars looks good on television because the cars are tightly packed but, in reality, there is little racing going on.

After the final green flag pitstop, the action intensified dramatically. With 30 laps to go, drivers started mak-



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ing their moves to put themselves in position for the final 10 laps and the “bump drafts” became more and more aggressive. These are the moments that make the Daytona 500 great. The aerial camera shots showing the cars moving and sliding and bumping. You could see what was coming, but when?

Finally, with eight laps to go, a push from Alex Bowman at the front of the field got William Bryon loose and Bryon right-hooked Brad Keselowski into Joey Logano, Ryan Blaney, and nearly half the field. The race restarted with four laps to go and on as the field approach the start/finish line to take the white flag, Ross Chastain made a bold, outside-inside move and collided with Austin Cindric, causing both Chastain and Cindric to spin through the infield and bringing out the final caution. Though unclear initially, William Byron was declared the leader at the moment of caution and took his first Daytona 500 victory.

Bryon is a worthy champion. While he had never finished inside the top 21 at the Daytona 500 in his first six starts, his first win came at Daytona in August of 2020, and he is typically strong at the drafting tracks. His Daytona 500 wins comes on the heels of a series leading six victories in 2023. Over the last three years, Byron has situated himself at the top of Cup Series. He was a pre-season favorite for many to win the 2024 Cup Series Championship, and his Daytona 500 victory shows the strength of the #24 team as the 2024 season begins.

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

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—COUNTY—

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
IN THE MATTER OF
Park Northwestern Drain
NOTICE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 405 of the 1965 Indiana Drainage Code that this Board, prior to final adjournment on February 23, 2024 has issued an order adopting the Schedule of Assessments, filed the same and made public announcement thereof at the hearing and ordered publication. If judicial review of the findings and order of the Board is not requested pursuant to Article Eight of this code within twenty (20) days from the date of this publication, the order shall be conclusive.

Hamilton County Drainage Board
Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh
R3908 2/26/24

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
IN THE MATTER OF
Henry Bright Drain
NOTICE

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Hamilton County Drainage Board
Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh
R3909 2/26/24

—COURT NOTICES—

Donald J. Hartling
Attorney
NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
In the Hamilton Superior Court 3 Probate Division
In the Matter of the Unsupervised Estate of Nettie Charlene Shropshire, Deceased
Cause No. 29D03-2401-EU-000012
Notice is hereby given that Ms. Amanda Marie Stephens was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Nettie Charlene Shropshire deceased, who died on December 04, 2023. There is a will. The estate will be administered without Court Supervision.
All persons having claims against said Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk Of this Court within three (3) months From the date of the first publication Of this notice, or within nine (9) months After the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated January 5, 2024
Kathy Kragg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court Probate Division
R3856 2/19/24, 2/26/24

29D01-2402-EU-000065
S. MATTHEW COOK, Attorney for Estate
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court No. 1 of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Jill R. Salas was on the 16th day of February, 2024, appointed Persona! Representative of the Estate of Suellen R. Beckwith, deceased, who died on the 21st day of January, 2024.
All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the same in said Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this 16th day of February, 2024.
Kathy Kragg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court No. 1
S. Matthew Cook
COOK & COOK
Attorneys at Law
955 Logan Street
Noblesville, IN 46060
R3887 2/26/24, 3/4/24

29D01-2402-EU-000051
STEPHEN W. COOK, Attorney for Estate
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court No. 1 of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Wayne E. Johnson, Christine Anderson, and Lou Ann Kyeck were, on the 14th day of February, 2024, appointed Personal Representatives of the Estate of Patricia J. Johnson, deceased, who died on the 17th day of January, 2024.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court with three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this 14th day of February, 2024.
Kathy Kragg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court No. 1
Stephen W. Cook
COOK & COOK
Attorneys at Law
955 Logan Street
Noblesville, IN 46060
R3888 2/26/24, 3/4/24

29D02-2401-EU-000042
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
SUPERIOR COURT)
CAUSE NO: 29D02-2401-EU-000042
IN RE THE UNSUPERVISED)
ESTATE OF CHRIS DEMAS,)
DECEASED)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In re the Estate of Chris Demas
In the Superior Court of Hamilton County:
Notice is hereby given that Steven C. Demas, on January30,2024 was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of the above-named Decedent, who died on July 24, 2023. All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or within nine (9) months of Decedent's death whichever is earlier or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated January 30, 2024 at Noblesville, Indiana.
Kathy Kragg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Court
R3894 2/26/24, 3/4/24

29D03-2402-EU-000066
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COURT)
Cause No. 29D03-2402-EU-000066
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED)
ESTATE OF)
BARBARA J. MUNCHEL)
DECEASED)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that John Munchel, was on the 14 h day of February , 2024, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Barbara J. Munchel, deceased, who died on the 22nd day of January, 2024.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the Office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
DATED at Noblesville, Indiana, this 15th day of February, 2024.
Kathy Kragg Williams
Clerk of Court
Hamilton County, Indiana
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Robert T. Thopy
STEPHENSON RIFE LLP
2150 Intelliplex Drive Suite 200
Shelbyville, IN 46176
R3904 2/26/24, 3/4/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2402-MI-001554
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:)
SUSAN MEYERS BRADY,)
Petitioner.)
NOTICE OF HEARING
Comes now the Petitioner Susan Meyers Brady, by counsel Kimberly S. Lytle, and in support of this Notice states as follows:
Petitioner Susan Meyers Brady, whose residential and mailing address is 5757 Marco Pt., Carmel, Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that a petition has been filed in the Hamilton Circuit Court requesting that her name be changed to Susan Meyers Striebel.
Notice is further given that a hearing will be held on said Petition in the Hamilton Circuit Court, 1 N. 8th St, Noblesville, IN 46060, on: June 7, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. for a period of fifteen (15) minutes.
Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Kimberly S. Lytle
Kimberly S. Lytle, Atty. No. 29355-27
Attorney for Petitioner
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Carmel, IN 46032
Telephone: (317) 564-0016
klytle@terrylegallgroup.com
Dated: February 20, 2024
Kathy Kragg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County, Indiana
R3906 2/26/24, 3/4/24, 3/11/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2402-MI-1468
IN RE NAME CHANGE OF:)
AUDREY KAY CHAPMAN)
NOTICE OF HEARING
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, AUDREY KAY CHAPMAN, pro se, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name to change her name from AUDREY KAY CHAPMAN to AUDREY LIECHTY CHAPMAN.
The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on June 7, 2024 at 10:00 am, which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. The parties shall report to One Hamilton County Square, Suite 337, Noblesville, IN 46060.
Date: February 15, 2024
Kathy Kragg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
R3907 2/26/24, 3/4/24, 3/11/24

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—NOBLESVILLE—

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Noblesville Plan Commission
Noblesville, Indiana
The Noblesville Plan Commission will hold a Public Hearing on applications **LEGP 0033-2024 and LEGP 0034-2024 at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, City Hall Building, 16 South 10th Street, Noblesville, IN 46060.** The applications submitted by the City of Noblesville are for updates to the Noblesville Recreation Zone Improvement Plan and the Road Impact Fee Analysis for the City of Noblesville, a part of the Comprehensive Master Plan, all within the jurisdiction of the City of Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana.
Written suggestions or objections relative to the application above may be filed with the Department of Planning and Development, at or before such meeting and will be heard by the Noblesville Plan Commission. Interested persons desiring to present their views, either in writing or verbally, will be given the opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place. These hearings may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Plan Commission.
Copies of the proposals are on file in the Department of Planning and Development located at 16 South 10th Street, Suite 140B in City Hall for examination before the meeting during business hours between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday – Friday. A copy of the Staff Report will be attached to the March Plan Commission agenda that appears on the City of Noblesville's website approximately one week prior to the meeting date.
NOBLESVILLE PLAN COMMISSION
Caleb P. Gutshall, Secretary
R3898 2/26/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Noblesville Plan Commission
Noblesville, Indiana
The Noblesville Plan Commission will hold a Public Hearing on applications **LEGP 0017-2024 and LEGP 0018-2024 at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, City Hall Building, 16 South 10th Street, Noblesville, IN 46060.** The applications submitted by the Willow Family Farms, LP and Jerald and Stephanie Waterman (Owners) and MI Homes of Indiana, LP (Applicants) is for a change of zoning from “R1 Single-Family Residential” to “R5 Multi-Family Residential” to “R5/PD Residential Planned Development” including the adoption of a preliminary development plan, ordinance, waivers for approximately 26.7 acres for the to be known as “Townes on 238” in Noblesville Township, all within the jurisdiction of the City of Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana.
Written suggestions or objections relative to the application above may be filed with the Department of Planning and Development, at or before such meeting and will be heard by the Noblesville Plan Commission. Interested persons desiring to present their views, either in writing or verbally, will be given the opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place. These hearings may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Plan Commission.
Copies of the proposals are on file in the Department of Planning and Development located at 16 South 10th Street, Suite 140B in City Hall for examination before the meeting during business hours between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday – Friday. A copy of the Staff Report will be attached to the March Plan Commission agenda that appears on the City of Noblesville's website approximately one week prior to the meeting date.
NOBLESVILLE PLAN COMMISSION
Caleb P. Gutshall, Secretary
R3899 2/26/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Noblesville Plan Commission
Noblesville, Indiana
The Noblesville Plan Commission will hold a Public Hearing on application **PLAT 000028-2024 on the 18th day of March, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, City Hall Building, 16 South 10th Street, Noblesville, IN 46060.** The application submitted by the City of Noblesville is the creation of a one lot subdivision to be known as “Noblesville Baptist Temple” for property located at 1338 Pleasant Street in Noblesville Township, Hamilton County, Indiana.
Written suggestions or objections relative to the applications above may be filed with the Department of Planning and Development, at or before such meeting and will be heard by the Noblesville Plan Commission. Interested persons desiring to present their views, either in writing or verbally, will be given the opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place. These hearings may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Noblesville Plan Commission.
A copy of the proposal is on file in the Department of Planning and Development located at 16 South 10th Street, Suite B140 in City Hall for examination before the meeting during business hours between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday – Friday. Electronic copies of the proposal are also available upon request. The agenda will be updated with the ‘Staff Report’ and exhibits approximately one week prior to the meeting date.
NOBLESVILLE PLAN COMMISSION
Caleb Gutshall, Secretary
R3900 2/26/24

—WESTFIELD—

PUBLIC NOTICE
Please be advised that the Westfield-Washington Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana, or in a virtual format viewable at https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofWestfieldIN, for the purposes of holding a public hearing and reviewing and acting on the following petitions for the purpose of reviewing and acting on the following petitions:
• 2403-VS-06: 18507 Idlewind Court, Pools of Fun requests a Variance of Development Standard to encroach fourteen (14) feet into the twenty-five (25) foot Minimum Rear Yard Building Setback to accommodate a swimming pool on 0.39 acres +/- in the Andover PUD Zoning District.
• 2403-VS-07: 2915 Post Oak Court, West Design Build requests a Variance of Development Standard to encroach six (6) feet into the thirty (30) foot Minimum Rear Yard Setback in order to modify an existing open-air deck into an enclosed sunroom on 0.38 acres +/- in the Oak Manor Planned Unit Development (PUD) District.
• 2403-VS-08: 1255 W 161st Street, 161st Street, LLC by Clark Quinn Law requests Variances of Development Standard to modify Minimum Lot Area and Minimum Lot Frontage and encroach into the Minimum Front Yard Setback to accommodate the development of three (3) residential lots on 4.41 acres +/- in the AG-SF1: Agriculture/Single-Family Rural District (Article 4.2)
• 2403-VS-09: 1499 Rosebank Drive, Chelsea Beaman by C-Ray Pools Corp requests a Variance of Development Standard to encroach five (5) feet into the twenty (20) foot Minimum Rear Yard Setback to accommodate a therapy pool and deck on 0.17 acres +/- in the Harmony Planned Unit Development (PUD) District.
• 2403-VS-10: 1315 E 191st Street, City of Westfield by StudioAXIS requests multiple Variances of Development Standard to modify the Minimum Lot Area and Minimum Front, Side & Rear Yard Building Setback Lines to bring a legal nonconforming Lot into compliance, for the US 31 Overlay District to be inapplicable to the Property, and for overhead door orientation and loading area screening standard relief to permit a fire station and associated improvements on 1.9 acres +/- in the AG-SF1: Agricultural / Single-family Rural District. (Articles 4.2(C), 4.2(E)(1a), 4.2(E)(2), 5.2, 6.3(D)(1a), & 6.8(H)(2))
• 2403-VS-11: 147 N Walnut Street, One Touch Automation by Sobczak Construction Services, Inc. requests a Variance of Development Standard to modify Architectural Standards for a new commercial building on 0.09 acres +/- in the LB-H: Local Business-Historic District (Article 6.3(F))
• 2403-VS-12: Ace Hardware requests a Variance of Development Standard to permit outdoor sales displays on 4.16 +/- acres in the Grassy Branch Marketplace Planned Unit Development (PUD) District (UDO Article 6.12(C)(2)(a)(ii)).
• 2403-VU-05 & 2403-VS-13: Forrest Hurst by Benjamin Design Build requests a Variance of Use to make the existing legal nonconforming single-family detached residence a permitted use in the MF-1: Multi-Family Low-Density District and for a new accessory building to encroach five (5) feet into the twenty (20) foot Minimum Side Yard Setback (Article 4.10, Article 9.5(B)(2), Article 13)
Specific details regarding the cases may be obtained from the Westfield Community Development Department, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074 or by calling (317) 804-3170.
Westfield-Washington Township Board of Zoning Appeals
Westfield Community Development Department
2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074
www.westfield.in.gov
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—CICERO—

Legal Notice
Board of zoning appeals
The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on March 21st, at 7:00 PM at the Cicero Town Hall building located at 70 North Byron Street, Cicero Indiana 46034, in order to hear the following petition:
Docket No. BZA-0324-02-R5
A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 150 Washington Ave, Cicero Indiana 46034 concerning Article 3.12 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance to: Build a 24'X16' garage within 2 feet of the setback, Whereas Article 3.12 states that the minimum side yard setback is 5 feet.
Project Addresses: 150 Washington Ave, Cicero Indiana, 46034
Legal Descriptions: Acreage: .0 Section 1, Township 19 Range 4
Parcel numbers: 05-06-01-02-03-015.000
The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission, 331 E. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034.
Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Comments may be mailed to Cicero/Jackson Planning Commission at P.O. Box 650 Cicero, IN 46034. Comments may also be dropped off in the Cicero Utilities payment drop box located at 331 E. Jackson St, Cicero, IN. Comments may also be emailed to Ezawadzki@townofcicero.in.gov Comments must be received by 3:00 pm on the date of the hearing. Written comments will be read aloud during the public hearing and entered into the record of the Hearing.
The Hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
Petitioner: Jan Jacobs February 6th, 2024
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POUCH, THOMAS	\$42,266.38	ROTHENBERG, STEPHANIE	\$86,145.93
POWELL, DYLAN	\$28,017.25	ROUDEBUSH, GEORGIA	\$60,163.43
POWELL, KIMBERLY	\$100,355.27	ROUDEBUSH, LARRY	\$1,650.00
POWELL, LAUREN	\$60,305.41	ROWBOTHAM, DEBORAH	\$28,099.36
POYNTER, JENNIFER	\$89,278.77	ROWLEY, KATHRYN	\$18,915.07
PRATER, AMY	\$78,193.07	RUGGLES, STEPHANIE	\$43,865.78
PRATER, NICOLE	\$66,251.05	RULON, JAMIE	\$500.00
PRATHER, ANDREW	\$75.00	RUMER, AUSTIN	\$71,525.93
PRATHER, SARAH	\$46,772.19	RUNION, BECKY	\$16,926.82
PRATI, INDIANA	\$50,375.50	RUPE, SAMUEL	\$18,926.96
PRESLEY, CELIA	\$48,659.68	RUSH, DANIELLE	\$72,292.78
PRIVETT, JANET	\$71,636.02	RUSHFORTH, JEFFREY	\$102,732.70
PRIVETT, JARED	\$35,811.68	RUSHFORTH, STEVEN	\$109,528.77
PROCTOR, JOSHUA	\$56,418.10	RUSSELL III, BENJAMIN	\$73,287.07
PROFFITT, ALLISON	\$23,388.61	RUSSELL, CHRISTOPHER	\$4,400.00
PROFFITT, DUSTIN	\$31,522.87	RUSSELL, IVERNE	\$19,752.52
PUCKETT, DAVID	\$748.75	RUSSO, MATTHEW	\$4,100.00
PUCKETT, SHELIA	\$2,400.00	SAAL, CELIA	\$59,432.73
PUGEL, MICHAEL	\$1,000.00	SADLER, LAURA	\$59,432.73
PULLEY, DEANNA	\$8,556.37	SALSBERY, ALEC	\$28,309.91
PURPURA, VICKI	\$69,675.67	SAMUELS, LISA	\$72,821.00
PURVIS, GREG	\$1,084.00	SANDERS JR, WILLIAM	\$6,600.00
PYLE, CALEB	\$55,984.27	SANFORD, HEATHER	\$42,534.17
PYLE, JOSEPH	\$56,619.71	SANSEVERINO, ANIELLO	\$10,511.53
PYLITT, BERNARD	\$800.00	SANTIAGO, CHRISTOPHER	\$61,770.65
QUAKENBUSH II, DENNIS	\$170,276.34	SAVAGE, JILL	\$16,061.16
RADICAN, KRISTA	\$104,561.41	SAVOIE, KIMBERLY	\$7,123.47
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RAIRDON, CHRISTOPHER	\$67,409.69	SCHENKEL, MARILYN	\$99,894.79
RANDALL, RYAN	\$85,999.94	SCHERER, LISA	\$66,252.83
RANDALL, SHEENA	\$135,559.48	SCHERER, MELISSA	\$73,385.67
RANSFORD, KATHY	\$69,324.49	SCHERER, RYAN	\$73,132.28
RANSFORD, RYAN	\$50,048.47	SCHIFFMAN, KATHERINE	\$400.00
RASNAKE, AMANDA	\$62,820.17	SCHIFFMAN, MARK	\$1,400.00
RATKEY, GARY	\$120.00	SCHILDMEIER, ALEXANDER	\$77,950.15
RAU, BRANDON DAVID	\$67,455.49	SCHILDMEIER, DIANA	\$56,624.77
RAUB, CRYSTAL	\$52,656.29	SCHLEETER, JOHN	\$737.50
RAUCH, KIMBERLY	\$77,681.68	SCHMIDT, BAILEY	\$36,179.48
RAUSCHUBER, MARK	\$300.00	SCHMIDT, MICHELLE	\$62,076.87
RAY, BRANDON	\$85,250.06	SCHMITT, CAROLYN	\$1,901.42
RAYL, BRIAN	\$113,300.55	SCHOOLCRAFT, SHAYNE	\$49,305.77
READER, MISTI	\$99,004.96	SCHOOLEY, JEFF	\$27.00
RECKLEY, SONDRA	\$14,584.35	SCHOONVELD, MONICA	\$71,666.03
REECER, HANNAH	\$63,999.92	SCHOTT, REBEKAH	\$53,121.19
REED, JACOB	\$35,920.64	SCHRODER, ETHAN	\$99,319.67
REEL, CAITLIN	\$70,611.69	SCHROEDER, CASEY	\$61,163.46
REEL, CLAIRE	\$60,877.23	SCHRUMPF, DENNIS	\$4,780.00
REEL, MAKAYLA	\$30,260.70	SCHWARTZ, LEE	\$51,598.99
REEL, PATRICIA	\$85,846.98	SCHWEMMIN, BONNIE	\$69,237.81
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REICHERT, SETH	\$64,795.02	SEITZ, KATHLEEN	\$32.60
REILY, MICHAEL	\$72,697.89	SELLS, JODY	\$62,950.36
REINERS, STEPHEN	\$54,416.92	SEMASTER, BETH	\$52,552.11
REITER, LAURIE	\$66,252.88	SERGI, CAROL	\$700.00
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RENNER, MARSHA	\$3,220.00	SHAW, LINDA	\$8,383.13
RESCINITI, BRIANA	\$56,465.48	SHAW, NANCY	\$59,153.56
RETTINGER, WILLIAM	\$52,882.07	SHAW, STEVEN	\$7,562.50
REVIS, SKYLER	\$46,697.45	SHAW, WENDY	\$89,126.49
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RIEKE, LORE'	\$20,498.99	SHEPHERD, ANN	\$400.00
RIGGS, AMBER	\$64,850.94	SHEPHERD, SCOTT	\$462.50
RISINGER, NICK	\$64,172.98	SHEW, STEVE	\$72,485.49
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ROBERTS, JULIA	\$100.00	SHIVELY, MATTHEW	\$8,640.81
ROBERTS, ROBIN	\$79,088.35	SHOEMAKER, BRITTNEY	\$49,078.23
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ROBINSON, MONTELL	\$30,963.70	SHOOK, HALEY	\$62,845.44
ROBISON, JON	\$70,433.46	SHORT, BRYAN	\$45,732.16
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ROE, CAMDEN	\$7,554.60	SINGLETON, MEGAN	\$93,505.81
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ROQUE, DANIELLE	\$58,673.15	SKINNER, DOUGLAS	\$84.75
ROSS, SHERI	\$93,657.25	SLACK, JOHN	\$637.50

2023 Gross Wages - Hamilton County	
SLODERBECK, KEVIN	\$78,892.92
SLOVER, SARAH	\$26.88
SMITH, ALYSON	\$65,324.14
SMITH, AMANDA	\$146,284.82
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SMITH, KYLE	\$60,935.93
SMITH, LESLEY	\$67,227.15
SMITH, SARA	\$57,761.00
SMITH, SHEENA	\$186.81
SMITH, ZACHARY	\$55,571.73
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SOLINSKI, AMANDA	\$35,705.79
SOUDER, SCOTT	\$59,476.13
SOUDERS, MICHAEL	\$94,918.79
SPENCER, CHARLES	\$77,560.00
SPICER, ANGELA	\$42,534.17
SPRAY, BRADLEY	\$70,587.27
SPRAY, JESSICA	\$61,244.23
SPRINKLE, KASSANDRA	\$30,748.77
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ST. AMAND, THOMAS	\$2,273.64
STABLER, JENNY	\$4,248.51
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STANFIELD, DANE	\$54,924.27
STARK, BRITTANY	\$13,253.18
STARLING, KAREN	\$2,300.00
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STARRETT, COLLEEN	\$557.50
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STEPP, DEBRA	\$2,400.00
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STEVENS, ROBERT DANIEL	\$55,415.10
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STILES, KELCEY	\$50,085.82
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TRACEY JR, MELVIN	\$72,786.19
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TROMETER, GREGORY	\$700.00
TROTTER, LESTER	\$78.24
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TRYBA, MAX	\$41,142.84
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TURKEL, IRIS	\$2,668.70
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UGLUM, JEANINE	\$14,410.12
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UHRICK, LARKEN	\$97,461.54
UHRICK, MELISSA	\$2,131.47
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UNDERWOOD, BRAD	\$67,925.72
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VIEHE, EMILY	\$60,828.68
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WARMOTH, CHERYL	\$7,593.24
WARREN, ALEXIS	\$24,033.62
WATERMAN, DEBORAH	\$60,036.75
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WATSON, RALPH	\$133,970.89
WATSON, SHELLIE RENAE	\$65,304.36
WATTS, GAIL	\$550.00
WEAVER, ERIN	\$3,769.31

WEBB, APRIL	\$71,796.89
WEBBER, DEBRA	\$77,167.12
WEBER, JOSHUA	\$45,043.30
WEHMUELLER, JEFFREY	\$29,610.02
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WELCH, LEONARDO	\$2,804.10
WERBE, JAMES	\$79,167.34
WERNER, APRIL	\$44,813.01
WERT, JOANNIE	\$85,355.78
WEST, JOSIAH	\$1,368.73
WESTERFELD, ELIZABETH	\$52,612.58
WESTRICH, GARY	\$4,800.00
WESTRICH, LINDA	\$4,400.00
WHALEY, AMANDA	\$55,598.53
WHEELER, KELSEY	\$16,110.76
WHISLER, NATHAN	\$65,526.64
WHISMAN, BETH	\$52,811.32
WHISMAN, TODD	\$66,852.01
WHITE, STEVE	\$55,963.33
WHITED, MARY	\$2,387.97
WHITEHEAD, KAREN	\$3,400.00
WHITEHEAD, LONNIE	\$4,721.25
WHITESELL, CASSANDRA	\$51,787.23
WHITMORE, DOUGLAS	\$2,754.26
WHITTON, JANE	\$53,715.17
WIELINSKI, JOYCE	\$69,790.26
WIGLEY, JACQUELINE	\$60,777.16
WILCK, JEREMIAH	\$78,367.16
WILCOX, JARED	\$83,625.09
WILCOX, TRISTYN	\$39,646.95
WILES, ERIKA	\$60,802.21
WILHELM, VICTORIA	\$55,163.54
WILLIAMS, AIESHA	\$25,813.88
WILLIAMS, DWIGHT	\$400.00
WILLIAMS, JONATHAN	\$51,408.01
WILLIAMS, KATHY	\$140,982.26
WILLIAMS, KYLIE	\$10,404.00
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WILLS, SHELBY	\$47,554.73
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WILSON, JEREMIAH	\$69,730.58
WILSON, LISA	\$340.00
WILSON, NICHOLE	\$20,610.35
WILSON, ROBIN	\$56,594.05
WILSON, STEPHANIE	\$62,223.81
WILSON, TAYLOR	\$22,654.02
WILTERMOOD, TYLER	\$44,474.21
WISE, HALEY	\$79,540.69
WISSEL, CAITLIN	\$66,005.65
WOLFE, JERRY	\$520.00
WOLFE, PHYLLIS	\$520.00
WONG, HENRY	\$1,400.00
WOOD, KASIE	\$13.00
WOOD, STEPHEN	\$136,185.37
WOODS, TERESA	\$59,824.87
WOZNAK, LAURA	\$64,547.77
WRIGHT, BRUCE	\$41,444.48
WRIGHT, ELIZABETH	\$65,970.13
WRIGHT, JEFFREY	\$11,982.21
WRIGHT, KRISTI	\$65,108.71
WRIGHT, TONYA	\$67,500.37
WUWERT, TIMOTHY	\$80,580.72
WYANT, JAMES	\$8,990.83
WYATT, DEREK	\$56,816.98
WYLER, KAY OBERHAUS	\$64,066.09
WYLER, SEAN	\$10,752.62
WYMAN, BRADLEY	\$10,345.59
YARGER, MELISSA	\$66,851.99
YATES, CHRISTOPHER	\$88,690.58
YOUNG, DOROTHY	\$7,150.00
YOUNG, VERNON	\$2,500.00
YOUNGBLOOD, DANIEL	\$2,750.00
YUTZY, KRISTEN	\$27,614.48
ZEBRAUSKAS, DALE	\$57,144.60
ZELL, DONNA	\$1,230.00
ZELL, STEPHEN	\$1,492.50
ZELLER, ADAM	\$1,000.00
ZELLER, JILL	\$46,553.09
ZETTERBERG, CHLOE	\$3,987.96
ZIELONKA, JASON	\$651.25
ZIER, JACOB	\$136.90

R3882

—ARCADIA—

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS
OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION HEARING

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the Hamilton Heights School Corporation (the "School Corporation") that the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of the School Corporation will meet at Hamilton Heights Student Activity Center, 420 West North Street, Arcadia, Indiana, at the hour of 6:30 p.m. (Local Time) on March 13, 2024, to consider the following additional appropriation which the Board considers necessary to meet the need existing at this time:

An appropriation in the amount not to exceed \$18,900,000, plus investment earnings thereon, on account of the construction, renovation and improvements to school facilities including site, energy savings and athletic improvements and the purchase of equipment and technology in the School Corporation (the "Project"), including the incidental expenses necessary to be incurred in connection with the Project. The funds to meet such additional appropriation are to be provided by the sale of real estate to the Hamilton Heights School Building Corporation.

The foregoing appropriation is in addition to all appropriations provided for in the existing budget and tax levy, and a need for such appropriation exists by reason of the inadequacy of the present buildings to provide necessary school facilities.

Taxpayers of the School Corporation appearing at the meeting shall have the right to be heard in respect to the additional appropriation.

Dated This 26th day of February, 2024.

s/ Secretary, Board of School Trustees
Hamilton Heights School Corporation
2/26/24, 3/4/24

R3883

— COURT NOTICES —


STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 7
(SS)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) CASE NO. 29D07-2308-MI-007269
STATE OF INDIANA,)
Plaintiff,)
-vs-)
BINANCE ACCOUNTS HELD BY USER ID 64194392 and PREM KUMAR)
(as his interest may appear,)
(Defendants.)
The State of Indiana to the Defendant, PREM KUMAR, above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is:
COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES, FORFEITURE OR PROPERTY, SEIZURE OF ASSETS AND FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF
This Summons by Publication is specifically directed to the following named Defendants whose addresses are unknown:
PREM KUMAR
If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer.
You must answer the Complaint For Damages, Forfeiture or Property, Seizure of Assets and for Injunctive Relief in writing by you or your attorney, on or before the 27th day of March, 2024, the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded.
ATTEST:
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton County Superior Court 7
1/31/2024
Joshua N. Taylor, #26618-29
RileyCate, LLC
11 Municipal Drive, Suite 320
Fishers, IN 46038
PH: 317-588-2866
R3824 2/12/24, 2/19/24, 2/26/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2309-MI-8682
IN RE: NAME CHANGE OF NAME)
OF MINOR:)
KASH JEFFERSON VAN)
CAUWENBERGH)
NOTICE OF HEARING
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner KATELYNN JEFFERSON, pro se, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name of Minor to change his name from KASH JEFFERSON VAN CAUWENBERGH to KASH ANDREW JEFFERSON.
The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on June 7, 2024 at 10:00 am, which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date.
The parties shall report to One Hamilton County Square, Suite 337, Noblesville, IN 46060.
Date: February 7, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
R3826 2/12/24, 2/19/24, 2/26/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2311-MI-10925
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF)
MINOR:)
Meg Taylor Miles)
Minor)
April Miles)
Petitioner)
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, April Miles, pro se, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name of Minor to change the name of minor child from Meg Taylor Miles to Kaden Parker Miles.
The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on June 7, 2024 at 10:00 am, which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date.
The parties shall report to One Hamilton County Square Suite 337, Noblesville, IN. 46060
Date: November 21, 2023
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of Hamilton County
R3847 2/19/24, 2/26/24, 3/4/24

29D02-2402-EU-000060
Hamilton Superior Court 3
Krieg DeVault LLP, Attorneys
12800 North Meridian Street, Suite 300
Carmel, IN 46032-5407
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Hamilton Superior Court,
Probate Division
In Re: the Estate of Sonia K. Murphy, deceased
Estate Docket # 29D02-2402-EU-000060
Notice is hereby given that Catherine Murphy and Amanda Miller were, on the 9 day of February, 2024, appointed as Co-Executors of the Estate of Sonia K. Murphy, deceased, who died on the 3rd day of September, 2023.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this day of February, 2024.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court,
Probate Division
R3857 2/19/24, 2/26/24

29D03-2402-EU-000061
Jack G. Hittle, #7550-29
Church Church Hittle + Antrim
Two North Ninth Street
Noblesville, IN 46060
(317) 773-2190; FAX (317) 773-5320
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Richard D. Garcia was, on Feb. 13th, 2024, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of CARMEN THERESA BAKER, deceased, who died January 10, 2024.
All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana on February 14, 2024.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana
R3860 2/19/24, 2/26/24



“Priceless? So you mean it’s worthless, since no one will ever be able to pay for it.”
— Stanley (like the power drill) Clampitt, 1978

— SHERIFF SALES —

NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE
TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29C01-2302-MF-001831, wherein JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association was Plaintiff, and Unknown Heirs at Law and Devises of Renate R. Ridge, LVNV Funding LLC and Yvonne Pickett were the Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the **4th day of April, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** local time, of said day, at the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office, 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, Indiana, 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana:
A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST LOCATED IN ADAMS TOWNSHIP, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, BEING MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST; THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 31 SECONDS EAST (ASSUMED BEARING) 1323.08 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST 659.79 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST 332.67 FEET ON AND ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER TO THE CENTER LINE OF STATE ROAD NUMBER THIRTY EIGHT; THENCE SOUTH 57 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 23 SECONDS EAST 387.05 FEET ON AND ALONG THE CENTER LINE OF STATE ROAD NUMBER THIRTY EIGHT TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE SOUTH 57 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 23 SECONDS EAST 155.73 FEET ON AND ALONG THE CENTER LINE OF STATE ROAD NUMBER THIRTY EIGHT, THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 35 SECONDS WEST 389.31 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST 135.92 FEET; THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST 467.80 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 1.34 ACRES MORE OR LESS.
More Commonly known as: 1853 W. State Road 38, Sheridan, IN 46069
Property ID Number: 29-05-04-001-004.000-001
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County, Indiana
Adams Township
Township of Property Location
1853 W. State Road 38
Sheridan, IN 46069
Street Address
Andrew Kraemer, Plaintiff Attorney
Attorney No. 14872-71
Johnson, Blumberg and Associates, LLC
500 West Lincoln Highway, Suite J
Merrillville, IN 46410
312-541-9710
February 9, 2024
Date
The Sheriff’s Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein.
R3845 2/19/24, 2/26/24, 3/4/24

— ARCADIA —

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Notice is hereby given that SEALED BIDS will be received:
By: Hamilton Heights School Corporation
For: Hamilton Heights Phase 2 Projects
Deliver To: Hamilton Heights Student Activity Center
420 W. North Street, Arcadia, IN 46030
Date & Time: March 12, 2024, at 2:00pm (local time)
Bids received after that time will be returned unopened. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.
All work for the complete construction of the project shall be performed under the form of contract set forth in the Bidding Documents. Bids shall be submitted on State Form 96 and on the Supplementary Bid Form included in the Project Manual. Bidders shall submit two (2) signed original copies of each bid form, (1) copy of Financial Statement complying with Section III of Form 96, and a satisfactory Bid Bond (submitted on AIA Document A310) or certified check pursuant to I.C. 36-1-12-4.5, payable to Meyer Najem Construction, LLC. Bid Security shall be in the amount of not less than 5% of the total base bid price. Should a successful Bidder withdraw their Bid, fail to provide the required payment and performance bonds, or execute the contract, the Contractor may then declare the Bid Security forfeited as liquidated damages. Prime contractors whose contract amount is equal or in excess of \$300,000 shall include a copy of their IDOA certification.
Bids shall be delivered in a sealed envelope plainly labeled to indicate the following:
Addressed to:
Hamilton Heights School Corporation
420 W. North Street
Arcadia, IN 46030
Attn. Hamilton Heights Phase 2 Projects
Bid Package Number & Name
Name and return address of the Bidder
Bidding Documents are available via the Meyer Najem Construction, LLC SmartBid Plan Room. Please refer to contact listed below for assistance, or to gain access to the plan room.
A Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 3:00pm local time at Hamilton Heights High School (25802 State Road 19, Arcadia, IN 46030). Following the meeting will be a building and site (weather permitting) walk-through.
Refer to Specification Section 01 12 00 “Bid Packages (Scopes of Work)” for the breakdown of the individual Bid Packages and their detailed scopes of work.
For all questions, please contact Quinn Reuter greuter@meyer-najem.com 317.813.6176 or Skip Keltner skeltner@meyer-najem.com 317.813.6152 at Meyer Najem Construction, LLC.
R3835 2/12/24, 2/26/24

— COUNTY —

NOTICE TO BIDDERS AND CONTRACTORS
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, Indiana, hereinafter referred to as the Owner, will receive sealed bids for the following project:
REPLACEMENT PLANS FOR BRIDGE 143
CHERRY TREE ROAD OVER VESTAL DITCH
CLAY TOWNSHIP, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
PB-21-0835
Proposals may be forwarded individually by registered mail or delivered in person, addressed to the Hamilton County Auditor, 33 North 9th Street, Suite L21, Noblesville, Indiana, 46060, until 11:30 a.m., March 25, 2024. After 11:30 a.m. they can be delivered to the Auditor in the Hamilton County Commissioners’ Courtroom up to the time of the noticed bid opening. Only proposals from those CONTRACTORS who are registered on the Indiana Department of Transportation’s current listing of Prequalified Contractors for item D(A) “Bridges: Highway Over Water” will be considered. Any bids submitted by CONTRACTORS not approved for this item on the list will be returned to the bidder unopened.
All proposals will be considered by the OWNER at a public meeting held in the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center in Noblesville, Indiana, Commissioners’ Courtroom, and opened and read aloud at **1:00 p.m. local time, March 25, 2024.**
The work to be performed and the proposals to be submitted shall include a bid for all general construction, labor, material, tools, equipment, taxes, permits, licenses, insurance, service costs, etc. incidental to and required for this project.
All materials furnished and labor performed incidental to and required by the proper and satisfactory execution of the contracts to be made, shall be furnished and performed in accordance with requirements from the drawings and specifications included in these documents. Bidding documents will be available beginning at **9:00 am. on February 19, 2024.** Copies of the Proposal, Specifications, Contract Documents and Plans must be obtained from Reprographix (http://reprographix.com/). **Cost for obtaining the Contract Document & Plans from Reprographix will be around \$75.00 without tax.** Payments and costs of Contract Documents are non-refundable. Interested parties can view the Contract Documents online at www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov. Documents posted on the county website are for informational purposes only. It shall be the responsibility of the individual to periodically check for addendums posted online. Contract Documents and Plans must be obtained through Reprographix to be eligible to bid on this contract.
Each proposal must be enclosed in a sealed envelope with the county supplied sealed bid notice, bearing the title of the project, bid opening date and the name and address of the bidder firmly affixed. **The bidder shall affix identifying tabs to the following sheets of each proposal:**
Form 96 Financial Statement
Non-Collision Affidavit Receipt of Addendum (If Applicable)
Bid Bond Itemized Proposal
Employment Eligibility Verification Certification
Each individual proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check or acceptable Bidder’s Bond, made payable to the Hamilton County Auditor, in a sum of not less than ten percent of the total amount of the proposal, which check or bond will be held by the said Hamilton County Auditor as evidence that the bidder will, if awarded a contract, enter into the same with the OWNER upon notification from him to do so within ten days of said notification. Failure to execute the contract and to furnish performance bond to Hamilton County, Indiana, will be cause for forfeiture of the amount of money represented by the certified check, or bidder’s bond, as and for liquidated damages. Form 96, as prescribed by the Indiana State Board of Accounts, shall be properly completed, and submitted with bid proposals. The Commissioners at their discretion reserve the right to waive any and all informalities in the bidding. All bids submitted shall be valid for 90 days from the opening of the bids.
Robin M. Mills
Hamilton County Auditor
Dated: January 19, 2024
R3859 2/19/24, 2/26/24

— CARMEL —

NOTICE
According to the lease by Margaret Carson and between #:219 and TKG-StorageMart and its related parties, assigns, and affiliates in order to perfect the Lien on the goods contained in their storage unit. The Manager has cut the lock on their unit and upon cursory inspection, the unit was found to contain: Tools Ladder Grill Saw Sled Time Decoration Tubes Boxes Misc. Items will be sold online at www.storage treasures.com or otherwise disposed of on March 4th at 10:00am, at the location listed below to satisfy owner’s lien in accordance with state statutes.
StorageMart #0373
147 W Carmel Dr
Carmel, IN 46032
phone 317.558.9571 option 2
R3891 2/26/24

— SHERIFF SALES —

NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D05-2310-MF-010334 wherein LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC was Plaintiff and MICHAEL D. VACHON and MELISSA D. MOSLEY; were defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the **4th day of April, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** of said day, at the 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana:
LOT 45 IN BLUE CREEK WOODS ESTATES, AN ADDITION IN HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGES 74-76, AND IN RE-PLAT OF LOT 27, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGES 112-113, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.
More Commonly Known as: 4351 Idlewild Ln, Carmel, IN 46033
Parcel No: 29-14-08-201-045.000-018
Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.
Subject to all liens, encumbrances and easements of record not otherwise extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause No 29D05-2310-MF-010334 in the Hamilton County Court.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Hamilton County Sheriff
Jason Duhn
ATTORNEY NO. 26807-06
Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC
P.O. BOX 19519
Fort Lauderdale FL 33318
4351 Idlewild Ln, Carmel, IN 46033
Street Address
The Sheriffs Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein.
R3841 2/19/24, 2/26/24, 3/4/24

NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D04-2212-MF-010092 wherein Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC was Plaintiff, and Countryside Homeowners Association, Inc. of Westfield, Indiana, Midland Credit Management Inc., Personal Finance Co., Stephanie A. Wilson and Christine M. Paris were Defendants, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the **4th day of April, 2024, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.
Lot Numbered 661 in Countryside, Section 7, a subdivision in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof, recorded August 5, 2002 as Instrument No. 2002-55049 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
More commonly known as 131 Dupont Ct, Westfield, IN 46074-8909
Parcel No. 29-09-02-021-018.000-015
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff
/s/ BRYAN K. REDMOND
BRYAN K. REDMOND, Plaintiff Attorney
Attorney # 25352-64
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.
8415 Allison Pointe Boulevard, Suite 400
Indianapolis, IN 46250
(317) 237-2727
Washington Township
The Sheriff’s Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street addressed published herein.
NOTICE
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR.
R3842 2/19/24, 2/26/24, 3/4/24

NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D02-2310-MF-009999 wherein M&T Bank was Plaintiff, and Richard E. Kissling, Sabrina Kissling, United States of America Department of Housing and Urban Development, Fidelity National Title Company, LLC and The Meadows Property Owners’ Association, Inc. were Defendants, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the **4th day of April, 2024, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.
Lot Numbered One Hundred Seventy-Six (176) in Meadows Knoll, Section 2, a subdivision in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Cabinet 1, Slide 573, as Instrument #9544898, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
More commonly known as 19136 Golden Meadow Way, Noblesville, IN 46060-6747
Parcel No. 29-07-29-006-018.000-013
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff
/s/ BRYAN K. REDMOND
BRYAN K. REDMOND, Plaintiff Attorney
Attorney # 25352-64
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.
8415 Allison Pointe Boulevard, Suite 400
Indianapolis, IN 46250
(317) 237-2727
Noblesville Township
The Sheriff’s Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street addressed published herein.
NOTICE
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR.
R3843 2/19/24, 2/26/24, 3/4/24

NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D05-2303-MF-002724 wherein PennyMac Loan Services, LLC was Plaintiff, and Rebecca McClimans and Brighton Knoll Community Association, Inc. were Defendants, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the **4th day of April, 2024, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.
Lot Numbered 109 in Brighton Knoll, Section 2, a subdivision in the City of Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded March 27, 2009 in Plat Cabinet 4, Slide 529, as Instrument No. 2009017426 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
More commonly known as 15421 Blair Ln, Noblesville, IN 46060-5577
Parcel No. 29-11-17-018-032.000-013
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff
/s/ BRYAN K. REDMOND
BRYAN K. REDMOND, Plaintiff Attorney
Attorney # 25352-64
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.
8415 Allison Pointe Boulevard, Suite 400
Indianapolis, IN 46250
(317) 237-2727
Noblesville Township
The Sheriff’s Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street addressed published herein.
NOTICE
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR.
R3844 2/19/24, 2/26/24, 3/4/24

NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D01-2308-MF-007641, wherein MidFirst Bank was Plaintiff, and Daniel Baker, Ashley Baker, Royalwood Homeowners Association, Inc. and Aqua Finance Inc, were the Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the **4th day of April, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** of said day, at the 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana:
Lot number 193 in Royalwood, Section 8, an addition in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per Plat thereof, recorded October 10, 2001 as Instrument number 200100065006, and in Plat cabinet 2, slide number 670, in the office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
29-11-36-005-003.000-020
and commonly known as: 12032 Royalwood Dr, Fishers, IN 46037.
Subject to all liens, encumbrances, rights of redemption, easements and restrictions of record not otherwise foreclosed and extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause # 29D01-2308-MF-007641 in the Superior Court of the County of Hamilton Indiana, and subject to all real estate taxes, and assessments currently due, delinquent or which are to become a lien.
Said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee’s Attorney.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Hamilton County Sheriff
DOYLE & FOUTTY, P.C.
41 E Washington St., Suite 400
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Fall Creek Township
12032 Royalwood Dr, Fishers, IN 46037
Street Address
The Sheriffs Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein.
DOYLE & FOUTTY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR
R3846 2/19/24, 2/26/24, 3/4/24

— CARMEL —

NOTICE
According to the lease by Estrada Alvarado and between #:760 and TKG-StorageMart and its related parties, assigns, and affiliates in order to perfect the Lien on the goods contained in their storage unit. The Manager has cut the lock on their unit and upon cursory inspection, the unit was found to contain: Paintings Decorations Shelves Boxes Pans/ Skillet/ Fryer Sinks Misc. Items will be sold online at www.storage treasures.com or otherwise disposed of on March 4th at 10:00am, at the location listed below to satisfy owner’s lien in accordance with state statutes.
StorageMart #0373
147 W Carmel Dr
Carmel, IN 46032
phone 317.558.9571 option 2
R3890 2/26/24

— FISHERS —

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Notice is hereby given that SEALED BIDS will be received:
BY AND AT: **Wurster Construction**
C/O Hamilton Southeastern Schools
13485 Cumberland Road
Fishers, IN 46038
Attn: Mr. Matt Rapp
FOR A NEW: HSE Additions and Renovations to Fishers Elementary School
11442 Lantern Road
Fishers, IN 46038
UNTIL: 2:00 P.M., local time, Thursday, March 7, 2024.
(Hand delivered in sealed envelope)
DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Work includes a New Additions and Renovations to the existing HSE Fishers Elementary School located at 11442 Lantern Road in Fishers, IN 46038.
RECEIPT OF BIDS: Bids received by mail or other carrier must be addressed to: Wurster Construction, c/o Mr. Matt Rapp, Hamilton Southeastern Schools, 13485 Cumberland Road, Fishers, IN 46038 and received on or before 2:00 pm, Thursday, March 7, 2024 to be valid. Bids received after the designated day and time listed above will be returned unopened. Any postal/courier service is the agent of the Bidder.
BID OPENING: Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 2:00 PM local time at the HSE Administration building located at 13485 Cumberland Road, Fishers, IN 46038.
PRE-BID MEETING: A pre-bid meeting for interested parties will be held if requested. The meeting will be held at HSE Fishers Elementary School, located at 11442 Lantern Road, Fishers, IN 46038. All interested bidders are encouraged to attend.
CONTRACT TYPE: The project(s) will be constructed utilizing the Construction Manager as Constructor (CMc) delivery method for public work. The Construction Manager will contract with multiple First Tier Subcontractors for the Bid items listed below, with bids received on a lump sum basis for each bid item. Each proposal shall include all labor, equipment, and materials necessary to complete the project in strict accordance with the Construction Drawings, Project Schedule, Project Manual and Technical Specifications.
The Construction Manager will receive sealed Bids for the below listed Bid Packages:
Bid Package #21: Fire Protection Work
Bid Package #22: Plumbing
Bid Package #23: Mechanical, HVAC Ductwork and Temperature Controls Work
Bid Package #31: Earthwork and Utilities Work
Bid Package #32A: Paving & Stone Work
SUBCONTRACTOR PREQUALIFICATION: All subcontractors must be pre-qualified prior to submission of the bid. Pre-qualification forms can be obtained by contacting Phil Schmitt, Wurster Construction, 317-841-1000, pschmitt@wcci.com. The completed pre-qualification forms with attachments shall be submitted to Phil Schmitt by 5:00pm Wednesday, February 28, 2024. Completed forms may be emailed to Phil Schmitt or a hard copy delivered to Wurster Construction's office (8463 Castewood Drive) in a sealed envelope. Pre-qualified subcontractors will be notified of approval by 5:00pm on March 1, 2024.
Documents Prepared by:
CSO
8831 Keystone Crossing
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Context Design
5825 Lawton Loop E Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46216
R.E. Dimond and Associates
732 North Capital Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Construction Manager as Constructor (CMc):
Wurster Construction
8463 Castewood Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46250
BID DOCUMENTS: Interested Prime Bidders may purchase Bidding Documents at Eastern Engineering. Documents are available as of January 19, 2024. Documents are available electronically by contacting:
Phil Schmitt, Wurster Construction pschmitt@wcci.com
Documents will also be available from Eastern Engineering:
http://distribution.easternengineering.com/View/Default.aspx
Contact at Eastern Engineering is:
Sean Keefe
Email: sean.keefe@easternengineering.com / Office: (317) 598-0661 ext. 313
Any questions concerning bidding this project, project completion, scheduling, project administration, etc. shall be directed to:
Phil Schmitt, Wurster Construction pschmitt@wcci.com
BID DOCUMENTS - REVIEW: Construction will be in accordance with the bid documents, which may be viewed at the following locations, as well as local plan rooms:
1. Hamilton Southeastern Schools
13485 Cumberland Road
Fishers, IN 46038
2. Wurster Construction
8463 Castewood Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46250
BID SECURITY: Bids are required to include a Bid Security or Bid Bond or Certified Check.
PERFORMANCE BOND AND PAYMENT BOND: A Performance Bond and Payment Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Amount may be required of the successful bidder. Bidders will provide a cost for this bond on the bid form.
E-VERIFY AND BACKGROUND CHECKS: The Contractor and subcontractors shall fully comply with all the E-Verify requirements set forth in Ind. Code 22-5-1.7. https://www.uscis.gov/e-verify and background checks.
SAFETY: All Contractors shall comply with OSHA and IOSHA rules and regulations regarding Safety for this project. Contractors safety manuals will be evaluated during the prequalification phase.
TAXES, PERMITS, INSPECTIONS: All Bids shall be submitted without inclusion in the bid price for the amounts, if any, of Indiana State Gross Retail and Use Tax (generally called the "Sales Tax") for materials and properties that are to be purchased by the Bidder that will become a permanent part of the Project. Owner will provide a tax-exempt form.
R3901 2/26/24, 3/4/24

— WESTFIELD —
NOTICE OF HEARINGS
Pursuant to Indiana Code § 20-26-7-37 and Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.5, notice is hereby given that the Board of School Trustees of Westfield Washington Schools (the "School Corporation") will meet at 6:30 p.m. on March 12, 2024, at the School Corporation's Administration Center, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B, Westfield, Indiana, and at 6:30 p.m. on April 16, 2024, at the School Corporation's Administration Center, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B, Westfield, Indiana to hold public hearings. On March 12, 2024, the Board will hold a public hearing to discuss and hear objections and support regarding the renovation of and improvements to school facilities, including deferred maintenance improvements, renovations for collaboration space, site and playground improvements, and the purchase of technology and buses (the "Project"). On April 16, 2024, the Board will hold a second public hearing to discuss and hear objections and support regarding the proposed Project and will also consider the adoption of a resolution making a preliminary determination to issue bonds to finance the Project. You are invited to attend and participate in the public hearings.
Dated February 26, 2024.
/s/ Secretary, Board of School Trustees
Westfield Washington Schools
R3893 2/26/24

— COUNTY —
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024
Address: 403 E. Mitchell St., Bates City, MO 64011
Time: 12:30 PM Local Time
By virtue of default by
Five Rivers Leasing Inc
(Individually and collectively "Client"), under a Negotiable Promissory Note and Security Agreement(s), Security Agreement(s) Promissory Note(s), Lease Agreement(s) and related documents dated March 04, 2022 & March 25, 2022, payable to Commercial Credit Group Inc. ("CCG"), which obligation is secured by the property described below (the "Equipment"), CCG will sell at Public Auction, to the highest bidder, AS-IS, WHERE-IS, WITHOUT ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES, EXPRESS, IMPLIED OR STATUTORY, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR ANY WARRANTY OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, all of its right, title and interest to the following Equipment:
(1) 2023 Wabash DVHDHPC Dry Van Trailer- s/n 1JJV532D0PL323523
(1) 2022 Kenworth T680 Sleeper Tractor- s/n 1KXYD49X0NJ156656
Terms:
Successful bidder must pay 25% of purchase price at time of sale via cash, certified or acceptable bank check, with the balance payable in good funds on the next business day, unless:
1. The bidder has pre-qualified by presenting CCG with a written non-contingent, lending commitment from a source and in a form acceptable to CCG in its sole discretion, in which case we will entertain bids up to the amount of such written commitment; or
2. The bidder has obtained from CCG written credit approval in advance of the scheduled public sale.
CCG reserves the right to bid at the sale. Contact Herb Orengo at (630) 718-4684 for additional information or to arrange an inspection of the Equipment.
R3892 2/26/24

— CARMEL —
NOTICE
According to the lease by Alexis Bush and between #:954 and TKG-StorageMart and its related parties, assigns, and affiliates in order to perfect the Lien on the goods contained in their storage unit. The Manager has cut the lock on their unit and upon cursory inspection, the unit was found to contain: Couch Bed Boxes Bags Chair Air Mattress Glass Tables Misc. Items will be sold online at www.storage treasures.com or otherwise disposed of on March 4th at 10:00am, at the location listed below to satisfy owner's lien in accordance with state statutes. StorageMart #0373
147 W Carmel Dr
Carmel, IN 46032
phone 317-558-9571 option 2
R3889 2/26/24

— CICERO —
NOTICE
sale date 03/08/2024 9am
Bullseye Towing llc 22271 U.S. 31 N suite 100 Cicero in 46034
1UR2SON20LC010738 1990 mullord sprinter 2750
1FTNF21F71ED73849 2001 F250 \$2750
1FD4W46RX8EC62387 2008 f550 \$2750
1FMCU9GX4EUD28686 2014 escape \$4750
WDDWJ4KB4HF550829 2017 c300 \$8112
R3895 2/26/24

— ATLANTA —

Atlanta Civil Town, Hamilton County, Indiana Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2023						
	Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash & Inv Bal		End Cash & Inv Bal	
			Jan 1, 2023	Receipts	Disbursements	Dec 31, 2023
Governmental Activities	1101	GENERAL	\$418,991.06	\$316,697.35	\$274,233.01	\$461,455.40
	2201	MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY	\$32,591.31	\$40,201.55	\$42,091.33	\$30,701.53
	2202	LOCAL ROAD AND STREET	\$14,441.17	\$22,441.88	\$17,389.17	\$19,493.88
	2203	MVH RESTRICTED				
		(SUBFUND OF MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY)	\$17,781.75	\$15,331.82	\$4,880.00	\$28,233.57
	2204	PARK AND RECREATION- OPERATING	\$717.34	\$2,100.00	\$2,127.74	\$689.60
	2236	RAINY DAY	\$17,348.45	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$27,348.45
	2256	OPIOID SETTLEMENT UNRESTRICTED	\$106.34	\$1.31	\$0.00	\$107.65
	2257	OPIOID SETTLEMENT RESTRICTED	\$0.00	\$86.66	\$86.66	\$0.00
	2300	PARK DONATION FUND	\$0.00	\$2,478.92	\$1,280.18	\$1,190.74
TRASH WASTEWATER	2401	ARP CORONAVIRUS RECOVERY FUND	\$28,459.43	\$4,277.50	\$32,736.93	\$0.00
	2406	BICENTENNIAL GRANT (TOWN)	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
	2407	DOLLES PARK GRANT	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
	2500	FESTIVAL FUND	\$21,959.92	\$80,383.00	\$89,551.45	\$12,791.47
	2501	BALL FIELDS	\$438.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$438.01
	2502	DOLLES PARK MONEY MARKET SAVINGS	\$50,403.05	\$454.25	\$0.00	\$50,857.30
	2503	PETTY CASH	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
	4401	CUMULATIVE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT-CIGARETTE TAX	\$18,923.84	\$1,292.42	\$0.00	\$20,216.26
	4440	LOCAL MAJOR MOVES CONSTRUCTION	\$0.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.01
	806	RETIREMENT FUND	\$396.27	\$0.00	\$396.27	\$0.00
WATER	8901	PAYROLL	\$7,423.82	\$235,502.35	\$235,351.59	\$7,574.58
	6604	TRASH AND GARBAGE PICKUP (if operating mostly from	\$20,049.53	\$89,086.93	\$94,616.05	\$14,520.41
	2402	OCRA 2022 SEWER GRANT	\$0.00	\$14,325.00	\$14,325.00	\$0.00
	2405	COUNTY ARPA 2022 SEWER GRANT	\$416,472.00	\$0.00	\$416,472.00	\$0.00
	6201	SEWAGE UTILITY OPERATING	\$118,070.27	\$330,441.22	\$285,321.39	\$163,190.10
	6203	SEWAGE UTILITY DEPRECIATION	\$32,231.82	\$15,965.28	\$18,393.50	\$29,803.60
	6204	SEWAGE UTILITY CONSTRUCTION (IN PROGRESS)	\$699.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$699.00
	6206	SRF WASTEWATER	\$37,486.64	\$672.02	\$38,078.66	\$0.00
	6208	SEWER MONEY MARKET SAVINGS	\$7,355.50	\$1.54	\$7,357.04	\$0.00
	6101	WATER UTILITY OPERATING	\$19,651.96	\$426,789.33	\$361,293.00	\$85,148.29
SEWER/STORM WATER CONSTRUCTION	6102	WATER UTILITY BOND AND INTEREST SINKING	\$20,637.74	\$39,000.00	\$36,371.70	\$23,266.04
	6103	WATER UTILITY DEPRECIATION	\$47,658.22	\$60,729.52	\$71,630.04	\$36,749.70
	6104	WATER UTILITY METER DEPOSIT	\$23,589.00	\$1,600.00	\$648.00	\$24,541.00
	6105	WATER UTILITY CONSTRUCTION (IN PROGRESS)	\$1,109.50	\$546,000.00	\$139,564.50	\$407,545.00
	6106	SRFWATER	\$94,948.69	\$39,430.37	\$134,379.06	\$0.00
	6107	WELL HEAD PROTECTION	\$13.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13.00
	6108	WATER/SEWER MONEY MARKET	\$12,628.91	\$2.27	\$0.00	\$12,631.18
	6501	STORM WATER UTILITY OPERATING	\$82,556.30	\$60,815.25	\$101,149.96	\$42,221.67
	6502	STORM WATER BOND AND INTEREST SINKING	\$5,422.73	\$41,124.96	\$3,062.50	\$43,485.19
	6504	STORM WATER CONSTRUCTION (INPROGRESS)	\$41,400.00	\$0.00	\$41,400.00	\$0.00
Total All Funds			\$1,611,932.66	\$2,398,232.70	\$2,465,194.73	\$1,544,970.63
R3876						2/26/24

— WAYNE TOWNSHIP —

Wayne Township, Hamilton County, Indiana Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2023						
	Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash & Inv Bal		End Cash & Inv Bal	
			Jan 1, 2023	Receipts	Disbursements	Dec 31, 2023
Governmental Activities	0061	RAINY DAY FUND	\$48,343.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$48,343.25
	0101	TOWNSHIP FUND	\$194,053.29	\$360,073.37	\$225,953.11	\$328,173.55
	0108	LEVY EXCESS FUND	\$1.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.64
	0180	DEBT SERVICE	\$87,546.01	\$150,438.36	\$218,474.14	\$19,510.23
	0401	Donations	\$0.27	\$101.00	\$0.00	\$101.27
	0440	GRANTS/RENTAL INCOME	\$276.00	\$1,240.00	\$0.00	\$1,516.00
	0840	TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE	\$28,267.11	\$73,414.14	\$64,817.63	\$36,863.62
	1111	FIREFIGHTING	\$43,040.13	\$334,961.58	\$304,350.41	\$73,651.30
	1182	FIRE EQUIPMENT LOAN	\$7,782.02	\$56,485.76	\$27,876.57	\$36,391.21
	1190	Cumulative Fire	\$20,309.20	\$38,281.83	\$17,562.77	\$41,028.26
CERTIFICATION	9999	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	\$264.95	\$13,438.39	\$13,524.99	\$178.35
		GRAND TOTAL	\$429,883.87	\$1,028,434.43	\$872,559.62	\$585,758.68
	State of Indiana					
	SS:					
	Hamilton County					
	I, Laura McNamara, Trustee of WAYNE TOWNSHIP, Hamilton County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report contains the information required by Indiana code 36-6-4-13, and is, true and correct; that the amounts with which I am charged in this report are all of the amounts received by me; and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the amounts stated; that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained by or repaid to me or to any other person. A complete abstract that contains the statements required under Indiana Code 36-6-4-13(a) (5) and (a)(6) is available for inspection in the county auditor's office.					
	I further affirm that a complete and detailed annual report, together with all accompanying vouchers showing the names of persons having been paid money by the township, have been filed as required by law in the office of the County Auditor, and that copies of such annual report are in custody of the Township Board and the State Board of Accounts. Said report is subject to inspection by any taxpayer of the township.					
	Laura McNamara, Wayne Township Trustee					
	Telephone: 317-773-3179					
	Date this report was to be published: February 26, 2024					
R3877	Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) before me, the Chairman of the Township Board of Wayne TOWNSHIP at its annual meeting this 19th day of February, 2024.					
	Joy Kiskaden, Township Board Chairman					
	This report was received, accepted, and approved by the Township Board at its annual meeting, this 19th day of February, 2024.					
	Wayne Township Board:					
	Maegen Fleck					
	R. Dustin Hiday					
	Joy Kiskaden					
	R3877					
	2/26/24					

— NOBLESVILLE —

Hamilton East Public Library, Hamilton County, Indiana Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2023						
	Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash & Inv Bal		End Cash & Inv Bal	
			Jan 1, 2023	Receipts	Disbursement	Dec 31, 2023
Governmental Activities	100	OPERATING	\$9,944,132.17	\$11,470,740.54	\$9,411,984.01	\$12,002,888.70
	200	GIFT FUND	\$27,288.68	\$2,382.00	\$1,236.54	\$28,434.14
	201	RAINY DAY	\$5,751,585.80	\$0.00	\$285,749.68	\$5,465,836.12
	203	LEVY EXCESS	\$2,960.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,960.54
	226	GIFT FUND -FRIENDS	\$22,489.91	\$18,947.68	\$19,115.57	\$22,322.02
	227	DILLINGER DONATION FUND	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00
	228	MIESSE TRUST FUND	\$34,917.87	\$5,187.33	\$19,500.46	\$20,604.74
	229	LITERACY	\$5,155.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,155.16
	230	ROTARY READING ROOM	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
	231	ROTARY READING ROOM - GIFT	\$286.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$286.00
R3879	275	FACC GRANT	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
	276	STATE TECH GRANT	\$34,535.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34,535.92
	277	LSTA GRANT FUND	\$3,714.76	\$7,493.19	\$0.00	\$11,207.95
	278	FACC PUBLIC ART GRANT	\$7,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,200.00
	279	Bicentennial Grant	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$981.06	\$18.94
	300	BOND AND INTEREST REDEMPTION FUND	\$1,976,134.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,976,134.16
	301	LEASE RENTAL -DEBT SERVICE	\$483,391.23	\$3,179,989.09	\$3,120,650.00	\$542,730.32
	325	FISHERS BOND FUND	\$4,651,118.39	\$29,753.01	\$4,173,968.74	\$506,902.66
	350	NOBLESVILLE BOND FUND	\$7,386,498.23	\$31,409.24	\$4,186,912.00	\$3,230,995.47
	400	LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT -LIRF	\$869,959.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$869,959.41
R3879	800	PLAC	\$0.00	\$7,475.00	\$7,475.00	\$0.00
	802	NET DIRECT DEPOSIT	\$0.00	\$3,168,454.19	\$3,168,454.19	\$0.00
	803	PAYROLL - FEDERAL WITHHOLDING	\$0.00	\$287,883.85	\$287,883.85	\$0.00
	804	PAYROLL - FICA	\$0.00	\$251,825.84	\$251,825.84	\$0.00
	805	PAYROLL -MEDICARE	\$0.00	\$58,894.79	\$58,894.79	\$0.00

Basketball

Sheridan wraps regular season with two big wins over Western Boone & Waldron

The REPORTER

Sheridan pulled away from Western Boone in the third quarter last Monday night, propelling the Blackhawks to a 61-44 victory over the Stars at Larry Hobbs Hall.

The game was moved from Saturday to Monday to accommodate the Sheridan girls basketball team, who played in the semi-state that day. The Blackhawks boys team got out to a strong start, leading WeBo 21-16 after one quarter. Trey Page scored 13 points in the opener, including three 3-pointers.

The Stars cut Sheridan's lead to 29-28 by halftime, but the 'Hawks responded with a 19-7 third quarter, then added another 13 in the fourth. Caleb Wright had two triples in the second half and went 4-for-4 from the free-throw line.

Wright totaled 17 points, he finished with three 3s. Wright was the first of four double-digit scorers: Page scored 13, Trent DeCraene added 12 and Tyler Garner scored 11. Damon Winston had eight points, six rebounds and four assists, while

Garner also collected six rebounds. DeCraene dished out nine assists, Caleb Wright had five rebounds and Page, Carson Wright and Devon Hamilton all had four.

Sheridan finished the regular season with a dramatic win over Waldron, 59-56 last Friday at Larry Hobbs Hall.

The Mohawks jumped out to an 11-4 lead after the first quarter, but the Blackhawks came back to tie things up at 26-26 by halftime. Waldron moved ahead 45-41 after three quarters, but Sheridan tied the game again at 56-56. Caleb Wright then hit a 3-pointer with a few seconds left in the game to clinch the victory.

Caleb Wright finished with 26 points, including three 3s. Winston totaled 13 points and collected seven rebounds. DeCraene dished out 11 assists. Hamilton scored nine points.

The Blackhawks completed the regular season with a 13-8 record. Sheridan hosts Class 3A Sectional 43 next week and plays University in the first semifinal, at 6 p.m. Friday.



Photo by Dwight Casler
Sheridan's Damon Winston had eight points, six rebounds and four assists for the Blackhawks during their game with Western Boone last Monday.



Photos by Allison Waitt
(TOP) Caleb Wright scored 26 points and made the game-winning 3-pointer last Friday in Sheridan's 59-56 win over Waldron. (ABOVE) Devon Hamilton scored nine points for the Blackhawks.

SOUR GRAPES by Tim Jones



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