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Hamilton Heights mourns loss of beloved Principal Jarrod Mason

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corporation

It is with a heavy heart, we announce the passing of Hamilton Heights' beloved high school principal, Jarrod Mason. As a Husky community, we are all deeply saddened by this sudden loss.

Jarrod, who was the longest available in the serving principal in Hamilton Heights history, was a graduate ter from 9 to 11 a.m. of Hamilton Heights, an athlete, coach, and administrator.

Jarrod was more than a leader; he was a mentor, a friend, and a guiding light for both students and staff. His commitment to fostering a nurturing and inclusive environment will be remembered fondly by all whose

lives he touched.

HHHS (only the high school) will have two E-Learning Days (Asynchronous) Wednesday and Thursday. We will have extra counselors and staff HHHS Media Cenon Wednesday and

Thursday morning for those who need someone to talk to. Please reach out directly to your child's school counselor if they need to talk or need additional help.

er after school activities from scheduled at this time for the el-



Jarrod Mason

weekend's Fall Play will be rescheduled as well. Please contact your child's coach or club sponsor for any practice, event, or schedule updates over the next few days and this weekend.

Friday have been

This

postponed.

HHES and HHMS will continue with their in-person school schedules and after-school events. HHES and HHMS counselors will be available during the school day to help students. All HHHS athletics and oth- All events will continue as

Wednesday through ementary and middle school.

In this moment of profound grief, we remember Jarrod's unwavering dedication, compassion, and the immense impact he has had on our school community and the legacy he leaves behind. Details regarding a celebration of life service and opportunities to pay tribute to Jarrod will be forthcoming.

Please keep Jarrod and his family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Peggy Georgi, a public affairs officer for Hamilton Heights, told The Reporter the school district is planning a celebration of Mason's life in the near future. The time, date, and location will be announced later.

The Ticket Master

Like for many families, the last three months of the year starts the whirlwind of busyness for us. It seems like Halloween leads directly into Thanksgiving, then to Christmas and on through New Year's Day.



COLUMNIST

Of course, there's no shortage of events

along the way that make for great traditions. From trunk-or-treats and haunted houses, to big dinners, to light displays and going to see Santa, there are plenty of cool things to fill your calendar.

Some of these events require tickets to be purchased. And with several family members and the popularity of some of these events, it can be nerve-racking to make sure to buy the correct number of tickets for the exact agreed upon date and time. Swifties know what I'm talking about.

Three specific events come to mind for my family – mostly because I'm the one in charge of getting the tickets.

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Community First Bank serves local Veterans

The REPORTER

Each year on Veterans Day, Community First Bank of Incustomers, but its bankers are still hard at work.

It's an annual tradition for the bank to serve local veterans projects and serving a hot meal. project for the VFW. This lunch embody the essence of selfless

This year, the team raked leaves, washed windows, and cleaned gutters at the homes of 28 veterdiana (CFB) closes its doors to ans. They also served a steamed bagel sandwich "thank-you chance to engage with our comlunch" in partnership with the munity on Veterans Day and locally owned Bearded Bagel at Carmel VFW Post 10003, in adby completing outdoor service dition to completing a painting Lainey Schroer said. "Veterans

ty First Bank Casual for a Cause employee-funded program.

'Our team cherishes the give back to our local heroes," CFB Director of Marketing

was provided by the Communi-sacrifice. Thank you to all our veterans for your service. You

are immensely appreciated." Any veteran who would like an outdoor service project, or another random act of kindness, completed at their home or business next year is welcome to contact the bank at communication@cfbindiana.com.

Carmel selects investment advisor representative

Submitted by City of Carmel

Following a comprehensive search process, the City of Carmel selected an investment advisor representative to support its 457(b) and 401(a) deferred compensation plan for employees, former employees, and

HUB International was unanimously selected as the most qualified investment advisor for the city, given the firm's innovative approach to guiding employees in investment decisions.

Part of a comprehensive review of all financial contracts in support of Mayor Sue Finkam's commitment to ensure the financial well-being of the city and its workforce. the pursuit of an advisor was supported by representatives from fire and police unions, as well as specialists in retirement education, human resources, and finance.

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Indiana Department of Education awards Heights elementary & middle schools with 'Purple Star' status

The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) announced last week newly designated and/or redesignated Purple Star schools.

These schools are awarded for their significant display of commitment to service members, veterans, and students and families connected to our nation's military. Hamilton Heights Elementary School and Hamilton Heights Middle School have been designated as Indiana Purple Star Schools.

This designation lets military parents know, whether they are on Active Duty, in the National Guard, Reserves, or no longer actively serving, that a school is dedicated to helping their child gain the educational skills necessary to be college-, work- and life-ready. It additionally indicates that a school supports the social and emotional wellbeing of military kids adjusting to new schools and the absence of a parent during deployment.

Hamilton Heights Elementary and Middle schools met the identified criteria through their outstanding commitment to supporting military-connected



Photo provided

Hamilton Heights Elementary and Middle schools have been designated as Purple Heart schools by the Indiana Department of Education. The district has a long and proud history of honoring and supporting veterans and recognizing their invaluable contributions through ongoing programs and community initiatives. This photo is from last year's Veteran's Day Program at HHES.

students and families through ing requirements for point of dedicated programs, resources, and initiatives.

following criteria:

· Have an assigned point of contact for military families

Meet all grade-level train-

• Have a dedicated webpage Schools receiving the Purple providing recognition and re-Star designation must meet the sources for service members, veterans and students and families

 Host an annual military program (e.g., Veterans Day, 9/11, etc.)

• Have a public military dis-

play recognizing service mem-

• Submit a school board resolution publicizing support for military students and fam-

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CrossRoads Church at Westfield opens home repair applications

The REPORTER

Do you need home repairs?

Building or repairing wheelchair ramps, constructing decks, doing mobile home skirting, or painting the interior or exterior of homes are being offered for free in June 2025. This program is geared primarily toward older adults, veterans, and any low-income families who live in Hamilton County and own their own homes.

This program is offered by Cross-Roads Church at Westfield.

Over 200 high school students from all over the United States will come to Westfield next summer for a week to provide free home repair for those in need. This program is being offered in partnership with Group Mission Trips, a youth mission organization based in Ft. Collins, Colo.

'Group Mission Trips serves in 15 to 18 communities in the United States each summer doing week-long youth mission home repair camp,' CrossRoads Lead Pastor Eric Lohe explained. "I have been attending these camps since 2005 working as staff and a volunteer. Our church has sent a number of students and adults to these work camps over the years.'

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Correction

In the Monday, Nov. 11 edition of The Reporter, Hamilton County Veterans Corporation President Ron Wilson's name was incorrectly listed as "Williamson." The Reporter regrets the error.

THE MASTER-

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the tickets for Yuletide Celebration in downtown Indianapolis go on sale. Yes, I said August. This means I have to start singing my fala-las and put myself in the Christmas spirit when it's 105 degrees outside. But I guess I do what I gotta do for my family. Maybe I can soften the blow by playing Beach Boys Christmas music. Best of both worlds.

The next event is the Sullivan Express to Pumpkintown at Allisonville Home and Garden by Sullivan. After that is the Sullivan Express Christmas train at Sullivan Hardware. Now at least these tickets go on sale closer to the actual holidays.

All three of these events are so popular that if you don't log in and buy tickets at the exact time they go on sale, the chances of getting the date and times you want are pretty much zero.

And this is where the pressure comes into the mix.

At each of these events, I have no fewer than nine people that I must not let down. So, if I don't want to have to sit in the corner by myself at Thanksgiving, I have to make a plan for my ticket purchasing process.

On the day tickets for an event go on sale, I wake up as usual and take my Zoloft. Then I remember it's ticket day and immediately take another one. Then I have to start pumping myself up like I'm about to take the field at the Super Bowl. Ok, it's game time.

T-minus 30 minutes: I lock myself in a secluded space and open the ticket purchasing website. Be-

Directed by Lori Raffel

Thursday: \$13

TICKETS: \$18 (Fri, Sat, Sun)

VENUE: The Cat in Carmel, 254 Veterans Way Carmel 46032

317-815-9387

It starts in August when my standing in the family, I open the site on a desktop, laptop and my phone all at the same time.

T-minus 15 minutes: I constantly check and refresh the website to make sure they don't open the queue early.

T-minus 5 minutes: My palms start to sweat. There is a lump in my throat. My heartbeat is elevated and my breathing deepens.

T-minus 2 minutes: Another Zoloft.

T-minus 1 minute: I'm in full blown hyperventilation. My eyes are seeing double. I've pooped myself without noticing.

T-minus 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1: In the words of the great Shaboozey, "Oh my, Good Lord."

When the site opens for purchasing those coveted tickets, I'm in a zone. A tornado landing on my head couldn't distract me. It's like my hands have minds of their own, as I click and buy. By the time I come to, several minutes later, I look at the screens to see what happened while I was blacked out.

I did it! I got the exact days and times my family wanted. I even got us front row tickets to Yuletide.

I AM THE TICKET MASTER!!!

The moral of the story is ... If you don't want rocks for Halloween or coal in your stocking, make sure you are fully prepared for ticket buying day. Plenty of finger exercises and some Zoloft should do.

Tim Rathz can be reached at 40somethinginfishers@gmail.com. Follow cause ticket days determine on Facebook or Instagram.

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On Wednesdays

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3150 East State Rd. 32, Westfield

INVESTMENT

"HUB International showed that they can provide unique educational opportunities at the local level," Carmel Fraternal Order of Police President Blake Lytle said. "They will provide continuous contact with the employees and the city as well as have access to national resources. With each employee having a unique situation, it is reassuring to have a partner in your backyard that can pull resources

from across the United States."

Mayor Finkam said the selection proincluded cess an emphasis on fiscal responsibility, enhanced services to employees, and technological

ments. mitment to continually

Finkam

enhance services for our employees." advance-

Kristi Baker, manag-"We have a strong coming partner with HUB International, said the firm improve the services and is excited to partner with

to our dedicated

city employees,"

Mayor Finkam

said. "Our finan-

cial well-being is

a priority for this

administration,

and this partner-

ship will further

benefits we offer Carmel in managing a successful retirement plan that

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supports overall financial wellness.

"We are most looking forward to working with the city employees to instill confidence in how to achieve their retirement goals," Baker said.

The contract with HUB International is expected to be finalized later this month, with the firm serving city employees beginning in January 2025.

PURPLE-

• Ensure military service members and their immediate family members meeting minimum job qualifications for open positions at the school will be guaranteed a job interview.

"HHES is honored to be awarded this special recognition for our efforts to honor our local veterprograms and activities; from our Veterans Day program and veteran readers for younger students, to K-Kids serving at the local Veterans Day breakfast and special projects supporting Honor Flights," said

ans through a variety of lead the charge toward the designation. "As a school we are proud to provide our younger students with meaningful experiences. These events teach the importance of service and help students understand what it truly means to be Special Education Teacher a hero. We are truly bless-Tracy Zachary, who helped ed for the partnership our

school has with our veterans in the Heights community.'

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Schools that earn this designation are awarded for a period of three years. More information can be found at in.gov/ doe/educators/purple-star-school-applica-

HOME REPAIR-

Group Mission Trips has been providing home repairs throughout the United States for the past 40 years. Learn more at groupmissiontrips.com.

"The qualification is very simple," Lohe told The Reporter. "If you are in need of home repairs so you can live in your house, we want to help. We will not be checking your bank statements. Once you submit an application, we have people from our community who will assess the needed repairs and determine if we have the skills and people power to meet the need."

Lohe said the effort is one of the four church initiatives called "For Our Neighbor."

'To help people stay in their homes is the reason for doing the home repairs," Lohe said. "During the week of June 16 to 20, 2025, church kids and their adult leaders will be coming into our community, live at Westfield Middle School, and go out in smaller groups of six people to serve 25 to 30 homes in Hamilton County. In 2021 and 2023,

Thursday, Fridays,

aturdays - 7:30 pm Sundays - 2:30 pm



Photo provided by CrossRoads Church of Westfield

Through partnership with Group Mission Trips, more than 200 high school students will help provide free home repairs for Hamilton County residents.

CrossRoads provided re- or club asks, 'What can thing for our neighbor, it's the same program.

Online applications are available at CrossRoads website at ForOurNeigh**bor.Life** or directly at crchurch.org/for-ourneighbor/home-repairs, and in downloadable PDF format at the above links.

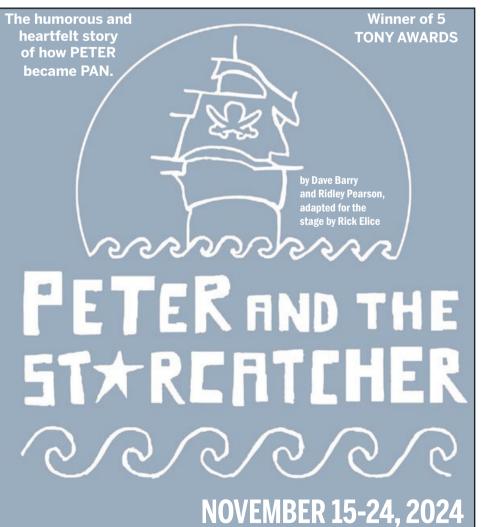
"In addition to seeking home repair sites, we are also seeking businesses or service organizations to be a part of this," Lohe is not just about us as a said. "If a local business church trying to do some-

pairs to 53 homes through we do?' I'd say, 'The kids also about helping people come back really hungry in the afternoons. Could you cook up some hot able when the kids come back from camp?' Or one could take out popsicles to a group or to a couple work sites during the week to say, 'Thank you. We're glad you are here and thanks for what you are doing.' This effort

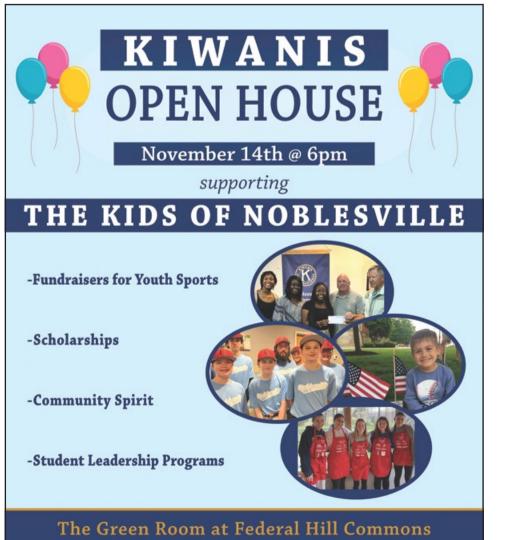
be the best neighbors we can be."

If you would like to dogs and have them avail- help in these efforts to serve neighbors, email forourneighborinfo@ gmail.com.

You can find out more about CrossRoads Church's many efforts to care for their neighbors online at ForOurNeighbor.Life. The church is located at 19201 Grassy Branch Road, Westfield.



WWW.CARMELPLAYERS.ORG



For more information call 317-695-5657

Remembering Civil War veterans

Local author Kevin Yaney led a free Civil War Veterans walking tour last Saturday morning at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville. Attendees heard about the Hoosier state's involvement in the war and about some of Hamilton County's residents who took up arms to preserve the Union. (Reporter photos by Amy Adams)









(TOP LEFT) Mark Guyer, who has also served as a reenactor and happened to be on the tour, helped demonstrate how to load a Civil War-era firearm. (TOP RIGHT, from right to left) Ava Helvey, Donna Sheid, and Sophia Helvey were three of eight who volunteered to help Noblesville Police Sgt. Jason Shonkwiler illustrate what went into firing a canon. (ABOVE LEFT) Yaney took a crowd of around 50 through the cemetery where he talked about the experiences of those who served in Civil War from the Hamilton County area. (ABOVE RIGHT) Reenactor John Gunter from Arcadia was on hand to bring a Civil War soldier to life.

It's a huge passion, a giant frustration, and a colossal risk.
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Personal connection to 106 years of honoring veterans

Veterans Day 2024 holds special significance as it marks 106 years since the end of World War I, which formally concluded on November 11, 1918, at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.



Originally known as Armistice Day, it was established to honor the end of WWI and the sacrifices made by those who served. The day was later renamed Veterans Day in 1954 to recognize all U.S. veterans, both living and deceased, from all wars.

In 2024, Veterans Day continues to be a meaningful occasion for the nation, as it highlights not only the dedication and sacrifices of veterans but also the ongoing challenges they face, such as access to healthcare, mental health support, employment, and housing. This day serves as an opportunity for communities across the United States to come together, show gratitude, and advocate for the well-being of veterans and their families.

For me, this day reminds me of the lessons I learned as a young officer, the interconnectedness I share with my veteran friends, and my family's long tradition of service in the United States Military

First, I am a proud United States Air Force Veteran and 100 percent disabled. By definition, I am a combat veteran; however, I prefer to reserve that distinction for those who actually engaged the enemy, exchanged gunfire, and witnessed destruc-

life. As a young Mortuary Officer, I had the opportunity to care for fallen military members and fulfill our nation's commitment of ensuring dignity, honor, and respect for deceased

comrades. Acting as an intermediary between the U.S. government and grieving families, I learned three tough lessons in that role that have shaped every facet of my professional life: the priority of work must be excellence; the easy way is neither the best way nor my way; and the opportunity to serve others in great need is a great honor. If you know me or my work, then you have witnessed how hard I work on my projects, for my clients, and my devotion to community service and philanthropy.

Second, Veteran's Day warms my heart because of the interconnectedness that exists among military members who served our nation. I am so proud to belong to this elite cohort of patriots, servants, warfighters, and trailblazers. You must know, among comrades, there is mutual appreciation for answering the call to serve the nation; mutual respect for sacrificing youth, health, dreams and family in effort to fulfill sworn duties; and mutual gratitude for those among us who demonstrated extraordinary bravery, supported warfighters, or maintained day-to-day operations. Every service member contributes to the military's mission and work must be performed with great integri-

tion and/or loss of tillery, infantry, flying, cook- in 2011. ing, packing parachutes, aircraft maintenance, recruiting, drill instructors, and combat journalism. Simply put, everyone matters in the military.

Finally, Veterans Day reminds me of my robust family tree and our tradition of military service. Within my family, our history of service in the United States military dates back to the American Revolutionary War, through many conflicts both foreign and domestic. They include:

 Lt Col JOHAN LOUN-DES and Captain WILLIAM BOWDEN who fought against British rule and for American sovereignty in the American Revolution.

• Captain CHARLES WILLIAMS who fought in the War of 1812 against Great Britain.

 Private MOSES PHIL-LIPS. A freeman of color who enlisted in the Union Army in 1864 - U.S. Colored Troops, Regiment 6, Company D during the Civil War. He was COUNTED as a person upon enlistment and not as property.

 Corporal HOMER PHILLIPS, MALACHY serving in the Third Battalion, 24th Infantry, a BUFFA-LO soldier regiment, I Company, in 1917 who survived race riots in Texas waged against soldiers of color.

• My great-uncle HAR-OLD PHILLIPS, a Montfort Point Marine who served during WWII. His unit was credited with DESEGRE-GATING the United States Marine Corp - ENDUR-ING HOSTILITIES ON THE BATTLEFIELD AND WITHIN ITS RANKS. An honor recognized with the ty and attention to detail – ar- Congressional Gold Medal

· My grandfather, Sergeant First Class WIL-LIAM BRYANT. A soldier who grew up fatherless and raised mainly by great neighbors. He enlisted in the U.S. Army, served during WWII in Northern Africa and was among the battalion of men waiting to defeat the Nazi Desert Fox General Erwin Rommel ... who never showed up.

• My father, Sergeant Major JOHN A HILL. Another soldier who enlisted in the Army after graduating from Burlington High School in 1959. My dad was a track and field star ... with records that still stand 60 years later. He served 30 years in the Army, did two tours in Korea and one in Vietnam, a Signal Soldier. He doesn't talk about any of it, but he earned a Legion of Merit, became a Sergeant Major, and is demanding.

These great men came before me and raised their hands to fight for American freedom, liberties, and way of life. With great pride, I know my family embodies this quote from our 40th President Ronald Reagan:

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same.

God Bless the United States of America and all of our Veterans!

Tiffanie Ditlevson is a realtor, veteran, and mom who serves as an At-Large member of the Fishers City Council. Email her at tiffanie.ditlevson@talkto-



Senator Mike Braun visits with an Indiana honor flight veteran.

Thank you, **Hoosier Veterans**

GUEST COLUMNIST

MIKE BRAUN

Indiana is a place that reveres those who chose to serve our country, or were chosen and answered the call of duty.

It's not a coincidence that the center of our capital city is a mon-

ument to Hoosier veterans. About one in every 20 Hoosiers served in the Armed Forces – that's something to be proud of.

Veterans Day is an opportunity to reflect on the sacrifices of our fellow Hoosiers who served. It's a reminder that we owe our freedom to those who put their lives on the line to protect it.

I'd like to tell you a little bit about my father.

My dad, Amos, was a tailgunner in a B-17 plane during World War II. He was an Army Air Corps Staff Sergeant and flew 32 missions in the European theater of the conflict. His unit supported the air strategy that paved the way for the Normandy invasion, as well as flying missions in the Battle of the Bulge – the single deadliest battle of the entire war for our country.

Twenty-five aircraft were assigned to his unit. By the end of the war, only six planes returned home. The rest were lost to collisions, crashes, or shot down by enemy fire.

On average, only 17 out of every 100 gunners made it back from their first mission. That probability dropped with every additional mission. Nearly half of all the B-17 gunners were killed or missing in action by the end of the war.

He returned from Europe highly decorated to a hometown that honored and celebrated his service.

I've always been so proud of that.

My father made sure to instill in his kids a respect for those who had served, because he had seen firsthand the terror and suffering they endured to secure a safer world for the next generation.

I'm sure many of you have similar stories in your family that are a point of pride in your home.

Today, there are only around 100,000 veterans never missed an opportunity to meet those veterans on the Honor Flights that come to Washington, D.C. to view the monuments built to their valor and the memory of their comrades who made the ultimate sacrifice.

These Honor Flights also bring veterans of the Korean War and Vietnam War to D.C. to see their monuments. The sheer number of names on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall is a sobering sight, and a reminder that those Americans who served in that conflict have never received the full respect that they deserve for what they did for us.

In the Senate, I'm proud to have been able to lead legislation that's making

veterans lives a little easier. One piece of legislation we passed is the VA Spina Bifida Exposure to the chemical Agent Orange in Vietnam led to the spina bifida birth defect in some veterans' children. My bill ensured that VA

health benefits would continue for those children even after their veteran parent's death. We succeeded in making this bill law last

One law I authored that I'm particularly proud of is the Wounded Warrior Access Act. I heard from veterans that it was difficult to get files from the VA that they need to access their benefits. Before our bill, they had to either travel to a regional VA location or wait for a physical copy to come in the mail to access their claims information. That was a pain for many veterans who depend on VA health care, and a very serious hindrance for veterans struggling with disabilities.

Our bill directed the VA to create an online tool for veterans to access their claim files electronically, streamlining the process and making the benefits they've earned easier to access.

My office has closed over 10,000 constituent assistance cases for Hoosiers. A big portion of those are for veterans and their families, and my office has also taken the lead on holding special veteran events where they can get help with a federal agency and see job opportunities available to veterans.

On jobs for veterans, we also passed a bill called the Hire Veteran Health Heroes Act, which requires the VA to work with the Pentagon to refer members of the Armed Forces with health care occupations for jobs with the VA during their separation from service. The idea is to help the shortage of medical personnel at the VA to improve services for veterans, and also address the issue of some veterans struggling to find jobs applying their skills learned during their service. It's a program I hope Congress can use as a starting point for helping veterans get hired in other concentration areas in addition to health care.

This morning I spoke to an assembly of students at my alma mater, Jasper High School for Veterans Day. It was a great reminder of how integral veterans are to our state and our nation's story.

Many of those students have parents or close relatives who served in the War on Terror in Afghanistan or Iraq, and I am heartened that they are growing up like I did, with a profound respect for those who served.

This Veterans Day, let's all take a moment to thank the men and women in our lives who put themselves in harm's way so we might continue to live in the greatest country in the world.

Mike Braun currently represents Indiana as one of the state's two U.S. Senators, and he was recently elected to be Indiana's next governor.

State Rep. Garcia Wilburn invites youth to attend Council on Youth Mental Health

The REPORTER

Hey, young people of on the State of Carmel, Fishers, and Nora: Youth Mental It's okay to not be okay. But Health" there are things you can clude: to do feel better and help those around you struggling with the same mental health problems as you.

In light of recent reports showing Indiana youth face an unprecedented mental health crisis, State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn is inviting House District 32 youth to attend a youth mental health discussion with her on Monday, Nov. 18.

"We're Listening: Youth Council

 A free pizza dinner

• An open dialogue with Rep.

Garcia Wilburn on the mental health and wellbeing of

 Tools for advocating for more mental health support from the Indiana on what challenges you're state government

• A workshop on how to cope and deal with mental health issues

you and your friends



Garcia Wilburn

middle and high schoolers," Garcia Wilburn said. "As a mom and someone who

ally for some

of my youngest

constituents

works with kids all the time, I can see that your generation is struggling. I want to hear from you facing. I'll also provide you with the tools to cope and help you move from hopelessness to hope by

"This discus- discussing how you can sion and work- advocate for better mental shop is specifi- health resources from our state government so that you and other kids in the future don't have to deal with this same struggle. I hope to see you there!"

> "We're Listening: Youth Council on the State of Youth Mental Health" will take place from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. Monday, Nov. 18 at the Fishers Public Library, 5 Municipal Drive, in the Center Room. While the event is for middle and high school-aged youth, parents are of course encouraged to attend.

Carmel encourages residents to recycle campaign signs

The REPORTER

Carmel Utilities and the Carmel Street Department are partnering with the Hamilton County Household Hazardous Waste Center and Recycle Force to recycle 2024 election campaign signs.

This initiative prevents an abundance of yard signs from going to a local land-

fill, as they cannot be re- to the following locations: cycled in regular curbside pickup. Residents opting to return campaign signs to individual candidates are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to

Now through Wednesdents can bring their cam-

 Carmel Household Hazardous Waste Site, 901 N. Range Line Road. Closed Mondays; open Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon.

• Carmel Street Deday, Nov. 27, Carmel resi- partment, 3400 W. 131st St. Open Monday through paign signs and metal stands Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

· Hamilton County Household Hazardous Waste Center, 1717 Pleasant St., Ste. 200. Open Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Signs can be dropped off only during the hours listed above. Please do not leave of WWII still with us. I've signs at any site during non-business hours.





NOVEMBER 16 | 7:30 PM AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

The Palladium at the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts CELEBRATING AMERICAN LIFE AND MUSIC

Scan the QR codes, visit CarmelSymphony.org, or contact the Fifth Third Bank Box Office at (317)843-3800 for tickets.



News

Making a 'Promise' to honor our Vets

Noblesville Schools honored veterans with programs throughout the district including music, art, history, and more. These pictures were taken at Promise Road Elementary on Veterans Day. (Photos provided by Noblesville Schools)























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Veterans Community Pa

Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations

American Legion Posts

Carmel Post 155 Kim Kilburn 852 West Main St Breakfast Sat & Sun 8-12 Carmel, In 46032 Treasure Hunt Fri 7p 317-846-0001 Tx Holdem Thurs & Sat

Cicero Post 341 Tye Anderson 50 Washington Ave Treasure Hunt Tues 7p Cicero, In 46034 Weekly Draw Su 6p,W 7p 317-984-4441 Bingo Fri 6p, Weekly Draw 8p

Fishers Post 470 Pat Menc 9091 E 126th St Treasure Hunt Fri 8pm \$25K Fishers, in 46038 317-842-5944 Breakfast 1st & 3rd Sun 8-11

Noblesville Post 45 Gil Soria 273 S 8th St Fri 645pm Treasure Hunt Noblesville, in 46060 Sunday Football Menu 317-773-9985 Trivia Wednesdays 7pm

Sheridan Post 67 Tom DeShon 406 E 10th St Sheridan, In 46069 317-758-5007

VFW Posts

Carmel Post 10003 Darin Bibeau 12863 Old Meridian St Carmel, In 46032 Breakfast 2 & 4 Sat 8-11 317-846-0917 Thurs Treasure Hunt 7pm

Noblesville Post 6246 Eric Behrends 654 S 9th St Noblesville, In 46060 317-773-9956

If you are a member of our American Legions & 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 Admin Assistant – Christina Ellis christina.ellis@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Hamilton County Military Veteran

American Legion & VFW Post & Restaurant Hours **Carmel Legion**

M-T 3-10pm, W-Th10a-10p, F 10a-11p, Sa81-11p, Su 8a-8p. Restaurant -Breakfast Sa Su 8a-12p, Lunch W-F 11a-2p, Dinner Tu-F 5-8p

Carmel VFW

Su-Th 11a-10p, F-Sa 11a-12a. Restaurant -Breakfast 2nd&4th Sa 8a-11a, Lunch 11a-2p & food service till 8p daily

Cicero Legion

M-Th 3-10p, F-Sa 12-11p, Su 12-10p.

Restaurant Tu, W, F 4-8pm

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 **Noblesville Legion**

M-Th 11a-10p, F11a-12p, Sa 12p-12a, Su 12p-8p Restaurant M 6-8pm wings, Tu-F 530-830p, Sat 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/12 Breakfast 730-930a Dinner 530-830p, Su 12-8p **Noblesville VFW**

M-Th 11a-10p, F 11a-12a, Sa 12p-12a, Su 12p-8p Restaurant M-F 6-9p

Sheridan Legion

M 3-9p, Tu-Th 11-9p, F Sa 11-10p, Su 1-6p Restaurant Lunch Tu-F 11a-2p, food service till close

Carmel American Legion Chili Cookoff Nov 16



Carmel VFW Post 10003 Taco Tuesdays



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Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Cener 1481 West 10th Street, Indianapolis IN 46202. Mental health services available 24/7 Main phone: 317-554-0000

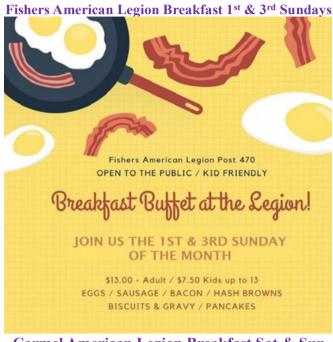
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Westfield City Council considers \$125 million downtown development

By GREGG MONTGOMERY WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A multimillion-dollar downtown development first unveiled in June was introduced Monday night to the Westfield City Council.

The mixed-use development called Park and Poplar would sit along the west side of the downtown area at the southeast corner of Park and Poplar streets. The project would include retail and office spaces, a hotel, brownstone apartments, and a parking garage, the city government

In June, the project was estimated to feature \$164 million in public and private funding. In a news release issued Monday night, the city government estimated the development to be \$125 million.

The Central Indiana Redevelopment Author-



Rendering provided by City of Westfield An image provided in November 2024 shows the Park and Poplar mixeduse development. It's proposed for the west side of the downtown Westfield area at the southeast corner of Park and Poplar streets.

ity provided a \$4 million grant for the development.

president of development at Old Town Companies, says meeting. No agenda was the project will continue the mayor's vision to redefine Monday night. downtown Westfield.

project will be 7 p.m. Dec. Jeremy Lollar, vice 2 at the Westfield Advisory Plan Commission posted for that meeting on

The City Council could town-development.

A public hearing on the approve the project as soon as Jan. 27.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/business/ westfield-city-council-considers-125-million-down-

leisure. It will offer educa-

learning, recreation, and tional value, entertainment, local and tourism appeal, a hotel, observatories, and cultural spaces centered around science, space, engineering, and technology. Investment for Phase 1, which includes the science and space center, includes more than \$300 million. Future investments could total north of \$700 million.

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The Grand Universe District will contain a state-of-the-art science and space center for learning and exploration, as well as a STEM pavilion with related events and amenities. At 170,000 square feet, the Grand Universe Center for Science and Space Exploration will feature one of the world's largest full-dome planetariums, which will create a 360-degree theatre experience.

The Resort District will include a space-themed hotel and a state-of-the-art convention center, providing visitors with accommodations, dedicated parking, and access to all Districts, events, amenities, and the Monon Trail.

The Town Center District will include commercial and mixed-use properties, creating spaces integrating retail, office, and high-density multi-family

The Sports Entertain-



Grand Universe releases plans

for Science, Technology &

Space Campus near Grand Park

Rendering provided

sports, art, and entertainment viewing facilities with outdoor plazas and dining. It is also expected to include a creek park with natural elements and open spaces to accommodate a number of trails.

"Grand Universe has been dreamed and talked about for years and it's great that we are one step closer to making this project a reality," Mayor Scott Willis said. "This project will be a tremendous asset to the Grand Park area, offering an exciting new space where residents and visitors can come together to dine, connect, and explore."

Grand Universe has partnered with The Hagerman Group, Browning Day Architects and Jarbo Marketing to develop this extraordinary project.

This was introduced at the Nov. 11 Westfield City Council meeting and will have a public hearing at the Dec. 2 Advisory Plan Commission (APC) meeting at 7 p.m. at City Hall. The City Council and Redevelopment Commission will consider tax increment financing to assist with infrastructure costs in February 2025.

The Ice Ribbon at Grand Junction Plaza opens Nov. 23

The REPORTER

Create new winter memories with family and friends in the heart of downtown Westfield at The Ice Ribbon at Grand Junction Plaza, 225 S. Union St. The state-of-the-art synthetic ice ribbon opens for its second season on Saturday, Nov. 23. Tickets for skate sessions are on sale now.

During the season opening celebration, which takes place from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., attendees can enjoy a live DJ, caricature artists and food vendors including DonutNV, Tapestry Coffee, and Almost Paradise Farm.

"The ice ribbon is a great way for families to get outside this winter," Mayor Scott Willis said. "We can't

year, as it serves as yet an- 6 to 7:30 p.m.; 8 to 9:30 p.m. street spots on Jersey, Mill, other fantastic way for our er in the heart of downtown Westfield."

Skating sessions will run Thursday through Saturday; times can be found below. All skate sessions are 90 minutes in length and reservations must be made online. The ticket price for ages 11 and over is \$12 per skate session. For ages 10 and under, the price is \$10 per skate session. This cost includes your skate rental fee; processing fees are not included. Skate aids will be available on a first-come, first-served basis for no additional fee.

Skate sessions

- p.m.; 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Saturdays: noon to

community to come togeth- 1:30 p.m.; 2 to 3:30 p.m.; 4 to 5:30 p.m.; 6 to 7:30 p.m.; 8 to 9:30 p.m. Tickets can be pur-

chased at TheIceAtGrand-Gunction.com. Additional hours will

be available during Winter Break. Please note that some skate sessions may vary due to special events. The city is collaborating with the Mayor's Council on Disabilities to provide sensory-friendly activities. Additionally, thanks to a grant from Hamilton County Tourism, the Ice Ribbon will feature two accessible skate sleds for use.

Parking is available west • Thursdays: 4 to 5:30 of Park Street and Poplar Boulevard in two parking

and Park streets. Accessible parking spaces are available on Mill Street.

The Ice Ribbon at Grand Junction Plaza will feature Glice Eco-Rinks. Glice uses a sustainable skating technology that does not require water or energy and does not produce carbon emissions. Additionally, Glice is involved in a program called Plant for the Planet, a global nonprofit organization focused on reforestation and climate advocacy. For each Glice sheet, a tree is planted in partnership with Plant for the Planet.

The city will hire several seasonal, part-time employees for Ice Ribbon operations. More information can be found at tinyurl.com/

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Hamilton County Councilman Mark Hall's October Timesheet

Welcome to Timesheet. This column is a report of work done on behalf of the people of Hamilton County. It's to be informative, too – a place learn about projects and how our county gov-

ernment works. As your employee, it's important to me that you know what is being worked on as transparently as possible in government. You hired me as your County Councilman, and my hope is that you'll choose to be informed by regularly reading this column, getting involved, consider volunteering, and by asking questions. Council meetings are at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the Hamilton County Government

attend in person. Here is where my time this past month has been spent.

and Judicial Center in down-

town Noblesville. Meetings

are also available to watch

online for those unable to

In addition to the County Council public meetings, October work included: a 2025 final budget adoption meeting, a Board of Commissioners public meeting, a combined County Coun-



MARK HALL

executive session, and a quarterly county services meeting with Cicero Town offi-

October included the 2025 final budget adop-

tion. The Hamilton County budget for 2025 is slightly over \$309,000,000. Once the budget is approved in final form, the Auditors' Office submits all the details to the State of Indiana Department of Local Government and Finance. They ultimately approve the numbers and the associated tax rate.

As a point of reference, Indiana has 92 counties, many of which have a budget under \$20,000,000. Hamilton County is fortunate to be growing, but managing that growth and keeping up with the required services can be challenging. The workload has increased over last year in volume and in complexity.

After an extraordinarily intense September, I took some time off after final budget adoption to rest, recharge, and fish a bit. This trip reminded me why they call it fishing and not catching.

Commissioners committee meeting was canceled as we only had one request. It was addressed by a poll of the committee members. Personnel requests are voted on as they occur, first in the personnel committee and then at the next regular council meeting using a recommendation from the committee. The finance committee did not meet in October.

> This month there were three constituent services requests. Requests require research with a county department, securing the correct answer, and then following up with the taxpaver.

> One October request was regarding undocumented immigrants being introduced into Hamilton County. My research, in speaking with public safety, prosecutors, and city officials, confirmed that while we do have an influx of some immigrants arriving with a temporary visa, they are not being dropped here in any large quantity.

> A second request asked about Noblesville property taxes and the amount of our property taxes that goes to the Noblesville School system. The answer is 47 percent of our property taxes in Noblesville go to the school system.

> > The final October re-

ent asking for support for a city government-ordered appraisal on her property. This was interesting in that the city sent contracted appraisers for a detailed analysis of her property. They plan to acquire a portion of her property for a road expansion project. I was happy that schedules worked out such that I was able to meet the appraisers, watch their work, and offer support and assurance to the constituent.

Noteworthy items from October included a meeting with Chief Mann of the Noblesville Police Department discussing the new training center and the approval of \$55 million in bond financing to pay for the judicial center expansion project.

The last item of special interest is what is best described as a pebble in my shoe. Allow me to explain:

For my age, I have a decent memory and last year – this would be September of 2023 - I remember our council budget discussing and agreeing to put away money from the 2024 budget into the county rainy-day fund. Well, we got to October and after reviewing fund balances, to my surprise, no money had yet been moved

The October personnel quest was from a constitu- into what is essentially a county savings account.

> So, now I'm bugged about this and started researching. Research led to asking fellow council if they remembered the discussion about moving the money to savings, and ves, several did remember it. The problem is that there was nothing in the minutes about us moving the money.

> Now I'm like a dog with a bone. This is not what we agreed to, or at least not what was intended. Undaunted, I hit up the Information Technology team to pull off all the audio recordings from the two days of 2024 budget hearings recorded in September of 2023. Flash drive in hand, the listening begins. Eight hours of slamming coffee and listening to the audio recordings and boom, a-ha, found it! I found the audio recording of where the council agreed to move supplemental LIT (Local Income Tax) into our rainvday fund.

It was like I found a mint condition Bob Gibson rookie baseball card.

I was excited and exhausted, clipped the audio recordings, and sent them to the council president. We had agreed to move the money but had not held a vote to do so. The result: over \$16 million of our tax

dollars will now be moved from the general fund into our rainy-day fund, saving

for the future. With the planned 2025 rainy-day contribution, the county emergency savings account balance will be over \$45 million by the end of fis-

cal 2025.

This is my timesheet. This is where my time went during October 2024. This was an especially busy month that included 2025 budget meetings. My job is primarily the financial oversight of the county budget. It is important that I understand the Board of Commissioners' priorities and balance them with the stewardship of taxpayer dollars. That is the job, and I am excited to do the people's

As a taxpayer myself, and listening to so many of you, our employers, it's important for the taxpayers to have access to all the information you want. I work for you, and although you may not choose to do a deep dive into what your County Council does, it's important that you can always do so.

Feel free to contact me at (317) 832-1104 or mark. hall@hamiltoncounty.in-.gov with questions, feedback, or if you would like to talk about county business.

Panera Bread hosting toy drive to support The Salvation Army

Collected toys will benefit Christmas assistance programs across Indiana

The REPORTER

Veterans Day kicked off a three-week toy drive at 42 Indiana Panera Bread restaurants (including five in Hamilton County), marking an expansion in the program that helped to collect toys at select restaurants last year.

This year, the collection will benefit Salvation Army Christmas assistance programs in counties across the state of Indiana. Collection boxes will be out Nov. 13 to Dec. 6 at each participating Panera Bread. New, unwrapped toys for infants through teens can be dropped off during each location's regular business hours.

Customers can donate toys at any of these five local locations:

- · Carmel: 2001 Grey-
- hound Pass #4E • Carmel: 1346 S. Range

Line Road

- Fishers: 8510 E. 96th
- Noblesville: 17177 Mercantile Blvd.
- Noblesville: 12873 Campus Pkwy. #A

Thousands of local families turn to The Salvation Army during the holidays to help put toys under the tree and Christmas dinner on the table. Families hit hard by inflation, job loss, and financial difficulties often face the difficult choice between paying rent or a utility bill and providing Christmas gifts and a festive family meal for their children. Salvation Army programs, like Angel Tree and Toy Shop, help to relieve the extra financial burden of the holidays and ensure that families in need can still experience the joys



of the season.

'We're so grateful to Panera Bread for growing this program in 2024," said Major Marc Johnson, Divisional Commander for The Salvation Army Indiana Division. "With thousands of Hoosier families in need of help this Christmas, a toy drive like this can make a huge impact on our ability to meet the need in each community where we serve. This is a season

of joy, and each year The Salvation Army strives to bring that joy to as many of our neighbors in need as we can."

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Panera Bread began as St. Louis Bread Company in 1987 and is now operating in 48 states, Washington, D.C., and Canada. This Love of Janus Guild will toy drive is just one of many ways that the company gives back to communities through seasonal and yearround philanthropic efforts.

For more information about Panera Bread and to find a location near you, visit **PaneraBread.com**. To find your local Salvation Army and learn more about Christmas assistance programs in your area, visit SalvationArmyIndiana.org.







Liven up your Christmas spirit with 'Janus Jingle'

The REPORTER

Janus Developmental Services and the For the present the fifth annual Janus Jingle on Sunday, Dec. 8. It is a great way to get into the holiday spirit and support Janus.

Tickets are \$15 each and all the money goes directly to the Janus Guild to help fund programs for Janus participants. You will tour a beautifully decorated home with 41 Christmas trees and all the other decorations to go along with them. Enjoy Christmas cookies, a special

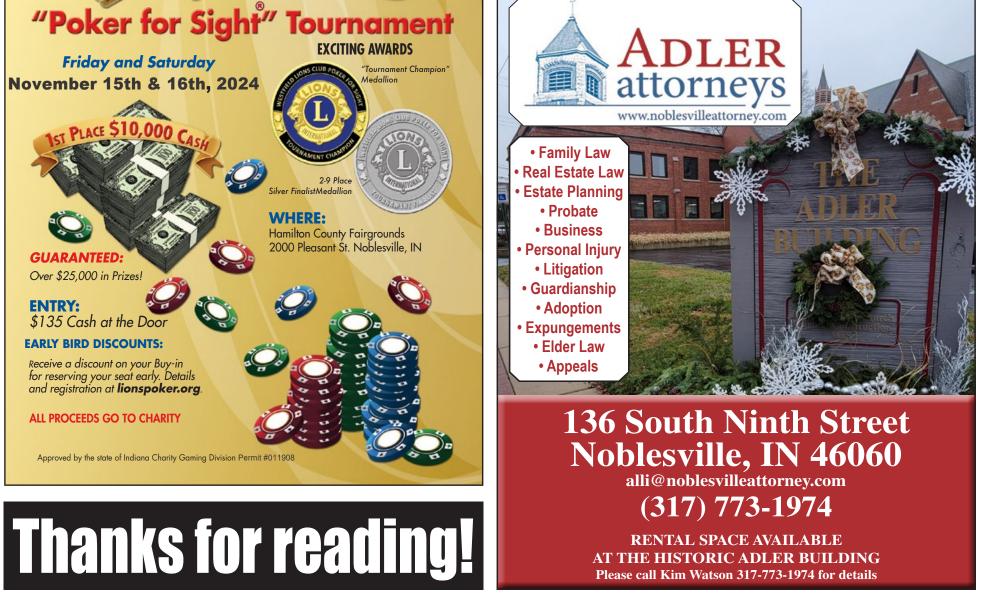
Christmas coffee or Christmas punch, all while getting into the holiday spirit and visiting with friends and family.

Tickets are sold in time slots, so it is easier for everyone to enjoy. Time slots are 1 to 2 p.m., 2 to 3 p.m., and 3 to 4 p.m.

Click here to purchase tickets online. You will receive an email with the event details.

You can also purchase a ticket through a Guild Member or Jerry Jamison by emailing jjamison@janus-inc.org.





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Guests were captivated by the recent Five-Course Wine Dinner at Vivante, where an evening of gourmet dining, expertly paired wines, and lively conversation created a memorable experience.

Executive Chef Chris Coorts and Sous Chef David Leeuw, known for their culinary wizardry, took center stage to discuss each thoughtfully crafted dish and share their innovative approach to ingredient pairings. Both chefs bring an artistic touch to their cuisine, blending techniques and unexpected flavors that introduced guests to exciting combinations they hadn't imagined.

One of the standout dishes of the night was a 48-hour braised Short Rib. served with a rich red wine reduction. This labor-intensive preparation, typically reserved for high-end fine dining, demonstrated the skill and dedication of Vivante's culinary team. Chef David explained that a wine dinner, with its controlled number of guests, allowed them the time and attention needed to create such an intricate, carefully crafted dish. The short rib was a perfect example of the culinary team's ability to "flex their muscles" and deliver a truly elevated dining experience.

The evening's focus on inclusivity was also noteworthy – Vivante's chefs ensured that every guest



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Not one guest at Vivante's five-course dinner with Master Sommelier Joe Spellman said they walked away disappointed in the evening's offerings.

could fully enjoy the experience, regardless of dietary restrictions or food allergies. By offering custom menu options on request, Vivante demonstrated a commitment to making elevated dining accessible for all.

The wine pairings were equally impressive, with each course complemented by a carefully chosen selection from Justin Winery. Guests were especially enthusiastic about the opportunity to purchase bottles to take home, allowing them to relive the experience or share it with others.

allure was Master Sommelier Joe Spellman, a true icon in the wine industry. One of only 37 Master Sommeliers in the United States, Spell-

man captivated attendees with his extensive knowledge, from the origins of each grape to the unique characteristics imparted by barrel aging. His insights deepened guests' appreciation for the wines, and his passion for the craft was evident in every story he shared.

To conclude the evening, Vivante's pastry chef, Tia Evans, prepared a decadent Chocolate Cake with Dark Berry Mousse and Mixed Berry Gelée, perfectly paired with Justin's Cabernet Sauvignon. This dessert was a dream come true for choco-Adding to the evening's late lovers and added a memorable sweet note to end the evening.

> **Experience exceptional** dining at Vivante Inside Carmel's lux-

urious Hotel Carmichael, Vivante offers year-round culinary events designed to create lasting memories. From private chef's tables to themed wine and bourbon dinners, guests can indulge in bold flavors and expertly paired beverages in a refined setting.

This winter, reserve one of Vivante's enchanting Winter Chalets - a cozy, heated sanctuary that's perfect for intimate gatherings. Savor seasonal dishes like Spicy Linguini Alla Puttanesca, Frutti Di Mare, and Poached Pear dessert, surrounded by the magic of the festive winter decor. Limited spots are available book your Winter Chalet on OpenTable for an unforgettable dining experience.

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Congresswoman Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) issued the following statement last Friday.

Aristotle once said that courage is the first of human qualities because it is the quality which guarantees the

The American people gave us another chance to restore our Republic, but it might be our last chance. If my



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party betrays the American people and does not show courage to stand up to the D.C. "money machine" and address the looming fiscal calamity, we will not deserve another chance.





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Westfield Washington Public Library expands Spanish-language book collection

Expanding collection designed to meet needs of growing Hispanic population

The REPORTER

The Westfield Library Foundation (WLF) recently purchased 172 new Spanish-language books for the Westfield Washington Public Library as part of an guage spoken at home, it not children, to enamong the city's growing Hispanic population.

Anuar Velazquez, a WLF board member and a dedicated advocate for the community, emphasized the importance of this invest-

sentation of authors and

books in Spanish is crucial formative access to for our Spanish-speaking students and citizens, including those learning the books are for the language," Velazquez said. young and old, "When people read in a lan- with a focus on effort to promote literacy only boosts literacy but also sure that families and cultural representation instills pride in their cultural

identity.' Velazquez, who is himself a first-generation immigrant, is passionate about ensuring that families feel welcomed and empowered.

'My journey has inspired me to find ways to connect "Increasing the repre- with these families," he said. "I know firsthand how trans-

resources can be."

The can engage with literature together.

"We are committed to making the library a welcoming hub," WLF Director Erin Downey said. "We hope this new collection fosters inclusivity and allows communities that may have felt marginalized to see themselves in the



Velazquez

stories they read."

In addition to the new collection, the library has recently enhanced its outreach efforts to Spanish-speaking families by offering English language classes and Spanish story times.



Downey

First phase of Noblesville's Reimagine Pleasant Street project opens to traffic

The REPORTER

The first phase of Noblesville's Reimagine Pleasant Street project, which includes Pleasant Street from River Road to the new roundabout at 10th Street, is now open to traffic.

The new roundabout at the intersection of 10th Street and Pleasant Street was recently opened to traffic. Phase 1 also included the new bridge over the White River, a roundabout at River Road and Pleasant Street, and two roundabouts along Eighth Street.

"The new Pleasant Street is a transformational corridor for our community," Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen said. "We were excited to celebrate with everyone at the Party on Pleasant, and I'm proud to say this phase opened ahead of schedule. We are continuing to work on the remaining two phases to complete the new east-west corridor that will ease the commute for everyone traveling to and through our city."



Photo provided by American Structurepoint

to 19th Street to four lanes reconstructing the roundabout at 19th Street to a two-lane roundabout. Pleasant Street from 13th Street to 16th Street is anticipated to close mid-January, weather permitting. Until this closure, Pleasant Street will remain fully open from River Road through State Route 37 to Union Chapel Road. Phase 3 includes new

Route 32. As part of Phase 3 construction, crews will build a new bridge over Cicero Creek and a roundabout at the intersection of Hague Road and SR 32. The roundabout will be constructed in coordination and partnership with the Indiana Department of Transportation and will include a full closure of the intersection of Hague Road and SR 32 beginning in summer 2025.





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Peyton Manning Children's Hospital patient from Carmel serves as 'Coin Toss Kid' at Colts game

A patient from Peyton Manning Children's Hospital (PMCH) at Ascension St. Vincent had the special chance to take the field at Lucas Oil Stadium during a recent home football game. Mason Dusko, a 5-year-old from Carmel, served as the Colts "Coin Toss Kid" just before kickoff – walking to midfield for the coin toss and meeting players from both teams.

Mason was born 10 weeks early and spent nearly six months in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. At just one week old, he was diagnosed with Necrotizing Enterocolitis (NEC), an intestinal disease with mortality rates as high as 50 percent. Because of his fragile immune system and frequent gastrointesti-

is a frequent visitor to the hospital. Due to his cardiovascular complications and the risk to his life, he will never be allowed to participate in his favorite contact sports of football, baseball, and basketball.

Despite all the obstacles, Mason is a very happy and strong child with an infectious personality. Mason was also featured in the Colts' game day program, The Scout.

"Our dedicated staff and professionals at Peyton Manning Children's Hospital work miracles for their patients every day," said Kevin Speer, JD, Senior VP Ascension and CEO Ascension St. Vincent. "We are pleased to be able to join the Colts in celebrating these kids who will always be a part of our nal complications, Mason extended family.

The opportunity for PMCH patients to participate is part of a new longterm partnership between Ascension St. Vincent and the Colts. Fans attending home games at Lucas Oil Stadium will see new signage promoting the partnership, while radio listeners will hear the play-byplay action on the newly named Ascension St. Vincent Radio Network.

"The Colts family is beyond excited to begin this new partnership with Ascension St. Vincent and Peyton Manning Children's Hospital," Colts Owner &

CEO Jim Irsay said. "We



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together in the years to come to highlight health and wellness in our communities and help improve health outcomes for our friends, fans and neighbors look forward to working across Indiana."

Anderson Museum of Art gets ready for holiday season

The REPORTER

The Anderson Museum brate the season with a lineup of festive events that will bring joy and magic to the community throughout December. From family-friendly activities to a chance to shop for unique gifts, there's something for everyone to enjoy this holiday season.

> **Winterfest for First Friday**

Dec. 6, 5 to 8 p.m. Join AMOA for Winterfest, the museum's celebration of First Friday, from 5 to 8 p.m. Dec. 6.

This festive day is filled with activities for all ages:

• Hues of Happiness: Be among the first to experience our new Hues of Happiness exhibition, celebrating the life and legacy of beloved community member Marilyn Ault. This exhibition features a curated selection of artwork from AMOA's permanent collection alongside pieces from the Aults' personal collection, each chosen for its connection to Marilyn's belief in the transformative power of art to inspire peace, beauty, and joy.

· Soroptimist International of Anderson Cookie Walk: Don't miss the Soroptimist Cookie Walk, where you can pick up an assortment of homemade cookies for just \$8 per dozen. Proceeds support women's educational awards in Madison County, a great cause this holiday season.

• A.R.T.S. (A Reason to Shop): AMOA's local marketplace is back. Find unique gifts from local vendors at A.R.T.S. (A Reason to Shop) and visit the AMOA Shop for locally made art and crafts, perfect for holiday giving.

joy complimentary refreshments, kids' crafts, and special guests from Detour Salon & Style, who will add sparkle to your holiday season with winter hair tinsel. **Elf Art Studio:**

• Winterfest Fun: En-

A Magical Holiday Experience for Kids Starting Dec. 7

The holiday magic continues on Saturday, Dec. 7, when AMOA invites local kids to experience the Elf Art Studio. Children can take a magical hot-air balloon ride to the North Pole, where they will create holiday gifts and artwork with the help of Santa's most creative elves. This enchanting workshop is the perfect way for kids to get into the spirit of the season.

The fun starts with the Talls, Smalls, and Disco Balls Party from 6 to 8 p.m. on Dec. 7. For just \$5 per person, kids can bring their favorite adult for an evening of dancing, games, refreshments, and the first chance

Following the party, the of Art (AMOA) will cele- Elf Art Studio Experience will be open to the public with extended hours from Dec. 11 to 28. Thanks to the Indiana Arts Commission, admission is free. The Elf Art Studio hours are as follows:

- Wednesday, Dec. 11 from noon to 7 p.m.
 - Thursday, Dec. 12
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- from noon to 7 p.m. • Thursday, Dec. 19
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- noon to 5 p.m. • Friday, Dec. 27 from noon to 5 p.m.
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About Anderson Museum of Art

Located in downtown Anderson's historic Carnegie Library building, the Anderson Museum of Art hosts various local, regional, and national art exhibitions. In keeping with its mission statement - "To engage the community in the visual arts" - AMOA endeavors to be an integral part of the growing art community through a variety of means, including collaborations with other arts organizations, youth, and adult art classes, youth summer camps, public art receptions, and participation in various downtown activities. The museum welcomes and invites the community to visit the exhibitions and share in this beautiful building during open gallery hours or as a venue for community events, weddings,

Be part of Ivy Tech Hamilton County's first Pickleball Palooza at Grand Park

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Get ready for a day of excitement, friendly competition, and community spirit at Ivy Tech Hamilton County's inaugural Pickleball Palooza.

Taking place at Grand Park in Westfield on Sunday, Dec. 15, this event kicks off at 11 a.m. and all ages and skill levels are invited to join in, rally together, and support Ivy Tech's mission to empower students and

strengthen the Hamilton is Dec. 10. County community.

Pickleball Palooza will feature a non-sanctioned, mixed singles scramble with players competing in skill-based pools. Whether you're a seasoned pickleball enthusiast or trying the sport for the first time, this event offers a welcoming environment, fun prizes, and opportunities to play with friends,

family, or colleagues.

Funds raised through Pickleball Palooza will support Ivy Tech Hamilton County's campus programs, cutting-edge equipment, and critical student services, helping students stay on track and complete their studies.

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Amplify your impact by becoming an event sponsor. With sponsorship packag-The deadline to register es starting at \$2,500, your



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IU basketball players Trey Galloway & Malik Reneau return as Merchants Bank Brand Ambassadors

The REPORTER

Merchants Bank announced on Oct. 31 Indiana University (IU) basketball players Trey Galloway and Malik Reneau have re-signed as brand ambas-

In their second year as brand ambassadors, Galloway and Reneau will continue to support Merchants Bank's overall goal of further growing awareness of its various lines of business amongst residents of the state of Indiana and beyond. In addition to promoting business offerings such as small business lending, business banking, traditional community banking, residential mortgage banking, multifamily housing, and more, the teammates will act as representatives of the company both at events and within the community.

Galloway, who has returned for his fifth year as a guard with the Indiana Hoosiers, has become a leading pillar to this team as they head into the 2024-2025 season. He boasts several successes from his performance last season, including





Photos provided by Merchants Bank

Trey Galloway (left) and Malik Reneau (right) have re-signed as brand ambassadors with Merchants Bank.

being recognized as a Big working with them for a Ten Sportsmanship Award honoree. Trey ranked eighth in the conference in assists, 10th in assist/turnover ratio, and also averaged career highs in points, steals, and minutes played.

"Trey and Malik's energy, commitment, and work ethic are at the forefront of everything they do as players, teammates, and brand ambassadors," Merchants Bank Chairman Michael F. Petrie said. "These are two stellar individuals who we see adding great value to everything we're building

second season and for the opportunity to continue to be a part of their journey with Indiana Hoosier basketball."

Entering his third season as a forward for Indiana, Reneau, now an upperclassman on the team, was one of only two Indiana players to start all 33 games last season. He wrapped the 2023-2024 season, ranking 14th within the Big Ten conference for points per game – a career high – and 19th in rebounds. He was recognized Empire Classic All-Tournament Team.

"Happy to be back and partnering with Merchants Bank again this season," Galloway said. "I appreciate getting the opportunity to see just how involved and engaged Merchants Bank is within the communities

they support and serve." Reneau added, "I get the chance to further grow alongside Merchants Bank and see the successes we achieve together within each of our passions. It's going to be a great year!"

Merchants Bank,



Norma Jean Tharp

July 3, 1934 - November 10, 2024

Norma Jean Tharp, 90, Arcadia, passed away on November 10 at Five Star Residence memory unit, Noblesville, from complications of dementia.

Known as both "Jean" or "Norma



Known as both "Jean" or "Norma Jean" (or sometimes as "Normie" by her beloved husband Walt a/k/a "Fluto"), she was born July 3, 1934, in Wabash, Ind., to Philip and Bessie Marie Siders. A 1953 graduate of Jackson Central High School, on November

25, 1955, she married Walter Raymond Tharp, a 1951 Jackson Central High graduate and a U.S. Navy veteran. After a short time living in New Albany, they made their lifelong home together west of Arcadia. Jean, after working as a flower arranger, became a nurse's aide for many years. She retired from Riverview Hospital in 1990. She was a member of Cicero Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Jean would perhaps be best characterized as a salt-of-the-earth country wife and mother with a faith in Jesus that was simultaneously simple, deep, unshakeable, and genuine, never with any false airs or showiness. Her love of traditional Christian hymns exemplified this strong faith—the Gaither gospel artists come to mind, and she could be expected to spontaneously break into religious song in both her best and worst moments. She had a love of country music with a special love of Willie Nelson and Randy Travis. Burt Bacharach's "What the World Needs Now Is Love" was a favorite and it is no understatement that she spoke often of the universal need for love for all of God's creatures as mattering more than anything else in life.

In retirement, she and beloved husband Walter sampled numerous mutually held interests and hobbies, including pioneer/reenactment rendezvouses at Mississinewa Reservoir and trips as far as Maine in their fifth-wheel RV, to growing plants in their homespun greenhouse, and a fling with all things gourd-related. Cookouts on Sunday after church with their children rounded out their time and love together.

Jean was preceded in death by a stepbrother, John Brane, Markle, Ind. Surviving are two half-brothers, Gary Smith, Tipton, and Alan Siders, Chicago area; and two sons and a daughter: Dennis Tharp, Madison, Ind.; Ryan Tharp, Arcadia; and Susan (Tharp) Garrity, Arcadia; as well as four grandchildren, Abigail Lowery, Kelsey Knighthawk, Daniel Garrity, and Katherine Garrity (deceased 2022), and a great-granddaughter Juniper Lowery.

Visitation and funeral services will be at Cicero Seventh Day Adventist Church, 24445 S.R. 19, Cicero, on Thursday, November 14. Showing will begin at 11 a.m. with service to follow at 1 p.m. followed by graveside service at Cicero Cemetery, 7810 W. 236th St., immediately west of the bridge spanning Morse Reservoir.

Finally, the family wishes to acknowledge the extraordinary affection by and between Jean and the caregivers at Five Star Residence, Noblesville. The farewell emotion, the tears of staff and the extent to which Jean touched them was evident and we are deeply grateful for the care and the love she received there.

The family requests no flowers but instead, a donation can be made to the American Legion, 50 Washington Ave., Cicero, IN 46030, (317) 984-4441.

Online condolences may be made at **hartleyfuneral-homes.com**.

Robert "Bob" Eugene Gordon Jr. August 12, 1939 – November 10, 2024

Robert "Bob" Eugene Gordon Jr., 85, passed away at home after a rapid battle with cancer on the Lord's Day, November 10, 2024.



Bob was born August 12, 1939, in Chicago, Ill., to Robert Gordon Sr. and Ethel Gordon Garner.

Bob graduated from Walnut Grove High School in 1957. He then attended Ball State University, where he obtained a bachelor's degree in 1961

and a master's degree in 1965. He married his high school sweetheart and forever love Ann Nance on June 4, 1961, at Omega Christian Church.

Bob started his teaching career in Noblesville from 1961 to 1966. He then furthered his career by serving as a teacher and Principal at Tipton Elementary from 1966 to 1989. From 1989 until his retirement in 2001, Bob was the Principal at Hamilton Heights Elementary School.

Bob was a beloved baseball coach and mentor to many young men. Bob's Omega Christian Church Family ordained him as an Elder on April 13, 2014. Bob was an avid sportsman. He played baseball, basketball, and golf, trained and hunted bird dogs, fished, fished, and fished some more! He enjoyed spectating these sports along with Cubs games, Masters Tournaments, Colts games, and racing. Bob was also an avid reader and historian; he loved books almost as much as fishing. When Bob wasn't dedicating his career to the betterment of our youth, he would spend time on the farm or in the garden. Most of all, Bob was an involved, loving leader of his family and the most genuine friend one could have.

Bob is survived by his devoted wife, Ann (Nance) Gordon; sons, Robert Kip (Diane) Gordon of Vevay, Ind., and Edward Trent (Heather) Gordon of Arcadia; daughters, Nancee Dee (Paul) Crouse of Cicero, and Angie Lou (Neal) Fine of Noblesville; six grandchildren, Josie (Grant) Achenbach of Cicero, Sophie Scott (Josh) Brinkman of Cleveland, Ohio, Orion Gordon of Cicero, Adeline Gordon of Cicero, Anna Fine of Noblesville, and Sky Gordon of Arcadia; two great-grandchildren, Otto and Lally Achenbach; brothers, Bill (Joan) Gordon of Frankton, Ind., and Jack (Sandy) Gordon of Cookeville, Tenn.; stepbrothers and stepsisters, nieces, and nephews of the Russell Garner family.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday, November 15, 2024, at Cicero Christian Church, 1715 Stringtown Pike, Cicero. The funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, November 16, 2024, at Cicero Christian Church with Pastor Neal Brown officiating. Burial will follow in Arcadia Cemetery in Arcadia.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Omega Christian Church.

Online condolences may be given at **hartleyfuneral-homes.com**.

Meeting Notices

The Carmel Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a hearing officer meeting at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 22, 2024, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square.

The Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Board will meet in an executive session at 5 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 18, 2024, to discuss land, litigation, and personnel.

A regular board meeting will follow at 6 p.m. at Osprey Pointe Pavilion, 19777 Morse Park Lane, Noblesville.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

THE COVENANT CONFIRMED

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Come up to the Lord, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel. You are to worship at a distance, but Moses alone is to approach the Lord; the others must not come near. And the people may not come up with him."

When Moses went and told the people all the Lord's words and laws, they responded with one voice, "Everything the Lord has said we will do." Moses then wrote down everything the Lord had said.

He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the Lord. Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he splashed against the altar. Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, "We will do everything the Lord has said; we will obey."

Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, "This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words."

Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction."

Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. He said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them."

When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from within the cloud. To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Exodus 24:1-18 (NIV)



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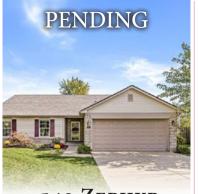
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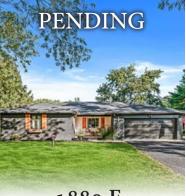
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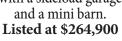
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Girls Basketball-

Blackhawks back in a fury, taking down two teams to open the season

By RICHIE HALL

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SHERIDAN – The expectations are high for the Sheridan girls basketball team this year.

The Blackhawks return several players from last year's history-making team, one that won the program's first-ever regional title and came within an overtime period of reaching the final four in Class 2A. Sheridan began its season Monday by playing at Carroll and ran away from the Cougars in the fourth quarter, winning the game 44-24.

On Tuesday, the Hawks played their first home game of the season by taking on traditional powerhouse Lebanon. Sheridan again broke loose after a tight first half, outscoring the 3A Tigers 20-5 in the third quarter on its way to a 53-30 victory.

"We're excited about it," said Blackhawks coach Jaidlin Bradshaw. "We were a little nervous playing back-to-back nights to open the season up, especially with traveling to Carroll last night. It's a long drive, and then turning back around and hosting Lebanon here tonight. Both Carroll and Lebanon are always super aggressive, physical games for us. I was just glad the girls were able to match that intensity and energy."

The Cougars had Sheridan down 12-10 after the first quarter. The Hawks were able to edge ahead 18-

17 by halftime, then began and then implement what to roll in the second half. Sheridan led 27-21 after three quarters, with Kenzie Garner scoring eight points in that period, including a pair of 3-pointers.

soared through the fourth, Garner scored 14 points, while Cecilia Timme had eight points. Both are coming off solid fall sports season, with Garner playing volleyball and Timme playing soccer.

"They don't ask for time off," said Bradshaw. blessing and a curse, beright into the next thing. I think too, having successful sports seasons has really helped the girls to be excited to come in and have a good winter sport season as well."

Back home at Larry Hobbs Hall, Sheridan outscored Lebanon in each Blackhawks led 13-8 after one, then went into halftime with a 23-16 advantage. Garner scored 13 points in the first half.

Sheridan turned up the defense in the third period, outscoring the Tigers 20-5 for a 43-21 lead. Garner added another eight points, with Nova Cross and Timme both scoring four.

"Sometimes they just need to regroup," said Bradshaw. "I feel like we get a little frazzled sometimes with a bunch of different things, so it's nice to see them be able to regroup at halftime and come out we talked about."

Garner finished with 24 points, while Timme totaled nine.

Sheridan has a week off, then plays at home The Blackhawks then again next Tuesday, welcoming Brebeuf Jesuit. The outscoring Carroll 17-3. Blackhawks will be getting more attention this season as they try to make another post-season run, but Bradshaw mentioned that her team now has the experience of knowing they can make that run.

"It's certainly like a "They're ready to transition cause it's pressure, but it's a good kind of pressure," said Bradshaw. "We have high expectations and we've always, as a staff, had high expectations for our girls. But now I think they know that they can do these things, and I think it's just a whole another level of pressure and scary and of the four quarters. The exciting and awesome all at the same time."



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Sheridan's Kenzie Garner had back-to-back double-digit scoring games as the Blackhawks began their season this week with two victories. Garner scored 14 points in Sheridan's win over Carroll on Monday and 24 points in the Blackhawks' home victory over Lebanon Tuesday.

SHERIDAN 53, LEBANON 30					
Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF	
Nova Cross	2	0-2	4	1	
Kenzie Garner	9	6-8	24	0	
Shelby Eaton	1	0-0	2	2	
Cecilia Timme	4	1-5	9	1	
Brielle Garner	2	0-0	4	1	
Sadie Timme	0	3-5	3	3	
Mackenzie Smith	3	1-2	7	1	
Mak Southerland	0	0-0	0	0	
Brooklynn Conley	0	0-0	0	0	
Sammy Smith	0	0-0	0	0	
Totals	21	11-22	53	9	
Score by Quarters					
Lebanon	8	8	5	9 - 30	
Sheridan	13	10	20	10 – 53	
Sheridan 3-pointers: none.					

SHERIDAN 44, CARROLL 23					
Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF	
Nova Cross	1	2-2	5	3	
Sadie Timme	3	1-2	7	1	
Kenzie Garner	5	2-4	14	1	
Shelby Eaton	2	2-2	6	4	
Brielle Garner	1	0-0	3	0	
Cecilia Timme	3	3-6	9	3	
Mackenzie Smith	0	0-0	0	1	
Totals	15	10-16	44	13	
Score by Quarters					
Sheridan	10	8	9	17 – 44	
Carroll	12	5	4	3 - 24	
Sheridan 3-pointers (4) K. Garner 2, Cross, B. Garner.					

Millers keep moving with win over Bishop Chatard

The REPORTER

Noblesville ran its record to 2-0 for the season with a 56-45 victory at Bishop Chatard on Tuesday.

The Millers led 15-8 after the first quarter. Meredith Tippner scored seven points in that period, and she was just getting started. Tippner made two 3-pointers in the second quarter. ahead as the Trojans cut the Millers' lead to 27-23. C.C. Quigley scored eight points in the first half.

Both teams scored 14 points in the third quarter, so

3, Quigley 3, Grayson 2, team 2.

Noblesville stayed in front 41-37 going into the fourth. Tippner added another eight points, while freshman Maia Blower threw in two 3-pointers. The Millers outscored Chatard 15-8 in the fourth period, with Tippner pouring in 11 points. Kate Rollins had four points in the fourth.

Tippner finished with helping to keep Noblesville a career-high 32 points, including three 3s, pulled nine rebounds and handed out four assists. Quigley had eight points and Rollins scored seven. Brookelyn Grayson made five steals.

NOBLESVILLE	56, BI	SHOP (HAT	'ARD 45	
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF	
Ally Hutchinson	1-7	0-0	3	2	
Maia Blower	2-8	0-0	6	2	
Meredith Tippner	8-19	13-14	32	4	
Kate Rollins	3-6	1-4	7	1	
C.C. Quigley	3-6	2-3	8	4	
Norah Vetor	0-0	0-0	0	0	
Bri Gray	0-2	0-0	0	4	
Brookelyn Grayson	0-2	0-0	0	0	
Ellie Motz	0-0	0-0	0	0	
Totals	17-50	16-21	56	17	
Score by Quarters					
Noblesville	15	12	14	15 – 56	
Chatard	8	15	14	8 – 45	
Noblesville 3-point s	hooting (6-	20) Tippne	r 3-5,	Blower 2-6,	
Hutchinson 1-7, Rollins					
Noblesville rebounds (28) Tippner 9, Hutchinson 5, Rollins 4, Gray					

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(LEFT) Noblesville's Meredith Tippner had yet another career-high scoring effort on Tuesday, pouring in 32 points during the Millers' 56-45 win at Bishop Chatard. (RIGHT) Noblesville's C.C. Quigley scored eight points.

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Soccer



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Noblesville's Meredith Tippner was named the Indiana Soccer Coaches Association's Player of the Year this past weekend. Tippner led the Millers to their third consecutive Class 3A state championship

Noblesville's own Meredith Tippner named ISCA Girls Player of the Year

Numerous Hamilton County players named to All State teams

The REPORTER

Indiana The Soccer Coaches Association announced its All State Awards this past weekend, and one of Noblesville's most decorated athletes ever received the top prize.

Millers senior Meredith Tippner was named the girls' Player of the Year by the ISCA. Tippner, a forward, led Noblesville to its third consecutive Class 3A state championship earlier this month. The University of Miami basketball recruit led the Millers in scoring with 24 goals and also dished out a team-leading 16 assists.

named the boys' Player of Wyatt, senior goalkeeper, Westfield.

the Year. The announce- Noblesville. ments were made along with that of the All State teams. Here is a list of Hamilton County teams.

GIRLS

First Team All State: Meredith Tippner, senior forward, Noblesville; Sloane May, junior forward, Hamilton Southeastern; Atley Pittman, senior midfielder, Noblesville; Blair Satterfield, junior defender, Hamilton Southeastern; Cole Lance, senior midfielder, Hamilton Southeastern; Sadie Black, senior defender, Noblesville: Kate Malin, senior forward, Westfield; Cathedral senior for- Olivia Cebalo, senior ard Calvin Kurzawa was forward, Carmel; **Bella Mia Smith**, senior forward, forward, Hamilton South-

Second Team All State: Elise May, junior forward, Fishers; Kate Noel, junior defender, Hamilton Southeastern; Sydney May, freshman forward, Hamilton Southeastern; Sydney Cook, junior defender, Hamilton Southeastern.

Third Team All State: **Ava Smith**, senior forward, Westfield; Mia Gatz, senior midfielder, Guerin Catholic; Hannah Struve, junior defender, Noblesville.

Honorable Mention: Sarah Maudlin, junior goalkeeper, Fishers; Lily Ault. senior midfielder. Noblesville; Emma Ehret, junior midfielder, Carmel;

BOYS

First Team All State: Jack Anderson, senior midfielder, Hamilton Southeastern; Reid Spittler, senior forward, Fishers; Blake Horn, senior defender, Noblesville; Cam Joniec, senior goalkeeper, Hamilton Southeastern.

Second Team All **State: Cade Joniec**, senior defender, Hamilton Southeastern.

Third Team All State: Brady Grace, junior defender, Fishers; Chasen Cunningham, senior midfielder, Carmel; Jake Hall, senior defender, Noblesville.

Honorable Mention: Ameer Abu-Salih, senior eastern.

Girls Basketball -

Golden Eagles fall at Yorktown

The REPORTER

Guerin Catholic dropped an away game at Yorktown 64-53 on Tuesday.

The Tigers got out to a fast start, outscoring the Golden Eagles 19-8 in the first quarter. Yorktown put up another 20 points in the second period for a 39-20 lead. The Tigers maintained that margin in the second half.

Guerin Catholic did outscore the Tigers in the second half, cutting Yorktown's lead to 47-31 at the

end of three quarters. Ava Bills scored eight points. The Golden Eagles poured in 22 points in the fourth; Annie Murphy and Dane Dues both added eight points, with Dues draining two 3-pointers.

Bills finished the game with 15 points, Murphy added 14 and Caroline Ford came off the bench to score 10 points.

Guerin Catholic is 1-1 and hosts Greenfield-Central on Saturday afternoon.

YORKTOWN	64, GU	JERIN C	ATH	DLIC 53	
Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF	
Annie Murphy	5	3-8	14	0	
Dana Dues	3	0-0	8	2	
Reagan Haines	0	0-0	0	3	
Ava Bills	6	3-6	15	5	
Lillian Behrle	1	1-2	4	2	
Addy Horvath	0	0-0	0	2	
Caroline Ford	5	0-0	10	0	
Madi Cain	0	0-0	0	0	
Evie Worman	1	0-0	2	0	
Lainey Rott	0	0-0	0	0	
Totals	21	7-16	53	14	
Score by Quarters					
Guerin Catholic	8	12	11	22 – 53	
Yorktown	19	20	8	17 – 64	
Guerin Catholic 3-pointers (4) Dues 2, Murphy, Behrle.					

Huskies drop away game at Frankton

The REPORTER

Hamilton dropped an away game at Frankton Tuesday 51-37.

The Eagles led 9-4 afhalftime.

Katie Brown led the Heights Huskies with 15 points, including three 3-pointers. Presley Cherry scored 17 points, while Sarah Sherter one quarter and 27-10 at rill led the rebounds with five.

FRANKTON 51	I, HAM	ILTON	HEIG	HTS 37	
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF	
Katie Brown	5-14	2-2	15	3	
Abi Hilfiker	3-7	1-2	7	0	
Presley Cherry	2-10	6-6	11	1	
Reece Blanton	0-4	0-0	0	0	
Sarah Sherrill	0-3	1-3	1	1	
Vivian Lynch	0-0	0-0	0	3	
Lillie Champion	1-5	1-4	3	2	
Vivian Rowland	0-0	0-0	0	0	
Totals	11-43	11-17	37	10	
Score by Quarters					
Heights	4	6	16	11 – 37	
Frankton	9	18	15	9 – 51	
Heights 3-point shooting (4-22) Brown 3-11, Cherry 1-7, Blanton					
0-2, Champion 0-1, Hilfiker 0-1.					
Heights rebounds (21) Sherrill 5, Brown 4, Hilfiker 4, Blanton 4,					



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SPORTS SCHEDULI

Wednesday, Nov. 13

GIRLS BASKETBALL Danville at University, 6 p.m.

Fishers at Anderson, 7:30 p.m. Hamilton Southeastern at Franklin Community, 7:30 p.m. Lawrence Central at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS WRESTLING Hamilton Southeastern at Mooresville Triple Dual, 6 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 15

FOOTBALL

Regional 2 championship Westfield at Fishers, 7 p.m. Regional 23 championship Sheridan at South Putnam, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL Carmel at Crispus Attucks, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 16

GIRLS BASKETBALL Fort Wayne Carroll at Fishers, 11 a.m. Greenfield-Central at Guerin Catholic, 1:30 p.m. Columbia City at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.

Hamilton Heights at Jay County, 7:30 p.m. **GIRLS WRESTLING**

Hamilton Heights at Daleville Bronco Classic, 8 a.m. Hamilton Southeastern, Sheridan at Purdue Polytechnic Girls Invitational, 9 a.m.

Please email schedule changes or corrections to sports@readthereporter.com.

Girls basketball Nov. 10 poll

Rank	School	Points	Record		
1	Lawrence Central (20)	419	1-0		
2	Hamilton Southeastern (1)	395	2-0		
3	Homestead	372	0-0		
4	Center Grove	369	2-0		
5	Plainfield	324	1-0		
6	Northridge	277	1-0		
7	Franklin Central	262	2-1		
8	Warsaw	256	2-0		
9	Noblesville	240	1-0		
10	Brownsburg	227	2-0		
11	McCutcheon	220	2-1		
12	Silver Creek	189	1-0		
13	Greensburg	157	1-0		
14	Lawrence North (1)	154	0-2		
15	Fishers	137	1-1		
16	South Bend Washington	129	2-0		
17	Columbia City	127	0-0		
18	Gibson Southern	124	1-0		
19	Valparaiso	26	1-1		
20	Washington	24	1-0		
First place votes are in parentheses.					

Other schools receiving votes, with records Austin (2-0), Bedford North Lawrence (0-1), Borden (1-0), Brownstown Central (0-0), Carmel (0-2), Carroll-Fort Wayne (0-0), Charlestown (1-0), Chesterton (1-1), Danville (2-0), Evansville Central (1-0), Evansville Memorial (0-0), Fort Wayne Northrop (1-0), Fort Wayne Snider (1-1), Hamilton Heights (0-2), Hammond Central (2-0), Indianapolis Chatard (1-0), Jeffersonville (1-0), Jennings County (0-0), Lake Central (1-1), Lanesville (0-0), North Knox (0-1), Pendleton Heights (1-1), Penn (1-0), Rensselaer Central (1-0), South Central-Elizabeth (0-1), South Knox (1-0), Westfield (2-0).

