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Today: Early to mid-morning rain and/or snow showers. Temps quickly fall to around freezing. Gusts to 40 mph. Chills in the 20s and teens. Tonight: Clear and cold.

HIGH: 32 LOW: 22



The Old West was deadly fun









Last Saturday and Sunday, Nickel Plate Express (NPX) passengers rolled out of Hobbs Station in Forest Park only to find themselves stranded in the Old West (a.k.a. Earthly Endearments, 155 W. Main St., Atlanta). There were saloon gals, outlaws, delicious food, dancing and ... MURDER on the NPX Old West Murder Express. Crimes were solved, killers were killed on the spot, and prizes were handed out. (Top row) Saturday's prizes went to those who solved the murders. (Above) In addition to a grand prize winner, Sunday's ride had a young man celebrating his 13th birthday. He made off with runner-up prizes and the dead sheriff's hat. Well done, little buckaroo. See more photos on Pages 6 & 7 and at ReadTheReporter.com.

Sourdough starter feeds charity

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Feb. 26, The Reporter published an interview with television legends Linda Purl and Patrick Duffy. The pair spoke about music – including Purl's upcoming show at Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael in Carmel - love, fate, and their lives together. Click here to read that interview.

In addition to sharing their make sure we get that right." lives, Patrick Duffy and Linda Purl also share a heart for service. They express that through "Duffy's Dough," a business where all the profits go to fight food insecurity.

and I think I'm sort of proj- you can do with it," Purl said. ect-oriented," Purl told The "It's all online under Duffys- ed starter. And boy, do we look Reporter. "Patrick has had a **Dough.com**. It's been a really good in our little plastic caps

wonderful sourdough starter in his family for over 70 years, and he's a wicked baker with Editor's note: On Monday, this stuff. If we go to a friend's house, we'll take the rolls, we'll take the cinnamon rolls, we'll take the baguettes, and they get good reviews. So a couple of years ago, Patrick said, 'well, we should start a company with this.' So we did."

> Duffy interjected, "I said we should start a company with this. So SHE did. We got to

> According to Purl, the couple knew little about running a business, so they reached out to friends who could help.

"We make the sourdough dehydrated starter. We have a "Patrick's an idea person, little cooking book about what



Photo provided

Patrick Duffy and Linda Purl sell sourdough starter, recipes and supplies to raise dough ... or make bread ... or to give rolls of lettuce ... oh, heck! All the money goes to charity, ok?

fun project for us. We're also and gowns!" certified food handlers in the where we make all the dehydrat-

Duffy told The Reporter all state of Colorado because that's the net proceeds go to foodbased charities.

See *Dough* . . . Page 2

Past time to fix issues with prior authorization

I have been practicing long enough to remember the time when authorization (PA) by insurance companies for medications, procedures, testing, and other medical services occurred very infrequently. Physicians felt largely free to practice medicine consistent



with what was considered medically necessary and within the established standard of care without undue interference from the insurance industry. Medical decision-making was between doctor and patient.

Unavoidably, some decisions certainly resulted in increased health care costs, just as they do today. In fact, despite currently robust PA, health care costs have progressively increased.

PA isn't primarily a discussion between insurance company-physicians and physicians providing care. It's often decided by non-physicians with no or limited medical and clinical expertise looking at a computer screen with a predetermined decision tree without regarding the individual clinical case nuances.

The rationale for the rise of PA originated to mitigate fraud, abuse, and waste in the health care system. Sounds reasonable if used responsibly and judiciously. But at some point, it morphed into simply cutting costs for employers and insurance companies while not necessarily enabling the best quality medical care. Saving money and increasing profits were (and are) paramount.

Physicians agree that PA is an unnecessary barrier leading to delays or interruptions in patient care that may result in worsening of medical conditions; even more costly testing, treatments, and services; and avoidable or longer hospitalizations. It leads to increased administrative costs to providers by utilizing staff time and expanded office staff to submit PA requests and appeals for denials.

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Slam, Sip & \$pend for Club Kids

38th annual BGCN Auxiliary Auction to embrace March Madness & Hoosier Hysteria

The REPORTER

For years, volunteers from the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville (BGCN) Auxiliahave teamed

together to hold an annual auction to support the needs of local youth and the Club.

With basketball season approaching its crescendo here in Indiana, the 38th annual event, sponsored by Wealthcare Financial, is set to bring philanthropy and Hoosier



Hysteria together at Harbour Trees Golf Club this Saturday evening.

Hoops fans and community supporters are invited to attend the event sporting their favorite basketball team or gameday attire. Guests will have the chance to participate in a live auction to score packages such as a March Madness Experience at Gainbridge Fieldhouse during the first round of the men's NCAA Tournament or an Indy Car Racing Experience.

"We're excited for our 38th annual Auction to raise money for our Club Kids!" BGCN Auxiliary President and Club Alum Karli Davis said. "This year's 'Club Madness' theme is a perfect way to combine Hoosier's love for basketball with raising funds, support, and awareness for the Boys & Girls Club in an always-fun

Boone County Arc sets sail for Sheridan



Members of The Arc of Greater Boone County recently traveled to Sheridan to visit the Sheridan Historical Society's Museum, 315 S. Main St., located in beautiful uptown Sheridan, which is just on the country side of Hamilton County and serves as the northwest gateway into the county. Museum hours are 1 to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Special visit times can be arranged by calling ahead at (317) 758-5054.

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in cost shifting to patients. Could PA additionally result in increased costs to employers and insurance companies? It's a large, time-consuming, labor-intensive process. It's interesting that some insurers are actually modestly reducing their PA programs. And

Denials can also result gate insurers participating in and Chris Garten. federal programs to shorten determination timelines and Health Committee, the basic add transparency to their PA components of this long and processes.

The Indiana General Assembly considered legislation to temper the PA process less than 1 percent of prowith Senate Bill 3 authored viders in a given specialty by Republican Senators Tyler or health care service and 1

As passed by the Senate

complex bill:

· Mandate that PA may only be imposed yearly on from Page 1

for services that are considered medically necessary and appropriate within the customary standard of care.

viders overall.

- Eliminate PA for prescription medications approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration, including those for treatment of
- opioid use disorder. • Bar PA for pre-hospital transportation.
- Prohibit PA for emergency facility medical care for true emergencies.
- PA determinations and appeals are reviewed by a physician in the same or similar specialty of the requesting physician.
- Exempt providers from PA requirements who met the symbolism in this busi-(or would have met) at least an 80 percent PA approval rate in the previous 12-month is full of metaphors," Purl period for a particular health care service.
- Require transparency of a utilization review entity's requirements, restrictions, clinical criteria, and statistics on approvals and denials on its website.
- Compel that PA determinations must be made with 48 hours of requests with shorter turnaround times for urgent and emergency services.

Unfortunately, the bill died in the Senate Appropriations Committee over cost-to-Medicaid concerns.

These are admittedly stringent requirements and undoubtedly the legislation would have faced stiff opposition in the House by powerful insurance and employer groups.

The legislature must meaningfully address the outof-control PA system. Probably not this year.

Richard D. Feldman, M.D. is an Indianapolis family physician and former Indiana State Health Commissioner who served in the administration of Governor Frank O'Bannon.

Dough

• Prohibit requiring PA thing," Duffy said. "We haven't made a dime personally. Once we pay for the flour and sugar and packaging, every once in a while, we write a check to a food charity of our choice. We both have had such fortune in our industry that to just say 'I need another movie' or 'I need this or that' is different than saying, 'what would it mean to write a check for \$50,000 to No Kid Hungry or a soup kitchen in downtown wher-• Mandate that all adverse ever?' Our goal is to leave something behind that will continue on afterwards and just become a standard of how to take care of your

Purl said she appreciates

fellow person."

"Working with bread said. "There's the profound **DuffysDough.com**.

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"We give away every- thing of the breaking of bread when you get to do that with friends with the end product, but also the resilience that this starter has - you cannot kill it. You feed a little bit of flour and sugar and off it goes. And it's kind of a miracle, this life force, as it reinvents itself and gives you another loaf of bread or another pancake. It brings people together and it's reassuring somehow to see this thing that that just keeps going.'

Duffy ended The Reporter's conversation with a segue that made this old radio broadcaster proud.

"So bringing this full circle would be 'the new album is this could be the starter of something big."

Learn more, order a sourdough starter kit, get recipes, and help support fighting food insecurity at

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and eventful night. Lace up your Converse, find that jersey or pullover of your favorite team and come support OUR team – our Club

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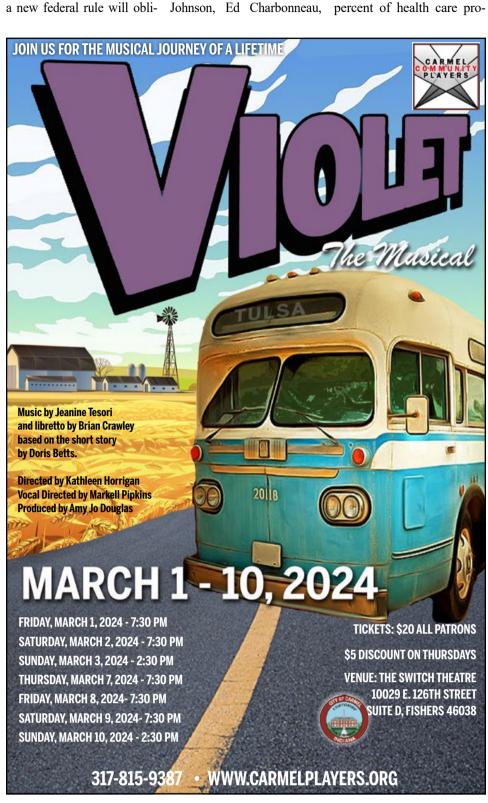
Last year's Mardi Gras themed event raised more than \$153,000 to support initiatives and programs at the Boys & Girls Club while providing local youth with meaningful experiences.

Individual tickets to attend Slam, Sip & \$pend at Harbour Trees in Noblesville on Saturday, March 2 can be purchased at bidpal. net/bgcn24.

About BGCN

The Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville provides

high-quality, low-cost programs for youth members with the help of donors and sponsors. Between the Club, the Community Center, and Camp Crosser, BGCN provides opportunities for members to enjoy activities and experiences that help shape character and offer new perspectives. BGCN is dedicated to inspiring and enabling all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens by promoting leadership, character, health, and physical development.



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Noblesville Tri Kappa helps fight food insecurity by giving time at Teter Organic Farm





Photos provided

Governor Eric Holcomb proclaimed Feb. 18 to 24, 2024 as Tri Kappa Week in Indiana. The organization used that week to focus on food insecurity throughout the state, with each of the 236 chapters in Indiana making their own contributions. The Beta Epsilon Chapter of Noblesville visited Teter Organic Farm, 10980 E. 221st St., Noblesville, to help plant seedlings for the coming year. (Above left) David Meats, Jennifer Jacobi, Jennifer Warner, Beth Lively, Joan Lawrence, Mary Burns, and Sherry Miller. (Above right) Martha Kirsch, Beth Lively, Jennifer Jacobi, and Jennifer Warner.

Hamilton County Tourism to hold eclipse-related webinar for area businesses

Event to discuss logistics, event planning, marketing & safety

The REPORTER

As anticipation builds for the total solar eclipse, Hamilton County Tourism ner, is working with local busi- Hamilton Counnesses to ensure they're ty's eclipse loprepared for April 8. The cal tourism agency will hold committee and a webinar at 9 a.m. on assistant director Thursday, Feb. 29 covering topics such as staffing, engagement for safety.

visitors from all over the world," said Sarah Buckhead of organizing community

suggest ways to navigate ton County Tourism. expecting the potential surge, plan



Buckner

increased reve-

Key speakers will include representatives from Hamilton County Emergency Management,

scheduling, special event Hamilton County Tour- Hamilton County Health planning, marketing, and ism. "The webinar will Department, and Hamil-

"We're hopeful local hundreds of thousands of for the increase in demand, businesses will see this as

and capitalize on an opportunity to shine," the potential for Buckner added. "While also creating memorable experiences for their customers during this once in a lifetime celestial event."

Businesses and notfor-profits interested in attending the webinar need to register at this link.

To learn more about the total solar eclipse and the special events planned in Hamilton County, visvisithamiltoncounty. it com/eclipse.

Hamilton County earns transnational distinction with financial report

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Auditor Robin M. Mills an- strating a constructive nounced on Monday that

the Government Finance Officers Association of the Unites Dates and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Hamilton

County for its annual com- recognition in the area of prehensive financial report governmental accounting for the fiscal year ended Dec. 31, 2022.

judged by an impartial ment by a government and panel to meet the highway its management.

standards of the program, which includes demon-"spirit of full disclosure"

to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.

The Certificate of Achievement is highest form of

and financial reporting, and its attainment represents The report has been a significant accomplish-

Sheridan library announces free **Bookmark Reading Challenge**

The REPORTER

Sheridan Public Library Greeks Pizzeria of Sherifree pizza.

The Bookmark Reading Challenge will begin Friday, March 1 for patrons in kindergarten through fifth grade. Participants must have a current SPL card to register. Readers will track their progress picked up at the front desk tion on this program.

of the library.

Earn a free small piz-(SPL) has partnered with za from Greeks (Sheridan) The Farmers Bank and by reading 20 minutes for 20 sessions throughout dan to create a free month- the month. Once the goal ly reading program to earn for the month is complete, the participants will return bookmark to the front desk of the library for a signature and then redeem at Greeks (Sheridan). Along with monthly pizza rewards, quarterly prize drawings will be held.

Visit the library at 103 on bookmarks that may be W. 1st St. for more informa-



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Local school districts on the hunt for great teachers









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Five area school districts - Noblesville Schools, Carmel Clay Schools, Hamilton Southeastern Schools, Westfield Washington Schools, and Zionsville Schools - have partnered for two upcoming teacher recruitment events. Attendees will be able to meet representatives from all five top-performing school districts to discuss educator openings for the upcoming school year. The Diversity Teacher Recruitment Fair will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6 at the Carmel Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St., Carmel. The Northside Teacher Recruitment Fair will follow the next week from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13 at the Noblesville Schools Community Center, 1775 Field Drive, Noblesville.

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Allisonville Meadows in Fishers awarded deficiency-free rating from state health board

The REPORTER

Allisonville Meadows Assisted Living has received a deficiency-free lies and employees," ASC annual state inspection. A perfect, deficiency-free rating is the best state survey score a senior care community can receive, a stellar achievement seldom accomplished.

Operated by American Senior Communities at 10410 Allisonville Road in Fishers, this senior care community offers assisted living apartments, memory care and respite care, along with outpatient therapy. The Indiana State Department of Health inspects such communities to assess compliance with state standards of care, such as adequacy of staffing, quality of care and cleanliness of the commu-

Compassion, Accountability, Relationships, and Excellence are the core values for American Senior Communities.

"These values serve as

the guiding principles that lead us every day as we serve our residents, fami-CEO Steve Van Camp said. "We are incredibly proud of our team at Allisonville Meadows Assisted Living for demonstrating these values in an exceptional way," Van Camp said. "An honor like a deficiency-free survey is only possible when a team is highly aligned in their level of dedication and commitment."

About American Senior Communities

American Senior Communities offers a wide variety of lifestyle and care options including Garden Homes, Assisted Living, New Energy Wellness, Inpatient and Outpatient Rehabilitation, Memory Care, Skilled Nursing Care, Hospice Care and Respite Care. Our mission is to compassionately serve each customer with quality care and excellence. Learn more at ASCCare.com.

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For some time, each ad has included a picture of the building where we meet. However, that is not the church -the people are. With that in mind our ad will now include a picture of "the church" - the people. We invite you to come visit with the church at Stony Creek. You will be warmly greeted, treated with respect, and highly valued. We can benefit from you, and you can benefit from us. Let's search the Scriptures together and come to understand God's Word more completely.

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

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



Stony Creek Church of Christ

"First Century Christianity in the Twenty First Century" 15530 Herriman Blvd., Noblesville (317) 219-5852 Sunday Bible Study 10:00 am

Sunday Worship 11:00 am Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm





Twenty-five local students headed to the Statehouse to call for higher cigarette taxes and vaping restrictions.

Empowering youth voices

High school students advocate for healthier communities at the Statehouse

Submitted by Breathe Easy Hamilton County

In an inspiring display of civic engagement, a group of 25 high school students from six different Hamilton County schools recently descended upon the Indiana Statehouse to advocate for increased cigarette taxes and stricter regulations on vaping.

The students, accompanied by educators and community leaders, embarked on this impactful journey to address the pressing issue of youth smoking and vaping within their communities.

Led by Breathe Easy Hamilton County, the students had the unique opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogue with Representative Victoria

who has been a stalwart ad- long-term health issues. vocate for public health in the state. The visit included an informative tour of the Statehouse, providing stuand culminated in an insightful session where they observed lawmakers delibthe well-being of citizens.

The primary focus of the students' advocacy was to highlight the importance of implementing higher cigarette taxes and more stringent regulations on vaping products. Their motivation stems from a genuine proud of our students for concern for the health and taking the initiative to adwell-being of their peers and the broader community. Youth smoking and vaping pose serious health risks and contribute to a range of Representative Garcia and

VOICE, Breathe Easy Hamilton County's youthled initiative, believes that involving young voices in dents with a firsthand look the legislative process is at the legislative process, crucial for fostering a sense of responsibility and ownership over public health issues. By bringing together erating on matters affecting students from diverse backgrounds and schools, the organization aims to amplify the collective impact of youth advocacy and encourage a collaborative approach to address these pressing

concerns. "We are immensely vocate for the health of their communities," Youth Coordinator Erica Strahm said. "Their engagement with

their presence in the Statehouse signify the power of youth voices in influencing positive change."

The visit to the Statehouse not only provided the students with a platform to Eric Thomas' The express their concerns but Folks at Home, a also served as a valuable sitcom-patterned educational experience that comedy recalling will undoubtedly shape their any number of understanding of the democratic process.

As these young advocates return to their schools, they carry with them the knowledge that their voices matter and that they can actively contribute to building healthier communities. Breathe Easy Hamilton County remains committed to supporting youth-led initiatives and will continue to empower the next generation of civic leaders.



Photo by Zach Rosing

Keith Illidge as Roger (left) and Garrett Young as Brandon in IRT's production of The Folks at Home.

The Folks at Home is a nifty throwback to when sitcoms were good

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Indiana Rep-Theatre ertory (IRT) presents R. favorite TV series from our pasts.

KEN KLINGENMEIER A Seat on the Aisle Director Reggie D. White unwraps the script with a

ing a good ol' fashioned '70s/'80s-style situation comedy.

fine cast of players, depict-

The story is a bit more modernly faceted than any from that era – a mixed gay couple, Roger (Keith Illidge) and Brandon (Garrett Young), are struggling to keep up their mortgage payments since Roger lost his job at a realty agency. Brandon believes the solution is to sell the house, but Roger

strongly disagrees. About this time, Roger's parents Vernon and Pamela (Sean Blake and Olivia D. Dawson) have lost their home for a variety of reasons and come to live with their son and his partner. Next, Brandon's mom Maureen (Tracy Michelle Arnold) has disagreements with her landlord and must seek an alternative living situation, which means that she too moves into the this homage to sitcoms is satisfying conclusion.

generated, plenty of conflicts occur (it seems each character has some level of disagreement with every other character), and the views from A Seat on the Aisle TV format even includes

some rather short scenes with plenty of spaces for commercial messages, though this part of TV is thankfully not included.

Claire Wilcher completes the cast with two appearances - first as the couples' bizarre

maid Alice, and next, in a superior comic appearance which generates the most laughs, as Brandon's pregnant sister Brittany. Scenic designer Linda

Buchanan, costume designer Yao Chen, light designer Jared Gooding, and sound designer Sharath Patel all contribute to the show's

The one problem I had with the show is a rather uncommon professional ranks flaw – soft voices and some garbled speech. An odd occurrence right at the beginning of the show happened when an audience member actually shouted out "Can't hear you!" Kinda rude but also true. We couldn't. I hope the projection and diction improve here.

Bottom line: This is enjoyable and worthwhile entertainment - an engaging story told by a troupe of actors who built nifty characterizations, all wrapped crowded home. And thus, up with a tidy bow with a

The Folks at Home runs Plenty of laughs are through March 16. Ticket information is available at irtlive.com or by calling (317) 635-5252.

> Read more great play reat asota.wordpress.com.



Submitted by Breathe Easy Hamilton County

Staff members from Breathe Easy Hamilton County (BEHC), a leading tobacco control agency, took a proactive step towards promoting public health by participating in Public Health Day at the Indiana Statehouse.

The event, hosted by the Indiana Department of anapolis). The agency took Health, provided a platform this opportunity to advocate for key stakeholders to confor vital measures aimed at verge, share insights, and curbing tobacco use among address critical issues in the realm of public health.

The day commenced with an insightful speech from Governor Eric Holcomb, setting the tone for discussions centered around enhancing public health policies and initiatives. A highlight of the event was a panel discussion featuring experts delving into topics crucial for the well-being of Indiana residents, particularly focusing on the Health First Indiana initiative.

The dedication and contribution of local health department heroes were celebrated during an award

ceremony, recognizing their unwavering commitment to safeguarding the health of their communities. BEHC extends its heartfelt congratulations to the honorees for their outstanding service and dedication.

One of the key moments of the day was the meeting between BECH staff and Senator J.D Ford (D-Indithe youth. Discussions revolved around the urgency of implementing higher cigarette taxes and reinforcing regulations on vaping products to mitigate the growing public health concerns associated with these practices.

"Breathe Easy Hamilton County is steadfast in its commitment to championing public health," BEHC Executive Director Stacy Collins said. "Our engagement with Senator Ford was an important step in advancing policies that can make a significant impact on reducing tobacco-related harm in our community."



community partners, Indiana Department of duly set in motion. Health, Hamilton County Health Department, and **Trinity Free Clinic.**

As a tobacco control County and beyond. agency, BEHC understands the multifaceted challenges posed by tobacco use and vaping. Advocating for stronger regulations aligns with the agency's mission to create an environment that fosters healthier choices and protects the well-being of residents.

The insights gained from Public Health Day will inform BEHC's ongoing efforts to collaborate with lawmakers, community leaders, and stakeholders to build a About Breathe Easy

Hamilton County

Breathe Easy Hamilton County is a dedicated tobacco control agency committed to reducing the impact of tobacco on the health of the community. Through advocacy, education, and community engagement, the agency strives to create an environment that promotes respiratory health and overall well-being. Learn more at BreatheEasyHamilton-





News News

It was like the Wild West out there

It was like an old-fashioned hootenanny, or hoedown, or maybe a barn-stompin' good time. Call it what you will, the Old West Murder Express took passengers all the way back to 1891 and entertained them folks right down to the soles of their boots! If you missed the train, hurry up and get tickets for the next one, which is heading back to the lap of luxury in 1950s high-society style. Get your seats at **NickelPlateExpress.com**. (Photos provided by Craig Lutz)













(Below left) NPX Executive Director Emily Reynolds (a.k.a. Killer Clementine) poses with some of the fine folks who helped make this even come off without a hitch. (Below right) Royal Events brought in professionals to help guests learn to rope cattle. (Bottom left) Thanks to City Barbecue, the food in the Old West was tasty and delicious. (Bottom right) Finally! We found that missing money! Who would have guessed the Mayor of Atlanta took it. Roberta always seemed like such a nice lady ... (Photos provided by Royal Events)















One page just ain't-a big enough, pilgrim

Sometimes so many people dress in character for these murder mystery dinner theater rides on the Nickel Plate Express that you just can't tell who the actors are. To be fair, one of these so-called actors from the Big Caboose Players is a newspaper publisher, one is a town council member, one is a business owner, and one works for a member of Congress ... come to think of it, they really are all actors! The important part is everyone had a great time both on the train and at Earthly Endearments in Atlanta. Some of them even made it out alive. (Reporter photos)



































Westfield welcomes nine paramedics



The Westfield Fire Department swore-in nine new personnel at Monday's City Council meeting. The expertise and dedication of these experience public safety professionals extends WFD's commitment to keeping the community safe. The addition of several paramedics will enhance advanced life support services. (Above, listed in no particular order) Josh Cole, Paramedic; Aleigha Galindo, Paramedic; Luther Hurt, Firefighter/EMT/Paramedic Candidate; Brandon Jenkins, Paramedic; Angela Mason, Paramedic; Kodi Phillips, Firefighter/Paramedic; Walter Rippy, Paramedic; Jerry Sparks, Firefighter/Paramedic; and Miranda Tuggle, Firefighter/EMT/Paramedic Candidate.

Sam Mishelow appointed to Westfield Fire Department Merit Board of Commissioners

The REPORTER

Sam Mishelow has been appointed to the Westfield Fire Department Merit Board of Commissioners, selected by Mayor Scott Willis and the Westfield City Council.

Mishelow brings over two decades of professional experience and a strong commitment to community service to this role.

As a member of the board, Mishelow will play a vital role in ensuring the integrity and efficiency of personnel actions within the department. His duties will include reviewing hiring

decisions, promotions, and disciplinary actions, thereby contributing to the safety well-being of the Westfield community.

Mishelow has been an active and integral part of the Hamilton County community serving on various boards and committees. He is a current Riverview makes him well-suited for Health Board member and this position. Currently servplays a significant role in the ing as the Director of Client OneZone Chamber of Com- Development at Meyer Na-



Mishelow

and State Advocacy Committee. Additionally, he serves as a board member for the Indiana Selective Service Commission, appointed by Governor Eric

Holcomb. Mishelow's extensive background in leadership and community engagement merce as a member of the jem, he has demonstrated a Board of Directors, Execu- steadfast dedication to his

tive Committee, professional career and has earned a reputation for excellence in his field.

> Mishelow said he is grateful for the opportunity

to serve the city of Westfield. "I am deeply honored to be appointed to the Westfield Fire Department Merit Board of Commissioners," he said. "I am committed to upholding the highest standards of integrity and accountability in serving the community that I hold dear. I look forward to working collaboratively with my fellow board members to ensure the safety and well-being of our

Find out who has best chili at Cicero library

The REPORTER

p.m. on Thursday, March 7 W. Brinton, Cicero.

Anyone may enter, taste, The Friends of Hamilton vote for his or her favorites North Public Library will with spare change. All prohold a Chili Cook Off at 6 ceeds benefit the library's Summer Reading Program. at the library, located at 209 The event is free to enter and free for tasting.

Letter to the Editor

Shaffer criticizes Carmel Redevelopment Authority's habit of overspending

Dear Editor:

Monday's 2023 annual financial report published by Carmel's redevelopment authority presents a cautionary tale for those Hamilton County cities and towns following Carmel's lead into its \$1.4 billion debt.

The redevelopment authority reported it spent more than it received in all but two of the last six years.

And its \$580.6 million unpaid principal debt is more than a third of the \$1.4 billion principal and interest owed by the city and authority combined.

The Carmel Redevelopment Authority reported its 2024 debt repayment will total \$34 million – nearly as much as the city takes in by way of property taxes, for comparison's sake.

Since 2018, the redevelopment blight fighters took in \$603.6 million but spent \$686.6 million, or 19 percent more.

Spending more than you receive and borrowing the difference at ever-higher rates of interest is no way to run a household economy, let alone a city's.

Bill Shaffer

Carmel

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residents."





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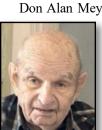
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Don Alan Meyers

February 24, 1930 - February 25, 2024



Don Alan Meyers, 94, Arcadia, passed away on Sunday, February 25, 2024, at Riverview Hospital. Don was born in Arcadia on February 24, 1930, to the late Wallace and Lois (Kemp) Meyers.

> Don attended Walnut Grove High School and was a part of the graduating Class of 1948. Don was a hard worker and spent 30 years working for the United States Postal Service as a Letter Carrier. He was a member of the Scot-

tish Rite, and he was a lifetime Member of the Freemasons, currently under the Noblesville Masonic Lodge #57. Don was a simple man but had one of the kindest souls around, he could make anyone smile. He loved Purdue Basketball and all local Hamilton Heights sports. Don was also never too shy to attend a chili supper or chicken noodle dinner at one of the local churches.

Don is survived by his sister, Norma Meyers; niecein-law, Kim Meyers of Indianapolis; great-niece, Rebekah (Timothy) Orto of Indianapolis.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, Wallace & Lois Meyers; brother, Merrill Meyers; and niece, Mary Ann

A time for visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m. on Thursday, February 29, 2024, at Hartley Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero. A private family burial will immediately follow visitation at the Arcadia Brethren Cemetery.

Online condolences can be given at hartleyfuneral-

Linda Bateman Gibbons June 5, 1943 – February 23, 2024

Linda Bateman Gibbons, 80, Noblesville, passed away



on Friday, February 23, 2024, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. She was born on June 5, 1943, to William and Nancy (Young) Bateman in Zanesville, Ohio.

Linda was a homemaker who was a voracious reader and enjoyed crafting and sewing. She was a member of Noblesville First United Methodist Church where she was active with

WIGS and the prayer quilt team. Linda volunteered at Riverview Hospital for 25 years and was a member of the Riverview Auxiliary Board. She loved spending time with her friends and loved her dog.

Linda is survived by her son, Stephen (Tracie) Gibbons Jr.; daughter, Kristen (David) Garber; and her grandchildren, Maxwell Remley, Fletcher Remley, Lucy Garber, and Brooklyn Gibbons.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Stephen Gibbons Sr.; and her daughter, Nancy

p.m., on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at Noblesville First United Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Pastor Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St., Noblesville. Pastor Nicole Caldwell-Gross and Pastor Warren Otter will officiate. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Riverview Women's Auxiliary, c/o Riverview Health Foundation, 395 Westfield Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 (riverview. org/foundation); or Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St., Noblesville, IN 46060 (noblesvillefirst.com).

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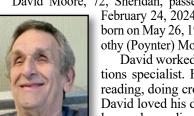
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David Moore

May 26, 1951 – February 24, 2024



David Moore, 72, Sheridan, passed away on Saturday, February 24, 2024, at his home. He was born on May 26, 1951, to Lloyd and Dorothy (Poynter) Moore in Indianapolis.

David worked as a telecommunications specialist. He enjoyed westerns, reading, doing crosswords and fishing. David loved his dogs, Buddy and Harley, and spending time with and helping his friends.

He is survived by his daughter, Jennifer Schroll; son, Chad (Betsy) Moore; grandson, Jacob Schroll; brother, Steve (Bonnie) Moore; as well as several nephews and nieces.

In addition to his parents, David was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Ann Moore; and his brother, Doug Moore.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, March 1, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Services will be held at noon with an additional visitation beginning at 11 a.m., on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at the funeral home. Rev. VJ Stover will officiate. Burial will be at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038 (hamiltonhumane.com).

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Karla Copp

August 10, 1987 – February 26, 2024

Karla Copp, 36, Noblesville, passed away on Monday, February 26, 2024. She was born on August 10, 1987, to Robert and Pamela (Johson) Copp in Noblesville. Karla graduated from Noblesville



High School in 2006 and Vincennes University with an associate's degree in 2015. She worked for Cirilla's and the last five years for Meijer in Noblesville. Karla was a member of Noblesville First United Methodist Church. She really liked Harley Davidson motorcycles and was an Elvis

Presley fan. Karla was a movie buff and loved St. Patrick's Day and Christmas. Her favorite football team was the Miami Dolphins. Karla loved telling funny stories and making people laugh. She will be forever loved and dearly missed.

Karla is survived by her parents, Bob & Pam Copp; daughter, Audrey Jech & the Jech family; brother, Bobby (Ivy) Copp; sister, Nicole Copp; grandmother; Linda Johnson-Hall, uncles & aunts, Jim & Sue Copp and Rob & Tammy Mahon; nephew, Brandon Damron; several cousins; and her beloved dogs, Sandy & Harley.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Barb & Bob Copp, and Brad Johnson; and her uncles, Brad Johnson Jr. and Mark Johnson.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon, with services Visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m., with services at 3 at noon, on Friday, March 1, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Jim Moon III will officiate.

> Memorial contributions may be made to Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038 (hamiltonhumane.com); or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959 (**stjude.org**).

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Richard D. Hadley October 13, 1946 - February 18, 2024

Richard Hadley, 77, Bloomington, passed away on Sunday, February 18 at his home in Bloomington. He was born on October 13, 1946, to Maryanna (Cline) and Charles D. Hadley in Lebanon, Ind. He was raised in Boxley, Ind. along with five brothers and four sisters.

> Richard graduated from Sheridan High School in 1964. He would go on to serve honorably in the U.S. Navy on the USS Enterprise aircraft carrier during Vietnam. Later, Richard would spend his career in the airline industry, working for Eastern Airlines and Ozark Airlines.

Richard was an Indiana basketball and football enthusiast. He also possessed a love of classic cars, his favorite being the Chevrolet Bel Air. He enjoyed the music of The Doors and Johnny Rivers. He was an avid bike rider and he loved the fresh air of the Appalachian Mountains. Richard had a green thumb as well, loving to dabble in yard scaping and taking great pride in his detailed work.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Charles, Jim, Michael and Steven, sister Janice, and late wife Wanetta. He is survived by his sisters Diana, Teresa, and Deborah; brother Jean Allen; his three children Eric, Kristin, and Bryan; and stepdaughters Angel and Rachel.

A private graveside service is planned at Boxley Cemetery.

Meeting Notices

The Atlanta Town Council will hold a special meeting to discuss plans for the library at 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 100 S. Walnut St., Atlanta.

The Hamilton Southeastern Schools Board of Trustees and the City of Fishers will hold a joint meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2024, in the board room at HSE Central Office, 13485 Cumberland Road,

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Council Highway Committee will meet to discuss highway projects at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at the Hamilton County Highway Department, 1700 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at the Noblesville Schools Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road, Noblesville pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(11) To train school board members with an outside consultant and the performance of the role of the members as public officials.

The Noblesville Utilities Council Committee will meet on the following dates in 2024. Meetings will be held at 1:30 p.m. in the administration conference room at the Utility Office, 197 Washington St., Noblesville.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS otice 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 2:00 P.M., local time, Wednesday, March 13, 2024. (Hand delivered in sealed envelope)

UNTIL: **DESCRIPTION** OF PROJECT: Work includes a New Additions and

Renovations to the existing HSE Fishers Elementary School located at 11442 antern Road in Fishers, IN 46038.

RECEIPT OF BIDS: Bids received by mail or other carrier must be addressed o: Wurster Construction. c/o Mr. Matt Rapp, Hamilton Southeastern Schools, 3485 Cumberland Road, Fishers, IN 46038 and received on or before 2:00 pm,

Wednesday, March 13th, 2024 to be valid. Bids received after the designated day and time listed above will be returned unopened. Any postal/courier service is the BID OPENING: : Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on Wednesday

March 13th, 2024, at 2:00 PM local time at the HSE Administration building ocated at 13485 Cumberland Road, Fishers, IN 46038.

PRE-BID MEETING: A pre-bid meeting for interested parties will be held if equested. The meeting will be held at HSE Fishers Elementary School, located at 11442 Lantern Road, Fishers, IN 46038. All interested bidders are encouraged

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 tem. 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

e pre-qualified prior to submission of the bid. Pre-qualification forms can be pre-quantized prior to submission of the bit. Pre-quantization 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 Castlewood Drive) in a sealed envelope. Pre-qualified subcontractors will be notified of approval by 5:00pm on March 18,

Documents Prepared by:

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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 id documents, which may be viewed at the following locations, as well as local

Hamilton Southeastern Schools 13485 Cumberland Road

Fishers, IN 46038 Wurster Construction

8463 Castlewood Drive Indianapolis, IN 46250

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

PERFORMANCE BOND AND PAYMENT BOND: A Performance Bond nd 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 his bond on the bid form.

E-VERIFY AND BACKGROUND CHECKS: The Contractor and ubcontractors shall fully comply with all the E-Verify requirements set forth in nd. 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. Owner will provide a tax-exempt form.

Note: The above notice was first published on February 26, 2024, with an incorrect opening date of March 7, 2024. The public bid opening will take place on March 13, 2024, and pre-qualified subcontractors will be notified of approval by 5:00pm on March 18, 2024.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

ESAU'S DESCENDANTS

This is the account of the family line of Esau the father of the Edomites in the hill country of Seir.

These are the names of Esau's sons:

Eliphaz, the son of Esau's wife Adah, and Reuel, the son of Esau's wife Basemath.

The sons of Eliphaz:

Teman, Omar, Zepho, Gatam and Kenaz.

Esau's son Eliphaz also had a concubine named Timna, who bore him Amalek. These were grandsons of Esau's wife Adah.

The sons of Reuel:

Nahath, Zerah, Shammah and Mizzah. These were grandsons of Esau's wife Basemath.

The sons of Esau's wife Oholibamah daughter of Anah and granddaughter of Zibeon, whom she bore to Esau:

Jeush, Jalam and Korah.

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Genesis 36:9-14 (NIV)



Obituaries

Oranna "Ann" Jean Winkler March 12, 1965 - February 15, 2024

Oranna "Ann" Jean Winkler, 58, Cicero, passed away on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at her res-

She was born in Dover on March 12, 1965, to the late William and Gloria (Martin) Bailey.

On December 18, 1987, she married Ray A. Winkler and shared 25 years of marriage before his passing in August 2011.

Ann retired in 1997 as a Registered Nurse from the U.S. Navy. Her biggest joy in life came from being a mom to Ray and Barbara. She was a big football mom well known for always filming sporting events for her kids. With Ray Jr.

playing football at Ball State, Ann and Ray loved to travel and watch him while he excelled at what he loved. When she and Ray were not traveling to watch Ray Jr., they liked to fish, travel, and spend time on the boat. Ann also enjoyed taking time to practice art, she loved to sketch. She was also very active in the community and enjoyed helping people any time she could. Those who knew Ann also knew her love for the holidays and the extent she would go to decorate or participate in the current holiday at that time of year. Her true joy came when she was able to spend time with her grandson, Ann loved spending time with her family.

Ann is survived by her son, Ray A. (Jessica) Winkler, Jr. of Plainfield, Ill.; stepdaughter, Barbara Winkler of Glencoe, Ill.; and grandson, Ray R. Winkler.

Ann was preceded in death by her parents, William & Gloria Jean Bailey, and her husband, Ray A. Winkler, Sr.

The family has entrusted Hartley Funeral Home – Cicero Chapel with Ann's cremation and will have a celebration

of life at a later date. Online condolences can be given at hartleyfuneralhomes.com.

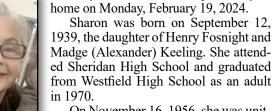
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Sharon J. Williams September 12, 1939 - February 19, 2024

Sharon Joan (Fosnight) Williams, 84, Westfield, and formerly of Sheridan, died peacefully at home on Monday, February 19, 2024.



On November 16, 1956, she was united in marriage to James (Jim) Edward

Williams.

Sharon worked in clerical positions at Public Service Indiana and Fort Benjamin Harrison; however, spent most of her career as a full-time homemaker raising her three children. She enjoyed traveling to California to visit her family with her husband, Jim, upon his retirement in 1992.

Sharon enjoyed family, reading, and was an amazing cook and seamstress.

On November 7, 2008, Sharon lost the love of her life when Jim passed away after 51 years of marriage.

Sharon is survived by her three children: sons Steven Williams (Becky Boulds) of Bridgeport, Ill., and James Williams of Florissant, Mo., and daughter Elizabeth Roberts-Kurtt (Timothy Kurtt) of St. Paul, Minn. She is also survived by a brother, Jerry Fosnight (Holly Stern) of Fairfield, Calif.; nine grandchildren, Karen Garman (Kevin), Christina Miller (Otis), Rachel Tucker (Adam), Sarah Adams (Jonathon), Matthew Williams (Allison), Abigail Willliams (Joshua), Paul Williams, Emily Roberts, and Hannah Roberts; and 10 great-grandchildren, Noah and Natalie Garman, Baylee and Cecilia Miller, Benjamin and William Tucker, Aiden Fiore and Eli Adams, and Samuel and Zachary Williams.

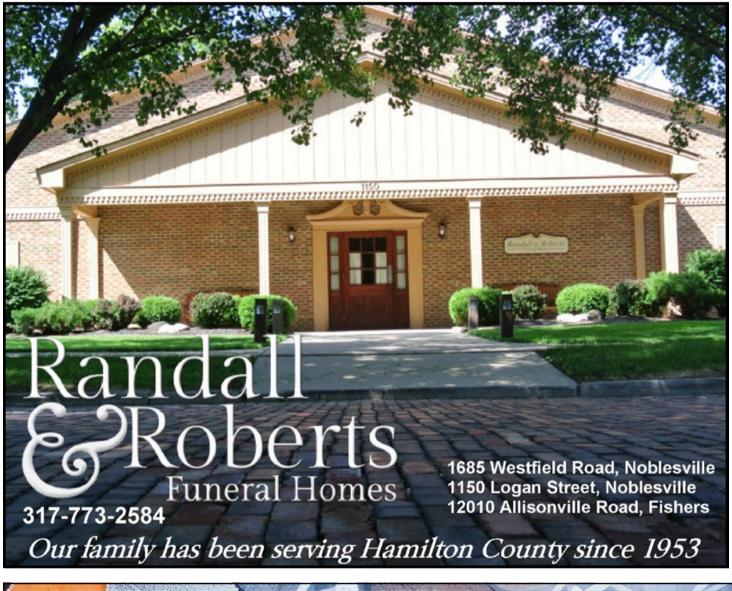
She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Jim, and sister Janet (Fosnight) Gates.

Graveside Funeral Services are planned for 10:30 a.m. on Friday, March 1, 2024, at Oak Hill Cemetery, 935 E. Washington St., Lebanon, Ind.

Myers Mortuary in Lebanon has been entrusted with her arrangements for burial.

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Basketball-

Millers waste no time beating Zionsville in sectional opener

By RICHIE HALL

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NOBLESVILLE – Everybody did their job for the Millers on Tuesday night.

The Noblesville boys basketball team opened play at Class 4A Sectional 8 with a convincing 67-49 win over Zionsville at The Mill. The No. 2-ranked Millers broke away from on display again during the Eagles after a tight first quarter and used great balance to easily advance to Friday night's first sectional semifinal game.

"It's a nice luxury that we do have that depth and balance," said Noblesville coach Scott McClelland. "We've seen it this year over and over."

The Millers only trailed once in the game, down 3-2 in the first quarter. Baron Walker, who scored Noblesville's first basket, got his team on top with two free throws, then Aiden Brewer made a layin for a 6-3 lead.

Zionsville tied the game on a 3-pointer, the first of four ties during the opening period. Walker stepped up again at the end of the quarter, with a layin to give the Millers a 15-13 lead.

second quarter with a 9-0 players contributing to the run. Aaron Fine's jumper to get the win.'

finished the run and put the Millers ahead 24-13. Fine later drained a 3, and Noblesville led by double digits for the remainder of the game.

The Millers were up 30-18 at halftime. Walker opened the second half with a triple, the first of 23 points in the third quarter. Noblesville put its depth that period, as six players scored. Fine and TJ Davidson also hit 3s.

In the fourth quarter, the Millers made a final 8-0 run that led to their largest lead of the game at 67-41. Walston, Davidson and Fine all made layins, while Justin Curry threw down a dunk. Walston and Curry's baskets moved them into double digits, something that Fine and Walker had already done by then.

Fine finished the game with 18 points. Walston, Walker and Curry all scored 11, with Walston dishing out four assists. Noblesville had balanced rebounding as well: Walston finished with eight, Will Smits collected six and Fine, Curry and Brewer all pulled four.

"We just got great dudes," said McClelland. Noblesville started the "We got really good guys that everybody just wants



Photo by Joshua Herd

Noblesville coach Scott McClelland directs his team during the Millers' victory.

NOBLES	VILLE (67, ZI	ONSV	ILLE 49			
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF			
Hunter Walston	5-8	1-2	11	0			
Justin Curry	4-9	3-3	11	2			
Aiden Brewer	3-4	2-2	8	4			
Baron Walker	4-6	2-2	11	3			
Aaron Fine	8-14	0-2	18	3 3			
TJ Davidson	2-2	0-0	5	0			
Will Smits	1-2	0-0	2	3			
Ryan Vetor	0-0	1-2	1	1			
Adam Fine	0-0	0-0	0	0			
Max Miller	0-0	0-0	0	0			
Luke Etchison	0-0	0-0	0	0			
Totals	27-45	9-13	67	16			
Score by Quarters							
Zionsville	13	5	15	16 – 49			
Noblesville	15	15	23	14 – 67			
Noblesville 3-point shooting (4-13) Aa. Fine 2-5, Walker 1-3,							
Davidson 1-1, Curry 0-3, Walston 0-1.							
Noblesville reboun Brewer 4.	ds (26) Wa	lston 8, Sr	nits 6, Aa.	Fine 4, Curry 4			

that are unselfish. It's a re-recognition to Luke Etchispurt, with four different ally nice luxury knowing son, who helped out in

McClelland also gave Mitchell, one of the Eagles' best players.

practice by playing the role look and he made our team of Zionsville's Maguire better," said McClelland.



Photo by Joshua Herd

Noblesville's Hunter Walston was one of four Millers in double figures during their 67-49 sectional win over Zionsville Tuesday at The Mill. Walston scored 11 points, pulled eight rebounds and dished out four assists.

"That's a huge compli- and just playing ball." ment," said Etchison. "And "He just gave us a great honestly, I'm just glad I to 21-2 and plays No. 3 could help the team. It was Westfield in the first semiso being Maguire this week final at 6 p.m. Friday.

Noblesville improved

Tigers get moving early, gain spot in sectional semifinals

By RICHIE HALL

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NOBLESVILLE fast start got Fishers into the Sectional 8 semifinals.

The Class 4A No. 1 Tigers blasted out of the gate and carried that momentum to a 54-41 victory over Carmel in the first round of sectional action at The Mill in Noblesville. Fishers will take on Hamilton Southeastern in Friday's second semifinal.

The Greyhounds, ranked No. 16 in the IBCA oneclass poll, had handed the Tigers their only loss of the season exactly one month ago (Jan. 27). Fishers junior JonAnthony Hall said his team was "so focused" as it was coming into the game.

"That's all we worried about," said Hall. "As soon as we beat North Central, we just attacked that film. We went over and over and over again like it was ingrained in our head."

That preparation showed itself in the first quarter. The Tigers scored the first 12 points of the game: Hall started things with a layin, then Millen McCartney alternated two 3-pointers with a pair of Keenan Garner baskets.

Carmel worked its way back to 16-7 with an Alex Couto 3 and Ryan Clevenger layin, but Fishers' Justin a triple, and Parker Perdue





Photos by Joshua Herd

(Above left) Fishers' JonAnthony Hall scored 10 points for the Tigers during their Sectional 8 win over Carmel in Tuesday's first round. Hall was one of nine Fishers players that scored in the game. (Above right) Carmel's Ryan Clevenger was one of the seniors on the Greyhounds team. Coach Ryan Osborn said his seniors were "incredible" all season on how they responded to challenges.

pair of free throws, giving the Tigers a 21-7 lead.

"We talked all week about, they're so disciplined, they're so well-coached that if you get behind on them, it's really hard to come back," said Fishers coach Garrett Winegar. "We dealt with that last time, so we had a big focus on getting a great start. We had a lot of actions that we felt would be successful that we really worked on and they worked for us."

Carmel continued to Kirby answered that with press throughout the game, and a Ben Bremer triple got

finished the quarter with a the 'Hounds within 23-14 Metzger threw in a 3, and vantage to 30-19 by halfin the second quarter. The Tigers answered that with a 7-0 run, led by a steal

Nathan Baker's layin gave Fishers a 30-14 lead.

and dunk from Hall. Taden Harrell cut the Tigers' ad-

time, and Couto hit a jumper to open the second half. Five points from Evan Fishers stayed in front, with Kirby scoring four points in

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the last minute of the quarter to keep the Tigers ahead

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Basketball-

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during the early part of the fourth quarter to get within Harrell and Couto all made baskets. Hall ended the run with a layin, and Fishers kept its lead around 10 points for the game's final two minutes.

All nine Tigers players scored, led by Hall's 10 points. Metzger and McCartney both had eight points. Garner finished with four points, but was effective passing the ball with six assists.

"He did a really great job on making extra passes to open guys for shots," said Hall.

"That's his lowest-scoring game of his career and I I really do," said Winegar. start around 7:30 p.m.

Carmel

Alex Couto

Ben Bremer

Evan Harrell

Quinn Murphy

Mitchell Mulloy

Max Winders

Jamie Whack

Fishers

Taden Metzger

Millen McCartney

Cooper Zachary

JonAnthony Hall

Keenan Garner

Justin Kirby

Parker Perdue

Nathan Baker

Carmel

Jason Gardner Jr.

Zachary 1-4, Kirby 1-2.

Hall 2, Baker 2, Gardner Jr. 1.

Ryan Clevenger

Aidan Dickerson

Carmel made a 6-0 run "The way he passed, he made the right read every time."

Couto scored 13 points 43-35; Aidan Dickerson, Evan for Carmel, with Harrell adding 11 points and five rebounds. Clevenger made four steals for the Greyhounds, who finished 12-11 but 8-2 for their last 10 games.

> "I think the response from our team is indicative of the season," said Carmel coach Ryan Osborn. "They didn't back down, they didn't stop fighting. They didn't stop believing. And I give all the credit to our seniors. Our seniors all season were incredible in how they responded to challenges.'

Fishers is 23-1 and will play the Royals in the second think he dominated the game. Friday semifinal, which will

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14 – 41

FISHERS 54, CARMEL 41

7-12

2-2

Fishers 3-point shooting (6-13) Metzger 2-4, McCartney 2-3,

Fishers rebounds (16) Metzger 3, Zachary 3, Garner 3, Kirby 2,

Score by Quarters

12

14-23

Carmel rebounds (20) Harrell 5, Dickerson 4, Couto 3, Mulloy 3,

5-17

2-7

0-0

1-2

1-2

16-40

Winders 2, Clevenger 1, Murphy 1, Bremer 1.

5-5

2-2

17-26

Carmel 3-point shooting (2-13) Couto 1-9, Bremer 1-4.

Golden Eagles cruise past Herron, advance to sectional semifinal

By CRAIG ADKINS

For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE – It didn't take long for Guerin Catholic to get into a groove in its sectional opener. Few mistakes and continuity on both ends of the floor helped consider-

The Golden Eagles jumped out early and were never forced to look back on their way to a 78-17 first round sectional win over Herron

Guerin burst out 9-0 in the first 90 seconds-plus, forcing the Achaens to burn their first timeout. Robert Sorensen scored the first points when caught the opening tip and then knocked down a three for a 5-0 lead just 1:13 into the contest. Bryson Cardinal scored the next six on two field goals and a pair of free throws for the nine-point

"Look, I know it's our home gym and I know it's a place we're accustomed to, but still, it felt different tonight," Guerin Catholic head coach Bob Allen said. "It just does. It does every single year."

The starters took full advantage of the situations Herron presented and it allowed them to pose their

"It's finally nice to see our starting five out there all healthy and ready to go at the right time," Allen continued. "It's been long overdue for us this year and energy for Friday's game. we were very confident in Aside from a majority of We're very confident in our preparation in what we have going on going for-

From that point, the hosts went on a 21-2 run to end the first with a 30-4 lead.

"We talked about it all year. When the opportunity presents itself, you don't play the scoreboard, you don't play what's going on. You try and do what we've been preaching all year and I thought our guys did that for the most part," Allen

GC kept its feet on the gas pedal in the second, expanding their wide margin to a halftime score of 55-

Guerin's bench continued to produce in the second half. They outscored the Achaeans 12-4 in the third, pushing the lead out to 67-15.

With a comfortable lead throughout the game, the Guerin coaching staff was able to go pretty far down the bench to rotate players in. Multiple players logged double-digit minutes, allowing the Golden Eagles to work on and iron out some things heading into Friday's semifinal.

"I thought our guys put in some great minutes, just to get their feet wet and feel comfortable with the atmosphere," Allen commented on his bench's play.

The fourth would be similar to the third with GC scoring 11 to Herron's two, turning out the final score of 78-17.

The Golden Eagle starters were able to save some and what we're all about." what we did this evening. the first and some of the ing, including 3-for-3 on teams. We're going to ensecond, none of the starting five played more than nine minutes, allowing depth to play a huge role.

GUEIRN C	ATHO	LIC 78	, HEI	RRON 17			
Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF			
Jack Cherry	1-2	0-0	2	0			
Robert Sorensen	6-7	0-0	15	0			
Andy Caron	2-3	0-0	4	0			
Dylan Murans	1-1	3-3	5	0			
Bryson Cardinal	3-7	2-3	8	1			
Julian Melendez	3-5	0-1	6	0			
Hayden Rodgers	1-2	2-2	5	1			
Ben Grissom	0-4	0-0	0	0			
Jake Grissom	3-7	2-2	8	1			
Ryne Paris	3-4	0-0	6	2			
Nik Balmuri	4-4	3-3	11	1			
Malcolm Houze	3-4	0-0	8	0			
Totals	30-50	10-14	78	6			
Score by Quarters							
Guerin Catholic	30	25	12	11 – 78			
Herron	4	7	4	2 – 17			
Guerin Catholic 3-p							
Houze 2-3, Rodgers	s 1-2, B, G	rissom 0-2	. Cherry	0-1, Caron 0-1,			

Cardinal 0-1. Guerin Catholic rebounds (35) Melendez 8, Caron 4, Rodgers

4, Cardinal 3, Cherry 2, Sorensen 2, B. Grissom 2, Paris 2, J. Grissom 2, Houze 1, Balmuri 1, Murans 1, team 3.

Balanced scoring and the floor helped Guerin do a lot of things well. They shot 60 percent from the floor, making 30-of-50, but more importantly they had 20 assists on those 30 made field goals. Knocking down 9-for-16 from outside-thearc proved to be another a distance.

"It's one of those things where, if you look at our stats for the year, we don't have one guy scoring 20 something points a night," Allen said. "Who's taking advantage of the right opportunities when they're there. That's kind of what our team's done all year

three-pointers. Nik Balmuri came off the bench with 11 points, also knocking down

shots. Cardinal, Malcolm consistency on both ends of Houze and Jake Grissom all chipped in eight.

> Guerin Catholic (18-7) moves on to the Class 3A Sectional 27 semifinal on Friday against fellow Circle City Conference foe Bishop Chatard (9-12) at 6

"I think with Chatard, dagger that kept Herron at it's one of those things where their coaches have them prepared. They're a physical team. They compete hard. We had a tight game with them earlier this year at their place," Allen said on playing Chatard.

> Guerin won at Chatard in their CCC matchup on January 5, 56-52.

"We've obviously made some changes and so have Sorensen led with 15 they. We're excited for the ints on 6-of-7 shoot- opportunity to play great joy this evening a little bit and we're going to get locked in on Chatard startall three of his outside ing tomorrow," Allen said.

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IBCA boys basketball poll - Week of Feb. 25

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Rank 1	School Fishers (20)	Points 438	Record 22-1
2	Noblesville	407	20-2
3	Westfield	394	19-2
4	Kokomo	364	22-3
5	Lawrence North	357	21-3
6	Greenfield-Central (2)	317	22-0
7	Cathedral	285	17-5
8	Brownstown Central	271	21-4
9	Crispus Attucks	265	18-6
10	Ben Davis	256	17-5
11	South Bend Riley	155	20-4
12	Richmond	154	20-4
13	Center Grove	152	17-4
14	Tipton	130	21-2
15	New Palestine	126	19-5
16	Carmel	123	12-10
17	Evansville Harrison	98	18-4
18	Lake Central	79	18-3
19	Brebeuf Jesuit	66	16-5
20	Terre Haute North	30	21-3

Other schools receiving votes, with records Anderson (18-5), Barr-Reeve (20-2), Bellmont (20-4), Brownsburg (13-11), Concord (17-4), Crown Point (16-5), Danville (18-3), East Chicago Central (19-4), Evansville Christian School (21-2), Fort Wayne Bishop Luers (18-5), Fort Wayne Wayne (18-3), Franklin Community 16-4), Hamilton Southeastern (15-9), Jeffersonville (15-7), Mount Vernon (15-8), Scottsburg (18-5), Seymour (18-4), Wapahani (20-2), Warren Central (13-10).

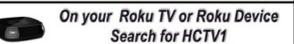
First place votes are in parentheses.







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Noblesville's Owens commits to University of Saint Francis



Photo courtesy Landon Denison, NHS Shadow Yearbook

Noblesville's Grayson Owens has committed to play football at the University of Saint Francis. (Front row, from left) Jessica Owens (mother), Grayson Owens, and Jared Owens (father). (Back row, from left) Jason Shonkwiler (Noblesville Football Assistant), Adam Metzler (Noblesville Football Assistant), Eleanor Owens (sister), Colin Jasper (Noblesville Football Assistant), Joseph Sero (Noblesville Football Assistant), and Dave Sharpe (Noblesville Football Head Coach).

Countdown to 108th Indy 500 accelerates

New 'This Is May' campaign video featuring Newgarden narration unveiled

Submitted by IMS

The countdown to the May." 108th Indianapolis 500 preed into even higher gear Monday, Feb. 26, which marks 90 days until Race Day, with milk and stirring words from 2023 race winner Josef Newgarden.

In celebration of basketball's biggest stage calling Indy home for the 2024 NBA All-Star Weekend on Feb. 16-18, Indianapolis Motor Speedway President J. Douglas Boles (photo, right) initiated a toast – using milk, of course - and presented Pacers Sports & Entertainment CEO Rick exclusive Indy 500 milk Feb. 26.

for sports in Indianapolis is May" campaign for this nels, the IMS YouTube Weekend to the 108th Indianapolis 500 and the USA Swimming 2024 Olympic celebrates the always epic Trials – no one hosts the and unique experiences biggest sporting events in the world like Indy," Boles said. "Our fans bring this city to life and embrace countdown moments with enthusiasm and excitement. The countdown is on, and

we can't wait to celebrate

Five hundred exclusented by Gainbridge shift- sively numbered milk bottles will be presented to celebrities, community leaders, partners and fans in the lead-up to the green flag for the Indy 500. Bottle number one was presented to Fuson in Bicentennial Unity Plaza to launch the countdown toward Race Day, Sunday, May 26.

> As part of today's celebration, the 2024 Indy 500 marketing campaign video also was premiered live.

> Click here to see the "May is Yours" video.

Narrated by Newgarden Fuson (photo, left) with an as he sits in the empty grandstands across from which captures the story bottle during ceremonies the Yard of Bricks at IMS, the 60-second extended Indy 500 fans, also will be "2024 is a big year spot promotes the "This posted on IMS social chan- from the NBA All-Star year's race and was created by Penske Entertainment.

> While "This is May" that make May a tradition for many, May truly winner celebration better showcases that magic than Newgarden's climb through the fence to join of May activities.

Paul Poteet



the fans after he crossed the Yard of Bricks and earned his first Indianapolis 500 victory May 28, 2023. May is Ours. May is Yours. This

The extended ad spot, and distills the passion of channel and IMS.com for viewing and sharing. A 30-second version can be seen on local broadcast affiliates and cable television throughout Central Indiana.

Tickets are on sale at belongs to the fans. No IMS.com for the 108th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge, Sonsio Grand Prix and all Month

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Feb. 28 BOYS BASKETBALL

Sectional 24 at New Castle New Castle vs. Jay County, 6 p.m. Frankton vs. Delta, 7:30 p.m. TRACK AND FIELD

Guerin Catholic girls at Bloomington North HSR Qualifier #1, 6 p.m. at Indiana University

Friday, March 1 BOYS BASKETBALL

Sectional 8 at Noblesville Westfield vs. Noblesville, 6 p.m. Hamilton Southeastern vs. Fishers, 7:30 p.m. Sectional 24 at New Castle Hamilton Heights vs. Yorktown, 6 p.m. New Castle-Jay County winner vs. Frankton-Delta winner, 7:30 p.m. Sectional 27 at Guerin Catholic Bishop Chatard vs. Guerin Catholic, 6 p.m. Heritage Christian vs. Brebeuf Jesuit, 7:30 p.m. Sectional 43 at Sheridan University vs. Sheridan, 6 p.m. Park Tudor vs. Covenant Christian, 7:30 p.m.

GYMNASTICS Noblesville at Franklin Central regional, 6:30 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD Westfield at Indiana Wesleyan HSR Qualifier, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 2 **BOYS BASKETBALL**

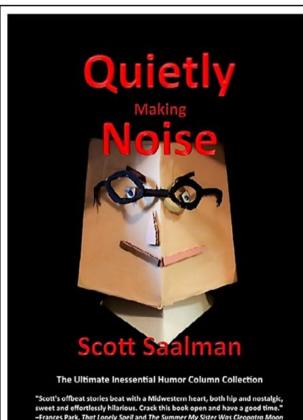
Sectional 8 at Noblesville Championship, 7 p.m. Sectional 24 at New Castle Championship, 7:30 p.m. Sectional 27 at Guerin Catholic Championship, 7:30 p.m. Sectional 43 at Sheridan Championship, 7:30 p.m. GIRLS LACROSSE

Guerin Catholic at Evansville North, 11 a.m. Kings (Ohio) at Hamilton Southeastern, noon Carmel at Louisville Sacred Heart Academy, 1 p.m. Guerin Catholic at Evansville Memorial, 2:15 p.m. Brebeuf Jesuit at Hamilton Southeastern, 4 p.m. **GYMNASTICS**

Guerin Catholic, Westfield at Valparaiso regional, 1 p.m. TRACK AND FIELD

Carmel, Hamilton Heights, Noblesville, Westfield at Indiana Wesleyan HSR Qualifier, 10 a.m. Guerin Catholic at Providence Cristo Rey HSR Qualifier, 10 a.m. University at University of Indianapolis HSR Qualifier, 10 a.m.

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