

## FRIDAY, NOV. 15, 2024

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Today: Mostly to partly cloudy. Tonight: Partly cloudy.

HIGH: 55 LOW: 42



## **County Parks honored with** state award for HC Farms

#### **The REPORTER**

Hamilton County Parks and Recreation (HCPR) recently received the Clark Ketchum Conservation Award at the annual Indiana Park and Recreation Association (IPRA) conference.

This prestigious honor recognizes outstanding achievement in conservation stewardship. HCPR earned the award for its transformative work on HC Farms, a 107-acre property in Westfield that showcases the department's commitment to preserving natural resources and creating exceptional recreational opportunities to the community.

"We are truly honored to receive this award," HCPR Director Chris Stice said. "This award isn't just about what we've accomplished - it's about what lies ahead. We are committed to continuing our mission of conservation and providing meaningful outdoor experiences for our community. This recogni-



Photo provided by HCPR

(From left) Chris Stice, HCPR Director; Jeff Spicer, Project Manager for Stantec; Brad Baldwin, DNR In-Lieu Fee Mitigation Program Director; Bruce Oldham, HCPR Deputy Director; Erica Foreman, HCPR Resource Development Specialist, Wil Rettinger, HCPR Park Development and Operations Strategist; Thomas Vlasic, HCPR Program Assistant; and Kyle Stocks, HCPR Facilities and Grounds Manager.

tion inspires us to keep pushing verse range of ecosystems, topography is a rarity in Hamilthe boundaries of what's possible in parks and recreation."

including seven streams, wetlands, and dramatic ravines with HC Farms is home to a di- cliffs rising 30 to 40 feet. This

ton County and underscores the

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## From grief to joy

If you're an empty nester, or a soon-tobe one, chances are vou've lost one or both parents. I've shared with you all about the loss of my father-inlaw Ron last April.

Ron-or Bopah, as I - was 88 and battled

COLUMNIST AMY SHANKLAND Perfectly Imperfect

say because that's what his grandkids called him

cancer in his last few months. My husband, John, and I dreaded losing him, of course, along with so many other family members and friends. However, we also dreaded what would happen for what we thought would be months and months of work afterwards - preparing to sell his home and property.

See, Bopah just didn't have a two-story American Foursquare home on two acres in a little town about an hour south of Chicago. He also had a pole barn ... and a semi-trailer ... and an outdoor cathouse ... all filled to the brim with STUFF. Let's just say he liked to go to garage sales and hold

onto things in case he "needed them." For years, I must admit, I dreaded what we'd have to do when he passed away. But when it finally did happen last spring, I felt energetic and had a "we can do this" attitude. Team Shankland went into action.

Our team leaders included John, me, his brother Ron, and his sister-in-law Shelley (hereby referred to as The Queen of Organization. She makes me look like an amateur). All four of us had started helping Bopah reduce his clutter for a couple of years, but it felt like we barely made a dent. After Bopah's Celebration of Life, we invited family members and friends over to the property to look around and take what they wanted. That helped a lot. Our sons Jonathon and Jacob helped John clear out the semi-trailer, which someone hauled away for scrap metal. With the 4th of July being a Thursday, we all took July 4 to 7 off for a long "power weekend" to get more done.

## **Carmel Clay Historical Society's new**

## museum opens Sunday for the public

Carmel's spectacular new community history museum opens this weekend following years of fundraisplanning, ing and construction. Believed to be the largest such museum in the state for a city the size of Carmel, it was largely funded by

Clay Township's Community Impact program.

The City of Carmel and the Carmel Clay Historical Society also contributed considerable resources. The three-story building will be operated by, and serve as the home of, the historical society. It is located at the corner of First Street SW and the Monon Trail.

Sunday at 1 p.m., COLUMNIST the public will see the interior during an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony, according to historical society director Debbie Gangstad. She said Matt FRED SWIFT Snyder, who headed The County Line the Community Im-

pact project, will offer brief remarks at the ribbon cutting. Light refreshments will be served.

seum will be open on a regular schedule Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. The building has exhibit space, a public meeting room, an archives area, offices, and a present-day events. A special



Rendering provided by Carmel Clay Historical Society

Monon.

The museum collection includes numerous artifacts, photos, textiles, and printed materials that trace Carmel's 187-year history from pioneer times to

Starting next week, the mu- roof garden that overlooks the section is devoted to youngsters in order to encourage their interest in history.

> The 140-year old Monon railroad depot, attached to the museum, is being renovated, and will have a railroading theme.

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# STEP INTO THE STORY

Step back in time at A Merry Prairie Holiday

#### The REPORTER

Conner Prairie is ready to welcome families and friends to kick-off the holiday season at A Merry Prairie Holiday presented by Everwise Credit Union, where timeless traditions of the 1800s meet spectacular new experiences.

From interactive light displays to heartwarming holiday tales, Conner Prairie is bringing together the best of the past and present to create a unique winter wonderland that will enchant all ages. A Merry Prairie Holiday presented by Everwise Credit Union will be open Fridays through Sundays, Nov. 29 and 30 and Dec. 6 to 22.

#### **Key Attractions Historic Holidays in Prairietown**

Immerse yourself in the warmth and charm of the holidays as you wander through historic Prairietown. Experience time-honored holiday traditions of the 1800s with immersive and interactive activities that offer a glimpse into festive celebrations of the past.

#### **Spectacular Reynolds LED Lights Display**

Wander through acres of Conner Prairie adorned with thousands of shimmering LED lights in our expanded Reynolds Lights Display. The captivating lights create an enchanting atmosphere that captures the wonder of the season.

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## Are voting trends shifting in Hamilton County?

#### **By KODY FISHER** WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Voting trends might be shifting in Hamilton County.

I-Team 8 looked at the numbers from the Nov. 5 election to see if the cities of Carmel and Fishers are becoming more blue.

From the Hamilton County election website, I-Team 8 addbers show voters in Carmel voted against Republican Donald Trump in the last two presidential elections, and the margin of victory for Trump shrunk significantly in Fishers over the same time.

Mario Massillamany, chair of the Hamilton County Republican Party, tells I-Team 8 that there is a reason the margin of victory shrunk for Trump in Fishers and why Trump lost in Carmel the last two election cycles.

ing," Massillamany said. "You either love him or hate him, but you look at other Republicans in these areas that Democrats are claiming are blue, or turning blue, they're winning by large percentage points. Twenty percentage points for (Carmel Mayor) Sue Finkam. I would say is a huge feat."

Editor's note from The Reed up votes precinct by precinct porter: Mayor Finkam won the for every presidential election 2023 general election by a 14.36 dating back to 2016. The num- percent margin over Democrat Miles Nelson.

Kip Tew, former chair of the Indiana Democratic Party, responded, "I don't that's think accurate. I think that if you look at Carmel and Fishers, you see that the down-ballot races show the same kind of drop-off for Republicans than what they're used to. People in the suburban areas are identifying as Democrats more readily than they used to. That is because of Trump. I think that folks that don't like Trump "Donald Trump is polariz- are also disengaging with the



Hamilton County Republican Party Chair Mario Massillamany spoke with WISH-TV's Kody Fisher about the shifts in voting trends among the county's electorate.

Republican Party."

Massillamany said low Republican turnout in Hamilton County also played a role in the results. "If we had had those 20,000 Republicans actually show up on Election Day, or vote the month before, we would have won by a lot larger numbers."

So, is the turnout the turnout concerning?

"I don't know about 'con- ty-2024.

cerning,' but I don't think we can take it for granted like we used to," Massillamany said.

Both political analysts say it's too difficult to predict if the trends will hold because the political landscape is constantly shifting.

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Photo by WISH-TV

#### News & Opinion

## PARKS -

urgency of preserving this ty. The restoration efforts land, which was previously slated for luxury housing farmland to wetland areas, development.

Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the National Park Service, HCPR secured more than \$2.8 million in funding through Indiana's In-Lieu Fee Program and the visitors to explore prairies, Land and Water Conservation Fund. These funds forests. The project's sucsupported extensive resto- cess lies not only in its ration efforts completed by environmental impact but

## JOY

Thanks to a burn barrel, a large dumpster, a trailer, and The Queen's numerous trips to Goodwill (no family helped BIG TIME organization offered pick up, unfortunately), we conquered a tremendous amount of clutter. Someone hauled away more scrap metal. A single mom down the road received a lot of furniture and other items, which was wonderful for both her and us.

We put other items by the country road, which passersby stopped and picked up. A few weeks later, Ron, John, and Queen Shelley held a huge pole barn sale. I was busy at- pictures this fall of their tending a writer's confer- progress with the home ence that weekend, so I became the Head of Marketing for the sale to help bring in customers. The kennels in place for large

### **Merry Prairie**-

#### **Magic Lantern Crankie Show**

Gather in the Potter Shop Kiln Shed for an immersive storytelling experience with the "Holidays from Around the World" Crankie Show. This interactive, old-fashioned art form brings diverse holiday traditions to life, perfect for those curious about global celebrations.

#### **3D Holiday Show at the** William Conner House Returning to delight vis- which list you made this

ors, the historic William

stream rehabilitation, and In partnership with the invasive species management. When it opens to the

included conversion of

public in 2025, HC Farms will feature 2.5 miles of trails, including ADA-accessible routes, allowing wetlands, and old-growth Stantec, a third-party enti- also in its community fo-

pole barn's contents less-

with other tasks, including

cleaning Bopah's basement.

to sell the property "as is"

- in August! I was shocked.

And in early October, it

sold – and not just to any-

one. A family Bopah knew

purchased it for their home

and future animal sanctu-

ary! Bopah was a huge an-

imal-lover, so we felt like

this was a God moment for

and property. Our jaws

dropped this week to see

the pole barn EMPTY with

Mrs. Claus, and their cheer-

ful elves as they prepare for

the big night. Capture the

magic with a holiday sel-

fie with Santa and get an

up-close look at the elves'

Meet Trinket

Puddingmoon,

Santa's List Keeper

or nice this year? Santa's

official list keeper, Trinket

Puddingmoon, can tell you.

Check in with her to see

Have you been naughty

preparations.

season.

We've been getting

sure

(Thank you, Debbie!)

A dear friend of the

Finally, we were ready

ened dramatically.

cus, creating a space for education, recreation, and connection to nature.

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"When you walk through HC Farms, you can't help but feel a profound sense of peace and wonder," Stice said. "From the towering sycamores to the meandering streams, it's a place that showcases Indiana's natural beauty like no other. To know that our work will help protect and preserve this land for generations to come is incredibly humbling.'

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dogs. That's a sight I never thought I'd see.

The joy we've felt seeing this is hard to describe. It's certainly eased our hearts to see all the good happening at Bopah's place. We are grateful and awestruck at the good souls who pitched in to make this all happen.

It's certainly a tremendous lesson for me - that, though losing someone is painful, sometimes it can also later bring moments of pure joy and unexpected blessings.

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riences to the warmth of holiday traditions, A Merry Prairie Holiday at Conner Prairie offers something special for every visitor. Join us at Conner Prairie this season to create cherished memories that celebrate the joys of the past with the delights of the present.

#### **Gift memberships**

Give the gift of experiences, instead of more stuff. A membership to Conner Prairie lasts for an entire year, but the memories will last a lifetime Purchase a gift membership here. **Tickets available now** 

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Conner House transforms into a magical 3D projection mapping show. This season's presentation of 'Twas The Night Before Christmas transports guests 200 years back in time, bringing the holiday classic to life through immersive visuals

and captivating animation. Frosty's Skating Rink

Swap skates for socks at Frosty's Skating Rink. Slide and glide as if on real ice. New this year, enjoy lively snowball fights. Be sure a spin on Kringle's Carousel to bring cozy socks for this unique activity.

North Pole Village Step into the North Pole Village and meet Santa,

#### Café on the Common & **Blitzen's Bandstand**

Warm up with seasonal treats at Café on the Common, choose from our wide array of holiday-inspired cocktails and enjoy festive tunes at Blitzen's Bandstand, where local artists will be performing holiday classics throughout the season.

#### Kringle's Carousel & Polar Bear Plunge **Tubing Hill**

Round out your day with or thrill at the 150-foot Polar Bear Plunge tubing hill, offering a rush of holiday excitement for all ages.

From immersive expe-

• Members: \$13

- Nonmembers: \$26
- Access Pass: \$5

Access Pass is made possible thanks to the generous support of Duke Energy. Access Pass is a program developed and administered through The Children's Museum of Indianapolis. Conner Prairie is proud to join forces with other museums and cultural attractions to make fun family learning more accessible. Indiana families must meet certain requirements to qualify for the Access Pass program. To learn more, **click here**.





## **Rocks tour the Zoo!**







Students and staff from Shamrock Springs Elementary School in Westfield enjoyed an exciting visit to the Indianapolis Zoo. The trip was spread over two action-packed days filled with fun and learning. Click here to see more photos.



## Pick up some great homemade gifts at Janus Holiday Shoppe

#### The REPORTER

It's that time of year again ... the Janus Store Christmas Open House.

It's time to stock up on homemade gifts for your friends and family and maybe get something special for you, too.

The Janus Holiday • C Shoppe will be open for four days in December from Jar 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day – Dec. 5, 6, 12, and 13 – at Janus Developmental Services, 1555 Westfield Road, able to Noblesville.

This year, there are new items available that you need to check out:

• NEW Birdhouse Designs

Tree skirtsStockings

• Dog Leashes

• Dog Collars

- Pacifier Clips
- Lanyards
- Lanyarus
- Beaded Mobiles
- Mixed Media Art
- Upcycled Art

• Clay Jewelry and Desk Decor

Janus Participants make a commission on all of their art pieces sold. It is a fun way that they are able to make money for the holiday season and yearround. It is a win-win for everyone.

Learn more about the great work Janus does at janus-inc.org.

Racers prepare to give back on Thanksgiving at YMCA 5K in Fishers

#### The REPORTER

This Thanksgiving, thousands of runners will lace up to support their neighbors' health and well-being at a 5K in Fishers hosted by YMCA of Greater Indianapolis.

From runners in turkey costumes to families jogging together before the big feast, the 5K offers a festive atmosphere and a great way to give back in gratitude.

The Wishbone 5K will take place at Fishers YMCA, 9012 E. 126th St. There is an 8 a.m. start and registration is \$39. Click



here to register.

In addition to the welcoming and joyful environment, participants can vie for overall and age group awards and enjoy fun, custom event swag. Virtual options also available so participants can log your miles at a convenient place and time.

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#### News & Opinion

Grace Care Center joins forces with Market District & Coca-Cola to spread holiday cheer to families in need

#### **The REPORTER**

Grace Church and Grace Care Center announce a partnership with Market District and Coca-Cola Consolidated, who are stepping up in a big way this holiday season.

Together, they are providing 600 turkeys, hams, and cases of Coca-Cola products to help families in central Indiana celebrate the holidays with joy and dignity.

The donation arrives at a crucial time as Grace Care Center prepares for its busiest season yet.

"We're seeing a record number of families seeking assistance this year," Grace Care Center Foundation Executive Director Cara Augspurger said. "Right now, more than one in three people in Central Indiana are facing poverty or are just one unexpected emergency away from it. This partnership allows us to bring comfort and hope to families who need it most."

#### **Providing more** than just a meal The Care Center offers

welcoming, supportive а environment where individuals, known as Friends, can choose their own groceries – ensuring families get what

**Thanks for reading!** 

they need and preserving a sense of dignity and control.

#### A partnership making real impact

This year's collaboration showcases the power of community partnership.

'We're incredibly grateful to Market District, Coca-Cola, Kenny Moore of the Indianapolis Colts, and entire Colts organization for rallying around this cause," Augspurger said. "Their support means that we can help more families than ever before, ensuring that no one has to face the holidays without the essentials."

#### Join in making a difference

The generosity of local partners like Market District and Coca-Cola Consolidated makes a powerful statement about what's possible when businesses and community organizations come together. This holiday season, you can join them in making an impact. To support the Grace Care Center's ongoing work, please consider making a donation or volunteering your time.

For more details on how to get involved, visit gccfoundation.us or reach out to Cara Augspurger directly at cara@gccfoundation.us.



As the holiday season approaches, like me, I bet you are looking forward to being with friends, family, and your chosen family for gatherings filled with laughter,

love and good food. However, I can't help but think about the young people we support at Foster Success – those who often face the holidays with a sense of isolation and uncertainty.

For many, the holidays heighten feelings of loneliness and exclusion. While others are surrounded by family and friends, those who have aged out of Indiana's foster care system find themselves lacking what we



nection. and support – abon their health, education and opportunities. Foster Suc-

cess is dedicated to helping teens and young adults navigate the transition out of foster care by providing essential resources like education, basic needs assistance, financial literacy training, health and wellness services, and job skill development. We are the ONLY statewide organization doing this work and supported more than 1,100 young people last year across Indiana. According to our 2023-2024

such as love, con- of young people we support safety, report being at or below the federal poverty level. For sences that have them, a simple holiday meal a lifelong impact or presents may be out of reach.

> We are currently in the midst of our annual **FriendsGiving** campaign to raise awareness about the challenges young peoleaving the system ple face, especially this time of year. Every dollar we raise throughout the campaign directly helps foster independence and self-sufficiency while removing barriers that have, for too long, been obstructing the paths of these young individuals.

Your support not only makes an immediate impact, but it builds a foundation for lifelong success. To-

take for granted Impact Report, 70 percent gether, we have the chance to provide our young people with a chosen family so they may too not feel alone any time of the year.

As we gather with friends and family this holiday season, I invite you to reflect on the power of community and how awareness and simple actions can improve the lives of those within it immeasurably.

Join us in this mission – consider investing in these young people with your time or treasure today to help brighten the holidays for those who need it most.

Travis D. Tester, CFRE, of Indianapolis, is the Chief Development & Communications Officer at Foster Success. More information about Foster Success can be found at fostersuccess.org.

## **Celebrating our great country** Carmel Symphony presents "America the Beautiful'

#### The REPORTER

Celebrate some of the most notable classical works inspired by the American spirit.

There is nothing like the exhilaration of hearing a full orchestra in a hall designed specifically for acoustic excellence, especially when some of our nation's best-loved classics are on the program. Hear

Portrait," Margaret Bonds' "Montgomery Variations," and Antonin Dvorak's Symphony No. 9 "From the New World."

The Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) will present America the Beautiful at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16 in The Palladium at the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts.

Enjoy the pre-concert cultural celebration at 6:10 p.m. in the main concert hall of the Palladium for performances by the Chinese Mooncake Festival dancers and choir and the Natyalaya School of Arts dancers, as well as a pre-concert discussion with conductor Damien Geter and CSO Executive Director Anne Marie Chastain

Welcome the Carmel VFW Post 10003 for the Color Guard presentation at the top of the 7:30 main performance, accompanied by the Indianapolis Children's Choir singing our national boycott. The work is strucanthem.

Aaron Copland's "Lincoln 1942 composition, "Lincoln Portrait," blends orchestral music with spoken word. It celebrates the resilience and moral leadership of President Abraham Lincoln in his work to unite the country. Copland's music swells dramatically around the spoken words, enhancing their emotional impact.

> Celebrated opera singer Angela Brown will narrate the piece bringing her powerful voice to Lincoln's words, adding a stirring emotional dimension to the performance.

#### **Margaret Bonds**

"Montgomery Variations" She is best remembered today for her popular arrangements of African American spirituals and frequent collaboration with Langston Hughes.

"Montgomery Variations" was written in 1964. Bonds was inspired by the Civil Rights Movement and the 1955 Montgomery bus tured in seven movements,

#### **Antonin Dvorak** Symphony No. 9 "From the New World"

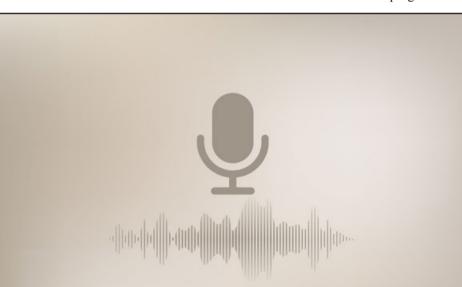
Composed in 1893 during Dvorak's time in the United States, Symphony No. 9 "From the New World" is infused with both European classical traditions and influences from American folk music, including African American spirituals and Native American melodies. The "From the New World" Symphony is a vibrant celebration of America's diverse cultural landscape, evoking a sense of longing and discovery.

#### How to buy tickets

For more information, CarmelSymphony. visit org. To purchase tickets, go to the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts page for the CSO or visit the Fifth Third Bank Box Office at 1 Carter Green, Carmel, or call (317) 843-3800.

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## **Tipton announces new Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA)**

AREA

#### The REPORTER

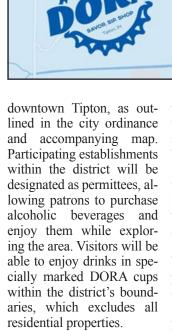
The City of Tipton announces the creation of a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA), allowing residents and visitors to enjoy alcoholic beverages outdoors and in specific establishments throughout Tipton.

The establishment of the DORA, authorized by Indiana Code 7.1-3-31 and approved by the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission (ATC), was previously approved by the Tipton City Common Council in September to enhance the downtown experience and support local businesses.

"Establishing Tipton's Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area presents an exciting opportunity to enhance the downtown experience," Mayor Kegan Schmicker said. "By encouraging visitors to stay longer and explore, we aim to increase the time and money spent in our local shops and restaurants, fostering a more vibrant community for both residents and guests. This initiative aligns with our commitment to supporting local businesses and creating a welcoming, dynamic atmosphere in downtown Tipton.'

A DORA allows patrons 21-years and older to purchase alcoholic beverages from approved businesses within the DORA and carry them outside to be consumed within the DORA's boundaries. Beverages may be taken around the designated DORA, either while relaxing outdoors, enjoying one of the many downtown events or while shopping at retailers permitting DORA beverages in their businesses.

"When we opened The Mad Tap, we wanted to create a family-friendly social hub, a place for the community to gather," said Mindy Mason with The Mad Tap. "I believe DORA will provide an additional attraction to patrons, a destination for people to get out in Tipton and roam around the shops. enjoying a beer or a cocktail if they choose." The new DORA en-



#### **Key details**

• Operating hours: The DORA will be active seven days a week, from noon to 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and from 10 a.m. to midnight on Friday and Saturday. Special event organizers can request amended DORA hours for specific occasions.

• Effective date: The DORA will come into effect on Dec. 7 at 10 a.m.

• Participating businesses: Participating establishments include: Urban Homestead, Wheelies, The ment: The City of Tipton Shack, TI-ON Lounge, The Police Department will Elks Lodge #1012, The Mad Tap, and The Greenhouse. Additional businessdining spots and other es within the district can downtown events, all while apply to become designated right to restrict or prohibit as a destination spot, and permittees through the City alcohol on their premises. of Tipton. compasses a defined area in tees: Additional businesses will only be allowed in des-

within the district can apply to become designated permittees through the City of Tipton by submitting a designated permittee application to the Mayor's Office. It then must be approved by the City Common Council and the Indiana ATC.

• Vendor participation: Temporary vendors can participate during special events by applying for a Special Event Permit. Approved vendors will be allowed to sell alcoholic beverages in designated vendor areas within the DORA.

· Beverage limits: Patrons may carry up to two open containers of alcoholic beverages at a time. The containers must be in designated DORA cups, with restrictions on size-beer and flavored malt beverages (16 ounces), wine/cider/hard seltzer (12 ounces), and mixed drinks (10 ounces, with no more than 2 ounces of liquor).

· Safety and enforcemonitor the DORA to ensure compliance with safety regulations. Businesses

ignated outdoor dining areas and cannot be carried into the DORA's open spaces.

Graphic provided

VENDOR AREAS

· Branding and signage: The City of Tipton has established a unique brand for the DORA, with consistent signage and specially marked DORA cups. Visitors will see clear boundary markers and signage to guide them through the area. Signage attached at the end of this release.

 Community-driven initiative: The DORA was developed with input from local businesses and residents, and it is part of the city's ongoing efforts to revitalize the downtown area and promote a vibrant social scene.

"We're thrilled to see DORA coming to Tipton, especially as it coincides with the opening of Wheelies," said Cliff Ragan with Wheelies. "This is an exciting opportunity to bring our community together, creating a lively atmosphere that will make it easier for visitors to explore all that Tipton has to offer - from unique shops to cozy bars and restaurants. DORA will within the area maintain the help put Tipton on the map we're excited to welcome everyone to experience both Wheelies and our wonderful downtown!"

### Sailor with family ties to Elwood receives 2024 Angel of the Battlefield Award

#### **By RICK BURKE**

Navy Office of Community Outreach

MILLINGTON, Tenn. Petty Officer 1st Class Joseph Hardebeck, son of Cheryl Redwine, a resident of Elwood, Ind., recently received the 2024 Angel of the Battlefield Award serving with Expeditionary Medical Facility (EMF) Bravo, Detachment Lemoore, Calif.

The Angels of the Battlefield Award pays tribute to military medical personnel and first responders for their life-saving medical treatment and trauma care of service members, partner forces and civilians at home and abroad. These Angels of the Battlefield are courageous and compassionate men and women who risk everything and are often the reason many of our nation's heroes wounded in battle or civilians in distress make it home to their families.

"It is an incredible honor to be selected for this prestigious award for my actions on Christmas Day 2023 in Iraq," Hardebeck said. "Individual actions can create opportunity, but it's the entire team that finds success. Unfortunately, the fact remains, that it was someone's worst day that led to my selection and I think it's vitally important to recognize that and be overly compassionate to the recovery of some of these patients, their caregivers and their families may still be in. In a multitude of events throughout my career at home and abroad, I have been able to use my training and expertise to stand in the way of death's door. I take great pride in what I have been able to do and the people I have been able to impact. I look to use my knowledge and experience to mentor and train the future generation." Hardebeck, a 2006 grad-

uate of Muncie Southside High School, joined the Navy 17 years ago. Additionally, Hardebeck graduated from Saint Leo Univer-



Photo provided by Navy Office of Community Outreach

to get a college education and a stable income as I began a life on my own."

The skills and values needed to succeed in the Navy are similar to those found in Muncie.

"I learned general percharacteristics sonality from my parents and from participating in organized public school sports," Hardebeck said. "Some things were to finish what you start. Work hard, no matter the recognition. Integrity to do right, even when no one is looking. To do right by people, even at your own detriment if needed. These are some of the things instilled into me, and I continue to adhere to them."

Hardebeck Today, serves as a hospital corpsman responsible for performing duties as an assistant in the prevention and treatment of disease and injury and assisting healthcare professionals in providing medical care to Naval personnel and their families.

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"With my uncle's input, and research on my own, I decided on the U.S. Navy," Hardebeck said. "I enlisted

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## **Altrusa celebrates** 35<sup>th</sup> birthday

#### Submitted by **Carol Rader**

Altrusa Club of Hamilton County celebrated Veterans Day on Monday, Nov. 11 at their regular meeting.

We were happy to welcome four guests! Unfortunately, our 98-yearold speaker was not well enough to attend, so we shared our own personal stories of family and friend veterans. We were glad to send in a donation to HVAF, which will be used to personally benefit veterans in Indiana.

Also, our club celebrated its 35th birthday with cake and with one charter

#### member present. Altrusans brought in personal care items to give to Prevail. Our club added 15 \$20 gift cards to either Walmart or Aldi's. These donations will help make a merrier Christmas

for Prevail's clients! If you would like more information on becoming a member of Altrusa and making your community better, we are sponsoring a coffee on Saturday, Nov. 16 at Carmel Christian Church, 463 Main St. Come anytime from 10 a.m. to noon. At this coffee, Altrusa will col-

lect additional new personal care items and gift certificates for Prevail.

#### getting ready to increase paipating another busy travel season trol visibility as part of the annual Safe Family Travel this year, so for those sharing the campaign. The campaign, which road, remember; Quakenbush slow down, avoid starts Saturday, Nov. 16,

focuses on impaired driving, aggressive driving, and proper use of seat belts. During the campaign, officers will work overtime conducting sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols designed to discourage impaired driving and promote seat belt use. The high-visibility enforcement campaign is funded with grants provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

through the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI)

"We're antic-

distractions while driving, designate a sober driver, and buckle up," ICJI Executive Director Devon McDonald said. "We want everyone to make it to their holiday events safely.'

According to NHTSA, alcohol-impaired driving has tragically become associated with Thanksgiving Eve, with some people turning it into a night of drinking. Drivers who intend

secure a designated sober driver. "Getting be-

hind the wheel is a serious responsibility - your choices impact everyone on the road," Hamilton County Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush said. "If you're going out for a

drink, make a clear commitment: either stay sober if you're driving or secure a safe ride home in advance. This isn't optional. One night's decision can mean the difference between life and tragedy. Let's show respect for every life on the road by making responsible choices."

It is also important to on drinking that evening wear a seat belt, put away

should plan and the distractions and follow posted speed limits. Travelers are encouraged to check road conditions before each trip and to leave with plenty of time to reach their destination safely.

> "Whether you're driving cross-country or across the street, it is essential that both drivers and passengers wear a seat belt, no matter the type of vehicle," ICJI Traffic Safety Director Jim Bryan said. "This Thanksgiving, and every day of the year, remember to buckle up."

> Motorists are encouraged to call 911 if they encounter an impaired or unsafe driver on the road.

Learn more about Hamilton County Traffic Safety Partnership at hamiltoncounty.in.gov/502/Traffic-Safety.

## Noblesville Creates' annual holiday-exhibitturned-gift-market opens Thanksgiving

**Police ramping up patrols for** 

Thanksgiving travel period

#### The REPORTER

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While people get their

Thanksgiving travel plans

ready, the Hamilton County

Traffic Safety Partnership is

Noblesville Creates<sup>3</sup> annual holiday celebration, "Gifted: Handmade Wonders," returns Thurs-day, Nov. 28 at the historic Judge Stone House Gallery on the Noblesville Creates on 8th campus. This cherished event offers an opportunity to discover unique, locally crafted gifts while supporting Hoosier artists.

Shoppers can expect an impressive selection of handcrafted items across a range of mediums, from woodworking and stoneware to textiles and more. With every purchase, 80 percent of the sale price goes directly to the artist, while 20 percent supports Noblesville Creates - allowing visitors to make a meaningful investment in the creative community.

The "Gifted: Handmade Wonders" exhibit runs from Nov. 28 to



in-person or online, with purchases available for pick-up during gallery hours: Wednesday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Among the many artisans, J.C. Woody's World of Woodturning and Darlene Patterson of Patter- ates on 8th a holiday shop-

Dec. 28. Visitors can shop with their popular wood pieces and pottery. Both have watched this holiday exhibit flourish over the years into a vibrant gallery adorned with Christmas décor, string lights, and over 1,000 handmade items.

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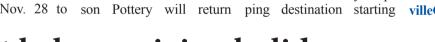
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Nov. 28. Choose from a wide selection of holiday cards, ornaments, pottery, woodenware, jewelry, hand-knit items, home décor, holiday art, and more. All artwork is ready to be gifted, making it easy to find the perfect piece for everyone on your list.

Learn more at NoblesvilleCreates.org.

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## Get help surviving holiday season with Noblesville First UMC's GriefShare program

#### **The REPORTER**

When you're grieving the death of a family member or friend, you may



dread the holiday season. after the loss Thoughts of social gatherings, family traditions, and obligations leave you anxious and overwhelmed.

Have you lost a loved one or know someone who will find it difficult to face the coming holidays? Grief-Share: Surviving the Holidays seminar, held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 21 in Wesley Hall at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St., offers practical, actionable strategies for making it through the holiday season. Please enter through Door 7.

## SAILOR-

undersea fiber optic cables, opportunities to achieve ac-Navy officials continue to emphasize that the prosperity of the United States is directly linked to recruiting and retaining talented people from across the rich fabric of America.

Hardebeck serves a Navy that operates far forward, around the world and around the clock, promoting the nation's prosperity and security.

'We will earn and reinforce the trust and confidence of the American people every day," said Adm. Lisa Franchetti, chief of naval operations. "Together we will deliver the Navy the nation needs."

Hardebeck has many

of a loved one. The program offers practical, actionable strategies for mak-

ing it through the holiday season. At this two-hour seminar, you'll view a video featuring advice from people in grief who've faced the holidays after their loss. Facilitators who have experienced grief-filled holidays will lead attendees in discussion of how to manage all holidays and special dates in your life now.

To find out more about This seminar will be open GriefShare: Surviving the to anyone experiencing grief Holidays, email Coleen

complishments during mili-

of service, four deploy-

ments, three of them com-

bat, and countless amounts

of patients cared for and

sailors lead and mentored,"

Hardebeck said. "I have to

say that being able to be in

the right place, at the right

time, to have an impact on

the outcome of life events

for people has always had,

and still does have, a huge

impact on me and some-

thing I am incredibly ap-

pride in serving America

through military service.

Hardebeck can take

"It is an opportunity

preciative and proud of."

"After almost 18 years

tary service.

Albright at coleen.albright58@gmail.com or call the church office at (317) 773-2500.

SHARE

This program is free and no registration is necessary. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors who are struggling through grief. All attendees will receive a Holiday Survival Guide filled with practical tips, encouraging words, journaling ideas, and exercises for daily help through the holiday season.

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to be a part of something greater than myself," Hardebeck said. "I genuinely enjoy what I do and what I am able to bring to the table. The continuous journey of learning every single day and being able to better myself and those I lead is everything I could ask for."

Hardebeck is grateful to others for helping make a Navy career possible.

'I will always send a shoutout to my wonderful mother, who has always been a rock and staple in my life," Hardebeck added. "To shout my adoration and appreciation for her from the mountaintops is still not enough."

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun 8-11

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

Sheridan Post 67 Tom DeShon 406 E 10<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 126<sup>th</sup> 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

#### Hamilton County Military Veteran | Activities & Events

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 2<sup>nd</sup>&4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>&3<sup>rd</sup> 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 VFW Post 10003 Taco Tuesdays** 











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### Breakfast Buffet at the Legion!

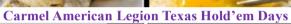
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#### Access to Care via the COMPACT Act

Under the COMPACT Act, veterans with acute suicidal crisis can go immediately to any VA or non-VA healthcare facility at NO COST. VA will provide, pay, or reimburse treatment, emergency suicidal care, and transportation costs for eligible veterans. Any questions about eligibility, please contact the National Eligibility Office at 877-222-8387.

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

Mental health call center: 317-988-2770 **COMPACT Act Program Coordinator:** Mishelle Evans: 317-987-9026

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Veteran Appreciation Day

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Representatives from across the Indiana Veteran network will be available to provide you with resources, information, and networking opportunities.

Learn about VA health and disability benefits eligibility and enrollment and resources available to you from the Department of Veterans Affairs, Cemetery and special programs and partners from throughout Indiana.

Please RSVP for either the morning event with light breakfast or afternoon presentation and lunch. The resource fair portion will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m





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## **Rocks Media House gets noticed**





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The talent and dedication of Rocks Media House – the people behind the great photos and videos you constantly see of everything going on at Westfield Washington Schools – was recently noticed and requested. After seeing the high-quality photography from Bailey Ruble and Shawn Davis, the Indiana School Boards Association reached out to have them photograph their convention. Take a look at the gallery of photos at this link and you'll see exactly why.



#### Graphic provided

## Join the Ahlwardts & celebrate the holiday season with song

#### Submitted

Indiana's favorite musical couple, Ryan and Lauren Ahlwardt, are busy this holiday season, bringing their holiday cheer to you through song. You have three amazing chances to spend some time this season with the Ahlwardts as they take the stage at Feinstein's in The Hotel Carmichael in Carmel.

On Saturday, Dec. 7, the Ahlwardts present *Indiana Christmas*. Join them as they present two heartwarming and magical performances of holiday music, nostalgia, and cheer at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

Featuring Ryan's original songs and arrangements, along with stunning performances from Lauren and their incredible band of friends, this festive concert is the perfect way to celebrate the season.

Ryan Ahlwardt is an Emmy-nominated host of central Indiana's most watched lifestyle show *Indy Now* on FOX 59, an alumnus of the world-renowned vocal group Straight No Chaser, and a Hoosier singer-songwriter who has shared the stage and studio with such artists as The Beach Boys, Barry Manilow, Shania Twain, Sara Bareilles, Jon McLaughlin, Take 6, and more.

The Ahlwardts return at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14 with *Human Jukebox – Holiday Edition*. Ryan and Lauren present an unforgettable night of music where YOU control the playlist.

Enjoy a night of timeless classics, fan favorites, and themed hits, all brought to life in Feinstein's intimate setting. Choose your favorites from a curated song list and shape an unforgettable evening of music tailored just for you.

Get ready for an evening of musical surprises, delightful singalongs, and lots of laughs ... all while enjoying Feinstein's renowned upscale dining and craft cocktails.

This interactive show is perfect for a date night, a night out with friends, or simply a chance to rediscover your favorite songs in a whole new way. You won't want to miss your chance to be part of the musical magic this holiday season.

These shows would be an excellent idea for a holiday or family holiday get-together. You can get your tickets at **feinsteinshc.com**.





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## A.J. Croce & band return **April 4 to Palladium**

Tickets for 'Heart of The Eternal Tour' on sale now

#### The REPORTER

Singer-songwriter A.J. Croce will return to the Palladium this spring with his signature blend of blues, rock, jazz, and roots music.

A New Orleans-inspired piano prodigy and multi-instrumentalist, Croce began playing professionally at 15 and soon was touring with B.B. King and Ray Charles. He has released 10 studio albums as a bandleader, performed with artists including Willie Nelson and the Neville Brothers, and co-written songs with Leon Russell, Dan Penn, and other esteemed songsmiths.

Croce and his seasoned band have delighted audiences with their "Croce Plays Croce" tributes to his late father, folksinger Jim Croce, who enjoyed a string of pop hits in the early 1970s

before his untimely death in 1973. This tour again will include a mix of songs by Croce and his father, along with other classic tunes and the stories behind them.

Croce has released a new single, "Complica-tions of Love," co-written with Grammy-winning producer Gary Nicholson and produced by country-rocker Shooter Jennings.

Tickets for Croce's Heart of The Eternal Tour start at \$35 and are on sale now at TheCenterPresents.org, by phone at (317) 843-3800, or in person at the Palladium's Fifth Third Bank Box Office, 1 Carter Green, Carmel. The concert is part of the Printing Partners Encore Series and the 2024-2025 Center Presents Season presented in partnership with Allied Solutions.



### Know before you go: new Fishers Event Center shares important information ahead of next week's opening

#### **Submitted**

The Fishers Event Center, an ultra-modern, 7,500-seat entertainment venue, is set to officially open its doors on Friday, Nov. 22 for its first show featuring country band Turnpike Troubadours. Designed with advanced technology and comfort in mind, the arena offers streamlined arrival, point of sale and departure experiences so you can spend more time enjoying events and less time in lines.

Before you go, the Fishers Event Center encourages all patrons to make a plan, be prepared, and arrive early to make the most of your experience.

For detailed information visit the venue's Know Before You Go website here.

#### Make a plan • Fishers Event Center is

in event parking. Payment will be through LAZ's user-friendly mobile application and website. Guests have the option to prepay online or pay during the event, eliminating the need for gates and minimizing traffic congestion. To pay during an event, look for payment signs located throughout FEC parking lots. To streamline your departure experience, the automated system scans your license plate upon exit to verify payment for parking. • Clear Bag Policy: For

quickest entry into the Fishers Event Center, it is recommended that patrons DO NOT bring a bag. If a bag is necessary, the bag (including all Diaper Bags) must meet the following criteria in order to enter the Event Center:

located north of Indianapo- plastic, vinyl or PVC and have time to park and enter, lis, in the new Fishers Dis- not exceed 12-by-6-by-12 explore the new venue, and inches. Bags cannot be tinted with color or include oversized content that prevents visibility into the clear bag. - Only non-clear bags that are smaller than 4.5-by-6.5 inches will be permitted into the stadium. Any type of non-clear bag exceeding 4.5-by-6.5 inches in size will not be permitted. - Diaper bags must be clear and comply with the Fishers Event Center Clear Bag Policy. Clear diaper bags that meet the Event Center's bag policy specifications and accompany a child are permitted but are subject to search upon entry. Baby and infant care items such as bottled formula and small snacks may be brought into the Event Center, however, those items must be carried in a clear bag meeting the bag policy guidelines. - Camera bags and cases that accompany any permitted personal device must meet the clear bag policy specifications or will be denied entry. - Exceptions to the Clear Bag Policy will only be made for medically necessary items after proper newer artists on the brink



sonnel. Please ask for assistance at the door.

- Guests with non-complying bags will need to return their items to their cars. • Cashless: Fishers Event Center is a cashless building and will only accept card and mobile payment. All mobile vendors, concession stands, bars, and retail locations require the use of

#### card or mobile payment. **Arrive early**

Patrons are advised to - Bags must be CLEAR arrive early to ensure they check out the multitude of dining options before heading to seats.

inspection by security per- of big success. Upcoming events include:

· Country band Turnpike Troubadours (Friday, Nov. 22)

• Viral violinist Lindsey Stirling (Friday, Nov. 29) • Nitro Circus (Sunday,

Dec. 1) AEW professional wrestling (Wednesday,

Dec. 4) • Indy Fuel hockey opening weekend (Dec. 6 & 7)

Legendary country rock band Alabama (Monday, Dec. 9) • The annual Mudsock

### Illegally armed Anderson methamphetamine dealer sentenced to over 20 years

#### The REPORTER

Kennley Johnson, 43, Anderson, has been sentenced to 250 months in federal prison, followed by five years of supervised release, after pleading guilty to three counts of methamphetamine distribution and two counts of unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

According to court documents, on three separate occasions in March and April of 2024, Johnson was observed selling a total of 131.8 grams of methamphetamine, a Colt pistol, and a Manuel Escodin revolver to a person in Anderson. Officers conducted a court-authorized search of Johnson's Anderson residence and found over 380 grams of additional methamphetamine, ammunition, and a loaded 9mm handgun. Johnson was arrested during the search and officers found \$5,857 in cash in his pocket.

According to the U.S. Attorney's Office, Johnson is a career criminal - since turning 18 he has been convicted of five prior drug-related offenses and one for failing to return to lawful detention after absconding from work release. At the time of his arrest, Johnson was still on probation. As a convicted felon, Johnson is permanently prohibited from legally possessing a

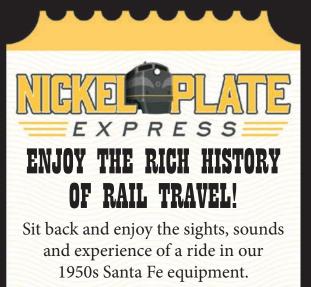
firearm.

"Illegally armed drug dealers do tremendous harm to communities in every part of our state," said Zachary A. Myers, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana. "Numerous prior convictions and prison terms were not enough to convince this career criminal to change his ways. Thanks to the efforts of the Anderson Police Department, the ATF, and our federal prosecutor, the community will now be protected from his crimes as he serves a significant term in federal prison."

"There is no place in our society for those who use firearms for violent, criminal purposes and spread drugs through our community," said Daryl S. Mc-Cormick, Special Agent in Charge of ATF's Columbus Field Division. "ATF will continue to work with our law enforcement partners at the federal, state, and local levels to bring those individuals to justice."

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Anderson Police Department investigated this case. The sentence was imposed by Chief U.S. District Judge Tanya Walton Pratt.

U.S. Attorney Myers thanked Assistant U.S. Attorney Patrick Gibson, who prosecuted this case.



trict dining and shopping destination.

• Download or open the Waze app and input the Fishers Event Center address, 11000 Stockdale St., Fishers, IN 46037. Waze is the recommended GPS program with updated event day traffic plans and street closures, providing you with accurate directions and real-time traffic alerts.

• Nearby lodging: Use the hotel links below for discounted rates offered exclusively to Fishers Event Center Guests

1. Hyatt Place Indianapolis-Fishers

2. Hyatt House Indianapolis-Fishers

**3. Courtyard Marriott Indianapolis Fishers** 

4. Hotel Nickel Plate Fishers

5. Fairfield by Marriott

#### 6. Springhill Suites **Be prepared**

• **Parking:** Parking is hassle-free, with over 2,000 surface level parking spots available for guests. Prepaid parking is available here. The parking lot is managed by LAZ Parking, a trusted company with over 30 years of experience

• For local directions if you live close to Fishers Event Center, visit the venue's Know Before You Go page here.

• Rideshare drop-off is located North of FORUM Credit Union Plaza at Fishers District. Look for signage indicating rideshare drop off upon arriving at Fishers Event Center.

• ADA drop-off is located in the West and East VIP Lots. Look for signage indicating ADA Dropoff upon arriving at Fishers Event Center.

• Explore one of 17 dining options at Fishers Event Center.

For more information, visit Fishers Event Center A to Z Guide.

#### Mark your calendars

The Fishers Event Center will host a wide variety of community events and concerts spanning genres including theater, sports, comedy, family, country, rock and more. The venue's size allows it to accommodate legendary shows in an intimate setting, as well as

Rivalry Basketball Game between the Fishers High School Tigers and the Hamilton Southeastern Royals (Friday, Dec. 20)

· Cirque du Soleil's acrobatic ice experience CRYS-TAL (Jan. 23-26, 2025)

 Comedian Tom Segura (Friday, Feb. 28, 2025)

• The King of late night, Greg Gutfeld (Saturday, March 15, 2025)

• Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats (Tuesday, March 18, 2025)

• Superstar entertainer Blake Shelton (Saturday, March 29, 2025)

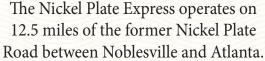
• Country star Megan Moroney (Thursday, April 24, 2025)

• Comedian Leanne Morgan (Saturday, July 26, 2025)

• Innovative storytelling leader Critical Role, celebrating its 10th anniversary (Saturday, Aug. 2, 2025)

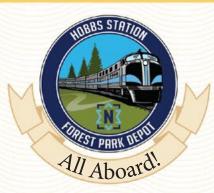
• ...and much more to be announced soon.

For a full list of upcoming events and ticket information, visit FishersEvent-Center.com. Fans can sign up for the venue newsletter to stay informed of event announcements and presale options.



Excursions board out of Noblesville at 825 Forest Park Drive.





## New Year's Eve Soul Train

Step back in time to the sensational 1970s as you embark on a vintage train ride to Earthly Endearments in Atlanta. Don your best disco attire and get ready for a night of funk, fun, and fabulous memories.

December 31

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## **Governor-elect Mike Braun announces Transition Council Leadership**

#### Submitted

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On Thursday, Governor-elect Mike Braun announced the formation of Transition Councils, along with their appointed leadership and members, to guide state agency reviews, drive policy development across Indiana's government, and prepare the Braun administration to implement a bold agenda from day one.

The Transition Council leaders and members bring valuable expertise from diverse sectors, including business, public service, education, healthcare, natural

resources, and constituent services. Each council will play a central role in creating streamlined, effective solutions that elevate state government's impact on the lives of Hoosiers.

"To build an effective government that serves all Hoosier residents, we need the best minds and most experienced leaders at the table," Governor-elect Braun said. "These distinguished individuals bring decades of public and private sector expertise to ensure a smooth and impactful transition."

Each council is dedicat-

#### Meeting Notices

The Hamilton Heights School Corporation Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2024, at Hamilton Heights Elementary School, 25350 State Road 19, Arcadia, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9)(2) For discussion of strategy with respect to any of the following: (A) Collective bargaining, which does not include a discussion or meeting under IC 20-29-6-7.

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024, in the Board Room at the Noblesville Schools Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road.

The Noblesville Economic Development Council Committee will meet at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2024, in the Mayor's Conference Room #2 at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.

The Noblesville Council Roads Committee will meet at 8 a.m. Friday, Dec. 6, 2024, in the Council Chamber Conference Room at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.

Westfield Washington The Schools Board of Trustees will meet for a work session to discuss strategic planning at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2024, in the Community Room at the Westfield Washington Schools Administration Center. 19500 Tomlinson Road.

#### WESTFIELD

Notice Notice of Public Meeting: Riverview Health will hold two public meetings on November 26th at 4pm and 5pm in the second-floor conference room at Riverview Health Westfield Hospital. In compliance with IC 16-21-2-11.5, these meetings will discuss the Westfield Endoscopy Center. The scope of work includes renovating the 6th floor of the Riverview Health Westfield Hospital at 17600 Shamrock Blvd and the project is scheduled to be completed in 2025. 11/15/24, 11/18/24

#### FALL CREEK TOWNSHIP

#### SPECIAL MEETING

Location: 11595 Brooks School Road, Fishers, Indiana 46037 Time & Date: November 21, 2024, beginning at 6:30 p.m. that day Agenda:

Executive Session: Initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing. As used in this clause, "litigation includes any judicial action or administrative law proceeding under federal or state law. A real property transaction including:(i) a purchase; (ii) a lease as lo (iii) a lease as lessee; (iv) a transfer; (v) an exchange; or (vi) a sale; [I.C. 5-14-1.5 5.l(b)(2)(B)(D)] 2526

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#### JACKSON TOWNSHIP

#### Legal Notice Board of zoning appeals

The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on November 21st, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the Cicero Town Hall building located at 70 North Byron Street, Cicero Indiana 46034, in order to hear the following petitions: Docket No. BZA-1124-50-R5

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

#### Docket No. BZA-1124-51-R5

A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding th property located at 0 West Spring St, Cicero IN, 46034 seeking relief from Article 3.12 "R5" District Standards which states that street access must be directly from street on the front side of the primary structure.

ed to advancing Braun's vision of expanding freedom and opportunity for all Hoosiers. Below are the charters that guide each Transition Council's work, along with the membership

#### of each council: **Business Affairs Transition Council**

Charter: The Business Affairs Transition Council is focused on strengthening Indiana's reputation as a business-friendly environment by streamlining bureaucracy, cutting red tape, and enhancing customer service interactions between business owners and state regulators. The council aims to support Indiana's businesses by reducing obstacles and improving the efficiency and responsiveness of state services.

Chair: Mike Speedy, a real estate developer, former state representative, former Indianapolis City-County councilor, and member of the HOPE Commission for Higher Education

Members: Terry Baker, Thomas Lyons, Mike Mellon, Matt Morgan, Don Rix, Bill Salin, Phil Sicuso, and Mike Smith

#### Commerce **Transition Council**

Charter: The Commerce Transition Council is focused on driving economic growth across Indiana by fostering entrepreneurship and identifying opportunities to support geographically diverse communities. The council aims to expand economic opportunity in every corner of the state by cultivating a thriving environment for Hoosier entrepreneurs and encouraging community-level development.

Chair: Mitch Frazier, CEO of AgriNovus Indiana and former leader with the Indiana Economic Development Corporation under former Governor Mitch Daniels

Members: Jake Adams, Steve Akard, Devin Anderson, Brad Battin, Brad Bookout, Tom Dakich, Harry Ghoman, Greg Gibson, Larry Gigerich, Brandt Hershman, David Kerr, Courtney Kingery, Mike Rutz, and Phil Smith



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review team **Members:** Brandon Clifton, Chris Creighton, Nick Goodwin, Kyle Hupfer, Jennifer Pavlik, Julie Phillips, Joel Russell, Anita Samuel, Brian Spaulding, and Mike Woods

#### Education **Transition Council**

Charter: The Education Transition Council is dedicated to ensuring a high-quality education for all Hoosiers by raising standards in K-12 and higher education, expanding school choice, keeping curriculum focused on core education rather than political indoctrination, and enhancing college and career readiness for high school graduates.

Chair: Dr. Katie Jenner. Indiana's first Secretary of Education, head of the Indiana Department of Education, and chair of the State Board of Education

**Members:** Caitlin Bell, Makenzie Binford, Jeff Cardwell, Jason Clark, Robert Enlow, David Fagan, Larry Garatoni, John Hammond III, Jason Kloth, David Miller, Rick Wajda, and Tom Wheeler

#### **Efficiency & Modernization Transition Council** Charter: The Effi-

ciency and Modernization Transition Council is dedicated to conducting a comprehensive review of Indiana's state government to ensure Hoosiers' tax dollars are used efficiently and effectively. The council will work to streamline bureaucracy, reduce regulatory burdens, embrace emerging technology, and foster

icies, faithfully implementing SEA 1 (P.L. 179-2022, Special Session), and improving program delivery at the Family and Social gaging with state Services Agency, Department of Child Services, and Department of Veterans Affairs

> Chair: Gloria Sachdev, PharmD, President and CEO of the Employers' Forum of Indiana

Members: Brian Bauer, Dr. Alex Choi, Dr. Jim Dalton, Heather Delgado, Don Fesko, Mike Fichter, Jim Hamilton, Steve Holman, Dr. Tarek Kteleh, Mitch Roob, Dr. Jim Stevens, Mark Terrell, and George Witwer

#### Lieutenant **Governor-Elect Transition Council** Charter: The Lieu-

tenant Governor-Elect Transition Council is focused on growing Indiana's agriculture industry by supporting producers, expanding markets, and helping farmers pass their way of life to the next generation. The council is also committed to strengthening rural communities by reducing regulatory burdens and streamlining the grant application process through the Office of Community and Rural Development.

Chair: Sherry Ellis, Chief of Staff designee for Lieutenant Governor-elect Micah Beckwith and campaign manager for the Micah for Lieutenant Governor campaign

Members: Joseph Bortka, John Crabtree, Max Engling, Dina Ferchmin, Jodi Golden, Omar Habayeb, Bill Konyha, Sovilla Mennen, Jessica Messler, Kristi Ormsby, Gregg Puls, Erin Sheridan, and Eric Turner

#### **Local & Municipal Affairs Transition Council**

Charter: The Local and Municipal Affairs Transition Council is focused on building a strong partnership between state and local governments in Indiana. By giving local leaders a seat at the table in the incoming Braun administration, the council aims to address key issues, including local tax and financing, and im-

Chair: Danny Price, founder of The Price Consulting Group, LLC, and a 34-year veteran of the Indiana State Police

Members: Lloyd Arnold, Jeff Balon, Rob Carter, Kip Clark, Lance Hamner, Pat Harrington, Tim Horty, Tony Murray, Chris Naylor, Martin Umbarger, Lance Waters, and Travis Yike

#### **Transportation &** Infrastructure **Transition Council**

Charter: The Transportation and Infrastructure Transition Council is focused on strengthening Indiana as the Crossroads of America by identifying sustainable funding to maintain, improve, and expand the state's infrastructure without raising taxes. The council's work includes investing in broadband solutions for all regions of Indiana and enhancing customer service at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

Chair: Matt Ubelhor, former Indiana House Representative for District 62, former senior manager at Peabody Energy, and member of the HOPE energy and agriculture team

Members: John Brand, Kenny Birk, Bryce Carpenter, Chris Coyle, Dent Johnson, Gary Langston, Joe McGuinness, Tim Miller, Kent Moore, and Randy Palmateer

The transition council will work closely with current administration officials to review future initiatives, assess state agency operations, and develop policy recommendations for the incoming administration.

"Our focus is on preparing to implement the Governor-elect's vision for Indiana's future alongside talented individuals who are dedicated to efficiently and effectively serving the people of Indiana," Transition Chair Victor Smith said. "We appreciate these leaders volunteering their time and expertise to the future of the Hoosier state."

The transition council will work closely with the previously announced transition committee:

• Betsy Wiley, president

Legal Descriptions: Acreage .19 Section 1, Township 19, Range 4 COLE & JONES ADDITION Replat Information: Pt of Outlot 3 Lot 1 Parcel numbers: 05-06-01-02-05-026.001

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

Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Comments may be mailed to Cicero/Jackson Planning Commission at P.O. Box 650 Cicero, IN 46034. Comments may also be dropped off in the Cicero Utilities payment drop pox located at 331 E. Jackson St. Cicero, IN. Comments may also be emailed to fzawadzki@townofcicero.in.gov Comments must be received by 3:00 pm on the date of the hearing. Written comments will be read aloud during the public earing and entered into the record of the Hearing.

The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary Petitioner: James Heuer, 11/4/2024 11/15/24, 11/18/24 R5264

Note: The above notice was first published on November 8, 2024, with incorrect docket numbers through no fault of the client or the Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals. The two docket numbers listed above are correct.

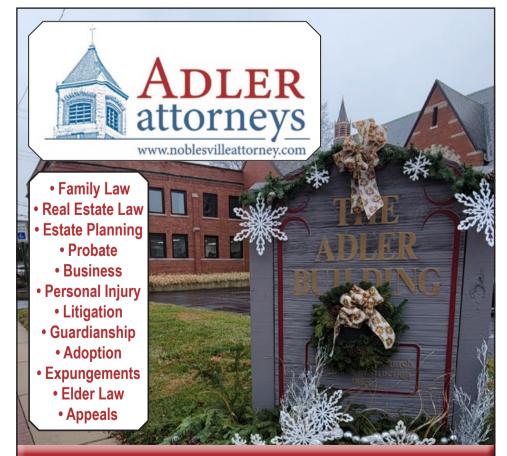
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#### NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1, the Hamilton County Airport Authority Board will meet in Executive Session at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 21, 2024, in Beck's Hybrids Conference Room at the Indianapolis Executive Airport, 11329 E. St. Rd. 32, Zionsville, Indiana. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the purchase or lease of real estate IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D). 11/15/24. 11/18/2

#### **Constituent Services Transition Council**

Charter: The Constituent Services Transition Council is focused on improving interactions between Hoosiers and their state government by conducting a comprehensive review of constituent services across state agencies. The council will work to establish clear customer service standards for each agency,



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Chair: Gus Olympidis, President and CEO of Family Express Corp and charter member of the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority under former Governor Daniels

Jonathan **Members:** Bechtle, Bill Hanna, Lisa Hershman, Charlie Hiltunen, Elisha Modisett Kemp, Marilee Springer, Scott Weaver, Josh Webb, John Westercamp, and Chuck Williams

#### **Energy & Natural** Resources **Transition Council**

Charter: The Energy and Natural Resourc-Transition Council is es committed to developing Indiana's abundant energy and recreational resources to lower utility costs and enhance Hoosiers' quality of life. The council will focus on leveraging Indiana's natural assets to promote sustainable resource management and cost-effective energy solutions.

Chair: Jackie Bowman Ponder, Chief Legal Officer at Bowman Family Holdings, Inc., former General Counsel to Solar Sources Mining, LLC, and former member of the Executive Committee of the Energy & Mineral Law Foundation

Members: Mark Flint, Jon Ford, Ryan Heater, Jason Lenz, Scott Lods, David McGimpsey, Om Narla, Stan Pinegar, David Pippen, Matt Smorch, and Joe Sutherland

**Health & Family Services Transition Council** 

Charter: The Health and Family Services Transition Council is dedicated to ensuring affordable, transparent, and high-quality healthcare for all Hoosiers, developing pro-family polprove communities across the state.

Chair: Brian Burdick, managing partner of the Indianapolis office of Barnes & Thornburg, LLP, and member of the HOPE policy committee review team for the Office of Management and Budget

Members: David Bottorff, Tom Dermody, Matt Gentry, Chris Greisl, Matt Greller, Nate Harter, Chris Jensen, Rachel Leslie, Maggie McShane, Terry Seitz, Ron Turpin, and Steve Wolff

#### **Management & Budget Transition Council**

Charter: The Management and Budget Transition Council is dedicated to securing Indiana's financial future by developing a balanced budget, enhancing efficiency through shared services, and implementing best-value procurement practices. The council will focus on ensuring the State is on sound financial footing, driving whole-of-government efficiencies through shared services, and establishing best practices for effective fiscal management

Chair: Tera Klutz, Chief Financial Officer at Gaylor Electric, Inc., and former State Auditor-Comptroller, Allen County Auditor, and Chief Deputy Auditor

Members: Paul Baltzell, Lana Keesling, Luke Leising, Ted Nolting, Tim Rushenberg, Courtney Schaafsma, Chuck Schalliol, Micah Vincent, Gretchen White, and Aaron Williams

#### **Public Safety Transition Council**

Charter: The Public Safety Transition Council is focused on protecting every Hoosier, with priorities including school safety, support for law enforcement. crime prevention, and federal partnerships on immigration enforcement to protect Indiana communities.

and CEO of Hoosiers for Quality Education, after serving eight years as deputy chief of staff for former Governor Mitch Daniels. She is also a board member of the not-for-profit organization Hoosiers for Opportunity, Prosperity & Enterprise (HOPE).

• Jim Bopp, a Terre Haute-based attorney and owner of The Bopp Law Firm PC, also secretary, treasurer and general counsel of HOPE.

• Ryan Kitchell, interim CEO of the Crossroads of America Council and chairman of the Governor's Workforce Cabinet under Governor Eric Holcomb. He is the former director of the Indiana Office of Management and Budget under former Governor Mitch Daniels.

· James Purucker, president of John Frick & Associates and a board member of HOPE.

 Brad Rateike, founding principal of Bar Communications and former deputy press secretary for former Gov. Daniels and former director of cabinet communications for President Donald J. Trump during his first term.

• Randy Head, a Logansport-based former state senator, attorney and current chairman of the Indiana State Republican Committee.

• Matt Bell, a former state representative from Fort Wayne who is currently a principal in Catalyst Public Affairs Group.

· Dan Dumezich, a former state representative from Northwest Indiana and retired partner and tax attorney at Deloitte Tax LLP.

Additional members may be added to these councils in the coming weeks.

To access the Transition Team website, please visit brauntransition.com/ team.

#### *Obituaries*

#### TODAY'S BIBLE READING THE TABLE

"Make a table of acacia wood—two cubits long, a cubit wide and a cubit and a half high. Overlay it with pure gold and make a gold molding around it. Also make around it a rim a handbreadth wide and put a gold molding on the rim. Make four gold rings for the table and fasten them to the four corners, where the four legs are. The rings are to be close to the rim to hold the poles used in carrying the table. Make the poles of acacia wood, overlay them with gold and carry the table with them. And make its plates and dishes of pure gold, as well as its pitchers and bowls for the pouring out of offerings. Put the bread of the Presence on this table to be before me at all times.

Exodus 25:23-30 (NIV)

#### **Tommy Ray Lewis** September 3, 1956 – November 13, 2024

Tommy Ray Lewis, 68, Arcadia, passed away on



Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at IU North Hospital. On September 3, 1956, he was born in Mountain Home, Ark., to Truman and Margie (Pherigo) Lewis. On July 15, 2000, Tommy married Patricia Susan (Rostermundt) Gruhn Lewis, and together they shared 24 wonderful years of marriage. Tommy retired from a fulfilling career in con-

struction and was a dedicated member of the Church of Christ. He cherished his time fishing at Lake Norfork in Arkansas and attended an annual fishing trip in Michigan with friends. A true sports enthusiast, Tommy was an avid fan of the Kansas City Chiefs.

Tommy is survived by his beloved wife, Patricia Susan Gruhn Lewis, of Arcadia; his mother, Margie Marie Lewis, of Clarkridge, Ark.; sons, Matthew (Amanda) Lewis of Rea Valley, Ark., Michael (Tara) Melton of Gassville, Ark., Kyle Lewis of Tampa Bay, Fla., and Devin Lewis of Mountain Home, Ark.; daughter, Ashley (Cody) Gott of Mountain Home, Ark.; stepsons, David (Kathy) Ertz and Daniel Ertz; sisters Helen (Eddie) Parks of Clarkridge, Ark., Ann (Kenny) Thomas of Noble, Mo., and Tonya (Paul) Strain of Clarkridge, Ark.; brother, Bill (Angela) Lewis of Shawnee, Kan.; 13 cherished grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Truman Ray Lewis

In accordance with Tommy's wishes, he will be cremated with a burial to take place at a later date. The family has entrusted his care to Hartley Funeral Homes in Cicero.

Online condolences can be given at hartleyfuneralhomes.com.

## Thanks for reading

#### **Christopher R. Thieman** December 30, 1972 – November 13, 2024

Christopher R. Thieman, 51, died on November 13. 2024, at his residence in Noblesville.



Chris was born on December 30, 1972, in Indianapolis and grew up in Noblesville, the son of Ronald G and Catherine L (Callahan) Thieman. He married Christie Eubanks on July 17, 1999, at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Noblesville. She survives in Noblesville. He is also survived by

plus their daughter Noramae of Cicero, and Jacob & Lauren (Hornback) Thieman of Noblesville.

He is also survived by his sister, Heather (Thieman) & Eric Hendrich of Noblesville and their sons Koy Hendrich & girlfriend, Delaney Teachnor, and Quin Hendrich. He is survived by his mother-in-law Phyillis (Manring) & Doug Pike of Elwood; sister-in-law Kim (Eubanks) & Jeremy Winn of Whitestown and their children Olivia (Winn) & Nate Gonzalez and Gabe Winn & fiancée Jade; step-brother-in-law Justin & Kristy Eubanks of Pendleton and their children Austin, Lilli and Kinslee; step-sister-in-law Jami and Rodney Ballard of Pendleton and their children Elizabeth and Brian.

Chris graduated from Noblesville High School in 1991, attended St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer and graduated from Indiana Wesleyan University. He worked for Sallie Mae & USA Group – Fishers for 20 years in IT. He then worked for Interactive Intelligence / Genesys - Indianapolis as an IT Database Administrator for eight years. Chris was currently at Progressive Insurance - Carmel as an IT Database Consultant. He enjoyed working with the people at the various companies through the years and made many special friendships. Chris appreciated all the support given to him through the years but especially by the Progressive Insurance employees over the last several years through his illness.

Chris had been active with the Noblesville Youth Baseball organization as a coach, working volunteer and board member for over 15 years. He also had been active with Boy Scouts when Kyle and Jacob were growing up. Chris enjoyed above all else, spending time with his family and friends and going to school and sporting events of his children and nephews. He enjoyed having gatherings with the Sheltons, Furiaks, Browns, and Cappellettis, camping with family and friends, barbequing and smoking meats for various occasions but especially the holidays. Chris was a fan of the Noblesville Millers, Boston Red Sox, Indiana University, and UConn Women's Basketball. Being a supportive father was his most important role in life.

The family wants to thank all of the medical staff that have worked with Chris for the last several years - your care, kindness, and friendship meant a lot to him and us. Thank you.

Friends may call at the Randall & Roberts Funeral Center at 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, IN 46062 on Sunday, November 17 from noon to 4 p.m., with a service following at 4 p.m. A private burial for the immediate family will be held at the Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to Noblesville Youth Baseball, P.O. Box 721, Noblesville, IN 46061, or to a charitable organization of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be left at randallroberts.com.

#### **Cyndie Moore** March 14, 1955 – November 11, 2024

Cyndie Moore, 69, a kind, fun-loving, caring individu-



al from Fishers, went to her Heavenly home on Monday, November 11, 2024. She was at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis surrounded by her family when she passed after a courageous battle with cancer. Cyndie was born on March 14, 1955 to Albert and Marilyn (Hornbach) Scott in Indianapolis.

Cyndie was a 1973 graduate of Hamilton Southeastern sons Kyle & Tori (Heath) Thieman High School. She worked as a clerk for the Hamilton County Government Center and as a legal assistant for S. Neal Ziliak in Noblesville and Orfanos & Alvarado in Fortville until she retired in 2016. She was married to the love of her life, Douglas Moore, for 46 years before he passed away in 2018. Cyndie enjoyed being crafty, loved her Bible journaling gatherings and was active in a card group (especially liked euchre). Cyndie played softball in her younger years and spent many days watching Doug, her sons and granddaughters play sports. Bowling was another sport she spent lots of time playing and watching over the years. She was always up for a gambling getaway to Four Winds Casino, going to her favorite music concerts and enjoyed lots of fun and laughs on her trips with her girlfriends. Her smile would light up a room and her laughter was contagious. Cyndie had a great sense of humor and delighted in spending time with her family and friends. She also cherished cuddling with her precious little dog, Dory.

She is survived by her sons, Matt (Jody) Moore, Brian (Michelle) Moore, and Brad (Alisa) Moore; seven granddaughters, Maddie, Rylie, Kelsey, Kaylee, Mariah, Alivia, and Sophia Moore: sisters. Carla (Bill) Bowman, and Cheryl Morgan (Abby); brother, Douglas (Roseanne) Scott; brother-in-law, Stephen (Bonnie) Moore; and her special companion, Mark Kratky.

In addition to her parents, Cyndie was preceded in death by her devoted husband of 46 years, Douglas R. "Doug" Moore in 2018; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, David & Barb Moore; sister-in-law, Lucinda Moore; and in-laws, Lloyd & Dorothy Moore.

A memorial service is scheduled from 4 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Pastor Jeff Alexander will officiate. A celebration of life will follow after the service until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 681405, Indianapolis, IN 46268-1405 (cancer.org/about-us/local/indiana.html).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

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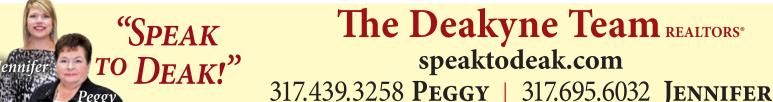
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## **Regional football previews: Class 6A – Westfield at Fishers**

**By CRAIG ADKINS** For The Reporter

And just like that, we are in regional play and down to three county schools remaining in the football state tournament.

Tonight, Westfield makes the jaunt across Hamilton County to face Fishers for the second time this season.

Fishers would like to erase the Week 8 matchup with Westfield when the Tigers lost at home to the 'Rocks, 46-12.

The Tigers have a narrow 13-9 record in the overall series, but the Shamrocks are 2-1 in playoff meetings.

#### **Class 6A Regional 2:** No. 2 Westfield Shamrocks (10-1) at Fishers Tigers (7-4)

Until getting further down the tournament trail past regional, it's seemed like a continuous Hoosier Crossroads Conference schedule for these two, aside from Westfield's sectional semifinal against Harrison two weeks ago.

Last week in the sectional championship, Westfield cruised to a 35-13 home win over HCC rival Zionsville.

Westfield jumped out to a 28-0 halftime lead, stunning the Eagles. Carsen Melvin scored first on a 79-yard rushing touchdown five minutes into the game to make it 7-0.

'We did an inside zone," said Melvin. He kept the ball, then got a "great block on the outside and just took it all the way."

Melvin also credited the Shamrocks' defense for making that initial stand at the beginning of the game.

"I think it definitely gave us some momentum," said Melvin. "Our defense is playing really great. Any more momentum that we can give them is great. They do a lot for us; we do a lot for them. That's why we're playing so well. We play for each other." Deacon King scored on a 14-yard rush on the first play of the second quarter. Two minutes later, Melvin scored again on a six-yard run. Broc Parker capped off the four-score half with an eight-yard run with just under three minutes left in the half for the 28-0 lead. Parker was itching to contribute more and that's exactly what he did. He ran back the opening kickoff of the third quarter 92-yards for a touchdown for a 35-0 advantage.



Photo by Joshua Herd

Fishers coach Curt Funk speaks to the Tigers team after it won the Sectional 4 championship last Friday. Also pictured is Fishers wide receiver JonAnthony Hall, who scored three touchdowns in the victory.

tional title and 13th in program history.

Melvin led with 85 rushing vards on two carries, both scores and King had 73 on 10 rushes. Melvin didn't need to pass much, completing 3 of 4 for 70 yards.

Westfield started off 5-0, then had a mid-season roadblock loss at Brownsburg (17-13). The Shamrocks have won five in a row since with four 40-plus point outputs in those games.

The Shamrocks also have seven regional and five semi-state titles, as well as the 2016 5A state championship over Columbus East.

Fishers got a monkey off its back last Friday, winning its first sectional trophy in seven years (2017) over neighboring rival Hamilton Southeastern in a shootout, 44-41. It is their fourth sectional in program history.

Starting out 3-1, Fishers lost three of four heading into the final regular lead on the first possession. season game. Three road onsville (30-6), Noblesville (31-21) and HSE (44-41) and the Tigers are rolling at the right time.

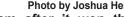


Photo provided Sheridan's Aubrey Koch finished first in the 110-pound weight class at the Alexandria Monroe girls wrestling tournament last Saturday.

## Sheridan's Koch finishes first in her weight class

#### **The REPORTER**

The Sheridan girls wrestling team kicked off the inaugural IHSAA wrestling season with a strong showing at the Alexandria Monroe High School tournament our wrestlers showed guts, last Saturday.

The Blackhawks were led by Aubrey Koch, who finished first 110 pounds. Koch won the championship match by pinning her opponent with seconds left in the second period.

Devyn Pewarski and Eva Todd both finished 3-1 in their weight classes, while Anna Hamersly went Jason Hamersly.

2-2 to place third in her division. Maddison Underwood, Gracie Stowers and Ryleigh Hampton all earned fourth-place finishes.

"Every single one of wrestled unintimidated and has something to smile about walking away from this tournament." Said Blackhawks assistant coach Colin Warner.

"We competed with 24 other teams today and got a lot of compliments on how well our girls wrestled," said Sheridan head coach

Carmel football coach

Joshua Herd / File photo

Westfield's Deacon King, pictured here in an earlier game, scored a touchdown for the Shamrocks during their Sectional 3 championship win last Friday.

Curt Funk.

The Tigers used eight plays and 66 yards and struck first on a JonAnthony Hall rushing TD for a 7-0

wins in a row against Zi- on a Ryan Thembulembu tice. It's been the same scerun. Tyler Maynard ran in the two-point conversion, and it was 15-7.

Hall.

The Royals scored twice in the fourth for a 41-37 HSE lead. After that, it was all Tigers.

"Every week, we do Fishers grabbed the lead two-minute drills in pracnario since Aug. 5," said Funk. "In practice, we told them that there's going to be a game we're going to have to use this. We're built for this."

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## Girls Wrestling



Zionsville scored twice in the second half, but the Shamrocks had the game wrapped up at that point for their fifth consecutive sec-

The Tigers had the ball last and drove all the way down the field, scoring with 0.7 seconds left to win, 44-41. The victory gave Fishers its first sectional title since 2017 and fourth overall.

In that final drive, the Tigers had great time management and took it all the way down to the final seconds. Hill threw three consecutive incompletions, forcing fourth and goal from the Royals' four.

On fourth down, Caden Hill found Jase Ruggles for the game-winning four-yard touchdown pass for the final count of 44-41.

"Players made the plays, and our players did what it took on that final drive," said Fishers coach

Southeastern grabbed some momentum with two straight touchdowns for a 20-15.

Hill connected with Hall with 1:34 left in the second. Thembulembu ran in the two-point try for a 23-20 slight edge.

But that would be too much time on the clock for HSE. Weston found Boyd once again, a 20-yarder with 36 seconds left that gave the Royals a 27-23 halftime advantage.

Thembulembu scored in the third to push it to 30-27.

"Ryan ran hard all night. I'm proud of our line up front for creating opportunities for him," said Funk.

Hill gave Fishers its largest lead at 37-27 on a 73-yard pass and catch to

Caden Hill has 1,241 vards passing and 9 TDs. Hall is having a tremendous season with 83 catches for 1,308 yards and 12 touchdowns. Ryan Thembulembu has 669 on the ground with 7 touchdowns.

Fishers has one regional and semi-state title (2010). That season, the Tigers won the 5A state title against Lawrence Central.

\*If Westfield wins, the Shamrocks will host Crown Point or be on the road at Fort Wayne Carroll. If Fishers wins, the Tigers will automatically be on the road at either Crown Point or Fort Wayne Carroll in the semi-state on Nov. 22.



#### **By RICHIE HALL**

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Longtime Carmel football coach John Hebert has resigned.

Hebert spoke to the Reporter on Thursday, reflecting on his multiple decades of coaching for the Greyhounds, one of the most successful high school football teams in Indi-

ana, if not the entire country

"It's been 24 hours, and I've probably been contacted by hundreds of people, former assistant coaches, friends that are assistant coaches," said Hebert. "It's just a reminder of what a great network of community the sport of football can provide."

career in 1993 - "when I was out of college," he said - coaching for Clay Middle School and mentored teams at both Clay and Carmel

Middle

years.

Hebert.



Hebert

Hebert moved up to the high school in 1998, coaching the Carmel freshman team, then be-

for the next few

at that age," said

"It was fun

School

came a varsity coach for the 2002 season. He spent the 2003 and 2004 seasons at Westfield before returning to Carmel in 2005 under Mo

Moriarty. Moriarty was succeeded by Kevin Wright in 2010. "I coached for him until I became head coach in 2015," said Hebert.

Hebert, 54, began his See Hebert ... Page 13

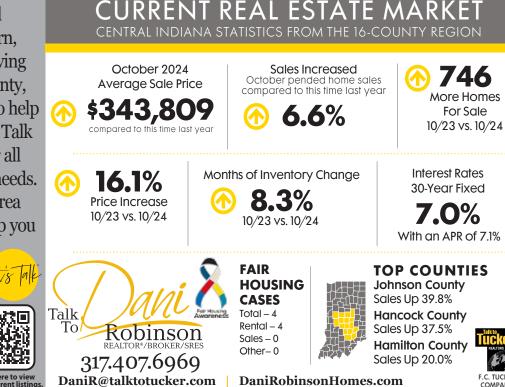
**Read tomorrow's Hamilton County Reporter** for a list of the All-Hoosier Crossroads Conference all-conference teams and Player of the Year selections for fall sports.

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## Soccer-**Reporter names HSE** senior Jack Anderson **Boys Player of the Year**

#### The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Reporter has named Hamilton Southeastern senior Jack Anderson as its Boys Soccer Player of the Year.

Anderson was part of a Royals soccer team that won a sectional championship and finished the regular season as the No. 2-ranked team in Class 3A. He delivered 13 assists along with scoring four goals.

Anderson was named to the Indiana Soccer Coaches Association's First Team All State and is an Academic All-State honoree, and was also named the Hoosier Conference's Crossroads Player of the Year.

Photo provided (RIGHT) Jack Anderson has been named The **Reporter's Boys Soccer** Player of the Year.



#### Hamilton County All-County Boys Soccer Teams **FIRST TEAM SECOND TEAM**

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Ameer Abu-Salih	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior	Jackson Aleman	Sheridan	Junior
Jack Anderson	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior	Andres Artigas	Fishers	Junior
Jack Butts	Fishers	Junior	Robbie Burt	Guerin Catholic	Senior
Chasen Cunningham	Carmel	Senior	Alex Butler	Westfield	Senior
Alex Eberhart	Noblesville	Junior	Oliver Church	Westfield	Senior
Brady Grace	Fishers	Junior	Aidan Gostomelsky	Carmel	Sophomore
Jake Hall	Noblesville	Senior	Deklan Jenski	Noblesville	Senior
Blake Horn	Noblesville	Senior	Cooper Perez	Hamilton Southeastern	Sophomore
Cade Joniec	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior	Owen Price	Carmel	Junior
Cam Joniec	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior	Caden Rice	Noblesville	Senior
Reid Spittler	Fishers	Senior	Alec Schurman	Westfield	Senior

Honorable mention: Carsen Aleman, Sheridan; Cole Anderson, Fishers; Noah Cordero, Hamilton Heights; Brady Frayer, Noblesville; Matthew Lathrop, Hamilton Southeastern; Wes Lucas, University; Grant Myers, Westfield; Tyler Schilt, Carmel; Jacob Sundo, Westfield

### HEBERT

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## **Penske Entertainment** acquires Grand Prix **Association of Long Beach**

Ambitious INDYCAR growth agenda rolls forward

#### Submitted by INDYCAR

Penske Entertainment announced today the newest member of its growing event portfolio, confirming the acquisition of the Grand Prix Association of Long Beach, LLC, from longtime owner Gerald R. Forsythe. The association administers the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach, the longest-running major street circuit race in North America. The purchase is expected to provide significant investment for the marquee NTT INDYCAR SERIES race, to further enhance this can't-miss celebration of speed and Southern California motorsport culture for that make it best in class years to come.

This upcoming year marks the 50th edition of the Grand Prix of Long Beach, with special programming planned to mark the occasion. The race will return to network television, with FOX set to broadcast the event Sunday, April 13.

"We're incredibly proud to be the new stewards of this cherished and iconic supercharged atmosphere, event," said Roger Penske. "This is the most historic and prestigious street circuit race in North America, and we're excited to work with Jim Michaelian and his great team in Long Beach to ensure continued success and growth over the long term. This race and its loyal fans matter so much to everyone across the INDYCAR community, and we're looking forward to a very special 50th anniversary celebration incredibly vital and vibrant this April, as well."

"As we prepare to cel-



hospitality customers.

"This is a major race weekend, not just on our calendar but across the motorsport landscape," Penske President Entertainment & CEO Mark Miles said. "We're committed to preserving the core attributes while also working on some exciting and bold initiatives to make its future even bigger and brighter."

The three-day weekend regularly attracts crowds of over 190,000 people to its 1.968-mile racecourse surrounding the Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center. The 2024 edition featured a which included the largest attendance in the modern INDYCAR era. The event brings global attention and positive economic impact to its home city, while also maintaining a charitable organization – the Grand Prix Foundation of Long Beach - which has donated more than \$4.2 million to those in need within the Long Beach community.

"The Grand Prix is an asset for our community and an annual event that Graphic provided by IMS

calls Long Beach home." As part of today's an-

nouncement, Penske Entertainment and the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach released a special video, narrated by former Indy 500 Honorary Starter and acclaimed actor Milo Ventimiglia. You can watch here.

Today's news marks the continuation of an ambitious and productive period for Penske Entertainment, which owns and manages INDYCAR and the NTT INDYCAR SERIES. In September, the organization announced the establishment of the first charter system in INDYCAR's history, providing NTT INDYCAR SERIES owners meaningful and enhanced value across their entries. In October, Penske Entertainment unveiled the INDYCAR Grand Prix of Arlington, powered through a first-ofits-kind joint venture with the Dallas Cowboys and Texas Rangers.

The NTT INDYCAR SERIES is North America's premier open-wheel racing series, featuring an international field of the world's most versatile drivers who compete on superspeedways, short ovals, street circuits and permanent road courses across the United States and Canada. Beginning in 2025, FOX Sports will be the exclusive home of all INDYCAR action, providing a network broadcast via FOX of all 17 NTT INDYCAR SERIES races. The NTT INDYCAR SE-RIES is the only premier motorsport series in the U.S. to broadcast every race on network television.

The Greyhounds have had a consistent record of success under Hebert. During the period from 2015 to 2020, Carmel won no less than a sectional championship in the post-season. The 'Hounds also claimed regional titles in 2015 and 2017, were state finalists in 2018 and won Class 6A state titles in 2016 and 2019.

"There's only four coaches that have won two 6A titles," said Hebert. The others are Mike Kirschner at Ben Davis (2014, 2017), Jayson West at Warren Cen-

tral (2013, 2018) and Eric Moore at Center Grove, who has won four 6A titles (2015, 2021, 2022, 2023).

"Coach Hebert has been an invaluable part of our school and I have a great deal of respect for the work that has been done during his tenure," said Carmel athletic director Jim Inskeep. "He has dedicated himself to the program and our student-athletes, emphasizing the importance of teamwork and character. I am thankful for his leadership and the manner in which he has represented the

athletic department."

Hebert is grateful for the amount of messages and support he has received since the news of his resignation went public. "Every time I get to a message and I'll try to respond to it, and I've got there or four new messages waiting," he said.

The coach said it's "humbling and hard to really put a concrete value on," but at the same time, pointed out that it's the by-product of a long career.

"I'm trying to really stay in a grateful mindset," said Hebert. "I've just been so fortunate to have all these experiences and know all these people and have all these great relationships with people that I really respect."

And Hebert hasn't closed the door on coaching again. In fact, he's keeping that door very much open.

"I'm just not done," said Hebert. "I feel great. Physically, mentally and I love coaching. It's just what I've always loved to do. I'm going to keep myself open to the next big challenge that comes my way. I've already had a few people reach out. I know there's something out there for me."

ebrate a truly remarkable milestone, the 50th anniversary of this amazing event, it's fitting that we have such exciting and important news to share about its future," said Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach President & CEO Jim Michaelian. "Roger and the team at Penske Entertainment understand the special history and unique qualities that give us such a strong foundation and will be ideal partners as we continue to deliver an exceptional race weekend for our fans moving forward. I also want to acknowledge the significant contribution that the previous owners, Jerry Forsythe and the late Kevin Kalkhoven, made to the success of our event over the past 19 years."

As an acclaimed and highly attended annual event located in the nation's entertainment capital, the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach is a premier race weekend for the NTT IN-DYCAR SERIES. Working alongside the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach team, Penske Entertainment plans to invest in bolstering and enhancing the experience for race fans, sponsors and

drives commerce, attracts tourism and elevates cultural connectivity across our city," said Long Beach Mayor Rex Richardson. "Penske Entertainment will be a committed and energetic partner for the future that seeks to preserve and enhance this event's rich history and strong legacy. We're looking forward to a great working relationship that benefits everyone who

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#### 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.

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