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TODAY'S WEATHER



Today: Mostly sunny.
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Lemonade for food security



Shout out to Hinkle Creek Elementary fifth grader Sam Abbott, who raised \$24,030 at his annual lemonade stand to fight food insecurity. He presented the funds to Kristina Trusty, Hinkle Creek teacher and founder of Fueled for School, at the Oct. 29 school board meeting. Great work, Sam!

Noblesville Lions ask: is your child's eyesight okay?

Submitted by Jake Doll
Noblesville Lions Club

It is very hard for a child to tell you if he or she is having problems seeing well, as they have always seen this way and may think it is normal.

However, recent studies have shown that as many as 25 percent of all children have a vision problem significant enough to affect their performance in school. These issues can include nearsightedness, farsightedness, and lazy eye. Students in Indiana have their vision screened in third, fifth, and eighth grades.

The Noblesville Lions Club, which is committed to helping

with all vision issues, performs many of these screenings each year. But vision issues can start much earlier.

In an effort to detect vision issues as early as possible, the Noblesville Lions will be holding a **FREE Eye Screening** at the Noblesville Branch of the Hamilton East Public Library, 1 Library Plaza, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23.

The Lions have a special camera that can be used on children as young as 18 months, with the results available on the spot. This screening is open to everyone. If you would like to bring a can of food to help with feeding others, that would be greatly appreciated.



Photo provided

Don't buy that – Christmas is coming!

While I was on vacation visiting relatives in Nebraska a couple of weeks ago, I read an article about a new book called *How to Winter: Harness Your Mindset to Thrive on Cold, Dark or Difficult Days*. I thought, "Wow! That's perfect for me."



COLUMNIST
AMY SHANKLAND
Perfectly Imperfect

Winter has never been my favorite season. Like many people, I do just fine up through New Year's Day. After that, I become quite grumpy due to the cold and reduced sunlight.

So, with winter right around the corner, I looked it up once I got home. Just as I was about to order it, I heard a voice in my head saying, "Don't buy that! Christmas is Coming." Whoops. I almost broke an important Amy Shankland Rule.

You see, when the calendar turns to November, I begin to make my Christmas list. And when someone in our household wants to buy something for themselves starting around that time, I always say, "Oh! Wait! Don't do that. Christmas is coming."

Normally my husband John is on the receiving end of this statement, much to his chagrin. During our Friday date nights, we'll often go shopping for household items after dinner. Sometimes something not household-related will catch his eye, such as an item for a video game, and the conversation this time of year will go something like this.

"Oh! This is on sale. I really like it. And it's perfect for me," John says.

"Wow, it IS perfect for you," I reply, filing it quickly away in my brain.

"I think I'll buy it," John says.

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Spotlight on Art returns to support youth

\$100,000 donated to three local youth organizations in two years

The REPORTER

Last November, Esther Lakes, Chairwoman and Founder of Spotlight on Art Benefiting Children, along with her team of community leaders, once again provided \$50,000 of support to Prevail, Inc., the Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville, and Children's TherAplay Foundation, Inc.



Lakes

Building on two years of success, the event committee is looking forward to hosting another spectacular Spotlight on Art from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14. This premier evening of art and philanthropy once again will be held at Hotel Carmichael in Carmel.



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Need a little Christmas right this very minute?



Reporter photo

The house is open through this weekend at Adrienes Flowers & Gifts, 1249 E. Conner St., Noblesville. Stop by to see your old friends Steve and Moffett Craig, to get some snacks and door prizes, or to buy whatever you need for the holidays. (Psst! They will deliver it any time you like through the end of the year.) Alternately, you could walk in the door just to feel like you were sci-fi teleported straight into mid-December. That's how The Reporter felt, at any rate. (ABOVE) Moffett, Steve, and their grandson Jonathan Baker took a moment in future mid-December to pose for The Reporter's camera.

SPOTLIGHT

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"A sincere thank you to all who helped make our second Spotlight on Art Benefiting Children a success: our sponsors, the award-winning artists, the teachers and students who donated children's art, and especially those who attended and purchased art," Lakes said. "Because of the community's generosity, the Spotlight on Art committee has been able to donate \$100,000 in two years to three youth-serving organizations that are making a positive impact in our community."

Guests are invited to attend and have the opportunity to support children who face life's challenges by shopping with local award-winning artists as well as artwork from local student artists. Each will be selling pieces that may enrich the lives of the purchaser while enriching the lives of the local children that need this support the most.

"When I was asked by Esther Lakes to serve as Honorary Chair, I again immediately said yes, because I know how she cares for the children of our community and her belief in the importance of each child," said

returning Honorary Event Chair, retired judge Steve Nation. "The purpose of this event is to better serve families and care for our children so that they can reach their potential. If we fail to help prepare pathways for our children to enable them to overcome the situations in their lives, then they may never be able to find out who they are or what they can be. This is what we are supporting through this event, Prevail, Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville, and Children's TherAplay."

Anyone and everyone is encouraged to attend this event.

"We invite everyone to attend this premier evening of art and philanthropy that supports children's charities, thanks to the talent of local and student artists," Lakes said. "With a bit of support from many, enriching the lives of these diverse groups of children, it's possible to make so many dreams come true!"

To purchase event tickets and learn about sponsorship opportunities, visit spotlightonart.home.qtego.us, or follow the event on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

From the desk of Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood

Update No. 138

November brings a season of gratitude and generosity, a time to appreciate those around us and support those in need. It's a month dedicated to thanks and giving, with countless opportunities to acknowledge the people who make a difference and to extend help to those who could use it. Let's come together as a community to nurture our children, support each other, and lend a hand to those facing challenges.

Speaking of opportunities, we are always looking for good people to join the district in a variety of roles including substitute teachers. It's truly our people who make Hamilton Heights such a special place to learn, teach, and work. Interested? Check out our current job postings [here](#). We would love to have you join our team!

As we strengthen our home-school partnership, there are many ways you can become actively en-



DR. DEREK ARROWOOD
Hamilton Heights Superintendent

gaged in the school community. Attending school activities is a great way to be involved, build relationships, and support your child, and there are many exciting events happening at Heights during the holiday season.

The events are posted on our district website, shared via social media, and through individual building communications to families.

A fall favorite for family fun that is right around the corner is the Hamilton Heights High School Drama Department's production of *The Groom Has Cold Feet* by Martin A. Follse. The play brings in audience participation to help solve this western whodunit murder mystery set in the 1800s.

There will be three performances on Nov. 15 (7 p.m.), 16 (7 p.m.), and 17 (2:30 p.m.). The play is under the direction of Hamilton Heights' Theatre teacher Brooks Myers in collaboration with her the-

atre arts class. Tickets are \$5 at the door (cash or card) beginning 30 minutes before each performance. All proceeds benefit the High School Drama Department.

Hamilton Heights High School is located at 25802 State Road 19, Arcadia.

National School Psychology Week (NSPW) kicks off on Monday.

I want to give a shout out to the invaluable work of our school psychologists Rachel Johnson (HHES) and Pat Jones (HHMS/HHHS). They play an important role in supporting the psychological well-being and academic success of students in educational settings, especially those who struggle with barriers to learning. They address the social, emotional, behavioral, and learning needs of students. They collaborate with families, teachers, and administrators and take a multidisciplinary approach to providing an array of services and support to improve student outcomes.

Thank you for being a champion for children at Heights!

Monday is Veterans

Day. This occasion gives us the opportunity to thank our veterans for always keeping the nation before themselves. I would like to recognize and express my gratitude to those men and women who answered the call to serve, and for the sacrifices they have made so that we can enjoy the freedoms and life we lead today.

Please join me in taking a moment, not just on Nov. 11, but any day there is an opportunity to thank and honor those who have served our country.

We will always remember the dedication and sacrifice of our veteran families. Thank you!

There is no place like Hamilton Heights! I am so grateful and thankful to be the superintendent of a diverse, robust, and welcoming school district with over 2,300 students, 300 committed and talented staff, their engaged and loving families, and a supportive community.

Thank you all for allowing me to work on your behalf and in service of your students.

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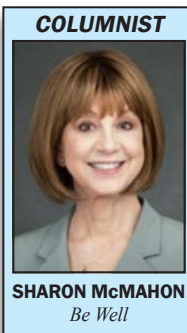
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Define your own style . . . it's far more important than chasing fashion trends

"Style is very personal. It has nothing to do with fashion. Fashion is over quickly. Style is forever... It's about something else that comes from within you." — Ralph Lauren

I am quoting my "go to" designer here as his message, I believe, rings true to a very important (and historical) topic that affects us all. After all, one thing we all have in common from birth to death — we wear clothing! (If you do not, that is a topic for which I am not prepared to write.)

It may seem, dear Readers, that I diverge from my health and fitness focus, but please hear me out. Let's face it, we want to remain healthy, fit, and well but we also want to *look as good as*



SHARON McMAHON
Be Well

we feel. As there is no shortage of shopping venues, shopping for clothing can seem overwhelming at times. Whether you mostly wear casual, career, uniform garments and everything in between, there are some points to consider when you find your style.

The word "fit" as we are using it here can describe both our physical selves as well as how our clothing looks and feels on our bodies. I find that proper fit is the No. 1 most important aspect of how we present ourselves to the world. Proper fit begins with our undergarments in order for us to look and feel our best. Actually, proper fitting undergarments can help you breathe correctly as well

as improving your posture which is important in balance and coordination.

When you find your individual style, which can vary greatly from person to person, your shopping becomes easier, less frequent, and more satisfying when you do not have a closet full of garments you do not wear. (Think of the free time you will have for working out!) It is fun to experiment with fashion during the teen and young adult years but you have probably honed your individual style as you have aged. If not, it is never too late to find your style. Look around your home, your clothing probably mirrors your décor as well. Personal style will lift your spirits and give you the incentive to continue to enjoy your apparel in a fit and healthy body.

Oftentimes the clothing style we adopt harkens back to our youth and those we studied and watched whose style attracted us to it. For me, the styles of the late '30s through early '50s — which included my stylish mother who was my first impression — may be true for most of us. As an adult I have mimicked the tailored pants, skirts, and jackets she wore which I consider classic.

My second-grade teacher, Mrs. Lloyd, was a fashion mentor as well. Mrs. Lloyd wore beautiful, tailored suits with "sensible shoes" and I was always eager for the morning bell to ring so that I could see the "outfit of the day!" As a movie buff of the 1940s movies, I was mesmerized by the stunning style of Barbara Stanwyck and Joan Crawford. You can never go wrong with neutral colors and a tailored fit!

And, truly, it is possible to find your style in many different shopping opportunities — this does not need to break the bank and there is availability to fit every budget. From online shopping, discount big box stores, to boutique and thrift shopping there are practical and cost-effective ways to style yourself and feel confident in this healthy body you have worked hard to achieve! As Gabrielle "Coco" Chanel reminded us, "fashion fades; only style remains the same."

Sharon McMahon, CNWC

The opinions expressed in this article are not intended to replace advice of your personal physician or licensed health professional. Please consult your physician for any issues you may have related to nutrition or fitness activity.

DON'T BUY

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"But Honey ... wait ... Christmas is coming," I comment. "That would make a great gift for you."

At this point I'll get The Look from my husband.

"Yes, but Dear, it's on sale NOW. And it would really help me with (insert video game-specific terminology here)." John replies.

"I can see that. But the sale doesn't end for a couple of weeks. It might even be a better price on Black Friday or Cyber Monday," I say with my usual enthusiasm. "Just think how excited you'll be to open that up for Christmas!"

And now The Look is replaced with an eye roll and a plaintive sigh. John then shakes his head and mournfully puts the magnificent video game accessory back on the shelf.

I do follow up on my word. Thank goodness for

cell phones — at the first opportunity, I'll run back and take a photo of said accessory or quickly type the description into my notes. I don't trust my brain to remember these items, especially since video games nowadays leave me mystified (I miss the days of Pac-Man and Frogger!)

While John and others may not be thrilled with my November/December mantra, they look of joy on their faces on Christmas morning says that maybe I'm not so bad after all. Now I must hold myself back from purchases ... How to Winter will just have to wait.

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Holiday season starts Dec. 7 in downtown Westfield

Submitted by City of Westfield

Westfield in Lights, presented by the Downtown Westfield Association, returns to Grand Junction Plaza, 225 S. Union St., from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7. The event features outdoor activities, carnival games with winter themes, food vendors, retail merchants, and live entertainment.

“Westfield in Lights is one of our premier community events,” Mayor Scott Willis said. “I may be biased as I love the holidays, but seeing so many families make this an annual tradition is incredible.”

A complete list of events is below.

Westfield in Lights

Many activities will take place at Grand Junction Plaza, including free winter-themed games, food vendors, retail merchants, live llamas, and visits from Frosty the Snowman and Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer.

The event culminates with the traditional Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration beginning at 5:50 p.m. on the main stage. Mayor Willis and special guests

will officially light the tree at 6 p.m., which signifies the kickoff to the holiday season in Westfield.

Something Splendid

Mrs. Claus will be at Something Splendid, 217 Mill St., during Westfield in Lights. Stop by for a picture and cookies while supplies last. No reservations are required.

Ice Ribbon at Grand Junction Plaza

The Ice Ribbon at Grand Junction Plaza will have two skate sessions during Westfield in Lights. Sessions are 45 minutes during Westfield in Lights and will begin at 3, 4:15, and 5:30 p.m.

Reservations are required; it is \$10 for ages 10 and under and \$12 for ages 11 and above. Skate rental is included in the ticket cost. Reserve your tickets at theiceatgrandjunction.com.

Free shuttle & parking

Due to the popularity of Westfield in Lights, a free shuttle service will operate during the event. The Holiday Shuttle will pick up and drop off attendees at Christ United Methodist Church, 318 N. Union St., Westfield Intermediate School, 17710 Shamrock Blvd., and Grand



Photo provided by City of Westfield

Junction Plaza, 225 S. Union St., from 3 to 7 p.m.

Public parking for the event is also available in the parking lot at the southwest corner of Poplar and Park streets. Mill Street will be closed between Park and Jersey streets beginning at noon.

Letters to Santa

A Letters to Santa mailbox will be available with direct service to the North Pole at Grand Junction Plaza, 225 S. Union St., from

Nov. 29 to Dec. 15. Mailboxes are also located outside Westfield City Services, 2728 E. 171st St., Westfield Fire Department Headquarters/Station 81, 16901 Ditch

Road, and the Westfield Washington Public Library, 17400 Westfield Blvd.

Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope so Santa can reply promptly.

Get your shopping finished early at Westfield Band Boosters' Holiday Craft Show

The REPORTER

Mark your calendars and grab your tickets. The annual Westfield Band Boosters Holiday Craft Show is coming up Nov. 23

Shop local for all of your holiday decor and gift needs, with over 160 local handcrafting vendors. Start your day with a pancake breakfast, then make your way through the vendor hall and enjoy live music as you shop. Grab some sweet treats at the bake sale, and even get your gifts wrapped and ready for giving before you leave.

VIP early entry tickets are also available for those wanting to get an early start with the largest selection ... and fewer crowds.

The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 23 at Westfield High School, 18250 N. Union St. Enter



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through Doors 9 and 19.

There is a \$5 entry fee, but children aged 11 and under are free. You can buy at the door or online at westfield.band/holidaycraftshow.

VIP Early Entry Pass

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Grace Care Center brings back Choice Christmas Store

Submitted by Grace Church

The Grace Care Center will soon bring back its annual Christmas Store, open this year from 1 to 5 p.m. Dec. 21 and 22, at 5504 E. 146th St., Noblesville.

This store is created to help local families find gifts during the holiday season. Last year, the Christmas Store provided over 10,000 gifts and served more than 1,000 families, and we're hoping to reach even more families this year.

How it works

The Christmas Store is different from other holiday donation initiatives. Instead of receiving pre-selected gifts, families “shop” for gifts at no cost. This allows parents to pick out items that are just right for their kids and teens, making the experience even more meaningful. Families can make reservations in advance and then come to browse through a variety of toys, clothes, and household items, just like a regular store.

How the community can help

We rely on support from our community to make the Christmas Store happen, and there are a couple of easy ways to get involved:

1. Donate to “Purchase” Gifts: You can donate

through our online store, where funds go directly toward a specific gift for the Christmas Store. Every donation helps make sure that there's a variety of items available for families to choose between.

2. Choose “Shop for Me”: If you want a quick and easy way to help, there is also a “Shop for Me” option. This is where you can choose a donation amount, and we'll use it to buy the most-needed items for the store. Every little bit helps keep the shelves stocked and the experience enjoyable for families.

Why we do it

For us, the Christmas Store is more than just a way to give out gifts. It's about offering families a welcoming, respectful experience that lets them celebrate the holidays in their own way.

About the Grace Care Center

The Grace Care Center is a part of Grace Church and offers a range of support to individuals and families facing challenges. From food assistance to holiday events like the Christmas Store, the Care Center is here to walk with our neighbors and lend a hand when it's needed most.

For more information, visit gracechurch.us/christmasstore.

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What's the point? Abuse & control

We get incredible support from the community. Our family of donors, volunteers, pantry hosts, companies, and churches invest time each month to make sure food is available in pantries across Hamilton County.

Occasionally I'll get a report from a frustrated volunteer: "my pantry was just decimated" or "someone took everything." Inevitably that leads to follow-up questions that go something like this: Why do people abuse our pantries? What's the point if some people are selfish and take it all? Isn't there something we can do to control the abuse?

This conversation can be challenging. It's better to have over a cup of coffee, so pour yourself a cup, find a spot in your most comfy chair, and let's get real for a few minutes.

When explaining the behavior, we start with the fact that while the Feeding Team has wonderful intentions, there are some people who will never understand why we do what we do. This is tricky to realize.



There are people who can't or won't respect the free-will nature of our "Take What You Need, Give What You Can" business model. I'm not talking about those with willful bad intentions and let's set aside for a minute the kids whose mischievous vandalism gets taken out on a pantry. I'm not talking about them. I'm talking about our neighbors who, like most of us, need some help from time to time.

First things first, people who shop in our pantries have a secret. It's not rocket science, but it is their secret burden to carry through this chapter of their life.

Here's their secret: they're afraid.

Afraid of being embarrassed, afraid of not having a meal for their family, afraid of being seen as a fraud, afraid of food insecurity, afraid of failure, afraid of desperation, or simply afraid of the unknown. Fear makes people behave differently. Fear drives the decision to raid a pantry or shoplift from a supermarket.

What's the point? Our point, and our purpose, is to make food available for those in need. Undaunted by the small percentage of troublemakers, the point is to have multiple places where if someone is hungry, they can always find a meal. It's not elegant; the fact is the point is simple. We work to meet a need head-on.

Do we condone the abuse? Not at all. Can we be at all 73 locations at once, acting as the pantry police? Nope. We choose to accept the fact that we can't control people's behavior. We choose to accept the fact that some people will abuse the system.

We also choose to believe that for every one neighbor that is misguided, there are many who respect the model, appreciate the service to the community that pantries offer, and choose to benefit from what Feeding Team does.

A few weeks ago, a weathered road-weary man in his 30s knocked on my office window after getting a few meals from the pantry at our office. I was startled at first, but he just wanted to thank us for what we do. He described how he walks

from his place near downtown Noblesville a few times each week to get food – food that he describes as lifesaving. His comment, "I don't know that I'd be able to survive if this wasn't here for me," should make us all pause, be thankful for what we have, and realize that the working poor are among us. Our lives are inextricably intertwined with theirs, whether we admit it or not. Now that he spoke to me, I see him regularly during the day selecting food from the pantry.

What we do is simple and what we do is hard. Raising money, acquiring food, distributing it, watching it vanish knowing that it helps many families and then repeating the process again and again. It's the cycle of service and the heartbeat of what we do.

If you find yourself in need, maybe occasionally you are like I was, a member of the working poor, then Feeding Team pantries are especially for you. They are here for you, 24/7/365. They are completely anonymous – no shame and no guilt. We take no information and have no expectations of you other than you merely take only what you

need please. Leave food for others that are also in need.

Some future day, we hope that you consider giving what food you can and sharing your blessings with others who could use some help.

The Feeding Team launched Pantry No. 73 recently, with No. 74 already secured, it will be deployed in the coming weeks. We are grateful for the support of our community, volunteers, sponsors, and donors. Thank you.

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With over 40,000 food-challenged neighbors in Hamilton County, FeedingTeam.org is a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that provides outdoor 24/7/365 no-questions-asked free food pantries throughout the county.

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

Thank you for sup-

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Facts
73 pantries
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30 volunteer families

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

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

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

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

Westfield community invited to free Thanksgiving meal

The REPORTER

Westfield Washington Schools invites everyone to Rocksgiving, which will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 25 at Westfield High School, 18250 N. Union St.

Rocksgiving is a special free community meal, consisting of a traditional Thanksgiving menu of turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, green beans, a roll, and pumpkin pie. This meal is open to everyone, and the hope



is to bring the entire Westfield community together.

However, this event is more than a meal – it's an opportunity to build community, share con-

versation, and foster connections. All families are welcomed to sit around the table and enjoy hot food, conversation, and care.

Rocksgiving is made possible by the generosity of the Duke Energy Foundation, Coca-Cola, Riverview Health, Texas Roadhouse, BMW Dreyer & Reinbold, Northview Church, and Westfield Washington Schools.

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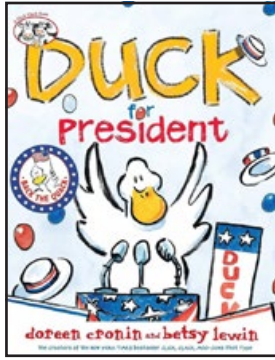
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First graders at Oak Trace Elementary School in Westfield recently read *Grace for President* and *Duck for President*. Then, they voted for their favorite candidate. Students had a picture ID and voter registration. They had to check in, vote in private, and were rewarded with an "I Voted" sticker.



Photos provided by Westfield Washington Schools

Primrose Pre-K picks Percy



Photos provided by Jackie Bell

And the winner is ... Percy! Students at Primrose School of Noblesville, 15707 N. Pointe Blvd., learned the importance of citizenship as they cast their vote for Mia the mouse or Percy the rooster as Class Representative. Thank you to Noblesville City Councilman Aaron Smith for speaking with the Pre-Kindergarten students about civic engagement and passing out their "I Voted" stickers! Learning about citizenship is an important part of Primrose's Balanced Learning curriculum. Great job, students, for using your votes to make your voices heard.

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 See their calendar here - <https://post155.org/2024-calendar>

Fishers Post 470 Pat Menc
 9091 E 126th St Treasure Hunt Fri 8pm \$25K
 Fishers, in 46038 Pool 2&4 Sa 4pm
 317-842-5944 Breakfast 1st & 3rd Sun 8-11
 See their calendar here - <https://legion470fishers.org/site/eventscalendar.php>

If you are a member of the Cicero, Sheridan, Noblesville Legions or the Carmel or Noblesville VFWs and you would like to see your Post activities in the paper, please speak at your next meeting to see if your Post would create or nominate an Outreach Coordinator to automatically send me your Post information weekly with a 14 day lead time before the event happens.

Non-Profit Veteran Orgs

Hamilton County Veterans Corp
 P.O. Box 503
 Noblesville, in 46061
secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com
 Meets 7pm the 1st Monday Monthly at the Fishers American Legion. Our website <https://www.hamiltoncountyveterans.com/> has 40 pages of resources for our Military Veteran community

If you would like to step up in Hamilton County to assist your Military Veteran community to live a more connected and fulfilled life, please come to the Hamilton County Veteran Corp meetings the first Monday of the month 7pm at the Fishers American Legion Post 470 located at 9091 E 126th St. No annual fees, just a commitment to helping our Military Veteran community. Military, Veteran family members may also join. We are ready to make Hamilton County the leader in the country as we step into the future, caring for our Military Veteran community! Join us

Navy Club Ship 29
 Noblesville, In
president@hamiltoncountyveterans.com
 Meets 2nd Thurs 630pm at Gingers 1804 Conner St Noblesville

Hamilton County Veteran Service Officers

317-776-9610 Hours – 9am-4pm Weekdays
 CVSO – Tom Logan
Tom.logan@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
 Assistant CVSO – Robin Wilson
robin.wilson@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
 Assistant CVSO – Caroline Franz
caroline.franz@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
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christina.ellis@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Access to Care via the COMPACT Act

Under the COMPACT Act, veterans with acute suicidal crisis can go immediately to any VA or non-VA healthcare facility at NO COST. VA will provide, pay, or reimburse treatment, emergency suicidal care, and transportation costs for eligible veterans. Any questions about eligibility, please contact the National Eligibility Office at 877-222-8387. Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center 1481 West 10th Street, Indianapolis IN 46202. Mental health services available 24/7 Main phone: 317-554-0000 Mental health call center: 317-988-2770 **COMPACT Act Program Coordinator:** Michelle Evans: 317-987-9026 Business hours: M_F 0730-1600

Hamilton County Military Veteran

Posts Who Report Their Information to Me

Carmel Legion
 M-T 3-10pm, W-Th10a-10p, F 10a-11p, Sa8-12p, Su 8a-8p. **Restaurant – Breakfast Sa Su 8a-12p, Lunch W-F 11a-2p, Dinner Tu-F 5-8p**

Fishers Legion
 M 3-10p, Tu-Su12-10pm or when empty.
Restaurant Breakfast 1st&3rd Sun 8-12, Food Served Su, Tu, W, Th, F 12-8p, Sa 12-5p

VAU Fallen Heroes Memorial Nov 7 at Cyntheanne Rd Church 13151 Cyntheanne Rd Fishers, In



The Veterans & Athletes United Fallen Heroes Memorial will be on display at Cyntheanne Christian Church, 13151 Cyntheanne Road, Fishers, in the parking lot from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 7. This Memorial is made from 7,065 dog tags of our Fallen Heroes and they create an image of the top half of the American flag. Please come out Nov 7th to Honor, Remember and pay your respects to those who gave their all for our safety and Freedom.

Indianapolis Veterans Day Parade Nov 11, 11am

2024 Veterans Day Service & Parade
Monday, Nov. 11, 2024
The Indiana War Memorial
 431 N. Meridian St.
 Indianapolis, IN 46204
Service: 11 A.M.

Save the Date!
 Parade step-off is at Noon and starts at Michigan & Pennsylvania St. The route is south on Pennsylvania Ave., west on New York St., and then north on Meridian St. The route is based around the Legion Mall and Indiana War Memorial. Parade ends at Meridian & St. Clair

Noblesville Veterans Day Ceremony, November 11



The public is invited and encouraged to attend the Veterans Day ceremony, coordinated by the American Legion Post 45 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6246 - Ralph Lehr Post, at 11am on Monday, November 11 on the west side of the courthouse square. The City of Noblesville would like to thank all Veterans for their service to our country.

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Activities & Events

Fishers Veterans Day Ceremony 11am Nov 11



The City of Fishers and Fishers Armed Services Commission invite residents to a Veterans Day Ceremony in the Fishers City Hall Theater (1 Municipal Drive) honoring our local heroes and their families. Keynote Speaker, author Doug Melville. The ceremony is free and open to the public, but registration is required due to limited seating. [Register to attend here.](#)

A live stream of the event will be broadcast on the [City's Facebook.](#)

Westfield Veterans Day Ceremony Nov 11, 745am

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 AT THE SECOND ANNUAL CITY OF WESTFIELD VETERANS DAY CEREMONY.
Monday, November 11
 The Bridgewater Club
 3535 E 161st Street
 Breakfast | 7:45 - 8:30 A.M.
 Ceremony | 8:30 A.M.
 Featuring live performances, keynote speakers, a gift for each attending veteran, and more!
 This event is free and open to the public.

Carmel Veterans Day Ceremony Nov 8 at 12pm



The City of Carmel and members of local Veterans organizations, work together to host an annual Veterans Day Ceremony, a community event in honor of our veterans. The ceremony pays tribute and thanks those who served our country in order for us to enjoy the freedoms that we have today. It is at the Tarkington Theater, 3 Carte Green.

Carmel American Legion Veterans Day Dinner

Carmel American Legion 155
 All Post 155 Veterans are cordially invited to a free
Veteran's Day Dinner
Saturday, November 9, 2024
5:00PM
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Letter to the Editor

Letter to our Hamilton County Military Veteran Community

Dear Editor:
If you live in Hamilton County, are in the Military, or are one of our 14,000 Hamilton County Veterans, first of all, 'Thank YOU' for your service to this great country.

We, the Hamilton County Veterans Corp (HCVC), are asking our Military Veteran community, including all VFW & American Legion Post members, all Post Auxiliary, SAL, ALR, or VFW Riders, for your help.

If you belong to any of our five American Legion and two VFW Posts in Hamilton County, and wish to see your Post's activities listed on the Veteran Community page of the Hamilton County Reporter, then please attend your Post meetings and ask that they assign someone the task of being an outreach coordinator for your Post. This outreach coordinator would be able to send Post activities, events, game nights, restaurant food, special evenings, parties, mu-

sic, community events, and fundraisers at your Post every Wednesday to this newspaper's reporter so we may keep our Hamilton County Reporter Veterans Community page alive so our Military Veteran community may stay informed.

This information would need to be 10 to 14 days in advance so we can get it in the paper for the community to see and know where to go.

This outreach coordinator could also be the Post marketing person going outside the Post walls to be in the community at events and resource fairs to invite our Military Veteran community to come into the Post, become a new member, or explain to your neighbors how they too may come into the Post for food, games, sign up to be a member of the Auxiliary and help keep your Post alive for our future Veterans and their families.

This Veteran Community page in

the Hamilton County Reporter is free marketing/advertising for our seven Posts that your Hamilton County Veterans Corp is putting together every week, and the Stronger Veterans Stronger Communities coalition on the prevention of Veteran suicide is paying for. This is not a free page to run, but it is a free service to all our Posts and resources we are partnered with.

If you are a member of one of our American Legion or VFW Posts, please ask your officers to appoint someone to be your Post outreach officer/coordinator. If you are not a member, please go in and see the good our Posts are doing these days and sign up.

With this effort we can keep our Hamilton County Military Veteran community informed and continue bringing the resources to the community to reach those who are not connected and, in the process, save a life.

Hamilton County Veterans Corp

At Emagine Noblesville, veterans & active military can watch movies for free on Veteran's Day

The REPORTER

Emagine will recognize and honor military service members by inviting them to see a movie of their choice for free on Monday, Nov. 11.

For one day only, all active military and veterans can visit the Emagine Theatre box office in Noblesville and receive a ticket for any film of their choosing.

To redeem this one day only offer, guests must pro-

vide either of the following types of military identification:

- Service ID Card
 - Discharge Papers
- Tickets cannot be purchased in advance. Guests must redeem their ticket at the box office. For a full list of theatres and showtimes, please go to emagine-entertainment.com.

Emagine Noblesville is located at 13825 Norell Road in Hamilton Town Center.

Free admission to DNR properties on Nov. 11 for vets & active-duty military

The REPORTER

All veterans and active-duty military personnel, and everyone in their vehicle, will be admitted free to DNR-managed state parks, reservoir properties, state forest recreation areas, and off-road state recreation areas on Veterans Day, Monday, Nov. 11.

This includes admission to Falls of the Ohio State Park's Interpretive Center.

"We appreciate the sacrifices and service of our veterans and active-duty military and look forward to recognizing them with a day

to explore some of the best outdoor places in our state," Indiana State Parks Director Terry Coleman said.

Veterans and military personnel should simply let the gate attendant at the property they visit know that they are either a veteran or serving and on active duty.

For general information about state parks, reservoirs, forest properties, and off-road state recreation areas, visit on.IN.gov/recguide.

For information about interpretive programs at state parks and reservoirs, see interpretiveservices.IN.gov.

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Duke Energy Foundation provides \$5,500 grant to Hamilton County Veterans Corp

The REPORTER

The Duke Energy Foundation has awarded \$73,000 in grants to 13 Indiana organizations and initiatives focused on supporting Hoosier military veterans and active-duty service members.

The grants support a wide range of veteran-serving organizations across the state, including those working to provide civilian career pathways, transitional housing, and health care services for those who've served in America's armed forces.

Locally, the Hamilton County Veterans Corp (HCVC) received \$5,500 to send care packages to troops, as well as assist the veteran community with



home, medical, education, and clothing needs.

Learn more about HCVC at hamiltoncountyveterans.com.

"Our veterans have sacrificed and done their duty, and we should all be there when they need us most," Duke Energy Indiana President Stan Pinegar said. "As we look ahead to Veterans Day, we're proud to extend our



Pinegar

support to organizations across Indiana that are delivering care and services to those who've answered the call to serve."

Click here to learn more about the ways Duke Energy supports transitioning service members and

veterans.

About the Duke Energy Foundation

The Duke Energy Foundation provides more than \$30 million annually in philanthropic support to meet the needs of communities where Duke Energy customers live and work. The Foundation is funded by Duke Energy shareholders.

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Meeting Notices

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold its monthly Board of Trustees meeting at 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11, 2024, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.

The Westfield Finance Committee scheduled for Nov. 25 has been canceled.

The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet in an executive session at 8:45 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7) For discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute.

The Carmel Police Department Merit Board will meet at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024, in the Training Room at Carmel Police Headquarters, 3 Civic Square.

The Westfield Washington Public Library Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2024, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5-6(b)(8).

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024, in the Community Room at the Westfield Washington Schools Administration Center, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B.

A regular meeting will immediately follow the executive session and will take place at the library, located at 17400 Westfield Blvd.

A first preliminary determination hearing to discuss WHS addition/renovation and WMSE/WES renovations will take place once the business portion of the regular board meeting ends, approximately 7:15 p.m., in the same location.

The Carmel Fire Department Merit Board will meet in an executive session at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5) To receive information about and interview prospective employees; and IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5) To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees.

The Noblesville Common Council will meet in an executive session at noon on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(4)(I). Interviews and negotiations with industrial or commercial prospects or agents of industrial or commercial prospects by a governing body of a political subdivision.

A regular meeting will follow at 6:15 p.m. or immediately after the executive session (whichever is later) on the second floor of the Carmel Fire Department, 210 Veterans Way.

The Council will begin the executive session at 1100 Chatham Hills Blvd., Westfield, travel to 3950 Club Ridge Estates, Zionsville, and then return to 1100 Chatham Hills Blvd., Westfield.

Young Millers learn about the many dogs who do many jobs



Photos provided by Noblesville Schools

Noble Crossing students are studying “dogs that work” this month through a special educational unit in their media center. The school has hosted visits from several different community organizations, including the Noblesville Fire Department and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Students have met and learned about safety dogs trained to detect drugs and firearms, therapy dogs who are helping veterans, reading companion dogs, and dogs trained to find invasive species.

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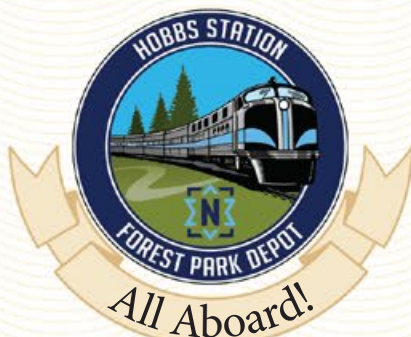
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Braun vows bipartisan efforts on health care costs, agency reviews

By GARRETT BERGQUIST
WISH-TV | wistv.com

Governor-elect Mike Braun on Wednesday said he will welcome good policy ideas no matter where they came from.

Fresh off a 14-percent-point win in the Indiana governor election Tuesday night, the Republican said his first priority once he takes office will be a top-to-bottom review of the functions of every state agency. He said he plans to look for ways to improve how state agencies deliver their services using the same resources they already have, though he added he's willing to increase funding in some areas if needed.

Braun said he's open to working with Democrats if they bring good ideas to the table, particularly in the area of health care costs. He cited his work with progressive Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders on that issue. Braun called Indiana's health metrics, including infant and maternal mortality, “shameful” and said bringing down health care costs would go a long way toward fixing those problems.

“If it's a good idea, I

don't care where it comes from,” he said. “I'm going to try to incorporate that into something that's unique, to where we tackle those issues we talked about and do it in a way where may governors may not approach it.”

Besides health care costs, Braun said he views economic development and education as going hand-in-hand. He said too much school funding already goes to buildings and administrators at the expense of teacher pay and population loss in rural counties aggravates the problem. Braun said the way to reverse the trend is to incentivize small business growth in those counties.

“We need to do a little of both (small and big businesses) probably, but I think we've paid way too much attention on the few and the big and I come from a place where we've been successful without any of those advantages,” he said.

Braun's transition team features three alums of the former Gov. Mitch Daniels administration, including former Office of Manage-

ment and Budget Director Ryan Kitchell and former deputy chief of staff Betsy Wiley. Asked if he plans to model his administration after Daniels', Braun replied he wants to bring in the best ideas from both the public and private sectors, including past administrations as appropriate. Braun said he's not ruling out retaining some appointees of outgoing Gov. Eric Holcomb if he believes they're doing a good job.

Braun will inherit a General Assembly whose partisan makeup is largely unchanged from the Holcomb years. His party still dominates both chambers. Speaking to News 8 as returns came in Tuesday night, House Speaker Todd Huston said his caucus already knows Braun well from his time as a state representative from 2014 to 2017. Huston said he expects a good working relationship with Braun. House Republicans on Thursday reelected Huston speaker, contingent upon a confirmation vote by the full House on Organization Day

on Nov. 19. House Democrats were unable to make anyone available for comment Wednesday.

For his part, Braun said he would prefer to avoid the social issues that have come to dominate Indiana's legislative sessions. Lawmakers might have other ideas. The past three legislative sessions all have been marked by partisan fights over abortion, participation of transgender girls in girls' high school sports, and access to gender transition care for transgender minors. Braun's incoming lieutenant governor, Micah Beckwith, made social issues central to his campaign. Braun demurred when asked how he would handle such issues, saying only they were not his priority.

The state constitution requires Braun and Beckwith to take office on the second Monday in January. That falls on Jan. 13.

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First Farmers Bank & Trust hires new treasury management officer

The REPORTER

First Farmers Bank & Trust has announced the hiring of Greta Notz as treasury management officer for the Carmel branch.

Notz has nearly 20 years of banking experience throughout her career. Before her role at First Farmers Bank & Trust, she served as the education services associate for Baker Hill, a loan origination system built for banks and credit unions. Prior to that, she spent 13 years at the National Bank of Indianapolis, serving as the treasury management implementa-

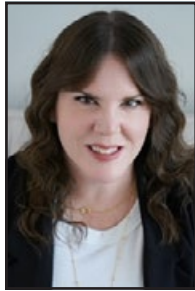
tion officer and merchant services representative. She also has previously held positions at Huntington National Bank.

Her new role as treasury management officer plays a vital role in managing First Farmers' finances, focusing on cash flow, risk, and investments. She also works closely with clients to develop and implement tailored treasury management solutions, building and maintaining strong relationships with customers and stakeholders alike.

"We're honored to welcome Greta Notz to our

team as our new treasury management officer," said Tade Powell, Senior Vice President, Director of Communications & Public Relations. "With her extensive experience in financial management and proven track record in the industry, Greta will be instrumental in enhancing our financial strategies and driving our growth."

Notz graduated from Indiana University with a bachelor's degree in mar-



Notz



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keting.

First Farmers Bank & Trust will open a new Carmel branch location in early 2025 in Midtown Carmel at 111 S. Range Line Road.

To learn more about First Farmers Bank & Trust, visit ffb.com.

Ball State University to hold special screening of *Garfield: The Movie* with creator & alumnus Jim Davis

The REPORTER

Ball State University's College of Fine Arts will welcome back alumnus Jim Davis, '67 LittD '91, creator of the iconic comic strip *Garfield*, for a special screening of *Garfield: The Movie*.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13 in Pruis Hall, with doors opening at 6 p.m., and offers a unique opportunity for attendees to hear from one of Ball State's distinguished alumni.

Following the screening, Mr. Davis – who has also taught classes for Ball State's School of Art – will participate in a Q&A session, sharing insights into his journey as a cartoonist, the inspiration behind *Garfield*, and the character's impact on popular culture.

"We're pleased to welcome Jim Davis back to Ball State for this special event," said Dr. Seth Beckman, dean



Photo provided by Ball State University

of the College of Fine Arts. "It's a great opportunity for our students and community to connect with a respected graduate who has made a lasting mark in his field. We look forward to celebrating his achievements and the inspiration he brings to our campus."

In *Garfield: The Movie*, *Garfield* (voiced by Chris Pratt), the world-famous, Monday-hating, lasagna-loving indoor cat, finds himself on a wild outdoor adventure. After an unexpected reunion with his long-lost father – scruffy street cat Vic (voiced by Samuel L.

Jackson) – *Garfield* and his canine friend Odie are pulled from their pampered life to join Vic in a hilarious, high-stakes heist.

The film, which premiered in May 2024, became a box office success, grossing more than \$257 million worldwide.

Orr Fellowship & Kelley School of Business Indianapolis partner to expedite Orr Fellowship Pathway to Kelley Evening MBA program

The REPORTER

Orr Fellowship, an early career development program for versatile high-achievers and future-focused businesses in Indiana, announced on Nov. 1 a partnership with Kelley School of Business Indianapolis that will give Orr Fellowship alumni an expedited pathway into the **Kelley Evening MBA program**.

The Kelley Evening MBA is the leading part-time MBA in Indiana and is ranked number 13 in the country.

Orr Fellowship recruits, assesses, and matches university graduates with high-agency roles in grow-

ing Indiana businesses. Together, Orr Fellowship and partner companies give graduates the professional development resources and support network they need to accelerate their careers. The program currently operates two chapters, one in Indianapolis and one in Evansville.

"This partnership provides an invaluable opportunity for Orr Fellows to advance their careers and serve the talent pipeline that our region needs," said IU Indianapolis Chancellor Latha Ramchand. "Through this program, we bring together two well-known brands – the Kelley School of Business and Orr

Fellowship – in a way that graduates the leaders of tomorrow."

As part of the Orr Fellowship partnership, the Kelley Evening MBA program offers the following benefits:

- An expedited application process into the Kelley Evening MBA program that recognizes the value and experience of the Orr Fellowship.
- A scholarship for Orr Fellows in the amount of \$2,000.
- The acceptance of six credit hours towards the Evening MBA degree, reducing the credit hour requirement from 54 to 48 credit hours.

Students will receive credit towards the career coaching (X551) and leadership (Z532) courses and three credits towards an elective.

Evening MBA faculty/staff will be a resource for the Fellows' leadership groups.

These benefits are available to all Orr Fellowship alumni who have completed the two-year program within five years of enrolling in the Evening MBA. Current fellows may apply to the Evening MBA program but must complete the Fellowship prior to beginning MBA coursework.

See *Orr* . . . Page 10

—NOBLESVILLE—

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL/QUALIFICATIONS

The City of Noblesville, Indiana is requesting Statements of Proposal/Qualifications from interested professionals for construction, operating, and financing services for the Noblesville Public Safety Building Project. In accordance with IC 5-23-5, the Mayor's Office and Board of Public Works and Safety invite any and all qualified parties to submit Statements of Proposal/Qualifications, under a public-private partnership, to obtain financing, construct, and furnish the project, in Noblesville, Indiana. Six (6) Hard copies of the Development Team's qualification packet, including one thumb drive of the same, should be delivered by 9:00 am EST on December 17, 2024 to the City Clerk's Office, Noblesville City Hall, 16 South 10th Street, Noblesville, IN 46060 in order to be considered. Any proposals received after that time will be returned unopened. Additional information and a packet outlining submittal requirements will be available at the Office of the Deputy Mayor and may be requested.

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—WESTFIELD—

NOTICE OF THE ADOPTION OF A DECLARATORY RESOLUTION BY THE WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND OF A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON (EAST SIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA)

Notice is hereby given that the Westfield Redevelopment Commission (the "Commission"), being the governing body of the Department of Redevelopment of the City of Westfield, Indiana (the "City"), on September 16, 2024, adopted its Resolution No. 29-2024 (the "Declaratory Resolution") making certain proposed amendments to the declaratory resolution and the economic development plan (the "Plan") for the East Side Economic Development Area, each as previously amended (the "2024 Amendments"). The 2024 Amendments (i) designate certain additional parcels within the City as an economic development area (such new area, the "2024 Area") and consolidate the 2024 Area with the existing East Side Economic Development Area (collectively, the "Area"), (ii) designate all of the parcels in the 2024 Area as an "allocation area" (the "2024 Allocation Area") and consolidate the 2024 Allocation Area with the previously established Aurora 2 Allocation Area and the Aurora 3 Allocation Area into a consolidated allocation area, and (iii) adopt the Plan as the development plan for the 2024 Area, all as more particularly described in the Declaratory Resolution.

A detailed description of the proposed 2024 Amendments, together with maps and plats of the 2024 Area and copies of the Declaratory Resolution, can be inspected at the office of the Director of Economic Development, 2728 E. 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074.

Notice is hereby given that the Commission will conduct a public hearing on Monday, November 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. (local time), in the Assembly Room of Westfield City Hall, located at 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074, to receive and hear remonstrances and objections from all persons interested in or affected by the 2024 Amendments and the proceedings pertaining thereto. Written remonstrances to the 2024 Amendments may be filed with the Commission prior to the public hearing at the office of the Director of Economic Development, 2728 E. 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074, and via email to Jenell Fairman at: jfairman@westfield.in.gov. After considering the evidence presented at the public hearing, which may be adjourned from time to time, the Commission will take final action determining the public utility and benefit of the proposed 2024 Amendments and whether the proposed 2024 Amendments are reasonable and appropriate when considered in relation to the Plan, and confirming, modifying and confirming, or rescinding the Declaratory Resolution.

WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION R5211 11/8/24, 11/11/24

NOTICE OF THE ADOPTION OF A DECLARATORY RESOLUTION BY THE WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND OF A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON (SOUTHPARK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA)

Notice is hereby given that the Westfield Redevelopment Commission (the "Commission"), being the governing body of the Department of Redevelopment of the City of Westfield, Indiana (the "City"), on September 16, 2024, adopted its Resolution No. 28-2024 (the "Declaratory Resolution") for the purpose of (i) declaring that a certain area within the City, designated as the "Southpark Economic Development Area" (the "Area"), is an economic development area within the meaning of Indiana Code 36-7-14 (the "Act"), (ii) designating the entirety of the Area as an allocation area to be known as the "Southpark Economic Development Allocation Area" (the "Allocation Area") for the purpose of allocation and distribution of certain property taxes under Sections 39 and 43 of the Act, and (iii) approving an economic development plan for the Area (the "Plan").

A detailed description of the Area and the Allocation Area is included in the Plan. Maps and plats have been prepared and, along with the Plan and the Declaratory Resolution, can be inspected at the office of the Director of Economic Development, 2728 E. 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074.

Notice is hereby given that the Commission will conduct a public hearing on Monday, November 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. (local time), in the Assembly Room of Westfield City Hall, located at 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074, to receive and hear remonstrances and objections from all persons interested in or affected by the proposed projects for the Area and other actions to be taken under the Declaratory Resolution. Written remonstrances to the proposed projects for the Area and other actions to be taken under the Declaratory Resolution may be filed with the Commission prior to the public hearing at the office of the Director of Economic Development, 2728 E. 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074, and via email to Jenell Fairman at: jfairman@westfield.in.gov. After considering the evidence presented at the public hearing, which may be adjourned from time to time, the Commission will take final action determining the public utility and benefit of the proposed project or other actions to be taken under the Declaratory Resolution, and confirming, modifying and confirming, or rescinding the Declaratory Resolution.

WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION R5212 11/8/24, 11/11/24

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Legal Notice

Board of zoning appeals

The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on November 21st, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the Cicero Town Hall building located at 70 North Byron Street, Cicero Indiana 46034, in order to hear the following petitions:

Docket No. BZA-1124-46-R3

A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 0 West Spring St, Cicero IN, 46034 seeking relief from Article 3.12 "R5" District Standards which states that the minimum lot area shall be 10,000 square feet.

Docket No. BZA-1124-46-R3

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Project Address: 0 West Spring Street, Cicero IN, 46034
Legal Descriptions: Acreage .19 Section 1, Township 19, Range 4 COLE & JONES ADDITION Replat Information: Pt of Outlot 3 Lot 1
Parcel numbers: 05-06-01-02-05-026-001

The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission, 331 E. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034.

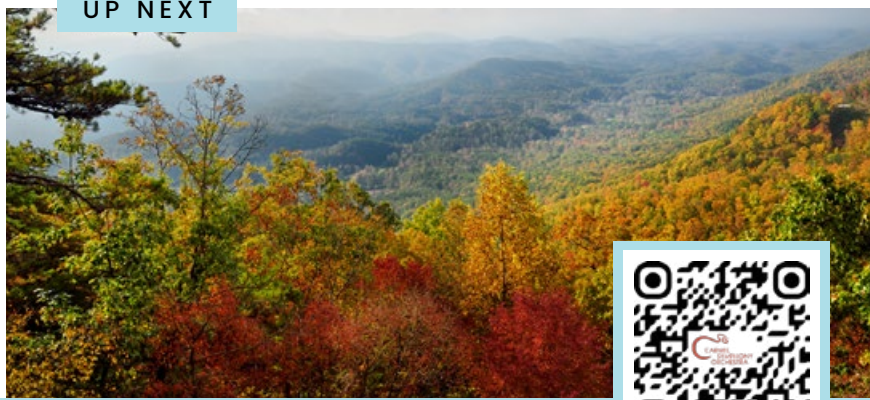
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"Three times a year all the men are to appear before the Sovereign Lord.

"Do not offer the blood of a sacrifice to me along with anything containing yeast.

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Registration is now open for Fishers Park's 2024 Winter Break Camp offerings. The annual winter break camp offers drop-in camp days for a range of ages and follows Hamilton Southeastern Schools' district calendar.

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- Friday, Jan. 3

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Basketball



(ABOVE LEFT) Hamilton Southeastern's Maya Makalusky scored 31 points for the Royals during their season-opening game Thursday against Lawrence North. (ABOVE RIGHT) Southeastern's Kennedy Holman scored 13 points for the Royals.

Reporter photos by Julie Brown

Experience & trust help Royals complete their opening assignment

By **RICHIE HALL**
sports@readthereporter.com

FISHERS – The Hamilton Southeastern girls basketball team has quite a bit of talent, and there's a couple of intangibles the Royals have going for them as well. Experience and trust. Both of those things helped the No. 2-ranked Royals through a tough opening assignment at their gym on Thursday. Southeastern broke out of a close game with No. 4 Lawrence North in the second half and came away with a 66-53 victory.

The first quarter was tight, ending in a 13-13 tie. Senior Maya Makalusky and junior Kennedy Holman both scored four points; Holman hit two free throws and a layin to finish the quarter and bring the Royals back from a 13-9 deficit. Both teams traded baskets in the second quarter, a fast-paced period that included a combined seven triples. Antonette Green, Makalusky, Maine Hooks and Holman all knocked down 3-pointers for Southeastern. That helped the Royals keep pace with the

Wildcats, who finished the half ahead 29-27 after Ke'Adriah Butler made a free throw. Action slowed down during the first few minutes of the third quarter. Kayla Stidham nailed a 3 to put HSE up 30-29, and a pair of Holman free throws pushed the lead to 32-29. But LN answered that with an 8-0 run, with Butler taking over. She tied the game with a triple, then made a traditional three-point play with three minutes left. A Winston layin put the Royals down 37-32, their

biggest deficit. But Southeastern sprung back with an 8-0 run to lead 40-37 and would never trail again. Holman began the spurt with a layin, Makalusky threw in a layin and two free throws, then Abigail Brown made a layin. "I think they got us a little bit out of our game early on, especially that first half," said Royals coach Brian Satterfield. "But I thought we settled down and played a little bit better the second half."

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 66, LAWRENCE NORTH 53				
	FG	FT	TP	PF
Southeastern				
Maya Makalusky	10	7-9	31	1
Kayla Brinley	1	2-2	4	2
Kennedy Holman	4	4-5	13	0
Kayla Stidham	4	0-0	10	2
Addison Van Hoesen	0	0-0	0	4
Maine Hooks	1	0-0	3	1
Antonette Green	1	0-0	3	0
Abigale Brown	1	0-0	2	0
Totals	22	13-16	66	10
Score by Quarters				
Lawrence North	13	16	13	14 – 53
Southeastern	13	14	18	21 – 66
Southeastern 3-pointers (9) Makalusky 4, Stidham 2, Hooks, Holman, Green.				

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Football

Sectional championship previews: Class 6A Sectionals 3 & 4 Westfield hosts Zionsville; Fishers heads over to HSE

By **CRAIG ADKINS**
For The Reporter

The first two weeks of the football state tournament have flown by. Five of the eight county teams are still alive in hopes of hoisting the sectional championship trophy.

Westfield, Fishers and Hamilton Southeastern play for their respective sectional titles tonight.

6A, Sectional 3: Zionsville Eagles (4-6) at No. 2 Westfield Shamrocks (9-1)

Zionsville will visit Westfield for the second time this season. This time, there's more than a Hoosier Crossroads Conference win on the line.

The two HCC rivals have met 38 times with Westfield owning a 23-15 record in those, including 1-1 in the playoffs. The Shamrocks have won 12 in a row against the Eagles, including the regular season meeting, 28-10.

Josh Miracle is 9-1 in his first season as head coach and was an assistant the 11 years prior under Jake Gilbert.

The 'Rocks scored early and often on their way to a dominating 49-0 semifinal win over Harrison.



(ABOVE LEFT) Fishers' Ryan Themblembeu ran for 102 yards on 22 carries during the Tigers' win at Noblesville. (ABOVE CENTER) Hamilton Southeastern's Chandler Weston threw for a touchdown last week during the Royals' at Homestead. (ABOVE RIGHT) Westfield's Broc Parker scored three touchdowns during the Shamrocks' win over Harrison.

Joshua Herd / File photos

"I think our guys got off to a great start," said Miracle. Carsen Melvin found Parker Knott for a 12-yard touchdown for the quick 7-0 lead. The Shamrocks scored three more times in the final four minutes of the first to shut the door early on Harrison. Melvin then threw a touchdown pass of 40 yards to Preston Pakala for 14-0. The running game got going toward the end of the quarter. Broc Parker ran in the third touchdown and Deacon King the fourth for a

28-0 lead after one. "I just felt like everything was clicking early for us in the first half," said Miracle.

King scored his second rushing touchdown, then Parker scored twice more before the end of the first half to make it 49-0, the

eventual final score. Broc Parker had a career-best 145 yards on just eight carries and three TDs. King ran for 71 on eight

rushes and scored twice. Melvin threw 5 of 9 for 106 yards and two touchdowns. See *Football* . . . Page 12

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Makalusky said the run actually began before the Royals started scoring.

"It started when we got down in the game," said Makalusky. "We all gathered together, we knew who we were, we know what type of team we are. So for us, we hit our second motor when we were down and that gave us that extra push."

Makalusky elaborated on that further: "It's the little plays, the box-outs, the rebounds. When the ball's on the ground, diving after it. Those little hustle power plays that fuel us."

Chemistry and experience also play a role, as Makalusky, Holman and Stidham have all been starters since their freshman years, and this is their third season of playing together.

"They've done a tremendous job of starting to trust each other," said Satterfield.

Kalea Bentley hit a 3 to

tie the game, but Makalusky answered that with her own triple for a 43-40 lead. Southeastern stayed in front from that point forward, finishing the third quarter up 45-42 and steadily increasing its lead in the fourth quarter.

Southeastern solidified its defense in the fourth quarter; Holman said the Royals "had to play really good help-side defense, just to help Addison (Van Hoesen) down there." Holman said that in the second half, "the help side was way better and that's what really helped us get all those steals and stops."

Makalusky took over during the fourth, pouring in 13 points, including two 3s. She finished with 31 points for the game, totaling four triples. Holman added 13 points and Stidham scored 10.

Southeastern plays at home again Saturday afternoon, welcoming Ben Davis for a 12:30 p.m. game.

Maddox earns All-American honors



Photo provided

Westfield's Connor Maddox finished in eighth place at 106 pounds in the Freshman and Sophomore division and earned All-American Honors at the USA Wrestling Brian Keck Memorial Preseason Nationals this past weekend in Des Moines. Maddox went 5-3 for the tournament.

FOOTBALL

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Preston Pakala led all receivers with three receptions and 86 yards.

Melvin is now at 1,506 passing yards, throwing with precision (65.7 percent), completing 111 of 169 and 13 touchdowns. Deacon King is approaching 1,000 rushing yards with 919 and has scored 13 TDs. Gabe Arambales is at 499 yards receiving on the season.

Zionsville hosted Carmel in its semifinal game, and it became one for the ages. The Eagles won a close battle, 29-28. The win snapped a four-game losing streak.

It was a game where when one scored, the other matched, taking it down to the wire.

They took advantage of the opportunity in the final minute and capitalized with a touchdown as time expired by QB Zach Trent. Eugene Hilton ran in the two-point attempt for the win.

**If Westfield wins, the Shamrocks will host Hamilton Southeastern or visit Fishers for the Regional on Nov. 15.*

6A, Sectional 4: Fishers Tigers (6-4) at No. 10 Hamilton Southeastern (7-3)

For the second time this season, the City of Fishers will all but shut down. The Mudsoc will be in full effect as the Fishers and Hamilton Southeastern faithful will be packed into Royals Stadium.

Tonight's title tilt will be the 30th meeting since the two schools split from being one in 2006. HSE leads the overall series 17-12, but Fishers leads the playoff matchups with a 6-4 record. The Tigers also won the regular season Mudsoc, 37-35. Southeastern is 7-3 in the last 10 in the series.

Fishers visited Noblesville for an HCC rematch in last week's semifinal. The Tigers got up big by four scores at halftime and really never looked back, holding off the Millers, 31-21.

Ryan Thembulembu scored first on a seven-yard run for a 7-0 lead. Minutes later, Vincent Rozzi caught a 17-yard TD pass from Caden Hill and Fishers led

14-0 after one.

JonAnthony Hall caught a Hill pass halfway through the second quarter and took it 80 yards for a touchdown. Denkota Fletcher finished the Tigers' scoring with a three-yard TD run with 18 seconds left in the half for a 28-0 Fishers halftime lead.

"I told our kids, that was probably the best first half of football we played all year," said Tigers coach Curt Funk.

Noblesville scored three second half touchdowns, but that wouldn't be enough to come back. Jon Tangara kicked a 35-yard field goal to give the Tigers enough distance for the 31-21 victory.

Ryan Thembulembu ran for 102 yards on 22 carries. Caden Hill was 12 of 18 passing for 285 yards, including five for 136 to Hall, Fletcher three for 72 and Rozzi a pair for 39.

Hamilton Southeastern was also on the road for its semifinal game. The Royals went up to Fort Wayne to face Homestead and came home with a 20-14 win over the Spartans.

Hugo Belmonte got HSE

on the board in the first quarter with a 36-yard field goal. AZ Wallace increased that lead to 10-0 with a five-yard touchdown run late in the second.

Chandler Weston connected with Liam Boyd midway through the third quarter for a six-yard score that made it 17-0 through three quarters.

Homestead staged a comeback in the fourth with 14 unanswered points, but HSE was able to hold the Spartans off for the win.

Southeastern racked up 343 yards of rushing. Brennan Baker led the Royals' dominant rushing attack with 13 rushes for 138 yards. After missing the previous eight games, AZ Wallace came up big with 126 yards on 22 carries and a TD.

Weston passed for 117 yards, going 8 for 15, including five to Liam Boyd for 67 yards and a TD.

**If Fishers wins, the Tigers would either host Westfield or be on the road at Zionsville. If HSE wins, the Royals go on the road at either Westfield or Zionsville for the Regional on Nov. 15.*

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Nov. 8

FOOTBALL

Sectional 3 championship
Zionsville at Westfield, 7 p.m.
Sectional 4 championship
Fishers at Hamilton Southeastern, 7 p.m.
Sectional 29 championship
Guerin Catholic at Tri-West, 7 p.m.
Sectional 46 championship
Cloverdale at Sheridan, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 9

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Ben Davis at Hamilton Southeastern, 12:30 p.m.
Greenwood Christian Academy at Guerin Catholic, 12:30 p.m.
University at Lafayette Jefferson, 1 p.m.
Evansville Central at Carmel, 1:30 p.m.
Pendleton Heights at Westfield, 1:30 p.m.
Avon at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.
Center Grove at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS WRESTLING

Hamilton Heights, Noblesville at New Palestine Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Hamilton Southeastern, Sheridan at Alexandria Tournament, 9 a.m.

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Basketball Greyhounds fall to No. 1 Bears

The REPORTER

Carmel got the biggest test of all to start its season Thursday, hosting defending Class 4A state champion and No. 1 Lawrence Central at the Eric Clark Activity Center.

The Bears got off to a hot start and eventually beat the No. 20 Greyhounds 88-57. Lawrence Central led 23-13 after the first quarter

and 48-29 at halftime. The Bears pulled away further in the third period with 19 points.

Senior Izzy Shepherd led Carmel with 14 points, including three 3-pointers. Senior Mackenzie Woods and freshman Catherine Bassi both scored 10 points.

The Greyhounds host Evansville Central Saturday in an afternoon game.

LAWRENCE CENTRAL 88, CARMEL 57

Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Izzy Shepherd	4	3-4	14	3
Mackenzie Woods	3	4-6	10	0
Lauren Perry	2	2-2	7	0
Taryn Fisher	0	0-0	0	0
Mallory Bourquein	2	0-0	4	1
Izabella Ramsey	2	0-0	4	0
Catherine Bassi	4	1-1	10	2
Madison Wallace	3	0-0	7	2
Sydney Bonds	0	1-2	1	2
Taylee Fisher	0	0-0	0	2
Brooke Batt	0	0-0	0	0
Jacobi Warren	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	20	11-15	57	12

Score by Quarters

Lawrence Central	23	25	19	21 - 88
Carmel	13	16	9	19 - 57

Carmel 3-pointers (6) Shepherd 3, Perry, Bassi, Wallace.

Huskies fall to Pendleton Heights

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights dropped a road game at Pendleton Heights 70-19 on Thursday.

The Arabians led 26-1

after one quarter and 42-7 at halftime. Presley Cherry led the Huskies with eight points.

Heights is 0-2 and plays Tuesday at Frankton.

PENDLETON HEIGHTS 70, HAMILTON HEIGHTS 19

Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Katie Brown	0-5	2-2	2	4
Presley Cherry	2-2	3-4	8	3
Reece Blanton	1-4	2-4	5	0
Addison Gilmore	1-3	0-0	2	3
Sarah Sherrill	1-1	0-0	2	4
Abi Hilfiker	0-1	0-0	0	0
Vivian Rowland	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	5-16	7-10	19	14

Score by Quarters

Hamilton Heights	1	6	3	9 - 19
Pendleton Heights	26	16	21	7 - 70

Heights 3-point shooting (2-6) Cherry 1-1, Blanton 1-1, Brown 0-3, Hilfiker 0-1.

Heights rebounds (13) Brown 4, Rowland 3, Hilfiker 2, Gilmore 2, Blanton 1, Sherrill 1.

Dave Sharpe speaks after stepping down as head coach

By RICHIE HALL

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Dave Sharpe has stepped down as the Noblesville High School head football coach.

In a Thursday interview with The Reporter, Sharpe said he told his players of his decision on Wednesday in a team meeting. He was hired in 2019 as a coach and physical education teacher at NHS and will continue to teach at the school.

"I'll still be in the building as a teacher," said Sharpe. "I still hope to coach football again someday, in some capacity."

Sharpe said he wants to spend more time with his family, but also said he "loved being the coach of the Millers. It was a lot of fun."

"The kids were awesome to coach," said Sharpe. "I hope they have a ton of success. I'll be watching from afar."

"I can confirm that we are beginning the process of identifying a new head varsity football coach," said Noblesville athletic director Leah Wooldridge. "We will be making a thoughtful evaluation of the past successes and challenges of our football program as we evaluate plans for the future."

"I want to thank Coach Sharpe for serving our stu-

dent athletes, and for his dedication and commitment to NHS football. He will remain in his role as a health and wellness teacher at NHS and we wish him the best."

Sharpe coached the Millers for five seasons, starting in 2020. Noblesville went 14-38 in those years, navigating a tough schedule in the Hoosier

Crossroads Conference and in the sectional. But the Millers still battled - this season, six of Noblesville's losses were by a touchdown or less.

During that time, Noblesville opened its new Beaver Stadium; Sharpe said the excitement and energy of being in that new stadium "was amazing."

Sharpe also enjoyed "seeing the kids year after year, knowing that at times, they were going to be underdogs going up against the gauntlet schedule. But they were fired up and gave it their all year after year."

"It was truly a great group of kids," said Sharpe. "I'll treasure the memories."



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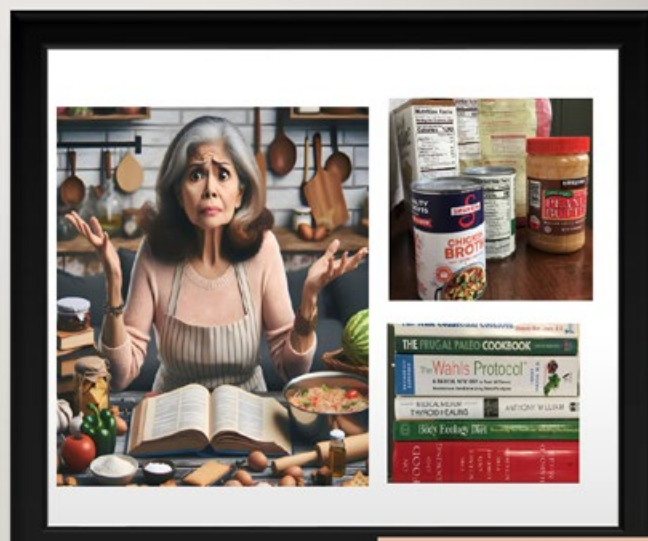
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