

It Was So

Where would Sister sleep? Her room at home was next to Mother and Father's on the ground floor. Here there was only a room upstairs and in it – not even a bed! There was, however, a place to sleep. Wheat harvest had come and gone leaving golden straw in its wake. Using an old truck we had gone to the field and stuffed the tick so that it was huge and

soft and crackly – wee bit prickly, too. A fresh, white sheet stretched over it. A tired adult might have been willing to spend the night there. But a five-year-old? 200 miles from home? Not even next door to Mother and Father? I held her hand and we climbed the stairs together. Together we inspected the tick and discussed its merits. “Can I jump?” She ques-

ried. “Of course,” I answered. She landed precisely in the middle and began squirming to make herself a nest. A gentle breeze wafted in through the south window. We said our good nights. I started down the stairway. Would she stay? My foot touched the bottom step. The little voice called out sleepily, if happily, “turn off the light.”

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MAPES

running by building on the strong foundation set by the district's leadership and by connecting with HSE's staff, students and neighbors. My family and I are looking forward to joining this amazing community.”

As one of his first actions as superintendent, Mapes plans to promote current interim superintendent Dr. Matt Kegley to deputy superintendent. Since September, Dr. Kegley has led the district with a steady hand through a time of transition. With more than 17 years of experience

within HSE, Dr. Kegley is an extremely valuable member of HSE's leadership team and larger community.

“The HSE school board and the entire district are grateful for Dr. Kegley's leadership over the last several months,” Board President Dr. Juanita Albright said. “We are committed to continuing to uplift and support him in his new role as deputy superintendent.”

“As always, I'm honored to be able to serve HSE Schools,” Dr. Kegley said. “The future is bright for our

district, and I'm looking forward to working closely with Mr. Mapes to make HSE the best it can be.”

The appointment of Mapes and promotion of Dr. Kegley will provide HSE with a solid leadership cabinet to maintain and expand the district's legacy of education excellence. The district's mission to ensure every student and staff member has the resources, intellect, and skills to achieve their goals for higher education, careers, and life, remains unwavering.

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DESIGN

“We want to show students that teaching truly is a great profession,” Cali said. “I am excited to be part of the program that helps students explore the profession and get a head start on their training.”

Cali said she excited to get new furniture for her classroom, as well as giving her students this valuable experience.

“This was such a fun day for me and my students,” she said. “I love exposing them to ideas that are beyond how they have learned in the past. I want them to see the education of the future.”

Tolman introduced students to different types of furniture that were not typical in today's classrooms. The second part of the presentation was interactive with students working in groups to design the space based on the classroom needs of their teacher, Ms. Cali. Students worked using magnetic pieces creating a scaled model of the classroom and then shared their designs with the class.

The fun part comes next when Ms. Cali gets to sort through the designs, visit the showroom, and make selections that will be purchased totally through grant funds

to create a futuristic classroom.

Superintendent Dave Mundy praised Cali's work in building the education professions program.

“At SCS we want to give our students the best possible experiences,” Mundy said. “We also need great teachers, and I love how this pathway helps us grow our own excellent future educators. Seeing our students actively engaged in planning and thinking of space creatively is awesome. I appreciate Ms. Cali bringing this experience to our students, and I can't wait to see what they design.”

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PILLAGE

Hamilton Southeastern, Carmel, Guerin Catholic, Noblesville, and Westfield schools in the competition this year. The Bar Association had over 100 attorney and judicial officer volunteers to serve as judges and team advisors.

The case was written by the Indiana Bar Foundation, who generously permits the HCBA to use the case for the county competition. The students

prepared the case of “Blake Toomey v. Alameda Pharmaceuticals.”

Plaintiff Toomey sued Alameda for \$1 million after an allegation that an Alameda product caused Toomey to develop Restless Legs Syndrome. Students prepared opening and closing statements, developed direct and cross examination questions, as well as learned witness statements for the presentation each week.

The final trial was “Due Pilligence” of Fishers High School, coached by Mr. Corbin Mathias vs. “Drug Busted” of Hamilton Southeastern High School coached by Mrs. Gaye Garrett. HCBA recognized the outstanding performance of a student in each witness role as well the Best Plaintiff and Defense attorneys. HSE's Lauren Nolan was awarded the Bar Association's mock trial scholarship.

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RARE LIFE

In the past five years or so, I have started to rely on assistive devices such as a walker, cane, scooter and manual wheelchair. This is due to the progression of disease. I am as active as I can possibly be. I love to exercise in the water, and I am determined to walk as long as I possibly can. Some days it feels like it's slipping through my fingers, and I can't stop it. That is a very scary feeling to say the least.

Living with a rare disease can feel very isolating. We don't have the luxury of mingling with others just like us on a regular basis. It's estimated that fewer than 5,000 people in the United States live with Bethlem Muscular Dystrophy. It's highly unlikely that

I will just run into someone living with Bethlem MD, or any type of MD for that matter. As a child and into adulthood, all I wanted was to meet someone "just like me." It was a weird feeling to feel like I was the only one like myself. Everywhere I went, I would search for someone who walked like me.

Finally, after 44 years and some genetic testing of myself and my parents, I got the answer I so desperately wanted and needed. With a name for my disease, I could begin (thanks to social media) the search for someone "just like me." Through writing my blog and sharing my story, I have connected with people across the world who are "just like me."

What a comforting feeling to know I am not alone.

One of the people I met is a young woman who lives in Australia. We video chat on a regular basis, which is incredible! We share our successes and struggles and feel truly understood. There are also a few people I have met online who live right here in the U.S. I haven't had the opportunity to meet in person with anyone yet, but I do hope to someday soon.

A very brief explanation for a very complicated life of 49 years. We all have our stories of what has shaped our lives positively and negatively. My rare disease has done both for me. There are a lot of tough days and just downright gut-wrench-

ing moments living with a progressive muscle disease. Watching abilities I once had being ripped away is immensely difficult to process.

There are also many beautiful moments that have come out of this story. So, it continues, finding the balance between the two and living life to the fullest the best that I can. Not always getting it right, but always willing to try again.

Until next time ...

Amy Shinneman is a former National Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, disability blogger, wife, and mom of two boys. You can find her blog at humblycourageous.com and reach her on Instagram @ashinneman.

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Ticket Information
Tickets for both events are now available for purchase at NickelPlateExpress.com. Don't miss your

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Westfield’s Shamrock Drop is your chance to win big prizes

The REPORTER

Get ready for a day of Irish-inspired festivities as Westfield’s Shamrock Drop, presented by Indiana Members Credit Union, returns to Grand Junction Plaza from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 16.

This family-friendly celebration promises a vibrant atmosphere filled with live Irish music, St. Patrick’s Day-themed carnival games, delicious food, and an opportunity to win fantastic prizes.

Shamrock Drop is free to attend, offering a number of attractions such as live Irish music, games, crafts, airbrush tattoos, and the Indiana Members Credit Union Cash Cube. Attendees can immerse themselves in the spirit of St. Patrick’s Day while enjoying these exciting activities.

New this year are St. Pat-

rick’s Day-themed carnival games as a paid attraction. Participants can win prizes like shamrock glasses, necklaces, toys, and more. Lucky Loot Cards are available for purchase, with a five-game card priced at \$10 or a 10-game card at \$20. To sweeten the deal, participants who pre-purchase their loot online will enjoy a \$2 or \$5 discount.

But the highlight of the day is undoubtedly “The Drop.” This year, all attendees have the chance to participate in the Shamrock Drop prize drawing for free. Upon arrival, head inside the cafe building, where you can write your name on a shamrock and drop it into the big cauldron. At 1:30 p.m., the Lucky Leprechaun will randomly select five shamrocks from the cauldron, and those fortunate winners will take home a pot o’ gold filled

with amazing prizes and gifts generously donated by local Westfield businesses.

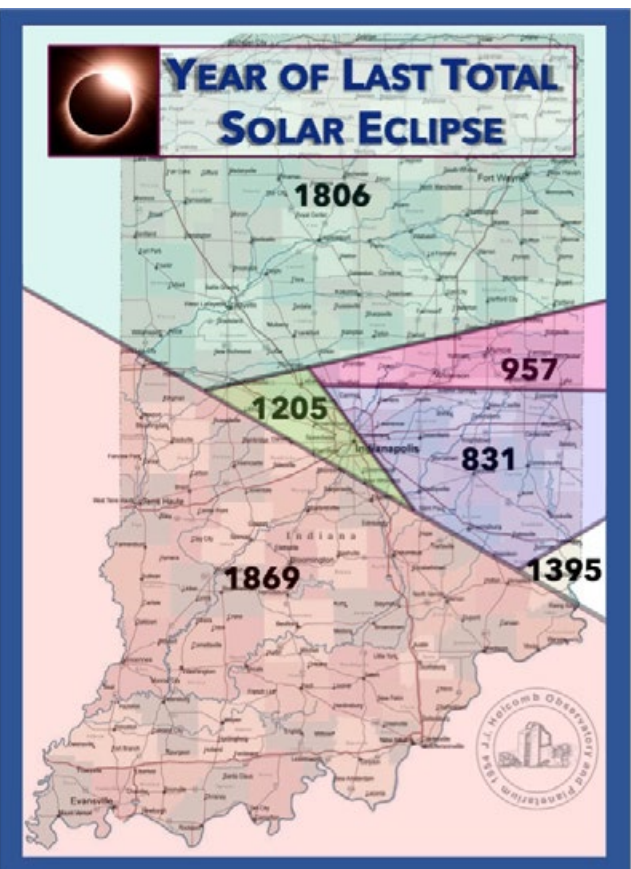
Don’t miss this opportunity to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day in style at Grand Junction Plaza with the Shamrock Drop event. Please plan to attend this unforgettable day of fun, music, games, and the chance to win fantastic prizes, all thanks to the generous support of Indiana Members Credit Union and



Photo provided by City of Westfield

Don’t miss your chance to be one of five lucky winners in The Drop! Jumping and clicking your heels is not required to win.

our local business partners. For more information, please visit westfieldwelcome.com/shamrock-drop.



Graphic provided by Holcomb Observatory at Butler University

According to this map, all but the most extreme northwestern parts of Hamilton County haven’t witnessed a direct total solar eclipse in well over 1,000 years.

How rare is a total solar eclipse?

By **RYAN MORSE**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A total solar eclipse occurs on Earth an average of once every 18 months. Over 70 percent of Earth is water, so getting an eclipse on land in an accessible spot is more uncommon. Taking it a step further, living in a place where the solar eclipse is occurring and not having to travel is extremely rare.

“Your odds of experiencing a total solar eclipse are once every 375 years,” Murphy emphasized. “So it is literally more than once than a lifetime event that’s happening.”

Also, it is worth noting that being in the path of a partial eclipse is not nearly as rare. Your chance of being in a partial solar eclipse is once every 2.25 years. Hoosiers will remember having that partial part of the eclipse while others experienced totality in August 2017.

It will be quite a bit until Indianapolis sees its next solar eclipse. That date will be Oct. 17, 2153, meaning this upcoming eclipse on April 8 will really be a once-in-a-lifetime event.

April 8 will be a day Hoosiers remember for the rest of their lives if the skies can remain mainly clear. Shortly after 3 p.m., many will plunge into darkness as the moon blocks the sun.

Solar eclipses are rare, and we are very lucky to have the path of totality passing right over Indiana. Since 1900, the United States has only seen 12 total solar eclipses pass any portion of the country.

Brian Murphy, who is a professor of physics and astronomy at Butler University, said, “Some portions of Indianapolis, including Butler University, have not seen a total solar eclipse in nearly 1,200 years. So, that is why this is an important astronomical event. It is the Super Bowl of astronomical events.”

In the map, you can see many in Indiana have gone centuries without being in the path of totality. Our most recent eclipse in any point of the state was 1869.

Noblesville Creates to welcome local author Amy Thornton Shankland during First Friday

The REPORTER

Do you want to understand what it’s like to be in someone else’s shoes? Then visit Noblesville Creates during Noblesville Main Street’s First Friday on March 1.

Amy Thornton Shankland will be discussing, selling, and signing copies of her non-fiction book *Interviews by a Clueless White Woman* from Warren Publishing.

Interviews by a Clueless White Woman shares

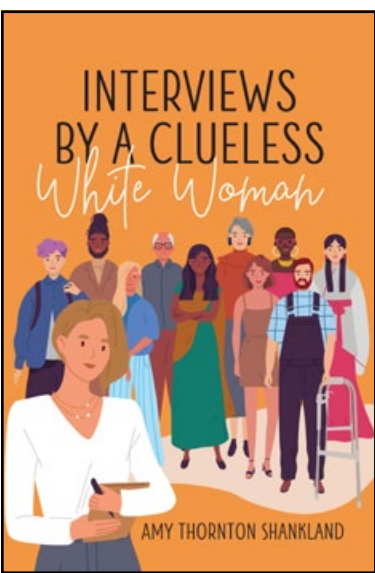
the real stories of people of color, individuals from different religions, members of the LGBTQ+ community, and people with disabilities.

“We didn’t just face the devastation of COVID-19 starting in 2020,” Shankland said. “We also faced widening gaps between marginalized groups, at a time when it was critical for us to band together with compassion.”

“I know that I’m not the

only one who was – and still is – clueless about so many of these issues,” she continued. “I wanted to conduct these interviews and share them with the world to decrease division and increase understanding.”

You can visit Shankland and enjoy other activities at Noblesville Creates from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday. [Click here](#) for more information about Noblesville Creates and First Friday.



Graphic provided

About the author

Amy Thornton Shankland has been writing stories and books ever since she was eight years old. In addition to being an author, she is a columnist for the Hamilton County Reporter and a fundraising consultant. Amy is a former freelance writer for *Indy’s Child* and editor of her church’s bulletin. She

also taught the Dale Carnegie Course from 1998 to 2008. She has given local, regional, and national workshops on various writing topics thanks to her more than 22 years as a grant professional.

For more information on Amy Thornton Shankland, visit authoramythornton.wordpress.com or on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/authoramythornton) at [authoramythornton](https://www.facebook.com/authoramythornton).

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Hamilton County Leadership Academy names Megan Wiles as Dean of Class of 2025

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Leadership Academy (HCLA) announced on Tuesday that Megan Wiles will serve as dean for the Class of 2025. HCLA will open applications for its 34th cohort of community leaders on Friday, March 1.

“I am honored to be asked to serve as dean for the Hamilton County Leadership Academy’s upcoming class,” said Wiles, vice president of the Foundation and Community Affairs for Riverview Health and member of the Noblesville Common Council. “HCLA does such a great job of exposing its class members to aspects of our community they might never have seen. It also provides opportunities for those individuals to become engaged and continue to make Hamilton County such a great place to live. I look forward to working with the upcoming class to help them feel more connected to our community.”

HCLA has been educating leaders and cultivat-

ing community networks for over 30 years. Since its inception in 1991, more than 850 community leaders have graduated from HCLA. The organization is anchored by its mission to inspire and empower HCLA participants and alumni to drive and amplify community impact by providing them with unique access to knowledge, leaders, and organizations.

The dean plays an integral role in creating the class culture and connectivity and provides meaningful insight and expertise throughout the HCLA class experience. They also serve as an ambassador for the program in the community and collaborate with the HCLA executive director and board to cultivate and maintain an engaging, dynamic, and thought-provoking learning environment.

“HCLA is thrilled to have Megan serve as our dean for the Class of 2025,” HCLA Executive Director Diana Coyle said. “Megan embodies our values of

community, learning, and strategic flexibility, and we are confident in her ability to bring those values to life in our class days. She has a firm pulse on the business, government, and non-profit intersections because of her professional and community leadership, and will be able to utilize that knowledge to increase the competency and connections for our cohort. We can’t wait to see Megan leave her mark on HCLA’s legacy.”

With over 25 years of experience in the non-profit sector, in both paid and volunteer positions, Wiles is passionate about working with others in making a difference in Hamilton County. In 2023, she joined Conner Prairie’s Board of Directors where she serves on the Development and Finance Committees. She has been a member of the Conner Prairie Alliance for over 15 years.



Wiles



In January 2024, Wiles began her third term as a member of the Noblesville Common Council where she serves as vice president of the Council and chairs the Economic Development Committee. She previously served as president of the Council and is a member of the Finance Committee and created the Downtown District Committee. Wiles was appointed by Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen to serve as co-chair of the Noblesville Bicentennial Committee in 2023.

Wiles is a member of St. Michael’s Episcopal Church and serves on the vestry and planning committee for its annual Strawberry Festival. She is a graduate of the Richard G. Lugar Excellence in Public Service

Series and Hamilton County Leadership Academy, Class of 2000.

Applications for the HCLA Class of 2025 will close April 8, 2024. The cohort will be announced in June.

HCLA will also host meetups for those interested in joining the 2025 cohort and looking to learn more about HCLA and the application process. Meet-ups include:

- Thursday, March 7 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at The Collaboration Hub, 11810 Technology Drive, Fishers
- Monday, March 11 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Northbrook Brewing Company, 119 W. Main St., Arcadia
- Wednesday, March 20 from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at Hamilton County Tourism, 37 E. Main St., Carmel

To learn more about HCLA, its community impact, and to apply for the Class of 2025, visit hcla.net.

About HCLA

Hamilton County Leadership Academy (HCLA) unites, inspires, and empowers confident leaders from varied industries to support Hamilton County. The 10-month program provides those who work or live in Hamilton County with unique access to knowledge, community leaders, and local organizations. HCLA graduates gain a deeper knowledge and understanding of the county; create meaningful, life-long connections with their peers, HCLA alumni, and community leaders; and are inspired and empowered to drive and amplify community impact. Learn more at hcla.net.

Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre to present *Fables and Folklore* in April

The REPORTER

Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre (GHDT) will present *Fables and Folklore* at 7 p.m. on April 5 and 6 at The Tarkington at The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.

Fables and Folklore will feature the world premiere of *Golem*. Inspired by Jewish folklore, *The Golem of Prague*, this original work by Executive Artistic Director Gregory Glade Hancock tells the story of a mud creature crafted by a rabbi to defend the Jewish ghetto of Prague from persecution.

GHDT brings elements of this story into the current world, where once again, golem-like protection is needed from sometimes invisible enemies. A timely tale, *Golem* uses a solar eclipse as a metaphor where light is overshadowed by darkness, but then reappears as a sign of hope and survival. Featuring both melancholy and joyful klezmer music, *Golem* uses layers of musical and theatrical nuance to tell a tale from the past yet direct a voice to the present.

Tickets are \$55 for adults and \$26 for students. A group adult ticket rate is available. To purchase, go to

TheCenterPresents.org or call the Box Office at (317) 843-3800.

Golem is presented in partnership with the Jewish Community Center of Indianapolis.

Also on the program in the long-awaited return of GHDT’s production of *Pinocchio*, a theatrical masterpiece created by Executive Artistic Director Gregory Glade Hancock and inspired by the classic Italian tale. Featuring a cast of colorful characters in a steampunk setting performing theatrical choreography, this version weaves a cautionary tale of love and sacrifice into the visual storytelling. Joined by characters Geppetto, the Cricket, and the Blue Fairy, Pinocchio, a puppet who magically becomes a real boy, sets out on his own to discover the world and experiences consequential adventure.

GHDT Season Title Sponsorship by Orthoindy Foundation and Drs. Mihir and Chandrika Patel, MD.

Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre is the resident professional dance company at The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. Learn more at GregoryHancockDanceTheatre.org.

Carmel kicks off Disability Awareness Month with Community Sensory Day

The REPORTER

The City of Carmel will observe National Disability Awareness Month in March and will be part of several special events. To kick off the month, the city will hold a Community Sensory Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 2 at Midtown Plaza.

- Free snack items courtesy of [BraunAbility](https://BraunAbility.com)
- Giveaways and sensory activities
- Carmel Advisory Committee on Disability video screening at 10:45 a.m.
- Movie screening at 11 a.m. with closed captions
- Virtual Art Exhibition launches on the Midtown Screen at 1 p.m.

The virtual art exhibi-

tion organized by the Carmel Advisory Committee on Disability (CACD) in partnership with the Carmel Arts Council features local artists of all ages and disabilities. The art is featured on the [Carmel Arts Council website](https://CarmelArtsCouncil.org) and will continue to be shared on the Midtown Screen throughout the month of March.

In addition, [OneZone](https://OneZone.org) will hold a special luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13 at FORUM Events Center, 11313 USA Pkwy., Fishers. The luncheon will have a panel of different business owners who have prioritized hiring individuals with disabilities and giving tips to other businesses in at-

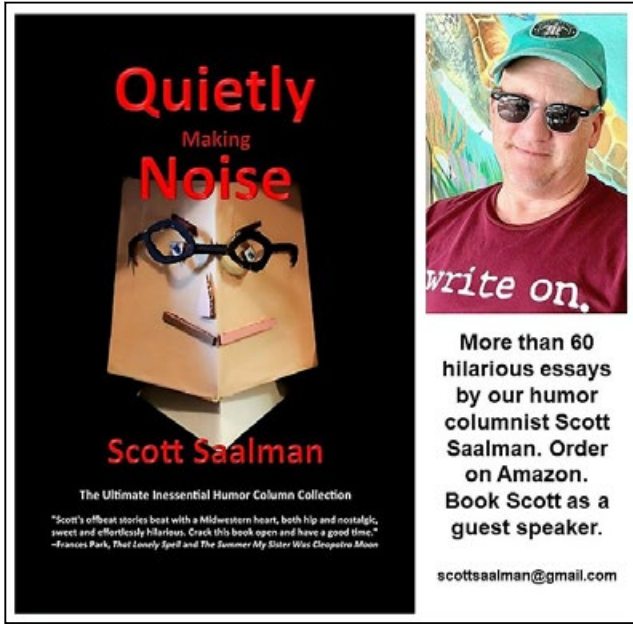
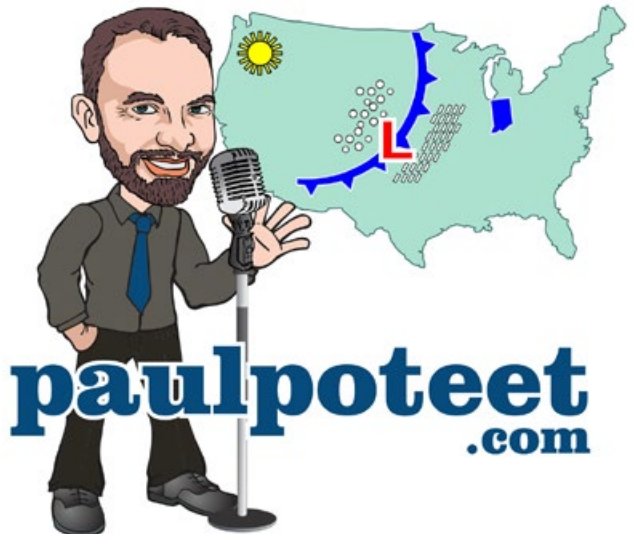
tendance on how they can implement similar practices. At the end, individuals with disabilities will be at tables in the lobby for a reverse job fair, so that employers can talk to people who are actively seeking employment. Follow and join OneZone to participate in upcoming events and discussions.

These initiatives were made possible with the help of members of the [Carmel Advisory Committee on Disability](https://CarmelAdvisoryCommitteeonDisability.org) and others who live and work in Carmel.

About CACD

The CACD was established in December 2019 for the purpose of fostering

a culture of inclusivity within the city. This Committee represents the diverse needs and interests of disabled people, provides comment on the city’s current services, policies, and practices, and provides informed input on the development and assessment of future city projects and services that impact people with disabilities. The Committee also works with local employers encouraging them to hire more people with disabilities and helping create positive social activities to enrich the lives of people with disabilities, their families, and caregivers.





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(Above left) The “Strikes Happen” team took home first place. (Above left) Prevail Executive Director Tami Wanninger & Mark Jones presented the Charlie Jones Hustle Award for most transactions made. Mark is the son of Charlie Jones. (Below left) The “Three Hour Tour” team won Best Use of Theme. (Below right) Countless volunteers worked together to make the Bowl-A-Thon a success, including these lovely ladies from Prevail, Inc.



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Justus Companies to relocate headquarters to Noblesville, city approves economic revitalization area

The REPORTER

On Tuesday, the Noblesville Common Council approved an economic development agreement and designated an economic revitalization area for The Justus Companies to relocate its headquarters to Noblesville after 114 years in Indianapolis.

The \$7.33 million investment is part of the Planned Urban Development (PUD) Promenade of Noblesville, located on the northeast corner of Little Chicago Road and State Road 32. The Promenade of Noblesville PUD is a dynamic and inclusive community developed by The Justus Companies, comprising residential spaces, businesses, and recreational facilities.

“The significant investment The Justus Companies is making in Noblesville will increase the overall quality of life of our residents through job creation, housing, and creating a business and pedestrian friendly environment,” Mayor Chris Jensen said. “We are grateful to Walt Justus and his team at The Justus Companies, for putting their trust and investment in the City of Noblesville as the future home of their headquarters. They parallel our commitment in making long-term investments in our residents and placing importance on being a community where everyone can work, live, and play. The Justus Companies have a proven track record of success in contributing to economic development and we are excited to welcome them to Noblesville.”

The Justus Companies

has already made substantial investments in the Promenade of Noblesville PUD, including developing Promenade Apartments and the forthcoming Promenade Trails, an active-adult lifestyle community set to open this year. Additionally, the company has played a pivotal role in community enhancements, overseeing the construction of new roundabouts, signage, and streetlights within the PUD.

The company has also successfully negotiated the placement of key establishments in the Promenade of Noblesville, such as the Learning-Day Care Center, Pep Boys Automotive, and the Meijer grocery store, which is scheduled to open this summer.

“The Promenade Planned Urban Development has rapidly transformed into a bustling hub of activity and opportunity,” The Justus Companies CEO Walter Justus. “We are dedicated to creating a harmonious living and working environment for everyone, and we are confident that the new additions and developments will further enrich the lives of our residents and visitors.”

The Justus Companies HQ relocation by the numbers:

- \$7.33 million investment
- 23 jobs retained, five new jobs
- \$72,000 average wage
- 20,000 square foot headquarters will house executives, IT professionals, accountants, regional operations, marketing and communications, HR, construction, and administrative support.

Lt. Gov. Crouch renews call for answers from FSSA

The REPORTER

The following is a statement from Indiana Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch continuing her call for answers from the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA).

“As chair of the Intellectual and Developmental Disability Task Force, I am once again calling for answers from FSSA regarding the Attendant Care Program,” Crouch said. “Just last week, I sent a second letter to FSSA Secretary Dr. Daniel Rusyniak requesting additional information and a meeting with parents so he can hear directly from those who will be negatively affected by the loss of

this program. These families deserve answers.”

[Click here](#) to read the letter Lt. Gov. Crouch sent to Dr. Rusyniak on Feb. 20.

In addition to serving as chair of the IDD Task Force, Lt. Gov. Crouch is President of the Indiana Senate, Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development and oversees four state agencies: the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCD), the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) and the Indiana Destination Development Corporation (IDDC).

RevolutionEYES welcomes McLean to Carmel practice

Submitted

RevolutionEYES announces the addition of Dr. Angeline McLean to the practice in Carmel.

“We are absolutely thrilled to have Angeline join our practice,” RevolutionEYES Founder Dr. Jeremy Ciano said. “As a successful and reputable practitioner in the Carmel area for over 15 years, the experience and expertise that she brings to the team is unparalleled.”

“I’m super excited to be joining the incredibly talented and skilled doctors and staff at RevolutionEYES,” Dr. McLean said. “The beautiful office, unique frame styles, awesome team, and state of the art medical technology pro-

vided, attracted me to join Dr. Ciano’s busy and successful practice. I feel this move will now allow me to provide patients with an even higher level of care as well as showcasing the latest fashion and design in frame styles.”

According to Dr. Ciano, Dr. McLean will fit in perfectly with RevolutionEYES’ efficient staff, world-class selection of European fashion-forward frames, and the practice’s state-of-the-art technology.

RevolutionEYES has two locations in Fishers and Carmel. Book an appointment at [revolution-eyes.com](#), or by calling the Fishers office at (317) 790-2015 or the Carmel office at (317) 844-2020.



McLean



Rendering provided

Looking northwest, this rendering shows how the new intersection will look once completed.

Allisonville Road at 146th Street scheduled to close for 90 days

Work on new roundabout set to begin Friday, March 1

The REPORTER

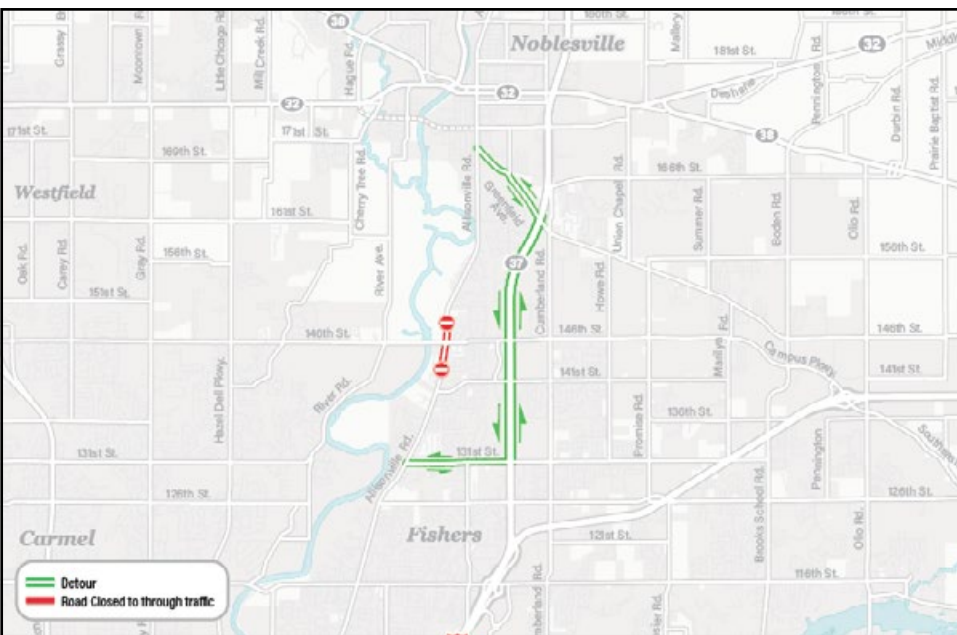
The Hamilton County Highway Department and Superior Construction Company will close Allisonville Road between 146th Street and Kensington Drive, as well as between 146th Street and Helmsley Court, so crews can begin reconstructing Allisonville Road into a roundabout under 146th Street. The 90-day closure is scheduled to start on or after Friday, March 1.

It’s all part of a larger plan to convert the current intersection into a grade-separated interchange, with 146th Street going over Allisonville Road.

Bridge Program Engineer Matt Lee emphasized the significance of this closure.

“We know this project will create some inconvenience during construction, but we’re certain the result will be worth the restrictions and closures,” Lee said. “The plan is to have the Allisonville Road reopened in time for Conner Prairie’s Symphony on the Prairie season in June.”

During the closure, crews will start reconstructing Allisonville Road north and south of the intersection,



Graphic provided by Hamilton County Highway Department

installing storm sewer systems, grading, placing new pavement, and preparing ramps that will carry traffic off the new roundabout to 146th Street. East-west traffic on 146th Street will remain open.

“Motorists will not be able to cross 146th Street,” Highway Director Brad Davis added. “Local residents, however, will still have access to their homes if they’re located within the closure area. They will just need to enter and exit their neighborhoods off Allisonville Road.”

Pedestrian access over the White River bridge will also be unavailable during this time as crews work to finish the bridge widening and install new railings. Motorists are encouraged to utilize the posted detour routes and drive the posted speed limits to ensure the safety of highway crews.

The Highway Department says the overall project is on schedule. It is scheduled to conclude in Summer 2025. For further information and updates on construction progress and lane restrictions, please visit [streamline146.com](#).



Lee



Davis

Fishers City Council President Cecilia Coble endorses Suzanne Crouch for governor

Submitted

Fishers City Council President Cecilia Coble has extended her enthusiastic endorsement of Suzanne Crouch’s candidacy for Governor.

“Suzanne is a dedicated champion of our most vulnerable Hoosiers,” Coble said. “I know she will continue to be so as governor, and that’s why he has my unreserved endorsement.”

Coble serves as Fishers City Councilwoman At-Large and has been actively involved in various commissions and committees that impact the city. She notably co-chairs the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability, contributing to the city’s recognition with the 2017 Champions of Inclusion Award by the Indiana Governor’s Council for People with Disabilities. Additionally, Coble’s

involvement extends to the Fishers Arts & Culture Council and various committees within the Fishers City Council.

Crouch remains the only gubernatorial candidate endorsed by more than 100 past and present elected officials in Indiana. A full list of those endorsements can



Coble



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be found [here](#). Learn more about the candidate at [CrouchForIndiana.com](#).

Who’s on my ballot for the May 7, 2024 Primary Election?

Note that * indicates the candidate is the incumbent for that office. To view precinct and district maps, please visit [hamiltoncounty.in.gov/221/Precinct-and-District-Maps](#). NOTE: Candidates for precinct committee and state delegates will appear in upcoming editions of The Reporter.

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WISH-TV exclusive: JPMorgan Chase CEO thinks tax code changes would help fix income inequality

By GREGG MONTGOMERY
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Editor's note: The Reporter's newsgathering partners at WISH-TV were given this exclusive interview with Jamie Dimon, the chairman and CEO of JPMorgan Chase.

In a News 8 exclusive, one of the most influential people in the world talks to WISH-TV.

Jamie Dimon is the chair and chief executive officer of the world's largest bank: JPMorgan Chase. On Tuesday, he visited Indianapolis, and *Daybreak* anchor Scott Sander was the only local broadcaster Dimon agreed to sit down with.

Dimon said he believes changes to the tax code could help fix income inequality in America.

"I think it would help the American dream. I think it would help this fraying economy. I think it would reduce polarization," Dimon said.

A lot of Americans don't feel the economy has been fair to them. Some people think they could never come to a bank and ask for a home loan because they have given up even thinking about it. Does reality reflect the feeling?

"You have to be careful about overstatements," Dimon said. "I think 100 million own homes; 40 million don't have mortgages.



WISH-TV's Scott Sander (left) was the sole Indianapolis news anchor with whom JPMorgan Chase CEO Jamie Dimon agreed to speak.

We're making mortgages every day to new people.

"I think it goes to, again, there's a group of people who don't feel comfortable going to a bank. The next thing I'm doing after this, I'm going to a town hall, but after that I'm going to a community branch, which we put in low-income neighborhoods. They're built or reconstructed by minority groups. We hire locally. The art is local. The food is local. The maintain is local.

"At a community branch, the community manager gets to know all the local religious institutions, not-for-profits, small business, and we have what we

call financial education and financial health.

"Come in, and we'll teach you how you get a mortgage, how you get a home, how you improve your credit score, and this works."

Dimon added that the government can do more to help with loans.

"So, it's one thing for us to do it, but the government has made mortgages so much more expensive than they need to be with, I think, overburdened rules and regulations on origination.

"Any one of your folks out there who got a mortgage recently, you sign your 40 documents. It raises the cost of a mortgage. We don't

have a securitization market. The problem with that is it raises the cost of a small mortgage by maybe 100 basis points.

"Therefore, if you're going to take a \$150,000 mortgage, that 100 basis points might be the difference in whether you can afford it or not, and that's terrible."

He added that most people have found the best way to build wealth started with buying a home.

"And those small mortgages would help minorities and low-income people more than anybody else," Dimon said.

This story was created from a script aired on WISH-TV.

Fishers student makes president's honor roll at University of Wyoming

The REPORTER

The University of Wyoming has announced its 2023 fall semester President's Honor Roll.

Alexandra N. Stein of Fishers made the list.

The President's Honor

Roll consists of regularly enrolled undergraduates who earned a 4.0 ("A") grade-point average for the semester. To be eligible, students must have been enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours taken for letter grades.

Sen. Braun holds hearing on competitive employment for people with disabilities

The REPORTER

On Thursday, U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging Ranking Member Mike Braun (R-Ind.) and Chairman Bob Casey (D-Pa.) held a hearing, "All Means All: Empowering People with Disabilities to Thrive in Careers and the Workplace."

During the hearing, the Senators focuses on effective strategies for hiring, retaining, and promoting entrepreneurship among people with disabilities in competitive employment. They also addressed solutions that support people with complex disabilities in the workforce.

Witnesses for the hear-

ing included:

- Jeffrey E. Mittman, President and CEO, Bosma Enterprises, and President, National Association for the Employment of the People Who are Blind, Indianapolis

- Erin Willman, Founder and CEO, White Cane Coffee Company, Warren, Pa.

- Frank Hellmer, Data Analyst and Self-Advocate, Little Rock, Ark.

- Lauren Avellone, Ph.D, Associate Professor, Rehabilitation Research and Training Center, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Va.

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Joe Burgess

May 20, 1971 – February 22, 2024

Joe Burgess, 52, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, February 22, 2024, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born on May 20, 1971, to James and Mary (Halcomb) Burgess in Beech Grove, Ind.

Joe was a charismatic, creative, fun-loving prankster. His quick wit, sly jokes, and cabbage patch dance moves made him uniquely and individually who he was. In Joe's younger years he was a DJ, creating ad libs like no other and mixing together songs with great times second to no one, and he never stopped making music. Taking his family on spontaneous trips to the beach and to Disney World seemed to be some of his top priorities! Joe was a big family man and had a great heart.

Joe was a referee and umpire of many different programs and age groups. He was a giant sports guy, and it was evident how much he loved his job and how proud he was to help his community. Joe was the Umpire in Chief and ran tournaments at Noblesville Babe Ruth as well as serving as a member of their board. Joe brought love, friendship, laughter, and support to most everyone he met.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda Burgess; parents, James & Mary Burgess; children, Ciera Burgess, Aaron Burgess, Alyssa Burgess, and Cameron Peed; granddaughters, Lilliana Rutledge and Haven Peed; sister, Kimberly (Brian) Lamping; brother, Steve (Heather) Burgess; as well as several nieces, nephews, great-nieces & great-nephews, cousins, and other family members.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with services at 1 p.m., on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at White River Christian Church, 1685 N. 10th St., Noblesville. Burial will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to Noblesville Babe Ruth, P.O. Box 545, Noblesville, IN 46061.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

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Billy Mike Thomas

February 23, 1957 – February 22, 2024

Billy Mike Thomas, 66, Hobbs, Ind., passed away on Thursday, February 22, 2024, at The Waters of Tipton.

He was born in Noblesville on February 23, 1957, to the late Mark and Lora (Simmermon) Thomas.

Billy was a long-time resident of the Arcadia area and attended Hamilton Heights High School. He enjoyed the fact that he was a part of the undefeated football team in '72-'73 and loved to brag about it. Billy worked as a heavy equipment operator for the Hamilton County Highway Department, Asphalt Co., Calumet Asphalt Co., and then Beck's Hybrids for 13 years. In his free time, Billy enjoyed watching and attending NASCAR and Sprint Car races, as well as fishing.

Billy is survived by his sister, Lou Ann Coner of Bulleard City, Ariz.; niece, Amy (Brian) Mayfield of Warroad, Minn.; niece, Brooke (Matt) Treadwell of Maryland; and nephew, Pete (Christina) Thomas of Noblesville.

Billy was preceded in death by his parents, Mark & Lora Thomas, and brother, Tim Thomas.

The family has entrusted Hartley Funeral Homes with Billy's cremation, and a private burial will take place at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

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

Meeting Notices

The Carmel Fire Pension Board will meet in an executive session at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 4, 2023, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7) For the discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute.

An open meeting will follow at 1:15 p.m. or immediately after the executive session in the Conference Room at the Carmel Legal Department, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, March 1, 2024, at the Hamilton County Highway Department, 1700 S. 10th St., Noblesville. This meeting is for discussion of highway projects and any other county business as needed.

The Hamilton County Council will meet for a work session at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, in Conference Room 1A at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

A regular meeting will follow at 7 p.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom.

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The sons of Eliphaz the firstborn of Esau:

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The sons of Esau's son Reuel:

Chiefs Nahath, Zerah, Shammah and Mizzah. These were the chiefs descended from Reuel in Edom; they were grandsons of Esau's wife Basemath.

The sons of Esau's wife Oholibamah:

Chiefs Jeush, Jalam and Korah. These were the chiefs descended from Esau's wife Oholibamah daughter of Anah.

These were the sons of Esau (that is, Edom), and these were their chiefs.

Genesis 36:15-19 (NIV)



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Coach Votaw going full speed ahead

Fishers girls basketball coach endures years-long recovery with ulcerative colitis

By **RICHIE HALL**
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The contrast is striking between the two photos.

One shows a gaunt young woman with her hair tied back. Her face is covered by a mask. She looks much older than a basketball coach in her mid-30s.

In the other photo is that same young woman. She is at a healthy weight and her face has no mask, only a big bright smile as her team is seconds away from winning a sectional championship.

That woman is Lauren Votaw. The first picture is from 2021, when she was battling a case of ulcerative colitis, for which she would soon have surgery to remove her colon and get an ileostomy. After a lengthy recovery, Votaw is going full speed ahead with her life – raising a family, coaching basketball and spreading awareness of ulcerative colitis and ileostomy, the latter of which she believes has enhanced and saved her life.

“It was just a long ordeal,” said Votaw. “But now looking back on it, I’m like, ‘Why did we wait so long to have it done?’ Because my life is just so much better.”

Votaw said she began noticing the symptoms “around 2011, 2012.” They continued to get progressively worse over the next nine years.

“When I started having symptoms, I was diagnosed approximately, probably five months later, with ulcerative colitis,” said Votaw. There’s no cure for ulcer-



What a difference two years made for Fishers girls basketball coach Lauren Votaw. (Above left) In 2021, Votaw continued to suffer from ulcerative colitis, and was weeks away from having her colon removed. (Above right) Two years later, Votaw is shown here recovered with a life that she said is “so much better.”

ative colitis, but medications can put the disease into remission.

“I would go stretches where medicines would work, but then the further we got, the harder that became to keep it under control,” said Votaw.

“For nearly 10 years we had watched the highs and lows that this disease created for Lauren,” said Ann Vail, Votaw’s mother. We witnessed periods of intense flares that really knocked her down, times when new therapies improved her condition and helped her feel much better, and other times when the drug therapies caused new, uncomfortable side effects.

After years of dealing with the symptoms and side effects, Votaw met with her gastrointestinal doctor in November 2020 about having her colon removed. At that point, Votaw had been on a 60-milligram dosage of the corticosteroid prednisone “for way too long,” she said, also pointing out that a regular dose of prednisone is 20 milligrams.

The [Mayo Clinic’s website](#) says that corticosteroids “are generally reserved for moderate to severe ulcerative colitis that doesn’t respond to other treatments.” They also suppress the immune system, something that concerned Votaw’s husband Jeremy.

“While we were going through it during the season, I felt that my experience was constantly scared for her,” said Jeremy Votaw. “Mostly because she was so sick from colitis and her

immune system was such a mess from the prednisone that she was at a high risk for COVID. There were nights when if we didn’t have a game we would come home, we’d eat dinner, she would fall asleep during *Wheel of Fortune*, which is on at 7 o’clock.”

Lauren Votaw agreed to the surgery but said not until after the basketball season was finished. She continued through the 2020-21 season, getting through it with the help of her family and her “awesome” staff. She also got support from her players as well.

“A lot of those players, that was a group that I was very close with because we had that great year in 2020 and then we went through COVID together,” said Votaw. “It was a group that I had a really good bond with and they were well aware of what was going on.”

“After years of various procedures and drug therapies, we supported Lauren when she decided that surgery was now the wisest option, but as parents it is concerning to think about your child having major and life-changing surgery,” said Vail. “We all relied on our strong faith and believed this was all part of God’s plan for Lauren’s life.”

A few weeks after the season ended, Votaw had surgery to remove her colon. She said the plan was to spend four or five days in the hospital, then take about six weeks off work. But she had several complications during her recovery and wound up staying in the hospital for 70 days.

Jeremy Votaw and Vail visited Lauren during her lengthy stay, during a time when COVID restrictions were still in place.

“It was just so long and it was just a matter of, you just show up every day, you know that you’re going to be there all day,” said Jeremy Votaw. “You try to understand what the doctor’s telling you, try and make sure that you ask them all the questions that you need

to ask and that you understand what’s going on.”

But throughout it all, Lauren Votaw had support. In addition to her family and friends, Votaw also got tremendous care from the IU North Hospital’s fifth floor staff. [In a Facebook picture](#), Votaw said she “got to know and love” the staff during her stay.

“Throughout the journey, Lauren received amazing medical care and compassion from various doctors, nurses and specialists - some of whom have become lifelong friends,” said Vail. “We are so grateful to the medical community that cared for Lauren throughout this journey.”

“I think we knew that eventually she was going to be okay,” said Jeremy Votaw.

As it turned out, Lauren Votaw would be better than okay. And the best was yet to come a couple of years later.

TOMORROW: Votaw talks about life with ileostomy, raising awareness and the new addition to her family.


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Six county girls basketball players will take part in Top 60 senior workout

The REPORTER

Six Hamilton County senior girls basketball players are among those selected for the annual *Hoosier Basketball Magazine* Top 60 senior workout.

The workout takes place Sunday at Beech Grove High School. There will be two sessions, with the first taking place from 1 to 3 p.m. and featuring players primarily from northern and southern Indiana. The second session runs from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. and features the remaining players, primarily from central Indiana.

Both sessions are open to the public for an \$8 admission fee.

Hamilton County players that have been selected are: Talia Harris, Fishers; Ellie Kelleher, Westfield; Camryn Runner, Hamilton Heights; Ava Shoemaker, Noblesville; Joirdyn Smith, Fishers; and Reagan Wilson, Noblesville.

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Battles of Noblesville vs. Westfield & Fishers vs. HSE set for Friday evening

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The IHSAA boys basketball sectional semifinals take place Friday, and the most competitive sectional in the state is arguably Class 4A Sectional 8 at Noblesville.

Friday's slate of games at The Mill is incredible. The night opens at 6 p.m. with the No. 2-ranked host Millers taking on No. 3 Westfield. After that, No. 1 Fishers plays Hamilton Southeastern in yet another Mudsock rivalry match-up.

If you got tickets for that evening's games: good for you! The [Fishers athletic department posted on X](#) (formerly Twitter) Wednesday evening that the games are sold out, so no tickets will be sold at the door. You can watch the games on Hamilton County TV; its website is [hctv1.com](#).

Noblesville hosted the Shamrocks on Jan. 17 in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game. Westfield won 58-54. That contest was back and forth for the first half; the Millers led 28-22 early in the third quarter before the 'Rocks used a 15-6 run to take control of the game in the fourth.

Noblesville coach Scott McClelland said after that game that Westfield "won the toughness battles." He reiterated that word after the Millers won their sectional opener Tuesday over Zionsville 67-49.

"When you just talk about sheer toughness, if Westfield is not it, they're certainly in the top three of who we've played," said

McClelland. "That was my message: the tougher team will win Friday night."

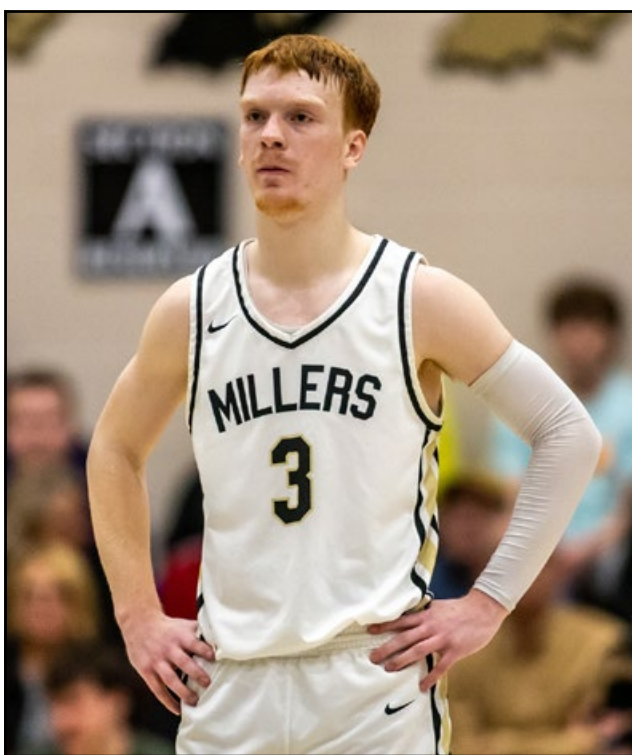
Noblesville is tough too, with a 21-2 record. Senior Aaron Fine leads the Millers scoring with 18.1 points per game and hands out 3.6 assists per contest. Another senior, Hunter Walston also scores in double digits with 12.4 points and is the top rebounder at 5.6 per game and leads in steals with 2.4. Sophomore Justin Curry adds 9.6 points per contest.

The Shamrocks are 19-2 and finished the regular season last Thursday with a 72-46 home victory over Pike. Westfield's two leading scorers are seniors Nic Book and Trey Buchanan. Book has a 14.0-point per game average and is by far first in rebounds with 7.7. Buchanan scores at a 13.9 clip and leads in assists with 2.7 per game. Junior Durante Morton also has solid rebounding numbers, with 4.0 per game.

Also a sellout

Hamilton Southeastern hosted Fishers in the regular-season Mudsock game, which was also a sellout. The Royals kept pace with Fishers during the first three quarters before an 8-0 run put the Tigers ahead 57-47. Fishers eventually got the win 64-57.

The Tigers are 23-1 and beat Carmel 54-41 Tuesday in their sectional first-round game. The Greyhounds handed Fishers its only loss of the season, so the Tigers were laser focused on that game before thinking any-



Photos by Joshua Herd

Noblesville's Aaron Fine (above, 18.1 points per game) and Fishers' Keenan Garner (right, 16.6 points per game) are the leading scorers for their respective teams. The Millers play Westfield in Friday's Sectional 8 semifinals at The Mill, with the Tigers taking on Hamilton Southeastern.

thing about the semifinals, as Fishers coach Garrett Winegar admitted afterwards. Now, both the Tigers and Southeastern are focused on Friday.

Senior Keenan Garner has been a true leader for Fishers, with 16.6 points, 7.9 rebounds and 1.5 blocked shots per game. Garner also averages 3.8 assists, including six during the Tigers' Tuesday win.

Junior JonAnthony Hall adds 11.2 points, 4.1 rebounds and 3.1 assists. Freshman Cooper Zachary is the leader in assists with

4.0 per game and steals with 2.0 per contest.

The Royals are 15-9 and received votes in the final IBCA one-class poll this week. Southeastern had a tough slate of games to finish the regular season, dropping their finale to North Central 66-47 last Thursday.

Three players score in double figures for the Royals. Senior Donovan Hamilton leads with 14.4 points and also has the most rebounds (6.3) and assists 2.5. Senior Nathaniel Orr contributes 11.0 points and 4.9 rebounds, while junior Braeden Totten is scoring 10.3 points per contest. Senior Michael Griffith leads the rebounds with 5.3. Hamilton and Orr each get 1.6 steals per game.



SPORTS SCHEDULE

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 vs. Delta, 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.

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6:00 pm **Chatard vs Guerin Catholic** (Indiana SRN)

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6:00 pm **Westfield vs Noblesville** (HCTV Sports)

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7:30 pm **Fishers vs Hamilton Southeastern** (HCTV Sports)

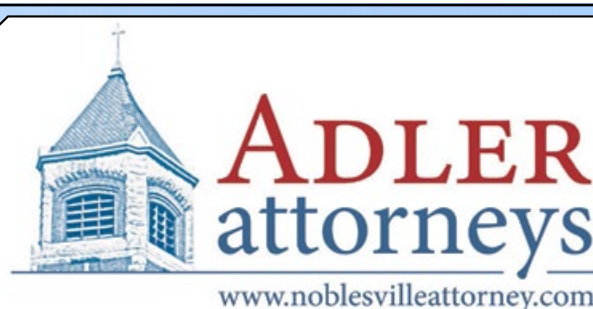
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