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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mainly afternoon rain. Could mix with a little sleet or freezing rain at times. Tonight: Early evening rain. Mostly cloudy.



HIGH: 38 LOW: 26

Riverview gets \$5K Duke Energy grant to support Maternity Center

The REPORTER

Riverview Health Foundation has been awarded \$5,000 from the Duke Energy Foundation to enhance the care of newborns in its maternity center. This generous funding will be used to purchase Pasteurized Donor Human Milk (PDHM) from the Milk Bank, ensuring more infants have access to life-saving nutrition and support during their earliest days.

"We are incredibly grateful for the support from Duke Energy," Associate Chief Nursing Officer Michelle Allen said. "This grant will allow us to provide critically needed donor milk to newborns in the Riverview Health maternity center, ensuring they receive the nourishment they need to thrive. It is a testament to the importance of community partnerships."

The Duke Energy Foundation is focused on strengthening and uplifting communities with grant funding, reducing struc-



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tural barriers and promoting local communities. access to opportunity for underserved communities. This grant is part of Duke Energy's ongoing efforts to contribute to the lives of people across Indiana," health, safety and well-being of Duke Energy Government & services/maternity.

"Duke Energy regularly partners with organizations that are making a difference in the

Community Relations Manager Mark LaBarr said.

For more information about Riverview Health's maternity services, visit riverview.org/



The REPORTER

On Jan. 19 at 12:30 p.m., a report of a shots fired call occurred in the Maple Run subdivision in Sheridan. The incident eventually led to the involvement of a Sheridan reserve police officer.

Sheridan Police Chief Mike ony. Nielsen asked the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office to in-vestigation was handled in full vestigate the incident. As a re-

serve Officer William Vernon Nielsen said. "That is why I how far a projectile will travel, will be charged by the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office.

Officer Vernon was placed on suspension and processed for the arrest. The charge is one count of Criminal Recklessness, I.C. 35-42-2-2(a), a Level 6 Fel-

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asked the Sheriff's Office to conduct the investigation that day. The Sheridan Police Department will always follow the rule of law and treat everyone the same. This incident is unfortunate and was not intended to "It is important that this in- no one was injured or killed. It ilton County Justice System." is a very good reminder for all

and how close you are to town or housing additions when firing any type of weapon with projectiles. My thanks go out to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office for their diligent work on this case. We will be patient as happen. We are all thankful that this case goes through the Ham-

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Noblesville's own Steve Wariner will play The Palladium in Carmel on Feb. 21. You can get your tickets at thecenterpresents.org/stevewariner.

Welcome home, **Steve Wariner**

By JANET HART LEONARD For The Reporter

There will always be a connection to an old friend you grew up with. Time does not erase memories. A simple "remember when?" takes you back to that place, to what you saw and felt.

A few days ago, I had an over-hourlong conversation with a friend from high school. He grew up in Noblesville and, for a while, lived just down the street from me. While I live on the same street where I grew up, and only the locals know my name, he has traveled the world and become famous.

He is none other than the Country Music Hall of Fame singer, songwriter, and guitarist Steve Wariner. I also need to mention that Steve is quite an accomplished artist.

On Feb. 21, he will return home to entertain his friends, schoolmates, and our

Indiana Township Association concerned with House bill to dissolve townships

By DANIELLE ZULKOSKY WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The Indiana Township Association is against efforts to dissolve all Indiana townships.

Debbie Driskell, the executive director of the Indiana Township Association, said efforts to take away township governments will harm Hoosiers by taking away services.

"You're removing those that were elected further from the people," Driskell said. "So, that's actually diminishing democracy."

have been around for centuries to protect the poor and public safety.

"Originally, township trustees were called overseers of the poor in Indiana, and we did just that," Driskell said. "Took care of the poor, and

then over time, we evolved, bill does not say which agenand now, we offer life-saving services in fire protection and EMS services."

and mortgage assistance to res-Driskell said townships idents and provide services for

Driskell

the homeless.

that gets our homefolks off the less street and sheltered," any rate, a family can come in and make an application to have help with their rent." Driskell said this

cy, if any, would be responsible for those services. The county emergency management di-Townships can offer rental rector would manage fire and EMS services.

"That's a big job to lay on solve-townships.

top of a department that is al-"It's the trustee ready charged with some pretty important duties," Driskell said.

Driskell said. "But, at consolidation can be more exmore efficient.

> Committee of Local Government. It has not been heard yet.

> ly published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/politics/indiana-township-association-concerned-with-bill-to-dis-

Driskell said fire and EMS pensive in the long run despite the effort to make government

The bill was referred to the This story was original-

community at the Carmel Palladium. It promises to be a night to remember! It will feel like a class reunion for many of his Noblesville High School friends.

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Introducing Walter Rippy, Westfield Fire **Community Paramedic**

Submitted by Westfield Fire Department

Westfield Fire Department's (WFD) EMS Division is launching a full-time Community Paramedicine program, ex-

panding its ability to provide proactive, patient-centered care beyond 911 emergencies.

Leading this program will be Paramedic Walter Rippy. He has six years of paramedic experience and 22 years as an EMT, bringing a wealth of knowledge to this critical role. Hav-



Rippy

ing worked in both hospital and field settings across urban and suburban environments, he is dedicated to bridging emergency care with long-term health solutions for our community.

A Community Paramedic is highly trained to help close the gap between emergency response and ongoing healthcare needs. This program focuses on chronic disease management, reducing ER visits and connecting patients with resources to help improve overall community health.

WFD's innovative approach includes EPIC (Engaging People in Crisis), a mobile integrated health program that partners with fire, EMS, and law enforcement. Using EPIC, first responders can refer patients to the department's Community Paramedic or Emergency Response Social Worker, for follow-up care – to assist them in receiving the right support at the right time.

The unique component of this program in Westfield is that WFD is one of the few fire departments with a full-time social worker embedded in the team. This allows WFD to address mental health crises, substance use, and other social determinants of health – providing, compassionate care and long-term solutions beyond the emergency.

With this approach, Westfield is providing progressive, community-focused care beyond the traditional emergency response.

Fishers was home to unbridled creativity during record-breaking Comic Book in a Day event

The REPORTER

The 12th annual Noblesville Creates Comic Book in a Day Challenge, presented by Fishers Arts and Culture Commission and held at the Ignite Studio in the Hamilton East Public Library in Fishers, was a huge success.

Noblesville Creates founded this event to celebrate and grow the comics communi-- the network of people tv who love comics, who collect comics, and who create comics. This community came out in force for this year's event, including 91 contestants, six professional comic book artists, and over 400 visitors curious about comics in general.

On the Friday before the day of the Challenge, Noblesville Creates hosted a special VIP event for its members and donors. During the event, the



Photo illustration provided

The Best Overall Winners were Helen Raza, Henry Leopold, and Jesus Reyes. See a full list winners and photos on Page 2.

Comic Book in a Day 2025 ees. Noblesville Creates will art pieces and activities. To be Featured Artists partnered with continue offering exclusive One Hope Wine to design cus- events for its members and dotom wine labels, which were nors, providing unique opporthen auctioned off to attend- tunities to enjoy one-of-a-kind

invited to future VIP events, become a member at this link.

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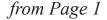
The participants had a blast working on their individual comics, learning from the Featured Artists/ Judges and Host Artists, participating in fun comic-themed activities, shopping from the Featured Artists' booths, and mingling with the other participants.

The activities, supplies, and other amenities for participants were made possible by sponsors Fishers Arts and Culture Commission, Browning Day, Griffy's Art Supply, Baird Creative :: Design Studio, Comic Carnival, Gal's Guide Library, Ringling College of Art & Design, Knight's Hall, and Collectors Emporium.

The Ignite Studio at Hamilton East Public Library in Fishers generously and eagerly opened its doors to the comics community this year, proving once again that it is a unique and tremendous asset to community life and the creative economy of Fishers. The library also paid for the fees for the professional judges, supplied materials to many contestants, and provided refreshments during the awards ceremony.

At the end of the event, each artist was given an opportunity to present their comic to the Featured Artists, staff, and visitors. The comics created by the participants were judged by the Featured Artists, who determined the winners of each award category. The award ceremony was held on Wednesday, Jan. 22, at the Hamilton East

News & Opinion



By KELLY McVEY Indiana Peony Festival

Happy February, peony enthusiasts!

We officially made it through January and have welcomed February with open arms. February is a month filled with flowers, bouquets, and now the official opening to our Florist Callout.

This year at the Indiana Peony Festival, sponsored by Smith's Jewelers, we are searching for florists who possess an eve for design, strong floral skill sets, and a passion for peonies. There will be multiple floral installations throughout Seminary Park, 10th Street, during festival weekend.

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creativity and showcase your talent. We are looking for all levels of experience, as there will be all types of floral displays available to showcase. If interested in applying, please apply at this link.

Vendor callout reminder

reminder. Additional our vendor callout will be closing Saturday, Feb. 15. We are still accepting applications for our Hoosier Row. We're searching for the best Midwest classics, race day collections, and of course prized peony goods! If you think your business would be a great fit, apply at this link.

Only 14 more weeks and Downtown Noblesville until festival weekend. Stay tuned for more exciting updates, plans, and announce-

from Page 1

Attention floral designers

This is a wonderful opportunity to display your ments as we cruise to May.

aged to vote for their favorite by "liking" your favorite be announced just after the on the **Noblesville Creates** comic of each division. The exhibit ends.

Comic Book in a Day 2025 Winners

Adult/Teen Division

- Best Overall: Helen Raza
- Best Art: Riwo
- Best Story: Greg Clack Best Page: Lina Carter

Public Library in Fishers,

during which each award

winner was announced and

six professional artists to-

gether generated nearly 300

pages of brand-new comic art during the competition. This

artwork will be on display at the Hamilton East Public Li-

brary in Fishers through Feb.

21, and visitors are encour-

The 91 contestants and

given a prize.

- Level Up Award: Brianna Stevens
- Funniest: Anna Hilbert
- Most Creative: Julia Owens Most Polished: Matthew Inabnitt
- Most Ambitious: Phoebe Jean-Pierre
- Judge's Choice Joey Haas: Anthony Houston
- Judge's Choice Dee Parson: Avalyn Chau
- Judge's Choice Stuart Sayger: Deborah Owens
- Judge's Choice Gavin Smith: Ellie Hilbert
- **Youth Division**
- Best Overall: Henry Leopold
- Best Art: Marie Contreras



Facebook channels. Vote People's Choice Award will

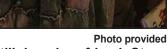
· Best Story: Beckett Main

- Best Page: Henry Leopold
- Funniest: Arthur Deckert
- Most Creative: Lauren Cook
- Most Polished: Oliver Andrews
- Most Ambitious: Cami S. & Violet C.
- Judge's Choice Joey Haas: Everly Reitan
- Judge's Choice Dee Parson: Emily Irwin
- Judge's Choice Stuart Sayger: Henry Schmackers
- Judge's Choice Gavin Smith: Iris Furuseth

Online Division

- Best Overall: Jesus Reyes
- · Best Art: Mallory Benda
- Best Story: Thadeus S
- Best Page: Brigid Baier
 - Grand Champion and Overall Winner: Henry Leopold





Janet Hart Leonard still has her friend Steve Wariner's first album.

If, for some reason, you and creativity. His son Ryan do not know about his suc- is a musician with Ann Wilcess, let me inform you: 14 son and the band Heart. He No. 1 hits. More than 30 Top also writes songs. His son 10 Singles, four Grammy Ross is in L.A. working on awards. Voted into the Country Music Hall of Fame and the Grand Ole Opry. Steve has written for Garth Brooks ("Longneck Bottle"), Clint Black ("Nothin' But the Taillights" and "Been There"), and Keith Urban (Where the Blacktop Ends"). He is one of only five guitar players worldwide to receive the legendary Chet Atkins's "Certified Guitar Player" award. He hired Steve as his bass player and signed him to his first recording contract with RCA Records.

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Main Street Productions, Inc. Presents a play by Tommy Lee Johnston the fine art of growing old...

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He has his own signature model, Gretsch guitar.

But here's the thing: Steve is still the same nice guy I knew in high school. He left NHS in his senior year when Dottie West discovered him while he was 17, playing guitar for a band in an Indianapolis bar. Talk about quite the adventure for a small-town boy. A dream about which movies are written.

Steve and I sat across from each other in Newswriting Class, with Mrs. Beba Kennedy as our teacher. We wrote for the Millstream Newspaper. Steve was quiet but always wore a sweet smile – he still has that smile. I had no idea I would one day be able to say, "I knew him when."

While we chatted on the phone, we went down memory lane to Grant Street, Grandpa's Candy Store, and Memorial Football Field, where North Elementary is located. We remembered walking home from school at lunchtime as the schools did not have cafeterias. We did not walk five miles, but we did walk to school in the snow. Only the kids in the country rode buses.

Steve's small-town upbringing has stayed with him throughout the years. He appreciates how he was raised and has passed his beliefs about life to his sons, as well as his gift of music, art,

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Dots) and in the movie and film industry.

His wife, Caryn, has always kept the home fires burning in Tennessee and is quite the master quilter. Steve wrote the song "I Should Be With You" while he was on a red-eye flight back from L.A. Caryn was pregnant and due any day. She went into labor a few hours after he returned home

My favorite Steve Wariner song is "Holes in the Floor of Heaven," but, running close, is "Two Tear Drops," "Your Memory," "I'm Already Taken" and so many others. Go to your favorite music place to listen, and you will thank me if you don't already love his music.

Something Steve said to me while we were talking on the phone has inspired an upcoming column for the Hamilton County Reporter .

Steve told me, "Now when I am asked to do something, I ask myself, 'Will this make me smile?'"

There is so much wisdom in that thought. Stay tuned.

In talking with Steve, I realized that part of his heart will always be in Noblesville. He made it to the big stage, but his heart is still that of a small-town boy.

Welcome home, Steve! Your friends are so proud of you and look forward to a night we will always remember!

Thank you, Steve, for going with me down memory lane so I could write this article. You share stories through your songs, while I share stories in a newspaper. And to think, it all started in a high school journalism class where we wrote stories for the Millstream.

Steve, my friend, as I told you ... I still have your very first album.

There are still some tickets available. Check the website of the Allied Solutions Center of the Performing Arts.

News

See "Dance of the Planets" at **Carmel High School Planetarium**

Submitted

The Carmel High School Planetarium has announced its next show.

Come explore the visible planets and beyond of the winter of 2025. Attendees will also investigate some of the moons of the Solar System. The presentation will also include the use

of the star projector to point School Planetarium and nebulae, and more.

"Dance of the Planets" is suitable for audiences of all ages, so bring the entire family.

Click here to buy tickets. The presentation will take place at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28 in the Carmel High

out bright stars, starforming will last approximately 45 minutes. Enter through the main entrance of the school on Main Street, walk past the Dale Graham Auditorium, and turn right. Doors will open 30 minutes before show time. No one will be admitted after the program begins. Children

aged 12 years and younger should be accompanied by an adult. Recommended for children aged 5 and up.

Click here to learn more or call Planetarium Director Keith Turner at (317) 846-7721 ext. 7446, or email wkturner@ccs.k12.in.us. You can also follow along on X at @CCSPlanetarium.

HOPE Family Care Center offers three walk-in medical & flu shot clinics this month

The REPORTER

HOPE Family Care Center, 509 N. Peru St., Cicero, offers free medical, dental, counseling, women's health, mammography, and diabetes education services to uninsured and medically under-served patients from Hamilton, Tipton, Madison,

and Boone counties.

As part of its services, HOPE offers free walk-in medical and flu shot clinics, as well as sports physicals, every month. In addition, dental care, counseling, women's health services, and diabetes education are 8:30 p.m. offered at no charge by ap-

pointment.

please visit the clinic at one

of the times listed below, or

contact HOPE to schedule

• Tuesday, Feb. 11: 6 to

• Saturday, Feb. 15: 9 to

an appointment.

11:30 a.m. If you are in need of

• Tuesday, Feb. 25: 6 to HOPE's services this month, 8:30 p.m.

HOPE Family Care Center is a faith based non-profit free health clinic. For more information, or to ask about an appointment, call (317) 984-3444 or email hfcccicero@gmail.com.

Community News

Sheridan's Phi Beta Psi Sorority

invites you to ...

Euchre Night

Saturday, Feb. 22 Check-in/dinner at 6:30 p.m. Game 7 p.m. Cost \$20 (\$5 food + \$15 game) Bring \$ to pay the pig Located at The Studio on Main 302 S. Main St., Sheridan



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Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance announces promotion & welcomes new director of talent management

The REPORTER

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance welcomes Roz Jester as the company's director of talent management

Jester comes to Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance with a wealth of experience in human resources. Most recently, she was manager of global employee data at Salesforce and before that, she was manager of human resources at GEICO. As the director of talent management at Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, she hopes to foster a culture of growth and empowerment by developing and supporting others.

"What excites me most about this role is the opportu-



Jester

ville and holds a bachelor's two children.

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reer goals."

and is a Senior Certified Professional accredited by the Society for Human Resource Management. Outside of work, Jester enjoys reading and traveling with

Jester lives in Nobles- her husband, Ty, and their



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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!



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News

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 317-846-0001 Tx Holdem Thurs & Sat

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

Fishers Post 470 Pat Menc 9091 E 126th St Treasure Hunt Fri 8pm \$25K Fishers, in 46038 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 317-773-9956

Non-Profit Veteran Orgs

Hamilton County Veterans Corp P.O. Box 503 Noblesville, in 46061 secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com Meets 7pm the 1st Monday Monthly at the Fishers American Legion. Our website https://www.hamiltoncountyveterans.com/ has 40 pages of resources for our Military

Veteran community Navy Club Ship 29 Noblesville, In president@hamiltoncountyveterans.com Meets 2nd Thurs 630pm at Gingers 1804 Conner St Noblesville

Hamilton County Veteran Service

Officers

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

Tom.logan@hamiltoncounty.in.gov Assistant CVSO – Robin Wilson robin.wilson@hamiltoncounty.in.gov Assistant CVSO – Caroline Franz caroline.franz@hamiltoncounty.in.gov Admin Assistant – Christina Ellis christina.ellis@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Hamilton County Military Veteran Activities & Events Join the Indy Vet Center for "The Weekly

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We are starting a new coffee time open to ALL veterans weekly here at the Vet Center. This is not counselor led or directed in anyway, it is just an open invitation to have some coffee with your community.

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> Christina Owens **Veteran Outreach Program Specialist** Indianapolis Vet Center 317-749-9357- Cell 317-423-1685- direct 317-423-1680- main 6330 W 71st St Indianapolis, IN 46278

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Carmel VFW

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

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

Click here to take the survey -

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America's Warrior Partnership is administering this survey in partnership with community-based organizations and we need your input.

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News & Opinion

Summit empowers Indiana students to make a difference as Black leaders

By MELEA VanOSTRAND WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A group of young leaders on Friday made an impact in central Indiana.

Fishers High School's Future Black Leaders student organization hosted its seventh annual Black Leadership Summit in Shelton Auditorium at Butler University.

Jayden Rucker, a senior who is president of Fishers High School's Future Black Leaders, said, "This isn't really an experience I get a lot, and I think that's also a feeling that a lot of people here share, and I think that's one of the reasons why we do this, to give people that experience they typically don't have. It's really empowering and inspiring."

He hopes to see more Black students across Indiana become empowered to get out and take to help within the community. "After I leave (the yearly summits), I just feel really motivated to go out and do something in my community."

Over 350 students from 16 predominately white central Indiana schools gathered at the private university in Indianapolis. The students had discussions and workshops on leadership, career readiness, and social justice.

Gianna Fowler from



Fishers High School has come to the last few Future Black Leaders summits and now helps organize it as a co-chair. "Not everybody gets this type of opportunity, so to be able to not only be a part of this event, but help with it and just be a person that someone can look up to is just amazing, and that's what I want to take away."

A group of students at Fishers High School started Future Black Leaders in 2016, and it's grown to include other predominantly white schools. The group's goal is to promote racial equality and make a difference.

Khalilah Marbury, vice president and chief diversity officer at Butler University, says many students have concerns as they see sever-



WISH-TV photos

(TOP) Fishers High School's Future Black Leaders student organization on Feb. 7 hosted its seventh annual Black leadership summit in Shelton Auditorium at Butler University in Indianapolis. (ABOVE) Jayden Rucker, a senior, is president of Fishers High School's Future Black Leaders.

equity and inclusion in the offer to our community." workplace and at schools. "It is part of our founding mission to ensure access and equity for all, and this is just one example of the supal changes with diversity, port that we will continue to

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Special Olympics Indiana Polar Plunges coming to Fishers & Indianapolis

The REPORTER

Special Olympics Indiana's Polar Plunge returns to Wolfies Grill at Geist in Fishers, 11699 Fall Creek Road, Indianapolis, on Saturday, Feb. 22, as participants dare to Be Bold and Get Cold.

This bucket-list event, now in its 26th year, challenges individuals and teams to make a difference in the lives of more than 19,000 children and adults with intellectual dis-

million last year to benefit es the brav-19,000 athletes across the est souls with state.

The event at Butler kicks off at 11 a.m. at the Health and Recreation Complex. raise \$4,000 Prizes include honoring the or more and top fundraiser and a costume contest. A post-event celebration begins after-VIP treatment ward inside the complex.

As Special Olympics Indiana's signature fundraising series, participants must raise at least \$99 for Plungers who raise at least sure an ever-growing num-T-shirt and a cup. For those who reach higher fundraising levels, additional incentive prizes are available. Additionally, the Super

the warmest hearts. Those who plunge at two sites receive

at the final as special fundraising prizes.



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pics Indiana event of the season as well and presented by Coca-Cola Consolidated. Thank you to these other top sponsors: All funds raised during Duke Energy, Steel Dythe opportunity to plunge. Polar Plunge events help en- namics, and Taft. Additionally, individual events are supported locally by community organizations and businesses.

Letter to the Editor -Corbett responds to Aaron Smith

Dear Editor:

Aaron Smith, I'm sorry but I can't resist the urge to respond any longer. The hypocrisy of your recent letter is too much to let go without a challenge.

You rhapsodize about the human touch of the courthouse square and criticize another community for out of scale development while our city makes the same mistakes here with the often-unanimous blessing of our city leaders, including you.

Consider:

· Just a few weeks ago you and all of your City Council colleagues voted to demolish a building right on the courthouse square that was a perfect example of the small-scale development you claim to support. It is now gone, leaving an empty lot.

· The city consistently subsidizes blockbuster buildings like the Levinson, Federal Hill and East Bank, that are completely out of scale with what you claim to be the appeal of our downtown. Many of their storefronts are empty because they are so impersonal.

• The city demolished an entire intersection of a walkable, mixed-use neighborhood and replaced it with a roundabout desert just a few blocks from the square as part of the poorly designed Pleasant Street bypass.

None of these projects foster human connection. So, forgive me for questioning your commitment to human-scale details and enhancing the fabric of our community. I agree those are laudable goals. The problem is the city, of which you are a part, isn't putting its money where its mouth is. It talks a good game but doesn't deliver. The prospect of our city leaders putting their mark on the courthouse square is absolutely frightening when you consider what they've done so far.

Several years ago, the mayor asked my opinion on the new streetscape plan for downtown. I suggested he leave the square alone and focus on the areas that need work, like Logan Street west of the bridge, and the riverfront. Obviously, he didn't care for my suggestion as the city has done nothing on either front. And now the streetscape plan seems to be back on the agenda.

Aaron, if you truly embrace the human scale of our courthouse square, then start envisioning how you can preserve it and expand its footprint. Stop voting to tear down buildings that contribute to it. Stop voting to subsidize buildings that detract from it. Study what makes the square appealing and vote to make more spaces like that. Very few communities are doing that these days and Noblesville can distinguish itself if we start.

Mike Corbett Noblesville

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Meeting Notices

The Carmel Plan Commission will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2025, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel

The Hamilton County Airport Authority Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2025, in the Commissioners' Courtroom

abilities across the state by taking an icy dip to demonstrate their commitment to the cause.

The 2025 Polar Plunge season is Jan. 31 through March 1 with 19 events across Indiana. More than 3,400 Plungers raised \$1.16

the minimum earn a com- ber of children and adults memorative Polar Plunge with intellectual disabilities can participate in the state's sports, health, education, and leadership programs at no cost. To date, the Polar Plunge has generated more Plunger program recogniz- than \$12 million for Special

Visit **PolarPlungeIN**. org to learn more about the 2025 Polar Plunge events, register, and donate to participants.

City Hall, 1 Civic Square

The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2025, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St

at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Noblesville Common Council will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2025, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.

CICERO/JACKSON TOWNSHIP -

Legal Notice Board of zoning appeals

The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on February 20th, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Cicero Town Hall located at 70 N Byron Street, Cicero, Indiana 46034, in order to hear the following petitions Docket No. BZA-0225-08-AG

A Land Use Variance application has been submitted regarding the property ocated at 2860 and 3124 East 266th Street, Arcadia IN, 46034 to allow an Agritourism Ranch and Winery with retail sales and outdoor seating in the "AG" district. Whereas: Article 3.1 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance does not list Agritourism Ranch and Winery with retail sales and outdoor seating as a Permitted Use or a Special Exception Use in the "AG" district.

Project Address: 2860 E 266th Street / 3124 E 266th Street, Arcadia, IN 46030 Legal Description: Acreage 23.49 Section 18, Township 20, Range 4 Parcel number: 03-02-18-00-00-009.000

The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Plar Commission, 331 E. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034. Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Comments may

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

The Hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary. Petitioner's Name: Christopher & Catherine Lammer Date: January 22nd, 2025

Legal Notice Board of zoning appeals

The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on February 20th, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Cicero Town Hall located at 70 N Byron Street, Cicero, Indiana 46034, in order to hear the following petitions Docket No. BZA-0225-04-DC

A Development Standards Variance Application has been submitted concerning Article 10 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance – Permanent Projecting Sign Standards in order to: allow a projecting sign taller than fifteen (15) feet; to allow two (2) projecting signs and to allow a projecting sign to protrude more than eighteen (18) inches from the wall it is attached. Whereas Article 10 states that a projecting sign shall not be taller than fifteen (15) feet; that the maximum quantity shall be one (1) per tenant and shall not protrude more than eighteen (18) inches from the wall it is attached.

Project Address: 109 W Jackson Street, Cicero, IN 46034 Legal Description: Acreage 00.00 Section 1, Township 19, Range 4 Parcel number: 05-06-014-02-05-003.001

The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Plan

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

The Hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary. Petitioner's Name: Stellhorn Cicero, LLC Date: January 15th, 2025 2/8/25. 2/10/2 R5683

Legal Notice

Board of zoning appeals The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on February 20th, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Cicero Town Hall located at 70 N Byron Street, Cicero, Indiana 46034, in order to hear the following petitions:

Docket No. BZA-0225-07-R1 A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted for 87 Ceda Lane, Cicero IN, 46034 regarding Article 7.5 of the Cicero Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance to: allow an accessory structure to extend in front of the primary structure. Whereas Article 7.5 Accessory Structures (AS-02) of the Cicerc Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance states that an accessory structure shall only be to the side or rear of the primary structure. Project Address: 87 Cedar Lane, Cicero, IN 46034

Legal Description: Acreage 6.20 Section 11, Township 19, Range 4 Parcel number: 03-06-11-03-02-008.000

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

Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Comments may be mailed to Cicero/Jackson Planning Commission at P.O. Box 650 Cicero, IN 46034. Comments may also be dropped off in the Cicero Utilities payment drop box located at 331 E. Jackson St. Cicero, IN. Comments may also be emailed the date of the hearing. Written comments will be read aloud during the public hearing and entered into the record of the Hearing. The Hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary

Petitioner's Name: Ben & Carrie VanAlstine Date: January 17th, 2025 2/8/25, 2/10/2

Motown, metal & magnificent pups coming to Paramount Theatre in Anderson in 2025

The REPORTER

The historic Paramount Theatre, alongside Presenting Sponsor Community Hospital Anderson, announces the addition of four new shows to the 2025 calendar – The Drifters, The Platters, & Cornell Gunter's Coasters, That Arena Rock Show, Puppy Pals Live, and Jim Curry: A Tribute to the Music of John Denver. Tickets are on sale now at AndersonParamount.org.

The Drifters, **The Platters & Cornell Gunter's Coasters** *Friday, Sept. 5 at 7:30 p.m.*

It's not a concert, it's a party. Spend a nostalgic evening saluting three of the world's most beloved musical groups who were instrumental in creating the rock 'n' roll and doo wop sound.

The Drifters ("This Magic Moment"), The Platters ("Only You"), and Cornell Gunter's Coasters ("Yakety Yak") have been associated with more than 40 of the top classic songs in rock 'n' roll history, delivering their hits the same way you remember hearing them on the radio. Tickets start at \$25.

That Arena Rock Show Thursday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m.

That Arena Rock Show is the ultimate high-energy, theatrical tribute to classic rock 'n' roll. The band performs legendary rock anthems that ruled the airwaves in the '70s and '80s, featuring artists like Led Zeppelin, Aerosmith, AC/DC, Bon Jovi, and Guns N' Roses. This rock show is more than just music - it's an experience. Tickets start at \$20.

Puppy Pals Live: The Action-Packed Comedic Stunt Dog Show Saturday, Oct. 18

at 7:30 p.m. As seen on America's

Got Talent, Puppy Pals Live is a family fun action-packed show where adopted and rescued dogs perform spectacular stunts and breathtaking feats. Watch as Puppy Pals Live leads the puppies and audience through challenging and comical tricks as the pooches show everyone who is really boss. Full of canine stunts and laugh-out-loud canine comedy, it is no surprise this show has been a hit all over the USA. Tickets start at \$15.

Jim Curry: **A Tribute to the Music** of John Denver Thursday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m.

Celebrate the timeless

music of John Denver with Jim Curry, a talented singer and performer who brings the legendary artist's songs to life. With his uncanny resemblance to Denver and a voice that captures the essence of the beloved singer, Curry showcases Denver's most iconic hits, including "Country Roads," "Rocky Mountain High," and "Sunshine on My Shoulders." Tickets start at \$19.

Current Paramount Theatre Lineup

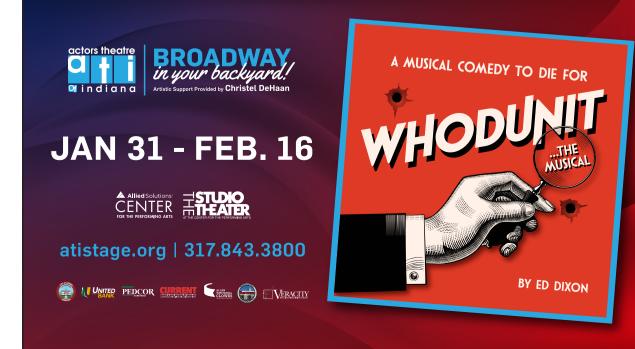
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• FOREVER SEGER -Saturday, Feb. 15

• Marshall Charloff & The Purple xPeRIeNCE -Saturday, March 8

• Tommy James and The Shondells – Saturday, March 29

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Opinion & News

High expectations welcome at Booth Tarkington Theatre

By CARRIE NEAL A Seat on the Aisle

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With Valentine's Day fast approaching, it's the perfect time to present a classic love story - and what a love story!

Pride & Prejudice has become so beloved as to have almost become ubiquitous, and all fans have their favorite version. Many viewers of a certain age fondly recall the iconic moment when Colin Firth removed his shirt to dive into the lake in the BBC adaptation, and my daughter has watched the Kiera Knightley version more times than I can count. Then there are the contemporary takes on the story, such as Bridget Jones's Diary, starring Renee Zellweger and you guessed it, Colin Firth.

As with any revered piece of art, people will come in with high expectations, and happily, Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre and director Emily Rogge Tzucker are able to meet those expectations handily. One feels a sense of familiarity as the lights come up: in addition to the wellknown material, the jewel-toned colors on the backdrop, the spare set pieces,

and the transition by a string quartet playing modern pop songs have been used before on the Civic stage to great effect and are very impactful here, as well.

Costume design by Adrienne Conces is ingenious, with smart jackets for daytime buttoned over the ladies' gowns, which can be removed onstage when they go to a ball (this happens fairly often). The gentlemen wear the appropriately Regency-styled clothing with panache.

The story, of course, revolves around the spark between Elizabeth Bennet and Mr. Darcy, and in Carly Kirby and Tanner Brunson, director Tzucker has found her perfect match. The tempestuous nature of their relationship entertains from the moment of their first encounter, and becomes truly moving by the time of the show's denouement. As the secondary leads, Julia Ammons is a simply lovely Jane Bennet and is well-matched with Louis Soria, who is a delightful Mr. Bingley.

Standouts within a strong cast: as Mr. Collins, Matt Anderson delights as always, with over-the-top gestures and physicality that somehow seem just

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Photo provided by Civic Theatre Tanner Brunson as Mr. Darcy and Carly Kirby as Elizabeth Bennet.

right. Kelsey VanVoorst, usually cast in comedic roles, is humorous here as well but also has some wonderfully touching moments in their portrayal of Charlotte Lucas. And finally, Daniel Wilke is a debonair breath of fresh air as Mr. Wickham.

I have only one quibble with this darling production, and that is the bells. I've been told that they're part of the script, but all of the characters ringing little bells throughout the course of the play proved to be quite a distraction, particularly during act two; every time I was swept away on a wave of emotion (and I did tear up at least twice),

Coasters – Friday, Sept. 5

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• Mark Lowry & Friends The Music of ABBA - Sat-

the bells would start ringing again and kill the mood, sometimes even obscuring dialogue. Very interesting choice by author/adapter Kate Hamill.

But this is still a stellar production and a must-see for both fans of Jane Austen and those yet to become familiar with her work. And it goes without saying, this would be an ideal choice for a Valentine's date night.

Pride & Prejudice runs Feb. 7 to 22 at the Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre on the Knebel Stage. Tickets are available online at civictheatre.org.

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

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• Jim Curry: A Tribute to

Tickets can be pur-

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Paramount Box Office at

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Thursday, Nov. 6

Korea hotel developer came to find Westfield **By REYNA REVELLE**

Mayor talks of how South

Big changes are on the horizon for Westfield as one of South Korea's most

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prominent hodevelopers tel looks to invest a remarkable \$50 million in the Hamilton County city.

Republican Mayor Scott Willis is optimistic that the new Korean South

luxury hotel planned for and it's a great place to live Westfield will attract more corporate headquarters and bring sports enthusiasts to Grand Park Sports Campus and similar facilities.

"It's a different hotel than what we've seen. This is more of a higher-end hotel. They have one currently in Chicago. This will be the second site they will build here in America. The one in Chicago is a 4.5-star hotel," Willis said.

Located off U.S. 31 and 161st Street, the five-story hotel will have 228 upscale rooms and a 10,000-squarefoot restaurant. The goal is that the hotel will seamlessly fit Westfield's scenic lifestyle and be accessible to the Monon Trail.

"It's a higher-end product, not necessarily geared toward Grand Park, but more toward the business side and for transient folks working temporarily in Westfield. So, we're excited about it," the mayor said.

The hotel site was initially planned in 2007 for retail development, but plans shifted in 2021 to luxury accommodations, highlighting Westfield's ambition to revitalize its economy. The

hotel will have amenities including meeting spaces to help attract more business to Westfield.

"As Samsung started taking off in Kokomo,

we started seeing more of their employees either staying temporarily on contract or settling here in Westfield to make it home from Korea. It probably has to do with our school districts,

Willis

and raise kids," Willis said. Westfield city government aims to establish international ties with South Korea through a Sister Cities program. Willis and key city officials will travel to South Korea in March. Talks will focus on a cultural exchange to enhance education, tourism, and economic growth.

The mayor said, "We are starting to get a lot of interest from Korea in Westfield thanks to many investments in Kokomo with Samsung. A city there is considered the 'sports city' for them, with many sport-type businesses and opportunities that mirror not quite like Grand Park but the same type of synergy. Westfield is a bedroom community; we're trying to change that landscape. We're courting several corporate headquarters right now and showing we can have a hotel like this."

WISHTV.com first reported about the hotel earlier this week.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/politics/ south-korea-hotel-westfield-indiana-mayor-interview.



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Friday, April 4

• Tennessee Whiskey: Tribute to Chris Stapleton with Ultimate Eric Church June 19 Tribute – Saturday, April 5

• America's Got Talent 2024 Champion Richard Goodall – Thursday, April 17 • Newsboys – Friday, – Friday, Aug. 8

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Opinion & News

Governor Braun keeps the promises he makes

Every year, as State Treasurer, I visit all 92 counties to hear directly from Hoosiers about their concerns and what our state government can do to improve their lives. And everywhere

travel across the state, there who spends time with their is Mike Braun, listening to Hoosiers talk about their concerns.

In just a few short weeks in office, Governor Braun has made it clear that the complex challenges our state faces will no longer be an excuse for state government inaction. As a small government conservative, I fully support his vision for a streamlined, accountable, responsive government that allows Hoosiers to keep more money in their pockets and his desire to reduce unnecessary regulations that stifle growth and drive up costs for Hoosier families and businesses.

I come from Martinsville, so I know the importance of supporting the



men and women of our rural communities. They face unique challenges. Governor Braun and I are committed to being their voice at Statehouse. the statewide Any elected official

constituents has heard that property taxes are one of the biggest concerns for Hoosiers across our state. However, few politicians have been courageous enough to step forward with reforms that protect the funding of local government's essential needs, like public safety and infrastructure, while also providing relief to taxpayers. Governor Braun's clear support for property tax reform proves he has the strength and will to do what is right for Hoosiers.

What's most refreshing is that Governor Braun's approach is the opposite of many in Washington. He wants to get things done and make government ac-

hard-working orders will lead to 5 percent savings across state agencies, cut 25 percent of regulations across the board, and bring government workers back to the office. He understands that every dollar saved, every reform enacted, and every barrier removed translates directly to a better quality of life for Hoosiers. Unlike in Washington, where gridlock often prevents real solutions, Indiana has the opportunity to lead with a results-driven agenda.

As State Treasurer, I work every day on managing the funds for two of Indiana's newest school choice programs, and I could not be more excited to work with a governor dedicated to ensuring that all Hoosier families have access to the highest quality education. The Governor's support for programs our office manages, like Indiana Education Scholarship Accounts (INESA) and Career Scholarship Accounts (CSA), shows he is serious about revamping our state's approach to education to put parents back in the driver's countable. His executive seat and sets our next gener-

ation up for success. I look forward to working with Governor Braun to make education in our state the best in the nation.

These important issues property taxes, government efficiency, and education – are only the tip of the iceberg. Governor Braun's time in business and at all levels of government has given him the experience necessary to address issues that families talk about at their kitchen tables across our state.

One thing that has become evident through the Governor's successes in business, the Statehouse, and Washington, D.C., is that a promise made by Mike Braun is a promise kept, and our state could not be in better hands going forward. As State Treasurer, my office will continue to partner with Governor Braun to ensure no Hoosier is forgotten. By listening to people over politicians, Governor Braun will lead Indiana to its best future.

Daniel Elliott serves as the Indiana Treasurer of State.

Indiana must protect employer-driven health care choices

Across Indiana, businesses of all sizes work hard to provide quality, affordable health benefits for their employees and their families. But recent efforts – both at the state and federal lev-

els – threaten to take those choices away

Legislation like Indiana Senate Bill 140 and House Bill 1606 introduced last month, along with misguided proposals being considered in Congress, unfairly target pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) under the guise of reform. These efforts would strip employers of the tools they rely on to offer quality prescription drug coverage at an affordable price, ultimately raising costs for businesses and workers.

Employers and their employees are the first ones to feel the growing costs of health care, and they depend on PBMs to push back against those increases. PBMs play a critical role in our healthcare system, helping health plan sponsors offer the pharmacy benefits their employees need at a price the employees can afford. On average, PBMs save employers and families **\$1,040** per person each year by leveraging their scale to negotiate lower prices and rebates. As a result, PBMs make it possible for businesses to offer high-quality, affordable benefits while keeping premiums and outof-pocket costs in check. PBMs give employers flexibility and a wide range of choices so that each health plan sponsor can design the benefits that best suit their needs. A national survey of nearly 700 employers found that "88 percent of survey respondents expressed satisfaction with their PBMs' ability to provide the lowest costs for employees at the pharmacy counter." The value of PBMs extends far beyond employers and those who rely on prescription medications. The University of Chicago Economics Professor Casey Mulligan found that PBMs create an annual \$145 billion value for society. Mulligan's research highlights that PBMs' impact goes beyond the employer-PBM-patient relationship. They benefit the entire healthcare system - including drug manufacturers, pharmacies, and government programs - by introducing cost-saving mechanisms and competilike spread-pricing bans, government-mandated pass-through pricing, and "delinking" policies would strip away these cost-saving mechanisms, leaving businesses with fewer

choices and higher expenses. These misguided policies claim to help patients, but in reality, they would increase healthcare costs by over \$26 billion annually – a devastating hit for small businesses, workers, and families.

Legislation like SB140, considered in Indiana, would add a \$10.64 tax on many prescriptions filled in the state and even ban employers from offering specific lower-cost pharmacy options, such as mail-order. Mail-order is a convenient and affordable option that helps patients stay on the medicines they need by ensuring they get their prescriptions delivered right to their doors.

As someone who spent years in the Indiana legislature, I know the importance of allowing businesses to operate with flexibility and market-driven solutions. Employers - not government mandates - should decide how to structure their health benefits. When companies have the freedom to choose the best options for their employees, they can better control costs, improve coverage, and provide stability for their workforce.

Weakening PBMs would force businesses to make difficult decisions either absorb higher healthcare costs, shift those costs to employees through higher premiums and out-of-pocket expenses, or reduce their benefits altogether. None of these outcomes help working families.

Instead of interfering with employer-driven health plans, policymakers should strengthen the private market and ensure businesses retain the tools to keep health care affordable. Indiana's workers and employers deserve policies that protect their benefits, not those that make coverage more expensive and complicated to access. Legislators should reject harmful policies undermining employer choice and free-market competition in health care. The right approach is straightforward: support businesses, protect the private market, and preserve the flexibility that keeps prescription drug costs under control for Hoosier families. Jim Merritt is a former member of the Indiana State Senate, serving 30 years.

New year, new recalls Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita warns consumers about products recalled in January

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers to important consumer protection concerns for products recalled in January. The office is encouraging consumers to take advantage of opportunities available to them to return, fix, dispose, or replace a purchased recalled item that could be harmful to their families.

"Hoosiers shouldn't have to worry about faulty or dangerous items in their own 4 oz. Refillable Medicine Office Chairs Due to Fall homes," AG Rokita said. Bottles Due to Failure to Re- Hazard



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• Cabinet Health Recalls

of Federal Regulations for Bicycle Helmets; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com by TP-BOR

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> • SIG SAUER Recalls ROMEO5 Red Dot Firearm Sights Due to Ingestion Hazard; Violations of Reese's Law Federal Safety Regulations for Consumer Products with Button Cell Batteries and Child Resistant Button Cell Battery Packaging

 Kawasaki Motors USA Recalls John Deere ZTrak Zero Turn Mowers with Ka-



"Indiana residents deserve protection from products that, for whatever reason, are not reliable or may even cause injury. If you have one of the recalled products, stop using it and pursue resolution from the manufacturer."

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following consumer products were recalled in January:

• Pearhead Recalls Infant Learning Toy Sets Due to Choking Hazard; Violation of Federal Regulations for Rattles

• AMX Global Recalls Portable Folding Stadium Seats Due to Fall and Injury Hazards

• Cozchique Tebbis, and Beeziac Girls Pajamas Recalled Due to Burn Hazard; Violation of Federal Flammability Regulations; Sold Exclusively on Amazon by Tupop

 AliExpress Recalls Multi Styler Hair Dryers Due to Electrocution or Shock

tain Child-Resistance; Risk of Child Poisoning

• Johnson Health Tech North America Recalls Matrix-Brand Training Cycles Due to Fall Hazard

poration Recalls Teckwe Hair to Failure to Alert Consum-Dryer Brushes Due to Electrocution or Shock Hazard

 ChrisDowa Roller Winto Strangulation and Entanglement Hazards; Violation of Federal Regulations for Window Coverings; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com by Shaoxingkeqiao Nenghaozhenfang

• GiantMouse Recalls GM12 and GMP12 Folding Knives Due to Laceration Hazard

• Duluth Trading Company Recalls Children's Holiday Pajama Sets Due to Burn Hazard; Violation of Federal Flammability Regulations for Children's Sleepwear; Sold Exclusively by Duluth Trading Company

• NQDTPBOR Helmets

• Ivy City Recalls Children's Pajamas Due to Burn Hazard; Violation of Federal Regulations; Flammability Sold Exclusively by Ivy City

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 Polaris Industries Redow Shades Recalled Due calls Model Year 2024-2025 Ranger XD 1500 and Crew XD 1500 Recreational Off-Road Vehicles (ROVs) Due to Injury and Crash Hazards

• HallyBee Farmhouse Dressers Recalled Due Tip-Over and Entrapment Hazards: Violation of Federal Regulation for Clothing Storage Units; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com by YKHallyBee

• Northern Tool + Equip-Recalls Adjustable ment Swivel Shop Stools with Backrests Due to Fall Hazard • Lexmark International Recalls Specialty Printers Due to Fire Hazard

• Multi-Purpose Chil-Hazards; Sold on AliEx- Recalled Due to Risk of Head dren's Helmets Recalled Due

wasaki Engines Due to Fire and Burn Hazards

Yaomiao Children's Jewelry Sets Recalled Due to Risk of Lead and Cadmium Poisoning; Violations of the Federal Lead Content Ban and Federal Hazardous Substances Act; Sold Exclusively on Amazon by LordRoads

• Euqee Wintergreen Essential Oils Recalled Due to Risk of Poisoning; Violation of the Poison Prevention Packaging Act; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com by DLWL-US

If you recently purchased a recalled product, stop using it and check its recall notice. Then follow the notice's instructions, including where to return the product, how to get the product fixed, how to dispose of the product, how to receive a refund for the product, or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.

For more details and to see recalls issued prior to January, visit CPSC.gov/recalls

However, lawmakers are targeting PMBs and creating a spider web of regulations to disable them. Proposals

tion that help lower prices.



Indiana American Water launches water & environment grant program

The REPORTER

Indiana American Water has launched the American Water Charitable Foundation 2025 Water and Environment Grant Program. The Foundation invites community partners to apply for grants that promote clean water, conservation, environmental education, climate variability, and water-based recreation projects

In 2024, the American Water Charitable Foundation awarded a combined total of \$1 million to 59 organizations in 11 states, supporting organizations located in communities served by American Water.

Last year in Indiana,

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Obituaries

Frank John Kriz January 19, 1951 – January 31, 2025

Frank John Kriz of Noblesville passed away on January 31, 2025, at Copper Trace nursing

home at the age of 74 surrounded by family and loved ones. Born on January 19, 1951, in Chicago, Ill., Frank was the son of Frank and Lillian (Ceferin) Kriz, who preceded him in death.

He dedicated his early career to serving others as both a firefighter and paramedic. His later pursuits led him into emergency management and he

retired as a consultant for Homeland Security. His commitment to education was evident in the multiple master's degrees he earned, including time spent studying in seminary. A devout Christian, Frank was always eager to share his faith with those around him.

Frank found joy in life's simple pleasures, from playing solitaire to indulging in sweet desserts. Above all, he cherished time spent with his family. He is survived by his loving wife, Shirley Cecil-Kriz; brother, John (Ursula) Kriz; twin daughters, Shawna (Patrick) and Johanna (Mario); grandchildren, Noah, Emily, and Gabriel; niece, Tracey (James); and several cousins.

Additionally, Frank embraced his role as parent and grandparent to Shirley's three children, John, Donald, and Sunrise (Jason), as well as their children, Chelsea (David), Ryder, Sophia (Ryan), River, and Jacob. He was also blessed as a great-grandparent to Lily, Colton, and Hallie.

Frank's legacy of service, faith, and love for family will be remembered by all who knew him. May his memory bring comfort to those he leaves behind.

Memorial Services will be held at Cornerstone Lutheran Church, 4850 E. Main St., Carmel, on February 22, 2025, with visitation at 10 a.m. and memorial service at 11 a.m. Condolences: randallroberts.com



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Theresa Anne Mickler July 20, 1948 – February 1, 2025

Theresa Anne Mickler, 76, passed away peacefully in



her sleep on February 1, 2025, at 7:05 p.m. at Baptist Hospital Floyd in New Albany, Ind. Born on July 20, 1948, in Indianapolis, Theresa was proud of her 30 years of service at the Army Finance Center, Ft. Benjamin Harrison.

A devout Catholic, Theresa attended Christ the King and Our Lady of Mount Carmel parochial schools, Chatard High School, and Indiana University. She was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church until moving to Sellersburg to be closer to her son, having previously lived in Greenfield,

Wis.; Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, and College Park, Md.

A nature lover, Theresa enjoyed the many beautiful Indiana State Parks throughout her life and took full advantage when Fort Harrison State Park opened near her home, finding peace and joy there. From a young age her interests included art, literature, creative writing, and music, ranging from jazz and blues to folk and classical. Theresa also appreciated some of the "finer" things in life, including fruit cake, soda, and black jelly beans. An avid sports fan, she enjoyed watching any sport on TV, especially horse racing and the Indy 500.

Theresa was preceded in death by her former husband, Robert Mickler, and her parents, Dr. John R. Kenney and Jo Anne Kenney-Salb. She is survived by her twin sons, Chris Mickler-Lemelle (Sam) of Austin, Texas, and Patrick Mickler (Daniel) of Louisville, Ky.; her sister, Kathleen McCrillis (Steven); her brothers, Brendan Kenney and Kevin Kenney; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews; and cousins.

Theresa will be remembered for her love of family, her devotion to her faith, and her appreciation for the beauty of the natural world.

Visitation was held on Friday, February 7 at Randall and Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, February 8 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 4650 Shadeland Ave., Indianapolis. Burial will follow at Oaklawn Cemetery, 9700 Allisonville Road, Indianapolis, after the Mass.

Memorial contributions may be made in Theresa's name to Susan G. Komen (search.app/cCDatBGiVxbjgkuY8), and the National Alliance to Mental Illness (NAMI) Indiana (namiindiana.org).

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

THE RADIANT FACE OF MOSES When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the Lord had given him on Mount Sinai.

When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. But whenever he entered the Lord's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the Lord.

Exodus 34:29-35 (NIV)



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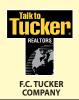


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Girls Basketball **Rocks learn lesson, upset Millers to advance**

By RICHARD TORRES For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE Westfield senior Aubrey Crockett hauled in her 12th defensive rebound Friday night, and fittingly the 5-foot-9 guard dribbled out the clock in celebration.

Unable to beat Class 4A No. 10 Noblesville at the Mill during the regular season, 53-51, on Dec. 21, Crockett and the unranked Shamrocks learned their lesson and applied it in the rematch during the Sectional 8 semifinals.

The Shamrocks (16-8) jumped out to a quick 18-point lead in the first quarter, which put the host Millers (19-5) in a deep hole, and the defense held strong, as Westfield upset Noblesville, 61-52, to advance into tonight's sectional title game at 7:05 p.m. against No. 1 Hamilton Southeastern (24-0).

Westfield ran out to a 7-0 lead after winning the opening tip and led 21-3 before the Millers could attempt to mount a comeback in the final three quarters.

Crockett finished with a modest four points, but her additional contributions were difficult to match including 13 rebounds, a block and a game-high nine assists.

One of the many Rocks to benefit from Crockett's decisive distribution was junior Audra Parker, a 5-10 forward, who converted 4 of 4 jumpers from beyond the arc en route to a team-high 17 points.

In their first meeting this season, the Shamrocks held a double-digit lead against the Millers, but the margin dissipated resulting in a one-possession loss.

Not this time. "We were just more conmore than prepared for Noblesville's 1-3-1 zone and press. The solution was rapid ball movement and high-percentage shooting, which they displayed to net the program's first win over the Millers since 2021-22.

"We talked a lot about moving the basketball against them. Obviously, when anyone plays a zone, you want to try to shift it as much as you possibly can and get them moving, get the ball moving," Westfield coach Kelsey Steele said. "Aubrey does that for us. It's a lot of things. Sometimes, it's a lot of things that don't show up in the stat sheet."

Crockett quarterbacked an offensive attack that shot 63 percent from the field, 43 percent from 3-point range (6 of 14) and out rebounded the Millers 30-15.

Westfield led 34-25 by halftime and never let the Millers get any closer than five points in the second half

"If you look back at our last game, we went up by about 15, and they ended up scoring 16 points off of our 19 turnovers, so we talked a lot about that this week," Steele said. "We still weren't perfect at it, and it's really hard when Meredith Tippner is running around up top, and she's creating turnovers, but I felt like our kids responded to that."

Westfield had 16 turnovers with four steals by Tippner, who put the Millers on her back with a 12-point second quarter and 11-point third to finish with a gamehigh 33 points and five rebounds

Tippner cut the Millers' deficit to six points behind a 5-0 run she engineered to end the third quarter. She had five points in the fourth group did, then I'll be so quarter before fouling out in lucky. I'm super grateful to the game's final 32.3 seconds as the program's single-season scoring record had 11 points and seven reholder.

ter than Ashlynn Shade (622 senior Lindsey Van Dyke in 26 contests in 2020-21). Overall, Tippner amassed 1,779 career points behind Courtney Cox (1,869 from 1986-89).

"It was tough tonight. You go on a run, but you're still down. It's tough to get back, but you always leave everything on the court. That's never been a problem with this group. I know we would fight to the end, and that's what made this season so special and made the feeling we all feel right now hurt a little bit more," Tippner said.

"This community, this town, it's meant a lot to me. I'm super excited to see what college brings, and if I can have a group that supports me as much as this combined to shoot 3-for-4 from the foul line to end the game.

Hatcher had 12 points, and Van Dyke added 13 points. Senior Samantha Price provided 10 points and nine rebounds.

We kind of felt like we let one slip out of our hands when we were here the last time, so it was one of those things where we knew we were capable, and they showed up and performed tonight," Steele said. "We talk to our kids about how they're not really losses, they're lessons. How can we learn from them? I know that's a cliché, but there's a lot of truth to it. We wanted to find a way not to lose the same way twice, so we knew we needed to be composed."

ngle-season scoring record holder.							
WESTFIELD 61, NOBLESVILLE 52							
Nestfield	FG	FT	TP	PF			
Veg Hamilton	1-5	1-2	3	2			
Aubrey Crockett	1-1	2-6	4	2 1			
VaKayla Hatcher	3-4	6-8	12				
₋indsey Van Dyke	5-9	2-2	13	2			
Sam Price	3-3	3-4	9	4			
Via Crask	0-0	0-0	0	0			
Ellen Wheeler	1-1	0-0	3	0			
Audra Parker	6-9	1-2	17	2			
Olivia Murray	0-0	0-0	0	0			
Totals	20-32	15-24	61	13			
Nestfield 3-point shootin er 1-1, Hamilton 0-2.	g (6-14) P	arker 4-6, V	Van Dyke	1-5, Whee	el-		
Nestfield rebounds (30)	Crockett	13 Drice 0	Hatcher	2 Wheel	ar		
2, Van Dyke 1, team 3.	CIUCKELL	15, 1106 5			51		
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF			
Ally Hutchinson	0-1	0-0	0	4			
Maia Blower	2-5	2-4	6	4			
Veredith Tippner	13-30	7-9	33	5			
Kate Rollins	1-5	0-0	2	5			
C.C. Quigley	3-8	5-6	11	2			
Brookelyn Grayson	0-1	0-0	0	0			
Norah Vetor	0-0	0-0	0	1			
Ellie Motz	0-0	0-0	0	0			

The Millers and Tippner refused to go quietly behind an 8-0 run to start the second quarter to bring the score within 10 points and a 5-0 run to open the third made it 34-29.

Photos by Julie Montgomery

semifinal win over Noblesville on Friday. (ABOVE RIGHT) Meredith Tippner scored 33 points for

(ABOVE LEFT) Westfield's MaKayla Hatcher scored 12 points for the Shamrocks during their Sectional Noblesville, finishing her senior year as the Millers' single-s

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fident this time. Last time, we weren't as confident, and we got scared. This time, we were like, 'No, we can do this.' We just believed in ourselves," Crockett said.

The Rocks, who drew the first-round bye, were

The Miami (Florida) commit ended her senior remaining to narrow the season with 623 points through 24 games, one bet-

have been a part of this.

Junior C.C. Quigley bounds. She buried the Millers' final bucket with 39.4 gap, 58-52, but Westfield junior MaKayla Hatcher and

Totals	19-50	14-19	52	21		
Noblesville 3-point sh	Noblesville 3-point shooting (0-9) Tippner 0-4, Quigley 0-2, Hutchin-					
son 0-1, Blower 0-1,	Rollins 0-1.					
Noblesville rebounds	(15) Quigley	7, Tippner	5, Blower	2, team 1.		
Score by Quarters						
Westfield	21	13	12	15 – 61		
Noblesville	5	20	15	12 – 52		

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Top-ranked Royals rout Zionsville, move on to title game

By CRAIG ADKINS For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE

Last night's first Sectional 8 girls basketball semifinal at The Mill in Noblesville was the first of two matchups that featured Hoosier Crossroads Conference teams. The Hamilton Southeastern Royals got down to business quickly and cruised to a 59-40 win over the Zionsville Eagles.

The Royals wasted no time at all. HSE jumped out to an early 5-0 lead from Maya Makalusky three and Addison Van Hoesen basket on a backdoor pass from Makalusky.

Zionsville's McKenzie Chapman got the Eagles on the board with a three that made it 5-3, but the Royals would run from there to finish the first.

Southeastern went on a 16-4 spurt to end the first quarter. Kennedy Holman started it with a top of the key three. Van Hoesen scored two buckets in a row, followed by a Kayla Stidham triple for a 15-4 lead, forcing Zionsville to burn its second timeout.

Just out of the timeout, Makalusky was fouled in the right corner on a three-point attempt. The senior All-State candidate converted all three at the foul line to make it 18-4.

Senior Abby Brown scored the final two baskets of the first to give the Royals a 22-4 wide margin.

See *Royals* ... Page 10

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(ABOVE LEFT) Hamilton Southeastern's Maya Makalusky jumps for the ball during tip-off of the Royals' Sectional 8 semifinal game with Zionsville Friday at The Mill in Noblesville. (ABOVE RIGHT) Hamilton Southeastern coach Brian Satterfield talks with a referee during the game.

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HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 59, ZIONSVILLE 40

	Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF	
	Maya Makalusky	6	9-10	23	1	
	Kayla Brinley	2	1-2	6	0	
	Kennedy Holman	3	2-3	9	1	
	Kayla Stidham	3	0-2	9	1	
	Addison Van Hoesen	4	0-0	8	3	
	Maine Hooks	0	0-0	0	0	
	Antonette Green	0	0-0	0	4	
	Abby Brown	2	0-0	4	2	
	Abby Orme	0	0-2	0	0	
	Ava Kashani	0	0-0	0	0	
	Abi Clayton	0	0-0	0	1	
	Totals	20	12-19	59	13	
Score by Quarters						
	Zionsville	4	9	14	13 – 4	10
	Southeastern	22	13	19	5 – 59)
	Southeastern 3-pointers (7) Stidham 3. Makalusky 2. Brinley, Holman					

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Girls Basketball – Golden Eagles fall to Bruins

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girls dropped a Class 3A Sectional 25 semifinal to Tri-West 42-36 Friday at Lebanon's Rosenstihl Gymnasium.

off to a strong start, leading points. Ava Bills had 10 16-7 after the first quarter. Annie Murphy had two 3-pointers in the opening period. The Bruins came back in the second quarter,

cutting GC's lead to 24-The Guerin Catholic 21 by halftime. Tri-West jumped ahead 32-29 after three periods, then outscored the Golden Eagles 10-8 in the fourth.

Murphy totaled three The Golden Eagles got 3s and finished with 11 points, scoring in each quarter.

> Guerin Catholic completed its season with a 10-11 record.

TRI-WEST 42. GUERIN CATHOLIC 36

	TL, UUI				
Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF	
Annie Murphy	4	0-0	11	3	
Reagan Haines	1	2-2	4	2	
Ava Bills	4	1-2	10	3	
Lillian Behrle	1	0-0	3	4	
Caroline Ford	2	2-6	6	1	
Dana Dues	0	0-0	0	0	
Brinna Wolf	0	2-2	2	2	
Rachel Behrle	0	0-0	0	0	
Madi Cain	0	0-0	0	0	
Lainey Rott	0	0-0	0	0	
Emerson Worman	0	0-0	0	0	
Totals	12	7-12	36	15	
Score by Quarters					
Guerin Catholic	16	8	5	8 – 36	
Tri-West	7	14	11	10 – 42	
Guerin Catholic 3-pointers (5) Murphy 3, Bills, L. Behrle.					

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Feb. 8

BOYS BASKETBALL Culver Academies at Guerin Catholic, 1:30 p.m. Mooresville at Westfield, 1:30 p.m. Hamilton Heights at Winchester, 2:30 p.m. University at Heritage Christian, 2:30 p.m. Fishers vs. Peoria Manual at Bank O'Fallon Shootout, 6:30 p.m.

BOYS WRESTLING REGIONALS

Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Sheridan, Westfield at North Montgomery, 9 a.m.

Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Heights, Noblesville at Pendleton Heights, 9 a.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL

Sectional 8 at Noblesville Championship: Hamilton Southeastern vs. Westfield. 7 p.m. Sectional 39 at Sheridan Championship: Lapel vs. Sheridan, 7 p.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING SECTIONAL FINALS Guerin Catholic, Noblesville, Westfield at Carmel, 1 p.m.

Hamilton Heights, Hamilton Southeastern at Fishers, 1 p.m. University at Lafayette Jefferson, 1 p.m. **GYMNASTICS**

:30 p.m. at Linwood School plesville at Lafavette Jeffers



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The Sheridan girls basketball team celebrated coach Jaidlin Bradshaw's 100th win Friday after the Blackhawks beat Tipton in the semifinals of Sectional 39. Sheridan plays Lapel tonight in the championship game.

Blackhawks win easily, Bradshaw gets 100th win

By RICHIE HALL

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SHERIDAN - Sheridan's Class 2A Sectional 39 semifinal win over Tipton Friday was important for two reasons.

First, the 2A No. 11-ranked Blackhawks' 62-12 victory over the Blue Devils moved them back into the sectional championship game. Sheridan plays Lapel at 7 p.m. tonight at Larry Hobbs Gymnasium as the 'Hawks try to defend their trophy.

The win also marked the 100th victory for Blackhawks coach Jaidlin Bradshaw. The coach has made history for the 'Hawks before: back when she was Jaidlin Delph, the 2012 Sheridan graduate became the second Blackhawks girls player to reach 1,000 career points. Bradshaw became the coach in 2018 and has only had one sub-.500 season out of seven as the Sheridan mentor. She is also coaching a 1,000-point scorer in Kenzie Garner, who was one of the leading scorers Friday with 16 points.

until the last week or two weeks or something," said Bradshaw. She gave credit to her players and their parents – past and present - and her "amazing staff."

"You get recognition as a person with 100 wins," said Bradshaw. "It doesn't happen without everybody around. My amazing family, friends, all my support system. I'm very, very blessed to be able to do what I do with all the people around me."

The 'Hawks were in control for all 32 minutes. Garner opened with a 3, then Cecilia Timme scored eight straight points. Sheridan led 21-0 after the first with a free throw at the 1:13 mark of the second quarter.

SHERIDAN 62, TIPTON 12						
Sheridan	FG	FT	ТР	PF		
Nova Cross	1	0-0	2	2		
Kenzie Garner	7	0-0	16	0		
Cecilia Timme	8	0-0	16	1		
Brielle Garner	5	0-0	11	1		
Sadie Timme	1	3-4	5	1		
Mac Smith	2	0-0	4	1		
Shelby Eaton	3	0-0	6	0		
Mak Southerland	1	0-0	2	0		
Brooklynn Conley	0	0-0	0	0		
Sammy Smith	0	0-0	0	0		
Adalynn Gould	0	0-0	0	0		
Totals	28	3-4	62	6		
Score by Quarters						
Tipton	0	1	2	9 – 12		
Sheridan	21	25	12	4 – 62		
Sheridan 3-pointers (3) K. Garner 2, B. Garner.						

found a way. I was proud Lapel 57-41 on Jan. 14 in of them for sticking with a regular-season game, quarter and led 42-0 before it and pushing through. It but the Bulldogs will be a Tipton's Kennedy Lancast- was nice that we were able tough team. Lapel is 17-8 er got her team on the board to rotate everybody quite a and beat Elwood 64-38 in bit and get everybody some minutes tonight." Kenzie Garner also pulled 11 rebounds for a double-double and dished out five assists. Cecilia Timme made six steals and handed out five assists. Sadie Timme scored seven points, collected five rebounds and made four steals, while Nova Cross had three steals. Shelby Eaton scored six points. The Blackhawks beat

Friday's other semifinal

Westfield at Rushville Invitational, noon

Tuesday, Feb. 11 **BOYS BASKETBALL** Anderson at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m. Guerin Catholic at New Palestine, 7:30 p.m. Hamilton Southeastern at Yorktown, 7:30 p.m.

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"Honestly, I didn't really even know I was close two minutes. But then we

The Blackhawks led 46-1 at halftime and 58-3 after three quarters. Timme joined Kenzie Garner as a leading scorer with 16 points. Brielle Garner added 11 points.

"We started a little slow," said Bradshaw. "We just couldn't put the ball in the basket for about the first minute and a half,

contest. Bradshaw called Lapel a "super good team."

"They're aggressive, they're physical," said Bradshaw. "Laniah Willis is an amazing player. They'll probably switch up some of what they do and we're probably going to switch up some of what we do. We're hoping that we'll be able to play hard and play through whatever the game brings our way."

Blazers drop semifinal to Warriors

The REPORTER

The University girls' season came to a close Friday night as the Trailblazers fell to Covenant Christian 47-38 in a Sectional 42 semifinal at Monrovia.

Seniors Anyah Turley (15 points) and Taylor Seay (12 points) paced Universitv in scoring. Mack Feeney had 10 rebounds and seven blocked shots.

The teams exchanged the lead in the opening quarter with Covenant Christian leading 11-8 after one. Gabby Culp had five

for University. The Blazers trailed 14-13 with 3:18 left in the first half when Turley hit a three pointer but the Warriors went on a 9-2 run to end the half and take a 23-15 lead at the break.

Turley scored to open the third quarter but Covenant Christian scored the next nine points to take a 32-17 lead just three minutes in to the third quarter. Turley and Seay combined for their own 8-0 lead to cut the lead to seven before Covenant Christian stretched it back to 10 to end the third up 38-28. Turley had ten points in the quarter.

Seay scored seven points in the fourth quarter but the Trailblazers could

ROYALS

"Fortunately, we already had one game. Anytime you come into this, you say it's just another game. I thought both teams, like you saw on Tuesday night, played with a little bit of jitters. I think that played into a little bit of what happened tonight," said Hamilton Southeastern head coach Brian Satterfield.

Zionsville was not able to get any rhythm offensively in the first half and in turn, that dug them a hole that they just couldn't dig out of.

HSE kept the Eagles at a distance in the second with a 13-9 quarter to take a 35-13 lead in the locker room.

"That was part of the talk tonight before the game. We've got to be ready, keep doing what we're doing, keep being us, but at the same time try and take advantage of some of those nerves. I think defensively what we were doing early

COVENANT CI	HRISTI	AN 47, U	NIVEF	RSITY 38		
University	FG	FT	TP	PF		
Anyah Turley	6	0-0	15	3		
Sydney Culp	1	0-0	3	5		
Leah Norvell	0	0-0	0	3		
Mack Feeney	0	0-0	0	3		
Gabby Culp	3	2-4	8	5		
Taylor Seay	5	2-8	12	2		
Meg Rohloff	0	0-0	0	0		
Totals	15	4-12	38	21		
Score by Quarters						
Covenant Christian	11	12	15	9 – 47		
University	8	7	13	10 – 37		
University 3-pointers (4) Turley 3, S. Culp.						

never get the deficit below six

The charity stripe was the difference with the Warriors making 13 of 25 free throws while the Blazers were just 4 of 12.

on had a lot to do with that,"

more in the third for a 54-

35 score with one quarter to

ing much better in the sec-

ond half, Hamilton South-

eastern came at the Eagles

from all angles and was able

to keep the large lead en

route to the 19-point semifi-

standpoint, you're just try-

ing to move the basketball

and try to take advantage of

what they give you. Some-

times you can get that after

one or two passes. Some-

times it might take 10. The

biggest thing is as this sea-

son has progressed, we've

done a great job of trying

to figure out when we can

attack and when we can't,"

Satterfield said.

"From an offensive

The Royals' lead grew

Despite Zionsville play-

continued Satterfield.

play

nal win.

University ends the season with an 8-14 record, losing eight of their last nine. The Trailblazers did win their fifth Pioneer Conference championship in the last seven seasons.

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scorers with 23 points on six field goals and 9-for-10 at the free throw stripe. Kennedy Holman and Kayla Stidham each scored nine, while Addison Van Hoesen had eight and Kayla Brinley six.

Hamilton Southeastern (24-0) makes its second consecutive sectional championship game appearance and is in search of their first title since 2019. That was the same season that HSE won the 4A state championship.

The Royals will battle with Westfield (16-8) for the Sectional 8 crown tonight at The Mill in Noblesville. The Shamrocks upset No. 10 Noblesville in the second semifinal, 61-52.

"Tomorrow night (tonight) is going to be another challenge and it's definitely going to be the toughest challenge that we've had and we've got to be ready Maya Makalusky led all for that," Satterfield added.

Boys Basketball-

Tigers pounce in fourth quarter to beat Rocks

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The Fishers boys got their toughest test of the season Thursday, when the Class 4A No. 1 Tigers traveled to CSI Gymnasium to play 4A No. 4 Westfield.

The Shamrocks led by double digits at halftime before Fishers made a huge comeback in the fourth quarter to win the Hoosier Crossroads Conference game 67-64. The Tigers are still perfect for the season at 19-0 after getting through their closest game thus far.

Westfield led 19-18 after the first quarter. Justin Kirby scored six points for Fishers, while Drew Haffner had five points for the 'Rocks, including a 3-pointer. Haffner nailed two more triples in the second quarter, helping Westfield to outscore the Tigers 15-6 in that period.

The Shamrocks led 34-24 at halftime and enjoyed a 48-39 advantage after three quarters; Jalen Malone scored seven for Westfield in the third, including a 3. Josh Sigler helped keep Fishers within striking dis-

tance with five points, also making a triple.

Jason Gardner Jr. started the Tigers' comeback early in the fourth. He scored the first eight points of a 10-2 run that took place during the first two minutes of the quarter. A dunk from Jon-Anthony Hall brought Fishers back to within one point, 50-49

Malone scored for Westfield, then Cooper Zachary hit a 3 to tie the game at 52-52. Sigler scored off a Hall assist with 4:10 left, and Fishers held a 55-54 lead.

The lead went back and forth until the 2:34 mark, when Gardner found Kirby on the right wing for a 3. That gave the Tigers a 60-57 lead, and they would stay in front for good. Kirby finished the game by going 4-for-4 from the free-throw line during the last 12.2 seconds.

Gardner finished the game with 22 points, including 11 in the fourth. Kirby scored 18 points, while Sigler added 12. Haffner and Malone each scored

FISHERS	67, W	ESTFIE	LD 64	ŀ
Fishers	FG	FT	ТР	PF
Millen McCartney	0	0-0	0	2
Cooper Zachary	1	4-4	7	3
Jason Gardner Jr.	9	3-7	22	2
Justin Kirby	6	5-6	18	3
JonAnthony Hall	3	0-2	6	5
Tommy Williams	1	0-0	2	0
Logan Sigler	4	3-3	12	3
Jean-Claude L'Homme	0	0-0	0	1
Totals	24	15-22	67	19
Fishers 3-pointers (4) Za	chary, Gar	dner, Kirby, S	Sigler.	
Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Will Harvey	1	0-0	2	4
Drew Haffner	5	1-1	15	3
Jalen Malone	4	6-10	15	2
Rylan Rauch	1	0-0	3	0
Durante Morton	3	0-2	6	5
Brock Detamore	4	1-1	12	2
Ryan Hunsucker	2	6-6	11	4
Luke Vandegriff	0	0-0	0	1
Totals	20	14-20	64	21
Westfield 3 pointers (10)	Haffnor /	Dotamoro 3	Malono	Hunsuch

Westfield 3-pointers (10) Haffner 4, Detamore 3, Malone, Hunsucker. Rauch

Score by Quarters					
Fishers	18	6	15	28 – 67	
Westfield	19	15	14	16 – 64	

Haffner draining four 3s. Brock Detamore made three 3s while scoring 12 points.

Fishers is 6-0 in HCC play and travels to O'Fal-15 points for Westfield, with lon, Ill. on Saturday to play

Peoria Manual in the Bank O'Fallon Shootout. The Shamrocks are 3-3 in the conference and 12-3 overall; they host Mooresville Saturday afternoon.

Millers hold off MV, win 9th straight

The REPORTER

Noblesville's boys ran their winning streak to nine on Thursday by holding off Mount Vernon 50-46 at The Mill

The Marauders led 17-14 after one quarter and 30-26 at halftime. Adam Fine kept the Millers close by making three 3-pointers in the first half; he also hit two free throws in the second quarter for a total of 11 first-half points.

Noblesville clamped down on defense in the second half. The Millers outscored Mount Vernon 18-9

in the third period for a 44-39 lead; Justin Curry made two 3s on his way to eight points in the third, while Fine also drained two more 3s. The fourth quarter was all defense, but Noblesville held on for the win. Curry made a triple for the Millers in that period.

Fine and Curry both finished with 19 points. Fine made five 3s for the game, while Curry drained four triples. Curry and Aiden Brewer led the rebounding with five each.

Noblesville is 14-4 and hosts Anderson Tuesday.

Royals beat Flashes for LN's fast start stops Hounds season's first HCC win

NOBLESVILLE	50, M	OUNT	VERN	ION 46
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
T.J. Davidson	0-2	0-0	0	0
Adam Fine	5-7	4-4	19	2
Justin Curry	6-12	3-3	19	3
Aiden Brewer	0-4	0-0	0	1
Baron Walker	4-7	1-2	10	3
Ryan Vetor	1-1	0-0	2	1
Max Flanagan	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	16-33	8-9	50	10
	Score by (Quarters		
Mount Vernon	17	13	9	7 – 46
Noblesville	14	12	18	6 – 50
Noblesville 3-point sho	oting (10-1	8) Fine 5-6	6, Curry 4	-10, Walker
1-2.				
Noblesville rebounds (1	7) Curry 5,	Brewer 5,	Fine 4, Ve	etor 1, Walk-
er 1, team 1.				

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played even with the Wild-



Photo by Allison Waitt

Sheridan's Damon Winston scored 26 points for the Blackhawks during their Thursday win over Herron.

Sheridan Senior Night brings massive victory

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Sheridan's boys scored a huge Senior Night win on Thursday, beating Herron 80-42 at Larry Hobbs Gymnasium.

The Blackhawks blasted through the first quarter to lead 28-6. Damon Winston and Carson Wright both scored nine points. The Achaeans came back in the second period to cut Sheridan's lead to 34-

21 by halftime, but the 'Hawks soared through the second half, outscoring Herron 46-21.

Winston poured in 26 points for Sheridan, with Trey Page making four 3-pointers on his way to 23 points. Caleb Wright scored 12 points.

The Blackhawks are 13-4 and travel to Carroll on Friday for a Hoosier Heartland Conference game.

SHERIDAN 80, HERRON 42						
Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF		
Dayne Voege	0	2-2	2	0		
Caleb Wright	5	0-0	12	1		
Damon Winston	9	7-12	26	1		
Carson Wright	4	1-1	9	2		
Trey Page	7	5-5	23	2		
Devon Hamilton	3	0-0	6	0		
Owen Bell	0	0-0	0	0		
Jax Peerman	0	0-0	0	1		
Brayden Whisman	1	0-2	2	0		
Jackson Stoneking	0	0-0	0	0		
Jake Hall	0	0-0	0	0		
Brock Hagan	0	0-0	0	0		
Totals	29	15-22	80	7		

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Hamilton Southeastern's boys picked up their first Hoosier Crossroads Conference win of the season on Thursday, beating Franklin Central 72-56 in a home game.

The Royals got off to a good start, leading 23-12 after one quarter. Southeastern led 34-23 at halftime, then took further control of the game with a 23-point third period, holding its largest lead late in the third at 57-34.

Four Royals reached double digits in scoring.

Braeden Totten and Lucas Weemer both had 15 points, with Totten making three 3-pointers and Weemer draining two. Landon Osswald scored 14 points and led the rebounds with eight, while Maverick Young scored 10 points.

Weemer collected seven rebounds. Jack Jacobs and Osswald both dished out five assists, and Totten blocked two shots.

Southeastern is 1-5 in HCC play and 10-10 overall. The Royals play at Metropolitan on Tuesday.

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 72, FRANKLIN CENTRAL 56 Southeastern FG FT TP PF

	ooutileastern	10						
	Jack Jacobs	3-8	0-0	6	0			
	Maverick Young	4-7	1-2	10	1			
	Braeden Totten	4-7	4-5	15	1			
	Landon Osswald	7-12	0-0	14	3			
	Lucas Weemer	5-6	3-4	15	0			
	Varschon Clark	3-5	1-1	7	1			
	Kian Kelly	0-1	0-0	0	1			
	Kallen Hoeft	1-1	0-0	3	3			
	Zachary Tansel	0-2	0-0	0	2			
	Jaxon Wanza	1-1	0-0	2	0			
	Maksim Radovich	0-1	0-0	0	0			
	Alexander Weber	0-0	0-0	0	0			
	Totals	28-51	9-12	72	12			
Score by Quarters								
	Franklin Central	11	12	13	20 – 56			
	Southeastern	23	11	23	15 – 72			
	Southeastern 3-point	shooting	(7-16) Totten	3-3,	Weemer 2-2,			

Young 1-3, Hoeft 1-1, Tansel 0-2, Osswald 0-2, Kelly 0-1, Jacobs 0-1, Radovich 0-1.

Southeastern rebounds (32) Osswald 8, Weemer 7, Jacobs 4, Young 4, Totten 4, Kelly 1, Weber 1, Clark 1, team 2.

Carmel was stunned by North on Thursday, and that propelled the Wildcats to a 61-37 win over the visiting Greyhounds.

Lawrence North led 19-4 after the first quarter, then extended its lead to 37-14 at halftime. Carmel

LAWRENCE NORTH 61, CARMEL 37						
Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF		
Aiden Dickerson	0-2	0-0	0	5		
Jamichael Fountain	2-8	0-0	5	3		
Ben Bremer	0-2	2-2	2	2		
Evan Harrell	2-7	3-5	7	0		
Liam Mann	5-9	6-8	17	1		
Miles Wiley	0-5	0-0	0	0		
Zach Michaels	2-4	0-0	4	2		
Jamie Whack	0-1	0-0	0	0		
Delacy Fant	0-1	2-2	2	1		
Vince Nover	0-0	0-0	0	0		
Totals	11-39	13-17	37	14		
Score by Quarters						
Carmel	4	10	11	12 – 37		
Lawrence North	19	18	11	13 – 61		
Carmel 3-point shooting (2-10) Fountain 1-7, Mann 1-1, Whack 0-1,						
Harrell 0-1.						
Carmel rebounds (25) Mann 11, Harrell 5, Whack 2, Dickerson 2,						
Bremer 2, Michaels 1, Fountain 1, Wiley 1.						

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cats in the second half, but a fast start from Lawrence was unable to gain ground on LN.

Liam Mann finished with a double-double of 17 points and 11 rebounds for the 'Hounds.

Carmel is 9-8 and hosts Hamilton Southeastern on Friday.

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However, the Rocks countered when pressed.

"We just did not play well in that first half, and credit to Westfield. They came out and just put it to us. Parker came out averaging about three points per game and just went off,"

Noblesville coach Donna Buckley said. "Everything was falling for them. When you get down big against a really good team that defends well, it takes all your energy to get back into it, and credit to our kids. They fought."

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