



In October, Fishers Kiwanis went 'reverse' trick-or-treating at Allisonville Meadows Assisted Living so that all residents could indulge in some Halloween fun. Heck, even the Grinch was intrigued!

Photos provided

Finding peace

When the Advent candle of Peace was lit this week, I prayed, *Oh, Lord, let it be so.*

Peace: A state of tranquility or quiet. Freedom from disquieting or oppressive thoughts or emotions.

I pondered how long that "state" lasts and how do I quiet my thoughts and emotions.

Our discontent with not having things the way we want them to be causes us to lose our peace.

Where in the world did I come up with that thought? It was on a snowy December morning while drinking my Highlander Grogg coffee, journaling, and watching the flame of my taper candle that I discovered the power of a moment of peace. It was a spiritual "aha" moment. Peace is found in the moments when we are taken away from our worries. It is not a given but it is to be sought after.

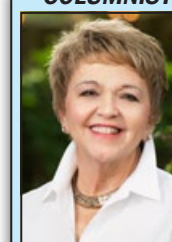
Peace looks different than I planned. I want peace to be a constant in my life. While my faith holds me fast in knowing that God holds my future, life still brings its sucker punches straight to my heart.

Scripture tells us that in this world, we will have troubles. (John 16:33) Scripture also tells us Christ was born to bring us peace. He is the Prince of Peace.

It has been a season of questions without answers, and when given answers, they were not what I expected or wanted. Life has held moments of such discomfort that I wondered if peace was even an option. It wasn't about not having enough Faith but simply needing a break from wrestling with worries over people I hold dear.

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COLUMNIST



JANET HART LEONARD
From the Hart

Fishers Kiwanis serves the whole community

The REPORTER

Fishers Kiwanis is a busy club, and thanks to President Howard Burd, the organization is serving young and old alike.

Burd is a Hollywood producer and writer known for, among other films, *Amy's F**k It List* (2023), *Mother's Day* (2016), and *Ballbuster* (2020). While that is Burd's career path, it has nothing to do with his role with Kiwanis or how he has energized the club in recent months.

Fishers Kiwanis is 20 members stronger at the end of this year than they were at the beginning. That has given them the capacity to serve their community better than ever.

In October, Fishers Kiwanis went reverse trick-or-treating at Allisonville Meadows Assisted Living, 10410 Allisonville Road, Fishers. On Saturday, Dec. 14 they held their annual Holiday Hopes event in partnership with the Carmel Kiwanis and Fishers Youth Assistance, providing Christmas shopping to 64 local kids who otherwise would have had a less bright holiday season.

Holiday Hopes

Holiday Hopes involves taking kids on a shopping trip to

Target to buy presents for themselves and their parents.

"It's 64 kids, including 20 kids coming from Sheridan," Burd said. "We do 20 every hour. Each of them has a really fancy cart that we decorate. We have the Grinch there in costume. The parents - we give them coffee, and each kid has an individual personal shopper."

Kids get \$100 to shop for themselves under the guidance of their personal shoppers.

"They get \$100 worth of gifts for the child themselves to pick it out, because I wanted to make sure that the end user was the child and there was no filter in the family," Burd said. "That's why I devised having a personal shopper. Then another \$25 goes to them buying their parents a gift. We have a gift-wrapping table at the Starbucks in Target. That way they have a nice gift to give their parents for the holidays as well. It's teaching them to give back as well as them receiving."

Reverse Trick-Or-Treat

"In October, I originally approached Allisonville Meadows



Burd

to do a concert there," Burd told The Reporter. "I thought it would be fun to do a nice country concert, and they said, 'Why don't you show up at dinner and you can see the lay of the land.' I showed up and there's like 10 people there. I asked where the other hundred residents were, and they said they usually just get the dinner delivered to them."

So Burd decided a concert was not enough. He immediately started planning the concert for those who could attend and wanted to, but also what he called "reverse trick-or-treating" for everyone living at the facility.

Kiwanis members dressed up in Halloween costumes and went door to door passing out candy to every room.

"It was a huge hit," Burd said. "Just so many smiles and everybody coming up to us saying 'that's just great' because, to my surprise, a lot of the people don't get a lot of visitors."

Kiwanis has a mission about helping kids, but Burd is making sure on the local level, they

also serve the elderly.

"When I first took over, I said, 'I'm gonna do some things I know are not traditional, and I said I don't really care if corporate international says anything to me,'" Burd said. "We've got to have a balance because really, when you're supposed to get back to the community, you shouldn't have to worry about age. Yes, we're focused on the kids. We're going to do 80 percent kids, but we're also going to serve as the elderly community because I just think it's so underserved."

Burd's Philosophy

Burd, who has been president of Fishers Kiwanis since September, has been a member since shortly after moving to Fishers a year and a half ago.

"When I first moved here, I felt it was really important to give it back to the community in some way, and Kiwanis had a tremendous background in terms of stability," Burd said. "It is an international organization and they really focus on kids. I felt that the club had a lot of potential. It was kind of recovering after COVID because

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Get your Pasto fix seven day a week

By STU CLAMPITT
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Along with the new year, some new things are coming to this newspaper's favorite Italian restaurant, Pasto Italiano, 3150 E. State Road 32, Westfield.

Just over three months ago, Mike and Rich Bartalone bought the restaurant, and everything has been so consistently good that many patrons didn't even know it was under new ownership.

Starting New Year's Eve, Pasto Italiano will be open seven days a week: 4 to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 4 to 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. According to both Bartalones, half-price bottles of wine on Wednesdays are here to stay and they will continue to offer live music every Wednesday

and Friday.

Mike Bartalone had been working at Pasto Italiano under the leadership of original owners Kent and Patsy for approximately two-and-a-half years before he and his father purchased the restaurant.

"It's always been a dream," Mike told The Reporter. "Starting from a dishwasher [at a different restaurant], then cooking, and just working my way up. I love the industry."

In a fine example of the American Dream, Mike originally walked into Pasto Italiano as a customer.

"Between Mike, our general manager, Tom, and his wife Shaylee, they've got 45 years in the business," Rich said. "I'm just the gopher and the financier. I'm not in the restaurant business, they are. I have complete



Reporter photo

Rich (left) and Mike Bartalone have continued Pasto Italiano's reputation for excellent food and service.

confidence that they're going to do a wonderful job."

If the often-crowded dining room and a few recent instances of a groups buying the whole

night for private parties are any indication, they are clearly already doing a wonderful job.

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Community comes together at Bourbon & Bling to raise money for Westfield Education Foundation

By AMY ADAMS
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Last Tuesday evening, Dec. 10, Moyer Fine Jewelers opened their doors to Westfield Education Foundation (WEF) for its third annual Bourbon and Bling.

Guests enjoyed culinary creations by Prime 47 as well as bourbon tastings, signature cocktails and samples of St. Elmo's legendary shrimp and their famous cocktail sauce. Moyer's jewelry sales staff were available for guests to shop the amazing selection, and 15 percent of anything

sold that night went to Westfield Washington Schools (WWS).

"Bourbon & Bling allows us to build conversations, grow scholarships, and connect with community partners," WEF Director Ashley Knott said. "We are so thankful for our friends at Moyer Fine Jewelers for sharing their space with us in support of Westfield schools."

Since its inception in 1986, WEF has been investing in and empowering



WWS students and staff.

"In 2024 alone, we awarded scholarships to 10 percent of all graduates, distributed over \$50,000 in teachers grants, and backed innovative programs throughout the district," WEF President Kyle Messmore said. "We're excited to announce seven new scholarships made possible by the generosity of CSO Architects, CORE Construction,

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Reporter photo by Amy Adams

(Front row, from left) WEF Board Member Amber Willis, Secretary Amy Pictor, and Director Ashley Knott are joined by (back row, from left) Anthony Willis, Toby Knott, and WEF Member-At-Large Brian Tomamichel.



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Dr. Tsultem's Mongol Zurag: The Art of Resistance exhibit was on display through Nov. 24.

From Mongolia to Carmel, one life lived in art

The REPORTER

The world's foremost authority on Mongolian art, Dr. Urchanchimeg (Orna) Tsultem, is an associate professor at Indiana University's Herron School of Art and Design. Tsultem is not only an historian of Mongolian art, but also the first Mongolian curator active in the field since 1993.

And she lives in Carmel. The Reporter recently spoke to Tsultem about her life and work.

In 2019, after getting a position with Indiana University, Tsultem and her husband moved to their new Hamilton County home.

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TIM CAMPBELL
HAMILTON COUNTY REPORTER

WHAT THE PRESIDENT OF IRELAND MIGHT BE SAYING THIS WEEK

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Santa comes to Sheridan early



Photos provided by Lindsey Spencer, Sheridan Public Library. The jolly old elf made a stop Dec. 7 at the Sheridan Public Library. Mrs. Claus even joined Santa to bring Christmas cheer. They visited with the children, giving them wooden toys, which were donated by Carmel Kiwanis, as well as books. Everyone enjoyed hot chocolate, donuts, games, and family photos. Santa's reindeer were pleased thanks to the reindeer food-making station.

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Prevail receives \$10,000 gift from Elements Cares

Donation will support language translation services for survivors



Photo provided. Prevail, Inc., a nonprofit dedicated to empowering survivors of crime and abuse, recently received a \$10,000 gift from Elements Cares, the philanthropic arm of Elements Financial. This generous award will enhance Prevail's ability to provide vital language translation services to survivors, ensuring support for all individuals seeking help. "When survivors can communicate in the language, they are most comfortable with, they feel seen, heard, and get the immediate help they need to feel safe," Prevail Executive Director Tami Wanninger said. "This support from Elements Cares will help us continue breaking down barriers and creating a welcoming, inclusive space for everyone."

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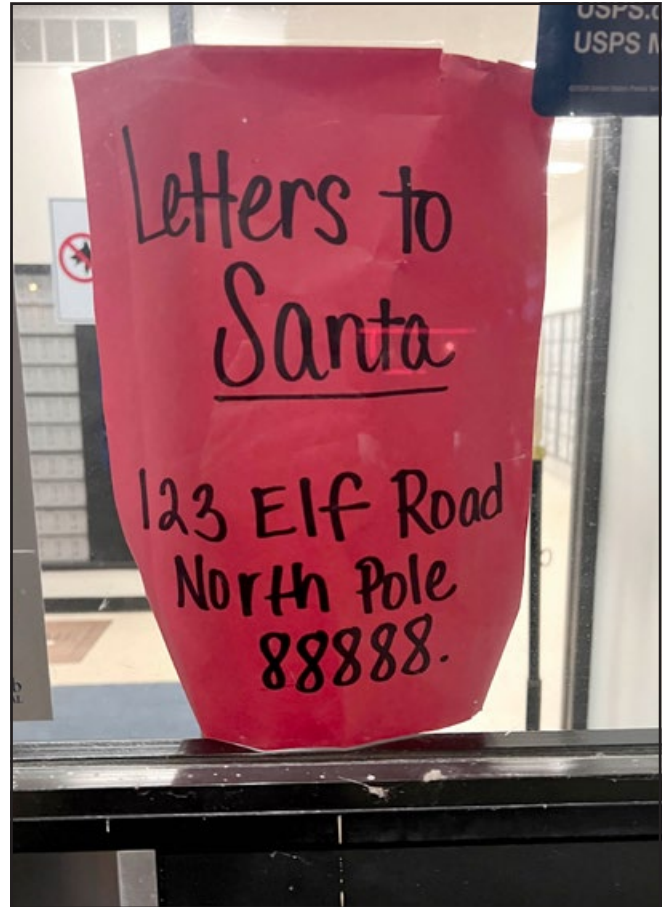
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Robo Rudolph goes postal!



Reporter photos. The Reporter applauds the clever craftsman or elven artist who constructed this shipping-box Rudolph at the Cicero Post Office. We won't say it made our Grinchy old publisher jolly, but it also did not increase his Scrooge factor ... so that's a win. As noted on the Post Office front door, Cicero residents can drop off letters to Santa using this address: 123 Elf Road, North Pole 88888.

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Noblesville Lions & Kiwanis Noon Clubs ring bells for Salvation Army




Photos provided by Jake Doll, Noblesville Lions Club. On Dec. 7, the Noblesville Lions and Kiwanis Noon Clubs rang bells for Salvation Army donations. This has turned into a yearly event for both clubs. The Chairman of the event is Joe Arrowood, who happens to be a member of both clubs. He has been leading this for more than 10 years and works with the relationship with Salvation Army. They rang bells at Walmart in Noblesville at the North and South store entrances. The Kiwanians covered from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the Lions from 1 to 4 p.m. There were eight Kiwanians and 14 Lions doing this for five hours. (ABOVE LEFT) Kiwanian T.J. Houghtalen and Lion Joe Arrowood. (ABOVE RIGHT) Lions Ron Williamson, Gene Beck, and Rollin Cutter.


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PASTO

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When the new year arrives, there will be some menu changes, but the Bartalones assure us those changes will be in small steps and always after existing customers have embraced the changes.

"I'm not the restaurant guy so I don't usually stick my nose in it," Rich said. "We cooked for years and years and years and years. I would love to see other dishes on the menu, but you've got to see if that's going to sell and test it out on specials."

Coming very soon they will add a soup to the menu: pasta e fagioli, which they have served to the staff and gotten rave reviews.

"I have my own sauce recipe that I make," Rich said. "I make the sauces. My wife makes the cheeses. She makes a wonderful lasagna, ravioli, and manicotti. I make the sauces."

Rich and his wife currently live in Florida until they find a home to purchase in either Westfield or Noblesville. Thus, Mike is going to have to get some of Pasto's new recipes from his mom before she and his dad fly south for the rest of winter.

Both Bartalones were very clear that menu changes will be in small steps and only after new dishes have been offered as specials to be certain customers approve. The Reporter suggests one of those should be called Mike's Mom's Manicotti, but we acknowledge that newspaper folk are better with headlines than menus.

You can visit Pasto Italiano's website at pastoitalianowestfield.com. Call (317) 804-2051 for reservations and email PastoItalianoWestfield@gmail.com to inquire about catering options.

BOURBON

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Schmidt Associates, Garmong Construction, Meijer Najem, Performance Services, and Ivy Tech. And we're hopeful we can finalize two more soon."

In addition to funding scholarships, WEF launched a Supply Hub this past year to deliver hundreds of items to ensure students have what they need to be able to learn.

"As our district rapidly grows, so does our student population," Messmore said. "We remain committed to ensuring every student has the necessary resources to succeed."

The evening ended with a raffle featuring sought after bottles of bourbon, including a complete, eight-bottle set of Blanton's and a single bottle of prized Pappy Van

Winkle 12 Year, as well as a \$2,000 gift certificate to Moyer.

In addition to the raffle, a silent auction and wine pull raised more funds.

"We love to support all Westfield charities but especially the school system," Moyer Marketing Director Laura Kasparian said. "We're happy to invest in the community and in the kids, so this event means a lot to us."

Other sponsors for the event included Everwise Credit Union, Kroger Gardis & Regas Attorneys, Market District, Noble Wine & Spirits, Republic National Distributing Company, and Tom Roush Mazda.

"It takes a big crew to make a night like this successful," Knott said.

KIWANIS

everything was recovering, literally. My wife, Lisa, and I wanted to do something for the community and it was a perfect fit. I like the direct impact it makes on the community, and honestly, they don't require weekly meetings and heavy dues, so it's very user friendly and very charity friendly."

Burd said he thinks it is important to help those who need it.

"I kind of think it's our duty as citizens to actually do something for others,"

Burd said. "It should kind of come with living in such a great country. You should really try to help out others that aren't maybe as fortunate as you. I just firmly believe in that, and that that's the main fabric of Kiwanis — people that maybe honestly don't have a tremendous amount of time, but they want to do something and there's nothing better than doing something with fellow people."

And what do the Burds think about living in Fishers?

"We love the community," Burd said. "It reminds us of our old community in Roseville, Calif. It has access to the city a half hour away, but yet you have a lot of infrastructure here. That's really positive and really it's a really easy place to live. The people are really nice and they're not afraid to grow. And they have a fabulous paper called the Hamilton County Reporter. It really keeps the city going."

If you'd like to get involved in Kiwanis in Fish-

ers, they meet every second Monday of the month at the Delaware Township Government Center, 9090 E. 131st St., Fishers. All are welcome. Please message them for details on Instagram at [instagram.com/kiwaniscluboffishers](https://www.instagram.com/kiwaniscluboffishers) or on Facebook at bit.ly/KiwanisClubOffishers.

And if you haven't done so already, you can subscribe to the Burds' favorite hometown newspaper at ReadTheReporter.com/Subscribe.

PEACE

I woke up Monday morning, and just a short time into my day, I got some news that shook me to my core. It wasn't what I had expected to hear after praying for peace. My mother always said, "Be careful what you pray for."

The next day, better news came, but my heart was still worried. My heart was on a journey to find peace. A walk with my best friend, Patrice, took me away from the constant wrestling in my brain. Peace was found in the moments during that walk.

A few writer friends were coming for lunch on Thursday, so as I spent time in my kitchen, listening to Christmas piano music while baking a Paula Deen Fresh Apple Cake, my mind was distracted. Peace wasn't part of the recipe, but I discovered it as I peeled the ap-

ples. My kitchen has always been a place where I could find peace.

As three columnists for the Hamilton County Reporter writer friends gathered at my table, their words calmed my heart. The laughter of the Word Warriors, as they are called, was a wonderful message to my weary soul. I only wish the readers could know the hearts of these writers. They have beautiful hearts. Their words make a difference in our community.

Next on my calendar was the Christmas Gathering with the Golden Girls: Patrice, Linda, and Joan. As I sat there, I caught glimpses of peace. Friends who show up. Friends who lean their hearts into the conversation, cheer for each other, and even wipe tears together. We've seen each other at our worst. I'm not just

talking about no makeup and messy hair. We all know how messy a life can be. My heart feels at peace when I am with them.

Music, during the Christmas season, has a soothing effect on my soul. So, on Friday night, Chuck and I found ourselves sitting on an old-fashioned pew inside the Roberts Park Methodist Church in the heart of Indianapolis. We experienced an evening where Penny Porch Rodriguez's music sang not only to the ears of those listening but to their souls. What she composes is genuinely in the definition of what Heavenly Peace must sound like. You can listen to it on her Facebook page ... and you will thank me.

Your Christmas may not be the season to be jolly. You may have been hit with an emotional earthquake. Your questions may not get

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the answers you want. Your soul may be so weary you struggle to rejoice. As a fixer, I wish I could fix all the hurts, calm those struggling with worries, and find the cure for all that ails.

I can assure you that there is peace to be found. It may not be constant, but those moments of peace will get you through the hard days. If we seek peace ... it will be found. It may look different than we expected.

This week, I realized this: peace will be found in a tapestry of moments ... moments, when woven together, give peace and weave a beautiful story to tell.

Oh, Lord, let it be so.
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MONGOLIA

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"We lived a couple of months in Indianapolis, and we were hunting for a home," Tsultem said. "Then we saw this house in Carmel, and we loved Carmel. We moved here in March 2020, right before pandemic, so we were very fortunate. We were locked in Carmel, and we were very fortunate because we have nice, beautiful landscapes around. I continue to enjoy our life. My husband is Italian American, and we enjoy the Christmas market and all these little communities. We love Carmel, we love Hamilton County."

Tsultem credits Indiana University's interest in Central Eurasian studies as one of the main reasons she lives in Indiana.

"Indiana University is world renowned for the study of people such as Mongolia, which are little known," Tsultem said. "It has the oldest program of teaching Mongolian language and courses about Mongolian history and culture non-stop since 1960. We have this world-renowned institution right here where this marginalized culture has been taught for many, many years."

Tsultem was born and

raised in Mongolia, where she grew up in an artist family.

"My father was an artist and I grew up seeing him painting and sketching and drawing," Tsultem said. "I was stunned how the paintings were coming to life — seeing the progress of them. This was really the first passion that I developed, when I was sort of watching and being part of his progress."

Tsultem's father did not own a studio, so a room in their home was converted into one.

"I still had those vivid memories of when I was a child when I went to Europe to study art history," Tsultem said. "I also realized how little it is known about Mongolian art, and that was another 'aha!' moment in my life when I realized that I should dedicate my interest towards this art which is so little known."

Most people know of Mongolia through the name Genghis Khan and the empire he built in the 13th century.

"During his lifetime, as well as his sons and grandsons, it was the largest empire the world had known,"

Tsultem said. "The whole 13th century is known as the Mongol century, and of course there's historical knowledge of the Mongol empire. There are movies also about Marco Polo, Kublai Khan, Genghis Khan and so on, but our museums are not doing a very good job of introducing the art of these people who are so enigmatic. They were very successful in these military conquests of different cultures, and wherever they went, wherever the Mongol armies went, art prospered. Art was flourishing in Persia at the time, art was flourishing in China and so on and so forth, but what was art for the Mongols? It's not very well-understood, and I think part of the issue is that our museums don't have too many Mongolian art pieces, and we don't have too many experts around. That's the reason why Mongolian art is so little known."

One of the ways Tsultem is helping to fix that gap in the world's knowledge is with an exhibition she developed in April, which was shown in Venice, Italy, for seven months and closed two weeks ago.

Through Mongol Zurag, an artistic tradition rooted in defiance of Soviet rule, the exhibition critiques the environmental damage resulting from Mongolia's current neoliberal policies, confronts abuses of power, and powerfully advocates for preservation. Tsultem introduced the curatorial practice to Mongolia and is committed to raising the profile of Mongolian art — which has been historically underrepresented, particularly in the West. This exhibition is especially personal as it includes works by her father, Nyam-Osoryn Tsultem, a foundational figure in Mongolian art history.

"It ended with a nice conference because Marco Polo's 700th anniversary is also celebrated in Venice," Tsultem said. "This exhibition is titled 'the art of resistance.' I showed four brilliant artists, including my own father. I also showed how art is sort of visualizing this critique and resistance towards power and environmental damage."

You can learn more about Dr. Tsultem online at artmongolia.org, and more about her Venice exhibition at tinyurl.com/MongolZuragVenice.

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Noblesville's Jim Dandy to close doors after 60 years

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The last day to eat at the 60-year-old Jim Dandy restaurant in Noblesville will be Jan. 1.

Dave Reasner and Brent Reasner, who took over the business from their father, Harry Reasner, say the restaurant was sold, but they don't know the buyer's intentions. Also, the brothers say, their kids were not interested in taking over the business at 2301 E. Conner St., which is also state roads 32 and 38. That's just west of State Road 37.

The restaurant opened in April 1964 with only carhop service. Indoor seating, which was limited at the start, opened a

few days later. The carhop service ended in 1980.

Today, the large dining room regularly hosts community groups for meetings and reunions. Curbside-To-Go service began after the carhop service ended.

Popular items include its trademarked Broasted Chicken, and the breakfast bar and salad bar, which was closed during the COVID-19 pandemic but reopened soon after health officials allowed it. The restaurant was closed briefly in December 2020 as it and other businesses struggled during the COVID pandemic.



A letter to customers was posted on the door on Thursday, and the staff — some who have been there for four decades — were



WISH-TV photos

The Noblesville Jim Dandy Restaurant will close Jan. 1, so don't delay in getting one last delicious meal! See more photos at ReadTheReporter.com.

also told that day.

Equipment in the restaurant will be auctioned, the brothers say.

The Tipton Jim Dandy will remain open. The Greenfield restaurant closed in October 2021.

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Noblesville Schools launches Hall of Fame

The REPORTER

Noblesville Schools has announced it will launch a new Hall of Fame in 2025. It will honor individuals who have demonstrated exceptional service, support, accomplishments, or contributions to Noblesville Schools.

"This is different than our Noblesville High School Athletic Hall of Fame," said Marnie Cooke, executive director of marketing and communications for Noblesville Schools. "Similar to the Noble Miller initiative that was part of the district's 150th anniversary celebration in 2019, this will be a visible and permanent way for us to celebrate the legacy of those who have positively

impacted the students, staff and overall success of Noblesville Schools."

The initiative is a collaboration between Noblesville Schools and the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation, and the first class of inductees will be announced at the upcoming 2025 Miller-Palooza event.

The district is currently exploring options for a permanent structure to honor Hall of Fame inductees and will share more details as those plans are finalized.

Hall of Fame nominations are due by Jan. 17, 2025. Eligibility criteria, nomination guidelines, and the application to nominate can be found at tinyurl.com/NoblesvilleHOF.



Westfield Washington Schools reinstates student consumable fees

The REPORTER

As part of Governor Holcomb's 2023 Next Level Agenda, the General Assembly adopted HEA 1001-2023, which impacts school corporations' ability to charge parents/guardians for curricular materials; it does not address other students' fees.

For the 2023-24 school year, Westfield Washington Schools made the decision not to charge parents for student fees while the Indiana Department of Education worked to provide school districts with guidance on the impact of the new law. This decision had a significant financial impact on the district as it was not reimbursed for the cost associated with consumable classroom supplies.

For the 2024-25 school year, Westfield Washington Schools has reinstated student fees for consumable classroom materials, which is acceptable by Indiana law. District officials appreciate the patience and understanding from parents as the district worked through this new legislation and its impact on WWS families and schools.

2024-2025 Consumable Fees
This year's consumable fees have been posted to students' PowerSchool account. All fees should be

paid in full by Feb. 1, 2025. Please log into PowerSchool to pay. Device repairs will be added as they occur.

For middle school students, the majority of their fees have been added to PowerSchool. Due to the many schedule changes, all special class fees will be added the week of March 24.

Westfield High School trimester 1 fees and trimester 2 fees have been added to students' PowerSchool account. Trimester 3 fees will be added the week of March 3.

If you would like to sign up for a payment plan, please email luedkes@wws.k12.in.us. Invoices have been sent to the email address provided in PowerSchool. You will need your student ID to open the invoice. Fees can also be viewed and paid through your parent PowerSchool account. Please know there is now a .041 percent processing fee to pay with a credit card.

If you would like to pay by check, please make sure you have your student's name in the memo line. Cash and check payments should be sent to this new address:

Westfield Washington Schools
Attn: Accounts Receivable
19500 Tomlinson Road
Suite B
Westfield, IN 46074

WHS student demonstrates incredible compassion



Photos provided by Westfield Washington Schools
Westfield High School student Carson Seagrave recently traveled to Craig Hospital in Denver, Colo., to support his friend and former Shamrock Corban Phillips, who is recovering from a spinal cord injury. Through the hospital's "Flying with Friends" program, Seagrave spent three days learning about spinal cord injuries and how to assist his friend with daily challenges, including transferring in and out of a wheelchair and participating in therapy. His empathy, dedication, and willingness to step up during a challenging time exemplify Westfield's guiding principles, showing what it truly means to be life ready.



Traffic shift coming to 146th Street west of Allisonville Road

The REPORTER

Drivers traveling through the intersection of Allisonville Road and 146th Street will experience a traffic shift in the next week as part of ongoing construction at the interchange.

The shift, scheduled on or after Dec. 19, will re-route eastbound traffic onto the eastbound White River Bridge. Currently, both eastbound and westbound traffic are using the westbound White River Bridge.

"We are making steady progress on the interchange project, and the upcoming traffic switch is an important milestone," said Matt Lee, Bridge Program Engineer for the Hamilton County Highway Department. "Although this shift won't add lanes, it will allow us to create more work space as we move toward



Photo provided

project completion."

Lee still expects the intersection to be complete in Summer 2025, but not before another traffic switch in the Spring. This switch will move traffic onto the bridge over Allisonville Road and will allow drivers access to the roundabout below. This is all provided

the weather cooperates.

"We are at the mercy of Mother Nature," Lee added. "As temperatures drop, the work of laying asphalt becomes more challenging, as asphalt is temperature-sensitive. The weather has been really forgiving the past couple years. Let's hope it stays

that way this winter."

Crews are converting the current intersection into a grade-separated interchange with a roundabout running below 146th Street on Allisonville Road. The improvements are designed to reduce congestion and enhance safety for drivers in the area.



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Soul balm

My house was about four blocks from my elementary school. Walking to school was a challenge that no one around me really understood. My small, weak legs made that trek twice a day, most days.

My mom was a second-grade teacher at my school, and she would leave early for work, and my sister and I would walk to school when it was time for us to go. Remember latchkey kids? I wanted to walk to school because it's what my peers were doing.

Often along the way, I would get left behind because I walked so slow. Other school kids would join the trail of walkers along the way. It was not that people who walked with me were mean, it is just what happens when you walk that slow. It still happens to me. People get busy talking, and I am left behind. The worst part is when those walking ahead suddenly realize it. I brace myself for their embarrassment when they turn around. They feel bad, and I do not want them to. The way I felt when I would see everyone far ahead of me was like I was in a long dark tunnel with no end in sight.

On block two of my walk to school, a kind boy from my class would often wait on his porch for me to come by. He would walk the rest of the way to school with me. Seeing him gave me the boost of strength I needed to make it the rest of the way to school.

It brings tears to my eyes to think of his kindness at such a young age. He noticed my struggle and met me there. He didn't skip a beat falling in step with me, talking about whatever was on his mind that day. I am sure he is just as kind today as he was

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You can keep those resolutions simple

At this time of year, I can't help but start thinking about what my New Year's resolution will be. I know not everyone makes them, and certainly not everyone achieves them! But for those of us who do, I have an idea to share that might help with our success.

I noticed recently that I often felt incredibly rushed and overwhelmed. And it wasn't even due to the holidays! I took a long look at my calendar one Wednesday morning and realized my days were full of WAY too many meetings.

As grant professionals, we must have blocks of time each day to do our research and compose our grant proposals. Normally I carefully watch my schedule to make sure those blocks are protected. I try to set boundaries. I even keep a "No Meeting Wednesday" as a recurrence on my calendar. This works well . . . most of the time.

However, even my precious Wednesdays were getting crazy. I noticed that I was no longer controlling my schedule . . . it was controlling me. And in the process, I was rushing things and began to make mistakes that my team members noticed. This in turn caused them a little more work, which is the last thing they need.

I carefully examined each meeting and either delayed or deleted ones that weren't necessary. Some were online and would be recorded, so I moved them to where I could listen during more convenient afternoons. I breathed a sigh of relief and felt the weight lift off my shoulders.

A thought popped in my head at that moment – SLOW DOWN.

I've struggled to do this my whole life, and I bet I'm not alone. Our society doesn't praise a slow, serene lifestyle. However, that's exactly what we need to do to be more productive! If we're rushing and never taking a break, we're more prone to mistakes, which puts us behind when we must go back and correct them. It also affects our team and our customers/clients.

I would love to slow down more in 2025 . . . heck, I'm trying to start right now. What is one goal you'd like to reach for the New Year? If you make a resolution like I do, I'd like to suggest that you make it as short as possible.

I'm going to write SLOW DOWN on a sticky note that I can attach to my computer monitor and put it as a recurrence on my Google calendar, so it pops up each workday. I want this simple reminder to help me create a new, life-changing habit next year.

If we make our resolutions short, specific, and simple, they'll be easier to remember and achieve. For example, if you want to get healthier in 2025, perhaps January's goal can be "Lose five pounds." If you want to reduce the clutter and chaos in your home, maybe you can start with "Organize the kitchen" for the first quarter.

By keeping your resolution short and to the point, you can look forward to a happier 2025!

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AMY SHINNEMAN
Disability in the City

County Health Department partners with CredibleMind

New tool provides convenient & confidential mental health resources for community

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Health Department launched a new digital platform last week for residents struggling with mental health issues. CredibleMind is a wellness-oriented platform that provides 24/7 access to more than 10,000 science-based mental health resources.

"CredibleMind focuses on early intervention and prevention," Health Department Administrator Jason LeMaster said. "Residents can improve

their overall wellbeing by taking mental health assessments and viewing an on-line library of mental health videos, podcasts, apps, and articles to help them learn new skills and better understand their mental health."

Featured topics run the gamut from anxiety and stress to workplace wellness and parenting as well as addiction, recov-



LeMaster

ery and suicide prevention. There is also a tab for Community Resources where residents can find a list of local agencies that provide mental wellness services.

"We are facing a mental health crisis in our country and the demand for mental health services is higher than ever," CredibleMind CEO Deryk Van Brunt said. "We are thrilled

to partner with the Hamilton County Health Department and provide on-demand, reliable self-care and mental health resources to help the community improve its overall wellbeing and flourish."

Residents can access the CredibleMind platform by visiting the Health Department's website, clicking on the Community Resources tab, and then selecting the Mental Health tab, or by visiting hamiltoncounty.crediblemind.com.

Healthy choices can help you combat holiday season stressors

"Honey, what's wrong, you seem out of sorts . . ." he said.

"Nothing is wrong, dear, it's just that it's Christmas," she replied.

One would think, obviously erroneously, that after 45 years one would not need to ask that question each December . . .

It is not that I don't enjoy the baking, shopping, decorating, wrapping, planning, socializing, etc. but there is often quite a bit of activity in a short amount of time. And, as I mentioned in a previous column, the holidays can sometimes cause added stress due to family loss and estrangement.

Seriously, I do enjoy this time of year, added duties and all. However, it is also true that we often put ourselves through some unrealistic expectations which can bring on holiday stress. Holiday indulgences of food and drink should pair with

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SHARON McMAHON
Be Well

some alternative suggestions to make more reasonable decisions and modifications. A diet which is higher in sugar, fat, caffeine, and alcohol can rob us of the energy, flexibility, and strength we need to get through this hectic time. Focus on whole grains,

fruits such as figs and apples; substitute that third cup of coffee with green tea, and include good protein sources such as fish and nuts. Cheese items, particularly cheeseballs, are very popular during the holidays as well. Choose cheese products that are lower in fat such as Swiss, Parmesan, and mozzarella, while cheddars are normally higher in both fat and calories. Again, if you introduce vegetables onto your plate you can meet your daily requirements as well as enjoy the goodies. Cured meats should also be kept to a minimum if possible.

One of my suggestions, dear Readers, as you contemplate that tempting plate of cookies and fudge is to balance that out with sweet items of a healthier nature. For instance, instead of reaching for the second (or third) goodie, after the first then enjoy a slice of apple, pear, or celery. For those bold enough, alternate with a veggie such as a carrot stick or even broccoli. I know . . . but seriously you can then feel that your "sweet tooth" has been satisfied while giving your body important nutrients. Instead of indulging in milk chocolate items, go for the dark chocolate. If you consume alcoholic beverages, be sure to alternate with water . . . very important at any time.

Lastly, I encourage you, if you are not vegetarian, to consider the amount of processed meats in your diet and keep those to a maximum of 2 ounces per day.¹ Balancing out your diet plan with high fiber foods is suggested as well in order that you can appropriately digest

those items. Look for a column all about that in the future!

I am often asked by my readers if I adhere to my suggestions, which are vetted through the proper sources, in my own life. Like you, I am only human, so I do the best I can in my daily eating and activity plans and I am passionate about sharing my experience, knowledge, and ideas with you all. I am especially rewarded when you share your lifestyle changes that have helped you feel better and enjoy life more.

So this holiday season enjoy those yummy goodies and balance your palate!

¹ IDEA Health and Fitness Association

Sharon McMahon, CNWC

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

Community Health Network to open new campus in Westfield

By BRITTANY NICOLE
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Community Health Network will open a new campus in Westfield, with a groundbreaking event scheduled for the new location next to the intersection of 196th Street and U.S. 31.

Emily Russell, a Westfield native and mother of three, expressed excitement about the new campus. "I always feel they care for us not just as patients, but as family."

Russell, who delivered all her children at Community Hospital North on the northeast side of Indianapolis, about 45 minutes from her home, said, "Being able to drive just down the road and get the care we need will be truly amazing."

Community Health Network is investing \$335 million into the new facility, with developers estimating they will save \$50 million by renovating existing buildings.

The 425,000 square-foot campus will feature a six-story, 100-bed inpatient hospital tower, an ambulatory surgery center, and a medical office



Rendering provided by Community Health Network / Guidon
The Westfield medical office building is expected to be completed by early 2025, while the surgery center and inpatient hospital tower are scheduled for completion by mid to late 2026.

building with an emergency department. The new campus will be the only hospital in Westfield offering labor and delivery services, as well as a neonatal intensive care unit.

The Westfield medical office building is expected to be completed by early 2025, while the surgery center and inpatient hospital tower are scheduled for completion by mid to late 2026.

Jason Fahrlander, chief op-

erating officer for Community, said in a statement, "This expansion reflects our responsiveness to Westfield's growth and needs. This new state-of-the-art healthcare campus aligns with our mission to enhance health and well-being in the communities we serve."

Community Health Network touts itself among the nation's most integrated health care systems and central Indiana's

leader in providing convenient access to exceptional health care services. Community provides services such as specialty and acute care hospitals, surgery centers, behavioral health, and more at over 200 sites throughout the region.

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Hamilton Southeastern Schools announces support staff pay raise

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern Schools announced last Wednesday evening a 3 percent pay raise for support staff (non-certified) across the district, capped at a maximum increase of \$1,400. In addition, a few positions will receive further salary adjustments to reflect changes in their scope of work.

Superintendent Pat Mapes and his executive leadership team will not receive any pay in-

creases. However, administrators will receive a \$1,400 increase. This decision was approved by the Hamilton Southeastern Board of School Trustees during their meeting on Wednesday.

"We are grateful for the dedication and hard work of our support staff, and we thank the Board of Trustees for approving the pay increases," Mapes said. "From bus drivers and food service workers to custodians and administrative professionals, these

individuals are the backbone of Hamilton Southeastern. By providing this increase, we hope to show our appreciation and support for their essential roles in the success of all students."

The announcement follows the Board of Trustees' recent approval of the 2024-25 teacher contract, which included a base salary increase of \$1,400 for returning teachers, along with other financial benefits.

Employees hired after July

1, 2024, will not be eligible for this increase raise as their 2024-25 pay was determined at the time of hire.

Hamilton Southeastern Schools remains committed to balancing the needs of employees with the trust and support of the community. The district continues to allocate resources efficiently while ensuring all staff feel valued for their essential roles in creating a world-class educational environment.

My big breakthrough interview

After a year and a half of journalistic excellence, my professional hard work has finally paid off. *Forty-something in Fishers* is fun and all, but I've been craving something more than just writing all this lighthearted stuff. BORING!!! The crime beat is really where my passions lie, and I stumbled across a doozy of a case. Finally, the breakthrough I've been waiting for!



TIM RATHZ
Forty-something in Fishers

It seems for many years, there has been a series of break-ins all over the world. The perpetrators are a truly terrifying crime syndicate led by one man. The case is a mysterious one because this man has been so elusive that authorities across the globe haven't even bothered trying to find him. No one has been able to locate his hideout ... until now.

The rumors of my investigation must have been brought to his attention, because he decided to allow me to interview him. It would require me to fly to his far away lair in a secret location and in some of the worst conditions. A true journalist knows no fear, so off I went.

I was contacted by one of the man's colleagues, who goes by the code name "Sprinkle."

He told me the man I would be interviewing goes by the name "Nick." I was to fly to Fairbanks International Airport in Alaska where Sprinkle would meet me and take me to Nick.

When I arrived, I thought I had been ghosted because there was no one there to meet me. I walked outside the airport and was almost run over by a sleigh pulled by a single horse with antlers. The man driving the sleigh identified himself as Sprinkle. I expected Nick's henchman to be a little taller, but there was no mistaking his red and green striped cat-burglar outfit. The next thing I knew he blew some dust in my face and it knocked me unconscious. Devious indeed.

When I came to, I found myself in a large village. I couldn't believe what I was seeing. These short henchmen in uniforms were everywhere! How this operation has been so elusive with this many people involved is beyond me. I was taken to Nick's "workshop," which is clearly where his unscrupulous plots are concocted and trained for.

I was led to his office, where I

found Nick waiting for me. It was time for me to get some answers. Here's how the interview went:

Mighty Official Reporter Of News: So you are the infamous Nick?

Nick: Not so infamous, but yes.

MORON: How long have you led this crime syndicate?

N: Ho-ho-ho, there are no crimes committed here.

MORON: Well, of course the crimes are committed elsewhere, but this is where you plot and plan, is it not?

N: This is my workshop. There is no plotting, but lots of planning.

MORON: I see. What about all the homes you break into every year? And why on Christmas of all days, you sicko? And what is your primary loot on these larcenous rampages?

N: Christmas is a magical time of year, my dear boy. I slip into houses on Christmas Eve and leave presents for children all over the world. The only thing I take is a cookie.

MORON: Are you to have me believe you break into homes and take nothing? What, do you think you are some kind of modern-day Santa Claus or something?

N: Ho-ho-ho! I'm not only a modern-day Santa Claus ... I

am the Santa Claus.

MORON: Nice try, Nick. If you are Santa Claus, then what did you give me for Christmas in 1983? Answer that, smarty pants!

N: Oh yes, I remember it well. You were five years old, and I gave you a Jabba the Hutt Action Playset, complete with a working trap door.

MORON: Oh Sh*#. You're Santa.

N: Ho-ho-ho, yes indeed.

MORON: Uh, can we forget this happened?

N: Yes, and while we're at it, why don't you forget this investigative reporting on the crime beat stuff and go back to your lighthearted *Forty-something in Fishers*? I really enjoy and look forward to reading that every month.

MORON: You've got it, Santa! And thanks for the column plug!

The moral of the story is ... Be who you are, enjoy the holiday to its fullest and never forget the magic of Christmas. Oh, and if a jolly fat man invites you north of Alaska to have a chat ... don't accuse him of being the El Chapo of Christmas. He's Santa. Merry Christmas!!!

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Westfield OKs private management of Grand Park

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A private company is taking over management of Grand Park in Westfield. The Westfield City Council unanimously approved the move Dec. 9.

Grand Park Sports and Entertainment will manage and operate the 400-acre Grand Park sports campus starting in January. City officials say this deal will generate a total revenue of \$184 million and, within the first year, they predict they will more than double profits from last year.

"Annual operation fee payment over 30 years is \$184 million that the city can use for a variety of projects in a variety of ways that can benefit the tax payer," Matthew Deck, director of facilities for the city of Westfield, said.

The city council says having a private company managing Grand Park will "enhance community amenities, support youth sports, and stimulate local economic growth."

The initial term with Grand Park Sports and Entertainment will be 10 years, with the option for four 5-year extensions based on performance.

Deck says the new deal will be beneficial for the city's growth. "They can pivot quickly. They can make decisions quickly and there are resources, not unlimited ones, but certainly more than a municipality may have."

Mayor Scott Willis agreed, saying, "This park and this agreement are going to transform the city of Westfield beyond the 400-acre sports campus."

The campus already includes 31 sports fields, 26 diamonds and three sports facilities. The city expects the deal to include a 15 percent increase in unique visitors to the park in the first 10 years.

Patrick Tamm, president of the Westfield City Council, told News 8 it took a year for the council members to review the project. "This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was actually drafted and agreed to by the previous administration so you have a new mayor, city council, new everyone, so we took a full year and a full vetting process."

Westfield Rocks the Fourth and Indianapolis Colts Training Camp will remain on the park's schedule.

Westfield residents will continue to enjoy free access to all youth sports events organized by GPSE through the Bullpen Gives Back program.

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Deck



Willis



Tamm

Blind Boys of Alabama helps shed light on his concert-going ways

I saw the Blind Boys of Alabama last month.

The gospel group, with roots reaching 80 years back and a history of helping break down racial barriers, truly lifted my soul, providing me a much-needed sense of positiveness. It was akin to an injection of God.

The next day, I told my daughter, Delaney, it was the best concert I've ever seen. Immediately, she called me out - that's one of the beauties of daughters.

"Every time you see a concert, you say it's the best concert you've ever seen," she complained.

She's heard mention of Van Morrison, Jeff Lynne's ELO, U2, Little Feat, Jimmy Buffett, Ry Cooder and Rosanne Cash, Nick Lowe, Paul Simon, The Rolling Stones, Sting, Steve Miller Band, Steely Dan, Rhiannon Giddens, John Prine, A.J. Croce, and Allison Russell.

Contrary to what Delaney says, there have been many concerts I've never described as being the "best I've ever seen." I just don't tell her about them. I don't like admitting to spending money and time on concerts that were just so-so shows.

Well, unless one was so rotten that it would be a crime against humanity to not warn others.

Case in point: Neil Young (one of my all-time favorites). I've written about his disconcerting concert before: The 2010 show was billed "as a solo gig, which conjured in my mind a pleasing evening of acoustical folk rock ... "Old Man" ... "Harvest Moon" ... "Heart of Gold." But no, the person taking the stage that night was the "metal" Neil, not the "mellow" Neil of preference. Yes, he was solo as



SCOTT SAALMAN
Scaramouch

advertised - but that was merely a guise, a very low blow, a cheap shot at my checkbook. I left halfway through, my \$200 wasted. I felt let down by Neil.

That night, it was solo Neil embracing an electric guitar with an amp turned "up to 11," his discipleship to guitar distortion giving any heavy-metal band a run for its money, sonically.

One appreciative "metal Neil" fan glowingly described the show as "jarring, glorious electricity" and "a fascinating, ear-ringing electric playground."

Which explains why I could've donated blood through my ear holes.

In the lobby, I knew we might be in trouble when I saw fans wearing the official tour T-shirt stating, "I said solo ... they said acoustic."

I can't say we weren't forewarned, but it would've been nice to have known about Electric Neil when buying online tickets instead of learning about it at the venue. Well played, Mr. Concert Promoter. Well played. But that's Neil. I get it. He does things his way. If he wants to crank it up, he cranks it up. I respect Cranky Neil. He was definitely "Rocking in the Free World" that night. Too bad it wasn't free for me.

I maintain a list of concerts I've attended. There are about 200, counting nearly three dozen repeats. To date, my other list, a concert bucket list, shows only a handful of wishes. Some names are voided due to deaths, their respective check-mark boxes eternally empty.

There are several deceased performers I regret not seeing: Harry Chapin, Duane Allman, Warren Zevon, Johnny Cash, Christine McVie (Fleetwood



Photo provided by Scott Saalman

Blind Boys of Alabama at Bloomington's Buskirk-Chumley Theater.

Mac), Doc Watson, Waylon Jennings, Dr. John, Allen Toussaint, Bob Marley, Steve Goodman, to name a few.

My friend Troy saw Cash at The Vogue Theatre in Indy. I'm forever jealous.

Earlier this year, the cancellation of a concert featuring the group WAR ("Why Can't We Be Friends?," "Low Rider," etc.) really bummed me out. I have wanted to see WAR for a long time. The sad news arrived via an email with the subject line stating, "War Has Been Canceled." At first, I was excited for Ukraine's people, but then I noticed the note was from Ticketmaster, not Putin. Recently, I saw WAR riding a float during the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Maybe there's a new tour coming.

Our Randy Newman concert at Lincoln Center was canceled several years ago. He hasn't toured since. I'm worried about Randy. I was refunded for a canceled Brian Setzer holiday show due to severe tinnitus a few years ago. I hear he has it under control now. Music to my ears.

I wish I could trade some "repeat" shows for performers I haven't seen. Sometimes, I play a round of Fantasy Concert Swap in my head.

I'd trade one of my three Boz Scaggs shows for Johnny Cash; one of my four James Taylor shows for Dr. John; one of my four Jackson Browne shows for Harry Chapin, etc. I'd trade one of my two Bob Seger shows for a second Tom Petty show (I regret not seeing Petty more). I'd trade one of my two Eddie Money shows for Emmylou Harris; one of my five Doobie Brothers for Joni Mitchell (but not the one with Michael McDonald).

A concert fiend friend, Trina, recently asked us see an upcoming Gillian Welch-David Rawlings show. I replied, "We saw them at the Ryman. It was one of the most hypnotic shows I've ever seen. Why see them again when I've already seen them at their best?"

Trina understood my practical approach but then mentioned something to the effect that she goes "to concerts for the joy of the moment, the now experience, instead of taking a one-and-done approach."

She makes a good point. Had it been Neil Young, I would've taken Trina's offer. He's pushing 80. How loud can old Neil Young really play now?

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SOUL BALM

back then. He will never know the balm he was for my soul. He was a light at the end of the long, dark tunnel.

Recently, my oldest son Luke, a biomedical engineering major at Purdue University, reached out and what he wanted to talk about took me by surprise. He has gotten extremely interested in researching and studying my type of Muscular Dystrophy, Bethlem Myopathy. The knowledge he has gained in a short amount of time is astounding. He has been able to explain my disease to me in a way that no doctor ever has in my 50 years. I now can picture how this is all taking place inside my body. A balm to my weary soul.

By him explaining this to me, it not only made sense, but it also allowed me to let go of some of the self-blame I still carried with me. He told me the actual scientific reason why my muscles cannot grow and why they are slowly becoming weaker.

When I asked him why he decided to research this, he said, "Trying to cure Bethlem Myopathy wasn't a part of how I saw your disease until you were diagnosed at age 44, or age 15 for me. Before your diagnosis, I just noticed the pride you had in Jack and me when we happily pushed your wheelchair at the zoo, walked with you to the bus stop on the first day of school, and climbed up onto the counter as kids to make it easier for

you to hold us. As I got older, I noticed people get too caught up in the details and outside agendas of this world. We tend to lose human connections that can be transformative in discovering new solutions. I see a lot of potential in a world that guides us to use our lives to change the lives of the people we care about most."

I agree. Using our lives to help others is what life is all about. Even a small gesture like the boy waiting for me on the porch obviously can have a huge impact on someone's life.

I have been writing this column for a year now. What a balm to my soul it has been. What an absolute honor to write for my hometown newspaper. I am so

grateful they created a weekly spot for a disabled writer, allowing me to share my perspective. I hope that those who have read my column have learned something about disabilities, and that you have noticed that disabled people are not so different. We sometimes just need different adaptations to be able to function well. Guess what? Writing this column has helped me to better understand that, too.

Until next time ...

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Noblesville residents give input on State Road 37 upgrade: ‘absolutely essential’

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The Indiana Department of Transportation and Noblesville government are partnering to update part of State Road 37 through the city to improve pedestrian and driver safety.

The section of State Road 37 to be upgraded sees between 30,000 and 35,000 vehicles a day. INDOT says it needs to be redesigned for safety and efficiency because the corridor has a higher crash frequency than similar corridors throughout the state.

Richard Justice, a Noblesville resident, called the redesign “absolutely essential. The traffic is terrible. We’ve seen data on the number of accidents that are happening.”

The project would reconfigure four intersections: at Greenfield Avenue, at Town & Country Boulevard, at Pleasant Street, and at the State Road 32/State Road 38 crossing also known as Conner Street. INDOT shared crash data for the four intersections over four years, but, on average, the whole corridor sees about 97.5 accidents a year.

Dusty Sarazan, a Noblesville resident, said, “When you go across the bridge on Pleasant Street and the

roundabouts [near downtown Noblesville], it’s just beautiful and then you get to Tractor Supply [Company] and [State Road] 37 and you’re doomed.”

No plans have been set in stone yet. Project managers at last Wednesday evening’s meeting heard from the public about what they think needs to be improved.

Jennifer Beck, an INDOT project manager, said, “We are encouraging people to look at what happened on the south half of the [State Road 37] corridor [from 146th Street to I-69]. Look at the other four-lane divided highway upgrades, such as Keystone [Parkway] and Carmel, U.S. 31 through Carmel [and] Westfield. That’s the type of upgrade we expect, but it truly is a blank slate so we are really interested to see what the public has to say.”

INDOT is offering an online survey to gain opinions. Access it at tinyurl.com/SR37survey.

People also can give their input to the Noblesville Engineering Department by calling (317) 776-6330. You can also email the city engineer at akrupski@noblesville.in.us.

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(LEFT) Anita Hagen with her husband Randy and her son Ross. (CENTER) Deb Groves, Dee Ricciardi, and Becky Ulrey of St. Vincent de Paul. (RIGHT) Delaware Township Trustee Debbie Driskell spoke about the important work of township government in Indiana.



Photos provided by Robyn Cook, Jackson Township Trustee

Our township trustees know good work when they see it

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Trustee’s Association (HCTA) recently held its annual Christmas and Awards Banquet.

Each year, HCTA honors a local partner agency with the Partner in Ser-

vice Award in recognition of their collaboration and support. Additionally, the Service Award is presented to a community leader who demonstrates exceptional dedication to serving residents in need. This year, the awards were

proudly presented to St. Vincent de Paul of Noblesville and Anita Hagen from the Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank, respectively.

The event was attended by numerous locally elected officials, commu-

nity leaders, and representatives from charitable organizations. Delaware Township Trustee Debbie Driskell delivered an insightful presentation highlighting the role and significance of township government.

County faces unprecedented number of retirements

22 employees with 686 combined years of service set to depart

The REPORTER

“I’ve got one month, 10 days, 13 hours, and 27 minutes left until I retire,” boasted Hamilton County Surveyor Kenton Ward. “I’m keeping track on an app!”

Ward isn’t alone: 22 Hamilton County employees with a combined 686 years of service to the community are set to retire at the end of the year.

“This is one of our largest retirements in history, if not the largest,” said Sheena Randall, Director of Human Resources for Hamilton County. “A lot of that is driven by the Baby Boomer generation, many of whom have worked for us for decades.”

Like Ward, who started his career with the county at age 19 while still in college studying construction technology. He has served as the county’s surveyor since 1977.

“I’ve been with the county for 51 years now,” he said. “I’ve stayed all these years because I love the work. I’m grateful for the opportunity to have served this community, but now I’m looking forward to traveling the world with my wife.”

Randall said succession planning has been a priority for her department as it forecasted this exodus several years ago. They’ve worked closely with department heads to identify future leaders and prepare them to step into the soon-to-be-vacated roles.

“We’ve made a significant investment in workforce development, and we’re excited about the up-and-coming employees who are ready to take on the challenges that come with these retirements,” Randall said. “We pride ourselves on providing growth opportunities, including extensive training, so our employees feel supported and valued and want to build a career here.”

Kim Rauch, Executive Assistant and Office Manager for the Hamilton County Auditor, is also retiring after nearly three decades of service. She joined the county when it was experiencing rapid growth and became a key figure in the Auditor’s Office.

“I’ve had the privilege of working under three different auditors and it has been a true pleasure to serve my community, but I’m looking forward to not having to ‘adult’ anymore!” she said.

Ward and Rauch both point to the county’s competitive benefits and wages as well as healthy work environment as reasons for their longevity.

“Hamilton County has always been a wonderful place to work, and our strong history of employee retention speaks to that,” Randall said. “These employees have been the backbone of our workforce and we’ll be sad to see them go, but we hope they enjoy their well-earned retirement years.”



Photo provided

(Front row, from left) Auditor Robin Mills (44 years), Diana Cleland (27 years), and Linda Swickard (22 years). (Middle row, from left) Lore Rieke (26 years), Lee Graham (30 years), and Darla Workman (25 years). (Back row, from left) Pete Jakositz (30 years), Kim Rauch (28 years), and Connie Garrett (24 years).

2025 Hamilton County Retirees

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| <p>Auditor’s Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robin Mills, 44 years • Dawn Coverdale, 36 years • Lee Graham, 30 years • Kim Rauch, 28 years • Darla Workman, 25 years <p>Assessor’s Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dixie Packard, 30 years • Lore Rieke, 26 years • Linda Swickard, 22 years <p>Buildings & Grounds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Todd Rees, 29 years <p>Health Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tammy Gleber, 21 years <p>Information Systems Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diana Cleland, 27 years • Connie Garrett, 24 years | <p>Highway Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Merv Hair, 41 years • Jim Neal, 28 years • Kevin Morgan, 25 years <p>Judicial Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shellie Watson, 37 years • Joni Haymaker, 25 years <p>Prosecutor’s Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lynett Duvall, 44 years <p>Recorder’s Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheryl Hobson, 20 years <p>Sheriff’s Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Jakositz, 30 years <p>Surveyor’s Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kent Ward, 51 years • Jerry Liston, 43 years |
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Hamilton County Courts launch Alternative Dispute Resolution program

The REPORTER

It will soon be easier for qualified low-income residents of Hamilton County to resolve their family law disputes. Hamilton County’s Circuit and Superior Courts will launch a new Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) program after the first of the year.



Bloch

“The Hamilton County Judiciary is committed to providing practical and compassionate solutions for Hamilton County families going through difficult times,” Circuit Court Judge Andrew Bloch said. “The fund will provide mediation services and court-ordered programming for families who otherwise may not be able to afford these resources.”

To ensure the program is accessible to those in need, a sliding fee scale will be implemented for those who qualify for assistance, based on their income. For families

earning less than \$35,000 per year, the program will provide a subsidy for mediation services, guardian ad litem services, parenting coordination, and parenting classes, with a maximum co-payment of \$100.

“We believe that families are better off when they are able to resolve their differences outside of the courtroom,” Judge Bloch added. “Research shows that mediation leads to higher satisfaction and more durable solutions than drawn-out, contentious court battles that often delay resolution and increase costs for families.”

Beginning Jan. 1, 2025, the filing fee for all divorce, legal separation, and paternity cases will increase by \$20. Those additional dollars will help fund the program, along with a grant from the Indiana Supreme Court. The program will be self-sustaining after the first year.

Come for the job fair, stay for the career at Kroger

The REPORTER

Kroger is bringing a new store to Fishers in early 2025, and this week there will be a job fair to help staff it, with the option to begin working for Kroger well before that new location comes online. The Reporter spoke to Kroger Central Division HR Leader Sheila Fair about the job fair and what this new Kroger location will offer shoppers when it comes online.

The new store, which is in late-stage construction, will be located at 7450 Fishers Station Drive, Fishers.

“We’re looking at opening in January, but you know there’s a lot of variables and factors and construction that goes into it,” Fair said. “Hopefully after the holidays we’ll have a – no pun intended – more concrete date once we know more from the facility side of things.”

According to Fair, the new store will be 120,000 square feet and will be home to both a Murray’s Cheese location and a Starbucks.

The job fair will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18 in the new store at 7450 Fishers Station Drive, Fishers, even though that site is still under construction.

“We’ve learned from years past when you have a job there at the site – even if it’s not full-sided – traditionally we will gather more folks and more interest than if we do it in another location,” Fair said. “We are actually in the process of hiring folks to work at some other stores in that area until that store opens. We’re hiring folks that may work at another store in Fishers and then when the store opens, we would transfer them over.”

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Sheridan High School & Godby Family partner on naming sponsorship for softball stadium

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Sheridan High School has announced a partnership and naming of its newly constructed softball field as Godby Home Furnishings Stadium, in recognition of the generous sponsorship from The Godby Family and Godby Home Furnishings.

Jim and Jeff Godby and the Godby family have been steadfast supporters of Sheridan and its schools for decades. This partnership exemplifies their commitment to investing in the local community and foster-

ing opportunities for Sheridan’s student-athletes.

“Godby Home Furnishings has been a part of Sheridan’s story from the very beginning,” Superintendent Dr. Dave Mundy said. “It’s fitting that their name will be on our new softball facility and help us build on our overall community heritage and pride.”

The naming of Godby Home Furnishings Stadium celebrates not only the family’s contribution but also the historical roots of their business, which began in Sheridan. This partnership underscores

the importance of strong community connections and support for education and athletics.

Sheridan High School is grateful to Godby Home Furnishings for the many years of generosity and dedication in supporting generations of Blackhawks.

The new softball field will serve as a premier facility for Sheridan’s athletes and the community. The field will continue to honor its legacy name, Al Youmans Field, in tribute to Al Youmans, a long-time principal and influential figure in the Sheridan community.

A dedication of the Stadium will be held in the spring, where Sheridan will celebrate the Godby family and the opportunities this partnership brings to Sheridan students.

About Godby Home Furnishings

Founded in Sheridan, Godby Home Furnishings has been a trusted name in home furnishings for over 50 years, serving customers with quality products and exceptional service. Today, the company continues its legacy of community support through partnerships and philanthropy.

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Mary Elizabeth (Mary Beth) Maack
April 18, 1956 – December 7, 2024

Mary Elizabeth (Mary Beth) Maack, 68, Noblesville, a beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, peacefully left our world on December 7, 2024, after a life richly lived and full of love.

She was born on April 18, 1956, in Canandaigua, N.Y., to Donald and Elizabeth Curtin Thannert. She was one of six children in a close-knit family, who, despite the physical miles that separate them, still remain extremely close today.

Mary Beth grew up in Fort Madison, Iowa, graduated from Fort Madison High School, Community College of the Finger Lakes in Canandaigua, and Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo. Shortly after graduating from college, she met the man who would become her life partner.

Greg W. Maack and Mary Beth were married on Sept. 12, 1980, and they moved to his hometown of Fergus Falls, Minn. After spending several years in Minnesota, they moved back to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, where their daughter, Molly, was born. The three of them had many adventures together, including lots of moves. Greg's job took them back to Minnesota, farther north to Calgary, Canada, and finally landed them in Noblesville.

Mary Beth loved anything having to do with home and family life. She turned every house where they lived into a loving home for the three of them. She loved and had a gift for decorating her homes and was often called upon to help her siblings with decorating ideas. Those she loved were often the recipients of the latest craft and sewing projects she conjured up. Her recipe book overflowed with new treats and meal ideas. She was also an avid gardener and completed Iowa's Master Gardener program. Every spring she revamped or dreamed up new gardens for her yard.

In retirement, she and Greg were excited to travel, visiting family and friends around the country as well as seeking out historical sites and new hiking trails. But most of all, Mary Beth and Greg loved spending time with their daughter and son-in-law and their four grandchildren.

Mary Beth is survived by her husband, Greg; daughter and son-in-law, Molly and Tim Dury; four grandchildren, Leonard, Donald, Mack, and Elizabeth (Betty); one brother, Joe Thannert of Burkburnett, Texas; four sisters, Lucinda (Willie) Ward and Deb (Dan) Fullenkamp of West Point, Iowa; Jennifer (John) Holtkamp of Springfield, Ill.; and Nancy (Ray) Dodson of Plover, Wis.; in-laws, Paul and Marylou Maack of Alexandria, Minn., and Wyanne Maack Long of Hosle, Norway; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m., with a Rosary service at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville. Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, December 19, 2024, at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St., Noblesville, with Rev. Clayton Thompson officiating. Burial will follow at 2:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Peace Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Jeffrey Hall Salladay

February 5, 1954 – December 10, 2024

Jeffrey Hall Salladay, 70, Carmel, passed away on Tuesday, December 10, 2024. He was born on February 5, 1954, in Portsmouth, Ohio, son of the late John Roy Salladay and Anita Hall Salladay.

Over his 25-year career in the telecommunications industry, Jeff had leadership roles in the design, development, and commercialization of network innovations and services that constitute the foundation for today's Internet way-of-life. He received numerous professional awards and participated in several national program management associations. He served as a general program manager for Nokia Siemens Networks, Boca Raton, Fla., until retirement in 2008.

Jeff was a 1971 graduate of Portsmouth High School in Ohio, where he played trumpet in the marching and pep bands. He worked his way through college graduating from Ohio State University with a BS in business administration and computer science.

Following in his dad's footsteps, Jeff advanced in the Boy Scouts to Eagle and, via experiences at Camp Oyo and Shawnee Forest in southern Ohio, came to love the outdoors leading to his life-long passion for running, bicycling, hiking, canoeing, and scuba diving. He loved traveling to numerous natural preserves around the world and, like his mom, greatly enjoyed music.

Survivors include his brother, John M. Salladay (Betsy Covert) of Carmel; nieces, Jennifer (Chris) Mizell, Ellen Salladay, Margaret (Derek) Webster, and Elizabeth (Jeff) Shepherd, all in central Indiana; and grand-nieces and grand-nephews, Hannah Mizell (Nick Rivera), Samuel Mizell, Benjamin Mizell, Elizabeth Webster, Johnny Webster, Scarlett Webster, Caroline Shepherd, Sophia Shepherd, Isabelle Shepherd, and Alex Shepherd.

Until 2020, Jeff lived almost 30 years in Boca Raton, Fla. He enjoyed the great benefit of loving caregivers during his health challenges, both in Florida and over the past four years at his residence at Brookdale Carmel.

The family plans a private Celebration of Life Memorial at a future time followed by interment at Greenlawn Cemetery in Portsmouth, Ohio.

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

Condolences: bussellfamilyfunerals.com

Marlene E. "Mitzi" Loomis
May 12, 1936 – December 12, 2024

Marlene E. "Mitzi" Loomis, 88, Indianapolis, passed away December 12, 2024. She was born on May 12, 1936, in Beaver Dam, Wis., to the late John "Jack" and Julia M. Smith.

Mitzi was a 1954 graduate of Beaver Dam High School. She married Jay Loomis October 5, 1957 and together they had four children, Laurene, Sydney, Julie, and Jon. For quite some time she was a stringer for the *East Troy News* and had her own column. In 1969, the family moved to Noblesville.

Mitzi was employed with Hook's Drugs/ CVS for 15 years. She was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Mitzi enjoyed crocheting and doing crafts and was a gifted artist. She will be sadly missed by all those who knew her and loved her.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, December 19, 2024, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 5333 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, with visitation one hour prior.

Mitzi is survived by her loving husband of 67 years, Jay Loomis; her children, Laurene D. Griffin of Evansville, Sydney S. Loomis (Jeanine) of Cicero, Julie L. McKee (Bill) of The Villages, Fla., and Jon L. Loomis of Lapel; sister, Serena Fearing of Green Bay, Wis.; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her sister, Shirley Bashynski.

Condolences: shirleybrothers.com

Marion Jeannene Finley

September 17, 1937 – November 30, 2024

Marion Jeannene Finley, 87, Carmel, passed away on Saturday, November 30, 2024, at Marquette Manor in Indianapolis. She was born on September 17, 1937, to Carl Glenn and Dixie (Jarvis) Finley in Valley Fork, W.V.

Jeannene was a real estate agent for many years and a member of Carmel United Methodist Church. In high school, she was a majorette in the marching band and Salutatorian of her graduating class. Jeannene sang in the church choir while at Cedar Grove WV Methodist Church. She was a long time Cub Scout den mother for her three sons and held leadership positions in central Indiana Scouting. She loved to mentor and teach children and was for many years a Sunday school teacher, and tutored immigrant children to read and write English. She was a life-long avid reader and had a broad range of literary interests. Jeannene enjoyed math puzzles, crossword puzzles, and playing cards, especially "May I," a family favorite game played by many generations of her family at their cottage in Macatawa, Mich. Most of all she loved her children and five granddaughters and spending time with family.

She is survived by her children, Patricia Estabrook Foltz, Neil (Nancy) Estabrook, III, Ross (Melissa) Estabrook, and Thomas (Monika) Estabrook; grandchildren, Hannah, Grace, Claire, Jessica, and Sophie; and brother, Richard (Rosemary) Finley.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Sondra Farlow; infant brother, Charles Ray Finley; and son-in-law, Howard "Buzz" Foltz.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 28, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to the time of service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959 (stjude.org).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

JOB

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Kroger is looking to fill all positions within the store.

"Holistically we're hiring for every department," Fair said. "If someone comes to this job fair and they are interested in a produce role, but we don't have a role like that open at the store, we'll be able to tell them a store in the same area that has a role open. So even though we are hiring for this store, we also don't turn candidates away if they're a good candidate and we have another position that's open."

Open positions include

both full and part-time jobs.

"The big thing with Kroger we tell people this all the time is, 'you come for a job and you stay for a career,'" Fair said. "I started out as a bagger 24 years ago and now I'm the head of HR for a division. That's really our message. When we get folks in at job fairs, we know that this may be part-time. This may be something that you're just looking to maybe fill the gap, or starting a new job, but there's a lot of careers that can happen within the Kroger company and a lot of potential."

James Duvall

January 3, 1958 – December 6, 2024



James Duvall, 66, Cicero, passed away on December 6, 2024. Jim was born on January 3, 1958, to the late Arnold and Imogene Duvall. He was a devoted follower of Christ, husband, dad, brother, and pawpaw, and his presence will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Jim was an active member of Cicero Christian Church and consistently pursued a relationship with Jesus. He loved wrestling on the floor with his grandchildren, taking them to get ice cream and spending time with his family as often as he could. He enjoyed cheering on Notre Dame football both live in the stadium and at home. Jim loved to travel and cherished fishing trips in Minnesota, where many lasting memories were made. He was a longtime member of 4-H.

Gardening was another of Jim's great joys, as he took pride in cultivating vegetables, especially tomatoes, in his garden. He also enjoyed playing cards, particularly Euchre, and was always up for a friendly game with family and friends. He loved a good verbal challenge and will be remembered for his black-and-white perspective on life, leaving no room for gray in his mind.

Jim will be fondly remembered for his warm heart, sense of humor, telling stories and jokes, his love for life, and his unwavering commitment to his family. His legacy will live on through the many lives he touched.

Jim is survived by his devoted wife of many years, Lynette Kay Duvall of Cicero; his son, Derek (Kristin) Duvall of Herriman, Utah; his daughter, Danielle (TJ) Witham of Zionsville; and his grandchildren, Judah, Josiah, Joash, Jubilee, and Jedidiah Duvall, and Roen and Parkston Witham. He is also survived by his sisters, Shirley (Dale) Bryant of Shelbyville, Vanessa Benagh of Rushville, and Nancy (Bill) Geringer of Cicero.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Arnold and Imogene Duvall, and his brother, Gary Duvall.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, December 19, 2024, at Hartley Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero. A funeral service to celebrate Jim's life will follow the visitation at 1 p.m. with Adam Colter officiating. Burial will follow in Cicero Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Awaken City Church, 3747 S. Blyde Dr., Herriman, UT 84096; or to the American Diabetes Association.

Online condolences can be offered at hartleyfuneralhomes.com.

HSE student EJ Shults wins Franklin College's High School Art Competition

The REPORTER

The Franklin College Art Department recently announced the winners of the third annual Franklin College High School Art Competition. High school students in grades 9 through 12 were invited to submit artwork for a juried exhibition in the following categories: 3D/ceramics, drawing, graphic arts, painting and photography.

The submitted artwork was displayed at Franklin College during the first week in November, with winners announced at a reception on Nov. 9. Cash prizes were awarded for each category.

The judges deemed **EJ Shults'** entry in the drawing category to be the overall winner. He is a student at Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) High School.

Additional winners, who consented to releasing their information, included:

• **3D/ceramics category:** honorable mentions in this category included: **Alexander Larkey of HSE High School**, Callan Little of Mississinewa High School and Lyla Schilling of Whiteland Community

High School.

• **Drawing category winner:** Taylor McHenry of Franklin Community High School. Honorable mentions included: **Lucy Gard of HSE High School**, Hanna Maudlin of HSE High School, Riley Ross of Flora High School and **Jax Scamahorn of HSE High School**.

• **Graphic arts category winner:** Alvin Wagerman of Franklin Community High School. Honorable mentions included **Andre Ayala-Moran of Franklin Community High School** and **Gavin Tucker of HSE High School**.

• **Painting category:** honorable mentions included **Maisey Kleinmayer, Riley Meggenhofen, and Addy Rogers, all of HSE High School**.

• **Photography category:** honorable mentions included **Linus Avery of Mooresville High School, Emmaleigh Girman of Mooresville High School** and **Brayleigh White of Mooresville High School**.

The students' works were judged by Franklin College art professors **Randi Frye, Barry Barnes, Denis Kelley and David Cunningham**.

<p>NEW LISTING!</p>  <p>18794 PRAIRIE CROSSING DRIVE NOBLESVILLE</p> <p>Two-story home in Prairie Crossing. Lot borders the golf course. 4 BR, 2.5 BA home has many updates. Mature trees and landscaping. Listed at \$354,900</p>	<p>SOLD!</p>  <p>540 ZEPHYR WAY WESTFIELD</p> <p>Beautiful 4 BR ranch on large lot with a fully fenced backyard. This home has been well maintained and has several recent updates! Listed at \$314,900</p>	<p>SOLD!</p>  <p>1880 E. 75 NORTH LEBANON</p> <p>Completely remodeled ranch on 1.06 acres just outside of downtown Lebanon. Beautifully decorated and move-in ready! Listed at \$339,900</p>	<p>NEW LISTING!</p>  <p>1940 NANTUCKET DRIVE CICERO</p> <p>Immaculate lake house on Morse Reservoir. 3 BR, 2.5 BA, two living spaces, gas fireplace, kitchen with 2 pantries. All appliances included in the sale. Come take a look today! Listed at \$659,900</p>	<p>SOLD!</p>  <p>275 WYANDOTTE COURT NOBLESVILLE</p> <p>This well cared for ranch is energy efficient and on a very large lot in a quiet neighborhood. 3 BR, 2 BA with a sideload garage and a mini barn. Listed at \$264,900</p>
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The Reporter's policy on obituaries

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

Hummingbird Charitable Foundation supports Hoosier Veterans

The REPORTER

The Hummingbird Charitable Foundation, a nonprofit organization founded by former second lady of the United States Karen Pence, announced on Dec. 4 the first three organizations to be honored for their work to help our nation's heroes who live in Indiana.

The Foundation will award **Indy Honor Flight, INvets, and the Indy Warrior Partnership** at the Hummingbird Charitable Foundation's first fundraising luncheon in March 2025, and by purchasing a ticket to the luncheon, Hoosiers can show their support for these worthy causes.

"Our nation's Veterans, especially those who live in our great state, deserve to be honored every day," Foundation Founder Karen Pence said. "We couldn't think of a better way to kick off the

recognition we want to give to charities in Indiana than to show support to these organizations that do tremendous work to help our Veterans – the Indy Honor Flight, INvets, and the Indy Warrior Partnership. These groups are making a significant difference in the lives of so many men and women who have made countless sacrifices for our country, and we believe shining a spotlight on these organizations is the least we can do. The Foundation hopes that this effort brings more attention to the resources and services available to our Veterans in Indiana, and inspires Hoosiers to show their support, too."

Indy Honor Flight is a nonprofit that transports World War II, Korea, and Vietnam wartime Veterans to see the memorials built in their honor in Washington, D.C. at no cost to them. So

far, they've flown over 3,700 Veterans. The money they receive from the Hummingbird Charitable Foundation's fundraising efforts will be used to fly Veterans to Washington, D.C. Currently, approximately 800 Veterans are on the waiting list.

"Indy Honor Flight is incredibly grateful to be included in the Hummingbird Charitable Foundation's fundraising event," Indy Honor Flight Chairman Dale True said. "It's through the support of caring organizations like this that our efforts to honor our Hoosier heroes are possible. Many thanks from us to all involved in this terrific undertaking."

INvets forms partnerships with veterans, their families, and Indiana communities to facilitate a meaningful transition to civilian life while strengthening Indiana's economy. The

organization works with over 600 companies in Indiana to help place skilled, high-quality talent in their backyard, and they continue to support Veterans as they adjust to civilian life and build a thriving career in the Hoosier State. INvets has placed over 1,200 Veterans and family members in Indiana since its inception, with 491 new residents this past fiscal year.

"INvets is deeply honored and greatly appreciative to the Hummingbird Charitable Foundation for this generous opportunity," INvets President & CEO Sarah Harrison said. "We're delighted to partner with them for this inaugural event and look forward to a great partnership that highlights our Veterans finding meaningful careers and new families calling Indiana their home. INvets ensures our transitioning mili-

tary, and their families thrive in civilian life and thank you to Hummingbird Charitable Foundation for coming alongside us to continue this great mission."

Indy Warrior Partnership (IWP) is a branch of America's Warrior Partnership with the mission to empower Veterans. IWP is a Veteran-focused, community-led initiative to proactively connect with all Veterans and ensure access to quality resources and opportunities available in collaboration with existing local services. The program aims to cultivate an integrated, resilient, and hopeful Veteran community across central Indiana by improving Veteran quality of life, thus lowering Veteran suicide. To date, IWP has supported 766 Veterans, 66 family members, and 19 caregivers coordinating access to services related to benefits, housing,

employment, and healthcare.

"We are honored to be chosen as a 2025 partner of the Hummingbird Charitable Foundation," Indy Warrior Partnership Lead Aaron Bacon said. "Our similar missions of empowering Indiana residents connect us and allow us to carry their mission specifically to the Indiana Veteran community. We are excited to reach and serve even more Veterans in 2025 with their support and partnership."

These three organizations will be honored at the Hummingbird Charitable Foundation's inaugural fundraising luncheon on March 27, 2025, at the Indiana Roof Ballroom. Companies and individuals can show their support for these wonderful organizations by purchasing a ticket to the luncheon at [HummingbirdCharitableFoundation.org](https://www.hummingbirdcharitablefoundation.org).

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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Non-Profit Veteran Orgs

Hamilton County Veterans Corp
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Boys Basketball

Only room for one No. 1

Fishers beats Crispus Attucks at Forum Tip-off Classic

The REPORTER

The Fishers boys basketball team won a battle of No. 1-ranked teams last Saturday at the Forum Tip-off Classic at Southport.

The Class 4A No. 1 Tigers beat 3A No. 1 Crispus Attucks 70-55. Fishers got off to a good start, leading 20-11 after the first quarter. Nathan Baker hit two 3-pointers for six points. Attucks made a comeback in the second period, cutting Fishers' lead to 30-24 by halftime.

But the Fishers Tigers got their offense going in the second half, pouring in 20 points each in the third and fourth quarters. Justin Kirby added six points in the third period. Jason Gardner took over the game in the fourth period, scoring 11 points.

Gardner was Fishers' leading scorer with 18 points, one of four Tigers in double figures. Cooper Zachary, Kirby and Baker all finished with 11 points.



Reporter photo by Julie Brown
Fishers' Jason Gardner scored 18 points for the Tigers during their win over Crispus Attucks at the Forum Tip-Off Classic last Saturday.

Zachary and Gardner, the two sophomores, scored in each quarter. Millen McCartney made three triples for nine points, while JonAn-

thony Hall scored eight. Fishers is 5-0 and plays two games this weekend. First, the Tigers travel to the Fishers Events Center

on Friday to play Hamilton Southeastern in the Mudsock game. After that, Fishers returns to the Tiger Den on Saturday to play Shortridge.



Reporter photo by Julie Brown
Noblesville's Baron Walker scored 21 points during the Millers' win over Jeffersonville last Saturday at the Forum Tip-Off Classic at Southport.

Fast start gives Noblesville the fuel to knock off Carmel

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE – The biggest thing that Noblesville wanted to do after losing at home by 34 over top-ranked Fishers was to get a good quick start and not let up.

That's exactly what the Millers did. They were able to get a quick, productive start and they didn't run up the whole game, letting away from the Greyhounds

last Friday, 50-37. "We just talked about throwing the first punch, second punch, third punch and keep punching and not get hit," said Noblesville coach Scott McClelland.

That's just what happened. Junior Justin Curry scored the first 11 points for Noblesville and in the blink of an eye Carmel was forced to call a timeout down 11-5.

The Millers got two more

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Rocks' strong defense bring them win over Golden Eagles, GC bounces back Saturday

By RICHIE HALL

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WESTFIELD – A solid defensive effort gave the Westfield boys basketball team a victory over a county rival last Friday.

The Shamrocks beat Guerin Catholic 53-40 at CSI Gymnasium. Westfield never trailed in the game, but the Golden Eagles played the 'Rocks close in the first half before Westfield was able to slowly pull away in the second half.

"We knew this was going to be a really tough game," said Shamrocks coach Shane Sumpter. "Guerin's got a very good team, very good program."

The score was tied early at 4-4 before Westfield bolted ahead 13-7. Will Harvey drained a 3-pointer to start the run, then Drew Haffner got four points on a pair of



Reporter photos by Richie Hall
(ABOVE LEFT) Westfield's Durante Morton scored 18 points for the Shamrocks during their win last Friday over Guerin Catholic. (ABOVE RIGHT) Guerin Catholic's Jake Grissom led the Golden Eagles with 15 points.

baskets. Durante Morton also scored; he was just getting warmed up.

The 'Rocks led 13-9 after the first quarter, but the Golden Eagles worked their way back to tie the game. Hayden Rogers began the second period with a 3, then a Bryson Cardinal free

throw and Ryne Paris layin knotted the game at 15-15.

But Harvey broke that tie with another triple, and a putback made the score 20-15. That would be the margin at halftime, and Jalen Malone started the second half with a layin for the Shamrocks.



The third quarter belonged to Haffner and Morton. Haffner scored seven points, and his 3-pointer gave Westfield a 33-21 lead. Morton drove to the basket well, making three layins for six points.

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Huskies break 3-pointer records, carry momentum through to beat Muncie Central

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights made history last Friday during its 88-50 win over Logansport.

The Huskies gave their home crowd an incredible long-range shooting performance throughout the entire game. Heights set a new record for 3-pointers made by a team; the Huskies drained 18 triples, making 50 percent of their 3-point baskets. "We had multiple kids hit 3s," said Heights coach Chad Ballenger. "We had kids come off the bench, hit 3s."

The majority of those 3s came from Gavin Saunders. The senior went off for 12 3-pointers, also setting a new record for triples by an individual. Saunders was 12-for-20 beyond the arc, a red-hot 60 percent.

"Kids got him the ball," said Ballenger. "He got it in the offense, we scored off our defense. It wasn't him playing one-on-one and trying to create. Our kids did a good job of getting him the ball in the right spots."

The Huskies rocketed through the first quarter, taking a 26-4 lead on the Ber-

ries, who they were playing for the first time as Hoosier Conference East Division opponents. Heights led 42-19 at halftime and 57-34 after three quarters, then ran away with the fourth period by scoring 31 points.

"The place got into it," said Ballenger.

Tyler Champion nailed three 3s on his way to 10 points, with Jack Kakasuleff scoring eight points. All 11 Huskies that took to the floor scored at least two points.

Dreydin Serna led the rebounds with eight, followed by Saunders with six and Champion with five. Carson Felger handed out five assists.

Heights rode that momentum into the Muncie Fieldhouse Classic last Saturday, where they played and beat host Muncie Central 48-41.

The Bearcats led 6-3 after a low-scoring first quarter. The Huskies came roaring back in the second period, outscoring Muncie Central 21-9 for a 24-15 halftime lead. Five different players scored during

the quarter, including seven from Saunders.

The Bearcats cut Heights' lead to 30-25 after three quarters. The Huskies held on in the fourth period, thanks to Tyler Champion, who scored 10 points in that period. Champion finished with 16 points and

was named the Game MVP. Saunders scored 13 points and Serna added nine points.

Heights is 4-2 and plays two home games this week. The Huskies welcome Western Friday for a Hoosier Conference East Division game, then host West Lafayette on Saturday.

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Girls Basketball

HUSKIES WIN!

Heights takes down Logansport & West Lafayette to secure first two wins of the season

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights girls basketball team got its first two wins of the season last week.

The Huskies got their breakthrough victory last Tuesday, beating Logansport 50-35 at home in a Hoosier Conference East Division game. Heights jumped out to a 10-5 lead after one quarter, then had a strong second quarter, outscoring the Berries 19-8 for a 29-13 halftime advantage. Heights held on to that lead for the entire second half.

Presley Cherry earned a double-double with 15 points and 10 steals; she also dished out five assists and made two 3-pointers. Katie Brown hit three 3s on her way to 15 points. Abby Hilfiker collected eight rebounds, while Brown and Reece Blanton both pulled seven rebounds. The Hus-

kies had 24 team steals; Brown made six and Sarah Sherrill collected four.

The Huskies picked up their second win last Saturday, edging out West Lafayette 41-39. Heights finished the first quarter with an 18-11 lead after, then held a 30-21 advantage at halftime. The Red Devils cut that lead to 36-30 after three quarters, but the Huskies were able to hold on in the fourth.

Cherry again led the Heights scoring with 14 points. Brown totaled 11 points, also making three 3s, and dished out six assists and made five steals. Sherrill led the rebounds with seven, followed by Brown and Blanton with five each.

The Huskies are 2-9 and play two games this week, hosting Kokomo Tuesday and traveling to Blackford on Saturday.

Southeastern keeps its perfect record

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern's girls got two big wins last week to stay perfect on the season.

The Royals honored their seniors at HSE's home game with Pendleton Heights last Tuesday, then easily beat the Arabians 53-33. The Royals led 11-10 after one quarter, then pulled away in the second period for a 33-18 halftime lead. Southeastern led 49-24 after three quarters.

Senior Maya Makalusky scored 19 points, collected seven rebounds and handed out four assists. Kennedy Holman added 12 points and dished out five assists. Addison Van Hoesen pulled seven rebounds, while Kayla Stidham and Abby Brown both grabbed five rebounds.

Southeastern cruised to another victory last Friday, winning a Hoosier Crossroads Conference victory at Avon 61-45. The Royals jumped out to a 21-10 lead after one quarter. The Ori-

oles got back to within 30-23 at halftime, but a 22-point third period helped Southeastern take care of business and keep its record perfect at 12-0.

"The team played great team defense in holding Avon 20 points under their average," said Royals coach Brian Satterfield. "We had great contributions from all and shared the ball well."

Makalusky scored 20 points for Southeastern, followed by Holman with 16 and Stidham with 11. Stidham led the rebounds with nine, with Makalusky collecting eight and Holman pulling seven. Stidham dished out six assists and blocked two shots, while Holman handed out two assists.

The Royals are 4-0 in conference play and 12-0 overall. Southeastern only plays one game this week, but it's a big one: the Royals take on Fishers Friday in the Mudsock game at the Fishers Event Center.

Guerin Catholic falls to Cathedral, rebounds with big win over Peru

The REPORTER

The Guerin Catholic girls basketball team split a pair of games last week.

The Golden Eagles fell to Cathedral 45-25 last Thursday at the Eagles Nest. The Irish led 16-8 after the first quarter and 28-20 at halftime. Ava Bills and Lillian Behrle each scored six points in the first half. Cathedral ran away with the third quarter, outscoring Guerin Catholic 15-3 for a 43-23 lead.

Bills finished the game with seven points, while Behrle and Caroline Ford both scored six points.

The Golden Eagles rebounded with a victory at

Peru last Saturday, 46-27. Guerin Catholic outscored the Tigers in all four quarters, leading 14-9 after one period and 18-11 at halftime. The Golden Eagles blasted through the third quarter, outscoring Peru for a 33-15 lead.

Bills scored 22 points to lead GC, including 15 in the second half. Annie Murphy added seven points and Behrle scored six.

Guerin Catholic is 5-5 and plays two games this week. The Golden Eagles travel to New Palestine on Wednesday, then host Purdue Polytechnic Englewood on Friday.

Millers & Tigers fight it out

Noblesville emerges victorious, ending streak of regular-season losses to Fishers

By RICHIE HALL

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FISHERS — The last time the Noblesville girls basketball team beat Fishers in the regular season, Meredith Tippner was in fifth grade and Maia Blower was in second grade.

The Millers finally broke that streak last Thursday at the Tiger Den by getting past Fishers 52-51 in a typically hard-fought Hoosier Crossroads Conference game between the two powerhouses, but the Millers held on to get their first regular-season win over Fishers since Dec. 8, 2017.

"It's been a while," said Noblesville coach Donna Buckley. "They've kicked our butt. (Tigers coach) Lauren (Votaw) does such a good job and her kids were really good, and they're strong and they rebound. We were fortunate."

"This is an obstacle that we always face," said Tippner, who made the game-winning basket with 10 seconds left. "They're a great team. Votaw always gets them prepared. It's always a tough grind. And it's an HCC game. You want to get as many wins as you can in the regular season with that."

Tippner scored 10 points in the first quarter, which ended with Noblesville up 21-9, then poured in eight more points in the second quarter. The Millers led 31-17 with 1:59 left before halftime.

Fishers cut Noblesville's lead to 33-23 by halftime. Nevaeh Dickman showed toughness by making a layin after two rebounds.

"She's always been an extremely hard worker, and I think that her hard work is paying off now," said Votaw. "Her confidence, her poise and she's just really developed those other leadership skills to go along with her



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(ABOVE LEFT) Noblesville's Meredith Tippner scored 32 points, including the game-winner, for the Millers during their 52-51 win over Fishers last Thursday. (ABOVE RIGHT) Fishers' Nevaeh Dickman scored 16 points for the Tigers.

basketball skills, and I think that that gives her a presence on the court that is pretty tough to stop."

Fishers dominated the third quarter. Dickman scored nine points during that period, including a 3 that gave the Tigers their largest lead of the game at 39-35. Tippner and Quigley both made two free throws to finish out the quarter, keeping the game tied at 39-39.

Allison Scheu started the fourth with a 3-pointer for the Tigers, then Tippner and Fishers freshman Riley Schellhammer began a back-and-forth, with each player making two baskets for four points. The Tigers led 46-43 at that point.

Tippner scored off a steal to get Noblesville within one point, then Blower nailed a 3-pointer to put the Millers up 48-46. Buckley called Blower's triple "a huge shot."

"I love that she wants to take that shot," said Buckley. "You're 15 and you're in your first time in this big rivalry, and to be like 'Yeah, I'll take it.' That's awesome. I love that."

Fishers led 51-48 with 37.9 seconds left, but the

Millers' defense stepped up after that. Tippner made a layin, then Noblesville got a stop and the ball back. Seconds later, Tippner scored the go-ahead basket, and the Millers held on for the win.

Buckley also credited Ellie Motz with coming into the game during the fourth quarter and getting an important steal for Noblesville. "Young kids making plays, we're going to have to have those kids doing that for us to be successful," said Buckley.

Tippner finished with a double-double of 32 points and 10 rebounds, also making nine steals and two blocked shots. Quigley collected seven rebounds.

Dickman led Fishers with 19 points, nine rebounds and three blocks. Schellhammer reached double-double status with 16 points and 10 rebounds, also making five steals. Scheu had seven rebounds, six points and five assists, with Makayla Triplett collecting five rebounds.

"I was immensely proud of our kids," said Votaw. "We got down big early and a lot of teams would have folded. But they did not. They did not fold. They fought all the

way back. They gave themselves a fighting chance right there at the end. I'm really proud of that."

Fishers is 2-1 in the conference and 8-4 overall. The Tigers play Monday at Pendleton Heights, then take on Hamilton Southeastern Friday in the Mudsock game at the Fishers Events Center.

Millers beat Plainfield

Noblesville traveled to Plainfield last Saturday and returned home with a 56-46 win.

The game was tied 26-26 at halftime before the Millers took a 42-40 lead after three quarters. Noblesville then pulled away in the fourth, outscoring the Quakers 58-48.

Quigley led the Millers scoring with 17 points. Tippner and Kate Rollins each scored 12 points; Tippner earned another double-double with 15 rebounds. Rollins collected six rebounds. Tippner also had seven assists and six steals, with Ally Hutchinson dishing out six assists and made five steals.

Noblesville is 1-2 in HCC play and 7-3 overall. The Millers host Westfield Saturday in another conference game.

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The Shamrocks led 35-27 after three quarters. Sumpter said the difference was "us getting a little bit of a cushion there in the third quarter. We were able to get a 12- or 13-point lead, and then they came right back. I don't think that score's indicative of how hard-fought and close that basketball game was. We had to grind the entire way."

Morton poured in eight points in the fourth period, including a pair of free throws that gave Westfield its largest lead of the game, 45-31 with 3:36 left.

"What a warrior, just a great big heart that he's got,"

said Sumpter. "We know what we got from Durante. He's a three-year starter for us." The coach highlighted Morton's energy, effort and leadership, calling him "really valuable to our basketball team."

Morton led the Westfield parade with 18 points, followed by Haffner with 13 and Harvey with 12. Morton and Brock Detamore each collected six rebounds.

Grissom scored 15 points for Guerin Catholic, with Paris adding 13 points. Cardinal pulled eight rebounds.

"I thought we had plenty of opportunities tonight," said GC coach Bobby Allen.

"We didn't shoot the ball well. We struggled finishing. I don't think it was because of a lack of effort from our guys. I thought we played extremely hard, thought we tried to compete."

"Our youth and inexperience showed a little bit tonight, but that's okay. The great thing about it is that we get to bounce back and play another game tomorrow."

Westfield is 3-1 and hosts Noblesville Friday in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game.

Guerin Catholic did indeed bounce back the next night, taking care of Yorktown 64-34 last Saturday

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as part of the Muncie Fieldhouse Classic.

The Tigers led 15-10 after one quarter, but the Golden Eagles came back to lead 28-24 by halftime. Guerin Catholic then dominated the second half, outscoring Yorktown 21-3 in the third quarter and 15-7 in the fourth.

Cardinal scored 16 points and pulled six rebounds. Grissom added 11 points, while Paris dished out four assists.

The Golden Eagles are 5-1 and host Pendleton Heights on Tuesday, then travel to Evansville Bosse on Saturday, where they will play Evansville Harrison.

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triples to end the first with a 17-5 lead, thanks to Baron Walker and Adam Fine.

"They were ready to play and I don't think we responded very well. They hit some shots early and we weren't able to get any stops," said Carmel coach Ryan Osborn.

The game got that much more physical in the second quarter. Just 13 total points were scored and Noblesville was able to move their lead to double digits at 23-12 at halftime.

"I thought our offense was a little stagnant for a lot of the first half. The ball didn't move much and not a lot of spacing. I give them credit for being ready and taking away our strengths," continued Osborn.

The Millers came out in the third like the bell rang to start another round of a boxing match. Jumping out to a 14-5 stint to begin the period, Curry added the first eight of the third. Along with three-pointers from T.J. Davidson and another from

Fine, the advantage grew to 37-17 with 3:10 in the frame.

"He (Davidson) played with some poise and composure with some good defense on him," McClelland said.

All-state tight end Aiden Brewer showed his physicality throughout the game. The senior forward was causing havoc in the paint all night, frustrating Carmel's offense on the interior. Brewer wound up grabbing five rebounds and blocking five shots.

"I thought Aiden Brewer was unbelievable. I called him out in film session last week. I'll argue this with anybody. If he's not the best defensive player at his position, he's one of three in the state of Indiana. He set the tone for our team tonight," said McClelland.

"For me, it's more about how we would respond after last week. Again, let's give credit where credit is due. Fishers is really good. They kicked us and they're going to kick a lot of people. I just wanted to see how our guys would respond. It was just a

great team win. I thought we were the aggressor," added McClelland.

Noblesville grabbed its largest lead of 21 (40-19), at that point, when Curry knocked down a three from the right wing. Through three, it would be 41-22.

Baron Walker drilled a three from the right corner to begin the fourth for the biggest lead at 44-22.

Carmel had its biggest quarter in the fourth with 15 points, but the defensive effort by Noblesville would keep the 'Hounds at a distance.

The Greyhounds (3-1) suffered their first loss of the season. They will play at North Central Friday and Saturday at Kokomo.

The Greyhounds were led by the trio of Alex Couto, Zach Michaels and Evan Harrell each scoring nine.

Curry led all scorers with a career-high 27 points on 11 of 17 shooting, including 4 for 7 outside the arc. He also shot 7 of 10 from two-point range. Walker scored nine,

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while both Davidson and Adam Fine had six.

Noblesville got another big win last Saturday at the Forum Tip-Off Classic at Southport, beating Jeffersonville 64-54.

The Millers led 16-11 after the first quarter and 27-21 at halftime. Curry picked up where he left off, nailing three 3s in the first period and totaled 13 points in the half.

The second half belonged to Walker, who helped Noblesville to a 48-36 lead after three periods. He scored 11 points in the third quarter, hitting two 3s and making a third triple in the fourth quarter. Walker also went 4-for-4 from the free throw line in the fourth and finished the game with 21 points and four 3s.

Curry also made four 3s and scored 18 points. Davidson finished with 14 points, including seven in the fourth quarter.

Noblesville is 5-1 and plays a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game Friday at Westfield.

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Boys Basketball

University drops two games

The REPORTER

The University boys basketball team had a tough week last week, dropping two close games.

The Trailblazers came up on the wrong side of a buzzer-beating decision as Sectional 42 foe Cardinal Ritter claimed a wild 78-77 overtime victory last Tuesday.

Josh Henderson's basket with 5.8 seconds left in overtime put University ahead 77-76 but Ritter pushed the ball up the floor and scored on a layin as time expired.

University staged a tremendous rally to force overtime. Trailing 66-58 with 67 seconds left the Blazers rallied to knot the score at 69 when Faisal Mohamud hit a three pointer from the right corner as time expired in regulation. Henderson started the late rally with a pair of foul shots before Max McComb scored with 50 seconds left to pull University within five. Henderson scored again off a McComb assist with 35 seconds left and again with 17 seconds left before Mohamud tied the score.

The teams were tied at 73 midway through overtime with McComb going 4-for-4 at the line for University. Mohamud and McComb each split a pair of foul shots to put University down 76-75 with 25 seconds left. The Blazers forced a turnover to get the ball and McComb found Hen-

erson at the rim for the short-lived University lead.

Mohamud led University with a career-high 27 points. McComb had 18 points while Henderson had 13, all in the fourth quarter and overtime.

The Blazers returned home to the U Center last Saturday to play Pioneer Academic Athletic Conference North division opponent Liberty Christian. The Lions went on a long run in the first quarter and stayed in front to beat University 56-51, ending the Trailblazers' 35-game win streak in the division.

University led 10-6 midway through the first quarter, with Blake Gray scoring five straight points on a layin and a 3. But Liberty Christian dominated the remainder of the period, scoring 10 consecutive points for a 16-10 lead.

The Lions stayed in front for the entirety of the other three quarters, although the Blazers kept it close. Mohamud drained a second-period triple, then McComb hit a 3 at the halftime buzzer to keep University within 22-20 at halftime.

Another McComb basket brought University within 23-22 early in the third period before LC went on an 8-1 run to lead 31-23. The Lions led 37-28 after three quarters, then A'Marien Page became the fourth quarter with a dunk to give Liberty Christian its largest lead at 39-28.

McComb scored six points early in the fourth to help get the Trailblazers within 40-36, and a Mohamud 3 cut the Lions' lead to 42-39. But Liberty Christian was able to keep University at arm's length until the buzzer.

"We just weren't tough enough down the stretch," said Trailblazers coach Justin Blanding. "First half, we

weren't running our offense. It was a lot of one-pass shot and just bad possessions that came back to hurt us."

McComb scored 22 points, while Mohamud finished with 13.

University is 1-1 in division play and 2-1 overall. The Trailblazers host Brebeuf Jesuit on Friday, then play Saturday at Mooresville.

NOBLESVILLE

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING Board of Zoning Appeals City of Noblesville, Indiana This notice is to inform you of a Public Hearing that will be held by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals on the 6th day of January, 2025. This hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, Noblesville City Hall at 16 South 10th Street. The applications submitted by Charlie Mattox, CrossRoads Engineers (applicant) and International Disaster Emergency Service Inc (owner), requests approval of Variance of Development Standards applications as listed below within the I-1/SR 32 overlay zoning districts at property located at 355 Park 32 West Drive, Noblesville, 46062: BZNA-000241-2024: Pursuant to UDO §8.H.8.L. to allow for a building addition to exceed the maximum permitted building height of 20 feet. BZNA-000242-2024: Pursuant to UDO §8.H.8.L. to allow for a building addition without the required modulated facade or projected cornice. BZNA-000243-2024: Pursuant to UDO §8.H.8.L. to allow for building addition that will result in a building facade parallel with Midland Trace to exceed the maximum permitted building facade of 80 feet. BZNA-000244-2024: Pursuant to UDO §8.H.8.L. to allow for a building facade without the required minimum 20 percent of the wall square footage composed of glazed areas or having a glazed appearance. BZNA-000245-2024: Pursuant to UDO §8.H.8.L. to allow for a building addition with roof pitch less than the required 4:12 pitch. BZNA-000246-2024: Pursuant to UDO §8.H.8.L. to allow for a building addition without the required minimum masonry materials. BZNA-000247-2024: Pursuant to UDO §8.H.8.L. to allow for no installation of an artistic piece for a development with frontage on Midland Trace. BZNA-000248-2024: Pursuant to UDO §8.H.8.L. to allow for loading berths on the north side of the building to be visible from the Park 32 right-of-way and adjacent properties. Written suggestions or objections relative to the application above may be filed with the Department of Planning and Development, at or before such meeting, and will be heard by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. Interested persons desiring to present their views, either in writing or verbally, will have an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place. This hearing may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. A copy of the proposal is on file in the Department of Planning and Development at 16 South 10th Street, Suite B140 and may be reviewed during regular office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A copy of staff report will be posted on the agenda on the city website www.noblesville.in.gov at least 5 days prior to the hearing. Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals Caleb Gutshall, Secretary R5412 12/16/24

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING Plan Commission City of Noblesville, Indiana This notice is to inform you of a Public Hearing that will be held by the Noblesville Plan Commission on the 21st day of January, 2025. This hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, Noblesville City Hall at 16 South 10th Street. Property owners Weeding Peppermint, LLC and Cicero Road Holdings, LLC, applicant Leigh Anne Ferrell, Stoepelwerth & Associates, request approval of a Primary Plat for the creation of a two-lot subdivision to be known as Cicero Road Estates in a R1 (low density single family suburban residential) zoning district of approximately 26.457 for property located at 2570 Cicero Road, Noblesville, Indiana, 46060. Written suggestions or objections relative to the application above may be filed with the Department of Planning and Development, at or before such meeting, and will be heard by the Noblesville Plan Commission. Interested persons desiring to present their views, either in writing or verbally, will have an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place. This hearing may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Noblesville Plan Commission. A copy of the proposal is on file in the Department of Planning and Development at 16 South 10th Street, Suite B140 and may be reviewed during regular office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A copy of staff report will be posted on the agenda on the city website https://www.noblesville.in.gov/ at least 5 days prior to the hearing. Noblesville Plan Commission Caleb Gutshall, Secretary R5415 12/16/24

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING Plan Commission City of Noblesville, Indiana This notice is to inform you of a Public Hearing that will be held by the Noblesville Plan Commission on the 21st day of January, 2025. This hearing to consider application PLAT-000214-2024 will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, Noblesville City Hall at 16 South 10th Street. Property owner International Disaster Emergency Service Inc, applicant Charlie Mattox, CrossRoads Engineers, requests approval of a Primary Plat for the creation of a one-lot subdivision to be known as the IDES Subdivision in the I-1/SR32 overlay zoning districts of approximately 6.355 acres at property located at 355 Park 32 West Drive, Noblesville, 46062. Written suggestions or objections relative to the application above may be filed with the Department of Planning and Development, at or before such meeting, and will be heard by the Noblesville Plan Commission. Interested persons desiring to present their views, either in writing or verbally, will have an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place. This hearing may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Noblesville Plan Commission. A copy of the proposal is on file in the Department of Planning and Development at 16 South 10th Street, Suite B140 and may be reviewed during regular office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A copy of staff report will be posted on the agenda on the city website https://www.noblesville.in.gov/ at least 5 days prior to the hearing. Noblesville Plan Commission Caleb Gutshall, Secretary R5416 12/16/24

COUNTY

Hamilton County Tax Year: 2024 pay 2025 Generation Date: Nov. 7, 2024 Personal Property Abatement List Report Table with columns: Parcel Number, Applicant, Title, TIF District, Term (years), Termination Date, Abatement Percentage, Eligible AV, ERA Amount. Rows include Jackson, Arcadia, Westfield, Noblesville City, Fishers, Carmel, Fishers FC, and Noblesville FC categories.

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 I 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 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 Defendant I Heather Dewaelsche 7558 Timber Spring Dr. S Fishers, IN 46038 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

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

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 for Hamilton County, Indiana R5361 12/9/24, 12/16/24

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

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 for Hamilton County, Indiana R5360 12/9/24, 12/16/24

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

STATE OF INDIANA) 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

29D03-2412-EU-000530 STATE OF INDIANA) COUNTY OF HAMILTON) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT No. 3 IN THE MATTER OF THE) UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF) LOWELL E. STANLEY,) DECEASED) NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA In the matter of the Estate of Lowell E. Stanley, deceased. Cause No. 29D03-2412-EU-000530 Notice is hereby given that on December 11th, 2024, Ora M. Stanley, was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Lowell E. Stanley who died on April 23, 2023. 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 Noblesville, Indiana, on December 11th, 2024. Kathy Kregg Williams Clerk of the Hamilton County Superior Court No. 3 RileyCate, LLC 11 Municipal Drive, Suite 320 Fishers, IN 46038 R5421 12/16, 12/23/24

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Basketball

UHS girls dominate Muncie Burris at home

The REPORTER

University's girls clinched at least a tie of their seventh consecutive Pioneer Academic Athletic Conference North Division championship with a 55-18 win over Muncie Burris last Friday at The U Center.

Taylor Seay had 15 points to lead a balanced Trailblazer attack as University won its 23rd consecutive PAAC North game. Anyah Turley had 13 points, Leah Norvell 10, Gabby Culp nine and Mack Feeney six as the Blazers

evened their record at 4-4.

Turley opened the scoring just 22 seconds into the game before the Owls ran off five points to take a 5-2 lead. Turley made another basket before Feeney scored off a pass from Culp to put University ahead for good at 6-5. The Blazers outscored Burris 14-2 over the last six minutes of the opening period to lead 16-7. Turley had six points in the opening period and Culp five.

Five different Blazers had a basket in the second

quarter as University led by as many as 18 before taking a 28-12 lead to the locker room at halftime.

University put the game away in the third period, scoring the first 16 points of the quarter. Norvell had seven in the third as the Blazers led 44-14 entering the final stanza.

The Trailblazers dominated the boards in the contest, pulling down a season-high 54 rebounds. Culp led with 12 while Feeney had 10 caroms. Seay and Norvell each had

eight rebounds.

University passed the ball well, picking up assists on 20 of its 22 made field goals. Feeney had a team-high seven assists and a team-high six steals.

University's game scheduled for last Saturday against PAAC North foe Liberty Christian has been postponed at Liberty Christian's request due to a lack of players available.

University's girls are back in action Thursday when they host Bishop Chatard at The U Center.

Heights' Morris selected for U13 5 Star Indiana All American Team

The REPORTER

Jeremiah Morris, a student at Hamilton Heights Middle School, was selected for the 5 Star Indiana All American 13U football team.

Morris will compete in a national tournament in January in New Smyrna Beach, Fla. He earned the honor after competing in a tournament last month.

"This is a great honor, and we are very proud of Jeremiah's hard work and dedication to the game of football," said Kent Provence, HHMS Health/PE Teacher and Head Football Coach. "He will represent our school and football program in a great way!"

Congratulations, Jeremiah!



Photo provided

Sheridan boys beat Faith Christian & Clinton Central

The REPORTER

The Sheridan boys basketball team picked up two wins last week.

First, the Blackhawks scored a hard-fought win at Faith Christian last Monday, 74-65. Sheridan led 18-13 after the first quarter. The Eagles cut into that lead slightly in the second period, but the Blackhawks enjoyed a 35-32 advantage at halftime. Sheridan poured in 22 points in the third quarter for a 57-49 lead, then added 17 points in the fourth quarter.

Senior Damon Winston led the way for the 'Hawks, scoring 28 points, pulling six rebounds and handing out four assists. Trey Page added 15 points and had three assists. Devon Hamilton scored 10 points and also had three rebounds, three steals and two assists, while Caleb

Wright had nine points and eight assists.

Sheridan beat rival Clinton Central 53-33 in a Hoosier Heartland Conference game last Friday at Larry Hobbs Hall. It was the second win of the week and the third in a row for the 'Hawks.

The Blackhawks outscored the Bulldogs in all four quarters. Sheridan led 13-8 after one period, with Hamilton pouring in eight points. The 'Hawks scored 17 points in the second period, including seven from Page, to take a 30-18 half-time lead.

Sheridan rolled through the second half, allowing CC only four points in the fourth quarter. Hamilton scored 11 second-half points, giving him a game-high total of 23. Wright hit two 3-pointers in the second half, and three for

the game. He finished with 15 points.

Wright also had eight rebounds, five assists and four steals, while Hamilton blocked two shots. Jax Peerman collected seven rebounds, with Chance Spen-

cer and Hamilton both pulling five.

Sheridan is 2-0 in conference play and 4-1 overall. The 'Hawks continue conference play Friday when they host Eastern, then welcome Frankfort on Saturday.

COUNTY

Hamilton County Tax Year: 2024 pay 2025 Generation Date: Nov. 26, 2024 Deductions Abatement List Report

Table with columns: Parcel Number, Applicant, Title, TIF District, Approved CFI Date, Term, Abatement Percentage, Eligible AV, ERA Amount. It lists various property owners and their abatement details across different districts like Sheridan, Jackson, Arcadia, Westfield, Noblesville City, and Fishers.

COURT NOTICES

29D02-2412-EU-000526 NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.

Notice is hereby given that Christine Martin Cleveland was, on December 10, 2024, appointed personal representative of the estate of Mary E. Martin, deceased, who died on October 22, 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 10, 2024. Kathy Kreag Williams, Clerk of the Hamilton County Superior Court, Hamilton County, Indiana

29D01-2412-EU-000528 Sarah J. Randall, #26898-29 Church Church Hittle + Antrim Two North Ninth Street Noblesville, IN 46060

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

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF HAMILTON IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT Cause No. 29C01-2412-MI-013579 IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF: Amy Marie Kelley

Notice is hereby given that Joseph Lobraco, Next Friend of minor child, self-represented, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on July 22, 2024, to change the name of Lucy Anne Lobraco to Anne Rose Lobraco.

The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton County Circuit Court on April 7, 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.

Date: December 11, 2024. Kathy Kreag Williams, Hamilton County Clerk

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF HAMILTON IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT Cause No. 29C01-2412-MI-013476

Notice is hereby given that, Joseph Lobraco, Next Friend of minor child, self-represented, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on July 22, 2024, to change the name of Lucy Anne Lobraco to Anne Rose Lobraco.

The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton County Circuit Court on April 7, 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.

Date: December 10, 2024. Kathy Kreag Williams, Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF HAMILTON IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT Cause No. 29C01-2409-MI-010245

Notice is hereby given that, Katelyn Patricia Nowak, Next Friend of minor child, self-represented, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on June 26, 2024, to change the name of Nathanyal Micheal Hunter Bell to Nova Hunter Groover.

The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton County 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.

Date: September 16, 2024. Kathy Kreag Williams, Hamilton County Clerk

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF HAMILTON IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT Cause No. 29C01-2409-MI-9875

Notice is hereby given that, Tommi Jean Bell, Next Friend of minor child, self-represented, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on June 26, 2024, to change the name of Nathanyal Micheal Hunter Bell to Nova Hunter Groover.

The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton County 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.

Date: November 7, 2024. Kathy Kreag Williams, Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF HAMILTON IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT Cause No. 29C01-2403-MI-2541

Notice is hereby given that, Katelyn Patricia Nowak, Next Friend of minor child, self-represented, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on June 26, 2024, to change the name of Nathanyal Micheal Hunter Bell to Nova Hunter Groover.

The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on March 17, 2025 at 10:00 am, 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 15, 2024. Kathy Kreag Williams, Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 1
) 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
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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 1
) 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.
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29D01-2411-AD-001581
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF:
ARRIYANNA RENEA CARDELL,
Minor
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
Roderick Quinten Brown, Jr. is notified that a Petition for Adoption of a child named Arriyanna Renea Cardell, born to Jasmine Abryona Colon on April 1st, 2010, was filed in the office of the Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court, 1 N 8th St # 106, Noblesville, IN 46060. The Petition for Adoption alleges that the consent to adoption of Arriyanna Renea Cardell is not required because Roderick Quinten Brown, Jr. has had minimal involvement in the child's life; his whereabouts are unknown, with only limited information suggesting he may reside in Louisville; he has not consistently contributed to child support, and there is no formal support order in place; and he has not maintained contact with the child or exercised any parenting time. If Roderick Quinten Brown, Jr. seeks to contest the adoption of the child, Arriyanna Renea Cardell, he must file a motion to contest the adoption in accordance with I.C. 31-19-10-1 in the above named court not later than thirty (30) days after the date of service of this notice. If Roderick Quinten Brown, Jr. does not file a motion to contest the adoption within thirty days after service of this notice the above named court will hear and determine the petition for adoption. The consent to adoption of Arriyanna Renea Cardell be irrevocably implied and Roderick Quinten Brown, Jr. will lose the right to contest either the adoption or the validity of his implied consent to the adoption. No oral statement made to Roderick Quinten Brown, Jr. relieves him of his obligations under this notice. This notice complies with I.C. 31-19-4.5-3 but does not exhaustively set forth a person's legal obligations under the Indiana adoption statutes
Kathy Kreag Williams, Clerk
Hamilton County Superior Court
Prepared by:
Alexandra Roberts #34558-53
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R5338 12/24, 12/9/24, 12/16/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2411-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-000513
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN HAMILTON COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT)
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 Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court
R5398 12/9/23, 12/16/23

29D03-2411-EU-000513
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN HAMILTON COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT)
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, Probate Division
In Re: the Estate of Verda A. Klemm, deceased
Estate Docket # 29D03-2411-EU-000506
Notice is hereby given that Mary Katherine McDaniel was, on the 21st day of November, 2024, appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of Verda A. Klemm, deceased, who died on the 14th day of September, 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, this 21st day of November, 2024.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court, Probate Division
R5394 12/9/24, 12/16/24

29D03-2411-EU-000513
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN HAMILTON COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT)
CAUSE NO. 29D03-2411-EU-000513
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF)
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Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this 21st day of November, 2024.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court, Probate Division
R5394 12/9/24, 12/16/24

FISHERS

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER 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 5-32, 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.
R5368 12/9/24, 12/16/24

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 Kouns (tkouns@hse.k12.in.us)
R5378 12/6/24, 12/9/24, 12/13/24, 12/16/24

COUNTY

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

NOTICE
The Hamilton County Highway Department is submitting a Notice of Intent to IDEM of our intent to comply with the requirements of the Construction Stormwater General Permit to discharge stormwater from construction activities associated with E-21-0844 Pennington Rd. and Middletown Ave. Small Structure Project. Runoff from this project site will discharge to Stony Creek. Questions or comments regarding this project should be directed to faraz.khan@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.
R5418 12/16/24

TIPTON

INVITING SEALED PROPOSALS FOR ANNUAL DRAIN MAINTENANCE LABOR, MATERIAL & EQUIPMENT RATES FOR BIG CICERO CREEK REGULATED OPEN DRAIN
Pursuant to 36-9-27-78(c) the Big Cicero Creek Joint Drainage Board, Tipton County, Indiana will receive sealed bid proposals until the hour of 3:00 p.m., December 17th, 2024 in the Tipton County Surveyor's office, Courthouse, Room 102, 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana 46072 for "ANNUAL DRAIN MAINTENANCE FOR BIG CICERO CREEK 2025".
Each bid shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, identified as "Annual Drain Maintenance of Big Cicero Creek 2025", shall bear the name and address of the bidder and must be filed in the office of the Tipton County Surveyor (or designee) prior to the bid opening.
As required by IC 36-9-27-78(c), at 10:30 a.m. on December 18th, 2024 all bids, received by the above date and time, will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Conference Room on the first floor of the Tipton County Courthouse. Any bid received after the designated time stated above will be returned unopened.
Copies of the specifications are available to interested bidders in the offices of the Tipton, Hamilton, Boone and Clinton County Surveyors.
Bids shall be submitted on a fully and properly executed "General Bid Form 96" which includes a Non-Collusion Affidavit, as prescribed by the Indiana State Board of Accounts and in accordance with I.C. 36-1-12-4(b, 6 & 12) and all acts amendatory thereto and shall include the required "Plan & Equipment Questionnaire" and "Contractor's Financial Statement".
The bid shall also include an executed Non-Discrimination Clause, and Certificate of Non-Segregated Facilities.
Pursuant to I.C. 36-9-27-78(b), the bidder shall be required to file with his or her bid proposal, at his or her option, either a certified check or cashier's check made payable to the Big Cicero Joint Drainage Board in the amount of \$500.00 or acceptable bid bond with sufficient sureties. The bond must be conditioned upon the bidder's execution of a contract in accordance with his or her bid if accepted by the Board and must provide for the forfeiture of the bond upon his or her failure to do so. The Big Cicero Creek Joint Drainage Board shall return all checks and bonds submitted by unsuccessful bidders and shall return the successful bidders' checks or bonds upon entering into a contract with the Board.
Pursuant to IC 36-9-27-78(c), at the time specified the Big Cicero Creek Joint Drainage Board shall open and examine all bids. The Board shall then promptly award the contract to the lowest bidder or bidders it finds qualified. In determining whether a bidder is qualified, the Board shall consider the complexity and magnitude of the work to be performed, and the skill and experience of the bidder.
A Performance Bond in the amount of \$10,000.00 will be required of the successful bidder. The bond must be conditioned on the faithful performance of the contract and the payment of all expenses and damages incurred under the contract, including payment of all suppliers, laborers, and subcontractors. The bond shall remain valid and in full force and effect during the term of this contract.
The Big Cicero Creek Joint Drainage Board reserves the right to waive informalities or accept or to reject any and all bids, all to the advantage of said Board.
BIG CICERO CREEK JOINT DRAINAGE BOARD
TIPTON COUNTY, INDIANA
MARK HEIRBRANDT
DON LAWSON
JORDAN BREWER
BRAD BAGWELL
AUSTIN HENDERSON
R5409 12/11/24, 12/16/24

NOBLESVILLE

SHERIFF SALES
TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
) 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 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 Stilts 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

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

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING
Board of Zoning Appeals
City of Noblesville, Indiana
This notice is to inform you of a Public Hearing that will be held by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals on the 6th day of January, 2025. This hearing to discuss application BZNA-000222-2024 will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, Noblesville City Hall at 16 South 10th Street. The application submitted by Jason Hanners, First Merchants Bank, requests approval of Variance of Development Standards application pursuant to UDO §11.C.3.A.4., to allow for lettering on an automatic teller machine canopy to exceed three inches in height within the Corporate Campus Planned Development zoning district at property located at 11090 East 146th Street, Noblesville, Indiana, 46060.
Written suggestions or objections relative to the application above may be filed with the Department of Planning and Development, at or before such meeting, and will be heard by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. Interested persons desiring to present their views, either in writing or verbally, will have an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place.
This hearing may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. A copy of the proposal is on file in the Department of Planning and Development at 16 South 10th Street, Suite B140 and may be reviewed during regular office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A copy of staff report will be posted on the agenda on the city website www.noblesville.in.gov at least 5 days prior to the hearing.
Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals
Caleb Gutshall, Secretary
R5410 12/16/24

CICERO

NOTICE
On December 19, 2024, the Cicero / Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will hold an Executive Session at 6:30 pm at Red Bridge Community Building, 697 W Jackson Street, Cicero, IN, according to Indiana Code IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2) (B) Initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing. As used in this clause, "litigation" includes any judicial action or administrative law proceeding under federal or state law.
R5413 12/16/24

Noblesville Elks Hoop Shoot winners honored



Photo provided

The Noblesville Elks held their 53rd Hoop Shoot contest at the Boys & Girls Club Sunday, Dec. 8. Pictured with Lodge Exalted Ruler Steve Vallier and PER & Hoop Shoot Director Pete Smith are (in no particular order) age group winners Luke Glassley, Lucas Mani, Harper McKee, Allison Hochgsang, Elouise Balkcom, Finn Shilts, Luke Glassley, Jackson Fidler, Owen Shilts, Molly Whisler, Gwynn Whisler, Caleb Davy, Gavin Glassley, and Max Everson.

Girls Basketball Blackhawks keep streak going with conference victory

The REPORTER

Sheridan kept its winning streak rolling last Thursday, traveling to Rossville and coming home with a 66-42 Hoosier Heartland Conference victory.

The Blackhawks easily kept their perfect HHC record intact at 3-0. Sheridan led 19-8 after the first period, with Kenzie Garner scoring nine points.

The second quarter belonged to Shelby Eaton.

She nailed five 3-pointers during that period, helping the 'Hawks to extend their lead to 42-22 at halftime. Sheridan held a 51-31 advantage after three quarters, then a 15-point fourth quarter clinched the game for the Blackhawks.

Eaton threw in one more triple in the fourth, giving her



Eaton

six for the game. She finished with 20 points. Garner added 18 points while Cecilia Timme scored 11 points.

Sheridan is 7-1 overall and plays three home games this week.

The 'Hawks take on Tipton West Tuesday, play Tipton Wednesday then host Eastern Friday in an HHC game.

Girls Basketball

Back-and-forth play ends with Rocks rally

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

CARMEL – The Westfield girls basketball team won a hard-fought all-county game at Carmel last Tuesday, 52-47.

The Shamrocks led 14-12 after the first period. The second quarter featured more back-and-forth, with Westfield leading 27-25 at halftime. Carmel went on a 10-0 run to start the second half, with Izzy Shepherd scoring seven points.

But the Shamrocks answered with a 17-0 run that took up most of the third period. Sam Price put in seven of those points, while Lindsey Van Dyke nailed a triple, then was good on an and-1.

“We called the timeout, and I really felt like Sam Price could give us more there in that second half than what she was giving us,” said Westfield coach Kelsey Steele. “I got after her a little bit in that timeout and she did a great job responding. She came out in the second half and really was a big part of that 17-nothing run.”

Mackenzie Woods scored on a layin for the last basket of the quarter to cut the lead to 44-37, but Price made the first basket of the fourth, and the 'Rocks were up 46-37.

Shepherd made a layin, but Price responded with a basket to give Westfield a 48-39 lead. Shepherd nailed a 3 and Perry was good on



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Westfield's MaKayla Hatcher (22) and Ellen Wheeler (24) guard Carmel's Izabella Ramsey during the Shamrocks-Greyhounds game last Tuesday. Westfield won 52-47.

an and-1 to quickly cut the Shamrocks' advantage to 48-45 with 3:22 left.

Perry's two free throws made it 49-47 with 1:35 to go, but Westfield was able to hold on after that.

Van Dyke finished with 15 points, while Price scored 11. Aubrey Crockett made two 3-pointers on her way to eight points. Shepherd led Carmel with 21 points, also making two 3-pointers.

Weekend games

Westfield cruised past Zionsville 46-36 in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game at CSI Gymnasium.

The Shamrocks led 17-7 advantage after one quarter; Crockett made three 3-pointers during that period. The other three quarters were played even, so Westfield was able to maintain its lead for the remainder of the

contest. Van Dyke scored 14 points, including eight in the fourth quarter. Crockett and MaKayla Hatcher both finished with nine points.

Westfield is 2-1 in HCC play and 6-4 overall. The Shamrocks play two conference games this week, hosting Avon Tuesday and traveling to Noblesville on Saturday.

Meanwhile, Carmel rebounded with a 55-52 overtime victory last Saturday at Fort Wayne Snider.

Sydney Bonds led the 'Hounds with 13 points, while Shepherd scored 11. Taylee Fisher dominated the rebounds with 10, while Woods collected six and Shepherd had five. Shepherd and Woods both dished out five assists.

Carmel is 5-5 and hosts North Central on Friday.



CONGRESSWOMAN
VICTORIA SPARTZ
PROUDLY SERVING **INDIANA'S** 5TH DISTRICT

Constituent Services



Help with Federal Agencies

I can help you when dealing with federal agencies, including:

- Social Security issues
- Medicare claims
- Veterans benefits
- Passport assistance
- IRS questions



US Flag Requests

Obtain commemorative flags flown over the US Capitol from my office.



Military Academy Nominations

High school students in our district may contact my office to request a nomination to attend one of our nation's service academies.



US Capitol and White House Tour Requests

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