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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly cloudy. Freezing rain and rain possible by late afternoon. Tonight: Freezing rain and rain. Rumbles of thunder possible as temps climb into the 40s overnight.

HIGH: 36 LOW: --



Heights recognizes six 'Coffee Bean' awardees in January

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Hamilton Heights High School recognizes the following students who were named as Coffee Bean Award recipients for January. They include Michael Cain, LiLiana Cook, Hannah England, Braeden Flaherty, Lukas Jackson, and Bella McDole.

The name and award, inspired by The Coffee Bean, a book written by Jon Gordon and Damon West, delivers a simple, yet powerful message on positive change. All students nominated receive a certificate of recognition. At the end of the month, the names of the students who were nominated during the month are included in a drawing where the first five to seven names drawn are called down to the office to enjoy a hot chocolate or coffee and a donut.

West, a best-selling author and internationally renowned keynote speaker, will be the guest speaker at Hamilton Heights Middle and High Schools later this month to share his message of the incred-



Photo provided

Hamilton Heights High School January Coffee Bean Award recipients include (from left) Braeden Flaherty, Michael Cain, Lukas Jackson, Bella McDole, Hannah England, and LiLiana Cook.

to positively change their lives. The monthly award objec-

tive is to encourage more acts high school. Students and staff hs.hhschuskies.org.

ible power within each person of kindness, positivity, school can nominate students. You can spirit, and help foster a closer send a nomination by visiting sense of community within the the Student Services page at

There are so few people in your life that truly know you. Not just the surface you, but the actual person you are at the deepest level of your soul. The people that make up in your inner core that can tell from the way you answer the phone if something is wrong.



For me, my mom is that person.

She can tell within a second of talking to me if I'm worried about something or upset. She knows exactly what makes me tick. She's the one who has seen me at my best and my absolute worst. Her love is so unconditional and devoted. It's a love that I never even understood until I had my own children. There is literally nothing I could do that my mom would not have my back.

My mom is the person who has taught me everything. I would not be where I'm at without my mom. I watched my mom's entire world get turned upside down when she lost my dad at the age of 43. I remember people telling her she was so strong. They would tell her they didn't know how she was doing it, but I remember her saying, "I have two kids. I can't just curl up in a ball." I know she wanted to, but she never did. She taught my sister and me both how to pick up the broken pieces of your life and forge ahead. She would tell us that our life may be different, but it was not bad and no matter what we have a lot to be grateful for.

My mom is and always has been the epitome of what makes a house a home. My mom is what makes a yard a garden. My mom is what makes a trip a cherished memory. My mom is what makes a gift a treasure. My mom takes a holiday and turns it into a tradition. My mom is what makes a table setting an atmosphere. My mom is the heart of our family. She is our nucleus. She is our home base. She is the direction our compass takes us when we need to figure things out. My mom is generous, kind, intelligent, funny, beautiful, and talented.

My mom will tell you exactly what she thinks. She is a spitfire. My mom is gentle, yet fierce. My mom taught me that true love exists, and fairy tales are not just in the movies. My mom has taught me how to love a man without ever losing myself. My mom has supported me in my career, and most importantly, my journey in motherhood. My mom never judges me.

My mom raised me to know Jesus and to lean on Him in all times of my life. My mom taught me how to be a mom. There have been so many laughs and tears. My mom and I have fought and forgiven. I have her back and she has mine.

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A new look in eye care comes to Carmel

By AMY ADAMS

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Alternate View celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting on Thursday, Jan. 30. Located in Carmel City Center, across from Cake Bake, the new business welcomed community members for drinks hors d'oeuvres, giveaways, and permanent jewelry from Honey.

"I'm very moved by the number of people who wanted to come and be here and share this experience with us," Owner Mollie Tavel Kaback said.

If the name Tavel sounds familiar to you, it's because Kaback's father, Dr. Larry Tavel, and her uncle, Dr. Alan Tavel, co-own more than 20 Dr. Tavel



Reporter photo by Amy Adams

Alternate View Owner Mollie Tavel Kaback, center with scissors, is joined by her father, Dr. Larry Tavel, left, and Carmel City Council Member Jeff Worrell, right, as well See Eye ... Page 2 as Alternate View team members to celebrate the ribbon cutting.

Find out Whodunit with ATI



Reporter photo by Bill Miller

Actors Theatre of Indiana continued its 2024-2025 Season on Jan. 31 with Whodunit ... The Musical by longtime Broadway actor and playwright Ed Dixon and directed by Dr. Julie Lyn Barber, head of Musical Theatre at Purdue Ft. Wayne. Whodunit runs through Feb. 16 at The Studio Theatre at the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. (ABOVE) The cast included Jacob A. Butler, Cynthia Collins, Logan Hill, John Vessels Jr., Judy Fitzgerald, Carol Worcel, Julie Lyn Barber, Darrin Murrell, Donna Jacobi, Kayla Richardson, Olivia Lawson, and Duane McDevitt. Read a review from Daniel Shock with A Seat on the Aisle on Page 3.

Hamilton County Sheriff's Office investigates personal injury crash involving on-duty Tipton County Sheriff's Deputy

The REPORTER

approximately 3:50 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 2, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office received a request to respond to a personal injury crash involving an on-duty Tipton County Deputy at the intersection of County 725 West and State Road 28 in Tipton County.

Hamilton County units responded to the scene and conducted a preliminary investigation. The investigation revealed that the deputy was traveling west on State Road 28 when a second vehicle, traveling north on 725 West, disregarded a stop sign, resulting in a collision at the intersection.

The involved Tipton County Sheriff's Office deputy, Sgt. Dylan Vetor, sustained minor injuries and was transported to obtained for blood draws

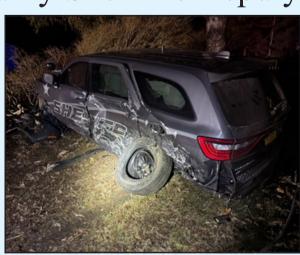


Photo provided by Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

IU Tipton for medical evaluation. He has since been treated and released.

The occupants of the second vehicle appeared to be intoxicated and were uncooperative with law enforcement. Both individuals denied being the driver of the vehicle. Search warrants were

of both occupants. Their vehicle was transported to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office for further processing, while the deputy's vehicle was towed to Miller's for additional investigation.

Following the execution of the search warrants, the occupants were released pending further investigation.

Family Eyecare locations throughout the state. In fact, the family's experience in eyecare goes back to Kaback's grandfather, Dr. David Tavel, who opened Dr. Tavel's Premium Optical in Indianapolis nearly 85 years ago.

"I'm thrilled for her," Larry Tavel said.

To Alternate View, Kaback brings her own wealth of experience in eye care and health care through her family's business, through pharmaceuticals, and through working with EssilorLuxotica, the largest lens manufacturer in the world.

However, Kaback also brings a whole new perspective in eye care to the Carmel and greater Indianapolis area: Eye care as self-care.

"In the Millennial, Gen X, and Gen Z generations, people are already prioritizing time and investment in the self-care realms," Kaback said. "Bringing those same elements into the eve care realm feels like something that should have already happened. It's really a missed opportunity."

For Kaback the tie is simple.

"We need to change the perception of eye care as a fun, relaxing, enjoyable, and fashionable experience," she

Kaback hopes that customers will experience "the most positive form of shock and excitement" when they enter Alternate View.

"At its core, it just looks and feels completely differ-





Reporter photos by Amy Adams

(ABOVE LEFT) Dr. Larry Tavel celebrates the success of his daughter Mollie Tavel Kaback at the grand opening of her new eye care boutique, Alternate View. (ABOVE RIGHT) Inside Alternate View, Owner Mollie Tavel Kaback calls out a name for a grand opening giveaway.

ent from what you would ex- treatments, among others. pect," she said.

Optometrists at Alternate View provide adult clients a thorough vision care experience that not only results in a prescription, but also a robust, complimentary dry eye evaluation.

'Suffering from dry eye temporary, is just so unnecessary," Kaback said. "If it doesn't have to happen, then let us help you figure out how to kick it to the curb."

With a focus on addressing dry eye, Alternate View offers research-backed treatments that include Intense Pulsed Light (IPL) therapy and Radiofrequency (RF)

However, Alternate View takes the eye care experience to the next level with treatments not just for the eyes, but for the skin around the eyes and the face, as well. Experts offer consultations for eyelash growth and for non-invasive eyelid lifting with specialized drops.

"We have many of the same elements as a spa," Kaback said. "We want to be able to create an experience where you can address your total face in a single experience, from topical creams and serums to eye care and the eyewear that goes on your

face, all with providers you fit every aspect of their lives. know and trust. We want to shift perception around eve care to really move people to recognize it in the same realm as skin care and fashion."

And speaking of fashion, Alternate View features a collection of more than 600 unique frames, most of which aren't available anywhere else in the area. Beyond that, the boutique model means that Alternate View offers custom frame design services to help customers craft the frames they want at a reasonable price. Not only that, but Alternate View stylists help clients create curated eyewear collections that all the best," Worrell said.

"This is something that is needed here, and it is unique," Tavel said. "You

can't find it anywhere else.

From the frames, to the

styling, to the 100-percent

customizable product, it's

extraordinary. It's an experience everybody, particularly those in Carmel, will just absolutely love." In addition to representatives from OneZone Chamber, Carmel City Council Member Jeff Worrell was

"We are thrilled to have you here, and we wish you

on hand at the ribbon cutting

Through March 15, in honor of its grand opening, Alternate View is offering free dry eye evaluations and a free initial dry eye IPL or RF treatment, a \$300 value, for those who qualify.

"We look forward to seeing so many people from across the north side of Indy to the south side of Indy, and all the way in between, to help them curate an amazing wardrobe of eyewear and to work through dry eye," Kaback said.

Alternate View is located at 750 Veterans Way, Suite 228. Schedule an appointment online at Alternate-View.com.

Live Music At Pasto Italiano Music every Wednesday & Friday /2 Price Bottles of Wine On Wednesdays Reservations Recommended 3150 East State Rd. 32, Westfield Catering: PastoltalianoWestfield@gmail.com

Mom-

who sends me things with captions like, "There is nobody else I could send this to besides your sister." I'm not sure what that says about my sister and me, but I am glad she feels that way.

say to my mom.

doesn't have my back is when I'm complaining about one of her grandchildren. AKA my own children. In that case, I'm most me to the grave. My mom

My mom is the one There is nothing I cannot definitely wrong because it isn't possible that one The only time my mom of her grandchildren did something wrong. Then it's definitely my fault and she doesn't have my back. Besides that, she will defend

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is my best friend, and I love her very much.

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

ART EXHIBITION

presented by **Westfield Mayor's Council on Disabilities**

The Westfield Mayor's Council on Disabilities (WMCD) in partnership with the City of Westfield is launching a Community Art Exhibition program where individuals with varying disabilities can submit artwork in any form to the council. Please submit artwork to one of the following locations:

Westfield City Services 2728 E. 171st Street

Westfield Washington Township 17400 Westfield Blvd.

You can submit artwork at any time to be displayed in the community throughout the year. However, if you'd like your artwork to be featured at the Westfield Sensory Day event at the Westfield Washington Public Library, be sure to submit it by February 24!

Visit westfieldin.gov/wmcd to learn how to get involved!







Tell it to my heart

"And the beat goes on ..." -Sonny and Cher,

The beat of our hearts - something we often take for granted; though, I believe we are all aware of the American



Heart Association's use of February as recognition of the importance of good heart health and the very serious situation that we face when we don't care for our hearts. (In this column, I am writing about the physical aspect, not the emotional one - although that can certainly affect our health as well.) Additionally, unfortunately some of us are born with heart issues that are not a result of our lifestyles and again that is not a subject specifically referenced here. The statistics on heart disease are staggering, much like the statistics on obesity:*

• Heart disease strikes someone in the U.S. about once every 43 seconds.

• Heart disease is the No. 1 cause of death in the United States, with over 702,880 deaths in the U.S. last year.

• Heart disease is the No. killer of women, taking more lives than all forms of cancer combined.

In 2018, about 400,000 people experienced out-of-hospital cardiac arrests in the United States. Of those treated by emergency medical services, 10.6 percent survived. Of the 19,300 bystander-witnessed out-of-hospital cardiac arrests in 2011, 31.4 percent survived.

Less than 1 percent of U.S. adults meet the American Heart Association's definition for "Ideal Healthy Diet." Essentially no children meet the definition. Of the five components of a healthy diet, reducing sodium and increasing whole grains are the biggest challenges. Eating patterns have changed dramatically in recent decades. Research from 1971 to 2004 showed Please consult your physithat women consumed an cian for any issues you may average of 22 percent more have related to nutrition or calories in that span and fitness activity.

men consumed COLUMNIST an average of 10 percent more. The average woman eats about 1,900 calories a day and the average man has nearly 2,700, according to the government figures. Hyperten-

> sion is projected to increase about 8 percent between 2013 and 2030.1

> Heart health can be a complicated topic dependent upon your family health history and your lifestyle choices. Obviously, your primary care physician should have your complete health history which includes information about your family as well as your food choices, any drug, alcohol or tobacco use, and your usual level of activity. From that point he/she may, if warranted, refer you to a cardiologist for further evaluation. Cardiology can determine any steps needed to alleviate potentially serious issues.

> In the meantime, we can all practice good heart health through a sensible eating plan which includes mostly vegetables and fruits with complex carbohydrates and clean protein while eliminating saturated and trans fats. Tobacco should be completely avoided and alcohol use kept to a minimum. Those of you who regularly read my column (thank you!) are aware that I am passionate about keeping these bodies moving! Whatever that is for you - walking, dancing (my favorite!), golf, pickleball, cycling, etc. there are many choices. There are many ways to incorporate movement into your life so just Do It! as Nike reminds us! *American Heart Asso-

¹content.sph.harvard.edu Sharon McMahon, CNWC

The opinions expressed in this article are not intended to replace advice of your personal physician or licensed health professional.

Hamilton County's peony community is growing quickly

By KELLY McVEY

Indiana Peony Festival

Are you interested in being part of the 2025 Indiana Peony Festival, sponsored by Smith's Jewelers? We have many areas in need of support where we'd love your help! We deeply appreciate and admire our peony community, and are always looking to grow. Whether through sponsorships, volunteers, or partnerships, we have a space for you.

Sponsorships

Sponsorships play a huge role in creating the festival each year. Without them, we would not be able to offer the activities, events, and vital areas needed to make each peony festival weekend the

best it can be.

If you would like to be involved in sponsorship opportunities, please inquire with Kelly McVey at ipfkelly@gmail.com.

Volunteers

Our volunteer positions are endless. Each year we are growing exponentially, and we need more helping hands. We have a wide variety of areas that need your help, from Spring Planting Day, Peonies in the Park, Seminary Park on festival day, Brunch & Blooms in downtown Noblesville, and more peony plans!

If you're interested in volunteering with us, please reach out to ipfmackenzie@gmail.com or sign up online. We would be grateful to have you!



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Ready to go orange?



What is Wear Orange Day? It is an annual effort on Feb. 11 during every Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month to show solidarity and raise awareness about dating violence by dressing in orange. The people of Prevail, Inc. encourage you to share pictures on your socials and tag @prevail.inc. In doing so, you're helping spread the message that everyone deserves a healthy relationship!

Let the bodies hit the floor (two of them) in ATI's hilarious Whodunit

By DANIEL SHOCK

A Seat on the Aisle

There's something both cozy and ominous about a country house murder mystery. As a kid, I spent many hours playing Clue with my family, feverishly fantasizing about locking up my siblings for their many heinous crimes. (Was it my sinister sister with the candlestick in the library?) Stories of isolated mansions and hidden secrets - where motives and bodies pile up faster than alibis - have long captivated audiences.

Whodunit ... The Musical, inspired by Mary Roberts Rinehart's The Circular Staircase, taps into this tradition while adding music, dancing, and a heavy dose

Presented by the Actors Theatre of Indiana, the show invites audiences to Sunnyside Cottage, a large and slightly spooky Connecticut estate in the summer of 1931. Spinster Carrie Innes (Judy Fitzgerald) and her sharp-tongued maid Liddy (Cynthia Collins) arrive to discover that the household staff has mysteriously quit – save for the quirky butler, Thomas (John Vessels Jr.), who hints that all is not well. Soon after, Carrie's niece, Sally (Logan Hill), arrives, accompanied by a "friend" – a young man named Jack (Jacob A. But-

ler). Scandalous! What begins as an awkward house party quickly spirals into a night of bizarre events, including attempted break-ins, gunshots, and not one but two dead bodies. Enter Detective Jarvis (Eric Olson), whose investigation sends the story careening toward increasingly absurd twists and turns. Ghostly warnings, tarot readings from the eccentric Zara (Sara M. Dontus), and a surprising musical number from the villain keep the au-



Judy Fitzgerald as Carrie Innes with Cynthia Collins as Liddy.

dience guessing until the ficampy musical comedy.

The set, designed by P. Bernard Killian, with its elegant curved staircase and wide layout, perfectly captures the grandeur of a country estate. Dustin Druckman's moody lighting effects - complete blackouts and flashes of lightning heighten the suspense, while the period-appropriate costumes by Donna Jacobs ground the production in 1931.

Despite these strong production values and an exceptionally talented cast, the material itself didn't fully land for me. The first act struggled to balance comedy and suspense, and while the musical numbers were performed well, none stood out as particularly memorable. I suspect most audience members didn't leave humming a tune. However, Act II brought a marked improvement, with more laughs and clever twists. "It's Harder to Move a Body Than You Think" (an unexpected highlight) was especially fun.

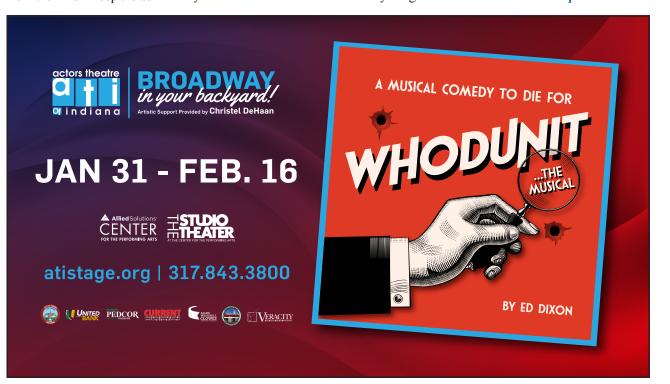
The performances were in the show. nal moments. It's a delight- a definite highlight. Cynwith a sharp tongue and a deep loyalty to her employer. Liddy's sarcastic wit and no-nonsense demeanor brought to mind characters like Hermione Baddeley's Ellen from Mary Poppins or Florence from The Jeffersons. Ms. Collins masterfully balanced humor and heart, delivering biting remarks one moment and stepping in to defend Carrie the next, creating a memorable and multifaceted character. Sara M. Dontus (Zara) was wonderfully over-the-top, leaning into her character's mystical eccentricities with wild abandon. Meanwhile, John Vessels Jr. (Thomas) displayed impeccable comedic timing, drawing consistent laughter from the audience with his

sly delivery. Without giving away spoilers, I'll just say that the final twist was a riotous surprise, with a songand-dance number from the villain that felt fresh and inventive – different from anything seen earlier

What struck me most ful blend of mystery and thia Collins (Liddy) was was how much the audifarce, all tied together with a standout, portraying the ence loved it. They laughed cranky, lower-class maid throughout and leapt to their teet for a standing ovation. It made me wonder if this genre - especially when played for laughs – just isn't my thing. Still, director Julie Lyn Barber assembled a Cracker Jack cast, production staff, and musicians to wring every last drop of entertainment from the material. With such standout performances and clever production choices, Whodunit ... The Musical was

undeniably a crowd-pleaser. Whodunit ... The Musical continues its run at the Studio Theater, part of the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel (1 Carter Green). Upcoming performances include each Thursday through Sunday from Feb. 6 to 16. Tickets are available through the Center for the Performing Arts box office or **online**. Don't miss your chance to see this riotous mystery comedy brought to life by the Actors Theatre of Indiana!

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



Letter to the Editor

Bringing the resources to the people: being connected in today's society

As we continue polishing our ability to care for and help one another, we need to be aware of the resources and services that will help us all live a more fulfilled life here in Hamilton County. Having a better understanding of what these resources and services do, where they are and how to contact them will definitely put a shine on your ability to care for and help your loved ones, friends and neighbors.

"Bringing the resources to the people" means actively delivering necessary services, tools, or support directly to individuals or communities where they are needed, rather than expecting them to travel or access them elsewhere.

Key points about this phrase: "Bringing the Resources to the People"

- Accessibility: The focus is on making resources easily accessible to people, removing barriers like distance or transportation issues.
- Community-centered: This approach often involves understand-

ing the specific needs of a community

and tailoring resources accordingly. • Proactive approach: It means actively identifying where needs exist and taking steps to deliver resources there, rather than waiting for people to come to a centralized location.

Examples of "Bringing Resources to the People"

- **County Resource Fairs:** Events where all resources and services are under one roof connecting with the residents in that county so they do not have to travel to find what they need.
- Mobile health clinics: Setting up medical services in a van or at a resource fair to reach underserved areas where healthcare access is limited.
- Food distribution programs: Delivering food directly to individuals, families in food insecure neigh-
- Community outreach programs: Bringing social workers to neighborhoods to connect people with available support services.
- · Digital literacy training in rural areas: Providing technology

limited internet access, i.e. the public library and other local services.

What does it mean being a resource to others?

One does not need to have all the answers or offer the services that others may need, but being connected and networked in your community so that you may connect others is being a resource connector. The essence of being a resource connector is the willingness to assist others when the opportunity arises. Communities are rich in resources and you can be a resource connector. What you're really doing is connecting the dots. It requires a lot of asking questions, listening and networking with people, resources and services.

Your efforts will generate goodwill and perpetuate a spirit of generosity. When people are helped, they will want to help others. And even if it doesn't turn out exactly as people hoped, they are further along than before.

Bill Doss

Hamilton County Veterans Corp.

Letter to the Editor

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month can empower young people to have healthy relationships

As a parent of two young adults, I've always understood the importance of teaching my children about healthy relationships – a lesson that often began with open conversations, listening, and the importance of treating others with dignity and respect.

These values, instilled early, formed the foundation for their friendships and relationships they have built through their school years, college, and the adult world.

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (TDVAM). Prevail's focus is on empowering young people to create and maintain healthy relationships. It is an opportunity to reflect on the role we all play in shaping the next generation's understanding of respect, communication, and boundaries.

As a parent, it was important that my children grew up knowing the difference between relationships that uplift and those that harm. Through trusted communication they learned:

- Respect is mutual: True friendships are relationships thrive when everyone feels valued and heard.
- Boundaries matter: Saying "no" and respecting someone else's "no" are signs of strength and maturity.
- Kindness is key: In every interaction, kindness fosters trust and connection.
- It's okay to ask to help: Whether navigating conflicts or processing emotions, reaching out is never a

sign of weakness. February and every day at Prevail, we work to equip young people with the tools they need to recognize unhealthy behaviors while fostering healthy connections.

Through advocacy, education, and direct support we are helping teens build a future where respect and safety are the norm, not the exception. I invite you to keep the conversations going this month! Follow us on social media for tips, stories, and resources that you can share with young people in your life. Thank you for standing with Prevail to shape a

and healthier future for generations to come. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to Prevail's mission.

community where every young person can thrive in a

healthy relationship. Together, we are creating a safer

Tami R. Wanninger, MPA Prevail, Inc. Executive Director

Letter to the Editor -

State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn calls on colleagues to repeal Indiana's death penalty

Editor's note: State Rep. Garcia ment professionals. Wilburn was joined by 14 other Indiana House Democrats on this letter. Dear Editor:

On the heels of an executive order to restore the death penalty from the Office of the President of the United States today, I am reaching out to urge you to support Representative Bob Morris' House Bill 1030 which repeals the death penalty in Indiana. This piece of legislation will realign our State's commitment to the pursuit of justice by acknowledging there is no conclusive evidence "of the deterrent value of the death penalty" to prevent crime, affirmed by an increasing number of law enforce- that I would like to share.

strikes a balance wherein the person's death sentence is commuted to a sentence of life imprisonment without parole. Furthermore, it safeguards the risk of the potential execution of innocent people and prevents the collective trauma that is experienced by all people involved in an execution helping to ensure a morally well society. Together, we can support and uplift House Bill 1030 as a collective body.

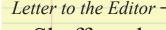
As a person of faith, I harken back to Pope Francis' call for the abolition of the death penalty in 2020. Below are a few words of his

Main Street Productions, Inc. Presents

"All people of good will to mo-I believe that this legislation bilize for the abolition of the death penalty throughout the world. Capital punishment offers no justice to victims but rather encourages revenge. And it prevents any possibility of undoing a possible miscarriage of justice.

> Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. Thank you for your consideration, I appreciate your work, and I hope we will continue to collaborate with you on this subject matter.

State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn House District 32 D-Fishers



Shaffer takes issue with technical aspects of survey from Carmel Clay Schools

Dear Editor:

Local media devoted space last week to publicizing a flawed Carmel Clay school system opinion survey. Ignored in the ballyhoo were these factors:

• The survey drew just 5 percent (or 4,565) of Carmel's 103,093 citizens.

• All respondents were self-selected, not randomly,

scientifically selected. · Respondents included they very people being graded - teachers, and middle and high school students.

In other words, the school system copied Carmel City Hall whitewash tactics to the letter. More importantly, nothing in the survey itself or

the results or the publicity referenced the schools' \$315 million debt underwritten entirely by property taxes. Is there a lesson in all that?

Bill Shaffer

Carmel

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Officials identify man in shooting outside Pendleton

The REPORTER

The Indiana State Police, working with the Hamilton County Coroner's Office, have identified the man who was involved in the police action shooting on Wednesday, Jan. 29 as Blake Lawrence Brown, 33, Anderson. The family of the deceased has been notified.

This remains an ongoing criminal investigation. Once the investigation has been completed, the case



will be turned over to the Madison County Prosecutor for a full review.

Click here to read the original story.





Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

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 Tx Holdem Thurs & Sat 317-846-0001

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 Trivia Wed 6pm 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 317-773-9985 Trivia every 1 & 3 Sat 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

Non-Profit Veteran Orgs

Hamilton County Veterans Corp P.O. Box 503

Noblesville, in 46061

317-773-9956

secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com Meets 7pm the 1st Monday Monthly at the Fishers American Legion. Our website https://www.hamiltoncountyveterans.com/ has 40 pages of resources for our Military

Veteran community

Navy Club Ship 29 Noblesville, In

president@hamiltoncountyveterans.com

Meets 2nd Thurs 630pm at Gingers 1804 Conner St Noblesville

Hamilton County Veteran Service

Officers

317-776-9610 Hours - 9am-4pm Weekdays CVSO – Tom Logan

Tom.logan@hamiltoncounty.in.gov Assistant CVSO – Robin Wilson robin.wilson@hamiltoncountv.in.gov Assistant CVSO – Caroline Franz

caroline.franz@hamiltoncounty.in.gov Admin Assistant – Christina Ellis christina.ellis@hamiltoncounty.in.gov



Welcome to the annual Community

Integration Survey!

This survey aims to understand how communities can best support veterans, service members, families, and caregivers of veterans or military personal to enhance their quality of life and prevent veteran suicide. We seek your valuable input to improve local services and appreciate your participation in this important effort.

Who Can Take the Survey?: Veterans and service members. However, family members, caregivers, and community advocates may participate.

Click here to take the survey -

https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/8145625/IW P2025

America's Warrior Partnership is

administering this survey in partnership with community-based organizations and we need your input.

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

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Started February 6th and happening every Thursday afterwards from 10am till 12pm (noon) Located at the Vet Center 6330 West 71st St Indianapolis, IN 46278 317-423-1680

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

Cicero Legion M-Th 3-10p, F-Sa 12-11p, Su 12-10p. Restaurant Tu, W, F 4-8pm, Public P/U Tu-W, F eat in or carry out

Fishers Legion

M 3-10p, Tu-Su12-10pm or when empty. Restaurant Breakfast 1st & 3rd Sun 9-12, Food 12-8 Tu, 5-9 W, 12-9 Th,F 3-8 Sa, 12-5 Su

Noblesville Legion

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

Noblesville VFW

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

Sheridan Legion

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





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Tipton announces strategic vision & new brand

The REPORTER

The City of Tipton unveiled on Monday its comprehensive strategic vision, "Tipton Thrives," along with the city's first-ever brand identity, positioning the community of 5,300 residents for strategic growth in 2025 and beyond.

The new brand identity, featuring the tagline "Rooted in Opportunities," emerged from extensive community research conducted in March and April 2024, including focus groups with residents, business owners, high school students, and civic leaders. This branding initiative will help communicate the city's strategic vision of "a thriving, dynamic place to live, with vibrant neighborhoods, and a blend of rich history and a bright future."

"Tipton is a community that embraces its deep roots and boundless potential. The 'Tipton Thrives' strategic vision and our new brand identity -'Rooted in Opportunities' reflect our commitment to investing in the future

ROOTED IN OPPORTUNITIES

while honoring our past," Mayor Kegan Schmicker said. "Through this initiative, we are laying the foundation for growth, innovation, and a thriving quality of life for our residents,

businesses and visitors. I am excited about system - Develop a stratthe journey ahead and confident that we will continue to make Tipton a place where opportunity flourishes together."

The strategic plan outlines six key priorities:

1. Build the Leader**ship Team** – Form a dedicated team of leaders and stakeholders to drive key initiatives forward.



Schmicker

rate Community **Pride** – Launch a marketing campaign to promote Tipton's unique identity and strengthen community pride.

3. Invest and Create a Vibrant Arts Eco-

egy for arts programming with an achievable action plan, emphasizing local engagement and creative economic development.

4. Pursue Creative **Economic** Development - Leverage tools available through the Indiana Legislature and learn from best practices to secure housing development, downtown

2. **Reinvigo-** redevelopment, our existing business community and attract new businesses.

5. Support Sustainable Public Safety Strategies – Find creative ways to improve our culture, facilities, compensation and equipment to ensure the success of our departments in the future.

6. Provide High-Quality Infrastructure – Invest in the necessary utility, road and pedestrian infrastructure to ensure safe and transportation reliable throughout the City of Tip-

The announcement follows a successful 2024, reconstructing West Street which saw the city secure with trail extensions, units largest Community dertaking downtown re-Crossings Grant, complete development

the next phase of trail development, achieve full police department staffing, and secure \$2 million for the city's baseball fields project.

The 2025 implementation plan includes significant infrastructure investments, such as renovating the Public Safety Building, initiatives, **nel**.

making major playground improvements at the Tipton City Park and renovating the clubhouse at the Tipton Municipal Golf Course.

To support these initiatives, the city will launch a new website and implement comprehensive marketing strategies to engage both residents and visitors. To view the branding release video, visit the City of Tipton YouTube chan-





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Noblesville, Westfield & Carmel Lions assist Gleaners in January



Photo provided by Jake Doll, Noblesville Lions Club

On Wednesday, Jan. 29, the Noblesville, Westfield, and Carmel Lions Clubs assisted Gleaner's Mobile pantry passing out food for 158 families. Those Lions helping included ... Noblesville Lions: John Einsfeld, Steve Shaw, Ron Williamson, Bruce Moss, Linda Williamson, Jeanne Auffrey, Skylar Heron, Mark Bachar, Jim Foote, Jeff Kozicki, Ron Sinicki, Joe Connerley, and Jerry Baker; Westfield Lions: Jack Waldroup, Carrie Larrison, Don Collins, Jeff Larrison, and Bill Nesbitt; and Carmel Lions: Matt Best, Lane Simms, Bill Ryan, and Bob Yunker, with two others unidentified.

Noblesville Event Center rebrands as The Arena at Innovation Mile

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Event Center announced on Monday its official rebranding as The Arena at Innovation Mile, signifying a fresh chapter in the venue's evolution and commitment to providing an enhanced entertainment experience for residents in Noblesville.

"We are thrilled to announce the new branding for The Arena at Innovation Mile," said Justin Jordan, General Manager of The Arena at Innovation Mile. "The Arena will be a thriving community hub, and we can't wait to deliver memorable experiences to residents beginning later this year."

spired by the unique architecture of the venue. The logo and custom font mimic the linear, horizontal characteristics of the building.

The color palette reflects the City of Noblesville's brand and the NBA G-League team that the venue will host.

"Every step of this project has been exciting for the City of Noblesville and Innovation Mile," Mayor Chris Jensen said. "The Arena at Innovation Mile will serve as a hub for sports, entertainment, and community events. Its branding pays tribute to our city, recognizes our partnership with Pacers Sports & Entertainment, and establishes a strong identity for The Arena."

The Arena at Innovation Mile is a 123,000-squaremulti-purpose sports venue follow The Arena on Insthat will open in the sum-Mile's visual identity is in- mer of 2025. It can seat up LinkedIn. to 4,200 for event-specific configurations and will be ments will be made this home to the Indiana Pac- spring, including the rebrand ers Sports & Entertainment of the Pacers' G-League G-League franchise. The franchise, as construction



Arena will also host a variety of sports and entertainment events, including private and corporate events.

Residents are encouraged to visit arenainnovationmile.com to stay up to date on the latest Arena happenings, register to restate-of-the-art ceive more information, and tagram X Facebook and

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website for even more stu-

(317) 688-1947. This would

be an excellent option for a

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considering having your corporate gatherings at Fein-

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eight or more, email sales@

progresses. REV Entertainment, a leader in the sports and entertainment industry, will serve as the operator of the venue upon completion.

About The Arena at **Innovation Mile**

The Arena at Innovation Mile is a state-of-the-art multi-purpose sports venue in Noblesville. The Arena will open in Summer of 2025. It will be home to the Indiana Pacers' G-League team, as well as other sports and entertainment events, including private and corpo-







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Join Feinstein's for evening of music & laughter with singer/songwriter Matt Soverns

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Join Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael on Friday, Feb. 21 for An Evening with Matt Soverns.

Join singer/songwriter Matt Soverns and his stellar cast of special guest performers for an unforgettable evening of incredible talent, music, and laughter at the beautiful Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael. Known for his creativity and playful surprises, he promises an experience filled with unexpected moments and entertainment that will leave you amazed. Don't miss this one-of-akind event where the unexpected happens at every turn.

Soverns has graced the stage on WRTV 6 with Marc Mullins, performed at the Indy Fringe Festival, participated in the Indy Pride Parade, and shared the spotlight steinshc.com. Browse the hotelcarmichael.com.

at Dueling Pianos at Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael

with Brittany Brumfield. This performance follows the release of Soverns' highly anticipated 2024 album, Phoning It In, now available on all streaming platforms. Physical copies of the album can be purchased MattSoverns.com or at any of his live shows.

For the best experience, it is recommended that you listen to Soverns' album prior to attending the show. Please be advised that this performance may contain strong language and adult content, so viewer discretion is recommended.

Doors will open for this show at 5:30 p.m. for drinks and dinner and the show begins at 7:30.

Get your tickets at fein-



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pendous shows coming in Feinstein's at Hotel Car-ADLER michael is located at 1 Carmichael Square, Carmel. Call Hotel Carmichael at

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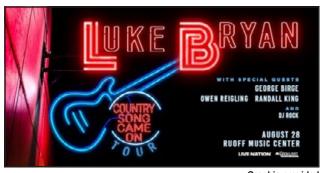
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Luke Bryan making stop at Ruoff Music Center this summer

The REPORTER

Country music superstar Luke Bryan will kick off a brand-new tour of more than 30 cities this summer, the "Country Song Came On Tour."

The five-time Entertainer of the Year who has played for nearly 15 million fans during his career. The tour will include a stop at Ruoff Music Center in Noblesville on Thursday, Aug. 28 as part of the Coors Light Concert Series with special guests George Birge, Owen Reigling, Randall King, and DJ Rock.



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Tickets will go on sale to his success as one of counto the general public beginning at 10 am. Friday, Feb. 28 at livenation.com.

Billboard says Luke Bryan has long honed in on his showmanship craft, "the key positive attitude."

try music's foremost ambassadors for more than a decade has been his long-perfected onstage blend of lovable goofball, sultry swagger and



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Peggie J. Long

September 13, 1934 – January 12, 2025

Peggie J. Long, 90, Cicero, passed away on Sunday. January 12, 2025, at Riverwalk Village.



She was born on September 13, 1934, in Arcadia to the late Clifton "Bud" and Edna (Gasho) Newby. Peggie was united in marriage to Charles B. Long on September 26, 1953, and they were blessed to share 68 years of marriage before his passing in 2021.

Peggie retired as a bookkeeper, a role she enjoyed so much that it was

more of a hobby than a job. Her love for numbers and attention to detail was evident throughout her life. She was also an active member of Atlanta Christian Church, where she found strength and community.

Peggie had a deep love for the outdoors and took great joy in working in her yard. She was especially fond of spending time with her grandchildren, whom she cherished deeply. She was known for her nurturing spirit, often raising bottle calves on the farm, and taking pride in caring for her animals. For over 20 years, Peggie also ran a 10,000bird chicken house with dedication and love for the work. A phenomenal cook and baker, Peggie's meals were legendary, and she could always be found feeding the farm help and anyone in need. Her love for her family and her generous heart were seen in everything she did.

In addition to her family and farm, Peggie enjoyed reading, especially her Bible, which she held dear. She was an avid fan of country music, particularly the songs of George Strait, and could often be found humming along to his tunes. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband,

Charles B. Long; and her brother, William Newby.

Peggie is survived by her children, Paula Clark of Elwood, Ind., Lloyd (Keturah) Long of Cicero, and Charles Eugene (Debbie) Long of Cicero; grandchildren, Evan (Kaleigh) Long of Noblesville, Gracie (Cam) Haberly of Fort Wayne, Ind., Olivia Long of Cicero, and Caitlyn (Lucas) Gibbons of Elwood, Ind.; great-grandson, Joseph Haberly; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Peggie's wishes were to be cremated, and her care has been entrusted to Hartley Funeral Homes. A private funeral service will be held at Hartley Funeral Home, Cicero.

Peggie will be deeply missed by all who knew her, and her legacy of love, faith, and devotion will live on in her family and community.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Remnant Coffee Shop to help support their charity work.

Online condolences may be expressed at hartleyfuneralhomes.com.

Jeffrey Junior Dotson

March 10, 1962 – January 31, 2025 Jeffrey Junior Dotson, 62, Arcadia, passed away on Fri-

day, January 31, 2025, at Indiana University Hospital, surrounded by family and friends. A man of many talents and passions, Jeff left a lasting mark on everyone he met, from his hardworking years as a business owner to the joy he brought to every family gathering.

Born on March 10, 1962, in Noblesville to the Ronald and Joyce (Dwiggins) Dotson, Jeff was always a

go-getter. He began his career as a pressman in printing before following his entrepreneurial spirit and founding JD's Landscaping and Excavating, where he worked tirelessly for 30 years. His dedication to his craft made him a trusted name in the community, and his work ethic was admired by all who knew him. In every season of life, Jeff worked hard to provide for his family, and they were the center of his world.

On October 16, 1982, Jeff married the love of his life, Elizabeth Ann (Browning) Dotson. Together, they shared 43 beautiful years of marriage, filled with love, adventure, and countless memories. His devotion to Elizabeth was unwavering, and their partnership was a true testament to the power of love and commitment.

Jeff was a man who found peace in the simple joys of life. He loved to be outdoors – whether fishing, riding his motorcycle, or camping and hiking with his family. His heart was always full when he was surrounded by nature. and he truly embraced the life of an outdoorsman. His love for horses also ran deep, and he cherished his time spent with these majestic creatures.

Dancing was another one of Jeff's favorite pastimes – he was always the first to hit the dance floor, ready to have fun and spread joy. No family event or gathering was complete without Jeff's contagious laughter and energy. He was a great family man, always putting his loved ones first and enjoying every moment with them. Whether it was spending time with his sons, Justin and Evan, or having fun with his "boys" and their friends, Jeff knew how to live life to the fullest.

Known for his kindness and generosity, Jeff would give you the shirt off his back – literally. He was always there for anyone in need, whether it meant offering a place to stay in his camper or lending a hand when times were tough. He never hesitated to help, and his selflessness made him a true friend to all who knew him.

Jeffrey is survived by his loving wife, Elizabeth Ann Dotson; his father, Ronald G. Dotson; his mother, Joyce L. Caudill; his sons, Justin J. Dotson and Evan T. Dotson; his brother, Richard G. Dotson; his sister, Melissa K. (Chip) Green; his brother, Ronald G. Faucett; several nieces and nephews; and countless friends who will miss him dearly.

A visitation will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, February 7, 2025, at Hartley Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero. A funeral service will begin at 6 p.m. Cremation will follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to the local food pantry, a cause close to Jeff's heart.

Online condolences may be left at hartleyfuneralhomes.com.

We will always remember Jeff for his laughter, his big heart, and his boundless love for his family. The world is a little dimmer without him, but his memory will continue to brighten our lives.

Rest in peace, Jeff. We know you're dancing in heaven.



Mitch Daniels elected to **Liberty Fund Board of Directors**

The REPORTER

The Liberty Fund, a private education foundation headquartered in Carmel, equal to nearly 15 percent of

announced Monday that Mitch Daniels, who currently serves as Liberty Fund Distinguished Scholar and Senior Advisor and host of Liberty Fund's Future of Liberty podcast, has joined the Liberty

Fund's Board of Directors. **Daniels** previously served as President of Purdue University from 2013 to 2022 and Governor of the State of Indiana from 2005 to 2013.

At Purdue, Daniels led transformative change and was recognized as one of the most innovative university presidents in America. During Daniels' tenure, Purdue froze tuition, reducing student borrowing by 32

As Governor, Daniels eliminated a nearly \$800

million deficit he inherited and left Indiana with a budget in surplus, reserve funds

> annual spending, and its first AAA credit rating. Under his leadership, Indiana moved near the top of every national ranking for business attractiveness. His emphasis on government efficiency and per-

formance measurement led to many state agencies, including the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Department of Child Services, and the Department of Corrections winning national performance awards.

"My long admiration for the purpose and the people of the Liberty Fund has been more than confirmed by our recent association," Daniels said. "At a time when individual freedom needs friends and defenders as rarely before, the Fund's unique mission as both a standing and appreciation of



custodian and an exponent of liberty's guiding principles is the most compelling I can name. I'm grateful for the chance to work even more closely with this remarkable organization."

The Liberty Fund was founded in 1960 by Pierre F. Goodrich, an Indianapolis businessman and lawyer. Liberty Fund conducts its own educational programs to encourage research and discussion on the values and institutions of a society of free and responsible individuals.

These programs focus on the place individual liberty has in an intellectual heritage evident from ancient times and continuing through our own times. The programs are intended to enrich under-

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leading their re-

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artificial intelli-

reporting,

the complex nature of a free society and to contribute to its preservation.

"The Liberty Fund board is thrilled to deepen our relationship with Governor Mitch Daniels," said Nathan Feltman, Liberty Fund's Chairman of the Board. "Mitch has helped elevate Liberty Fund's programming and further our reach and we look forward to our continued work together."

As a tax-exempt, private operating foundation, Liberty Fund's purposes are educational. Liberty Fund fulfills its mission through its conference program, web properties and by publishing books pertaining to liberty.

For more information about Liberty Fund, visit libertyfund.org.

Gov. Braun appoints Jared Prentice as Indiana's Inspector General

The REPORTER

Governor Mike Braun has appointed Jared Prentice to serve as Indiana's next Inspector General.

The mission of the Inspector General and staff is to reduce fraud, waste, mismanagement abuse. and wrongdoing in state executive branch agencies. Through education, advice, investigations, prosecutions and legislative recommendations, the Inspector General fosters a culture of integrity that contributes to public confidence in state government.

Prentice is a skilled attorney with experience in both the private and public sector. He is an expert in compliance and reporting, key attributes for this role. During his time in the public sector, serving the Indicess to business records.

ana Department of Revenue, he established agency's compliance department from the ground up in alignment with the organization's regulatory obligations, culture, values, and

integrity objectives.

He then utilized his experience in compliance, ethics, and privacy working for Elevance Health, a Fortune 20 health care company. He led their records and information management program, partnering with legal, compliance, and business stakeholders to ensure consistent record governance and oversight with external requirements while enhancing business functions' ac-



Prentice

gence functions. In addition to his professional experience, Prentice is the Executive Vice President of Business Ethics Indiana, a professional organization with a mission to promote ethical business practices and provide professional development that strengthens Indiana as a business ethics center of excellence. He is a charter member, co-authored organizational by-laws, and served as Vice President of Administration two terms

before being elected to Ex-

ecutive Vice President.

In addition to his two Juris Doctorates, from Oak Brook College of Law and Government Policy and Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law respectively, he possesses licenses, affiliations, and multiple professional development certificates that add to his already impressive resume.

"Jared Prentice will be an excellent Inspector General for the State of Indiana," Gov. Braun said. "His experience and passion for an ethical and compliance driven culture will align perfectly with our efforts to improve government efficiency for taxpayers. I am proud to appoint such an accomplished individual. Jared is going to do great things for the State of In-

IRS highlights 50 years of Earned Income Tax Credit

The REPORTER

The Internal Revenue Service and partners around the nation celebrated the 50th anniversary of the **Earned Income Tax Cred**it (EITC) on Jan. 31 with the launch of this year's Earned Income Tax Credit Awareness Day campaign.

The annual campaign, now in its 19th year, helps increase awareness among the millions of working Americans with a low-to-moderate income who are eligible for the EITC. The IRS estimates that roughly one in five eligible taxpayers miss out on claiming this valuable credit.

EITC was signed into law on March 29, 1975. tive changes, the tax break has helped encourage work and lift many financially challenged families out of poverty.

As of December 2024, approximately 23 million workers and families had received about \$64 billion total from the EITC, according to IRS statistics. On

received \$2,743 from the

credit in tax year 2023. 468.000 workers and families received about \$1.2 billion total in EITC for tax year 2023. On average, taxpayers in Indiana received \$2,724.

Workers may use the by March 3 if there are no

Through numerous legisla- **EITC Assistant**, an online tool, to check their eligibility, which may be affected by changes in marital, parental or financial status. Workers also may visit the **Child-related Tax Benefits Comparison** page to learn more about basic eligibility rules for the EITC and several other tax credits.

The Where's My Reaverage, eligible taxpayers **fund?** tool, which allows taxpayers to monitor the status of their refunds, will In Indiana, more than be updated with projected deposit dates for most early EITC/ACTC refund filers by Feb. 22. Most EITC or ACTC related refunds should be available in bank accounts or on debit cards

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issues with a taxpayer's return and they chose to receive their refund by direct deposit.

Whether they qualify for the EITC, taxpavers may be eligible for other valuable tax credits like the Child Tax Credit (CTC), the Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC) or the Credit for Other Dependents (ODC). The Interactive Tax Assistant is a helpful tool for taxpayers to check their eligibility for those credits.

As a reminder, the quickest way to get a tax refund is by filing an accurate tax return electronically and choosing direct deposit as the method to receive a refund.

State Comptroller Nieshalla leads roundtable discussion

The REPORTER

Indiana State Comptroller Elise Nieshalla gathered local government leaders from around the state on Monday for a roundtable discussion geared toward process, training, and cybersecurity enhancements.

This event is a forum for the Comptroller and representatives from several associations of local officials to further collaborate in their partnership to distribute tax revenues in service to Hoosiers. As a former local offi-

cial, Comptroller Nieshalla understands the importance of the relationship between state and local government and says having open and ongoing dialogue is key to successful public service.

"By seeking the expertise of local government leaders, we gain valuable insights into their specific challenges and how our office can best be at their



One of the key responsibilities of the State Comptroller's Office includes the disbursement of tax revenues to local units of government, along with the accounting and reporting of state funds, paying state employees and vendors, administering the state's deferred compensation plan, and managing the Indiana Transparency Portal.

Collaborating with local leaders fosters the highly valued relationships between the Comptroller's Office and local units statewide, in addition to providing information to further empower the office's commitment of operating in a mode of continuous im-

provement. Monday's discussion was focused on automating data inputs, reviewing and approving the settlement process, addressing future training needs, and cybersecurity assistance to mitigate security and fraud risks.

The roundtable attendees included:

• Debra Carnes, Auditor, Hancock County

• Jennifer Flater, Trea-

surer, Clay County

· Kristinia Hammack, Auditor, Perry County

• Heather Laffoon, Treasurer, Montgomery County

Shelley Mawhorter,

Auditor, Noble County

Carrie Mugford, Clerk-Treasurer, Town of North Manchester

· Anton Neff, County Council, Owen County

· Susan Sleeper, Auditor, DeKalb County

· Kellie Streeter, Commissioner, Knox County

· Debbie Walker, Auditor, Henry County

· Mike Watkins, Auditor, Gibson County

Attendees include the officers of their respective state associations or individuals recommended by their association (Indiana County Auditors, Treasurers, Commissioners, Councils Associations and Accelerate Indiana Municipalities Clerk Treasurers).



Jon Dara VanScyoc

November 21, 1946 – February 2, 2025

Jon Dara VanScyoc, 78, passed away peacefully on





February 2, 2025, in Fishers, surrounded by his loving family.

Jon was born on November 21, 1946, in Crawfordsville, Ind., and raised in Seymour, Ind. He graduated in 1968 from Wabash College in Crawfordsville, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa fraternity. He earned his Doctor of Medicine degree at Indiana University Medical School in 1972 and served in the U.S. Army as a Captain from 1973 to 1975. He established his medical practice as a family physician in Noblesville in 1976 and retired in

2016. He was cherished by hundreds of patients and families. Jon was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who shared 55 wonderful years with his beloved wife, Emalee (Brackemyre) VanScyoc. He is survived by Emalee and his two children, Wendy VanScyoc married to Philip Daravingas and Erik VanScyoc married to Erin (Jeter) VanScyoc; his grandchildren, Gavin VanScyoc and Alison VanScyoc; his siblings, Kris (VanScyoc) Deputy married to Dan Deputy, and Kent VanScyoc married to Jeannie (Cipolla) VanScyoc. He is preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Marylin

VanScyoc and his sister, Karin (VanScyoc) Greemann-Antle. Jon had an exceptional intuition for diagnosing and treating his patients. He was named a Top Doctor in *Indianapolis Monthly.* When he was not tirelessly devoting his time to his patients, he enjoyed traveling across the U.S. and Europe, boating, cooking gourmet food, dancing, playing bridge, and playing golf. He had a boundless interest in history and reading. He always had a quiet, caring demeanor and a quick, dry humor that would light up the room. One of his biggest passions was music, from classical to classic rock.

Of all the things I love in life, music is the best. The bass line, strong and steady, comforts me and gives me rest. The humble harmony flows in close support.

> It's helpful by design. The chorus is a familiar strain. It's familiar, and it's fine. *The conductor puts it all together,* And makes it come alive. Oh, the melody is so sweet and loved.

"You Are My Music" – Jon Dara VanScyoc c. 2020

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 15, 2025, at the First United Methodist

Church, 2051 Monument St., Noblesville. Visitation will be held prior to the service starting at 9:30 a.m. His burial at Oak Lawn Cemetery, 9700 Allisonville Road in Indianapolis will take place on Feb. 6 with family members and a Military Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to Rock Steady Boxing that supports patients with Parkinson's Disease (Rock-SteadyBoxing.org/support-us), Wabash College (Wabash.edu/giving), or a charity of choice are suggested.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Roy Thomas Patterson

August 24, 1940 – January 30, 2025

Roy Thomas Patterson "RT," 84, Noblesville, passed away at home on January 30, 2025. Roy was born on August 24, 1940 to Cora and Floyd Patterson in Bloom-



ington, Ind. A proud resident of Noblesville. he graduated from Noblesville High School in 1960. After graduating he began his career in the auto industry. Roy was a fan of sports, in particular

IU basketball and NASCAR. Roy was outgoing, could make anyone laugh, and made many lifelong friends.

He is survived by his sons, Jim and Jeff; and his sister, Phroncia Hill.

He is preceded in death by his father, Floyd; mother, Cora; and sister, Delores.

A celebration of life service will be held at noon on Thursday, February 6, 2025, at Calvary Baptist Church, 197 S. 9th St., Noblesville, with a service at 1 p.m.

Martha Dorsey

November 25, 1935 – January 31, 2025

Martha Dorsey, 89, Arcadia, passed away on Friday, January 31, 2025, at Riverwalk Village in Noblesville. She was born on November 25, 1935, to Charles and Hope (Yazell) Young in Indianapolis.

Martha was a house cleaner for many years. She enjoyed taking day trips, going on walks, gardening, and shopping. Most of all, Martha loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by her daughter, Donna Dorsey (Garry); nieces and nephews, Diana, Nancy, Roscoe Jay, and several other nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Norman Eugene Dorsey; two infant children, Norman Jr. and Theresa; and siblings, Charles Young, Robert Young, Donald Young, Harold Young, Paul Young, and Ruth Dorsey.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, February 6, 2025, at Cicero Christian Church, 1715 Stringtown Pike, Cicero. Visitation will be held from 1 p.m. until the time of service at the church.

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Then the Lord said: "I am making a covenant with you. Before all your people I will do wonders never before done in any nation in all the world. The people you live among will see how awesome is the work that I, the Lord, will do for you. Obey what I command you today. I will drive out before you the Amorites, Canaanites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. Be careful not to make a treaty with those who live in the land where you are going, or they will be a snare among you. Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones and cut down their Asherah poles. Do not worship any other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.

"Be careful not to make a treaty with those who live in the land; for when they prostitute themselves to their gods and sacrifice to them, they will invite you and you will eat their sacrifices. And when you choose some of their daughters as wives for your sons and those daughters prostitute themselves to their gods, they will lead your sons to do the same.

"Do not make any idols.

"Celebrate the Festival of Unleavened Bread. For seven days eat bread made without yeast, as I commanded you. Do this at the appointed time in the month of Aviv, for in that month you came out of Egypt.

Exodus 34:10-18 (NIV)

Meeting Notices

The Sheridan Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, 2025, at the library, located at 103 W. 1st St.

The Jackson Township Board will meet to discuss general township business at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2025, in the Trustee's Office, 506 W. Main St., Arcadia.

The Westfield Plat Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, Feb. 10, 2025, has been canceled Business items will be carried

The Noblesville Economic **Development Council Committee** will meet on the following dates in 2025. Meetings will be held at 10 a.m. in Room A213 at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., except where noted

March 5 (Council Chambers conference room)

June 11 Sept. 10 Dec. 3

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Girls Basketball -

Royals upend rival Tigers, advance to semis

By RICHARD TORRES

For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE – At a glance, top-ranked Hamilton Southeastern's 46-30 win over Fishers Tuesday night at The Mill to open the Class 4A Sectional 8 tournament seemed like any other victory for the unbeaten Royals.

Indiana commit Maya Makalusky led with a gamehigh 20 points, and the nationally-ranked Royals (23-0) finished with a trio of double-digit scorers to best their 47-34 regular-season margin from this past December against their Mudsock rivals.

However, nothing was easy despite the numbers.

Initially knocked down to the floor at Noblesville High School more times than the 6-foot-4 Makalusky buried field goals through the first eight minutes, the Royals needed a team effort to tame the Tigers (14-9).

Makalusky posted four points by halftime, as the Tigers focused on slowing the senior star down, but HSE responded.

"I was just leaning into my teammates and trusting what we've done. We've practiced this. We've been prepared for every situation, so it's just staying calm and staying on the route," Makalusky said.

The road towards a 20-11 halftime lead for HSE, which is ranked ninth in the nation by MaxPreps, was driven by junior Kennedy Holman to start.

Senior Kayla Brinley took the wheel from there by sparking a 12-5 run in the second quarter with four straight points, as HSE turned an 8-6 advantage into nine by the intermission.

"I think teams are going to have to try to find ways to beat us, be physical, bump us off our shots. Just leaning into other girls is what we need," Makalusky said. "Kayla Brinley was hitting threes. Addison Van Hoesen and Kayla Stidham, too. We're a multidimensional

floor for everyone."

Brinley's baseline layup and putback 30 seconds later pushed HSE's lead to 12-6 by the 6 minute, 22 second mark in the second quarter before the Royals hit their stride in the third.

In the first half, the Tigers revealed their defensive intentions with junior Makayla Tripplett blanketing Makalusky, but Fishers struggled offensively, shooting 4 of 22 from the field while HSE's defense forced 11 turnovers and hauled in nine defensive rebounds.

"Everybody's tried to throw a lot of things at us, and the thing is, we know what (Maya) can do, but we also have confidence in her teammates," HSE head coach Brian Satterfield said. "She has confidence in her teammates, and I think that's been the big thing. We've had different people step up. Kennedy Holman got it started in the beginning of the game, and we had different people. That's what's been special about this group."

Composure and persistence defined HSE's first-round victory and subsequent advancement into Friday's semifinal against its second consecutive Hoosier Crossroads Conference opponent in Zionsville (10-12) at 6 p.m.

"All of us coming together and not getting too worked up over stuff is important," Makalusky said. "My teammates hold me accountable for that at times. Just trusting our process and all the preparation we've had into this is our focus."

Last year, HSE went 21-3 before losing to No. 10 Noblesville, 49-45, in the sectional finals, which halted the program's aim at its rebounds overall. first title since 2019.

postseason, the collectiveare ly determined along with Makalusky, who poured in nine points in the third quarter and seven more in the

Makalusky shot 7 of 17 team, and it's just exciting from the field and converted because it just opens the 6 of 7 free throws with five



Reporter photos by Julie Brown (ABOVE) Hamilton Southeastern's Maya Makalusky scored 20 points for the Royals during their 46-30 Sectional 8 win over Fishers on Tuesday. Pictured at left is the Tigers' Makayla Triplett.

(BELOW) Fishers' Nevaeh Dickman scored 10 points for the Tigers.

each finished with 11 points, while Fishers' freshman Riley Schellhammer (14.1 points per game), senior Allison Scheu (9.2 ppg) and Triplett all fouled out in the fourth quarter.

Senior Nevaeh Dickman paced the Tigers with 10 points and four rebounds.

Schellhammer had seven Brinley and Holman points followed by Scheu with six.

"I was so proud of our kids, the way we played defensively. That was about as well as I could have asked them to play. I'm just really proud of the way they stepped up tonight to that

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HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 46, FISHERS 30 **Fishers** Riley Schellhammer Makayla Triplett Nevaeh Dickman Allison Scheu Natalie Thomas Alanna Anthony Olivia Brookshire 0-0 Delaney Wilson Ella Burleson 0-0 0 Anya Koenig Nicole Ellison 7-10 Totals 11 21 Fishers 3-pointer: Schellhammer. Southeastern TP PF Maya Makalusky Kayla Brinley Kennedy Holman Kayla Stidham 0-0 Addison Van Hoesen Antonette Green Abby Brown Maine Hooks 0-0 Abby Orme Ava Kashani Abi Clayton 0-0 17 **Totals** 16 14-17 Southeastern 3-pointer: Brinley. Score by Quarters **Fishers** 8 - 30Southeastern 14 - 46

Huskies fall to Delta in first-round sectional game

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights basketball team dropped its first-round were not available at press game in Class 3A Section- time. The Huskies finished al 24 at Connersville on their season 5-17.

Tuesday, falling to Delta

63-37. Stats from the game

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Blackhawks secure victory over Frankton

By RICHIE HALL

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SHERIDAN – Sheridan took the first step towards defending its sectional championship Tuesday with a solid first-round win over Frankton.

The Blackhawks, hosts of Class 2A Sectional 39 this vear, took care of the Eagles 58-26 at Larry Hobbs Gymnasium. Sheridan never trailed in the game, slowly building its lead throughout all four quarters against a tough Frankton team.

"I think that Frankton definitely played super

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hard the whole game," said Blackhawks coach Jaidlin Bradshaw. "That gave us a little bit of first, to be honest with you. They're hard, they're aggressive, they're physical, they're long. That really disrupted us and what we wanted to do, so kudos to them for coming out and just playing physical, especially in that first half."

Sheridan held its ground well, skipping out to a 9-2 lead in the first quarter. Kenzie Garner scored seven of those points, with Shelby Eaton getting the other two with a layin. A pair of late 3-pointers brought the Eagles back, but the 'Hawks led 13-8

after the first. A 7-0 spurt helped Sheridan jump ahead 24-10 during the second quarter, with Eaton nailing a 3-pointer to start the run. That helped the Blackhawks stay in front at halftime,

26-15. Sheridan turned it up in the third quarter, outscoring Frankton 19-5 for a 45-20 lead. Garner began the second

half with back-to-back baskets from steals, then Nova Cross hit a jump shot. Later, Kenzie Garner, Brielle Garner and Eaton hit triples, one



K. Garner



kets. Eaton also reached double figures with 10 points. "She played great," said

after the other.

"We shot the

ball better in the

second half, so

that helped us a

lot," said Brad-

hawks outscored

the Eagles in all

four quarters, in-

cluding a 13-6

added five points

game-high total

of 25, while Mac

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Bradshaw. "She stepped up. See *Hawks* . . . Page 11

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Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF		
Nova Cross	1	0-0	2	4		
Kenzie Garner	9	5-6	25	3		
Cecilia Timme	3	2-2	8	2		
Brielle Garner	2	0-0	5	1		
Sadie Timme	0	0-2	0	2		
Mac Smith	3	2-2	8	2		
Shelby Eaton	2	0-0	10	1		
Mak Southerland	0	0-0	0	0		
Brooklynn Conley	0	0-0	0	0		
Sammy Smith	0	0-0	0	0		
Adalynn Gould	0	0-0	0	0		
Totals	20	9-12	58	15		
Score by Quarters						
Frankton	8	7	5	6 - 26		
Sheridan	13	13	19	13 - 58		
Sheridan 3-pointers (5) K. Garner 2, Eaton 2, B. Garner.						



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Girls Basketball -

Noblesville's balance wears out Carmel, advances to semifinals

By CRAIG ADKINS

For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE – The Carmel Greyhounds got off to a great start defensively against the host Noblesville Millers, but they weren't able to keep up offensively. Noblesville took advantage of Carmel miscues on the way to a Class 4A Sectional 8 first round win, 51-40 at The Mill.

It was a back-and-forth first quarter with three ties that eventually led to Carmel with a 12-11 edge heading to the second.

"It's difficult, because there are a lot of different kinds of emotions on both teams. You've got seniors and then underclass and it's not their last game. And, that's true on both sides of the floor," said Carmel head coach Rick Risinger.

The Millers took their first lead at 14-12 to begin the second quarter on an Ally Hutchinson three from the right.

fourth time 14-14 with a Lauren Perry offensive rebound putback. Kate Rollins dipped it down low to C.C. Quigley for a 16-14 lead, but the Greyhounds tied it once more (16-16) on Perry's second straight bucket.

"Lauren is strong in certain aspects. As far as those outside shots she was taking and she absolutely wanted this game. Mall (Mallory Bourquein) was the same way. Mack (Mackenzie Woods), who is the point guard, took so much responsibility for this team. Not just as far as offense and defense, but in her leadership. I was proud of all of them," Risinger said.

Noblesville went on an 8-0 run to get some breathing room. A pair of Meredith Tippner fast break



layups were book ends in the run with two Quigley 24-16 Miller lead.

A Woods lay-in with Carmel tied it for the 1:27 left until halftime couldn't climb out of. stopped the run. Tippner sank a left win three. Perry answered from the same just being active. The ball spot at the other end. Rollins took a pass from Tippner through the lane, up off of the glass and in. Bourquein hit a three in the final seconds and Noblesville took a trying to keep the ball from 29-24 lead to halftime.

"I felt like we had them on the ropes a couple of times in the first half and then they hit some big shots. forcing the Greyhounds to Perry hit a couple big shots take longer shots paid diviin that first half," said No- dends for the Millers. blesville head coach Donna Buckley.

The Millers were able to slowly stretch out their lead throughout the third. After Perry hit another three to make it 34-29, Noblesville in the second half as they went on a 13-0 run to end the third quarter for its largest lead at 47-29.

The biggest reason for hold off the 'Hounds in the

the lead growing was the senior duo of Tippner and field goals in between for a Rollins. Tippner had nine and Rollins four to help put Carmel into a hole that they

"Our kids do a great job of flying around in '13' and comes into the paint and we have to collapse on that. I thought C.C. did a great job of patrolling the paint and then our other kids just getting to a point where C.C. has to step up and do anything," Buckley said.

Clogging the middle and

tempo kind of woke them up on offense and created some opportunities for us. Speeding them up, they didn't shoot it nearly as well did in the first," Buckley continued.

Noblesville was able to



(LEFT) Noblesville's Ally Hutchinson scored eight points for the Millers during their first-round sectional win over Carmel Tuesday at The Mill. (ABOVE) Carmel's Lauren Perry scored 17 points for the Greyhounds.

fourth for the 11-point first round win.

Carmel ends its season at 10-13. They were led by Lauren Perry's 17 points, followed by Taylee Fisher with eight, Mallory Bourquein seven and Mackenzie

Woods six. The Millers were led by Meredith Tippner's 22 points, eight rebounds and four steals. Fellow senior Kate Rollins joined in double digits with 12, along with a pair of assists and two steals. Quigley had nine and pulled down eight rebounds with three steals. Ally Hutchinson had eight points on three field goals.

Noblesville (19-4)"I think playing at that moves on to the Sectional 8 semifinals and will face Westfield (15-8) in the second game at approximately 7:45 p.m. on Friday. The first semifinal at 6 p.m. features Zionsville (10-12) against Hamilton Southeastern (23-0). The Royals won the first game on Tuesday over Fishers, 46-30.

NOBLESVILLE 51, CARMEL 40

Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF	
Mackenzie Woods	3-7	0-1	6	3	
Maddy Wallace	0-4	0-0	0	2	
Lauren Perry	6-13	2-4	17	1	
Mallory Bourquein	3-11	0-3	7	1	
Sydney Bonds	0-1	0-0	0	1	
Bella Ramsey	1-3	0-0	2	0	
Taylee Fisher	3-6	1-2	8	1	
Totals	16-45	3-10	40	9	
Carmel 3-point shooting (5-17) Perry 3-5, Fisher 1-2, Bourquein					ein
1-2, Woods 0-3, Wallace 0-3, Ramsey 0-2.					
Carmel rehounds (26) F	Perry 5 I	Rourauein 4	1 Ronds	4 Fisher	3

Carmel rebounds (26) Perry 5, Bourquein 4, Bonds 4, Fisher 3, Wallace 2, Ramsey 1, Woods 1, team 6.

Noblesville TP PF Ally Hutchinson 3-10 1 Maia Blower 0-2 8-16 Meredith Tippner Kate Rollins C.C. Quigley Norah Vetor 0-0 0-0 Devyn Johnson Brookelyn Grayson Aleah Magee

20-44 8-10 Noblesville 3-point shooting (3-16) Hutchinson 2-9, Tippner 1-3,

Rollins 0-2, Blower 0-1, Quigley 0-1. Noblesville rebounds (28) Tippner 8, Quigley 8, Hutchinson 3,

Grayson 2, Blower 2, Rollins 2, team 3.

Score by Quarters 11 - 40 Carmel 12 **Noblesville** 11 18 4 - 51

Boys Basketball-

Eight wins in a row for Trailblazers

The REPORTER

Max McComb led four players in double figures as the University boys picked up their eighth consecutive win Monday, 77-71 at Bishop Chatard.

McComb had 21 points on 7 of 11 shooting. Sophomore Peter Morales made a trio of three pointers on his way to 15 points. Juniors Faisal Mohamud and Blake Gray added 13 points each.

A 12-2 run over the last three minutes of the first quarter was decisive as University took a lead they maintained throughout the game. Trailing 12-11 Mohamud made a three pointer from the right corner to put University ahead. A fast break basket by Noah Cortez added two more as McComb made a steal, outletted to Gray who found a streaking Cortez for a layin. After a McComb basket, defense got the Blazers another two points when Mc-Comb had a steal and found Morales for two. McComb finished off an eight-point first quarter with a threepoint play with 8.7 seconds remaining and University led 23-14 after one.

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Photo by Julie Brown University's Max McComb scored 21 points for the Trailblazers during their Monday win at Bishop Chatard.

UNIVERSITY	77, BI	SHOP (HAT	ARD 71	
University	FG	FT	TP	PF	
Zien Bland	2	1-2	7	1	
Max McComb	7	6-10	21	0	
Blake Gray	6	1-2	13	2	
Faisal Mohamud	5	0-0	13	4	
Cooper Cammack	3	0-0	6	4	
Noah Cortez	1	0-0	2	1	
DJ Willis	0	0-0	0	3	
Peter Morales	6	0-0	15	0	
Totals	30	8-14	77	15	
Score by Quarters					
University	23	13	18	23 - 77	
Bishop Chatard	14	16	17	24 - 71	
University 3-pointers (9) Mohamud 3, Morales 3, Bland 2, McComb.					

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poised and doing her job.

We're happy to see that."

She knocked down shots points. Kenzie Garner finwhen we needed her to. She ished with seven rebounds, just did a really nice job six steals and two blocked of staying composed and shots, Smith collected seven rebounds and Timme had four assists and four re-Cecilia Timme and bounds. Cross had a game-

Sheridan is now 22-1 for the season and hosts Tipton Friday in the second semifinal. Lapel plays Elwood in the first semifinal, which tips off at 6 p.m. The Bulldogs beat Taylor 52-21 in Tuesday's opening game.

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Wed Feb 5 - Council Meeting

Upcoming Broadcasts

7:00 pm Hamilton County Council Regular Meeting Feb 5, 2025 | Hamilton County TV

Thurs Feb 6 - Boys Basketball 6:00 pm Mt Vernon vs Noblesville | Junior Varsity Basketball | HCTV Sports

7:20 pm Franklin Central vs HSE | Varsity Basketball | Southeastern Sports Network

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Fri Feb 7 - IHSAA Girls Basketball 4A Sectional 8

6:00 pm Zionsville vs Hamilton Southeastern | Girls Basketball Sectional 8 | HCTV Sports 7:30 pm Westfield vs Noblesville | Girls Basketball Sectional 8 | HCTV Sports

Sat Feb 8 - Boys Basketball

10:50 am Outlook Christian vs Horizon Christian | 2024-25 Youth Basketball | Indiana SRN

1:20 pm Culver Academy vs Guerin Catholic | 2024-25 IHSAA Boys Basketball | Indiana SRN Sat Feb 8 - IHSAA Girls Basketball 4A Sectional 8

7:00 pm Sectional 8 Championship | Girls Basketball | HCTV Sports

Tues Feb 11 - Boys Basketball

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Thursday, Feb. 6

BOYS BASKETBALL Carmel at Lawrence North, 7:30 p.m. Fishers at Westfield, 7:30 p.m. Franklin Central at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m. Herron at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m. Mount Vernon at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING SECTIONAL PRELIMINARIES Guerin Catholic, Noblesville, Westfield at Carmel Hamilton Heights, Hamilton Southeastern at Fishers University at Lafayette Jefferson

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IBCA girls basketball poll - Week of Feb. 3

Editor's note: This is the final poll of the 2024-25 season.

Rank	School	Points	Recor
1	Hamilton Southeastern (21)	439	22-0
2	Lawrence Central (1)	419	21-1
3	Homestead	384	22-2
4	South Bend Washington	362	21-1
5	Warsaw	354	21-1
6	Greensburg	330	21-0
7	South Knox	305	22-2
8	Brownsburg	277	19-4
9	Center Grove	253	18-3
10	Noblesville	231	18-4
11	Northridge	206	20-4
12	Plainfield	169	17-5
13	Silver Creek	165	20-2
14	Washington	150	21-2
15	Bloomington South	129	20-2
16	Columbia City	98	19-4
17	McCutcheon	77	21-3
18	Penn	61	19-5
19	Evansville Central	53	19-4
20	Pike	36	15-6

Other schools receiving votes, with records Alexandria (22-1), Bellmont (20-2), Corydon Central (17-5), Fishers (14-8), Floyd Central (20-4), Lawrence North (13-8), Norwell (16-6), Pendleton Heights (17-6), Rensselaer Central (20-2), Val-

First place votes are in parentheses.

IBCA boys basketball poll - Week of Feb. 3

Rank 1	School Fishers (22)	Points 440	Recor 18-0		
2	Greenfield-Central	410	15-0 15-2		
3	Crown Point	350	13-2		
4	Anderson	338	15-1		
5	Avon	335	15-1		
6	Westfield		12-2		
7	Cathedral	307 302	12 -2 13-4		
8	Lawrence North	269	13-4		
9					
	Warsaw	255	16-3		
10	South Bend St. Joseph	249	14-2		
11	New Palestine	237	16-2		
12	Brownstown Central	192	15-0		
13	Ben Davis	162	13-5		
14	New Albany	143	12-2		
15	Jeffersonville	111	11-5		
16	Northridge	97	13-3		
17	Guerin Catholic	95	16-3		
18	Noblesville	47	13-4		
19	NorthWood	45	14-3		
20	Fort Wayne Wayne	30	12-5		
First place votes are in parentheses.					

Other schools receiving votes, with records Bishop Luers (13-3), Blackhawk Christian (14-3), Carmel (9-7), Clay City (15-1), Crispus Attucks (11-6), Evansville Central (14-2), Evansville Reitz (12-3), Evansville Memorial (12-3), Homestead (14-4), Manchester (15-1), Mount Vernon (12-3), Northview (17-1), Pike (10-6), Princeton Community (16-1), Silver Creek (16-3), South Bend Riley (13-3), South Ripley (17-0), Terre Haute North

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Vigo (15-2), Wapahani (15-1), Warren Central (10-6).

Mad Ants drop 130 in Monday Night victory

The REPORTER

The Indiana Mad Ants beat the Wisconsin Herd (Milwaukee Bucks) affiliate 130-110 Monday night. The offense carried the way for Indiana as they scored 130 points while shooting 57 percent from the field. Quenton Jackson scored a season-high 34 points while Jahlil Okafor scored 30 on 12-of-12 shooting.

Quenton Jackson scored the first points of the night for the Mad Ants. Jackson was the only two-way player active for Indiana. The guard flashed to the point and recorded a lavup within the first minute of the game. Roughly 30 seconds later, Jackson recorded a steal and finished with a two-handed dunk

Halfway through the first quarter, Kyle Mangas recorded a basket courtesy of a Wisconsin goaltending violation. A minute later, Dakota Mathias drained a contested three-pointer to increase Indiana's lead. On the next possession, Mangas made a three-pointer to give the Mad Ants a 19-11 lead.

In the final minutes of the quarter, Jackson showed off his range with a step back three-pointer. On the next possession, Ishma-

el Lane recorded his first mark in the second quarter. points with a layup. Down to 46 seconds remaining, Stephan Hicks was left open in the corner, and he sank a three-pointer. Next time down the floor, De'Vion Harmon drove through the lane for an off-balance layup. Indiana had a 33-24 lead after the first quarter. Jackson led the team with 11 points.

Harmon scored the first points of the second quarter for Indiana. The Texas native showed off his finesse with a finger roll layup. A minute later, Jackson added to his point total with a midrange jumper. Wisconsin called a timeout after falling behind 37-24.

Down to seven minutes to go in the half, Jahlil Okafor battled in the paint and was rewarded with a close-range hook shot. minute later, Mangas showcased his toughness as he drove the lane, absorbed contact and finished the layup. He missed his and-one free throw but after an offensive rebound from Cameron McGriff, Mangas knocked down a three-pointer. Indiana's lead

extended to 50-35. The Mad Ants improved the lead to 60-43 at the 2:03

After a couple empty possessions, Okafor was fouled and converted the one-fortwo free throw attempt. Mangas added to his point total with a layup at the nine-second mark. Jackson ended the first half in style with a buzzer-beater three from just inside of halfcourt. The Mad Ants had a 67-53 lead. Mangas led all scorers with 22 points.

Okafor scored the first points of the second half for Indiana. After scoring 13 in the first half, the Illinois native attacked the paint and finished with a layup. Next time down the floor, Mathias added to his point total with a mid-range jumper.

With 6:15 to go in the third quarter, McGriff scored his first points with a three-pointer. Mangas recorded his fourth assist on the play. On the next possession, Jackson used his touch on a close-range floater over the 7'0" tall Ibou Badii. Okafor demonstrated his range with a three-pointer their next time down the floor. Indiana had an 86-72 lead.

In the final minutes of the third quarter, Hicks knocked down a three after Indiana had multiple offensive rebounds. On the next

possession, Jackson showed off his range with a pullup three-pointer. Next time down the floor, Hicks orchestrated a spin move and finished with a field goal off the glass. Lane made it four consecutive positive possessions with a layup. With time winding down in the quarter, Hicks drew a foul and converted the one-fortwo free throw. Indiana had a 105-83 lead after three quarters. Jackson led all scorers with 28 points.

Lane scored the first points of the fourth quarter for Indiana. Jackson delivered a nice pass and Lane finished at the rim. It was his fifth assist of the night to go with 28 points.

Under seven minutes remaining in regulation, Jackson extended his season-high with a mid-ranger jumper. The basket gave him 32 points on the night. Jackson previously scored 29 points against Wisconsin on Jan. 17.

With the Mad Ants up by 20 points, reserve players like Obadiah Noel and Keisei Tominaga checked into the game. Tominaga, with his parents sitting courtside, knocked down a three-pointer at the 59-second mark.

Short-handed Mad Ants take down first-place Raptors

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The Indiana Mad Ants hosted the Raptors 905 (Toronto Raptors affiliate) on Tuesday night. In a crucial matchup against the firstplace Raptors 905, the Mad Ants prevailed with a 116-112 final. Quenton Jackson dished out a career-high 13 assists while Dakota Mathias scored 26 points in a douperformance. ble-double Indiana improves to 11-5 in the regular season.

Cameron McGriff scored the first points of the night for the Mad Ants. On the second possession of the game, the Oklahoma State alum found an opening in the lane and threw down a thunderous one-handed dunk. On the next possession, McGriff scored on a contested midrange jumper.

Indiana trailed 10-8 approaching the seven-minute mark of the first quarter. McGriff tied the game with a baseline jumper. A minute later, Obadiah Noel regained the lead for Indiana with a close-range floater.

The Mad Ants had a 20-12 lead at the 2:27 mark of the first quarter. On the next possession, Ishmael Lane scored his first points of the night with a close-range field goal. Dakota Mathias scored his first points of the night with a one-fortwo free throw. On the next possession, Mathias scored with a mid-range jumper. At the end of the first quarter,

Indiana had a 26-18 lead. McGriff led the team with eight points.

Mathias scored the first points for the Mad Ants in the second quarter. After getting fouled, the Purdue alum converted the one-fortwo free throw. With 10:45 to go in the first half, Indiana had a 28-23 advantage.

Halfway through the second quarter, Jahlil Okafor used a spin move on his way to a layup. Two possessions later, Mathias connected on a mid-ranger jumper. The Mad Ants had a 46-38 lead with 5:30 left in the first half.

With two and half minutes remaining in the half, under the rim, and he finished with a one-handed dunk. His field goal gave Indiana their largest lead of the night at 11. Quenton Jackson added to the lead with a running layup on the next possession. Next time down the floor, Mathias knocked down a three-pointer. The Mad Ants had a 59-50 lead at the end of the first half. Okafor led Indiana with 12 points.

The Mad Ants opened up the second half with two empty possessions. Okafor scored the first points of the third quarter with a longrange two-pointer. The veteran big man scored on the next possession with a midrange jumper. Indiana had a 63-53 lead with 9:30 to go in the quarter.

Indiana had a 71-58 lead at the 6:53 mark of the third quarter. Out of the media timeout, Mathias made a one-for-two free throw after drawing a foul. A minute later, Obadiah Noel was fouled and knocked down his one-for-two free throw attempt.

Under three minutes to go in the quarter, Jackson scored after recovering an offensive rebound. The two-way guard scored on the next possession with a running layup. The Raptors 905 went on a scoring run towards the end of the quarter to cut into the deficit. Indiana had an 84-81 lead heading into the fourth Okafor was left wide open quarter. Mathias and Okafor each had 19 points for the

> Mad Ants. Stephan Hicks scored the first points of the fourth quarter. The veteran guard grabbed an offensive rebound and scored a midrange floater. Okafor scored on the next possession with a close-range floater. Jackson recorded his ninth assist on the play.

> The Raptors 905 fought back and took a one-point lead in the early part of the fourth quarter. The two clubs traded buckets for a few minutes resulting in a 103-98 lead for Indiana at the 7:22 mark. Hicks made back-to-back three-pointers to extend the lead for Indiana.

Indiana led 108-102 with 3:30 remaining in regulation. McGriff extended the lead with a three-pointer giving him 19 points on the night. Roughly a minute later, Harmon drove the lane, drew a foul and made his one-for-two free throw attempt. With the 905 not backing down, Indiana had a 113-108 lead with two minutes to go.

At the 1:08 mark, a foul on Mathias resulted in two free throws for the Raptors and cutting the Mad Ants lead to three points. Indiana turned the ball over on their next possession. The defense provided a crucial stop on the next possession for 905. Indiana led by three with 34 seconds to go.

With a chance to tie the me, the Raptors were stymied again by the Mad Ants defense. After a missed three-pointer, the Mad Ants were fouled stopping the game clock at 10 seconds. Harmon was fouled on the inbound pass. The Texas Tech alum made both free throws to give the Mad Ants a five-point lead.

The Indiana Mad Ants will conclude their fourgame homestand on Saturday when they face the Motor City Cruise (Detroit Pistons affiliate). That game will be Marvel Superhero Night at Gainbridge Fieldhouse with the Mad Ants wearing Wolverine-themed jerseys. These jerseys will be auctioned off with the proceeds benefiting the Noblesville Schools Foundation.

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challenge," Fishers head coach Lauren Votaw said. "We just couldn't get anything going offensively, and credit to HSE. They're very good defensively. We just couldn't get anything to

HSE's lead grew to 15 points in the third off a steal and transition layup by Makalusky, but her toughness was displayed in the fourth and gave the Royals their largest margin, 41-24, with four minutes remaining

Setting up for a shot in the lane, Makalusky was momentarily rolled under as Triplett was whistled for her fifth foul. Makalusky shook off the contact and buried both free throws to cap a 9-2

HSE run.

"With everything everyone throws at her and everything that's there, her composure has been tremendous through all of this," Satterfield said. "The biggest thing is they're playing as a team. They have great chemistry, and they keep playing as a group, and what we're doing on the defensive end is pretty special."

They'll need execution on both sides of the floor with Noblesville (19-4)

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lurking on the opposite side of the bracket after defeating Carmel 51-40 to advance into Friday's semifinal against Westfield (15-8).

"(Last year) that's a different team. The one thing is this team has continued to grow. We keep prepping ourselves to get ready for whatever situations are thrown at us as we go. Friday night, Zionsville is probably going to throw something different, maybe something different we haven't seen, but hopefully, we've done our due diligence to try to be ready for it," Satterfield said.

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University led by as many as 12 points in the second quarter but a late Chatard run cut the lead to 36-30 at halftime. Morales had eight and McComb five during the

The Trailblazers pushed the lead out to 11 in the third quarter but the Trojans rallied to within four before Morales hit a big three pointer with six seconds left to give University a 54-47 advantage en-

tering the fourth quarter. Chatard never got closer than five points in the fourth quarter and the University lead bounced from eight to 12 points for most of the pe-

riod. The Blazers led 75-63 with a minute left before a late Chatard rally made the final margin six points. Gray and McComb each had seven points in the closing stanza.

University shot a blistering 61.2 percent from the field and had 22 assists on 30 made field goals. "We continue to play great basketball. Our offense is flowing really well and we are sharing the ball," said coach Justin Blanding.

"Our defense was great at times but we had some lapses. We felt some calls started to go in their favor every time we would go on a huge

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run. I'm proud of the boys for keeping their composure during adversity. This was a great win for us," Blanding continued.

Coach Blanding is looking forward to the rest of the week and such much needed practice after the Blazers played three games in four days. "We need to have a good week of practice and get ready for a really good Heritage Christian team.'

University improved to 11-6 and will travel to Heritage Christian Saturday afternoon for a matchup with the Eagles. Junior varsity action tips off at 1 p.m.

