



White River Fire pays it forward

Donated fire truck will help Tennessee town rocked by hurricane

The REPORTER

The White River Township Fire Department recently donated a fully operational fire truck to Cosby Volunteer Fire Department, bolstering their emergency response capabilities and enhancing safety for the Cosby, Tenn., area.

The donated fire truck, previously in service with White River Twp. Fire, is now well-positioned to support Cosby VFD in its critical role of protecting residents of Cosby, Tenn. This donation reflects the commitment of White River Twp. Fire to fostering collaborative efforts across fire departments to ensure optimal public safety.

The added equipment will significantly enhance Cosby VFD's ability to respond to emergencies and provide timely assistance to community members.

Cosby VFD lost most if not all of its equipment in a hurricane that devastated Eastern Tennessee and the North Carolina region. Through the donation of White River's old 1991 GMC Topkick/McGinley Fire Engine, the hope is that Cosby VFD will provide fire protection to surrounding area for years to come.

"When White River started, we served our community by a



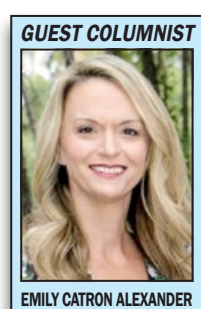
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This 1991 GMC Topkick/McGinley Fire Engine will now service Cosby, Tenn., which has under 1,000 residents.

donation to other departments," White River Fire Chief Garry Harling said. "It is great to be

able to pay forward and help a department like we were many years ago."

Reflections on Advent

When I read these words about Advent on Friday, I knew they needed to be shared in my column. They are not my thoughts but those of my daughter, Emily Catron Alexander. Her writing gives a unique perspective of Advent. I think you will enjoy what she has to say. She's given her mother something to ponder. — Janet Hart Leonard



GUEST COLUMNIST
EMILY CATRON ALEXANDER

As I take a moment to reflect today, I'm drawn to the word Advent. Fittingly, we are in the season of Advent. But what does Advent really mean? It translates to "arrival."

As a child, I remember lighting the Advent candles at church each week, representing hope, peace, joy, and love. I would also help my mom arrange what felt like a thousand red poinsettias across the sanctuary stage. At the time, I didn't understand the significance of those beautiful red flowers. Later, I learned they symbolize the Star of Bethlehem and the blood of Christ — a reminder of His sacrifice and guiding light.

You're probably wondering, Emily, where are you going with this? I promise I'll get there, so stay with me.

This morning, I realized that our family has been living in a season of Advent long before the calendar marked its beginning. If you know us well, you know we're constantly on the go — school events, sports, work — there's always something to arrive at. Often, it's multiple places at the same time! But today, I challenged myself to view "arrival" differently. What if I saw it not as the physical act of showing up but as a season of preparation? A time to consider what God is working on in my life and what I'm doing during the wait for His plans to arrive.

This year, like many families, we've faced challenges — health concerns, job opportunities, sports and education decisions, and more. Thankfully, my faith has taught me to trust that God is always at work, even when I don't see it. That's not to say I haven't had moments of doubt or impatience. I'm human, and as a mom, I've definitely tried to force things to happen sooner than they were meant to. I've wanted that Star of Bethlehem to hurry up and lead us to our next destination already!

But here's what I've come to understand: life's ups and downs are all part of God's preparation. Even when we're too busy or overwhelmed to notice, He is always working on the next blessing, the next arrival.

So, as we journey through this season of Advent, let's remember to trust in His timing. Keep your eyes and heart fixed on the Star of Bethlehem — the guiding light that leads to something far greater than we can imagine.

Thank you, Emily. I couldn't have said it any better.
Love, Mom.

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Giving Glee in Carmel this month



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The Carmel High School Select Sound Choir (seen here while performing at Carmel Christkindlmarkt) and other talented local choirs will perform during "Giving Glee" on Friday, Dec. 20 at the Giving Machines located at Clay Terrace in Carmel. You can find the machines between Harmony Tea and Pies & Pints at the north end of Clay Terrace. The Giving Machines, sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, provide an instant act of kindness and service for people looking to help those in their communities and around the globe. Examples of nonprofit beneficiaries selected this year include Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Indiana, and Helping Veterans and Families (HVAF) of Indiana. Learn more at tinyurl.com/AboutGivingMachines.

Fishers Community Chorus invites you to free 'Holiday Harmonies' concert

The REPORTER

The Fishers Community Chorus will present its annual holiday concert in a new location this year.

"Holiday Harmonies: A Cultural Mosaic Free Concert" will be in the new Fishers City Hall & Art Center Theater, 1 Municipal Drive, and will focus on holiday music from around the world. This free concert will begin at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 17. Lobby doors open at 6:45 p.m.

Featured selections will take the audience on a trip through time and space, exploring musical and lyrical themes that provide connections between many cultures. The evening's program combines traditional European, Asian, African, and South American melodies with a touch of American flair, weaving a tapestry of joy, unity, and peace for all. Translated supertitles will be provided for foreign language passages in German, Spanish, Hebrew,



Photo provided

For many years, the members Fishers Community Chorus have shared their talents and fostered communal musical experiences.

Latin, and Swahili.

Join the Fishers Community Chorus for an evening of heart-warming and inspiring music to kick off this holiday season. It's sure to be fun for all ages. Did we mention it's free?

About the Fishers Community Chorus

Founded in 2015 as an ensemble of the 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization Fishers Music Works, Fishers Community Chorus is an all-volunteer adult vocal ensemble serving

as a performance outlet for all who live, work, or play in Fishers. FCC is dedicated to building and strengthening community relationships through shared musical experiences and welcomes members from all walks of life. FCC is under the direction of Marc Feeney and performs publicly at private and civic events in central Indiana throughout the year, including



long-format concerts in Fishers each December and May. FCC is available for private events and relies on donations to continue spreading music throughout the Hamilton County area. For more information, visit FishersChorus.org.

Legendary Sheridan football coach Bud Wright resigns

By RICHIE HALL
sports@readthereporter.com

Editor's note: Sheridan High School Football Hall of Fame Coach Bud Wright mailed his resignation to school officials on Tuesday, Dec. 3. His first phone call to discuss this decision was to Hamilton County Reporter Sports Editor Richie Hall.

A long and successful era at Sheridan High School came to an end on Tuesday, Dec. 3.

Larry "Bud" Wright, the head football coach of the Blackhawks for 58 years, announced that he had resigned that position. Wright told The Reporter that the SHS administration gave him an ultimatum: resign or get fired.

"Several players and parents oppose me to continue coaching," said Wright. "I turned in my letter of res-

ignation today. Mailed it in today."

Sheridan School Corporation Superintendent Dr. David Mundy provided the following statement to The Reporter Tuesday afternoon: "During the 2024 season, Sheridan Community Schools worked with Coach Wright regarding his coaching future. After discussion and consultation with his family, Coach Wright agreed that this would be his final season."

Wright will step down as by far the winningest high school football coach in Indiana. He compiled an overall record of 464 wins, with 463 of them coming at Sheridan. Wright got his first win during his one season (1965) at Mt. Ayr, now part of North Newton High School.

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Sheridan school board issues statement

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees

Editor's note: When the Hamilton County Reporter reached out to Sheridan Community Schools administrators regarding Coach Bud Wright's resignation, we received a short statement from Superintendent Dr. Dave Mundy. On Wednesday morning, Dec. 4, the School Board followed up with a longer statement, which we present to our readers in its entirety and without edits.

The Sheridan Community Schools (SCS) Board of School Trustees would like to address and correct any misinformation regarding Coach Bud Wright following his retirement

announcement yesterday. It is important to clarify that SCS administration worked with Coach Wright, his legal advisor, and his family back in September. At that time, a mutual agreement was reached that the 2024 season would be Coach Wright's final year as Head Coach of the Blackhawks. Although SCS offered to announce his retirement then, Coach Wright chose not to do so, and the school respected his decision. Plans were also discussed to celebrate his career during the last home football game of the regular season; however, Coach Wright declined this as well.

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Photos provided by Carmel Fire Department
Carmel fireman David Mulford (left) was the clear winner of November 2024.

Deep in December, it's nice to remember beards of November

Submitted by Carmel Fire Department

Growing a mustache during the month of November is a proclamation to the seriousness of men's health. We had nearly half our department "let it grow, bro," but without question one individual took the contest in a landslide.

It's no surprise the winner was firefighter "pony" David Mulford, since he proudly wears his stache year-round. He takes men's health seriously and looks glamorous while doing it.

November was so much more than just growing mustaches, though. The Carmel Fire Department had a walking team, with individuals doing 60 miles each during the month of November, for the 60 men a day who commit suicide.

Our first annual rising



Photo provided by Carmel Fire Department

sun charity event at the "statue" raised over \$2,000, which is being donated to Rollfast Cycling, a cycling club with an emphasis on mental fitness. Founder Matt Tanner is a testicular cancer survivor and his family has been directly affected by mental health issues.

Additionally, he hosts classes in Carmel teaching kids to ride bicycles.

If you are looking for a place to find mental fitness along with physical fitness, we encourage you to check them out. They work with all levels of fitness. Visit rollfast.us for more information.

See Indiana's judicial system in action at Fishers High School

The REPORTER

The Court of Appeals of Indiana's award-winning civics education outreach program, Appeals on Wheels, is coming to Hamilton County next week.

A panel of judges will hear live, in-person arguments in *Colvin v. State* beginning at 1:50 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 12 at Fishers High School, 13000 Promise Road. The judges will be Paul D. Mathias, Dana J. Kenworthy, and Peter R. Foley.

The event is open to the public and the audience will have a chance to ask the judges questions about the judiciary



Judge Mathias



Judge Kenworthy



Judge Foley



following the argument; however, they are unable to speak about the specific case. Read the case synopsis at tinyurl.com/ColvinVstate.

The Court of Appeals of Indiana is the

second highest court in the state, hearing appeals from Indiana's trial courts and some state agencies. The 15 judges of the Court issue over 2,000 opinions per year.



Photo provided by Hamilton County Sheriff's Office
Santa Claus and Deputy Justice help carry gifts during last year's Sheriff's Christmas Express.

Hop on Sheriff's Christmas Express!

The REPORTER

This Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 10 and 11, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) Community Foundation will help save Christmas for 48 children in Hamilton County.

Santa's little helpers shopped for gifts at Target and collected warm winter coats from Old Navy. HCSO staff and members of the public filled personalized stockings, and volunteers and employees wrapped presents. The next step involves the Hamilton County Sheriff's Christmas Express. Santa Claus, Deputy Justice (mascot), patrol deputies, corrections officers, and family members will load large red bags full of toys into police vehicles. The jolly group will then hand-deliver the gifts to the front doorsteps of partici-

pating families.

A special thank you goes out to the HCSO Citizens Academy Alumni Association, Target of Fishers, Old Navy at Hamilton Town Center, Mercantile 37, Hamilton County Youth Assistance Programs, and many contributions from the community for helping to make this event possible.

The HCSO Community Foundation's is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and its goals involve:

- Providing financial aid and helping for those in need in the community, particularly children.
- Supporting the hard-working employees at the Sheriff's Office.
- Building stronger relationships between deputies, corrections officers, and staff with all members of the community.



Photos provided by Hamilton County Sheriff's Office
(From left) Sheriff Quakenbush, Chief Rednour, Officer Lockhart, and Major Lowes; Lockhart & K9 Simon.

Lockhart saves a life

The REPORTER

Life-saving awards hold great significance at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. These awards recognize employees who take decisive action during a crisis, giving individuals another

chance at life. One such hero is Sarah Lockhart, a HCSO Corrections Officer.

Recently, while working a special detail in accordance with the Cicero Police Department and HCSO, she encountered an unrespon-

sive subject. Recognizing multiple signs of overdose, she stepped in to provide Narcan to rectify the medical emergency.

Presenting Lockhart and her K9 Officer Simon with the award were Major John

Lowes, Cicero Police Chief Jeff Rednour, and Hamilton County Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush.

Congratulations, Officer Lockhart! Your action played a vital role in saving a life.



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Noblesville Lions help Turkey Trotters




Photo by J. Kozicki, Noblesville Lions Club
On Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, the Noblesville Lions Club helped keep the runners in the city's Turkey Trot race refreshed with water. The race was well attended in both running and watching. (ABOVE) Assisting Lions were Dale Unger, Josh Kozicki, Jen Carr, Bruce Moss & wife with corgi, Steve Shaw, and Gene Beck. (Not pictured: Jeff Kozicki)


GET AHEAD OF THE WEATHER

WINTER IS COMING... ARE YOUR PIPES PREPARED?

When temperatures start to drop, freezing pipes become a serious problem for Hoosiers at home. A frozen pipe can burst, prevent water from flowing, and even disrupt your heating system.

To combat this icy threat to your comfort and safety, always prepare your pipes for the upcoming cold weather. **The experts at Indiana American Water recommend taking the following precautions before the thermostat drops too low:**

1. 
Check your pipes for cracks and leaks.

3. 
Insulate pipes in unheated areas of your home.

2. 
Turn outdoor faucets off for the season.

4. 
Schedule seasonal maintenance on your plumbing and heating systems.



Contact Indiana American Water to learn more about how to protect your pipes and other water infrastructure and resources this winter.

At Indiana American Water, we work hard year-round to ensure our customers have reliable access to clean, fresh water no matter what weather extremes come their way. Contact us today to learn more about how to protect your home's water supply and infrastructure or for help with an already frozen pipe



Cusimano to lead technology strategy for City of Carmel

The REPORTER

An information technology leader with extensive experience in supporting strategic business and technology goals has been named chief information officer for the City of Carmel, Zac Jackson, chief financial officer and controller, announced last Thursday.



Cusimano

Kevin Cusimano will provide vision and leadership for developing and implementing the city's technology initiatives, directing and planning enterprise technology system in support of city operations.

With additional experiences in data analytics and governance, Cusimano served in multiple technology leadership roles in health care and higher education,

including his most recent position as an executive director with Indiana University Health.

"Kevin's extensive experience and proven results position him to make important contributions to the city in this key role," Jackson said.

Cusimano will assume duties on Monday, Dec. 9.

"Technology is crucial to city planning and I am privileged to have this opportunity to support Carmel in building upon its strong infrastructure to support its business and residents," Cusimano said.

Cusimano earned a bachelor's degree from University of Indianapolis and a Master of Business Administration from Anderson University.

Sheridan boasts new water treatment plant, thanks to \$34.5M investment from Indiana American Water

The REPORTER

Indiana American Water recently placed a new, advanced water treatment plant into service for the Town of Sheridan.

This new facility represents a significant investment of \$34.5 million and brings the company's total investment in the town to \$65.4 million since it acquired Sheridan's water and wastewater systems in 2018. This level of investment is part of Indiana American Water's ongoing commitment to enhance water quality, reliability, and service capacity in this fast-growing central Indiana community.

The new water treatment plant replaces a previous facility built in the 1950s, which had a production capacity of 500,000 gallons per day. With substantial community growth and increased demand, the upgraded plant will now support a production capacity of 1.5 million gallons per day, helping ensure sufficient water supply for residents, businesses, and essential services in Sheridan.

"Indiana American Water is dedicated to delivering safe, reliable and affordable water service to our communities," Indiana American Water President Matthew Prine. "This new plant will not only increase



Photo courtesy Indiana American Water

A birds-eye view of Indiana American Water's new water treatment plant in Sheridan, taken during construction in October 2024. The new water treatment plant is located in northeast Sheridan, near the high school.

capacity but also improve service reliability, quality, energy efficiency, and public safety, particularly by enhancing fire-fighting capabilities through increased water pressure and flow."

Key features of the new Sheridan Water Treatment Plant include:

- **Improved Filtration Process:** provides more effective removal of iron and manganese to provide better water quality.
- **Advanced Chemical Feed Systems:** supporting compliance with current and future drinking water standards, along with improved safety for personnel and the surrounding community.
- **Centralized Da-**

Monitoring System: optimizes plant operations and provides real-time oversight.

• **Emergency Power Generator:** secures continued operation during power outages.

• **Additional Source of Supply:** added a new well to provide additional capacity for the next five years.

In addition to the new water treatment plant, Indiana American Water has invested nearly \$31 million in infrastructure investments in Sheridan, including new water mains, fire hydrants, valves, and meters. Indiana American Water also brought a new \$11.4 million wastewater treatment facil-

ity into service in Sheridan in 2021.

These system-wide improvements reflect Indiana American Water's long-term partnership with the Town of Sheridan, helping ensure sustainable and professional management of its water and wastewater operations, and safeguarding the community's resources and public health.

The company is planning to host a Community Open House in the spring of 2025. In the meantime, a video showing the new water treatment plant construction and its features can be viewed on YouTube at tinyurl.com/Sheridan-WaterPlantVideo.

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WRIGHT RESIGNS

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Wright began coaching for the Blackhawks in the 1966 season. He led Sheridan to incredible heights during those years, including nine Class 1A state championships. The 'Hawks won their first title in 1980, beating North Judson 27-0. That would be one of four shut-outs for Sheridan in a state title game.

The Blackhawks won state again in 1984 and 1987. Sheridan defended its title in 1988 with an unbeaten team that outscored its opponents 363-18 in six tournament games, culminating in a 59-0 championship victory over Bremen.

"Brett Law set six national records," said Wright. The coach remembered that Ben Davis won the 5A game that year, and the Giants fans were chanting "We want Sheridan!"

The 'Hawks were also state champions in 1992 and 1998. Sheridan then made a big impact in the 2000s, winning state titles during a three-year span (2005-06-07) and reaching the finals again in 2008, led by quarterback Nick Zachery, a starter for the Blackhawks during that entire run.

"That group of kids took us to the state championship four years in a row when



Allison Waitt / File photo

Longtime Sheridan High School football head coach Larry "Bud" Wright announced his resignation on Tuesday. Wright, pictured here in the Blackhawks' 2023 semi-state game, had coached Sheridan since 1966, leading them to nine state championships.

they were freshmen, seven of them played in the state championship game as freshmen," said Wright. "That was a really good group of kids."

Wright said his first state championship and ninth state championship both "have a lot of special meaning." He has also received national recognition: Wright was named the national Coach of the Year by the National Federation of High Schools in 2008. He was also named the Indianapolis Colts Coach of the Year in 2023, which nominated him for the NFL's Don Shula High School Coach of the Year.

Wright, who turns 84 on Dec. 13, graduated from Sheridan in 1959. He began playing football in sixth grade despite his small size. When he asked his mother if he could play football, she said yes, as long as he didn't use his size as an excuse.

Wright played for the Ball State University football team his freshman and sophomore years; he graduated from there in 1963. He was an assistant coach at North Miami in 1963 and 1964, then spent his one year at Mt. Ayr before coming to Sheridan.

Wright said his time

coaching the Blackhawks have been "very enjoyable years. People told me in 1966 that I should not come back to my hometown to coach, but I decided to do it anyway. I've never regretted it." At the same time, Wright emphasized that he is resigning, not retiring, and wants to stay involved in football.

In addition to coaching at Sheridan, Wright was also a health and physical education teacher and also a history teacher. He served as the longtime athletic director for SHS; he resigned from teaching and administration in June 2004.

BOARD

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As part of the agreement made in September, SCS appointed two Associate Head Coaches to manage day-to-day operations and oversee game-day activities. Coach Wright fully supported this plan and the decision to announce his retirement.

When the parties met in

September, it was agreed that Coach Wright would make his retirement announcement before January 1, 2025. The announcement made yesterday was not in line with that agreement.

We would also like to express our gratitude to Coach Jake Chesney and

Coach Kevin Wright, Coach Bud Wright's son, for their dedication to our program this season and their contributions as Associate Head Coaches.

We deeply respect and appreciate all that Coach Wright has done for the High School Football pro-

gram, the Sheridan Community, and beyond. His legacy will continue to be honored as future Blackhawks take the field at Bud Wright Stadium. SCS will begin the search for our next coach immediately to ensure the continued success of the program.

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Hamilton Heights freshmen who were among the Hamilton County A Chance to Serve (ACTS) Class of 2024 graduates include (front row, from left) AJ Smucker, Illiana Bowyer, Quinn Thompson, Fiona McDonald, and Will Monnin; (back row, from left) Maggie Herrington (Purdue Extension ACTS Leader), Aleah Trump, Nora Trees, Celeste Wiegman, Selah Heuer, Ben Butor, Jubilee James, Lori Watson (class sponsor), and Kathleen Bohde (Purdue Extension ACTS).

Hamilton Heights freshmen among ACTS Class of 2024

Graduates will serve on boards of five local service organizations

The REPORTER

Eleven Hamilton Heights High School freshmen were among the 31 graduates of the Hamilton County A Chance to Serve (ACTS) Class of 2024.

This leadership program, created and sponsored by the Purdue Extension/Hamilton County, offers freshmen the opportunity to

participate in five, day-long training sessions their first semester of high school. Graduates then get to apply those skills coupled with real-time learning experiences by serving as a member of a local board for two years.

Lori Watson, HHMS freshman guidance counselor, serves as the coordinator for the program. Illiana

Bowyer, Ben Butor, Selah Heuer, Jubilee James, Fiona McDonald, Will Monnin, AJ Smucker, Quinn Thompson, Nora Trees, Aleah Trump, and Celeste Wiegman will begin their first year of board service for the following organizations: ACTS Impact, Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation, Our Town

Cicero, Breathe Easy, and Indiana Center for the Prevention of Youth Abuse and Suicide.

Congratulations to these aspiring leaders of tomorrow who are getting a jump start today. Learn more about this exciting youth leadership program at extension.purdue.edu/county/hamilton/acts.html.

County announces \$149K in opioid settlement awards

Third round of funding now open through Feb. 14

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners announces the second round of funding awards from the Opioid Settlement fund, now known as HOPE for Hamilton County. This initiative, in collaboration with the Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs (HCCOAO), aims to address the opioid crisis through strategic investments in local organizations dedicated to prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction services.

The following organizations were approved for funding in the first round:

- **Affiliated Service Providers of Indiana (ASPIN)** was awarded \$26,000. The non-profit behavioral health provider and education network plans to train and certify more than 800 new navigators to help match low-income clients with health coverage through the Marketplace, Medicaid, Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) and the Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP).

- **Launch Hope** will receive \$25,000. The program works with women in the Hamilton County Jail through substance-use peer recovery. It also provides skill training to help make the women more marketable upon their release.

- **Christ United Methodist Church** was approved for \$21,225. It will use the funds to provide free therapy and student mentor programs to those in need.

- **Student Impact of Westfield** was awarded \$17,000. The After School Program plans to partner with JRNY Counseling to provide prevention programming and counseling to head off substance use in students.

- **Ignite Transform** was awarded \$15,000. The mental health program will use the dollars to provide fitness and mental health therapy for women at the Hamilton County Jail as well as overhead and data collection at the main Ignite Transform campus.

- **The Boys and Girls Club of Noblesville** will receive \$15,000. The Club will invest those dollars into its SMART Moves (Skills Mastery and Resilience Training) an evidence-based program that addresses problems such as drug and alcohol use and premature sexual activity with kids ages 6-13 years.

- **Sheridan Schools** will receive \$12,500. The grant will help provide supplies for its prevention programs.

- **The Recovery Cafe** was awarded \$10,000 to develop a website, promotional development, and marketing tools.

- **The Sheridan Youth Assistance Program** was approved for \$8,000 to help contract mental health services.

The HCCOAO and its nine-member Board of Directors oversaw the community grant award process, awarding a total of \$149,725 for critical services and initiatives to help mitigate the impact of opioid use disorders.

The next round of funding is now available, with applications due by 4:30 p.m. Feb. 14, 2025. Awards will be announced Friday, March 21. Projects must run from Tuesday, April 1, 2025, through Tuesday, March 31, 2026.

The HCCOAO Board will evaluate proposals based on the criteria outlined in the RFF, with final funding decisions made by the Board of Commissioners. Award recipients do not need to be located in Hamilton County, but all services funded by the grants must be provided in Hamilton County. Funding is distributed on a reimbursement basis.

Interested organizations should submit proposals to Monica Greer via email at monica.greer@hamilton-county.in.gov. The subject line of the email should read "Hamilton County Opioid Settlement RFF."

The application can be found at tinyurl.com/OpioidSettlementRFF.

A bike restoration each day keeps the holidays jolly & gay

Submitted by Gary Blackburn

Volunteers from Recycled Cycles spent the day last week at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds doing final inspection on 365 restored bicycles.

The crew worked all year repairing donated bikes at its repair site at 310 E. Main St. (State Road 32), behind Big Hoffa's BBQ in Westfield.

The bikes will be offered to deserving families at the Good Samaritan Network's (GSN) "TOWER" partnership program with the Hamilton County Jail for transportation to jobs. Bikes will also be distributed to children at GSN's annual Christmas Distribution from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14 at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville.

The volunteers continue to accept donations of used



Photo provided

A Recycled Cycles volunteer readies one of the 365 restored bikes.

bikes at the workshop to fill orders for next Christmas and yearly programs to support clients to work.

If bikes cannot be safely re-

stored, parts are used to fix other bikes.

You may leave used bikes outside the shop or drop them off during

morning work hours. You can also bring the bikes to the GSN office, located at 12933 Parkside Drive, Fishers.

Ky Ragsdale appointed Chief of Fishers Fire & Emergency Services

Ragsdale to succeed Chief Steven Orusa upon retirement Jan. 24

The REPORTER

Mayor Scott Fadness announced last Tuesday the appointment of Battalion Chief Ky Ragsdale as the next Chief of the Fishers Fire and Emergency Services (FFES), effective Jan. 24, 2025.

Ragsdale, a fire service professional with more than 20 years of experience with FFES, brings a wealth of knowledge, leadership, and a deep commitment to the community.

"Ky is a dedicated public safety professional who cares deeply about the Fishers community," Mayor Fadness said. "The leadership Battalion Chief Ragsdale will bring to the department comes at an exciting time for the city, as the community continues to grow and evolve. His

experience and commitment to service ensures that Fishers Fire and Emergency Services will continue to be a pillar of safety and reliability for all residents."

A Fishers resident since 2000, Ragsdale is a third-generation firefighter, following in the footsteps of his late grandfather, who served as fire chief in West Lafayette, and his late father, who served as assistant chief. Ragsdale's career in the fire service reflects his passion for public safety and his deep-rooted commitment to protecting communities.

"Serving the Fishers community is an honor, and I look forward to work-



Ragsdale

ing with the men and women of Fishers Fire and Emergency Services to continue pushing the envelope to remain a national leader as a department," Ragsdale said. "I am dedicated to giving my best to the department and the Fishers community. Chief Orusa is leaving behind a legacy that developed our department to meet any challenge and protect those we serve and I'm dedicated to serving each day to deliver the results of that effort."

Ragsdale holds a Bachelor of Management degree and is a U.S. Navy veteran. His leadership and dedication while serving at FFES have earned him numerous

commendations and experiences throughout his career. Currently serving as Battalion Chief, he serves as incident commander during emergency situations, oversees departmental operations, spearheaded FFES' Recruit Academy with more than 70 firefighters, and has served on specialized response teams including HAZMAT and Dive Rescue.

"Battalion Chief Ky Ragsdale has the knowledge, skill, ability, wisdom, and experience to lead Fishers Fire and Emergency Services into the future," FFES Chief Steven Orusa said. "He is the perfect choice to be our new fire chief."

Ragsdale lives in Fishers with his wife, Donna, and their son, Cole, a student at Fishers High School.

In the bustle of the holiday season, know warning signs of suicide

Submitted by Mallory Wire

It's that time of year that brings joy, busyness, reflection, and a few reasons for making lists. A list of wants and needs to receive as gifts or promises to oneself for the near future. Lists of people to invite to holiday gatherings or send cards to. There's always an overwhelming focus on lists as one year ends and another begins.

However, all the reflection and introspection this time of year can stir up different thoughts and feelings for people. Not all those thoughts or feelings are positive. Some can even be harmful. It's easy to get caught up in the busyness of the season and not notice the internal struggles those close to us may be facing.

There's one list this season to make sure you check: the list of warning signs for suicide.

Four out of five people who die by suicide exhibit one or more of the warning signs prior to their death. Warning signs of suicide include threats of suicide, depression, increased irritability, sudden changes in appetite or appearance, or a decrease/lack of interest. It can be any one or combination of the signs

on the list. No two suicides are exactly alike. A more extensive list of examples and explanations can be found on The Jason Foundation's website, [JasonFoundation.com](https://www.jasonfoundation.com).

If you or someone you know are experiencing suicidal thoughts this holiday season, there are resources available. 988 is the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. It is available to call or text at any time for people in need of assistance. The Trevor Project is a national resource for the LGBTQ community. They can be reached by calling 1-800-488-7386 or texting START to 678-678.

The Jason Foundation is a national resource for education and prevention of youth and young adult suicide. Learn more about suicide, find the closest Affiliate Office to you, and access educational trainings and materials at [JasonFoundation.com](https://www.jasonfoundation.com).

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Holiday hustle

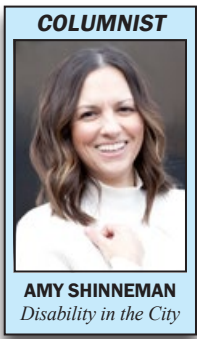
This time of year, is a time of many different mixed emotions for many. Some enjoy the holidays, and for some it is a difficult season for many reasons.

Whatever you celebrate, chances are you are already feeling a tad overwhelmed. Maybe it is buying gifts, trying to please everyone, or anxiety towards holiday get-togethers with family/friends that you have not seen in a while. Social anxiety is real. Perhaps the holidays are the most joyful time of the year for you, and you just wish the season would last longer.

For me, I enjoy a lot of things about the holiday season. I absolutely adore the ambiance that the Christmas lights bring to my home. I really enjoy decorating for Christmas. The past couple of years, I really noticed a difference in my ability to decorate on my own. Normally, my husband and I tag team the decorating. He likes to do the tree, and I do the other areas of the house. This year, I said to him, "Can we just do it all together?" I was not feeling up to tackling my normal duties on my own. Another reminder that this progressive muscle disease sneakily steals things from me. I am grateful for a husband who is willing and able to help me. Even our boys joined in on the tree decorating which was a welcome surprise.

I have always done a majority of the holiday gift buying throughout the years. I enjoy it. I like going to stores and picking things out for loved ones. There is something about being out and about during the holiday season. There is a different energy. This year, there will likely be more online shopping, and I have also had to ask my husband if he would help get some of the gifts.

Everyday life with a disability is so physically exhausting. Our bodies are working overtime at all times just to exist. The holiday season feels like that ramps up times 100. There are holiday parties, fami-



AMY SHINNEMAN
Disability in the City

ly get-togethers, and, like I mentioned above, the gift buying. It is a constant battle between wanting to do so many activities but also having to say no to pace yourself. As my disease progresses, I must progress, too. Otherwise, life will just leave me behind. If I want to keep living well, I need to keep adapting and moving forward. Changing at a speed that I never asked for.

I need to learn to be okay with asking for help in new areas. For me, that is the hardest thing. I value my independence so much. I have felt what it is like to have it taken away throughout my life after surgeries or setbacks. It is a feeling that I despise, and quite honestly it terrifies me. I do not want to be on someone else's time schedule; I want to do things on my own. That is what makes me feel alive. I will fight for that until every bit of me cannot. But I know I must be smart about it and ask for help as I need it.

The holiday season is certainly a time when we could all use a little extra help. It takes humble courage to ask for and accept help, but when we do, we are reminded of why community and connection are so important. We were never meant to do life all on our own, even if we want to. Small asks can sometimes lead to great relief and unexpected joys.

As my family celebrates the Christmas season, for us, it's a reminder of what is really important: the reason for the season. Whatever holiday you celebrate, I hope that you can find a sliver of joy, even on the hardest of days. I do believe there is always something to be grateful for, even if it is just the tiniest of things.

Seek it out. I believe you will find it.

Until next time ...

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What is your family's story?

I only found out recently about one of the branches of my family on my wife's side.

John McMullan was one of her original ancestors in America. He was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1740 of Scotch-Irish descent. He immigrated to the Colony of Virginia in 1760. A tailor by trade, he brought to America a cypress wood chest which contained all the necessary tools for tailoring. In 1769 he married Theodosia Beasley who was born in Orange County, Va.

The family recorded that he cut and sewed together the first military suit worn by Gen. George Washington, after he was made Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army in 1776. John McMillan entered the war as a private in the 3rd Company of Col. Daniel Morgan's 11th and 15th Virginia Regiments. He served to the close of the war and then settled in Swift Run Gap, Blue Ridge Mountains, Orange County, Va., on a tract of 310 acres of land patented to him by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

John had five children



RAY ADLER
Ray's Ramblings

with his first wife, and when she passed away in 1779 or 1780, he married Elizabeth Stowens and they had 10 children together.

John left Virginia and moved to Georgia. He took with him the Taylor's chest that contained the tools with which he made the suit for General Washington. At his death, the chest became the property of his second son, Patrick, who owned it until his death in 1836, at which time it passed to William, the oldest son of Patrick. In 1866, the chest was taken to Newton, Miss., then the property of William Marion, the oldest son of William. William Marion died in 1900, and since that time the chest was the property of his son, William Jesse Marion, until his death.

The chest spans 15-by-17-by-27.5 inches outside measurements and is a treasured family heirloom. The heirs of William Jesse Marion currently hold the box.

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How I Broke This ep. 9: Shy Bladders Anonymous

"Should I stay, or should I go?" – The Clash

GUY RAZZ: I'm Guy Razz, host of *How I Broke This*. Welcome to my narrative journey about business ineptitude and the failed leaders who failed

to learn from their failures. Listen as my guests reveal what led to their crushed entrepreneurial spirits. Today's guest is Whiz Wagstaff, founder of the short-lived Shy Bladders Anonymous (SBA) support group for sufferers of Shy Bladder Syndrome (SBS).

WHIZ: I had no idea your studio is actually an aluminum shed.

GUY: I got the shed. My ex got the house. The shed landed here during tornado season. No neighbor claimed it, so we kept it. I'm pretty sure Marc Maron started this way, too. We'd been hoping for a trampoline for the kids, but a free shed is nothing to scoff at. My ex allows me to keep using the shed for this podcast, but she draws the line at going into her house to use her bathroom.

WHIZ: But what if you need a toilet?

GUY: See that bucket of sawdust?

WHIZ: I hope I never get divorced. There's no way I could pee in an orange Home Depot bucket. Marriage can be challenging. I get it, man. Having a shy bladder can compound the challenge. Most marriages involving SBS don't last. Shared bathrooms are not fun. Most men feel pressure from their spouses to pee in front of them. Bathroom bashfulness often raises questions about true togetherness. I'm lucky. My wife sees SBS for what it really is – a disease. She is supportive even though she has an extroverted bladder. My wife could pee center



SCOTT SAALMAN
Scaramouch

stage at The Hollywood Bowl.

GUY: Your wife does that?

WHIZ: I'm exaggerating to make a point.

GUY: Thanks for clarifying. I was worried that was something Ticketmaster

might promote. Well, actually, I was hoping ...

WHIZ: To her, peeing in front of others is as natural as sneezing – which, for her, often goes hand in hand.

GUY: Have you always suffered from SBS?

WHIZ: It became noticeable once I started school. That's when I had to first face the eternal bane of my existence: public urinals. I had always been a stall boy. I need enclosure. Privacy. But stall boys like me were ridiculed by the boy packs. "What are you doing in there, peeing like a girl?" they'd shout and laugh. I succumbed to peer pressure and waited in the urinal line.

GUY: But at least you finally conformed socially.

WHIZ: Not really. I only pretended to pee when others were behind me. I'd unzip and feign the necessary movements, fake a loud sigh of relief, wiggle and jiggle, from first grade on through high school – and beyond. I am The Great Pee-tender. I deserve a lifetime achievement award for my performance art.

GUY: Tell us about your shy bladder support group.

WHIZ: Guy, for most of my life, I thought I was the only one with a shy bladder. I didn't dare discuss it with anyone. Not too long ago, though, I stood at a urinal beside a coworker, Bob, who was at the other urinal. Our workplace has those dreaded urinals without side shields. We stood so close together we bumped elbows. There we stood. Me and Bob, making uncom-



Photo provided by Scott Saalman

Scott's restroom from hell.

fortable small talk. Apparently, he's a big believer in UFOs. While I waited for Bob to flush, I pretended to pee. I was already late for a meeting since I had been pretending to pee beside a succession of three other guys before Bob's arrival. Finally, I fake flushed. Bob flushed. I unnecessarily washed my hands. Bob followed me out the door. I moved through the maze of hallways and entered a different restroom. Just when I was about to finally let it flow, someone entered and stood at the adjacent urinal. It was Bob! I mean, gee whiz! It was a revelatory moment. Like I said, I always thought I had the world's only bashful bladder, but, thanks to Bob, I realized there are others like me. I was not alone. That planted the seed for Shy Bladders Anonymous.

GUY: Tell us about your first meeting.

WHIZ: The turnout was tremendous. We convened in the basement of the local Snipe Hunter Lodge. We shared SBS horror stories. We offered helpful tips on how to pee in public. One guy said he eventually got into his mental pee zone and blocked out those behind him by imagining he

was mowing grass, reliving every swath required to complete his backyard. The first hour of our meeting whizzed by – pardon the pun. Finally, we had a safe place to discuss SBS. It was a bladder bonding experience.

GUY: Your first SBA meeting also marked your last SBA meeting. Why did SBA fail?

WHIZ: At the meeting's midpoint, we paused for a biological break. A lot of beer was chugged to calm our nerves that night. All 12 of us rushed into the restroom at the same time. The line stretched out the door since there was only one urinal. No one dared use the stall. The line never moved. My poor coworker Joe was first in line. Time stood still as he imagined mowing his yard. Each of us knew we'd do the same thing. Although he failed to pee, we admired his effort. The real problem was, we rented the lodge's meeting room for only 90 minutes. Time ran out before we could reconvene to complete our inaugural meeting. We knew that would never change.

To join Hamilton County Shy Bladders Anonymous, contact scottsaalman@gmail.com.

16,000 hours learning HOW to think

Do you realize that children spend 16,000 hours in K-12 grade? What happens during those hours and what are they being taught?

Are schools instilling in students a lifelong search for greater meaning or just giving students what they need to find a job? Are students on a quest to seek wisdom or are they just being filled with enough facts to score well on tests?

What is education? G.K. Chesterton said, "Education is not a subject and does not deal in subjects. It is instead a transfer of a way of life."

What kind of way of life transfer do you want for your child at school?

Christian education is clear on this answer. Certainly, it is not forcing students what to think, rather it is teaching students how to think. It starts with a biblical Christian worldview that asks the big questions of life about God, human beings, the universe, truth, and right and wrong.

A common misunderstanding today is that Christian education only deals in partial knowledge



JOHN CRABTREE

and everything that is taught is reactionary and negative. It is common for people to believe that teachers in Christian education are afraid to ask the hard questions and they hide behind "faith." Nothing could be farther from the truth.

Francis Schaeffer said, "True Christian education is not a negative thing; it is not a matter of isolating the student from the full scope of knowledge. Rather, it is giving him or her the framework for total truth, rooted in the Creator's existence and in the Bible's framework, so that in each step of the formal learning process the student will understand what is true and what is false and why it is true or false."

The point is that children need the full scope of knowledge to be able to learn how to think. This means they learn through discussion and debate, clashing interpretations and competing perspectives that challenge their points of view. Above all they must learn critical thinking skills to be able to ask serious and truth-seeking

ing questions. Anything less than this approach is only a partial education with a bias toward indoctrination.

Why is this important? Abraham Lincoln said, "The philosophy of the schoolroom in one generation is the philosophy of the government in the next."

Your children are immersed in a certain philosophy for 16,000 hours as K-12 graders in school. Is the vision for education in your school tied to traditional values like family, church, community, industriousness, personal responsibility and a virtuous population?

Christian education calls students to live for something bigger than themselves with a greater purpose than self-satisfaction and self-promotion. The aspirational vision of a greater calling pulls people into the future with great anticipation and hope.

This education is what caught my attention a couple of years ago and caused me to ask the question, "How can I get involved in K-12 education?" I stepped up and into a dutiful service for the sake of the next generation. It is my privilege to serve at

Legacy Christian School in Noblesville.

We believe children are human beings made in the image of God and each one has dignity and worth. Parents have the primary responsibility to educate their children and we have the privilege to come alongside and partner with parents in this process.

So, this means both the school and the parents' partner together to nurture lifelong learners, creative critical thinkers, compelling communicators, and leaders that catalyze generational change as they live out the Great Commission and Great Commandment of Jesus.

Just think what 16,000 hours of learning how to think can do for your children!

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A show done so well they had to add extra run dates

'Tis the season – and Beef and Boards Dinner Theatre complements that holiday feeling with *A Christmas Story, The Musical*.

Based on Jean Shepherd's well-known story of his boyhood Christmas campaign for a Red Ryder Carbine Action 200-shot Range Model air rifle, many of us are familiar with the non-musical film version starring Peter Billingsley as the boy, Ralphie Parker, and Darren McGavin as The Old Man.

This musical adaptation by Joseph Robinette, Benj Pasek, and Justine Paul is directed with a deft hand by Jeff Stockberger and is filled with wonderful performances. Narrated by Eddie Curry as Shepherd, 11-year-old Teddy Wiegand takes the Ralphie role, alongside Don Farrell as The Old Man, Carrie Neal as Mother, and nine-year-old Oliver Barszcz as little brother Randy. Farrell and Ms. Neal are matchless in their portrayals – each taking the spotlight in turns



KEN KLIGENMEIER
A Seat on the Aisle

such as Farrell's grand celebration, "A Major Award," and Ms. Neal's sweet "What a Mother Does."

The boys are outstanding in their roles, especially young Mr. Wiegand who takes on the lead character with a very professional proficiency. Teddy and Oliver are solid in their acting scenes and also (accompanied by an impressive cadre of young performers) in an array of production numbers. A spectacular tap-dancing number celebrating teacher Miss Shields' wisdom and featuring the kid cadre is a show-stopper. (Special nod to choreographer Sally Scharbrough.)

The show carries a feeling of holiday joy throughout, punctuated by some noteworthy performances: Brett Mutter is a perfectly disgusted Santa Claus, Deb Wims plays Miss Shields to the hilt, and the ensemble of players and dancers cover all the neighbors, parents, elves, villains, and first responders with polished



Photo by Rob Slaven / IndyGhostLight.com
(Clockwise from top left) Don Farrell as The Old Man, Carrie Neal as Mother, Teddy Wiegand as Ralphie, and Oliver Barszcz as Randy.

energies. Musical director Kristy Templet leads the B&B orchestra.

Bottom line: If you are looking to launch your holiday spirit, Beef and Boards is offering just the ticket. It's all there: the stuck tongue, the bunny suit, the department store Santa, the flat tire. Seats are dear (a performance has recently been added) so if you care to

catch this great show, go to BeefAndBoards.com and find your table!

A Christmas Story continues through Jan. 5. Show times and reservation availability can be viewed at BeefAndBoards.com or call the box office at (317) 872-9664.

Read more great play reviews from *A Seat on the Aisle* at asota.wordpress.com.

Go home & love your family

There's an old Mother Teresa quote: "If you want to change the world, go home and love your family."

It's always struck me because it's simple, but also profound. So often we see people pour themselves into everything outside the walls of their own home and return with very little to give to their own families. We deplete ourselves with others and for others, who would replace us if something happened to us. We burn ourselves out to the point our flame is extinguished before we even have a chance to connect with our own family.

The holiday season is no different for many of us. We try so hard to plan and make things magical for our family that we are exhausted. We go to such great lengths to make it a memorable time for our family, but get so bogged down with the details that the joy can often be lost this time of year. The endless gifts, events, parties, and traditions are fun, but also tiresome.

This is the perfect time to pause and truly go home to love our own families. Stay in the pjs with an extra cup of coffee and just enjoy being home with each other. All of those decorations you went to so much trouble putting up, enjoy them. The presents you've bought, really look at your child's face when they open them. The same songs we've

heard for so many years, pay attention to the words. It doesn't matter if the house is perfect or if you still have a pile of presents to wrap. Give yourself permission to just love your family and not succumb

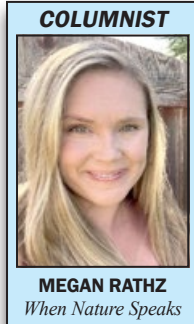
to the stress of this season. Your kids won't remember if there was dog hair on the floor or if you had the perfect place setting on the table Christmas morning. They will remember that you went to the effort to make the house festive and that they were loved.

How many of us are guilty of focusing on the to-do lists for this season and not being present in the moment to treasure the gift of time with our loved ones?

May we start peace in our own homes within the way we treat each other and the memories we create with our own families. May we allow ourselves to feel peace by loving our family and giving ourselves permission to rest. May our memories last for generations to come. It starts in our own homes.

May peace begin with each of us in our own home by the way we love each other. If you truly want to make a difference this holiday season and in the world, go home and love your own family.

Megan Rathz is a wife, mother, and teacher. She says everything she has ever learned in life came from her Master Gardener mother.



MEGAN RATHZ
When Nature Speaks

Getting inked at Middle Age

It seems like we see them everywhere these days, especially in warmer weather ... tattoos. It almost feels at times like it's more normal to see them on people than not.

This subject popped up when I met an amazing new local author a couple of months ago. This vivacious lady, who is just a bit older than me, shared a remarkable story. She told me that she got her first, and only, tattoo a couple of years ago thanks to a dare from a complete stranger! There's a lot more to the story than what I just shared. In fact, it was downright inspiring.

Another friend who's also in the middle-aged category recently got a tattoo on her wrist of her favorite Bible verse. I've known this terrific lady for decades now. As soon as I saw her new art, I knew it was the perfect decision for her.

I also got "inked" at middle age. In fact, I got my one and only tattoo when I turned 45 – the official start of middle age according to Merriam-Web-



AMY SHANKLAND
Perfectly Imperfect

ster – as a present to myself. This was far from an impulsive decision. In fact, I'd wanted a tattoo since I was 19, but never saw the right design until I reached my 40s.

I shared this story in a different column nine years ago. What I haven't shared is how much this tattoo has affected my life.

As you can see from the picture of my shoulder next to this column, my tattoo is in the shape of a cross, which also spells out "faith." It's a common design that popped up on Pinterest years ago. In fact, I often see it on t-shirts and other items when I'm out and about. I instantly knew, finally, that this was what I was meant to have permanently etched upon me.

Like most of us, I've had my share of life's struggles. When these hit, sometimes we don't have inspirational words or people we love beside us to pick us up – at least not

right away. Sometimes we're in the middle of a work deadline ... or on the way to a destination driving alone ... or simply getting groceries.

At these moments, my heart plunges and my fear rises. My human nature causes the "PANIC" sign to start flashing in my mind. Stress and worry begin their assault on my mind and soul.

But then ... I pause ... and a voice plays in my head, "Amy Shankland ... remember what is tattooed on your back!"

Suddenly, I relax, remember my faith, and know once again that it is No. 1 in my life ... that God is right beside me and that He will handle the situation ... and that I have gotten through tough times in the past. I will get through them again, because my faith is always with me.

Maybe you have something similar that you always keep near you in your purse or wallet like a business-card sized bit of inspiration. Or you wear a tiny cross around your neck. Or even a special ring of significance.

Let's face it, life is



Photo provided by Amy Shankland

This is no ordinary tattoo for our columnist!

hard. Sometimes we must take unusual steps, at unexpected times, to help us with its battles. Getting my first, and probably only, tattoo at the age of 45 has been life changing. It's a reminder, that's with me no matter what, of my faith and who is really in charge of my life!

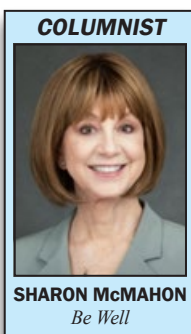
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It may not cure melancholy, but a good stretch has many benefits

"The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear." – Will Ferrell, *Elf*

Are you a singer? Of course you are! Just as I believe that we all have a writer within, so it is true that we all can sing on some level, although we may not all wish to "sing loud for all to hear" as Will Ferrell suggests in the fun holiday movie, *Elf*.

The holidays, as we know, can be festive, fun, and joyous. The holidays can also bring about a melancholy from any number of personal experiences. What the holidays do for us all, however, is change our schedules and often our responsibilities and expectations. Being mindful of the physical, emotional, and stressful changes that



SHARON McMAHON
Be Well

can occur will help us to get past some hurdles and find that we can practice good self-care and find joy in the season.

While I make no claim to providing therapy for melancholia, I do have some suggestions which may assist us in maintaining physical strength and energy during this busy time.

As we prepare our homes to celebrate the holiday season, we find ourselves on ladders climbing up and down to retrieve those often elusive decorations; on hands and knees searching for boxes and containers in back of closets; reaching up to the nether-regions of our pantries for items needed to cook and bake our goodies; shopping and

wrapping gifts. The results of those activities, if we are not properly stretched and flexed, can be debilitating at a time when we need our energy resources. Make sure you go for that daily walk, that you stretch when you awaken, that you get those hand weights out and put them to good use, or put your fitness facility membership to work for you ... your body and your stress level will thank you! Additionally, it is well-known that the release of endorphins by virtue of physical activity will benefit your emotional health. Definitely a win-win!

In particular, I suggest that you focus on your stretching and flexibility. As mentioned in a previous column, one thing that all athletes have in common regarding their training regimens – they all begin with stretching and flexibility work. So begin your

day, no matter your schedule or other activities, with a stretching routine. This will allow you to warm your muscles and prepare your muscle groups for lifting, reaching, and moving. While stretching, use that time to focus on being positive, peaceful, and calm.

On a completely different topic but one near and dear to my heart ... if you are considering a new pet please adopt a rescue; a special friend may be waiting for you right now. May you and yours experience a healthy, happy, and peaceful season ahead ... don't forget to sing!

Sharon McMahon, CNWC
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Winter Art Markets at Sun King Fishers Tap Room & Small Batch Brewery

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Fishers Arts Council (FAC) presents the Winter Art Markets at Sun King in Fishers two more Thursdays this month: Dec. 12, and 19, each from 6 to 9 p.m.

The Winter Art Markets are now in their second year and have expanded to include 24 individual artists and artisans selling unique handmade items. Each date features a new set of talented folks, and every night will include fine art, jewelry, personal care items, books, and toys for the kids.

Outside at The Yard at Fishers District, folks can enjoy free photos with Santa, a hot cocoa bar, carriage rides and more – then bring the whole family inside to the second floor of Sun King. Adults can "sip & shop" the art market with a delicious Sun King brew or a holiday mixed drink while kids can make a free holiday craft. Fishers District free activities are available from 6 to 8 p.m. while the Art Markets are open from 6 to 9 p.m. Enjoy dinner downstairs at the Fishers Test Kitchen to make it a fun evening out for the entire family.

Artists & artists by date

• **Thursday, Dec. 12, 6 to 9 p.m.:** Primrose & Plum, Ballard-Harris Handmade Clothing, Bare Soap Company, Krista's Studio, Artful



Barb Creations, Looking Glass Pottery, Nan Reinhardt-Author, Teresa Wesley's Amigurumi Creations

• Thursday, Dec. 19, 6 to 9 p.m.:

Postcards from Fishers, Kevin Hughey Art Studio, Jack Looper Woodcarving, Sculpted by Syd, Singing Land Fibers, Be Still & Know Watercolor Art, Natural Blend Essentials, Quack & Beans

Details can be found at FishersArtsCouncil.org.

About Fishers Arts Council

Fishers Arts Council is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization whose mission is to support, advocate, and cultivate visual and performing arts opportunities that educate and/or enhance the lives of those who live, work, and visit Fishers. Visit the brand-new gallery space inside Fishers Municipal Center at 1 Municipal Drive. FAC also maintains the FAC Hub Gallery at the Collaboration Hub at Hamilton County Community Foundation, 11810 Technology Drive, Fishers. Check out FAC online at FishersArtsCouncil.org or call (317) 537-1670 for more information.

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CRAFTING CHRISTMAS MAGIC IN NOBLESVILLE Photo by WISH-TV

Geoff Davis, also known as the Noblesville Santa Claus, uses his woodworking skills to craft toys for anyone to enjoy – and there’s a Santa-made tag attached to each.

Santa Claus crafting Christmas magic for Noblesville community

By REYNA REVELLE
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A Noblesville man is on a mission to reignite Christmas’ magic for himself and his community.

Artist Geoff Davis, 62, will again transform the Caravan Classes storefront into a festive workshop, dressed as Santa Claus and crafting handmade wooden toys for the fourth year.

“I was an elementary teacher for 35 years,” Davis said. “So, I love children ... small children, and I like to spend time with them. I love my retirement, but I miss talking to kids. This allows me to do that.”

The Workshops of G.B. Davis opened in the basement of Caravan Classes. He drew inspiration from antique reproductions and utilized his woodworking, decorative painting, and leatherworking skills.

“I carve animals and birds,” Davis said. “Several years ago, I hit on pull toys before I was Santa. I would make period pull toys as an art medium, and they were very popular and were just a lot of fun. I make people’s

pets as well.”

Each piece takes a couple of days to make and is adorned with Santa-made tags, reflecting his dedication to craftsmanship and nostalgia. With prices starting around \$100, Davis’ heirloom toys are designed to be decorative and functional, though he advises that parents supervise their children while playing with them.

“I make them much like they would have been made at one time,” Davis said. “Some parts can come loose, and they are pull toys. I don’t sell them with a string, but they will have a string on them.”

As he prepares for another season of joyful interactions, Davis looks to rekindle the magic of the holiday that he felt slipping away as he grew older.

“My goal this year is to make it bigger, let more people know about it, and hopefully get more people involved. It is my business; I’m selling these toys, and I want to grow that and make it a tradition beyond just the Old Town.”

Davis’ storefront

workshop opened last Sunday an afternoon of fun featuring a hot chocolate bar at Bica Café and holiday crafts at Caravan Classes, where he dressed up as Santa and took photos with the children.

The festivities began last Saturday at Noblesville’s Holiday in Lights Parade, a free event wherein Davis appeared as Santa in the parade.

“This is a season of joy, and there has been so much tension in our lives lately. There is so much negativity, and this is a time to come together, and no matter what your belief is ... let’s just be kind and joyful! Together as a community, right?”

To stay updated or find out more about meeting Davis as Santa, follow [@noblesvillesantaclaus](https://www.instagram.com/noblesvillesantaclaus) on Instagram or visit noblesvillesantaclaus.com.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wistv.com/news/noblesville-santa-creates-wooden-toys.

Who knew Santa’s workshop was in Downtown Noblesville?



Reporter photo
Noblesville’s Santa Claus was spotted downtown last Friday afternoon toiling away at toymaking in the window of Caravan Classes. Artist Geoff Davis was recently featured on WISH-TV where he talked about his love of making handcrafted wooden toys for children – in addition to bringing the magic of S. Claus to life right here in Hamilton County. *In case you didn’t notice, that feature story is on the left side of this page!*



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Commander Jason R. Baumann has certainly made his family proud. Thank you for your service, sir!

Noblesville TOPGUN pilot leads Strike Fighter Weapons School

Submitted

Commander Jason R. Baumann, a Noblesville native, assumed the responsibility of Commanding Officer at the Strike Fighter Weapons School, Atlantic in a ceremony commencing at Naval Air Station, Oceana Building 137, Virginia Beach, Va., on Friday, Oct. 11, 2024, in Hangar Two onboard Naval Air Station, Oceana.

CDR Baumann graduated in 2005 with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Purdue University. He received his commission through Officer Candidate School at Pensacola, Fla., in October 2005. In April 2006, he was assigned to pilot training at Pensacola, Fla., Corpus Christi, Texas, and then Kingsville, Texas, earning his Naval Aviator Wings in November 2007.

Following initial flight

training, CDR Baumann reported to the “Gladiators” of VFA-106 for instruction in the FA-18 Super Hornet. Trained as a Fleet Replacement Pilot, he was first assigned to the “Red Rippers” of VFA-11 from October 2008 until September 2011. He completed a combat deployment aboard the USS Enterprise flying missions into Iraq and Afghanistan. In VFA-11, he served as Schedules Officer, Aircraft Division Officer, and Weapons and Tactics Officer.

In September 2011, he was selected to attend the Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN). CDR Baumann graduated TOPGUN with follow on orders to Strike Fighter Weapons School, Atlantic. At Strike Fighter Weapons School Atlantic, CDR Baumann served as the Fighter Missions Subject Matter Expert

and TAC DEV director.

In 2014, CDR Baumann reported to Atsugi, Japan, and the “Chippies” of VFA-195 as the Training and Standardization Officer deploying aboard USS George Washington & USS Ronald Reagan in the western Pacific. In January of 2016, CDR Baumann reported to the Naval Postgraduate School and graduated in June of 2017 as a Conrad scholar with a Masters of Business Administration (Financial Management).

In October 2017, CDR Baumann reported to the “War Party” of VFA-87 where he served as the Safety, Administrative, Maintenance, and Operations Officer deploying aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt in the Pacific. In October 2020, CDR Baumann was assigned to the staff of Commander Naval Air Forces, det Norfolk serving

as the F-35C Requirements Officer. He then reported to Commander Strike Fighter Wing Atlantic in August 2022 while going through the prospective XO/CO schooling pipeline.

CDR Baumann has accumulated over 2,700 flight hours and more than 600 carrier arrested landings. His decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Strike-Flight Air Medal (Individual Action), Navy Commendation Medal (3), Navy Achievement Medal, as well as various unit, campaign, and service awards.

On Oct. 11, 2024, CDR Baumann assumed the roles and responsibilities of Commanding Officer Strike Fighter Weapons School, Atlantic. CDR Baumann is married to Jessica Baumann (née Egler) and they have three children together: Lily, Evelyn, and Benjamin.



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Alvin Eugene Linville

January 14, 1948 – December 4, 2024

Alvin Eugene Linville, 76, Fortville, formerly of Fishers, passed away on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at his home. He was born on January 14, 1948, to Clyde and Lois (Moore) Linville in Iron City, Tenn.

Al was a graduate of Noblesville High School where he played basketball for the Millers. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War, retiring after 21 years as a Senior Master Sergeant. Al then worked for 15 years as a mechanic for United Airlines. He attended St. John Vianney Catholic Church and enjoyed doing projects around the house. Al liked watching *The Voice*, *Wheel of Fortune*, and *Jeopardy!*, and followed the San Francisco 49ers and college basketball. He was a prankster and joker who enjoyed traveling, visiting casinos, and getting together with his family.

Al is survived by his wife of 31 years, Marilou Linville; daughters, Jennifer Linville, Jackie Linville, and Dakota Linville; step-daughter, Melissa (Laura) Morados; step-son, Brian Morados; three grandchildren, Alex (Justine) Kardad, Jannah Kardad, and Laila Kardad; one great-grandson, Keegan Kardad; brothers, Don Linville, David (Elvira) Linville, and Larry (Kathy) Linville; sister, Barbara (Ed) Lacharite; step-brothers, Gary Linville and Ricky Linville; as well as several nieces & nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Aminah Kardad; brothers, Paul Linville and Herbie Linville; sisters, Sandy Oliver, Diane Linville, Betty Marchetti, and Shirley Burnell; and his stepbrother, Lee Linville.

Visitation and services were held Monday, December 9, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to HVAF of Indiana (Helping Veterans and Families), 964 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, IN, 46204 (hvafofindiana.org).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Joseph “Joe” D. Leavell

April 5, 1942 – December 4, 2024

Joseph “Joe” D. Leavell, 82, Noblesville, passed away on December 4, 2024. He was born on April 5, 1942 in Rochester, Ind., son of Robert D. and Marie (Boldry) Leavell.

Joe was a 1960 graduate of Fulton High School. He worked in sales at EcoLab. Joe started Carmel Lab Inc, which he operated for 33 years.

A favorite hobby which Joe enjoyed was attending car shows as well as building and working on cars. Through the years, Joe and Alice appreciated opportunities to travel with family and friends.

Joe’s greatest joy, however, was spending time with family.

In addition to his parents, Joe was preceded in death by his sister, Joan Steele; and son-in-law, Todd Burns.

Survivors include his devoted wife of 61 years, Alice (Newell) Leavell; children, Darla Leavell of Indianapolis, Dennis (Pam) Leavell of Westfield, Tina Burns of Bunker Hill, and Todd (Robynn) Leavell of Fairland; grandchildren, Emily (AJ) Reid, Samantha Mitchell, Megan Leavell, Max Leavell, Tyler (Jalynn) Burns, Trent (Mckenzie) Burns, Sullivan and Harlow Leavell; great-grandchildren, Lily and Axton Reid, Maverick Burns, and Emersyn Grace Burns; siblings, Jerry (Betty) Leavell of Rochester, Jack (Nancy) Leavell of Cary, N.C., sister, Judy (Ken) Uiselt of Mercer, Pa., and Jeff Leavell of O’Fallon, Mo.; and many nieces and nephews.

Family and Friends will gather at 11 a.m. Friday, December 13, 2024, at Colonial Hills Baptist Church, of which Joe was a member, 8140 Union Chapel Road, Indianapolis, where the Funeral Service will begin at noon.

In memory of Joe, contributions may be given to the Colonial Hills Baptist Church Christmas Fund – 2024. Envelopes will be available at the church.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family in arrangements.

Condolences: bussellfamilyfunerals.com

Paul Phillip “Cap” Walton

June 16, 1939 – November 27, 2024

Paul Phillip “Cap” Walton, 85, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Terhune, Ind., on Wednesday morning, November 27, 2024. Born June 16, 1939, in Sheridan, he was the son of the late James and Opal Mae (Stroup) Walton.

Cap was a mixture of tinkerer and work-a-holic, combined with enough ornery to keep things interesting. Cap truly made a mark on the community. He attended Sheridan High School, and soon after went to work for Jerry Childers Construction Company in Sheridan. For 40 years, if Jerry’s crew was on a jobsite, Cap was there too. He’d probably forgotten more about building things than most people will ever come to know. Though many tinkers have a shop where visitors can see their handiwork, or scrapbooks full of pictures of their creations (both good and bad), for Cap, his work takes a little more effort to show. His legacy of work IS our community. The buildings that our businesses call home, the houses we see every day, and the places that when you see a picture of them, you blurt out “hey, I know where that is,” all have a little bit of Cap Walton (and Jerry Childers Construction) in them. He was very proud of his work, and loved pointing out the churches, houses, and businesses (including Kercheval Funeral Home) that he had the pleasure of working on over his career. Cap was part of a generation that valued quality and craftsmanship above anything else. In addition to his years in construction, he worked as a machinist with Exide Battery in Frankfort for 14 years.

An avid outdoorsman, Cap loved spending his free time camping, hunting, fishing, and generally being in nature. He also enjoyed following the Sheridan Blackhawks. When working and playing hard wore him down, Cap found the best way to relax was to pop down in front of the TV and watch some old westerns or action movies.

Of the many interests he had in his life, his true passion was his family. He never tired of following his grandchildren’s adventures. And as proud as Cap was of his family and their accomplishments, teaching his son-in-law “everything he knows” most definitely tops the list.

Cap is survived by his loving wife, Viola (Cooper) Walton. She and Cap were married on November 17, 1962. Also surviving are his son, Paul Wayne Walton (Jennifer) of Scircleville, Ind.; two daughters, Lisia Lynn Johnson (Lonnice) of Terhune and Teresa Ann Walton of Noblesville; eight grandchildren, Brandon Gregory, Jerry Johnson, Ashley Walton, Cody Walton, Amber Brown, Aubrey Blount, Devin Walton, and Brooke Walton; 14 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Vicky Moore (Charles V.) of Sheridan and Mary June Snodgrass (Fred) of Pickard; sister-in-law, Coleen “Cookie” Walton of Sheridan; and many, many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Opal Mae (Stroup) Walton; two brothers, James Junior Walton (and wife, Edith), and George William Walton; and three sisters, Ruth Hancock (and husband, Glen), Betty Doty (and husband, Marvin), and Gloria Devol (and husband, Ronnie).

Visitation and services were held Thursday, December 5, 2024, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan. Pastor George Cooper officiated.

Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com

Louis Herman Gatlin Jr.

April 14, 1947 – December 3, 2024

Louis Herman Gatlin Jr., 77, Fishers, passed away on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at his home. He was born on April 14, 1947, to Louis and Margie (Newby) Gatlin in Memphis, Tenn.

Louis was a telecommunications engineer for Indiana Bell for many years, then in his retirement years, he worked at Kroger. He and his wife owned S&L Communications and S&L Concessions. Louis enjoyed going to casinos, playing golf, and loved all kinds of sports.

He is survived by his wife, Sylvia Gatlin; son, Ken Gatlin; daughter, Pamela Gatlin; grandchildren, Michael Gatlin, Kashmir Pharis, Trenton Pharis, Taylor Ratcliff, and Dakota Jessee; and great-grandchildren, Summer Pharis, Harper Miller, Parker Ratcliff, Olive Ratcliff, Stephen Jessee, Ava Jessee, Rayna Jessee, and newest to the family, Montgomery Gatlin.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and grandson, Stephen Harness Gatlin.

A celebration of life was held Monday, December 9, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Mary Helen Bouse

May 5, 1926 – November 22, 2024

Mary Helen Bouse, 98, passed away peacefully at her home in Sheridan, surrounded by her loving family and caregivers, on Friday evening, November 22, 2024. Born on May 5, 1926, in Otterbein, Ind., she was the daughter of Elzer and Edna Faye (Holder) Read.

Mary was a 1944 graduate of Lebanon High School. She spent most of her career working in a secretarial and office manager capacity for various companies in the Lebanon area, including Commercial Filters, Economy Insurance, and several accounting firms in town.

When she had some time to herself, she loved getting lost in the pages of a good book. However, watching *Jeopardy!* was the next best thing. She also enjoyed a few sports on TV, including golf (as long as Tiger Woods was playing) and watching the Kansas City Chiefs.

Mary was a woman of strong faith and devotion to her family. She was a wonderful cook, and there was nothing she enjoyed more than cooking for her family. She was still preparing family dinners well into her 90s. Traveling, especially to warmer places, was also another fun family adventure. The beaches of Florida were among her favorite destinations.

Mary is survived by her three sons, Michael McLaughlin (Sharon) of Bradenton, Fla., Jeff McLaughlin (Robin) of Lebanon, and Steve McLaughlin of Sheridan; daughter, Linda McLaughlin of Frankfort; grandson, Ben McLaughlin of Chicago; great-granddaughter, Elle McLaughlin of Lebanon; brother, Jack Read (Alice) of The Villages, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elzer and Edna Faye (Holder) Read; sister, Virginia Cory; grandson, Curtis McLaughlin; and daughter-in-law, Denise McLaughlin.

Private family services are being planned. Mary will be laid to rest at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan.

Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com

Joel Anthony Papay

October 17, 1986 – December 4, 2024

Joel Anthony Papay, 38, Bloomington, formerly of Carmel, passed away due to natural causes on December 4, 2024. He was born on October 17, 1986, in Edina, Minn., son of Anthony Lewis and Alice Lynn (Pischulla) Papay. Joel was the first-born grandchild of both the Pischulla and Papay grandparents.

Joel was a gifted musician as four years first chair trumpet in the Carmel Marching Band, Concert, and Jazz Bands, and Orchestras. His recent interest was music from the 1980s.

Joel attained the rank of Eagle Scout and enjoyed the outdoors. He experienced the High Adventure Camps of the Boundary Water of Minnesota/Canada, canoeing 50 miles over seven days with Troop 125 of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and the Island High Adventure Camp off the Florida Keys. These offered countless laughs and experiences. Scouting also led Joel to a hobby of collecting geodes from Monroe State Park. In October, Joel and his dad hiked Spring Mill Park in Indiana. His goal was to visit the 50 states and much of that was accomplished.

Joel worked in Research and Software Engineer with Aeon Imaging, LLC. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish, Germanic Studies, and Computer Science from Indiana University Bloomington in 2009. He continued his education and acquired his PhD in Vision Science in 2022. Joel was very good with languages with his majors in German, Spanish, and Portuguese.

With an infectious laugh, Joel easily made friends and had many across the United States. He was very kind, easy going, generous, and thoughtful. He also enjoyed playing cards with extended family at holiday gatherings throughout the year. He dedicated time to gifting siblings and family members.

Survivors include his parents, Anthony and Alice Papay; siblings, Nathan, Aidan, Paul, and Audrey Papay; paternal grandparents, Richard and Helga Papay; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Friends and family will gather at 10 a.m. Tuesday, December 10, 2024, in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, 14598 Oak Ridge Road, Carmel, where the Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 11 a.m.

Interment will follow in Our Lady of Peace Cemetery. In memory of Joel, contributions can be made to the Special Olympics of Indiana, 6200 Technology Center Drive #105, Indianapolis, IN 46278; or Little Sisters of the Poor, St. Augustine Home, 2345 W. 86th St., Indianapolis, IN 46260.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family in arrangements.

Condolences: bussellfamilyfunerals.com

Mary Carolyn Dash

May 16, 1940 – December 2, 2024

Mary Carolyn Dash, 84, Fishers, passed away on Monday, December 2, 2024, at her home. She was born on May 16, 1940, to Robert and Julia (Hubbard) Hartsock in Indianapolis. Mary married Bobby Dash on August 9, 1957.

Mary was a seamstress for Fabri-Tech for many years and was a member of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Noblesville. She enjoyed reading, jewelry making, and word puzzles. Over the years, Mary liked traveling to Gatlinburg, Tenn., and going on church trip adventures. She was a homemaker and a true care giver to many.

Mary is survived by her husband of 67 years, Bobby Dash; daughter, Rebecca (Bill) Dash-Edwards; son-in-law, Michael Millikan; siblings, John (Eunice) Hartsock, Judy Wills, Susan (Stan) Eckert, and Linda White; stepsiblings, Steve (Karen) Swinford and Sally Swinford; grandchildren, Ian Edwards and Nicholas Millikan; great-grandchildren, Lily and Colton Millikan; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Donna Dash-Millikan; son, Joseph Dash; sister, Jeanne Cox; brother, Bobby Hartsock; stepmother, Kate Hartsock; stepbrothers, Stanley Swinford and Sidney Swinford; and stepsisters, Vona Weaver and Patricia May Jones.

Visitation and services were held Saturday, December 7, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with Rev. Richard D. Bell officiating. Burial was at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer’s Association, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60631 (alz.org/indiana).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Marilyn June Welch

September 14, 1938 – November 24, 2024

Marilyn June Welch, 86, Sheridan, passed away on Sunday morning, November 24, 2024, at Copper Trace of Westfield. Born on September 14, 1938, in Columbus, Ind., she was the daughter of the late Ransom and Bertha Waltz.

Marilyn had both an incredible work ethic and a true love for people. Throughout her life she was blessed to be able to be a part of many wonderful groups. During harvest time, she helped bag seed corn at Cooperative Seeds; when it started getting busy out at Stuckey’s Farm Market, she’d head there for the season. In between, she would clean houses. Marilyn was an excellent seamstress and was the go-to person for alterations and mending around the Sheridan community.

She attended Six Points Church in Sheridan. Her faith guided every facet of her life. She was also a member of the Sheridan Jr. Women’s Club and the Red Hat Society. For many years, Marilyn was an active member of the Sheridan Adult Booster Club. During her tenure with the booster club, she made all the banners that hung in the old gymnasium. This was no small task, as there was much banner hanging done during those years.

No matter how busy life got, Marilyn always made time for family. When there was an important family moment, the gathering spot was wherever Marilyn happened to be. She loved being the host for any occasion. It gave her a reason, not that she ever needed one, to cook for those she loved. She loved to bake and decorate cakes (especially birthday cakes). When the boys were young, she was a Cub Scout leader, and when she became a grandmother, it became all about the grandkids. She loved following everything that they were involved in.

Marilyn had many loves in her life (like butter pecan ice cream), but cold weather was definitely NOT one of them. She and her husband were snowbirds who welcomed their trips to Florida with open arms. No matter where they were located during the year, Marilyn could always keep a close eye on her favorite programs. IU and Pacers games were always at the top of the list, but nothing, absolutely nothing, got in the way of her game shows. The day’s schedule was set by *The Price is Right*, *Wheel of Fortune*, and *Jeopardy!*. She also enjoyed watching golf and racing. She was an avid cat lover and never tired of watching the birds come and visit the homeplace. The hummingbirds and finches were her favorites.

Marilyn is survived by her two sons, Greg G. Welch of Sheridan and Chris L. Welch (Vicy) of Sheridan; eight grandchildren, Nick Welch (Brenda), Doug Welch (Amber), Garrett Welch, Owen Welch, Hannah Adams (Jack), Kathryn Topalian (Jonathan), Brittany Waitt (Jack), and Cooper Welch; nine great-grandchildren, Nicholas Welch, Aaron Welch, Adryan Welch, Caliegh Welch, Kami Dinius, Taylan Dinius, Wheldyn Welch, Sullivan Topalian, and Theodore Topalian; several nieces and nephews; and by her feline BFF, Baby.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ransom and Bertha Waltz; son, Dean Welch; daughter-in-law, Beth Welch; granddaughter, Adrienne Welch; seven siblings, Miriam, Bryon, Peggy, Leroy, Russell, Lila, and her infant sibling; and by her husband, Robert Eugene Welch on March 30, 2004. Together they were wed on July 17, 1954.

Services were held Monday, December 2, 2024, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan, with visitation from 10 a.m. until the time of service. Burial followed at Wright-Bethel Cemetery in Waugh, Ind. Pastor Scott McDermid officiated.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the Nicaragua Resource Network, 16162 Carey Road, Westfield, IN 46074.

Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com

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The Hamilton County Reporter does not charge families for publishing obituary notices in our pages. Every obituary appearing in online editions Wednesday through Saturday also appears in our Monday print editions. In order to continue to offer this as a community service, we ask that obituaries not exceed 500 words. The limitations of space may not allow for longer ones to appear in print.

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Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

'Stronger Veterans, Stronger Communities' facilitator speaks at local DAR meeting

Submitted by **Bill Doss**
Hamilton County
Veterans Corporation

You probably know that military veterans have a higher suicide rate than civilians, but did you know that Indiana veterans have an even higher suicide rate?

These are just two of the multiple facts that Kristen Ludeker-Seibert presented at the Jonathan Jennings Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) monthly chapter meeting held Nov. 21 at Carmel's VFW Post #10003.

Ludeker-Seibert is the facilitator of the "Stronger Veterans, Stronger Communities" (SVSC) Coalition on the Prevention of Suicide in Service Members, Veterans, and their Families/Caregivers. The Coalition has received crisis intercept training through the Department of Health and Human

Services and worked in partnership with the Veterans Health Administration to develop veteran connection opportunities alongside the Indiana Department of Veteran Affairs.

Hamilton County's SVSC was the first coalition in Indiana to receive funding from the state for suicide prevention efforts for service members, veterans, and their families and caregivers through the Governor's Challenge.

Veteran suicides in Hamilton County were on an upward trend in 2021, and this was quickly recognized by those in public health. As we started bringing likeminded people and resources to the table, going over the data and discussing opportunities, we recognized the need for reaching out to those who were not connected. We had to find, create ways

to bring the resources to the people, to make that connection for them so they might get answers to their questions, needs and concerns and live a better more fulfilled life here in Hamilton County. Thus the SVSC coalition was created and has continued to build from there.

Soon after creation, SVSC began working alongside the Indiana Department of Veteran Affairs. The purpose of the Coalition organically fit into the incoming Governor's Challenge of suicide prevention efforts. SVSC has continued to build goals and projects that meet the needs of the Hamilton County veteran community as well as requirements of the Indiana Governor's Challenge. The more we all know about the resources available to address our concerns and needs, the stronger and

more connected we will be as a community.

The SVSC coalition is a community comprised of organizations, veterans, active service members, family members, and volunteers, so all are invited to join us in the fight against death by suicide. If you are interested in joining, please contact Kristen Ludeker-Seibert at kludeker-seibert@hamiltoncountyphhc.org.

At the conclusion of the meeting, DAR presented \$460 in gift cards and several beautiful handmade quilts and crocheted blankets to the VFW for distribution to local needy veterans and their families.

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a nonprofit, non-political volunteer women's organization dedicated to preserving American history and whose mission is to promote historic preservation,



Photo provided
SVSC Facilitator Kristen Ludeker-Seibert spoke on Nov. 21 to the DAR Jonathan Jennings Chapter of Carmel about the work the organization does for local veterans.

education and patriotism. DAR members throughout the U.S. volunteer their time to provide assistance to veterans in both Veterans Administration hospitals and non-VA facilities and provide more than 200,000 hours of volunteer time to veterans annually.

The Jonathan Jennings Chapter is based in Carmel, and the Chapter Regent is Heath Albert. The chapter currently has more than 90 members and welcomes any women interested in joining. For more information, visit dar.org or email jjdarregent@gmail.com.

Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations

American Legion Posts

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

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

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

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

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

VFW Posts

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

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

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Hamilton County Veterans Corp
P.O. Box 503
Noblesville, in 46061
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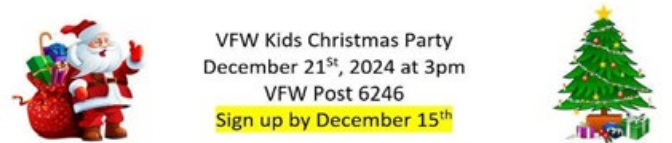
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Girls Basketball

“Locked in & focused”

Blackhawks race past Frankfort in home game

By **RICHIE HALL**
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SHERIDAN – The Sheridan girls basketball team took care of business last Tuesday night, winning a home game over Frankfort 82-11.

The Blackhawks were in control for all 32 minutes, leading 29-3 after the first quarter and 53-6 at halftime. The entire second half was played under a running clock.

“We really emphasized to the girls taking care of the job done and not being loose, making sure we were locked in and focused,” said Sheridan coach Jaidlin Bradshaw. “Regardless of who we’re playing, we need to be locked in and focused and making sure we’re doing our job.”

Kenzie Garner scored 23 points to lead Sheridan, including 12 points in the third period. Cecilia Timme dominated the first quarter with 12 points; she would finish with 20 for the game.

Besides the win, Bradshaw said she hoped her senior players got a chance to “have a little fun” during the game. The Blackhawks ran their record to 5-1 after the victory.

“It’s easy to get caught up in wins and losses, but it’s awesome to see the girls smiling on the floor and having fun and just enjoying each other,” said Bradshaw. “It’s not often that they get to truly enjoy each other on the floor.”

Brielle Garner added nine points, while Sadie Timme and Shelby Eaton both scored eight points.



Photo by Allison Waitt

Sheridan's Cecilia Timme scored 20 points, including 12 in the first quarter, during the Blackhawks' win over Frankfort last Tuesday.

Boys Basketball

Tigers roar past Millers in HCC opener

By **RICHARD TORRES**
For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE – The defending state champion Fishers Tigers haven't lost a game since last January, and that trend didn't end last Friday night.

Down 3-2 momentarily to Noblesville (2-1) at The Mill, the Tigers put together a 14-2 run in the first quarter and a 10-2 rally late in the second quarter to build an insurmountable lead en route to a decisive 74-40 win.

The Tigers won 13 straight games on their way to claiming the program's first-ever state title this past March. After a 77-46 win over Mount Vernon last Saturday – coach Garrett

Winegar's 100th career victory – the Tigers are a perfect 4-0 to open the 2024-25 campaign, stretching their streak to 17.

“I felt like in the summer and fall at times, we weren't as locked in as we needed to be. A little bit stagnant at times and a little bit complacent, so it's really been something as a staff we've been harping on, we're not going to let this be the end of Fishers basketball,” Winegar said. “We have to keep growing, and I really feel like since this season has started our guys have responded.”

The marquee matchup marked both teams' Hoo-sier Crossroads Conference

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Golden Eagles beat Shortridge, fall to Covenant Christian

The REPORTER

Guerin Catholic pulled away in the fourth quarter during its game at Shortridge last Tuesday, returning home with a 43-36 victory.

The Golden Eagles led 13-9 after the first period, with Ava Bills pouring in nine points. Guerin Catholic held a 29-23 advantage at halftime; Bills and Dana Dues both added seven second-quarter points. The Blue Devils came back to tie the game at 33-33 heading into the fourth period, but GC outscored Shortridge in that period by a 10-3 margin.

Bills scored another seven points in the fourth, bringing her total to a game-high 27 points.

The Golden Eagles dropped a home game to Covenant Christian last Saturday 69-61. Guerin Catholic led 11-9 after one quarter, but the Warriors took control in the second period for a 30-26 halftime advantage.

Covenant Christian ex-



Photo by Mike Navarro

Guerin Catholic's Annie Murphy scored 18 points for the Golden Eagles during their game with Covenant Christian last Saturday.

panded its lead to 49-37 after three quarters. The Golden Eagles poured in 24 points in the fourth, but the Warriors stayed in front for

the win.

Annie Murphy led GC with 18 points, including two 3-pointers in the fourth quarter. Bills scored 14 points

and Ford had eight.

Guerin Catholic is 4-4 and hosts Cathedral on Thursday before playing at Peru Saturday afternoon.

Hounds fall to LN, beat Richmond at home

The REPORTER

Carmel dropped a home game to Lawrence North 57-31 last Tuesday at the Eric Clark Activity Center.

The Wildcats outscored the Greyhounds in all four quarters, leading 17-8 after one and 28-15 at halftime. Mallory Bourquein scored

five points in the second period, she would be one of the leading Carmel scorers with nine points.

Izabella Ramsey also had nine points for the 'Hounds.

The Greyhounds rebounded with a win last Saturday, taking care of Richmond 79-55 in a home game.

Carmel started fast, taking a 21-8 lead by the end of the first quarter. Six different players scored, led by Lauren Perry's five points. The 'Hounds held a 36-16 halftime advantage, then came out of a high-scoring third quarter with a 63-41 lead. Izzy Shepherd poured in 13 points during that period.

Carmel outscored the Red

Devils 16-14 in the fourth to finish the game. Shepherd totaled 21 points, with Bourquein scoring in each quarter and contributing 17 points. Perry added 12 points and Ramsey scored 10.

The Greyhounds are 3-4. This week, Carmel hosts Westfield on Tuesday and then plays an afternoon game at Fort Wayne Snider on Saturday.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Carmel's Evan Harrell scored 16 points for the Greyhounds during their win over Lawrence Central last Friday.

Carmel secures two strong wins over Bears & Quakers

By RICHIE HALL

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CARMEL – Greyhounds are supposed to run fast, but the Carmel boys basketball team felt like things were getting too speedy at first against Lawrence Central.

The two teams met at the Eric Clark Activity Center last Friday night. The 'Hounds were in a battle with the Bears during the first quarter, but thanks to hot shooting in the second quarter – and the second half

– Carmel was able to break away to a comfortable 63-39 victory over LC and improve to 2-0 for the season.

“We were really ready to play,” said 'Hounds junior Jamichael Fountain. Carmel played its first game 10 days ago and got a win over Zionsville, so the Greyhounds players had been going against the junior varsity squad for quite a while. “We're just very excited to play someone else,” said Fountain.

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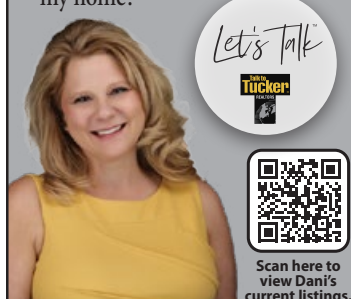


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Carmel's Mallory Bourquein scored 17 points for the Greyhounds during their win over Richmond last Saturday.

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Girls Basketball

Royals prevail in hard-fought contest against Noblesville

By **RICHIE HALL**
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NOBLESVILLE — A hard-fought girls basketball game went Hamilton Southeastern's way last Wednesday night.

The Royals visited The Mill at Noblesville and held off the Millers 49-45 in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference contest. Southeastern jumped out to a double-digit advantage in the second quarter before the Millers came back and took the lead a few times in the second half before Southeastern pulled ahead for good.

"Once they took the lead, we found a way to bounce back and get some key buckets," said Royals coach Brian Satterfield. "I know Kennedy was able to attack off the rim. We got some good ball movement, hit some shots and we were able to knock down free throws. But more importantly, down the stretch, the last three or four minutes, I thought we got some key stops."

Southeastern led 39-38 going into the fourth quar-

ter. The Millers' C. C. Quigley used a putback to get her team up 40-39. Kennedy Holman answered that with a layin, to which Quigley responded by making another rebound basket.

That gave Noblesville a 42-41 lead, but HSE's Antonette Green took care of that with a 3-pointer. Holman helped out with another basket, then Meredith Tippner threw in a triple to keep the Millers within 46-45.

Holman stepped up again, making a layin with around two minutes to go that got the Royals ahead 48-45. Both teams made stops during those final minutes, and Kayla Stidham iced the game by making a free throw with 11 seconds left.

"We made the plays down the stretch when we needed to," said Satterfield.

Noblesville led 6-5 late in the first before Southeastern made a 16-2 run that carried well into the second quarter. Holman began the run with a putback, then Stidham drained a pair of 3s. A Holman triple pushed the Royals ahead 21-8

during the second quarter.

Millers freshman Maia Blower threw in a 3, which began a 17-7 run for Noblesville that lasted until halftime. Tippner poured in six points during that run.

Southeastern led 28-25 at the break. The Millers chipped away at the lead during the third quarter: Blower drained another 3 for the Millers and Kate Rollins' triple gave Noblesville its first lead since the first quarter at 38-37. Stidham put the Royals back on top at 39-38 with two free throws, and the teams would continue that battle into the fourth quarter.

Holman led the scoring with 17 points and pulled seven rebounds, while Stidham made three 3s on her way to 15 points. Maya Makalusky collected seven rebounds.



Reporter photo by **Richie Hall**
Southeastern's Kennedy Holman scored 17 points for the Royals during their win over Noblesville last Wednesday.

Tippner led all scorers with 19 points, also making three 3s, and pulled six rebounds. Ally Hutchinson had five steals.

Millers coach Donna Buckley said there was "a ton of positives" for the Millers, highlighting the performance of the two freshmen, Blower and Vetur, who she said "played really well."

Southeastern wins two at Evansville North Showcase, still perfect for season

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern girls basketball team picked up two victories at the Evansville North Showcase last weekend.

First, Southeastern used a big third quarter to pull away from Evansville Memorial last Friday in Royals' first game at the Showcase. Southeastern outscored the Tigers in each quarter: the Royals led 15-7 after one quarter and 28-12 at halftime, then dominated the third quarter by a 25-8 margin to take a 53-20 lead.

Maya Makalusky earned a double-double of 25 points and 10 rebounds, also making three 3-pointers and dishing out four assists. Kayla Stidham scored 12 points and collected seven rebounds. Kennedy Holman totaled six points, five rebounds and four assists for the game.

Southeastern returned to Evansville North last Saturday and beat the host Huskies 44-29. Evansville North led 9-4 early before the Royals came back to tie it at 10-10 by the end of the first quarter. The game was tied 18-18 at halftime, then HSE rolled through the third period 10-0 for a 28-18 lead. Royals coach Brian Satterfield said his team played "great team defense" and called it the turning point of the game.

Makalusky scored 16 points and collected seven rebounds with Stidham adding 10 points. Holman scored nine points, dished out five assists and made five steals.

The Royals are 10-0 for the season. Southeastern hosts Pendleton Heights on Tuesday then plays at Avon Friday in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game.

Fishers take down North Central at home, split two games at Evansville North Showcase

The REPORTER

Fishers pitched a fourth-quarter shutout against North Central last Tuesday, and that led the Tigers to a 43-36 victory at the Tiger Den.

Fishers led 14-11 after one quarter. Nevaeh Dickman poured in eight points during that period. The Panthers came back to take a 26-21 halftime lead, then held a 36-32 advantage after three quarters. But the Tigers did not allow NC any points in the fourth quarter, rolling through that period 11-0. Dickman added another seven points in the fourth.

Dickman scored in every quarter on her way to 25 points. Allison Scheu and Natalie Thomas both added

six points. The Tigers were helped out by perfect free-throw shooting in the fourth, going 5-for-5 as a team.

Last Saturday, Fishers played at the Evansville North Showcase, splitting two games.

In their first game, the Tigers beat Gibson Southern 60-45. Schellhammer led the Fishers scoring with 24 points, while Dickman added 18 points.

The Tigers fell to undefeated Floyd Central 51-41 in their second game. The Highlanders led 27-19 at halftime. Dickman finished with 23 points for Fishers.

Fishers is 8-3 and hosts Noblesville on Thursday in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game.

Shamrocks' defense keeps opponent to lowest score in nearly 15 years

By **RICHIE HALL**
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WESTFIELD — The Westfield girls basketball team's defensive performance last Thursday night was one for the history books.

The Shamrocks beat Brebeuf Jesuit 38-10 at CSI Gymnasium. Westfield's defense got better as the game progressed: The 'Rocks allowed the Braves just five points in the first quarter, then only five more points in the other three periods.

Brebeuf's total was the fewest points Westfield al-

lowed to an opponent since Nov. 28, 2009, when the Shamrocks only gave up 12 points to Harrison. The Braves were scoring 47.6 points per game prior to this contest.

"Our defensive effort tonight was really good," said Westfield coach Kelsey Steele. "I felt like we were able to switch a lot tonight, which was helpful for us. Our kids were just locked in on that side of the ball tonight, which on a night that we don't shoot it very well, I'm really happy that that's how we played defensively."

The 'Rocks led 11-5 after the first quarter. Lindsey Van Dyke and Sam Price each scored four points, with Ellen Wheeler hitting a 3-pointer for the other points. Westfield took further control in the second quarter, outscoring Brebeuf 14-2. Six different Shamrocks scored in that quarter, including a 3-pointer from Aubrey Crockett. MaKayla Hatcher also was good on a traditional three-point play.

"We have a balanced effort, obviously, most nights," said Steele. "So, it's one of those things where anytime we can get multiple

kids going, that's big for us."

Westfield led 33-9 after three periods, with Meg Hamilton scoring four points in that quarter. Price was the top scorer for the game with 10 points, while Van Dyke added eight points.

The Shamrocks are 4-4 and play at Carmel Tuesday, then host Zionsville for a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game at 6 p.m. Friday.

"They play hard, they can shoot it, they have kids that can stretch the floor," said Steele. "I'm expecting it'll be a fun and exciting rivalry game at Carmel on Tuesday."

Noblesville beats Heights, Huskies get highest point total despite loss to Peru

The REPORTER

Noblesville beat Hamilton Heights 71-26 last Thursday in an all-county girls basketball game at The Mill.

The Millers led 14-6 after one quarter and 34-14 at halftime. Noblesville continued to build its lead in the second half, going up 53-26 after three periods. The Millers outscored the Huskies 18-0 in the fourth quarter.

Meredith Tippner earned a triple-double with 19 points, 13 rebounds and 10 assists, also collecting nine steals. C.C. Quigley added

14 points, with Kate Rollins scoring 13 points and dishing out five assists. Maia Blower made four steals.

Katie Brown hit five 3-pointers for 15 points, while Presley Cherry made three triples for nine points. Reece Blanton led the rebounds with seven.

Noblesville is 5-3 and plays at Fishers Thursday in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game. The Millers then travel to Plainfield on Saturday.

Hamilton Heights scored its highest point total of the season last Wednesday.

The Huskies dropped a home contest to Peru 63-53 but topped their best scoring effort by 15 points; the previous mark was 38 in a Nov. 16 game at Jay County. Heights was tied with the Tigers 11-11 after one quarter before Peru jumped ahead 29-20 at halftime.

The Huskies played even with the Tigers in the second half, with both teams scoring 22 points in the fourth.

Brown scored 24 points, including five 3-pointers, and collected six rebounds. Cherry drained three 3s while scoring 10 points and

also made five steals. Abi Hilfiker and Blanton both pulled five rebounds.

Heights fell at Connersville 61-38 last Saturday. The Spartans led 31-15 at halftime.

Brown was again the Huskies' leading scorer with 12 points, making three 3s. Brown also collected seven rebounds and dished out five assists. Cherry scored 10 points.

Heights is 0-9 and hosts Logansport Tuesday in a Hoosier Conference East Division game. The Huskies welcome West Lafayette Saturday afternoon.

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Carmel's Evan Harrell got the game's first points with a hook shot at the five-minute mark. The two teams went back and forth for the remainder of the quarter, with Harrell scoring five points.

The Bears had the Greyhounds down 9-7 late in the first period before Alex Couto drained a 3-pointer to finish the quarter and give Carmel a 10-7 lead. That began a 13-2 run that took up a good part of the second quarter and put the 'Hounds ahead 20-11. Couto finished the run with back-to-back triples.

Lawrence Central got back within 24-21 by halftime, but Carmel surged ahead in the third quarter. Harrell began the period with seven straight points, including a 3. Later, the Greyhounds quickly turned a 35-27 lead into a 41-27 advantage with Aiden Dickerson making an and-1 and Fountain hitting a triple.

"They sped us up a lot in the first half," said Carmel coach Ryan Osborn. "In the second half, we stuck with it."

Couto, Harrell and Fountain all made layins late in the third quarter for a 6-0 run to put Carmel ahead 47-29. LC's Dillon Wright finished the period with a 3, but Couto nailed a 3 to start the fourth. Fountain then

threw in three triples during the fourth quarter.

Couto finished with 20 points, while Fountain scored 16 points. Both totaled four 3-pointers. Harrell also scored 16 points. Dickerson led the rebounds with eight, followed by Couto with seven and Fountain with five. Couto also dished out five assists.

"The team is really fun to coach," said Osborn. "I'm proud of all of them. This team went through a lot last year and grew up over the season. Really came together through the summer and in the pre-season. They like being around each other. They cheer for each other. Everybody is excited when somebody else has success. Just hope we can keep getting better."

Carmel kept its strong start to the season rolling last Saturday with a 52-30 win at Plainfield. The Greyhounds led 13-4 after the first quarter and 19-11 at halftime. Carmel then cruised through the second half, outscoring the Quakers 33-19.

Couto finished with 14 points and nine rebounds. Harrell scored 12 points and Dickerson added 10 points and five rebounds. Fountain also collected five rebounds.

The Greyhounds are 3-0 and play Friday at Noblesville.

ROAR

opener, and the Tigers seized the early standings advantage behind a trio of double-digit scorers while shooting an impressive 73 percent overall.

Senior Justin Kirby paced the Tigers with 19 points on 8 of 8 shooting, including a 3-for-3 performance from 3-point range. Sophomore Jason Gardner finished with 15 points, and senior JonAnthony Hall had 11 points on 5 of 7 shooting with four rebounds. Kirby posted a team-

high five rebounds.

Sophomore point guard Cooper Zachary added six points, two assists and a steal. Gardner had four assists.

The Millers trailed 16-5 late in the first quarter, but they sliced the deficit to six points by the end of the frame on an Adam Fine dagger 3-pointer before the buzzer, 18-12.

Another 3-pointer by junior Justin Curry II brought the Millers within two possessions, 21-17, in the sec-

ond quarter, but the Tigers surged ahead to lead by 23 points in the third quarter and 30-plus by the fourth.

The Millers shot 45 percent as a group and were 4 of 13 from 3-point range. Fishers converted 12 of 17 jumpers from beyond the arc.

"We had a couple of turnovers to start the game, and we were able to cut it to six, but you just can't turn it over against them," Noblesville head coach Scott McClelland said. "There were way too many, and then we couldn't score in the half court. We just couldn't score at all, and then you magnify that by the fact that we didn't guard anybody, but I think it's a great example of how all that stuff magnifies. Not only does it affect your defense, but it affects your offense."

Junior Baron Walker scored a team-high 15 points

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for the Millers, followed by Fine with six points. Curry II had five points, and senior Aiden Brewer chipped in four points.

The Millers host Carmel Friday before traveling to Southport to face Jeffersonville on Saturday.

Fishers was in control the entire game against Mount Vernon, leading 22-8 after one quarter and 44-23 at halftime. The Tigers nailed 15 3-pointers during the game, with Millen McCartney and Zachary both making four triples each.

McCartney and Gardner each totaled 14 points, while Zachary finished with 12 points. Kirby and Logan Sigler both scored nine points, with Hall and Nathan Baker each adding seven points.

The Tigers head to Southport on Saturday to play Crispus Attucks.

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Boys Basketball

Blazers win opener

The REPORTER

The University boys basketball team played its opening game last Friday, holding off host Seton Catholic 58-54 in a Pioneer Conference North Division game.

The Trailblazers led 15-14 after one quarter, with Josh Henderson scoring six points off the bench. The game slowed down in the second quarter, with the Cardinals working their way back to tie it at 22-22 by halftime.

University surged ahead 39-30 after three periods, with Max McComb hitting two 3-pointers and scoring eight in that quarter. Faisal Mohamud went 4-for-4 from the free-throw line. The Blazers held firm during a 24-point fourth quarter from Seton Catholic; Mohamud made two free throws with 39 seconds left to help clinch the game.

McComb finished with 17 points, while Mohamud scored 15. Blake Gray totaled 11 points, scoring in all four quarters.

Gray's buzzer beating three-pointer in overtime gave University a thrilling 55-54 win over Greenwood Christian Academy last Saturday night at The U Center.

The Cougars' Ben Comford had put the visitors ahead 54-52 with seconds left. The Blazers eschewed using their final timeout and

Gray buried the 22-footer from the left wing.

Gray led University with 20 points. McComb had 11 and Mohamud 10.

The Blazers made their first six field goal attempts and 8 of 12 in the first quarter to lead 19-6 after one. Gray had eight points in the opening period. University stretched their lead to 26-9 midway through the second quarter on a Josh Henderson basket, however the Cougars crawled back to 29-19 at halftime.

University's offense went stagnant in the second half and the Blazers struggled at the free throw line making just 4 of 11 charity tosses in the fourth quarter. Greenwood Christian tied the game at 48 on a Comford rebound basket with 22 seconds left. University's final attempt was off the mark.

Zien Bland hit two foul shots to open overtime before Evan McIntyre's three gave GCA their first lead of the game at 51-50. After a Cougar foul shot, McComb and Noah Cortez each split a pair of foul shots to knot the game at 52 to set up the final heroics.

University is 2-0 on the season and travels to Cardinal Ritter Tuesday night, then hosts Liberty Christian in a Pioneer Conference division game.

Rocks return with win over Pendleton Heights

The REPORTER

Westfield's boys went on the road for their second game of the season last Wednesday and came home with a 55-37 victory over Pendleton Heights.

The Shamrocks got off to a solid start, leading 19-7 after one quarter. Will Harvey and Drew Haffner both scored six points. Harvey threw in two 3-pointers during the second period, which helped keep the Rocks ahead 33-23 at halftime.

Both teams scored nine points in the third quarter, so Westfield led 42-32 going into the fourth. Durante Morton scored six points in the third. The Shamrocks took control in the fourth period, outscoring the Arabians 13-5 to clinch the win.

Morton led the Rocks with 16 points, scoring in each quarter. Harvey scored 15 points, including three 3s.

Westfield dropped its first game of the season last Friday, as the Shamrocks were edged out 60-57 in their Hoosier Crossroads Conference opener at Zionsville.

Westfield led 6-5 after one quarter, but the Eagles took over in the second period, jumping ahead to a 26-16 halftime lead. Drew Haffner scored 10 points in the first half for the Rocks.

Zionsville added to its lead in the third quarter to go up 38-26 as the game entered the fourth quarter. Westfield went on a tear in that period, pouring in 31 points, including 19 from Haffner. Brock Detamore scored eight points in the fourth. But the Eagles held on for the win.

Haffner totaled 29 points, including six 3s. Detamore finished with 12 points.

The Shamrocks are 2-1 and host Guerin Catholic Friday.

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VERIFIED PETITION OF CITIZENS WATER OF WESTFIELD, LLC FOR ALL NECESSARY AUTHORITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXTENSION FOR THREE (3) YEARS OF UP TO \$7,000,000 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF DEBT IN THE FORM OF A REVOLVING CREDIT FACILITY
Notice is hereby given that the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission will conduct a public Evidentiary Hearing in the above-captioned Cause in Room 224 of the PNC Center, 101 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, commencing at 1:30 PM on January 15, 2025. This hearing is open to the public.
If an accommodation is required to allow an individual with a disability to participate, please contact the Office of the Executive Secretary of the IURC at 317.232.2701 or TDD 317. 232.8556 at least 48 hours in advance.
INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
317.232.2701
BY: IURC - Ann Pagonis, ALJ
DATE: December 5, 2024
R5396 12/9/24

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Notice is hereby given that the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission will conduct a public Evidentiary Hearing in the above-captioned Cause in Room 224 of the PNC Center, 101 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, commencing at 2:00 PM on January 15, 2025. This hearing is open to the public.
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SHERIDAN

APC Public Notice
This notice is to inform you of a public meeting to be held by the Town of Sheridan Advisory Plan Commission on December 19, 2024, 6:30 PM, at the Sheridan Community Center, 300 E. 6th Street, Sheridan. The meeting will discuss:
• 24-SP-03 Maple Run Section 7 Secondary Plat
Agenda items may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the APC. A copy of the proposal is on file with the Department of Planning and Development at 506 S. Main Street and may be viewed during regular business hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. That file may also be viewed online at www.Sheridan.IN.gov.
Sheridan Advisory Plan Commission
Jennifer Miller, Secretary
R5392 12/9/24

SHERIFF SALES

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
) HAMILTON COUNTY
) SS: HAMILTON COUNTY
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA
) CAUSE NO. 29D04-2408-MF-009181
TH MSR HOLDINGS LLC F/K/A MATRIX FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION) PLAINTIFF
)
) vs
)
) ATRICIA L. BYRD; INDIANA MEMBERS CREDIT UNION, OF INDIANAPOLIS INDIANA, A/K/A INDIANA MEMBERS CREDIT UNION; MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC.; THE CITY OF NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA) DEFENDANTS
)
) NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
By virtue of an Order of Sale, directed to me from the Clerk of the Hamilton Circuit Court and pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on 10/21/2024, I will expose to public sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the office of the Sheriff of Hamilton County, in Hamilton County, Indiana, located at 18100 Cumberland Rd., Noblesville, IN 46060 on January 23, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Local Time, the fee simple title together with the rents, profits, issues and income or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, interest, costs and accruing costs of the following described real estate located in Hamilton County, Indiana, to-wit:
Lot Numbered 3 in Square One in Leonard Wilds 3rd Addition to the City of Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Deed Record 53, page 1 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Commonly known as: 659 Historic Pleasant Street, Noblesville, IN 46060
State Parcel Number: 29-10-01-208-006.000-013
Township: Noblesville
This sale is to be made in all respects pursuant to an act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, approved March 7, 1931, and entitled An act concerning proceedings in actions to foreclose real estate mortgages, providing for the sale and custody of the mortgaged premises and repealing all laws conflicting therewith (see Indiana Code).
It is further provided by law that there shall be no redemption from such sale, and the purchaser at such sale, upon complying with the terms of his purchase, shall be entitled to immediately receive from the undersigned, Sheriff of Hamilton County, a deed conveying to him, the purchaser, the fee simple title in and to said real estate.
Taken as the property of the Defendant(s) stated above at the suit of TH MSR Holdings LLC F/K/A Matrix Financial Services Corporation. Said sale to be without relief from valuation and/or appraisal laws.
THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DOES NOT WARRANT THE ACCURACY OF THE STREET ADDRESS PUBLISHED HEREIN.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County
Attorney for Plaintiff
Codilis Law, LLC
8050 Cleveland Place
Merrillville, IN 46410
(219) 736-5579
15-24-01026
NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.
R5381 12/9/24, 12/16/24, 12/23/24

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29C01-2404-MF-004573 wherein Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. was Plaintiff, and Terry L. Hudson, PYOD LLC f/k/a American General Financial Services, Inc., Walden Pond Homeowners Association, Inc. and State of Indiana were Defendants, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose to public sale to the highest bidder, on the 23rd day of January, 2025, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.
LOT 75 IN WALDEN POND, SECTION III, A SUBDIVISION IN HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT CABINET 1, SLIDE 18 WITH SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE OF ERROR DATED MAY 4, 1989 AND RECORDED MAY 5, 1989 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 8909052 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.
More commonly known as 9339 Estep Dr, Cannel, IN 46280-1587
Parcel No. 29-14-07-112-032.000-018
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff
BARRY T. BARNES
BARRY T. BARNES, Plaintiff Attorney
Attorney # 19657-49
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.
8415 Allison Pointe Boulevard, Suite 400
Indianapolis, IN 46250
(317) 237-2727
Clay Township
The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein.
NOTICE
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR.
R5382 12/9/24, 12/16/24, 12/23/24

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D02-2402-MF-001456 wherein NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING was Plaintiff and TRACY F. KRAUSE A/K/A TRACY KRAUSE; MARLIN EDWARD KRAUSE A/K/A MARLIN E. KRAUSE A/K/A MARLIN E. KRAUSE, III A/K/A MARLIN KRAUSE, III; CITIBANK NA; PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC; WEAVER WOODS NORTH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; BANK OF AMERICA, NA; and STATE OF INDIANA, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; was/were Defendant(s), requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose to public sale to the highest bidder, on the 23rd day of January, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. of said day, at the 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.
LOT NUMBER 118 IN WEAVER WOODS NORTH, SECTION 4, A SUBDIVISION IN THE TOWN OF FISHERS, IN HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED SEPTEMBER 20, 1999, AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 99-55493, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.
Commonly Known as/Property Address: 14298 Delaney Drive, Fishers, IN 46038
Parcel No: 29-10-24-005-005.000-006
Township-Delaware
Together with rents, issues, and profits hereof, said will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.
Subject to all liens, encumbrances and easements of record not otherwise extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause No 29D02-2402-MF-001456 in the Hamilton County Court.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Hamilton County Sheriff
Jason E. Duhn
ATTORNEY NO. 26807-06
Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC
P.O. BOX 19519
Fort Lauderdale FL 33318
14298 Delaney Drive, Fishers, IN 46038
Street Address
The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein.
R5383 12/9/24, 12/16/24, 12/23/24

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D04-2406-MF-006220 wherein Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, was Plaintiff, and Dennis Stiltz was the defendant(s), required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose to public sale to the highest bidder, on the 23rd day of January, 2025, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.
Lot Numbered 7 in Barnes and Bakers Addition to the Town, now City of Noblesville, as per plat thereof recorded in Deed Record 75, page 100, in Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
More Commonly Known As: 1378 Hannibal Street, Noblesville, IN 46060
Parcel No. 11-11-06-01-01-030.000
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff
R. Elliott Halsey, #38073-45
Travis P. Barry, 38072-45
KELLEY, KRONENBERG, P.A.
Noblesville
Township
1378 Hannibal Street, Noblesville, IN 46060
Street Address
The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein.
R5384 12/9/24, 12/16/24, 12/23/24

INDY

NOTICE
EME Logistics LLC 5222 Pine Brook Dr Apt G, Indianapolis, IN, 46254
(701)570-2502
Date of Sale: 12/24/2024
JTD8L40EX99039559 2009 Toyota Corolla \$7,500
3FA6P0K92ER394454 2014 Ford Fusion \$7,500
JM3KE4BYXG0782376 2016 Mazda CX-5 \$7,500
2T1BURHE8GC552265 2016 Toyota Corolla \$7,500
3FA6POCD7L1R78003 2020 Ford Fusion \$7,500
R5388 12/9/24

NOTICE
Cummins Sales and Service 3621 W Morris Street, Indianapolis, IN, 46241
(317)244-7251
Date of Sale: 12/24/2024
1XKAD49X09J238426 2009 Kenworth T660 \$6,490.45
3HSCUAPR5AN205499 2010 International Prostar \$9,061.72
R5389 12/9/24

ARCADIA

NOTICE
The Arcadia Town Council will meet in an executive session on Tuesday, December 10th at 4:00 p.m. to receive information about and interview prospective employees 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5) located at the Arcadia Town Hall 208 W. Main Street Arcadia, IN 46030.
R5372 12/5/24, 12/9/24

COURT NOTICES

29D07-2311-SC-010923
Hamilton Superior Court 7
SMALL CLAIMS COMPLAINT
HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 7
One Hamilton County Square, Suite 215
Noblesville, Indiana 46060-2231
Telephone: (317) 770-4450
Plaintiff 1 Brazill Hester, PC
P.O. Box 24309
Indianapolis, IN 46224
(317) 624-9600
Attorney Richard C. Hersberger
Attorney number 24943-30
P.O. Box 24309
Indianapolis, IN 46224
(317) 624-9600
rhersberger@brazillhester.com
Defendant 1 Heather Dewaelsche
7558 Timber Spring Dr. S
Fishers, IN 46038
CLERK'S NOTICE OF CLAIM TO DEFENDANT
You (the Defendant) have been sued by the Plaintiff whose name appears above. You must appear in Hamilton Superior Court 7 in person or by your attorney on February 4, 2025 @ 10:30 AM for a first hearing. The Court may enter a default judgment against you if you fail to appear. The Plaintiff's claim is for: Note, Contract, or Account (copy attached) Other Legal services per contract.
A brief statement of the nature of the Plaintiff's claim against you is as follows: Outstanding balance on attorney fees for services rendered per Engagement Letter.
The Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendant for \$5,491.96 plus interest from the date of November 17, 2023, at the rate of 8%, and the court costs of this action.
Date: 11/17/2023
s/ Richard C. Hersberger, Esq.
Plaintiff's or attorney's signature
IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS CLAIM
1. The Plaintiff or the Defendant may represent themselves individually or be represented by an attorney. A Small Claims Litigant's Handbook is available at the offices of the Clerk or Court (or at the website at www.state.in.us/hcc/) for each party's benefit. The Plaintiff and Defendant should bring to trial all documents in their possession or under their control concerning this claim. Time does not permit trials in every case set for first hearing. However, trials will be held on possession issues in eviction cases and in such other cases where both parties are prepared for trial and time allows.
2. A default judgment may be entered against the Defendant if he or she fails to appear for a first hearing or any trial date, and if the Plaintiff fails to appear, the case will be dismissed (but may be refiled once more). A "damages hearing" is a trial on the issue of damages.
3. If the Defendant does not wish to dispute the Plaintiff's claim, the Defendant still may wish to appear to allow the Court to establish the method for paying the judgment.
4. Any request for a continuance of a trial date by either party should be filed with the Court at least five days before the hearing date. Forms requesting a continuance are available at the Court's office or on the website. The party requesting a continuance must contact the other party regarding the request.
5. Any counterclaim against the Plaintiff must be filed with the Clerk in time to be mailed to and received by the Plaintiff at least seven calendar days before the trial. Forms are available for this purpose.
6. If a settlement of this claim is made out of Court, it should be in writing and signed by the Plaintiff and Defendant. Settlement forms may be obtained from the Court or from the website. The settlement shall be filed with the Court and will be entered in the Small Claims Docket and shall have the same effect as a judgment of the Court.
7. The filing of a Small Claim waives the Plaintiff's right to trial by jury. The Defendant may, no later than 10 days following service of the Notice of Claim, make a demand for a trial by jury in writing, in accordance with Indiana Code 33-29-2-7. If a jury trial request has been granted, it may not be withdrawn without consent of both parties. Both parties should then obtain attorneys. The Defendant must pay a \$70 fee at the Clerk's Office within 10 days after the jury request has been granted; otherwise, the Defendant gives up the right to a jury trial.
8. Any exhibits you may offer at trial will be retained by the court for no less than 45 days and no more than four months after any hearing that results in a judgment. You may make arrangements to pick up your evidence with the court reporter any time beyond the 45 days after judgment has been entered. If an appeal is filed, those exhibits will permanently remain with the court. You will receive no further notices regarding your evidence.
R5408 12/9/24, 12/16/24, 12/23/24

29D03-2411-EU-000513
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN HAMILTON COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT 3)
CAUSE NO. 29D03-2411-EU-000513)
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF)
MARK E. PRIDDY,)
Deceased.)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION)
In the Hamilton Superior Court)
in the matter of the Unsupervised)
Estate of Mark E. Priddy)
Cause Number: 29D03-2411-)
EU-000513)
Notice is hereby given that)
Deanne B. Hunter on the 22nd day)
of November, 2024 was appointed)
Personal Representative of the)
Unsupervised Estate of Mark E.)
Priddy, who died on the 5th day of)
November, 2024.)
All persons who have claims against)
this estate, whether or not now due,)
must file the claim in the office of)
the clerk of this court within three)
(3) months, from the date of the first)
publication of this notice, or within)
nine (9) months after the decedent's)
death, whichever is earlier, or the)
claims will be forever barred.)
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana on)
November 22, 2024.)
Kathy Kregg Williams)
Kathy Kregg Williams)
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court)
R5398 12/9/23, 12/16/23

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2412-MI-013337)
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:)
Kelly Kaye Harris Walsh)
Petitioner)
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR)
CHANGE OF NAME)
Kelly Kaye Harris Walsh, whose)
mailing address is: 2230 Irish Rose)
Lane, Carmel, IN 46280, in the)
Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby)
gives notice that Kelly Kaye Harris)
Walsh has filed a petition in the)
Hamilton County Circuit Court)
requesting that name be changed to)
Keida Harris Walsh.)
Notice is further given that the)
hearing will be held on said Petition)
on April 7, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.)
Kelly Kaye Harris Walsh)
Petitioner)
Date: October 28, 2024)
Kathy Kregg Williams)
Hamilton County Clerk)
R5399 12/9, 12/16, 12/23/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2409-MI-9967)
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:)
Isabella Diane Morada)
Petitioner)
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR)
CHANGE OF NAME)
Isabella Diane Morada, whose)
mailing address is: 7084 Oakbay)
Drive, Noblesville, Indiana 46062,)
in the Hamilton County, Indiana,)
hereby gives notice that Isabella)
Diane Morada has filed a petition in)
the Hamilton County Circuit Court)
requesting that name be changed to)
Cairo Atticus Morada.)
Notice is further given that the)
hearing will be held on said Petition)
on: March 17, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.)
Isabella Diane Morada)
Petitioner)
Date: November 7, 2024)
Kathy Kregg Williams)
Hamilton County Clerk)
R5403 12/9, 12/16, 12/23/24

29C01-2412-MI-013288
Hamilton Circuit Court
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT)
COURT)
CAUSE NO.: 29C01-2404-MI-004755)
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:)
REXFORD JAMES WARD,)
Petitioner.)
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR)
CHANGE OF NAME)
Rexford James Ward, whose mailing)
address 18765 Edwards Grove Drive,)
Noblesville, IN 46062, in Hamilton)
County, Indiana hereby gives notice)
that he has filed a petition in the)
Hamilton County Superior Court)
requesting that his name be changed)
to Rexford James Andrews.)
Notice is further given that the)
hearing will be held on said petition)
on March 17, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.)
Date: December 4, 2024)
Kathy Kregg Williams)
Clerk, Hamilton County)
R5402 12/9, 12/16, 12/23/24

29D02-2409-EU-00043
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In re the Unsupervised
Estate of Hannelore L. Saddler
ADLER attorneys - Noblesville
136 South 9th Street
Noblesville, IN 46060-2614
Phone: 317-773-1974
Seth R. Wilson, #26647-49
seth@noblesvilleattorney.com
In the Superior Court 2 of
Hamilton County, Indiana
Notice is given that Richard Saddler,
on November 20, 2024 was appointed
Personal Representative of the Estate
of the above-named Decedent, who
died on 09/23/2024. All persons
who have claims against this Estate,
whether now due, must file the claim
in the office of the clerk of this court
within three (3) months from the date
of the first publication of this notice or
within nine (9) months of Decedent's
death whichever is earlier, or the
claims will be forever barred.
Dated: November 20, 2024
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk of Hamilton County, Indiana
R5361 12/9/24, 12/16/24

29D03-2411-EU-000510
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In re the Unsupervised
Estate of Richard Pedersen
ADLER attorneys - Noblesville
136 South 9th Street
Noblesville, IN 46060-2614
Phone: 317-773-1974
Seth R. Wilson, #26647-49
seth@noblesvilleattorney.com
In the Superior Court 3 of
Hamilton County, Indiana
Notice is given that Bethany
Gayle Pedersen, on Bethany Gayle
Pedersen was appointed Personal
Representative of the Estate of the
above-named Decedent, who died on
10/27/2024. All persons who have
claims against this Estate, whether
now due, must file the claim in the
office of the clerk of this court within
three (3) months from the date of
the first publication of this notice or
within nine (9) months of Decedent's
death whichever is earlier, or the
claims will be forever barred.
Dated: November 21, 2024
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk of Hamilton County, Indiana
R5360 12/9/24, 12/16/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
SS:)
COUNTY OF Hamilton)
In The Hamilton County Court)
CASE NO. 29C01-2205-DN-003714)
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:)
Kia Taylor,)
Petitioner,)
vs.)
Reginald Taylor,)
Respondent.)
SUMMONS)
The State of Indiana to Respondent:)
Reginald Taylor)
10138 Brushfield Lane)
Fishers, IN 46037)
You have been sued by your spouse)
for dissolution of marriage. The case)
is pending in the Court named above.)
If this Summons is accompanied by)
an Order Setting Hearing, you)
must appear in Court on the date)
and time stated on the Order Setting)
Hearing. IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR,)
EVIDENCE MAY BE HEARD AND A)
DECISION MAY BE MADE)
BY THE COURT. If a Temporary)
Restraining Order is issued, it is)
effective immediately upon your)
receipt or knowledge of the Order.)
If you wish to retain an attorney)
to represent you in the matter, it is)
advisable to do so before the date)
stated on the Notice of Provisional)
Hearing.)
If you take no action in this case)
after receipt of this Summons, the)
Court can grant a Dissolution of)
Marriage and/or make determinations)
that may include but not limited to)
any of the following: paternity, child)
custody, child support, maintenance,)
parenting time, property (real or)
personal), and other distribution of)
assets and debts, attorney fees and)
costs.)
Date: 5/23/2022)
Kathy Kregg Williams)
Clerk, Hamilton County)
R5404 12/9/24, 12/16/24, 12/23/24



COURT NOTICES

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT I
) SS:
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) CAUSE NO.: 29D01-2412-AD-1641
IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF)
BRADY ELI WOOD, MINOR)
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
The grandparents of Brady Eli Wood, born on October 24, 2007, are notified that a petition for adoption of the child was filed in the office of the clerk of Hamilton Superior Court 1, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. This notice complies with Indiana Code 31-19-2.5(a)(3) and Indiana Code 31-19-4.5-1.5 but does not exhaustively set forth a person's legal obligations under the Indiana adoption statutes. The grandparents of the child are being served with this notice because their rights to visitation may be impacted by the adoption. This notice is limited to the issue of grandparent visitation and may not be used to contest the adoption. If a grandparent fails to timely file for visitation, the above-named court will hear and determine the Petition for Adoption and the grandparent will be precluded from subsequently pursuing a grandparent visitation case for the child. A person being served with this notice should consult the Indiana adoption and grandparent visitation statutes.
Kathy Kreag Williams,
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court 1
Prepared by:
Nathan A. Leach (Attorney #25673-49)
HERRIN & LEACH, LLC
3815 River Crossing Parkway, Suite 100
Indianapolis, IN 46240
(317) 566-2174
Nate@IndianaAdoptionLawyer.com
R5379 12/9, 12/16, 12/23/24

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT I
) SS:
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) CAUSE NO.: 29D01-2412-AD-1642
IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF)
BRENNEN TYLER WOOD, MINOR)
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
The grandparents of Brennen Tyler Wood, born on March 18, 2010, are notified that a petition for adoption of the child was filed in the office of the clerk of Hamilton Superior Court 1, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. This notice complies with Indiana Code 31-19-2.5(a)(3) and Indiana Code 31-19-4.5-1.5 but does not exhaustively set forth a person's legal obligations under the Indiana adoption statutes. The grandparents of the child are being served with this notice because their rights to visitation may be impacted by the adoption. This notice is limited to the issue of grandparent visitation and may not be used to contest the adoption. If a grandparent fails to timely file for visitation, the above-named court will hear and determine the Petition for Adoption and the grandparent will be precluded from subsequently pursuing a grandparent visitation case for the child. A person being served with this notice should consult the Indiana adoption and grandparent visitation statutes.
Kathy Kreag Williams,
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court 1
Prepared by:
Nathan A. Leach (Attorney #25673-49)
HERRIN & LEACH, LLC
3815 River Crossing Parkway, Suite 100
Indianapolis, IN 46240
(317) 566-2174
Nate@IndianaAdoptionLawyer.com
R5380 12/9, 12/16, 12/23/24

29C01-2410-MI-011400
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2410-MI-011400
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
ROBERT ERIC ZIEGLER-DAVIS
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
ROBERT ERIC ZIEGLER-DAVIS, whose mailing address is: 7769 Kane Court, Fishers, Indiana 46038, in Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that ROBERT ERIC ZIEGLER-DAVIS has filed a petition in the Hamilton Circuit Court requesting that his name be changed to ERIC ROBERT ZIEGLER.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on February 14, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
ROBERT ERIC ZIEGLER-DAVIS
Date: October 14, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
R5350 12/24, 12/9/24, 12/16/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR)
COURT)
CAUSE NUMBER:
29D02-2411-EU-000508
IN THE MATTER OF THE
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF)
KAREN LEVENHAGEN,)
DECEASED.)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Lindsay Levenhagen was on the date of November 19, 2024, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Karen Levenhagen, deceased, who died intestate on November 1, 2024. The Personal Representative is authorized to proceed pursuant to the statutory provisions of the Indiana Code governing Unsupervised Administration.
All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the same in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or said claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this 19th day of November, 2024.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana
Attorney for the Estate
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R5351 12/2/24, 12/9/24

29D01-2411-EU-000521
STEPHEN W. COOK
Attorney for Estate
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court No. 1 of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Lauren N. Johnson was on the 25 day of November, 2024, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Joshua Raymond Van Horn, deceased.
All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the same in said Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this 25 day of November, 2024.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court No. 1
Stephen W. Cook
COOK & COOK
Attorneys at Law
955 Logan Street
Noblesville, IN 46060
(317) 773-5522
R5349 12/2/24, 12/9/24

IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT
STATE OF INDIANA
Cause No. 29C01-2411-MI-011566
IN RE: THE CHANGE OF NAME OF:
LANDSTON TAYLOR JAYDEN)
CHARBONEAU,)
A minor child.)
AMENDED
NOTICE OF PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME
Notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of October, 2024, the Petitioner, Courtney Brooke Charboneau, filed in Hamilton Circuit Court her Petition requesting that her minor child's name be changed from Landston Taylor Jayden Charboneau to Landston Siles Jayden Brooke. Notice is further given that a hearing will be held on said Petition in Hamilton Circuit Court on March 17, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
Brandi A. Gibson # 26373-29
COOTS, HENKE & WHEELER, P.C.
255 East Carmel Drive
Carmel, IN 46032
(317) 844-4693 telephone
bgibson@chwlaw.com
R5289 11/25/24, 12/2/24, 12/9/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2411-MI-12441
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
MARY KATHARINE ROSIO
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, MARY KATHARINE ROSIO, pro se, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name to change her name from MARY KATHARINE ROSIO to KATHARINE ROSIO VILLASENOR.
The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on March 17, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. The parties shall report to One Hamilton County Square, Suite 337, Noblesville, IN 46060.
Date: November 13, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
R5370 12/9, 12/16, 12/23/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2410-MI-11896
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Chandler Pilipis
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Chandler Pilipis, whose mailing address is: 12887 Star Drive Fishers, Indiana 46037, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Chandler Pilipis has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Chandler Latour.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: February 14, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
Chandler Pilipis
Petitioner
Date: October 28, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R5364 12/9, 12/16, 12/23/24

29D03-2411-EU-000524
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF HAMILTON
IN THE HAMILTON
SUPERIOR COURT
IN THE MATTER OF THE
UNSUPERVISED
ESTATE OF DECEDENT,
CHARLES WILLIAM BAKER.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Bradley Baker was on the 3rd day of December 2024, appointed as the unsupervised Administrator of the Estate of Charles William Baker, deceased.
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Hamilton County, Indiana, this 3rd day of December 2024.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court
Attorney:
Kerry W. Mann
8777 Purdue Road
Suite 380
Indianapolis, Indiana 46268
(317) 251-6266
kerry@kwmann.com
R5376 12/9/24, 12/16/24

29D01-2412-EU-000528
Sarah J. Randall, #26898-29
Church Church Hittle & Antrim
Two North Ninth Street
Noblesville, IN 46060
(317) 773-2190; FAX (317) 773-5320
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Douglas E. Green was, on December 3, 2024, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of MARY LOU GREEN, deceased, who died November 14, 2024.
All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana on December 3, 2024.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana
R5377 12/9/24, 12/16/24

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FISHERS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
In accordance with Ind. Code §5-3-1 and 5-23 et. Seq., the City of Fishers Board of Public Works & Safety ("Board") will hold a public hearing on Friday December 20, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., at the City of Fishers Municipal Complex Nickel Plate Conference Room, 3rd Floor, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, Indiana 46038 to consider a recommendation to award a public-private agreement to Meyer Najem Construction LLC ("Meyer Najem") for Meyer Najem to design, build and transfer to the City the Fishers Phase 1 of the Fishers White River Park. The Board will hear and receive comments from all interested persons. Proposals and explanations for the basis upon which the recommendation is being made are available for public inspection by contacting Jake Reardon McSoley at reardonmcsoley@fishers.in.us or (317) 595-3256.
12/5/24, 12/9/24
R5366

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AS CONSTRUCTOR SERVICES FOR THE HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN INTERMEDIATE AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL EXPANSION PROJECT
Notice is hereby given that Hamilton Southeastern Schools, Hamilton County, Indiana (the "Owner" or "HSE"), is requesting proposals from responsible respondents to provide construction manager as constructor services in accordance with Indiana Code 5-3-2, as amended, for the Hamilton Southeastern Intermediate and Junior High Project as described in detail in the Request for Proposals for Construction Manager Services for the Hamilton Southeastern Intermediate and Junior High Expansion Project, dated December 4, 2024 (the "RFP") (the "Project"). All of the terms, conditions, requirements, rights and information set forth in the RFP are incorporated herein by reference.
Proposals to the RFP will be received until January 2, 2025, at Noon (EST). Proposals must be delivered to Matt Rapp, Hamilton Southeastern Schools, 13485 Cumberland Road, Fishers, IN 46038 and mrapp@hse.k12.in.us. All proposals received after such time will not be considered and returned to the respective respondent unopened.
The RFP is on file with Owner and may also be examined at the following location: https://www.hseschools.org/community/public-notices
Valid proposals submitted must be in compliance with all of the requirements set forth in the RFP, as determined in the sole and complete discretion of the Owner and its evaluation committee.
HSE currently expects to award the contract for the construction manager as constructor services in connection with the Project at the HSE School Board meeting held on January 8, 2025, to the respondent whose proposal is determined by the Owner's evaluation committee and the HSE School Board to be the most advantageous to HSE, taking into consideration price and the other evaluation factors set forth in the RFP. HSE reserves the right to hold proposals for up to 60 days from the date of the opening. HSE reserves in its sole discretion the right to cancel the RFP process, reject any and all proposals in whole or part, delay the opening, ask for new proposals, is not obligated to accept the lowest or any other proposal, and may waive any irregularities, discrepancies, omissions, variances, or informalities in any proposal or in the RFP process.
Questions regarding the RFP, any related matters or any requests for fair and equal treatment can be directed in writing to: Matt Rapp, Hamilton Southeastern Schools, 13485 Cumberland Road, Fishers, IN 46038 and mrapp@hse.k12.in.us. Contact of any other employee, agent or elected or appointed official of the Owner or any member of the EC by a respondent during the selection process is subject to disqualification at the sole and complete discretion of Owner.
12/9/24, 12/16/24
R5368

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Request for Proposal documents for E-Rate eligible vendors to bid on NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES
for the Hamilton Southeastern School Corporation are available on the district website (https://www.hseschools.org/community/public-notices). Hamilton Southeastern School Corporation is not responsible for documents distributed through any other means.
Vendors shall submit bids according to the Instructions, Provisions and Specifications stated in the solicitation documents. Questions should be addressed via email to HSE's Director of Infrastructure Technologies, Tom Koums (tkoums@hse.k12.in.us)
R5378 12/6/24, 12/9/24, 12/13/24, 12/16/24

NOBLESVILLE

Request for Bids to Purchase Surplus Technology Equipment
Noblesville Schools (NS, the District) desires to dispose of surplus technology equipment pursuant to Indiana Code 5-22-22-5.
Deadline for Submission: prior to 5:00 pm local time (EST) December 18, 2024
Recording of Proposers: 8:00 am local time (EST) December 19, 2024
Location: Noblesville Schools Administration 18025 River Rd. Noblesville, IN 46062
NS's surplus 1:1 computing equipment includes working models of 6th generation iPads as well as some damaged models as described below.
iPad Gen 6 Working/good condition Qty 3000
iPad Gen 6 Damaged Qty 35
iPad Air 2 Working/good condition Qty 18
32 GB WiFi Model A1893
32 GB WiFi Model A1893
32 GB WiFi Model A1566
No chargers or cables included
No chargers or cables included
No chargers or cables included
All items are sold as is. Vendors shall submit bids according to the Instructions, Provisions and specifications stated in the notice documents posted on the Noblesville Schools website. Questions should be addressed via email to the Noblesville Director of Technology, Andrew Swickheimer (andrew.swickheimer@nobl.k12.in.us)
NS will select the highest responsible bidder. Payment must be made at the time the devices are picked up.
R5362 12/9/24

NOTICE
Project: Hamilton County 4H Renovations
Scope of work: Renovating the inside of the Hamilton County 4H Building Assembly Halls, Restrooms, and Hallways.
• Bid Opening #01 General Trades (Demo, Framing, ACT, Gypsum Systems)
• Bid Opening #02 Plumbing
• Bid Opening #03 Electrical
• Bid Opening #04 Flooring (Epoxy, VCT, Ceramic)
Contractor Bids: Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, Indiana, during its regularly scheduled meeting in the Commissioners' Courtroom will receive sealed bids for items as listed below. These sealed bids must be forwarded by registered mail or delivered in person to the Hamilton County Auditor, located in the basement of the historic courthouse at 33 North 9th Street, Suite L21, Noblesville, Indiana 46060 prior to 11:30 a.m. on December 20th, 2024. After 11:30 a.m. bids may be delivered to the Commissioners Courtroom located on the 1st floor of the Judicial Center up to the time of the noticed bid opening. All bids will be opened and read aloud beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, December 20th, 2024.
Project Information: To request project documents (Bid form, drawings, scope of work, etc.), please email HamiltonCountyBids@skender.com and access will be provided.
Subcontractor walkthrough: Thursday December 12th at 7:00 AM. Address: 2003 Pleasant St, Noblesville, IN 46060
Questions: All questions and correspondence should be directed to HamiltonCountyBids@skender.com.
R5395 12/9/24, 12/16/24

WESTFIELD

LEGAL NOTICE OF EVIDENTIARY HEARING
INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION CAUSE NO. 46148
VERIFIED PETITION OF WESTFIELD GAS, LLC D/B/A CITIZENS
GAS OF WESTFIELD FOR ALL NECESSARY AUTHORITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXTENSION FOR THREE (3) YEARS OF UP TO \$7,000,000 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF DEBT IN THE FORM OF A REVOLVING CREDIT FACILITY
Notice is hereby given that the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission will conduct a public Evidentiary Hearing in the above-captioned Cause in Room 222 of the PNC Center, 101 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, commencing at 2:30 PM on January 14, 2025. This hearing is open to the public.
If an accommodation is required to allow an individual with a disability to participate, please contact the Office of the Executive Secretary of the IURC at 317.232.2701 or TDD 317. 232.8556 at least 48 hours in advance.
INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
317.232.2701
BY: IURC - Ann Pagonis, ALJ
DATE: December 3, 2024
R5375 12/9/24

PUBLIC NOTICE
Please be advised that the Westfield-Washington Township Plat Committee will meet at 11:00 a.m., Monday, December 16, 2024, at the Westfield City Services Center, 2728 E 171st St, Westfield, Indiana, or in a virtual format viewable at https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofWestfieldIN, for the purposes of holding a public hearing on the following petitions:
• 2409-SPP-08 & 2409-ODP-08: Union Street Towns; Generally located at 18700 N. Union Street, just southwest of the N. Union & N. East Street intersection; Lennar Homes of Indiana, LLC by Weihe Engineers requests Primary Plat and Overall Development Plan review of a seventy (70) lot single-family attached subdivision on 11 acres +/- in the Midtown at Westfield PUD District.
• 2412-SPP-12; Generally, at the southeast corner of 191st Street and N. East Street; Thompson Thrift Development, Inc., represented by Kimley-Horn & Associates, requests Primary Plat review for a subdivision of one (1) lot, two (2) blocks, and two (2) common areas on 36.62 acres +/- in the Midtown at Westfield Planned Unit Development (PUD) District.
Specific details regarding the requests may be obtained from the Westfield Community Development Department, 2728 E 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana or by calling (317) 804-3170.
Written suggestions or objections relative to the requests may be filed with the Secretary of the Committee at the Westfield Community Development Department, 2728 E 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana at or before the hearing. Oral comments concerning the proposals will be heard at the aforementioned public hearing. In the case of a virtual meeting, written comments concerning the proposals can be provided before and during the aforementioned public hearing by emailing planners@westfield.in.gov. Such hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
Westfield-Washington Township Plat Committee
Westfield Community Development Department
2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074
www.westfield.in.gov
R5385 12/7/24, 12/9/24

SHERIDAN

BZA Public Notice
This notice is to inform you that the Town of Sheridan Board of Zoning Appeals on December 19, 2024, 5:30 PM, at the Sheridan Community Center, 300 E. 6th Street, Sheridan has been cancelled.
Sheridan Board of Zoning Appeals
Jennifer Miller, Secretary
R5393 12/9/24

JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Legal Notice
Board of zoning appeals
The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on December 19th, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the Red Bridge Park Community Building, 25 Red Bridge Park, Cicero Indiana, 46034 in order to hear the following petition:
Docket No. BZA-1224-52-C1
A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 23576 Englewood Road, Cicero to: Allow an electronic pole sign 150 feet tall; Whereas Article 10.7 Commercial Sign Standards states that pole signs and electronic signs are prohibited.
Project Address: 23576 Englewood Drive, Cicero IN, 46034
Legal Descriptions: Acreage 17.72 Section 6, Township 19, Range 4
Parcel number: 29-06-06-000-001-000-008
The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Plan 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 box 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 hearing and entered into the record of the Hearing.
The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
Petitioner: McClure Oil 11/12/2024
R5358 12/5/24, 12/9/24

COUNTY

HAMILTON COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MEETING NOTICE
Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Redevelopment Commission will meet on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom located in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060.
R5356 12/4/24, 12/9/24

MEETING NOTICE
Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County E911 Executive Board will be meeting on Monday, December 9, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will be held in Room #A213 in the City of Noblesville Administration Building located at 16 South 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana. The discussion will be regarding E911 operations.
/s/ Robin M. Mills,
Hamilton County Auditor
R5357 12/4/24, 12/9/24

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
IN THE MATTER OF
Castetter & Randall Drain, Arm 2
City Walk on Nickel Plate Trail Vacation
Station 0+00 to Station 5+50
NOTICE
NOTICE is hereby given that a petition to vacate has been received by the Hamilton County Surveyor for the Castetter & Randall Drain, Arm 2, City Walk on Nickel Plate Trail Vacation (Station 0+00 to Station 5+50) and that a hearing is scheduled for December 20, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. on that request.
Objections to the VACATION of the drain must be filed in writing not less than five (5) days before the date of the hearing.
The Board will consider whether the drain performs the function for which it was designed and constructed; whether the expense of maintenance outweighs the benefits to be derived therefrom, and whether the abandonment thereof will not be detrimental to the public welfare.
Hamilton County Drainage Board
Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh
R5359 12/9/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
HAMILTON COUNTY PARK BOARD, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
PUBLIC HEARING ON RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD PUBLIC-PRIVATE AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 5-23-5-9
This notice is to inform the general public of a Public Hearing that will be held by the HAMILTON COUNTY PARK BOARD on December 9, 2024 at 6 PM at Osprey Pointe Pavilion, 19777 Morse Park Lane Noblesville, IN 46062. The Public Hearing concerns the Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Department's BOT Evaluation Committee's (the "Committee") recommendation to award a public-private agreement/scoping agreement (the "Agreement") with a Developer for the Strawtown Kotewi Park Archery Project (the "Project").
Upon the Committee's recommendation, the Hamilton County Park Board (the "Board") intends to negotiate with the recommended Developer and eventually enter into an agreement to design, construct, and other professional services with the recommended Developer. The Department intends to pursue, negotiate, and finalize a guaranteed maximum price with the recommended developer.
The Committee shall present its recommendation to select a Developer for the Project at the public hearing and shall provide a more in-depth explanation of the basis upon which the recommendation is being made at the Public Hearing. Beginning Wednesday, December 4th, the received proposals and the explanation shall be available for inspection and copying in the Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Office. The office is located at 400 Lafayette Road, Noblesville, IN 46060.
R5363 12/5/24, 12/9/24

Hamilton County Planning Commission & BZA
Schedule of Meeting Dates for 2025
Plan Commission Board of Zoning Appeals
January 15, 2025 January 22, 2025
February 19, 2025 February 26, 2025
March 19, 2025 March 26, 2025
April 16, 2025 April 23, 2025
May 21, 2025 May 28, 2025
June 18, 2025 June 25, 2025
July 16, 2025 July 23, 2025
August 20, 2025 August 27, 2025
September 17, 2025 September 24, 2025
October 15, 2025 October 22, 2025
November 19, 2025 November 12, 2025 Historic Courtroom
December 17, 2025 December 10, 2025 Historic Courtroom
Plan Commission meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting locations and dates are adjusted as necessary in November and December because of legal holidays. Meeting times will remain the same.
Scheduled meetings will be canceled in the event no petitions have been processed for presentation to the board(s).
Project submission dates are no less than 30 calendar days prior to the date of the hearing.
R5367 12/9/24

Lafayette Trace Farm Lease Advertisement for Bids:
Sealed bid for a farm lease for a parcel of land totaling approximately twenty-five (25) acres tillable in White River Township will be received by the Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Department's office, 400 Lafayette Road, Noblesville, IN, 46060-1305, until 4:00 p.m. (Local time) on Friday, January 10th, 2025.
1. The farm is located approximately 3 1/2 miles east of SR 37 on Strawtown Avenue in White River Township, Hamilton County, Indiana.
2. A successful bidder must be willing to sign the Park Department's Farm Lease. The terms of the Park Department Farm Lease are incorporated herein by reference. The terms of the Parks Department Farm Lease will cover a time period of three (3) years.
3. The Park Board reserves the right to hold any and all bids for a period of not more than forty-five (45) days and said bids shall be and remain valid and in full force and effect during said period.
4. The Park Board further reserves the right to waive informalities and to award the contract to the highest per acre, most responsive and responsible bidder, all to the advantage of the owner.
5. The Park Board also reserves the right to award contracts to separate bidders or to reject any and all bids.
6. Proposals must be accompanied by the completed Non-Collusion Affidavit and Non-Discrimination Clause forms.
7. Park Department Farm Lease Documents are available at the Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department Administration Office at the address given above. The telephone number for the Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department is (317) 770-4400.
8. No oral modifications or changes will be binding on either party. All changes in plans and specifications must be in writing and submitted prior to the pre-submission meeting.
R5369 12/9/24, 12/16/24

HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY DISTRICT
MEETING NOTICE
Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Regional Utility District will meet on Monday December 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom located in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. Meeting will begin with Executive Session from 10:00 a.m.-10:10 a.m. for discussion of the Implementation of Security Systems IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(C), Purchase or Lease of Real Estate IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D), Discussion of Pending Litigation IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B), and Discussion of Personnel IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7). Public session to discuss the utility district business will immediately follow the Executive Session.
R5373 12/5/24, 12/9/24

LEGAL NOTICE OF EVIDENTIARY HEARING
INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION CAUSE NO. 46160
APPEAL BY BRETT PASCHKE OF THE CONSUMER AFFAIRS DIVISION'S DECISION CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF WATER UTILITY SERVICES BY CITIZENS WATER
Notice is hereby given that the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission will conduct a public Evidentiary Hearing in the above-captioned Cause in Room 222 of the PNC Center, 101 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, commencing at 10:00 AM on January 6, 2025. This hearing is open to the public.
If an accommodation is required to allow an individual with a disability to participate, please contact the Office of the Executive Secretary of the IURC at 317.232.2701 or TDD 317. 232.8556 at least 48 hours in advance.
INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
317.232.2701
BY: IURC - Ann Pagonis, ALJ
DATE: December 3, 2024
R5374 12/9/24

FORTVILLE

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT
NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY
Grand Communities, LLC (3940 Olympic Blvd., Suite 100, Erlanger, Kentucky 41018) is submitting a Notice of Intent to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of our intent to comply with the requirements Construction Stormwater General Permit to discharge stormwater from construction activities associated with The Cove - Section 5, located at 11988 Florida Rd, Fortville, IN 46040, Hamilton County, Indiana. Run-off from the project site will discharge to a detention pond, ultimately Thorpe Creek. Please direct questions to Projects Plus at (317) 882-5003 or by email at jheck@projectsplus.org
R5400 12/9/24

Boys Basketball



Photo by Mike Navarro

Hamilton Heights' Drew Duncan (14) and Guerin Catholic's Bryson Cardinal (35) battle for the tip at the start of the Huskies-Golden Eagles game last Saturday.



Reporter photo by Julie Brown

Hamilton Southeastern's Braeden Totten scored 21 points for the Royals during their game with Avon last Friday.

Guerin Catholic beats Heights in all-county game

The REPORTER

Guerin Catholic won an all-county game at Hamilton Heights last Saturday 67-32.

The Golden Eagles led 12-10 after the first quarter, but zoomed through the second period by outscoring the Huskies 18-2, taking a 30-12 lead into the locker room at halftime. Guerin Catholic then jumped ahead 53-23 after three quarters.

Bryson Cardinal had a dominant game with 30 points and 13 rebounds, his second double-double of the week. Jake Grissom added 11 points, with Ryne Paris and Jack Toles each scoring nine. Paris also pulled five rebounds.

Gavin Saunders scored 11 points for the Huskies, followed by Jack Kakauleff with eight points.

Earlier games

Hamilton Heights' boys basketball team got a nice win in its first home game of the season, beating Clinton Central 63-36 last Tuesday.

The Huskies outscored the Bulldogs in each quarter, leading 15-12 after the first period and 28-21 at halftime. Heights increased its lead to 46-31 after three quarters and finished the game with a 17-5 fourth period.

Three Huskies players reached double figures. Dreydin Serna scored 20 points, also blocking two shots. Saunders totaled 12 points and Tyler Champion had a solid all-around game with 10 points, seven steals, five rebounds and five assists.

Heights traveled to New Castle last Friday and won by the score of 74-66. The

Huskies sprinted out in front to a 22-14 lead after one quarter. Heights extended that advantage to 38-28 by halftime and stayed ahead for the entire second half. A 20-point third quarter kept the Huskies up 58-49 going into the fourth.

Champion poured in 26 points, draining three 3-pointers. Saunders totaled 13 points, seven rebounds and five assists, while Rees Knapp scored 11 points and collected six rebounds. Drew Duncan also had six rebounds.

Meanwhile, a strong start propelled the Guerin Catholic boys basketball team to a win at Muncie Central last Wednesday.

The Golden Eagles beat the Bearcats 58-33. Guerin Catholic led 21-5 after one quarter, then rolled to a 34-

14 halftime advantage. The Golden Eagles enjoyed their largest lead in the third period at 46-19 before ending that quarter ahead 49-23.

Cardinal had an outstanding game, reaching double-double status with 30 points and 12 rebounds. Cardinal hit three 3-pointers during the contest. Carter Murans collected six rebounds.

This week's games

The Golden Eagles are 4-0 and play at Westfield Friday, while Heights is 2-2 and hosts Logansport Friday in a Hoosier Conference East Division game. Both teams will participate in the Muncie Fieldhouse Classic on Saturday: the Huskies take on host Muncie Central at 6 p.m., followed by Guerin Catholic playing Yorktown at 8 p.m.

Royals fall in close conference opener

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern's boys dropped a close Hoosier Crossroads Conference opener to Avon 51-48 in a home game last Friday.

The Royals led 12-10 after one quarter, with Braeden Totten and Lucas Weemer both scoring four points. Southeastern led 24-23 at halftime and were up 36-32 after three quarters, with Totten pouring in eight points during the third. But the Orioles came back in the fourth, scoring 19 points to pull ahead.

Totten finished the game with 21 points, while Weemer scored 13. Totten also collected six rebounds and dished out four assists,

while Jack Jacobs pulled five rebounds.

The Royals got their first win of the season last Saturday at Marion, 75-67. Southeastern led 22-19 after the first quarter, then ramped up its defense for a 44-27 halftime lead. The Royals led 49-27 early in the third quarter, then held on as the Giants made a run in the second half.

Maverick Young led the HSE scoring with 15 points, followed by Totten with 13 points and Landon Osswald with 11 points. Jacobs handed out six assists and collected five rebounds.

The Royals are 1-2 and host Brebeuf Jesuit on Friday, then play at Christel House on Saturday.



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